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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After a few barren years, the Club sprang back to life again at the end of the 2017-2018 season when finishing as Runners-Up in the Durham Challenge Cup Final and going one better with victory in the Brooks Mileson Memorial League Cup Final. Building on the new-found momentum, Dunston continued in the same vein in the following season with a great run in the FA Cup, going out in the final Qualifying Round to National League neighbours Gateshead in front of a record crowd of 2.525 at the UTS Stadium.

The Club finished the 2018-2019 season as convincing Champions of the Northern League First Division, seventeen points ahead of their nearest rivals. Promotion ensued to the BetVictor Northern Premier North West Division but FA Regulations dictated that the "Club Playing Name" must not include any reference to a sponsor so the "UTS" was reluctantly dropped from the Club Title before the new season commenced. Shaun Sadler showed remarkable understanding of the situation and agreed to continue his wonderful sponsorship of the Club. With the aid of a generaous grant from the FSIF, improvements were completed to bring the ground up to NPL standards.

The step up proved more difficult than expected in the NPL North West Division and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any real 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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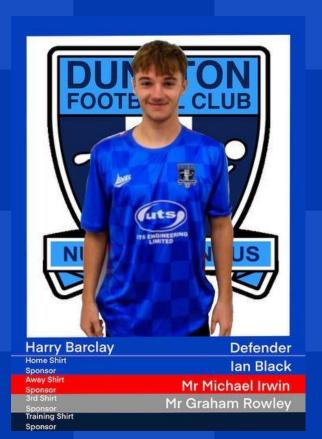
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HARRY BARCLAY (Defender)

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

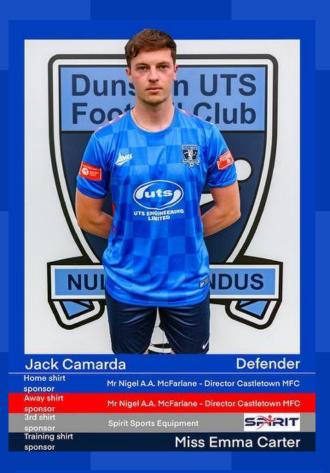


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CRAIG BAXTER (Defender)

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

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



JACK CAMARDA (Defender/Midfielder)

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

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

Jack was also selected to represent England
Universities for a round of friendly fixtures against
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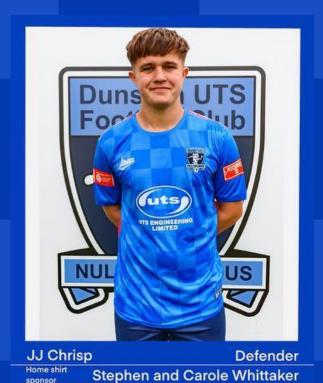
Training shirt Craig and Jack MacKereth

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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Mr Tony Cleugh

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."

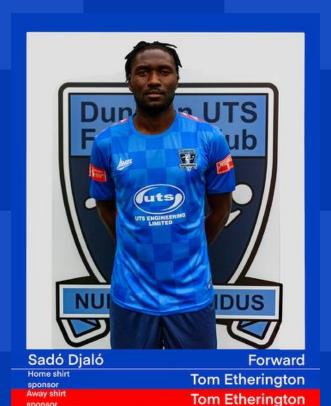


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RICHARD COULSON (Forward)

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.



Tom Etherington

Tom Etherington

"Ka Pie"

Mr Cliff Starkey

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.



JORDAN LAMB (Forward)

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

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



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MATTY CASSAP - Goalkeeper

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.



Brian Jobling

Curtis, Ellis and Dave Beaney

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.

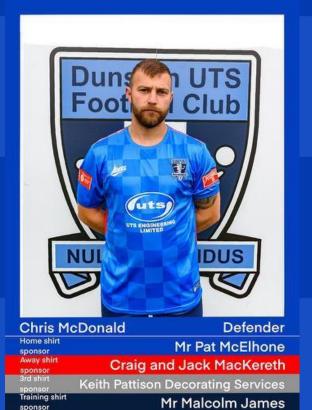


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JACK MASKELL (Forward)

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

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



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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DALE PEARSON (Forward)

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

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

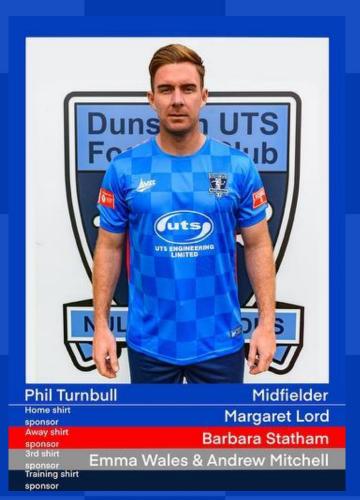
He has a keen eye for goal, and brings with him pace, power and a lethal finish.

MICHAEL PEARSON (Midfielder)

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

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

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





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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.

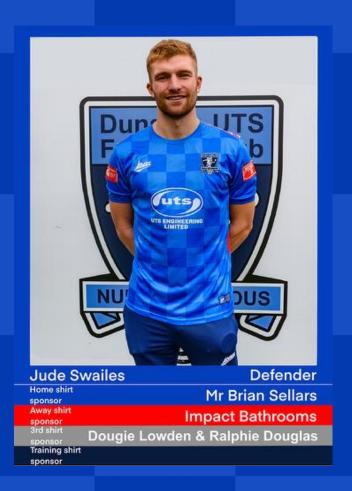
He scooped a number of awards at the end of the 2022/23 season following a superb season, including the Fred Foulis Committee Player of the Season award.

DAN STAPLES (Goalkeeper)

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

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

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



JUDE SWAILES (Defender)

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

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

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



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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.



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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.

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 (Assistant Manager)

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

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

DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



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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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



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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.

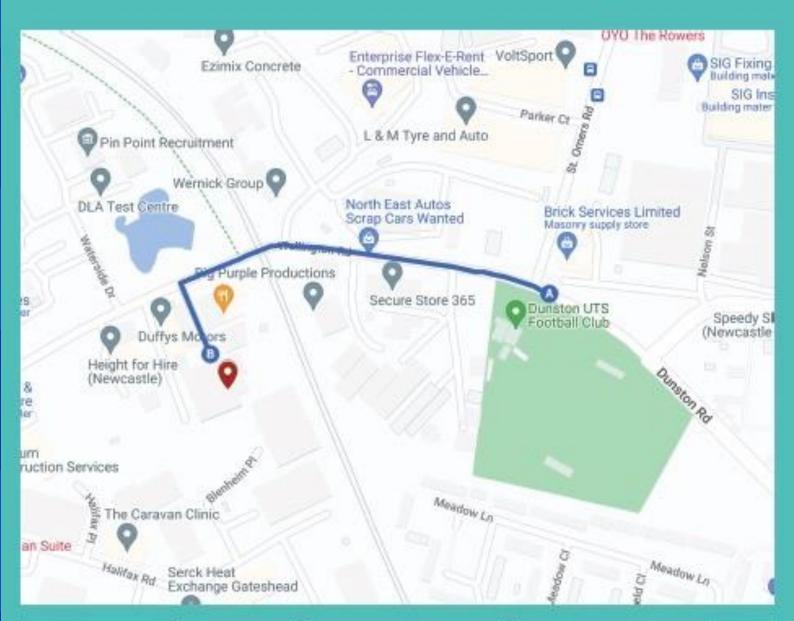
Following on, he then became Sports Therapist for Chester-le-Street United.

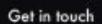




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Dunston FC 0-0 Stockton Town (27/01/24)



In a tight contest at The UTS Stadium, with 451 in attendance, Dunston and Stockton played out to a goalless draw. The stalemate sees Dunston extend their unbeaten run to nine games.

Jon McDonald named an unchanged starting line-up from Wednesday's convincing 3-1 win at Cleethorpes Town. The only change in the squad saw Luke Carr return to the bench in place of Jack Camarda.

The first chance of the game fell to The Anchors on 15 minutes when former Dunston forward Michael Fowler went beyond the Dunston backline, rounded Dan Staples and pulled the ball back to Glen Butterworth, but Jack Walker managed to come away with the ball to prevent any danger.

The first real attack from Dunston came minutes later when Richard Coulson played the ball through to David Robinson however, the latter took a heavy touch and Harker was quick off his line to smother the ball.

The Anchors came back at Dunston and had two good opportunities with half an hour played. First, left back Josh Baggs took aim from just outside the area, but his effort was just wide of the target. Lewis King then came close as he attempted a lob, but his effort dropped just past the post.

Stockton continued to press with Kevin Hayes also coming close as he beat McDonald down the right before curling an effort high and wide of the target.

Dunston ended the first forty-five looking the more dangerous of the two sides and almost took the lead on 40 minutes. Jack Maskell laid the ball off to Dale Pearson on the edge of the box, but the effort on goal from Pearson was straight at Harker, making it a comfortable save for the Stockton shot-stopper.

Maskell then had an effort of his own as he placed a weak effort wide of the target just before the break.

Dunston began the second half once again looking threatening. Maskell was again played through on goal, but the forward couldn't connect properly and forced a Harker into a routine stop.

Maskell kept getting himself into good positions and was superbly picked out by Michael Pearson but again, Harker was able to make a routine save to keep the score deadlocked. A minute later, Maskell connected with a header from a Phil Turnbull corner, but he couldn't get the effort on target.

The game then swung again as Stockton began to carve out some chance of their own. On the hour-mark, Stephen Thompson drilled a low effort from outside the area straight into the gloves of Staples. Hayes then had an opportunity minutes later as he sliced an effort off target.

The biggest moment of the game came midway through the half as the ball cannoned off the Stockton crossbar. Following a cross, Maskell flicked the ball back towards the danger area where Stocker skipper Adam Nicholson headed the ball off his own woodwork.

After nearly turning the ball into his own net, Nicholson then nearly did the same thing down the other end. A dangerous free kick was played into the box toward the unmarked Nicholson who guided his headed effort wide of the near post. With the clock running down, Phil Turnbull then delivered a pinpoint free kick of his own where Jack Maskell came inches away from turning the ball home at the back post.

Into stoppage time, and the score still deadlocked, both side continued to search for the winning goal. Ultimately, the final chance of the game, and maybe the biggest chance of the game, fell to visitors in the dying seconds. Josh Baggs unleashed a thunderous effort towards goal, but Dan Staples stayed alert and tipped the ball over the crossbar.





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TODAY'S VISITORS



CURTIS HALL – Goalkeeper Began his career as a youngster with Notts County. He had a spell on loan at Ilkeston and has also played at South Normanton and Belper United.

JONASZ GADOMSKI – Goalkeeper One of the few players remaining from last season. Local player who was previously part of Nottingham Forest Academy.

ELLIOTT WALKER – Defender Came through the Doncaster Rovers Academy before joining Stocksbridge Park Steels. He then joined Mickleover before signing for the Gingerbreads in pre-season.

TOM ZERBONI – Defender Came through the Grimsby Town Youth system and figured regularly in their youth sides. Joined in Pre-season.

SAMUEL MUGGLETON – Defender / Midfield Joined in pre-season from Farsley Celtic. Was at Leicester City as a youth and counts Barnet, York, Eastleigh and Chesterfield amongst his previous clubs.

GREG SMITH – Forward Local player who joined on loan from Basford last season and made the move permanent in the summer. Experienced player who counts Stamford, Spalding, Boston United, Brackley, Kings Lynn and Gainsborough amongst his previous clubs.

TODAY'S VISITORS



LUKE HINSLEY – Forward Signed in September from Cleethorpes Town. Includes Belper, Matlock, Buxton, Worksop and Frickley amongst his former clubs.

SAM TESSLER - Defender Originates from the USA. Played last season for Yaxley where he was vice-captain.

SEBASTIAN ROBBEMOND – Midfield / Defender Was part of the Academy of Football Australia and played in Australia for Comera FC. Played last season in Northern Counties East for Armthorpe Welfare.

RODRIGO GONCALVES – Forward Returned to the club in the summer. Was part of the Grantham Town Academy before playing at Wisbech, Sleaford and Stamford.

KUWESI OFUSHINE - Midfield / Forward Joined in the summer for his second spell at the club. Played in Sweden for Degefors IF. Counts Boston Town, South Normanton, Long Eaton and Rainworth amongst his other clubs.

ETHAN BOJANG – Midfield Gambian U20 International who came through the Doncaster Academy before spending a year at Peterborough United where he had a loan spell at Spalding. Has also played for Gainsborough, Marske and Stocksbridge Park Steels.

RYAN EBANKS - Defender Joined in early September from Newark and Sherwood FC. Began his career with Notts County and has also played at Carlton Town.

TODAY'S VISITORS



HARRY OLIVANT — Midfield / Forward Local player who joined in early September from Harrowby United. Former Lincoln City Youth player. He has also figured for Spalding, Stamford and Newark FC.

CHRIS SALT — Defender Rejoined for his second spell at the club in mid-September from Malty Main. Began his career at Sheffield United before moving into non-league with Worksop, Gainsborough, Buxton and Stamford amongst his previous clubs.

IFFEANYI OFOGBU – Forward Rejoined for second spell at club in mid-September from Stocksbridge Park Steels. Began his career at Huddersfield and Chesterfield before playing at Tadcaster, Worksop and Ossett.

OSAKOPOLAR SOLOMON – Defender Young player who came through the Nottingham Forest Youth system playing at both U18 and U21 levels. He also had a loan spell at Redditch United.

KWAME BOATENG – Midfield Signed in October from Alfreton Town. Began his career at Bradford City and includes Harrogate, Ossett, Farsley, Goole and Guiseley amongst his other clubs.

MATTHEW DOYLE - Defender Signed in October. Came through the Barnsley Academy playing at both under-18 and under-21 level.

GRANTHAM TOWN SPOTLIGHT



FOUNDED: 1874

NICKNAME: The Gingerbreads

GROUND: South Kesteven

Sports Stadium

CAPACITY: 7,500 (750

seated)



CHAIRMAN: Sophie Cope

MANAGER: Paul Rawden

2022-23 LEAGUE

POSITION: 16th out of 20

(NPL East Division)

GRANTHAM HISTORY



The club was founded in 1874 and early competition was in the Midland Amateur league which was won in 1910/11. The Central alliance was won in 1924/25 and the club finished runners up to Shrewsbury Town in the Midland counties League in 1938. After the war local legend Jack McCartney scored 416 goals in just 456 appearances until his retirement in 1955 In 1964 under player manager Jim Rayner the Midland League was won with the club scoring 152 goals in the season. Rayner moved to Notts County to be replaced in 1965 by Terry Bly as player manager and the next 14 years are still remembered as the golden years for the club.

The Midland League was won in 1971 and in 1972 and regular cup runs brought large crowds to the London Road ground with the most memorable being in 1973 when Jack Charlton brought his Middleborough side to London Road where a record crowd of 6578 saw Middleborough win 2-0. The club moved into the Southern League winning Division 1 North in 1978 and the following year finishing runners up in the Premier Division. Following relegation, the club bounced back the following year to win Division 1 North again Following the reorganization of non-league football, the club were moved to the Northern Premier League and finished 4 th in 1984 but the following year they failed to gain re-election and returned to the Southern League.

Financial problems meant the club had little success until in 1987 The board appointed Martin O'Neil as manager and along with assistant John Robertson Promotion was missed by a single point his first season and 5 th spot gained the year after. Martin moved on to climb the managerial ladder at the end of that season. John Robertson returned as manager in 1990 and at this time the club left its London Road home and after a year ground sharing at Spalding returned to the town into the new South Kesteven Sports Stadium.

Little success was achieved until the arrival of Gary Mills as manager in 1996. Under Gary 4th place was achieved in the Southern League Midland Division in 1997 and the following year the championship was won also the club reached the quarter final of the FA trophy going out after a replay to Conference side Southport. The first game at Grantham attracted a stadium record attendance of 3695.

The following year the club was taken over by Reg Brearley through his company Antrac. Mills was replaced as manager and the club went full time, but huge financial losses saw the club's future threatened when Antrac walked away. The club was forced to enter a CVA, and a difficult period followed as the club struggled to get back onto its feet. This was reflected on the pitch and when John Wilkinson arrived as manager at Christmas 2000 the club had just 9 points but following a tremendous run were finally relegated on goal difference on 47 points. Promotion back to the Premier division was achieved in 2002 as runners up.

GRANTHAM HISTORY



Following Wilkinson's resignation Roger Ashby became manager and lead the club to the first-round proper of the FA cup in November 2003 where they played Leyton Orient at home in front of the Match of the Day cameras only losing 2 – 1 to an injury time goal.

In the summer of 2006, the club were moved from the Southern League back to the Northern Premier League. It took the club some time to adjust to the move and they were relegated to Division 1 South. John Wilkinson returned as manager and in 2008 lead the club to the Division 1 South play offs where they lost 2-1 to Nantwich

Following a brief spell with Phil Starbuck as manager Jim Albans and Wayne Hallcro came in as joint managers. In 2011/12 the club reached the Division 1 South playoff final losing 2-0 to Rushall Olympic but the following year they won the division by a 10-point margin the club found life in the Premier division difficult and following the resignation of chairman Steve Boam Albans and Hallcro also resigned. After a period under former players Gary Sucharewycz and Ian Robinson they returned and led the club to 15 th spot in the Premier division.

During season 2014/15 the club had to make the difficult decision to cut its playing budget when predicted income was not achieved. This resulted in several players leaving the club. Also departing was Jim Albans but his partner Wayne Hallcro stayed and recruited former Coalville manager Adam Stevens to replace Albans as joint manager and the pair set about rebuilding the side. Hallcro departed in late January to team up again with Albans at Belper Town to leave Adam Stevens in sole charge of team matters. Under Stevens the club finished 12 th in the Premier Division and the following year 18th . 2016/2017 saw the club had its best season for many years and had a chance of reaching the playoffs right up to the final week of the season finally finishing in 8 th spot. In addition, they reached the league cup final going down 2-1 to Bamber Bridge.

2017/2018 saw the club finished in 4th spot in the premier division and went on to reach the playoff final going down 2-0 at Ashton United. Manager Adam Stevens stood down after the game replaced by Ian Culverhouse for the 2018/2019 season. Culverhouse resigned in October and was replaced by former Notts County Assistant manager Richard Thomas.

GRANTHAM HISTORY



Richard Thomas left the club in February to be replaced by former Harrowby United managers Paul Rawden and Russ Cousins. Rawden and Cousins left the club in late February and after a game under the control of caretaker manager Danny Racchi Martin McIntosh was appointed as manager. Martin managed just two games in charge before Covid brought the season to a close. He has spent the summer rebuilding the side for the new season.

With the season halted due to the Covid pandemic McIntosh left the club. Former England International Carlton Palmer was appointed as team manager and along with his assistants Jas Colliver and Matt Chatfield totally rebuilt the side for the 2021/2022 season. Carlton Palmer stood down as manager in early November with assistants James Colliver and Matt Chatfield taking charge of team affairs. The club moved quickly to appoint Dennis Greene as manager with Matt Chatfield becoming assistant.

The club parted company with Greene in March with Chatfield stepping up to take charge until the end of the season. The club were relegated to step 4 at the end of the 2021/22 season after 10 years at step 3. Chatfield took the manager's job permanently at the start of last season. The club struggled last season but did win the Lincolnshire Senior cup beating Spalding United 1-0 at Lincoln City's LNER stadium. After avoiding relegation on the final day of the season the club have undergone a complete rebuild in the summer. Matt Chatfield was replaced by Paul Rawden who returns to the club and along with his Assistant Steve Kirkham has had to re-build a complete playing squad on a much-reduced budget.



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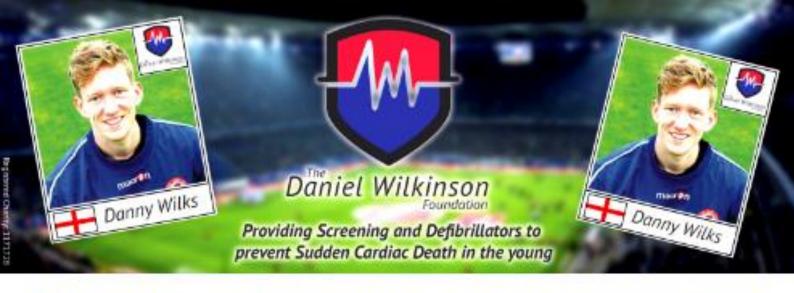
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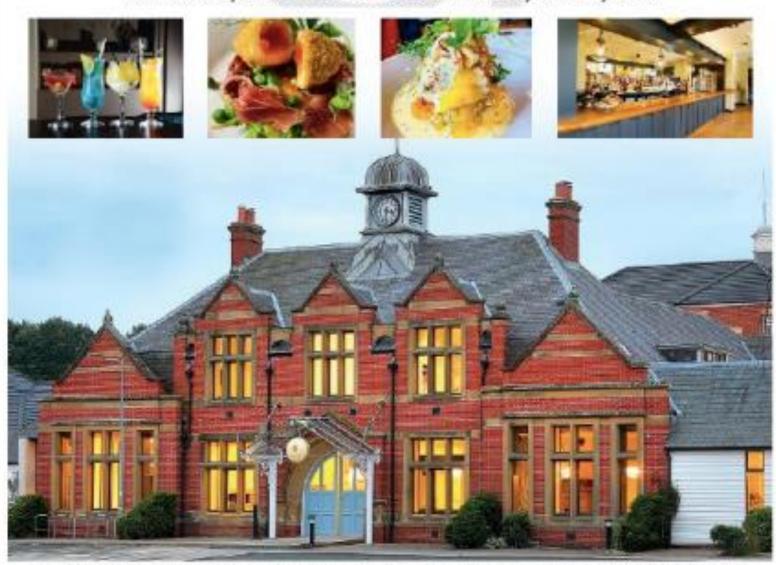
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2.	Belper Town	24	6	1	5	7	2	3	13	3	8	49	37	12	42
3.	Pontefract Collieries	22	4	3	4	8	2	1	12	5	5	43	27	16	41
4.	Consett	22	7	1	3	6	1	4	13	2	7	40	28	12	41
5.	Hebburn Town	23	7	2	1	5	3	5	12	5	6	39	30	9	41
6.	Dunston	19	4	2	2	8	2	1	12	4	3	36	18	18	40
7.	Carlton Town	21	5	0	4	8	1	3	13	1	7	32	26	6	40
8.	North Ferriby	23	8	0	4	3	2	6	11	2	10	38	44	-6	35
9.	Newton Aycliffe	23	7	1	3	4	0	8	11	1	11	36	40	-4	34
10.	Ashington	22	5	1	6	4	2	4	9	3	10	40	38	2	30
11.	Grimsby Borough	24	5	0	7	4	3	5	9	3	12	30	33	-3	30
12.	Cleethorpes Town	23	5	3	3	2	5	5	7	8	8	31	28	3	29
13.	Bridlington Town	25	6	3	5	2	2	7	8	5	12	35	41	-6	29
14.	Brighouse Town	25	4	4	5	3	3	6	7	7	11	37	49	-12	28
15.	Liversedge	22	5	1	4	3	2	7	8	3	11	31	29	2	27
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17.	Ossett United	23	1	4	7	5	0	6	6	4	13	24	46	-22	22
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