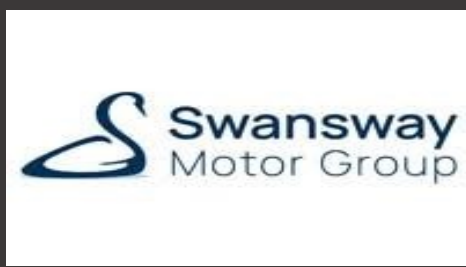
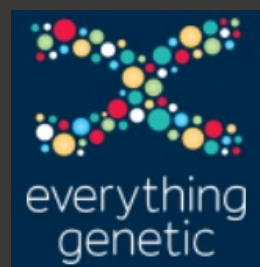


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VS
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Tuesday 24th January 2023
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Official matchday programme of Nantwich Town FC

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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

FC UNITED - MATCH PREVIEW

A very warm welcome to everyone to The Swansway Stadium this afternoon, including the supporters, players, management and Directors of our visitors, FC United of Manchester.

The Dabbers are in action at home again on Tuesday night (7.45pm kick-off), with the rearranged fixture against FC United of Manchester. With their supporters always travelling well, it should be a great night under the lights.

It's fun to stay at the FCUM

FC United have lost 2 of their last 6 matches, and both of those have been away from home, at Stafford and Radcliffe both by 1-0 scorelines. At home they have been much more solid, unbeaten in 4. They did not play at the weekend with their match at South Shields falling foul of the weather.

It's worth mentioning their last 2 matches, a thrilling 2-2 draw with Whitby was then trumped just a week later by an extraordinary 4-4 at home with Hyde, a game that was 3-3 by half-time. They lie 8th in the table, 5 points off the play-offs.

Last Time Out

Those draws are in stark contrast to the Dabbers' trip to Broadhurst Park in August, a pretty drab 0-0 draw. Notable from that game was the debut of Perry Bircumshaw, who has since become a stalwart in the Nantwich team. Highlights from that game are below.

Players to Watch

If it wasn't for a certain Norwegian in sky blue, Regan Linney would be the top goalscorer in the Greater Manchester area. He tops the charts in the Northern Premier League on 18 goals, a great total that surprisingly he didn't add to in that 4-4 with Hyde. As a team, they are third top scorers in the league, so to focus on Linney would be short-sighted.

For example, Charlie Ennis has been on target 4 times in his last 4 matches, and all of them from the penalty spot.

MATCH DETAILS

Tickets are available online or can be bought on the gate.

VENUE: The Swansway Stadium, Waterlode, CW5 5BS

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**A very warm welcome to our match ball sponsors tonight from our supporters club
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The Nantwich Town Independent Supporters Association (NTISA) are a group of supporters who are passionate about the club. As well as attending games home and away, they organise fundraising events such as race nights and quiz nights to raise much needed additional revenue for the club.

Since the NTISA formed in 2012, their fundraising efforts have resulted in a tannoy system for the Swansway Stand, Amenity area by the Dabber Diner, a brand new ride on lawn mower for the ground staff and a fantastic disabled area, including ramp and shelter for disabled supporters at The Swansway Stadium.

The NTISA also work closely with the Board and Management Team at Nantwich Town in developing the club further, both on and off the field. Their support and contribution is invaluable.

We would also like to thank Richard Bailey and his friends under the name '**Never Forgotten**' for sponsoring the match against Stalybridge Celtic in remembrance of lost friends, they are pictured below receiving there signed match ball after the game.





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STALYBRIDGE CELTIC – MATCH REPORT

Nantwich Town suffered their worst defeat of the season with a 4-0 thumping by Stalybridge Celtic at the Swansway Stadium.

Manager Ritchie Sutton questioned the character of his squad afterwards, saying 'they have the ability but they need to be able to do the dirty stuff. I don't think some of them understand what this club means to the fans.'

Those words came after immense efforts by some amazing fans and volunteers from early on Saturday morning allowed the pitch to pass two inspections and be the only match to be on in the local area while games much higher up the pyramid at Chester and Crewe could not be saved.

An early Adam Dawson snapshot was saved by former Dabbers goalkeeper Greg Hall, before Dawson hit a free kick into the wall

ack Sherratt was then twice denied by an offside flag, once in setting up a chance and another when finishing off a nice Nantwich move.

The Dabbers had started stronger but had nothing to show for it, it was then that Stalybridge started to grow into the game.

Ciaran Summers tried from range to open the scoring and it was deflected narrowly wide, before Celtic debutant Djavan Pedro headed the subsequent corner straight at Tom Booth.

A nervy moment from Booth saw Theo Bailey-Jones fire just wide after receiving his mishit clearance.

But at the break there was nothing to separate the sides. That didn't last long once the second half started.

That man Pedro marked his debut with a goal, bundling in a ball unmarked from close range following slack Nantwich defending.

It got better for Stalybridge 10 or so minutes later. Chris Dagnall charged through on goal, the Dabbers defence thrown off by an offside man and Booth's minor hesitation was enough for Dagnall to poke it under him for 2.

The Dabbers' best chance to reduce the deficit came only moments after. Hall was out of his goal to clear, conceded possession and Jack Sherratt blasted over with the goal practically gaping

An error from Booth gave Stalybridge their third. A shanked clearance went to Bailey-Jones who put it into an empty net. Bailey-Jones had now scored in both fixtures against Nantwich this season.

STALYBRIDGE CELTIC – MATCH REPORT

The fourth goal was the pick of the bunch. Kyle Harrison finished brilliantly to complete the Dabbers' collapse.

To sum up the day from a Nantwich perspective, sub Levi Chiduku saw a close range effort remarkably tipped over by Hall late on.

The Dabbers' capitulation was also Stalybridge's jubilation as their hardy travelling fans sang themselves hoarse into the cold night.

Nantwich Town: Tom Booth, Oli Patrick, Sean Lawton, Troy Bourne, Perry Bircumshaw, Jack Sherratt, Ivan Urvantev (Levi Chiduku, 81), James Caton (Ryan Morton, 57), Byron Harrison (Gary Taylor-Fletcher, 72), Tom Scully, Adam Dawson

Subs not used: Jon Moran, Archie Angles

Stalybridge Celtic: Greg Hall, Ciaran Summers, Raheem Hanley, Kyle Harrison, Dahrius Waldron, Tom Miller, Theo Bailey-Jones, Domaine Rouse, Djavan Pedro, Chris Dagnall, Harry Benns (Ethan Padden, 78)

Subs not used: Godwin Abadaki, Cesaire Lingouba, Aarron Grewal, David Edwards

Goals: Pedro (48), Dagnall (63), Bailey-Jones (75), Harrison (86)

Attendance: 604



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FC UNITED – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

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Year Founded:
Club Nickname:
Current Ground:
Current Manager:

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2005
The Red Rebels
Broadhurst Park
Neil Reynolds



CUP HISTORY

Manchester Premier Cup:
NWC Challenge Cup:
NPL Presidents Cup:
FA Cup:
FA Trophy:
FA Vase:

Winners – 2016/17, 2017/18
Winners – 2006/07
Winners – 2007/08
2nd Round – 2010/11
Quarter Finals – 2014/15
3rd Round – 2006/07



LEAGUE HISTORY

NWC Division Two:
NWC Division One:
NPL Division One North:
NPL Premier Division:

Champions – 2005/06
Champions – 2006/07
Playoff Winners – 2007/08
Champions – 2014/15

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	POS	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2017-18	NAT N	16/22	42	14	8	20	58	72	50
2018-19	NAT N	21/22	42	8	10	24	49	82	34
2019-20	NPL P	ABAN	32	16	9	7	73	51	57 *
2020-21	NPL P	ABAN	7	2	4	1	9	7	10 *
2021-22	NPL P	9/22	42	18	7	17	66	57	61

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

FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER - HISTORY

In the summer of 2005, Malcolm Glazer completed his takeover of Manchester United. Within weeks a backdrop of supporter protest led to a breakaway group forming their own club, which eventually took the name of FC United of Manchester.

The club was accepted into the North West Counties Football League Second Division and, eventually, Bury FC agreed to groundshare their Gigg Lane home. Karl Marginson was named as the first manager.

On the opening day they won 5-2 at Leek CSOB, and by the end of the season they were celebrating title success and promotion to the NWCFL First Division. At the final home game of that season a North West Counties record crowd of 6,023 turn out at Gigg Lane to celebrate league glory against Great Harwood Town.

The club's second season saw FC United go from strength to strength as they once again wrapped up a title triumph, adding the League Cup to their collection as they moved on up from the North West Counties into the Northern Premier League first Division.

The 2007-08 campaign saw FCUM finish second to Bradford Park Avenue, the Reds eventually went up via the Northern Premier's First Division play-offs, defeating Skelmersdale at Gigg Lane to secure the club's third consecutive promotion. The NPL President's Cup was also added to the list of honours that year.

In 2008-2009, FC missed narrowly missed out on the play-offs. Then the story of regular late surges into the Northern Premier play-offs was met with three consecutive final losses to Colwyn Bay in 2011 Bradford Park Avenue in 2012 and Hednesford Town in 2013.

Although the 2010-11 season ended in play-off defeat for FC, Bonfire Night of 2010 produced the club's greatest achievement to date when they knocked League One side Rochdale out of the FA Cup first round thanks to an injury-time Mike Norton goal securing a 3-2 success at Spotland. In the Second round the Reds took on Championship-bound Brighton & Hove Albion, earning a 1-1 draw on the south coast before a 4-0 replay defeat in front of a club-record 6,731 fans.

After nine years at Gigg Lane, FC United moved to Stalybridge Celtic's Bower Fold ground for the start of the 2014-15 campaign, whilst also playing a number of games at Curzon Ashton's ground. And it was at the Tameside Stadium, where FC United finally put behind them the misery of previous Northern Premier play-off heartaches by wrapping up the title with a 1-0 victory against Stourbridge after 7 years in the Northern Premier League's Premier Division.

The summer of 2015 also witnessed the much-anticipated opening of the club's first ground at Broadhurst Park, opened with a game against a young Benfica side on 29th May 2015, with a sell-out 4,232 crowd watching the Portuguese side secure a late 1-0 win on a memorable night for the club.

FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER - HISTORY

The 2015-16 season saw FC United compete in the sixth tier of English football for the first time in their short history. The National League North campaign kicked-off with a close-fought defeat at Gloucester City on a sunny afternoon. George Thomson would go on to top FC's goalscoring charts as he inspired a second-half of the season revival which saw FC finally end the season in 13th position.

The 2016-17 season saw consolidation in the National League North with a 13th placed final position. George Thomson was again the club's leading goal scorer. The season ended on a high note with FC United's first ever victory in the final of the Manchester Premier Cup. That match also saw Jerome Wright mark the completion of his career at FC United on his 400th appearance for the club.

2017-18 saw several changes, the most notable being Karl Marginson, manager since the club's foundation in 2005, leaving the club in October. He was replaced by player, Tom Greaves, with his assistants being Jack Doyle and Tom Conroy. Soon after starting his managerial career, Tom scored his 100th goal for the club and so becoming the club's all-time leading goal scorer. After flirting with relegation, the team finished 16th and retained the Manchester Premier Cup.

Their 4 year stay in National League North came to an end in 2018-19, when 3 managers and 57 players were utilised in a turbulent campaign. Greaves left the club in August and following a period with David Chadwick as caretaker boss, Neil Reynolds was hired from Bamber Bridge in October, but a miserable record of one home League win all season was instrumental in a placing of 21st and a return to the Northern Premier League for 2019-20.

During the summer of 2019 Neil Reynolds recruited almost an entirely new squad (only three players survived from the previous season) and after an underwhelming start (FC were bottom of the table after three matches), the 2019-20 season blossomed into the most enjoyable in years, FC were in second place in the league when the Northern Premier League season became another, relatively minor, casualty of the coronavirus pandemic and was brought to a premature close in mid-March with all results and goals expunged from the record books. This included the hatful of goals scored by Tunde Owolabi, who scored 35 goals in all competitions and was named the Northern Premier League's player of the season.

The 2020-21 season eventually kicked off in September but it lasted barely seven weeks, during which FC played only seven league games, before it ground to a halt in the first week of November as the second wave of the coronavirus forced a second national lockdown. But the FA Cup brought some excitement as wins against Pontefract Collieries, Curzon Ashton and Guiseley (and the forfeiture of a tie by an Alfreton Town side afflicted by Covid) took FC through to the first round proper of the cup for only the third time in its history. Unfortunately the subsequent first round tie at home to Doncaster Rovers of League One had to be played behind closed doors but it was a memorable occasion as, despite losing 5-1, the match was screened live by the BBC and watched by more than a million viewers.

FC UNITED – SQUAD & STAFF

Dan Lavercombe - Goalkeeper DOB: 15/11/1996

Beginning his career with Exeter City at Under-16 level, Dan went on to Torquay United where he graduated to senior level. In January 2016 Lavercombe was signed by Wigan Athletic and was loaned back to the Gulls for the rest of the season. Further loan spells at Rhyl and Torquay followed and in August 2019 he switched to National League side AFC Fylde. Dan was released a year later and after impressing in pre-season FC United signed him in September 2020. He claimed his first winners medal in June 2022, keeping a clean sheet in the Fenix Trophy Final in Rimini.

Ryan Hamer - Goalkeeper DOB: 04/04/1999

22-year-old midfielder Harry joined Celtic this summer from Hyde United where he made 52 appearances at Ewen Fields since joining from Port Vale. It was at Vale where he began his career, coming through the youth system at Vale Park, signing a professional contract in 2018. He was named Youth Player of the Year in the 2017/18 season and made his debut for the club in 2018 against Cambridge United. Harry had a loan spell with Stafford Rangers where he played 14 times and a short stint on loan with Kidsgrove Athletic whilst with Port Vale.

Clive Smith – Right Back DOB: 12/12/1997

Wales Under-17 International Smith was at Preston North End when he earned his first professional contract in January 2016. He joined Neil Reynolds at Bamber Bridge on a long spell late in 2016 and enjoyed a further loan period at St Johnstone in January 2017, making two appearances in the Scottish Premiership. Smith joined Southport in December 2017 and in 2018-19 had stints at Droylsden and Atherton Collieries ultimately in December 2018. He made 112 league appearances for the Alder House club before re-joining Reynolds at Broadhurst Park for the start of the 2022-23 campaign.

Curtis Obeng – Right Back DOB: 14/02/1989

Obeng was born in Stretford and began in the Manchester City Academy, appearing in the 2006 FA Youth Cup Final defeat to Liverpool. After 2 years as a professional he joined Wrexham in August 2009 and made 96 League appearances over three seasons. In January 2012 he switched to Premier League Swansea City for a £200,000 fee and between 2012-2015 had loan spells with Fleetwood Town, York City, Stevenage and Newport County. Curtis moved to Macclesfield Town in October 2016 but within weeks switched to Altrincham and then Solihull Moors. He had further spells with Nuneaton Borough, Ashton United, Grantham Town, Radcliffe and Macclesfield before accepting the offer from FCUM in the summer of 2022.

FC UNITED – SQUAD & STAFF

Adam Dodd - Left Back DOB: 14/05/1993

Dodd was born in Kirkham and joined Blackpool at under-10 level. He progressed through the youth teams and signed a two-year scholarship in 2009. He signed a full-time professional contract at Blackpool in May 2011. He spent loan spells at Altrincham and then Scottish club Ayr United where he would go on to made 16 appearances, including a Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden Park in January 2012. Dodd joined Chorley in the summer of 2014 before joining Bamber Bridge in 2015, winning promotion to the NPL Premier Division and Doodson Cup under Neil Reynolds. He re-joined Reynolds at FC United in the summer of 2019, capping an impressive 2019-20 with 6 goals. Serious illness prevented him from ending the 2021-22 season and being part of the Fenix Trophy success.

Josh Askew – Left Back DOB: 20/02/1998

Josh was an apprentice at Blackburn Rovers, graduating to the U-23 side and had a loan spell at Ramsbottom United before joining Salford City in July 2017. A loan deal at Curzon Ashton followed and after 41 games at Moor Lane he went to Boston United in September 2020. Askew also appeared for Chester City, Clitheroe and Alfreton Town before switching to FCUM in February 2022, making a debut at Mickleover.

Curtis Jones – Centre Back DOB: 27/07/1993

Curtis began as a youth player at Stockport County before joining Celtic, spending time in their Under-21 team. He has also been with Bristol City, TNS, Livingstone, Mossley and Abbey Hey. In the 2016/17 season he made 54 appearances for Nantwich Town before signing for Southport on a one-year contract in May 2017. He spent time at Ashton United before moving to Trafford in November 2018 where he would go on to make 22 appearances. Jones won the NPL Integro League Cup for with Trafford in 2019 before signing for FC United in July 2019, becoming the lynchpin in the Reds defence.

Jan Palinkas – Centre Back DOB: 21/01/2001

A Broadhurst Park Academy product with Czech Republic heritage, Jan graduated to a FC United first team debut in a Manchester Premier Cup tie at Mossley in October 2018. Palinkas accumulated 7 appearances and to continue his development joined Wythenshawe Town in July 2019. He was in the side that gained promotion to the North West Counties Premier Division in 2020-21 and earned a place back in the FCUM squad for 2022-23.

FC UNITED – SQUAD & STAFF

Andy Halls – centre Back DOB: 20/04/1992

Andy worked his way through the Stockport County ranks and made his debut at Leeds United in a League One game in April 2009. He made 101 appearances for the Hatters before joining Macclesfield Town in August 2013. Further stints followed at Chester City, Guiseley, Curzon Ashton and Chorley. Halls was on loan at FCUM for two months early in 2022, playing in 10 games before being recalled by the Magpies. When his contract expired at the end of the season he happily returned to the Reds.

Paul 'Charlie' Ennis - Midfielder DOB: 01/02/1990

Ennis started his career at Stockport County, playing in their youth team before progressing to the first team where he made his debut in March 2009 against Northampton Town. In September 2009, he joined Stalybridge Celtic before moving to Welsh Premier League side Bala Town January 2010. In 2010/11 season he also played for Droylsden, Cheadle Town and Witton Albion. In July 2011 he joined Northwich Victoria and in March 2012 switched to Colwyn Bay. After a brief stint at Guiseley in 2013/14 he re-joined Stalybridge Celtic for a third time in his career. From 2015 he had spells at Hednesford and Curzon Ashton before signing for Ashton United in December 2018.

Michael Donohue – Midfielder DOB: 12/11/1997

Donohue began his career with Everton, moving on loan to Barrow in February 2016. He signed for Fleetwood Town in July 2017, making his senior debut for the club on 8 November 2017 in an EFL Trophy match against Carlisle United. He joined FC United on loan from Fleetwood Town in September 2018 and made 36 appearances for the Reds in 2018-19 following a debut in the 2-2 draw with Bradford Park Avenue. Having been released from Fleetwood in January 2019, he joined FC on a permanent deal. He has played over 100 games for the Reds and shown the ability to play in various positions.

Jonathan Smith – Midfielder DOB: 17/10/1986

Smith began with Morecambe and made a first team bow at 19, scoring a shootout winner against Grimsby Town in a FLT tie in October 2005. He then had loan spells at Fleetwood Town and Bamber Bridge. Released in May 2007 Smith joined Conference Premier side Forest Green Rovers and made 134 appearances in 3 seasons. York City snapped him up in July 2010 where he played alongside Michael Potts. Swindon Town bought Jonathan for a £30,000 fee and he was in the side that won the League Two title in 2011-12. By July 2012 he was back with the Minstermen and went to Luton Town on loan in November 2012, making the move permanent for a £50,000 fee in January 2013. The Hatters won promotion to League Two as Smith recovered from a broken leg. In August 2017 Smith moved to Stevenage and then to Chesterfield in September 2018, where he was club captain until his release in June 2021 and a switch to FCUM followed.

FC UNITED – SQUAD & STAFF

James Vincent – Midfielder DOB: 27/09/1989

The experienced Vincent joined Stockport County as a junior, rising to a first-team debut against Brentford in May 2008. He made 79 appearances for the Hatters and then spent two seasons with Kidderminster Harriers in the Conference Premier. Former England International Terry Butcher enticed Vincent to Inverness Caledonian Thistle in June 2013. He was in the losing side in the 2014 Scottish League Cup Final against Aberdeen and scored the winner in the 2015 Scottish Cup Final against Falkirk. In 2016 he was transferred to Dundee at the same time as former FCUM winger Danny Williams and had a loan spell at Dunfermline Athletic and another period at Inverness. In July 2021 James joined Hereford but after a season the England C International was on his travels again to FC United.

Jack Bennett – Midfielder DOB: 03/08/2024

Bennett emerged in the Academy side and was part of the squad that won the AoC Sport Summer Series NW Men's Football Championship League title in 2020-21. Having made 9 appearances, he also switched to the FCUM Youth team in 2020-21, playing in the FA Youth Cup ties against West Didsbury & Chorlton and Oldham Athletic. He scored 3 goals in 7 League and Cup appearances for the Youth side. In pre-season Bennett gained valuable game time for the first team before a first team debut against Morpeth Town in August 2021. Serious injury cut his season short.

Luke Griffiths – Midfielder DOB 10/08/1998

Luke developed his career through the Bolton Youth Team set up and joined Prescott from Marine FC. He had also had spells with Runcorn Linnets, Warrington Town, and Prescott Cables. Griffiths joined FCUM in August 2019 and played for two seasons before transferring back to Warrington Town in August 2021. However, within 3 months he was back at Broadhurst Park anchoring the midfield once again.

Thomas Woodall - Midfielder DOB: 24/09/2003

Woodall had 10 outings for the Academy side in 2020-21, scoring once, plus 2 League appearances for the Youth side.

Chris Taylor – Midfielder DOB 20/12/1986

A vastly experienced player, Taylor began at Oldham Athletic, making a debut in 2005. He made 285 appearances and scored 35 goals, being named in the 2009 PFA League One Team Of The Year. After leaving in 2012 he also played for Millwall, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Oldham Athletic, Blackpool, Bradford City and Barrow, accumulating 473 games in League football. Chris switched to Radcliffe in October 2021 and then to FCUM in February 2022.

FC UNITED – SQUAD & STAFF

Jack Anderton – Winger DOB: 29/08/2001

An exciting prospect, Anderton played for Acregate Lane and Ribbleton before coming to prominence at Longridge Town in the North West Counties Premier Division. Jack's 19 goals in the 2021-22 campaign were rewarded with a transfer to FCUM, making his debut in the Fenix Trophy Final against Prague Raptors in Rimini.

Harry McGee – Midfielder DOB 10/07/2002

McGee began in the Tranmere Rovers Academy and moved to Wigan Athletic in July 2018, working his way through the U-18 to the U-23 side. Harry was the Latics squad that won the Professional Development League National title in 2020-21. He joined FCUM on loan in March 2022 and quickly made his debut in the win against Basford United.

Alex Wollerton: - Midfielder DOB: 27/09/1999

Wollerton was in the Academy at both Manchester United and Leeds United. From Leeds a loan spell at Darlington was followed by a switch to the Barnsley U-23 squad in July 2019. In September 2020 he joined York City but at the end of 2020-21 Alex was allowed to go to Gainsborough Trinity. An outstanding performance against FCUM caught the eye of Neil Reynolds who added him to his squad for 2022-23.

Tom Murray – Midfielder DOB 12/01/1993

Tom was a young prospect at Blackburn Rovers in the U-18 side but wasn't retained and in July 2013 moved to Abbey Hey. A standout in the Red Rebels side for a number of seasons, the industrious Murray joined another Red Rebel outfit in the summer of 2022.

Regan Linney - Forward DOB: 12/05/1997

The popular attacker was a product of Bamber Bridge's Academy graduating to the Brig's first team as a 17-year-old in 2015. Regan played under Neil Reynolds at Bamber Bridge scoring the second goal in Bamber Bridge's Integro League Cup final win against Grantham Town in 2017 as well as helping Brig gain promotion to the Northern Premier League in 2018. Linney stepped up to the Premier Division with FC United in 2019-20 and in November 2020 he scored against Doncaster Rovers in the FA Cup watched by a live TV audience estimated at 2 million. Moving to a central striking role in 2021-22 Linney weighed in with 20 goals including hat-tricks against AKS Zly (Poland) and Ashton United.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	Competition	KO	H/A	SCORE	ATT
Sat 13th Aug 2022	Lancaster City	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-1	309
Tue 16th Aug 2022	Warrington Rylands	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H	2-2	436
Sat 20th Aug 2022	Guiseley	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	0-1	364
Tue 23rd Aug 2022	FC United of Manchester	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	A	0-0	1,607
Sat 27th Aug 2022	South Shields	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	0-1	428
Mon 29th Aug 2022	Warrington Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-2	636
Sat 3rd Sep 2022	Congleton Town	FA Cup 1QR	3.00pm	H	0-2	329
Tue 6th Sep 2022	Belper Town	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H	1-0	241
Tue 13th Sep 2022	Atherton Collieries	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	A	0-2	273
Sat 17th Sep 2022	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-2	344
Sat 24th Sep 2022	Whitby Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	0-2	353
Tue 27th Sep 2022	Hyde United	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	A	0-1	421
Sat 1st Oct 2022	Matlock Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-1	872
Sat 8th Oct 2022	Warrington Rylands	FA Trophy 3QR	3.00pm	H	0-2	303
Tue 11th Oct 2022	Marine	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H	1-2	335
Sat 15th Oct 2022	Bamber Bridge	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	0-1	423
Sat 22nd Oct 2022	Liversedge	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	0-1	302
Sat 29th Oct 2022	Ashton United	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	1-2	266
Tue 1st Nov 2022	Cheadle Heath Nomads	Cheshire Cup R1	7.45pm	A	5-2	68
Sat 5th Nov 2022	Ashton United	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-0	222
Sat 12th Nov 2022	Morpeth Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	3-0	253
Tue 15th Nov 2022	Gainsborough Trinity	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H	1-1	258
Sat 19th Nov 2022	Radcliffe	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	2-1	816

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Troy Bourne	27	2	1
Perry Bircumshaw	27	0	0
Jack Sherratt	23	0	1
Sean Lawton (Loan)	22	0	0
Jonathan Moran	21	0	0
Daniel Cockerline	16	4	2
AJ Leitch-Smith	16	2	0
Thomas Scully	16	0	3
Matt Bell	15	0	1
Louis Gray (GK)	15	0	0
Caspar Hughes	14	0	3
Shaun Miller	14	0	0
Thomas Booth (GK) (Loan)	14	0	0
Byron Harrison	13	4	2
Curtis Morrison	12	1	1
Mwiya Malumo	11	4	4
Harry Nevin (Loan)	11	2	1
Ivan Urvantev	11	2	1
Connor Heath	11	1	1
Sean Cooke	10	3	3
Joel Stair	10	0	0

DABBERS 2022-23 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENTS	Competition	KO	H/A	SCORE	ATT
Sat 3rd Dec 2022	Warrington Rylands	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-0	339
Tue 20th Dec 2022	Tranmere Rovers	Cheshire Cup R2	7.45pm	A	1-1 (5-4)	272
Mon 26th Dec 2022	Stafford Rangers	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	0-3	1,222
Mon 2nd Jan 2023	Warrington Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	1-1	626
Sat 7th Jan 2023	Guiseley	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-2	634
Sat 14th Jan 2023	Belper Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	3-1	545
Sat 21st Jan 2023	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H	0-4	604
Tue 24th Jan 2023	FC United of Manchester	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H		
Sat 28th Jan 2023	Whitby Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Wed 1st Feb 2023	Crewe Alexandra	Cheshire Cup QF	7.45pm	H		
Sat 4th Feb 2023	Atherton Collieries	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H		
Tue 7th Feb 2023	Matlock Town	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H		
Sat 11th Feb 2023	Liversedge	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Tue 21st Feb 2023	Marske United	NPL Prem Div	7.45pm	H		
Sat 25th Feb 2023	Morpeth Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Sat 4th Mar 2023	Hyde United	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H		
Sat 11th Mar 2023	Lancaster City	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H		
Sat 18th Mar 2023	Gainsborough Trinity	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Sat 25th Mar 2023	Bamber Bridge	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H		
Sat 1st Apr 2023	Marine	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Sat 8th Apr 2023	South Shields	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Mon 10th Apr 2023	Stafford Rangers	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H		
Sat 15th Apr 2023	Marske United	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A		
Sat 22nd Apr 2023	Radcliffe	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	H		

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Joel Grant	8	0	0
Levy Chiduka	7	1	0
Christopher Sang	7	0	1
James Plant (Loan)	7	0	0
Joe Mwaslie	7	0	0
Joe Robbins	7	0	0
James Caton	6	1	1
Jacob Edwards	6	0	0
Ritchie Sutton	5	0	0
Gary Taylor-Fletcher	3	1	0
Jamie Menagh	3	1	0
Adam Dawson	3	0	0
Jack Williams (Loan)	3	0	0
Kobe McWilliams	3	0	0
Oli Patrick (Loan)	3	0	0
Ryan Morton (Loan)	3	0	0
Aidan Roxburgh (Loan)	2	0	0
Alfonso Castellano	2	0	0
Ben Harrison	1	0	0
Thomas Scott (GK) (Loan)	1	0	0
Ollie Hawkins	0	0	0

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NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

TOM BOOTH
Goalkeeper

(LOAN FROM CREWE ALEXANDRA)
02 AUGUST 2004

The 18-year-old signed his first professional contract with the Alex last summer after joining the club at the age of 8, making the matchday squad in some first team games at the start of the season. He previously spent a spell on loan at Kidsgrove, and has been touted by Crewe's under 18s manager as a future number 1 for the Alex.

OLLIE HAWKINS
Goalkeeper

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 he got into first round proper. Since then Ollie has been on-loan to Crewe FC and Stone Old Alleynians 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.

PERRY BIRCUMSHAW
Defender

Equally capable at centre back or full back, Perry joined the Dabbers early on in the 22/23 season, initially on dual registration terms from Winsford United.

But such was the manner he impressed the staff at Nantwich with his performances, he was quickly signed up permanently in September 2022 and has become a fixture in defence since.

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.

SEAN LAWTON
Defender

(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.

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.

OLI PATRICK

Defender

(LOAN FROM ACCRINGTON STANLEY)

2 FEBRUARY 2003

The 19-year-old can play at full back and in midfield, and made 4 appearances for Bamber Bridge in a loan spell earlier this season, including playing the entire game in their 1-0 win over the Dabbers in October. He also signed a new 2-year contract with Accrington in the summer after making 15 appearances for their under-23 side last season.

LEVI CHIDUKA

Midfield

Levi, a pacy 21-year-old winger, has most recently been at Ellesmere Port Town and has also been at Kendal Town and Runcorn Town. He started out in Morecambe's development squad.

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.

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

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

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

TOM SCULLY

Midfield

he 22 year old all action midfielder began his footballing career at Everton before moving to Norwich City in the summer of 2018.

After spending two years in Norfolk, he made the move back to the North West as he signed for League One side Accrington Stanley where he made his first team debut in a Papa Johns Trophy victory over Leeds United U23's.

In the 2020-21 Season he made six first team appearances for Stanley before he moved out on loan to Northern Irish Premiership side, Carrick Rangers in January 2022 where he made nine appearances before his loan was cut short due to injury.

JAMES CATON

Forward

04 JANUARY 1994

The 28-year-old winger has had EFL experience with Blackpool, Accrington, Shrewsbury and Mansfield during his career. In more recent years, James has been around a few clubs at the higher levels of non-league, from Southport to Darlington to 2 spells at Dover Athletic. In the 22/23 season, he'd made 13 appearances for Hereford in National League North and cup competitions, scoring twice before moving to Nantwich.

IVAN URVANTEV

Forward

02 MAY 1997

Ivan, a 25-year-old attacking midfielder and former Moldovan under-21 international, joins the club on dual registration terms from Whitchurch Alport, where the supporters dubbed him the 'Moldovan Messi'. Before that, he had spells at several Moldovan Premier League clubs, including Sheriff Tiraspol who were in the Champions League last season and are in the Europa League this season.

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.

CURTIS MORRISON

Forward

02 OCTOBER 1997

Starting out at Chesterfield, where he played in the first team in the EFL Cup after coming through their youth ranks, Curtis has also been at Matlock, Guiseley and Gainsborough amongst other clubs before his arrival at the Swansway Stadium.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

BYRON HARRISON

Forward

15 JUNE 1987

The 6ft3, vastly experienced striker has nearly 150 Football League appearances, the majority of which were during a successful spell at Cheltenham Town where he scored 20 goals in 94 games between 2012 and 2015.

In more recent years, he also performed strongly for Barrow in the National League, scoring 32 times in 67 appearances in 2 seasons that ended in 2018, before he returned in 2019/20 to help them gain promotion to the EFL.

Starting his career in non-league with clubs like Havant and Waterlooville and Boreham Wood, he earned a move to League 2 Stevenage in 2010, before spending time at AFC Wimbledon and Chesterfield as well as that run with Cheltenham.

In 2018, he returned to non-league, and has played for teams such as Sutton, Barnet and most recently Altrincham.

He scored his first Dabbers goal on his loan spell from Alty in a 5-2 Cheshire Senior Cup victory over Cheadle Heath Nomads in November 2022.

MWIYA MALUMO

Forward

The 23-year-old forward has played 4 times in National League North in 2022/23 for Farsley Celtic and was previously on a dual registration at FC United of Manchester earlier in 2022.

An English-Zambian dual national, Mwiya has represented Zambia internationally at under 20 and under 23 levels. He started out in Wigan Athletic's youth academy and has also played for Irlam, Ramsbottom, Radcliffe and Ashton Town.

He scored his first Dabbers goal of a season long loan spell in a 5-2 Cheshire Senior Cup victory over Cheadle Heath Nomads in November 2022.

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PITCHING IN NPL RESULTS & FIXTURES

NPL Premier Division Results - Tuesday 17th January 2023

Hyde United	1	0	Stafford Rangers	988
Nantwich Town	0	4	Stalybridge Celtic	604

NPL Premier Division Fixtures - Tuesday 24th January 2023

Ashton United	vs	Marske United	7.45pm
Bamber Bridge	vs	Warrington Rylands	7.45pm
Marine	vs	Stafford Rangers	7.45pm
Nantwich Town	vs	FC United of Manchester	7.45pm
Radcliffe	vs	Lancaster City	7.45pm

NPL Premier Division Fixtures - Saturday 21st January 2023

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

PITCHING IN NPL STANDINGS

		Overall						Home						Away							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Hyde United	27	13	8	6	43	24	8	3	4	21	10	5	5	2	22	14	+19	47		
2	South Shields	23	14	5	4	38	20	9	3	1	25	10	5	2	3	13	10	+18	47		
3	Gainsborough Trinity	24	11	9	4	47	22	3	6	2	17	11	8	3	2	30	11	+25	42		
4	Warrington Town	26	11	9	6	40	29	6	4	3	19	14	5	5	3	21	15	+11	42		
5	Bamber Bridge	25	12	5	8	40	45	7	3	1	25	14	5	2	7	15	31	-5	41		
6	Matlock Town	24	11	5	8	36	32	6	5	1	25	13	5	0	7	11	19	+4	38		
7	Guiseley	25	11	4	10	34	33	7	1	5	17	17	4	3	5	17	16	+1	37		
8	FC United of Manchester	25	11	6	8	44	30	5	6	3	27	21	6	0	5	17	9	+14	36		
9	Warrington Rylands 1906	26	10	6	10	46	38	6	2	6	19	16	4	4	4	27	22	+8	36		
10	Marine	24	9	8	7	34	22	5	3	4	19	12	4	5	3	15	10	+12	35		
11	Radcliffe	23	9	8	6	32	29	6	2	3	19	14	3	6	3	13	15	+3	35		
12	Stafford Rangers	26	9	6	11	33	36	6	3	5	21	19	3	3	6	12	17	-3	33		
13	Ashton United	25	10	5	10	32	35	4	3	4	13	15	6	2	6	19	20	-3	32		
14	Stalybridge Celtic	25	8	6	11	27	31	3	2	6	11	15	5	4	5	16	16	-4	30		
15	Atherton Collieries	25	6	12	7	23	29	2	6	4	11	13	4	6	3	12	16	-6	30		
16	Morpeth Town	24	8	4	12	34	36	6	1	5	20	15	2	3	7	14	21	-2	28		
17	Lancaster City	23	6	10	7	23	27	2	7	4	9	13	4	3	3	14	14	-4	28		
18	Nantwich Town	26	7	6	13	23	33	2	3	7	10	17	5	3	6	13	16	-10	27		
19	Whitby Town	24	7	5	12	25	35	3	1	7	10	19	4	4	5	15	16	-10	26		
20	Marske United	18	7	2	9	27	33	3	1	5	13	17	4	1	4	14	16	-6	23		
21	Liversedge	21	5	2	14	18	47	1	0	10	6	28	4	2	4	12	19	-29	17		
22	Belper Town	25	4	5	16	24	57	2	3	7	13	30	2	2	9	11	27	-33	17		

3 points were deducted from FC United of Manchester for: Fielding ineligible player

3 points were deducted from Ashton United for: Fielding an ineligible player



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