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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

ATHERTON COLLIERIES - MATCH PREVIEW

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

The Dabbers are at home once more this Saturday (3pm kick-off) as we prepare to face Atherton Collieries. Our preview, including words from manager Ritchie Sutton, looks ahead to this big clash.

Message from the Manager

"We're all really grateful for the backing we've had this season, and with 8 of our remaining 14 games being at home, we'd love your support for the club and the players coming in to this crucial period of the season.

Come down and support the lads, be that 12th man. We're all doing everything we can behind the scenes to ensure this fantastic club grows to its potential and your support can be a massive part of that by coming along on a matchday."

An-Ather Brick In The Wall

Atherton haven't won in their last 5 league games, 3 of them being 1-1 draws coupled with defeats to Guiseley and South Shields. They've only scored more than 1 goal twice in their last 11 games, and one of those was a 6-0 win over lower-ranked West Didsbury in the Lancashire Cup. They are the second lowest scorers in the division.

This lack of goals has seen them get kept near the wrong end of the table, 3 points outside the relegation places in 16th.

Players to Watch

That Bakkor goal was 1 of 7 he's got this season to be the Colls' top scorer, as well as making the most appearances for them of anyone so far this term (29). The familiar name of Ben Hardcastle is back at Atherton after signing from Ashton and has made 3 appearances so far to add to his nearly 300 that he made in his first spell at the club. Their goalkeeper will be different to who we've faced previously too, with Wigan loanee Owen Mooney currently between the posts.

MATCH DETAILS

VENUE: The Swansway Stadium, Waterlode, CW5 5BS

KICK OFF 19:45

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

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WHITBY TOWN – MATCH REPORT

Dabbers held to draw in North Yorkshire

Nantwich Town manager Ritchie Sutton described his sides result at fellow Strugglers Whitby Town as a “good point on the round” after they drew 1-1 at the Turnbull Express Stadium. “We knew it was always going to be difficult, even before the game the pitch was poor and it tore up even more as the game progressed. It was always going to be a case of who won the battle and overall a 1-1 draw was a fair result”

Nantwich Town began the game on the front foot and had the first opportunity when Adam Dawson found Jack Sherratt on the edge of the box but his effort was weak and easy for Shane Bland in the Whitby goal.

Moments later, The hosts had their first dangerous attack when Bradley Fewster broke into the Nantwich box before cutting back to Jacob Day who saw his low effort blocked excellently by Perry Bircumshaw who denied the hosts a certain goal.

In the 26th minute, The hosts came close again as Lewis Hawkins' deflected strike looked to be bobbling into the bottom corner but Tom Booth did well to push it around the post.

The game lacked quality and the playing surface was proving really difficult to play football on so both sides were trying the aerial route to keep the ball off the floor. This nearly benefited The Dabbers on the stroke of half time as a cross from the right caused chaos in the Whitby Town box before it fell to Dan Cockerline who said his effort blocked and go out for a corner.

At half time, Both managers who have been asking their players for more composure and quality on the ball as they looked for that opening goal to set the game into light

Whatever Ritchie Sutton and his management team said at half time worked wonders as within two minutes of the restart The Dabbers took the lead.

Perry Bircumshaw drove down the left side before getting to the byline and crossing for James Caton who was able to stab home at the back post to put his side ahead and get his second Dabbers goal of his short career in South Cheshire.

When asked about his half time thoughts, Sutton said “With the players that we've got, I felt like we could deal with their threats. I felt that at half time they have given everything they had and if we can deal with that and we had a few more gears to go and that showed early doors in the season half”

WHITBY TOWN – MATCH REPORT

In recent games, The Dabbers has been guilty of letting leads slip moments after going ahead and this game was no different as Whitby levelled the scoring just nine minutes after going behind.

Jacob Day's header fell kindly into the path of Bradley Fewster who was in on goal, Tom Booth came rushing off his line to close the angle but Fewster took it around him and then cut back inside before blasting past the two Nantwich bodies on the line to put his side back on level terms.

"The lads need to learn the game more, when you go 1-0 up you need to settle yourselves again so you don't get stretched and that's what happened for their equaliser and I'm disappointed that the more experienced lads didn't get the group together" said Sutton

Ten minutes after being pinned back, Byron Harrison came close to immediately putting his side back in front but his curled effort from the left side of the box was straight at Bland in the Whitby goal.

The last twenty minutes didn't really have much goalmouth action, it was a cavern ending to the game with both sides playing cautiously as neither wanted to lose the game.

There was one final chance of the game as Dan Cockerline was played in behind by Curtis Morrison. As The Dabbers forward bared down on goal, Shane Bland came rushing off his line and did excellently well to save down low to keep his side in the game.

At full time, both teams would have settled for a point and it was probably a fair result in the grand scheme of things. Both sides had limited chances in a game that was played in tough conditions.

Overall, Ritchie Sutton was content with the point that his side picked up in North Yorkshire "When they got the equaliser naturally the lads were a bit down, but they've got to pick themselves up, and again, we did. We had the chances to win the game but we didn't convert them and that's been the story of our season so far. However, its a good point away from home in tough circumstances"



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ATHERTON COLLS – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

Club Name:	Atherton Collieries FC
Year Founded:	1916
Club Nickname:	Colls
Current Ground:	Alder House (Skuna Stadium)
Current Manager:	Brad Cooke



CUP HISTORY

Lancs FA Amateur Shield:	Winners – 6 times
NWC Div One Trophy:	Winners – 2010/11
NWC League Cup:	Winners – 2015/16
NPL Challenge Cup:	Winners – 2017/18
FA Cup:	3 rd Qual Round – 1994/95, 2021/22
FA Trophy:	1 st Round – 2019/20
FA Vase:	5 th Round – 2016/17



LEAGUE HISTORY

Bolton Combination:	Champions – 10 times
NWC Division Three:	Champions – 1986/87
NWC Division One:	Champions – 2014/15
NWC Premier Division:	Champions – 2016/17
NPL Division One West:	Champions – 2018/19

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	POS	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2017-18	NPL 1N	10/22	42	15	13	14	50	55	58
2018-19	NPL 1W	1/20	38	26	4	8	89	34	82
2019-20	NPL P	ABAN	26	8	4	14	36	49	28 *
2020-21	NPL P	ABAN	8	4	1	3	13	8	13 *
2021-22	NPL P	19/22	42	13	9	20	34	45	48

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

ATHERTON COLLIERIES - HISTORY

Atherton Collieries were founded in 1916 by workers of the six local coal-mining pits, in order to help raise funds towards the war efforts, initially playing under the banner of Atherton Collieries Joint Association.

The club enjoyed steady success at a local level for the first few years of their existence, lifting ten Bolton Combination titles and a record six Lancashire Junior Shields in-between 1916 and 1965, alongside spending brief stints in the Lancashire Combination and Cheshire County Leagues.

In 1982, the Collieries were founding members of the North West Counties football league, enjoying a stable existence for the next few decades, including lifting the third division title in 1987 and the Bolton Goldline Trophy in 2002. In 2006, the club made headlines through the discovery of young future international footballer Anthony Pilkington, who earned a move to Stockport County in the Football League following a historic hat-trick at FC United of Manchester.

After relegation into the North West Counties Division One in 2009, the club sought to renew their ambitions under the management of Ste Pilling and then Michael Clegg. Under the stewardship of Clegg, the Black & Whites won promotions in 2015, 2017 and 2019 to climb from the North West Counties bottom tier into the top division of the Northern Premier League, alongside a historic FA Vase run in 2017, and further successes in the 2015 Bolton Hospital Cup, 2016 NWCFL League Cup and 2018 NPL League Cup.

Now under the management of club icon Bradley Cooke, the club are settling to life at the highest level of football in the history of both the club and the town of Atherton. Following two pandemic disrupted seasons, the Collieries comfortably secured their status in their first full season in non-league's third tier, with a remarkable defensive record ranking fifth in the division, and never conceding more than two goals in a single game throughout the season.

The Black & Whites remain ambitious to further cement their place within the Northern Premier League hierarchy, with a nucleus of exciting, young & high-potential footballers in the first team squad, and tireless efforts away from the pitch to continually improve the Skuna Stadium facilities, powered by a strong community spirit within their ever-growing fanbase.

The coal miners who founded this club 106 years ago would be proud of how much the Colls have achieved in recent times. Who knows how further Collieries can go with the support of the local community?

ATHERTON COLLIERIES – SQUAD

Danny Lafferty

Having first played for the Colls in 2009, Laffs is a commanding centre-half who has become a true leader for the Colls over recent seasons, earning the captains armband following almost 250 appearances for the club.

Gaz Peet

A bonafide Black & Whites legend, Gaz Peet holds the club appearance record with almost 400 competitive appearances for the Colls since his 2010 debut. A tricky wing-back with a killer eye from free-kicks.

Ben Hardcastle

Recently returned to the Skuna Stadium following three years with Ashton United. Ben was a key player of the Michael Clegg tenure of management, reaching almost 300 appearances over his first stint at the club and almost 100 competitive goals. A versatile winger who is proficient anywhere along the flanks or across the forward line.

Marcus Cusani

Marcus first played for the Colls in 2018, before embarking on successful stints with Warrington Town and Ashton Athletic. A powerful forward with good technical ability.

Clive Smith

Wing-back Clive Smith has previously played professionally at St Johnstone before also appearing for Southport and Droylsden. Clive has become near ever-present for the Colls, rarely missing a match since his 2018 debut, providing both defensively stability and an attacking threat. Clive returned to the Collieries in September 2022 following a month-long spell at FC United.

Jack Lenehan

An exciting and promising young midfielder, Jack first made his name as a youngster for Chorley, starring most notably in their 2018 Lancashire Cup success, before subsequently enjoying successful spells with Prescot Cables and FC United of Manchester.

Joel Amado

An imperious left sided defender, Joel joined at the end of the 2020/21 league campaign and has subsequently settled into the Colls backline. Joel was previously a fans favourite at Trafford, and has also represented the England Universities team in 2019 and 2021.

Luca Defreitas-Hansen

A confident centre-half, Luca is eligible to represent the national teams of the United States, Brazil and Denmark. Luca joined the Colls having previously played for Weston FC, the University of Portland and Ashton Athletic, and quickly became a fans favourite at the Skuna Stadium, winning the 2022 Committee Player of the Year after an incredible debut season.

ATHERTON COLLIERIES – SQUAD

Scott Sephton

An industrious and experienced midfielder who is also a confident defensive option, Scott joined the Colls after a stint as captain of Stalybridge. Scott began his career with Colls' neighbours Leigh Genesis during their Unibond Premier Division days.

Ethan Kershaw

An exciting and versatile midfielder, with a high work rate throughout the pitch. Ethan won the 2022 Colls Young Player of the Year award after a highly impressive debut season for the club. Kersh joined the Colls in the summer of 2021 having previously played for Longridge and Mossley.

Scott Bakkor

A striker with a highly respected goal record within non-league football. Scott joins the Colls after a short but successful stint with Rylands, scoring 4 goals in 6 games, having previously lead the line for Stalybridge and Witton Albion.

Adam Rooney

A no-nonsense centre half, Adam Rooney has been a popular player throughout his short career, winning various personal accolades as he has climbed the non-league ladder. Adam joins the Collieries after a successful stint with Trafford

Nico Defreitas-Hansen

A former youth international with both the United States and Denmark, goalkeeper Nico joined the Collieries from Swansea City following four years within the Everton academy, including two years as a professional.

Jay Fitzmartin

Jay joined the Colls from Bolton Wanderers in the summer of 2022. Having previously played for Atherton Town as a junior, Jay spent eight years within the Wanderers academy set-up, and made his senior debut for the Whites before a loan spell at Stalybridge. An exciting young winger from Leigh.

Bailey Thompson

A tall & powerful forward who first made his mark in non-league with Cammell Laird and Tadcaster Albion, before earning a transfer to Conference North Guiseley with his goalscoring prowess.

Arran Pettifer

An energetic midfielder who also joins from Bolton, Arran has made two appearances for the Wanderers against Fleetwood & Liverpool, and joins the Collieries on loan having recently signed his first professional terms this summer.

ATHERTON COLLIERIES – SQUAD

Jesse Ebosele

A strong young striker who played last season within the AFC Fylde Academy set-up, scoring 14 goals in 19 games as the u19s finished second in the National League North. Jesse first appeared for the Colls on trial in 2021, notching a goal over the course of a successful pre-season, before eventually signing in September 2022.

Brad Cooke - Manager

With 265 appearances and 39 goals whilst captaining the club to two league titles and multiple cups, Brad Cooke is a true Colls legend, and was appointed manager in December 2019.

Rob Sadler - Assistant Manager

Joe Duckett - First Team Coach

Russ Hodgkinson - First Team Coach

James Eachus - Fitness Coach

Ben Chapman - Goalkeeping Coach

Britt Anderton - Sports Rehabilitator

Matt Pearce - Sports Therapist



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CREWE ALEX (CHESHIRE CUP) – MATCH REPORT

Crewe Alexandra advanced to the semi-finals of the Cheshire Senior Cup with a 2-0 win over Nantwich Town at the Swansway Stadium.

The Alex got off to the perfect start just 7 minutes in, as Connor Evans scored from very close range after a diagonal ball was played across the box (pictured below). It was Crewe's first attack of the match and it had got the ultimate reward.

A Crewe team that featured first teamers like James Beadle, Luke Offord, Lachlan Brook and Charlie Colkett started to face more pressure thereafter as the Dabbers started to grow into the tie.

Jon Moran headed straight at Beadle from a corner, before Brook curled just wide off his left foot to almost double the lead.

Curtis Morrison and Byron Harrison had some joy down the left side but weren't able to find any men in green in the box.

The elusive Matus Holicek drew a couple of good Nantwich tackles, then Matt Bell mishit a shot that looped into the arms of Beadle.

The Dabbers' best chances came just before half time. Again it was a corner doing the damage, Nantwich winning the header and causing carnage in the box, a snapshot in there was really well saved by Beadle at point blank range.

Mo Malumo then got in behind the defence via a great long ball but could only poke it wide.

In the second half, the Dabbers tried to pick off where they left off.

Troy Bourne was playing at right back and had a chance himself, curling over albeit off his weaker foot.

Crewe made it 2 just short of the hour mark. A handball claim from Bourne and the rest of the Dabbers was waved away by the referee, and in the same move the Alex broke and scored, the ball played out to Brook who tucked it away smartly past Tom Scott.

Moran had another header that was easy for Beadle to save, then Max Woodcock fired over as the Dabbers pushed to try and get back into the tie.

Tom Scully and Malumo both tested Beadle, then up the other end Ty Webster blasted over the bar as Crewe increasingly threatened on the counter-attack.

Woodcock had another opening that he couldn't convert, as did Bourne in the other box.

CREWE ALEX (CHESHIRE CUP) – MATCH REPORT

So 2-0 it finished, but plenty of positives from a Nantwich perspective, and that's now 5 unbeaten in all competitions for Crewe.

Nantwich Town: Tom Scott, Troy Bourne, Perry Bircumshaw, Jack Sherratt, Jon Moran, Tom Scully (Matty France, 80), Mo Malumo, Matt Bell (Kobe McWilliams, 46), James Caton (Ryan Morton, 59), Byron Harrison, Curtis Morrison (Ivan Urvantev, 59)

Sub not used: Dan Cockerline

Crewe Alexandra: James Beadle, Sam Bhatti, Nathan Woodthorpe, Joel Tabiner, Zak Kempster-Down, Luke Offord, Lachlan Brook (Owen Lunt, 59), Tariq Uwakwe (Max Woodcock, 59), Connor Evans, Charlie Colkett (Ty Webster, 46), Matus Holicek

Subs not used: Lucas Sant, Jack Flint

Goals: Evans (7), Brook (58)

Attendance: 415



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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	30	2	1
Perry Bircumshaw	30	0	0
Jack Sherratt	26	0	1
Jon Moran	24	0	0
Sean Lawton (Loan)	23	0	0
Thomas Scully	19	0	3
Dan Cockerline	18	4	2
Byron Harrison	16	4	3
AJ Leitch-Smith	16	2	0
Matt Bell	16	0	1
Tom Booth (GK) (Loan)	16	0	0
Louis Gray (GK)	15	0	0
Mo Malumo	14	4	4
Curtis Morrison	14	1	1
Caspar Hughes	14	0	3
Shaun Miller	14	0	0
Ivan Urvantev	12	2	1
Harry Nevin (Loan)	11	2	1
Connor Heath	11	1	1
Sean Cooke	10	3	3
Joel Stair	10	0	0
James Caton	9	2	1

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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	0-2	471
Sat 28th Jan 2023	Whitby Town	NPL Prem Div	3.00pm	A	1-1	397
Wed 1st Feb 2023	Crewe Alexandra	Cheshire Cup QF	7.45pm	H	0-2	415
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
Chris Sang	7	0	1
James Plant (Loan)	7	0	0
Joe Mwaslie	7	0	0
Joe Robbins	7	0	0
Jacob Edwards	6	0	0
Adam Dawson	5	0	0
Oli Patrick (Loan)	5	0	0
Ritchie Sutton	5	0	0
Ryan Morton (Loan)	5	0	0
Kobe McWilliams	4	0	0
Gary Taylor-Fletcher	3	1	0
Jamie Menagh	3	1	0
Jack Williams (Loan)	3	0	0
Aidan Roxburgh (Loan)	2	0	0
Alfonso Castellano	2	0	0
Tom Scott (GK) (Loan)	2	0	0
Ben Harrison	1	0	0
Matty France	1	0	0
Archie Angles	0	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 Kids Grove, 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 club's 2019/20 FA Youth Cup run where they got into the 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

AIDAN ROXBURGH
Defender

(LOAN FROM ALTRINCHAM)
27 MARCH 1999

Known as Aidy, he can play on either side but was signed from Trafford in the summer of last year as an attack-minded right back described by Alty manager Phil Parkinson as 'a little diamond'. The 23-year-old recently returned from a loan at Ashton United where he played 8 times, including in those 2 back-to-back games against the Dabbers.

CARL DICKINSON
Defender

31 MARCH 1987

Most recently at Stratford Town, Carl brings with him over 400 EFL appearances across several clubs. Starting at Stoke City in the squad that reached the Premier League, he subsequently played at Barnsley, Portsmouth and Watford among others before settling at Port Vale for 3 seasons and playing for them nearly 150 times. Spells at Notts County and Yeovil followed, then in 2021 he made his first step into coaching as player/manager at Hanley Town, helping them win promotion to the Northern Premier League West last season.

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.

RYAN MORTON
Forward

(LOAN FROM ALTRINCHAM)
9 MAY 2002

20-year-old forward Morton was the first player from Alty's academy to play for their first team when he made his debut in May, after initially coming up through their youth ranks as a right-winger before converting to a pacy forward with good finishing ability.

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.

MWIYA MALUMO

Forward

26 OCTOBER 1999

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.

ADAM DAWSON

Midfielder

5 OCTOBER 1992

The 30-year-old winger played 26 times for Hyde this season, scoring twice, including the winning goal against the Dabbers in September.

Recent years have also seen him appear for Bamber Bridge, Radcliffe and Chester, via a short spell in the Cyprus Second Division.

He has also played EFL football for Accrington and Notts County, as well as captaining a 5-a-side team selected by Neymar in a tournament in Qatar last summer.

STEVEN HEWITT

Midfielder

05 DECEMBER 1993

Starting out at Burnley as a youth player, he made a few league appearances for the Clarets before moving on to Chester and Southport.

A spell at Accrington followed, before some time in Wales with both Bangor City and Aberystwyth either side of Hume City in Melbourne, Australia. Most recently, the 29-year-old has been at Wythenshawe Town, where this season he's scored 3 times in 23 appearances in all competitions.



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

NPL Premier Division Results - Saturday 28th January 2023

Atherton Collieries	0	2	South Shields	401
Belper Town	0	2	Bamber Bridge	560
FC United of Manchester	1	1	Warrington Town	1,850
Guiseley	2	3	Hyde United	803
Lancaster City	2	1	Matlock Town	367
Marine	1	1	Ashton United	1,403
Morpeth Town	0	1	Radcliffe	381
Stafford Rangers	2	0	Marske United	647
Stalybridge Celtic	2	0	Gainsborough Trinity	709
Warrington Rylands	1	0	Liversedge	277
Whitby Town	1	1	Nantwich Town	397

NPL Premier Division Results - Tuesday 31st January 2023

Belper Town	1	1	Hyde United	480
Liversedge	1	0	Gainsborough Trinity	309
South Shields	4	2	Marske United	1,578
Stalybridge Celtic	1	2	Radcliffe	457

NPL Premier Division Fixtures - Saturday 4th February 2023

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

PITCHING IN NPL STANDINGS

			P	W	D	Total			+/-	Pts
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	1	South Shields	25	16	5	4	44	22	+22	53
	2	Hyde United	29	14	9	6	47	27	+20	51
	3	Bamber Bridge	27	14	5	8	43	45	-2	47
	4	Warrington Town	27	11	10	6	41	30	+11	43
	5	Gainsborough Trinity	26	11	9	6	47	25	+22	42
	6	Radcliffe	26	11	9	6	37	32	+5	42
	7	FC United of Manchester (-3)	27	12	7	8	47	31	+16	40
	8	Marine	26	10	9	7	36	23	+13	39
	9	Warrington Rylands	28	11	6	11	47	39	+8	39
	10	Matlock Town	25	11	5	9	37	34	+3	38
	11	Guiseley	26	11	4	11	36	36	0	37
	12	Stafford Rangers	28	10	6	12	35	37	-2	36
	13	Stalybridge Celtic	27	9	6	12	30	33	-3	33
	14	Ashton United (-3)	27	10	6	11	34	38	-4	33
	15	Lancaster City	25	7	11	7	27	30	-3	32
	16	Atherton Collieries	26	6	12	8	23	31	-8	30
	17	Morpeth Town	25	8	4	13	34	37	-3	28
	18	Nantwich Town	28	7	7	14	24	36	-12	28
	19	Whitby Town	25	7	6	12	26	36	-10	27
	20	Marske United	21	8	2	11	31	40	-9	26
	21	Liversedge	23	6	2	15	19	48	-29	20
	22	Belper Town	27	4	6	17	25	60	-35	18



NANTWICH TOWN

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