

THE DABBER



NANTWICH TOWN
VS
GUISELEY AFC
Saturday 20th August 2022
KICK OFF 15:00

Official matchday programme of Nantwich Town FC

CLUB DETAILS & HONOURS

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CLUB HONOURS

LEAGUE COMPETITION:

Cheshire County League:

Champions – 1980/81

Mid-Cheshire League:

Champions – 1963/64

Runners-Up – 1950/51, 1961/62, 1964/65

Crewe Amateur Combination League:

Champions – 1946/47

Cheshire League:

Division One Runners Up – 1900/01

Shropshire & District League:

Runners-Up – 1891/92

Manchester League:

Runners-Up – 1966/67

Northern Premier League:

Div 1 South – Play-Off Winners – 2007/08

Premier Division Play-Off Final – 2008/09

CUP COMPETITION:

Cheshire Senior Cup Winners – 1932/33,

1975/76, 2007/08, 2011/12, 2017/18,

2018/19

FA Vase Winners – 2005/06

FA Trophy Semi Finalist – 2015/16

FA Cup First Round – 2011/12, 2017/18,
2019/20

North West Counties League Cup
Winners – 1994/95

Mid Cheshire League Cup Winners –
1961/62, 1963/64

WELCOME TO NANTWICH TOWN

A very warm welcome to everyone to The Swansway Stadium for this afternoon's game, including the supporters, players, management and Directors of our visitors, Guiseley.

The season is now up and running and so far the Dabbers remain unbeaten with two draws despite having been reduced to 10 men in the first two fixtures.

On Tuesday we played a team that had been promoted to the Premier Division, this time we are welcoming a team that has dropped from the Vanarama National League North division in Guiseley. It's certainly been a while since we played Guiseley when we were once league rivals, and they will no doubt be looking to bounce back up at the first attempt. As they found out in their opening fixture at home to promoted Marine, it is a tough old league but they did exceptionally well to bounce back and win at Morpeth Town midweek. So I'm sure today is going to be another intriguing contest.



Nantwich Town will be looking to get their first win of the season on board, after a credible draw at Lancaster City. We were served up with what could be described as a belter for the neutral. Our match ebbed and flowed vs Warrington Rylands, Rylands came out of the traps and for the first 30 minutes it felt like we had been hit by a tornado such was the start. Nantwich did well to hang in and only 1 down and to our credit we got ourselves back in the game, a brilliant Sean Cooke brace got us in front, but unfortunately we just couldn't hold on to our lead. With the score 2-2 we suffered another red card for a last man challenge and it was a case of just trying to hold on to the point which we did comfortably. But I sense there was a feeling of frustration that we couldn't win the game at 2-1 up.

Fingers crossed we can earn all three points this afternoon. Enjoy the programme and the match and let's get behind the team, Up The Dabbers!

Carl Thorpe
Club Secretary



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GUISELEY AFC - MATCH PREVIEW

Two games and two draws for the Dabbers at the start of the 2022/23 season, and this Saturday brings another meeting with one of the Pitching In Northern Premier League new boys in Guiseley AFC

DEVIL IN DIS-GUISE

It's been a mixed bag in their first two games for relegated Guiseley. On opening day, they were well beaten 3-0 by promoted Marine at home after having a player sent off. But they put that right with a good 3-1 win away at Morpeth Town in the week, in recent times a very hard place to go and get three points.

Saturday will be only the sixth ever meeting between the two clubs, and the first in 12 years, when Guiseley won 2-0 in Cheshire in March 2010.

ONE TO WATCH – JAKE CASSIDY

Former Wales Under-21 international Jake Cassidy (pictured below, left, courtesy of Guiseley Twitter) has re-joined Guiseley this summer and got his first league goal for them on Tuesday night at Morpeth. A dangerous centre forward with over 100 EFL appearances for clubs like Wolves and Tranmere, he'll be eager to keep that run going on Saturday.



MATCH DETAILS

VENUE: The Swansway Stadium, Waterlode, CW5 5BS
KICK OFF 15:00

RADIO COVERAGE: <https://thisisthecat.com/cat-sport/>



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WARRINGTON RYLANDS – MATCH REPORT

After a hard-fought draw in their previous game, away to Lancaster, Nantwich were looking to secure all three points in this the first home game of the new season at the Swansway Stadium, in front of their home fans.

Manager Dave Cooke decided to stick with the same side that had done so very well in the Lancaster game.

The sun was just beginning to set as the teams kicked off, and it was Warrington Rylands through Andy Scarisbrick who was the first player to have a shot on goal, thankfully, his shot went over the bar, but it was a warning sign that they had not come to play second fiddle. This was most evident when in the sixth minute, Callum Dolan picked up the ball on the left hand side, and drove into a central position, and hit a shot that curled right into Luis Gray's top right hand corner, to give the visitors a deserved lead.

From there both sides had opportunities, but neither side found the target on too many occasions, despite the best efforts of David Webb, & Dolan again for Warrington, and the very lively Sean Cooke for the Dabbers. Cooke was having a particularly very effective game, but neither side could add to the goal tally as the half time whistle went, and Warrington went in the more happy, having a one goal lead.

The second half started with a bang, as the home side got right back into the game, with a free-kick that only Sean Cooke could have scored, a beautiful top corner effort that had the home faithful jumping for joy, after only about 10 minutes had elapsed. Soon after, there was a lovely team move by the Dabbers in which Sean Cooke was on the end of, to slot home past the former Nantwich player, Sam Tickle, to give the home side the lead for the first time in the game.

After this the game became a bit of a war of attrition, as both sides looked to firmly take control of it. After about 70 minutes, Warrington forced a corner, a rare venture into the Nantwich half at that time of the game, and after a bit of scramble, Kane Drummond managed to grab an equaliser, against the run of play, and then sides were all square once again.

That wouldn't be for too long however, well numerically anyway, as for the second game in a row, Nantwich had a player sent off, this time it was Jon Moran as he tugged the shirt of Kane Drummond, thus stopping him having a clean run through to goal, and he got his marching orders. From the resulting free-kick, David Webb almost emulates Sean Cooke, and put the visitors ahead, but his attempt hit the bar, and bounced safely away from the goal.



WARRINGTON RYLANDS – MATCH REPORT

That sending off changed the pattern of the game, as Nantwich became more cautious, looking to strike on the counter, and with Joe Robbins, they almost did just that, but his shot went just wide.

Despite both sides attempting to find a winner, the game finished as a draw, as both managers can draw positives from that, in front of a crowd of 436.

Nantwich Town: Gray, Stair, Bourne, Moran, Sutton, Hughes, Leitch-Smith (Mwasile '88), Robbins, Cockerline (Sherratt '88), Cooke, Grant (Heath '74)

Subs not used: Edwards, Miller

Warrington Rylands: Tickle, Neild, Hunt, Morris, Langley, Barrigan (Walker '80), Webb, Scarisbrick, Brooke, Dolan (Mustoe '64), Drummond

Subs not used: Egerton, Gerrard, Irwin

Attendance: 436

Highlights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfGwY51rPuE>

FULL TIME

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Sean Cooke 56', 59'

 **2**

Callum Dolan 7'
Kane Drummond 68'

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GUISELEY AFC – A BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

Club Name:

Guiseley Association Football Club

Year Founded:

1909

Club Nickname:

The Lions

Current Ground:

Nethermoor Park

Current Manager:

Danny Ellis



CUP HISTORY

NPL Challenge Cup:

Winners – 2008/09

Presidents Cup:

Winners – 1993/94

FA Vase:

Winners – 1990/91

West Riding County Cup:

Winners – 9 times



LEAGUE HISTORY

Northern Premier Division:

Champions – 2009/10

Premier League Division One:

Champions – 1993/94

Northern Counties East Prem:

Champions – 1990/91

Yorkshire League Div. Two:

Champions – 1975/76

West Yorkshire Division One

Champions – 1960/61, 1964/65

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Position
2021/22	NAT-N	42	9	8	25	31	69	35	22
2020/21	NAT-N	15	3	3	9	17	22	12	
2019/20	NAT-N	33	14	8	11	52	41	50	9
2018/19	NAT-N	42	9	17	16	46	60	44	19
2017/18	NAT-P	46	7	12	27	44	89	33	24

** 2019-20 & 2020-21 Season both curtailed due to COVID-19*

GUISELEY AFC - HISTORY

Guiseley AFC was founded in 1909 by a local group of enthusiasts and the club's first success came in 1913 when they won the local Wharfedale League.

Following the end of the First World War the club switched to the Leeds League achieving little success until 1924 when another switch to the West Riding County Amateur League eventually brought them trophies.

A treble of league championships in the 1930s was aligned to two appearances in the last 16 of the old FA Amateur Cup, against South Bank in 1932 and Cambridge Town (now City) in 1934.

Another league title was gained in 1939 after which 17 years were to elapse before the fifth title was achieved in 1956.

This marked another switch to the West Yorkshire League, which heralded a remarkable run of success in the local Wharfedale Challenge Cup, winning the trophy on nine out of ten occasions played during the 1960s.

Higher status was gained in 1968 with club entering the Yorkshire League and after moderate success the Second Division the title was won in 1976.

Promotion to the First Division followed with a runners-up position being achieved in 1980 along with a League Cup success over champions Emley.

Success was also achieved in the West Riding County Cup with a hat-trick of trophy wins in 1979/80/81.

The year 1981 also saw the club have its first taste of FA Vase success reaching the quarter-finals before losing at home to eventual finalists Willenhall Town.

Following the set-up of the pyramid system in non-league football in 1982, the Yorkshire League merged with the Midland League to form the Northern Counties East League with Guiseley being placed in the Premier Division at its inception.

Moderate progress was again made with third place being achieved in 1985 and again in 1986. Off the field the installation of floodlights in 1988 enabled the club to set its sights on achieving higher status.

The 1989/90 season proved to be the springboard for a very successful period for the club, with the signing of the former England international Frank Worthington plus a first FA Vase semi-final appearance.

Defeat against rivals Bridlington Town was soon forgotten as the following season saw the club go one better by not only reaching the famous Wembley Twin Towers but also featuring in a never to be forgotten 4-4 draw with Gresley Rovers.

Eventually the trophy was won three days later with a 3-1 win in the re-play at Sheffield United's Bramall Lane ground.

Further success was also achieved that season with a league and cup double together with promotion to the Northern Premier League.

Another milestone in the club's history was reached in 1991 with the First Round Proper of the FA Cup being reached for the first time.

Guiseley lost 1-0 to Chester City who were staging the game at their temporary home Macclesfield.

A further visit to Wembley in the FA Vase sadly saw the trophy relinquished to Dorset side Wimborne Town in another eight goal epic, losing 5-3.

Good progress was made in the NPL with fourth place being achieved in the first two campaigns together with the First Division Cup being lifted in 1993. Under the guidance of Ray McHale 1993/94 proved to be another exceptional season with the First Division title being won and along with it promotion to the Premier Division.

GUISELEY AFC - HISTORY

A greater feat was to reach the semi-finals of the FA Challenge Trophy against Runcorn (then a Conference side), when a stoppage time goal in extra-time of the second leg cruelly robbed the club of a third Wembley appearance in four years.

Consolation was gained by becoming the first First Division side to lift the NPL President's Cup, defeating Leek Town over two legs.

Elevation to the Premier Division saw the club gain a record breaking 93 points third position in its first campaign, as well as reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup again where, in a home tie against Carlisle United, played at Bradford City's Valley Parade, Vinnie Brockie scored Guiseley's goal in front of a record home club attendance of 6,548.

The latter half of the 1990s had been something of an anti-climax with just the West Riding County Cup being won in 1996 and two NPL President's Cup final defeats in 1996 and 1998.

Following the appointment of former Leeds United striker Bobby Davison as player/manager during the second half of the 1997/98 season a fresh impetus was given to the side as a number of the club's promising young reserve side players were blooded into the squad.

A very creditable third place in the Premier Division of the UniBond League was achieved at the end of the 1998/99 season as well as reaching the final of the League Challenge Cup for the first time. Sadly fortunes took an unexpected turn for the worse the following season with relegation being suffered for the first time in the club's NPL membership which resulted in Davison being replaced by his assistant Neil Parsley.

In 2002/03 an excellent FA Cup run was enjoyed, when, despite languishing at the foot of the table, a fourth appearance in the First Round Proper of the competition was achieved with a visit to Second Division Luton Town. Although suffering a 4-0 defeat the cup run boosted the club's finances as well as providing some memorable matches, notably the 3-2 re-play victory at Tamworth.

Season 2004-05 saw the club back in the Premier Division as a result of the re-structuring of non-league football and saw the club gain its first piece of silverware of the new millennium with the West Riding County Cup being won.

During November 2006 former Bradford City boss Terry Dolan came in as manager and the UniBond League Chairman's Cup was won.

The appointment of Steve Kittrick saw a succession of promotion near misses but the highlight in 2008-2009 was success for the first time in the UniBond Challenge Cup with a 3-2 extra-time victory over Ilkeston Town.

The club's Centenary season saw massive ground developments with new seated stand, lights and terracing installed.

On the pitch a heart-stopping last few weeks finally saw promotion achieved as champions on the final day.

The first ever Conference North Season proved to be one of the most successful in the club's history with success in the FA Cup where the First Round was once again reached, the FA Trophy, where only a 1-0 defeat by Luton Town prevented a semi-final place and in the league where eventual heartbreak occurred in the last seconds of the Promotion Final play-off at a packed AFC Telford United.

Guiseley were 2-1 up with ten minutes to go and lost 3-2 with the winner coming for Telford in the third minute of added time.

The West Riding County Cup was lifted again to provide some solace.

Season 2011-2012 was another successful season with the team finishing as runners-up in the Conference North (its highest ever league position) followed by another Play-Off defeat. The West Riding County Cup was retained, a second seated stand built, and further ground development took place.

GUISELEY AFC - HISTORY

Season 2012- 2013 once again saw the club finish as runners-up, and once again heart ache in the Play-Offs, another appearance in the FA Cup First Round, losing to Barrow after a re-play. The sequence continued in 2013- 2014 where, after a change of manager was implemented and the appointment of centre-back Mark Bower was made, there was a storming run to the Play-Offs. A comfortable semi-final win was followed by another heart-breaking extra-time defeat at Altrincham in the final in front of over 4,600 fans.

Promotion to the Vanarama Conference National Division was finally achieved in 2014 -2015 when, after a fifth place finish, wins in both legs of the semi-finals against AFC Fylde saw the Lions reach the final against Chorley FC.

The omens were poor after a nightmare trip to Lancashire, a late arrival, sickness in the team and an early 2-0 deficit.

However, an astonishing turnaround in the second-half saw the Lions triumph 3-2. Their first season in the National League saw them avoid the four relegation positions right up until the final two weeks of the season. However a late slump saw them in trouble and only a last day victory over Torquay and defeat for neighbours FC Halifax Town saw Town relegated and Guiseley retain their National League status.

Season 2016-17 started off badly for Guiseley with five successive defeats and so the Board decided to dispense with the services of manager Mark Bower and his assistant Danny Boshell. Centre-back Adam Lockwood, the former Doncaster Rovers, Yeovil and Oldham Athletic player stepped in as caretaker manager, a move later made permanent. He then recruited former Doncaster Rovers manager Dave Penney as his assistant. This pair managed to avoid relegation in 2016-17 but a poor start to the 2017-18 campaign saw them replaced in September by former Barrow and Mansfield manager Paul Cox. Cox persuaded the club to go full time and brought in 18 new players to add to the 24 already with the club.

Suffice to say things did not work out, Cox was sacked in February and former Republic of Ireland centre-back Sean St Ledger moved up from playing to take the reins of a side already doomed to relegation. What the Guiseley fans will be forever grateful to St Ledger for was the fact that he gave them back their club by bringing a feel-good factor back and re-uniting the players with the supporters. The season's gloom was lightened by the success of its Academy team under the management of Dave Currie and the work of its award-winning Community Foundation.

The Board appointed Guiseley's first ever joint manager team for the start of the 2018-19 season when they installed former Solihull and Chester manager Marcus Bignot and former Alfreton Town manager Russ O'Neill, with former England C striker Paul Clayton as their assistant. They had a tough first season in the league as much of their time was spent trying to move on Cox's highly paid players who were on long contracts.

The new management team endeared themselves to the fans with their all-out efforts for the club. The FA Cup provided some light relief, joyous moments and much needed funds for the club. A 4-0 win at Staveley MW, which included a hat-trick for Kingsley James, was followed by a trip to Cleethorpes and after a 2-2 draw Guiseley went through 2-1 at home to meet Cambridge United in the First Round Proper on Remembrance Sunday. In front of 1,097 people Guiseley performed magnificently and won 4-1.

This brought a second successive appearance in the Second Round with Joey Barton bringing his Fleetwood Town side to Nethermoor in front of the TV cameras. Guiseley were unlucky to lose out 2-1 in front of a crowd of 2,324 with Alex Purver netting their goal. The end of the 2018-19 season saw a big clear out at the club and an influx of young and hungry players came in, some from Guiseley's own very successful Academy.

GUISELEY AFC - HISTORY

The squad lined up with nine teenagers in it and 17 of the 22 players under 23 as Bignot and O'Neill banked on youth with a sprinkling of experienced players.

The 2019/20 season bought with it unprecedented challenges in the present era as it was cut short just as The Lions were pouncing on a play off spot, little did anyone know that fans would miss out from football from March 2020 until August 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 2020/21 season never really got going and was again cut short in January 2021 after many interruptions because of Covid-19 rules and regulations around isolation periods for affected clubs and no fans were permitted to attend games.

The academy did provide a bright spark though as they knocked out Bolton Wanderers on their own turf in the FA Youth Cup with a 2-1 extra time victory, Lewis Hey struck the equaliser before Ethan Hudson-Parker's stunner sealed an impressive victory. The Young Lions were rewarded with a trip to Cambridge United which came after a ten day Covid-19 isolation period which meant training was not permitted, they were knocked out by the EFL League 2 side.

The 2021/22 campaign was another season of struggle for The Lions who continued to face impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic. Marcus Bignot and Russ O'Neill led the side to an Emirates FA Cup first round appearance at AFC Wimbledon in November but after defeat there the league form began to falter. The management duo were placed on gardening leave in April with former boss Steve Kittrick given seven games to save The Lions' place in the Vanarama National League North. Despite two victories in the run-in it wasn't enough as two late goals from Alfreton on the final day of the season saw GAFC return to the Pitching In Northern Premier League Premier Division for the first time in 12 years.

The academy enjoyed another successful FA Youth Cup run though including a home win over League Two side Rochdale. Scunthorpe United denied Dave Currie's side a chance of a match against Manchester United at Old Trafford in the third round, The Iron recorded a 1-0 win. In the close season former defender and current academy coach Danny Ellis was appointed as the club's new manager. The centre back signed on a player manager basis and appointed former Lions midfielder Danny Forrest as his assistant. Ellis could add to his 473 appearances for the club



GUISELEY AFC – SQUAD

KYLE TRENERRY

Goalkeeper – Kyle joined Guiseley in the summer of 2022, having played previously with Danny Ellis at Farsley Celtic. Kyle has also enjoyed spells at Matlock Town, Yorkshire Amateur and Clitheroe.

SCOTT MOLONEY

Goalkeeper – On loan from Barrow Scott joined The Lions for the second time in the summer. Standing at 6ft 3in tall Moloney has made two senior appearances for The Bluebirds, both in the Papa John's Trophy, his second appearance was off the bench as an outfield player!

GEORGE SMITH

Left Back – Barnsley born, George started his career with his hometown club, making 41 appearances for the Tykes. Most recently at Darlington Town, he has also played for Gateshead, Harrogate Town, Northampton, Crawley and Boston.

JAMEEL IBLE

Centre Back – Jameel returned to Nethermoor in the summer for his second spell with the club. Jameel played alongside Danny Ellis and Danny Forrest in his first spell so is well known to the pair!

SPENCER HARRIS

Centre Back – Another defender returning for a second spell at Guiseley is Spencer Harris. Last season he captained Liversedge to the Northern Premier division 1 title. In his eight year absence from the club he spent time at Matlock, Shaw Lane and Hyde amongst others.

LEWIS GARDNER

Left Back – Lewis spent the 21/22 season at Silsden playing for Danny Forrest, winning multiple end of season awards. Comfortable as a left back or further forward, Lewis will be looking to continue his impressive performances at a higher level in 22/23.

OLI REAPE

Right Back - Oli signed first team forms on 30th October 2021 and made his senior debut off the bench later that afternoon at Darlington's Blackwell Meadows. The right back who is a regular in Dave Currie's Young Lions side grew up in the Guiseley area and he has been a regular at Nethermoor supporting The Lions over the years.

ETHEN VAUGHAN

Right back – Wales U19 international Ethen Vaughan signed for the Lions following a highly impressive performance as a trialist against York City. Formerly of Norwich City and Burnley's academy's, Ethen will be looking to kick on in senior football this season.

GUISELEY AFC – SQUAD

JORGE SIKORA

Centre back – A Bradford City Academy graduate, Jorge has experience in the NPL having played for FC United of Manchester in two spells. He made six first team appearances for the Bantams before leaving the club early in 2022

JONNY HAASE

Left back – On loan from York City Jonny joined the Lions going into the new season. The left back made his senior debut for York off of the bench and impressed manager Ellis in The Minstermen's academy side.

LUKE DEAN

Centre Midfield – Experienced central midfielder Luke Dean is another new recruit for the Lions having last played for Yorkshire Amateur. Luke played under former Lions manager Steve Kittrick for both Matlock Town and Scarborough so will know plenty about the club!

ANDY KELLETT

Attacking Midfielder – Andy is another with an impressive CV to his name with Man United, Bolton Wanderers, Wigan Athletic and Plymouth Argyle being just some of his former employers. The midfielder was limited to just eight appearances during the 2020/21 season but managers Marcus Bignot and Russ O'Neill saw enough to offer the technically gifted and eye for a pass player a new contract.

FOLEY NKEM

Central Midfielder – Foley is the latest player to sign first team forms from Guiseley's academy. German born, Foley played for Leeds United youth teams until the age of 15 before joining the Lions. He is a box to box midfielder who is also adept playing on the left hand side of the field.

LEWIS HEY

Attacking Midfielder – Academy graduate Lewis had his breakthrough campaign during the cut short 2020/21 season and is following in the footsteps of his dad Nicky in becoming a Guiseley player. Lewis scored the equaliser at Bolton Wanderers in the FA Youth Cup tie and has earned a new contract for this season.

CHARLIE WOOD

Central Midfielder – Signed on loan from Bradford City, Charlie is a highly thought of prospect with the Bantams and one whom they hope will break into their first team in the next couple of years. Charlie spent the second half of last season out on loan at Ossett United, picking up several man of the match awards at just 18 year old.

GUISELEY AFC – SQUAD

NATHANIEL CROFTS

Winger – Comfortable on either flank, “Nat” joined the Lions in the summer having spent time in the states playing college soccer. Covid struck just as Nat was drafted to Toronto FC in the MLS, and he is now looking to make up for lost time.

ETHAN CARTWRIGHT

Central Midfielder – On dual registration with Irlam Ethan caught the eye of Russ O'Neill and joined The Lions in March 2022. Cartwright can play across the whole of midfield and has experience with Chester, Irlam, Cefn Druids and City of Liverpool.

JOHN JOHNSTON

Winger – John joined Guiseley in March 2022 after his release from Kidsgrove Athletic. He has vast experience in the Vanarama National League North with Chester, Altrincham and Salford. The midfielder has previously worked with manager Russ O'Neill before with Alfreton Town.

DONALD CHIMALILO

Winger – Donald spent last season at Tadcaster Albion and was recommended to Guiseley by first team coach Martin Foster. After impressing in several preseason friendlies, “DC” was rewarded by signing a contract for the 22/23 season.

ADAM HAW

Striker – Adam is a local lad from Ilkley who has come through the academy and gone on to become a first team regular. The striker came through the ranks at Burnley, Leeds United and Bradford City before joining The Lions' academy. He scored his first senior goal in a midweek draw at Kettering before netting shortly after in the Buildbase FA Trophy win over Chorley.

JAKE CASSIDY

Forward – 29 Year old Cassidy has plenty of EFL and National League experience, playing for the likes of Wolves, Tranmere, Notts County and Hartlepool, whilst also having a previous spell at Guiseley in the National League. Jake scored eight in thirty-four appearances for the Lions before and was pivotal to their survival. Upon his return he scored five goals in preseason and will be looking to continue that form into the season

JEROME GREAVES

Striker – Jerome came through Rotherham United's academy and has had loan spells with Matlock Town and Farsley Celtic. On his release from The Millers the 6ft 7in forward had a trial spell with Guiseley and impressed.

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NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

LOUIS GRAY

Goalkeeper

11 AUGUST 1995

Louis joined the Dabbers in the summer from Chester where he made 49 appearances in all competitions. He began his career before joining Everton in 2015 where he spent 3 years at the Premier League side before joining Carlisle United where he made his senior debut in 2019

OLLIE HAWKINS

Goalkeeper

(DUAL REG WITH STONE OLD ALLEINIANS)

28 JULY 2002

Ollie is a product of the Dabbers academy and he played a pivotal role in the clubs 2019/20 FA Youth Cup run where the got into first round proper. Since then Ollie has been on-loan to Crewe FC where he gained some valuable first team experience.

TROY BOURNE

Defender

13 JANUARY 1998

Troy is a graduate from the Dabbers' youth team, having impressed former manager Phil Parkinson in 2015/16 pre-season training. He spent much of the 16/17 campaign on a dual registration at Alsager Town but did make a couple of first-team appearances for the Dabbers. Troy is currently a regular at centre back position or at right back when required. He won the Manager's Player of the Season in 2017-18 and has excelled since Dave Cooke's has been manager.

JOEL STAIR

Defender

(CLUB CAPTAIN)

12 JUNE 1992

Joel joined the Dabbers in 2016 after impressing at North-West Counties Football League side Hanley Town. A warrior in defence, Joel is highly regarded at the Weaver Stadium, after winning the club's Player of the Season in 2017-18 and captaining the club on several occasions. Joel can play across the back four, with his main strength being at centre-half, but can also adequately fill in at right-back and can even offer a threat in the box from set-pieces, having netted several times from corners during his time at the Weaver Stadium. Joel is the current Club Captain

RITCHIE SUTTON

Defender

(PLAYER/ASSITANT MANAGER)

29 APRIL 1986

Ritchie joined the Dabbers in the summer as Player/Coach from Altrincham. Sutton has made over 430 professional appearances. He has also gained promotion from the National League twice with Tranmere Rovers and Mansfield Town. Ritchie has also played for Port Vale, Barrow and Morecambe.

JON MORAN

Defender

20 JUNE 1997

Jon first joined The Dabbers in 2015 and enjoyed a successful period with the club which eventually saw him sign for Forest Green Rovers in 2016. Since then, Jon has had spells at Weston Super-Mare, Chester and Stafford Rangers before re-joining the Dabbers in March 2022.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

JACOB EDWARDS

Defender

29 AUGUST 2003

Young full back arrived in pre-season, after being released from Swansea City. Impressed during the pre-season friendlies and has managed to appear a few times during the season at both left back and right back. Jacob has also played a few games at Alsager Town on dual registration.

CASPAR HUGHES

Midfielder

09 JUNE 1993

Caspar re-joined the Dabbers from AFC Fylde at the start of the 2017-18 season, before being named captain in January 2018 after the departure of Sam Hall. While Caspar is an excellent ball-winner in midfield, and can also play at full-back. The midfielder was a highly rated prospect in the famed Crewe Alexandra youth academy before joining Nantwich, where he spent two solid seasons before moving on to Fylde. The midfielder helped Fylde gain promotion from both the Northern Premier League and the National League North and is regarded one of the better midfielders in the league.

SEAN COOKE

Midfielder

03 SEPTEMBER 1992

A productive attacking midfielder, Sean is the son of manager Dave and is a dynamic threat from his number ten role. A danger from set-pieces – especially free-kicks – Sean has a keen eye for goal and has proved that not only with Nantwich but at other clubs higher up the non-league pyramid. Sean, along with captain Caspar Hughes, was part of the AFC Fylde side that won promotion from the Northern Premier Division and has also played for FC United of Manchester. Cooke broke through into the Nantwich side at a young age and is the only player to start in all 3 Dabbers' FA Cup First Round appearances. He has also won the Northern Premier League's Young Player of the Season as well as making three Team of the Season appearances.

JOE ROBBINS

Midfielder

20 FEBRUARY 2002

Joe signed on a month's loan from Crewe Alexandra for Nantwich in time for the Boxing Day game at Stafford, a technically gifted midfielder who is excellent on the ball. Joe has made a couple of appearance for the first team and had a spell with Altrincham in the National League last season. Joe will be looking to impress and follow the likes of Ollie Finney, Will Jaaskelainen and Luke Offord in coming to Nantwich on loan and going into back into the first team at Crewe.

JACK SHERRATT

Midfielder

29 JULY 1993

Jack began his career at Kidsgrove before winning Samsung's "Win a Pro Contract" competition which saw him join Leyton Orient. Since then he played for Northwich Vics, Stafford Rangers and Hyde United, before joining The Dabbers in 2022

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

MATT BELL

Midfielder

03 JANUARY 1992

Matt began his career at Port Vale before joining Mansfield Town in 2011. Bell has since played for Stafford Rangers, and Leek Town before joining The Dabbers for his second stint in December 2021. Matt is also a former international having represented British Virgin Islands twice in 2018.

JOEL GRANT

Forward

26 AUGUST 1987

Joel began his career at Watford where he made 6 first team appearances in 2005. He then joined Aldershot in 2008 before moving to Crewe Alex where he made 96 appearances for the Railwaymen before leaving in 2011. Since then, he has played for Wycombe Wanderers, Plymouth Argyle & Swindon Town before joining The Dabbers in 2022. Joel has also made 14 appearances for Jamaica.

AJ LEITCH-SMITH

Forward

06 MARCH 1990

AJ began his career at Crewe Alexandra where he made 103 appearances before leaving in 2014 to go to Yeovil Town. He then joined Port Vale where he was their top scorer in the 2015/16 season. Since then he played for Shrewsbury Town, Dundee United & Morecambe before joining The Dabbers in 2022.

JOE MWASILE

Forward

07 JUNE 1993

A powerful winger with pace to match anyone in the league, Joe joined the club in 2016-17 originally after starting the campaign with Marine. He left at the end of the season to join fellow Cheshire outfit Warrington Town but re-joined the Dabbers in October 2017 after featuring in limited minutes for the Wire. Joe can not only beat his man for pace and strength but can put in a decent cross and has an eye for goal, having scored a few lovely efforts during his time with the club.

SHAUN MILLER

Forward

25 SEPTEMBER 1987

Miller started his career with Crewe Alexandra's youth system, and he signed a professional contract with the club in July 2006. He made his first-team debut in November 2006 in a 4-0 FA Cup loss to Bradford City at Valley Parade.

Shaun has recently been with Bolton Wanderers recently scoring his 100th career goal and achieved promotion with the Trotters last season. He signs for Nantwich Town with a vast amount of league experience and a scoring threat.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

DAN COCKERLINE

Forward

15 NOVEMBER 1996

Dan is a signing from AFC Liverpool. At 6 foot 4 there will be few players that are taller than him in the game. Dan brings a big threat in the air, but is a solid footballer too. Dan has played at this level and higher before previously playing for the likes of Barrow, Southport and FC United of Manchester.

CONNOR HEATH

Forward

11 DECEMBER 2000

Connor signed in the summer of 2000 after being released from Crewe Alexandra, after impressing during his 2-year scholarship period with a number of goals he signed a professional contract in the summer of 2019. Connor impressed during the curtailed 2020-21 season period with a few goals and will be looking to kick on again with Nantwich this season.

SEAN LAWTON

Defender

(ON LOAN FROM CREWE ALEXANDRA)

12 SEPTEMBER 2003

Sean Lawton is a product of the Crewe Alexandra academy, he signed scholarship deal with them in 2020. He made his first team debut in March 2022 when he was a late substitute against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light. He signed a Pro contract with Crewe at the end of the 2021/22 season. He joined The Dabbers on loan at the start of the 2022/23 campaign.





The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



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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PITCHING IN NPL RESULTS & FIXTURES

Tuesday 16th August 2022

Ashton United (1)	1	1	(0)	South Shields
Atherton Collieries (1)	1	2	(2)	Stafford Rangers
Bamber Bridge (2)	2	2	(2)	Marske United
Belper Town (1)	1	4	(1)	FC United of Manchester
Gainsborough Trinity (1)	1	1	(0)	Hyde United
Marine (0)	0	0	(0)	Lancaster City
Morpeth Town (1)	1	3	(0)	Guiseley
Nantwich Town (0)	2	2	(1)	Warrington Rylands
Radcliffe (0)	1	0	(0)	Matlock Town
Stalybridge Celtic (0)	0	1	(1)	Warrington Town
Whitby Town (2)	2	3	(2)	Liversedge

Saturday 20th August 2022

Ashton United	v	Warrington Rylands
Atherton Collieries	v	Hyde United
Bamber Bridge	v	Liversedge
Belper Town	v	Warrington Town
Gainsborough Trinity	v	Stafford Rangers
Marine	v	South Shields
Morpeth Town	v	Matlock Town
Nantwich Town	v	Guiseley
Radcliffe	v	Marske United
Stalybridge Celtic	v	Lancaster City
Whitby Town	v	FC United of Manchester

PITCHING IN NPL STANDINGS

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Stafford Rangers	2	2	0	0	6	3	+3	6
	2 Warrington Town	2	2	0	0	3	0	+3	6
	3 Gainsborough Trinity	2	1	1	0	4	1	+3	4
	4 Marine	2	1	1	0	3	0	+3	4
	5 Marske United	2	1	1	0	5	3	+2	4
	6 South Shields	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
	7 Ashton United	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
	8 Radcliffe	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
	9 FC United of Manchester	2	1	0	1	5	3	+2	3
	10 Atherton Collieries	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
	11 Liversedge	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
	12 Matlock Town	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
	13 Guiseley	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
	14 Nantwich Town	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
	15 Hyde United	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
	16 Lancaster City	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
	17 Bamber Bridge	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
	18 Warrington Rylands	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
	19 Whitby Town	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
	20 Stalybridge Celtic	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
	21 Morpeth Town	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
	22 Belper Town	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0



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