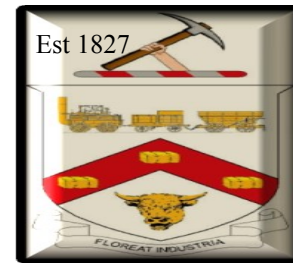


Debating Point—Bowlers Win Leagues

We quite often hear spectators saying a bowling pro is the only type of pro that wins the league. We can debate the point till the cows come home and everyone will have differing opinions. Many pros these days profess to be genuine all rounders. That wasn't always the case. A look at the Championship wins by Darlington CC shows that in each of the last ten Championship winning sides the pro was an out and out bowler. Yes we have had some outstanding batting pros like Paul Romaines in 1980 and 81, Ajay Jadeja in 1994. John Glendenen between 1998 and 2000. the Neil Pratt years and then Tariq Aziz and Rajin Saleh. All great pros but look now at the pros in the chair when Championships were won.

1950,53,54,55—Paul Carey a bowler, 1958—Harold Elsdon, a bowler, 1962 Stuart Young a bowler, 1977 John Waring, another bowler. Andy Scott a paceman from Oz in 1985 followed by Johnnie Johnson in 1987. Masood Anwar was pro in 1990 our last Championship winning side, a spin bowler. Not wanting to tempt fate but in 2012 for the first time we have two pros who are primarily known for their bowling skills. However, strength in depth and a balanced squad could be said to be equally important. Let us know your thoughts.



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Excellent Fighting Spirit

In one of the best team performances for many years, Darlington 1st team showed immense determination and spirit to clinch their 5th league win of the season against the odds and remain at the top of the Premier League.

Facing third placed Hartlepool at Park Drive, we lost the toss and found ourselves batting on a track of variable bounce and pace. With some balls stopping on a surface that seemed unstable it became clear after a few overs that batting would need some application and skill.

Martin Lower showed with determination that he was up to the challenge and playing his best innings since joining us top scored with 40 valuable runs in the context of the game. Mark Symmington and Kasun Bodhisha made inroads into the Darlington batting order. James Dobson (20) and Colin Biglin (10) grafted hard



Lower showed quality in innings of 40 on difficult track



Dobson hit Symmington over the clubhouse for six runs

to get us past 100 but we were all out in 49 overs

For 118. A tea time motivational speech from Martin Lower rallied the troupes and Darlington set about what looked an impossible task of defending such a small total. (continued on page 2)

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(Continued from Page 1) The vital wickets of Coverdale, Bodhisha and Symmington soon fell to Barnes and Mulholland. Darlington were showing real fight. Barnes looked as mean a bowler as anyone could remember and finished with figures of 17 overs 10 maidens 4 wickets for just 16 runs! Mulholland was equally as effective also taking 4 vital wickets. Lower struggled to find a good length in his initial overs but again grafted to put it right removing the dangerous Chris Harrison (20) caught behind. Armstrong was tight too with

Barnes beats the bat again! Biglin concentrates, Dobson anticipates a stumping chance 1 for 15 off 11



Once again our fielding was exemplary with every player giving 100 % for the team. Liam Coates took a good catch close in to remove Bodhisha off Mulholland and Grant Sowerby took an incredible

catch back peddling at mid on to dismiss Tyler Temple off Barnes. Dobson pouched two more catches behind and a sharp stumping off Barnes.

The Twitter feeds and mobile link to the clubhouse at Feethams was running hot as everyone realised we were witnessing something special. The Pool batsmen had given up when the 6th wicket went down and unbelievably began playing for a draw it seemed.

There were some interesting sledges made which were audible enough for all to hear on the batting sides lack of guts at closing up shop!

With three overs to go, Pools needed 30 runs and we needed 2 wickets. Mulholland replaced Lower to bowl his last two overs. He only needed one! James Johnson spooned one up for a caught and bowled and then on the sixth ball of the over Anthony Fawcett was trapped LBW.

A remarkable victory for Darlington. The Hartlepool faithful were unanimous in defeat and gave us a standing ovation at the close. A fantastic team effort and a great team spirit. TD



Mulholland in form withy ball and sledges! "250 locals paid to watch em play for a draw!"

ROUND UP

The Seconds crashed out of the Haith Cup at Barnard Castle. Possibly 20 runs short of a par score with 124 our hopes were lifted by a Shaughn Russell wicket in the first over. Despite Barney needing a run a ball for most of the game they beat us by 6 wickets in the end.

Better news for the U 17s who go marching on with a resounding success against Blackhall. We



Left, George and right, Sam

restricted the visitors to 54 for 7 off 20 overs. All our bowlers except Adam Baldwin took wickets with David Evans being the pick with 3 for 16. Youngsters Sam Leaming and George Heron were particularly effective with their pace bowling each bowling 4 overs and taking a wicket each but for hardly any runs. In true "Jonny Barnes" style Sam only went for 13 but George went even better going for just 6 runs from 4 overs matching the experienced Olly King who also had 1 for 6.



We knocked the Collierymens total off in only 8 overs winning by 9 wickets with run machine Callum Lethbridge undefeated on 32 with four boundaries and Adam Baldwin not out 15.

OPENING LEAGUE DEFEAT FOR UNDER 13S AGAINST STOCKTON!

The first league match (pairs format) of the year was at home to Stockton who always provide strong opposition. Stockton batted first and some good bowling and fielding kept the score down to 310 for net 270. Will Hamilton again bowled well taking 2 wickets including a brilliant C&B. The other wickets were from Jake Charlton assisted by Ollie Smith with a good catch and Tom Horniman. A direct hit for a run out from Will made up the wickets. The only down side was the 10 wides we bowled gifting the visitors 20 runs which would prove costly. In reply a cautious start from openers Ollie smith and Matthew Moss who didn't lose a wicket was followed by some fine hitting from Danny Brown in his 20 including a 6 put us in with a real chance but a silly run out and the loss of 2 further wickets put Stockton in charge. Lloyd Horner tried his best to get us back on track with a good 13 but our inability to score runs in the middle of the innings and some tight bowling from Stockton with only 1 no ball and no wides left the last pair of Jake Charlton and Max Thompson too much to do, Jakes 24 was in vain as we lost wickets trying to win the game. we finished on 287 f0r 6 net 239 Whilst disappointed with the result there are positives to be taken as it showed we had just as much ability as them we just need to improve in a couple of areas. The cup format returns on Monday against Aycliffe which suits us more and a win should see us into final days when I am sure we will come up against Stockton and I think we have a real chance of beating them.

Bryan Smith (Manager)



BIG E'S UNDER 11'S MARCH ON!

An all rounders performance from skipper, Chris Heron (see picture) sqw his side through to a massive 176 run victory over Newton Aycliffe. Chris scored 11 runs and was not out and followed it up with two wickets in his spell of bowling. Jonathan Pears was our top scorer with 15 runs, another classy innings from the youngster.

Andy Naisbitt was again the pick of our bowlers taking 3 wickets in his spell. 3 wickets in a spell at under 11 level is as valuable as 7 wickets in senior cricket! Well done again Under 11s.

CUP SUCCESS AND BUMPER CROWDS

At Feethams

The newsletter appeal for support at cup games paid off as a large crowd attended the 1st Round home tie of the MacMillan cup where the first team defeated Hartlepool by 6 wickets.

With music to announce ever boundary, wicket and new batsman (thanks to John Davies and Danny Morgans) the atmosphere was set for our first cup encounter of 2012.

Losing the toss we bowled first and miserly spells by Mulholland (0-25) Barnes (2-12) and Lower (1-16) from their allotted 4 overs each had the visitors on the back foot. Coates had his first bowl of the season (0-29 and then skipper, Armstrong had success with three wickets in his spell for just 22 runs.

Set a target of 106, Mulholland and Coates set off well at five an over. Mulholland survived a vociferous appeal for caught behind off Symington and went on to reach 34 before being run out. Dobson was bowled for 4 and Lower for 1 before Barnes steadied the ship (18*) Coates batted superbly and had reached 37 when he attempted to launch the winning runs into the terrace only to miss and be stumped, leaving Hutton to add the necessary 4 runs for victory with 8 balls to spare.

Food was served by Gloria and Paula and it was good to see faces in the crowd who had been absent for some years. We play Stokesley at Feethams on Thursday 31 May in round 2.



DERBY DAY DEFEAT FOR DARLINGTON TWOS

Despite attractive half centuries for both Darlington openers, Dan Morgans and Jack Vickerman, we were unable to capitalise on this start and no one else really made a score as we finished on 192 –9.

Phillip Marr (5 for 65) and Callum Buckley (4 for 51) did the damage for the Railway 1st team with ex Quakers players Dale Marshall and David Eckels returning to Feethams.

Marshall in fact set off like a train when he and Eckels opened for the RA.. Marshall hit 13 fours and a six in his score of 80 runs accumulated at double quick time before he fell caught behind by Andy Sturgeon off the bowling of leg spinner Jack Vickerman. Eckels also managed a half century ending unbeaten on 66 with 8 boundaries. RA new boy marc Lockey(38) was one of two Michael Lunn victims as the youngster bowled both his victims and finished with figures of 2 for 47 off 9.4 overs.

The visitors polished our total off with 5.2 overs to spare, winning by 7 wickets.

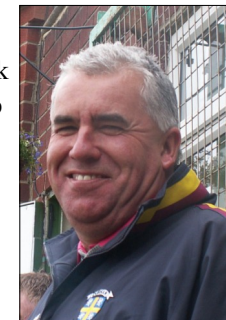


Fine 50 by Morgans not enough

WHAT SUNDAYS ARE MEANT FOR!

A supporters BBQ, beautiful sunshine and the third team rolled back the clock to the famous 3rd team supporters club of the 80's as The Champions entertained Barnard castle at Feethams.

Nigel Whaley dusted off his bat and scored 66 on his seasonal debut for the thirds and he was joined by youngster, Tom Sowerby who added a maiden senior NYSD cricket half century to his ever growing list of achievements. Our total was too much for the visitors who held on for a draw. The BBQ and weather however ended up a winning formula.



Whaley smiling his way along his route to 66 runs

Darlington U 15s win at Grangefield!

An unbeaten 50 from Alex Simpson and 38 from Tom Pickering were the mainstays of our total of 133 for 2

Stockton struggled to keep up with the required rate as we used 9 bowlers in restricting them to 80 for 5 in reply. Testament to the all round strength of our side.



1st Team League Shirt Sponsor

Due to a change in league rules, the club have had to change their Premier League kit for 2012. An emergency search was undertaken and a sponsor to help spread the cost of new shirts had to be found.



Our good friends, "SHERWOODS" stepped forward to have their name on our white shirts this season. DSM have managed to arrange designs, and an initial order through to

completion in only two weeks.

A little bit of history - the first sponsorship on the front of a Darlington CC league white shirt ever!

the meantime - the other club shirts with the green trim are fine, unless you are playing in the Premier

League. Eventually the same rule will result in all divisions of the NYSD insisting on plain kit but allowing advertising.

The green trim kit is being sold off at almost half price from Gloria in the club shop (Kitchen) or you can contact Carl Sturgeon at work 286481 carl@dsmcricket.co.uk to reserve one of the old ones. New Plain DCC white shirts without the Sherwood's Sponsors logo will be available soon



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UNDER 17's START OFF WITH A WIN BUT IMPROVEMENT NEEDED FOR YORK TEST

The DBS NYSD Under 17s gained their first win in the Yorkshire Under 17 Championships thanks to a solid performance against East Yorkshire at Hornsea on Sunday, and made sure the 200+ mile round trip was worthwhile. The NYSD posted 199/9 and this was thanks to a strong second wicket partnership between skipper James Quinn (38) and Sam Berry (72). There were also useful contributions from Callum Lethbridge (20) and Callum Buckley (27). Although several wickets fell cheaply in the middle order, the last wicket partnership of 20 ensured a competitive score was posted. East Yorkshire found the bowling of 15-year old Joe Marsay too hot to handle as he bowled three spells during his 12 overs 3-22. Marsay was ably backed up by 30 of spin from Quinn and Buckley and as the run rate increased the wickets started to fall and East Yorkshire closed on 160/8. The NYSD are expecting to face a tougher task this Sunday when there is a repeat of last year's final as York travel to Richmond for a 1pm start. Players named below should meet in shirt and tie for 12 noon at Richmond CC.

- James Quinn (capt) – Barnard Castle
- Joe Marsay – Great Ayton
- Callum Buckley – Darlington R.A.
- Callum Atkinson – Seaton Carew
- Sam Gaudie – Middlesbrough
- Martin Worthington – Sedgefield
- Stephen Male – Richmondshire
- Sam Berry – Redcar
- Callum Lethbridge – Darlington**
- Jonathan Mitchell - Hartlepool
- James Kendall - Stockton



Team manager Neal Waters was pleased with the victory and said "It was more of a relief to gain the win as we haven't been able to train as a group since the indoor net session in March. I am sure the side will continue to improve and hopefully gain a couple of positive results in our final two group games. That win has put us back on track".

STOP PRESS— Callum scored 51 against York Senior League in the next match (yesterday at time of writing) played on a road at Richmond. The run machine keeps going!

From NYSD website.