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>> WITH MARTIN GRAY

Good afternoon everybody
and welcome to the game.

We were very pleased with a point on Tuesday night against York City. It was a very tough game against a team that was playing in the Football League only two seasons ago, and who won the FA trophy last season.

York are a very good team who had two great results away from home in the previous week and have some great players.

We defended well as a team on Tuesday night, winning some big important headers when the pressure was on, and Adam Bartlett pulled off some good saves.

Gary Brown went off injured at half time, but Terry Galbraith moved across from left back and did a good job playing alongside Dominic Collins. He dealt with the big lad very well and won some big headers.

Everyone played their part to keep a clean sheet which I was pleased with after we conceded four goals in the two games against Gainsborough and Alfreton. That was our second clean sheet of the season, and now I expect the players to continue in the same vein. We were very disciplined and didn't give any silly free kicks away in dangerous positions, because that only puts needless pressure on ourselves. We knew that they had great delivery from setplays, so it was important that we minimised the number of free kicks near our box.

I thought our second half performance was enough to win the game, because we had the chances to win it when we got the ball into their box. The longer the game went on, the more chance we had of winning the game because we'll always create opportunities in the opposition penalty area. Maybe another five or ten minutes and we would have won the game.

The atmosphere the other night was superb, it was just like the Football League days. It was great to see a large number of Darlo fans at the game, the support was tremendous. The players talk about the level of support all the time, even more so after the game when they went over to thank you for backing us. You really do make a big difference on occasions like the one at York, and I think you appreciate all the hard work and desire that the players have.

I would also like to draw attention to the services that our first team physio, Jimmy Nesbitt, can provide now at Eastbourne Sports Complex. He is qualified to treat all sorts of injuries, and if you visit him, then I'm sure he'll be dead keen to talk about Darlington FC!

Enjoy today's game

Martin



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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Good afternoon, and welcome to this afternoon's game

We've continued our great start to the season thanks to the win against Alfreton last Saturday and the draw against York in midweek, to give us ten points from our first four games.

We conceded an early goal last week against Alfreton but recovered well to win 4-1, and I thought Tuesday's draw at York was the most satisfying result of the season so far. At Salford on the first day of the season we did well defensively, but we showed unbelievable character at York in the first half, when they put us under strong pressure. I think we would have lost that game last season, but this season we have even more character about us. We were under the cosh in the first half, but heads didn't go down and we kept encouraging each other. We persevered until half time, and when Leon came on because of Gary's injury, he won battles for us in midfield in the second half and he helped to slow York down.

To take a point away from York is a great performance,

because they will cause plenty of problems for teams visiting Bootham Crescent this season. It was a moral victory for us, and at half time we were very confident that we could go on and get something from the game. We had the attitude that they had thrown everything at us, and we'd come through that part of the game well.

Second half tactically I thought we did well, because we pressed up on them and stopped them from playing as much as they did in the first half. York are a good team, but we sat in and absorbed their pressure and hit them on the counter attack. I have said all season that we have the people in the team who can take chances, and the lads nearly proved it in the second half. We'll always create at least two or three good chances in a game, and on another day, we would have picked up all three points.

If we keep this point average up, then we'll win the league at the end of the season. We've played four games so far, and picked up points

against two teams, Salford and York, who will be up near the top end of the table. Alfreton have also put a bit of money into their team, so we can be very satisfied with how we've done so far this season.

But today's game against Telford is one that we must focus closely on now. We need to forget about the first four games, today is a brand new game, and we're looking for three points.

On behalf of the lads, I would like to thank everyone for your tremendous support this season, especially at York on Tuesday night. It was great to see so many Darlo fans behind the goal, and urging us on. What a pity we couldn't score a goal near the end, but I'm sure that everyone left satisfied with a point.

Enjoy today's game, and let's hope for a good win.

Phil

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Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

AFC Telford United are our visitors to Blackwell Meadows today, and Simon Hahn has done some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Originally known as the Wellington Parish Church Institute and from 1879 Wellington Town
- Club changed their name to Telford United in 1969 when the new town of Telford was designated
- Played at Wembley in the first ever FA Trophy in the same year
- Went on to win the Trophy at Wembley the year after, their first of three wins in the competition more than any other side, 1970-71, 1982-83 and 1988-89
- They have reached the first round of the FA Cup on 24 occasions
- Their best ever FA Cup run was to the fifth round in 1984-85, losing to Everton after beating Quakers in the previous round
- In the 2003/04 season they beat Brentford and Crewe in the FA Cup before losing to eventual finalists Millwall.
- However, the same year saw the original club liquidated
- In 2004/05 the new club AFC Telford United was formed

CONNECTIONS:

Darlington midfielder Stephen Thompson had a brief spell on loan at Telford when he was at Port Vale, playing 14 games.

Full back Stan Storton played 15 games for Darlington in the 1963-64 season, and later in his career he was manager of Telford for eight seasons, helping them to plenty of league, FA Cup and FA Trophy success.

LAST SIX GAMES

14/08/2017 Curzon Ashton (A) Lost 1-0
12/08/2017 Salford City (H) Lost 2-0
08/08/2017 Brackley Town (H) Lost 3-1
05/08/2017 York City (A) Won 1-0

29/04/2017 Harrogate Town (H) Drew 0-0

22/04/2017 Darlington (A) Lost 1-0

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National League North – Points 42
Position 17th

2015/16 National League North - Points 42
Position 18th

2014/15 National League Premier – Points 36
Position 23rd (Relegated)

2013/14 Northern League North – Points 85
Position 1st (Promoted)

2012/13 National League Premier – Points 35
Position 24th (Relegated)

2011/12 Northern Premier League – Points 46
Position 20th

AFC Telford United



LAST TWO MATCHES

Curzon Ashton 1 AFC Telford United 0
Telford were beaten by a goal by Niall Cummins three minutes after half time on Monday night. Telford, who gave a debut to new signing Marcus Dinanga, had plenty of possession on a very good surface, but didn't create many clear cut chances.

Team: Singh; Hayden, Sutton, White; Simpson, Lussey, Dunbar (Dwyer, 81), Gough (Strong, 60); Marsden (Barnes-Homer, 53), Newby; Dinanga

Subs not used: Rea, Martinez (gk)

AFC Telford United 0 Salford City 2

Salford took the lead on 9 minutes when Mike Phenix crossed from the right for an unmarked Jake Beesley to fire past keeper Jas Singh, and they scored a second on 77 minutes when Phenix scored from an Ibou Touray free kick.

Team : Singh; Hayden, Sutton (c), White (Barnes-Homer, 80); Simpson, Lussey, Rea (Dwyer, 75), Gough (Strong, 71); Dunbar, Newby; Marsden

Subs not used: Royle, Martinez (gk)

AFC TELFORD UNITED 2016/17 STATS

- Had a poor away record – 2 wins on the road
- Struggled to score, third least goals scored in the division – 38 goals scored
- Josh Wilson was their top scorer with 8 goals
- Were in the bottom half of the league

all season – highest position 12th

- Involved in plenty of late drama – there were 12 goals in the last five minutes of their games

AFC TELFORD UNITED LAST SEASON

After a season of consolidation following relegation in 2015/16 they would have been hoping to kick on last year, but they struggled throughout the campaign. They started with four draws out of their first seven games and it took till mid-October before they were able to put together back-to-back victories. After this they again struggled with only one victory from their next nine fixtures. The Bucks did pick up impressive victories over Quakers and fellow promotion chasers Kidderminster. After the first week of the season they didn't drop into the relegation zone. They finished 17th, seven points ahead of the relegation zone.

Rob Edwards - Manager

Rob took over as manager of Telford United this summer at the age of 34. He began his playing career at Aston Villa where he made his debut in the Premier League. After spells on loan he was unable to gain a place in



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the team and moved to neighbours Wolverhampton Wanderers. The defender went on to make over 100 appearances for the club. In 2008 he moved to Blackpool where he was part of the side that won promotion to the Premier League, the following season while on loan at Norwich City he was also part of their squad that won promotion to the top flight. His final club was Barnsley where had to retire through injury at just 30.

He returned to Wolves to be part of the coaching staff and went on to be interim manager for two games last season. He stayed at the club in a coaching role until he took the job in the hot seat at Telford.

Shane Sutton - Captain



Defender Sutton swapped the League of Wales for the National League when he signed for the Bucks in May 2017, ending a 10-year association with Newtown. The former Shrewsbury Town apprentice captained the Robins in the Europa League in 2015 so brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the Bucks' side. He is sure to catch the eye for the Bucks, with his distinctive appearance and strong leadership qualities.

Matthew Barnes-Homer

Following three years in the youth system at Wolves, Dudley-born Barnes-Homer had spells in the USA before returning to the UK, where he established himself as a goalscorer par excellence, most notably with Kidderminster Harriers in 2009. That earned him a move to Luton Town for a reputed £75,000 fee, and he scored 19 goals in his debut season. From there he has been a nomadic figure, representing clubs the length and breadth of Britain as well as in Sweden and back in the USA, scoring goals along the way. He signed for the Bucks in June 2017, and has also represented England 'C'.

John Marsden

A native of Liverpool, Marsden's youth career saw him spend time at Wrexham and Wigan Athletic as a schoolboy before his prolific scoring exploits earned him a move to Glasgow Celtic, aged 16. A foot fracture saw Marsden released without making any impact, from where he spent time with Rochdale and Aberystwyth Town amongst others before he earned a deal with Stoke City. From there he moved on to Shrewsbury Town and into

AFC Telford United



JOHN MARSDEN

non-league, most lately at Stockport County. Two goals in four games on loan with the Bucks in spring 2017 saw the club eager to gain his signature for the 2017/18 campaign.



KIERON DUNBAR

Squad:

Manager Rob Edwards

Goalkeepers: Sheridan Martinez, Jasbir Singh

Defenders: Jordan Gough, Aaron Hayden, Aaron Simpson, Curtis Strong, Shane Sutton, Ross White

Midfielders: Kieran Dunbar, Joe Fitzpatrick, Jordan Lussey, Will Marsh, Elliot Newby, Jack Rea, Jonathan Royle, Chekaine Steele

Forwards: Matthew Barnes-Homer, Anthony Dwyer, Zak Lilly, John Marsden, Marcus Dinanga



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Last time we met



MARK BECK SCORED AGAINST
TELFORD LAST SEASON

> 22ND APRIL 2017

Darlington 1 Telford 0

Darlington:

Bartlett, Marrs, Ferguson, Turnbull (sub Scott 65), Hunter, Brown, Thompson, Syers (sub Falkingham 65), Beck, Cartman (sub Saunders 70), Gillies
Subs not used Wilczynski, Wearmouth

Telford:

Rawlings, Samuels, Higham, Bailey, Havern, Fitzpatrick, Rea, Jones (sub Hibbert 62), Hughes (sub Westwood 76), Wilson, Lilly (Reynolds 62)

Subs not used: McCarthy, Royle

A second half penalty by Mark Beck, his 17th goal of the season, gave Quakers their fourth successive win to stay in fourth place in the Vanarama National League North.

Quakers nearly slipped up early on when Gary Brown cleared a Lee Hughes effort off the line, then Telford had a chance on 20 minutes when they broke away and Lee Hughes picked the ball up on the left hand side, stepped inside, and struck a low shot that Adam Bartlett saved low down to his left.

Quakers replied at the other end, when Josh Gillies crossed from the left for Syers to head just over the bar, and just on half time Quakers nearly took the lead when Gillies fired a free kick into the box and Beck flicked the ball just wide of the post.

Quakers finally broke through when they were awarded a penalty on 52 minutes when Nathan Cartman's backheel

released David Ferguson into the box, and he was barged to the ground by Dwayne Samuels. The referee pointed to the spot, and Beck tucked away the penalty.

Quakers and Telford have met seven times before, three of those in Cup competitions.

Telford beat us 3-0 in the fourth round replay of the FA Cup in 1985 after we'd drawn 1-1 at Feethams, and we won at the Buck's Head in the quarter final of the FA Trophy in 2011.

The last four meetings have all been league games. In 2011-12 we beat Telford 1-0 at the Arena and then drew 3-3 in Shropshire, and last season we lost 2-0 at Telford but gained revenge with a single goal win here.

AFC TELFORD UNITED

THE UNLIKELY LADS



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten big-name Telford United players not usually associated with the club

> RON FLOWERS

Ex-England international central defender Ron Flowers captained Telford United in the 1970 FA Trophy final. Signing professional for Wolves in August 1951, he featured prominently as they were League Champions three times, were runners-up on two other occasions and lifted the FA Cup in 1960. He gained 49 England caps and represented the Football League 13 times before joining Northampton Town as player-coach in September 1967, then became Telford's player-manager in June 1969. Plotting their 1971 FA Trophy and Southern League Cup 'double' success, he resigned in October 1971 and concentrated on running his sports shop in Wolverhampton.

> JIMMY MURRAY

Former England U-23 centre-forward Jimmy Murray featured in Telford United's 1971 FA Trophy final success. Signing professional for Wolves in November 1953, he was leading marksman as they won the League Championship in 1957-58 and 1958-59, then the FA Cup in 1960. He joined Manchester City in November

1963 and appeared in their 1965-66 Second Division title campaign, moving to Walsall in May 1967. Reuniting with Ron Flowers at Telford in July 1969, he also played for them in the 1970 FA Trophy final and helped win the Southern League Cup in 1971. He later became a greengrocer in Tamworth and died in September 2008.

> CLIVE CLARK

Former England U-23 winger Clive Clark played for Telford United in 1974-75. Initially with Leeds United, he joined QPR in August 1958 and moved to West Brom in January 1961. 'Chippy' helped to win the League Cup in 1966 and FA Cup in 1968, also scoring twice in the 1967 League Cup final. Twice ever-present, he rejoined QPR in June 1969, then helped Preston to win the Third Division title in 1970-71. He joined Southport in July 1973, then played for Telford United between stints in the United States with Washington Diplomats and Dallas Tornado. Later with Philadelphia Fury and Skegness, he ran holiday flats in Filey and died in June 2014.

> GEOFF HURST

Former England international centre-forward Geoff Hurst had a spell as Telford United's player-manager. He turned professional with West Ham in April 1959 and starred as they won the FA Cup in 1964, ECWC in 1965 and were League Cup finalists in 1966. He famously scored a hat-trick in England's 1966 World Cup final triumph. West Ham's leading marksman in six consecutive seasons, he joined Stoke City in August 1972, then had a spell with West Brom. He was Telford's player-boss from March 1976 until May 1979, then managed Chelsea and coached Al-Kuwait. Now Sir Geoff, he is a businessman also involved in corporate hospitality.

> MEL EVES

Former England B international striker Mel Eves played for Telford United during the 1989-90 campaign. He turned professional with Wolves in July 1975, helping them win the Second Division title in 1976-77 and League Cup in



1980. Leading marksman as they regained top-flight status at the first attempt in 1982-83, he joined Sheffield United in December 1984 and moved to Gillingham in August 1986, then had spells playing for Mansfield Town, West Brom and Cheltenham Town. He moved to Telford in August 1989 and scored four times in 21 Conference games while at Buck's Head, since working in the financial services industry.

> GERRY DALY

Former Republic of Ireland international midfielder Gerry Daly had a spell as Telford United's player-manager. Initially with Bohemians, he joined Manchester United in April 1973, featuring in their 1974-75 Second Division title triumph and the 1976 FA Cup final. He followed Tommy Docherty to Derby County in March 1977, then joined Coventry City for £300,000 in August 1980. Loaned to Leicester City, he helped Birmingham City regain top-flight status in 1984-85 before playing for Shrewsbury Town, Stoke City and Doncaster Rovers. He joined Telford in December 1989, scoring four goals in 31 Conference games while at Buck's Head.

> PAUL DYSON

Former England U-21 central defender Paul Dyson spent two seasons with Telford United. Signing professional for Coventry City in June 1977, his first goal defeated Liverpool in January 1980 and he starred as Sky Blues were League Cup semi-finalists in 1980-81. He joined Stoke City in July 1983, then played for West Brom and Darlington before moving to Crewe Alexandra in August 1989.

Helping take Chelsea to an FA Cup third round replay in 1989-90, he joined Telford in July 1990. He scored eight goals in 72 Conference games prior to joining Solihull Borough in July 1992, then ran a sports shop and has since been a prison officer at HMP Woodhill.

> DEREK STATHAM

Ex-England international left-back Derek Statham was capped three times before joining Telford United. He helped West Brom win the FA Youth Cup before turning professional at The Hawthorns in April 1976, starring as the Baggies reached three Cup semi-finals and qualified for the UEFA Cup three times. Sold to Southampton for £100,000 in August 1987, he replaced Mark Dennis in defence and was their 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88. He joined Stoke City in July 1989, moving via Walsall to Telford in July 1993. Making 34 Conference appearances while at Buck's Head, he later played for King's Lynn, since running a café/bar in Marbella, Spain.

> WAYNE CLARKE

Former England Youth striker Wayne Clarke had a spell as Telford United's player-manager. From a notable footballing family, he began with Wolves in March 1978 and starred in their 1982-83 promotion success. He moved to Birmingham for £80,000 in August 1984 and was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1984-85, joining Everton for £500,000 in March 1987. Helping clinch the League Championship, he then played for Leicester City, Manchester City, Walsall,

Shrewsbury Town and was Telford's player-boss from August 1995 until November 1996, scoring five goals in 19 Conference games. He is now a sales manager for Coca-Cola.

> ANDY MUTCH



Ex-England U-21 striker Andy Mutch was Telford United's player-coach in 1999-2000. A former Liverpool and Everton apprentice, he was Southport's leading marksman in 1984-85 and moved to Wolves in February 1986. He formed a lethal striking partnership with Steve Bull as they won the Fourth Division title and Third Division title in consecutive seasons, also scoring in their 1988 Sherpa Van Trophy final triumph. Later with Swindon, Stockport County, Barrow and Southport again, he became Telford's player-coach and made five Conference appearances, then had spells managing Vauxhall Motors, Burscough, Northwich Victoria and Stafford Rangers.



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Building the future together



>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

We have picked up two great results in the last two matches, to keep us nicely in contention at the top of the table.

I thought our win against Alfreton was our most polished performance to date, bar the first 31 seconds! Martin and the coaching staff have put in a huge amount of hard work since the pre season preparations started, so they must have been frustrated by such a start to the game, but after that I thought we controlled the game against a club that has brought in 18 new players during the summer.

Once the rain had stopped, I thought the lads played the ball around well on the surface with the ball zipping around on the new pitch and we played some very good football. An excellent playing surface certainly helps our players.

The coaching staff have worked with the players on counter attacking, and that work paid off with our second goal when we broke up one of Alfreton's attacks, and within seconds the ball was in the back of the net at the other end. The last goal was probably the best of the lot, the ball was nicely nodded down by Mark Beck, and well finished with great technique by Josh Gillies. I thought we looked a compact unit and a good side.

We picked up an excellent point at York on Tuesday night in a proverbial game of two halves. York started strongly and moved the ball quickly and confidently and their fitness levels were obvious showing the benefit of full time pros. We struggled to get into the game but Adam Bartlett and the back four were superb and kept us in it; throwing bodies on the line time and again!

We did manage to create chances however and hit the woodwork twice but to be honest York would be disappointed not to be leading at half time. Sometimes however you just have to stay in the game and the lads defended resolutely which gave us something to build on at half time.

Martin changed things around for the second half and I thought we finished the stronger and could have snatched the points with some good chances in the last 15 minutes. The clean sheet was very pleasing and full credit to the back five and the team in general. Overall it was a great result and I would have settled for a point before the game. This has been an excellent start to the season with ten points out of a possible twelve which has included two away trips to many people's favourites for the title in Salford and York. However nothing is won in August and we have to continue in this vein for the remainder of the season but it is a great start so congratulations to Martin, the coaching staff and the players for their hard work pre-season.

I'd like to thank our supporters for their ongoing support. Over 1000 fans made the trip to York which is outstanding; something many Football League clubs could only wish for! Your support is vital in the future of our club and the players truly respect your passion and commitment. Long may it continue and let's see if we can start pushing our home gates over the 2000 mark which benefits the club's finances hugely.

In matters off the field, I have spoken to several potential major

sponsors with whom I have worked before in my previous roles, and once the holiday season is over, hopefully we'll be able to announce something. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, it takes time to negotiate agreements and ensure that everything is correct.

Work continues on the ground. As you may have noticed from our first two league games, the seats in the seated stand have been raised, and hopefully this has provided a better viewing experience for those people in that stand. Work will start over the coming months on erecting the steel and cladding for the new seated stand and that will open the way for the next phase; the installation of seats. We've also had plenty of positive reaction to the dugouts being moved further back on the clubhouse side of the ground, and this has considerably improved the view for fans.

Our hospitality suite is also open for supporters in forthcoming matches. Just like it is at the start of every season, the uptake of our hospitality has been slow, but there are plenty of opportunities coming up. It's a great afternoon in there, beginning with an excellent meal and then being able to watch the game from the balcony. It's a very good experience, so if you want to sample it, then email hospitality@darlingtonfc.org

Finally, I would like to welcome the officials and players from AFC Telford United, and hope that you have a safe journey back to Shropshire.

Enjoy the game.

"People tell me that it's a massive achievement to play 200 games for the club, but I still think that I've got a lot left to achieve here,"

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Leon Scott

LEON AGAINST ALFRETON LAST WEEK

"FOR FANS, FOR FOOTBALL, FOR EVER"

Leon Scott

Darlington midfielder Leon Scott recently celebrated his 200th appearance for the club – he spoke to Ray Simpson

When Martin Gray famously started with that blank piece of paper back in the summer of 2012, one of the first players he targeted was midfielder Leon, who had played previously for various clubs in the Northern League and EvoStik League. Since then, Leon has been a firm linchpin of the team, picking up three promotion medals along the way – and when he came on as sub in the 2-0 away win at Salford on the opening day of the season, he completed 200 appearances for the club, who in turn presented him with a memento to mark the occasion. Now, Leon wants to add two more medals to his collection.

"People tell me that it's a massive achievement to play 200 games for the club, but I still think that I've got a lot left to achieve here," he said.

"I want to concentrate on what's happening now, and not so much what's happened in the past. My top priority is to help Darlington win promotion to the Football League – I want to be a part of history. I want to be known as a player who played for the club in the Northern League all the way through to the Football League. That's my goal with this club – not many players will be able to say that during their careers."

Just like all the fans who have followed Quakers in the last five years, he's got loads of great memories. "For me, the best team performance has got to be the 7-1 win at Whitby. That one has really stuck out for me.

"I remember on my way to Whitby that night, I received a phone call from BBC Tees, and they interviewed me about the game later that evening. They asked me questions about whether I was feeling the pressure of such a big game, and how I thought how the game was going to go.

"I must admit, that even though there was a lot of pressure around the game – remember we were in a race with Blyth to win the league – all of the players were fairly relaxed that night. It could have been really tough that night, but as it turned out, it wasn't.

"I don't think anyone in the Turnbull Ground could believe what happened in the first half. We were 3-0 up in no time at all, and we were all looking at each other on the field as if we couldn't believe it. It was a surreal moment, and we tried to grasp it as much as possible.

"I've learned over the years that you've got to milk those sort of occasions as much as possible, because they don't come along all that often.

"The celebrations in front of the fans were superb afterwards. The set up at Whitby is ideal, because they have a balcony to which you can walk up and along for the presentation – I think something like that is much better than doing it on the pitch.

"To see all the fans celebrating on the pitch in front of us with the championship trophy was fantastic, and it's something I'll never forget."

The Northern League championship win in 2013 was another memorable moment, culminating in the wild celebrations after the games against Cuisborough and Team Northumbria at Heritage Park.

"Winning the league that season, considering that we didn't have a team nearly a year before, was massive. It was my first ever experience at Darlo of winning something, and in some ways it all went in a bit of a flash.

"Maybe I didn't take it in as much as I could have done. Seeing that many people on the field celebrating the title win, and appreciating all your hard work that you'd put in, was fantastic. But I think I learned then that I should take it all in a bit more."

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Leon scored in eight successive games in the Northern League, but fans will always remember his dramatic equaliser that thrilling night against Salford near the end of the EvoStik League season.

"I think that was the most important goal I've ever scored. We were 3-2 down late in the game, and we had a long throw on the left from Gary Brown.

"Martin told me to push up to the edge of the box, so I did. The ball came over from Gary, one of their lads headed it out towards me, and so I decided to hit the ball before the bounce with my left foot. I stretched as much as possible to get it, I caught the ball just right, and it hit the back of the net.

"The rest of that game was history, because Liam Hardy scored the winner. From that moment, our confidence was sky high that we were going to win the league. Everyone was buzzing that night because of the adrenaline, I couldn't sleep afterwards, I went for a walk at about two in the morning!"

Does Leon think that he can win a fourth or even a fifth promotion? "I believe that we can win the league this season because we have the mindset needed. A lot of clubs are paying a lot more money, but we believe that

if we work very hard, then the talent will come out.

"I'll do everything I can to help Darlington win promotion. We have 20 players in our squad, and all of them are playing with plenty of confidence. We all want to be part of it, but we're all taking each game as it comes.

"Personally, I owe a lot to Martin. He showed faith in me back in 2012 by signing me. The squad has changed massively in some ways, but he says that I'm a big part of his plans. He's got a perfect vision of where he wants to the club to go, and I respect him greatly for that. He's improved me as a player and as a person during these last five years."



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Craig Stoddart and Ray Simpson have been keeping an eye on the activities of former Darlo players.



AMAR PUREWAL

Two former Darlington players, **Amar Purewal** and **Nathan Fisher**, both scored hat tricks in West Auckland's 9-0 romp over Guisborough in the Northern League. Also in the West team were **Arran Wearmouth**, on loan from us, and **Adam Mitchell**, on loan from Spennymoor.

Fisher then went on to score a hat trick in West's 5-1 home win over Penrith four days later, and then scored one of the goals against Newcastle Benfield in a 2-2 draw. Wearmouth and Mitchell were also on target against Penrith.

Jason St Juste has signed for FC United of Manchester.

St Juste, who won international caps for St Kitts, signed for us in 2004 and made 15 appearances, scoring twice, before he went to Southampton. After that, he played for twelve

clubs, winning an FA Trophy winner's medal with North Ferriby along the way. He was at Boston United last season, but didn't play against us.

Ian Watson left Spennymoor at the end of the season and joined Blyth Spartans. He made 37 appearances for us in two seasons before going to Spennymoor in 2016.

Paul Robinson has signed for North Shields from Morpeth. Robinson, who played for us in season 2013-14 in our first EvoStik League season, returned to his previous club Whitley Bay, and then went on to Morpeth.

Craig Gott, who helped us win the Northern League, has started the season well with Marske United, and scored one of their goals in the 2-1 home win over Sunderland RCA in midweek.

John Campbell, who played for us at Wembley in 2011, scored a hat trick in Newcastle Benfield's 7-3 win at Bishop Auckland last Saturday. Benfield are managed by former Darlo player **Mark Convery**.

Gary Pearson has enjoyed a good start to the season as Ryhope CW's manager. After losing their first game of the season at Ashington, they have since won at North Shields, who finished third last season, and beat second division champions Stockton Town.

Aman Verma, who played for us at Wembley in the 2011 Trophy final, scored the winner for Tamworth against Leamington in the National League North a fortnight ago. He was at Torquay last season, and will be facing us on November 18th.

Nathan Cartman scored on his debut for Farsley Celtic in their 3-1 home win over Coalville Town in the EvoStik Premier League last Saturday, with James Walshaw scoring the other two. Cartman is on loan to Farsley for a month.

Mark Cooper was less than pleased with Forest Green's defending in their 2-0 away defeat at Mansfield last Saturday.

The league's smallest club conceded two goals in ten minutes at the start of the second half, and Cooper said: "We spoke at half-time that they would come after us in the first 10 minutes and the goals we have given away were really poor."

"One was a sort of a swing of a cross into the box and a free header from 15 yards, which we need to defend better and the second one saw us get caught on the halfway line and give them a one- v- one, so poor defending for the two goals makes it difficult to comeback." **Sam Russell** was on Forest Green's bench.

HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

B rackley Town made it four wins out of four on Tuesday night, with Ellis Myles-Tebbutt's goal giving them a 1-0 victory over Nuneaton. The Saints are the only side to have won their opening four league games.

Today, they meet the only other side with a 100% record - Spennymoor, who've won three games out of three following their midweek victory over Bradford Park Avenue. Moors scored all their goals in the space of four minutes, with a Glen Taylor double, and Andrew Johnson's strike helping them maintain their fine start to the season. It was a third straight defeat meanwhile for Bradford PA.

Simon Ainge and Jordan Thewlis both scored twice as Harrogate Town moved up to second with an impressive 4-1 victory over Chorley. Ainge's first half double, which took his total for the season to six, put Town in control by half time. The Magpies hit back eight minutes into the second half, with Marcus Carver pulling a goal back. However, Thewlis restored Harrogate's two goal advantage before Scott Leather was dismissed for the visitors. Thewlis then sealed a 4-1 win to continue Town's unbeaten start to the season.

Southport's 100% run came to an end, as they scored two late goals to earn a draw at home to FC United. James Hooper and Nathan Lowe's first half goals put the visitors 2-0 by half time. Liam Martin then struck just after the hour mark to drag the Sandgrounders back into the game, before Craig Lindfield's strike put FC United 3-1 up. But goals in the final three minutes from Adam Dugdale and Jack Sampson ensured the points were shared. It was also FC United's first points of the season.

Following their opening day defeat to Darlington, Salford have made it three

straight wins, their latest victory coming at home to Stockport. Michael Nottingham's early strike put the Ammies ahead, with Anthony Dudley increasing their advantage on 26 minutes. Connor Hampson pulled a goal back for Stockport four minutes before the break, but Salford held on to record a 2-1 win and move into the play-off spots.

Blyth Spartans made two 4-2 victories in the space of four days, as they picked up their first away win of season at Gainsborough. Early goals from Dale Hopson and Nathan Buddle put Spartans 2-0 up inside 16 minutes, only for Michael Jacklin to pull one back on the half hour mark. Sean Reid made it 3-1 to Blyth on 64 minutes, but within 60 seconds, Gainsborough had another with Bradley Wells striking to bring the hosts within range. Instead, it was Dan Maguire who sealed the points for Blyth four minutes from time.

After losing their opening two games, last season's runners-up Kidderminster have kicked their campaign into life with back-to-back victories. Goals from Joe Ironside and Emmanuel Sonupe were enough to see off Leamington 2-0 in midweek.

At the bottom of the table, North Ferriby United are the only side without a point, after Billy Priestley's goal condemned them to a 1-0 defeat at Alfreton.

Tamworth meanwhile registered their first home win of the season, beating Boston 2-1. Reece Styche gave the Lambs a first half lead, before Jack Cowgill was sent off for the Pilgrims midway through the first half. Kabongo Tshimanga did level for the 10 men, however Darryl Knights struck on 71 minutes to give Tamworth all three points.

And on Monday night, Niall Cummins' goal early in the second half proved to be enough as Curzon Ashton beat AFC Telford 1-0.

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We had a 100 per cent record from three matches after this comfortable victory over full time Alfreton.

After three wins in a week, we were joint top of the table, with only Brackley having a similar record. It was the second time inside three days that we had scored four goals at home, and six different players had got their names on the scoresheet – not bad going for the first week of the season!

And if it wasn't for a couple of heavy showers before the game, we might have had a bigger crowd to see some excellent football served up by the players.

We went a goal down after just 31 seconds though when we lost possession inside our own box, and Craig Westcarr won possession and set up Chris Sharp to score into the bottom corner.

But we went straight up the other end and equalised, when James Caton showed great skill to turn quickly and fired into the roof of the net.

We continued to create chances, and Mark Beck was denied by the woodwork with a header from a Caton cross.

We went in front though on 37 minutes when David Ferguson's cross from the left caused problems for the Alfreton defence, David Syers had a header blocked, but the ball dropped nicely for Josh Gillies to

steer home his second goal of the season.

We took a firm grip on the game on 55 minutes when Syers had a shot blocked, but Caton regained possession and rolled the ball across the penalty area for David Ferguson to sidestep two defenders and place a great effort into the bottom right hand corner for his third goal of the season – he only scored one last season!

It was 4-1 on 63 minutes, when Beck nodded down a left wing cross from Ferguson for Gillies to control and cleverly place inside the left hand post.

MG then made three substitutions with York City in mind the following Tuesday, and Quakers didn't leave the door open at the back.

Darlington.

Bartlett, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Collins, Brown, Gillies, Syers (sub Scott 57), Beck (Fenwick 65), Caton (Thompson 65), Ferguson

Subs: Wilczynski, Saunders



Alfreton.

Elliott, Topliss, Wood, Platt (sub Nyoni 65), Shiels, Priestley, Whitehouse, (sub McGowan 80) Disley, Sharp (sub Johnson 20), Westcarr, Jennings

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



Premier League clubs are this season sporting sponsors' logos on their sleeves for the first time, though it is now 13 years since Football League clubs were permitted to carry a sponsor on the back of their shirts and shorts, an opportunity Quakers took at the beginning of the 2004-05 season.

Darlington Building Society, the club's front-of-shirt sponsors from 1997-2010, had their logo on the rear of Quakers' kit, and pictured launching the agreement are, left to right, David Copland of DBS, Neil Maddison and Leandro Scartiscini and commercial manager Bob Gorrell.



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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Who was Sherlock Holmes' principal arch enemy?
2. Which now-defunct soap opera featured the characters Doris Luke and Amy Turtle?
3. Which former state of the Soviet Union has its capital in Tbilisi?
4. Of which US state is Phoenix the capital city?
5. Marco Polo is the airport which serves which Italian city?
6. Which famous singer/songwriter penned the song 'Red Red Wine'?
7. Made famous by a Beatles' hit in 1967, what actually was 'Strawberry Fields' in Liverpool?
8. On which two TV programmes has Judith Keppel appeared? (with lucrative results)
9. Which fruit is used to make the liqueur Cointreau?
10. Near which Welsh seaside resort would you find Great Orme's Head?
11. If you are diagnosed as being myopic, what is your condition?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. For which National League club did new Quaker forward James Caton play last season?
13. Which EFL club are nicknamed the Shrimps?
14. Where will the 12th race of the F1 World Championship be held?
15. At which ground do Telford United play their home games?
16. Which US city hosts these sporting teams - baseball = Braves; basketball = Hawks; American football = Falcons?
17. At which racecourse is the Scottish Grand National held each year?
18. In which sport might you high five a 'setter' following a successful 'smash'?
19. In which sport did Alberto Tomba win gold at the 1992 Winter Olympics?
20. Which was the first US city to host the Summer Olympic Games?
21. How is the EFL Cup known this season?
22. Which England midfielder was a League Champion with Everton, Rangers and Marseilles between 1984 and 1996?

HOW DID YOU DO?

POINTS SCORED

- 22 - 17** Well done! You're a born scorer and a real fox in the box
- 16 - 11** Flashes of brilliance on the ball but you lack consistency
- 10 - 6** Average performance - more work needed on the training ground
- 5 or less** Little awareness of football or, indeed, life in general. Have you considered a job at the FA?

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Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

In this week's Memory Match, Simon Weatherill looks back to the away trip to Southport on 19th August 1961.

As the 1961/62 season kicked off, hopes were high among Darlington supporters that their team was about to have a successful season. They'd finished the previous campaign in 7th place in Division 4, their best season for a number of years, and manager Eddie Carr had spent the summer wheeling and dealing to try and make the small improvements necessary to enable a push for promotion. He had however lost his top scorer Bobby Baxter who left the club to join Brighton. Other regulars including Keith Morton, Colin Tinsley and Ray Spencer had also moved on. Among the new signings to join the club were Jack Maltby (from Sunderland), Geoff Martin (Leeds Utd), Dennis Windross (Brighton), Ralph Phillips (Northampton) and former Derby and Exeter goalkeeper George Hunter who signed from non league Viewsey.

The new season would kick off with an away game at Southport on August 19th 1961. Three of Carr's new signings would be making their debuts for the Quakers. Hunter in goal, Phillips at right half and Windross at centre forward. Ken Furphy had spent the summer coaching in Nyasaland and had just returned to the club. He was considered not ready to play so Lance Robson

would start the season at left half. Dave Carr lined up at inside right, with Alan Spence at inside left, so Darlington would effectively be kicking off the new season with three centre forwards in the team. Southport had also made several summer signings but only one new man made it into the team. Inside left Bill Bradbury had been signed from Workington and would make his debut against the Quakers. One familiar face in the Southport team would be ex-Quaker favourite Bill Rutherford at right half.

A crowd of 4464 were at Haig Avenue to see the new season kick off in bright sunshine. Southport forced the first opening but wasted it when Blain blazed his shot at least 10 yards wide. That was the only early scare for the Quakers, who very quickly took control of the game. They piled the pressure on and forced six corners in the first twenty minutes, but the home defence held out despite several close calls, with Albert Harris, in the home goal surviving some jittery early moments. Southport gradually forced their way into the game and Blain had another chance, but this time skied his effort way over the bar from a good position. The home side sprang a surprise in the 31st minute by taking the lead. A high cross by right half and

captain Jack Hannaway hit Bradbury, bounced on to Reg Blore, and the centre forward headed neatly into the net just under the bar. It was a well taken goal, but a shock to the Quakers, who had dominated so much of the early play. Darlington were momentarily shaken but stormed back to equalise on 40 minutes. Dave Carr intercepted a back pass from Roger Darvill, the Southport centre half, knocked the ball wide past keeper Harris and cracked the ball into the net from an acute angle to send the teams in level at half time, 1-1.

The second half was all one way traffic as the Quakers took complete control. They grabbed the lead in the 53rd minute when clever work by Rayment down the right created enough room for a perfect cross into the box to Dennis Windross, who headed home superbly for a debut goal. They increased their lead nine minutes later when Alan Spence chased a long pass through the middle, cleverly manoeuvred the ball around the advancing keeper and slotted home. Darlington's brave move of starting the game with three centre forwards had paid off, with all three of them scoring.

The Quakers took their foot off the pedal and the home side tried to force their way

back into the game, but their attacks were ineffective, often ending with someone caught offside, and a strong defensive performance by the visitors kept chances to a minimum. In the 74th minute Darlington completed the scoring, Spence heading in a beauty, direct from a right wing corner by Rayment. The 4-1 margin matched the previous season's winning score and it could be the perfect start to the new campaign, but in truth, Southport offered very little resistance and finished the game a well beaten side. Darlington followed up their opening day win with another trip to Lancashire 48 hours later, but were beaten 3-1 at Accrington Stanley. Spence scoring the Quakers goal. He was on target again the following Saturday, when Tranmere were beaten 2-1 at Feethams in the first home game of the season, even though Spence was injured at the time and a virtual

passenger out on the wing. (No substitutes in those days.) The goal meant that Alan Spence had equalled a club record of scoring in seven consecutive games (four at the end of last term and the first three of this) to equal the club record held by Davy Brown in the 3rd Division championship year of 1924/25. Unfortunately for Spence, Accrington were suffering financial problems and resigned from the league before the season could be completed. Their record was expunged. Darlington were less affected by the resignation than most clubs. They found themselves only one point worse off, but it did mean that Spence lost his goal scoring record, as his goal at Accrington was struck from

the records because the game at Peel Park was deemed never to have taken place. (Brown's record was actually broken in the 1962/63 season when Jimmy Lawton scored in nine consecutive games – still a club record.)

Southport produced an 8 page programme, priced at 6d, and printed on yellow paper. As was common at the time, it was mainly adverts and included very little reference to their visitors. Just a short introduction to the team, along with brief pen pictures of the players. The team line ups were on the centre pages.



Team v Southport : 1 George Hunter 2 Brian Henderson 3 George Mulholland 4 Ralph Phillips 5 Ron Greener 6 Lance Robson 7 Joe Rayment 8 Dave Carr 9 Dennis Windross 10 Alan Spence 11 George Luke

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On This Day

In this nostalgia series, we look back on this corresponding day over the years in the history of Darlington FC.

August 15th 1998

**Hull City 1 Darlington 2,
League Two, attendance 5217**

After losing to Barnet on the opening day of the season and then to Sheffield United in the League Cup, Quakers went to Boothferry Park, the old home of Hull City, and won 2-1. Steve Gaughan put Quakers in front after 6 minutes, and after Hull equalised, Brian Atkinson scored the winner.

Preece, Pepper, Barnard, Liddle, Hope, De Vos, Gaughan, Naylor, Dörner, Gabbiadini (sub Roberts 66), Atkinson

Subs not used: Shutt, Brumwell

August 19th 2000

**Darlington 1 Exeter City 1,
League Two, attendance 4056**

After drawing 1-1 away from from home at Rochdale on the opening day of the season – the one after losing in the play offs at Wembley and all the upheaval during the summer – Quakers drew against the Grecians thanks to a goal by Craig Liddle after 23 minutes.

Collett, Heckingbottom, Liddle, Reed (sub Campbell 57), Aspin, Himsworth (sub Hodgson 78), Gray, Nogan, Kaak (sub Williamson 57), Elliott, Naylor



STEVE GAUGHAN

The referee was Howard Webb, who later in his career refereed the World Cup final.

August 16th 2003

**Darlington 0 Kidderminster 2,
League two, attendance 11600**

Probably one of the most anticipated days in the club's history with the opening of the Arena, but it turned into one of the most deflating.

Kick off was delayed for 30 minutes for the crowd to enter the ground, but instead it was Kiddie who took the points.

Collett, Valentine, Liddle, Bossu, McCurk, Maddison (sub Hughes 72), Clark, Keltie, Nicholls (sub Sheeran 72), Conlon, Robson (sub Wainwright 59)

August 16th 2011

**Fleetwood 0 Darlington 0,
Blue Square, attendance 1811**

The first away game since winning the Trophy saw Quakers draw 0-0 at one of the promotion favourites, Fleetwood.

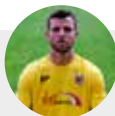


JAMES WALSHAW

Quakers beat Braintree in their first game at the Arena, and they included summer signing James Walshaw to provide the goals. They had six players booked as they battled to a draw. It all started to go wrong though in the next game at Tamworth.

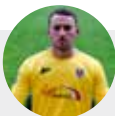
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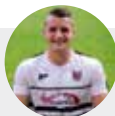
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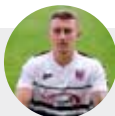
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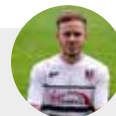
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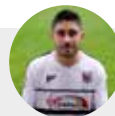
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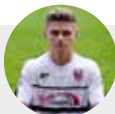
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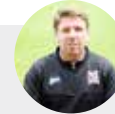
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DFCSCG *notes*

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with AFC Telford United for this afternoon's Vanarama National League North match.

>> BY WAYNE RAPER

In our programme notes for the match against Gainsborough Trinity we provided an update on fundraising for improvements at Blackwell Meadows. It is good to see that the money raised so far has been put to good use. As we have witnessed in the two home matches so far, the new pitch is playing well and has resulted in some very positive feedback from Martin Gray and his players. Our thanks go to the ground staff at Blackwell Meadows who have spent many long hours preparing the pitch for the new season.

Other improvements include the raising of the seats in the stand by 375mm. As well as improving the view for everyone in the stand, it will enable the extension to the stand to be constructed at a continuous level. As can be seen, the earthworks and construction of the base and the anchorages for the stanchions have been completed, ready for the installation of the seats and roof. All that remains now is for us all to raise the necessary funding and the Community Share offers are still open for fans to invest. For full details go to our dedicated website.

Another significant improvement has been the relocation of the dugouts into a recess outside of the playing area. As can be seen from the photograph this has made a tremendous improvement to the view from the clubhouse side of the ground. All we need to do now is to persuade Martin Gray and Sean Grogan to sit down!

DFC Fans Lottery Draw

If you're considering providing additional support to the Football Club, the DFC Fans Lottery Draw is an excellent way of doing so whilst standing the chance to win a cash prize every week! The lottery is growing all the time and is currently paying two prizes of £50 each week plus a monthly super-draw prize of £1,000.

In the last 12 months the draw has paid over £17000 to the

Football Club, with a similar amount paid out in prizes. The lottery is continually growing. We currently have 634 numbers in the draw and we would love to increase this to 1000 in the foreseeable future. The cost to take part is only £5 per month.

You can join on line by visiting our website.

Alternatively you can email our Lottery Organiser at lotteryadmin@dfcscg.co.uk if you want to discuss other ways to make your payment (e.g. by cheque or bank transfer, or in cash either at Quaker Retail or at the Fans Table at home games).

Leon Scott

Congratulations go to Leon Scott, who completed his 200th senior appearance for Darlington FC when he came on as a substitute at Salford City. Leon is our current longest serving player being one of Martin Gray's first signings for the start of the 2012/13 season in the Northern League. Our thanks go to David Lord of Status Promotions for providing the memento to mark Leon's achievement. Next in the running for achieving 200 appearances is Terry Galbraith and this could be reached before September is out.

Wayne Raper

Chair
Darlington FC Supporters' Group



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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



We would also like to draw attention to the possession of pyrotechnics

As a member Club participating in The National League we have been directed to take the strongest action available against anyone found in possession of a Flare, Smoke Bomb or any other such pyrotechnic article(s).

Spectators are warned that we and The National League apply a zero tolerance approach to anyone attempting to bring such article(s) into our Ground/Stadium.

Due to their chemical make-up, a Flare, Smoke Bomb and all such pyrotechnic article(s) can be highly toxic for some people. This can lead to serious health consequences for those with pre-existing medical conditions and may in certain circumstances cause life-threatening injury or concern.

In order to protect you, the spectator, we reserve the right to search your person and/or effects and we further reserve the right to pursue legal action, civil or criminal, against any person who contravenes current legislation or our Ground/Stadium regulations.

To further safeguard all who attend any event at this Ground/Stadium, we welcome the receipt of any information which will assist us to deter, apprehend/detain and where appropriate prosecute, anyone in possession of, or found discharging or being a party to the discharge of, such an article(s).

Please e mail this information in confidence to dave.watson@darlingtonfc.org

In home games last season, there were incidents involving a flare, some coin throwing and fans encroaching on to the field of play. Accordingly, we have been requested to remind fans about our ground regulations.

These regrettable incidents are contrary to our ground regulations, as published on our official website on 12th October last year, and again last week.

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

"The following articles must not be brought within the Ground - knives, fireworks or any other pyrotechnics, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, any articles that are prohibited by the Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to (or ejected from) the Ground."

And

"Under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (as amended) the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended): The list is non-exhaustive.

"The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;

"The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse."

We should be very clear. Those responsible for such incidents simply do not care about our club, our reputation or the safety of our fans and we do not want them at our matches. The club will work with the stewards and police to ensure that these matters are addressed and the individuals will be banned from future matches.

Ensuring the safety of our supporters and staff is always of paramount importance to Darlington FC 1883. If such behaviour was to continue, the reality is it would only be a matter of time before serious injury is caused and the club in turn would be punished by the league and/or the FA. We will not allow safety to be compromised of the well-behaved and sensible majority by the actions of a tiny minority.



QUAKER

with Lynn Jasper

Good Afternoon everyone. Hope this game is as exciting as the last home game and we can keep up our great home form. Come on Darlo!

Home and Away Shirts

Sales of our home and away shirts are going well and up to last Saturday's game we had reached 655 shirts sold which is great considering it is so early in the season. All the money from Quaker Retail goes directly to the club so thank you to everyone who has bought a shirt so far. Our children's shirts are £30 and adults £35 but you can also add a pair of shorts and socks if you would like a full kit. A child's full kit is £47 and an adult is £57 and if you buy a full kit online the postage is £5. Our goalkeeper shirts are also proving popular. They are available in tangerine, yellow and green priced at £33 for children and £38 for adults.



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New Hats and Scarves

We've got a brand new hat and scarf for this season priced at £9 each. I thought we needed to commemorate having our name returned to us so our new scarves show our badge at either end of the scarf and the words Darlington FC across the middle. Our new hat is black with a black and white striped brim (not sure if that's the right word for the part that turns over!!) and displays the club badge on the front. I hope you like them.

Full Zip Track jacket

One of our fans asked about a full zipped track jacket. I've checked with Avec and they do have a full zip so if anybody else would be interested in buying one please let me know. They are going to be the same price as the Half Zip £36 but only available in black and white.

International Darlo

I mentioned last season about our fans who are all over the world. This week alone I've sent out shirts to Italy, USA and one as far away as Brazil. We also had the Adamson family making their yearly trip to kit out the entire family in away shirts, shorts and socks. They are making their way back to Dubai in the very near future. It's lovely to think of our shirts being worn in all parts of the globe.

Car Stickers



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Many people travel to games by car so if you want to show your support for DFC why not pop a car sticker in your window? Two stickers cost £3.00 so let's see your car with a DFC car sticker at the next home or away game.

Badges

Lots of fans like a pin badge to attach to a coat, scarf or hat just a reminder that our's cost £2.50 and we also have some pocket money badges for only 50 p.



Opening Times

We are open at the Dolphin Centre from 10 - 1 every day. If you can't make QR in the Dolphin Centre then come and see us at the match before kick off or shop with us online.

Well that's all from me for now. Look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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Football in the Community



There was a great turnout for our first Matchday Experience run by our Football in the Community staff at the Alferton game last Saturday.



Fourteen youngsters thoroughly enjoyed their day, and lead coach Deano Browne said; "It was great to see so many involved, considering that it was the first one we have run since the Arena days. I think we were all delighted as well to see plenty of youngsters wearing Darlo shirts!"



For details of our Matchday Experience,
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Here, Josh Gillies is
presented with his
man of the match
award for his two goal
performance against
Alfreton last week.



**First Team Physio department is a
brand new venture that launches
at the end of this month, based at
Eastbourne Sports Complex.**

It is open to the general public, HM
Forces, Emergency Services and
Darlington FC Season ticket holders
and Club members, (25% discount for season ticket holders and members).

Our department will be headed up by our first team physio Jimmy Nesbitt, who has vast experience and expertise in sporting injuries, rehabilitation and injury prevention. Jimmy is one of 1200 trigger point specialists within the United Kingdom, a precise area of deep tissue massage and pain mapping, he has practiced within a variety of sporting disciplines, from treatment of injured military personnel to working with sports teams at a degree of varying levels.

The First Team physio department will be under the Darlington FC banner, and we offer a variety of different techniques including; Trigger point therapy, postural assessment, maintenance massage, and ultra sound treatment to name a few.

Please feel free to contact us on one of the above means to arrange an appointment.

We look forward to seeing you in the near future, have a great season.



Jim Nesbitt

First Team Physiotherapist

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Darlington FC Physiotherapy

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Professor Moriarty 2. Crossroads 3. Georgia 4. Arizona 5. Venice 6. Neil Diamond 7. An orphanage 8. Who wants to be a millionaire? and Eggheads 9. Orange 10. Llandudno 11. Short-sighted

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. Dover Athletic 13. Morecambe FC 14. Belgium 15. New Buck's Head 16. Atlanta 17. Ayr 18. Volleyball 19. Skiing 20. St Louis 21. The Carabao Cup 22. Trevor Steven



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Season's Stats

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH 2017-18

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Brackley	4	4	0	0	11	2	12	+9
2	Harrogate Town	4	3	1	0	12	3	10	+9
3	Southport	4	3	1	0	10	4	10	+6
4	Darlington	4	3	1	0	10	4	10	+6
5	Spennymoor Town	3	3	0	0	7	2	9	+5
6	Salford City	4	3	0	1	5	3	9	+2
7	York City	4	2	1	1	7	1	7	+6
8	Curzon Ashton	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	+2
9	Kidderminster	4	2	0	2	4	3	6	+1
10	Blyth Spartans	4	2	0	2	8	8	6	0
11	Tamworth	4	2	0	2	6	7	6	-1
12	Alfreton Town	4	2	0	2	5	7	6	-2
13	Stockport County	4	1	1	2	6	5	4	+1
14	Chorley	4	1	1	2	3	6	4	-3
15	Leamington	4	1	0	3	3	6	3	-3
16	Gainsborough Trinity	4	1	0	3	7	10	3	-3
17	Boston United	3	1	0	2	4	7	3	-3
18	AFC Telford United	4	1	0	3	2	6	3	-4
19	Nuneaton Town	4	1	0	3	1	6	3	-5
20	Bradford PA	4	1	0	3	2	10	3	-8
21	FC United	4	0	1	3	7	10	1	-3
22	North Ferriby	4	0	0	4	0	12	0	-12

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	4	0	0	0	1	0	45	0	2	1	19	0
Gary Brown	4	0	0	0	0	0	155	3	11	0	16	2
Kevin Burgess	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	2	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	27	5	1	33	2
James Caton	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Dominic Collins	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	4	0	0	0	3	0	20	1	0	0	4	0
Terry Galbraith	4	0	0	0	1	0	169	14	14	1	53	2
Josh Gillies	4	0	0	0	3	0	34	8	2	0	13	0
Chris Hunter	4	0	0	0	0	0	135	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	3	0	0	0
Tom Portas	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	14	7	0	9	0
Jordan Richards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey Saunders	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	2	0
Leon Scott	0	4	0	0	0	0	155	33	14	1	20	0
David Syers	4	0	0	0	2	0	23	9	1	1	11	0
Stephen Thompson	0	2	0	0	0	0	194	10	14	3	67	6
Phil Turnbull	4	0	0	0	0	0	84	1	2	1	1	0
Arran Wearmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Ed Wilczynski	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0



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Wed Aug 9th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	7.45	4-3	1682	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Fen'ick	Wil'ski	Thomp'n
Sat Aug 12th	Alfreton	H	3.00	4-1	1547	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies2	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Fen'ick	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Tues Aug 15th	York City	A	7.45	0-0	3944	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Thomp'n	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat Aug 19th	AFC Telford United	H																			
Sat Aug 26th	North Ferriby	A																			
Mon Aug 28th	Spennymoor Town	H																			
Sat Sept 2nd	Southport	A																			
Tues Sept 5th	Chorley	A																			
Sat Sept 9th	Leamington	H																			
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H																			
Sat Sept 16th	FA Cup 2Q																				
Sat Sept 23rd	Boston United	A																			
Sat Sept 30th	FA Cup 3Q																				
Sat Oct 7th	Stockport County	H																			
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town (also FA Cup 4Q)	A																			
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H																			
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A																			
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town (also FA Cup 1R)	H																			
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A																			
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H																			
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Sat Feb 17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat Feb 24th	Kidderminster Harriers (also FA Trophy 4r)	H																			
Sat Mar 3rd	Tamworth	A																			
Sat Mar 10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
Sat Mar 17th	North Ferriby (also FA Trophy semi final first leg)	H																			
Sat Mar 24th	AFC Telford United (also FA Trophy semi final second leg)	A																			
Sat Mar 31st	Southport	H																			
Mon Apr 2nd	Spennymoor Town	A																			
Sat Apr 7th	Boston United	H																			
Sat Apr 14th	FC United of Manchester	A																			
Sat Apr 21st	Nuneaton Town	H																			
Sat Apr 28th	Stockport County	A																			
Wed May 2nd	play off qualifying round																				
Sun May 6th	play off semi final																				
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Terry Andrews butchers	J Maddison Barbers
Laundrette	SLC Barbers
Salisbury tc	Pound Plus
Glad News	

Yellow Card
Red Card

Scorers Names in **BOLD**.
Coloured names are players who featured in substitutions. (Players involved have matching colours)

Last match

V York City (away)
drew 0-0

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Away Travel

DFCSG is running coaches to all away matches. The coaches leave from Park Place, Darlington and arrive at their destination around 90 minutes before kick-off. Our next scheduled away trips are to North Ferriby United on Saturday 26 August, departing at 11am and Southport on Saturday 2 September, also departing at 11am. The fare to North Ferriby is £20 and £20 also to Southport, but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult. To book a seat ring Glen on 07376 368553. Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website at: <http://www.darlingtonfcsupportersgroup.org/?page=fanstravel>



Would you like to help Darlington FC on a match day -- there are various jobs that need doing.
Drop John Tempest a line on john.tempest@darlingtonfc.org

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CENTRE ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: DREW COVERDALE, GARY COATSWORTH, JIM WILLIS, KEVAN SMITH, MICHAEL TROTTER, DAVID CORNER, JOHN BORTHWICK

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: LES MCJANNET, ANDY TOMAN, DAVID GEDDIS, FRANK GRAY, BRIAN LITTLE, TONY MCANDREW, STEVE MARDENBOROUGH, GARY GILL, PAUL EMSON



>TODAY'S TEAMS



DARLINGTON

ADAM BARTLETT
ED WILCZYNSKI
LIAM MARRS
JORDAN RICHARDS
CHRIS HUNTER
DOMINIC COLLINS
KEVIN BURGESS
GARY BROWN
TERRY GALBRAITH
DAVID FERGUSON
TOM PORTAS
LEON SCOTT
PHIL TURNBULL
DAVID SYERS
JAMES CATON
NATHAN CARTMAN
MARK BECK
SCOTT FENWICK
JOSH GILLIES
STEPHEN THOMPSON
HARVEY SAUNDERS
ARRAN WEARMOUTH
JOE WHEATLEY



TELFORD UNITED

JASBIR SINGH
SHERIDAN MARTINEZ
ROSS WHITE
AARON HAYDEN
CURTIS STRONG
JONATHAN ROYLE
SHANE SUTTON
JACK REA
ELLIOT NEWBY
JORDON GOUGH
KIERAN DUNBAR
LUKE SHAW
CEKAINE STEELE
JOE FITZPATRICK
WILL MARSH
ZAK LILLY
JOHN MARSDEN
MATTHEW BARNES-
HOMER
ANTHONY DWYER
MARCUS DINANGA



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> Match officials:

Referee: Leigh Doughty
Assistant referees: Nathaniel Cox and Richard Aspinall

> Today's other games:

Alfreton v Southport, Blyth Spartans v North Ferriby, Boston United v Chorley, Brackley v Spennymoor Town, Bradford PA v FC United of Manchester, Gainsborough Trinity v Harrogate Town, Leamington v Stockport County, Salford City v Kidderminster, Tamworth v Curzon Ashton, York City v Nuneaton

> Next home matches:

Monday 28th August
Spennymoor Town, kick off 3pm

Saturday 9th September
Leamington, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 26th August
North Ferriby United, kick off 3pm

Saturday 2nd September
Southport, kick off 3pm

Tuesday 5th September
Chorley kick off 3pm

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