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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 this important PITCHING-IN NPL East Division game.

Our opponents today are LIVERSEDGE FC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their long journey from West Yorkshire. The two Clubs haven't met for two seasons following Liversedge's well deserved promotion to the Premier Division of the NPL at the end of the 2021-2022 season. They had enjoyed an outstanding season during that campaign, losing only one League game and pipping Marske United to the League Title. They had a powerful and skillful side who played a dominant style of football with players who conjured up some



memorable victories in their first season at the NLS Level 4. "The Sedge" found life in the Premier Division a little harder last season, competing at the higher level. Coming up against the likes of full-time South Shields, Warrington Town, Bamber Bridge and other top sides they finished in the bottom four and were relegated along with Belper Town, StalybridgeCeltic and Nantwich Town despite a very strong finish to their campaign.

Manager Jonathan Rimmington has retained most of his experienced playing squad for this season and has added some very promising younger players who have all come through the Academies at League Clubs in an attempt to emulate their superb promotion at the end of 2021-2022 season. They will provide a stern test for Dunston today.

# WELCOME!

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Referee Glen Hart makes the journey from Darlington and he is joined by his Assistant Referees Barry Tones from Chester-le-Street and John Davison from Houghton-le-Spring.

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.

#### **BILLY MONTAGUE – CLUB SECRETARY**



The Club first saw light of day in 1975 as the Football Section of a Print

Works Sports & amp; Social Club. Long-serving Club stalwart John Thompson, along with some of his fellow workmates at Her Majesty's Stationery Office Gateshead, formed the team and joined the Newcastle City Amateur League playing at the Civil Service Sports Ground, Longbenton, Newcastle.

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

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

At this stage an approach was made to the Federation Brewery for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

crowd of 2,525 at the UTS Stadium.

The Club finished the 2018-2019 season as convincing Champions of the Northern League First Division, seventeen points ahead of their nearest rivals. Promotion ensued to the BetVictor Northern Premier North West Division but FA Regulations dictated that the "Club Playing Name" must not include any reference to a sponsor so the "UTS" was reluctantly dropped from the Club Title before the new season commenced. Shaun Sadler showed remarkable understanding of the

situation and agreed to continue his wonderful sponsorship of the Club. With the aid of a generaous grant from the FSIF, improvements were completed to bring the ground up to NPL standards.

The step up proved more difficult than expected in the NPL North West Division and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any real 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 started the 21-22 season in the newly formed NPL East Division much stronger and finished in sixth-place, just missing out on the end-of-season Play-Offs. Last Season saw yet another upgrade in playing strength and more stadium improvements but the same disappointing final finish of sixth from top.

In a very competitive Division, we will have to go that extra step in the 2023-24 season if we are to achieve our aim of promotion but under the guidance of our new Team Manager Jon McDonald and his Coaches we will do our best!



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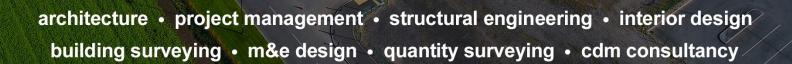


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# CLUB NEWS Welcome, Josh King!



Dunston FC are delighted to announce the one-month loan signing of highly rated young defender, Josh King, from Morpeth Town.

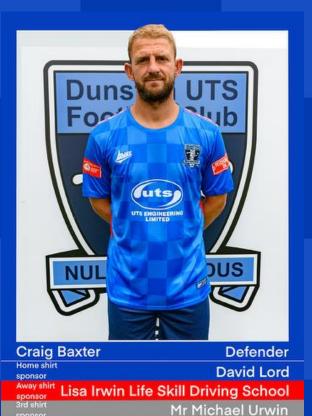
The former York City man played a key role in their promotion to the National League a couple of seasons ago and will provide Jon McDonald with another option for the backline due to injuries in the squad.

Dunston FC Manager Jon McDonald has said:

"Josh is a good, young centre back. He's got good calibre having been at York City as a professional.

"With injuries and unavailability, this is a great loan move for us. A big thank you to Morpeth and Lynchy for helping us to arrange the deal."

Welcome to Dunston, Josh!

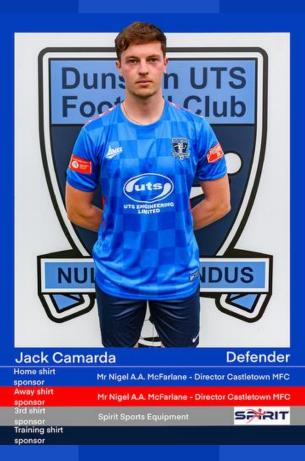


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#### CRAIG BAXTER (Defender)

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

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



#### JACK CAMARDA (Defender/Midfielder)

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

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

Jack was also selected to represent England Universities for a round of friendly fixtures against Wycombe Wanderers and Gateshead in May 2023.



#### LUKE CARR (Midfielder)

Carr joined Dunston ahead of the 2023/24 season and became the first signing announced under Jon McDonald.

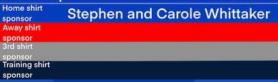
Carr provides an excellent attacking threat as he occupies the number 10 role where he contributes both goals and assists.

The attacking midfielder is no stranger to the big occasion having won league titles and promotions with the likes of Morpeth Town, Consett and Newcastle Blue Star. Luke has also played at Wembley twice in two FA Vase finals, winning one of them.



#### JJ Chrisp

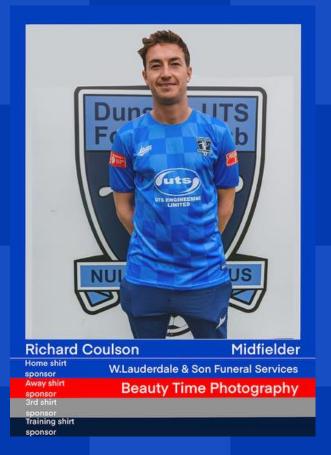
Defender



#### JJ CHRISP (Defender/Midfielder)

A versatile player who provides aggression, tenacity and determination all over the pitch and will be looking to make an impact at the UTS Stadium after signing ahead of the 2023-24 campaign.

The former North Shields player is an exciting prospect with Jon McDonald describing JJ as a player with "loads of potential."



### RICHARD COULSON (Forward)

Richie arrived in early December 2021 from Northern League side Whitley Bay. He has an eye for goal and picked up six goals during his first season at the club 2021/22 season. Able to play anywhere across the frontline, Richie has added versatility to the Dunston side, and following another impressive season in 2022/23, will be looking to build on that his ability as Dunston push for promotion.

The forward has had spells with Seaham Red Star in The Northern League and prior to that had played for his local side Hazelrigg Victory for whom he scored 174 goals, registered 100 assists and won 31 Man of the Match awards in only 189 appearances.



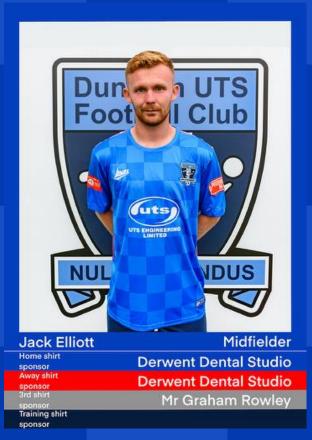
#### SADO DJALO (Forward)

The Guinea Bissau-born forward rejoined the club ahead of the 2022-23 season after joining Blyth Spartans during the 2021-22 season.

The Forward left for Blyth Spartans in November 2021, having scored 9 goals in 12 appearances for Dunston UTS. With his game time at Croft Park limited, he re-joined Dunston in March on an initial 1month loan deal.

His previous clubs include Bedlington Terriers, Northern Alliance side Newcastle Chemfica and former Combined Counties side AC London. His footballing career had started in Portugal, playing for Regional League sides CDR Quarteirense and Moimenta da Beira.

In his return season at the UTS Stadium, he won the Top Goalscorer award in the 2022/23 season alongside Michael Fowler, with both forwards scoring 14 goals in all competitions.



#### JACK ELLIOTT (Forward)

Jack Elliott is an extremely talented player who returned to Dunston in September 2019 following a brief spell with Hebburn Town.

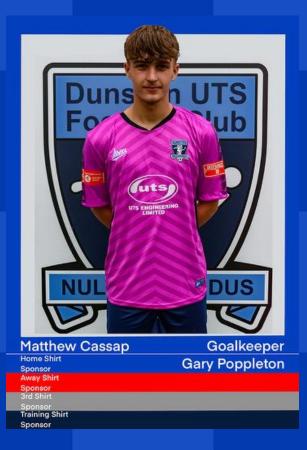
He progressed through Newcastle United's Academy and has had spells at Consett AFC and Whickham. Jack adds speed to the Dunston side and causes headaches for full backs for all opposing teams. Since his arrival, Jack has been an ever-present figure in the starting eleven and continues to give his all in a Dunston shirt.



#### JORDAN LAMB (Forward)

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

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



### MATTY CASSAP -Goalkeeper

Matty is a young goalkeeper who also plays for Gateshead College. Matty was brought into the club towards the end of the 2022-23 season and has signed on again with the club ahead of the new season.

Matty made his first start for the club in pre-season, putting in a Man of the Match performance against National League South side, Dartford FC.



Training shirt

#### JAKE JENSEN (Midfielder)

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".

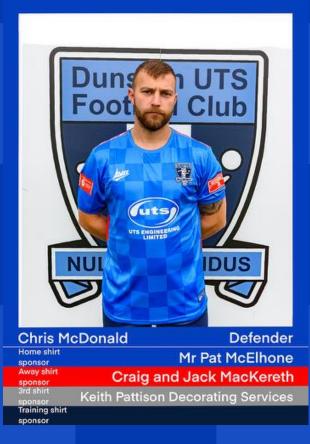
Still a young lad, his development has been there for all to see, and he asserted himself into the starting line-up on a number of occasions last season.



#### JACK MASKELL (Forward)

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

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



### CHRIS MCDONALD (Defender)

'Macca' was a marquee signing under new manager Jon McDonald. Chris McDonald most recently plied his trade at North Shields where he won the Northern League in 2021-22.

The left-back has a wealth of experience and possesses a huge threat going forwards. He is not shy of chancing his luck from distance and provides some excellent balls into the box from the left-hand side.

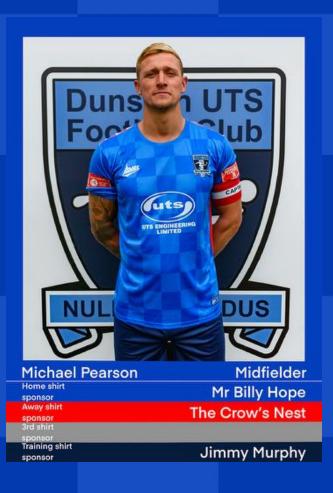


### DALE PEARSON (Forward)

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

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

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

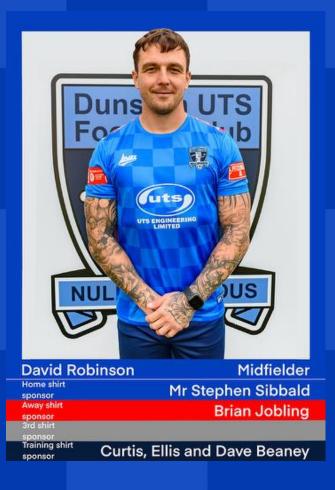


### MICHAEL PEARSON (Midfielder)

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

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

During his time at Dunston, Michael has collected a Northern League winners medal, Northern League Cup medal and JR Cleator Cup Winners medal. 21

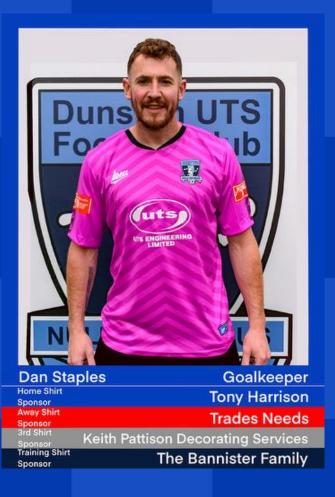


### DAVID ROBINSON (Midfielder)

An industrious and combative midfielder, Robinson joins ahead of the 2023-24 season where he will provide experience and quality to the middle of the park.

Robbo also has leadership qualities having captained the likes of Seaham Red Star and Newcastle Benfield in the past.

The midfield enforcer could prove to be a crucial signing for Jon McDonald ahead of the upcoming season.

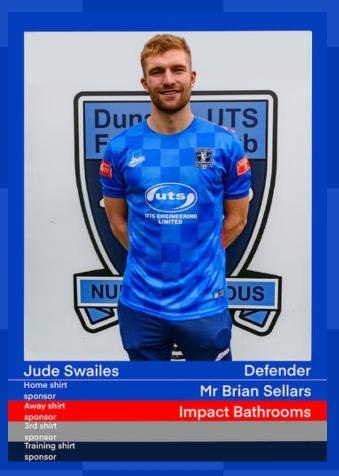


#### DAN STAPLES (Goalkeeper)

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

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

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



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#### JUDE SWAILES (Defender)

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

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

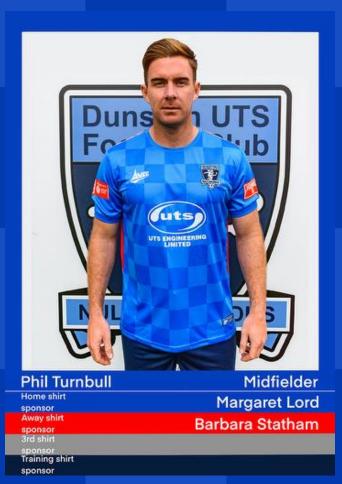
Jude is a strong thorn in the Dunston back line, and can be described as a no-nonsense centre half. willing to put his body on the line for the club. He continues his development at the club in the 2023/24 season, and has come on leaps and bounds since his arrival.

#### LIAM THEAR (Forward)

Liam Thear is one of the clubs longest serving players and has just shy of 200 appearances heading into the 2023/24 season. He moved to the club after completing a successful stint at Gateshead FC Academy, where he was highly rated. Following his release, he was snapped up by then Dunston manager Billy Irwin.

"Scrappy" is a very strong and tricky player who has matured and developed tremendously whilst at Dunston. After a superb start to last season, Liam suffered a serious ACL injury in The FA Cup fixture at home to local neighbours Gateshead FC last season. Since his recovery, he has proved to be a vital asset for Dunston, fighting for every ball and contributing with both goals and assists.

He scooped the Goal of the Season award at the end of the 2022/23 season following an audacious lob away at Stocksbridge Park Steels.





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#### PHIL TURNBULL (Midfielder)

Central midfielder Phil Turnbull is described as fiercely competitive player and joined the club along with ex-teammate Craig Baxter in 2021. A permanent move to Gateshead in 2008 saw him play over 300 games for the Tynesiders and he played a vital role in the National League season which saw the Heed reach Wembley.

He then moved to Darlington in 2015 where he would gain promotion to The National League North in his first season.

A move to his hometown club South Shields 2018 saw Turnbull continue his good form. He has been key to the recent playing success at South Shields but with the club moving to full time Chris Swailes wasted no time in bringing the vastly experienced and talented midfielder to the UTS Stadium.

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

#### JACK WALKER (Defender)

Jack became the fourth player to join the club from North Shields ahead of the 2023-24 campaign.

Walker is a quality addition to the squad and operates predominantly as a central defender however, he can also play anywhere across the back line.

Jack had an excellent final season with North Shields where he scooped their Player of the Season award.

## DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



Jon McDonald

Manager

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Andrew Wright

Assistant Manager

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### JON MCDONALD (Manager)

A Wallsend lad, Jon made the move to The UTS Stadium in early March of 2021 from Northern Premier League side Morpeth Town, where he had held the equivalent position for three seasons.

During his second spell at Craik Park, he had been part of two successive promotions with "The Highwaymen" and a Northumberland Senior Cup victory in the 2018/19 season.

He has previously managed Blyth AFC, guiding them to The Northern League 2nd Division title in the 2017/18 season, as well as managerial spells with West Allotment Celtic and North Shields in The Northern League.

Jon successfully completed his UEFA A License with The Scottish FA in March 2022.

Following the departure of Chris Swailes at the end of the 2022/23 season, Jon was installed as Dunston FC Manager in May 2023.

### ANDY WRIGHT (Assistant Manager)

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

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

## DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



#### MARK SCOTT (Coach)

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

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

Sponsored by Mr Cliff Starkey



Sponsored by Mr Tony Harrison

#### LEE KENNEDY (Goalkeeper Coach)

Lee joined Dunston at the beginning of the 2022-23 season bringing with him a wealth of experience. He has worked with a range of teams at all levels of the game.

Manager Jon McDonald highlighted Lee's quality before his arrival: "I've known Lee for a number of years. He's an honest, reliable bloke and will be an asset for Dunston. He's spent years supporting grassroots football at Cramlington United, working with junior and senior teams. He has good attributes to bring out the best in our goalkeepers."

## DUNSTON MANAGEMENT – 2023/24



#### LEWIS BLACK (Physio) Lewis joined the backroom staff in July 2021 having

completed three years of studying at Newcastle College University Centre, graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree in Exercise and Sports Rehabilitation.

Alongside his studies, he completed a three year placements at Park View Academy of Sport and was able to develop his skills as a practitioner.

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

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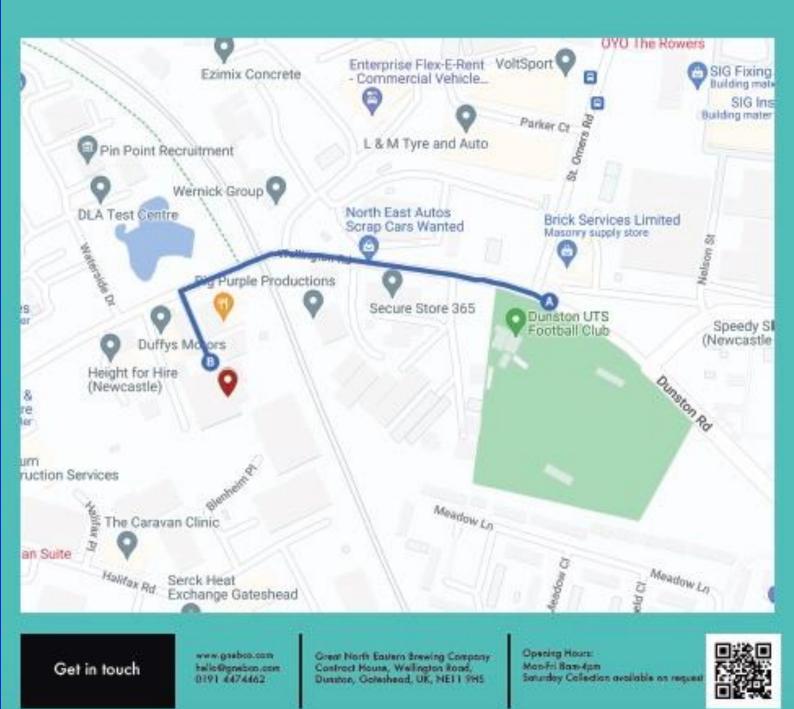
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We'll be broadcasting live Premier League action with Aston Villa vs Brighton, as well as Leek Town vs South Shields in The Emirates FA Cup.

For those supporters who have ordered Under 16's season tickets, as part of our Community initiative, tickets can be collected from 1pm – 3pm from the Clubhouse.

Tickets for our Clubhouse event on Saturday 21st October, as we look forward to welcoming the outstandingly talented Big Red, can be purchased before and after the game. Tickets are priced at only £3.





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### **REPORT | BRIGHOUSE (A)** Brighouse Town 0-2 Dunston FC (25/09/23)

Maskell brace gets Dunston back to winning ways.

It was another long away trip for the boys in blue as Dunston travelled 111 miles to the Heffernan Utilities Stadium to take on Brighouse Town, just two days after making the incredibly long trip to Nantwich Town.

The hosts began with a couple of half chances, as Jack Normanton and Jack Crook had shots on goal within the first few minutes, but neither troubled Dunston shot stopper Dan Staples.

Despite the early shots, Dunston contrasted their recent performances by starting the game strongly. This was rewarded with twelve minutes on the clock, as recent returnee to the squad Jack Maskell beautifully finished his chance off the back of a Luke Carr through ball. On his second league start of the season, this was the 19-year-old's third goal of the campaign.

The home side did have the ball in the back of the net mid-way through the first forty-five, however a foul on Staples kept Dunston's lead intact.

Dunston should have doubled their advantage a

There was a good chance for either side before the close of the half, as Dunston debutant Josh King almost grabbed a debut goal with a header that was narrowly wide, and Dan Staples was brought into action down the other end denying Mohammad Quasim.



# REPORT | BRIGHOUSE (A) Continued...

The second-half continued Dunston's strong performance, as eleven minutes after the break Dunston came very close to a second goal, as Chris McDonald whipped a super cross in for Sado Djalo in the mixer, but his header agonisingly clattered the post.

Dunston played the fixture in one of the worst kit combinations you will ever see, as the hosts requested red socks to be worn alongside the grey shirt and shorts. However, this didn't bother any of the Dunston faithful when Maskell buried his second of the game from close range, after an unbelievable cross from Sado Djalo.

Two goals ahead, Dunston were cruising and almost made it three, as Luke Carr hit a free kick beating everyone, but it was brilliantly tipped around the post by Michael Roxburgh.

And the final chance for number three came through Carr again, as the ball was pulled back to him twelve yards out, but his effort smashed against the crossbar.

The final chance of the game was Brighouse's best, as Mohammad Qasim missed the target from close range, a massive let off for Dunston's clean sheet.

Full-time came around and Dunston returned to winning ways, rising to fifth in the league. Outstanding performances from new boy Josh King, skipper Michael Pearson and scorer of a brace Jack Maskell secured all three points.







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# **TODAY'S VISITORS**



**JACK CAIRNEY** – A towering 22-year-old who has been away from football for a few years before playing at Eccleshill United most recently.

**MARK FERGUSON -** A Striker with experience within the West Yorkshire Leagues before playing at Tadcaster and Campion.

JACK HARDACRE - Right-back 'Jacko' joined Sedge following his time in Leeds United's academy but left to play college football in the USA. He returned to England with Hyde United before re- signing for Liversedge.

**KURT HARRIS -** A consistent and confident centre-half who signed from neighbours Brighouse, whom he captained, and has also played for Farsley Celtic as they won promotion to National League North.

**DAN HARTLEY** – A fierce centre-back who likes to lead despite his younger age of 22, recently played for Tadcaster.

**SIMON HESLOP** – The veteran midfielder has over 450 apps in his career, starting at Barnsley; Simon has played for Oxford, Stevenage, Mansfield and York City.

# **TODAY'S VISITORS**



**THEO HUDSON** – An attacking midfielder with plenty of pedigree coming through the ranks at Leeds, he also has an international youth cap.

**LAMIN JAGNE** – the Huddersfield-born midfielder came through the ranks at PNE and went on to play for Morecombe in the football league.

**ROSS MCCORMACK** – A natural goalscorer at the international level, Premier League, Championship, and even scoring in the Champions League, Ross is part of growing Liversedge FC.

**SHAY MUIRHEAD** – A local lad from Leeds, Shay has impressed at Sedge u'23s and will try his hand at 1 st team level this season.

**JORDAN PORTER** - With lots of experience, Jordan was part of the FC Halifax Town squad that won the FA Trophy in 2016 and had spells with Brighouse, Scarborough and Spennymoor.

**WILL PORTMAN** – Will came through the ranks at Sheffield United but has spent most of his career in the US before coming home and bringing the challenging game of college 'soccer' to Clayborn.

## **TODAY'S VISITORS**



ALFIE RAW – Alfie started his football with Huddersfield Town's Academy at 8, playing with them for 10 years until he was 18. He had a brief spell at Sedge but took the opportunity to go overseas, representing SCAD Athletics for three years in America before returning to the Clayborn. Has now made more than 100 appearances for Liversedge.

JACK STOCKDILL - A versatile, hard-working central midfielder 'Stocky' played academy football for Bradford City before turning out for Guiseley, Harrogate Railway, Hyde United, Ossett Albion, and Ossett United.

**KEVY TARANGADZO** – Big man, big personality. Kevy has plied his trade around Yorkshire, Farsley, Brighouse and Witton, but he has also represented Congo.

**RYAN TOULSON** – Ryan was a pro at Halifax, he went on to play for Guiseley and Park Ave before recently managing Eccleshill. Ryan is a player/coach but can still put a shift in.

NICKY WALKER – The tricky winger doesn't have a weak foot and glides past defenders. Nicky came through the ranks at Rotherham and was a part of the famous Sedge team that did the double in 2022.

## **TODAY'S VISITORS**



JOE WALTON - Mr Liversedge - has spent over eight seasons at the Clayborn Ground. Starting his non-league career as a centre-back, he became one of the most prolific strikers in the NCEL and has stepped up to the plate in the NPL.

ALFIE WILKINSON – A young lad who has played for Yorkshire Ammers and is looking to become a prominent member of the Sedge team.

ALEX WOOLERTON – Coming through the Leeds academy, Alex has since been a part of Gainsborough and more recently, FC United of Manchester. He will bring plenty of flair to Sedge's attack this season.



## LIVERSEDGE SPOTLIGHT



**FOUNDED:** 1910

NICKNAME: Claybourne

**GROUND:** Woodhorn Lane

**CAPACITY:** 2,000

#### **CHAIRMAN:** Simon Turfrey



**MANAGER:** Jonathan Rimmington

**2022-23 LEAGUE POSITION:** 21st out of 22 (NPL Premier Division)

## LIVERSEDGE HISTORY

Liversedge Football Club was founded in 1910 following the demise of the old Liversedge Rugby Club. Liversedge FC started in the Bradford League for three years and won it in the 1920/21 season.

The club was a founder member of the West Riding County Amateur League in season 1922/23 and went on to be the most successful club in the League's infancy, taking the league title in the first three seasons (1923/24, 1925/26, 1926/27) and again in 1964/65 and 1965/66.

The long association with the County Amateur League was maintained until the early 1970s when the club won again in 1968/69. The decision was taken to apply for membership in the Yorkshire League, and the club's acceptance for season 1972/73 was followed by immediate promotion from Division Three.

Whilst not winning trophies this time, success did come the club's way as promotion to Yorkshire League Division One was achieved before the amalgamation of the Midland and Yorkshire League to form the Northern Counties East League in 1982. The early years in the new set-up saw Liversedge struggle on and off the pitch, but good strides were made in the late 1980s.

After finishing as runners-up in NCEL Division 2 in 1988/89, they were promoted to NCEL Division One. However, a lack of floodlights the following season saw them miss out on promotion to the Premier Division after finishing runners-up in Division One again.

A great club effort the following season by players, officials and supporters alike saw them promoted to the Premier Division after finishing third. The disappointment of missing out the previous season had been tempered by winning the West Riding County Cup for the first time in the club's history.

Life in the topflight brought fluctuating fortunes, but Liversedge is still proud of their record of never being relegated despite flirting with it a couple of times. Sedge started to find stability and achieved sixth-placed finishes in 1999/2000 and 2004/05.

The high point of the 2004/05 season was undoubtedly a fine FA Cup run to the Fourth Qualifying Round, beating three higher-ranked opponents, losing out to Coalville in the replay.

The 2005/06 season saw a new look to Sedge's ground, as the famous Clayborn slope was removed. The club's epic FA Cup run enabled it to finance, with the help of The FA, the levelling of the playing area, a fitting reminder of their FA Cup exploits.

## LIVERSEDGE HISTORY

Success also came on the field in 2005/06 by way of winning the NCEL League Cup for the first time and Sedge's highest-ever runner-place in the Premier Division behind Buxton.

Unfortunately, Sedge was not granted promotion as the changing rooms were not to satisfactory size for the next step.

After two highly successful seasons, 2006/07 was one of instability with an indifferent start leading to manager changes as the club continued to push towards the Unibond NPL League. In June 2007, Steve Newton was appointed to spearhead that push and, with the help of a new committee strengthened by our junior club colleagues, now putting together plans and resources for a new clubhouse, which was to be built in phases, and a high team spirit all around Clayborn, 2007/08 saw Liversedge win the NCEL Presidents Cup.

Liversedge returned to stable, and sometimes struggling, in the NCEL over the following few years, with managers coming and going after some flirting with relegation. At the end of the 2014/15 season, Jonathan Rimmington stepped up to the hot seat from the U19s and successfully kept the club in the NCEL Premier Division.

At the end of the 2017/18 season, Liversedge reached the League Cup Final against AFC Mansfield, but the game was not played due to unforeseen circumstances. 2018/19 saw a new Chairman in former Ossett Town, Wakefield, Nostell, and Ossett Albion's Simon Turfrey join the Club. At the end of the season, Liversedge again reached the League Cup Final, losing out 3-1 to Worksop Town.

Pre-season 2019/20 saw lots of off-field progression with new changing rooms, club and tea bar extensions, and new faces football-wise. These developments showed an ambitious new vision for the club's future. On the field, Liversedge was well on course for possible promotion to the Northern Premier League with two games in hand and 2nd position.

Covid-19 struck, and the rest of the season's matches were cancelled, with the season decided void by the FA.

The 2020/21 season was again curtailed early due to an escalating COVID situation, with Sedge on course again for promotion and achieving their best FA Vase run to the Fourth Round. This time, the FA came to the solution to ensure the excellent work of ambitious clubs did not go to waste and award promotion on a points-per-game basis based on the previous two curtailed seasons.

## LIVERSEDGE HISTORY

Sedge hit the ground running in their first-ever Northern Premier League season, winning the league following a tight title battle with Marske United, losing only one league game all season, and gaining promotion to the NPL Premier Division at Step 3.

Jonathan Rimmington's side made it a League and Cup 'double' with a 3-1 West Riding County Cup Final win against local rivals Brighouse Town. The 2021/22 season will be remembered as the Club's best, with records broken on and off the field.

Sedge had it rough in 2022/23 in the NPL Premier Division. Still, the spirits were high throughout, putting in a good run towards the back end of the season. Unfortunately, Sedge was relegated but learnt much in a higher division, hoping to return there soon.

Sedge has made some crucial appointments behind the scenes to build the foundations of a great community club; one of them is ex-Premier League footballer Ross McCormack, who joined in 2023/24 as a player/director of football.





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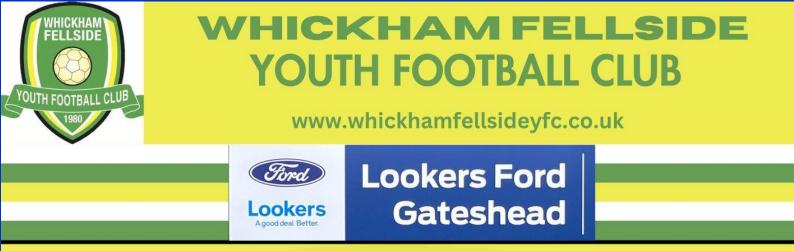
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Danny Wilks

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

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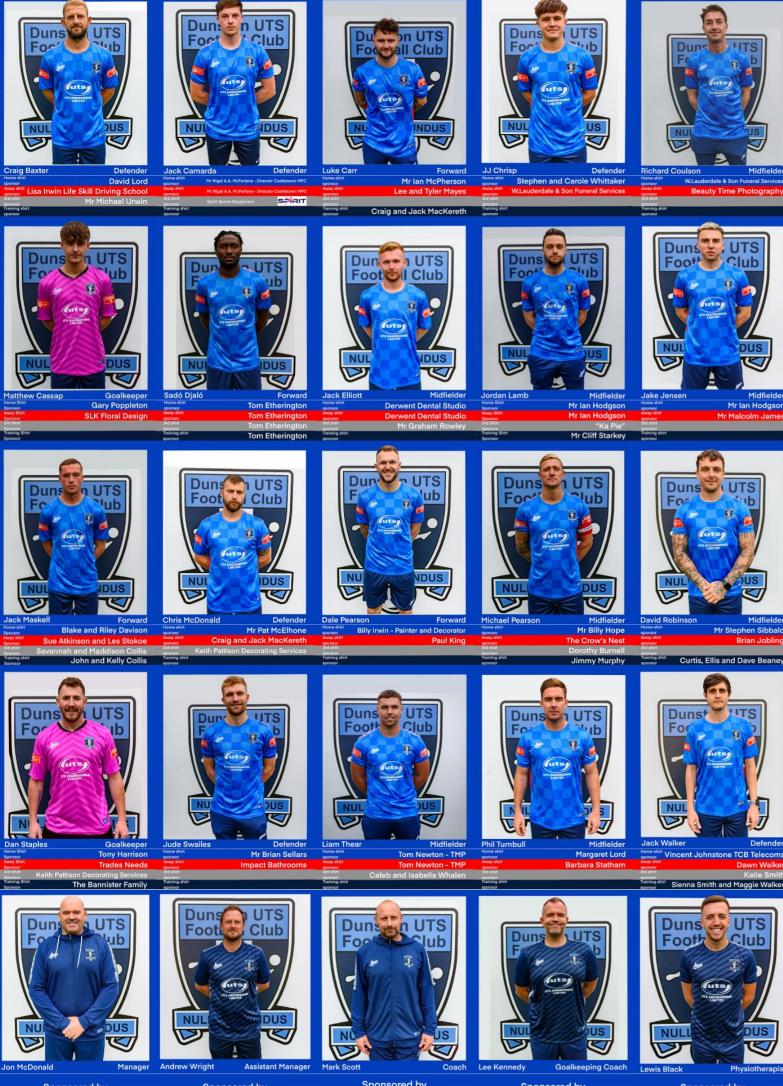


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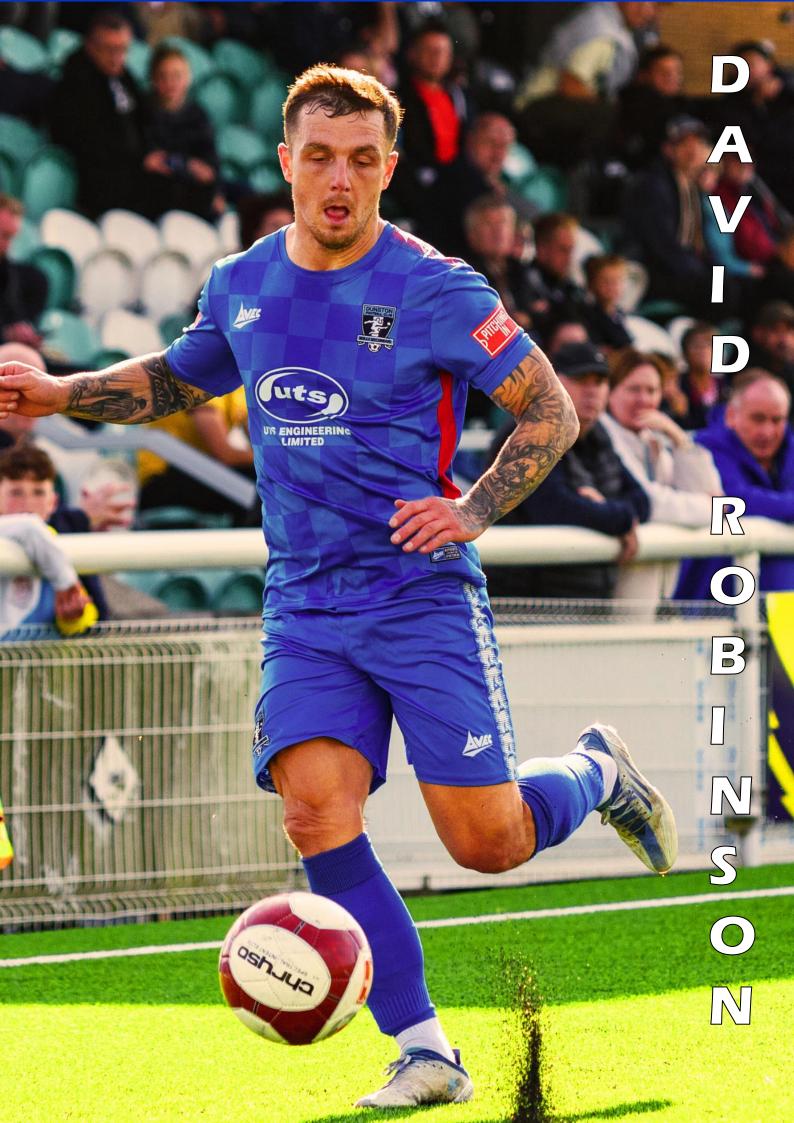


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Q: What does this achievement mean to you?

LT: I'm over the moon to get to 200 league games for the club. From my first season at the club, I settled in very easily and I loved everything about it. I knew even then; this was somewhere I could see myself playing for a long time.

Q: Over your many years at the club, which players would you say you've enjoyed playing with the most?

LT: *We've always had quality in the squad while I've been here.over the years. I'd* 

say now, it's at the highest level since I've been here. Personally, I'd think of players that I played a lot of games with that really helped me when I was younger like Dale Burrell and Dan Halliday. They are two that stand out straight away.

Q: Do you have a particular game that stands out the most?

LT: Absolutely. The 4-3 win against Chester in the FA Cup a few years back, absolutely belter game. I can't remember exactly how it went, I just remember the goals going in left, right and centre. Fitzy wrapping it up with the last kick of the game. We enjoyed that one after!



## INTERVIEW | LIAM THEAR – 200 CLUB

Q: Focusing on this season, after a couple of frustrating games for us recently, what was your take on Monday's win at Brighouse?

LT: *Aye, this season has been a decent start, but also slightly frustrating. You can see the way we are trying to play and the improvements we've made but,* 



for whatever reason, a few results haven't gone our way. Brighouse on Monday was an unreal performance and I feel like we all knew that was coming so we're very happy with the result. Hopefully we can kick on now and build some momentum.

Q: You recently returned from injury however, you've picked up another injury. What's happened regarding that?

LT: Aye, it's a very frustrating one for me because I've been training well and I'm desperate to get out there and help the lads but, I've just had a slight setback on Saturday at Nantwich. I don't think it's anything major, we'll just have to reassess slightly. It shouldn't keep me out for too long though.

Q: With the strength and depth we have in the squad this season, how much are you looking forward to the challenge of getting fit as quick as possible and forcing your way back into the starting XI?

LT: I'm really looking forward to being back and getting back to full fitness. The strength of the squad that we have, along with the way Jon [McDonald] and the coaching staff are asking us to play, is made for us attackers who want to be on the ball. It's even more frustrating because I just want to be out there and involved. Hopefully it won't be too long until I'm back to 100% and I can help the lads achieve our goals this season.



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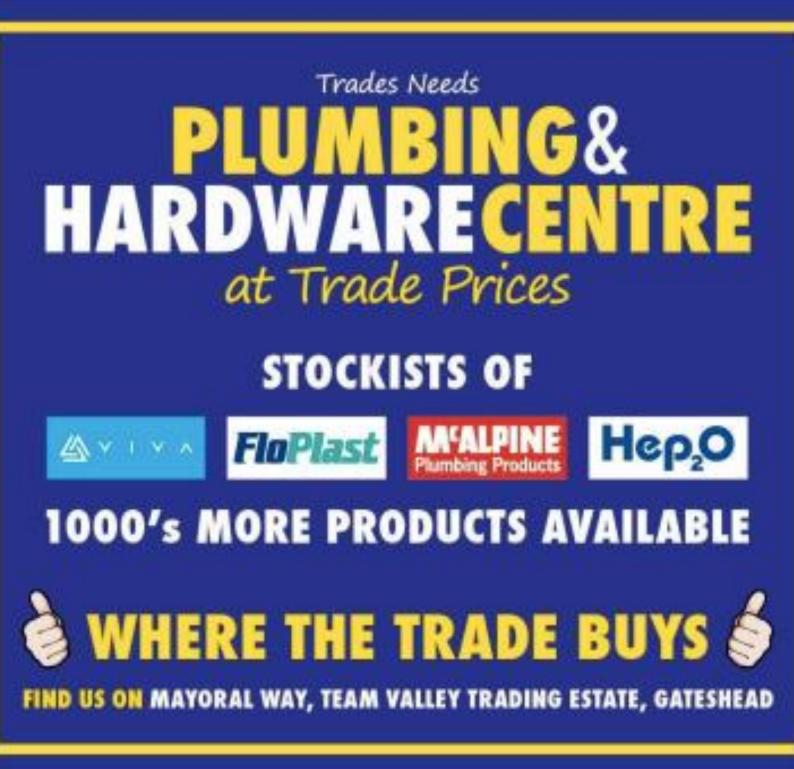
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3.	Hebburn Town	7	2	0	1	3	0	1	5	0	2	14	9	5	15
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5.	Dunston	7	1	1	1	3	0	1	4	1	2	14	10	4	13
6.	North Ferriby	6	3	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	14	10	4	13
7.	Carlton Town	5	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	1	10	5	5	12
8.	Cleethorpes Town	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	2	13	7	6	11
9.	Stockton Town	6	2	1	0	1	0	2	3	1	2	8	6	2	10
10.	Grantham Town	7	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	3	12	16	-4	10
11.	Liversedge	7	2	0	2	1	0	2	3	0	4	10	10	0	9
12.	Newton Aycliffe	8	3	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	5	9	18	-9	9
13.	Brighouse Town	7	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	14	17	-3	8
14.	Stocksbridge Park Steels	7	2	0	2	0	1	2	2	1	4	13	12	1	7
15.	Sheffield	7	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	4	12	14	-2	7
16.	Ashington	7	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	4	9	13	-4	7
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