

1st XI

E.C.B. NYSD Premier League

2016 Season

FINAL LEAGUE POSITION

3rd

PLAYED 24

WON 10

DRAWN 4

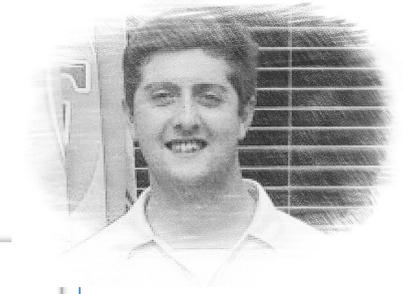
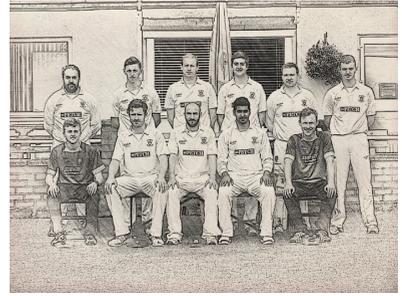
TIED 1

LOST 4

NO RESULT—RAIN 5

POINTS 360

MacMillan Cup - Semi Finalists



1st XI 2016 Standing left to right: Peter Bentley, Alex Simpson, Grant Sowerby, James Sutton, James Dobson, Tom Sowerby.

Seated, left to right: Connor Whitelock, Liam Coates, Paul Freary, Mohammad Saad, Nathan Wright.

The side was sponsored by SG Petch, Darlington for league games and Subway Darlington for coloured clothing Cup Games.

2016 saw a new look Darlington first team take the field. Last year's skipper had left for pastures new and last years professional, Doug Mulholland had not been retained.

The original plan was to engage a Pakistani professional and an overseas amateur to partner Liam Coates but the over seas amateur fell through due to visa problems. Mohammad Saad was signed and the batsman arrived in time for the season's opener at home to Marske after a complete first week league wash out.

Keeper batsman, James Dobson missed the opening games as he was getting married and on honeymoon and his place was taken behind the stumps by Jack Hardy who had returned to his home town club from Marton.

Connor Whitelock, a young off spinner had signed from Guisborough and had been in India during the winter with Durham's development players. Dale Marshal, a seamer returned to Darlington after several years playing at Normanby hall and Nathan Wright a young batsman joined us from Richmondshire.

With possibly one of the youngest groups of players in the league a lot was expected of the new look side. An opening day defeat to Marske was not a good omen, especially as their pro, Lee Hodgson scored the first of several centuries against our bowling attack.

We did bounce back against Billingham who had been promoted in 2015. A low scoring encounter saw Dale Marshall hit on the head by a beamer, completely smashing his helmet. We bowled the newcomers out for 114 but made hard work of knocking off the low total. James Sutton set his stall out for his first half century of the season seeing us home to our first win.

A home victory over Normanby hall followed. Hall were also promoted last season and despite some aggravation from their professional, Yorkshire paceman Ryan Gibson it was 76 from our pro Saad that saw us post a good total of 199 Three wickets each for Coates, Sowerby and Marshall saw us home. As the visitors were all out for 76

Coates made 83* against Great Ayton but we lost by 6 wickets against a team tipped for the title at the start of the season. Their neighbours, Stokesley were the next visitors to Feethams and we beat them by 68 runs. Despite Doug Mulholland's return with his new side we turned the screws with our spin attack and won convincingly. Our next game was a visit to Acklam park where we fell foul of a pitch deemed "unsuitable for Premier league cricket" (league minutes) Spun out on a dangerous track for just 51

We bounced back though when Barnard castle came to Feethams. Sutton (83) and Wright (53) shared a 125 run opening partnership as we made 199-6. The visitors couldn't cope with our bowling attack and were bowled out for 107. Marshall had to come off with a hamstring problem.

Our visit to Norton ended in frustration. Sutton top scored with 72 out of 182 but once Norton's star batsmen were dismissed the closed shop and made no effort to win the game which ended in a draw.

Coates 78 and Dobson 36 steered us to a 218 total at Richmondshire who were without their two pros (on county duty with Cumberland) We had them nine down at the end and had to be content with 15 points from the draw.

The weather stopped us winning at home to Guisborough in the next match. This was followed by a winning draw at Seaton Carew. Coates and Dobson both made forties in a total of 157. We bowled well to defend our total on a flat deck and were unlucky not to come away with 25 points.

Our double weekend was decimated by poor weather. Our games against Richmond and Hartlepool were both halted by severe rainstorms.

Hartlepool came to Feethams the following week and were treated to James Sutton's maiden premier league century. Despite having ex England cricketer, Phil Mustard in their ranks, Pools only Mustered 181-8



Sutton was in imperious form as he celebrated victory and his ton by partaking of cider for several days afterwards!

Dale Marshall was next with a career defining moment as he returned best figures of 7-46 against league leaders Marske. We had made 212 with Saad and Coates each making 79. Dobson (Hardy was keeping wicket) took a most spectacular gully catch to dismiss Bin Nasir the dangerous Pakistani pro at Marske as we bowled them out for 102 in 22.1 overs!

100 runs was the margin by which we beat Billingham at Feethams. 74 from the inform Sutton and 85 from Saad helped us achieve 235-9 dec. Whitelock was the star with the ball taking five wickets to help us win the game.

Next up was a rarity...a tied game. A nail biter saw us tie at Normanby hall Dobson top scored with 41 in a total of 154-7. Whitelock almost won the game for us with another five wicket haul but Normanby survived and the scores were level at the end!

119* for Saad was the highlight as we beat great Ayton at Feethams in one of the best performances we have seen at feethams for some time. Saad and Dobson shared a stand of 115 as we chased down the visitors total of 219

Rain spoiled our fixture at home to Middlesbrough and a victory over Norton saw us move into second place in the league dale Marshall took 5-22 as the Teesiders were bowled out for 90. The game was over by 4.30pm as we won by 8 wickets.

We were 18 points adrift of leaders Barnard castle when we visited the Dalesmens home ground at the end of August. A Bank Holiday crowd of 350+ saw us restrict the league leaders to 195-9 but fail with the bat for the first time since the Acklam park fiasco. We were bowled out for 130 and with it any chance of winning our 23rd league title probably went out of the window,.

The final two games of the season were against clubs in the bottom half of the table. Guisborough away and Seaton Carew at home.

Guisborough away never happened. Torrential rain storms covered the area and not a league game was played in the North east.

This made our chances of catching Barnard Castle impossible and they were crowned Champions for the first time without even bowling a ball! That meant the best we could hope for was runners up spot as Seaton Carew rolled into town on the final day of the Premier league season. Their total of 218-6 looked gettable especially whist Saad and Wright were together. Saad was out for 96 and Wright 44, both four short of milestones. We hung on at the close 8 down and 15



short of the required total. Groundsman Peter Bentley filling in at the last moment battled to gain the draw at the close alongside Connor Whitelock who earlier had received the supporter's Player of the Year from Sarah and Tim At the other end of the table, Billingham and Normanby were relegated after a season back in the top flight.

Stokesley escaped by the skin of their teeth as level on points with Normanby they had more runs per win. (something like goal difference in football apparently!)

1ST TEAM BATTING

1st XI averages for this season are based on a minimum of 250 runs scored and at least 15 innings. 9

	Player	PL	Inns	NO	Runs	High Score	Avg	50s	100s	Strike Rate
1	Muhammed Saad	23	22	2	914	119*	45.7	5	2	69.75
2	Liam Coates	23	21	3	624	83*	34.67	4	0	69.05
3	James Sutton	23	22	1	621	103*	29.57	4	1	50.42
4	James Dobson	22	20	3	447	74	26.29	2	0	66.29
5	Nathan Wright	23	20	5	285	53	19	1	0	44.06
	Also batted									
6	<i>Grant Sowerby</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>18*</i>	<i>16.33</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>92.11</i>
7	<i>Paul Freary</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>12.57</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41.08</i>
8	<i>Connor Whitelock</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>11.82</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>43.48</i>
9	<i>Dale Marshall</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>11.42</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>82.78</i>
#	<i>Tom Sowerby</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>21*</i>	<i>8.67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>58.33</i>
#	<i>Alex Simpson</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>32.61</i>
#	<i>Jack Vickerman</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>54.55</i>
#	<i>Sam Hardy</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3*</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33.33</i>
#	<i>Lee Craggs</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1.33</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15.38</i>
#	<i>Jack Hardy</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-</i>
#	<i>Ben Simpson</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-</i>
#	<i>Peter Bentley</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3*</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10.71</i>

AS WITH THE LEAGUE QUALIFICATIONS ON AVERAGES WE ARE USING 300 RUNS MINIMUM TO QUALIFY

BEST BATTING PARTNERSHIPS (LEAGUE) THANKS TO D.PIPER

1st wicket

30/5/16 Barnard Castle
125 **1st 125 J Sutton 83 N Wright 53**

6th wicket

7/5/16 Normanby Hall
66 **6th 66 M Saad 74 C Whitelock 38**

2nd wicket

2/7/16 Hartlepool
125 **2nd 125 J Sutton 103 M Saad 47**

66

7th wicket

25/6/16 Richmond
51 **7th 51 J Dobson 57 D Marshall 32**

3rd wicket

9/7/16 Marske
139 **3rd 139 L Coates 79 M Saad 79**

51

8th wicket

4/6/16 Norton
30 **8th 30 J Sutton 80 T Sowerby 21**

4th wicket

16/7/16 Billingham
66 **4th 66 J Dobson 24 M Saad 87**

30

9th wicket

4/6/16 Norton
9 **9th 9 J Vickerman 5 T Sowerby 21**

5th wicket

14/5/16 Great Ayton
65 **5th 65 L Coates 83 N Wright 32**

9

10th wicket

4/6/16 Norton
0 **10th— 0 T Sowerby 21 G Sowerby 0**

65

0

1ST TEAM BOWLING

In line with league averages, the first team qualification is 30 wickets or more.

The names in *italics* are the bowlers who bowled but took fewer than 30 wickets.

	Player	O	M	R	WK T	BB	5 WK T	E.R.	S.R.	AVG	% TEAM WKT
1	Connor Whitelock	197.1	32	662	46	5/22	3	3.36	25.72	14.39	30.46
2	Liam Coates	275.1	78	691	44	5/16	1	2.51	37.52	15.70	25.29
3	Dale Marshall	193.3	29	684	36	7/46	2	3.53	32.25	19.00	21.95

<i>Paul Freary</i>	6.0	0	33	2	1/1	0	5.50	18.00	16.50	16.67
<i>Grant Sowerby</i>	109.3	3	438	19	4/28	0	4.00	34.58	23.05	17.12
<i>Muhammed Saad</i>	106.3	11	435	15	3/29	0	4.08	42.60	29.00	11.90
<i>Alex Simpson</i>	15.0	1	74	1	1/29	0	4.93	90.00	74.00	4.00
<i>Jack Vickerman</i>	4.0	0	26	0	0/26	0	6.50	-	-	0.00
<i>Ben Simpson</i>	11.0	0	37	0	0/7	0	3.36	-	-	0.00

FIELDING STATISTICS (WK SHADED IN GREY TOP THREE OUTFIELDERS IN YELLOW)

	Player	Wicket Keeping Catches	Stumpings	Total Wicket Keeping Wickets	Fielding Catches	Run Outs	Total Fielding Wickets
1	James Dobson	25	3	28	3	0	3
2	Jack Hardy	3	0	3	0	0	0
3	Muhammed Saad				23	1	24
4	Liam Coates				9	2	11
5	Connor Whitelock				7	2	9
6	Dale Marshall				5	3	8
7	Tom Sowerby				6	0	6
8	Nathan Wright				5	1	6
9	Grant Sowerby				5	0	5
10	James Sutton				5	0	5
11	Paul Freary				4	0	4
12	Toby Lush				1	1	2
13	Alex Simpson				1	0	1

Congratulations to our first teamers who made the NYSD Premier averages and were winners of league awards.

Connor Whitelock electrified the league with his off break bowling and was the leading amateur bowler this season. His figures were so good he finished second behind Guisborough pro the Sri Lankan Shani Dissanayake.

James Dobson our wicket keeper signed off for the club winning the Premier league’s wicket keeping award. This goes with the Premier League batting award he won last season. “Dobbo” has transferred to Yorkshire club Adel CC after 18 years playing cricket at Feethams. (he started when he was just5!)

Our two professionals, Liam Coates and Mohammad Saad both figured high up in the league batting and bowling averages and James Sutton was also amongst the top “amateur” batsmen.

League averages are usually based on 30 wickets for bowling and 300+ runs for batting with a cut off for number of innings..

THE LEAGUE PRESENTATION DINNER

Friday 18th November - NYSD Presentation Evening - Marton Hotel and Country Club - 7 for 7.30.

MC - Dave Callaghan (BBC Radio), Cricket speaker - Andrew Gale (Yorkshire CCC captain), Entertainment - Tom Binns aka Ivan Brackenbury, the Hospital DJ - as seen on BBC Comedy Playhouse.

Tickets are limited but the club has to take at least ten tickets so get in touch with Garry Moody or Paul Freary as soon as possible to reserve yours. All members are eligible to attend.



Left: Connor Whitelock the Premier league’s top amateur bowler and right: James Dobson the Premier leagues top wicket keeper

