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# A WELCOME From Billy Montague (Club Secretary)

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

Our opponents today are TADCASTER ALBION AFC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their relatively short journey from North Yorkshire. “Taddy” have been what has seemed a permanent fixture of the Northern Premier League since its inception but have endured a torrid time this season. After surviving massive flood disasters in recent years due to climate change, they have gone through even worse trauma on the pitch lately with some really unfortunate results bringing relegation from the Eastern Division. We hope that they are saved by the fact that some members of the League are having last minute problems in achieving the Ground Grading standard by 31st March.

The two Clubs have always enjoyed a very friendly and cordial relationship over many years and we received a warm welcome when Dunston FC visited the excellent So-Trak Ltd Stadium in Tadcaster at the end of November. I think it’s fair to say that Dunston dominated the first-half to lead with a Carl Finnigan headed goal. It was a different tale in the second period with Tadcaster fighting back to grab a deserved equaliser and the final score ending up 1-1.

The pressure will be off our visitors today with their fate being already sealed so Dunston will have to be at their best to clinch three vital points to finish as high as possible in the League Table.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Our Referee is Stephen Beresford who travels from Hebburn and he is joined by his Assistant Referees Ryan Kendall from Newcastle and Jonathan Schofield from South Shields.



Supporters old and new are very well appreciated and we hope you enjoy your visit to the UTS Stadium this afternoon. If you require any help or information about the Club and facilities, please do not hesitate to contact any Management Committee Member. Details of next season's Season Tickets, Executive Package, Club Merchandise, Concessions and Sponsorship Opportunities will be decided upon in the coming weeks and will be available from any Club Official or at the Club Office in the very near future.

Let's look forward to a competitive match. Enjoy the game.



## TODAY'S SPONSORS AND MASCOTS

We would like to say a massive thank you to today's match sponsors – The Dunston Legends, for their continued support over the years and for their sponsorship of today's match – we hope you have a great day!



Today's Mascot is 3 year old Jack Scott, son of club captain and no-nonsense defender Craig Scott. Jack is here today with his family, which includes his new little brother Ollie, and we hope Jack and his family enjoy the game!



## Dunston FC Football Club History

The Club first saw light of day in 1975 as a humble works outfit. Long-serving Club stalwart, John Thompson, along with some of his fellow workmates at Her Majesty's Stationery Office Gateshead, decided to form a football 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 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 F.C. 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 Miles 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.

The step up proved a bit more difficult than expected against tougher opponents in the NPL North West Division. Some promising early results were tempered by some setbacks, and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any great 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 added to the playing squad in time for the opening of the newly formed NPL East Division for the 2021-22 season. Some very good results were achieved but a

couple of disappointing runs resulted in a final sixth-place finish, just missing out on the end-of-season Play-Offs.

Over the years the Club has always recognised that success on the field must be coupled with hard work behind the scenes. The efforts of the management committee and ground staff at The UTS Stadium have ensured that the ground is a credit to the Club. Many of the backroom staff at the Club have been involved since it was founded in 1975. It's a tribute to their commitment and hard work that the Club has become one of the most successful and respected on the North East non-league scene.



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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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# CLUB NEWS

Following the postponement of our home match against Grimsby Borough FC last Saturday, we can confirm that the game has been rescheduled for Tuesday night – 7:45pm kick off.

Tickets cost just £9 Adults, £6 Concessions and £3 U16s and it would be great to have a big crowd in to push the lads towards the playoff places.



The club shop will be holding an end of season sale on selected items this weekend, so get down and grab a bargain while they're available!

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# MATCH REPORT | HEBBURN TOWN (H)

FT: Hebburn Town 1 Dunston UTS 1  
Goals: Dale Pearson (36')  
Att: 538

Dunston picked up a point on the road away at Hebburn. Jon Shaw was sent off in the opening forty-five and Dale Pearson netted to give Dunston the lead at half-time. Hebburn responded well and levelled through Liam Murray with neither side able to find a winner.



Dunston made two changes to the starting XI from Saturday's draw with Worksop. Carl Finnigan and Jon came into the lineup in place of Jack Elliott and Jude Swailes.

After a quiet beginning to the game, it was the Hornets who came close first after 12 minutes. Amar Purewal was slipped through however, his low shot was guided just off target.

Midway through the first half, a slick passing move from Dunston saw Finnigan almost find the opener as the forward fired just wide. Dale Pearson also had an opportunity just three minutes later as he spotted Shaun Newbrook off his line and the attempted lob was just over the crossbar.

The game began to open up and on the half-hour mark, the hosts could have taken the lead. Dan Staples was called into action and Purewal's shot on the rebound was off target. A great opportunity.

Unfortunately, Jon Shaw was then shown a straight red card after 33 minutes. The defender was adjudged to bring down Purewal as the last man. The Hebburn forward did look offside in the build-up, but the flag never went up.

Despite the setback, Dunston responded in extraordinary fashion. With 36 minutes on the clock, Dale Pearson was played through on goal and slotted past Newbrook at the near post to give Dunston the lead going into the half-time break.



The second half didn't start well for Dunston and unfortunately were dealt a huge blow as Hebburn found the equaliser. A long ball caused problems for the Dunston defence and Liam Murray was on-hand to slot a low shot past Staples and get the game back on level terms.

Chris Swailes introduced Jack Elliott, Sado Djalo and Liam Thear midway through the second half to try and turn the game. With fresh legs on the pitch, Richard Coulson came close as he had an effort on goal stopped by Newbrook.

Hebburn were afforded another two half chances towards the end of the game but, neither side were able to find a winner and the points were shared.



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# Today's Visitors | Tadcaster Albion

## ANDY MONKHOUSE - MANAGER

Andy is in his third season with Tadcaster, having played for Taddy in the twilight of his playing career. He began with Rotherham United as a trainee - an eight-year spell and a couple of long-term injuries saw him leave the Millers in 2006. After a year with Swindon Town, he joined Hartlepool United where over seven years he wrote himself into the history books; he was named in the PFA League Two Team of the Year for 2006-07 as Pools went on to finish 2nd to secure promotion to League One and is one of only 16 players to make over 300 appearances for them. He holds a UEFA A Licence. Following a spell at the helm of Pontefract Collieries, Andy re-joined Taddy last season and moved up to the top job in January 2023.

## STEVE ROBERTS - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Steve is a former Pickering Town midfielder who returned to that club in January 2020 as Manager. Prior to that he had been with Scarborough Athletic for six years including a spell as interim Manager, but the lure of his previous club proved too strong when the Pikes offered him the top job. He left Pickering last September. His appointment has been a boost to Andy Monkhouse following the managerial changes at Tadcaster during mid-season.

## RICHARD LEEMING - KIT MANAGER

York based Richard has a long history of successfully managing local football teams in the York area. He was asked by Nelly Sanderson last season if he would like to help out at Taddy and jumped at the opportunity to succeed his old friend in the role. Richard's extensive knowledge of the game has quickly made him an integral and valuable part of the management team.

## NATHAN FENNELL - PHYSIO

Nathan joined the club during the summer recess having worked previously for Hartlepool United, York City and most recently the Pickering Town Scholarship section. Twenty-Four-year-old Nathan was a graduate from the University of Central Lancashire where he obtained a degree in Sports Therapy. He runs his own physiotherapy business but is delighted to have joined The Brewers where the scope is much wider than at his previous clubs and he is enjoying the responsibility.

### **JOSH MAZFARI – GOALKEEPER**

Born 2004 Shot Stopper Josh joined on a Youth loan from Huddersfield Town last January. The 18 year old goal keeper, who represented England in the English Schools Football Association, signed a one year deal after appearing for Town's Academy as a trialist on several occasions. He is a valued member of the Huddersfield Town Under 19's. Already having achieved a Man of the Match award, he has been a rock behind the defence since joining Taddy and is a firm favourite with Supporters.

### **JAMES BEASTON - DEFENDER**

Born 1991 Sherburn In Elmet, Yorkshire Thirty-one-year-old James is a central defender although happy to play right back as well. He joins from Yorkshire Amateurs where he spent three seasons and before that was with Garforth for four years and their captain for most of the time. In his earlier footballing career James played for Glasshoughton, Harrogate Railway and Nostell Miners Welfare. He lives in Sherburn in Elmet where he grew up and apart from a couple of years in Atlanta USA, has lived there all his life. He is a strong presence in defence who reads the game well and brings stability to the back four.

### **NATHAN DYER - DEFENDER**

Born 2001, Malton Nathan Dyer joins us from Whitby Town. He is a right back but can play in any position in defence and midfield and is a natural wing back with a tremendous turn of speed. The Six feet tall defender signed a two-year scholarship with York City in the summer of 2018 and made his debut for the Minstermen in the following October. He made nine league appearances for York, before Joining Grantham Town in time for the start of the 2020/21 campaign. Nathan has impressed during pre-season – a tough defender but surprisingly fast up front as well.

### **DAN HARTLEY – DEFENDER**

Born 2002 (York) Dan started with us towards the end of the 2019/20 season and we have seen him develop consistently to become a first team regular. He shows commitment and tenacity far beyond his years Dan attended the UFCA in Leeds and Evolution Sports Academy before joining Harrogate Town Under 23's, which he captained. Although a natural central defender, Dan is equally adept on either side and his ability to get down the flanks is a bonus, as are his throw ins. Calm on the ball – a rock in defence . Now Team Captain.

### **CHARLIE JEBSON-KING - DEFENDER**

Born 2002 York Twenty-year-old, Charlie is another player who has signed following the problems at Yorkshire Amateurs . Standing at 5' 11" He came through the Youth Academy at York City making his first team debut for the Minstermen three years ago. Following a trial at Scarborough Athletic he joined Yorkshire Amateurs last season. Charlie is comfortable to play at left back, left wing back or left wing . He is extremely fast and one of the most accurate passers of the ball.

### **JACK JOHNSON – DEFENDER**

Born 1999 Kippax, Leeds Jack joined the club at the end of the last season from Pickering Town. He is natural right back but is equally happy in central defence or midfield if needed. Born and still living in Kippax, Leeds, Jack was on Doncaster Rovers books as a youngster after which he signed youth papers with FC Halifax. At the age of eighteen he moved onto Scarborough Athletic where he stayed for three years. From the Seadogs, Jack signed for Pickering Town in the summer of 2020 and was ever present right up to the Pikes relegation last season from the Northern Premier East.

### **ADAM PORRITT – DEFENDER**

Born 1998 Scunthorpe We were delighted to welcome back Adam who last played for Taddy when Paul Quinn was our manager but left to join Liversedge for the 2020/21 season. The 25-year-old can play in the back line or midfield and gives Andy Monkhouse valuable options. After a spell in the Huddersfield Academy, he joined Harrogate Town in 2017 and then moved on to Farsley Celtic and Ossett Albion/United. More recently he has also played for Garforth Town and Pontefract Collieries, Strong and versatile.

### **NOAH WADSWORTH – DEFENDER**

Born 2005 Leeds Noah has joined on loan from Bradford City. The eighteen-year-old was born in Leeds and first appeared for the Bantams in their under 15's. He is now in Bradford's Under 18 squad having recently completed a two-year scholarship programme within City's academy. Noah is comfortable playing at Left or Right back or in the midfield. He made his debut for us at Long Eaton and has quickly adapted to the pressure of Step 4 football. Another young player who has been voted supporters Man of the Match.

### **DES AMPONSAH – MIDFIELDER**

Born 2000, Ghana Des was born in Kumasi, the second biggest city in Ghana. He enlisted at the Ultimate Football Coaching Academy, during which time he trialled for Bradford City. He went onto the Barnsley Shadow squad but a long injury put things on hold. He was with Wakefield as he got himself back into shape and before he joined us for the first-time last season when he was an ever present in the "great escape" He started this season with promoted Liversedge but re-joined the Brewers in January this year. Playing just behind the front men, Des has a remarkable turn of pace.

### **THEO HUDSON – MIDFIELDER**

Born 2000, Harrogate Knaresborough born 22 year old Theo, 20, started his career at Leeds, and starred in their youth and Academy teams. He signed a one-year pro deal in July 2019 before signing for National North Darlington in 2020. Since then, he has

had spells at Ashton United, Scarborough Athletic, Gainsborough Trinity and most recently, Marske United from where he joins The Brewers. Theo is an attacking Midfielder with a preference for the right flank. He made his debut for us against Stockbridge Park Steels in November this season.

#### **COREY ROPER - MIDFIELDER**

Born 1996 (Doncaster) Corey, a former player of the season, returned to Tadcaster two years ago having left the Brewers at the end of the 2018/19 season when an offer to test himself at Northern Premier League Whitby Town, proved irresistible. However, increased work commitments and associated travelling were our good fortune. He joined Leeds United as a junior at the age of seven, going onto play for their Under 18 and Under 21 teams. In 2014 he joined Wrexham for three seasons. A dead ball specialist, a tough midfield dynamo who leads by example.

#### **OMAR SANYANG – MIDFIELDER**

Born Gambia 1999 Omar returned to us earlier this year having been out of the game for a considerable time following a serious leg injury, he was previously with Pickering Town and fans may remember he scored the winning injury time goal against the Brewers in our last encounter with the “Pikes”. Before that his career has spanned spells at Doncaster Rovers, Scunthorpe United, Bradford Park Avenue and Darlington quite apart from his time with us. Leeds based Omar can play just behind the front men or leading the attack.

#### **LUKE SHARRY – MIDFIELDER**

Born 1991, Leeds Midfield Defender Luke signed on in October this season having been a prominent member of the Yorkshire Ammers team that won promotion to the Northern Premier East at the end of the 2020/21 season. The 32 year old started out with Bradford City and played along the way for, amongst others, Guiseley, Worksop, Garforth, Ossett Town, FC United of Manchester and Ossett Albion. He brings experience and steel to the team and a wealth of experience.

#### **SCOTT SMITH - MIDFIELDER**

Born Leeds 1998 Scott, an attacking midfielder who likes to play just behind the front runners, was with Pontefract Collieries for the last two seasons and was signed by Andy Monkhouse when he was their manager. He started his career as a Trainee at Bradford City before enlisting for a scholarship with Guiseley. He had loan spells at Matlock and Goole before signing for The Colls. Scott is the younger brother of ex Taddy defender, Steve Smith.

#### **RAFAEL FERREIRA - FORWARD**

Born Lisbon Rafa was born in Lisbon, Portugal. On his arrival in England, he won an academy place with Guiseley AFC where he was the top scorer for their Under 19's and

was also the joint top scorer in the National League Football Academy North. He had a brief spell with us before the Covid lock down and then went on to represent Campion and last season, Pickering Town. He is a power house on either flank and always gives 110%

#### **JONNY SHEPHERD - FORWARD**

Born 2003 Leeds Jonny has joined on a loan From York City until the end of the season and made his debut away to Worksop. The nineteen-year-old former Bradford City Academy striker signed his first professional deal with York City last summer, after he finished top-scorer for their U19's side the previous season. He has continued that form this campaign, scoring five goals for the York U19's. He also got a taste of men's first team football earlier this season with a loan spell at Northern League Division One side Northallerton Town.



# Club Profile | Tadcaster Albion



**Founded:** 1892

**Nickname(s):** The Brewers

**Ground:** Ings Lane, Tadcaster

**Capacity:** 2200 (200 seated)

**Chairman:** Andy Charlesworth

**Manager:** Andy Monkhouse

**2021/22 League Position:** 14<sup>th</sup>  
of 19 – Northern Premier  
League East

**Club Colours:** Yellow/Blue

**Notable Honours:** Northern  
Counties East League Premier  
Champions 2015/16

Northern Counties East League  
Division One 2009/10

Northern Counties East League  
Presidents Cup 2010/11

FA Vase: 6<sup>th</sup> Round – 2014/15



# Club History | Tadcaster Albion

The club is believed to have been formed in 1892 as John Smith's FC. It was not until 1923 that the Tadcaster Albion AFC name was adopted. In the early years, the club played in the local York League. They continued competing in the York League during the 1950's & 60's.



In the early days, they played home games on the site of the cricket ground on Station Road, before moving to the Ings ground, near to where the Samuel eSmith Brewery Packaging Block now stands. In 1960, when the club moved 100 yards up river to its present home.

In 1982/83 they became a founding member of the Northern Counties East League, originally in the NCEL Division Two North before league reorganisations led them to Division One in 1991. They rarely finished in the top half of the league in the 1990's and finished bottom in 2001/02 & 2003/04.

At the start of 2004/05, Jim Collis became manager and fortunes began to improve dramatically. Jimmy Reid took over as manager in 2006, but his time was blighted by off the field problems. An attempted hostile takeover and attempted arson attack on the clubhouse caused much damage.

Paul Marshall took over at the start of 2008/09, in his first season he played mostly local players and the team struggled and finished 17th. In 2009/10, with an influx of a few new key players, Albion won the NCEL Division One title and the club became a company limited by guarantee.

Albion finished fourth in their first season in the NCEL Premier Division and won the NCEL President's Cup, beating Farsley AFC 5-1 in the final.

In the 2013/14 season i2i Sports Ltd agreed to take effective control of the club and company, with Matthew Gore becoming the new chairman.

In 2014/2015 the Brewers lead the NCEL Premier for a good while, finally finishing in third. An excellent run saw them make history by making it through to the Quarter Final of the FA Vase where they drew a record - breaking crowd of 1,307 but were narrowly beaten by Highworth Town.

At the end of the season Paul Marshall left and former Harrogate Railway boss Billy Miller took over. In 2015/2016 the Brewers lead the NCEL Premier for most of the season once again, but this time they held their nerve and finished Champions with a 2-1 home win over Armthorpe Welfare. They also made it to the League Cup Final but went down in a thrilling 3-2 game to Cleethorpes Town.

In 2016/2017 , their first ever season in the Northern Premier First Division North, a mix of old and new players saw Billy Miller use all of his experience and knowledge of this division. The Brewers started well and were in the play-off spots when injury problems hit and they finished 19th in the league. The management team departed with Michael Morton and Simon Collins taking over.

2017/18 season saw the team quickly finding its feet as the fortunes took a turn for the better after the new year with Michael & Simon steering the club to its highest ever finish reaching the play-offs after a dramatic final day.



The 2018/19 season saw the Brewers move into the Northern Premier East Division after the league switched from a North/South divide to an East/West split. It was again positive for the club finishing just outside the play-off places in 7<sup>th</sup> having been in the top six for most of the season. At the end of this campaign Simon Collins decided to step down and several players moved onto new clubs.

2019 / 20 Former professional footballer and boxer, Curtis Woodhouse took charge, initially having only four players on the books. He built a new squad and for the first 3 months of the season we began to look like promotion contenders. Curtis left the club at the end of October and Paul Quinn inherited the mantle with Steve Waide as his assistant. The second half of the season was overshadowed by four devastating floods at the Stadium , before Covid 19 brought everything to an impromptu finish .

2020/21. Paul and Steve reorganised the playing Management over the summer months with support teams to deal with the analytical side of things. Thirteen of the previous season's squad renewed their contracts and it was looking good for a play-off place when Covid struck again.

2021/22 With the unexpected departures of Paul Quinn and Steve Waide, the opening matches were a great disappointment. However, the appointment of the experienced John Deacey as team Manager plus Andy Monkhouse as his Assistant, ensured that we were able to maintain our NPL status, in what proved to be a challenging season.

2022/23 John Deacey left the club following a poor start to the season to be replaced by Neil Sibson and Craig Ogilvie as Joint managers. They too failed to turn around the poor results and from January 2023 Andy Monkhouse has stepped up to the Manager's position with Steve Roberts as his Assistant.

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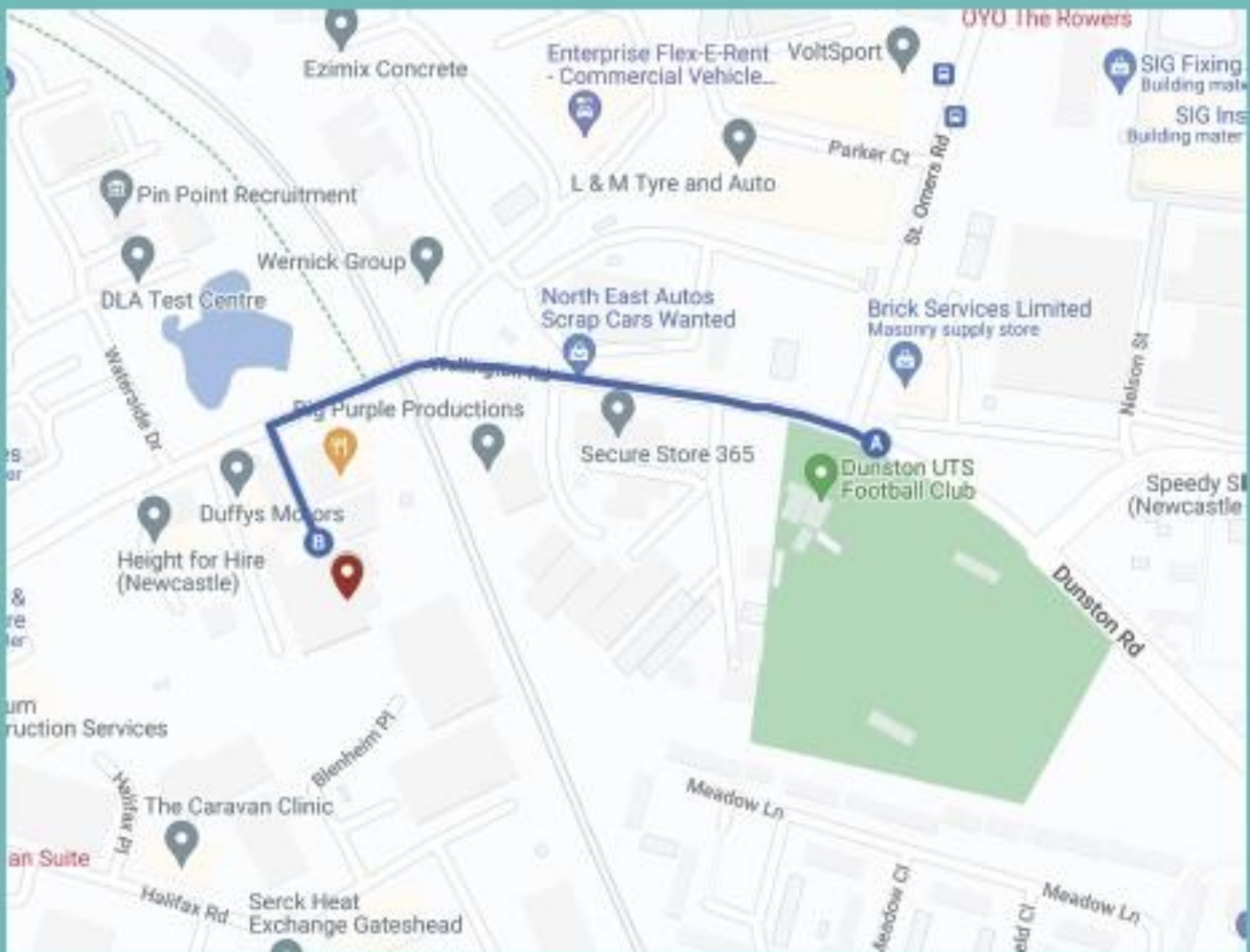
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## 2022-2023



### JAMES ANDERSON

Anderson joins on a year- long loan from Northern Premier League Outfit Morpeth Town.

The young keeper shone during his time on loan at Whickham and looks to bolster Dunston's promotion credentials. Anderson has two appearances under his belt at Morpeth, one of which included a penalty save in an FA Trophy game against Warrington Town. Anderson links up with new goalkeeping coach Lee Kennedy in what sees an all-new line-up in Dunston's goalkeeping department.



### CRAIG BAXTER

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



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Richard Coulson

Richie arrived in early December 2021 from Northern League side Whitley Bay. He has an eye for goal and picked up six goals in the back end of the 2021/22 season. Able to play anywhere across the frontline, Richie has added versatility to the Dunston side, and will be looking to kick on in the 2022/23 season. 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.



### Sadó Djaló

Sadó arrived early on in the 2021/22 season from Northern League side Bedlington Terriers, where he had made a serious impression. His credentials were there for all to see, with the frontman scoring 11 goals for Dunston in a short period for the club. Sadó was quickly snapped up by National League North outfit Blyth Spartans, however under new boss Terry Mitchell his playtime was limited. A short loan back to the UTS Stadium has been followed by a more permanent deal, which sees Sadó return looking to ignite old form.



### Jack Elliott

Jack Elliott is a very talented player who returned to Dunston in September 2019 following a brief spell with Hebburn Town. He progressed through Newcastle United's Academy and has had spells at Consett AFC and Whickham. Jack adds speed to the Dunston side and causes headaches for full backs of opposing teams. Since his arrival, Jack has been an ever-present figure in the starting eleven and continues to give his all in a Dunston shirt.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### **Carl Finnigan :-**

Carl arrived at the UTS Stadium in September 2022 following a period on the sidelines due to a health scare. After 8 months out, Finnigan will look to provide Dunston with experience and fire power up front, having enjoyed spells with Falkirk, Gateshead, South Shields, Whickham and Morepeth Town. The frontman was on fine form for South Shields, scoring 72 goals in 115 games, including one at Wembley in the clubs FA Vase triumph. Carl has also enjoyed spells in South Africa and Botswana, and will be looking to reignite his fine goalscoring pedigree in what is a lethal front line.



### **Tez Galbraith :-**

Terry Galbraith became Chris Swailes' second major signing of the 2020/21 season as the Club pulled off a major coup to bring the player back to where his footballing career began. On his signing, Dunston FC Manager Chris Swailes said, "For me he'll bring leadership, he's vocal wherever he plays, he'll bring experience, and these are valuable especially in this league". Galbraith made his name at Dunston FC as a youngster having joined from Redheugh Boys Club. He was a key player for Billy Irwin's FA Vase winning side in 2012 alongside Chris Swailes and Liam Connell.



Regarded as one of the brightest prospects in The Northern League during his first spell with the club, he left The UTS Stadium in November 2012 to join Darlington FC. During his seven seasons at Darlington, he would go on to win three promotion medals, making over 250 appearances and scoring over 50 goals for The Quakers and became a genuine favourite with their supporters. After leaving Darlington at the end of the 2019/20 season, Dunston moved quickly to secure his signature. Long standing Club Chairman Mr Malcolm James said, "When Terry became available it was just natural that we'd be interested in the lad". He added " We're a club that is looking to go forward; Terry Galbraith and recent signing Liam Connell are two lads who we've always wanted to bring back to the club as this is where their hearts are". Terry captained Darlington during the 2018/19 season and spent last season playing in The National League North. Considered to be one of the best left backs in the history of Dunston FC, he can play at the centre of defence, centre midfield and left wing, adding quality, leadership, and versatility to the Dunston side.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Michael Fowler :-

Michael Fowler arrived at The UTS Stadium having recently completed a Scholarship in The USA with Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. He started his career with Sunderland AFC before then moving on to Burnley, where he was a prolific scorer at youth level. Having completed a successful scholarship with The Premier League side, he then joined Fleetwood Town as part of their development squad. He has had loan spells with FC United of Manchester, Guiseley and Bamber Bridge, before moving to the UTS Stadium in July 2021. Michael hit the ground running in his first season and scooped the clubs top scorer award despite being at the club for just half a season.



### Jake Jensen :-

Jake was one of the multiple signings for the club in the summer of 2022. He was on a football scholarship in the United States for four years from Summer 2018 and that was where he most recently played. Jake is a technically gifted midfielder that brings energy and tenacity to the pitch along with a range of passing from the middle of the park. In his words, he tries to “emulate Bruno from the Toon.



### Will Jenkins :-

Will Jenkins signed on-loan from South Shields in August 2022 and will remain with the club until January 2023. Will is a talented midfielder who has come through the youth system at The Mariners and has gone on to make over 40 appearances for the South Shields first team at quite a young age. Will can play across the midfield and netted his first goal for Dunston at Bridlington Town on August 19th in the Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### **Ursene Mouanda :-**

Ursene joined Dunston FC from South Shields in early January 2020 and marked his debut with a Man of the Match performance in a 1-0 win away to Colne. Known as an athletic and competitive defensive midfielder, he was previously with Rangers before signing professional terms with Kilmarnock. A product of Monkseaton Academy, he was selected to captain England U18's Schoolboys in 2016, bringing him to the attention of numerous professional clubs. Following his release from Kilmarnock, he was quickly snapped up by South Shields. With competition for places at Mariners Park high, he spent the start of the 2019/20 season on loan at Blyth Spartans before arriving at The UTS Stadium and has been an ever-present member of Chris Swailes' side ever since.



### **Michael Pearson :-**

Having previously played for Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields, the current Club vice-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 100 games for Dunston, captaining the side on many occasions.



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.

# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Brampoque Serra Da Silva Sá

“Brash” joined Dunston in the early stages of the 2022/23 season, primarily as a midfielder. The Guinea-Bissau born player links up with former teammate Sadó Djaló, and provides key cover across the whole of midfield.



### Craig Scott :-

Craig Scott transferred to the club from Newcastle Benfield in October 2018 to bolster the backline and went on to cement his place in the side, becoming the club’s captain and leading by example from the back. Craig is a very experienced player at Northern League level having previously had two stints at Ashington and a spell at Slough Town while working in the London area.

"Scotty" played a vital role for the club during the Northern League title winning campaign and continues to be an assured and composed figure in the back line.



### Jon Shaw :-

Jon signed for Dunston this summer from Northern Premier League side South Shields. Jon has a formidable record at non-league level within the North East, scoring 52 goals for Gateshead over two spells with the club.

The ex-forward, who has now moved back into a central defensive position, adds an abundance of experience to the Dunston side. Spells at Luton Town, Sheffield Wednesday and Rochdale AFC outline his class, and he will add versatility and strength to the Dunston backline.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Dan Staples :-

Dan signed for the club in July 2022 after impressing during pre-season. The goalkeeper has 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.



### Jude Swailes :-

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.



### Jake Turnbull :-

Jake Turnbull signed for Dunston on New Year's Eve 2021 from Northern League side Newcastle Benfield, and the pacy winger has had previous spells with Ashington and Heaton Stannington. Jake has kicked on since his arrival and has proved a tricky player for opposition defences to deal with. Following his signing for the club, assistant manager Jon MacDonald stated: "Jake is a very good athlete player, he's quick, strong and versatile and we think he has a good profile for this division".



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Liam Thear :-

Liam Thear has been at Dunston for a large number of years and 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 to Chris Swailes' side, fighting for every ball and contributing with both goals and assists.



### Phil Turnbull :-

Central midfielder Phil Turnbull can play with either foot and is described as a fiercely competitive player and joined the club along with ex-teammate Craig Baxter in 2021. Having started out at Hartlepool United before joining York City, with loan spells at Blyth Spartans and Gateshead, a permanent move to Gateshead in 2008 seen him play over 300 games for the Tynesiders and played a vital role in the National League season which saw the Heed reach Wembley.



### Jack Camarda:-

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. T

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 NWCD West Division. Now studying Sports Science at Durham University, Camarda looks to add fire to Dunston's midfield when required, with the youngster bringing speed, trickery and agility to Chris Swailes' squad.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## Managerial Profiles



### **Chris Swailes :-**

Chris was appointed manager October 2016 after the shock departure of long serving Billy Irwin, Swaz has a wealth of football experience, after a long professional career he played for Gateshead and Blyth Spartans before joining Dunston and was a lynchpin in the team when we won the FA Vase in 2012, he then moved to Morpeth Town where he guided them to more Wembley success, scoring in the final victory over Hereford FC.



### **Jon McDonald:-**

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 brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. 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.



### **Mark Scott :-**

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.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## Managerial Profiles



### LEE KENNEDY

Lee joined Dunston in July 2022 and has immediately jumped into the task. Lee brings with him a wealth of experience, working with a range of teams at all levels of the game. Lee will look to pass on his knowledge and skills to Dunston's new breed of goalkeepers, following the departure of stalwart's Liam Connell and Andrew Clark, as the club look to push on under the helm of Chris Swailes.



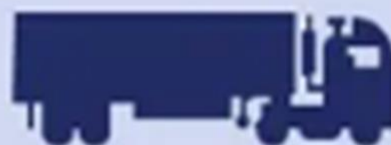
### LEWIS BLACK

Lewis joined Chris Swailes' back-room staff in July 2021 having completed three years of studying at Newcastle College University Centre, graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree in Exercise & Sport Rehabilitation.

Alongside his studies he completed a three-year placement 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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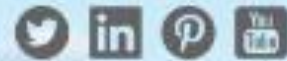
Dunston were held to a 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture with Tadcaster Albion back in November. Carl Finnigan got Dunston off to a flying start put the visitors ahead with just 15 minutes played through a powerful header. The Brewers, marooned at the bottom of the table, showed their fight and were rewarded on the stroke of half-time with an equaliser through Luke Hinsley with the score finishing level.



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# INTERVIEW | LIAM THEAR

The form of Liam Thear in recent games has been remarkable, with the Dunston-veteran getting his name on the scoresheet four times over the month of March and picking up the club's Goal of the Month award for his lobbed goal at



Stocksbridge. We sat down with the forward to discuss his recent form, the season so far, and what remains for the season.

**Q:** With just three huge games to go, what's your take on how the season has gone so far with the lads being sat just outside the play-offs?

**SCRAPPY:** *"Overall, it hasn't been a bad season so far. Our aim at the start of the season was to get promoted and that is still there for us, although we have made it more difficult than it probably could have been by shooting ourselves in the foot a few times late in games."*

*"The lads are all still focused on making them play-offs."*

**Q:** You scored four goals in March and have been in fine form. What's that all been down to?

*SCRAPPY: "Aye! It's been a canny few weeks to be honest. It's been good to be back amongst the goals. I'd probably just put it down to training, it's been top draw from all the boys over the last month or so especially."*



*"I've also gotten a bit of extra motivation after speaking to Richie Coulson. He's helping me keep on track with my diet and stuff like that, so cheers to him as well."*

**Q:** On the topic of goals, you've scored some great ones. Where do the two goals you scored at Stocksbridge rank and, do you have a favourite goal you've scored for Dunston?

*SCRAPPY: "Aye, they were two belters. I enjoyed the first one especially. I always remember my first goal for Dunston was a free kick from about 30-yards straight in the postage! That one comes to mind."*

*"I think the one from earlier in the season against Bootle was probably my best, but none of you lads fancied getting the camera out for that game! I'm still a bit wounded about that one!"*

**Q:** Our apologies, Scrappy. You've also been at Dunston for many years now, what are your favourite memories over that time and where would a promotion to the NPL Premier Division rank?

*SCRAPPY: "Oh aye, it would be right up there 100%, and hopefully we can get it done!"*

*“Along with the great FA Cup run we had in 2018 and also winning the Northern League, to get promoted again and see the club step up another level would be absolutely belter!”*



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#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	<b>Worksop Town</b>	35	16	2	0	13	3	1	29	5	1	105	21	84	<b>92</b>
2.	<b>Stockton Town</b>	36	11	2	5	9	5	4	20	7	9	72	37	35	<b>67</b>
3.	<b>Hebburn Town</b>	36	9	3	6	10	3	5	19	6	11	55	53	2	<b>63</b>
4.	<b>Stocksbridge Park Steels</b>	36	8	4	6	10	2	6	18	6	12	54	39	15	<b>60</b>
5.	<b>Long Eaton United</b>	36	8	5	5	9	3	6	17	8	11	62	51	11	<b>59</b>
6.	<b>Dunston</b>	35	6	7	4	8	5	5	14	12	9	57	46	11	<b>54</b>
7.	<b>North Shields</b>	36	8	6	4	6	4	8	14	10	12	47	41	6	<b>52</b>
8.	<b>Cleethorpes Town</b>	34	8	2	7	5	6	6	13	8	13	46	45	1	<b>47</b>
9.	<b>Grimsby Borough</b>	34	5	5	7	8	3	6	13	8	13	50	54	-4	<b>46</b>
10.	<b>Pontefract Collieries</b>	35	8	6	3	3	6	9	11	12	12	61	58	3	<b>45</b>
11.	<b>Brighouse Town</b>	35	6	3	9	7	3	7	13	6	16	61	61	0	<b>45</b>
12.	<b>Sheffield</b>	35	6	7	4	5	4	9	11	11	13	46	53	-7	<b>44</b>
13.	<b>Consett AFC</b>	36	7	3	8	4	7	7	11	10	15	50	59	-9	<b>43</b>
14.	<b>Bridlington Town</b>	36	5	8	5	5	5	8	10	13	13	44	64	-20	<b>43</b>
15.	<b>Ossett United</b>	36	4	4	10	6	8	4	10	12	14	45	54	-9	<b>42</b>
16.	<b>Grantham Town</b>	36	5	4	9	4	8	6	9	12	15	36	42	-6	<b>39</b>
17.	<b>Lincoln United</b>	36	5	5	8	4	6	8	9	11	16	51	66	-15	<b>38</b>
18.	<b>Carlton Town</b>	35	3	2	13	8	3	6	11	5	19	41	66	-25	<b>38</b>
19.	<b>Shildon</b>	36	6	4	8	4	3	11	10	7	19	42	66	-24	<b>37</b>
20.	<b>Tadcaster Albion</b>	36	4	7	7	0	2	16	4	9	23	27	76	-49	<b>21</b>







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