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>> WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows for today's Vanarama National League North fixture versus Matt Jansen's Chorley.

Firstly, I would like to applaud the amazing effort from the 500 Club. To raise over £36,000 in such a short space of time is truly amazing and once again shows that this model can work and will work moving forward.

Today we come up against another play-off hopeful in Chorley who of course defeated us earlier in the season 4-1 away from home. They are a good side and we will treat them with a massive amount of respect today.

However, we do feel we are turning a corner. We have been unfortunate at times, made costly errors or made bad decisions but that's football and you will see it on Match of the Day this evening from players getting paid £100k a week. It doesn't excuse it or make it any easier to take but I don't believe the lads have made mistakes on purpose which is the reason I have defended them at times.

We are a team; we lose, draw and win as a team and you are the twelfth man please so roll your sleeves up, head and kick every ball with us today. We are proud of you and we are trying to make you proud of us.

Last weekend's draw ended a three-game losing sequence but fell two points short of what we went to Alfreton looking for. People will naturally say the manner of dropping the points was hard to take and yes it was. On loan Sunderland goalkeeper James Talbot obviously made a big mistake getting involved in something he shouldn't have reacted to, but he will bounce back stronger from it and he must use that as a learning curve. This isn't under 23 development football, this is men's football where points are at stake. In development football players aren't targeted like he was last Saturday and that's why professional clubs send youngsters into non-league clubs.

I have been working hard on bringing in a new keeper this week because of James' suspension, and one player in particular has been training with us. I have written these notes before the programme deadline, so hopefully his signing will have been completed in time for him to play this afternoon.

Sixteen-year-old Mitchell Glover has begun a two week trial at Middlesbrough this week. Mitchell is a player that has great technical ability and I don't think he will be one that is here in years to come because of that. He has been monitored by Premier League sides for over six months now and it's inevitable that we will lose him at some point but if he does move on it will be a good deal for the football club.

Today is another opportunity to pick up points. We have sixteen games to go, eight of which are at home so let's make them count. Please make loads of noise today and get behind the lads.

Tommy

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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game.

We need to pick up some long overdue points from today's game. I think we've been really unlucky not to win any of our last three matches, especially at Alfreton last week.

I thought we put in another good performance against Alfreton. As a team we played well and we felt comfortable. I thought we played the better football throughout the game, and to be honest we didn't think that they would score, but unfortunately James made an error, and credit to him he held his hands up afterwards in the changing room.

In fairness, though, James has been great since he came to us a few weeks ago, and he's put in some great performances. I know that he'll learn from that little incident, and he'll develop more as a player.

We could have done with a second goal last week, because psychologically it would have killed them off when they knew that they were struggling to break us down. But we couldn't score it, and they threw men forward late in the game. In a way, that tactic worked for them,

because there were at least six of their players in our box when the ball came in and their lad got involved with James after he fell over.

We've got to put that behind us now, and focus on getting the points this afternoon. We're certainly looking for revenge for our defeat at their place early on in the season.

We didn't play well at all that night, and to make matters worse, the bus broke down on the way home! I think that was one of the worse nights of my career.

But the signs are good, we feel that we're steadily turning the corner, and we need to make it hard for every team coming to play us at Blackwell Meadows. We need to make sure that we're at our best and collect three points.

Enjoy the game

Phil



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Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

Chorley



Chorley are our visitors to Blackwell Meadows today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- The club's origins were in Rugby Union, but after eight seasons of the oval ball game the club converted to association football in 1883
- Victory Park has been the home of the Magpies since 1920, prior to this the club had three previous homes.
- The club became one of the founder members of the Northern Premier League in 1968, winning it twice, the most recent being in 2014. They have played in six different leagues.
- They have appeared in the first round of the FA Cup nine times, knocking out Wolverhampton Wanderers and Bury on two of those occasions
- Their best run in the FA Trophy saw them reach the semi-finals in 1996 before losing to Macclesfield Town
- Two players who have played for the club have gone on to represent England; Arthur Cunliffe and Paul Mariner
- They had a two-year spell in the National Premier (GM Vauxhall Conference) between 1988-90. Quakers were in the same league in season 1989-90.

LAST SIX GAMES

13/01/2018 Curzon Ashton (A) Won 2-0
 09/01/2018 Kidderminster Harriers (H) Drew 0-0
 06/01/2018 Harrogate Town (H) Lost 1-0
 01/01/2018 Southport (A) Lost 3-0
 26/12/2018 Southport (H) Drew 0-0
 23/12/2018 Salford City (A) Won 3-0

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National League North – Points 74
 Position 6th
 2015/16 National League North – Points 63
 Position 8th
 2014/15 National League North – Points 71
 Position 4th

2013/14 Northern Premier League Premier Division Points 97 Position 1st (Promoted)
 2012/13 Northern Premier League Premier Division Points 67 Position 8th
 2011/12 Northern Premier League Premier Division Points 79 Position 3rd

CHORLEY 2017/18 STATS

They have won as many league games on the road as at home – five.

They have the joint best defensive record in the division with Brackley having conceded 22 goals

They have scored the second least goals in the division, 28 -- only North Ferriby have scored less

Chorley's top scorer is Nick Haughton

who has scored seven league goals, but he was recalled by Fleetwood earlier this week.

They have only been involved in six matches that have seen more than two goals

HEAD TO HEAD:

This season: Chorley 4 Darlington 1

Last season: Darlington 2 Chorley 0,
 Chorley 1 Darlington 1

1989-90 (Conference) Chorley 0
 Darlington 3, Darlington 3 Chorley 0

LAST MATCH CURZON ASHTON 0 CHORLEY 2

Four games without a win for the Magpies and without a goal to their name in that time meant Matt Jansen rang the changes up front for this visit to Curzon Ashton.

Marcus Carver, Jason Walker and Dale Whitham were moved to the bench in place of Nick Haughton, Josh Wilson (who were both rested for Tuesday's defeat to Harrogate Town) and Delilal Brewster, who made his first start for the club.

Chorley's long-awaited goal came in the 13th minute when Wilson jumped to meet Adam Blakeman's corner to head past Mason for a deserved lead.

The home side saw another effort go to waste nine minutes before the break when Jonathan Hunt headed over Sam Walker's free kick. Andy Teague almost headed into his own net as the half came to a close but the cross bar came to his rescue.

15 minutes into the second half Carver was brought on to replace Brewster and almost had an immediate impact – his first attempt sailed narrowly wide before a through ball from Haughton saw him go one-on-one with Mason, but he shot straight at the keeper's legs. Chorley finally doubled their lead, and sealed all three points, on 76 minutes. A short throw-in from Matt Challoner to Haughton saw the midfielder dribble past three Curzon players and fire into the bottom corner.

Chorley: Urwin, Challoner, Blakeman, Teague (C), Leather, Jordan, Haughton (Whitham 84), O'Keefe, Wilson (Walker 78), Brewster (Carver 61), Cottrell; Subs: Anson, Mooney.

Manager – Matt Jansen

Matt is one of the most high-profile signings Chorley FC have ever made. He started his career with his home town club Carlisle United and his skillful displays soon had bigger clubs keeping an eye on his progress. Towards the end of his second season he was sold



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to Crystal Palace for £1m. After just 31 appearances for the Selhurst Park club he was transferred onto Blackburn Rovers for £4.1m, where he became good friends with Garry Flitcroft and enjoyed the best times of his playing days. After a near-fatal motorcycle crash in Rome in 2002, a summer that would have been spent with the England side at the World Cup in Japan and South Korea had he not been struck by a stomach illness he struggled to regain fitness. Had spells with Coventry City, Bolton Wanderers and Wrexham before teaming up with Flitty at Leigh and then at Chorley, becoming part of the coaching team. In the summer of 2015, Matt stepped into the hot seat, replacing Garry Flitcroft as manager.

Andy Teague



A proper leader on the pitch, Andy has played a massive role in helping Chorley rise from Evo-Stik Division One North to becoming challengers in the National League North. A six foot plus, strong centre half, he joined the Magpies in January 2011 for a nominal fee and was soon afterwards appointed captain. He started his career in the Football League with Macclesfield Town but suffered a badly broken leg in a game against Stockport County. Despite trying to rebuild his professional career he went on and had loan spells with Tamworth and Hyde United before joining Leigh Genesis and eventually Lancaster City.

Jason Walker



Jason joined the Magpies in the summer of 2016 following his release from National League side Barrow and is a

Chorley



proven goal scorer. Born in Barrow, Jason came through the youth ranks at Dundee before moving to Greenock Morton where he made his senior debut in 2004. Following a brief spell at Morecambe he joined Barrow in 2007 and over a five season period with his home town side he netted 64 goals in 175 games, earning moves to Luton Town and York City. Following a spell in Sweden, he had short stints with Forest Green Rovers and Southport before returning to Barrow.

CHORLEY- LAST SEASON

The Magpies had an impressive season which saw them in the playoff shake up throughout the season.

They had a fantastic first half of the season and of their first 22 league games before the turn of the year they lost just twice, to ourselves and Stockport. This great run saw them pick up victories over Salford and AFC Fylde which left them third in the table.

They kept up their form in the second half of the season. However, picking up just one win in five games in March saw them slip out of the top five. They started April well with three wins out of four against sides in the bottom half to move back into fifth place. Despite this they were only able to pick up one point from their last two games.

Fortunately for Chorley, due to ourselves not being allowed to participate in the playoffs and Stockport failing to win on the final day they finished in sixth place which was enough for the playoffs.

In the semi-finals they lost the home tie against Kidderminster Harriers, but were able to win by the same score line in the

reverse leg. Just two minutes into extra Chorley took the lead on aggregate and they held on to book their place in the final.

They met Halifax Town in the season finale and after 90 minutes the game finished 1-1 meaning Chorley once again faced extra time. However, this time it was Halifax who won the game 2-1 after the extra 30 minutes, meaning it was a case of so close, but so far for Chorley.

Manager: Matt Jansen

Assistant managers: Jamie Vermiglio and Jamie Smith

SQUAD:

Keepers: Sam Ashton, Matt Urwin

Defenders: Will Beesley, Matt Challoner, Kieran Charnock, Stephen Jordan, Scott Leather, Andy Teague

Midfielders: Jake Cottrell, Josh O'Keefe, Matty Hughes, Adam Roscoe, Dale Whitham, Josh Wilson

Forwards: Marcus Carver, Jason Walker, Dan Mooney, Khuis Metz

EARLIER THIS SEASON:

Chorley 4 (Walker 2 (1 pen), Challoner, Houghton) Darlington 1 (Saunders)

Darlington: Bartlett, Marrs, Collins, Burgess, Ferguson, Turnbull, Scott (sub Saunders 55), Portas (sub Syers 88), Gillies, Beck, Thompson (sub Caton 55)

Subs: Wilczynski, Vaulks

Chorley: Urwin; Challoner, Leather, Teague (c), Jordan, Blakeman; O'Keefe (Whitham, 89), Cottrell; Houghton (Roscoe, 84); Carver (Hughes, 80), Walker. Subs not used: Charnock, Jarvis.



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>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON



Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the game.

Following on from last week's performance at Alfreton, I am wondering when I knocked over a black cat! The end of the game proved to be extremely cruel on the boys who looked to have secured a well-deserved win only to be denied in bizarre fashion through a combination of unfortunate events. I don't want to say too much about the incident but I am aware that our keeper, James Talbot, is distraught and feels hard done to by the decision that clearly cost his team mates three well-deserved points. He is now suspended for the next three games but Tommy expects to have a replacement for James signed before the start of today's game, he has been in talks with two clubs all week.

Obviously the table does not lie and we are now in a difficult league position and we need to string together the results to lift us clear of the bottom end of the table. The squad are united, focussed and determined to put together a run of games that will show the true quality within our dressing room. I thought Reece Styche spoke out bravely following his penalty miss and called me the next day to apologise for his mistake which wasn't necessary, but shows the quality of the man. This is not about criticising individual errors; everyone makes mistakes and as long as we learn from them, then we will continue to improve as a side and he followed this up with a superb goal at Alfreton last Saturday. James will also learn by his actions and it is all part of growing within the game and he will come on for it.

Tommy is also looking at the squad and determining where we can strengthen for the remainder of the season. Given our current position, there will have to be movement out to enable new players to join the squad and this is not as easy as it may appear. All clubs are looking to trade and strengthen, so suitable players are at a premium and we will need to create space within our budget to enable deals

to take place. The Board will however look to support the management team where possible to ensure we continue to improve our quality across the squad.

The next stage of the stand works has now commenced and we are looking to have the next stage completed by the 2nd March; a delay of one week from the original plans. This was due to ongoing discussions with DRFC about the groundworks but this has now been successfully resolved to allow works to commence. This will obviously meet the ground grading deadlines as per our target at the start of the season and it prepares us well for next year and enables future funding to support next season's playing budget and the development fund to create our own income-generating assets in the future.

Today sees the visit of Chorley who are sitting just outside the play off places and who will provide a difficult test for us. We underperformed in the away fixture earlier this season and will be looking to restore some pride against good opposition who naturally will be looking to push on into a play-off spot. Recent performances however, have shown that we are starting to settle into a new shape and style of football and despite the scorelines, I feel that we have been unlucky with our points return against both York and Salford where we easily could have come away with better results. Here's hoping we show that resolve and get the three points today.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to welcome the directors, officials and players from Chorley to Darlington and wish them a safe journey home following the match.

Enjoy the game

David



CHORLEY

THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

> MICKY BURNS

Former Chorley striker Micky Burns was Blackpool's leading marksman on three occasions. Initially with Preston, he moved via Chorley to Skelmersdale United and played in the 1967 Amateur Cup final. The England Amateur international joined Blackpool in May 1969, scoring on his League debut in their 2-1 win at home to Portsmouth at the start of the 1969-70 promotion campaign. Netting Blackpool's winner in the 1971 Anglo-Italian Cup final, he moved to Newcastle United for £170,000 in June 1974 and was a League Cup finalist in 1976. He later had spells with Cardiff City and Middlesbrough before becoming the PFA Education Officer.

> MICKEY WALSH

Striker Mickey Walsh was capped 22 times by Republic of Ireland after leaving Chorley. Born locally, he impressed with Chorley in the Northern Premier League before joining Blackpool in November 1971 and was their leading marksman three times. He scored BBC TV's

'Goal of the Season' against Sunderland in February 1975 and was ever-present in 1975-76. Sold to Everton for £200,000 in August 1978, he was swapped for QPR's Peter Eastoe in March 1979 and joined leading Portuguese side Porto for £175,000 in August 1980, playing against Juventus in the 1984 ECWC final. He is now a football agent and also has a travel business.

> PAUL MARINER

Striker Paul Mariner was capped 35 times by England after leaving Chorley. He was an apprentice engineer and played for Chorley side St Gregory's, then impressed with Chorley in the Cheshire League, moving to Plymouth Argyle for a then club record £6,000 in July 1973. Starring as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1973-74 and won promotion in 1974-75, he joined Ipswich Town in a record £220,000 deal in September 1976. He was an important figure as they won the FA Cup in 1978 and UEFA Cup in 1981. Joining Arsenal in February 1984, he helped Portsmouth win promotion in 1986-87. He has coached in the United States and managed Plymouth.

> TOMMY LAWRENCE

Former Scotland international goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence was capped three times before joining Chorley. Initially with Warrington, he joined Liverpool in October 1957 and was an important figure as they twice won the League Championship. 'The Flying Pig' also helped Bill Shankly's side win the FA Cup in 1965 and was a ECWC finalist in 1966, joining Tranmere in September 1971 as fellow keeper Frankie Lane moved in the opposite direction. Reunited with Ron Yeats at Prenton Park, he starred as they reached the FA Cup fourth round in 1971-72 and moved to Chorley in August 1974. He later worked at a wire factory in Warrington.

> STEVE GALLIERS

Diminutive midfielder Steve Galliers made almost 400 Football League appearances after leaving Chorley. He helped the Magpies to finish Cheshire League runners-up before joining Wimbledon in June 1977, appearing in their first-ever Football League game. Twice voted 'Player of the Year', he skippered their 1980-81 promotion success

and followed Dario Gradi to Crystal Palace in October 1981. Rejoining the Dons ten months later, he was an important figure in their rise to the top-flight under Dave Bassett and moved to Bristol City in September 1987. He then played for Maidstone United and Kingstonian, since having various office management jobs.

> GARY PIERCE

One-time Chorley goalkeeper Gary Pierce was ever-present in Wolves' 1976-77 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Mossley, he joined Huddersfield Town in February 1971 and gained top-flight experience before moving to Molineux in August 1973. He contested a first-team slot with Phil Parkes and Paul Bradshaw, featuring in Wolves' 1974 League Cup final success on his 23rd birthday. Moving to Barnsley in July 1979, he helped them win promotion and reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1980-81. He joined Blackpool in August 1983 and later played for Chorley, Accrington Stanley, Netherfield and Radcliffe Borough, settling in Ainsworth.

> FRANK WORTHINGTON



Ex-England international striker Frank Worthington briefly played for Chorley during the 1988-89 campaign. From a footballing family, he starred as Huddersfield Town were League Cup semi-finalists in 1967-68 and Second Division champions in 1969-70. He joined Leicester City for £100,000 in August 1972 and reunited with Ian Greaves at Bolton Wanderers in September 1977, helping them win the Second Division title in 1977-78. Later at Birmingham, Leeds United, Sunderland, Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere, Preston and Stockport, he joined Chorley in November 1988 and played three consecutive Conference games while at Victory Park.

> GLENN KEELEY

One-time Chorley central defender Glenn Keeley made over 450 League appearances. Initially with Ipswich Town, he moved to Newcastle United in June 1974 and was a League Cup finalist in 1976. He joined Blackburn Rovers in August 1976, captaining their 1979-80 promotion success and 1987 Full Members Cup final triumph. Moving via Oldham Athletic to Bolton Wanderers in September 1988, he featured in their triumphant 1988-89 Sherpa Van Trophy run before joining Chorley in March 1989, then played for Clitheroe. He was a publican in Leyland and Blackburn, then worked for the

Lancashire FA and became a community officer in Bolton.

> NOEL BROTHERSTON

Former Northern Ireland international winger Noel Brotherston was capped 27 times before joining Chorley. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1974, he made his First Division debut in their 5-2 win over Aston Villa in March 1976. He joined Blackburn Rovers in July 1977, starring as they won promotion in 1979-80 and also featuring prominently as Northern Ireland won the Home Internationals. Moving to Bury in July 1987, he helped them beat top-flight QPR in the 1987-88 League Cup third round and later played for Motala and Chorley. He was then a painter and decorator in Blackburn until his tragic death in May 1995.

> GARY BRIGGS

One-time Chorley central defender Gary Briggs was a key figure in Oxford United's 1986 League Cup final success. Signing professional for Middlesbrough in May 1977, he failed to secure a first-team slot before joining Oxford United in January 1978, featuring prominently in their meteoric rise to the top-flight under Jim Smith. He moved to Blackpool in June 1989, helping them to reach the Fourth Division play-off final in 1990-91 and win promotion in 1991-92. Making in excess of 550 League appearances overall, he briefly joined Chorley in July 1995 before hanging up his boots. He has settled in Bispham and since worked as a civil servant.



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500 CLUB MEMBERS GENEROUSLY INVEST IN THE FOOTBALL CLUB!

Generous members of the 500 Club have invested over £36,000 in the future of the football club in less than a month!

All 325 members of the 500 Club were contacted before Christmas with details of a new initiative to help the football club remove £65,000 worth of legacy debt - and we're already halfway to the target! 74 people have been in touch and invested.

The idea to ask 500 Club members for financial support came after David Johnston's excellent presentation about the current and future financial position of the club at the Dolphin Centre in December. Several people approached the football club directors with the idea of asking all 500 Club members to extend their membership, and in turn, after discussions with the DFCSG, some proposals were put together for the members to consider.

Director John Tempest said: "There has been a fantastic response so far from the members of the 500 Club, for which the football club is very grateful. To be more than halfway to our target in just over three weeks is a great achievement, and shows how strong their support is for the club. It was thanks to their previous whole-hearted support that we were able to fund the club's return to Darlington.

"Now that we are into the New Year, hopefully more 500 Club members will consider extending their membership. It would be superb if another 26 members would consider investing, which would take the number up to 100 and hopefully closer to our target. Once we reach that target, the club will be on a more secure footing and we will be able to focus on future growth."



**MICHAEL MATTHEWS HAS
INVESTED IN THE 500 CLUB**

We formulated three options for members who wish to extend further support to consider. What is important to remember is whatever option you choose, or simply if you decide not to take up any, your current 500 club membership is unaffected and will continue as normal.

All 500 club members should have received an e mail by now, if you haven't received an email - please contact us at 500club@darlingtonfc.org.

Details on how to invest are on the official Darlington FC website.



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Luke Trotman

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Luke Trotman

Darlington right back Luke Trotman is putting his career back on track – he spoke to Ray Simpson.

Luke, 20, is hoping to have fully recovered from a thigh injury and to be in consideration for a place in the side for today's game.

He signed for us in November and played two games but then a niggling injury has kept him out of contention until now.

Luke looked as if he was set for a promising career at Luton Town, signing a professional deal when John Still was manager, before injury struck – and now he's setting his sights on making up lost ground and playing higher.

"I played for Luton through all the age groups, from 8 to 18, and I became a first-year pro.

"I made my first team debut for Luton when I was 16 in an FA Trophy tie at Cambridge, and I played regularly in the youth team. I was doing ok, but then I broke my leg and fell down the pecking order. It was one of those things that happen in football, and I was overtaken by other players. A new manager came along, and I didn't get back into the first team squad.

"When I was at Luton, part of being a young pro was doing a BTEC course, so after I completed that, I decided to go to University so then I had something to fall back on. I'm in my first year now, doing banking and financial



management. I'm studying for my exams now. It was tough studying and playing full time at Nuneaton, but it's working out better now that I'm playing part time.

"I played for Loughborough University in the Midland League last season, and then during the summer I played for them in a showcase match against Liverpool.

"Tommy (Wright) was at the game, and he persuaded me to join Nuneaton from there. I spent a week training at Nuneaton pre-season, and then I signed."

Luke scored in that game against Liverpool Under 18s, and there's also a video of him on the internet scoring a long distance goal for Luton's Youth team against

MK Dons. He also nearly scored for Nuneaton against Quakers earlier in the season.

"I'm more of a right back than a right wing back. I'm quite attacking-minded and I like to get forward and get some shots in.

"I wanted to join Darlington because of Tommy and the fans. I have a lot of respect for Tommy, while the Darlington fans were class when they were at Nuneaton earlier in the season.

"Darlington is a great club that wants to go higher, and I want to be a part of it – I want to go as high up as I can."

Last time we met

CHORLEY AT HOME



TERRY GALBRAITH
SCORES FROM THE SPOT
V CHORLEY

> 24TH AUGUST 2016

Darlington 2 Chorley 0

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Portas, Scott, Beck, Hardy, Gillies

Subs: Thompson, Bell, Cartman, Hunter, Nowakowski
Attendance 1543

Darlington went top of the Vanarama National League North with a hard-fought win over Chorley.

Quakers had to work hard, as Chorley were probably the best team they have faced so far this season.

Chorley hit the bar through Scott Leather early on, and Paul Jarvis volleyed just wide.

Quakers stunned Chorley by getting a penalty on 14 minutes when Liam Hardy made a good run into the box and was tripped by defender Kieran Charnock, and Terry Galbraith converted his third penalty of the season.

However, Chorley always looked dangerous, and they went close again on 31 minutes when Charnock glanced a free kick by Jarvis just wide.

And they had yet another chance when Carver sidestepped Liam Marrs and hit a

low shot that Jameson saved one-handed low down to his right.

Quakers went 2-0 up from a left wing corner on 47 minutes when Josh Gillies swung the ball over to the far post, where Galbraith headed into the roof of the net.

With keeper Jameson clearly struggling through injury, Quakers had to defend well in the box, with players throwing themselves in the way of opposition efforts.

Quakers though responded with a good run by Galbraith down the left, and his pinpoint cross was headed just wide by sub Nathan Cartman.

However, there was another let off when Jameson could only block a through ball to Jason Walker who squared the ball into the six-yard box where Sefton Gonzalez sidefooted wide.



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RESERVES

The reserves have made a great start to the New Year, and they're well on target for a top five finish in the TWR Wearside League.

Since the start of December, they've gone unbeaten in six games, winning four and drawing two, and in their last two matches against Coxhoe Athletic and Prudhoe, they've really hit the goals trail, scoring thirteen goals and conceding five.

Joey Smith has been on form in the last two matches, scoring twice in each of them, while Mitchell Glover, who signed for us just before Christmas, has also scored in each of the games.

Mitch was on target as the reserves cruised to a 7-3 away win at Coxhoe Athletic on 6th January.

Darlo went a goal down in just the second minute, but Joey Smith and Derrick Wade hit back for Quakers before half time.

Vinny Steele scored a good goal for 3-1, and after Coxhoe pulled a goal back, Joey made it 4-2. After the hosts made it 4-3, Darlo moved up a gear, and Miles Swift, Jonny Hope and Mitch put them well in control.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said; "It was nice to get back to winning ways after the Christmas break. We played well in attack, and we could have scored a few more goals, but we gifted them a couple at the other end. It was a good performance, especially as we didn't have a recognised striker on the field!

"Mitchell did well in midfield, and adapted well to the game as it went on."

A week later, the lads thumped Prudhoe 6-2, but joint manager Mark Fanning reckoned that the lads hadn't been at their best in these two games. "We're still

not firing on all cylinders in games. We play some great football at times - the passing, control and movement can be first class - but we're still conceding some sloppy

goals and giving ourselves problems. We didn't really get on top until the second half when we really killed the game off. The goals by Joey and Mitch were really good team goals and very good to watch.

"We've scored 13 goals in two games now, which is great, but we're a little unhappy that we conceded five at the other end. But nevertheless, we're sixth in the table, and our target is to finish in the top five."

Joey put Quakers into an early lead, but Prudhoe cancelled that out before half time. It was only after half time when the lads moved into top gear. Jamie O'Brien, called up from the Under 18s, Gareth McMahon, Joey and the impressive Mitch made it 5-1.

Prudhoe pulled one back from a free kick, before Ellis Tate made sure late in the game.

The reserves are at home today to Gateshead Leam Rangers, and are sixth in the table.



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A 3-0 win over AFC Telford last Saturday made it four games unbeaten for league leaders Salford. The Ammies are eight points clear at the top of the table, ahead of today's game against second-placed Harrogate Town.

Simon Weaver's side do have a game in hand on Salford, and will be looking to avenge their earlier defeat in the season. However, Town will have to overcome their indifferent form of five wins and four defeats from their last 10.

Third-placed Brackley Town are two points further back, after losing just one of their last 12 league games.

Spennymoor are four points further back, with a game in hand on Brackley after three straight league victories. They also knocked National League Solihull Moors out of the FA Trophy last week.

Moors are two points ahead of Blyth Spartans, who remain the only side in the division not to have drawn a match.

Five straight wins have seen Martin Gray's York City regain their place in the play-off spots.

Kidderminster Harriers, unbeaten in the league since September, complete the top seven. Their unbeaten league run is now 14 matches.

Back-to-back league defeats have seen Bradford Park Avenue slip out of the play-offs. They're a point behind Kidderminster, having played a game more.

9th-placed Chorley are two points behind Kidderminster, having ended a four-game winless run with a 2-0 win over Curzon Ashton.

A run of just one defeat in nine matches, including going the last five unbeaten, have lifted Stockport within three points of the play-offs.

Three defeats in their last four league games have seen Tamworth slip off the play-off

pace. They're in mid-table, six points behind the top seven.

After five wins and a draw, Boston are one of the league's in form sides, have rocketed up to 12th, away from relegation danger.

FC United of Manchester are also on a good run of form, unbeaten in six and with just one defeat in their last nine.

And Curzon Ashton, at one time play-off outsiders, have dropped to 14th after winning only one of their last nine. That victory came over bottom club North Ferriby.

In a sign of how tight the bottom third of the table is, back-to-back wins over Harrogate and Gainsborough have lifted Nuneaton out of the relegation zone, up to 15th and three points above the relegation zone.

Southport got their first league win since September when they defeated Chorley on New Year's Day. A subsequent win over Leamington saw them move further clear of the drop zone.

That defeat at Southport was Leamington's first loss in five league games. They're two points above the relegation places and have a huge game at Alfreton today.

Last week's draw with Darlington kept Alfreton a point clear of the bottom three. They remain deep in trouble after seven defeats in 10.

AFC Telford United are above Quakers by a point after they were beaten 5-3 at home by York City on Tuesday night.

Second-bottom Gainsborough are a point behind Darlington and two points from safety after taking one point from their last four league matches.

And North Ferriby United continue to be a distant last in the division having not won a competitive game since August. They're 19 without a win in the league, having lost their last nine in a row.



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THE E X F A C T O R

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



Striker **Curtis Main** has signed for Motherwell from Portsmouth.

Now 25, Main made his Quakers debut aged 15 in 2008, and has since played for Middlesbrough, Doncaster and Oldham.

He said: "A few weeks ago I heard about the interest and it's been back and forth with the club and myself but finally we're here and I can't wait to get started.

"There were a few options, but I felt this challenge, coming up here and testing myself in a new environment, is something that really appealed to me."

Among his new team-mates at Motherwell is former Quakers striker **Ryan Bowman**.

John Campbell has left Whitby Town after just four months, the striker returning to the Northern League with Jarrow Roofing for an undisclosed fee.

The forward joined Whitby in September from Newcastle Benfield, but found himself unable to make travel

commitments and sought a transfer as a result.

Scott Wiseman was sent off for the third time this season when he was shown red in the game for his club Chesterfield against Coventry on New Year's Day.

Michael Flynn, who played four games for us in 2008, said that Newport's 2-1 FA Cup third round win against Leeds United was his proudest moment as a manager.

A late goal gave League Two Newport victory over the Championship side, and landed them a plum home tie in the fourth round against Tottenham on 3rd February.

"I knew we would put a performance in, the players never let me down. Days like today, the FA Cup is still the best club cup competition, by far.

"Especially for me, as a manager of a lower league club, for the bigger clubs, maybe, you can see why it's not as important as the Champions League, they are under pressure from their chairman and things like that, but the FA Cup, for the smaller clubs, is absolutely huge.

"It is my proudest moment as a manager. It was great, staying up on the last day of

last season, but I don't want relegation battles, I want the big days.

"I thought we deserved it, we played well in the first half as well, we created a lot of chances, I thought we were outstanding.

"We worked the ball well and got a lot of crosses into the box.

"I always thought we had a chance, but these are Championship players we were up against who get paid good money."

Mark Bower believes that his squad has got what it takes to win promotion from the National League North.

Bower played in the 2009-10 season for us after he was signed by Colin Todd, and is in his second job in the National League, having previously been at Guiseley.

"We've probably got the oldest squad in the league, but that comes with many benefits. We have players in the ranks with plenty of experience and knowhow of turning tight games into victories, and that's what we've been able to do this season. We have players in the squad who have won promotions, reaching play off finals and this stands us in good stead when it comes to big one-off games and the tense end of season run-in."

Bradford Park Avenue were eighth in the table after last weekend's games, just a point below the play-off spots.



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Jordan Pickford is now an established Premier League and England goalkeeper, the 23-year-old having signed for Everton from Sunderland in a mammoth £30million move last summer, and it was six years ago this weekend that he made his senior debut for Darlington.

Then aged 17 and highly-rated at Sunderland, he was brought on loan to The Northern Echo Arena by Craig Liddle to replace Sam Russell, who had joined Forest Green following the previous fixture away to Barrow, while Liam Hatch and Jamie Chandler also left to join Gateshead.

Pickford's debut came in front of a bumper crowd of 5,638, fans from around the country rallying around to lend their support to financially-stricken Quakers.

Darlington lost the Fleetwood game 1-0, Pickford going on to make 17 appearances as he took his first steps in the senior game.



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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

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FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What do the Americans call a bowler hat?
2. Which comic strip hero saved the world assisted by Dale Arden?
3. How much does a first-class stamp now cost?
4. What are the names of the three musketeers in the Dumas novel?
5. A roaring lion is the trademark of which major film company?
6. Which country provided most of the locations for the epic 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy of films?
7. The M55 leads to which English holiday resort?
8. On which island was Freddie Mercury born?
9. Which group declared in their 1980 hit that 'Love Will Tear Us Apart'?
10. For which purpose would a chef use a mandolin?
11. Television: What was the name of Batman's butler?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. AFC Bournemouth's kit was based on the shirt design of which legendary European club?
13. To which Scottish Premiership club was Curtis Main transferred in the current transfer window?
14. In the football world, what came into being after the great winter freeze of 1963?
15. Of which top-tier League club was Dr Jozef Venglos the manager in 1990/91?
16. Which former FA Cup winner was a co-host on TV's Gladiators??
17. Which two future Liverpool players appeared against them for Newcastle Utd in the 1974 FA Cup Final?
18. Name the two countries beginning with the letter 'N' which competed in the 2007 Rugby Union World Cup.
19. Which Englishman captained Europe in 4 successive Ryder Cups between 1983 and 1989?
20. Which cricket commentator made the infamous gaffe, 'The bowler's Holding, the batsman's Willey'?
21. Which British boxer won the Super Heavyweight gold medal at the Sydney Olympics?
22. Which darts player is nicknamed 'the Viking'?

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Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

It's 60 years since Quakers pulled off one of the greatest results in our history - Simon Weatherill remembers the FA Cup fourth round tie at Chelsea on 25th January 1958 in this week's Memory Match.

The 1957/58 season would provide Darlington fans with one of the club's best ever runs in the FA Cup and it provided Feethams with one of its most famous ever afternoons. The cup run started in unspectacular fashion with a 2-0 win at Rochdale in the first round with a brace by centre forward Ron Harbertson. Round two saw a home tie with Boston United who were beaten 5-3 with a Dave Carr hat trick and two more from Harbertson. Quakers fans dreamt of drawing glamorous opposition in round three but they had to settle for an away tie at Norwich City, who were riding high in the Southern section of Division 3. Patchy league form was put to one side as the Canaries were beaten 2-1 at Carrow Road with goals by Harbertson and Tommy Moran. This time the draw was kinder to the Quakers and they got the glamour tie that their fans wished for. In the fourth round Darlington would be away to Chelsea. The game would take place at Stamford Bridge on Saturday 25 January 1958.

Preparations for the big game were hardly ideal. In the two league games leading up to the Chelsea tie the Quakers were beaten 2-1 at Tranmere and 4-0 at

Gateshead, leaving them fourth from bottom of Division 3N with only 2 wins and 12 defeats from the 14 away games played so far. Chelsea had warmed up for the tie with two home wins, 3-1 against Everton and 2-1 against Newcastle and sat in a healthy 8th place in the top flight with 29 points from their 27 games. They were managed by Ted Drake and included in their team an 18 year old inside forward, in his first season of league football. Jimmy Greaves was Chelsea's top scorer, with 15 goals in his 20 appearances.

Darlington took a 13 man squad south for the game. The players trained at Brighton's ground on the Friday morning, relaxed with a stroll along the sea front in the afternoon, and took in a pantomime in the evening, before travelling up to London on the Saturday morning. Stamford Bridge had a light covering of snow on the morning of the match, but a sudden thaw meant that although the pitch would be heavy and treacherous in places it was perfectly playable. As expected, Harry Bell was recalled to the team and took the place of the unlucky Tommy Moran.

A crowd of 40,759 (paying receipts of £5,589) crammed into the Bridge to see the game and saw the visitors

make an amazing start. With only four minutes on the clock Keith Morton and Jim Milner combined well down the right wing before Morton crossed into the box for Ron Harbertson to fire home an unstoppable shot from 15 yards out. Things nearly got better for the Quakers as they continued to push forwards and Chelsea keeper Reg Matthews kept his team in the game with two superb saves from Dave Carr, the second of which was a full length dive to turn the ball around the post. Chelsea began to exert some pressure and won a succession of corners, but these were safely dealt with by Quakers keeper Joe Turner and his defenders. Turner saved a hard drive by Lewis and then had to be alert to clear a dangerous cross by Brabrook, but it was Darlington who scored again on 28 minutes. They played their way in again down the right wing and winger Keith Morton had a shooting chance but Matthews saved well at his feet. The ball spun loose across the goalmouth to Carr, who tapped it into the empty net.

Chelsea hit back and Turner made good saves from Brabrook and Mortimer, before presenting Lewis with a chance from a parried shot, but the Chelsea winger fired the rebound over the bar. The last chance of the



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through McNichol and that was the end of the scoring in 90 minutes, to take the replay into extra time.

half fell to Harbertson when he raced clear of the home defence and fired in a shot from 20 yards that grazed the cross bar. Half time: Chelsea 0 Darlington 2.

Darlington stunned their hosts with a third goal five minutes into the second half. A Dave Carr corner was forced home by Morton, who beat Matthews with his shot and Chelsea left back MacFarlane, who just failed to block the shot on the line. The home side finally cottoned on to the tactics that the Quakers were using, ignoring the gluepot in the centre of the pitch and using the wings where the pitch was much firmer. Their right winger Peter Brabrook began to influence the game as the first division side took charge. His wing play led his team through an 18 minute purple patch where they managed to score three times and level the match with goals by Lewis (on 52 mins) Tindall (67) and McNichol (70). Both sides had

chances to win the game in the closing stages. Morton was tackled as he tried to turn the ball into the net and injured his knee, which made him a passenger for the last 15 minutes, and the unusually quiet Jimmy Greaves hit an upright in the closing moments with virtually his only meaningful contribution to the game, but both sides had to settle for a battling, hard fought 3-3 draw.

The replay took place at Feethams on the following Wednesday afternoon with a 2pm kick off. (No floodlights in those days.) In another hard fought game on a difficult pitch Darlington took the lead through Tommy Moran on 35 minutes after good work by Harry Bell. Chelsea equalised three minutes later

In the first half of extra time the rampaging Darlington forwards finished the tie with three unanswered goals in a 5 minute spell. Moran scored his second of the match, closely followed by strikes from Carr and Harbertson.

Chelsea produced a 16 page programme priced at 6d, which contained plenty of reading material for fans of both clubs. "Our Visitors Today" had two pages covering the Quakers - the season so far and pen pictures of the players. There was a team photo and another two page article entitled "This and That" with interesting historical items about Quakers' history. The team line ups were on the centre pages.

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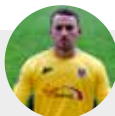
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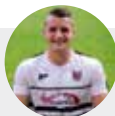
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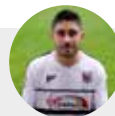
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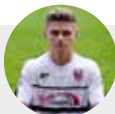
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Meet the Darlington FC Supporters group board

This week – *Dave Collinge*



Dave Collinge has been appointed the club's Supporter Liaison Officer, with the brief of acting as a bridge between the Football Club and our supporters with the aim of building and maintaining an ongoing dialogue between our fans and the Club itself. By engaging more with our fans at Blackwell Meadows and on non-matchdays, acting as a contact point for feedback the SLO will help drive improvements in the Matchday Experience for supporters and make sure our supporters' voices are heard clearly by the club.

How long have you supported Darlington? Since 1992 on a regular basis. I did attend some earlier games as I recollect Darlington losing 3-1 to Orient and Dave Booth getting sacked on the same day. The curtains were well and truly drawn in the boardroom that day.

Who have been your favourite players over the years? I like players who offer something unique. In this category, Robbie Blake, Clark Keltie, Peter Duffield, Joey Hutchinson, Dan Burn, Nathan Cartman

What have been your most satisfying moments as a Darlo supporter? In my view the 1996 play-off team was the best Darlington side on an individual by individual basis. My favourite season was the Northern League championship season in 2013 for many reasons.

What have been your most memorable matches? Most recently, the Northern League game away against Spennymoor and the play off semi-final against them

in the Evostik First Division North. The play-off games against Plymouth (1996) and Peterborough (2000) also stand out.

What are your favourite away grounds? In the non-league scene, I really like what Harrogate have done. I also like the old-fashioned grounds like Spennymoor and Chorley. My favourite ever stadium visited was the old Rushden and Diamonds ground. Give me a small ground with character any day than some of the enormous modern arenas. The Sports Direct Arena a case in point.

Do you enjoy games more or less than say ten years ago? Why? More. The club is in a much better place than it was at the Arena although there are still difficulties to overcome. I'm a big believer in sustainability and having a club that reflects the local community. That is only largely possible through keeping budgets in line with revenue.

Why did you decide to join the DFCSG board? It is a great honour to be on the fan board of such a great club and at the same time a daunting challenge. I know how much this club means to many people.

I've volunteered at the club since the move to Bishop Auckland and this was a chance to try and implement some of the lessons I had learnt from these activities and also observations gained from being involved in football since a young age. I'm very passionate about football administration. I also want to influence the

future strategy of the club and feel I have a lot to offer in this respect. If there is a job that needs to be done, I'll be first to offer support as long as it is within my skills set. I want the club to be a proper organisation and grow in an organic and sustainable way. No amount of community tags will obviate against the need to run this club in a business-like manner. Fan ownership for me provides the best platform for doing this.

What are you doing voluntarily for the club at the moment? Ground maintenance and preparation (externals), ticket sales, match-day experience and my new Supporter Liaison role (to be developed). At HP I worked the turnstiles, sold tickets and was a steward.

Where do you see the club being in five/ten years' time? In 10 years, I would hope that the club would be a regular fixture in the National League on a full or part-time platform. However, this can't be achieved until the club has developed a sound infrastructure particularly commercially. I see the future strategy as typical of most turnarounds, essentially repair, prepare and grow. Repair the current impact of loose budgeting (immediate priority), prepare the infrastructure for new revenue streams and grow the playing potential of the club. These phases have to be balanced properly. We need to think more about a 10-year plan than continual firefighting.



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DFCSG *notes*

>> BY CHRIS STOCKDALE

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Chorley FC.

We wish everyone a safe journey back after the game. With Chorley once again in the running for the playoffs this season, it signifies another tough game for the Quakers but one which we can approach with increased confidence given our recent improved performances.

Moving on to operational matters, I was delighted with the reaction to the appointment of David Collinge as Supporter Liaison Officer. He is perfectly suited to the role and I know he is keen to hit the ground running and make a real difference as explained elsewhere in the programme today.

As promised in my last notes I want to continue to expand on how the Supporters Group will be working towards improving things off the field going forward. Especially critical to this is the Matchday Operations and Supporter Engagement workstream we have formed. I will be heading this up alongside David Collinge, Lynn Jasper and Terry Black. We are aware that the matchday experience at Blackwell has plenty of room for improvement and hope that over the coming months you will all see some positive changes.

We are very open to any & all suggestions in this area - especially critical feedback. Let us know what you think of the catering, bar service, car parking, etc. Please email David at slo@dfcsg.co.uk with any comments you might have. It's crucial that we improve in these areas both to serve the fans who attend currently and to convert those that come along occasionally into more frequent supporters. At this level matchday income is crucial to the financial health of our football club and improving the matchday experience needs to be the #1 focus in the short to medium term off the field for Darlington FC.

The Supporters Group have been delighted with the 500 Club membership support scheme progress so far, it is still open for another couple of weeks (see the club website for details if you haven't received an email). The response has been excellent and the incentives offered have been well received.

Thank you all for your support and enjoy the game today.

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 Leamington on Saturday 27 January, departing at 9.45am and Bradford Park Avenue on Saturday 10 February, departing at 11am. The fare to Leamington is £20 and to Bradford is £12 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.darlingtonfcsgsupportersgroup.org/?page=fanstravel>

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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*

Hi everyone and welcome to today's game against Chorley. Here's hoping we can get back to winning ways today. Our luck has to turn sometime, I'm hoping it's today! Come on Darlo let's get those three points in the bag!

Quaker Retail in the bar

For the last two games we have moved our position to just to the right as you go through the door into the bar. We are hoping that we are more accessible to our fans there, who don't have to make their way to the bottom of the bar. Let me know what you think.

Darlo Hoodies

If you are looking for a warm comfortable hoody then look no further as we have a great range of hoodies and jackets. Our zipped hoodies are available in



black, grey, red and Avec have some sizes in Claret, they are great for casual wear and keeping warm at the match as they are internally brushed. They have a lined hood with tie cord. They are priced at £36 and well worth the money. We also have traditional hoodies too in black or grey and a black or grey fleece jacket with no hood both priced at £36.

Hats and Scarves

Our hats and scarves are now back in stock. They are great for keeping warm on match day and showing your support for



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Mugs

We now have a selection of three mugs in our shop for you to choose from. We have a white mug with the



Darlo crest on both sides, we have one with the crest on both sides and Darlo written vertically in between the crests. Both of these mugs are priced at £6. If you would like a first team player's picture on the mug just let me know and David Lord will print one for you. These are priced at £7.

Sale Items

As I mentioned in last week's programme our 2016/17 children's shirts are now in the sale for £10. We only have MB in the home strip and LB and XLB in the away. They would be great for sports or casual wear and for £10 they are a bargain. We also have a small number of last season's junior black shorts for just £5. £15 for a full strip can't be bad!

Well that's all from me for today. I've got everything crossed for a win! Please let Lady Luck smile on us today. See you all again soon.

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On This Day

In this series, we look back at matches on the corresponding day in our history.

January 24th 1998, League Two

Darlington 3 Exeter City 2, attendance 1917

We had lost our previous two matches against Wolves in the FA Cup and against Rotherham in the league, before we played Exeter at Feethams.

"Super" Mario Dörner gave us the lead on 38 minutes, only for Steve Flack to equalise. Glen Naylor scored twice in nine minutes in the second half to make it 3-1, but the drama began when Flack pulled a goal back.

Darlington keeper David Preece injured himself in trying to stop the goal, and without a sub keeper on the bench, Carl Shutt – who had played for Leeds in Europe – went in goal and kept Exeter out for the remainder of the game. Shutt had replaced Preece once before, when Preece was dismissed against Brighton at Gillingham – and he kept a clean sheet then as well.

Preece (sub Shutt 85), Shaw, Barnard, DeVos, Crosby, Atkinson, Oliver, Gaughan, Dörner, Naylor, Resch

Subs not used: Brumwell, Campbell

January 26th 2002, League Two

Darlington 3 Luton Town 2, attendance 3,564

We gained revenge for a 5-2 thumping at Kenilworth Road in this game at Feethams, thanks to supersub Mark Sheeran.

The teenager came on as a 73rd minute

CARL SHUTT



replacement for Barry Conlon, and scored twice in a remarkable last ten minutes.

Former Hartlepool player Steve Howard put Luton into the lead on 13 minutes, but Gary Pearson equalised on the half hour. Jean-Louis Valois made it 2-1 to the league leaders on the hour, but Sheeran came on and scored after 81 and 88 minutes. He scored the winner again the following week against Lincoln City.

Collett, Brumwell, Liddle, Heckingbottom, Ford, Maddison (sub Hodgson 34), Atkinson, Pearson, Wainwright (sub Harper 75), Clark, Conlon (sub Sheeran 73)

Subs: Convery, Finch

January 18th 2003, League Two

Darlington 2 Kidderminster 1, attendance 2630

We went into this game on the back of a 1-1 draw at Oxford United four days previously – the night when Richard Hodgson scored with a screamer from 35 yards.

This time, it was emergency striker Matt Clarke who took the scoring honours, with two goals in the second half.

Bo Henriksen gave Kiddie the lead, but Clarke, who was also a useful defender, scored on 61 and 83 minutes in front of the Tin Shed.

Collett, Liddle, Whitehead, Betts, Valentine, Hodgson, Pearson (sub Maddison 66), Keltie, Nicholls, Clarke, Offiong (sub Clark 78)

Subs not used: Sheeran, Campbell, Porter

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YOUTH ROUND UP



There have been some great individual performances by some of the lads in our youth team set up recently!

Oscar Luck, the goalkeeper for Darlington Quakers Under 15 played his first game of the season after being ruled out because of injury, and he kept a clean sheet in the lads' 9-0 win away to Soccerena at Durham.

There were seven different scorers that day -- Dan Luck 1, Oscar Taylor 2, Toby Richardson 1, Coulby Shepherd 1, Luca Nelson 1, Nathan Walls 1 and Jo Chisholm 2 -- a great performance.

Ben Furey played a starring role for the Under 10s in their away game. Before the game, manager Adam Willsher told forward Ben that he would score, and Ben agreed. Sure enough, he went on the pitch and scored the first goal in the game. Ben has put in a lot of work over the winter period and his performance was very much deserved.

Sam Connolly had a great game for the Under 14 Quakers against South Shields.

The youngsters trailed 1-0 at half time, but Sean and his team mates turned on the style in the second half, and they won the game 5-1. Man of the match Sam led the line well and got Quakers back into the game, scoring twice at the start of the second half.

The week before, Ciaran Dixon had scored a great hat trick in the Under 14s' 8-0 win at Durham. Ciaran scored his first with a tap in from a Connor Brown pass, then for his



second he dribbled past four men and fired past the keeper. He completed his hat trick with a terrific shot from the edge of the area.

Spencer Soakell had a great game when the Under 15s won 4-3 at Guisborough.

He scored the best goal of the match when he ran on to a through ball, and cleverly lobbed the ball over the advancing keeper. There were also some good games that day from Liam Wynn and Alex Mason.

In their previous game, goalkeeper Kenzie Alton starred in their 3-2 win over South Park. Kenzie hadn't played for quite a while because of injury, but he pulled off several great saves and stayed strong to make sure that his team won.

The youth teams are all self-financed, and rely on subscriptions and small sponsorships. If you would like to help in any way, then please e mail secretary@darlingtonfcyouth.co.uk

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. A derby 2. Flash Gordon 3. 65p 4. Porthos, Athos & Aramis 5. MGM 6. New Zealand 7. Blackpool 8. Zanzibar 9. Joy Division 10. To slice vegetables 11. Alfred

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. AC Milan 13. Motherwell 14. The Pools Panel 15. Aston Villa 16. Jon Fashanu 17. Terry McDermott & Alan Kennedy 18. New Zealand & Namibia 19. Tony Jacklin 20. Brian Johnston 21. Audley Harrison 22. Andy Fordham



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	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Salford City	26	18	4	4	46	24	58	+22
2	Harrogate Town	25	15	5	5	59	31	50	+28
3	Brackley	25	13	9	3	45	22	48	+23
4	York City	26	13	5	8	51	38	44	+13
5	Spennymoor Town	24	13	5	5	49	38	44	+11
6	Blyth Spartans	24	14	0	10	56	42	42	+14
7	Kidderminster	25	10	10	5	42	29	40	+13
8	Bradford PA	26	11	6	9	43	33	39	+10
9	Chorley	25	10	8	7	28	22	38	+6
10	Stockport County	25	10	7	8	48	36	37	+12
11	Tamworth	25	10	4	11	39	45	34	-6
12	Boston United	25	9	5	11	38	43	32	-5
13	FC United	25	9	5	11	42	48	32	-6
14	Curzon Ashton	25	7	9	9	30	39	30	-9
15	Nuneaton Town	26	8	5	13	34	44	29	-10
16	Southport	26	7	8	11	34	50	29	-16
17	Leamington	25	7	7	11	33	39	28	-6
18	Alfreton Town	25	8	3	14	39	43	27	-4
19	AFC Telford United	24	8	3	13	32	44	27	-12
20	Darlington	26	6	8	12	31	40	26	-9
21	Gainsborough Trinity	24	7	4	13	29	45	25	-16
22	North Ferriby	25	1	4	20	10	63	7	-53

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups sub	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	17	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	12	0	1	0	1	0	53	0	3	1	19	0
Gary Brown	13	0	1	0	1	0	165	3	12	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	3	1	0	0	0	72	5	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	9	1	0	0	1	0	87	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	12	5	1	1	1	0	12	5	1	1	1	0
Dominic Collins	25	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	13	0	1	0	4	0	29	1	1	0	5	0
Terry Galbraith	23	1	2	0	3	0	190	15	16	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	23	1	1	1	5	0	52	9	3	1	15	0
Mitchell Glover	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Josh Heaton	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	10	2	1	0	0	0	39	4	4	0	0	0
Greg Mills	5	2	1	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	1	0
Tom Portas	11	5	1	0	0	0	89	19	8	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	4	18	0	1	1	0	4	29	0	1	3	0
Leon Scott	10	7	0	0	0	0	165	36	14	1	20	0
Reece Styche	6	0	1	0	5	2	6	0	1	0	5	2
David Syers	14	5	2	0	4	0	33	14	3	1	12	0
James Talbot	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Thompson	20	3	1	0	2	0	214	12	15	3	70	6
Phil Turnbull	24	0	2	0	0	0	104	1	4	1	1	0
Luke Trotman	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	8	7	1	0	1	0	8	7	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
own goals	0	0	0	0	2	0						

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Sat Aug 5th	Salford	A	3.00	2-0	1777	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n 2	Scott	Saund's	Marrs	Fen'ick	Wil'ski
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	3.00	0-1	1532	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat Aug 26th	North Ferriby	A	3.00	1-1	479	Wil'ski	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Marrs	Wheat'y	Saund's	Fen'ick	Bell
Mon Aug 28th	Spennymoor Town	H	7.45	1-1	2070	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Portas	Caton	Wheat'y	Wil'ski
Sat Sept 2nd	Southport	A	3.00	0-2	1059	Bartlett	Burgess	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Portas	Saund's	Scott	Wil'ski
Tues Sept 5th	Chorley	A	7.45	1-4	1011	Bartlett	Marrs	Burgess	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Scott	Ferg'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat Sept 9th	Leamington	H	3.00	0-0	1277	Bartlett	Portas	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Vaulks	Saund's	Thomp'n	Wil'ski
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H	7.45	3-0	1178	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Burgess	Gillies	Wheat'y	Beck	Cartm'n	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Syers	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Sat Sept 16th	South Shields, FA Cup 2Q	H	3.00	0-3	1814	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Burgess	Wheat'y	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat Sept 23rd	Boston United	A	3.00	1-1	1051	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Dawson	Thomp'n	Cartman	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Vaulks	Wil'ski	Gillies
Sat Sept 30th	Curzon Ashton	A	3.00	0-1	292	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Gillies	Dawson	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Saund's	Portas	Cartman	Wil'ski	
Sat Oct 7th	Stockport County	H	3.00	1-1	1758	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Dawson	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Vaulks	Syers
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-2	764	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Burgess	Wheat'y	Syers	Wil'ski	Dawson
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H	3.00	2-1	1312	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Burgess
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A	3.00	1-3	1554	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Burgess	Caton	Saund's	Wil'ski	Wheat'y
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town	H	3.00	0-3	1267	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Caton	Burgess	Saund's	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Syers
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	3-3	1879	Wil'ski	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Wheat'y	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Gillies	Caton	Syers	Marrs	Scott
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H	3.00	0-1	1246	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Wheat'y	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Mills	Caton	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Scott	Bancroft	Portas	Heaton
Fri Nov 24th	Harrogate Town FA Trophy 3q	H	7.45	2-3	1127	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Portas	Styche2	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Vaulks		
Sat Dec 23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A	3.00	1-2	773	Talbot	Mills	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Portas	Styche	Thomp'n	Caton	Heaton	Syers	Marrs	Scott	Saund's
Tues Dec 26th	Harrogate Town	H	3.00	3-1	1759	Talbot	Heaton	Scott	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche2	Thomp'n	Syers	Glover	Saund's	Mills	Marrs	Caton
Mon Jan 1st	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	0-3	1648	Talbot	Heaton	Scott	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Syers	Galb'th	Mills	Saund's	Glover	Caton
Sat Jan 6th	York City	H	3.00	1-2	2406	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Syers	Collins	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Saund's	Portas	Caton	Scott	Turnbull	Gillies
Wed Jan 10th	Salford City	H	7.45	1-2	1350	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Gillies	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Portas	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Syers
Sat Jan 13th	Alfreton	A	3.00	1-1	727	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Portas	Brown	Mills	Gillies	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wheat'y	Marrs	Caton	Syers
Sat Jan 20th	Chorley	H																			
Sat Jan 27th	Leamington	A																			
Sat Feb 3rd	Blyth Spartans	H																			
Sat Feb 10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
Sat Feb 17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat Mar 3rd	Tamworth	A																			
Sat Mar 10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
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																				
Sat May 12th	play off final																				

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The George	Art shop	The Diner
Brittania	Beeswing inn	Robin Blair Fruit & Veg
Half Moon	E.cowton shop	& Veg
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Season 1993-94 is not remembered fondly by Darlington supporters, but it did see the end of the reign of manager Billy McEwan.

He was not a popular figure among the club's fans, who were relieved to see him leave after a 1-0 defeat at Northampton Town in early October - the 12th game of the season without a win.

The first victory did not come until the 18th match in all competitions, and it came in remarkable circumstances, a 7-3 win against Colchester at Feethams.

Goals by Lee Ellison (2), Robbie Painter (2), Gary Chapman (2) and Gary Himsworth doubled the team's league tally for the season.

With Alan Murray chosen to replace McEwan, Darlington ended the season in 21st, avoiding finishing bottom of the pile thanks to a last-day 1-0 win over Bury with Bernie Slaven scoring.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: GERRY FORREST, PAUL COOPER, MARK SUNLEY, ASHLEY FICKLING, SEAN GREGAN, DARREN COLLIER, RYAN SCOTT, STEVE O'SHAUGHNESSY, STEVE GAUGHAN, ADAM REED, IAN JURYEFF, TIM PARKIN.

FRONT ROW, L-R: BILLY MCEWAN, ANDY TOMAN, SIMON SHAW, STEVE BALL, GARY CHAPMAN, GEORGE SWITZER, CARL ROBINSON, ANTHONY ISAACS, GARY HIMSWORTH, LEE ELLISON, KEVIN MADDICK, NIGEL CARNELL.



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Referee: John Matthews

Assistant referees: Derric Wade and Jonathan Urwin

> Next home matches:

Saturday 3rd February
Blyth Spartans, kick off 3pm

Saturday 24th February
Kidderminster Harriers, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 27th January
Leamington, kick off 3pm

Saturday 10th February
Bradford Park Avenue, kick off 3pm

> Today's other matches:

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

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