

# Feethams Flyer

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## Bad Day At Marton

Flaming June began with a disaster at Marton for the 1st team. We were top-pled from top spot in the league and only managed 2 points in the game. Batting first we had a total collapse and were all out for 77. Ben Wicling made 28. Neil Russell took 6 wickets and Danny Wade four for the Teesiders. 41 from Wally Ghul saw them home to victory losing 4 wickets in the process.. A disappointing day. This defeat toppled us off the top spot in the Premier League and we now lie in 4th place but only 5 points behind the leaders. (see table below) Photos from the game on back page.

| <u>NYSD Premier league</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>w</u> | <u>wd8</u> | <u>wd6</u> | <u>wd5</u> | <u>ld0</u> | <u>ld2</u> | <u>ld4</u> | <u>l</u> | <u>nr</u> | <u>BatP</u> | <u>Bowl<br/>P</u> | <u>Pen</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Marton CC, Yorks           | 9        | 5        | 1          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 1        | 0         | 11          | 13                | 0          | 132        |
| Great Ayton CC             | 9        | 4        | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1        | 2         | 14          | 8                 | 0          | 130        |
| Richmondshire CC           | 9        | 2        | 4          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1        | 1         | 26          | 19                | 0          | 128        |
| <b>Darlington CC</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>    | <b>6</b>          | <b>0</b>   | <b>127</b> |
| Guisborough CC             | 9        | 4        | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 1        | 1         | 10          | 15                | 0          | 121        |
| Stokesley CC               | 9        | 3        | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 2          | 0          | 2        | 1         | 15          | 17                | 0          | 107        |
| Middlesbrough CC           | 9        | 2        | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 2        | 1         | 17          | 20                | 0          | 105        |
| Hartlepool CC              | 9        | 3        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 3        | 1         | 16          | 15                | 0          | 101        |
| Barnard Castle CC          | 9        | 3        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 4        | 1         | 5           | 9                 | 0          | 82         |
| Redcar CC                  | 9        | 1        | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 4        | 1         | 16          | 15                | 0          | 73         |
| Sedgefield CC              | 9        | 2        | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 4        | 1         | 9           | 12                | 0          | 72         |
| Normanby Hall CC           | 9        | 0        | 1          | 2          | 0          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 3        | 0         | 30          | 21                | 0          | 71         |
| Saltburn CC                | 9        | 1        | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 4        | 1         | 21          | 15                | 0          | 70         |
| Thornaby CC                | 9        | 1        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 5        | 1         | 15          | 14                | 2          | 53         |

### HISTORY OF THE CLUB

Tim's History of the club has now attracted over 1,300 visitors.

He has now purchased its own domain name and you can find it online by visiting [www.dcchistory.com](http://www.dcchistory.com) or by clicking here or on the photograph above.

Three new chapters have been added in the last fortnight.

Keep dropping in for a read and see what is new !

Latest chapter—Incredible Performances.

### The Piper Interview



In his first interview of 2013, 1st team scorer David Piper told the Flyer that he had been scoring for Darlington for ten seasons this year and started by accident when a friend who was second team scorer couldn't do it and asked Dave to fill in. He reckons the side that had Glendo in was the most exciting to watch and his most embarrassing moment came in a third team game when Nigel Fenwick dived for the ball and caught it and Dave could see who it was so he put down Simon Lee (twice his height) Dave's funniest story happened in the scoreboard when two beetles crawled across his scorebook, quick as a flash Dave said "I wonder which ones they are....John, Paul, George or Ringo!" Not a dry eye in the scoreboard that day!



***Darlington's three monkeys photographed at Marton.***

***Hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil in the form of Malcolm Dunstone, Gordon Bean and Jimmy Robinson.***

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Please click on the photo above for the FULL scorecard from Saturday's game.

# 2nds lose to League Leaders

League Division 1 leaders Seaton Carew rolled into town on Saturday and did a thorough job of beating the second team.

One highlight was a 2nd team personal best bowling performance from Ollie King. King has been working hard on his run up and delivery stride reaped the benefit against the top side taking 4 for 48 from 14 overs.

Dan Baldwin and Shaughn Russell both grabbed a wicket too as the seasiders reached 199 for 6 in their 50 overs. Martin Skirving hit 76 for Seaton before being trapped LBW by King and Kevin Rowntree, an experienced Seaton player made 61 before he too fell foul of King, LBW.

In reply, 6 Darlington batsmen got into the teens with the bat before losing their wickets. Another dismal day batting wise as we were bowled out in 45.4 overs for 125 leaving us firmly rooted at the foot of the table.

**Pictured below; Ollie King 4 for 48 Click on photo for full scorecard**



**Darlington professional, Jonathan Barnes as a watercolour impression painting by Tim Dobson.**

*A painting of yourself, or your favourite cricketer makes a great present.*

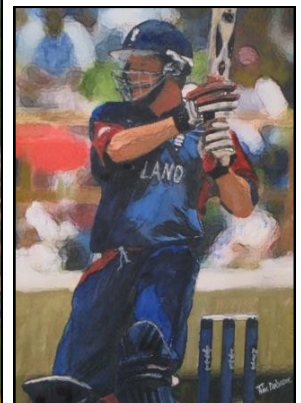
*Kay Evans commissioned the painting below of her son, Third team off break bowler, David Evans for his birthday present*

*Contact Tim ; [tim.dobson@sky.com](mailto:tim.dobson@sky.com) should you wish to have a painting done.*

*More to view at <http://www.dcchistory.com/sporting-art-by-the-author.html>*

Bottom—The Riverside, Chester le Street. This painting is now part of the county club's collection of art.

Happy Birthday  
David Evans



**Right—Watercolour of Paul Collingwood.**

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|----------------------------|---|----|
| Great Ayton CC             | 8 | 93 |
| Marton CC, Yorks           | 9 | 89 |
| Guisborough CC             | 9 | 89 |
| Maltby CC, North Yorkshire | 9 | 82 |
| Billingham Synthonia CC    | 8 | 72 |
| Blackhall CC               | 9 | 61 |
| Darlington CC              | 9 | 55 |

The bottom 7 places in division 1.

To the surprise of many neutrals, Blackhall and Darlington find themselves struggling. Interestingly with the exception of Maltby all are 2nd teams. Surely the time is right for a restructure of the leagues. A Premier 1 and Premier 2 for first teams only. And a Division 1 made up only of second teams? Tell us what you

If you know of any other incredible performances not included in these pages, let Tim know and he will try and include in the history. [feethamsflyer@gmail.com](mailto:feethamsflyer@gmail.com)

# Incredible Achievements 19th century

## Pre League Cricket (Park Street and Feethams 1840-1896)

• The very first incredible achievement mentioned in Bob Hattersely's book involves one of the club's first excellent wicket keepers. This one earned the name "**Swallow Catcher Gent**" after his exploits in a game on Cockerton Green.(pre 1840)

• He dived to take a brilliant one handed catch behind the wicket and then seeing a low flying swallow leaped into the air and caught the swallow in his other hand! Bob goes on to say that **W Gent's** nephew Henry was know as the "Darlington wonder" and was one of the country's finest sprinters.

When the 11 of All England met 22 of Darlington at the Park Street Ground in Darlington they won by 110 runs. In the first innings the twenty two were chasing 111 made by England. They made 110 but only **Baldwinson** scored double figures with a great innings of 69.

• England made 169 in the second innings and then bowled Darlington's 22 out for just 60

In 1864 **William Smith** went down in the club history as the first ever club centurian. A Grammar School boy he had played at park Street as a youth. He was a tall, heavy set attacking middle order batsman. He scored his 110 runs against Bishop Auckland when Darlington made 312. He left the area at the end of that season moving through work to Middlesbrough. He played for Yorkshire for the next 9 years. He remains the only Yorkshire player to be born in Darlington (outside Yorkshire too!)

• When the All England side made their first visit to Feethams in 1870. Darlington bowler **E Barrett** took 7 for 24 from 29 overs. Figures our current pros would be proud of. Darlington's 22 held on for a draw.

• **Thomas Barnes** was a Nottinghamshire professional who was engaged by Darlington in 1873.He had the honour of being the Darlington bowler who dismissed W.G.Grace for just 7 in the first innings of the United South of England v Darlington 18 in 1873.Barnes was given a benefit match in August that year, a two day affair. One month later Barnes had tragically died at the age of 24 from typhoid.

• **George Freeman** achieved the first recorded hat trick in 1877. he was pro that year and the precious season. he did the "trick" against Thirsk where he claimed 7 wickets.

• **Tom Thompson** entered the history books in a benefit match at Sunderland in 1880. Reported by telegraph back to Darlington (in the days before mobile phones!) "**Darlington all out for 38; a sure win for Sunderland**"Thompson began his spell of bowling for Darlington and was unplayable. his figures were 11 overs 4 maidens 7 wickets for 8 runs as the Wearsiders collapsed to 27 all out! In 1882 **Thompson** performed a hat trick with the first three balls of the match against Stockton.



present Sir Marcus Worsley and the Duchess of Kent. The family home is Hovingham Hall where some of Darlington's current players have played for the Doghouse CC. (see photo)

• In 1883, **Jack Angus** took 4 wickets in 4 balls against Middlesbrough.

• In 1884, **Mr Arthington Worsley** scored 166\* then the highest score made at Feethams. He bettered this with 173 in 1887.His brother WHA Worsley was the father of the Yorkshire captain Air William Arthington Worsley and grandfather of the

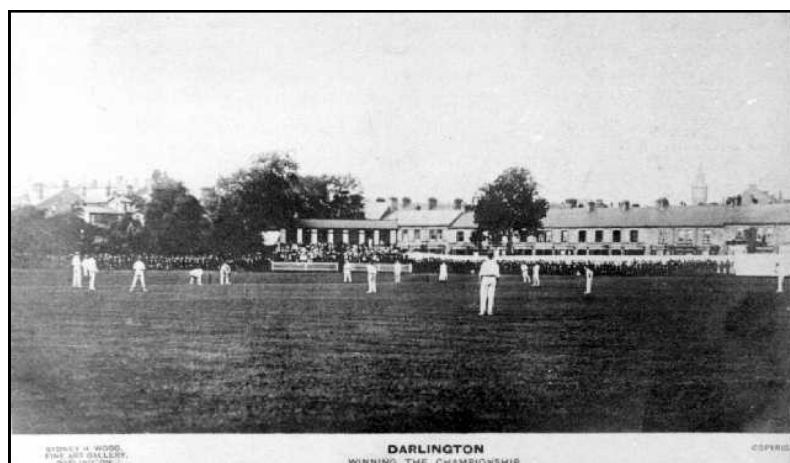


Plate 1: Durham League Champions 1893

**Back (left to right):** C.Sharp, E.S.Lawrie, G.Spence, C.Mountford (secretary), W.Marsden, R.Green (secretary).

**Middle:** H.Thompson (ground-keeper), W.Farr, T.W.Dixon (captain), J.Brown, H.Robinson.

**Front:** A.Robinson, A.C.Stamer, J.Gregory (professional).

# Incredible Performances 1900 -1945

- **Willie Toulson** was an outstanding professional for Darlington and was awarded a benefit in 1906. playing against Thornaby he took nine for 50 as the Teessiders were dismissed for 123, He then hit 105 in Darlington's total of 230.
- At the beginning of the 1911 season **Jack Bucknell** hit five consecutive half centuries. (he added a sixth in a friendly!)
- **Willie Toulson** returned as pro in 1912-13 that first season back he captured eith wickets on four occasions. He took 9 for 45 against Stockton. The very next game was at Ormseby and Toulson took (the 1st time it happened by a Darlington player) all ten wickets! 10-30 was his analysis.
- **Ashley Goodrick** was one of the best left arm bowlers in the NYSD league.(1914-27) In 176 league games he took 574 wickets taking five wickets on 47 occasions. he was the leading bowler at the club for 62 years until Mike Hatch overtook him in his own 246th game in 1989.In 1925 Ashley destroyed Middlesbrough with 9 for 26.The following year he took 8 for 8 against Stockton.
- The 1921 Kerridge cup final between Darlington and Redcar at Thornaby was played in front of 4,300 spectators. Darlington scored 328 with **Wild Burnip** scoring a beautiful 131. Professional, **Harry Turner** then took 7 for 29 as the seasiders were dismissed for a measly 65
- **Dick Healey's** 1922 championship winning side won the first nine league games. (see photo)



Plate 2: N.Y. & S.D. League Champions 1923.

*Inset:* A. Goodrick.

*Standing (left to right):* A. Mackay (scorer), R. Hunt, S.A. Brown, T.H. Summerson, S.H. Smith.

*Seated:* G.H. Taylor, W. Tolson, H.N. Moon, R. Healey (captain), W.J. Dobson, H. Turner (professional), T.S. Walton.

- In 1923 **Healey's** team went one better by winning the first ten league games. Their first defeat came on July 14th against none other than Darlington RA. The 4th consecutive championship this season equaled the record set by Guisborough between 1909 and 1912. (see photo above)

- **Frank (F.R.) Smith** was amazing in 1929. He scored 1,069 league and Kerridge runs in 25 innings. It included 2 centuries and seven fifties. He scored 133 against Redcar. He followed this up with 111 against Saltburn. The members honoured him with a special "smoker" evening and presented him with a silver statuette. Bob Hattersley says in his book *"it went down as one of the best evenings in the club's history"*

- In 1931 in the Horner cup against Leadgate, **Harry Turner** hit a brilliant 143\*

- In 1932, **M Hall** scored an incredible 162 at the time the highest B division total by a Darlington player as Darlington seconds scored 312-5 against Saltburn at Feethams.

- Also in 1932 **Norman Doggart** was part of the Darlington side that amassed 313-6 in only 140 minutes. **Doggart** (part of the Darlington furniture store family) drove and pulled his way to a marvellous 170 which included one six and 27 fours. He narrowly missed overtaking **C H Dent's 188** made in 1897. **Doggart** took a hat trick in 1933 against Hartlepool to win the game with the last three balls of the match.

- **G.T. "Jimmy" James** was a Darlington and Durham CCC wicket keeper between 1930 and 1937. In 1933, batting at number 10 with his side on 126-9 he score fifty in just 13 balls. His scoring strokes went as follows; 4 4 . . 4 . . 4 . 4 4 2 4 . 4 4 . 44 and then he was bowled. the next game he was promoted to number 9 against Billingham and scored 50\* (3 sixes and 3 fours). He had progressed to number 6 by the end of the season against Normanby Hall and scored 49. He was then appointed captain for the next season! There by goes the tale of waiting for your opportunity and taking it!

- **Captain Hedley Verity** (Yorkshire and England) played four games for Darlington during 1940 while stationed at Caterick. His scores were 7 wickets for 29, 7 for 18, 53 runs and 29 runs. **Wilf Mannion** the Middlesbrough footballer was Captain verity's runner and he recounted how stunned everyone was when in 1943 he was reported missing in action. His games for Darlington had been his last in England. (31st August 1940)

- In 1943 **Arnie Close** took nine wickets for 8 runs as he bowled out West Hartlepool for just 34

- **Charlie Creek** and **Harry "Buster" Johnson** created an unbroken partnership of 232 in 1945 against Summersons foundry at Yarm Road for the third wicket. Creek scored 1218 and Johnson 100\*

- Second team captain **Harry Pratt** took the last four Blackhall wickets in four balls in 1941. Three years later he did the same feat against Norton.



DARLINGTON CRICKET AND ATHLETIC CLUB GROUNDS

# Incredible Performances 1946-1999



• It took Darlington several years to get their form back after the break for the second world war but by 1948 the nucleus of the great 1950's side had arrived.

**Arthur Sanders and J B Law** returned to the fold after their war service.

In a friendly at Chesterfield **Law** scored 152\* while **Sanders** made 27\* at the other end.

- In 1948 Darlington batting at Saltburn were shot out for just 55. The "Vicar" **The Rev. G E Holderness** (6-17 and **Les Childs** (4-8) bowled the seashores out for just 25!
  - **Paul Carey** was pro at Feethams between 1950-56. he reduced Stockton to 19 all out in 1952 taking 8 for 10 including a hat trick.
  - During 1953 **John Camburn** and **Geoff Gillow** shared an unbroken partnership of 233 for the second team against Guisborough at Feethams. **John Camburn** made 114\* and **Geoff Gillow** 107\*
  - In these days of uncovered pitches, large seasonal tallies and centuries were more a rarity than in the modern game. Apart from **Buster Johnson** (1952) only **Camburn** and **Sanders** managed to score more than 500 runs in a season during the great fifties. **Camburn** did it in 1955 and 1958 and **Sanders** managed it in 1951, 1953 and 1955
  - In 1957, new pro **Harold Elsdon** destroyed Saltburn (all out 53) by taking 7 for 17
  - In 1960 **G.B. Johnson** scored an undefeated maiden century against Norton scoring 125\*
  - **Bernard Donald** took a hat trick in 1960 against West Hartlepool taking 4 wickets in 5 balls. He ended with 7 for 23 as Pools were dismissed for just 57
  - During the sixties **Brian Dobson** took five or more wickets against Stockton on 8 occasions. His career best was 8 for 31 against them in 1970. In his career, **Dobson** (the father of the author) took five wickets on 29 occasions.
  - In 1963, **John Camburn** scored the second of his two league centuries against Normanby hall. He made 103\* in 145 minutes. When talking to John he thought he should have liked to have played during the modern era of covered wickets. When he played on uncovered wickets he felt it was much tougher, hence he scored two centuries which undoubtedly would have more in the modern era.
  - The groundsman **John Wilkie** scored the club's first NYSD C Division century in 1976
  - In 1974, wicket keeper, **Bobby Cole** retired. His career 319 victims behind the stumps is a club record.
  - **Mike Hatch**, the greatest wicket taker in the club's history took 8 for 17 in 1985 and 8 for 37 in 1986 both against Darlington RA. He claimed 684 wickets in his career.
  - **Neil Riddell** scored 13 centuries for Darlington. In 1977 against Synthonia who had been bowled out for just 127 he scored a remarkable 101\* in a stand of 125 with Ian Naisby who made just 22\* He went for 50 to 100 in just 20 balls.
  - 2nd teamer **John Edwardson** was drafted into the 1st team in 1988 to face Bishop Auckland who included New Zealand Test legend, **Lance Cairns** in the line up. "Big E" as he was known stepped up to the plate and ground out an undefeated 71.
  - In 1983, **John Lister** a batsman who had played with Derbyshire CCC and three times scored over 1000 league runs in a season was forced into keeping wicket for the first time when **Andy Fothergill** was unavailable for the last game of the a season. John created a record by catching the first 6 Thornaby batsmen.
  - In 1984 **Lister** and **Tim Haggie** had 4 opening stands of over a century. The best was 177 against Redcar
  - In 1985, Australian **Andrew Scott** took 94 league wickets and **Mike Hatch** took 91 league wickets
  - Replacement pro **Mushtaq Ahmed** played 7 games in 1991 and took 5 wickets on 3 occasions including 8 for 69 against Guisborough.
  - In 1995, teenager **Mark Stainsby** scored his maiden A division century with 118\* at Blackhall.
  - In five seasons at Darlington, **John Glendenen** scored an amazing 116 centuries He twice topped the 1000 runs for the season. In 1998 he made his top score an incredible 180
  - In 1998, "**Glendo**" scored 1444 league runs at an average of 89.94. He hit 9 centuries during that season.
  - 1999 saw **Frank Smith** lead the way for the 2nd XI as they attempted to gain promotion from Division 2. A top score of 109, his maiden century for the club and 649 runs at an average of 38.18 was an impressive return. The 2nds gained promotion.
  - In 1999 the leg breaks and googlies of the experienced Tim Dobson led the way for the 3rd team. He managed to take all 10 wickets at Feethams against Stokesley 2nd XI. (10 for 54)
- In 1999, The third eleven continued to produce good young cricketers. Both **Jamie Watson** and **Paul Freary** (who went on to play NEPL cricket for Blydon) scored centuries

Sad news arrived from Pakistan. Our professional in 1990 Masood Anwaar sadly lost his wife to cancer. Her funeral is today 3rd June. Umer Rashid is attending and will send our condolences. 1990 was when we last won the title.

# Incredible Performances 21st Century

- The New Millennium arrived with no Millennium bug but with more fantastic performances by Darlington cricketers. At the time of writing the thirteen years of the 21st century have thrown up some great individual performances, particularly from a new batch of young players.  
**Neil Pratt** in his first season as pro 2001 scored 913 league runs
- 2002 saw The 2nd XI have a great season finishing in 4th place. The youngsters stepped up to the mark and several of the older players had retired or moved on. **Lee Hutton** had an amazing 614 runs in just 12 innings, averaging 60.40. He was joined by **Simon Gough** (537 runs), **Keith Barker** (650 runs) and **Colin Biglin** (506 runs)
- 2003 saw Yorkshire wicket keeper, **Simon Guy** engaged as the second professional at Feethams. Guy played as a batsman only and topped the averages with 937 runs from 18 innings at 58.56. 116 against Bishop Auckland was his top score but he also scored 50 or more on 8 occasions.
- 2005 saw A 10th in Division 1 finish for the second team and **Keith Barker**, **Colin Biglin** and **Danny Morgans** scored runs for fun. **Biglin** topped the averages at the end of the season with 793 runs at an average of over 50. **Barker** had 701 runs and **Morgans** 681.
- **Simon Lee** scored a maiden century for the third team in 2005 and topped the batting averages
- In 2008 there were some notable batting performances, it's was a shame we left it until the end of the season to set the best opening partnership since 1987, **Neil Pratt** (115\*) and **Daniel Hodgson** (63) scoring his maiden half century set 191 for the 1st wicket at Blackhall. (the author's son **James Dobson** making his 1st team debut aged 14 years and 178 days)
- In 2009 a unique cup double saw us win the Saunders cup twice in year. We won the 2008 final held over from the previous season and retained it later in the season for 2009! **Simon Guy** scored 157 in the final later in the season against Eppleton
- **Dan Hodgson** had a great 2009 season he totalled 700 league runs at an average of 36.84
- **Dan Hodgson** was again in fine form in 2010 with the bat scoring 663 runs but this season with a fully fit again **Liam Coates** (666 runs) our batting line up was beginning to look really strong. New Skipper, **Doug Mulholland** was back to his best with 586 runs and **Lee Hutton** and **James Dobson** made good contributions to help our top 6 look amongst the strongest in the league. **Mulholland** and **Peter Armstrong** both took over 50 wickets
- 2011 saw our first Bangladeshi professional in **Rajin Saleh**. Rajin topped the batting averages with 737 runs at 36.85. He scored two centuries, one at Normanby Hall in the league and the other at Barnard Castle in the Macmillan Cup.
- **James Dobson** had returned to wicket keeping duties after a two season break and soon re found his love for it improving with each game. His quick feet and hands allowed him to take 11 league stumpings and 22 league catches. **Dobson's** 33 victims and 345 league runs made him a valuable all rounder in the team too.
- **Peter Armstrong** kept his cool over the season and marshalled his troops with growing confidence in what turned out to be the most open league of some time. He passed the fifty wicket mark again for the season as did Mulholland. **Mulholland** totalled 346 runs for the league season and coupled with his 63 wickets he was another genuine all rounder in the side.
- **Simon Lee** and **Lee Hutton** single handedly defeated everyone's tip for the Championship, Marton away from home. **Hutton** batted superbly despite a blow to the hand which he spent time off the pitch for. He ended on 97 not out and **Simon Lee** also scored an attractive half century as we knocked off over 200 for the loss of just 2 wickets.
- 2012 saw the 1sts finish runners up to Richmondshire after we had led the league for most of the year. The bowling of **Mulholland**, **Armstrong** and new pro **Jonny Barnes** was phenomenal throughout the season. Barnes and Mulholland both took over 60 wickets and Armstrong 47
- **Liam Coates** and **James Dobson** both scored their maiden Premier league centuries against Billingham. **Dobson** 105 and **Coates** 101 shared a second wicket stand of 199 a new club record. This was the wettest summer for many years and was almost like a return to the days of uncovered pitches, only **Liam Coates** passed 500 runs for the season and in the league nobody, even the professionals passed 1000 runs.
- 2013 started well for the 1sts as they bowled Barnard Castle out for 32. Doug Mulholland and Jonny Barnes were nigh on unplayable and they were bowled out in 31 overs. Mulholland returned figures of 5 for 18 off 18 overs and Barnes had 4 for 6 of 16.4 overs
- 2013 saw 2nd team batsmen Keith Barker 110 and Danny Morgans 114\* both score centuries at Maltby
- Matty Wheeler destroyed the Middlesbrough third team with an amazing innings of hitting when he scored 180 for the thirds at Feethams
- Callum Lethbridge scored 148\* the week after at Marske for the third team.

## THIRDS MARCH ON TOGETHER

The third team continue their fine form as they beat Redcar at Feethams. David Evans and Alan Harwood both took three wickets as the seaiders reached 146 for 6. In reply George Heron, Andy Peacock Alex Simpson and Sam Gell all batted well to steer us to victory

## **Darlington U13s v Blackhall U13s**

**NYACC League**

**10-a-side pairs**

**2nd June 2013**

Darlington won the toss (the Captain has finally found some form with the coin!), and decided to bat.

The lads got off to a solid start, with two classy boundaries from Tom Naisbitt. Harry Yarrow kept the momentum going with two further boundaries in his eleven not out, before a few lost wickets and some tight bowling from Lewis Williams slowed the innings a touch. Each pair continued to make steady progress, before Rishabh crashed three fours on his way to 16, enabling Darlington to post a big total of 315, with four wickets coming off to give a net score of 283.

Although 283 was a bit of a mountain to climb for Blackhall, they set off the right way and were 21 for none after three overs. Tight bowling from Archie Dalton, Harry Yarrow and a blast of three wickets in one over from Luke Sinclair put Darlington back in control.

Three more wickets for Chris Heron including an excellent stumping by Jonny Pears cancelled out any remaining chance of Blackhall catching our total. Four more accurate overs from James Thorpe and Sam Butterfield strangled the life out of the innings, with Tom Horniman and Rishabh Ray mopping up a further three wickets between them to take the total to 11.

Blackhall's total of 268 for 11 (net score of 180) meant a convincing winning margin for Darlington of 103.

The wicket count could have been much higher but for a number of dropped catches, with captain Tom Horniman leading the way with two. Rishabh did take a superb diving catch, and Luke, Archie, Tom and Chris managed to hold on to others, but there is definitely room for improvement.

Man of the Match could easily have been given to either Chris Heron (3 for 3) or Rishabh Ray (16 n.o. and 1 for 3), but it was Luke Sinclair's three wickets in five balls that broke the back of Blackhall's resistance, and was the stand out moment. For that alone, Luke deserves to be named Man of the Match.

**Richard Horniman (Manager)**

### **RUN FEST IN THE SUN**

The 1st team enjoyed a run fest in the sun at Haughton CC on Sunday. They were playing in the Austin Cup which is a competition for all the leagues in the north east. The top placed team from Durham in each league each year are entered into the cup the next year. Darlington were drawn against Darlington and District A Division Champions Haughton. This would be the first meeting of the two sides since before the second world war.

Batting first Darlington got off to a flying start with James Dobson scoring 60 before running himself out. Lee Hutton was joined by Doug Mulholland and the two continued the calypso cricket. Hutton hit 79 and Mulholland 97\* as we reached 289 for 2

Our two professionals didn't bowl and Sam Bainbridge took advantage of this scoring 94 as Haughton reached 204 for 5. With the exceptions of the two pros and keeper, Andy Sturgeon, all our team had a bowl.

An excellent exhibition of cricket played in a good spirit. The camaraderie continued into the night at The Grey Horse public House in Haughton village. We now play Esh Winning or Burnmoor in a home semi final

# Photos from the 1st team match



*Darlington's Steven Lister (above), James Dobson below and Ben Wicling (top right)*



<http://cricketicc.fantasyleague.com/>



*Marthon have employed NYSD Hall of Fame legend, Graham Shaw as a 1st team Manager for 2013 bringing him back from Normanby Hall. He gave a motivational talk to the players for ten minutes before the game on the outfield and then singled each player out for a chat. He is seen above talking to Wally Ghuari who went on to score 41 and secure victory. Below Barnes tries in vain to pull off a miracle*

The ICC Champions trophy begins this month. Dan Baldwin has organised a fantasy League through the website above. Click on the photo.

It is fairly straight forward to enter. Dan is collected £5 per entry as prize money.

Once you have signed up online and picked your team online then choose to join a private league and join Dan's league which is called DCC Fantasy League and enter the pin number

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Dan will then accept you to the league.

Good Luck everyone!



*Steve Lister clips a ball away down to fine leg*