

The Magazine for Darlington Cricket Club



A HISTORY SPECIAL—Who is this player and why is he known as the Modern day father of the club? See page 3 to find out.

1/4 FINAL EXIT FROM KERRIDGE CUP FOR 1ST XI

One got a sense it was going to be one of those evenings when rudely turned away at Acklam Park Car Park due to having a canine companion in tow.

A wasted journey! Back in the car and back to sunny Darlington. The invention of Twitter however kept us informed of the team's progress against Middlesbrough who had Durham CCC player Ryan Buckley back in their ranks.

A tactical change after losing the toss saw the captain open the bowling with Jon Barnes. Both took three wickets a piece but Barnes went for 58 runs from his 8 over spell.

Doug Mulholland (pictured right) had been chomping at the bit to get his chance and when it arrived he took it with both hands claiming 3 for 10 off just 1.4 overs!



Our fielding should be commended with Jack Vickerman and Jon Barnes both taking a brace of catches and Callum Lethbridge a catch and a run out. Lee Craggs added a catch and James Dobson a smart stumping off Barnes to remove opener Adil Ditta.

104 all out did not seem too big a task on Twitter but unfortunately the boys were playing on Acklam Park!

The batting was a disaster Zaheer Shabas and Ryan Buckley bowled unchanged both taking four wickets. Two run outs added to our woes and we were bowled out for just 74 in 17.2 overs

Buckley's 4 for 25 in 8.2 overs was impressive and Boro move into the semi finals. Such a shame they were so reluctant to allow some of us into the ground!

Skipper, Peter Armstrong will be disappointed another chance of silverware has disappeared.

Darlington 2012 1st XI in cups batting

1st XI 15s/Kerridge Cup/

Macmillan Cup

Batting Aver-

ages

Sort criteria runs

	Name	M	Inn	N O	Run	H S	50	30	run- Rate	Av
D	Mulholland	5	5	1	115	53*	1	1	6.97	28.75
J	Barnes	5	5	1	61	22			4.95	15.25
LD	Coates	3	3	0	59	37		1	4.72	19.67
M	Lower	5	5	1	54	21			5.23	13.5
JT	Dobson	5	5	0	53	39		1	3.66	10.6
S	Hardy	4	3	2	23	16*			8.12	23
LJ	Hutton	2	2	1	23	19			6.57	23
P	Armstrong	5	3	1	22	10			8.8	11
J	Vickerman	2	2	1	21	13			4.2	21
C	Biglin	4	3	0	20	13			4.14	6.67
M	Wheeler	2	2	0	13	12			6.5	6.5
R	Briddock	1	1	1	10	10*			5	----
S	Lee	5	4	0	7	4			3.23	1.75
L	Craggs	1	1	0	5	5			3.75	5
C	Lethbridge	1	1	0	4	4			2.18	4
G	Sowerby	4	0						----	----
A	Baldwin	1	0						----	----

Comment

A look at the stats above shows a lack of success in our cup batting.

With only three players managing a score of 30 or more and only one batsman reaching 100 runs to date it has been a bleak series of cup matches for our batsmen.

THE SAME TIME LAST SEASON SAW OUR BATSMEN FARING A LOT BETTER.

Is it down to the wickets being soft and suitable to back foot players? A catch 22 situation - matches on the ground most nights and an inability to get a net practice in isn't helping. Stick at it lads and we can turn it around.

Then and Now

147 years separate these two team photographs. Quite a difference between the two teams in look and clothing.



THE FIRST DARLINGTON CC PHOTOGRAPH

THE DARLINGTON SIDE OF 1865.

Standing (Left to right):

- George Raper** - "Father of the Club". Captain (1840's). Licensee of the Crown Inn. Rented Park Street field (late 1830's). Sub-let it to the Club for cricket.
- William Watson** - Secretary (late 1850's). Introduced annual Sports to Park Street and Feethams. Brother of Thomas.
- Robert Walton** - Opening bowler (1863-72). Popular "given man" with other clubs in the area.
- George Webster** - All-rounder. Scored 59 v. Bishop Auckland (1864).
- Tom Raper** - All-rounder during 1860's.
- Thomas Watson** - Captain and secretary (1860-70). Outstanding sportsman. Introduced rugby to the Club (1863).
- Joe Berry** - Professional (1862-65). Yorkshire cricketer (1861-74). Opening bat and bowler.
- Harry Thompson** - Outstanding bat (1856-84). First Feethams Ground-keeper (1878-1901). Played in 1st Durham C.C.C. fixture (1882).
- William Smith** - Outstanding bat. Scored Club's 1st century in 1864. The only Yorkshire cricketer (1865-74) born in Darlington.
- Jim Child** - Batsman late 1860's.

Sitting (Left to right):

- Jack Wallace** - Batsman (1849-65). Club record (1864) with 190 runs in 9 innings. Clerk at North Road Station. Founded the club(1856) which became Darlington Railway Athletic.
- Robert Elgie** - Batsman (1865-79). Secretary (1870-76).
- W.A.Chamberlain** - Opening bat (1865-88). Engaged as "match" professional.

We are grateful to the late Robert Hattersley for use of the photograph and player bios from his book "Darlington CC from 1827"



The Team of 2012

Standing left to right - **Lee Hutton** early order batsman a cutter and puller, good goalkeeper and a manager at Dolphin Centre in town. **Matty Wheeler**, a big hitter and leg spin bowler. **Martin Lower**, opening bat and seamer just joined club from Sedgefield. **Simon Lee**, left hand batsman. **Jon Barnes**, all rounder and professional **Colin Biglin**, hard hitting middle order batsman and gully specialist, newsagent.

Front row l to r - **Liam Coates** all rounder and superb fieldsman. Plays in Australia each winter. **Doug Mulholland** all rounder professional, school teacher. **Peter Armstrong** captain and left arm spinner. Health care manager. **James Dobson** wicket keeper/ batsman and vice captain, reading history at Leeds University. **Grant Sowerby**, leg spin-

Inset left—David Piper, scorer and right inset Derek Coates, Cricket Chairman and teaching assistant.

Richard "Dick" Healey



Many of you will have seen a photograph hanging in the Feethams clubhouse of Richard Healey when he was President of the club. How many I wonder actually know who he was? Known as the Father of the Club in the modern era, Dick was the complete all round sportsman. Skipper during the golden years of the clubs history and President during the glory days of the 50s. (1951-1974)His record is phenomenal.

R.Healey: Captain 1913-1930.

Dick Healey replaced Jack Bucknell as captain for 1913 and retained the position 17 years. Dick commenced his 75 year association with Darlington as a nine year-old schoolboy. Born the son of a Darlington ironmonger on 20th September 1889, Dick captained the Grammar School cricket and soccer teams, making his Feetham's 2nd XI debut during 1906 and topping the batting and bowling averages in 1907. He first played for the 1st XI in 1908 and was the Club's leading run scorer by 1913-14. With the exception of 1911, when soccer and teaching commitments took him to Bishop Auckland, he played his cricket at Feethams.

The Club finished 5th in 1913. Healey (461 runs) was supported by A.E. Walker (234) and newcomers ex-Leicestershire player R.F.Turner (240) and Alf Common (272). The bowling was led by Tolson (54 wickets) and Turner (42). The latter bowled at "a fairly stiff pace" and took 7 wickets twice.

Darlington were 3rd in 1914. Healey (491 runs) scored a "polished maiden century" against Normanby Hall on 15th August. He enjoyed some "fine stands" during 1914 with Gore (347 runs). They were supported by T.S.Walton (175), "virtuoso late cutter" Harry Chapelhow (144) and Lance James (132 from four innings). The newcomers included Len Blackburn (184), Wilf Burnip (179) a "graceful and wristy player from a well-known Northern cricketing family" and Ashley Goodrick (152) who moved from West Hartlepool as a left-arm bowler.

R.Healey: Inside-Forward.

Richard Healey was one of the "leading amateur footballers of his age". He made his debut as a 17 year-old schoolboy centre forward with Darlington F.C. when "the only kicks he got were on his shins". Whilst training as a teacher at Armstrong College Newcastle he played soccer with Sunderland. In 1909 he moved to Bishop Auckland as an inside-forward for 1s.6d per week, barely enough money to cover his return train fare to Darlington. He returned to Darlington F.C. after the 1911-12 season before signing professional forms with Middlesbrough in April 1914. Unfortunately, his professional opportunity was thwarted by the Great War. He returned to play with Darlington F.C. after the Great War. During the 1920-21 seasons he became the last Darlington sportsman to captain the town's cricket and soccer clubs.

He gained four Amateur International caps with England against France, Belgium, Switzerland and Wales - playing with R.G.Brebner against Switzerland in May 1911.

Dick Healey's "Swan Song": 1930.

In 1930 the 1st XI were League Champions but lost the Kerridge Cup final to Redcar. The first league game was lost. Nine consecutive wins followed. The title was taken six points clear of rivals West Hartlepool.

The seventh league title under Dick Healey's captaincy was his "Swan Song". He resigned after 18 years as Club captain, leaving a record unbeaten in success and duration to this day. His resignation was accepted by the committee with "great regret" and he was elected vice-president in honour of his "great services to the Club". He played during 1931 but appeared in only one league and one cup game during 1932, ending a 25 year "A" Division career. During this time he played for Durham County (1911-20), captained the N.Y.& S.D. League side against Durham County (1922), the M.C.C. (1925) and the Yorkshire Council at Headingley (1928). He succumbed at the age of 42, to an insatiable desire to take fishing more seriously, initiating the less experienced in the intricacies of the art. The "golden years" of the Healey era had passed, leaving only memories of Darlington's last great sporting hero.

As a 14 year old schoolboy doing a project at Hummersknott I got the opportunity to sit and interview Dick Healey. He was a fantastic man and left a lasting impression on me. When you talked to him he made you "feel you were his best friend" and his memories of the club's history encouraged many to find out more. Perhaps the club should think of an honour for the "father of the Club"

"The Richard Healey Enclosure" would be a good memorial to remember a truly great DCC man who should never be forgotten

Acknowledgments to the late Robert Hattersley for use of snippets from his book in this piece.

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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.

Season	Innings	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	100s	50s
1908-32	270	41	109	6586	28.76	4	40

Dick Healey played a part in 9 championship winning sides as a player and as President a further 5 championship titles.

He scored 6,586 runs and hit 40 half centuries and four centuries. He also took over 80 catches and took 66 wickets.

Is he the greatest ever Darlington cricketer?



Plate 4: N.Y. & S.D. League Champions 1990.

Standing (left to right): B.Dobson (secretary), D.C.S.Everall, D.deSilva, G.Moody, K.D.Mott, M.W.Hatch, S.W.Crowther, J.Stubbs (scorer).

Seated: M.Anwaar (professional), N.A.Riddell, T.J.Haggie, A.Dean (President), T.W.Blackburn, A.Gray, J.W.Lister.

Inset: J.Johnston (captain), A.R.Fothergill.

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Above the last team to win the Championship. The team of 1990, a talented bunch with some strong characters, namely Riddell, Haggie, Masood, de Silva, Hatch, Lister et al. A fantastically balanced side Sadly Brian Dobson, Johnnie Johnson, Janet Stubbs and Arthur Dean are no longer with us. They all played enormous parts in the club's history and success.

Go back almost 100 years and we have the championship team of 1893. This side won the Durham league just before we entered the NYSD league. I wonder if Dave Bentley would appreciate being



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).