



# *The Highwaymen*

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## **Dunston UTS**

EBAC Northern League Division One  
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# Welcome to Craik Park



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**Morpeth Town A.F.C.**

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**Seaham Red Star**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – 3pm KO  
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## Message from the Chairman

We welcome our friends from Jarrow Roofing today in what will undoubtedly be a tough match. Richie McLoughlin has over the years done a magnificent job putting his heart, soul and hard earned cash into taking Jarrow Roofing to where they are today, and it is thanks to the likes of Richie that we in this country can offer such a high level of non-league football.

Town's last two matches away to Billingham Synthonia and Consett have really set the standard for this club, playing football the way it is meant to be played, flowing passing football - and for me it is the only way to play. Tuesday's performance against Consett was even more impressive due to the fact that captain Keith Graydon was missing from our midfield, with the players who came in equally capable. We have outstanding footballers at the club, many of whom are capable of playing professional league football and I believe it is testament to the camaraderie and potential of this club that they have decided to commit to us.

Looking ahead our talks continue with Sporting Morpeth Juniors in order to get them fully on board and create a total football academy. The Juniors have been great support to us over the last 2-3 years as has Gary Munday who continues to do a great job as Chairman.

Enjoy the match, hopefully it will bring another 3 points

See you in the bar afterwards.

Ken Beattie

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# Chilton double helps sink Roofers

## Morpeth Town 3-1 Jarrow Roofing



The Highwaymen kept pace with league leaders Shildon with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Jarrow Roofing on Saturday afternoon at Craik Park.

Michael Chilton netted twice on Non-League Day before the visitors replied through Alex White just before half time. Substitute Jordan Nellis secured the win with tap-in nine minutes from time, Morpeth now four points behind the leaders with two games in hand.

Nick Gray kept faith with the side that beat Consett 5-2 in mid-week, with

Captain Keith Graydon still missing due to injury.

A short corner in the third minute provided the first opportunity for Town, Ben Sayer and Lee McAndrew combined before passing to Luke Carr on the edge of the area who cut onto his unfavoured right and hit the side netting.

Five minutes later it was Carr again taking aim, this time hitting the target after a long series of possession by the home side, Carr's left footed effort from the edge of the area straight at Dan Regan.

The goalkeeper then threw the ball out to Alex White, who found Shaun Vipond, his misplaced pass picked off by Chilton. He played the ball to strike partner Sean Taylor who missed the target with a 25 yard effort.

The visitors did create some problems on the counter attack. Firstly Vipond played in Paul Chow with just the 'keeper to beat, or so he thought, as Stephen Forster raced back to slide the ball behind for a corner.

And they should have taken the lead two minutes, James Novak dispossessed by Jordan Lartey who had a clear run at goal, Karl Dryden meeting him with a slide tackle outside of the area, a fantastic challenge by the Morpeth 'keeper.

From the tackle Morpeth countered, Carr eventually picking the ball up on the edge of the area on the left, curling a pinpoint cross onto the head of the diving Chilton who gave the hosts the lead.

The lead was doubled within four minute, Steven Anderson picking out the run of Novak on the left, the left-back hit a low cross into the area, Chilton beating his marker to slot home.



Roofing made an early substitution which almost provided dividends within a few minutes, Michael Riley finding himself 10 yards out, missing the target with a right footed effort.

The visitors continued to push for route back into the game, a left wing corner half-cleared by the Highwaymen landed to Kieran Wrightson, his volleyed effort claimed by the diving Dryden.

Jarrow reduced the arrears six minute before the break, right-back Corey Barnes's whipped right wing cross powerfully headed home by Roofing captain Alex White into the top right hand corner.

After the break the game turned into a cagier affair, the visitors looking to pull level, the hosts trying to extend, or at least maintain their advantage.

Early in the second period Forster broke on to a wayward pass, he beat two defenders before moving the ball onto his left foot, hitting his shot high over Regan's crossbar.

At the other end Adam Rundle found himself some space on the left just outside the penalty area. He composed himself before firing low, just wide of Dryden's left hand post.

Chances were few and far between for both sides, Michael Hall's mazy run found Taylor on the right. He cut the ball back to Anderson on the edge of the area, but his shot was always curling wide.

The following 15 minutes so a string of long range efforts from the Highwaymen, Taylor and Anderson firing high over the bar, while Novak's free-kick was agonizingly close to head of Hall five yards out.

Morpeth went close to extending their lead as clock reached 75 minutes. A long Forster pass allowed Taylor to break behind the Roofing backline. Regan saved his one-on-one effort, the ball rebounding to McAndrew who attempted to fire home, Regan again denying the hosts.



Chilton went close to sealing his hat-trick, and the three points, two minutes later, dispossessing a defender before curling an effort goal wards, the ball clipping the top of the crossbar.

A well worked throw-in finally put the game beyond doubt. Forster, Taggart and Taylor combined for the latter to cross into the six yard box with substitute Jordan Nellis on hand to tap home, a minute after coming on to the pitch.



# Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September Round-Up

(by Ray Simpson)



Northallerton Town manager Danny Mellanby quit after Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by Billingham Synthonia – even though they're firmly in the Ebac Northern League Second Division promotion race.

Northallerton are seventh in the table and have recorded some high scoring wins this season, but Mellanby says that he's had enough of the attitude of some of his players after they were beaten by Synners.

Mellanby, who had a brief spell as manager of Newton Aycliffe last season, said; "I resigned with immediate effect after an unacceptable home defeat. The fans and the fantastic committee deserve better. It's been noted in the last few weeks that players have struggled to be motivated for games. Let's hope someone can come in and change their

mentality."

Mellanby's decision comes just a few days after club chairman Peter Young stood down for personal reasons.

Former Northallerton striker Jamie Clarke put Synners into the lead with a looping header on 10 minutes, then Mattie Osmond hit the second with a shot in off the bar. It was 3-0 on 21 minutes when Clarke fired another. Synners are now up to ninth, and are unbeaten in their last seven league matches.

Newton Aycliffe had the best result of the day in the First Division, winning 5-0 away at Durham City. Aycliffe have signed former Darlington striker John Campbell from Jarrow Roofing, but he didn't get on the scoresheet. After a goalless first half in which Aycliffe had the edge, Aycliffe took the lead with a powerful 25 yarder by Zak Boagey, and they never looked back.



Dennis Knight made it 2-0 when Durham keeper Lee Barrass couldn't hold a Jordan Laidler free-kick and the ball fell for him, then within 3

minutes Knight bagged another. Boagey made it 4-0 with another long distance special, then Jonny Gibson scored the fifth with 5 minutes left.



Shildon recovered from last week's home defeat by Consett to win 2-1 at Ashington and stay four points clear at the top. After Marc Doninger headed just wide for Shildon, the Railwaymen took the lead with an excellent 25-yard free-kick by Lewis Wing, and then skipper Gary Brown made it 2-0 with a header from a Wing corner.

Wing was unlucky with another free-kick just before half-time, but in the second half Ashington improved and Ben Harmison scored at the second attempt.



Fourth-placed Guisborough Town have now failed to win any of their last three league games after they were held to a 2-2 draw by Sunderland RCA at the King George.



It looked good for them when Luke Bythway beat RCA keeper Jordan Harkess all ends up with a 30-yarder into the top corner, but RCA equalised through Steve Callen from the corner of the box.

It was nip and tuck after that, and Guisborough regained the lead with a header by Danny Earl from a corner. However, RCA's Joe Melvin earned his side a point with a 25-yarder that beat Nick Liversedge.



Morpeth Town kept the pressure on Shildon in second place by beating Jarrow Roofing 3-1. Michael Chilton gave Morpeth the lead with a header, and he made it 2-0 after 17 minutes when he scored from a low cross.

Alex White pulled a goal back with a header from a Corey Barnes pass, but sub Jordan Nellis deflected a low cross into the net 10 minutes from the end.

Dunston UTS had only conceded three goals away from home before their away game at North Shields, but that figure is now up to five after they were beaten 2-1. Shields took the lead with a 30 yarder by Michael McKeown into the top corner, then Ben Richardson made it 2-0 with a free-kick from the same distance.



Steve Richardson pulled one back for Dunston when he scored from a left wing cross. Dale Burrell nearly equalised for Dunston, who had midfielder Dan Smith sent-off for two yellows.



West Auckland Town are now six points adrift of safety at the bottom of the table after they lost 3-1 at Consett. West keeper Robbie Stockburn saved an early penalty from Michael Sweet, and West stayed in the game until Luke Sullivan put Consett into the lead with a shot that went in off the post.

In the early minutes of the second half Sweet scored from a Ryan King pass for 2-0, but Tommy Marron pulled one back when scored following a good run. However, Consett sub Michael Mackay beat two defenders and fired home the third for his seventh league goal of the season.

Bishop Auckland are now just two points above the relegation zone after they were beaten 2-0 at West Allotment Celtic. Allotment took the lead when a headed clearance by Bishop keeper Mark Bell outside his area went straight to Sam Walton, who chipped the ball back over him into the net.



Bishops almost equalised through Scott Thompson, but his effort was well saved by Dan Mullen. Allotment then went 2-0 up when Walton set up David Webster to score. They had Ian Lee sent-off for two yellows, and Bishops nearly pulled one back when Arjun Purewal's header hit the bar.



Washington are still unbeaten in their ten league games after they beat Norton & Stockton Ancients 3-0 at Nissan. Chris Winn gave Washington the lead with a header after 27 minutes, then Jonny Butler fired the second before half-time. Winn wrapped up the points in the second half from a Mark Davison pass.

Seaham Red Star gained some breathing space near the bottom of the league by winning 3-1 at second-bottom Bedlington Terriers. Seaham had some good early pressure, and took the lead through Paul Gardiner from 25 yards.



Bedlington equalised through Ryan Drane with a tap in, but Seaham regained the lead through Darryl Donnelly from a corner before half time. Seaham made sure in the second half through Dan Robinson. Seaham have placed striker Sonny Andrews on the transfer list.



Newcastle Benfield are now in the bottom five after they were beaten 3-0 at home by Penrith. Nathan Waterston put Penrith into the lead with a bullet from 35 yards, and in the second half Martyn Coleman fired the second into the bottom corner for his 11th league goal of the season. Stephen Logan finished off the scoring.

In the other Second Division games, a huge crowd of 1,045 saw South Shields beat Ryton & Crawcrook Albion 4-0. They took the lead when Julio Arca's cross was knocked down by Andy Bulford for Lewis Teasdale to score after 12 minutes, and they went 2-0 midway through the second half when Adam Curry set up Warren Byrne to score.



Arca scored the third in the last minute with a curler from the edge of the box, and in stoppage time Lee Paul Scroggins headed in an Arca corner.



Leaders Chester-le-Street had a good 2-0 away win at Easington Colliery. Jake Stafford gave them a first half lead, but it wasn't until the last minute that Scott Heslop made the game safe with his 15th league goal of the season.

Promotion contenders Team Northumbria were soundly beaten 4-1 at Tow Law Town, who produced their best performance of the season. Sam Reid put a backpass through his own goal to give Lawyers the lead, then Adrian Bailey and Craig Barker made it 3-0. Robert Spence pulled a goal back, but recent signing Adam Burnicle made it 4-1.



Darlington RA also slipped up, by 4-2 at home to Brandon United. The visitors went into a 3-0 lead with goals by Dean Thexton (2) and Kieran Duffy-Weekes, but the RA hit back through Sam England and Nathan Wilson. However, James Ellis made sure for Brandon.



Sunderland Ryhope CW are now third after they beat Heaton Stannington 3-1. Ryhope led with an early volley by Damien Stevens, but Heaton levelled after 15 minutes through Adrian Watson.



Ryhope went back into the lead with a long range effort by Stevens before half time, and after 10 minutes into the second half Simon Ord got the third.

Thornaby ran riot against second bottom Esh Winning, beating them 9-0 at Teesdale Park. Nathan Steel scored a hat-trick, with Gary Mitchell (2), Curtis Edwards, David Lofts, Theo Furness and Lee Bythway getting the others.



Crook Town won for the second time in 48 hours, beating Stokesley SC 3-0 at the Millfield. Josh Bynoe, Phil Caley and Callum Lough scored for Crook.

Willington's new manager Gary Innes tasted defeat in his first game in charge when they were beaten by a last minute goal at home by Alnwick Town. They got off to a good start when Danny Lee scored from a 20th minute penalty, but James Jackson levelled for Alnwick. Will Preston put Willington back into the lead before half time, but Rob Baker equalised direct from a corner for Alnwick, and in the last minute Jackson scored the winner.



Billingham Town drew 1-1 with Hebburn at Bedford Terrace. New signing Chris Dickinson gave Town the lead, but Channon North levelled for Hebburn in the second half.

Birtley Town won their local derby 3-2 at Whickham, thanks to a last minute penalty by Matthew Soulsby. Jak Mitchell and Damon Ellis scored Birtley's other goals, while Chad Collins and Craig Brook replied for Whickham.



## History

Morpeth Town Football Club was established in 1894, and through more than a century of football have continued the tradition of carrying Amber and Black as their team colours.

The club was formed after an amalgamation between Morpeth United and Morpeth FC, playing at Stobhill Cricket Field.

In 1954 the club moved to Storey Park, and in the 1980's enjoyed a successful time in the Northern Alliance, winning the title and finishing runners-up on two other occasions, as well as lifting both the Challenge Cup and Benevolent Bowl in 1986.

The club moved to a purpose built stadium in 1994, which coincided with a League and Cup double, and with it, promotion to the Northern League. Craik Park was named after the father and son W and R Craik who had served as secretary between 1920 and 1985. Current President Ken Beattie was the man behind the stadium and since 1992 he has revived the club's fortunes.

Membership of the Northern League followed in 1994/95 and the following year saw the Second Division Championship being presented to Morpeth. The club finished 6th in the First Division at the first time of asking, as well as reaching the final of the Northumberland Senior Cup.

The club spent half a century in the Northern Football Alliance before stepping up to the Northern League on their one hundredth anniversary. In 1998-99 they made it to the final qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing 1-0 at home to Nigel Clough's Burton Albion.

After sitting comfortably mid-table between 1996/7 and 1999/2000, Morpeth narrowly avoided relegation on goal difference in the 2000/01 season, and finished once again one spot above the relegation zone in 2001/02. The next few years saw Morpeth Town move back into the middle of the table before a 6th place finish in 2005/06, Morpeth's equal top performance in the Northern League.

In 2006/07 Morpeth won the Northumberland Senior Cup for the first time since 1886 (as Morpeth Harriers) with a 3-2 victory over Blyth Spartans.

Disaster struck in 2009/10 as Morpeth Town were relegated to the second division and things got even worse a season later as Morpeth Town finished bottom of the Northern League's second tier.

The club was in dire straits with President Ken Beattie and Chairman Jim Smith trying their best to keep the club running by bringing the ground up to Northern League standards whilst being forced to ground share with local rivals Bedlington Terriers. The club was within weeks of folding at one point.

The Highwaymen began their revival in 2011/12 under the stewardship of Nick

Gray who moved to the club from Seaton Delaval and brought a number of players. In his first season Morpeth narrowly missed out on promotion back to the top tier finishing fourth and a one point won fourteen consecutive home games.

2012/13 saw the side improve once more, finishing one place higher in third position, beating out Jarrow Roofing on goal difference to earn promotion.

After earning promotion Morpeth Town managed to avoid the drop quite comfortably finishing in 17th place. During the season they also went on a historic FA Vase run to the Quarter-Final stage.

In 2014/15 saw further improvement, with the Highwaymen finishing 8th in the table and reaching the Northumberland Senior Cup Final.

## Honours

### League

**Northern League Division Two Champions: 1995/96**

**Northern Alliance Champions: 1983/84, 1993/94**

**Northern Alliance Runners-up: 1937/38, 1965/66, 1973/74, 1981/82, 1984/85**

### Cup

**Northern Alliance Challenge Cup Winners: 1938/39, 1985/86, 1993/94**

**Northern Alliance Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1936/37, 1962/63, 1973/74, 1985/86**

**Northumberland Benevolent Bowl Winners: 1978/79, 1985/86**

**Northumberland Senior Cup Winners: 1886 (shared with Shankhouse), 2006/07**

**Northumberland Senior Cup Runners-up: 1996/97, 2014/15**

**Aged Miners Cup Winners: 1935/36, 1936/37, 1937/38, 1987/88**



# Morpeth Town Squad

**Karl Dryden** joined the club from local rivals Ashington at the start of the 2014/15 season. An excellent all-round goalkeeper who commands the area well.



**Niall Harrison** joined the club mid-way through last season having played for Blyth Spartans earlier in the season. Another excellent 'keeper who can hoof a ball.

**David Hiftle** has plenty of experience at the Northern League level and has previously captained the Highwaymen. Comfortable playing both in centre defence and at full-back.



**Shaun Henderson** a long time servant at Morpeth, Shaun is an attacking full back who has previously played for Newcastle United and Ashington.

**James Novak** signed from Ashington mid-way through last season and shone at left-back for the Highwaymen. Has had previous spells at Bedlington Terriers and Whitley Bay.



**Club Captain Christopher Jewels** is a tall and powerful centre-half who previously played for Hebburn Town, West Allotment Celtic and Washington.

**Michael Hall** is a centre-half who can also play in centre midfield. Powerful but also skilful on the ball, he previously played for West Allotment Celtic and Seaton Delaval.



**Chris Swailes** signs for the club as he heads into his 45-year. His unrivalled experience will be a massive boost for the young squad.

**Johnny Wilson** is a summer signing who plays down the left. Good going forward as well as in defence, he adds depth and talent to a strong defensive unit.

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**Team Captain Keith Graydon** aka Rasher is an experienced midfielder signed mid-season last year from Spennymoor Town. Scored the winner for Spennymoor in the FA Vase Final. Former Sunderland and Gateshead.

**Ben Sayer** started his career with Newcastle United before he joined Team Northumbria. Ben is a creative central midfielder with a superb range of passing. Former Blyth Spartans and Spennymoor Town player.



**Jordan Fry** is a midfielder with a great engine, Jordan makes intelligent runs and is a threat in and around the penalty box. Signed from Seaton Delaval Amateurs.

**Luke Carr** signed toward the end of last season from Durham City. A skilful and pacey central midfielder Luke will look to have a big impact on the 2015/16 season.



**Shaun Bell** is another hard-working midfielder who will always put a shift in. Pops up with the occasional goal from the centre of the park.



**Team Vice Captain Sean Taylor** a pacey winger/striker who notched up 23 goals last season. A product of the Sunderland Academy and has had spells at Blackpool and Ashington.



**Michael Chilton** a fantastic striker for the club who scored 31 goals in the last campaign and is always there or thereabouts at the top of the Northern League goal scoring charts. Ex-Newcastle Benfield and Dunston UTS.

**Daniel Taggart** is a powerful centre forward who likes to get amongst opposing defences. Will only improve with another season of Northern League football under his belt.



**Stephen Forster** a flying winger who is equally adept at defending as well as going forward. Ex Carlisle United, Birmingham City, West Allotment Celtic, Hebburn Town & Jarrow Roofing.

**Steven Anderson** is a very strong young player who has the ability to score great goals. Can play up front or on the flank. Ex-Clubs include Whitley Bay, Walker Central, West Denton, and Newcastle East End.





**Lee McAndrew** is another signing with a wealth of experience in the Northern League making a 175 appearances for Dunston UTS. Has spent time at Spennymoor Town and West Allotment Celtic.

**Jordan Nellis** a summer signing from Bedlington Terriers, Jordan is a pacey and powerful forward who can anywhere across the front three.



**Jack Betts** joined the club this summer, a young striker with lots of power and potential, he will add to the clubs talented strikerforce.

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# Management



**Nick Gray** took Morpeth to a fourth place finish in his first season at Craik Park after the club narrowly avoided relegation the season before he joined and has led the club to an improved finish every year.



**Dave Malone** was brought in by Nick at the start of the 2014/15 season and has been a big hit on and off the field.



**Steven Anderson Snr** is an excellent club man who is more than happy to help in a variety of roles. His influence and enthusiasm in the dressing room is infectious.



**Miles Callum** is the clubs qualified physio who has previously worked at Seaton Delaval Amateurs



**Chris Swailes**, as well as playing, joins the club as First Team Coach

## **Player Spotlight**



### **Dan Taggart**

**Striker Dan Taggart is one part of a formidable forward unit for the Highwaymen that has already scored 26 goals this season, 'Tags' netting three himself while battling injuries last term.**

**Last season Dan scored 6 goals in 21 appearances, causing opposing defenses problems with his power. Certainly don't let him get a shot away with his left foot, once it's the balls hit, it stays hit.**

**Previously played for Birtley Town and Gateshead College, represent Durham School's. Now he works on the pitch here at Craik Park, arriving on his trusty scooter most days.**



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# View from the Terraces



**By Media Manager Stuart Dick**

Another 3-1 victory last weekend against Jarrow Roofing, Michael Chilton on target twice with my Northumberland Lightning teammate Jordan Nellis also scoring. A comfortable win where Town didn't really get out of second gear, which is encouraging go forward.

Anyway, I thought I'd give you a bit of insight into the work put on the media sign of things at the club. As you all know, and can see, I film every game for club for our youtube channel Highwaymen TV (subscribe).

In the last three years I don't think I've watched a game of football, mostly I'm concentrating on the tiny screen in front of me. As soon as I get home from the game it takes three hours to edit the footage, and then another hour to save the file, and another hour to upload.

Once that is done, it's time to write the report for the website and the Morpeth Herald, which usually take another thirty minutes or so.



If you haven't checked out the new website, go to [MorpethTownFC.com](http://MorpethTownFC.com) and let me know what you think, hopefully you like it.

Anyway, back to the work, the programme is the most time consuming part. I took on the task of improving the programme and expanding its content and aim to be one of the best programmes in the league. It takes a good say to make sure everything is in order (and you'll no doubt find the odd mistake still.)

It's a lot of time and effort, but since joining the club halfway through last season I've become an avid fan and supporter. Town is more important to me than Newcastle United these days, and it's thanks to all the people and the club who have made me welcome. Hopefully I'll be at the club for a long, long time.

Onto today, Dunston UTS will provide a stern test, an excellent side who'll be eager to push towards the top of the table. Following this we travel to league Champions Marske United in what will be another difficult game.

Tune in on Friday's 6-8pm for Koast Sport  
With Stuart Dick, Ian Skinner and Guests on Koast Radio.



# 2015/16 Fixtures

## July 2015

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Dalbeattie Star (A)	7.30pm	4-1
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Stranraer (A)	2.30pm	3-5
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Whitley Bay A (A)	3.00pm	3-1
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Walker Central (A)	7.30pm	2-0
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	West Allotment Celtic (A)	3.00pm	4-1
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Jarrow (A)	3.00pm	2-0

## August 2015

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion (A)	2.30pm	5-1
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Bishop Auckland (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Washington (A)	7.30pm	2-2
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Garforth Town (A)	3.00pm	4-1
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Durham City (H)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>2-1</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	West Auckland Town (A)	3.00pm	2-0
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Newcastle Benfield (A)	7.30pm	2-2
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Newton Aycliffe (A)	3.00pm	0-2
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Shildon (A)	7.30pm	1-0

## September 2015

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Padiham (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>4-1</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Bedlington Terriers (H)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>West Allotment Celtic (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>3-1</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Ashington (A)	3.00pm	3-1
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Bishop Auckland (H)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>North Shields (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>0-2</b>

## October 2015

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Billingham Synthonia (A)	3.00pm	1-0
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Consett (A)	7.30pm	5-2
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Jarrow Roofing (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Dunston UTS</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Marske United (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Seaham Red Star (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Whitley Bay (A)	7.30pm	ENL D1
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Penrith (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1

## November 2015

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Newton Aycliffe (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Consett (H)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>League Cup R2</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Norton & Stockton Ancients (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Sunderland RCA (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Guisborough Town (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1

## December 2015

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Washington (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Durham City (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Newcastle Benfield (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Shildon (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>

## January 2015

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	West Allotment Celtic (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Bishop Auckland (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>West Auckland Town (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Dunston UTS (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Bedlington Terriers (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1

## February 2015

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whitley Bay (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Ashington (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	North Shields (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Consett (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>

## March 2015

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Jarrow Roofing (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Marske United (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Seaham Red Star (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Penrith (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>

## April 2015

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Newton Aycliffe (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Norton &amp; Stockton Ancients (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunderland RCA (A)	3.00pm	ENL D1
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Guisborough Town (H)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>ENL D1</b>

# 2015/16 Player Stats

	App	Goals	Assist	Yel	Red
Karl Dryden	14	0	0	0	0
Niall Harrison	3	0	0	0	0
David Hiftle	17	0	1	1	0
Shaun Henderson	11	0	1	0	0
James Novak	16	2	5	0	0
Johnny Wilson	1	0	0	0	0
Christopher Jewels	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Hall	13	0	1	2	0
Keith Graydon	14	3	1	5	0
Ben Sayer	16	5	6	1	0
Jordan Fry	10	2	0	2	0
Luke Carr	15	2	5	0	0
Shaun Bell	1	0	0	0	0
Sean Taylor	17	9	8	2	0
Michael Chilton	16	10	3	0	0
Daniel Taggart	10	3	1	0	0
Stephen Forster	9	0	1	0	1
Stephen Anderson	16	1	3	1	0
Jordan Nellis	11	2	1	1	0
Chris Swailes	8	0	0	0	0
Lee McAndrew	15	1	1	0	0
Jack Betts	0	0	0	0	0
Brandon Williams	0	0	0	0	0

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The Craik Park Suite and Private Function Room is available to hire, whether you are celebrating that special birthday, or your club or society wants to host a fundraising event, or even host a meeting we have got you covered.

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# Mid-Week North East Fixtures

(7.30pm Unless Specified)

## Vanarama National League

**Tuesday**

Macclesfield

7.45pm

Gateshead

## Evo-Stik Premier Division

**Tuesday**

Ashton United

7.45pm

Darlington 1883

## Evo-Stik Division One

**Tuesday**

Spennymoor Town

7.45pm

Brighouse Town

## EBAC Northern League Division One

**Tuesday**

Durham City

V

North Shields

Newton Aycliffe

7.45pm

Penrith

Sunderland RCA

V

Marske United

West Auckland Town

V

Bishop Auckland

Whitley Bay

V

Shildon

**Wednesday**

Guisborough Town

V

Jarrow Roofing

Morpeth Town

V

Dunston UTS

Newcastle Benfield

V

Ashington

## EBAC Northern League Division Two

**Tuesday**

South Shields

V

Billingham Synthonia

## Ernest Armstong Memorial Cup First Round

**Tuesday**

Ryhope CW

V

Esh Winning

**Wednesday**

Birtley Town

V

Darlington RA

Brandon United

V

Ryton & Crawcrook Albion

Crook Town

V

Thornaby

**Thursday**

Easington Colliery

V

Chester-Le-Street

# Northern League Stats

(Compiled by Ray Simpson)

Northern League Statistics

Highest scorers:

Division One

14 Paul Brayson (Newcastle Benfield),  
13 Callum Patton (Durham City),

11 Mark Doninger (Shildon),  
10 Danny Earl (Guisborough),  
9 Martyn Coleman (Penrith)

8 John Campbell (Jarrow Roofing), Dale Pearson (West Allotment),  
7 Craig Gott (Marske),  
6 Mark Davison (Washington), Andrew Johnson (Ashington), Michael Mackay  
(Consett), Michael Sweet (Consett), Lewis Teasdale (Jarrow Roofing)

Division Two

13 Scott Heslop (Chester-le-Street), Kai Hewitson (Tow Law),  
11 Harvey Saunders (Darlington RA),  
9 Warren Byrne (South Shields), Jonathan Wright (Heaton Stannington), Conor  
Winter (Ryhope CW).  
8 Vince Gash (Brandon), Sam Moore (Ryton and Crawcrook), Nathan O'Neill (Ryhope  
CW), Aaron Ramsbottom (Northallerton)  
7 Scott Gunn (Ryton and Crawcrook), Andrew Ramsbottom (Northallerton),  
6 Adam Burnicle (Willington), David Luke (Team Northumbria) Luke Page (Easington),

Biggest wins:

Home:

Division One

Shildon 8 Norton 0 (12th August)

Division Two

Birtley 9 Stokesley 0 (26th August), Tow Law 8 Stokesley 1 (26th September),  
Northallerton 8 Stokesley 2 (15th August)  
Easington 7 Tow Law 0 (15th August)



Away

Division One

Bedlington 0 Dunston UTS 8 (8th August), West Auckland 2 Guisborough 7 (11th August)

Division Two

Birtley 0 Team Northumbria 9 (22nd August)

Clean sheets:

Division One

8 Shildon

6 Dunston UTS

3 Consett, Morpeth Newton Aycliffe,

2 Ashington, North Shields, Penrith, Washington, Whitley Bay

1 Durham City, Marske United, Norton, Seaham Red Star, Sunderland RCA, West Allotment, West Auckland

Division Two

7 Billingham Synthonia,

5 Team Northumbria

4 Chester-le-Street, Darlington RA,

3 Billingham Town, Northallerton, , South Shields, Thornaby, Whickham

2 Birtley, Easington, Hebburn, Ryton and Crawcrook,

1 Alnwick, Crook, Ryhope CW, Tow Law

Failed to score:

Division One.

5 Bedlington ,

4 Bishop Auckland, Dunston UTS, West Auckland.

3 Durham City, Norton, West Allotment

2 Newton Aycliffe, Seaham Red Star, Sunderland RCA

1 Ashington, Consett, Guisborough, Marske United, Morpeth, Newcastle Benfield, Shildon, Whitley Bay.

Division Two.

4 Alnwick, Birtley, Crook Town, Esh Winning, Stokesley.

3 Easington, Hebburn, Ryton and Crawcrook, Team Northumbria,

2 Billingham Synthonia, Chester-le-Street, Darlington RA, Tow Law, Willington.

1 Billingham Town, Brandon, Heaton Stannington, Northallerton, Ryhope CW, Thornaby, Whickham.

# League Tables

## EBAC Northern League Division One

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Sildon</b>	14	11	0	3	29	33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Morpeth Town</b>	12	9	2	1	15	29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Washington</b>	10	7	3	0	13	24
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Guisborough Town</b>	11	7	3	2	15	23
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Marske United</b>	11	7	2	2	12	23
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>North Shields</b>	14	7	2	5	8	23
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Consett</b>	13	6	4	3	6	22
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dunston UTS</b>	12	5	4	3	15	19
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunderland RCA</b>	13	5	4	4	-3	19
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Penrith</b>	13	5	3	5	4	18
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Newton Aycliffe</b>	10	4	4	2	7	16
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ashington</b>	12	3	4	5	0	13
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Durham City</b>	13	4	1	8	-7	13
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Seaham Red Star</b>	12	3	4	5	-9	13
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bishop Auckland</b>	12	4	0	8	-16	12
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>West Allotment Celtic</b>	14	3	3	8	-23	12
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jarrow Roofing</b>	10	3	2	5	-3	11
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Newcastle Benfield</b>	11	3	2	6	-8	11
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whitley Bay</b>	6	3	1	2	9	10
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Norton &amp; Stockton Ancients</b>	12	2	2	8	-18	8
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Bedlington Terriers</b>	13	2	1	10	-25	7
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>West Auckland Town</b>	12	1	2	8	-21	5

## Form Guide

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Sildon</b>	6	5	0	1	9	15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Morpeth Town</b>	6	5	0	1	8	15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Washington</b>	6	4	2	0	9	14
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Marske United</b>	6	4	1	1	8	13
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Consett</b>	6	4	1	1	5	13
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunderland RCA</b>	6	3	3	0	4	12
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>North Shields</b>	6	4	0	2	4	12
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whitley Bay</b>	6	3	1	2	9	10
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Newton Aycliffe</b>	6	2	3	1	3	9
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dunston UTS</b>	6	2	2	2	3	8
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Guisborough Town</b>	6	2	2	2	0	8
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Seaham Red Star</b>	6	2	2	2	-4	8
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>West Allotment Celtic</b>	6	1	3	2	-2	6
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jarrow Roofing RCA</b>	6	2	0	4	-3	6
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Norton &amp; Stockton Ancients</b>	6	2	0	4	-4	6
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Newcastle Benfield</b>	6	2	0	4	-6	6
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bishop Auckland</b>	6	2	0	4	-11	6
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Penrith</b>	6	1	2	3	-1	5
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ashington</b>	6	1	2	3	-2	5
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Durham City</b>	6	1	1	4	-7	4
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>West Auckland Town</b>	6	1	1	4	-8	4
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Bedlington Terriers</b>	6	1	0	5	-7	3

## EBAC Northern League Division Two

		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chester-Le-Street	14	10	3	1	24	30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	South Shields	14	10	2	2	23	29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryhope CW	13	8	2	3	10	25
4 <sup>th</sup>	Darlington RA	15	8	2	5	2	23
5 <sup>th</sup>	Team Northumbria	14	7	4	3	23	23
6 <sup>th</sup>	Easington Colliery	15	7	2	6	11	23
7 <sup>th</sup>	Northallerton Town	15	6	4	5	13	22
8 <sup>th</sup>	Thornaby	12	6	4	2	12	19
9 <sup>th</sup>	Billingham Synthonia	10	7	1	2	11	19
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tow Law Town	16	6	4	6	2	19
11 <sup>th</sup>	Brandon United	15	7	1	7	-4	18
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	15	6	3	6	5	18
13 <sup>th</sup>	Alnwick Town	14	5	4	5	2	17
14 <sup>th</sup>	Heaton Stannington	12	5	3	4	1	16
15 <sup>th</sup>	Crook Town	13	6	0	7	-2	16
16 <sup>th</sup>	Whickham	12	5	2	5	1	16
17 <sup>th</sup>	Billingham Town	14	5	2	7	-5	12
18 <sup>th</sup>	Birtley Town	14	4	2	8	-7	12
19 <sup>th</sup>	Hebburn Town	13	3	4	6	-3	11
20 <sup>th</sup>	Willington	15	2	3	10	-26	9
21 <sup>st</sup>	Esh Winning	14	2	1	11	-38	7
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stokesley	15	0	1	14	-55	1

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		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Billingham Synthonia	6	6	0	0	12	18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chester-Le-Street	6	5	1	0	13	16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	South Shields	6	5	1	0	13	16
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryhope CW	6	4	1	1	7	13
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thornaby	6	3	1	2	8	10
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tow Law Town	6	3	1	2	7	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	Birtley Town	6	3	1	2	3	10
8 <sup>th</sup>	Billingham Town	6	3	1	2	1	10
9 <sup>th</sup>	Alnwick Town	6	2	3	1	2	9
10 <sup>th</sup>	Crook Town	6	3	0	3	-4	9
11 <sup>th</sup>	Northallerton Town	6	2	2	2	7	8
12 <sup>th</sup>	Team Northumbria	6	2	2	2	3	8
13 <sup>th</sup>	Heaton Stannington	6	2	2	2	-2	8
14 <sup>th</sup>	Darlington RA	6	2	1	3	1	7
15 <sup>th</sup>	Easington Colliery	5	2	1	3	-1	7
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	6	2	1	3	-3	7
17 <sup>th</sup>	Brandon United	6	2	0	4	-6	6
18 <sup>th</sup>	Whickham	6	1	1	4	-1	4
19 <sup>th</sup>	Esh Winning	6	1	0	5	-23	3
20 <sup>th</sup>	Hebburn Town	6	0	2	4	-9	2
21 <sup>st</sup>	Willington	6	0	1	5	-13	1
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stokesley	6	0	1	5	-19	1

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EBAC Northern League Division One  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 - 3pm KO

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First Qualifying Round  
September 2015 - 3.00pm KO




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EBAC Northern League Division One  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 7.30pm KO




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**Durham City FC**  
EBAC Northern League Division One  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015 - 7.30pm KO

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**West Allotment Celtic**  
EBAC Northern League Division One  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 3.00pm KO





## **Managers Message: Nick Gray and Dave Malone**

The last couple of results have been pleasing for different reasons, We've progressed to the First Round of the FA Vase after beating Billingham Synthonia 1-0. We kept plugging away and plugging away and in the end we got the result we wanted against a stubborn Synners side.

The Consett result was the most satisfactory performance of the season, with and without the ball, and we put at least half of our chances away, which is what we've been threatening to do all season.

It was pleasing to do it on a 3G pitch, away from home, on a typically foggy night in Consett against a good side. It was a good reaction from our lads to the last home game in the league when we lost 2-0 to North Shields.

I said after the North Shields game that I'd take 23 points from every 10 games, we've shown this season we are more resilient, in some games last year we dropped points we shouldn't have.

On to today, it's always a tough game against Jarrow Roofing, they never give up, keep on going to the end. Today will be a different game from the Consett one, but our team and squad are beginning to gel. If the squad keep listening and applying themselves the way they are we are in for a promising season.

**Yours in Sport**

**Nicky Gray**

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## First Round

**West Didsbury &  
Chorlton FC  
V  
Morpeth Town  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**



Handsworth Parramore	V	Shildon
Guisborough Town	V	Armthorpe Welfare
Atherton Collieries	V	Newcastle Benfield
Stokesley	V	Maltby Main
Silsden	V	Sunderland RCA
Team Northumbria	V	Darlington RA
Congleton Town	V	Marske United
Durham City	V	Seaham Red Star
Dronfield Town	V	Ashington
Chester-Le-Street	V	Newton Aycliffe
Hemsworth MW	V	West Auckland Town
Northwich Manchester Villa	V	Whitley Bay
Garforth Town	V	Hebburn Town
Bishop Auckland	V	South Shields







## Today's Opposition



**Current League Position – 8<sup>th</sup> Position**

**Current Form – LDDLWW**

**Last Meeting – Dunston UTS 1-3 Morpeth Town**

**Last Meeting at Craik Park – Morpeth Town 1-3 Dunston UTS**



# Dunston UTS Squad

**BILLY IRWIN (Manager)** - Eighteenth season with the Club. Signed from Durham City. Distinguished and successful ex-Club Captain. Ninth season as part of the Management Team.

**TONY HARRISON (Assistant Manager)** - Joined the Management Team eight seasons ago. Previously managed at Ashington and Prudhoe Town after a great playing career as a top non-league goalkeeper.

**ROBERT HOOKS (Sports Therapist)** - The Club were delighted to welcome on board the services of a top-notch Therapist at the start of last season. Rob came in and rapidly built a strong rapport with the playing squad as he filled this most vital position in the Club.

## PLAYERS

**ANDREW CLARK (Goalkeeper)** - Returned to Dunston in 2009 for his second spell with the Club, having transferred from South Shields. Also takes on the duties of goal-keeping coach.

**LIAM CONNELL (Goalkeeper)** - In his seventh season with the Club after previously playing for Gateshead, Durham City and Crook Town.

**MICHAEL PEARSON (Defender)** - Joined Dunston prior to the start of the season from Consett AFC. Previous Clubs include Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields.

**LUKE GILHESPY (Defender)** - Signed from Bishop Auckland prior to the 2013-2014 season despite strong interest from other Northern League Clubs. After graduating from Redheugh Boys Club, Luke has previously played for Chester-le-Street Town and Newcastle Benfield.

**STEPHEN HARRISON (Defender)** - Very experienced attack-minded player who joined the Club before the start of last season. Has played at the very top of non-league football with previous Clubs including Gateshead FC, Blyth Spartans, Durham City and Darlington.

**DANIEL HALLIDAY (Defender)** - Another new signing at the start of last season. Dan is a product of the excellent Gateshead Academy and also gained valuable Northern League experience at Birtley Town.

**ADAM WILKINSON (Defender)** - Close-season signing from West Auckland Town. Adam previously played for Whickham and Bedlington Terriers.

**SCOTT MARTINDALE (Defender)** - Another arrival prior to this season from Consett AFC. Scott has previous experience at Hibernian, Newcastle Benfield and Tow Law Town.

**MATTHEW FISHER (Midfield)** - Promising young player who recently returned to Dunston from Washington after spells with Gateshead Academy, Birtley Town and Team Northumbria.

**DALE BURRELL (Midfield)** - Enjoyed an outstanding three seasons at the Club since signing from Consett AFC in 2012. An excellent all-round performer, Dale previously played for Ryton.

**CRAIG HODGSON (Midfield)** - Impressive performer who joined the Club from Bishop Auckland in time to start last season. Started his senior career at Washington before moving to Whickham and then Bishop Auckland.

**ALEX FRANCIS (Midfield)** - Another outstanding pre-season capture from West Auckland Town where he was a key player. Alex is a product of the Newcastle United Academy. Previous Clubs include Gateshead FC and Spennymoor Town.

**LIAM THEAR (Midfield)** - Liam joined the Club in the summer after completing a successful stint at the Gateshead Academy where was highly rated.

**MATTHEW BRIGGS (Midfield)** - Another excellent young player who graduated from the Gateshead Academy before joining the Club in the summer.

**MALKY MORIEN (Forward)** - Prolific goal-scorer acquired in the run-up to this season. Is sure to pose some problems for opposing defenders as he strives to continue his scoring record at Whitley Bay, Jarrow Roofing BCA and Blyth Town.

**STEVEN RICHARDSON (Forward)** - Very skilfull attacking player with vast experience at the very top level of non-league football. Signed from West Auckland Town, Steven's previous Clubs include Gateshead FC and Spennymoor Town.

**DANIEL SMITH (Forward)** - Hard working wide man who joined the Club from Hebburn Town where he played his part in the development of a great bunch of youthful players. Dan is proving to be a very useful acquisition.





# Dunston UTS History

The club first saw light of day in 1975 as a humble works outfit. The previous club Chairman, John Thompson, 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.

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

In 1980 the club joined the Northern Combination League. Further League and Cup successes followed and a move to a base nearer the home ground seemed logical. The club then moved to a new base at the Dunston Mechanics Social Club and became known as Dunston Mechanics F.C. As the club became more ambitious a piece of land in the locality was leased from Gateshead MBC and the committee began to develop 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 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 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 is now an established Northern League club having won the League Challenge Cup three years in succession from 1998 to 2000. They 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 has been changed from Federation Park to The UTS Stadium.

The Club enjoyed a momentous season in 2011-2012 when finishing third in the Northern League and earning a visit to Wembley. After a memorable run in the FA Vase, the side went on to lift the trophy with a 2-0 victory over West Auckland Town.

Over the years the club has always recognised that success on the field must be coupled with success and 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 back room staff at the club have been involved since it was founded in 1975, some as former players and others as management members on the playing side. It is a tribute to their commitment and hard work that the club has become one of the most successful and respected in the North East.

# Upcoming Fixtures



EBAC Northern  
League Division 1



Saturday 17th  
October



EBAC Northern  
League Division 1



Saturday 24th  
October



EBAC Northern  
League Division 1



Tuesday 27th  
October



FA Vase First  
Round Proper



Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>  
October



# Captains Message:



After a disappointing result against North Shields two weeks ago, we have bounced back well.

Starting with the win over Billingham Synthonia which was a tough game, we had a lot of possession, which is unusual away from home, but we eventually broke through and got the result we were after in the FA Vase.

We followed the Synners win with a trip to Consett on a foggy Tuesday night. The manager made some changes and I thought the team played very well hitting the woodwork twice in the first half before going into the break 1-0 down.

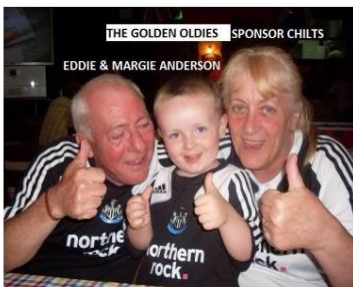
Second half the side clicked into gear and we scored five, and could have scored more, an excellent performance from the lads.

Today we welcome Jarrow Roofing and we have to take things by a game-by-game basis, we know Jarrow have some fantastic players and we'll have to be at our best to win.

Team Captain  
Keith Graydon



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