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>> WITH MARTIN GRAY

Good afternoon, everyone.

The players and coaching staff are very determined to end our recent run of poor results by winning this afternoon.

Like you, I hurt badly after the game at Chorley on Tuesday night. We've worked hard to get where we are as a club, and we've got a lot of work to do in order to make more progress on and off the field - nothing comes easy unless you work hard for it. I want to be in the play offs at the end of the season, but we've got to be realistic with our ambitions. At the moment, we've got some injuries that are hampering us - Chris Hunter, Gary Brown and Terry Galbraith were all missing the other night from our defence plus Kevin Burgess and Liam Marrs aren't fully match fit -- we're up against some very good teams, we've had a lot of games and done quite a bit of travelling.

Nothing much seemed to go right the other night once we fell behind to that early penalty which our lads disputed for what appeared to be good reason after we viewed the video later. The ball seemed to bounce up and hit Leon on his chest, but after that goal we made mistakes that allowed them to get a 3-0 lead and gave ourselves no chance to get back into the game. We had a slim chance of getting something after Harvey scored, but their fourth goal finished the game off.

Adam Bartlett was outstanding, but I'd rather him have a quiet night for obvious reasons!

We will remain positive and look at the bigger picture. As a club, we have come a very long way since we kicked off in the Northern League, and we should be proud of what we've achieved so far.

But we can't expect to win every week. We go into every game wanting to win, but we need to appreciate that because of the strength of this division (even more so this season), winning every week is impossible. If everyone is fit, then we have a very good squad, as we proved last season and the start of this, but your shortcomings can be exposed as we have discovered.

The coaching staff and I spent more time than usual on Thursday at training talking to the players, and hopefully we can eradicate some of the errors that have crept in, and return to winning ways.

Now more than ever, we need your support. The lads need as much backing today as we try to end this poor run.

Enjoy the game

Martin



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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Good afternoon everyone.

We're really looking to bounce back this afternoon after our disappointment at Chorley the other night - and we need your help more than ever today.

I think we were all shocked after the game, there wasn't very much said in the changing room and on the bus on the way home because we were all deflated. To be fair to Martin, I thought he handled the situation really well in the dressing room and was positive with us.

We want a massive reaction today. There was plenty of effort and commitment from the lads the other night, but nothing seemed to go right from the third minute when the referee awarded a dubious penalty against us. Leon was adamant that the ball flicked up off his leg and hit him on the chest, but the referee gave the penalty, they scored and gained momentum from then on. We had to chase the game and left ourselves vulnerable, but we still made errors that cost goals.

It was a real shock to my system at half time, I've never been in a Darlo team that has been 3-0 down in the first half, and I certainly don't want to experience that again.

So on Thursday night at training we had a good chat about things, and about how we could put things right against Leamington today. We haven't become a bad team overnight, we're just going through a rough patch at the moment in which our confidence has been a little bit bruised and we're not playing as well as we can.

It's at times like these when we need your support more than ever. You have always been brilliant during my time here, and today everyone in the dressing room is sure that you'll be backing us more than ever. There has always been great togetherness at this club, and I'm sure that will come to the fore today.

So let's regain our momentum today, and put things right.

Enjoy the game

Phil



SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017



Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

Leamington play us for the first time ever today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Founded in 1891 as Leamington Town
- Also played as Lockheed Borg and Beck, Lockheed Leamington, AP Leamington
- Several appearances in second round of the FA Cup
- Club went into extinction in 1988
- Reformed as current club in 2000, in the Midlands Football Combination Division Two
- First season at National North level in 2013
- Promoted from the Southern League in 2017

LAST SEASON

After reaching the playoffs in the 2015/16 Leamington were hoping to go one better and earn promotion in the last campaign. They started the season well winning their first four games, before losing to eventually champions Chippenham. They exited both the FA Cup and FA Trophy in their first games to Highgate United and Mickleover Sports respectively. Yet, they proved to be minor blips in a great first half to the season which saw them sit at the top of the table for a long period.

However, a 6-0 home to defeat to Slough, when Leamington finished with nine men would see them slip from top spot. They recovered as they went on a five game winning run in February and March to keep up their hopes of the title.

Despite this they were unable to keep pace with a quite sublime Chippenham, who would go on to win 17 of their last 19 matches, finishing on over 100 points as they took the league title. Despite

winning just one of their last five matches, Leamington were able to secure second place in the table and home advantage for the playoffs. During the league campaign, they finished with the best defensive record conceding just 32 times in 46 matches.

In the playoff semi-final, they extracted revenge on Slough winning 1-0, before a dramatic playoff final against Hitchin Town. Despite falling behind, they levelled with a late penalty before going on to win the match and seal promotion in extra time.

They capped their season off with a penalty shootout victory over Wolves in the Birmingham Senior Cup final.

2017/18 STATS

- Have yet to pick up a point at home from five games
- Conceded the joint most goals in the league, 20

Leamington

- Ahmed Obeng top scorer with two, both on the opening day
- On five occasions have been drawing at half time, but gone on to lose

LAST SIX MATCHES

05/09/2017 Alfreton (H) Lost 2-3

02/09/2017 FC United of Manchester (A) Won 2-1

28/08/2017 AFC Telford United (H) Lost 3-0

26/08/2017 Nuneaton Town (A) Lost 4-0

19/08/2017 Stockport County (H) Lost 3-2

15/08/2017 Kidderminster Harriers (A) Lost 2-0

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 Southern League Premier Division – Points 92 Position 2nd (Playoff winners)

2015/16 Southern League Premier Division – Points 81 Position 5th

2014/15 National League North – Points 40 Position 21st (Relegated)

2013/14 National League North – Points 52 Position 13th

2012/13 Southern League Premier Division – Points 95 Position 1st (Promoted)

2011/12 Southern League Premier Division – Points 69 Position 7th

LAST TWO MATCHES

Leamington 2 Alfreton 3

Leamington were in the lead twice, but lost to a late goal.

Goalkeeper Tony Breeden put them into the lead with a penalty kick, but Alfreton

levelled through Craig Westcarr. Stefan Moore restored the lead, but Luke Shiels levelled from close range.

Leamington had their chances to win the game, but it was Alfreton who got the winner on 88 minutes through Tom Platt. FC United 1 Leamington 2

Leamington won their first away game of the season thanks to two second half goals. They took the lead on 70 minutes when a shot by Connor Gudger was deflected in by Callum Gittings, then Colby Bishop scored from the loose ball after Gudger's free kick was parried.

United pulled a goal back through Scott Kay, but Leamington held on.

Leamington: Breeden, Taundry, Gudger, Clark, English, Mace, Thompson-Brown (sub Magunda 62), Dunbar, Moore (sub Bishop 74), Gittings, Obeng (sub Revan 81)
Subs not used: Canavan, Butterfield

PLAYERS/MANAGERS

Manager: Paul Holleran

Paul enters his ninth season at Leamington having guided the club back to the National League North courtesy of a dramatic extra time victory over Hitchin Town in the Southern League Premier Division play off final in May. He then celebrated his 400th competitive game in charge





Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

Leamington

by watching his team bring home the Birmingham Senior Cup for the first time in 45 years as they beat a young Wolverhampton Wanderers side on penalties after a 1-1 draw at Molineux.

He has managed 'Brakes' since November 2009, taking the team to a play off spot in his first full season, and after winning the Southern League Premier Division Championship in 2013 he managed at Step Two in the Conference North for the first time, achieving a respectable 13th position.

Having begun his playing career as a scholar at Birmingham City, also playing for the Republic of Ireland as a schoolboy, Paul moved into non-league with Alvechurch and Solihull Borough before two knee operations brought early retirement and a move into coaching, where he is qualified to UEFA level. He was instrumental in setting up reserve and youth teams at Solihull Borough before taking his first managerial role at Kings Norton Town, taking them to runners up spot in the Midland Alliance and a cup win before he worked alongside David Busst with the first team at Solihull Borough, eventually taking over the manager's role. He can lay claim to helping two clubs to promotion in the same season, as he left Solihull for Halesowen Town late in the 2003/2004 campaign, which saw both clubs go up!

Paul has also managed Rushall Olympic, taking them to two playoff spots and the 4th Qualifying Round of FA Cup for the first time in their history.

Tony Breedan - Goalkeeper/captain

Tony had what he described as probably the best season of his career to date in



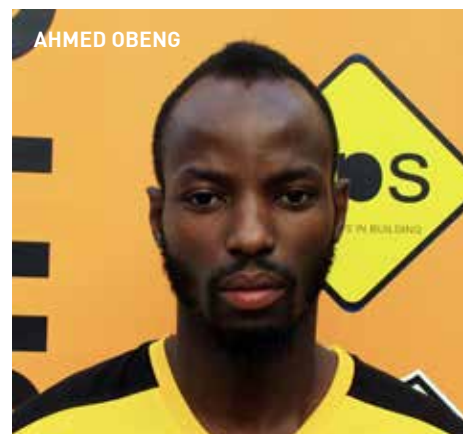
2016/17, and the stats certainly back that up. He played in all but one of Leamington's 56 games, and conceded only 32 goals in 46 league games, keeping 27 clean sheets in all competitions. His continued presence between the posts gives the club a huge boost as they return to Step 2 football.

Tony will pass 250 appearances this season in what is his third spell at the club, and has previously turned out for Rushall Olympic, Sutton Coldfield Town, Kidderminster Harriers, Tamworth and Solihull Moors. He also converted a penalty in last Tuesday's 3-2 defeat by Alfreton.

Joe Clarke

Joe Clarke became Paul Holleran's first signing of the summer as he captured the experienced midfield man to boost his squad for our National League North return.

Clarke spent last season at league rivals Tamworth, making 36 appearances for the Lambs and scoring 1 goal. Early in his



career he was a member of the Evesham United side that pipped Brakes to the Southern League Midland Division title back in 2007/08, going on to feature for Redditch United and Solihull Moors before Mark Cooper gave him the chance to move into full time football with ourselves in the 2010/11 season.

He then went on to earn a contract at Wrexham, spending four successful years in North Wales before spells at Kidderminster Harriers and Brackley Town in 2015/16.

Liam Canavan

Liam arrived at Leamington in summer 2017 with a reputation as one of the brightest young talents in the Southern League. Having begun his career at now sadly defunct Hinckley United he has experience of the National League North, having been part of the Knitters' final campaign in the division.

Equally at home in midfield or as a striker, the 22 year old scored 42 goals in all competitions for Thurnby Nirvana

in 2014/15 as they finished runners up to AFC Rushden & Diamonds in the United Counties League. This earned him a move to Nuneaton Town for the following season. He joined Kettering Town on loan early in the campaign, and made 80 appearances for the Poppies over the last two seasons, scoring 16 goals.

SQUAD:

Goalkeepers: Tony Breedan

Defenders: Connor Gudger, Jamie Hood, Tom James, James Mace, Richard Taundry

Midfielders: Liam Canavan, Joe Clarke, Junior English, Callum Gittings, Joe Magunda, Dan Quigley, Kurtis Revan, Rob Thompson-Brown

Forwards: Colby Bishop, Ahmed Obeng, Courtney Baker-Richardson





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THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

> DENNIS JENNINGS

One-time Leamington winger Dennis Jennings featured prominently in Birmingham City's 1947-48 Second Division title triumph. A former West Brom amateur, he joined Kidderminster Harriers in July 1928, then Huddersfield Town in October 1930. Moving to Grimsby Town in September 1932, he starred in their 1933-34 Second Division title success and joined Birmingham in January 1936. He helped them win the Football League War South title in 1945-46 and returned to Kidderminster as player-coach in March 1951. Joining Lockheed Leamington in June 1953, he later ran a caravan park with his brother in Cornwall and died in March 1996.

> BILL DRAPER

Former Leamington centre-forward Bill Draper was Northampton Town's leading marksman in 1955-56. Born locally, he topped Lockheed Leamington's goalscoring charts in 1954-55 and joined Northampton Town in June 1955. He scored on his home debut in their 5-2 victory over QPR three months later and formed an exciting partnership with

Jack English. Moving to Kettering Town in July 1957, he was their top scorer in consecutive seasons and later appeared for Rugby Town. He co-owned two casino nightclubs in Leamington, the Oddspot and Le Can Can, then opened the first of the Spa Turf Accountant betting offices. He died in March 2015.

> BILLY McDERMENT

One-time Leamington defender Billy McDerment featured in Luton Town's 1967-68 Fourth Division title campaign. Initially with Johnstone Burgh, he joined Leicester City in May 1961 and made his First Division debut in place of Ian King in their 3-1 defeat at Aston Villa in May 1963, skipping their reserves to the 1967 Football Combination Cup final. He joined Luton in July 1967 and also appeared in their 1968-69 promotion near-miss. Briefly with Notts County, he joined Morton in October 1969, then St Mirren and Lockheed Leamington. After 25 years in the Strathclyde Police Force, he was a security officer at Glasgow Airport.

> MICKY BOOT

Ex-England Schoolboy

midfielder Micky Boot featured prominently in AP Leamington's 1975-76 promotion success. Signing professional for Arsenal in December 1964, he featured in two FA Youth Cup finals including their 1966 success and scored on his First Division debut in the Gunners' 2-0 win over Newcastle in October 1966. He joined Port Elizabeth City in March 1967, then Nuneaton and Kidderminster, joining AP Leamington in March 1973. Injury ruled him out of the 1974 Southern League Cup final but he starred in their 1977-78 FA Cup run. Later with Australian sides Townsville, Mareeba and Phoenix, he has settled in Newcastle (NSW).

> JIMMY GOODFELLOW

One-time Leamington striker Jimmy Goodfellow scored in Leicester City's 1965 League Cup final triumph. Initially with Third Lanark, he represented the Scottish League prior to joining Leicester in May 1963 and was their first-ever substitute against Liverpool in August 1965. Reunited with Nick Sharkey at Mansfield Town in March 1968, he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1968-69 and had a

spell with Durban City before moving to Weymouth in July 1971. Later with Nuneaton Borough, Rugby Town and AP Leamington, he featured in their 1974 Southern League Cup final success. He became an electrician and died in April 2011.

> ROGER BROWN

Central defender Roger Brown was a key figure in AP Leamington's 1975-76 promotion success. Initially with Walsall, he had a spell with Paget Rangers before joining AP Leamington in September 1974. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1976-77 and helped take Southend United to an FA Cup second round replay in 1977-78, moving to AFC Bournemouth in February 1978. Joining Norwich City in July 1979, he moved to Fulham in March 1980 and was ever-present in their 1981-82 promotion success. He rejoined AFC Bournemouth in December 1983, then managed Poole Town and Colchester United. Later working as a probation officer, he died in August 2011.

> JOHN FARRINGTON

Winger John Farrington had a spell as Leamington's player-manager. He turned professional with Wolves in June 1965 and made his League debut in the 2-1 defeat at home to Birmingham in August 1966, helping them to regain top-flight status in 1966-67. Sold to Leicester City for £30,000 in October 1969, he starred in their 1970-71 Second Division title triumph. He

reunited with Frank O'Farrell at Cardiff City in November 1973, playing in the 1974 Welsh Cup final, then linked up with Bill Dodgin again at Northampton Town in October 1974. Later AP Leamington's player-boss, he then worked as a club steward in Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire.

> HARRY REDKNAPP



Former England Youth winger Harry Redknapp briefly played for Leamington during the 1976-77 campaign. Signing professional for West Ham in March 1964, he reunited with John Bond at Bournemouth for £31,000 in August 1972 and later played for Brentford, United States side Seattle Sounders and AP Leamington. He rejoined Bournemouth as coach and became Cherries' manager in November 1983, plotting their 1986-87 Third Division title triumph. He left in June 1992, since managing West Ham, Portsmouth (2002-03 First Division title) Southampton, Pompey again (2008 FA Cup), Spurs, QPR (2013-14 promotion) and Birmingham City.

> VINCE O'KEEFE

Goalkeeper Vince O'Keefe starred as AP Leamington

took Southend United to an FA Cup second round replay in 1977-78. A former Birmingham City junior, he had spells with Paget Rangers and Walsall before joining AP Leamington. He moved to Exeter City in June 1978, then Torquay United in February 1980. Ever-present in two consecutive seasons before moving to Blackburn Rovers in August 1982, he was 'Man of the Match' in their 1987 Full Members Cup final triumph. He joined Wrexham in July 1989 and helped beat Arsenal in the 1991-92 FA Cup third round. Later playing for Exeter again and Chorley, he has since been a PFA financial consultant.

> ERRINGTON KELLY

Former Leamington winger Errington Kelly was Peterborough United's leading marksman in 1984-85. Born in St Vincent, he had spells playing for AP Leamington, VS Rugby and Ledbury Town prior to joining Bristol Rovers for £1,000 in September 1981 and made his League debut in their 3-2 win at Exeter City five months later. Moving to Lincoln City in January 1983, he briefly joined his brother Tony at Bristol City in March 1983, then reunited with Bobby Gould at Coventry City in July 1983. He moved to Peterborough in March 1984 and later played for Swedish sides Grebbestads and Gimonas before coaching football, becoming an English teacher.



Building the future together



>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

Good afternoon, everybody and welcome to the game.

We're now at the point where we're pressing ahead with the second stage of the stand development, which is the steel erection and cladding, and soon after that the installation of seats. This is a very important part of the club's progress - we don't want to be in a similar situation to last season, when we couldn't satisfy the ground requirements for promotion.

We need as many people as possible to contribute to the DFCSG fundraising platforms, as this is an investment in the future of the club.

If our plans do change in the future, then the loans the club has received from Darlington FC Supporters Group will remain in place to honour the repayment of pledges made so far, so please go on the DFCSG website and pledge. Everyone has made a great effort so far to get us to this point, and another push will help us achieve our next target.

The FA Cup draw against

South Shields has given us a great opportunity to progress. Shields have done very well in the last three seasons, and they will bring a large number of supporters to the game in a week's time. There is already a huge amount of interest and that's why we've decided to make the game all ticket and to segregate fans.

Having a good FA Cup run will boost our finances very nicely with gate receipts and prize money, so please come along and support the lads.

Our recent form has been a little bit disappointing, and everyone knows that those results haven't been as good as they should have been, but we're still very nicely in the running.

This is a very competitive division, there's not just ourselves who are disappointed with our points tally so far - look at some of the clubs who were below us last weekend! There were seven draws in the division last weekend, and we didn't lose that much

ground on the leading group.

We should have won at least two of our recent matches with all the chances that we created, but games are decided by fine margins. Sometimes a ball goes the wrong side of the post instead of a few inches the other way, or the opposing keeper makes a mistake and gets away with it - little things like that can determine goals.

Two games per week takes a lot out of every team, so once we're playing just one game a week then Martin will be able to work with the lads more on the training ground and get things right. No-one can fault them for effort, that's for certain. As long as we keep picking up points, then we'll be all right.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the fans, officials, players and staff from Leamington, and we hope that they have a safe journey home.

Many thanks
David

“Darlington has to be the club where you have to be if you want to progress.”



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Adam Bartlett

“FOR FANS, FOR FOOTBALL, FOR EVER”

Adam Bartlett

Adam was within two yards of becoming the first Darlo goalkeeper to score in outfield play against Spennymoor on Bank Holiday Monday – he spoke to Ray Simpson.

Not even some of the most popular keepers in the club's history, such as Mark Prudhoe, Tony Moor, Fred Barber, ever managed to score – but Adam very nearly became the first on Bank Holiday Monday to do so.

His hoisted free kick from inside Quakers' half, went into the Spennymoor penalty area, was missed by the Spennymoor keeper and was going into the net until goal poacher Gary Brown nipped in and made sure by nodding the ball in.

“I saw the ball go over their keeper and Becky when they both went for it, and then Brown nipped in behind. I saw him touch it, and to be honest when I celebrated I wasn't thinking of myself, I was thinking more of the team and that we'd equalised in a big game and so I was very excited.

“I was aware of the fact that I could have scored, but the ball was creeping in and Brown had to make sure of it. I was happy for him – he's on course for the five goal target he's set for himself this season!”

Adam revealed that he has quit his job at Middlesbrough Academy in order to concentrate on playing for Quakers, quelling fears that he was going to quit his playing career with us.

“I was coaching in the academy at Middlesbrough, and there was a conflict there going into the season, in that they weren't happy with me playing for Darlington on Saturdays.

“A decision had to be made because I was at the end of my probation period. I left Hartlepool six months ago and took the coaching job at Boro as well as playing for Darlington. I took the decision on the basis that I'm 31 years old and I want to keep on playing for Darlington. There are coaching jobs elsewhere and so I'll see what comes up -- I'm qualified, I've got my coaching badges.

“I'm one of the few who are qualified enough for the type of role that I was doing at Middlesbrough. There are other clubs in the area, and hopefully something will come up -- I'll keep my fingers crossed that something will happen.”

Adam says he hasn't noticed much difference between part time and full time, and he's still very pleased that he left Hartlepool for Quakers last season.

“It's different because you've only got the two or three sessions per week playing part time, whereas as a pro you're in every day. Having said that, you just want to get games under your belt. Over the close season, you want to get your eye back in, and things get pushed into two or three training sessions. But that's a good thing, we've got a good squad with plenty of experienced lads, some of whom have been full time before. They keep themselves active and look after themselves by going to the gym and the pool. You could see from the games at Salford



and York that we've got a fit group of lads. Everything has been positive up to now and long may it continue.

“I thought we started the season really well with three wins but then we didn't win for a few games, but we've got a strong core of players left over from last season who know what this league is all about. It's a very strong league as results everywhere have shown this season.

“There are a lot of full time teams and teams who are there or thereabouts with their reputations. Some clubs are in areas where they have the pick of the best players, and as far as the north east is concerned, Darlington has to be the club where you have to be if you want to progress.

“I know we have Blyth and Spennymoor in the north east to compete with, but with all due respect to those two clubs, with the fan base that we have here, the infrastructure, and all the recent success, I can't see why anyone wouldn't want to play here.”



JOSH GILLIES SCORES AT NORTH FERRIBY

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KEY MOMENTS

- 1** – Tom Portas starts his first game for nearly a year
- 7** – Mark Beck's header from David Ferguson's cross goes just wide
- 9** – Quakers go 1-0 up. Phil Turnbull cleverly split the North Ferriby defence for Josh Gillies to control the ball on his left foot, switch to his right, and then slot into the bottom corner for his fourth goal of the season, the club's top scorer.
- 15** – Ferriby keeper Ross Durrant pulls off an excellent one-handed save from Mark Beck's header
- 25** – Josh Gillies' free kick is held by Durrant
- 35** -- Quakers then lost right back Chris Hunter because of injuries to his ankle and tibia. The injuries weren't as bad as first feared, but he'll still be out for a couple of months.
- 51** – North Ferriby equalise when sub Curtis Bateson fired home from the edge of the box.

- 65** -- Quakers nearly regained the lead when David Ferguson cut in from the left, played a 1-2 and hit a right foot shot that the keeper parried low down, but he recovered and somehow blocked the follow up from James Caton.
- 75** -- sub Joe Wheatley made a great run to take him into the box, played a 1-2 with Beck, and the keeper made another top class save from his low shot at the foot of the post.
- 85** -- Dominic Collins headed a corner towards goal but somehow Durrant saved the ball low down.

Darlington: Wilczynski, Hunter (sub Marrs 38), Collins, Galbraith, Ferguson; Thompson (sub Wheatley 69), Turnbull, Portas, Gillies; Beck, Caton (sub Saunders 76)
 Subs: Fenwick, Bell. Booking: Marrs
 North Ferriby: Durrant, Cooke, Dixon, Johnson, Skelton, Picton, Russell, Fry (sub Barrows 15), Francis, Ambalu (sub Hutchinson 76), Pugh (sub Bateson 46)
 Subs: Gray, Rzonca



DAVID FERGUSON GOES DOWN IN THE SPENNYMOOR BOX

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Gary Brown, a veteran of several games against Spennymoor Town in the past, earned Quakers a point with his first goal of the season, but we could so easily have gained all three.

KEY MOMENTS:

- 15** – an effort by David Ferguson is saved by Moors keeper Dan Lowson
- 20** – a header by Mark Beck is well saved again by Lowson
- 25** – Moors take the lead with a rising left foot shot by David Foley that gave Darlo keeper Adam Bartlett no chance at all.
- 35** – Terry Galbraith's effort from an acute angle is held by the keeper.
- 48** – Josh Gillies' inswinging corner is headed off the line by Moors full back Chris Chantler

- 57** – Gary Brown heads in a deep free kick by Adam Bartlett that Lowson missed under pressure from Mark Beck
- 70** – Quakers have big appeals for a penalty after it appeared as if David Ferguson was tugged back by Spennymoor full back Kallum Griffiths
- 75** – Stephen Thompson heads a Terry Galbraith cross just over the bar
- 89** – Bartlett saves from Jake Orrell, who had cut in from the right.

Teams: Bartlett, Marrs, Ferguson, Galbraith, Collins, Brown, Thompson (sub Fenwick 75), Turnbull, Beck, Syers (sub Portas 77), Gillies (sub Caton 77)
 Subs not used : Wheatley, Wilczynski
 Bookings: Brown, Turnbull
 Spennymoor: Lowson, Griffiths, Chantler, Chandler, Tait, Curtis, Hall (sub Henry 50), Ramshaw, Taylor, Johnson (sub Orrell 73), Foley
 Subs not used: Mason, Porter, Anderson
 Bookings: Curtis, Chandler
 Attendance 2070 (378 from Spennymoor)

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



LIAM HARDY



MATTY PENNAL

Buxton manager Martin McIntosh believes that **Liam Hardy** is the best striker in the EvoStik League.

Hardy, who was part of the Darlington squad that won promotion from the EvoStik League, scored a hat trick in Buxton's 4-1 win at Ashton United on bank Holiday Monday, two days after he had scored for them in their 2-1 home win over Halesowen.

The Bucks boss said: "He's head and shoulders for me the best striker in the league. I don't think there's any doubt about that. I think had he played the first two games for us, based on what he has done since he has started, we'd be in the top three or four."

"He had four chances yesterday and he scored three. He's prolific and I don't think anyone could argue against him being the best in the league. We lost Brad Grayson, he decided to go to Mickleover, and we knew it wasn't going to be a problem because we knew we had Liam back."

Richard Brodie, who played a couple of pre season games

for us, scored for Skelmersdale against Prescott Cables in the EvoStik First Division North on Bank Holiday Monday.

Nathan Fisher continued his rich vein of goalscoring form when he scored his 13th goal of the season for West Auckland in a 1-1 draw at Shildon on Bank Holiday Monday. He was in the same team as **Adam Mitchell** and **Anthony Bell** while in goal for Shildon was **Nick Liversedge**.

Keith Finch had played in goal for West the previous Saturday.

Craig Gott was on target for Marske in their 2-1 home win over Newton Aycliffe on Bank Holiday Monday, which meant that Marske had a 100 per cent record in the Northern League after four matches. Up to that point, Gott had scored four times this season, including one in an FA Cup tie against Scarborough Athletic.

Matty Pennal, who scored for us against New Mills in season 2014-15, scored twice for Newton Aycliffe in their 3-0 home win over Penrith on 26th August, their first league win of the season.

Andy Johnson capped his recovery from injury by scoring for Bishop Auckland when they were beaten 4-1 at home by Guisborough in their basement clash on 26th August, but he was part of their winning side when they beat Penrith 3-2 on Bank Holiday Monday.

Chris Emms, who helped us win the Northern League in season 2012-13, scored in successive games against Alnwick and Ryton for Crook Town.

John Campbell scored one of the goals for Newcastle Benfield when they pulled off a shock 2-1 away win at Goole in the preliminary round of the FA Cup.

Dave Penney left his job as assistant manager of National League club Guiseley after manager Adam Lockwood was sacked following Guiseley's 1-0 home defeat by Hartlepool on Bank Holiday Monday. Guiseley won only one of their first seven league games, and were third bottom of the table.

HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

WE'RE ON THE BALL

Harrogate Town's unbeaten record this season was ended with a 2-1 defeat at home to Salford, who moved within a point of top spot with the win. Mike Phenix gave **Salford** the lead after just two minutes at Wetherby Road. Joe Leesley equalised with a penalty two minutes into the second half, only for Lois Maynard to strike the winner 13 minutes from time for the Ammies. Salford are now eight games unbeaten, with the opening day loss at Darlington their only defeat so far.

The result also means **Brackley** are the only team unbeaten in the division this season. They were held to a goalless draw at home by **Tamworth** on Tuesday night. The result keeps the Saints a point ahead of Harrogate and Salford, and remarkably, Brackley have conceded just once in their last six games.

Jon Parkin scored twice as **York City** moved within touching distance of a play-off place with an entertaining 4-2 win at **Spennymoor**. Both of Parkin's goals came in the first half at Brewery Field, as did a strike from Louis Almond to put the Minstermen 3-0 up by half time. Then Moors fought back, with Joe Tait and Mark Anderson's goals giving hope of a famous comeback. But Kaine Felix struck late on to ensure York took all three points.

York are kept out of the top 7 on goal difference after **Stockport** thrashed fellow promotion contenders **Southport** 6-0 at Edgeley Park. Jason Oswell and James Ball both scored twice, while Matthew Warburton and Harry Winter also found the net as Stockport recorded their biggest win of the season. Southport also had Adam Dugdale sent off midway through the first half.

After a shaky start, **Blyth Spartans** have hit their stride and won for the third time in four games with a 3-1 win at **FC United**. Dan Maguire scored once in each half, while

Sean Reid was also on the scoresheet as Spartans moved into a play-off spot. Jason Gilchrist did pull a goal back in the 2nd half for FC United, although it proved only to be consolation.

Thomas Platt scored late as **Alfreton** came from behind to beat today's opponents **Leamington** 3-2. Tony Breeden had put Leamington ahead, only for Craig Westcarr to level for the visitors. Leamington were soon back in front through Stefan Moore. David Shiels equalised once more for Alfreton just before half time. With the game heading for a draw, Platt popped up late on to steal all three points for Alfreton.

10-man **Boston** also scored late on to take all three points, keeping North Ferriby at the bottom of the table. Joe Pugh had given **North Ferriby** the lead at York Street, but Jay Rollins levelled three minutes into the second half. North Ferriby thought they had the advantage when Harry Vince was sent off for the hosts. But Rollins found the net late on to give Boston the victory.

Elsewhere, **Bradford Park Avenue** made it five games unbeaten with a 3-0 win at **Gainsborough**. Oli Johnson, Adam Boyes and Wayne Brooksby scored the goals.

AFC Telford moved up to 14th by winning 2-0 at **Nuneaton**. Anthony Dwyer put the Bucks in front, before a Niall Heaton own goal secured the win.

And **Kidderminster Harriers** were twice pegged back to draw 2-2 at home to **Curzon Ashton**. Mark Croasdale put Harriers in front two minutes before half time, only for Matthew Regan to level for Nash. Joe Ironside restored Harriers' advantage seven minutes later, but a Niall Cummins goal one minute from time earned Curzon a point.

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THE PAST



Stephen Thompson has been one of Darlington's most important players since 2012, having signed for the club exactly five years ago today.

The forward joined from Durham City, where he had played alongside several players who had already joined Quakers earlier that summer: Arjun Purewal, Amar Purewal, Gary Brown and David Dowson.

Thompson made his Darlington debut three days after signing, coming on as a substitute against Newton Aycliffe in a 1-0 win at Heritage Park, the first of 225 appearances he has since made in Quakers colours, scoring 73 goals.

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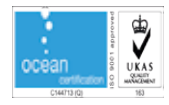


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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

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. What is the predominant flavour of fennel?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. Which Football League clubs are nicknamed the Valiants?
13. For which African country did George Weah make 60 international appearances?
14. Name three England captains who have played for Scunthorpe Utd.
15. Which British club has won the European Cup more times than its own top league?
16. What was used in the 1973 FA Cup Final but has never been used since?
17. In which sport would you find a 'tin', an 'out line' and a 'half-court line'?
18. In the Tour de France, the Lanterne Rouge is awarded to which rider?
19. In 1997, where was the venue of the first Ryder Cup to be held outside the UK and USA?
20. Name the only two Australian drivers to have been Formula One World Champion.
21. Which Scottish club was the first to become Scottish League champions in 1891?
22. In which sport did Heather Knight captain her team to a 2017 World Cup win?

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?

**ANSWERS
ON
PAGE 49**

by Simon Weatherill

Memory Match

Simon Weatherill continues his terrific Memory Lane series with the 4-0 away win at Halifax Town on 7th September 1968

The 1968/69 season would be the first full season under new manager Ray Yeoman. Yeoman had taken over from Jimmy Greenhalgh in the previous March and had the last 16 games of the season to assess his squad and decide where improvements were needed. During his time in charge the team found some form with six wins and six draws that lifted them from third bottom up to a finishing position of 16th place, so as the new season approached hopes were high that things were going to be better under his stewardship.

Yeoman made two key signings during the summer. Ken Hale was brought in from Oxford United and immediately installed as team captain. He was an experienced midfielder player who had previously played for Newcastle, where he'd made 30 first team appearances, Coventry (98 apps) and Oxford (64 apps). Yeoman also persuaded Lance Robson to return to the club after a four year absence. The centre forward had retired from the professional game and gone to Gateshead to play part time but Yeoman wanted the former Feethams favourite back at the club to lead the line.

The two new signings were influential as the Quakers kicked off the 68/69 season in promising fashion. A 2-1 win at Workington on the opening day was followed by three successive draws and then a 5-0 demolition of league leaders Lincoln City. City had arrived at Feethams with a 100% record but had no answer to the Quakers' slick passing and fluid attacking play. With no injury worries, Yeoman had no hesitation in naming an unchanged side for the fourth game in a row for the visit to Halifax Town on the following Saturday – September 7th. Darlington sat in second place in the table with seven points from their five games, just one point adrift of leaders Lincoln. Halifax had also made a reasonable start to the season and sat in 8th place with six points, so a victory over the Quakers would see them leapfrog their opponents in the table. The Shaymen had three victories on the trot leading up to the Darlington game so a tough encounter was promised between two in-form sides.

A crowd of 5058 were at The Shay to see the Quakers make a bright start to the game, taking the lead after only six minutes with

a well worked goal. Les O'Neill combined with Alan Sproates in midfield and sent centre forward Lance Robson away down the right. His pass into the penalty area was met perfectly by the onrushing O'Neill who slammed the ball past home keeper Alex Smith. Halifax, who were missing top scorer and ex-Quaker Les Massie through injury, just couldn't get into the game and were struggling to hold their visitors who threatened more goals. Such was the Quakers' dominance that the first Halifax attempt at goal didn't come until the 26th minute when outside right Hugh Ryden fired wide from long range. This was quickly followed by another scare for the visitors when ex-Sunderland centre forward Ian Lawther hit the post with a strong header, but on 41 minutes Darlington scored the second goal that their good play had deserved. Left winger Harry Kirk cut in towards goal and was upended by home centre half John Pickering for a clear penalty. Skipper Ken Hale made no mistake from the spot to make the half time score: Halifax 0 Darlington 2.

Halifax tried to change

things by introducing substitute Mark Pearson for Meagan shortly after the break, but if anything the Quakers were even more in control in the second half. Ken Felton made sure his persistence and strong running paid off with a third goal, scored virtually out of nothing. A harmless looking long ball appeared to be well covered by keeper Smith and his right back Ivan Hampton, but under pressure from Felton the Halifax pair got into a terrible tangle and the young Darlington striker nicked the ball between them and rolled it into the net from a narrow angle. The comprehensive victory was completed in the 84th minute when Hale smashed a 35 yard thunderbolt past the helpless Smith. It had been a complete team performance by the Quakers, although special mention was reserved for Hale and O'Neill who ran the game

from midfield and also Felton who caused non stop problems up front.

The 4-0 win took the Quakers to the top of the table with three wins and three draws from their six games, with twelve goals scored and only two conceded. The excellent run continued, as the team remained unbeaten for the first fourteen games of the season, eventually losing at home to Exeter City on October 26th. It was February before they eventually lost an away game in the league and they remained in the promotion places until March. Then a disastrous run of five defeats on the trot dropped the Quakers down the table, but they fought back with an unbeaten nine

match run that put them right back into contention. With two games remaining, both at home, the Quakers sat in fourth place with a great chance of securing promotion, but they lost them both against Southend and Bradford City.

Halifax produced a 16 page programme, priced at 9d. As was common at the time, it includes very little reference to their visitors. Just a brief introduction to the team, outlining the season so far and who was likely to be playing, along with brief pen pictures of the squad. The team line ups are on the centre pages.

Team v Halifax : 1 Tony Moor 2 John Peverell 3 Brian Keeble 4 Les O'Neill 5 Brian Albeson 6 Joe Jacques 7 Alan Sproates 8 Ken Felton 9 Lance Robson 10 Ken Hale 11 Harry Kirk Sub Tony Lee (not used)



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On This Day

In this series, we look back at the corresponding day earlier in the club's history. Hands up all those who saw these three games!



DAVE CARR

September 10th 1921

Third Division North

Darlington 7 Chesterfield 0, attendance 8,000

Way back in time for this one! We played our second home game in our new adventure in the Football League Third Division North, after winning the North Eastern League the season before and successfully applying for the newly expanded Football League.

In that first season, clubs played each other home and away in successive weeks, so our first two games of the season were home and away against Halifax Town. We beat Halifax 2-0 in our first home game and then lost 5-1 at the Shay.

We thumped Chesterfield 7-0 at home in front of 8,000 fans, with Arthur Wolstenholme scoring four, Mark Hooper 2 and Alf Dolphin the other. We won the return game 3-0 at Saltergate the following week.

The team: Ward, Greaves, Joyce, Rainnie, Sutcliffe, Malcolm, Dolphin, Hooper, Wolstenholme, Stevens, Winship. (No subs in those days!)

September 11th 1946

Third Division North

Darlington 2 Hartlepool United 1, Attendance 7,201

The Third Division North recommenced in full after the Second World War in season 1946-47, and there was a real hunger for football. Our first home game in this season a few weeks earlier attracted 8,913 fans to Feethams to watch us beat Southport 4-2, and our second home game against Hartlepool on September 11th - a Wednesday afternoon pre-floodlights - brought in 7,201 fans.

They saw a 2-1 home win for Quakers with goals by Tom Varty and Robert Sinclair.

The team: Dunn, Kelly, Hutchinson, Dodds, Thynne, Towers, Bates, Harrison, Clarke, Varty, Sinclair

The return game against Hartlepool was at the Victoria Ground on Monday 16th September, but we lost 4-1 in front of 9,546.

September 7th 1957

Third Division North

Darlington 2 Tranmere Rovers 1, attendance 4,845

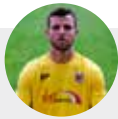
Quakers started the 1957-58 season with one win (against Wrexham) and three defeats (against Hartlepool twice and Scunthorpe), so we needed a victory against Tranmere at Feethams.

Charlie Wayman and new signing Dave Carr duly obliged with the goals in a 2-1 win, in front of a 4,845 crowd.

We maybe didn't do so well in the league that season, but that was more than compensated for by a glorious run to the fifth round of the FA Cup. We didn't beat Hartlepool that season, but we did manage to beat Chelsea!

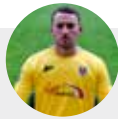
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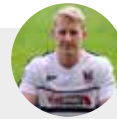
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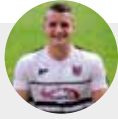
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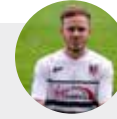
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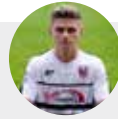
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Reserves

The reserves experienced the agony of a penalty shootout at Redcar Athletic recently.

The lads played at Redcar Athletic in the league’s Shipowners’ Cup, and after holding a team that will be amongst the title contenders to a goalless draw in normal time, they were beaten 5-4 in the penalty shootout!

“How often do you hear of there being nine successful penalties in a shootout?” wondered joint manager Mark Fanning. “Sometimes you hear of teams winning 3-2 or 4-3, but not very often at 5-4. Our keeper never had a chance of saving any of their penalties, so we were unlucky that one of ours missed.

“Despite losing the game, we were still happy with the performance against a very good team.”

The lads have played some very good football so far this season, but sometimes they’ve struggled against the more physical teams.

“That’s something that the lads have to learn to live with. They’re up against players who are a few years older than them, and are a lot more physical.”

After last weekend, the lads were ninth in the table. They had a good 1-1 draw

with Boldon CA, Eddie Pearson scoring, but before that they lost 3-1 at league leaders Wolviston. Vinny Steele has also scored three times in recent weeks.

“The lads are all keen to learn, and week by week performances are improving,” Mark said.

“Some of them have come straight out of youth football, and are slowly making the transition from that level to senior level playing against lads who might have just come out of the Northern League.

“For some of them, they are also visiting new grounds and encountering different types of opposition on pitches that might be unfamiliar to them.”

Reserve matches have also been useful for Kevin Burgess and Tom Portas to make their playing comebacks after injury.

“That’s one of the reasons why we have a reserve team, it helps players like Tom and Kev with their rehab – and the young lads can learn things from them.



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QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's visitors from Leamington. We hope they have an enjoyable afternoon with us on their first visit to Blackwell Meadows but we would love the three points today please! Come on Darlo!



Shirt Sales

I know lots of you like to know how shirts sales are going after our phenomenal effort last season of selling near enough 1,500. This season sales are going well again with the current total being 760 so we're about half way there. Our claret away shirt has proved to be as popular as last season's purple so far. We have used all of Avec's supply of some sizes and they've had to reorder and we are expecting the larger sizes in September /October - I'll keep you posted. Home shirt sales are slightly down on last year but I'm hoping that we have a good FA Cup run which might encourage more people to buy the black and white and show off our club colours. We also have shorts and socks to match both home and away shirts and if we don't have your size then I can order them and they are usually ready within a week.

Hats and Scarves



We have our new style hats and scarves available now so as the weather turns a bit

more autumnal you might need one or both of these. Our hats have our black and white hoops around the brim of the hat and our scarves have Darlington FC emblazoned across them with the club crest at either end. They are priced at £9 each.

New Stock

In the next couple of weeks keep an eye open

for our new hoodies which are coming soon. This season Avec have three different styles of hoody which we can choose from and a variety of colours, black, grey, red and also claret in one of the styles. They also have a fleecy track suit pant available to match the hoodies in black or grey. The hoodies are always a popular item and a firm favourite with our fans. The price for the hoodies will remain at last season's price of £36.

Friends from Australia

We had a visit from Steve and Sue Cook from Brisbane, Australia last week and we had a good chat with them. Steve bought himself a home shirt and they also took a shirt back for one of their grandsons. Steve's father Ron and his grandfather Stan and Sarah lived in Bates Ave Darlington. Steve and Sue were on holiday and had travelled around the region before making the long journey home taking a little bit of Darlington Football Club with them. It was lovely to see them.



Whilst speaking about our friends from down under Diane Lambley also ordered a home shirt online for her youngest son. Diane has been in Australia for 35 years and lived in Cobden Street in Darlington but still remembers her home town and wants to keep the link going between DFC and her sons. Her husband was also a big fan and used to go to Feethams regularly.

Well that's all from me for today. See you all again very soon.

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



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.

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

>> BY WAYNE RAPER

DFCSG *notes*

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Leamington FC for this afternoon's Vanarama National League North match. This will be one of their longest trips of the season from Warwickshire, their furthest being to Blyth. Leamington are newly promoted from the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League and are still finding their feet.

Volunteers

For most matches we have all bases covered but occasionally some volunteers have other commitments and we need able stand-ins. I would therefore like to thank Jo Price from Darlington Credit Union, who helped out in the office for the AFC Telford United match. I would also like to thank Andy Park, Andy McFarlane, Jamie Barker and Chris Stockdale who provided cover in the car park and turnstiles for the Spennymoor Town match. All of your contributions were very much appreciated. If anyone wants to get involved either occasionally or on a more regular basis, call in to see us at the 'Fans Table' in the bar before any match and let us know.

Programme Kiosk

Following the drenching our volunteers received before the Alfreton Town match, the DFCSG board has decided that it is essential that we provide a kiosk outside the home turnstiles from which our volunteers will be able to sell programmes and 50:50 tickets. Should the need arise, it could also be utilised for match ticket collections.

The cost of providing the timber kiosk is just over £1,000. If you know of anyone that might be interested in sponsoring the kiosk in any form, we would very much like to hear from them. There is advertising space on one side of the kiosk that will be clearly visible to fans leaving the ground after every match.

Before we can install the kiosk, we need to pave the grassed area on which it will stand and a couple of weeks ago we made an appeal for experienced volunteer pavers. We had a fantastic response with a good

number of fans stepping forward with offers to do the spade work. Importantly, we also received a very welcome offer from a team that included a time-served paver. We hope to announce further details very shortly.

Adopted Charity

Darlington FC Supporters Group and the Football Club board shortlisted three charities to support over the 2017/18 season and asked our fan-owners to help to choose one via an online poll.

The charities which we shortlisted aligned with the main objective of choosing a small local charity where we can make a difference through our large community member base and sporting activities.

Supporting a charity means much more than simply donating money and we drew up a list of ways in which we can support the chosen charity - which would be tailored depending on the chosen charity:

- Raising awareness of the charity amongst our community
- Providing volunteers for specific projects/ events from our member base
- Delivering a positive impact on the charity through football
- Holding bucket collections at a couple of games to raise money from our fans
- Donation of vital supplies whether that be food, clothes etc. to be either consumed or sold

The results of the poll (which closed on Thursday 31st August) are:

- 1: St Teresa's Hospice: 54.75% (144 votes)
- 2: 700 club: 26.62% (70 votes)

3: Daisy Chain 18.63% (49 votes)

St. Teresa's was a clear winner and we look forward to working with them again (in 2013 the Club donated a proportion of the proceeds from the pink away shirt which carried the St Teresa's logo). We will shortly be highlighting the areas where all of our members can help. St. Teresa's is a local charity which provides palliative and end of life care to patients.

DFC Fans Lottery Draw



Congratulations go to Colin Tinkler who received a very pleasant surprise at half-time of the Spennymoor match when his number was drawn out for the August 'Super-Draw' prize of £1,000. This is richly deserved considering that Colin ran the lottery from its inception in 2012 to when he decided to step down at the end of 2016. During that time the lottery raised £1000s for the Football Club and it is continuing to thrive under the fine stewardship of Sue Connor, pictured to the left of Colin. If you want to join the lottery at only £5 per month, entry forms are available at the 'Fans Table' and at Quaker Retail. Although the quickest way of joining is to use our on-line facility at: <http://www.darlingtonfcsupportersgroup.org/?page=lottery>

DFCSG Renewals

DFCSG membership renewals became due on 1 September. If you haven't yet renewed you can either come and see us at the 'Fans Table' before one of the home matches or you can pay via 'GoCardless' our secure on-line system, or send us a cheque in the post. Please be assured that your subscriptions will be used to benefit Darlington Football Club in one form or another.

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 Boston United on Saturday 23 September, departing at 10am and Nuneaton Town on Saturday 14 October, also departing at 10am. The fares to Boston and Nuneaton are £20, 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.

There could be intervening away matches depending on our progress in the FA Cup, so please check our website for updates.

Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website.

Wayne Raper

Chair
Darlington FC Supporters' Group



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We'd like to welcome Jack Valks to the club. Jack, who is 18 years old, has been signed from Crook Town and made his debut as a sub at Southport last Saturday.

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

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QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. A derby 2. Flash Gordon 3. 65p 4. Porthos, Athos & Aramis 5. Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer (MGM) 6. New Zealand 7. Blackpool 8. Zanzibar 9. Joy Division 10. Slicing (mainly vegetables) 11. Licorice/aniseed

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. Port Vale and Charlton Athletic 13. Liberia 14. Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence & Ian Botham! 15. Nottingham Forest 16. An orange ball 17. Squash 18. The rider in last place 19. Valderrama 20. Jack Brabham & Alan Jones 21. Dumbarton 22. Cricket



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Season's Stats

VANARAMA LEAGUE

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH 2017-18

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Brackley	9	6	3	0	16	3	21	+13
2	Harrogate Town	9	6	2	1	24	10	20	+14
3	Salford City	9	6	2	1	14	7	20	+7
4	Southport	9	5	2	2	15	13	17	+2
5	Spennymoor Town	9	4	3	2	15	11	15	+4
6	Blyth Spartans	9	5	0	4	17	14	15	+3
7	Stockport County	9	4	2	3	17	10	14	+7
8	York City	9	4	2	3	16	11	14	+5
9	Tamworth	9	4	2	3	13	12	14	+1
10	Bradford PA	9	4	2	3	12	11	14	+1
11	Alfreton Town	9	4	1	4	15	14	13	+1
12	Darlington	9	3	3	3	13	13	12	0
13	Chorley	9	3	3	3	9	9	12	0
14	AFC Telford United	9	4	0	5	11	13	12	-2
15	Kidderminster	9	3	2	4	9	12	11	-3
16	Boston United	9	3	2	4	11	15	11	-4
17	Curzon Ashton	9	2	3	4	10	18	9	-8
18	Nuneaton Town	9	2	2	5	11	15	8	-4
19	Gainsborough Trinity	9	2	1	6	14	20	7	-6
20	FC United	9	2	1	6	13	19	7	-6
21	Leamington	9	2	0	7	9	20	6	-11
22	North Ferriby	9	1	2	6	3	17	5	-14

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	8	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	9	0	0	0	1	0	50	0	2	1	19	0
Gary Brown	5	0	0	0	1	0	157	3	11	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	2	0	0	0	0	0	71	2	2	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	27	5	1	33	2
James Caton	7	2	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0
Dominic Collins	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	9	0	0	0	3	0	25	1	0	0	4	0
Terry Galbraith	8	0	0	0	1	0	175	14	14	1	53	2
Josh Gillies	9	0	0	0	4	0	38	8	2	0	14	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	2	1	0	0	0	0	31	3	3	0	0	0
Tom Portas	2	2	0	0	0	0	80	16	7	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	18	0	0	3	0
Leon Scott	1	5	0	0	0	0	156	34	14	1	20	0
David Syers	7	1	0	0	2	0	26	10	1	1	11	0
Stephen Thompson	5	2	0	0	0	0	199	11	14	3	67	6
Phil Turnbull	9	0	0	0	0	0	89	1	2	1	1	0
Jack Vaulks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ed Wilczynski	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	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																			
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H																			
Sat Sept 16th	South Shields, FA Cup 2Q	H																			
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																			
Sat Nov 25th	FA Trophy 3q																				
Sat Dec 2nd	Curzon Ashton	A																			
Sat Dec 9th	Salford City	H																			
Sat Dec 16th	FA Trophy 1R																				
Sat Dec 23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A																			
Tues Dec 26th	Harrogate Town	H																			
Mon Jan 1st	Harrogate Town	A																			
Sat Jan 6th	York City	H																			
Sat Jan 13th	Alfreton (also FA Trophy 2r)	A																			
Sat Jan 20th	Chorley	H																			
Sat Jan 27th	Leamington	A																			
Sat Feb 3rd	Blyth Spartans (also FA Trophy 3r)	H																			
Sat Feb 10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
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																				
Sat May 12th	play off final																				



Yellow Card
Red Card

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

Last match

V Chorley
lost 1-4

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The George	Paws and claws.
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Railway Tavern	Cockerton Fisheries
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Harrowgate	Village Opticians
Hill shop	Travellers Rest
Vapemaster	Cockerton Library
Terry Andrews butchers	J Maddison Barbers
Laundrette	SLC Barbers
Salisbury tc	Pound Plus
Glad News	

OUR CONDOLENCES
The club is sad to learn about the death from medulloblastoma of 8 year old Mark Hammond, who was a keen supporter of the club.
We really enjoyed having Mark as a mascot for one of our games, and we're sure that he enjoyed himself also.
We'd like to pass on our condolences and sympathies to his family and friends.

Away Travel
DFCSC 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 Boston United on Saturday 23 September, departing at 10am and Nuneaton Town on Saturday 14 October, also departing at 10am. The fares to Boston and Nuneaton are £20, 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. There could be intervening away matches depending on our progress in the FA Cup, so please check our website for updates. Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website.



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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1992-93 SQUAD

BACK ROW: ANTHONY ISAACS, SIMON SHAW, MARK PRUDHOE, ADRIAN SWAN, STEVEN BALL, ALAN DOWSON

CENTRE ROW: TIM PARKIN (PLAYER-COACH), STEVE TUPLING, GARRY HINCHLEY, SEAN GREGAN, KEVAN SMITH, STEVE O'SHAUGHNESSY, RICHARD COOPER, NICK PICKERING, BILLY MCEWAN (MANAGER)

FRONT ROW: CLIVE MIDDLEMASS (ASSISTANT MANAGER), ANDY TOMAN, STEVE MARDENBOROUGH, STEVE GAUGHAN, MARK SUNLEY, LEE ELLISON, MARK DOBIE, NIGEL CARNELL (PHYSIO)



>TODAY'S TEAMS



DARLINGTON

ADAM BARTLETT	
ED WILCZYNSKI	
LIAM MARRS	
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	
JOSH GILLIES	
STEPHEN THOMPSON	
HARVEY SAUNDERS	
JOE WHEATLEY	
JACK VAULKS	



LEAMINGTON

TONY BREEDEN	
RICHARD TAUNDRY	
CONNOR GUDGER	
JOE CLARKE	
JAMIE HOOD	
JAMES MACE	
CALLUM GITTINGS	
JUNIOR ENGLISH	
COLBY BISHOP	
ROB THOMPSON-BROWN	
AHMED OBENG	
JOE MAGUNDA	
TOM JAMES	
STEFAN MOORE	
MILAN BUTTERFIELD	
KURTIS REVAN	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

> Match officials:

Referee: Martyn Rawcliffe
Assistant referees: David Pill
and Michael Burrows

> Today's other games:

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

> Next home matches:

Wednesday 13th September
FC United of Manchester,
kick off 7.45pm

Saturday 16th September
South Shields, FA Cup 2nd
qualifying round
Kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 23rd September
Boston United, kick off
3.00pm

> Match sponsor

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