

DOVER ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2018

Well, after our great result against leaders Macclesfield, the three subsequent results have been hugely disappointing, especially losing to very late goals in the two defeats at Eastleigh and Ebbsfleet.

With AFC Fylde winning their game in hand and leapfrogging us into the final play-off place, we have it all to do in the remaining five fixtures. Home games this Saturday against Torquay, Tranmere Rovers (17th April) and Gateshead (21st April) along with away games at Maidenhead (14th April) and Woking (28th April) will shape our end of season fate but it's been a great roller coaster ride given the state of the playing squad in July last year!

All we can do is continue to turn up and support the team and hope that the remaining results go for us. Please encourage any floating fans out there that we've got a football team that needs our collective support. As we all know, football players come and go but DAFC supporters are for life!

A big thank you from the Supporters' Club Committee to everyone who has supported the initiatives/events we have attempted this season. Not all have been wildly successful but the Committee will continue to work hard to ensure our club continues to be as successful as it can.

4th COMMUNITY/FAMILY DAY SATURDAY 21 APRIL

The last Community/Family Day will again see Supporters' Club committee members handing out goody bags, balloons and 'One Team, One Town, One Dover' flags. We also hope to be giving away 'collectible' fan clappers to help increase the sound volume in the stadium for this match against Gateshead.

We hope to see as many people as possible in the stadium for this, the last scheduled National League home game for the 2017/18 season.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON AWARDS

This season's awards presentation is being organised and funded by the Supporters' Club and will take place after the above game in the Centre Spot on Saturday 21 April.

Please cast your vote for your Player of the Season at the Torquay game via the voting slips handed out at the turnstiles if you haven't already cast a vote at the recently postponed Tranmere game.

These need to be dropped back into the Club Shop or given to any committee member before you leave Crabble on Saturday please.

All DAFC fans are welcome to vote and are also invited to the presentation event which will commence around 5.15pm once the players have arrived from the dressing rooms.

There are five trophies to present - the Supporters' Player of the Season, the Players' Player of the Season, the Golden Boot for top goalscorer, the Away Player of the Season and the Club Person of the Season. We will also be presenting a £250 cheque to the chosen charity of the Away Player of the Season.

The event should take no longer than 30 minutes so please come along.

DASC AWAY COACH INFORMATION

There are just 2 scheduled away National League matches left to MAIDENHEAD (14th April) and WOKING (28th April).

THE COACH TO MAIDENHEAD ON SAT 14th APRIL leaves Crabble at 11.15am and will cost members £20, non-members £35 and U18s £10 with U16s continuing to be accompanied.

THE COACH TO WOKING (FOR A 12.30pm KICK-OFF) ON SAT 28th APRIL leaves Crabble at 9.15am and will cost members £15, non-members £30 and U18s £10 with U16s continuing to be accompanied.

See **ANDY** in the bar to book your seat or contact him on 07934 300335 or via the coaches email dascoaches@gmail.com and remember all seats have to be paid for at the time of booking.

PITCH SQUARES & SCRATCHCARDS

There are just FOUR pitch squares left available at £5 a square. Our scratchcards continue to be on sale at £1 each from any committee member.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB LAPEL PIN BADGES

AN ORDER HAS NOW BEEN PLACED and these will be on sale for £3 each. Those already on the list will be contacted when the stock has arrived but if you wish to pre-pay then please see a committee member at any remaining game. If you would like to be added to the list then again let a committee member know.

MEMBERS' MONTHLY DRAW

The last draw of the season (for MARCH 2018) takes place prior to the Torquay game. Congratulations to the latest winner of either £25 cash or a replica shirt signed by a player of your choice.

DATES FOR PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

Just a reminder in case we squeeze into the play-off picture.....

Wednesday 2 May 'Match A' - 5th Place vs. 6th Place

Thursday 3 May 'Match B' - 4th Place vs. 7th Place

Saturday 5 May 1st Semi-final - 2nd Place vs. winner of 'Match A'

Sunday 6 May 2nd Semi-Final - 3rd Place vs. winner of 'Match B'

Saturday 12 May PROMOTION FINAL at WEMBLEY STADIUM

AWAY PLAYER OF THE SEASON AWARD

The votes from the EASTLEIGH away game saw RYAN BIRD poll the majority of the votes cast, followed by ADE AZEEZ. The result of the EBBSFLEET vote is not known yet as there are still a number of votes still to be cast.

The Eastleigh result still leaves MITCH WALKER leading MITCH PINNOCK by one award 5 to 4 with MITCH BRUNDLE third with 3 awards. The MAIDENHEAD game will be the last one to qualify to enable the presentation trophies to be finalised for 21st April.