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WELCOME!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the UTS Stadium this afternoon for this much anticipated PITCHING-IN NPL East Division game at home since we played North Ferriby FC on 14 th October! WELCOME BACK!!

Our opponents today are OSSETT UNITED FC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their tough journey from West Yorkshire. It's always a pleasure to welcome "The Ramicorns" as they are affectionately known, with our two Clubs getting on very well! This doesn't mean that the games between our Clubs are gentle affairs – they are always hotly contested!

Since the birth of Ossett United FC in June 2018 when the two original Ossett Clubs, Town and Albion, merged there has been much steady progress achieved. Last season began in fine style but a disappointing run of results saw manager Jas Colliver replaced by Grant Black who took over and several new players were



brought in to produce some fine performances and results. The Club continued to strengthen their squad during the summer break and have continued to do so. Recently they have added some first-class players to the squad and posted some very encouraging results.

When the two Clubs met in mid-August earleir this season in the PITCHING-IN NPL East Division, Dunston won the game at the Ingfield Stadium by four goals to two with Dale Pearson notching a hat- trick and Sado Djalo grabbing the other goal. Ossett United will be determined to get some revenge today!

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Referee Givi Todua from Sunderland is joined by his Assistant Referees Evan Culling from Bedlington and Charlie Ford from Cramlington. Our FA Match Observer is Brian Reilly from Consett.

Supporters old and new are very well appreciated and we hope you enjoy your visit to the UTS Stadium this afternoon. If you require any help or information about the Club and facilities, please do not hesitate to contact any Management Committee Member. Details of Season Tickets, Executive Package, Club Merchandise, Concessions and

Sponsorship Opportunities can be obtained from any Club Official or at the Club Office. Let's look forward to a competitive match. Enjoy the game!

BILLY MONTAGUE – CLUB SECRETARY



The Club first saw light of day in 1975 as the Football Section of a Print Works Sports Social Club. Long-serving Club stalwart John Thompson, along with some of his fellow workmates at Her Majesty's Stationery Office Gateshead, formed the team and joined the Newcastle City Amateur League playing at the Civil Service Sports Ground, Longbenton, Newcastle.

Early success inspired John to develop the Club and it moved to a new base, The Bay Horse public house in Whickham. The Club name was changed to Whickham Sports FC. Playing on a public parks pitch in Dunston, the Club entered the Northern Amateur League. Numerous successes were achieved at this level including League Championships and League Cup wins.

In 1980 the Club joined the Northern Combination League. Further League and Cup triumphs followed and a move to a base nearer the home ground seemed logical. The Club moved to a new base at the Dunston Mechanics Social Club and became known as Dunston Mechanics FC. As the club progressed, land in the locality was leased from Gateshead MBC and the management committee began to develop the present ground.

At this stage an approach was made to the Federation Brewery for

sponsorship to assist in the progress of the Club. When they kindly agreed to become the Club's main sponsors, the name was changed to Dunston Federation Brewery F.C. After finishing as League Champions and League Cup Winners in 1987, the Club left the Northern Combination League and joined the Wearside League. Following a period of four seasons in the Wearside League – being League Champions twice and League Cup Winners once – the club felt a

need to seek new opportunities and an application was made to join the prestigious Northern Football League.

During their time in the Wearside League, the club had made considerable improvements to Federation Park with progress to a higher status of football in mind, and their application to join the Northern League was successful. The Club had now realised one of its main ambitions and so entered the National Pyramid of Non-League Football.

In its second season in the Northern League, the Club won the Second Division Title and was promoted to the First Division. That season also saw the Club reach the last eight of the national FA Vase competition.

The Club was now an established Northern League Club having won the League Challenge Cup three years in succession from 1998 to 2000. Dunston also won the J. R. Cleator Cup in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. Season 2003/2004 was one to remember when the club won the Northern League Championship for the first time and also lifted the League Challenge Cup. They also reached the final qualifying round of the F.A. Cup – the furthest they have ever reached in that competition.

After such a magnificent season in 2003/2004, the club went one better the following season when they repeated the Northern League Championship and Challenge Cup Double and also lifted the J. R. Cleator Cup once more.

In 2009, having been without a main sponsor for the previous three seasons, Mr. Shaun Sadler of UTS Engineering kindly agreed to provide a generous sponsorship package and it was agreed that the

Club be known as Dunston UTS Football Club. The name of the ground was changed from Federation Park to The UTS Stadium.

The Club enjoyed a momentous season in 2011–2012 when, under the

Management duo of Billy Irwin and Tony Harrison, they finished third in the Northern League and achieved the greatest success in their history. After a memorable run in the FA Vase, the side reached the Final at Wembley Stadium and went on to lift the trophy with a superb 2-0 victory over West Auckland Town.

After a few barren years, the Club sprang back to life again at the end of the 2017-2018 season when finishing as Runners-Up in the Durham Challenge Cup Final and going one better with victory in the Brooks Mileson Memorial League Cup Final. Building on the new-found momentum, Dunston continued in the same vein in the following season with a great run in the FA Cup, going out in the final Qualifying Round to National League neighbours Gateshead in front of a record

crowd of 2,525 at the UTS Stadium.

The Club finished the 2018-2019 season as convincing Champions of the Northern League First Division, seventeen points ahead of their nearest rivals. Promotion ensued to the BetVictor Northern Premier North West Division but FA Regulations dictated that the "Club Playing Name" must not include any reference to a sponsor so the "UTS" was reluctantly dropped from the Club Title before the new season commenced. Shaun Sadler showed remarkable understanding of the

situation and agreed to continue his wonderful sponsorship of the Club. With the aid of a generaous grant from the FSIF, improvements were completed to bring the ground up to NPL standards.

The step up proved more difficult than expected in the NPL North West Division and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any real consistancy. The early cancellation of League proceedings due to Covid-19 in March 2020 saw the Club finish in mid-table.

After yet another early curtailment in 2020-21, Dunston started the 21-22 season in the newly formed NPL East Division much stronger and finished in sixth-place, just missing out on the end-of-season Play-Offs. Last Season saw yet another upgrade in playing strength and more stadium improvements but the same disappointing final finish of sixth from top.

In a very competitive Division, we will have to go that extra step in the 2023-24 season if we are to achieve our aim of promotion but under the guidance of our new Team Manager Jon McDonald and his Coaches we will do our best!



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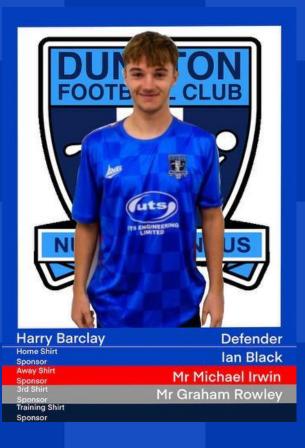
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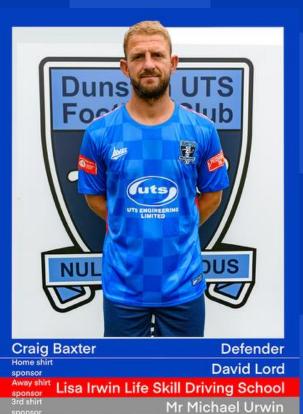
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HARRY BARCLAY (Defender)

A versatile defender who was most recently at Newcastle United under a professional contract. Barclay played over 20 games for the Magpies' U21 team. His time at St James' Park was hampered by an injury but now, Harry is looking to start over at the UTS Stadium. Still only 19-years-old, Barclay is a one to watch out for and will be looking to gain some valuable experience in the men's game this season.

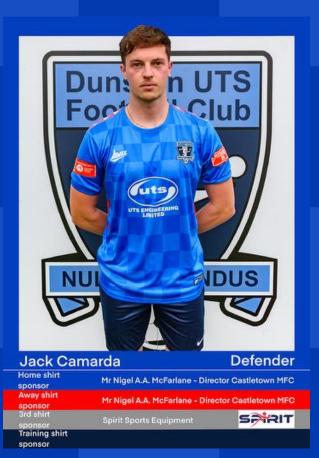


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CRAIG BAXTER (Defender)

Craig Baxter is a defensively strong and composed right back who brings a wealth of experience of playing higher up in leagues to the Dunston back line. Craig has a proven track record of success, a key player for The Mariners over a five-season spell and making 188 appearances and played an integral role in the Gateshead side which reached the National League playoff final at Wembley Stadium in the 2013/14 season.

Described as rock solid at the back and strong going forward, Baxter's signing was a major coup for Dunston UTS FC, and Craig's addition was obvious, with the full back picking up the 2021/22 managers player of the season, players player of the season and committee's player of the season.

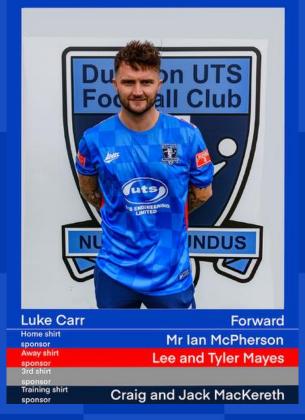


JACK CAMARDA (Defender/Midfielder)

Jack Camarda comes to Dunston UTS looking to add extra quality to an already exciting midfield. In the past, he spent various spells at Oldham Athletic, Mansfield Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers as a junior, before landing a two-year academy scholarship at Fleetwood Town. Time at Preston was also enjoyed, but he returned back to his native Isle of Man after the completion of his A-Levels.

More recently, Jack has been playing for island club Isle of Man FC, where he quickly established himself in the starting XI during the club's inaugural season in the North West Counties West Division.

Jack was also selected to represent England Universities for a round of friendly fixtures against Wycombe Wanderers and Gateshead in May 2023.

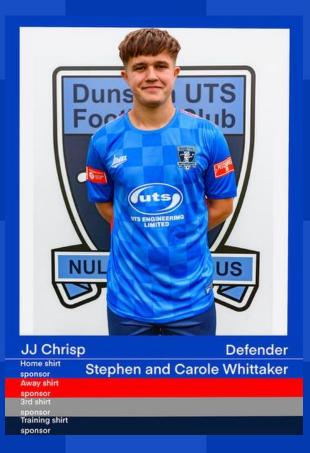


LUKE CARR (Midfielder)

Carr joined Dunston ahead of the 2023/24 season and became the first signing announced under Jon McDonald.

Carr provides an excellent attacking threat as he occupies the number 10 role where he contributes both goals and assists.

The attacking midfielder is no stranger to the big occasion having won league titles and promotions with the likes of Morpeth Town, Consett and Newcastle Blue Star. Luke has also played at Wembley twice in two FA Vase finals, winning one of them.



JJ CHRISP (Defender/Midfielder)

A versatile player who provides aggression, tenacity and determination all over the pitch and will be looking to make an impact at the UTS Stadium after signing ahead of the 2023-24 campaign.

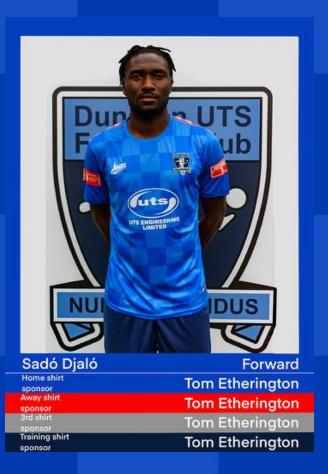
The former North Shields player is an exciting prospect with Jon McDonald describing JJ as a player with "loads of potential."



RICHARD COULSON (Forward)

Richie arrived in early December 2021 from Northern League side Whitley Bay. He has an eye for goal and picked up six goals during his first season at the club 2021/22 season. Able to play anywhere across the frontline, Richie has added versatility to the Dunston side, and following another impressive season in 2022/23, will be looking to build on that his ability as Dunston push for promotion.

The forward has had spells with Seaham Red Star in The Northern League and prior to that had played for his local side Hazelrigg Victory for whom he scored 174 goals, registered 100 assists and won 31 Man of the Match awards in only 189 appearances.



SADO DJALO (Forward)

The Guinea Bissau-born forward rejoined the club ahead of the 2022-23 season after joining Blyth Spartans during the 2021-22 season.

The Forward left for Blyth Spartans in November 2021, having scored 9 goals in 12 appearances for Dunston UTS. With his game time at Croft Park limited, he re-joined Dunston in March on an initial 1month loan deal.

His previous clubs include Bedlington Terriers, Northern Alliance side Newcastle Chemfica and former Combined Counties side AC London. His footballing career had started in Portugal, playing for Regional League sides CDR Quarteirense and Moimenta da Beira.

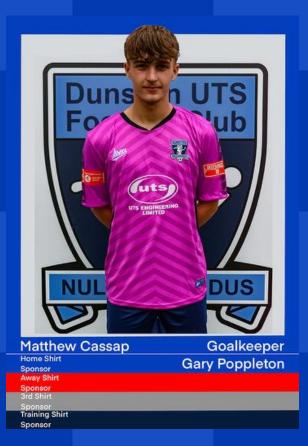
In his return season at the UTS Stadium, he won the Top Goalscorer award in the 2022/23 season alongside Michael Fowler, with both forwards scoring 14 goals in all competitions.

JORDAN LAMB (Forward)

Jordan joined the club after a successful trial period over the 2023-24 pre-season. Formerly of Hamilton Wanderers in the New Zealand second division, the Kiwi-born forward adds real quality and firepower to the Dunston frontline.

A quick and direct player with a great attitude and capable of scoring lots of goals.

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MATTY CASSAP -Goalkeeper

JAKE JENSEN

(Midfielder)

Matty is a young goalkeeper who also plays for Gateshead College. Matty was brought into the club towards the end of the 2022-23 season and has signed on again with the club ahead of the new season.

Matty made his first start for the club in pre-season, putting in a Man of the Match performance against National League South side, Dartford FC.



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Mr Malcolm James

played. Jake is a technically gifted midfielder that brings energy and tenacity to the pitch along with a range of passing from the middle of the park. In his

> Still a young lad, his development has been there for all to see, and he asserted himself into the starting line-up on a number of occasions last season.

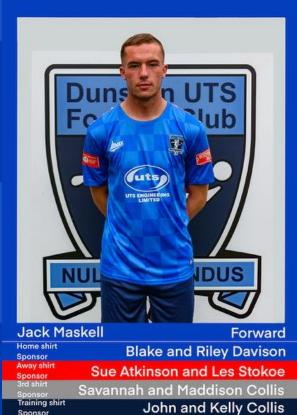
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words, he tries to "emulate Bruno from the Toon".

Jake was one of the multiple signings for the club in

scholarship in the United States for four years from Summer 2018 and that was where he most recently

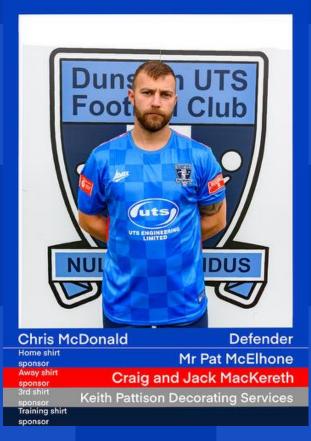
the summer of 2022. He was on a football



JACK MASKELL (Forward)

A young striker with a ton of potential, Maskell is certainly an exciting addiction to the squad.

The young forward decided to sign for Dunston UTS after receiving a lot of interest after a breakout season in Northern League Division Two with Horden CW - A season where Jack picked up the Northern

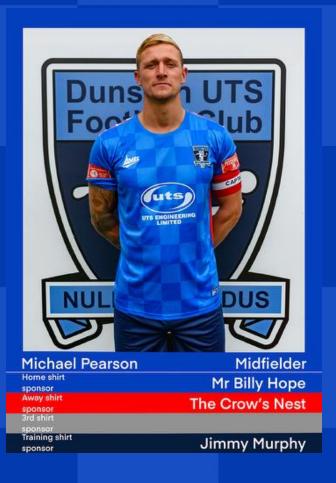


CHRIS MCDONALD (Defender)

'Macca' was a marquee signing under new manager Jon McDonald. Chris McDonald most recently plied his trade at North Shields where he won the Northern League in 2021-22.

The left-back has a wealth of experience and possesses a huge threat going forwards. He is not shy of chancing his luck from distance and provides some excellent balls into the box from the left-hand side.





DALE PEARSON (Forward)

Dale Pearson joined the club at the start of February 2023 from Northern Premier League side Morpeth Town. He brings with him versatility and experience, with the forward able to play both centrally and out wide.

He was prolific during his time at Consett AFC and played a pivotal part in their promotion from the Northern League. During his time there, he scored 67 goals in 84 appearances, including a goal in their FA Vase final defeat to Hebburn Town at Wembley.

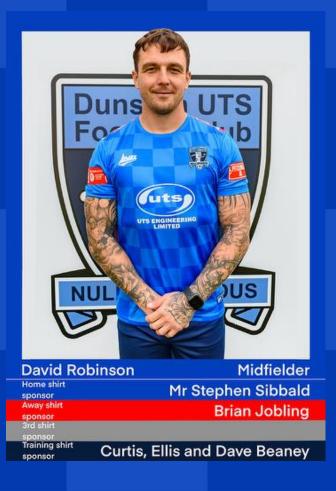
He has a keen eye for goal, and brings with him pace, power and a lethal finish.

MICHAEL PEARSON (Midfielder)

Having previously played for Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields, the current Club Captain joined Dunston UTS FC prior to the start of the 2015/16 season from Consett AFC, a season in which he would receive The Player of the Season Award. An industrious and combative player, he possesses a versatility which allows him to comfortably play in numerous positions, he has since gone on to play more than 200 games for Dunston and was made captain ahead of the 2023/24 season by new Manager Jon McDonald.

His outstanding performances during Dunston's 2018/19 Northern League title winning season saw him deservedly collect a plethora of awards at the end of the season namely, Players' Player of the Year Award, Management Player of the Season and Committee Player of the Season.

During his time at Dunston, Michael has collected a Northern League winners medal, Northern League Cup medal and JR Cleator Cup Winners medal. **18**

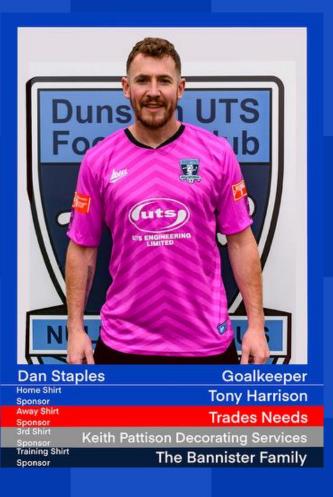


DAVID ROBINSON (Midfielder)

An industrious and combative midfielder, Robinson joins ahead of the 2023-24 season where he will provide experience and quality to the middle of the park.

Robbo also has leadership qualities having captained the likes of Seaham Red Star and Newcastle Benfield in the past.

The midfield enforcer could prove to be a crucial signing for Jon McDonald ahead of the upcoming season.

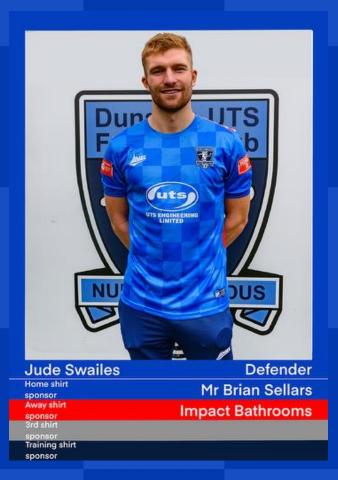


DAN STAPLES (Goalkeeper)

Dan signed for the club in July 2022 after impressing during pre-season and cemented his place as number 1 in the back end of the 2022/23 season.

The goalkeeper has had spells with Newcastle United, Sunderland, Wrexham and Bedlington Terriers. Most recently, he was at Consett and made a huge impact in his first appearances in cupcompetition against North Shields in the 2021/22 season. He saved a penalty inside the final five minutes to ensure his side the victory.

A particular highlight in the 2022/23 season was when Dan made two saves in the penalty shootout victory away at Ashton United in the FA Trophy. Dan also made penalty saves against Cleethorpes and Stocksbridge, making it a bit of a trait for the shotstopper.





JUDE SWAILES (Defender)

Having been with Newcastle United since he was a youngster, Jude emerged through the club's Academy system, before moving up into the ranks of The Premier League side's Under 23's squad. Making over 30 appearances in a black and white shirt, across both the Premier League Under-18's and Under 23's in Premier League 2.

The highly regarded youngster was offered a twoyear contract at St James' Park at the end of last season. Jude decided against the offer, in favour of a move to the USA, where he joined Charleston College in South Carolina.

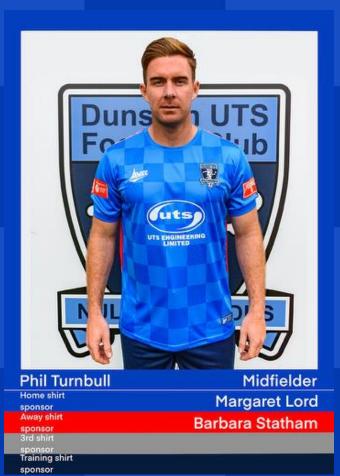
Jude is a strong thorn in the Dunston back line, and can be described as a no-nonsense centre half, willing to put his body on the line for the club. He continues his development at the club in the 2023/24 season, and has come on leaps and bounds since his arrival.

LIAM THEAR (Forward)

Liam Thear is one of the clubs longest serving players and has just shy of 200 appearances heading into the 2023/24 season. He moved to the club after completing a successful stint at Gateshead FC Academy, where he was highly rated. Following his release, he was snapped up by then Dunston manager Billy Irwin.

"Scrappy" is a very strong and tricky player who has matured and developed tremendously whilst at Dunston. After a superb start to last season, Liam suffered a serious ACL injury in The FA Cup fixture at home to local neighbours Gateshead FC last season. Since his recovery, he has proved to be a vital asset for Dunston, fighting for every ball and contributing with both goals and assists.

He scooped the Goal of the Season award at the end of the 2022/23 season following an audacious lob away at Stocksbridge Park Steels. 20





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PHIL TURNBULL (Midfielder)

Central midfielder Phil Turnbull is described as fiercely competitive player and joined the club along with ex-teammate Craig Baxter in 2021. A permanent move to Gateshead in 2008 saw him play over 300 games for the Tynesiders and he played a vital role in the National League season which saw the Heed reach Wembley.

He then moved to Darlington in 2015 where he would gain promotion to The National League North in his first season.

A move to his hometown club South Shields 2018 saw Turnbull continue his good form. He has been key to the recent playing success at South Shields but with the club moving to full time Chris Swailes wasted no time in bringing the vastly experienced and talented midfielder to the UTS Stadium.

He scooped a number of awards at the end of the 2022/23 season following a superb season, including the Fred Foulis Committee Player of the Season award.

JACK WALKER (Defender)

Jack became the fourth player to join the club from North Shields ahead of the 2023-24 campaign.

Walker is a quality addition to the squad and operates predominantly as a central defender however, he can also play anywhere across the back line.

Jack had an excellent final season with North Shields where he scooped their Player of the Season award.

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Jon McDonald

Manager

Sponsored by Mr Malcolm James



Mark Scott

Coach

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JON MCDONALD (Manager)

A Wallsend lad, Jon made the move to The UTS Stadium in early March of 2021 from Northern Premier League side Morpeth Town, where he had held the equivalent position for three seasons.

During his second spell at Craik Park, he had been part of two successive promotions with "The Highwaymen" and a Northumberland Senior Cup victory in the 2018/19 season.

He has previously managed Blyth AFC, guiding them to The Northern League 2nd Division title in the 2017/18 season, as well as managerial spells with West Allotment Celtic and North Shields in The Northern League.

Jon successfully completed his UEFA A License with The Scottish FA in March 2022.

Following the departure of Chris Swailes at the end of the 2022/23 season, Jon was installed as Dunston FC Manager in May 2023.

MARK SCOTT (Assistant Manager)

Mark joins the club with experience in coaching at South Shields FC and North Shields FC where he worked with assistant manager Jon McDonald, More recently, he has spent time at Spennymoor Town FC where he was part of the academy coaching staff. He holds a UEFA A License and will be a superb addition to an already vastly experienced coaching set up.

Upon joining the club, Mark said: "I'm delighted to join the club. As an opposing player and coach over the years I have always admired Dunston as a wellrun and successful club.

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Andrew Wright

Assistant Manager

Sponsored by Mr Billy Montague

ANDY WRIGHT (Coach)

Wright previously played for Leeds United as a youth player and at professional level. Despite making no appearances as a pro at Leeds, Wright did achieve success in the Youth Team winning the 1997 FA Youth Cup. He also had spells playing at Reading FC and at Fortuna Sittard in the Eredivisie as well as playing for various non-league teams.

In his coaching career, Wright is a UEFA A-License Coach and was a Lead Phase Coach at Leeds United for six years.

LEE KENNEDY

(Goalkeeper Coach)
Lee joined Dunston at the beginning of the 2022-23

season bringing with him a wealth of experience. He has worked with a range of teams at all levels of the game.

Manager Jon McDonald highlighted Lee's quality before his arrival: "I've known Lee for a number of years. He's an honest, reliable bloke and will be an asset for Dunston. He's spent years supporting grassroots football at Cramlington United, working with junior and senior teams. He has good attributes to bring out the best in our goalkeepers."



Lee Kennedy

Goalkeeping Coach

Sponsored by Mr Tony Harrison

DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



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LEWIS BLACK (Physio)

Lewis joined the backroom staff in July 2021 having completed three years of studying at Newcastle College University Centre, graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree in Exercise and Sports Rehabilitation.

Alongside his studies, he completed a three year placements at Park View Academy of Sport and was able to develop his skills as a practitioner.

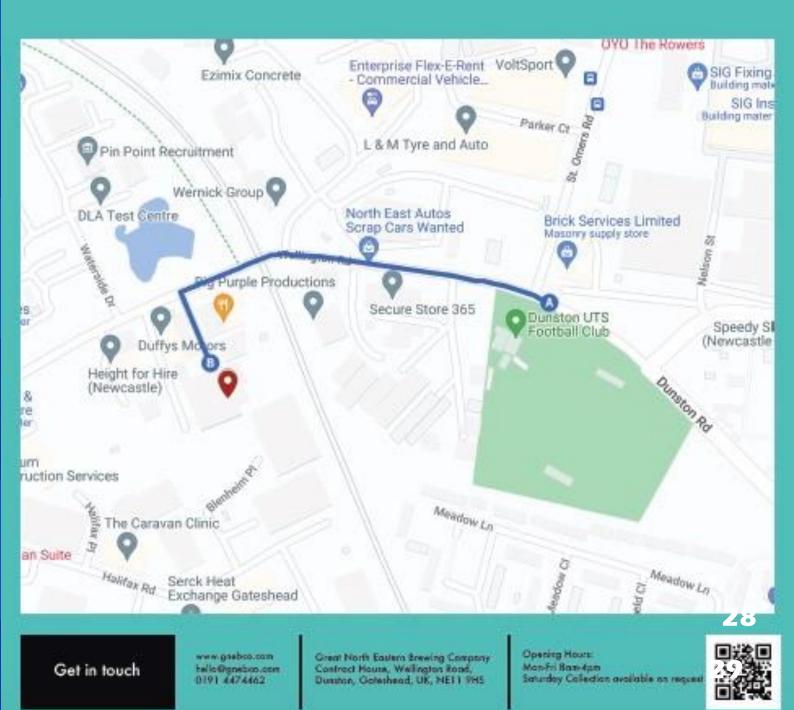
Following on, he then became Sports Therapist for Chester-le-Street United.





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Desmond Amponsah – Forward Quick and tricky from either foot, Desmond is sure to get the fans excited, a real defenders' nightmare. Desmond spent last season with Liversedge and Tadcaster Albion gaining NPL experience.

Fabian Bailey – Defender/Midfielder Signed from Pontefract Collieries where he spent four seasons. Fab can play in a number of positions, he started his career at Rotherham United and has also had spells at Frickley Athletic and Ossett Town.

Jimmy Burke – Defender Burkey made 46 appearances for the club between 2018–2020 and is a welcome addition to the squad. As well as a successful first spell at the club he played a key role for Hyde United as they reached the first round of the FA Cup. Jimmy started his career at Huddersfield Town and made his EFL debut after transferring to Bury.

Harry Coates – Defender A key signing last season from Ashton United despite being chased by National League North and NPL Premier Division sides. Appointed club captain this summer. Harry is a commanding central defender and comfortable with the ball at his feet and more than capable to step into midfield.

Rafa Ferreira – Forward A flair player who impressed in preseason and earned a deal at the club. Rafa has spent time at Guiseley, Pickering Town and Tadcaster Albion ahead of joining Ossett United this summer.

Joe Green – Goalkeeper Former Guiseley, Newport County and Hyde United goalkeeper, Joe is strong in stature, an excellent shot stopper and his distribution of the ball will be a huge asset this season. Joe made his professional debut for Newport County in the FA Cup 3rd round against Blackburn Rovers.



Corey Gregory – Midfielder Cultured midfielder, Corey returns to Ingfield after a spell at Brighouse Town. No stranger to Grant Black who has signed him for a third time having worked with him at Ossett Town and Belper Town.

TJ Ibrahim – Forward A dynamic winger with an eye for goal, TJ was the first summer signing joining the club from Brighouse Town where he has spent the past five seasons. Can also play at full-back.

Jayden John – Defender A natural left-back, Jayden is comfortable anywhere down the left side and counts Guiseley and Dover Athletic amongst his former clubs. He is quick, strong and has all the attributes you'd expect from a modern full back.

Sam Kelly – Forward Another summer signing and one that will undoubtably excite the Ingfield faithful. Tall, strong and quick, Sam will add a new option upfront for the side having spent time in America where he earned a place in the team of the year. He scored 22 goals in 31 appearances for Faulkner University Eagles.

Josh Lindley – Midfielder Josh has signed for the club from Doncaster Rovers after a successful loan spell last season where he scored a vital goal in the 1-1 draw at Champions Worksop Town. Hard working and good on the ball.

Janni Lipka – Midfielder A key player in the successful Hyde United side who played MK Don's in the FA Cup, Lipka has great experience and has played a central role for the club since signing last season. Having had an injury interrupted season last year, Janni is expected to go from strength to strength this season.



Jacob McLoughlin – Defender Signed in the summer of 2023 having impressed in the friendlies. Strong at the back and has the ability to step into the midfield with the ball to start attacks, he was most recently at York City.

Paddy Miller – Defender Paddy surprised the Non-League World as he came out of retirement last season to return, reigniting a defensive partnership with Harry Coates which proved successful at both Hyde United and Tadcaster Albion. Paddy adds experience and a sense of calm to any side he is part of.

Darnell Mintus – Forward Darnell, who came through the ranks at Huddersfield Town, was recommended to the club in preseason and did not disappoint. He has a fantastic work ethic and is direct and positive when on the ball.

Essa Ndow – Defender Former Barnsley and Tadcaster Albion player, comfortable on the ball and strong, Ndow impressed during pre-season to earn a deal at the club for the year ahead.

Dec O'Hare – Midfielder Talented midfielder who has had spells at Stamford and Lincoln United, Dec is a product of the Lincoln City Youth set up. Dec will always look to play on the front foot.

Alex Peterson – Forward A key member of the side, Alex's work rate is second to none and he is a handful for any defender. Strong and excellent in the air he is a focal point of the Ossett side bringing players around him into the game.

Charlie Reaney – Midfielder A Sheffield Wednesday Academy product, Charlie played a number of games for their u23 side before spells at Sheffield, Hallam, and last season made 32 appearances in the NPL Premier Division at Belper Town.



Derry Robson – Defender/Midfielder Talented and versatile, Derry has experience of promotion from Step Four and will add drive and experience to the side. Dez joined the club in 2022 from NPL East side Cleethorpes Town.

Josh Woodcock – Defender/Midfielder Primarily a right back, Josh is comfortable on either side of the pitch as well as further forward into midfield. The 21-year-old made over 50 appearances for Belper Town and can count Rotherham United and Lincoln City among his former clubs.

Grant Black – Manager 2023/24 will be Grant's first full season as Ossett United manager having joined in October 2022 and overseeing a re-build of the first team squad. Grant has seen success at Ossett Town in his first managerial role before enhancing his reputation at Belper Town where he led the side to Promotion to Step three and an FA Cup first round meeting with Notts County.

David Brown – Player/Assistant Manager Brownie has stepped up from a coaching role to become Assistant Manager this season as his off-field reputation continues to grow with a variety of innovative training sessions. A regular goal scorer throughout his playing career.

Ryan Pugh – Goalkeeper Coach Ryan's playing career saw him feature for Goole, New Mills, Matlock Town and a famous spell at Ossett Albion. Pughy joined Grant's back-room staff at Belper Town and has proven popular with goalkeepers he has worked with.

OSSETT UNITED SPOTLIGHT



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2022-23 LEAGUE POSITION: 15th out of 20 (NPL East Division)



OSSETT HISTORY

Ossett United was created on 1 June 2018 following the merger of Ossett Town AFC (est. 1936) and Ossett Albion AFC (est. 1944). Both Ossett Town and Ossett Albion had managed to gain Northern Premier League status and maintain that level of football for a remarkable period of time.

The two clubs merged under the leadership of a new board brought together from the two previous clubs. The Club made its new home Ingfield, the previous home of Ossett Town, and used Dimple Wells, the previous home of Ossett Albion, as its Ladies and Academy Team base.

Despite a successful first season on the pitch, off field things were not as successful with a number of board resignations and some challenging financial issues to deal with following the merger. By the end of the 2018/19 season, Phil Smith had taken on the mantle of club chairman with Stuart Garside, Steve Hanks, Paul Billing, Neil Spofforth and Joe Hanks joining the board.

There were more troubles for Ossett United in November 2019 as a significant and unprecedented court case, dating back to a tackle in 2015 when Ossett Town were playing Radcliffe Borough, was lost with United facing legal and damages costs amounting to £135,000. Fortunately, the club received a generous loan from two of its closest supporters to avoid the club going into liquidation (at worst) or selling the Ingfield ground (at best).

James Rogers and Phil Smith swapped roles due to Smith's work commitments with Rogers taking on the role as Chairman, a role he had previously held at Ossett Town. 2020 also saw the club declare Dimple Wells as surplus to requirements and made arrangements to surrender the lease making Ingfield the single home of the united club.

With the off-field rollercoaster settling down the Board progressed numerous ground improvements at Ingfield with the replacement of the pitch side barrier and installation of LED floodlights being completed in 2021 before attention turned to improving the changing room facilities which took shape in the summer of 2023 thanks to further grants from the Football Foundation.

OSSETT HISTORY

The extension includes an additional match official room, two offices and a medical room as well as a larger, modern changing room that will become fully operational by the summer of 2024. The Boardroom has also been strengthened in the summer of 2023 with Dawn Rogers and Kate Hennighan taking their place alongside the eight members already in place.

On the pitch, the first year (2018/19) was a remarkable success with attendances significantly increased from what either club had experienced previously, coupled with success on the pitch reaching the play-off semi-final and winning the County Cup, under the guidance of manager Andy Welsh.

Following the departure of Andy Welsh a couple of months in to the 2019/20 season Wayne Benn, assisted by Chick Hayward, oversaw two covid hit seasons. Hopes were high after a positive pre-season in 2021/22 with Benn reshaping the squad. The season started well with Ossett United in the top half of the table but a run of only one win in three months saw a change in the dugout at Christmas with Jas Collvier and Mark Ward taking a joint managerial role.

The season ended well with the pair unbeaten at Ingfield with seven wins and two draws but away from home inconsistent performances and results saw a ninth placed finish in only the clubs second completed season. Colliver and Ward strengthened the squad throughout pre-season, and despite on paper the squad looking as strong as it ever had, results did not match expectations.

Mark Ward resigned in September with Colliver taking sole charge before leaving the club by mutual consent the following month. Grant Black became the clubs fourth permanent manager in October 2022, winning his first game in charge, 2–0 at the eventual play-off champions Long Eaton United and only tasting defeat twice in his first 16 games. Results tailed off as the season ended with the club finishing in 15 th place but the management team had a clear plan in place for the type of player they wanted to bring in ahead of the 2023/24 season with their and the club's ambition being a much higher finish than recently experienced.





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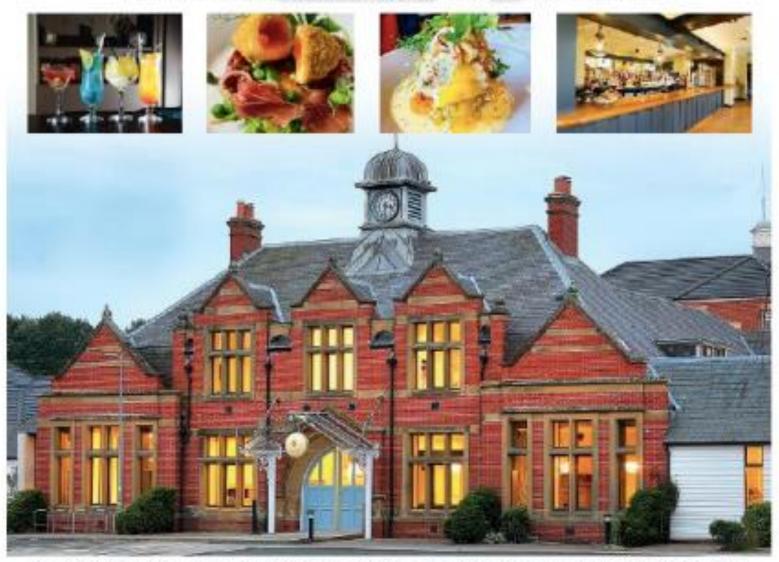
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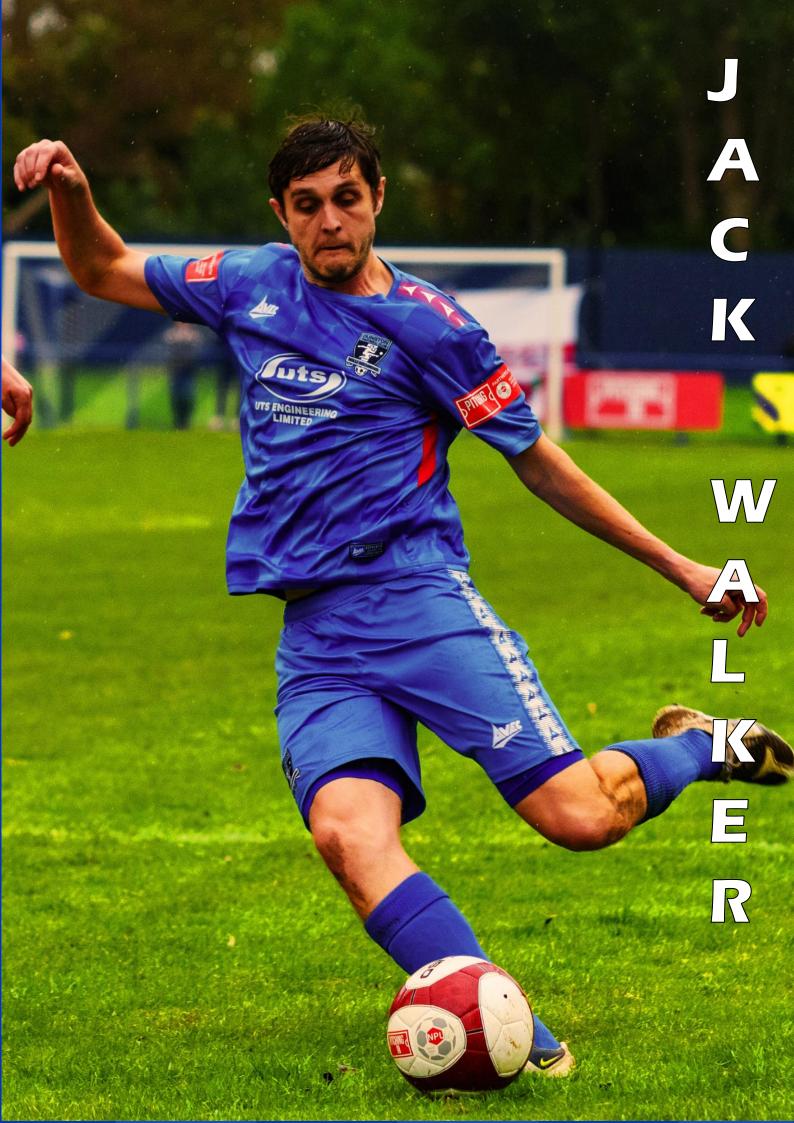
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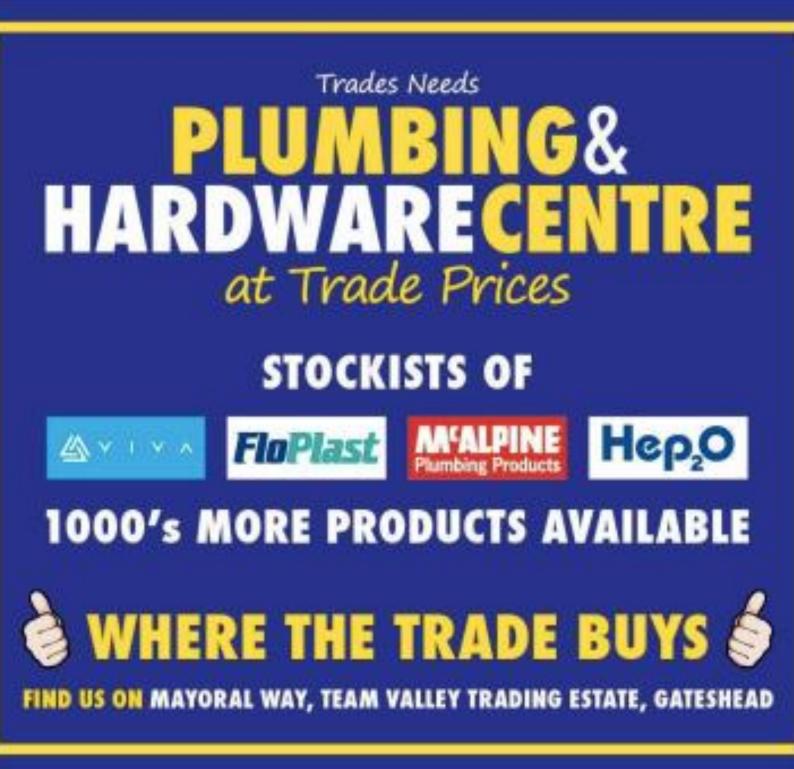


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3.	Consett	17	7	0	2	4	1	3	11	1	5	33	21	12	34
4.	Pontefract Collieries	16	3	2	3	6	1	1	9	3	4	31	19	12	30
5.	Belper Town	16	4	0	4	5	1	2	9	1	6	35	29	6	28
6.	Carlton Town	14	4	0	2	5	0	3	9	0	5	20	17	3	27
7.	North Ferriby	15	5	0	2	3	2	3	8	2	5	30	32	-2	26
8.	Dunston	13	2	1	2	5	2	1	7	3	3	24	16	8	24
9.	Liversedge	15	4	1	2	3	0	5	7	1	7	24	19	5	22
10.	Bridlington Town	18	5	1	4	1	2	5	6	3	9	25	27	-2	21
11.	Ashington	15	3	1	4	3	1	3	6	2	7	27	23	4	20
12.	Cleethorpes Town	14	3	2	1	2	2	4	5	4	5	21	16	5	19
13.	Ossett United	16	1	4	4	4	0	3	5	4	7	21	29	-8	19
14.	Newton Aycliffe	15	5	1	2	1	0	6	6	1	8	22	32	-10	19
15.	Brighouse Town	17	3	2	4	1	3	4	4	5	8	25	36	-11	17
16.	Stocksbridge Park Steels	16	3	1	4	1	2	5	4	3	9	21	24	-3	15
17.	Winterton Rangers	17	3	0	5	2	0	7	5	0	12	17	43	-26	15
18.	Sheffield	14	3	2	2	1	0	6	4	2	8	21	29	-8	14
19.	Grimsby Borough	15	2	0	6	2	1	4	4	1	10	19	28	-9	13
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