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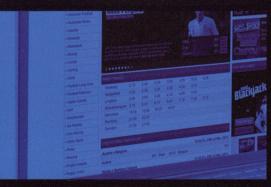
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Quakers

Craig Liddle



We have to scrap for everything

Good evening and welcome back to the Northern Echo Arena for tonight's game against Luton Town.

We welcome a strong side tonight who are gunning for glory on two fronts. Luton were beaten 1-0 at York in the first leg of their FA Trophy semi-final on Saturday, so they still have a great chance of going through to the Wembley final with their second leg at home on Saturday.

I'm sure they'll be hoping to go one better this year after losing at the same stage against Mansfield last season — and we all know what happened in the final.

Luton are also third in the Blue Square Bet Premier table, so far from being distracted from their big second leg tie on Saturday, they'll be coming here tonight hungry for a win.

Automatic promotion is probably out of reach for them now, but they'll be disappointed if they don't make the play-offs now and they'll be looking to win it this season after their final disappointment against Wimbledon.

We welcome Luton, their manager Gary Brabin and everyone from Luton to the Arena tonight and wish them well for the rest of the season.

Meanwhile, our relegation dogfight continues, and we're

looking to get our season back on track with victory tonight.

Now we're in the bottom four, I'm actually hoping that will have a positive effect on us. We might now wake up and realise we have got to scrap and fight for everything.

We're more than capable of staying up. I expected us to win our last game, against Stockport, but it wasn't to be.

But I thought our new lads did well. It was Wainy's first game for a long, long time and he'll get better and improve. Drewe Broughton hasn't played at this level for a long time so he's going to get better and improve. They've both had a couple of weeks' training with us now, so hopefully they'll both push on and play a big part in our survival bid.

People looking from the outside in only see us struggling, they don't know us as a club, so it's difficult to persuade people to come, so that's why I take my hat off to people like Drewe and Neil, because they're prepared to come and fight and scrap.

Wainy would because of his affection for the club, but I give Drewe a lot of credit because he's coming from the other end of the country to put his neck on the line for us.

I'm sure, between us and with the backing of our tremendous fans, we will get through this.

Get behind the lads tonight, let's hear some noise and see you all back for the visit of Ebbsfleet on Saturday.







QUAKERS SIGN UP FOR SEXUAL HEALTH **CAMPAIGN**



County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust is supporting Darlington FC's bid for survival by signing the club up for one of its sexual health schemes.

The health trust's sexual health team works with businesses and organisations across County Durham and Darlington to raise awareness of infections and conditions, to signpost to more information and to promote the importance of screening.

Darlington FC has signed up to the latest campaign focused on Chlamydia and encouraging all those aged between 16 - 24 years old to get tested.

The Sexual Health Team will attend on matchdays - beginning with tonight's game against Luton – to screen spectators and the Club will receive a financial incentive for all those within the target group who are tested.

Sue Thompson, Clinical Services Manager for Sexual Health at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Across the region, there is an emphasis on raising awareness of Chlamydia among the 16 - 24 age group and encouraging screening. As a Trust we have a nationally set target to achieve and one of the ways we are working to achieve this is by joining forces with local businesses.

"Already we work with many local organisations and clubs across County Durham and Darlington, such as Darlington College,

which can help us access large numbers of our target age range. "Working in partnership with Public Health we are able to offer

a financial incentive for organisations to support our campaign. Chlamydia is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in the UK.

"Most people who have Chlamydia don't notice any symptoms, and so don't know they have it which is why helping to raise awareness and carry out screening is so important.

In 2010, there were 186,753 people who tested positive for Chlamydia in England.

Most of these - more than 150,000 - were people aged 24 or

Testing for Chlamydia is done with a simple urine test or a swab test. Chlamydia is easily treated with antibiotics. If Chlamydia isn't treated, the infection can sometimes spread to other parts of the body and lead to serious long-term health problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility.

£5K RAISED FROM RACE **NIGHT**



More than £5,000 was raised from the race night and auction organised by the players after the game against Stockport.

A number of highprofile football shirts were sent in from around the

country to go up for auction.

Jamie Chandler's Wembley match-worn shirt went for £750, going towards a total of £5,300 raised all together.

"It was a fantastic night," said Paul Arnison, who organised the event, which was sponsored by Screentech, with Graeme Lee and kit man Andrew Thompson.

"One fan paid £750 for Jamie's shirt, another £90 on Robbie Blake's signed Bolton top then he went and bought all the lads a drink at the bar!

"It's just fantastic, what the fans are doing and what they've been like, and it was a great night had by all.

"We thank everyone who did their bit, sponsored horses, races and bought shirts in the auction – it's all very much appreciated."

MINUTE APPLAUSE FOR **IACK**

There will be a minute's applause before tonight's game for football scout Jack Watson, who passed away at the weekend. See page 30 for a tribute to Jack.

THERE IS BELIEF' SAYS WAINY

Quakers hero Neil Wainwright says there is enough belief in the Darlo dressing room to get a result tonight...

By Glen Robertson

Very few players enjoy a stronger bond with the Darlington supporters than Neil Wainwright, and that was before he returned to the club for a third spell earlier this month.

The 34-year-old rejoined Quakers, and former teammate Craig Liddle, to help the club in their battle to preserve their Blue Square Bet Premier status. Wainwright was already adored by Darlo fans after making 280 appearances for the club earlier in his career, and the winger's name will always be etched in the club's history books due to scoring the last-ever goal at Feethams.

He furthered the bond between himself and the supporters by standing among them on the terraces at Barrow earlier this season, a game which many thought would be the club's last. But the admiration Wainwright receives is a mutual feeling.

"The fans' reaction for me has always been superb," he says. "It's what I remember most about my time at the club. They've been brilliant.

"They've always been like that. They lift the lads when we need them and the reception they gave me against Stockport was fantastic."

Wainwright made his third 'debut' for the club in the home defeat to Stockport 10 days ago. Despite the disappointing result, the winger was delighted to be back playing for Darlington.

He says: "I was really excited before the game. I've not been that excited for a football match for years. I didn't really get emotional, I just couldn't wait until I got out there and could get going.

"I wasn't sure how long I'd last. I felt sharp on the ball but I was blowing a bit when I came off. I'd only had about five full training sessions in four months before the game, so I didn't do too bad considering."

Wainwright had been suffering from a medial knee ligament injury, which had ruled him out of action since the turn of the year. If it wasn't for his setback, he'd have been back at the Northern Echo Arena sooner.

He explains: "I'd been speaking to Lidds quite a bit over the last few months in general, to ask how the

club were getting on and things like that. He spoke to me a few weeks ago and asked if I was available but I couldn't come back at that time as I was still injured.

"I told him I had to get fit first before I could think about coming back. Then literally after my first full session back he gave me a ring and I came down to train that week."

Wainwright had been following the club closely since he left and ensured he was in attendance as a supporter for the emotional away day at Barrow.

"I felt it was one of those games I had to be there for," he says. "It could have been the last game for the club and it was only an hour or so away from me.

"It was good to be among the supporters and just being there on the day. It was something I felt I had to do. I didn't think then that I'd be back playing for the club!"

Wainwright has scored 30 goals for Darlington in his career, which makes him the highest Darlo goalscorer among the current squad. After a short loan spell in 2000 at Feethams, he joined permanently in 2001 before spending seven years at the club.

When it comes to his favourite memory from his playing time at Darlington during his previous spells at the club, there is one in particular which stands out.

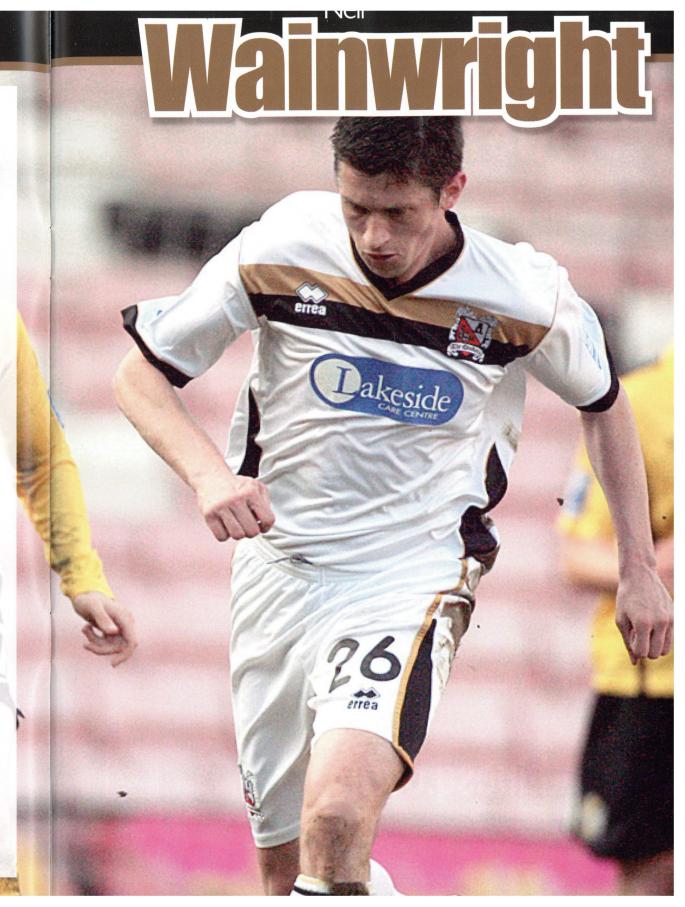
He says: "Scoring the last goal at Feethams was special. It's something nobody can take away from me. I'm the only person who can say that I did that and it's a record I'm very proud of."

But Wainwright isn't back at the club for nostalgia's sake. Darlington are fighting a relegation battle and the 34-year-old believes the club can escape the drop and, in doing so, create another fond Quakers memory for himself.

"It would be some achievement to stay up from this point but I definitely believe we can do it," he says. "I'm looking around the training pitch and there's a lot of quality about.

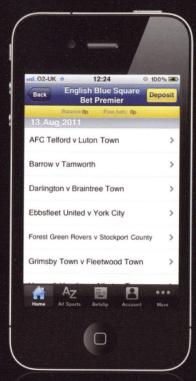
"Obviously with the run we've been on there's a lack of confidence, but we just need that bit of luck to go our way or a result that we can ground out, a win or a draw, and then we can get a run going. It's just a case of getting that point or win as soon as possible.

"If we can get something from a side like Luton Town we will gain a massive lift. There's enough in the dressing room to believe that we can stay up and it's just that one result we need to click and then we'll go on from there."



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Feethams will always be home

What's in a name? An awful lot if you're a Newcastle United fan it seems. There's been uproar on Tyneside since they renamed St James' Park in November and the fall-out continues.

Last week saw a reserve game briefly halted when supporters tore Sports Direct advertising hoardings from the back of the stand and threw them on to the pitch.

Also last week a fan was fined at magistrates court after writing "St James" on the wall at the stadium and before a recent match a number of supporters staged a funeral to commemorate the death of the St James name.

A procession from the nearby Strawberry pub featured a fulllength black and white coffin with a wreath spelling out the words "St James' Park Forever" and a mock service with a

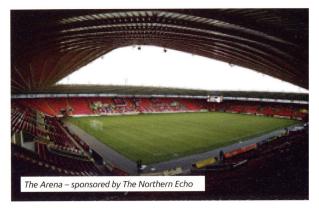
That the vicar was wearing a pair of Adidas Samba trainers somewhat undermined his service I thought because I'm fairly sure the vicar at my primary school when I was a kid would never have worn anything other than a pair of comfy Clarks slip-ons. Still, each to their own.

The Adidas vicar was helping mark the end of 120 years of history and although a funeral may have been a tad dramatic, such behaviour demonstrates the strength of feeling football fans can have regarding the renaming of their ground, even though stadium sponsorship is now commonplace.

The Emirates, the Etihad, the Amex Community Stadium and the Allianz Arena are, for example, all established names. The key difference being, of course, that Arsenal, Manchester City, Brighton and Bayern Munich all play in newly-built stadia, hence, supporters have yet to build an affinity or a connection with their new home.

The same could very easily be said of the stadium you're sat in this evening, The Northern Echo Arena, as sponsored by a fine daily regional newspaper (48p in all good newsagents).

For a glut of reasons there is not the same level of affection for the Arena as there was, and remains so, for Feethams. It's too big, it's too cold and the association with administrations - three since moving here in 2003 as well as the mastermind



whose brainwave it was to build it - are just a few of the factors for this place being held in contempt by many, despite Darlington having now played well over 200 matches here.

I've said for a long time that the Arena is where Darlington are based, but Feethams will always be home.

This place has had more sponsors than the number of players Quakers have used this season. Award yourself with a chicken balti pie from the kiosk if you can remember all the names, I think there's been five and they're listed at the bottom of this page, but the Echo is the longest-running at three years.

But given the level of apathy many have for the Arena, I don't think people care too much what it's called. If Mike Ashley turned up with a wheelbarrow full of cash and wanted to call it The Lonsdale Trainers Only £9.99 Stadium I'd snap his hands

However, had a chairman ever attempted to change Feethams' name in favour of a local company - to the Orange Bowl, shall we say – there'd have been an outcry, we might even have had a funeral procession around the cricket pitch. That would have confused the lad at deep square leg while he was stood on the boundary waiting for action.

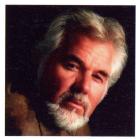
So I think we all have some sympathy for Newcastle fans. The furore all seems such a shame for it to come amidst a fine season for the club, but if the change in stadium name is among their priorities they should try supporting a club in administration... Stadium sponsors: Reynolds Arena, Williamson Motors Stadium, Balfour Webnet Darlington Arena, TFM Arena, The Northern Echo Arena.

Football historian LEIGH **EDWARDS** looks back at this week over the years...

Ian Hamilton scored to give Billy Elliott's Darlington a hard-fought 1-1 Fourth Division draw with struggling Halifax Town in front of 2,129 at The Shay on 23rd February 1980: Phil Owers, Clive Nattress, Jimmy Cochrane, Donald Ball, Derek Craig, Kevan Smith, David McLean, Harry Charlton, John Stalker, Ian Hamilton, Alan

Barry Howard's hat-trick plus goals by John Rogers and Barry Whitbread gave Altrincham a 5-2 victory at Boston United Anni Iannone and Tommy Paterson scored two goals apiece as Weymouth triumphed 6-0 at home to Redditch United Gareth Dale netted twice as Nuneaton Borough beat Maidstone United 4-0 at Manor

Two goals by Malcolm Poskett plus another from Luther Blissett gave Watford a 3-0 FA Cup fifth round win at Wolves Sam Allardyce scored to give Bolton



Wanderers a 1-1 draw with holders Arsenal at Burnden Park Two goals by Glenn Hoddle plus another from Gerry Armstrong gave Spurs a 3-1 win at home to Birmingham City.

No 1 single: Coward Of The County - Kenny Rogers (pictured)

1985

Goals by Ricky Greenhough, Stuart Rimmer, David Evans, Andy Holden and Steve Fox gave Chester City a 5-2 Fourth Division win at home to the following Darlington team: Fred Barber, Graeme Aldred, Peter Johnson, David McLean, Steve Yates, Phil Lloyd, Mitch Cook, Steve Tupling, Carl Airey, Garry MacDonald (Mark Forster), Kevin Todd.

Marshall Burke and Richard Dawson scored to give Scarborough a 2-1 win over Altrincham at Seamer Road Two goals by Ossie Smith plus another from Mark Carter gave Runcorn a 3-1 victory over Yeovil Town at Huish Strikes by Justin Robson and Peter Davies gave Gateshead a 2-1 win at home to Maidstone United. Ricky Sbragia's goal gave York City a shock 1-1 FA Cup fifth round draw with Liverpool at Bootham Crescent



.... Goals from Gordon Strachan (pictured) and Paul McGrath gave Manchester United a 2-0 win over Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park Peter Reid, Kevin Sheedy and Trevor Steven scored in Everton's 3-0 victory at home to Telford

United.

No 1 single: I Know Him So Well - Elaine Paige and Barbara Dickson

1990

Kevan Smith's goal gave Darlington a 1-0 FA Trophy third round victory over Conference rivals Runcorn watched by 3,895 at Feethams on 24th February 1990: Mark Prudhoe, Les McJannet, Frank Gray, Jimmy Willis, Kevan Smith, Dave Corner, Neil Robinson, Andy Toman, John Borthwick, David Cork, Paul Emson.

Two goals by Mark Carter plus others from Phil Gridelet and Gary Bull gave leaders Barnet a 4-1 win at home to Kettering Town Mick Nuttell, Mark Boyland and Mark



Buckland scored to give Cheltenham Town a 3-1 victory over Enfield at Whaddon Road John Askey netted twice in Macclesfield Town's 2-1 win at home to Barrow. Derek Mountfield (pictured) and Tony Daley scored to give Aston Villa a 2-0 FA Cup fifth round victory over West Brom at The Hawthorns Goals by Mark Robins, Danny Wallace

and Brian McClair gave Manchester United a 3-2 win at Newcastle United Ian Rush, Peter Beardsley and Steve Nicol scored in Liverpool's 3-0 win at home to Southampton.

No 1 single: Nothing Compares 2 U - Sinead O'Connor

1995

Goals by Rod Thomas and David Reeves gave leaders Carlisle United a 2-0 Third Division victory over the following Darlington team at Brunton Park on 25th February 1995: Mike Pollitt, Gary Chapman, Sean Gregan, Gary Himsworth, Andy Crosby, Adam Reed, Bernie Slaven, Robbie Painter, Gavin Worboys, Paul Olsson, Steve Gaughan.

Two goals by Steve Wood plus another from Neil Howarth gave leaders Macclesfield Town a 3-0 win at home to Dover Athletic Chris Sharratt scored twice in Altrincham's 2-0 victory at home to Farnborough Strikes by Brendan Burke, Steve O'Shaughnessy and Paul Wheeler gave Stalybridge Celtic a 3-1 victory at home to Yeovil Town.

Strikes by Anders Limpar, Joe Parkinson, Paul Rideout, Duncan Ferguson and Graham Stuart gave Everton a 5-0 win at home to Norwich City Steve Bruce,



Brian McClair and Mark Hughes scored in Manchester United's 3-1 victory over Leeds United at Old Trafford Newcastle United defeated Manchester City 3-1 at St James' Park.

No 1 single: Think Twice - Celine Dion (pictured)

2000



Marco Gabbiadini (pictured) and lesper Hjorth scored to give Darlington a 2-1 Third Division win over Mansfield Town at Field Mill on 26th February 2000: Mark Samways, Craig Liddle, Paul Heckingbottom, Adam Reed, Neil Aspin, Martin Gray, Neil Heaney, Michael Oliver, Peter Duffield (Jesper Hjorth), Marco Gabbiadini (Lee Nogan), Neil Wainwright.

Miquel Desouza's late strike gave Rushden & Diamonds a 1-0 victory over Doncaster Rovers at Belle Vue Goals

by Drewe Broughton, Ged Murphy and Ian Reed gave Nuneaton Borough a 3-1 win at Yeovil Town Dennis Bailey's strike just before the interval gave Forest Green Rovers a 1-0 victory at home to Southport. Goals by Tore Andre Flo, John Terry, George Weah, Gianfranco Zola and Jody Morris gave Chelsea a 5-0 FA Cup sixth round win at home to Gillingham Steve Stone and Benito Carbone scored to give Aston Villa a 2-1 victory at Everton Eidur Gudjohnsen's secondhalf goal gave Bolton Wanderers a 1-0 win at home to Charlton Athletic.

Rock&Goal

No 1 single: Go Let It Out - Oasis

2005



Matt Clarke and Neil Wainwright (pictured) scored to give Darlington a 2-1 League Two victory at home to highflying Swansea City on 22nd February 2005: Sam Russell, David McGurk (Curtis Fleming), Neil Wainwright, Craig Liddle (Ryan Valentine), Matt Clarke, Brian Close, Adolfo Gregorio (Joe Kendrick), Mark Convery, Alun Armstrong, Clyde

Wijnhard, Bobby Petta.

Goals by Lee McEvilly, Rory Prendergast, Paul Mullin and Ian Craney gave Accrington Stanley a 4-1 win at home to leaders Barnet... Sean Devine's first-half strike gave Exeter City a 1-0 victory over Leigh RMI at Hilton Park... Two goals from Jon Allan gave Northwich Victoria a 2-0 win at home to Farnborough Town.

Andy Gray's last-minute penalty gave Sheffield United a 1-1 FA Cup fifth round draw with Arsenal at Highbury Goals by Quinton Fortune and Cristiano Ronaldo gave Manchester United a 2-0 victory over Everton at Goodison Park Patrick Kluivert scored to give Newcastle United a 1-0 win over Chelsea at St James'

No 1 single: Sometimes You Can't Make It On Your Own - U2





Paul McGeary goes through the Darlo alphabet...

Slaven



Scottish-born, Ireland International Slaven is most famous for his 300 appearances for fellow North-East club Middlesbrough, Bernie Slaven scored over 100 times during 1985-93, following a move from

north of the border. From Boro, Slaven moved to Port Vale for one campaign scoring the winning goal in the Football League Trophy, before enduring play-off heartache just eight days later. Slaven arrived at Feethams in 1994, with the Quakers struggling at the foot of the Third Division, and during his stay he managed seven goals in his 37 appearances before retiring and playing Northern League football for Billingham Synthonia. Slaven is now a presenter on the Legends phonein show on Real Radio

Smith

Playing in two separate spells for the Feethams club, Kevan Smith racked up over 400 games and played his part in three promotions for the club. Between 1979-85, 'Smudger' played 250 games for the club, but when Cyril Knowles took over and put his stamp on the club, Smith exited for Rotherham. In 1989 Smith rejoined Darlington, who had recently been relegated to the Conference, after speaking to Brian Little. In the space of a year, having played for Coventry, Smith had gone from the top rung of English football to the bottom. Darlington however went on to win back-to-back promotions in getting out of the Conference into the then Third Division, but when Little left to

manage Leicester City, things took a turn for the worst for both player and club. Smith left the club in 1993, but still holds a candle for the Quakers and regularly commentates on Radio Tees.

Speedie

PATE MINISTER

Scottish footballing legend David Speedie is more renowned for his spells with top flight clubs like Chelsea. Coventry. Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers. Yet before the stardom and the 10 caps for his country, Speedie started out as a littleknown striker at Barnsley in 1978, before a move to Darlington where he really shone through in 1980. In 88 games for the club, he notched 21 times bringing him to the attentions of Chelsea, who snapped him up to play in the same side as Scottish counterparts Kerry Dixon and Pat Nevin. Speedie retired from the game in 1997, and now lives and works in Ireland, still involved in the media side of the game.

Stockdale

England goalkeeper David Stockdale may be a Premier League star with Fulham now, and he may be looking at a place in either the England Euro 2012 squad or even the Olympic side later in the summer, but back in 2006, it was all so different for the then 20-year-old. A former Huddersfield youth, Stockdale was released by York City after being publically criticised by manager Billy McEwan about his lifestyle choices. Thrown a lifeline by Darlington, Stockdale made a scattering of outings for the club as Andy Oakes' number two, before being offered a contract extension as he went on to make the first choice jersey his own. Stockdale's big move to Fulham came about following Darlo's 2008 play-off failure, and after a spell on loan with various clubs. Stockdale has now established himself as a firm candidate to regular stopper Mark Schwarzer's gloves, impressing every time he is called upon, including saving a late Nani penalty as Fulham drew with Manchester United last







Andy Smith - Chairman great to see Jamie Chandler in attendance, as his Wemblev shirt was auctioned off for

an amazing £750!

Well done to all those that attended the evening, and everybody involved with organising it.

Lots of fans are currently involved in fundraising here at Darlo, with various initiatives up and running. DFC 1883 are obviously working very hard to raise funds and draw up plans for the future. The fans draw is an ideal way to raise funds, and at the same time offer fans the opportunity to win some cash, which I'm sure will be popular.

The volunteer register should hopefully encourage fans to help out in various roles, and be an integral part of our club. Please get involved if you can.

These are all good positive steps for the future, whilst we hope that it won't be too long before we can come out of administration.

However, as many of us know, matchday attendances are of the utmost importance. The attendance against Stockport was a little bit disappointing, as it was close to being back to pre administration levels. We are once again at home on Saturday against Ebbsfleet, and I would ask you to try and encourage your friends and family along to this game. If we can create an atmosphere similar to that against Fleetwood or York, then I'm sure this would help the lads on the pitch.

Here at the Supporters Club, we are still planning for away travel for the remainder of the season.

As you can see, you can now book your place on our coaches to Kidderminster and Telford. So if you are planning on attending either of these games, please call into the Corner Bar this evening and speak to Glen or Barbara.

Enjoy the game, and please continue to give Craig Liddle and the lads your full support from start to finish. With plenty of great support, let's hope for some points in the bag tonight. Hopefully see many of you on Saturday.

Andy

Great to see duo back at Arena

Welcome back to the Darlington Arena for this evening's rearranged fixture against Luton Town.

We know that we are in for a tough game this evening, as 'The Hatters' are pushing for promotion, whilst we desperately need the points ourselves at the opposite end of the table. Luton are also in the semi-finals of this season's FA Trophy, and are half way through their two-legged tie against York City. Whilst they will no doubt be eager to reach the final at Wembley, I'm sure that they won't let that distract them tonight, meaning we have another difficult game on our hands.

Our last home game against Stockport County demonstrated just how we are not getting much luck at the moment. It was unfortunate that we lost to a penalty as our defence was otherwise standing firm, and our keeper Jordan Pickford was having a great game. I don't think anybody could have faulted the lads, who all gave plenty of effort.



It's great to see Neil Wainwright and Clark Keltie back at Darlo, whilst we also welcome Drewe Broughton to the club. Hopefully these lads will be able to build up their fitness quickly as I'm sure they can have a big part to play in the remaining fixtures this season.

The recent 'Race night' here at the Arena was a great success, and raised a lot of money in the process. The Ron Greener suite was packed out, as fans, players and club staff all pulled together to enjoy a great night and raise funds. It was also

AWAY TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for our next 2 scheduled away games are as follows:

Date	Destination	Dep. Time	Cost
Sat.24th Mar '12	Kidderminster	09.00am	£24.00
Sat.31st Mar '12	AFC Telford	09.00am	£24.00

Bookings for away travel can be made this afternoon in the Corner Bar, and don't forget that enquiries can also be made by telephoning us on 01325 243911.

Tales from the BESMOTTIN

With Dan List

A world away from three years ago

Picture the scene, it's three years ago, it's a pleasant day on the walk up to the ground but naturally still colder than polar pursuits inside the Arena.

The opponents awaiting us were in crisis. They had been deducted (unfairly in the humble opinion of yours truly) 30 points, all but condemning them to certain relegation from the Football League.

Nonetheless, the team that awaited us was still a reasonable test. A strike force of Tom Craddock and Chris Martin promised to be lively if not potent and the midfield looked steady if not spectacular.

The day proved to be the day when I was no longer in any doubt about our prospects for that season. We were going up, and forget third place I wanted the title.

The Quakers team sheet included eight players that are now gracing divisions higher than the one we currently occupy. The likes of Dean Gerken, Jason Kennedy and Pawel Abbott

helped Darlo race into a 4-0 lead after just 20 minutes and hold on for an impressive 5-1 win.

Tonight we arrive at the Arena for an encounter with the same opposition and that tale only magnifies the sheer scale of the change in fortunes for this football club.

Little over three years ago, promotion to League One seemed nothing other than inevitable. Tonight we face a strong Luton side desperate for points and staring down the barrel of a very real relegation to the sixth tier of English football for the first time in our history.

The level of good will off the pitch is heart warming and the effort being put in to save the club, astounding.

It is a tribute to their hard work that the club will be able to fulfil its remaining fixtures this season when it once seemed so unlikely that we would even be sat here tonight.

However, whilst the battle rumbles on off the pitch, the immediate future is not necessarily in doubt and so there must now be an increased level of focus on the pitch.

It is more than likely that the hard work of our loyal fans have ensure we will have a team to support next season.

Therefore, we must do all we can to maintain our Conference status (a sentence that would have been unthinkable for either set of tonight's fans not too long ago, but we must roll

In the game against Stockport, our young side had a higher



average age than our opponents but didn't look close to being at the races against a very poor County side.

A mammoth task has been placed on the shoulders of many so young and others coming to the end of their careers but if this club is saved from relegation they will be heralded as heroes to the extent of any promotion campaign.

Tonight will be arguably our biggest test in the run-in and very few will expect us to get anything out of the game. However, tonight shouldn't be written off so simply.

It would be wrong to write our players off and if they could get a result it would set the tone and raise belief for the rest of the season. Tonight is as big a game as any as we rapidly run out of time.

Forza Darlo

Dan

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JMGH83

AUGUST

with Craig Liddle

Donny win makes up for Hull loss

Welcome back to the arena for tonight's game against Luton Town.

The lads have had a couple of top-of-the-table games since our last home game and have had mixed fortunes.

Against Hull it was first against second in the league. Due to my first team commitments I was unable to take the game in but the report I received was very favourable despite a 3-0 loss. Favourable because we were up against a strong Hull side with six of our schoolboys in the squad due to the number of youth players we had on duty with the first team

We conceded a goal in the first minute and then again after five minutes, so it was a steep learning curve for the young boys who found themselves three down at half time but by all accounts grew in stature as the game wore on and dominated the second half.

The game effectively handed the league to Hull but if I'm honest and true to my word although I would love the boys to have won the league it is far more important that we keep progressing and developing players for the first team than winning leagues.

Against Doncaster on Saturday it was second against third and a game of two halves.

Only Scott Harrison and Dale Hopson were missing due to injuries so I was able to field a very strong side in terms of age and experience. Sitting in second place the boys wanted to make up for the disappointment of the Hull result and consolidate our position.

We started the game slowly and we found ourselves second best in all departments. We played far too many long balls which goes against all we work on each day and that comes down to confidence and believing in your own and your team mates ability to handle the football.

We got to the break level and I sat the boys down and reminded them of how well as a youth department we have done in recent seasons.

I felt the boys looked low on confidence and which if I'm honest I could understand due to results at first team level with a number of them involved in those games, but the bigger and honest picture is that these boys have performed admirably stepping up to the first team and it is important that when they step down in the youth team they play with the belief and confidence which they have done earlier in the season.

The second half was a different story and the performance filled me with great pride and gave me a huge lift after all we have all been through in recent weeks at all levels.

We dominated the entire half playing some really good attractive football and won the game with a Rob Ramshaw penalty.

I am and always will be very protective of the youngsters and once again in the second half proved just how vital they are to the future of this football club.

As always enjoy the game and give the lads your full support tonight. We need and appreciate it.



Player Profile -Lee Burrell

Position: Right wing Born: Stockton, 16.3.94 Previous clubs: None Joined Darlo: 2009

Favourites...

Darlo player: Greg Taylor World player: Messi

Darlo youth player: Scott Harrison

Team (other than Darlo): Hartlepool Music: House

TV: The Inbetweeners Film: The Hangover Food: Pasta Bake Drink: Fanta

About your teammates

Best hair-do: Jamie Barton

Worst hair-do: Matthew Crust

Best fashion sense: David Ferguson Worst fashion sense:

Tom Bott Best banter: Jordan

Nixon Worst banter: Rob Ramshaw

Funniest team-mate: Scott Harrison

If I could change one thing about one of my team-mates, it would be who and what? Give Crusty a baldy!

Youth Alliance U-18 North-East Darlington fixtures, 2011-12

Sat 6: Doncaster Rovers (A) 0-0 Sat 13: Grimsby Town (H) 5-0 Sat 20: Scunthorpe United (A) 1-2 Sat 27: Notts County (H) SEPTEMBER Sat 3: York City (A) 2-0 Sat 10: Chesterfield (H) 2-3 Sat 17: Hartlepool United (H) 1-0 Mon 19: Gateshead FAY Cup R10.(A) 3-0 Weds 21: Gateshead Leam Rangers (H) 3-0 Durham Challenge Cup R1 **OCTOBER** Sat 1: Lincoln City (A) 1-0 Thurs 6: Chester-le-Street (A) FA Youth Cup R2O. 4-0 Sat 8: Burton Albion (H) 1-2 Sat 15: Chesterfield (A) 2-1 Tues 18: Notts County (H) 3-2 Sat 22: Bradford City (H) 2-1 Tues 25: Altrincham FA Youth Cup R3Q (A) 3-0 **NOVEMBER** Weds 2: Sheffield FC (H) 7-1 FA Youth Cup R1, 7.45pm Sat 5: Hartlepool United (H) Post. Tues 15: Shrewsbury Town (H) 2-0 FA Youth Cup R2 Sat 19: Rotherham United (A) 2-1 Sat 26: Hartlepool United (A) 1-2 DECEMBER Sat 3: Cup 2 Thurs 8: Newcastle Utd FAYC R3 (A) 0-3 IANUARY Sat 10: Lincoln City (H) 0-3 **FEBRUARY** Sat 14: Burton Albion (A) 1-1 (H) 2-1 Sat 25: Rotherham United MARCH (A) 0-3 Sat 3: Hull City Sat 10: Doncaster Rovers (H) 1-0 Sat 17: Grimsby Town Sat 31: Scunthorpe United (H)

Sat 14: Notts County

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Sat 21: Hull City

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DARLINGTON **STOCKPORT** COUNTY

The Northern Echo Arena Saturday March 3, 2012

Darlington slipped into the relegation places with a 1-0 defeat at home to Stockport County.

Alfreton Town's 0-0 draw at home to AFC Telford United was enough for them to leapfrog Darlo after a frustrating afternoon at the Northern Echo Arena.

A crowd of just over 2,200 watched Craig Liddle's side lose their 17th game of the season and stretch their winless run to 10.

Danny L Rowe's 60th-minute penalty secured Stockport's first back-toback win since February 2009, and served as a double blow after Rob Ramshaw's sending off for two yellow cards.

Referee Ross Joyce awarded a penalty when Rob Ramshaw tripped Nolan inside the area.

Darlo probably didn't have an argument with the spot-kick – which was emphatically hammered home by Rowe on the hour – but Ramshaw's second yellow card and subsequent sending off was harsh on the youngster, and probably summed up Darlington's season.

Drewe Broughton went close to scoring on his debut when Paul Arnison and Aaron Brown took a quick corner and Brown whipped a great ball into the box, but the big striker headed over.

Darlington: Pickford, Arnison, Brown, Harrion, K Taylor, McReady, Bridge-Wilkinson, Ramshaw, Wainwright (Keltie, 68), Broughton, Bowman. Unused: Ferguson, Lambert, Nixon.

Attendance: 2.202

Match





Brodie Millichap profiles today's visitors...

LUTON TOWN

CLUB INFO

Formed: 1885

Nickname: The Hatters Manager: Gary Brabin Stadium: Kenilworth Road

Capacity: 10,226

Web: www.lutontown.co.uk Highbury to Arena: 216.2 miles

THE GAFFER

Gary Brabin

Born: 9 December 1970

Previous Clubs: Southport (2008), Cambridge Gary Brabin took over at Luton Town last season following the departure of Richard Money. He lead the club to the play-off final where they came up short against AFC Wimbledon. Despite this failure, Brabin received the full support of the Luton Town board and one week later he



signed a new two-year contract as manager.

As a player, Brabin enjoyed many successful years at several different clubs. He began his career as an apprentice with Stockport County, where he made only two professional appearances before being released. He

went on to represent Gateshead on a couple of occasions before turning up at Runcorn as a part-time player. He made just under one hundred appearances for the club before he signed for Doncaster Rovers for a fee of £45,000. He impressed so much at Doncaster, that by March 1996 he signed for Bury for a fee of £125,000. Just a few months and appearances later, however, and Brabin was on the move again - signing for Blackpool for a fee of £200,000. He made 50 appearances, in what was a controversial spell at

Blackpool, before he joined Hull City in January 1999. From here he has also turned out for many other clubs including: Torquay United, Chester City and The New Saints before retiring in 2008

Brabin began his managerial career at Southport in April 2008, where despite leading the Sandgrounders into the play-offs, he left to join Cambridge United. Brabin enjoyed a successful first season as manager of the U's, winning the Conference National Manager of the Year. However, the following season he left the club following disputes with the Club's

BRIEF HISTORY

Formed in 1885, Luton Town were the first Southern-based club to turn professional, making payments to players as early as 1890 and turning fully professional just a year later. The club was a founder of the Southern Football League in the 1894-95 season and went on to finish runner-up in its first two seasons. The following years saw Luton chopping and changing between the Southern League and the Football League, before they finally re-joined the latter in the 1920-21 season.

The Hatters were to play in the Third Division of the Football League for sixteen more seasons before they earned promotion to the Second Division in the 1936-37 season. The club reached its peak during the 1950s, when they were promoted to the top tier of English football and they also enjoyed an FA Cup Final appearance. Despite this success, a dramatic decline was to follow and by the 1964-65 season, Luton were plying their trade in the fourth tier.

The Football Club rallied well though and nine seasons later, they were back in the top tier of English Football – albeit only for one season as they were soon relegated. Former player David Pleat was made manager in 1978 and by 1982 they were back in the top flight and the club appeared in two League Cup Finals - winning one of them.

The 1990s saw Luton drop through the leagues and by the end of the 2000-01 season, the club were in the Football League's basement division. The club were then galvanised however, first under Joe Kinnear and then Mike Newell, and they claimed two promotions. However, the 2006-07 season was the beginning of the decline. The club suffered back to back relegations and they were back in the bottom division of the Football League. The 2008-09 season then saw Luton start off with a 30 point deduction for financial irregularities, this was too big an obstacle to overcome and they were relegated from the Football League - dropping to the Conference for the first time in the club's history.

DID YOU KNOW

- Former Luton Town striker Joe Payne holds the Football League record for the most goals in one game, after he netted 10 times in one match against
- The club have played at Kenilworth Road for over 100 years, since 1905. They used to play their home games at Dunstable Road and previously Dallow Lane.

THE PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS

Mark Tyler

Experienced goalkeeper Mark Tyler has a firm grip on the number one jersey at Kenilworth Road. A former England Youth International, Tyler has years of experience behind him - mainly at Peterborough United where he made 483 appearances in 15 years.

Lewis Kidd

Young goalkeeper Lewis Kidd earned a professional contract with the Hatters at the end of the 2010/11 season after impressing as a scholar.

DEFENDERS

Daniel Gleeson

Tall and athletic full-back Daniel Gleeson joined the Hatters last summer, making 36 league appearances in his debut season at the club. An England C International, Gleeson is recognised as one of the best full-backs outside of the Football League.

Greg Taylor

Versatile defender Greg Taylor signed for Luton from Darlington earlier this season. The defender was one of the Quaker's best performers before he made the move to Kenilworth Road, where he has continued that good form.

Dean Beckwith

Centre-back Dean Beckwith joined the Hatters in the summer following his release from Northampton Town. Beckwith has enjoyed many appearances in the Football League and he will be hoping to get back there with Luton Town

George Pilkington



Captain George Pilkington is a tower of strength at the heart of the Luton Town defence. The former Everton trainee has been a virtual ever-present for the Hatters in the last two seasons and he showed his commitment to the club by signing a new contract in the summer.

Shane Blackett

Left-sided defender Shane Blackett is comfortable at either centre-back or left-back and his versatility is a welcome bonus to Luton Town.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Versatile defender Ed Asafu-Adjaye has progressed

through the youth set-up at Kenilworth Road before making his Luton Town debut during the 2007-08

Curtis Osano

Exciting defender Curtis Osano signed for the Hatters in the summer after he left Rushden & Diamonds. Osano possesses great pace and this makes him an attacking threat from his defensive position.

lanos Kovacs

Hungarian centre-back Janos Kovacs joined Luton Town earlier this season for his second spell with the club. Since re-joining the club, Kovacs has been a virtual ever-present at the heart of the Luton Town defence and he has also helped himself to a couple of goals.

MIDFIELDERS

Keith Keane

Long-time club servant Keith Keane is still going from strength to strength at the club, proving to be a key player yet again this season. Keane made his debut back in the 2003-04 season for the Hatters.

Alex Lawless

Midfielder Alex Lawless was signed from York City during the middle of last season. Lawless is an energetic midfielder with an eye for goal. exemplified by his stunning 35-yard drive against Wrexham in the play-offs last season.

Robbie Willmott

Attacking midfielder Robbie Willmott has been on red-hot form this season, netting seven times from midfield. The exciting winger signed for Luton Town from Cambridge United last year after making a very impressive start to that season.

Jake Howells

Versatile midfielder Jake Howells has been a virtual ever-present for Luton Town so far this season, despite his relatively tender age of 20. Predominantly a left winger, Howells has been in great form so far this term

Andre Boucaud

Trinidad & Tobago International Andre Boucaud is a recent signing at Luton Town after joining from York City in January. The midfielder brings a wealth of experience with him and he will be hoping to be a key figure in the Hatter's drive for promotion this

lames Dance

Exciting midfielder James Dance joined the Hatters in the summer after leaving Crawley Town. Dance is a tricky winger who can win you a game at the drop of a hat.

John Kissock

Creative midfielder John Kissock signed for Luton Town from Southport earlier this season - where he had impressed previously. Kissock began his career at Everton before dropping to Non-League football, via Hamilton Academical.

Charlie Henry

Winger Charlie Henry signed for the Hatters from Newport County mid-way through last season. He had begun his career at Kenilworth Road as a scholar, but was released for being too small.

Godfrey Poku

Tenacious defensive midfielder Godfrey Poku is a key member of the Luton Town squad. He brings a tough tackling and no nonsense attitude to the Town midfield, which has seen him pick up several bookings so far this season.

Jonathan O'Donnell

Young winger O'Donnell signed for Luton Town from St Albans in January 2010. Also capable of playing in attack or at left back, the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during the 2009/10

Adam Watkins

A young midfielder who is also capable of playing in attack, Adam Watkins is playing for the club he supported as a boy. He scored his first senior goal for the club earlier this season against Southport.

FORWARDS

Amari Morgan-Smith



England C International, Amari Morgan-Smith is a pacey striker/winger who can be a danger to opposition defences. He signed for Luton Town after becoming a free agent following a two-year spell with Ilkeston Town.

Craig McCallister

Powerful striker Craig McCallister signed on loan from Newport County for the rest of the season. McCallister had previously played for Crawley Town where he proved to be the perfect foil for the prolific Matt Tubbs.

Danny Crow

Fox-in-the-box striker Danny Crow signed for the Hatters in May 2010 after his contract expired at Cambridge United. Since joining the Hatter he has never really enjoyed a run in the team and he only managed to score seven goals last season.

Stuart Fleetwood

Striker Stuart Fleetwood signed for Luton Town from Hereford United in the summer for an undisclosed fee. Fleetwood was once a prolific goal scorer at Blue Square standard, most notably with Forest Green Rovers

Aaron O'Connor

Frontman Aaron O'Connor signed for Luton Town in the summer after leaving Rushden & Diamonds, He was a crowd favourite at Nene Park before he made the move to Kenilworth Road.



Chris Daniel reviews the North-East non-league circuit

Jubilant week on nonleague circuit

It's been a jubilant week for several of our regions sides with important and noteworthy wins.



Blyth Spartans won in the Blue Square Bet North for the first time since September after winning 2-0 at Colwyn Bay last Saturday, then followed this up by defeating Histon 2-1 on Tuesday. Phil Bannister scored three in the two games, and Spartans boss Tommy Cassidy will hope the results can spur them on to the great escape as although they are now off the bottom, they are currently still 11 points from

At the other end of the non league pyramid, Darlington GSRA, of the Teesside League First Division finally recorded their first league win of the season – winning 3-1 against second bottom Nunthorpe Athletic.

After finding themselves 1-0 down early on, GSRA could have been expected to resign themselves to another defeat, but now under new management they battled to all three poinst and find themselves now just 2 points behind Nunthorpe.

West Auckland Town and Dunston UTS are both through to semi-finals of the FA Vase after thrilling last eight wins.

West won 2-0 away on the South coast at Bournemouth - thanks to a 91st minute goal from Micky Rae followed up by a 93rd minute Mattie Moffat strike.



Dunston were involved in an epic 4-3 after extra time win at Peterborough Northern Star. Andy Bulford scored just three minutes from the end of extra time to give Dunston the win in a topsy-turvy game that was just 1-1 at 90 minutes, 2-2 at the half way point of extra time - both of which Dunston had come from behind to level.

After then being 3-2 up, PNS came back themselves before Bulford's second of the game won it.

The Northern League duo have been

kept apart in the semi-finals – with UTS facing Staveley MW and West playing Herne Bay.

In the Wearside League, there were notable wins for Redcar Athletic, who won 3-0 against Gateshead Leam Rangers to move eight points clear, Sunderland West End who made it 12 successive wins with a 3-1 victory at Wolviston and at the bottom for Silksworth Rangers, who won 3-2 at Kirkbymoorside, avenging their 8-1 thrashing earlier in the season and moving eight points clear of the bottom.

Darlington Cleveland Bridge can't seem to buy a win at the moment after another defeat last weekend to Willington. CB have won just one game this calendar year and have slipped to seventh in the standings.

Darlington Rugby in Teesside League Second Division won again to stay top and are closing in quickly on promotion, being five points points clear with a game in hand still. This week Rugby won 3-2 away at Billingham Synthonia Reserves and find themselves 16 points clear of third

The Northern League Second Division promotion race has had more twists and turns again.

Team Northumbria and Gillford Park both hold first and second spots. but who will take the third and final promotion spot is anyone's guess as seven clubs are separated by just six points, and all have played a different number of games.

Morpeth Town are currently third after their 2-0 win last weekend over Seaham Red Star, with Birtley Town are fourth Darlington RA fifth and Hebburn Town sixth.

With resident guizmaster Steve Rees

FOOTBALL

- 1. For which club did Peter Shilton sign when he left Leicester City in
- 2. Who was Darlo's top goalscorer when relegated from the Football League in 1989?
- 3. Which Scottish striker did Terry Venables take to Barcelona?
- 4. To which Premier League club is Robbie Blake currently contracted?
- 5. Which was the only British club to win the UEFA Cup in the 80s?
- 6. Who was the first goalkeeper to captain an FA Cup-winning team?
- 7. From which football club did Manchester Utd sign both Jaap Stam and Ruud van Nistelroy?
- 8. Name the two ex-Quakers who have scored this season for tonight's
- 9. What did Stoke City, Bolton Wanderers and Derby County all do in the summer of 1997?
- 10. From which club did Quakers sign David Speedie in 1980?

GENERAL SPORT

- 11. How many players make up a handball team?
- 12. With which sport do you associate Cincinnati Reds?
- 13. In which Olympic Games was the first women's marathon staged?
- 14. Which sport uses stones and a house?
- 15. In American football, how many points are scored for a touchdown?
- 16. In the Japanese martial art of Kendo, of which material is the sword made?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 17. What is the smallest plant in the onion family?
- 18. Which Scottish town is renowned for its 'smokies'?
- 19. Who designed the Volkswagen Beetle?
- 20. Which fictional character has been played in films by Peter Ustinov and Albert Finney?
- 21. Which world leader did John Hinkley shoot, but not kill, in 1981?
- 22. What was the name of the shaggy dog in TV's 'The Magic Roundabout'?

HOW DID YOU DO?

22 - 18Sharp in the box and hungry to score 17 - 12Dependable box-to-box midfielder 11 - 6Greater effort needed on the training pitch

5 or less Go back home to Hartlepool!

Answers on Page 27



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Tues 16	Fleetwood Town	(A)	0-0	1,811	Russell	Purkiss	G Taylor	Miller	Lee	Chandler	Atkinson	K Taylor	Bowman	Walshaw	Hatch			McReady	Arnison	Pocklington
Sat 20	Tamworth	(A)	0-1	977	Russell	Purkiss	G Taylor	Miller	Lee	Chandler	Atkinson	K Taylor	Bowman	Walshaw	Hatch		McReady	Smith		Pocklington
Tues 23	Alfreton Town	(H)	1-1	1,965	Russell	Purkiss	K Taylor	Miller	Lee	Chandler	Atkinson	-	Bridge-Wilkinson			McReady		Campbell	Arnison	Pocklington
Sat 27	Grimsby Town	(A)	2-1	2,887	Russell	Purkiss	Miller	Lee	K Taylor	ARNISON 1	G TAYLOR		Rundle	Walshaw	Campbell	Bowman	Hatch	Bridge-Wilkinson	Chandler	Atkinson
Mon 29 SEPTEMBER	Lincoln City	(H)	3-1	2,252	Russell	Purkiss	Miller	Lee	G Taylor	Arnison	Rundle	McReady	K Taylor	CAMPBELL1	BOWMAN2	Walshaw	Chandler	Hatch	Atkinson	Bridge-Wilkinson
Sat 3	Mansfield Town	(H)	0-2	2,647	Russell	Purkiss	G Taylor	Miller	Lee	McReady	Arnison	K Taylor	Rundle	Bowman	Campbell	Atkinson	Hatch	Walshaw	Chandler	Bridge-Wilkinson
Sat 10	Luton Town	(A)	0-2	5,591	Russell	Purkiss	Sanchez-Muno ₂	Miller	Lee	G Taylor	Arnison	Atkinson	Rundle	Hatch	Walshaw	Bowman	Bridge-Wilkinson	Campbell	Chandler	K Taylor
Sat 17	Hayes & Yeading Utd	(H)	1-1	1,809	Russell	Arnison	Brown	Purkiss	Miller	Chandler	G Taylor	Rundle	Bridge-Wilkinson	Walshaw	Purcell	BOWMAN1	Atkinson	Brough	K Taylor	Sanchez-Munoz
Tues 20	York City	(A)	2-2	2,834	Russell	Purkiss	Miller	Lee	Brown	Chandler	G Taylor	BRIDGE-WILKINSON	Rundle	WALSHAW1	Purcell	Hatch	Bowman	Brough	Atkinson	Sanchez-Munoz
Sat 24	Cambridge Utd	(A)	0-2	2,300	Russell	Purkiss	Sanchez-Muno.	Lee	Brown	Chandler	G Taylor	Bridge-Wilkinsor	Rundle	Walshaw	Purcell	Bowman	Campbell	Arnison	Atkinson	Brough
Tues 27 OCTOBER	Southport	(H)	0-3	1,637	Russell	Purkiss	Brown	Hatch	Lee	Chandler	G Taylor	Brough	Bowman	Walshaw	Rundle	Arnison	Campbell	Bridge-Wilkinson	Purcell	Atkinson
Sat 1	Newport County	(H)	2-0	1,785	Soderberg	Arnison	K Taylor	G Taylor	Lee	McReady	Chandler	BRIDGE-WILKINSON1	PURCELL1	Walshaw	Hatch	Brough	Bowman	Campbell	Russell	Atkinson
Sat 8	Bath City	(A)	0-2	1,156	Soderberg	Arnison	K Taylor	G Taylor	Lee	McReady	Brough	Bridge-Wilkinson	Purcell	Walshaw	Hatch	Atkinson	Bowman	Campbell	Russell	Rundle
Tues 11	Stockport County	(A)	4-3	2,671	Soderberg	G TAYLOR1	Brown	Geohagho		Atkinson	CHANDLER	K Taylor	Rundle	Hatch	WALSHAW 1	Bowman	Purcell	Harrison	Bridge-Wilkinsor	Russell
Sat 15	Kidderminster Harr.	(H)	1-0	1,763	Soderberg	G Taylor	K Taylor	SANCHEZ-MUNOZ1		Atkinson	Chandler	Rundle	Brown	Walshaw	Hatch	Bowman	McReady	Bridge-Wilkinson	Russell	Arnison
Tues 18	Barrow	(H)	0-1	1,786	Soderberg	-	K Taylor		Geohaghan	Atkinson	Chandler	Rundle	Brown	Walshaw	Hatch	Brough	McReady	Bowman	Bridge-Wilkinsor	Russell
Sat 22	Braintree Town	(A)	1-3	864	Soderberg	,	LEE 1	Geohaghan	Brown	Rundle	Atkinson	Chandler	K Taylor	Rodney	Bowman	Hatch	J Gray	McReady	Brough	Russell
Sat 29 NOVEMBER	Hinckley United FAC40	Q(H)	1-1	1,177	Russell	Arnison	Brown	G Lee	G Taylor	Chandler	K Taylor	Bridge-Wilkinsor	BOWMAN1	Campbell	Hatch	Walshaw	Gray Sanchez-Mu	unozz McReady	/ Rundle	Hopson Nixon
Tues 2	Hinckley Utd FACR4Q	(A)	0-3	837	Russell	Arnison	G Taylor	Lee	Brown	Chandler	K Taylor	Bridge-Wilkinsor	Rundle	Campbell	Bowman	Walshaw (Gray Geohagh	non Sanchez-Mund	ozz McReady	Hopson Nixon
Sat 5	AFC Telford Utd	(H)	1-0	1,680	Russell	Arnison	G Taylor	Geohaghon	G Lee	Chandler	McReady	BRIDGE-WILKINSON1	J Gray	Bowman	Campbell	Atkinson	Walshaw	K Taylor	Hopson	Nixon
Sat 19	Ebbsfleet Utd	(A)	3-1	1,087	Russell	Arnison	Miller	Lee	Brown	McReady		Bridge-Wilkinsor		HOPSON 1		J Gray	K Taylor	Atkinson	Quinn	Nixon
Sat 26	Tamworth	(H)	2-0	1,752	Russell	Arnison	Miller	Lee	Brown	McReady		-		HOPSON 1	Hatch	Sanchez-Munoz	Reach	Bowman	Atkinson	Nixon
Weds 30 DECEMBER	Wrexham	(A)	1-2	3,171	Russell	Arnison	Miller	Lee	Taylor	McReady	Chandler	BRIDGE-WILKINSON1	Rundle	Hopson	Bowman	J Gray	Reach	Sanchez-Munoz	Atkinson	Nixon
Sat 3	Forest Green Rovers	(H)	0-0	1,693	Russell	Arnison	Miller	Harrison	Taylor	Chandler	Bridge-Wilkinso	n Rundle	Reach	Hopson	Lee	Atkinson	J Gray	Sanchez-Munoz	P Gray	Nixon
Tues 6	Kettering Town	(A)	0-0	924	Russell	Arnison	Miller	Lee	Taylor	McReady	Chandler	Atkinson	Rundle	Hopson	Hatch	Reach	Sanchez-Munoz	Harrison	J Gray	Nixon
Sat 10	Grimsby Town FA Trophy I		0-3	1,527	Russell	Taylor	Miller	Harrison	Brown	Rundle		Bridge-Wilkinsor		Hopson	Lee	J Gray	Atkinson		Sanchez-Munoz	Nixon
Sat 17	Cambridge Utd	(H)	2-0	1,784	Russell	Arnison	Brown	Miller	Lee	Chandler		REACH 1	Hopson	Hatch	RUNDLE 1	McReady	J.Gray	Taylor	Atkinson	Nixon
Mon 26 JANUARY	Gateshead	(A)	1-1	1,522	Russell	Arnison	Brown	Lee	Taylor	Chandler	BRIDGE-WILKINSON	1 McReady	Hopson	Hatch	Rundle	Harrison	J.Gray	Atkinson	Nixon	
Sun 1	Gateshead	(H)	0-1	2,581	Russell	Arnison	Brown	Lee	Chandler	Taylor	McReady	Rundle	Hopson	Bridge-Wilkinson	Bowman	J Gray	Atkinson	Harrison	P Gray	Nixon
Sat 7	Barrow	(A)	0-3	2,144	Russell	Arnison	Brown	Taylor	Hatch	McReady	Chandler	Bridge-Wilkinsor	Rundle	Hopson	Bowman	Harrison	P Gray	Ramshaw	J Gray	Nixon
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	(H)	0-1	5,638	Pickford	Arnison	Brown	Lee	K Taylor	McReady	Bridge-Wilkinso	n Hopson	J Gray	Rundle	Bowman	Harrison	Barton	Ramshaw	P Gray	Nixon
Tues 24	Hayes & Yeading Utd	(A)	2-3*	550	Pickford	Arnison	J Gray	K Taylor	Harrison		Bridge-Wilkinso		Rundle	Bowman	Lambert	BARTON 1		Ferguson	Nixon	
Sat 28 FEBRUARY	York City	(H)	2-2	6,413	Pickford	Arnison	Brown	Harrison	Taylor	McREADY 1	Bridge-Wilkinso	n Hopson	Ramshaw	RUNDLE 1	Bowman	P Gray	J Gray	Lambert	Barton	Nixon
Tues 14	Southport	(A)	0-2	847	Pickford	Bagnall	Brown	Harrison	Taylor	McReady	Keltie	Bridge-Wilkinsor	Rundle	Hopson	Bowman	Ramshaw	Lambert	Ferguson	P Gray	Nixon
Sat 18	Alfreton Town	(A)	1-3	950	Pickford	Arnison	Brown	Harrison	K Taylor	Keltie	McReady	Ramshaw		Bridge-Wilkinson	Bowman	Lambert	Hopson	Ferguson	Bagnall	Nixon
Tues 21 MARCH	Mansfield Town	(A)	2-5	1,697	Pickford	Bagnall	Arnison	Taylor	Harrison	Ferguson	Keltie	BRIDGE-WILKINSON	McREADY 1	Bowman	Ramshaw	Rundle	Lambert	Barton	Hopson	Nixon
Sat 3	Stockport County	(H)	0-1	2,202	Pickford	Arnison	Brown	Harrison	K Taylor	McReady	Bridge-Wilkinson	Ramshaw	Wainwright	Broughton	Bowman	Keltie	Ferguson	Lambert	Nixon	
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WAYNE HARRISON

An exclusive column with Darlo fan and journalist Wayne Harrison...

English dominance disappearing?

As well as tomorrow being Chelsea's first European match since hastily dispensing with the services of Andre Villas-Boas, Napoli's visit to Stamford Bridge for the second leg of their Champions League round of 16 tie is potentially significant for the English game as a whole.

With Manchester City and Manchester United having failed, surprisingly, to negotiate the group stage and Arsenal eliminated by AC Milan last week despite their three-goal fight back, the Blues are flying the flag for the Premier League in the continent's premier club competition - at least for now.

Following a 3-1 reverse in Italy three weeks ago, Chelsea have it all to do if they are to reach the last eight for the seventh time in nine seasons. Worryingly for their fans - not least Roman Abramovich, whose obsession with winning the European Cup is largely the reason why he is now seeking to hire the club's eighth manager in as many years - Chelsea have failed in all three attempts to overhaul a first-leg away defeat by a two-goal margin or more.

Should that record extend to four, then for the first time in 16 years England will not have a representative in the quarter-finals. How times change. Until recently, Premier League teams ruled the roost in Europe, regularly reaching the latter stages of the competition in an unprecedented period of success not



experienced since Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa dominated in the late 1970s and early 80s.

Indeed, in the halcyon days of 2006/07 to 2008/09, England contributed nine of the 12 semi-finalists, although only United lifted the trophy in that time. Since then, save for Inter triumphing in Madrid two years ago, Barcelona have stolen the show and it is difficult to see past them becoming the first side in the Champions League era, and not since Milan in 1989 and 1990, to win backto-back European titles. Not with Lionel Messi in such awe-inspiring form.

If there is one team who can stop losep Guardiola's men perhaps it is Real Madrid - at the time of writing ten points clear of Barça at the top of the Liga - though their poor record against Messi and Co in the past few seasons hardly augurs well in the event of the great rivals being drawn together again. Before that can happen, though, Jose Mourinho's charges must overcome CSKA Moskva tomorrow, with the tie anything but a foregone conclusion following the 1-1 first-leg draw in Russia.

With no country protection in operation, Barcelona could be paired with Madrid when the draw for the remainder of the Champions League, not forgetting the Europa League, is made in Switzerland on Friday. Whether Bayern Munich will be involved is far from assured, however. The Bundesliga club suffered a shock 1-0 defeat by Basel last month but, with the final being staged at their Allianz Arena home on 19 May, they will be doubly determined to turn the tie around in the second leg tonight.



RESES

DARLINGTON ROLL-CALL

2011-12 CAREER APPS GOALS APPS GOALS

Paul Arnison Born: Hartlepool, 18.9.77	22 (2)	1 0	242 (64) 41 (2)	8 2
Liam Bagnall Born: Newry, N Ireland, 17.5.92	2	0	2 0	0
Jamie Barton Born: Stockton, 20.11.93	0(2)	1 0	0 (2)	1 0
Ryan Bowman Born: Carlisle, 30.11.91	16 (11) 2	4 1	17 (20) 2	4 1
Drewe Broughton Born: Hitchin, 25.10.78	1 0	0	315 (128) 37 (14)	80
Marc Bridge-Wilkinson Born: Coventry, 16.3.79	23 (5) 3	6	341 (46) 49 (7)	72 10
Aaron Brown Born: Bristol, 14.3.80	17	0	308 (56) 49 (10)	22
Clark Keltie Born: Newcastle: 31.8.83	3	0	187 (41) 21 (3)	11 1
David Ferguson Born: Sunderland, 7.6.94	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0
Phil Gray Born: South Shields, 11.8.93	0 (1)	0	2 (4) 0 (1)	0
Scott Harrison Born: Middlesbrough, 3.9.93	7 (3)	0	6 (3)	0
Dale Hopson Born: Stockton, 13.9.92	13 (1)	2	13 (1) 1	2
Danny Lambert Born: Stockton, 6.9.93	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0
Graeme Lee Born: Middlesbrough, 31.5.78	23	0	450 (26) 53 (6)	36 8
John McReady Born: South Shields, 24.7.92	20 (5)	2	30 (13)	1 0
Jordan Nixon Born: Middlesbrough, 27.11.93	0	0	0	0
Jordan Pickford Born: Washington, 7.3.94	7	0	6	0
Rob Ramshaw Born: Durham, 12.11.93	4 (4) 0	0	3 (4) 0	0
Adam Rundle Born: South Shields, 8.7.84	24 (1)	3	233 (82) 24 (4)	31
Kris Taylor Born: Cannock, 12.1.84	24 (1)	0	215 (42) 34 (8)	18 3
Neil Wainwright Born: Warrington, 4.11.77	1 0	0	257 (102) 31 (13)	32

KEY: Top line is league goals, second line is all other competitions.



Aaron Brown - 17th appearance of the season against Stockport

Blue Square Bet Premier League

2011-12	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1 Fleetwood Town	37	27	7	3	87	38	49	88
2 Wrexham	36	26	5	5	65	21	44	83
3 Luton Town	35	18	11	6	64	30	34	65
4 Mansfield Town	36	17	13	6	59	40	19	64
5 Southport	36	18	8	10	55	57	-2	62
6 York City	35	16	13	6	67	36	31	61
7 Grimsby Town	35	17	7	11	68	49	19	58
8 Kidderminster Harriers	36	16	9	11	61	50	11	57
9 Gateshead	36	16	9	11	58	54	4	57
10 Barrow	37	16	7	14	55	52	3	55
11 Braintree Town	37	15	8	14	64	65	-1	53
12 Forest Green Rovers	36	13	13	10	50	36	14	52
13 Cambridge United	34	14	10	10	43	32	11	52
14 Ebbsfleet United	35	11	10	14	55	61	-6	43
15 Tamworth	36	11	9	16	41	56	-15	42
16 Stockport County	38	7	14	17	41	64	-23	35
17 Alfreton Town	36	9	8	19	48	73	-25	35
18 Newport County	35	8	10	17	44	53	-9	34
19 Lincoln City	36	8	9	19	37	53	-16	33
20 AFC Telford Utd	35	7	12	16	33	49	-16	33
21 Hayes & Yeading Utd	36	8	6	22	46	75	-29	30
22 Darlington	35	10	8	17	35	50	-15	28
23 Kettering Town	36	7	7	22	34	78	-44	25
24 Bath City	36	4	9	23	32	70	-38	21
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* Darlington deducted 10pts for entering administration Up to and including 29.2.12

TODAY'S BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER FIXTURES

Darlington v Luton Town AFC Telford Utd v Kidderminster Harriers Cambridge United v Barrow **Ebbsfleet United** v Wrexham Grimsby Town v York City Mansfield Town v Fleetwood Town Southport v Kettering Town

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER TOP SCORERS

Hearn (Grimsby)	26	Willock (Ebbsfleet United	16
Shaw (Gateshead)	25	Soares (Grimsby)	15
Vardy (Fleetwood Town)	24	Speight (Wrexham)	15
Green (Mansfield)	22	Boyes (Barrow)	14
Gray (Southport)	17	Marks (Braintree Town)	13
Mangan (Fleetwood)	17	Rose (Fleetwood Town)	13
Cook (Barrow)	16	Wright (Braintree Town)	13
Walker (York)	16		



MINUTE'S APPLAUSE FOR JACK

There will be a minute's applause before tonight's game, for the legendary football scout Jack Watson, who passed away at the weekend.

The 90-year-old had been taken into Darlington Memorial Hospital by ambulance in the early hours of Friday after becoming ill at home in County Durham.

A former goalkeeper and an accomplished cricketer with both Durham and Northumberland, Jack was caretaker manager of Darlington four times.

He also had a long association with Boro as chief scout under managers including Stan Anderson, Jack Charlton and John Neal.

He became a close confidant of Tony Mowbray and helped him with recruitment from the North East during the current Boro manager's tenure of Hibernian, West Brom

Quakers boss Craig Liddle also got to know Jack well over He would have turned 91 next month. the years.

"He was an immensely popular figure in football," said

"I got to know him quite a bit over the last few years, he was well known here at Darlington, a friendly face.

"He'll be a big miss to football generally, and our thoughts are with his family."

When Mowbray returned to Boro as boss, one of his first jobs was to bring his trusted friend in to assist with his recruitment operation.

"It's a devastating blow to everyone at Rockliffe who got to know Jack over the last 16 months," said said Mowbray.

"He was a remarkable man doing the job he loved almost right up to the day he died and while we're all very sad today, we're consoled by the fact that he had no long illness or suffering."

Born in High Spen, near Gateshead, Jack had four stints as caretaker manager at Darlington and also worked with Carlisle, Hartlepool and Sunderland during a long and distinguished career.







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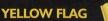
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2 Ryan BOWMAN	
3 Jordan NIXON	
4 Jamie BARTON	
5 Phil GRAY	
John McREADY	
7 David FERGUSON	
8 Graeme LEE	
9 Liam BAGNALL	
0 Adam RUNDLE	
2 Rob RAMSHAW	
4 Jordan PICKFORD	
6 Neil WAINWRIGHT	
7 Scott HARRISON	
0 Dale HOPSON	
Marc BRIDGE-WILKINSO	NC

1	Mark TYLER
2	Daniel GLEESON
3	Greg TAYLOR
4	Keith KEANE
5	Dean BECKWITH
6	George PILKINGTON
7	Alex LAWLESS
8	Amari MORGAN-SMITH
9	Craig McALLISTER
10	Danny CROW
- 11	Robbie WILLMOTT
12	Shane BLACKETT
13	Stuart FLEETWOOD
14	Aaron O'CONNOR
15	Jake HOWELLS
16	Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE
17	Andre BOUCAUD
18	Curtis OSANO
19	James DANCE
20	John KISSOCK
21	Charlie HENRY
22	Paul CARDEN
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25	Godfrey POKU
26	Jonathan O'DONNELL
28	Adam WATKINS
29	Dan WALKER
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