



**NEWCASTLE  
UNIVERSITY**

**ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE**

**BADMINTON**





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# All about Badminton

## Competitive Opportunities

High-level competitive opportunities for aspiring young players include:

**BUCS TEAM  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**NORTHUMBERLAND  
BADMINTON LEAGUE**

**BUCS INDIVIDUALS**

Additionally, annual Badminton Gold and Silver events are held locally. These opportunities combined with our own training programme give students a challenging but supportive pathway to progress to the next level in their game.

## Scholarships

We have a range of scholarships available from direct cash instalments, reduced academic grade offers and support services including medical support, sports psychology, S&C, academic flexibility and gym memberships.

## Your Weekly Schedule

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Group Training & S&C	Group Training	BUCS Match		S&C / Local League Match		Group Training

# Our Coaching Staff

## Martin Fagan - Head Badminton Coach



### Playing & Coaching Career

BE Level 3 accredited coach Martin Fagan has been a county player for over 25 years and represented England at masters level. He runs the junior performance programme for Northumberland and coaches within schools across Newcastle.

### Philosophy

Martin's coaching philosophy is based around inspiring players to be the best that they can be:

'Be prepared to work hard in all aspects of your game, listen and learn. Know your strengths, recognise your weaknesses, and make them your strengths. Grit and determination together with a belief in your own abilities. Respect everyone around you and they will respect you in turn.'



# Our Coaching Staff

## Gary Lee - Assistant Badminton Coach



### Playing & Coaching Career

Gary has been one of Northumberland's best players over the last few years, representing the county as the top seed in both individual and doubles disciplines. He studied as a sport scholar at Northumbria University and in his second year took up a role as player/coach.

As a player he's worked with some brilliant coaches from around the world, such as Anthony Clark from England Badminton and at the professional badminton club in Hojberg, Denmark. Gary spent a number of years competing with the best players in the country and reached a highest national ranking of 12th at his peak. He's now a full-time teacher specialising in PE and School Sport and relishes the opportunity to give back to the sport that has given him so much.

## Jack Thorpe - Assistant Badminton Coach



### Playing & Coaching Career

A former regular on Newcastle University's Men's 1st team, Jack has been an incredible servant to the badminton club. Jack has had many roles within the club, captaining teams and taking on the presidency in his final year.

In a difficult transition year for the club Jack led the teams to some brilliant performances, helped embed a supportive and respectful ethos and managed to raise nearly £2000 for the West End Foodbank. He's also a Level 2 coach with plenty of experience in the university sport sector and a true passion to see the badminton club succeed.

# Our Facilities

Newcastle University Sport Centre is ideally located on campus in the city, close to most first year accommodation. Sports Hall 1 in the South Wing offers eight badminton courts and a viewing gallery allowing spectators to get a great view of the action. Sports Hall 2 in the North Wing has six badminton courts and is painted blue to avoid clashes with shuttlecocks and table tennis balls. Both halls accommodate the badminton club's training and fixtures. Club members can also book individual courts two weeks in advance, free of charge. If you want to play every day, you can!



Newcastle University Sport Centre offers a world class, 180 station gym for all members but also two modern strength and conditioning suites for scholars and performance teams where our passionate coaches are on hand to monitor athletic progress.

Our strength and conditioning department supports high performance student-athletes in their pursuit of sporting excellence. They provide individualised coaching delivered within a programme of athletic development and injury mitigation. Alongside Martin, they work hard to develop our students into robust and powerful athletes able to cope with the high demands of competitive badminton.



# Our University



Newcastle University is a world-leading university and a founding member of the Russell Group, representing the UK's top higher education institutions. As a world top 125 university (QS World University Rankings 2023), Newcastle University inspires the minds of thousands of students from over 140 countries and delivers an outstanding learning experience that equips students for future success. Newcastle University has been rated 5th in the UK for Student Life (Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2022) and is considered a top 20 university in the UK (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023).



# Our City



Voted as one of the UK's greatest student cities, Newcastle is a big city in a small space with a sizeable student population of around 42,000. The city has a proud reputation for sport and is home to several professional sports teams, such as: Newcastle United, Newcastle Falcons and the Newcastle Eagles. Newcastle's reputation for a great nightlife is well-known and with its thriving arts and culture scene too, there's something different to do every day of the week. A combination of a challenging and supportive badminton programme, a world class education and nationally renowned social life, makes this programme the place to be!



# Information & Links



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