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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 PITCHING-IN NPL East Division game. We would like to take the opportunity to wish everybody a happy and prosperous 2024!

Our opponents today are BELPER TOWN FC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their long journey from their historic home in the Peak District of Derbyshire. This will be "The Nailers" very first visit to the UTS Stadium and I hope that Dunston give them as friendly a welcome as we received when we visited their excellent Raygar Stadium at the end of August 2023.

On a very warm Saturday afternoon, a large crowd witnessed a seven-goal thriller of a match with the ascendancy swindling one way then the other until the final minutes of the game. Dunston made a bright start and took a half-time lead with a Dale Pearson penalty but after the re-start, table topping Belper Town came out with all guns blazing and raced into a 3-1 advantage. Just after the hour-mark Luke Carr headed in to reduce the arrears and ten minutes later David Robinson grabbed an equaliser. Just when it looked like the game would end up even, Dale Pearson made a long run into the Belper box and earned a penalty that he fired home to grab all three points.

Since that date, Belper Town have had to recover from a terrible event when their whole Stadium was totally flooded during that severe storm in the Autumn. Lesser Clubs would have folded when suffering such a catastrophic blow but "The Nailers" seem to have thankfully come through that successfully.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Referee Sam Parnaby from Bishop Auckland is joined by his Assistant Referees Danny Taylor was originally from Glasgow but is now based in Durham and Patrick Laws from Cramlington.



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 Part-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**



# DUNSTON FC – CLUB HISTORY

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

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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

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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 generous grant from the FSIF, improvements were completed to bring the ground up to NPL standards.

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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 consistency. 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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## 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.

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## 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.



**Jack Camarda** Defender

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## 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.



**Luke Carr** Forward

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**JJ Chrisp** Defender

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## 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** Midfielder

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## 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.

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## 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 1-month 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.



**Sadó Djalo** Forward

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## 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.



**Jordan Lamb** Midfielder

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## MATTY CASSAP - Goalkeeper

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.

Matthew Cassap	Goalkeeper
Home Shirt	Gary Poppleton
Sponsor	
Away Shirt	
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## JACK MASKELL (Forward)

A young striker with a ton of potential, Maskell is certainly an exciting addition 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 League Division Two Young Player of the Year award.

Jack Maskell	Forward
Home shirt	Blake and Riley Davison
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Away shirt	<b>Sue Atkinson and Les Stokoe</b>
Sponsor	
3rd shirt	
Sponsor	Savannah and Maddison Collis
Training shirt	
Sponsor	John and Kelly Collis

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## 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.

Dale Pearson Forward

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Training shirt sponsor Mr Tony Harrison



## 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.

Chris McDonald Defender

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**David Robinson** Midfielder

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## 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.



**Michael Pearson** Midfielder

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## 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.

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## 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 two-year 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.



**Jude Swailes** Defender

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Training shirt sponsor	Mr Paul Dixon

## 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 cup-competition 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 shot-stopper.



**Dan Staples** Goalkeeper

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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.

## 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.



**Phil Turnbull** Midfielder

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**Liam Thear** Midfielder

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## 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.

Jack Walker Defender

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## WAYNE PHILLIPS (Midfielder)

Signed by Jon McDonald with 15 games to go in the 2023/24 season. Wayne Phillips brings a lot of experience and a winning mentality. He scored the winning goal for Gateshead in the 2009 Blue Square North play-off final against AFC Telford. He has also won the FA Vase twice for both Spennymoor Town and South Shields.

Wayne Phillips Midfielder

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# DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



Jon McDonald Manager

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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 Coach

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## 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 well-run and successful club.

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Andrew Wright      Assistant Manager

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## 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      Goalkeeping Coach

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Mr Tony Harrison

## 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."



# DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



Lewis Black

Physiotherapist

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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.

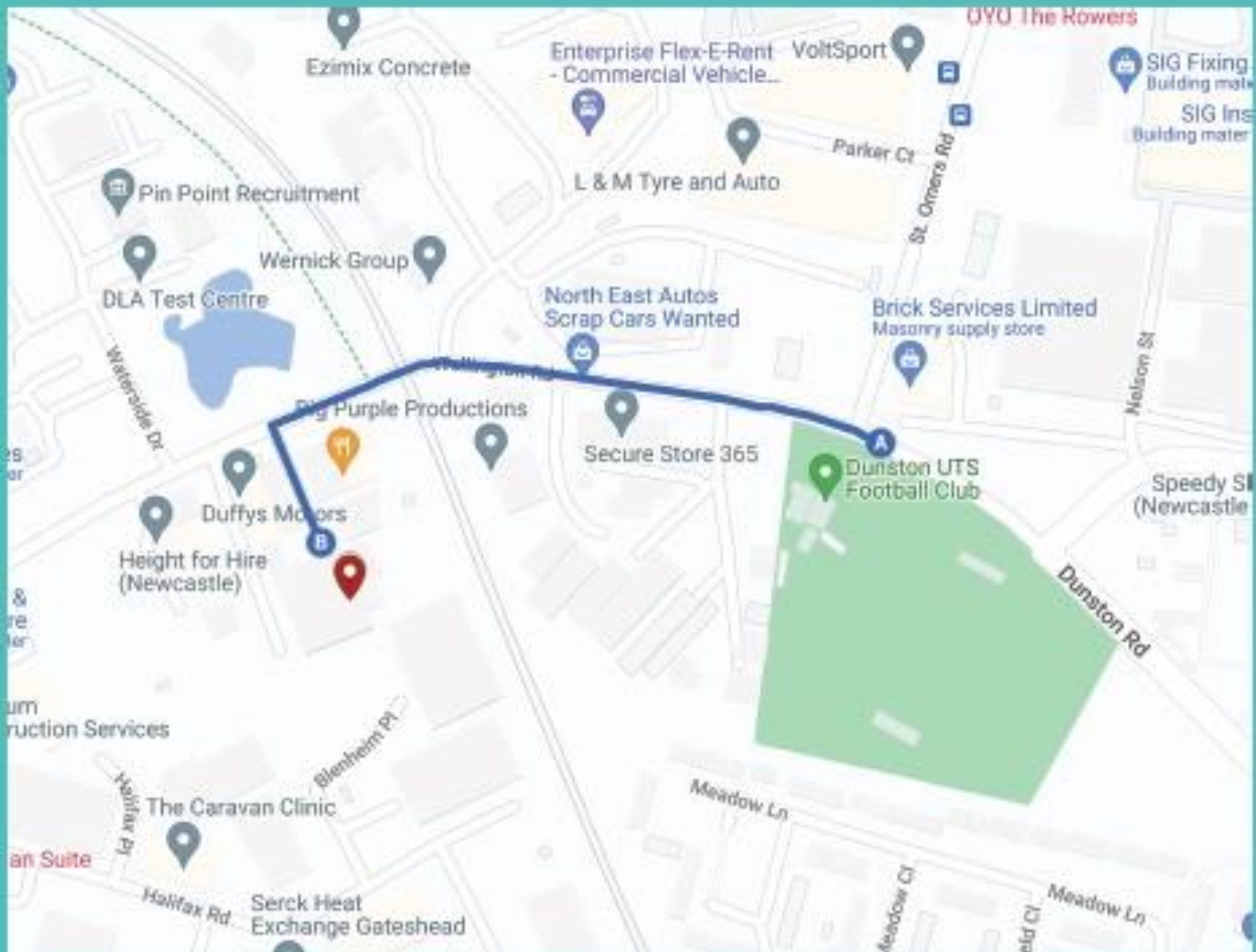
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## Dunston FC 2-2 Stocksbridge P.S. (05/03/24)



Dunston were held to a 2-2 draw at home to Stocksbridge Park Steels, in a game held at Consett's Belle View Stadium.

The visitors took the lead on 17 minutes when Tomas Poole curled a free kick into the top corner from distance. Dale Pearson levelled the game up 15 minutes later. Jack Maskell then added to his tally for the season just after the hour-mark to give Dunston the lead for the first time.

However, a header from Charlie Oglesby with ten minutes to go earned Stocksbridge a deserved point.

Despite the four goals, it was far from a classic and it was a rather cagey start to the encounter with neither side looking at their best. The best chance in the opening ten minutes came when Dale Pearson slid the

ball across the six-yard box, but it evaded everyone, and The Steels were able to clear their lines.

The visitors were then awarded a free kick just after the quarter-hour mark. Tomas Poole stepped up and bent the ball over the wall and into the top corner to give Stocksbridge the lead in spectacular circumstances.

Dunston struggled to get going however, a golden chance came on 25 minutes when Phil Turnbull played in a pinpoint corner towards Jack Maskell at the back post, but the latter's header was off target.

The equaliser came shortly after through Dale Pearson. JJ Chrisp played a through ball towards Pearson, and it looked as if Stocksbridge 'keeper Ben Townsend had it covered, but he misjudged the ball and Pearson converted into the empty net. Dunston arguably should have then taken the lead on the stroke of half-time as Pearson was teed up by David Robinson, but he misplaced his effort wide of the post.

The second forty-five began just as cagey as the first. Stocksbridge came close early on when Chris McDonald was forced to clear the ball off his own line after a headed effort from the visitors.

Out of nowhere, Dunston took the lead with just over an hour played through the in-form Jack Maskell. It was Dunston's first effort of the half as Jordan Lamb did superbly to keep the ball alive. He knocked the ball back across the six-yard box where Maskell was able to tidy up from close-range.

Dunston went searching for the third goal to give themselves a cushion, but it didn't seem to be coming. JJ Crisp took aim from the edge of the area, but his dipping effort was always going over the crossbar.

The one goal lead for Dunston wasn't enough as Stocksbridge found a leveller through their perseverance. A corner delivery wasn't dealt with, and the unmarked Charlie Oglesby headed home to give the visitors a deserved equaliser.

With five minutes of stoppage time indicated, The Steels were looking the most likely to go on and grab a winner. Oglesby almost nodded home for the second time, but this time his header was always rising off target.

The point sees Dunston make it four games unbeaten and climb the league table to second place.



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# TODAY'S VISITORS



**LEE ATTENBOROUGH (Manager)** Lee is a dynamic young manager who was appointed in December 2022 following Steve Kittrick's departure from the club. Lee was recruited from Corby Town, where he had led the Steelman to a play-off position but decided on the move to the Raygar Stadium, opting for the challenge of keeping the Nailers in the Premier Division. Before that, Lee managed Loughborough Dynamo as one of the youngest managers in the Northern Premier League and also has managerial experience at Sileby and Ashby Ivanhoe. As a player, he made appearances for Coalville Town, Shepshed Dynamo and Loughborough before he was forced into retirement through a cycling accident.

**MATT WAIN (Assistant Manager)** Matt was Lee Attenborough's assistant manager and performance coach at Corby Town and continued their partnership with a joint move to the Raygar Stadium. Holding a UEFA B licence, Matt is responsible for planning training sessions, handling and working on performance data, and developing fitness plans for the players.

**DAN MOORE (Goalkeeper)** Dan returned to the Raygar Stadium for a third spell in December 2023 after previous periods on loan from Burton Albion. He signed his first professional contract with the Brewers in the summer of 2021 having graduated from the Academy. Daniel was spotted by Albion scouts playing for his previous club Bedworth United, where some eye-catching performance persuaded the Brewers to bring him to the club. Had a severe injury that curtailed his last spell at the club, so he will be hoping for better fortunes this time around.

**JASON ALEXANDER (Goalkeeper)** The 6ft 6 shot stopper joined the Nailers from Basford United in November 2023 where he has reunited with former manager, Lee Attenborough. Jason started his career at Chesterfield and later moved to Boston United, initially with the Under 21s before he stepped up to senior level, making his debut against Solihull Moors. He has been at Clipstone, Worksop Town, Loughborough Dynamo and Corby Town previously, working with the Nailers' manager in the latter two clubs.

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**JAY RABONE (Goalkeeper)** Jay (Jacob) is a tall and athletic goalkeeper who arrived at the Raygar Stadium in July 2023. He spent his formative football career at Nuneaton Borough but then opted for a scholarship opportunity in the US, signing for California-based team, Lake Tahoe Community College. On his return to the UK, Jay signed for Hellenic League side, Southam United, where his performances for the Warwickshire club drew excellent reviews.

**BEN ALGAR (Defender)** Ben came through the youth systems of Sheffield United and Chesterfield, making his professional debut for the Spireites in 2007 against Hartlepool United. He made 15 league appearances for Chesterfield but was released in 2009 and then had short periods with Burton Albion and Mansfield Town before joining Matlock Town where he made 29 appearances and scored 3 goals for the Gladiators. Ben moved to the US in 2011, playing for FC New York but moved back to the UK after the club folded in 2012. Since then, Ben has played at Frickley Athletic, AFC Mansfield and Maltby Main and was named in the NPL Division One Team of the Season in 2018/19.

**BEN RHODES (Defender)** Ben is an attacking right back who joined the club from Worksop Town in summer 2020. His adaptability made him a key addition to the Nailers squad last season, particularly as he is able to play anywhere across the back four. And, with a great attitude, Ben has really made his presence felt at the Raygar Stadium. He has also played at Stocksbridge Park Steels from where he had a dual registration spell with Penistone Church. Ben won the Manager's Player of the Season award in 2022/23.

**PHILIP WATT (Defender)** Phil joined the Nailers for his latest spell with the club in June 2023. He started his football path with his hometown club of Rotherham United. He moved on to Lincoln City in 2004 and spent four years at Sincil Bank, where he made his first team debut in the opening match of the 2007/8 season and played again in an FA Cup tie against Nottingham Forest. There had been a couple of loan spells at



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at Corby Town. After another loan spell at Grantham, the dependable centre back made it a permanent move, but after one- season moved on to Boston United. His next move was to Coalville Town where he scored two goals in his 12 games, before starting a long association with Belper Town. In three different spells he reached the 150-appearance milestone for the Nailers, as well as scoring a winning play-off goal to gain promotion and was twice voted into the team of the division during his stays.

**DANNY SOUTH (Defender)** Danny originally joined the Nailers during summer 2018 in a bid to reinforce the defence. The big, strong and tall centre half has enjoyed spells at clubs including Sheffield FC, Frickley Athletic, Ossett Town and Ossett Albion, where his combative approach has been a byword for his performances. Danny proved to be a dominant force for the Nailers since joining, leading the club to promotion to the NPL Premier Division in 2022/23. The club was disappointed when he opted for a move to Ossett United in October 2022 but equally delighted when he agreed to re-join the Nailers in June 2023.

**DECLAN DUNN (Defender)** Nottingham-born Declan joined the youth-team at Notts County at under-10 level. He made his senior debut for the Magpies in November 2018, coming on as a substitute for in a 4-0 defeat at Barnsley in the FA Cup. He signed his first professional contract at Meadow Lane nine days later. After a very brief spell at Dover Athletic, Declan signed for Grantham Town on a month's loan before joining Basford United on a permanent basis in August 2020. He returned to Grantham Town on loan in December 2022 before being recalled by Basford in March 2023. He signed for Belper Town in June 2023.

**SIDIK ATCHA (Defender)** Sidik is a central defender who can also play in midfield. He signed for the Nailers in November 2023 from Shepshed Dynamo. He previously played under the Nailers manager, Lee Attenborough at Corby Town and at Loughborough Dynamo but has also appeared for Harborough Town, AFC Rushden & Diamonds, St Ives Town, Soham Town Rangers and Daventry Town.

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**MASON WARREN (Midfield)** Born in Doncaster, Mason came through the junior ranks at Rotherham United, signing professional in May 2015 and spent three years with them. He had a number of loan spells during his time at Rotherham, including Sheffield FC, Harrogate Town, Grantham, Matlock, Boston Utd, North Ferriby and Gainsborough Trinity and made one start for the Rotherham first team in the EFL Cup in 2016. He was released at the end of the 2017/18 from where he joined Mickleover. A strong playmaking midfielder, Mason can also play in defence and assist in the attack. He was captain of the Mickleover side that finished top of the aborted NPL two years ago scored four goals last season. He joined the Nailers in June 2023.

**CURTIS BURROWS (Midfield)** Born in Nottingham, Curtis began his career in the Colts team at Burton Albion before gaining a scholarship with Ilkeston FC. He graduated from the Robins' Under-21s and reserves to make his first team debut against Whitby Town in April 2013. In December 2015 Curtis began a loan spell at Grantham before leaving Ilkeston permanently to join Coalville Town. He then moved to Loughborough Dynamo in March 2019 and scored 28 goals in 83 appearances for them before arriving at Corby Town in July 2022. He subsequently followed manager Lee Attenborough to the Raygar Stadium in February 2023.

**JAMES CADMAN (Midfield)** Vastly experienced in the highest levels of non-league despite being only 27 years of age, James has continued his footballing journey with a move to Belper Town in June 2023. Prior to joining the Nailers, James had been with former manager Grant Black at Ossett United, whom he joined a dual registration from Scarborough Athletic, where he played a big role in their promotion to the National League North in 2021/22. James was originally a Rotherham United academy player and since then he has played for Harrogate Town, Stalybridge Celtic, Hyde United and Mickleover Sports in his career and will add ability, experience and know-how to the Nailers squad.

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**BRODIE LITCHFIELD (Forward)** Brodie has enjoyed a significant measure of success in senior non-league circles. A former Sheffield United youngster, Brodie performed consistently well for the Bracken Moor club, eventually earning himself a move to FC United of Manchester. His stay with the FC United was relatively brief and following an impressive pre-season at Gainsborough Trinity, he duly signed for the Lincolnshire club. More moves followed to Micklegate Sports and Ossett United before he joined the Nailers just before the season curtailment in March 2020. Brodie won the Manager's 'Player of the Season award' in 2021/22 following his best-ever campaign for the club. He left the Nailers at the end of the 2022/23 season to join Basford United but rejoined in November 2023.

**LEWIS AUSTIN (Midfield)** Lewis is a current member of the Belper Town academy where his impressive displays have earned him a place in the first team squad. He made his debut for the first team as a substitute in the Derbyshire Senior Cup against Ashbourne Town in December 2022 and scored within minutes of his arrival onto the pitch. Lewis is a player with a great future in the game.

**ADAM BESSADI (Midfield)** Adam is a lightning quick winger who joined the Nailers from Leicestershire outfit, Kirby Muxloe in July 2023. Adam's early career saw him play most of his football in the south of England including spells at Aylesbury Town and Wantage Town. Currently a student in Leicester, Adam joined Kirby Muxloe where he was spotted by Nailers' manager, Lee Attenborough, who recognised his fleet footed ability and brought him to the Raygar Stadium. He impressed enormously in the Nailer pre-season matches.

**TOBY GREGORY (Midfield)** Toby is a direct, attacking midfielder who likes to dribble and get at defenders. He joined the Nailers from Worksop Town, where he progressed through the under 19s and reserve side. He has time on his side to develop his game at Belper and to add a new dimension to the team's attacking options.

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**REVARNELLE JAMES (Forward)** Revarnelle (Rev) had spells in the youth ranks at both Sheffield United and Rotherham United before joining the Under-21 squad at Oxford United in July 2018. Rev had an initial loan spell at Basford United in December 2018 and following his release by Oxford he signed for Tamworth in February 2019. He had another brief loan spell at Corby Town before a permanent move to Nuneaton Borough last season. He then rejoined Basford for the current campaign. Rev was regarded more as an impact player at Greenwich Avenue, but he will be looking for a greater contribution with the Nailers.

**ZAK GOODSON (Forward)** A former product of the Derby County Academy, 23-year-old Zak joined the Nailers in December 2023 from Derbyshire neighbours, Ilkeston Town. Previously, he had rejoined the Robins after professional spells with Chester and Altrincham. Zak has a knack of cutting inside his full back and hitting a screamer into the top corner (which we knew all too well at Belper) and was pivotal in Ilkeston success in gaining promotion from Step 4.

**KEVIN BASTOS (Forward)** Kevin is one of the most exciting players in the league after scoring 16 goals and grabbing 17 assists for Loughborough Dynamo last season, having joined the 'Moes' in summer 2021 from Tamworth. His exploits captured the attention of Basford United who paid a substantial figure for his services last season. Prior to his spell at Loughborough, Kevin played at Spalding United and before that at Ilkeston Town and Grantham. He decided to follow former manager, Lee Attenborough to Belper, signing in June 2023.

# BELPER TOWN SPOTLIGHT



**FOUNDED:** 1883

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**CAPACITY:** 2,650 (500  
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**CHAIRMAN:** Ian Woodward

**MANAGER:** Lee  
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**2022-23 LEAGUE**

**POSITION:** 22nd out of 22  
(Northern Premier League  
Premier Division)



# BELPER RECENT HISTORY

The club finally made it into the NPL Premier Division at the end of a hard fought 2013/14 League campaign in which they finished the regular season in fourth place. A 2-0 semi-final play-off win at Leek Town set up a home tie against Derbyshire rivals Mickleover Sports and a 1-0 success in that final game earned the Nailers the promotion they had been craving after 17 seasons in the League's lower tier.

But the 2014/15 season proved to be a major disappointment as Peter Duffield and Mick Godber resigned after a winless opening 10 games. Arriving in the hot seat was former Grantham Town manager Jimmy Albans and he was joined by his former assistant, Wayne Hallcro, later in the season but despite an encourage spell of late season form and results, the damage had been done and the club lost its place in the NPL Premier Division at the end of the campaign. Season 2015/16 saw a continued decline in playing fortunes and Albans and Hallcro were relieved of their duties in September 2015 after a dismal start to the season, to be replaced by former Derby County and Notts County defender Charlie Palmer and his assistant, Lee Barrow. The new management team steadied the ship, securing a comfortable mid-table finish and an appearance in the Derbyshire Senior Cup final against Alfreton Town, which ended with an undeserved defeat on penalties.

Another mid-table finish was secured in 2016/17 but Palmer decided to end his ties with the club and former Belper player, Anthony Danylyk and Paul Donnelly took over the managerial reins, having earned their positions through their managerial exploits at Leek Town the previous season. The pair decided to cut their ties with the club in December and former Burton Albion legend, Aaron Webster was appointed to the Nailers hot seat, assisted by ex-League professional, Lee Williamson. Their tenure started brightly enough but ended with a disappointing conclusion to the League campaign with six straight defeats, after which they were both relieved of their posts.

Following into the Nailers management roles came Grant Black, who was assisted by former fans' favourite Mick Norbury. Prior to taking the reins at the Belper Town, Grant had been manager at Ossett Town and led the club away from the relegation zone and into the play-off final, all in the space of 16 months. Building a squad from scratch, Grant and Mick masterminded a superb turnaround in form, with the team finishing a creditable ninth place at the end of the 2018/19 season.

The Nailers continued to build on their upturn in fortunes and when the 2019/20 season was brought to a premature curtailment in March 2020. The Nailers were in a healthy position in the play-off places and were looking forward to a Derbyshire Senior Cup Final at Derby County's Pride Park Stadium.

# BELPER RECENT HISTORY

Promotion ambitions and cup success were cruelly denied when the season was declared null and void. But, the undoubted highlight of the season was a great Emirates FA Cup run that ended in the 4th Qualifying Round with a 2-1 defeat at Notts County in front of 5,729 fans, including 1,800 from Belper. It was certainly a day to remember for Nailers supporters.

Then, the further lockdown in October 2020 brought another season to a shuddering halt with the club in a promising league position again. When football recommenced in earnest for the 2021/22 season, hopes were high for another successful campaign and following an encouraging league season, a play-off berth was confirmed after a dramatic late winning goal at Loughborough Dynamo. What followed, were two sensational performances to win 2-1 in the first play-off match at Stamford (this despite conceding 10 goals by the Lincolnshire club in the two league encounters) and then a 1-0 success at Chasetown to finally secure Premier Division status, eight years after their previous success. The Nailers found life in the Premier Division much harder than they expected and were never really out of the relegation places throughout the campaign.

Despite the occasional bright spot, the club suffered too many narrow defeats and matters came to a head when Grant Black resigned his position in January 2023. The club immediately appointed former Corby Town manager, Lee Attenborough and assistant Matt Wain, for the remainder of the season but the damage was already done and the club eventually succumbed to relegation once again.

Lee and Matt have spent the 2023 close season, completed revamping the playing squad and have assembled a mixture of experienced players and emerging talent that they hope will be able to compete for promotion once again.



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A ridiculous game last time against Belper back in August. A game which has been viewed over 1.2k times on our YouTube Channel.

Dale Pearson fired Dunston ahead from the penalty spot after Danny South was sent off for a handball on the line. The hosts equalised on the stroke of half-time and went on to take 3-1 lead midway through the second half.

Michael Pearson had also been dismissed early in the second half.

Dunston fought hard and pulled a goal back through Luke Carr before a header from David Robinson levelled the game with ten minutes to go.

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#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	<b>Stockton Town</b>	29	11	4	0	8	2	4	19	6	4	60	24	36	<b>63</b>
2.	<b>Dunston</b>	26	6	4	2	9	3	2	15	7	4	48	25	23	<b>52</b>
3.	<b>Belper Town</b>	28	8	2	5	8	2	3	16	4	8	56	37	19	<b>52</b>
4.	<b>Hebburn Town</b>	27	9	3	1	6	3	5	15	6	6	52	34	18	<b>51</b>
5.	<b>Newton Aycliffe</b>	30	9	2	3	6	2	8	15	4	11	53	51	2	<b>49</b>
6.	<b>North Ferriby</b>	29	9	0	6	6	2	6	15	2	12	48	51	-3	<b>47</b>
7.	<b>Pontefract Collieries</b>	27	5	4	4	8	3	3	13	7	7	47	33	14	<b>46</b>
8.	<b>Carlton Town</b>	24	6	0	5	8	1	4	14	1	9	38	33	5	<b>43</b>
9.	<b>Consett</b>	26	7	2	4	6	1	6	13	3	10	43	36	7	<b>42</b>
10.	<b>Grimsby Borough</b>	30	5	1	9	6	3	6	11	4	15	39	43	-4	<b>37</b>
11.	<b>Cleethorpes Town</b>	28	6	3	4	3	6	6	9	9	10	43	38	5	<b>36</b>
12.	<b>Ashington</b>	28	5	2	7	5	3	6	10	5	13	48	51	-3	<b>35</b>
13.	<b>Liversedge</b>	27	6	1	5	4	3	8	10	4	13	37	35	2	<b>34</b>
14.	<b>Sheffield</b>	24	6	3	3	4	0	8	10	3	11	41	41	0	<b>33</b>
15.	<b>Bridlington Town</b>	29	6	3	6	2	3	9	8	6	15	38	53	-15	<b>30</b>
16.	<b>Brighouse Town</b>	29	4	6	5	3	3	8	7	9	13	41	60	-19	<b>30</b>
17.	<b>Stocksbridge Park Steels</b>	28	5	3	6	1	7	6	6	10	12	33	37	-4	<b>28</b>
18.	<b>Ossett United</b>	28	2	5	8	5	1	7	7	6	15	31	54	-23	<b>27</b>
19.	<b>Grantham Town</b>	29	3	4	9	1	5	7	4	9	16	40	66	-26	<b>21</b>
20.	<b>Winterton Rangers</b>	28	4	2	9	2	1	10	6	3	19	27	61	-34	<b>21</b>

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