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WELCOME!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at Craik Park this afternoon for this PITCHING-IN Northern Premier League East Division game.

Our opponents today are CARLTON TOWN FC who make the long journey from Gedling, Nottinghamshire. "The Millers" are a very well-established Club who play their home games at the Bill Stokeld Stadium in Gedling, a village with Borough status which lies four miles north-east of Nottingham City Centre.

They initially gained promotion to Level 4 and the NPL at the end of 2006-07 and started life in the higher status in the NPL First Division South. In only their second season, they reached the Play-Offs before succumbing to a Jamie Vardy inspired Stocksbridge Park Steels. After that near-miss for promotion, Carlton Town carried on at Level 4 with varying degrees of success until season 2021-22 when the NPL re-structured to create a new Division and the Club was moved into the newly formed NPL Division One Midlands. Once again, "The Millers" finished in sixth place, just missing out on the Play-Offs.

Before the start of the 2022-23 season the Club was laterally moved by the FA Leagues Committee into the NPL East Division, meaning a massive increase in their travel demands. The excellent team management duo of Tommy Brookbanks and Mark Harvey have since put together a very competitive squad despite having to deal with all the extra travel costs. In a very tight Division, "The Millers" currently sit in th position in the League Table, but like us, have played fewer games than the Clubs around them.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Referee Neil Howlett travels from Boroughbridge, and he is joined by Assistant Referees Calberth Charles from Catterick and George Guilfoyle who comes from Ingleby Barwick on Teesside.



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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!



DUNSTON FC CLUB OFFICIALS

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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.

Harry Barclay	Defender
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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.

Craig Baxter	Defender
Home shirt	David Lord
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Away shirt	Lisa Irwin Life Skill Driving School
sponsor	
3rd shirt	Mr Michael Urwin
sponsor	
Training shirt	Mr Malcolm James
sponsor	

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

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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.



Luke Carr Forward

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Away shirt sponsor	Lee and Tyler Mayes
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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.

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JJ Chrisp Defender

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3rd shirt sponsor	Mr Tony Cleugh
Training shirt sponsor	Mr Charlie Harm

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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Training shirt sponsor	Hazlerigg Victory FC

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 Chemfca 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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Training shirt sponsor	Tom Etherington

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	SLK Floral Design
Sponsor	
3rd Shirt	
Sponsor	
Training Shirt	
Sponsor	



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	Sue Atkinson and Les Stokoe
Sponsor	
3rd shirt	Savannah and Maddison Collis
Sponsor	
Training shirt	John and Kelly Collis
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Dale Pearson Forward

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3rd shirt sponsor	Beauty Time Photography
Training shirt sponsor	Mr Tony Harrison

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.



Chris McDonald Defender

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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.

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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.

David Robinson Midfielder

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Training shirt sponsor	Curtis, Ellis and Dave Beaney

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.



Michael Pearson Midfielder

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Jude Swailes Defender

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3rd shirt sponsor	Dougie Lowden & Ralphie Douglas
Training shirt sponsor	Mr Paul Dixon

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.



Dan Staples Goalkeeper

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3rd Shirt Sponsor	Keith Pattison Decorating Services
Training Shirt Sponsor	The Bannister Family

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.

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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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Jack Walker Defender

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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.



Wayne Philips Midfielder

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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.

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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

Sponsored by
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."

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Lewis Black

Physiotherapist

Sponsored by
Dave Boldon

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.

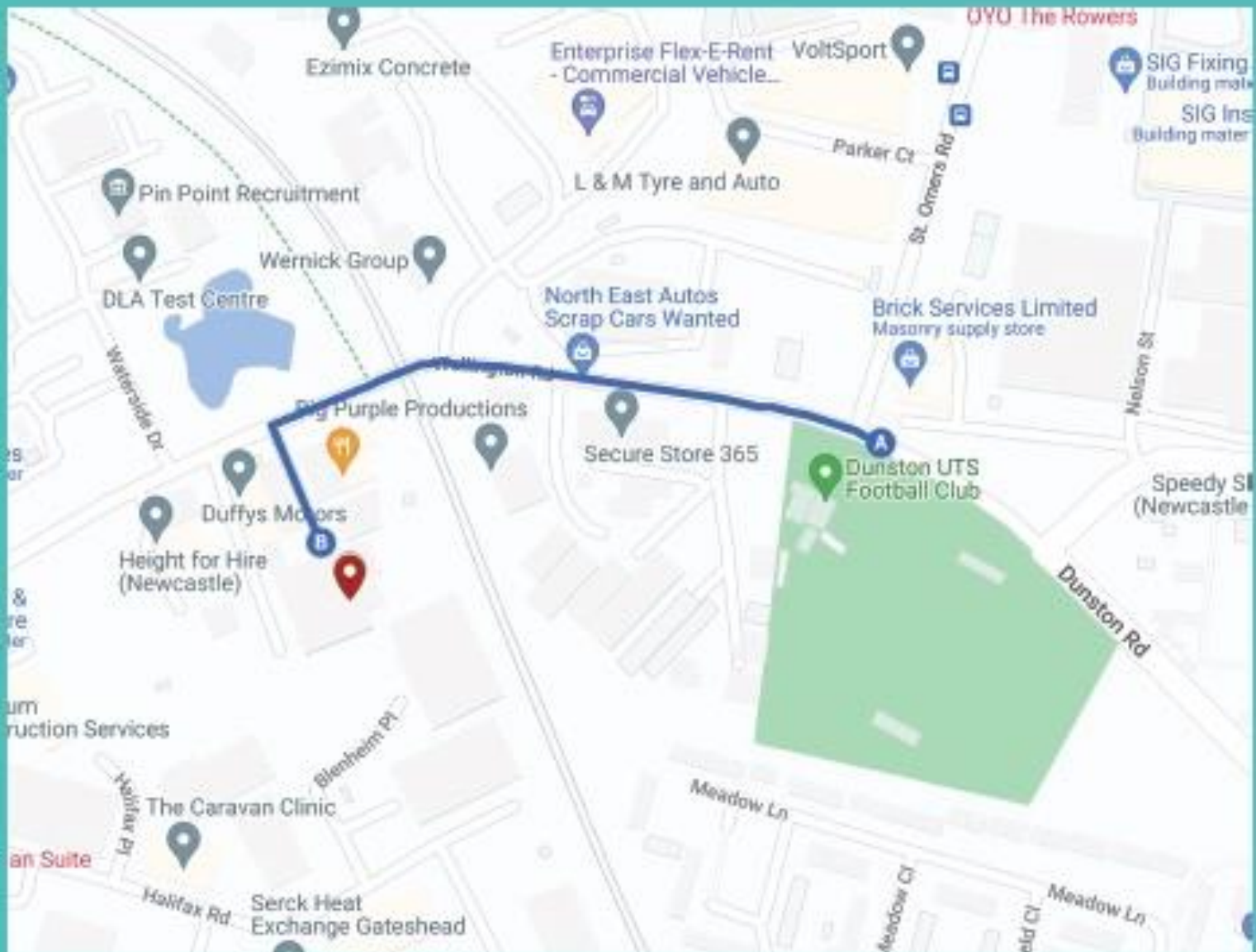
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REPORT | Cleethorpes (H)

Dunston FC 4-0 Cleethorpes Town (16/03/24)



Dunston's excellent form continued on Saturday afternoon with a 4-0 demolition job against Cleethorpes Town at Consett's Belle View Stadium.

Despite early chances for the visitors, Dunston raced into a 3-0 lead before half-time as Dale Pearson netted twice, whilst Jude Swailes also got his first goal for the club. Pearson added a fourth, and his third, on the hour-mark as Dunston's hopes for a top five finish were boosted again.

Jon McDonald made a couple of changes to the side that was victorious last Saturday against Belper Town. Jude Swailes and Luke Carr returned to the starting XI in place of Sado Djalo and JJ Chrisp who dropped to the bench.

With the game underway, the first chances fell to The Owls as Louis Boyd forced Dan Staples into an early save at the near post. From the resulting corner, defender Jordan Cooke climbed highest as he headed over the crossbar.

Dunston began to grow into the game and started playing the ball around nicely. After ten minutes, Luke Carr drilled an effort over the bar from outside the box. On 17 minutes, Cleethorpes again came close to taking the lead as Sam Kay forced Jude Swailes to clear the ball off the line. The ball fell to the feet of Curtis Bateson who drove a shot into the gloves of Staples.

With 21 minutes on the clock, it was Dunston who hit the front as Dale Pearson scored his fifteenth goal of the season. After a lovely one-two with David Robinson, Pearson kept his composure and placed the ball past Richardson from close-range.

Cleethorpes continued to pose a threat on the counterattack and they almost equalised instantly when Josh Walker was played in behind, but he dragged his effort wide across the face of goal. Louis Boyd and Alex Flett also came close as they both struck efforts high of the target.

On 38 minutes, Dunston landed another blow to their opponents as Jude Swailes scored his first goal for the club. Some tenacious play down the left by Jack

Jack Walker was rewarded when the centre back crossed the ball into the box for his playing partner, and Jude headed home into the bottom corner.

The clinical nature in front of goal continued as Dale Pearson scored his second goal of the game just before the half-time interval. Jack Maskell raced through on goal and unselfishly squared the ball to his attacking partner who walked the ball into the empty net.

The attacking intent from Dunston continued into the second half as Jon McDonald's men went searching for more goals. A teasing ball from Chris McDonald down the left evaded both Dale Pearson and Luke Carr by inches. Carr then tried his luck on 59 minutes as he drilled an effort over the crossbar after some slick attacking play.

One minute later, the three points were certainly wrapped up when Dale Pearson rifled home his third of the game, his seventeenth of the season, and his second hat-trick of the season. Jack Maskell did well to win the ball back in the final third. The young striker played the ball to Craig Baxter who fizzed a cross into the box. Richardson punched the ball away, but only as far as Dale Pearson who slammed a thunderous effort into the bottom corner.

Dunston had to remain switched on as Will Annan forced Dan Staples into a superb save with 15 minutes to go to preserve the clean sheet. Three changes were also made after the fourth goal as Wayne Phillips, JJ Chrisp and Jordan Lamb were all introduced to the game.

Jordan Lamb made the most of his second half cameo as he caused numerous problems down both flanks. The New Zealander beat two men down the right and lifted a brilliant cross into the box towards Jack Maskell however, the latter's header was tipped away by Richardson. Maskell then came close again seconds later as he dragged an effort wide.

Lamb was in the mix again in the 89th minute as he dribbled down the left and whipped the ball into the box for David Robinson who powered his headed effort inches wide of the post.

That was to be Dunston's last chance on goal with the club still sitting second in the league table, with just one defeat in 18 games.

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TODAY'S VISITORS



FELIX ANNAN (Goalkeeper) Capped 3 times for Ghana in 2019, included in AFCON 2019 squad alongside Thomas Partey, Asamoah Gyan and the Ayew brothers. Had five seasons with Asante Kotoko in the Ghanaian Premier League before a switch to USA to feature for Maryland Bobcats at the third tier of US football in 2022. Signed in the summer after short spell at Pass Move Grin.

NYKAH LIBURD-HINES (Goalkeeper) Former Nottingham Forest scholar signed in the summer following previous spells at Leicester Nirvana and Hereford, as well as National League South experience at Chippenham Town in the spring of 2022. KO'd Carlton from last season's FA Cup with a penalty shoot-out victory for Lincoln United.

DAN BROWN (Defender) Joint-Vice-Captain. Started his career at Southwell City before moving to Carlton in 2019. Mr Reliable in defence despite his young age. Won both Players' and Supporters' Player awards last season when an ever-present.

DEAN FREEMAN (Central Defender) Joined Carlton at the start of the 22/23 season after spell at Newark though best-known for four successive seasons at Coalville where he made over 100 league appearances. Won first-team place after a loan at Sherwood Colliery, and has also represented Belper Town, Loughborough Dynamo and Rainworth MW having started his career at Barnsley FC.

LEWIS DUROW (Defender) Strong attacking defender has played for Ilkeston Town, Holbrook Sports and Mickleover RBL. Now in his second season for the club, his crosses led to crucial point-gaining goals at Grantham and Pontefract at key stages of last season's Great Escape.

LAWRENCE GORMAN-STEWART (Defender) Spent early stages of his career at Nottingham Forest and England U16/18 earning 9 caps and winning the Victory Shield and Montaigu Tournament. Has NPL Premier Division experience whilst at Grantham and Matlock and is currently in his second spell with Carlton where he is approaching 150 appearances for the club.

DAVID ADGEBOLA (Defender/Midfield) Young right-sided player with lots of pace. Signed in the summer following a standout season at Radford. Netted first goal for the Millers in the league win at Winterton in August. Scored a superb goal in the FA Cup defeat to Rushall.

LIAM BATEMAN (Defender) Pacey defender started with Aston Villa before three years at Kettering, followed by spells at Basford, St. Ives & Tamworth. Most recently at 22/23 NPL East champions Worksop.

LAMIN SISAWO-DANSO (Defender) Young defender, signed as part of our partnership with Pass Move Grin in the summer. Currently gaining experience out on loan at AFC Mansfield.

TODAY'S VISITORS



SHEA THOMPSON-HARRIS (Defender) Young defender with a bright future, recently released from Notts County. Impressed heavily in pre-season when winning MOTM against Merthyr Town.

MICHAEL FORD (Defender/Midfield) Signed in the summer having moved to UCL Div 1 outfit Bourne Town during the 2022/23 campaign, featuring in the play-off semi-final penalty shootout defeat to eventual playoff champions Hucknall. Had also appeared at that level for West Bridgford earlier that season.

NIALL DAVIE (Midfield) Captain. Versatile midfielder/attacker, hardworking, loyal and pacey. Came up through the Academy and now handed the armband for the 23/24 season after his best goalscoring season that also saw him stretched off the pitch twice, coming back stronger each time.

NIALL HYLTON (Midfield) Energetic left-sided player joined Carlton from local club Gedling MW. Another to have played alongside Greg Tempest earlier in his career, in this case at Basford in 2018. Very skilful dribbler, he can play as a winger and defender. YPOTY 22/23.

ALEX HOWES (Midfield) Winger or playmaker who made a Football League debut aged 17 for Notts County in 2017, later being loaned to Coalville and Tamworth before his release in 2020. Moved to Basford before joining Carlton in late 2021. Scored an audacious lofted goal at Cleethorpes to help Carlton stay up.

KHYLE SARGENT (Midfield) Joint-Vice-Captain. Creative engine midfielder returned to the club in 21/22. Utilised in a number of positions in the 22/23 season to cover injuries and did superbly winning Manager's Player of the Season.

GREG TEMPEST (Midfield) Formerly at Notts County, Nuneaton & Lincoln City. Most recently at Belper & Gedling Miners Welfare before signing with Carlton in the summer. Six caps for Northern Ireland U21s back in 2013.

ZAC HILL (Midfield) Carlton Town youth academy prospect, featured at the business end of last season and looking to carry on with more appearances this term.

JOEL DAFT (Midfield) Has been in the Carlton Town youth academy, featuring periodically during the 2020/21 season. Has also featured for Clifton All Whites in the Nottingham Senior League.

OLIVER GEE (Striker) Promising strong attacking player signed for Carlton Town from Corby Town in 2022. Has also played for Dunkirk FC.

TODAY'S VISITORS



LAMIN MANNEH (Striker) Signed towards the end of last season from Dunkirk, though injuries denied him more than one substitute appearance. Skilful wide-attacker looking to make a big impact, getting off the mark for the Millers in the league win at Pontefract in August.

ROMELLO NANGLE (Striker) Came through the Notts County academy, playing alongside Greg Tempest in the first-team at Meadow Lane. Now in his second spell with the club, he left Gedling Miners Welfare to return to Carlton in the summer after having departed for Long Eaton back in 2016.

MUSA NDAW JAWARA (Striker) Young attacker signed as part of our partnership with Pass Move Grin in the summer. Previously played for Notts County where he featured for their U19s. Netted on club debut in FA Cup at Quorn in August 2023, and scored twice against Maltby Main in the next round.

ALEX HARDWICK (Striker) Strong, direct, and versatile forward, signed in September 23 from Long Eaton, formally of Maltby Main, AFC Mansfield and Parkgate FC. Instant Fan favourite following 2 goals on his debut and the birth of an iconic chant.

TOMMY BROOKBANKS (Joint-Manager) Carlton's most successful boss, led club to four promotions up from Central Midlands Premier League to the NPL during 14-year spell from 1996 to 2010, including a double promotion to and then from Northern Counties East Premier in 2006 and 2007. Went on to manage Hucknall, Stamford, Quorn and Loughborough, then led Coalville to promotion in 2016 before a spell as DoF at Basford. Returned to Stoke Lane in 2019, leading club to best FA Trophy performance (First Round) in 2021/22. County Cup-winning expert, with successes for both Coalville and Carlton in the last six years.

MARK HARVEY (Joint-Manager) Gained early experience in the dug-out as Assistant at South Normanton and Long Eaton before joining Quorn, where he first joined forces with Brookbanks in 2012 and who he has worked with ever since.

CARLTON SPOTLIGHT



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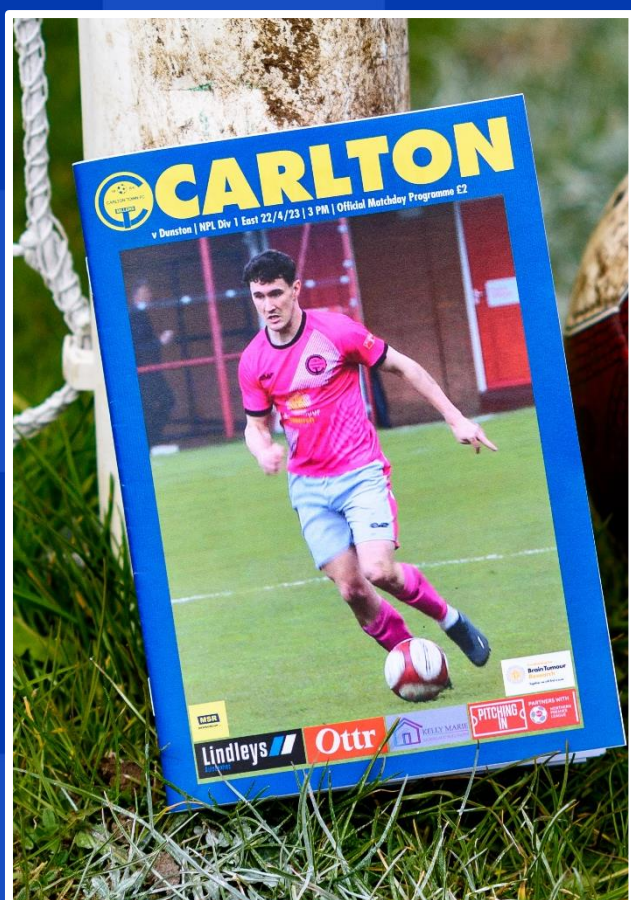
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CARLTON HISTORY

The Club was founded in 1904 under the name of Sneinton FC and for much of the 20th century played its football in the Nottinghamshire Football Alliance. Sneinton won the league in 1905-06 and picked up three titles in succession between 1907-08 and 1909-10.

The League was strong enough in the early part of the century to enter clubs into the qualifying rounds of the FA Cup and Sneinton competed for 20 successive seasons between 1907-08 and 1930-31 albeit never progressing beyond the first round qualifying. It would be 73 years before they entered the Cup again. Indeed, the club had to wait some time for further success, winning the Second Division title (third tier) in 1984-85 and the First Division title (second tier) in 1992-93.

The club had led somewhat of a nomadic existence, playing at various grounds, and only settled at its current location of Stoke Lane, Gedling, in the early 1990s. This move coincided with the ambition from within the Club to progress beyond the confines of County football and, following a third-place finish in the Senior Division (top tier) in 1994-95, the club joined the Central Midlands Football League.

The first season in the CML was reasonable, but at the start of the 1996-97 campaign the Club was left with just three players and no manager. In a desperate quandary, chairman Bill Stokeld turned to former players Tommy Brookbanks and Neil Cooper who agreed to take over the managerial reigns at Sneinton, and there began a period of outstanding success. Brookbanks led the club brilliantly for 14 years from 1996 – 2010 with the club gaining four promotions under his stewardship. He took just two years to gain promotion from the Premier Division to the Supreme Division of the CML, and three years later only ground grading issues prevented elevation into the Northern Counties (East) League.

In 2002 chairman Mick Garton of local company MSR Newsgroup took over the hot seat at Stoke Lane in 2002 bringing finances to ensure ground-grading wouldn't be an issue again and the club also changed its name to Carlton Town. In its first season under its new name it duly won the CML title and gained promotion to the First Division of the NCEL. The Millers spent three years in this division before winning the league in 2005-06 and gaining promotion to the NCEL Premier Division. However, by this stage the club was without club President and legend Bill Stokeld, who passed away watching the Millers on 23 October 2004. Bill had been involved with the Club for over 50 years and it is fitting that his name lives on through the name of the stadium itself. On the last day of the following season, 2006-07, Dean Gent's 94th minute winner secured a 2-1 win at Garforth to earn a second successive promotion, this time to the NPL First Division South. Carlton have remained at step 4 ever since.

Carlton's first season at this level saw them finish a creditable 10th, and in 2008-09 they finished fourth and made the play-offs, where future England international

CARLTON HISTORY

Jamie Vardy was amongst the scorers as Stocksbridge Park Steels won 5-2 in South Yorkshire. Another top half finish followed in 2009-10 before Brookbanks decided to move on to Premier Division Hucknall Town. New manager Les McJannet recruited a whole new squad, and his side made a fantastic start to the campaign, losing just one of the opening 15 games and finishing in eighth place. The club also made it to the final of the Notts Senior Cup for the first time before being well beaten by Conference North Eastwood Town.

The next three seasons brought even more success. 2011-12 saw the Millers finish second in the table, their highest pyramid finish to date, score 101 league goals and only go out of the play-offs after a penalty shoot-out defeat against Leek Town.

The league form dipped in 2012-13 but McJannet brought silverware to the Club in the form of a first ever Notts Senior Cup success, beating his former club Sutton Town 5-2 in the final, even though centre-half Grant Brindley had to play in goal due to an injury crisis. The club also made it through the third round qualifying of the FA Cup for the first time before going out to Bradford (Park Avenue).

The Millers finished tenth in 2013-14 and once again the team save its best performances for the cup competitions, with another third round qualifying appearance in the FA Cup and a best-ever semi-final showing in the League Cup in a run which included a memorable quarter-final win at home to FC United of Manchester. The Millers also retained the Notts Senior Cup in some style, beating Rainworth MW 6-2 in the final. If the first half of the decade had been characterised by success after success, the following five years was seemingly one long struggle against relegation in front of ever-decreasing crowds with just the one tremendous highlight in the middle.

In 2014-15 the Millers opened with three defeats and never really recovered, eventually finishing in 18th position. At the end of the campaign McJannet decided to call it a day. He was replaced by his assistant Wayne Scott who had led the under 21s to an impressive second place in their division in McJannet's final year. Scott's first two seasons in charge were almost identical, with Carlton starting poorly before hitting their stride in February or March, putting together excellent winning runs, and pulling well clear of the drop in points terms at least. Those seasons saw 18th and 19th placed finishes in the league but Scott's second season at the helm ended in spectacular style with the manager leading the club to its third win in the Notts Senior Cup, beating local rivals Basford Utd 4-1 at Notts County's Meadow Lane.

2017-18 saw a good start but a horrendous run of postponements saw Carlton having to play their final 12 matches in the last 24 days of the season, and without a win in the last 10 they once again finished 19th. 2018-19 saw Carlton play in the newly reorganised NPL First Division East which included some mammoth away journeys including a 344-mile round trip to Morpeth but contained just 20 teams, down from the previous 22.

CARLTON HISTORY

Carlton struggled and once again finished 19th which should have meant relegation, but the Millers were granted a reprieve after AFC Mansfield were relegated instead for ground-grading issues.

At the end of the campaign Carlton parted company with Scott and Brookbanks returned as manager, jointly with his ex-Coalville sidekick Mark Harvey. The NPL abandoned the East-West split of the First Division after just one season due to imbalance in the travelling distances and returned effectively to a North-South split, albeit with the two divisional names being slightly different. The change was instant, with the team playing a more entertaining pass and move style and the two managers inspiring some excellent displays out of a squad that was otherwise more or less the same that had been at the club the previous year.

Carlton hit the ground running in 2019-20 with four straight wins. They spent a month at the top of the table in the Autumn and were in fifth place in the table when the season was brought to its abrupt end due to Covid 19. Carlton only managed to play nine league games of the truncated 2020-21 season before it too was brought to an early end due to the virus. They did manage a first FA Cup win in six years, albeit on penalties, and their best display of the campaign was in defeat at higher ranked Banbury Utd in the same competition.

The summer of 2021 saw the expansion of step 4 which led to Carlton being placed into the newly formed NPL Midlands division. 2021-22 was a fine season with the Millers winning five of the opening six games to mount a genuine promotion challenge. Carlton slipped out of the top five after some inconsistent displays in the winter months, but the side rallied towards the end of the campaign and only just missed out on a play-off spot with a sixth placed finish, the best in 10 years.

The Millers won through to the first-round proper of the FA Trophy for the first time and picked up their fourth Notts Senior Cup title with a 1-0 win against Mansfield Town U23. The semi-final win against Nottingham Forest U23 was played in front of a club-record home crowd of 733.

The club was moved laterally to the First Division East for the 2022-23 season. This meant some substantial away trips to the North East and saw a number of players leave due to the increased travel commitments. The Millers struggled throughout the season and found themselves 10 points adrift of safety with just 10 games remaining. But the re-signing of former captain Alex Troke was the catalyst to four successive away wins and 19 points from those final 10 games as Carlton finished in 17th position and avoided a playoff to stay up after North Shields were demoted due to a failed ground grading. The club did make it to the Notts Senior Cup final again but were beaten 3-2 by Newark & Sherwood Utd. With the Millers remaining in the East division for 2023-24, the challenge will be to show that level of improvement over the whole campaign.

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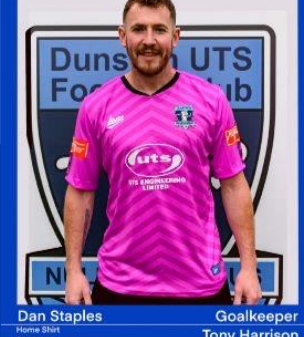
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K. WATSON (5')
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FULL-TIME

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22/04/23



The last meeting between the two sides came on the final day of the 2022-23 season at Bill Stokeld Stadium.

Dunston needed a win to have any hopes of sneaking into the final play-off spot, whereas Carlton also needed a win to ensure their safety at Step 4.

Kieran Watson got The Millers off to the best possible start as he fired his side ahead on five minutes capitalising on an error at the back.

Phil Turnbull had the chance to equalise from the penalty spot early in the second half, but Emery made the save.

In the closing stages, Nat Watson added the final touches finishing at the back post to hand Carlton all three points.





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	11 Ashington AFC	30	11	6	13	53	55	-2	39
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	13 Cleethorpes Town	29	9	9	11	43	42	+1	36
	14 Liversedge	28	10	5	13	37	35	+2	35
	15 Stocksbridge Park Steels	31	8	10	13	38	41	-3	34
	16 Bridlington Town	31	8	6	17	38	58	-20	30
	17 Brighouse Town	30	7	9	14	41	62	-21	30
	18 Ossett United	29	7	7	15	31	54	-23	28
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