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WELCOME!

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

Our opponents today are CLEETHORPES TOWN FC who arrive at Belle Stadium after their long journey from North Lincolnshire. "The Owls" are always a tough team to overcome and are renowned for playing an entertaining brand of football. They are currently sitting in a mid-table place in the Eastern Division rankings but will be eager to make a strong finish to rise as high as possible with ten games still to play.

Cleethorpes Town have made remarkable progress since the formation of their Senior Team in 2003. They started in the local Lincolnshire Leagues and quickly gained promotion to the North Counties East League, making rapid steps until a momentous season in 2016-2017. After some superb displays in the FA Vase, they reached Wembley to face the outstanding South Shields FC and put in a creditable performance before losing in a memorable Final. Their ultimate disappointment was tempered by their NCEL success as they impressively clinched the League Title and deservedly gained promotion to the Northern Premier League for the first time.

During their time in charge, Joint Team Managers Tim Lowe and Liam Dickens have continued to improve their squad since they were appointed last March, bringing in some experienced players and ensuring that they have taken advantage of the Club's excellent Junior set-up by promoting some of the outstanding products of their Youth Academy.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Referee Connor Scott makes the short journey from Ryton, and he is joined by his Assistant Referees John Davison from Houghton-le-Spring and Jack Whitfield from Whitley Bay. Our FA Match Observer today is Brian Reilly from Consett.

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 Wickham. The Club name was changed to Wickham 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

DUNSTON FC – CLUB HISTORY

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.

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| 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.

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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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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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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 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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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

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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

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Dale Pearson Forward

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| Away shirt sponsor | Paul King |
| 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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| Away shirt sponsor | Brian Jobling |
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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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| 3rd shirt sponsor | Dorothy Burnell |
| Training shirt sponsor | Jimmy Murphy |

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Jude Swailes Defender

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| 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 |
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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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3rd shirt sponsor Emma Wales & Andrew Mitchell

Training shirt sponsor Mr Billy Montague

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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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| Away shirt sponsor | Dawn Walker |
| 3rd shirt sponsor | Katie Smith |
| Training shirt sponsor | Sienna Smith and Maggie Walker |



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 Philips Midfielder

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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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Mr Cliff Starkey

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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Mr Billy Montague

ANDY WRIGHT (Coach)

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

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



Lee Kennedy 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."

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Lewis Black

Physiotherapist

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Dave Boldon

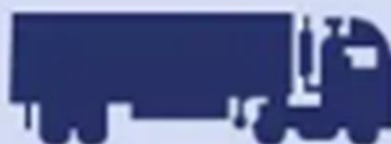
LEWIS BLACK (Physio)

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.

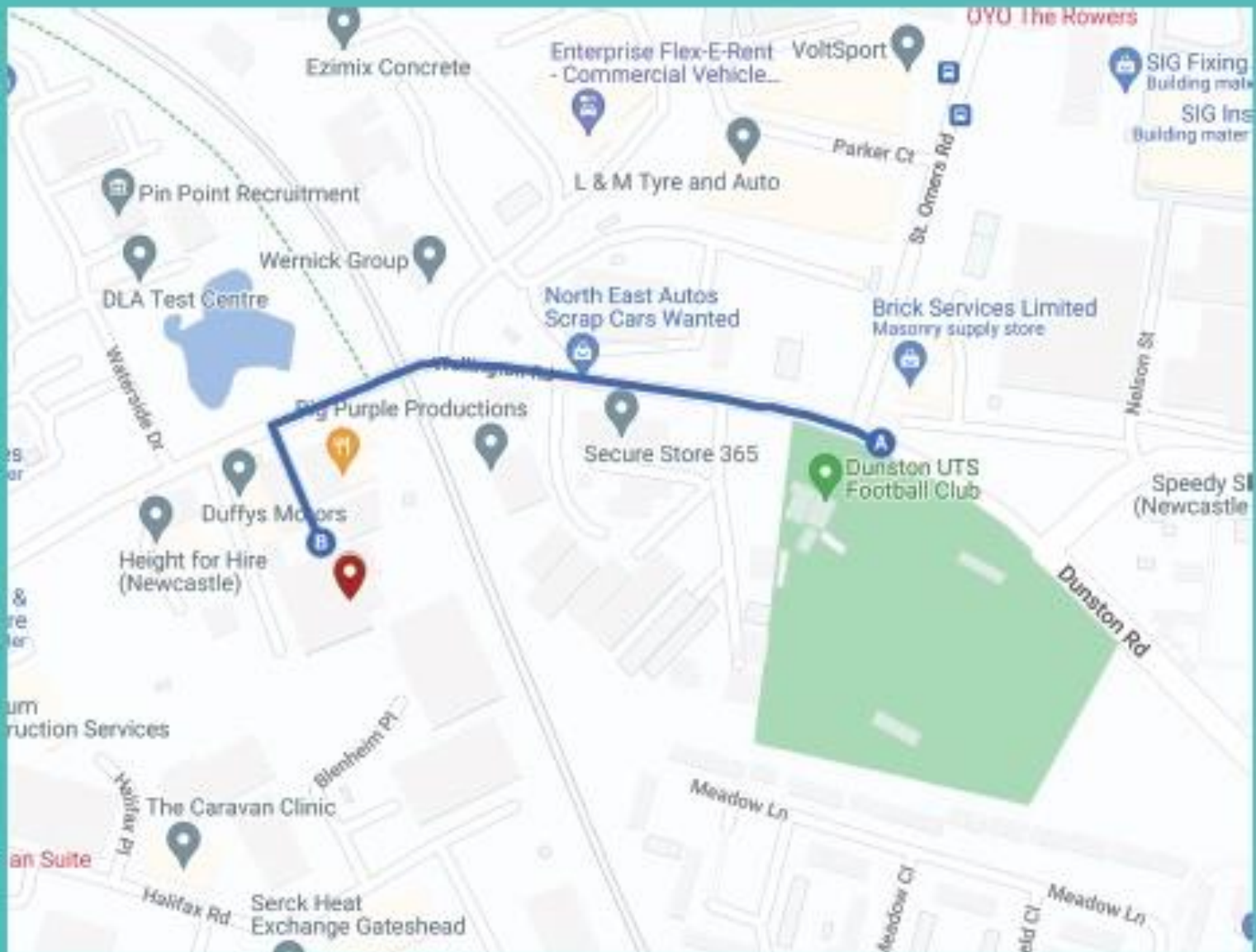
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REPORT | Belper Town ('H')

Dunston FC 3-1 Belper Town (09/03/24)



Dunston made it five games unbeaten with the perfect display at 'home' against fellow promotion contenders, Belper Town.

Jack Maskell continued his impressive form as he bagged a hat-trick to take his tally to 17 for the season. Belper caused a late scare as Karl Demidh pulled one back with ten minutes to go, but Dunston were able to pull through for the three points as Maskell netted his third in stoppage time.

Jon McDonald made one change from Tuesday's 2-2 draw against Stocksbridge as Craig Baxter returned to the starting XI in place of Jude Swailes, with the skipper Michael Pearson slotting into the centre of defence.

Dunston began the game looking dangerous as JJ Crisp almost opened the scoring inside the opening five minutes. The young midfielder took aim from the edge of the box but was denied by a superb diving save from Daniel Moore.

With just shy of 20 minutes played, Belper had a great chance of

their own as Zak Goodson found himself with time on the edge of the box and cracked the crossbar with a thunderous effort.

Despite the opportunity for The Nailers, Dunston continued to look the better side and were once again denied by Moore as the Belper 'keeper pulled off a double save, denying Dale Pearson and Craig Baxter in quick succession.

Inevitably, the opening goal of the contest came from the in-form 19-year-old centre forward, Jack Maskell, with 35 minutes on the clock. A Phil Turnbull corner wasn't dealt with by the away side, and Sado Djalo played the ball into the feet of Maskell, who slotted into the bottom corner with an excellent finish on the spin.

With the first half approaching its climax, Dunston continued to search for a second. Phil Turnbull fired a free kick narrowly over the crossbar, before Maskell found himself one-on-one with Moore, but Moore was able to stop the scuffed effort.

Once again, Dunston began the second half brightly as they looked to double their lead. A JJ Crisp cross was met by the head of Djalo, but his header was straight into the gloves of Moore. Crisp and Robinson both chanced their luck from range but were unable to hit the target.

With just over an hour played, Maskell finally gave Dunston a two-goal cushion. On the counterattack, Dunston carved Belper open down the left-hand side. The ball fell to the feet of Maskell who lashed his effort into the top corner leaving Moore with no chance.

The Nailers were never out of the contest at two goals down, and Demidh came close to halving the deficit with a header at the back post that went narrowly wide on 68 minutes.

Down the other end, Maskell could've bagged his hat-trick with a header on 74 minutes as he was denied by another diving save from Moore.

With 83 minutes played, Belper Town found themselves well and truly back in the game as Demidh pulled one back. The number nine bundled the ball over the line from close-range following a free kick that was swung into the box.

Despite the minor setback, Dunston had more chances to finally put the game to bed. JJ Chrisp came close again as he fired an effort towards the bottom corner only to be denied by Moore. The ball then fell to David Robinson on the edge of the box who drilled a low effort at goal, but again Moore made the save.

Deep in stoppage time, it was finally game, set and match. The man of the moment, Jack Maskell, secured his first hat-trick for the club as he raced onto a through ball from Wayne Phillips, dribbled towards goal, and slotted past Moore.

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TIM LOWE & LIAM DICKENS (Joint-Managers) Two of our Wembley heroes back in 2017, Tim and Liam enter their first full campaign in the hotseat with confidence. Some good displays so far have seen the enthusiasm of the fans re-energised, as we look forward to a successful campaign.

AJ ADELEKAN (Defender) A recent signing from Lincoln United, AJ has started brightly in the blue and black stripes. With pace to burn, and an uncompromising tackle, the defender can become an important member of the squad.

WILL ANNAN (Midfielder) The Fanzine's pick for player-of-the-season in May 2023, Will is a firm favourite of the Main Stand faithful. An athletic player, who has an eye for goal, the attacking midfielder will be looking to contribute to a promotion push.

CURTIS BATESON (Winger) Now well into his 3rd spell with the Owls, Curtis oozes class and quality. Dazzlingly quick, the winger can skip beyond opponents at will, and also possesses the ability to deliver great crosses and effortless finishes.

ALFIE BOSWELL (Striker) Alfie has earned a well-deserved elevation to the senior squad following some impressive displays in the junior ranks. The youngster will be hopeful of gaining some more minutes in the Northern Premier League.

LOUIS BOYD (Midfielder) Grimsby Town's youngest ever goal-scorer, Louis embarks on a new chapter of his career. Only 18-years old, Louis is extremely promising and has plenty of time on his side to make a mark in the game.

JORDON COOKE (Defender) Jordon is an outstanding centre-back, who gives a consistently high level of performance. Rightly recognised as one of the best in the NPL, Cookey is a commanding figure and formidable obstacle in the rearguard.

LEON DAWSON (Defender) Now a well-established member of the team, Leon is a livewire in the dressing room. The left-back has all the credentials and experience to feature favourably in the management's planning for the next 9 months.

TODAY'S VISITORS



ALEX FLETT (Midfielder & Captain) Alex is rightly considered a club legend and has been a virtual ever-present during our rise through the pyramid. With his trademark tackling, Fletty, who commands respect from teammates and opponents alike, is certain to be seen leading with 100% commitment.

DAN GALLIMORE (Midfielder) After a successful loan spell with the Owls, Dan joins on a permanent deal from Scunthorpe United. His signature was hotly contested, and it is easy to see why! Aggressive & hard to knock off the ball, Dan is more or less certain to be an influential figure.

LUKE HINSLEY (Striker) Having played for Tadcaster Albion and Pontefract Collieries in the East Division in recent times, Luke knows all about what to expect at this level. A clever reader of the game, Luke will be using his experience to good effect.

TOM JAMIESON (Defender) Having plied his trade at Grimsby Borough, Tom made the switch across town in November 2022. Since then, Jamo has shown his class, and is comfortable operating on the right as either full-back or wing-back.

HARRY LEWIS (Striker) Harry is another youngster that has joined us from Scunthorpe United. The attacking player has already made quite an impression, scoring a wonder goal in the pre-season victory against Mossley.

JAMES MCKEOWN (Goalkeeper) A local legend! After years of success with Grimsby Town, and a period with Finn Harps, Macca is targeting a final flourish with the Owls to cap a stellar career.

BEN MIDDLETON (Defender) A no-nonsense centre-half, Ben joins us for a second spell after spending last year with Belper Town. Forwards will be getting zero peace with Midds around, as the defender always seems to be well-positioned.

TODAY'S VISITORS



HARRY MIDDLETON (Midfielder) Like his twin-brother, Harry comes back to the Owls from Belper Town. By his own admission, the combative powerhouse was not at his best during his first spell at the Myenergi. Midds will be aiming to prove a point.

JON OGLESBY (Winger) Jon is a rapid winger who can terrorise opposing full backs. His ability to beat a man and cross into the danger zone has resulted in many goals. Not just a provider, Jonboy has also netted some very memorable strikes.

LEIGH OVERTON (Goalkeeper) Leigh has a wealth of experience between the sticks to call upon. An agile stopper, the keeper will be pushing hard to become the first-choice number 1 during the 2023/24 season.

DANNY ROSE (Midfielder) Bristol-born Danny moves to the Owls from National North outfit Darlington. The swoop for the classy midfielder already looks an excellent piece of business. Danny's unhurried style and fine vision should prove to be a huge asset in the engine-room.

JOSH SMALLER (Defender) Happiest at centre-half, Josh can also play on either flank. Very strong in the air and a handful in both penalty boxes, Josh can also pop up to claim important goals on occasion.

JOSH VENNEY (Midfielder) Josh is fast developing into an influential player, who can operate successfully in a variety of positions. Hampered by a long-term injury last time around, Josh will be chomping at the bit to get back into the action.

PAUL WALKER (Defender) Paul is an accomplished defender. The versatile player is quick and a danger in the opposing box. Now into his 6th season with the Owls, Walks will be looking to further enhance his established reputation in the Northern Premier League.

CLEETHORPES SPOTLIGHT



FOUNDED: 1998

NICKNAME: The Owls

GROUND: Linden Club

CAPACITY: 3,500 (450 seated)

CHAIRMAN: Jason Leddon

MANAGER: Tim Lowe and Liam Dickens

2022-23 LEAGUE

POSITION: 11th out of 20
(NPL East Division)



CLEETHORPES HISTORY

The 2023/24 season is the Owls' 7th as proud members of the Northern Premier League and Cleethorpes Town has certainly come a long way in its relatively short history.

Initially formed in 1998 as Lincolnshire Soccer School, it was the brainchild of former Grimsby Town player Tommy Watson. The team was an immediate success, with both boys & girls across every age group ensuring that the club began to grow quickly.

Two decades ago, a flagship senior team was established. In the Owls' first season in the Lincolnshire League, a creditable fourth place finish was secured. After being rebranded as Cleethorpes Town, the club has developed into an important community asset. Over 35 teams, competing at every level of local and regional football, represent Clee, making the Owls one of the largest providers of sport in the area.

The excellent array of teams and high-quality coaching saw the club awarded the Football England accredited status, which underlines the commitment to provide an exceptional product, alongside all-important exercise & enjoyment for youngsters.

This development and evolution have, of course, been spearheaded by the first team. With the arrival of a new manager, the club finished third in Lincolnshire League in 2011. Silverware was secured as well, by defeating Heckington United in the Supplementary Cup final at Sincil Bank.

New heights were scaled the following year, with Clee securing a "double", becoming Champions of the Lincolnshire League and holding aloft the Challenge Cup. This success saw the club accepted into the Northern Counties East League.

Our first season in the NCEL saw us finish fourth in Division One table, with some impressive victories along the way, and was generally a period of consolidation. 2013/14 began with a change of management and Marcus Newell appointed. This proved to be the catalyst for a great period in our history.

A long unbeaten streak meant the Owls were top of the league at Christmas. However, a slow start to the New Year left a difficult task. Nevertheless, with the pressure at its highest, Clee surged through the pack to clinch the title with a game to spare. Life in the NCEL Premier Division saw a significant rise in the level of opposition teams.

However, after a fine run in FA Cup (defeating Gresley & Carlton Town), Clee adapted well to their elevation – finishing 4th and reaching the final of the League Cup.

CLEETHORPES HISTORY

The campaign concluded with a trophy in July 2015! Representing the Northern Counties East League in the Toolstation Cup in Bristol, where the team encountered Willand Rovers. A nine-goal thriller ensued, with the Owls edging it 5-4.

After a slow start, season 2015/16 then prompted a tremendous vein of form. The Owls finished third, reached the last 16 of the FA Vase and won an exhilarating League Cup final at Garforth Town FC – defeating rivals Tadcaster Albion 3-2.

Hopes were high amongst the faithful in August 2016, not many though could have predicted the scale of success that unfolded! The field in the NCEL Premier Division was left trailing in Clee's wake. A brand of exciting, attacking football was served up week after week. The title was secured at Athersley Recreation and the Owls smashed records – 108 points, +99 goal difference and a staggering 144 goals. As well as this, Deeping Rangers were beaten 1-0 in the final of the Lincolnshire Senior Trophy at Sincil Bank to snaffle another trophy.

Perhaps the real story of 2016/17 (and certainly the icing on the cake!) was a trip to Wembley! Trailing 1-0 at Emley in the opening tie with less than 10 minutes remaining, the “arch” seemed a remote prospect. However, in a typical never-say-die performance, two strikes turned it round in Clee's favour. Bootle, Billingham Town & Atherton Collieries were all beaten, and a quarter-final in the capital awaited. A carnival atmosphere amongst the travelling Owls ensured the team rose to the occasion, an emphatic 5-2 win over Southall followed – the dream was very much alive!

A 2-legged semi-final against Bromsgrove Sporting came out the hat. The first-leg in Worcestershire was watched by over 3,300 spectators. Cheered on by a partisan support, Sporting opened the scoring and the Owls had to dig deep in the second period to grab a priceless equaliser.

The return at Bradley Community Stadium had just under 1,200 people packed inside to see Clee gain a 1st minute lead. As time wore on, and with excitement at fever-pitch, the Owls defended resolutely to win 2-1 on aggregate. Wild scenes of celebration followed, as the enormity of reaching a national final sank in.

The showpiece at Wembley, with around 5,000 or so travelling from NE Lincolnshire, resulted in a 4-0 verdict for South Shields. That is the bare facts – however, everyone connected with the Owls still had a great time! A culmination of a lot of hard work had borne fruit.

The honeymoon from Wembley continued in the NPL. Seven straight wins seemed to make back-to-back promotions a distinct possibility. However, an administrative error meant a hefty points deduction and this, coupled with a dip in form, saw the Owls finish an honourable tenth in the 2017/18 campaign.

CLEETHORPES HISTORY

Despite a best ever run in the FA Cup, the Owls languished at the bottom of the table in October 2018. This led to a change in the hotseat, and incoming Dave Smith oversaw an upsurge in fortunes. A consistent set of results almost secured a play-off, which was frustratingly denied.

Following on from the 2 curtailed campaigns due to Covid restriction, Clee finished 3rd in the East Division in 2022. Ultimate heartbreak though, narrowly losing 2-1 to Stockton Town in the play-off semi-finals. A notable journey in the FA Cup was ended by National North outfit Curzon Ashton in the 3rd Qualifying Round.

Last year was a tumultuous one, with two changes in the management set-up. Dave Smith departed in October to be replaced by Nathan Arnold. Unfortunately, things didn't work-out for the ex-Grimsby Town man, who left during March.

We are now jointly managed by two of our Wembley heroes, namely Tim Lowe & Liam Dickens. Everyone at the Owls is looking forward to an enjoyable 2023/24 season!



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MASKELL (19')

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Jon McDonald's men were in fine form heading into the fixture and came out the blocks quickly with a ruthless opening 20 minutes.

A Phil Turnbull cross was turned in at the back post by Richard Coulson with just nine minutes played.

The on-loan defender from Morpeth, Josh King, then finished from a tight angle six minutes later, before Jack Maskell finished excellently on the turn to hand Dunston a 3-0 lead.

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|  | 14 Sheffield | 25 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 41 | 45 | -4 | 33 |
|  | 15 Stocksbridge Park Steels | 30 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 37 | 41 | -4 | 31 |
|  | 16 Bridlington Town | 30 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 38 | 56 | -18 | 30 |
|  | 17 Brighouse Town | 29 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 41 | 60 | -19 | 30 |
|  | 18 Ossett United | 28 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 31 | 54 | -23 | 27 |
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