OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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Good afternoon and welcome back to the Welfare Stadium for our second home fixture of the NCEL Division One season. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to today's visitors Dearne & District, their players, coaching staff and supporters - as well as to our match officials.

We've learned a lot in these opening weeks of life at Step 6. Every match has given us new challenges - and I'm pleased to see improvements and steps forward in maturity each week.

One of the real positives so far has been the chance to integrate a number of our scholars and young players into the squad. They've embraced the challenge brilliantly and are showing they can hold their own at this level.

A massive boost for the squad was having new signing Jaydan Sandhu available for selection last week - who made an immediate impact by scoring twice on his debut. Having players who can produce in big moments will be key for us this season, and Jaydan certainly gave us that spark.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all our new player sponsors who have joined us this season. Your support is hugely appreciated and makes a real difference to what we can achieve as a club.

Finally, a big thank you to our supporters for your continued backing both home and away. The noise, energy and encouragement from the stands are invaluable - and I know the players feed off that. Let's keep that going today and give the lads the best platform possible to perform.

Enjoy the game,

#### Steve Grime

Head Coach



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Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to the Welfare Stadium for our second home match of the NCEL Division One season. I would like to also welcome everybody from Dearne & District, who will provide a tough test this afternoon after starting the season in great form - picking up three wins from their opening four games.

As a club, we knew that stepping into Step 6 would present significant challenges - and while results on the pitch could've been better in the opening weeks - we fully understand the task ahead of us and we are prepared for it. This season is about adapting, learning and growing stronger as a group - and I believe we're already seeing encouraging signs of progress.

It has been absolutely brilliant to see the integration of our scholars and young players into the senior squad. This pathway is central to the Leeds UFCA project, and it's been brilliant to see them rising to the challenge and gaining valuable experience at this level. That mix of youth and experience is something we'll continue to build on as the season goes on.

Off the pitch, the club continues to take important steps forward. We've welcomed several new player sponsors and commercial partners in recent weeks - and I want to extend my thanks to each and every one of them. Your backing is vital - not only does it help with the running of the club today - but it also allows us to invest in the facilities and infrastructure that will shape our future.

Our aim remains to create a strong, sustainable football club that provides a genuine pathway for young players and competes at the highest level we can.

Thank you for being part of Leeds UFCA's story.

#### **Steve Hart** Chairman



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