

# big ed's bit.....



Hello, good afternoon and welcome to Princes Park, home of The Darts.

Today marks a little bit of a milestone in Dartford's history. The long awaited day, when we can at last meet our nearest local rivals, Ebbsfleet United, on equal terms once again. It has been a very long time, nearly twenty years in fact, since a Dartford programme editor has been able to welcome everyone associated with, and indeed supporting, 'The Fleet'. So it's a big hello to all those that have made the "Fastrack" journey today. Welcome to our newish home, for the first time. We hope you enjoy the PP experience, but not to much huh?

To say this game has been eagerly anticipated is a bit of an understatement. I know it was the first game that we looked for when the fixtures were released, and I'm sure it was the same at Stonebridge Road. Because of planning regulations, it has been necessary to make the game all ticket. We have decided against segregation, as there has never been any great antagonism between the two sets of supporters, and we didn't see that scenario changing today.

Now then. Tuesday night saw the boys put in a great performance against Bishop's Stortford. The 3-0 victory was comfortable enough, but it could have been oh so different if Andy Young hadn't made a great save from a penalty shortly after we had gone in front. He then made two or three excellent other saves that totally deflated The Bish'. It was no surprise that he was awarded the Man of the match. Personally I can't remember the last time that our keeper won a man of the match award, so well done Andy. The first win of the season, saw us rise up to 15<sup>th</sup>, with a bullet. This Bank Holiday Monday, we travel to early season pace setters Chelmsford City. Coach travel is available. Please see Paul in the bar for details.

## DFC GOALKEEPING SCHOOL

Dartford Goalkeeping School began at Dartford FC's Princes Park Stadium on Saturday 7th August 2010 and continues weekly, Saturday's 9am till 10.30am(registration 8.45am). The aim of Dartford Goalkeeping School is for boys and girls, between the ages of 8 and 16 years of age, to learn how to be a goalkeeper, as well as having fun! With trained goalkeepers with playing experience, your child could be having fun and learning about goalkeeping.

Cost is £6 per session.

For more information, please telephone John Macrae on 07729 170687 or email him at [macrae05@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:macrae05@tiscali.co.uk)

## QUIZ NIGHT

Dartford FC Supporters' Association presents Larry & Linda's Quiz Night in the Function Room at Princes Park first Sunday of every month - 7.30 pm start Next quiz – Sunday 5th September 2010 Teams should be a maximum of 10 adults (16 years and above) per table and the entry fee is £12 per team.

**Keep Smilin'**  
**Tony**

# from the captains table.....

Welcome to today's game against Ebbsfleet United.

Now it seems that there is a little bit of rivalry between the two sets of supporters??? I don't know what gave me that impression. Perhaps the fact that the cheers following Ebbsfleet's relegation were louder than when we won the league last year, or the fact any Dartford fan would gladly spend a week in Dover just to avoid the place. In which case, it's great that we have the opportunity to renew the rivalry. It has been a while since the two teams have met and hopefully we can do what is needed to take three points.



Ebbsfleet will be a strong side, but following Tuesday's win, we are full of confidence and looking forward to the challenge.

This is the start of a big week of games. Our home form is going to be important this season, so I hope everyone can get behind us.

Looking back on the Bishop's Stortford game, it was a great team performance and we thoroughly deserved to win. I think we looked strong in a 4-4-2 formation and a bit more balanced than in previous games. We didn't do a good enough job of supporting Burnsey from deep (myself included) in the opening few games, which meant we didn't really cause much of a threat going forward. But I think this changed on Tuesday with two men up front and wide men out in support.

A special mention to Youngy, who kept us in the game in opening 20 minutes with some great saves, including the penalty. Although they may have had more luck passing the penalty out wide and putting in a cross, as Youngy tends to flap at those. Then again, if they had anything like Hayesy's crossing ability it probably would have just gone out for a goal kick or over the stand and into the car park. It was also nice to see Rooky on the score sheet....for once.

Bradders.

# sicknote corner.....

## NEWS FROM THE PHYSIO ROOM

Hi all, we have been working hard in the Physio Room during the week, and are pleased to advise that all the squad including Elliot Bradbrook and James White are now back in full training.

However when treatment of injuries or rehabilitation is not required we still keep ourselves very busy during the week working on keeping the players muscles, ligaments and soft tissue in peak condition. The belief of prevention is better than cure is a major factor in Sports Physiotherapy.

Lets hope we all enjoy the match against our old rivals Ebbsfleet (or Gravesend and Northfleet as many of us know them )

**Dave P**  
**Club Physio**

