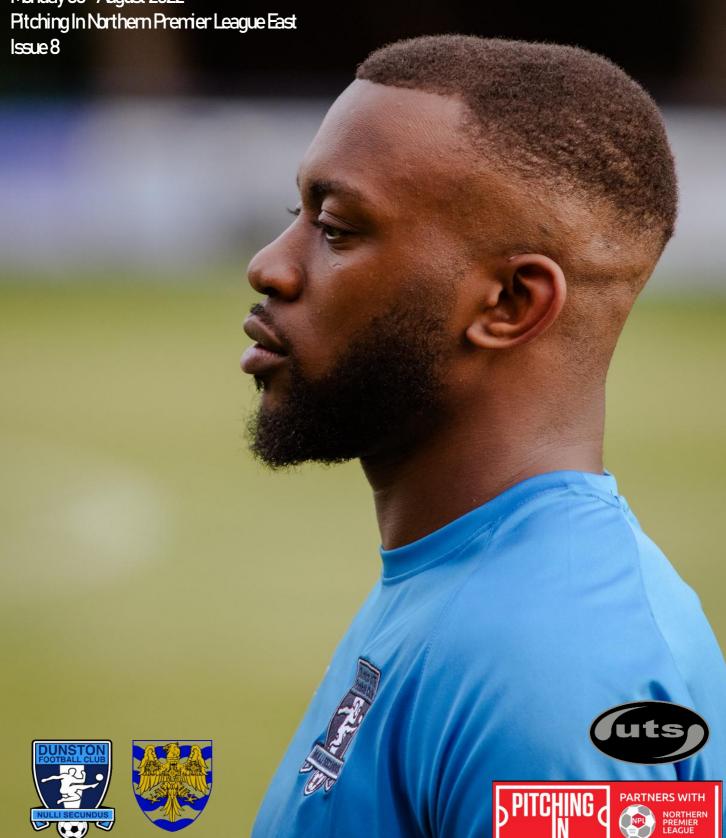
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WELCOME!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the UTS Stadium this afternoon for our fifth PITCHING-IN NPL East Division game of the 2022-23 season.

Our opponents today are our old friends CONSETT AFC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their short journey from North West Durham.

It's good that the NPL do their best to ensure that, where possible, Clubs are fixtured to play their near neighbours on a bank holiday so that long journeys are avoided.

Consett AFC are getting a first taste of Level 4 football after their deserved promotion from the Northern League last season. They did it the hard way when they were forced to travel to Cambridgeshire where they achieved a famous 2–1 victory at Histon FC in an Inter–Step Play–Off, with Dan Marriott – a local lad who rose through the Club's junior ranks – scoring the winning goal.

Consett AFC had led the Northern League First Division Table from the start of last season but an horrendous spate of injuries late on allowed North Shields to pip them to the Northern League Title necessitating the Play-Off for promotion.

They have made a promising start to their debut season in the new League and are currently occupying seventh place in the NPL East Division Table. They will be determined to make a fist of things and will be eager to go onto even greater success at the higher level.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Our Match Referee is Connor Scott who comes from Ryton, and he is joined by his Assistant Referees Tyler Dutton from Washington and Anthony Ficetola from Darlington.

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 Season Tickets, Executive Package, Club Merchandise, Concessions and Sponsorship Opportunities can be obtained from any Club Official or at the Club Office.

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

The Editor

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 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 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 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 a bit more difficult than expected against tougher opponents in the NPL North West Division. Some promising early results were tempered by some set-backs and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any great consistancy. 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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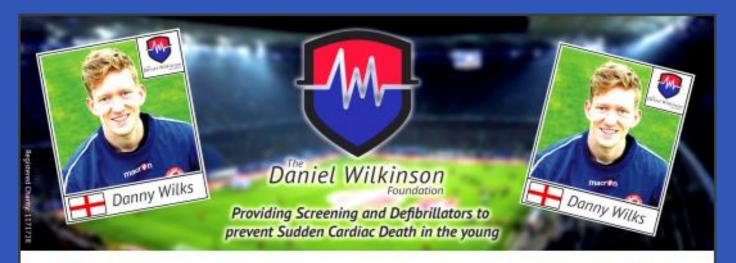
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CLUB NEWS

Dunston FC were last week thrilled to announce two exciting new sponsorships. Firstly, The North Eastern Brewing Company, based just down the road in Dunston, joined on board as our new man of the match sponsors. This involves them gifting a crate of their finest liquids to the man

of the match at every home game, which is to be chosen by the game's sponsors. The first recipient of their goods Phil was Turnbull. who was voted man of the match for his commanding display in midfield against Ossett Untied last Tuesday.



The second new sponsors to come on board is TMP Motors who will from now be sponsoring our matchday highlights reel. TMP who are again

another local company, will be on board for the rest of the 2022/23 season. We are delighted to welcome both local organisations onboard and thank them both for their support this season.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



We are delighted to welcome Beamish Under 7's to today's game against Consett AFC. The lads will not only be mascots for the game, but they will also be holding a bucket collection prior and during the game to raise funds for their club. Please do say hello to the young lads and support them with anything you can afford to give.

On behalf of everyone at Dunston FC, we hope you have a great day, lads!



MATCH REPORT | WORKSOP (A)

Worksop Town vs Dunston FC – Northern Premier League East Division

Goals: Jensen (88)

Att: 326

Having recorded wins in their last two away matches, and also fighting back from two goals down to claim a vital point at home to Ossett United on Tuesday night, Dunston travelled to Worksop full of confidence of another positive result. Jon Shaw returned to the starting lineup following a game out, whilst Dan Staples made his first league start.

The best chance of the opening exchanges went the way of centre back Shaw, who forced the Tigers stopper Sebastian Malkowski into a smart double save at the back post as Dunston started brightly.

Worksop then grew into the game on home turf and had a plethora of chances; first Staples collected the ball comfortably from a James Hanson header, before Terry Galbraith made a superb goal line clearance to deny Terry Hawkridge who had lobbed Staples.

The Tigers continued to press as the first half ebbed on, and Hutchinson did well down the right to pull back for Jay Rollins, however the forward could only curl an effort over. On 28 minutes, Worksop had a glorious opportunity to open the scoring when Hanson was put through on goal, but the striker miss hit the ball and put his effort wide.

Dunston were living dangerously, and received a sucker-punch blow on the stroke of halftime as Worksop opened the scoring. It was midfielder Paul Green who was the goalscorer, heading home from a cross despite the suspicion of a handball in the process. The hosts didn't care, and went in ahead a goal to the good.

Jake Jensen almost levelled for Dunston straight after the beginning of the second half, shooting low into the bottom corner, only for Malkowski to save brilliantly to deny the Dunston man a first competitive goal.

On 49 minutes, it was the hosts who doubled their lead and developed some breathing space. Jay Rollins wrestled his man off the ball, drove and rolled the ball past Staples to give the home side a buffer with forty minutes of the game to play.

On 57 minutes, Worksop put the game seemingly to bed. Terry Hawkridge it was this time getting himself on the scoresheet. Dunston were dispossessed in midfield, and when Hawkridge was given the ball, he skipped past two challenges and fired past Staples to make Dunston's afternoon go from bad to worse.

Chris Swailes rang the changes to try and salvage something from the game, but with the Tigers controlling proceedings and slowing the game down, Dunston were finding it hard to break the home side down. A consolation goal was scored by the impressive and hardworking Jensen, with the youngster finishing brilliantly after being played through by Michael Fowler to give the away side some hope.

The goal came too late however, and Worksop held out for their first win of the season, compounding Dunston to a second league defeat of the season.



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TODAY'S VISITORS | CONSETT AFC

Mark Foden (Goalkeeper). Age 26.

Glasgow-born Mark is an experienced keeper who signed in the summer. Came up through the youth ranks at Hartlepool United before joining Ross County and having loan spells at Stirling Albion and Stenhousemuir. After a season at Gateshead, he had a spell out of the game before joining Blyth Spartans in March 2019. After playing two games on loan at Consett early in the 2019–20 season he joined Hebburn Town permanently and became their first-choice keeper. Played against Consett in the delayed 2020 FA Vase final and won promotion to the Northern Premier League with Hebburn at the end of the 2020–21 season. He missed only one game last season, but was released at the end of his contract in the summer when a new manager came in. Made his Consett debut in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Ross Coombe (Goalkeeper). Age 23.

Returned in October 2021 to the club where his Northern League career began. Came up through the U21s ranks and made his first-team debut aged just 17 in March 2017. The following season saw him enjoy an extended run in the team, before an injury cost him his place. After making a total of 45 appearances for his hometown club Ross moved to South Shields early in 2018-19. He spent two seasons with the Mariners. After being loaned to Stockton Town and having spells with Whickham and West Auckland Town he's back at Consett, where he's keen to keep improving and proved a more-than-dependable deputy. Will push Mark hard for the No 1 shirt.

Karl Byrne (Defender). Age 26.

Defender Karl started his career at South Dublin club Cabinteely in his native Republic of Ireland's second tier before switching to Northern Premier League side Frickley Athletic in March 2019, making eight appearances before the season's end. That summer he joined National League North club Boston United in July 2019 and made eight appearances for them too before leaving on a free transfer for Bradford Park Avenue in March 2020. He signed for another National League North side Blyth Spartans in July 2021, and played 17 games for them last season, before being released in the summer. Normally a right-back, he can also play on the right side of midfield, and his attacking style has already made him a fans' favourite. Made his Consett debut in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Darren Holden (Defender). Age 28.

A summer 2018 signing, the left-back made an immediate impact on his debut as a sub v Guisborough, with the assist for our winning goal. Played 58 Football League games over four seasons for Hartlepool United, and featured in the National League for Gateshead and Guiseley, with spells at South Shields, Jarrow Roofing, West Auckland and Ross County. Loves to get forward and join the attack. An unused sub in the 2017 Vase final for South Shields, he figured in all but one game of our run to the FA Vase final, scoring a fine goal v Lutterworth. Now has more than 130 appearances for the club to his name and has re-signed for another season, though he'll miss the first two games through suspension.

James Metcalfe (Defender). Age 19.

Centre-half James is from Swaledale, North Yorkshire, but the club didn't hesitate to sign him last summer after he impressed in early pre-season games. A former Darlington youth player, he's also played for Richmond Mavericks in the Wensleydale League, and made his Northern League debut for Penrith when he was just 16. He says his biggest influence is Liverpool and Netherlands centre-back Virgil van Dijk. Made his debut as a sub in the FA Cup at Whickham on August 6, and got his first start against West Allotment four days later. He made 19 appearances and scored 3 goals last season, and is relishing the thought of stepping up to the NPL.

Arjun Purewal (Defender). Age 32.

Signed in March 2017 from Jarrow Roofing, Arj, who is the twin brother of Hebburn's Amar, has made 184 appearances for the club. A Northern League winner at Darlington, he played higher up the pyramid for the Quakers, Durham City, Blyth Spartans and Whitby Town, as well as having two spells at Bishop Auckland. A Panjab international, he was Supporters' Player of the Year and a Durham Challenge Cup winner in 2017-18. An enormously respected club captain, he figured in all but one game of our FA Vase run, scoring a vital goal vs Deal Town in the 5th Round. Sadly, he'll miss the start of the season as he recovers from a fractured foot.

Dan Capewell (Defender). Age 26.

A commanding centre-back who was signed from Northern Premier League side Dunston on 21 January. Dominant in the air and good on the ground, he had been with the Tynesiders since 2016, having previously played for Bedlington Terriers and North Shields Athletic. He was nominated for Northern League Young Player of the Year in Dunston's title-winning season of 2018-19 and was named Supporters' Player of the Year. Made his Consett debut on 22 January in the 2-0 win at Newton Aycliffe and got his first goal v Ryhope on 12 February - the first of 4 in 13 games. Missed several games in the promotion play-off due to a badly broken nose, but returned for the playoff, in which he played a pivotal role. Signed permanently in the summer.

Ben Milburn (Defender). Age 19.

A big, physical central defender with lots of pace, who was part of the summer influx of fresh faces to Belle View. He started last season at Blyth Spartans, and then featured for Whickham before switching to North Shields, where he was part of the squad which pipped Consett to the Northern League title. A tall, strong, quick player who is good in the air and on the ground, he started his career at the highly-rated Park View youth set-up, and also represented Durham County. A natural leader, and a good communicator, he made the transition from youth to senior football seamlessly, and had trials at Sunderland Academy. Made his Consett debut in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Mark McLeod (Defender/Midfield). Age 35.

Another of the summer's new arrivals. Began his career at Darlington when they were in the Football League, captaining their youth team. After loans to Conference side Harrogate Town and Northern League Durham City, he made his first-team debut in March 2006. After six appearances for the Quakers, and a spell out on loan at Workington, he was released at the end of 2006-07. After a spell with Swedish lower league club Ostavalls IF, he joined Newcastle Blue Star, and then Sunderland RCA, while studying, before his career took him to London. He joined Walton & Hersham of the Isthmian League Division One, and also played for Chipstead, Harrow Borough, Aylesbury and Uxbridge. After returning north in 2021 he signed a one-year deal with Hebburn Town, who had just been promoted to the Northern Premier League, and also spent a month on loan with Seaham Red Star.

Kieran Aplin (Defender/Midfield). Age 22.

Gateshead-born left-back or midfielder Kieren spent several years at the Newcastle United Academy, where he was a regular in the U18s Premier League, and also played in the FA Youth Cup. After his two-year scholarship came to an end in July 2018 he spent the following season at North Shields, where he had come up through the junior ranks. Signed for Consett in July 2020 and spent pre-season at Belle View, but joined National League side Gateshead on 15 September 2020 without making a competitive appearance. Made his competitive debut in the FA Trophy v Farsley Celtic before the season was curtailed. Re-signed with the Heed for 2021-22 but was loaned out to NPL side Hebburn Town. He was released by Gateshead in June 2022. Made a goalscoring debut for Consett in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Lewis Green (Midfield). Age 27.

Lewis is in his second spell at Consett, having first signed in summer 2020 as football emerged from the coronavirus lockdown which had seen the previous season declared null and void. He had spent the previous season with Thornaby, and came to

our attention when he scored against us in a 1-1 draw at Belle View. It was his second spell at Thornaby, with some time at Easington Colliery in-between. His career began at Hartlepool United Academy, and he also has Northern League experience with Billingham Town and Norton & Stockton Ancients. The odd man out of our 19-man squad which went to Wembley for the delayed FA Vase final, he started last season at Guisborough, but returned a few months later and signed a contract in the summer.

Danny Craggs (Midfield). Age 37.

Rejoined his hometown club in the summer for a third spell after leaving fellow NPL side Shildon, where he'd spent the last three years. He's looking to add to his 257 appearances and 89 goals, which puts him 8th in our list of all-time scorers. He was part of the Consett squad who were Northern League runners-up in 2010-11 before leaving for Dunston, where he won the FA Vase in 2013. He returned in October 2014 and was Players' Player of the Year and joint Committee Player of the Year in 2015-16. Known for his setpiece prowess, Danny captained Consett to the Durham Challenge Cup in 2017-18. Has also played for Tow Law and Esh Winning in the Northern League, as well as Shildon in the Northern League and Northern Premier League.

Lee Hume (Midfield). Age 23.

Lee, from Darlington, was the final signing of a busy summer which saw Consett's squad undergo a major overhaul in readiness for stepping up to the Northern Premier League. A technically gifted player who can dictate games from the centre of the pitch, he spent five years at Hartlepool United's academy before turned professional with Darlington for a season. During that time, he had a spell on loan at Billingham Synthonia, and when he was released in 2018 he joined Crook, where his team-mates called him 'Crunchie' due to his appetite for a tackle. He captained Crook last season when they won at Consett in a game which severely dented our promotion prospects. Made his Consett debut as a sub in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Jake Orrell (Midfield). Age 25.

Signed on 27 September 2019 from National League North side Blyth Spartans, he made his debut as a sub the next day in a 2-2 draw at Stockton. He was at Sunderland Academy before joining Gateshead, then earned a contract at League One side Chesterfield, where he made two first-team appearances. He went on to play for Matlock Town (loan), Hartlepool United and Spennymoor Town, before switching to Newcastle Benfield, where he was a League Cup runner-up. An ever-present in our Vase run, he was a big miss when he went off injured in the final v Hebburn at Wembley. An all-round midfielder, he played all 50 games last season, scoring 11 goals. Has captained the side.

Matty Slocombe (Midfield). Age 28.

Signed in January 2012, Matty was named Players' Player of the Year in 2014-15, when he was also nominated as Northern League Young Player of the Year for the second time. Will play anywhere, but is happiest in central midfield, where he never shirks a challenge. Players' Player again in 2017-18 and a key part of that season's Durham Challenge Cup-winning side. Has made 380 appearances for the club and is a real fans' favourite. Missed only one game of our FA Vase run, and was many people's man of the match in the final. Played as an emergency centre-back at times last season, and was man of the match in the play-off at Histon. Named vice-captain in the summer, he will start the season with the armband in Arj's absence.

Calvin Smith (Midfield). Age 35.

Returned in summer 2017 after a season at Jarrow Roofing. His first spell, after signing from Spennymoor Town in 2012, saw him score 26 goals in 208 games, including some superb long-range strikes. A class act, with a great range of passing, he was a Durham Challenge Cup winner in 2018, and was joint-Player of the Year. 2019-20 saw him score 18 goals – his best-ever seasonal tally. An ever-present in the Vase run, he scored twice in extra time at Atherstone and got the goal v Bitton which took us to Wembley. Made his 400th appearance for the club at Newton Aycliffe in January. Played all but one game last season, but misses the start of this season through his first-ever suspension. Spent some of last season as an emergency centre-back.

Daniel Marriott (Midfield). Age 20.

A local lad who was already a fans' favourite even before he scored the play-off goal at Histon which won promotion. A graduate of the NUFC Btec Foundation side which plays out of Belle View, and also Gateshead College Academy. Previously with Consett U21s, he made the bench once before signing for Esh Winning to gain experience. Re-signed in January 2020, and made his senior debut as a sub v Newcastle Benfield on 19 September that year. After several more appearances off the bench, he was given his first start in April 2021 in the Durham Challenge Cup at Birtley Town. Scored his first goal in the 5-0 win over West Allotment Celtic in August 2021, and ended the season by being named our Supporters' Most Improved Player.

Declan Bisset (Midfield). Age 18.

Declan Bisset, who's just turned 18, was one of the Northern League's most exciting young talents when Consett snapped him up as they prepared to make the step up to the Northern Premier League with Consett. The creative midfielder, who spent some time in Sunderland's youth set-up, had spent the last two seasons at Whickham, making his debut as a 16-year-old. Last season he played 36 games for the

Highwaymen, scoring three matchwinning goals and providing four assists. Good on the ball, he creates openings for others and has the ability to pick a pass, which he's already shown in pre-season. A real one to watch for the next few years. Made his Consett debut in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Adam Mitchell (Midfield). Aged 28.

The attacking midfielder was one of Consett's major summer signings, after spending the previous five seasons at West Auckland, where he scored 18 goals in 98 games. Began as a schoolboy at Sunderland, and made his way through the ranks until he made his debut for the first team at Tottenham in May 2013. A regular in the reserves in 2013-14, he was loaned out to Darlington near the end of the season, and eventually released. Signed a two-year contract at Darlington, where he made 109 appearances, scoring 14 goals, and then had a year with Spennymoor Town, helping them to promotion to the National League North. Joined West Auckland on loan in August 2017, before making the move permanent. Won the Durham Challenge Cup in 2021. Made his Consett debut as a sub in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Zak Atkinson (Forward). Age 26.

Zak was Consett's first signing of the summer, joining from Northern League neighbours Whickham, as they embarked on a major rebuilding programe. A pacy striker with a good physical presence, he agreed terms despite being wanted by several other clubs, including some at higher levels. Zak has also played for Blyth Town, Ashington, Bishop Auckland, Blyth Spartans and Shildon, and scored 15 goals in 37 appearances for Whickham last season. He's not just a goalscorer, however: he also provided 10 assists for the Highwaymen, and he's another player who's looking forward to making a name for himself in the Northern Premier League. Made his Consett debut in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Cyril Giraud (Forward). Age 22.

Pacy attacker Cyril Giraud was another of the raft of summer signings, joining from former Northern League rivals Thornaby.

The Frenchman started his career with Châteauroux in the French third division before being released. After coming to the UK to study, he signed for Newcastle Benfield in July 2019 after scoring a hat-trick for them while on trial, and spent the next two years with the Lions. Despite attracting interest from professional clubs, he moved to Thornaby in October 2021, and became a vital cog in the Teessiders team which finished third in the league last season. He caught the eye in two games against Consett, scoring against us for both Benfield and Thornaby. Made his Consett debut in the FA Cup at Goole on 6 August.

Colin Larkin (Forward). Age 40.

Signed in summer 2021 from Sunderland RCA, Colin was a hugely popular choice as Supporters' Player of the Year at the end of our 2021-22 promotion season. Capped at U17 level by the Republic of Ireland, he was a professional at Wolves, and also played for Kidderminster Harriers, Mansfield Town, Chesterfield, Northampton Town and Hartlepool United. Dropping into non-league, he has been at Lincoln City, Harrogate Town, Gateshead, and West Auckland, before moving to RCA in 2015. Scored on his Consett debut at Northallerton on August 4 and grabbed 17 goals in 40 games to help steer the club to promotion. He's put off his retirement to help the club step up to the NPL, and his attitude, workrate and experience will be invaluable.

ONE TO WATCH - KIERAN APLIN

Despite his release from Gateshead, Aplin has really hit the ground running at Consett in the Northern Premier League East Division this season, having scored twice in the first five games. A man with experience at Newcastle

United within the academy means he clearly possesses everything you need to be successful, and his experience at North Shields and Gateshead cannot be looked over. The Dunston midfield must be at their best to thwart Aplin, who looks a threat for the visitors both creatively and on goal. (Photo courtesy of Consett AFC)



MANAGEMENT TEAM

Andy Coyles (Manager).

Andy, who was with Whitehaven and Workington during his playing days, joined the backroom team just before the start of the 2019-20 season. A holder of the Uefa 'A' licence, he is senior lecturer and practitioner in sport coaching/PE at Northumbria University in Newcastle, and head coach of the England Universities men's football team. Spent three years as a coach at Stoke City before relocating to the North East, and had a spell as manager of Northern League side Penrith. Became interim manager following the previous management team's departure for Blyth Spartans,

and was made permanent in December 2021. Despite a mid-season injury crisis which cost them top spot, his side were promoted via an end-of-season inter-step play-off.

Richie Hill (Assistant Manager).

Joined Consett as Andy Coyles' No 2 in June 2022 as the club prepared for its debut Northern Premier League season. The 52-year-old came from Spennymoor Town, where he was involved in their successful youth set-up. As well as holding the UEFA 'A' coaching licence, Richie has the prestigious FA Advanced Youth Award and FA Futsal level 2 qualifications. He started coaching in 2004 at Hartlepool United before becoming a lead coach at the Middlesbrough FC Academy, playing a key role in the development of many young players, including current first-teamers Dael Fry and Marcus Tavernier.

He also helped Crook Town win promotion to the Northern League 1st Division, before switching to Spennymoor, where he worked with the U18s and U21s.

Ben Cole (Goalkeeping Coach).

Ex-Middlesbrough pro Ben joined the backroom staff in September 2014 to provide specialist goalkeeping coaching. As a player, he was ever-present for Brandon United when they won the Northern League title against all the odds in 2002-03. He immediately hung up his gloves but played his first game at this level for 13 years in January 2016, when at the age of 38, he was forced to come on as sub v Washington. He came off the bench twice more in 2016-17 and though he's retired for good now, remains a big character around the club.

Gavin Scott (Physiotherapist).

Gavin took over as club physio early in the 2021-22 season after the departure of Rachel Davison, who he had previously assisted and deputised for. Consett is a club which runs in his veins, as he's been part of the management team for the Consett Bulls junior side for 13 years, and is proud to see them graduate into open age adult football this season as members of the Wearside League. His son Kieran, who's made the bench for the first team on a couple of occasions, captains the team, which now plays as Consett Reserves. Don't let Gav tell you one of his jokes though - you'll need treatment afterwards!



CLUB PROFILE | CONSETT AFC







Founded: 1899

Nickname(s): The Steelmen

Ground: Belle Vue Stadium

Capacity: 3770 (250 seated)

Chairman: Frank Bell

Manager: Andy Coyles

2021/22 League Position: 2nd (Northern League Division one)

Club Colours: White with dashes of blue and gold.

Honours: FA Vase finalists 2019–20

Durham Challenge Cup Winners: 1947-48, 1949-50, 1958-59, 1960-61, 1968-69, 2006-07, 2017-18

Northern League 1st Division Runners-Up: 1976-77, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2021-22

Inter-step 4/5 Play-Off Winners 2021-22

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CLUB HISTORY | CONSETT AFC

Consett AFC are at Step 4 of the non-league pyramid for the 2022-23 season - the highest level the club has ever played at. But their ambitions don't end there, and under forward-thinking chairman Frank Bell they hope to not only establish themselves, but aim to go higher. They won their place in the Northern Premier League with a 2-1 victory at Histon in an inter-step play-off, with Dan Marriott - a local lad who rose through the club's junior ranks - scoring the winning goal.

He's a prime example of how the club aims to develop local talent, and with more than 60 junior teams aged from 7-19, and a reserve team competing at Step 7 in the Wearside League, they hope others will follow. Like most non-league clubs, Consett endured the frustration of seeing two years of hard work come to nothing due to the coronavirus pandemic, with 2019-20 declared null and void by the FA, and the following season curtailed. They also saw the momentum of their best-ever run in the FA Vase interrupted not once but twice, with the semi-final delayed until September 2020, and the final eventually played almost a year late.

The players, staff and committee of the County Durham club got their long-awaited day at Wembley on May 3, 2021, though a 90,000-seater stadium with no fans made for a surreal experience. In a thrilling final, Consett took the lead twice with first-half goals from Ali Alshabeeb and Dale Pearson, but were swiftly pegged back by fellow Northern League side Hebburn Town both times. Pride in the team's fine performance on the big stage turned to heartbreak when the Hornets stung the Steelmen with a late goal to make it 3-2 and take the Vase to South Tyneside.

2021-22 saw the Steelmen, whose team is a good, talented blend of youth and experience, achieve their pre-season aim of promotion. They led the Northern League for seven months, taking a mid-season managerial change in their stride. But a disappointing run-in, losing five times to lower-table opponents as a crippling injury list caught up with them, handed the initiative to North Shields, who ended nine points clear as worthy champions, leaving Consett as runners-up for the fifth time in their history, and having to go up the hard way, via the play-offs.

The foundations for the brand of football fans enjoy today were put in place by Kenny Lindoe, who became manager in 2005, two years after he'd won the Northern League on a shoestring at Brandon United. Consett had just been relegated to the 2nd Division for the second time in three seasons. They'd gone straight back up the previous time, and did it again, breaking a host of club records along the way. They started with 19 consecutive wins, finished with 102 points, a +103 goal difference, and a biggest-ever win, 12-1 v Guisborough Town.

His attack-minded team's first season back in the top flight, 2006-07, saw them finish a creditable 4th, but the high-spot was beating Chester-le-Street Town 3-2 to win the Durham Challenge Cup for the sixth time, but the first in 38 years. You'd have to be a supporter of many years' standing to remember the others, which were in 1948, 1950, 1959, 1961 and 1969.

Consett built a reputation as the league's 'entertainers', and hopes were high that 2007-08 would see them break their duck and win the championship of the Northern League, which they'd joined in 1970. They'd only come close once before, in 1976-77, finishing level at the top with Spennymoor United, but losing a title play-off 3-0 - goal difference not counting at the time.

The campaign started well, and Lindoe's side were among the front-runners until the turn of the year. But what was until then their best-ever run in the FA Vase, which ended in a 5th Round exit at Merstham, in Surrey, losing 5-4 after extra time after having a man controversially sent off, cost them dear. The league games they had to catch up with proved too much for a relatively small squad, and they had to settle for the runners-up spot behind Durham City.

In 2008-09 they went even closer, twice coming within minutes of a first league title. A point from their last game at Whitley Bay would have made them champions, and they led 2-0 at half-time. But a second-half fightback saw the FA Vase finalists (and eventual winners) break Consett hearts with a late winner. Three days later Newcastle Benfield went to Penrith needing a win to snatch the championship from Consett's grasp, and got it with a few minutes to go, leaving the Steelmen as runners-up for the second year in a row.

2009-10 was ruined by injuries to an extent no one connected with the club could remember, with up to 12 players out at a time, and 41 different players used during the campaign. Away form was excellent, with 14 wins on the road matched only by champions Spennymoor. But home form was erratic to say the least, and the Steelmen had to settle for a 10th-place finish.

In 2010-11, Lindoe carried out a major rebuild, and was rewarded with a rise to the top of the table on the back of excellent home form, where his team went 13 games unbeaten before losing to Spennymoor in late February. But they lost momentum after the manager suffered a near-fatal St Patrick's Day heart attack. Under caretaker boss David Hagan and assistant David Robson, they rallied to finish runners-up for the third time in four seasons. Their tally of 93 points (and 103 goals) was their best-ever 1st Division haul and would have been enough to win the title most years.

The next two years, overshadowed by planning wrangles, saw the club finish 15th and 9th. The end of an era came in May 2013, when the club finally left Belle Vue Park, their

crumbling old home of 63 years. It had been built by volunteers from the town's long-gone steelworks, and its opening game in the old North Eastern League (NEL) v Sunderland Reserves in August 1950 attracted the never-bettered gate of 7,000.

Memories of the old ground and the teams who played there would live on among older supporters – they won the NEL League Cup in 1951 and 1954, the Northern Counties League in 1962, the Northern League Cup in 1995, and reached the FA Cup 1st Round twice, in 1958 and 1996, the second under long-serving manager Colin Carr, who was in charge for 15 years.

The new ground, named Belle View Stadium, was built by Durham County Council at a cost of £3million in exchange for the club giving up the remaining years on the lease for the old ground. It came complete with a state-of-the-art 3G pitch, ready to withstand all but the worst excesses of a North West Durham winter.

The opening night, Friday 22 November 2013, was beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Newcastle United, who provided the opposition for the Steelmen's last game at the old ground, were first footers at the new one, and a Peter Beardsley-led side performed the honours in front of a bumper crowd of 2,954. Consett-born FIFA official Mark Clattenburg, who gave his services for free, had to delay kick-off by 25 minutes so everyone could get in. The Magpies were party-poopers, winning 2-1, but a week later Consett beat Spennymoor Town by the same score in the ground's first Northern League game.

That 2013-14 season, when the club had to play their first 18 league games away while their new home was being finished, was always going to be one of consolidation, and they duly finished 11th. But Frank Bell, who took over as Chairman in 2013, put in place a plan of gradual improvement, on and off the field, with the aim of making Consett AFC a force to be reckoned with over the next few years.

There was a setback in January 2015, when, after nearly 10 years and more than 500 games in charge, Kenny Lindoe stood down as manager. He's still involved with the club, scouting and identifying and recruiting players. His replacement was Colin Myers, who cut his coaching teeth under Kenny at Brandon before becoming manager at Bishop Auckland, where he won the Durham Challenge Cup, and was then assistant manager at Blyth Spartans when they reached the FA Cup 3rd Round.

After a good end to 2014-15, and an improved 9th-place finish, 2015-16 started promisingly, with FA Cup wins over Colne and Scarborough, and a narrow defeat by National League side Bradford Park Avenue. But form slowly deteriorated, leading to early exits from all the other cups, and after a defeat at West Auckland on 5 March 2016 – the 9th in 13 games – Myers resigned.

Mark Eccles, a Consett lad who'd played more than 100 games for the club, became interim manager until the end of the season, and got the team back on track again, playing attractive attacking football. Ten wins, three draws and just three defeats in his 16 games in charge saw his appointment made permanent at the end of the season – he became one of the youngest managers in the Northern League at just 35.

His aim for 2016-17 was an improvement on the 7th-place finish and good cup runs. A well-earned draw at National League North side Curzon Ashton in the FA Cup brought a Belle View replay watched by a 700-plus crowd, but a sending off left Consett with an uphill task, and they lost 1-0. A top-six finish proved just beyond them too, as a mid-season loss of form meant they finished in the same 7th position as the previous year.

2017-18 saw the return of all-time record goalscorer Michael Mackay, and the move paid dividends as he scored twice as Consett made it a lucky seven Durham Challenge Cup wins, beating Dunston UTS 4-2 to lift the trophy for the first time in 11 years. Mackay was runner-up for Northern League Player of the Year, and his strike partner Michael Sweet was the league's Young Player of the Year for the second time, after a season in which he scored 43 times – including the other two in the cup final.

Prioritising the cup saw the Steelmen's league form drop away towards the end of the season, and Eccles' side finished 9th as he prepared to get married and move to Scotland. His replacement, appointed in the summer of 2018, was an even younger manager, another former Consett player, Chris Moore, just 34, but highly rated.

Moore's side began the season in stunning form, with nine straight wins, and gave Evo-Stik League side Warrington Town a scare in the FA Cup before bowing out in a replay. They led the table for the first half of the season, but form dipped after the turn of the year and the Steelmen finished 4th – still their best placing in seven years. However, the end of the season brought an unexpected turn of events when Moore informed the club he was resigning to take up a full-time job at Sunderland AFC Academy.

This set the stage for Terry Mitchell, a coach and coach developer at Newcastle United Academy, to take the helm, and he got the club to Wembley for the 2020 FA Vase final. That sort of achievement doesn't go unnoticed, however, and when National League North club Blyth Spartans needed a new boss in November 2020 they turned to Terry and his No 2 Graeme Coulson.

Coach Andy Coyles — a Uefa 'A' licence holder and former Penrith manager - stepped up on an interim basis, and was then handed the job permanently. Now, after a major rebuilding job in the summer, and with the help of his assistant Richie Hill, goalkeeping coach Ben Cole and physio Gavin Scott, he's aiming to make his mark on the biggest stage Consett AFC has ever enjoyed.

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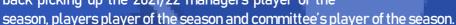
JAMES ANDERSON

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





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 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.



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.

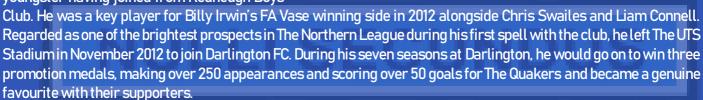


TEZ GALBRAITH

Terry Galbraith became Chris Swailes' second major signing of the 2020/21 season as the Club pulled of 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



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.



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.



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.



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.

DAN STAPLES

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

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.





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".



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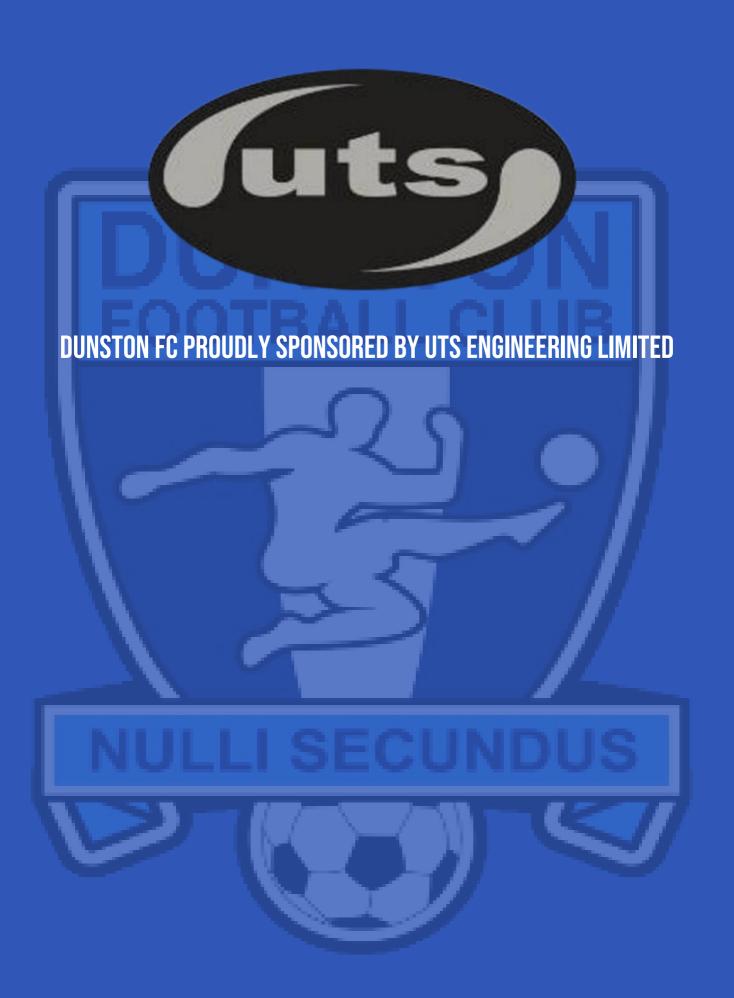
PHIL TURNBULL

Central midfielder Phil Turnbull can play with either foot and is described as 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.

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.

A move to his hometown club South Shields happened in 2018 and the move was seen a major signing for the club. He has been key to the recent playing success at South Shields but with the club moving to full time this season Chris Swailes wasted no time in bringing the vastly experienced and talented midfielder to the UTS Stadium.





DUNSTON FC 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.



IAN IRVING

lan 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 to a Dunston side who continue to develop on and off the pitch.



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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O 15:00	Sheffield	VS	Stocksbridge Park Steels					
⊙ 15:00	Stockton Town	VS	Shildon					

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In July 2022, over 6,300 people were waiting for an organ transplant in the UK. Beatrix's mother Cherul is doing all she can to spread the message of organ donation as far as she can. She said, "The reality is, without parents considering the unthinkable or choosing to donate in the midst of their own tragedy, none of these children would have a chance at life."

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DUNSTON FC 5-2 CONSETT

Dunston prevailed in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round replay following a 5-2 win over Consett AFC. Mark Fitzpatrick scored a scintillating first half hat trick for Dunston, who had the game finished within the first half with four unanswered goals. Despite Consett pulling two back after the break, Dan Halliday scored in injury time to seal the victory in style.

Pictures from Beauty Time







THE REPORT | Dunston FC 5-2 Consett

Dunston FC emerged victorious in a seven-goal thriller at The UTS Stadium, down in part to the ruthless finishing ability of hat- trick hero Mark Fitzpatrick. Speaking before the game Dunston FC assistant manager Chris Errington said, "They had better quality on Saturday, and I thought we were poor. Consett done to us what we done to sides last season. At times we were disjointed but I thought <u>Craig Scott</u> changed the game. We need to go out tonight and show our quality".

Dunston certainly done what was asked of them in the first half by starting brightly, Consett keeper Kyle Hayes was forced into a double, firstly from Mark Fitzpatrick and then from Dan Halliday's follow up.

Consetts first effort saw Karl Dryden tip over a Jake Stafford free kick from a dangerous position. Liam Brooks spurned a good chance to give Dunston the lead, mis-queuing his effort wide having been played in by a Luke Page cushioned header from superb Liam Brooks crossfield ball. Dunston took the lead on 16 minutes; a Dan Halliday ball to the back post was looped back over by Dan Capewell, his effort looking goal bound as Mark Fitzpatrick made sure with a powerful header from close range.

Consett went close to an equaliser as Luke Carr rattled the cross bar with a powerful effort from long range. Jake Stafford saw his effort at the near post turned away well by Karl Dryden as Consett looked for the equaliser. Consett would rue their missed chances as Dunston took a two-goal lead on 35 minutes, Mark Fitzpatrick on strike again finishing from close range having received the ball from Luke Page who had done well to hold off his marker from a long Dan Halliday throw in. Shortly after the goal Liam Marrs was forced from the field of play with a hip injury and was to be replaced by Callum Little who has recently returned to Dunston. Dunston extended their lead through Liam Brooks on 39 minutes, collecting a chipped pass from Luke Page, he controlled well to place his shot into the bottom corner.

Three minutes later Dunston struck another to give themselves a four goal lead, Micheal Pearson showed great vision to loft his pass from deep on the halfway line over the Consett defence to an on running Mark Fitzpatrick, who nonchalantly chipped the keeper to complete his hat trick and put Dunston 4-0 to the good going into half time.

Whatever was said in the Consett dressing room at half time had an instant impact. Within the space of 6minutes of the restart the Steelmen scored twice. Both goals coming from set pieces, Purewal unmarked at the back post guided his header past Dryden from a corner.

Two minutes later former Dunston player Calvin Smith flicked his header past Dryden from a Luke Carr free kick to reduce areas. Consett had come out of the blocks for the second half superbly and were in no mood to make it easy for Dunston. They retained the ball well with their intricate passing game, which at times could be accused of overplaying. Dunston eventually got into the game following a nervy opening to the second half.

Callum Little fired just wide of the upright, Dan Lowther forcing a good save from Hayes from long range. However, Consett were looking to control the tempo of the game and push for a third goal as the game went end to end. Callum Little went close for the home side with a long-range effort from a wide position.

Dunston had defended tightly and deep in order to prevent Consett a third goal. The game was put to bed in the last minute of the game, Liam Brooks picked out Dan Hallidays run and with Consett pushed on the captain drilled his shot diagonally towards the bottom corner only for the ball to be deflected by a defender with the keeper going the wrong way.

Final score,

Dunston FC 5 (Fitzpatrick 17, 36, 42, Brooks 39, Halliday 90) Consett AFC 2. (Purewal 51, Smith 52)

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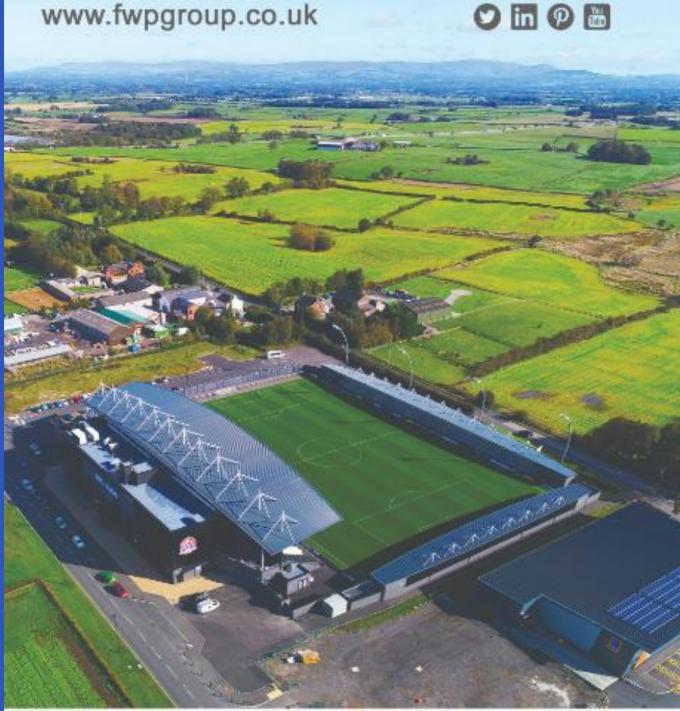
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AN INTERVIEW WITH JACK ELLIOTT



It's been an excellent start to the season for winger Jack Elliott as he has been getting amongst the goals including a bullet against Ossett United. He sat down for a chat with the club to discuss the season so far.

Jack, the squad has picked up 4 points from a possible 12 in the league so far. Do you feel like,

with the way some of the games have gone, we should have more?

Of course we feel like we should have more with the quality in our squad. Unfortunately, things haven't worked out that way but, there is loads of games and loads of points to play for so it's just a case of getting everything working together, both attacking and defending, to help us really kick on.

The goal you scored on Tuesday against Ossett was a special one, just talk us through that goal and is it one of the best you've scored?

100% it is up there with one of my best ones, I think most of the lads would agree that I'm not known too much for my long-distance shots. But, I knew we needed to take a chance being a couple of goals behind and luckily, I hit it sweetly.

You caused all sorts of problems down the left on Tuesday night, had you been watching Allan Saint-Maximin's performance against Man City?

Well, as a winger I love dribbling with the ball. Obviously, some games are a real battle so the opportunity to dribble all of the time may not be on. Fortunately, I manged to get the ball a lot of the time in space which gave me a chance to get at the fullback and give the lads a chance to score from my crosses.



Lots of different players have been getting on the scoresheet so far this season. It must be nice as a creative player to be playing alongside so many players capable of finding the back of the net?

Of course it's great, I think all of the boys would agree that we

don't mind who scores as long as we get the results. But, as an attacker, it feels just as good to set up a goal as it feels to score one. Seeing lots of different goal scorers means we, as attackers, are doing our jobs well and entertaining the fans.

It's a very competitive league as per normal with one side gaining automatic promotion and four teams making the play-offs. We were close last year, do you feel we have the ability to make it into the top 5 this year?

I think we have a great chance of getting into that top 5, we have a great manager and coaches. As long as we can remove our silly mistakes from our team, we are up there with some of the best teams in this league so that is definitely our target.

Our man of the match award this season is sponsored by The Great North Eastern Brewery with each winner winning some bottles. So, what is your go-to drink if you could have anything?

Good to hear the brewery is sponsoring the man of the match award. Hopefully I can win a few this season and get some beers for that! My go-to drink is probably Punk IPA so, if they were to have any spares, send them my way!





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2.	Hebburn Town	5	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	1	1	8	5	3	10
3.	Cleethorpes Town	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	8	4	4	9
4.	Consett	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	9	4	5	8
5.	Pontefract Collieries	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	8	4	4	6
6.	Long Eaton United	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	5	3	2	5
7.	Grantham Town	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	4	2	2	5
8.	North Shields	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	4	5	-1	5
9.	Bridlington Town	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	6	10	-4	5
10.	Worksop Town	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	5	1	4
11.	Brighouse Town	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	7	7	0	4
12.	Stocksbridge Park Steels	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
13.	Dunston	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	8	9	-1	4
14.	Ossett United	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	6	8	-2	4
15.	Shildon	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	7	5	2	3
16.	Carlton Town	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	8	-6	3
17.	Lincoln United	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	6	-2	2
18.	Tadcaster Albion	5	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	3	5	9	-4	2
19.	Sheffield	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
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