FOOTBALL

Sunderland and District Steels SC Over 40s League

N Division One, *Grindon*Broadway beat Shildon Grey Horse 2-1 at home. Darlington Grev Horse, still inbeaten, are the clear leaders, they won 6-0 away to Bede

Holywell Fat Ox came back to form last weekend. They won 6-1 away to *Redcar*

loughton Mill Inn won by the odd goal in five at home to Consett in a very tight match. Hylton CW sprang the surprise of the day by defeating the second top side North Shields Pineapple 6-3 at home. Hartlepool Woodcutter turned in a fine performance but still lost 3-2 at home against

Easington CIU. Terry Wright played a blinder notching a brace for his losing

In the Premier League, Steels SC are back on top, they won 4-1 at home to Red House

Marden are in second place, they drew 1-1 away to Heaton *ington* in a very even

Ferryhill Greyhound move into third place after they won 4-3 away to Chilton WMC. Blakelaw gained their first point bottom, they drew 1-1 at home lackhall Hardwick are in bottom place following their 4-1 away defeat to Cramlington South Shields continue to mprove, they won 2-1 at home nto sixth from top place. In Division Two Penshaw

Catholic, lacking the services of star Bobby Dick, lost 1-0 outh Carpets triumphed 2-0 at home to Wearmouth and are now league leaders.

West Cornforth move off the bottom of the table after they turned in a super performance to defeat Sedgefield Utd 8-4 awav from home Durham City Strollers had no answer to a lively *Pelton Crown* attack and lost 7-1 at home

ome with Darlington Railway in a high scoring match. n Division Three, St Mary's College Yarm are the clea eaders after they beat Trimdon *eterans* 5-1 at home. In second place are *British* Telecom, they won 5-0 at home In third place are Houghton Cricket Club on inferior goal omped to a 9-0 triumph over

Steels FC are now in fourth place following a 3-2 home triumph against Ivv Legend. eneside WMC won 4-1 at home against Rutherford AFC. Cheers lost 4-3 at home to Pennywell Comrades in a high

Wingate, who won their first game of the season and as a

In Division Four, Billingham erans are the clear leaders. They won 4-1 away to Mill View

sley Park are in second place on superior goal different, they won 3-0 at home against Richmond Town are in third place, they won 2-1 at home to Heaton Winston, while host Hartlepool Park Hotel drew 2-2 Boldon Colliery Tavern drew 2-Park. Ivy Leaf lost 5-1 at home

Horden Tin Pot Vets played well to draw 3-3 away to Rolls

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Cramlington B H ...
Ryhope Foresters ...
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Wingate Cons' Club Trimdon Veterans .

Hartlepool Park Hote

founder Sally Povolotsky "I first got talking to Sal when I was out in Afghanistan on my second tour," he said. "We were chat ting about different things and found we both had a keen

Army boys up for Dakar fight

HE Dakar Rally thousands of miles of arduous, unforgiving terrain, de signed to test the endurance of both man and machine

A daunting prospect for most people, but more so if you are disabled.

Or so you might imagine But for a team of soldiers, including one based in North Yorkshire, this is just another challenge among many they face in their everyday lives.

The servicemen, several of whom have lost limbs on active service, are part of Project Mobility, an organisation which, in its own words, "seeks to harness the skills mindset and discipline of ser vice personnel" in a series of inspirational initiatives.

One of those aims is to take part and, hopefully complete the Dakar Rally in 2014 as the first all disabled, all British rally team.

That team comprises of Sgt Wayne Turnbull, from 5 Regiment Royal Artillery based at Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire, Sgt Gavin Harvey and Sgt Nathan Cumberland Nathan and Gavin both lost

their legs in IED explosions.

Despite this Nathan, who is now fitted with prosthetic limbs, is the team's driver. Gavin is wheelchair bound but is a wizard with a toolbox

and is the team's mechanic. Wavne, meanwhile, although able bodied understands what the others have been through, having completed several tours of Afghanistan, and has to deal with what he has witnessed on a daily basis. He is also one of the team's drivers with Nathan currently acting as

his co-driver. In order to train for the Dakar event and obtain the necessary upgrades to their motorsport licences, the team is taking part in a number of

They recently completed the Trackrod Rally in North Yorkshire, where they were running first in class and sec ond in the Land Rover Challenge in their adapted Land Rover Freelander until an issue with the ECU forced their retirement.

For the Dakar rally they will dispense with the Free lander in favour of a Bowler Wildcat, a four-litre V8 behemoth of a vehicle ideally suited to the challenge.

Wayne's challenge began with a conversation he had with Project director and

motorsport.



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We will work to the highest standards to achieve the best results and prove that able bodied or not we deserve to be there

Wayne Turnbull

"Sal then put forward the idea of Project Mobility and asked if I thought that injured soldiers would be interested, to which I replied, 'Hell "For injured soldiers to

have something to sink their teeth into and focus on would be brilliant and exactly what they need." Wayne bought into the pro-

ject from the off. "I was never sceptical about the project and the only benefits that are important are that we take in the injured personnel, give them an outle and something to focus on and get them back to how they used to be in them-

selves." he said. Wayne admits that despite his love of the sport, he is on a

steep learning curve. "I have close family that compete in National stage B rallies and I go along to act as service crew – although my mechanical knowledge is minimal." he said.

"As for the driving, co-driving aspect, going through route maps and being instructed by the co-driver off pace notes. I have never done anything like that before.

I bring minimal skills to the team. Apart from Yorkshire humour and wit, I try to bring the team together from all backgrounds, both military personnel who have suffered horrific trauma and civilian counterparts wanting to help with Project Mobility. would like to think I liaise between the two and get the best out of both."

Despite the obvious disadvantages when compared with their rallying rivals. Wayne says he and his colleagues remain undaunted about what lies ahead.

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and Gavin Harvey

may present itself as a problem. There is no-one in the team that has the negativity to say we cannot achieve something. Everyone is steadfast and resolute, and no matter how much of a challenge

have been apparent. The abiliwe will get there and overty for Nathan, for example, to be able to take off his helmet Wayne says he is immense to transit between special stages has been so difficult as ly proud of his colleagues. I have been surprised with he cannot swivel in his seatÂ the hardiness of the guys due to his prosthetic limbs with injuries," he said

"I have been to Afghanistan three times and seen many nds get injured due to

WILLING AND ABLE: Above, Sqt Wayne Turnbull, prior to the Trackrod Yorkshire Rally, and, below, in action with Nathan Cumberland

"I have been fortunate that I have no physical disabilities, out these soldiers who have been injured, gone through the realisation that they have lost limbs, had serious lifechanging injuries and been able to come out the other side stronger and are able to conduct themselves in such a courageous manner are an inspiration to us all."

Wayne said that one aspect that keeps the team going when they may be feeling the the support of both the public and fellow rally drivers. "The team is constantly ad-

mired wherever it goes," he said. "The help that other teams on the events have offered has been overwhelming

"Everyone knows what the guys have been through and show a deep respect for the guys and girls for their sacri

"If I was to mention all the people that have been so supportive we would have to have our own newspaper, that said we will always be happy to let people help and to teach us. We are proud, but never too proud to learn off others."

With the countdown well underway. Wayne believes he has seen enough to suggest the team will not only secure a place on the Dakar Rally in 2014, but also achieve its aim of crossing the finishing line.

"With the way that the team is and how they are gelling together and learning the ins and outs of motorsport, I would like to say that it is highly likely we will get a place and in fact finish the Dakar in 2014," he said. "We will work to the highest standards to achieve the best results and prove that able bodied or not we deserve to be

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MOTORSPORT



NEWTON Avaliffe motocross rider, Matt Moffat, is celebrating after becoming the Fuchs Silkolene 2-Stroke Open Expert

Moffat, 20, started racing at the age of ten after his father bought nim a 65cc Kawasaki, and has since raced in the USA, Holland, Belgium, Spain, France and Italy, as well as throughout Great

The championship went down to the wire and it was nip and tuck petween Moffat and rival Stuart Edmonds with just two points separating the pair as they neaded into the round at Culham Park in Oxfordshire. n the first Moto, neither Moffat

nor Edmonds got off to a good start, the County Durham rider in fourth and Edmonds back in By the second lap Moffat had nuscled his way up into second and was making inroads into Josh Waterman's lead as Edmonds struagled.

He eventually managed to work his way up to third, with Moffat challenging Waterman at the

However, a backmarker thwarted Moffat's charge for the win on the final lap and he had to settle for second

Moffat took another second place in Moto 2 after he was overtaken by Waterman while eading, but with Edmonds nowhere near being able to challenge he was able to breathe little easier.

The destination of the title came down to Moto 3 and Moffat made the best start, leading the field into turn one with Edmonds back

Vaterman managed to get past Moffat, but Edmond's had suffered a spill and was unable to gain the ground back, sending the trophy to the North-East as the flag dropped. "I'm over the moon to have wor

the championship," said Moffat. "I knew it was going to be tight coming here and I thought Stuart would have rode a lot better here, but I think he just had some bad luck, stuff didn't go his way and I managed to get out of the start and keep clear "Josh (Waterman) rode really

Picture: SARAH CALDECOTT him here and I think if the

are all set to play. Championship hadn't been on the line then I think I might have been able to have a better go at squad but Adam McDonald is a

him, but I just used my head on the last few laps and did what I needed to do. Moffat has set his sights on eclipsing this success in the

coming years. would like to win the pro classes in the next few years and try and be British champion." he aid. "I think that's everyone's ambition. It would also be good to get on a team and be paid to

Moffat wanted to pay tribute to those who had helped him get to this point.

"A big thanks should go to my dad who put lot time and money into this and believed in me when I first started," he said. "I just ouldn't have done it without him. A lot of thanks also go to my family and friends who believed in me over years and to all of my sponsors.

Moffat said he would also like to thank Darlington Boxing and Martial Arts Gym who had trained

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Leaders without six stars

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Wearside League preview By Malcolm Pratt

LEADERS WILLINGTON, whose long winning sequence came to without six players against lowly Silksworth Rangers on Wearside this afternoon. Andrew Richardson has a knee rules out Gareth Matthews, John Richardson is away, while Steve lowe, Shaun Brown and Wayne Dobinson are doubtful. The only good news is that Graham azenby is pencilled in to make his return.

'We've been plagued by injuries in recent weeks and it's been difficult to draft in players from the Under-18 squad because they too have had their problems," said secretary Geof

Goalkeeper Adam Don is ruled out of the Silksworth side with a broken nose and John McLean

Ryhope CW had hoped to play their first home game of the season on Wednesday night but improvements to the changing accommodation hadn't been completed. However, secretary Dougie Benison is confident that today's fixture with Wolviston will go ahead. Nathan O'Neil and Paul Taylor are pencilled in to the Ryhope squad but David Newby is a non-starter while Callum Charlton and James Dunn both need fitness checks Gateshead Leam Rangers with Lance Skelton suspended but Sam Young and Liam Wood could be named. Leam Rangers hope to have Anthony Brewis and Steven

Robinson back. They have signed Dean Stewart, Tony Renwick and Adam Carr who Coxhoe Athletic host Stockton Town. Dan Shannon and Leigh Guthrie strengthen the Coxhoe

Ashbrooke Belford House miss captain Kenny Taylor, Stuart Burton and Mark Green for their game at Boldon CA where manager Tommy Dobbing will await news on the availability of David Scott and Glen Moan. Boldon hope to have leading scorer Chris Robinson available Kirkbymoorside are stronger with the inclusion of Sario Cham, Leigh Watson and Nial Gibb for the home game with Jarrow while Hartlepool welcome back Paul Vickers for their clash with Prudhoe Town who have no selection worries. Peterlee Town aim to continue their steady rise up the table at the expense of Sunderland West End. They have injury concerns for Darren Major, John

secretary Billy Banks reports

Stephen Hockaday should be

Bond expects to have his

strongest side available.

available. West End boss David





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