

>> I appreciate that these individuals are a tiny minority, but the club will not stand for this behaviour and for any future occurrence, individuals will be ejected and banned for life. Please support the club in the right manner and help identify and root out such individuals who are clearly not welcome at our club.

The new stand is targeted for completion on the 24th February and this will give us the opportunity to enhance the match day experience with the creation of a family

area to nurture the next generation of fans for the club. This is an exciting development and our fans should be proud of their fundraising achievements in delivering this on time.

Finally, can I extend a warm welcome to the fans, players, management and officials of Salford City and wish them a safe journey home following the match.

Enjoy the game and get behind the team!

David



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

> Match officials:

Referee: Rebecca Welsh

Assistant referees: Terry Fletcher and Matthew East

Since our original programme was printed, there have been some additions to the Darlington squad, with keeper James Talbot and midfielder Mitchell Glover now included.

Salford have signed Tom Walker from FC United of Manchester.

> Next home matches:

Saturday 20th January

Chorley, kick off 3pm

Saturday 3rd February

Blyth Spartans, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 13th January

Alfreton, kick off 3pm

Saturday 27th January

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from the
dugout

>> WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good evening and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows for tonight's Vanarama National League North fixture versus Salford City.

At the third time of asking this fixture will finally take place and is one everyone associated to both teams have been looking forward to.

It's a fixture that doesn't come much tougher when you face not only your long term rivals but also the league leaders. I'm looking forward to seeing Bern and Jonno, they have done a great job at the club and will have their boys up for tonight I'm sure.

Both sides need the points for different reasons, we find ourselves in unwanted territory but we feel we have been unfortunate of late not to have added to our points tally. Having said that you get nowhere in life feeling sorry for yourself. The league table is tight and if we can find some consistency and win back-to-back games things can turn quickly.

We need to concentrate on ourselves at the moment and not worry about the opposition so much. We have been beating ourselves and gifting goals away -- this of course must stop and it will stop.

We know the group is better than it has served up all season but changes now have to take place.

This will be our twenty fifth game of the season, we have won five. We have eighteen to go, it's imperative we start to pick up some results sooner rather than later.

Let's make the most of our home games with you as supporters being our twelfth man. Your support as always is amazing.

Get behind the lads tonight, we will do our best to restore faith and put smiles back on faces.

Enjoy the game

Tommy



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DARLINGTON V SALFORD CITY



Building the
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>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON



Good evening everybody and welcome to the game.

Today sees the visit of the current league leaders Salford City, who despite a recent dip in form remain top of the league. Our first game of the season was away to Salford and we returned deserved winners following an entertaining game, but today will prove to be a very difficult test against the side who everyone was predicting would win the league this season and will continue to set the standard of the remainder of the season

Recent results have been disappointing for us as we have gone through significant changes in both managerial and playing staff. It always takes time for a side to settle following such changes whilst players and staff get used to new formations and tactics employed. Whilst I am not one to bemoan bad luck, we do seem to have been punished in recent games for every mistake we have made either individually or collectively. The game against York was obviously a very emotive game for everyone concerned as it saw the return of Martin Gray for the first time since leaving to manage York. I thought we were very unlucky not to take something out of the game and at half time we had been the better side and fully deserved our lead with a great goal from Reece. Ten crazy minutes into the second half we found ourselves 2-1 behind and we were then chasing the game but despite having many chances we ultimately lost again which was extremely disappointing. As we stand today, we need to start to turn around our recent disappointing form and what better place to start than this evening.

Tommy is continuing to look at the squad and we will look to support him as he shapes the squad for the remainder of this

season and beyond. The development of talent is a key area that we want to improve moving forward. Bringing players through our ranks who can play at this level and getting the right blend with experienced players is a great model to develop from a financial perspective, and we will look to strengthen where we need to.

I firmly believe this club has a great future and we are involved in discussions with various parties regarding the Sporting Village concept. We will look to secure the right commercial deals that benefit DFC to enable a sustainable financial future together with increased revenue to support our ambitions to play at a higher level. The key priorities however for the remainder of this season are as follows;

- Secure National League North status
- Clear the legacy debt by February 2018
- Deliver a breakeven profit/loss for the first time since the club reformed

The club can then set realistic budgets and targets for the following season whilst we understand the Council's position regarding future sporting development in the town. We need to be ready to move quickly once this position is known and the club will look to develop income-generating assets to support our ongoing development.

Sadly, I must mention some disgraceful behaviour that I witnessed at our home game against York City. The verbal abuse directed at our guests in the Boardroom area from so-called Darlington fans was both cowardly and disgusting. When I tried to intervene to calm the situation, I was also subject to vile and abusive comments in front of my family. >>