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Duncombe Park Football Team

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"Picture tells a story of a sporting success"

April 28th 1968 immediately following Duncombe Park's 5-2 victory over Cross Keys, Pocklington in their penultimate York League Division Three match of the 1967/8 season.

The trophy held by Park's captain, Ivan Plowman, is the Stillington Invitation trophy which Park had won two days previously. This competition involves eight teams, all the matches being played on Stillington's ground. In the first round, Park drew 1-1 with Crayke. Another 1-1 draw ensued in the replay and finally at the third attempt Park triumphed 3-1. The semi-final resulted in a Park 3-2 victory over Stillington courtesy of a hat trick from Terry Parker. The final against Newton-on-Ouse, a division above Park in the York League, proved to be a thrilling game watched by a large crowd, which Park won 2-1, with Ian McEvoy scoring both Park's goals.

Having been ignominiously relegated from Division One and then Division Two in the previous two seasons, Duncombe Park enjoyed a rare successful 1967/8 season, playing a total of 37 matches, winning 27, drawing 3 and losing 7. They scored 125 goals and conceded 58, Ian McEvoy was the leading goal scorer with 31 followed by Terry Parker and John Magson each with 25. Goalkeeper Alan Kent played in every match.

As well as their success in the Stillington Cup, Park came third in the League, missing out on promotion by just one point. They also reached the semi-final of the Malton Hospital Cup, going down 2-1 to Pickering Town.

Back row: H Bradley, C Allenby, E Craggs, J Magson, A Kent, S Cooper, J Dale

Front Row: J Biggins, T Parker, J Plowman (capt), D Cook, I McEvoy