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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the UTS Stadium this afternoon for this Buildbase FA Trophy Third Qualifying Round Tie.

Our opponents today are BAMBER BRIDGEFC who make the long journey from the Preston area of Lancashire having made a superb start to their NPL Premier Division campaign. They currently sit in fourth place in the League Table and can boast the second highest goalscoring record, just behind undefeated leaders Matlock Town. They also possess the Premier Division's current leading scorer in Ewan Bange who has been a revelation since joining "Brig" on loan from Blackpool at the start of the season. To underline their attacking prowess, they recently defeated the much fancied South Shields by a very impressive three goals to nil!

The very experienced Bamber Bridge management team of Jamie Milligan and his Assistant John Hills have made some shrewd additions to what was an already strong playing squad and instilled their principles of attacking football into a unit that is well equipped to challenge for honours as the season progresses.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon, Referee Steven Lawson from Newton Aycliffe and his Assistant Referees Bernard Law from Kirkby Stephen and Geoff Mann from Stockton. Our FA Match Observer is Clive Oliver from Northumberland.



Let's all remember the Covid-19 Guidance. Keep a safe distance from each other so that we can ensure the safety of everyone.

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.

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

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Club history

The club first saw the light of day in 1975 as a humble works outfit when former Chairman, John Thompson, with some of his colleagues at HMSO on the Team Valley Trading Estate, decided to form a football team. The club joined the Newcastle City Amateur League playing at the Civil Service Sports Ground, Longbenton.

Early success inspired the club to progress and a piece of land was leased from Gateshead M.B.C. and the committee began to develop what is now the UTS Stadium. Hello The club were now gaining much success in the Northern Combination and with aspirations to progress further they approached the Federation Brewery to become the club's main sponsor.

With the Federation Brewery as their main sponsor the club joined the Wearside League in 1987 and after another period of success the club felt a need to seek new opportunities and an application was made to join the prestigious Northern League. The club had now realised one of its main ambitions and entered the National Pyramid of Non-League Football.

In its second season in the Northern League the club won the Second Division and was promoted to the First Division.

Since joining the Northern League the club has won the Second Division, been First Division Champions twice, League Cup winners on five occasions and JR Cleator Cup winners on five occasions. Included in these successes were back to back Northern League doubles in 2003/2004 and 2004/2005. A magnificent achievement.

Season 2007/2008 had seen the club lose the word Brewery from its name as sadly it lost the main sponsor. After a period of 18 years of continuous sponsorship the Federation Brewery was taken over by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries who continued to sponsor the club for a further two seasons and after a period of twenty years the club had lost its main sponsor and had no association with a brewery. In our hour of need two new companies became involved with the club to partially compensate for the loss of our main sponsor.

Dunston Van and Truck Centre became our home shirt sponsor and continue to be some to this day.

At the start of the 2008/2009 season UTS Engineering (Utility Technology Services), became involved by sponsoring the player's travel and training kit and during the close season of 2009/2010 they kindly agreed to become the club's principal sponsor.

The club name was changed from Dunston Federation F.C. to Dunston UTS F.C, the name of the ground was changed to the UTS Stadium and company owner, Mr. Shaun Sadler became Club President.

Arguably one of Dunston UTS FC's greatest achievements came in The FA Vase Final of 2012. In front of a crowd of 5,126 at Wembley Stadium, under the guidance of then Manager Billy Irwin, an Andrew Bulford brace ensured a 2-0 victory over Northern League rivals West Auckland Town.

On the 2nd April 2016 Dunston UTS celebrated their 1000th Northern League game. Prior to kick off on behalf of the club Malcolm James received an engraved plate from Northern League President George Courtney.

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 Northern Premier N/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.

Over the years the club has always recognised that success on the field must be coupled with success and hard work off the field and the efforts of the people behind the scenes at the UTS Stadium has ensured that the stadium is a credit to the club. Many of the committee of the club have been involved since it was founded in 1975, some as former players and some as management on

It is a tribute to their commitment and hard work that the club has become one of the most successful in the North East

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Mr Fred Foulis

Dunston UTS F.C.

are saddened to learn of the passing away of Mr Fred Foulis who has been a member of the Dunston committee since 1981, when the club joined the Northern Combination League.



Fred joined the club when it moved its base to the Mechanics Social Club in Dunston, of which Fred was a member and renowned throughout the region for his darts prowess.



A more pleasant and courteous person no one could ever meet and he will be sadly missed by many, many people.

Our thoughts are with his loving wife Norma and all his family.

As a mark of respect, all club players, management and committee will wear black arm bands for today's game.

We will observe a one minutes silence before kick-off and we kindly ask for all supporters to join us in memory of Fred.

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2010-11

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J.R Cleator Cup Winners

Northern League Cup Runners Up

2004-05

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Northern League Cup Winners

Durham Challenge Cup Runners Up

J.R Cleator Cup Winners

2003-04

Northern League D1 Champions

Northern League Cup Winners

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DUNSTON FC – Player profiles - 2021 / 2022



LIAM CONNELL (Goalkeeper) Liam re-joined Dunston FC prior to the start of the 2020-21 season. A key member of the Dunston UTS side that lifted the FA Vase in 2012, Liam completed an amazing eight seasons with the Club before moving on to South Shields where he enjoyed several successful campaigns before going out on loan to Darlington last season.

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ANDREW CLARK (Goalkeeper) Andy returned to Dunston in the summer to begin his third spell with the Club. His previous Clubs include South Shields, Newcastle Benfield and Ashington. He brings a wealth of experience and provides excellent cover in goal.

Home sponsor - Mrs Dorothy Burnell

Away shirt sponsor - Mr Alan "Fink" Sharp

Training kit sponsor – Available



CALLUM ELLIOTT (Defender) Callum has tremendous potential to carve out a great career after coming to Dunston at the start of the 2017-18 season from Spennymoor Town. He gained some valuable experience at Huddersfield Town before his release.

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MICHAEL HALL (Defender) Michael moved to Dunston from Morpeth Town at the start of the 2017-18 season and has proved to be a vital member of a solid defence. The big central defender brings experience and confidence to the heart of the back-line.

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DAN CAPEWELL (Defender) Dan is a very promising central defender who transferred to Dunston from Bedlington Terriers three seasons ago. He produced some great defensive displays last season and was nominated for Northern League Young Player of the Year. Dan collected The Dunston UTS FC Supporters Club Player of the Season Award in 2018/19.

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CRAIG SCOTT (Defender) The tall central defender transferred to the Club from Newcastle Benfield in October 2018. Craig is a very experienced player at Non-League level having previously enjoyed two stints with Ashington and a spell at Slough Town. Voted Managers Player of the season 2019/20 Scotty was appointed as Club Captain for the 2020/21 season

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3rd shirt sponsor – Available

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TERRY GALBRAITH (Defender/Midfield) Tez re-joined Dunston before the start of the 2020-21 season after a superb career at Darlington FC in the National League North. He was a key member of the Dunston UTS team that lifted the FA Vase at Wembley in 2012 before joining Darlington to further his playing career. "Tez" was an immediate success at the ex-League Team and played over 250 games for them, scoring around sixty goals in the process.

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LOUIS PARRAL (Defender) Gibraltar Under-19 International Louis Parral, 18, joined Chris Swailes' side in October 2020 having recently moved to Newcastle, where he is currently studying a degree in Media and Journalism at Northumbria University. Previously with Gibraltar National League side Lions Gibraltar FC and spent part of last season on-loan to Europa Point FC.

Home sponsor – In memory of Gordon Graves

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CRAIG BAXTER (Defender) Described as rock solid at the back and strong going forward, Baxter's signing is somewhat of a major coup for Dunston UTS FC.

The 34 year old right back comes with of a wealth of experience, having playing higher up in leagues and has a proven track record of success. He was a key player for South Shields over a five season spell, making 188 appearances before joining Dunston UTS FC for the start of the 2021/22 season. Having started his football career with Newcastle United Baxter would spend 9 years with Gateshead FC as the club moved up the pyramid.

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JAKE STAFFORD (Midfield) Hard working defensive midfielder who brings stability to the team. Re-joined the squad in early November 2019 from Consett AFC after solving previous work commitment problems that had prevented him from travelling. Jake was a vital part of the Dunston team that lifted the Northern League Title at the end of the 2018-19 season.

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URSENE MOUANDA (Midfield) joined the Club in early January 2020 from South Shields FC. A product of the Gateshead Academy, he has earlier experience in Scotland with Rangers and Kilmarnock. He made a positive impression before the cancellation of the 2019-20 season and much is expected from him in the coming season.

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MICHAEL PEARSON (Midfielder) Joined Dunston prior to the start of the 2015-16 season from Consett AFC. Previous Clubs include Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields. Michael is a very popular member of the squad who gives his very best every time he pulls on the shirt.

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PHIL TURNBULL (Midfielder) Chris Swailes wasted no time in bringing the vastly experienced and talented midfielder to the UTS Stadium for the start of the 2021/22 season. Capable of playing with either foot and is described as fiercely competitive player. 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 Tynesider’s. In a 7 season spell, which included two successive promotions, the club eventually moved up to The National League and he became a firm favourite at The International Stadium before moving to Darlington in 2015 where he would gain promotion to The National League North in his first season.

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JACK ELLIOTT (Forward) A very talented player who returned to Dunston after a short spell at Hebburn Town FC in September 2019. He progressed through Newcastle United Academy then Consett AFC before moving to Dunston.

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LIAM THEAR (Forward) Liam is in his sixth season at the Club after completing a successful stint at the Gateshead Academy where he was very highly rated. A very strong and tricky player who has finally fully recovered from a serious injury suffered in the momentous FA Cup Tie against Gateshead in October 2018.

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SCOTT HESLOP (Forward) Hard-working forward who joined Dunston ahead of the 2016-17 season from Chester-le-Street Town where he was a prolific goal-scorer. Scott ended up as Dunston's top-scorer in his debut season at the UTS Stadium. He was voted Player of the Year as well Committee Player of The season and Players Player of the season in 2019-20.

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LEE MASON (Forward) Joining Dunston UTS FC from South Shields in May of 2021, Lee Mason brings with him a wealth of experience. The forward had been on the radar of Dunston Manager Chris Swailes for some time and became the club's third major signing ahead of the 2021/22 season. Capable of playing anywhere across the front line, he has great strength on the ball, scores goals, provides assists and he rarely gives the ball away.

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LUKE PORRITT – (Midfield) Porritt became Chris Swailes fourth signing of the 2021/22 season having previously played for Northern Premier League side Scarborough Athletic, before moving to the North East. Prior to that he had been with Hyde United and had started out as a youngster at Guiseley. He has had loan spells with Frickley and Ossett Albion and come with a solid pedigree of playing at a higher level.

Home shirt sponsor – Jack Hunter
Away shirt sponsor - Mr Pat McElhone
3rd shirt sponsor - Available
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Matty Pattison – (Midfield) Matty is a vastly experienced player. The former South Africa International started his career with Newcastle United. Having made 10 Premier League appearances for The Magpies. He then moved to Championship side Norwich City with former manager Glenn Roeder. He played over 50 games for "the Canaries" before moving to South Africa, playing for Mamelodi Sundowns, Engen Santos and Bidvest Wits. Returning to the North East in 2014, he joined Gateshead FC and has spent time with Blyth Spartans, South Shields and laterly near neighbours Whickham, for whom he briefly managed, before taking up the role as Coach at Gateshead FC's Academy.

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The 29 year old Guinea Bissau born forward caught the attention of Chris Swailes and Assistant Manager Jon McDonald following an impressive goal scoring start to the 2021/22 season, having netted 12 league goals in as many appearance for Bedlington Terriers in The Ebac Northern League Division 2.

His previous clubs include 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.

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CHRIS SWAILES (Manager) After a long professional career, Swaz played for Gateshead and Blyth Spartans before joining Dunston UTS and was a lynchpin in the team that lifted the FA Vase in 2012. He then moved on to Morpeth Town where he guided them to more Wembley success, scoring in the outstanding Wembley Final victory over the much fancied Hereford Football Club.

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JON MCDONALD (Assistant 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 brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge, he holds a UEFA B coaching license and is currently undertaking his UEFA A license.

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.

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IAN IRVING (COACH)

Ian joined Chris Swailes' backroom staff in August of 2021. Having previously worked alongside Assistant Manager Jon McDonald at Blyth Town, he brings with him a wealth of experience.

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Lewis Black (PHYSIOTHERAPIST)

The 22 year joined Chris Swailes' back room staff in July 2021 having completed 3 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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Scrappy hits 150



Last weekend's fixture away to Sheffield FC marked Liam "Scrappy" Thear's 150th appearance for Dunston UTS FC.

Since joining the club from Gateshead FC's Academy at the start of the 2015 season, Scrappy has gone on to become a genuine crowd favourite at The UTS Stadium, in part due to his effervescent personality and ability on the field to excite a crowd with his skills and trickery on the ball.



Chris Swailes commented;
"He's a one off, he beats players like no one I've seen at any level and he's an unbelievable talent".

With 52 career goals in both league and cup games for Dunston to his name, Scrappy has proved that he is a key player in Chris Swailes' side, with a string of impressive performances and 5 goals so far this campaign.

On making his 150th appearance for the club, Scrappy stated;

"I'm over the moon to have made this many appearances for Dunston UTS FC". "I didn't know it was as many and I wish it could have came under a better performance and 3 points than it did on Saturday"



"Even so, I'm still very proud to have been at this club for as long as I have. I have loved being here from my very 1st season and honestly couldn't see myself playing anywhere else! Also massive thanks to Billy Irwin and Tony Harrison who first brought me into the club."

"There have been some really great moments over my time here and hopefully we can find some consistency this season and have another successful year".



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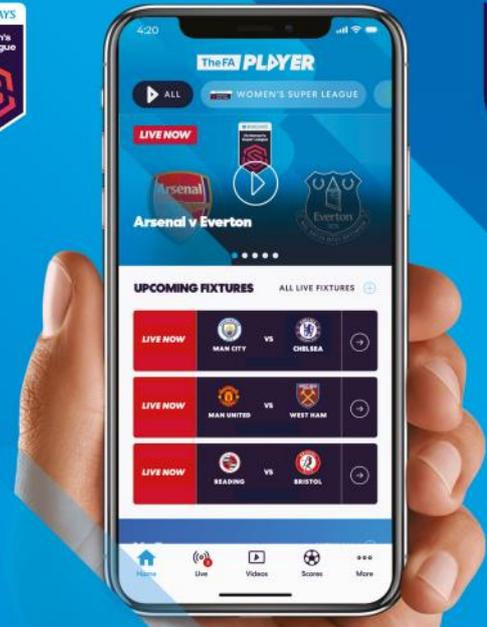


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**PLAYER
INTERVIEW
ANDY
CLARK**



Andy Clark has been a long-time servant of Dunston UTS FC. Now in his third spell at the club, he takes the role of supporting Liam Connell with all goalkeeping duties, including coaching and stepping in on the pitch where needed. He has years of Northern League experience, playing for South Shields and Ashington as well as Dunston, and is a firm club legend having played his part in the 2012 FA Vase title win. He has a 100% clean sheet record this season, following his solid performance against Worksop Town FC in the 3-0 victory.

We sat down with him to discuss the season so far, as well as his own future aspirations and where he'd like to see the club go.



So, Dunston are currently 6th in the table after 12 games, how would you assess the teams start to the season? We've taken a while to get going but once we did we showed what we are capable of doing as a squad which has got us up the league, however as last weekend showed we need to improve as we can quickly fall back down, if we want to get into the playoffs as a minimum by the end of the season we need to be performing 100% every game.



It's a big test this weekend when Bamber Bridge come to town, what do you think it will take to topple them and get into the first-round proper of the FA Trophy?

It's a tough one this weekend especially after last Saturday's performance. We have to be organised, strong and willing to take the opportunities when they come along.

Our home form has been fantastic lately, do you think the fans have had a part to play in that, and that they could be the difference this weekend?

It goes hand in hand I think, play/performance well and the crowds will come in and get being the team. It's always nice to see a good crowd down and seeing the faithful who I speak to every game have a smile on their faces.

Away from home we've had some great performances also. At Worksop Town you had a big part to play in that, keeping a clean sheet in the 3-0 win. Would you rank that as our best performance away this season?

I thought it was a great result and as always, I was happy to play my part, even if it took 5 days to recover. The team played well, and everything clicked on the night. It's the best away performances we've had so far, but I hope there is more to come, and we can continue to improve both away and at home.



Now in your third spell at Dunston, what is it about the club that has drawn you to come back and continue your footballing career.

I've been involved with Dunston from around 2006, firstly playing and then moving to a more keeper coaching role in 2009. Liam rang me last year when he was coming back to play and asked me to come out of retirement to coach him, he didn't need to ask twice. I have great memories, made some great friends for life and look forward to making and meeting more.

Judging by that last response you are looking forward to continuing your time at Dunston. What are your hopes for the next few seasons?

My playing days are definitely coming to an end if not already but will be involved in the coaching side for as long as I can be. I would like to see the club push forward in an ambitious but measured approach. A good cup run would be nice, it's hard to get a massive crowd in with a small catchment area but, the committee and long-time servants deserve good honest football, with the players giving 100% in the shirt and as long as that's here I will be. It's been a sad few days losing another legend in Fred. He always had time to talk to the players and I have fond memories of our chats and embracing victories. He is what Dunston UTS FC is all about and will be a massive miss match day and in the clubhouse.



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Player profiles

DANNY ROCCIA [Goalkeeper]

Signed from Charnock Richard, Danny is a big personality within the team and has a wealth of experience in the goalkeeper position and will be hoping to establish himself as the clubs 'Number 1' for the forthcoming season

DANNY FORBES [Midfield/Defender]

Danny is big and powerful and makes his presence felt either in midfield or in the heart of the defence, Danny signed for Brig from Kendal Town.

MACAULEY WILSON [Defender]

After a successful loan spell with the Brig while on the at Blackpool, Macauley then went on loan to A.F.C.Fylde, and when released from Blackpool it was thought that he would sign for Fylde, but they hesitated and Brig snapped him up. Macauley has been unfortunate with injuries and was side-lined for over 18 months through injury. However, since his recovery has become an integral part of the team, as well as fans favourite, and has been name as club captain for the 2021/22 campaign.

MATTHEW DUDLEY [Midfield/Striker]

Matt signed from Kendal Town, a very clever player who likes to create chances for his team mates as well as scoring goals himself.

CHRISTOPHER CHURCHMAN [Midfield]

Chris is in his second spell at the club after a spell at Clitheroe. A combative and intelligent midfield player, but can also fill a number of other rolls within the team

CALLUM SPOONER [Defender]

Signed from Atherton Collieries in November 2018, Callum can play as either an attacking full back or an assured centre back. Callum is one of the leaders of the team and has previously captained the team. His previous clubs include Stalybridge Celtic and Bolton Wanderers where he was a 1st year professional.

RYAN WHITE [Midfield/Striker]

Graduate of Bolton Wanderers' youth academy, Ryan returned to the club after a short spell away. He can play either as a winger or up front and is blessed with blistering pace and when playing wide can take on full backs and provide crosses for team mates to finish.

MATTHEW FLYNN [Defender]

Joined from National League North Side Curzon Ashton in October 2020, Matty is a powerful defender with a wealth of experience, having previous played for a number of North West clubs including Rochdale, Chorley, Southport and Fleetwood Town, having begun his football career with Macclesfield Town. With opportunities limited last season due to the pandemic, will be hoping to stake a claim for a regular starting place during the upcoming campaign.

CAMERON GOURLEY [Defender]

Signed from Squires Gate during the summer, Cameron has settled in well to the team. A hard-working player, who can play at either centre back or right back, and is very assured on the ball.

LUKE HIGHAM [Defender/Midfielder]

Signed from local rivals Lancaster City in 2020, Luke is a left footed player who predominately plays at left back or left wing. Started his career at Blackpool, signing his first professional contract in 2015 and made his first team debut in the Football League Trophy. Has also had a spell playing in Australia at Moreland City.

MATTHEW THOMSON [Defender]

Matty initialled joined Brig on loan from National League North side Chester FC in 2019, before joining on a permanent basis in the summer of 2020. A hard working right back, who loves to get up and down the pitch, with a key strength being his delivery in to the box.

MARK YEATES [Midfielder]

A vastly experienced and talented football league player, Mark joined from AFC Fylde in October 2020. Mark began his career with Tottenham Hotspur, spending time on loan at Brighton & Hove Albion, Swindon Town, Colchester United, Hull City and Leicester City. On leaving Spurs he returned on a permanent deal to Colchester before spells with Middlesbrough, Sheffield United, Watford and Bradford City to name a few. Mark is an assured player on the ball, with a range of passing ability, and also has three under-21 caps for the Republic of Ireland

EWAN BANGE [Striker]

Ewan has joined the Brig on loan from local neighbours Blackpool, having progressed through their youth system. A powerful striker, with a good touch and hold up play, Ewan made his Blackpool debut in 2019 in the EFL Trophy and will be hoping to use the loan spell to continue his development and gain some valuable first team experience.

ROB APTER [Attacking Midfielder]

Rob has also joined the Brig on loan from Blackpool. He is a tricky and exciting player, who has been impressing with his performances in their youth teams, so much so that he was offered a professional contract in November 2020. Has already made his league debut for Blackpool in a 5-0 win at Wigan Athletic in January 2021, providing an assist. Rob will also be hoping to use the loan spell to continue his development.

SHELDON GREEN [Midfielder/Striker]

Signed after a spell playing in the US for the New Orleans Jesters, Sheldon is no stranger to Brig fans, having previously had a loan spell with the club whilst at AFC Fylde. Now a permanent member of the squad, Sheldon will be hoping to nail down a regular spot in the starting 11 this season, and demonstrate the natural talent and ability he has.

CRAIG CARNEY [Midfielder]

Joined from fellow Northern Premier League side Matlock Town in September 2021. Craig is an experienced creative midfielder who likes to get from box-to-box. He started out as a youngster at Southport, and has played for Lancaster City, Warrington Town and FC United of Manchester.

FIN SINCLAIR-SMITH [Attacking Midfielder]

Signed from fellow Northern Premier League side FC United of Manchester in September 2021, Fin is an exciting, tricky, pacy winger, who has become a crowd favourite already. Fin started his career at Blackpool in 2013 and scored on his senior debut, in a home draw against Wigan Athletic in August 2017 in the EFL Trophy. Fin went on to sign a professional contract with Blackpool in May 2018.

Upon his release by Blackpool in the summer of 2019, Fin joined Longridge Town, before then moving to FC United of Manchester.

JOE RODWELL-GRANT The Preston North End Football Club striker has joined the club on a month long loan

NATHAN POND [Defender]

A vastly experienced football league player, who joined 'Brig' in October 2021. Originally from Preston, Nathan played for Fleetwood Town over a fifteen-year period. During this time, he played in seven divisions for the club, winning six promotions up to League One and is recognised by Guinness as holding the world record for appearing in the most different divisions with a single football club. More recently Nathan has had spells at Salford City, AFC Fylde and AFC Telford United and is widely recognised for his defensive strength and leadership qualities. Internationally, he has also represented Monserrat, earning his first caps in 2019.

MATEUSZ HEWELT [Goalkeeper]

Mateusz signed for the club after a 2-year spell in his native Poland, playing for Miedź Legnica in the Polish second division. Mateusz originally joined Everton as a scholar in the summer of 2013, going on to be a regular in both the Under-18s and Under-21s, as well as working with the first team. Having joined the club in September 2021, Mateusz has already established himself as the regular first choice goal keeper, with some commanding displays, highlighting his composure and his excellent distribution and shot stopping.

JAMIE MILLIGAN [Manager]

Former Everton, Blackpool & Fleetwood midfielder Jamie joined as first team manager after previously spending a number of seasons at Bamber Bridge as a player and coach. He was part of the promotion winning side of 2017/18 and also scored the opening goal in the 2-1 victory over Grantham Town in the 2017 League cup final. Jamie was appointed as Manager in the Autumn of 2019 and brings a wealth of experience of coaching to the role.

JOHN HILLS [Assistant Manager]

Former Blackpool, Everton, Gillingham & Sheffield Wednesday defender John joined the club as assistant manager in December 2019. Forced to retire early due to injury, John brings a wealth of coaching experience, having worked at a number of clubs including Fleetwood Town, Blackpool and AFC Fylde to name a few.

PAIGE MORRIS [Physio]

Paige joined the club just prior to the start of the 2020/21 season having previously been with local rivals Chorley.

Match Report - Sheffield FC vs Dunston UTS FC

Northern Premier League - East Division

Tuesday 23rd October 2021

Kick-off: 3pm

Referee: Ben Tomlinson

Venue: The BT Local Stadium

Attendance: 879

Half-time: Sheffield 0-1 Dunston

Full-time: Sheffield 2-1 Dunston

Reporter: Dom Bingham



Dunston started brilliantly, going 1-0 up just 8 minutes in with Jake Stafford guiding the ball home from a Jack Elliott cross following superb work down the left. They then had a succession of chances to make it 2-0. They had a ferocious shot blocked following a knock down, and then Stafford had his shot saved by keeper Jonathan Hedge. Dunston were in control of the match, Thear and Elliott both having mazy runs into the Sheffield box causing havoc for the defence, but they managed to scramble the ball away on both occasions to make sure they went into the break just the one goal down.

However, Dunston rued these missed chances in the second half. Just five minutes in, a long ball forward by the Sheffield backline was flicked on by striker Marc Newsham, which then fell to Charlie Reaney to stab home and level the game.

This early goal galvanised the home side, and Luke Hall had the chance to put his side ahead, but could only hit the side netting with his shot whilst one on one. Connell then made a good save from Hall as Sheffield grew in confidence.

With a draw looking likely, Sheffield found a winner in the dying minutes. A long ball over the Dunston defence was latched onto by Newsham who kept his composure to beat Michael Hall for pace to score and send his side on their way to a huge three points and just their second win of the season. Dunston threw everyone forward in the dying stages, but couldn't break down the resolute Sheffield defence.

Dunston will look to bounce back next Saturday when Northern Premier League side Bamber Bridge visit in the 3rd qualifying round of the Buildbase FA Trophy.

Dunston UTS FC Man of the Match: Jake Stafford

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