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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

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & UPDATE

Welcome and thank you, to each and every one of you that has made the journey to Leek Town, who are very kindly hosting our first home game of the season, whilst the works on our pitch conversion at The Swansway Stadium are completed.

Whilst there was disappointment in the way that last season ended, there is much to be optimistic and excited about for the forthcoming campaign in the NPL West Division, with new places to visit, old acquaintances to renew and most importantly some exciting Football to enjoy, and as we saw towards the end of last season, Paul Carden and his management team have assembled a team capable of creating some more successful and memorable times, especially with the new additions that have joined the squad in the close season and whilst there will no doubt be some disappointments and challenges to overcome, I am confident that overall this season will be an enjoyable and successful one and your incredible support is much needed more than ever.

As you are aware, there are exciting things going on in all areas of the Club and we now have over 50 teams playing under the Nantwich Town Banner, including our Ladies section which continues to develop, and they are really making a massive contribution toward the overall growth and success of the club, and I am sure that they will flourish even further playing all their home games on the new 3G facility at the Swansway Stadium. We also have a burgeoning Youth and junior section, partially sighted and disability football, as well as regular veterans and walking football sessions, all of which ensure that the club is delivering on its promise of providing first class facilities and opportunities for the community and this will be made further possible once our much-needed main stadium pitch opens towards the end of the month.

I am aware that there appear to be some misconceptions about the current status of the new pitch and the fundraising needed to deliver it, so hopefully I can clarify these simply for you.

- **The pitch conversion was originally planned to take place in readiness for the 2024/25 season (Next Year)**
- **The Fundraising, Share Issue and investment opportunities were scheduled to take place from the end of the 22/23 season and would continue throughout the year and beyond, with works commencing at the end of the current season (May 2024)**
- **The Club and its many teams are in urgent need of the facility now, so following a great amount of work, by members of the board, some amazing early donations, investments and share purchases in response to the release of the prospectus, we were able to bring the works on this exciting project forward by a year, to ensure that the all the club's players and the community get the facility that they deserve and urgently need.**
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- The project is in two parts (Phase One) To replace and convert the main Swansway Stadium pitch. (Phase Two) To replace the existing Applewood Arena Pitch.
- The cost of completing phase one is £480,000 and thanks to some amazing support from many different areas, including the Directors, commercial partners and other private investors and purchasers of shares, the current total raised is now at £340,000
- The Shortfall of £140,000 has been covered in the short term, by additional loans from Club Directors and colleagues, to enable the project to go ahead and complete. These temporary loans are in addition to the investment, share purchases and loans already made.
- This is in lieu of the main fundraising by players from all of our teams and supporters taking place, which will hopefully commence as soon as possible and once everyone is back at the Swansway stadium and the new facility is open.
- £140,000 is needed in fundraising, Investment and share purchases to complete phase one and to repay the temporary loans.
- It's important that we don't become complacent in the belief that fundraising isn't needed, just because the main pitch is in the process of being completed. **WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP NOW!**

I hope that this clarifies things and allays any misunderstandings about the current status and as always we welcome any questions and your input. The prospectus is also available via the web site and from the club and as you will see, it offers an attractive return on long term investments and a chance to be part of something much needed and vital for the Club, it's players and the community. In addition we need everyone to play their part, no matter how small in helping us achieve our objectives, so please let's all work together and support and justify the faith of the club in undertaking this much needed and vital project and you can make smaller donations from your fundraising via the club's "Just Giving" page. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jon-gold-3>

Thanks once again for your patience, understanding and incredible support and hopefully if everything continues to go to schedule, we will all be able to enjoy our next scheduled home game (other than if there is an FA Cup Replay) on the new surface, in the familiar surroundings of "The Swansway Stadium".

Enjoy the game and hopefully the team can put in a performance and deliver our first home win and points of the season!

Jon Gold

Chairman

THE GAFFER

Good evening, everyone. I hope you enjoyed the closed season, and you were able to get away to somewhere nice. But it all begins again, the roller-coaster of the footballing season that keeps us all coming back for more - no matter how tough the previous season has been!

After last season's disappointment of relegation, it was important to make sure we put a squad together capable of competing at the top end of this division with the aim to bounce back to the NPL Premier.

We know it won't be an easy task, with the league having some really strong teams all with promotion in their sights.

I believe we have made some really strong signings, whilst retaining players from last season who have proved in the past, they are capable of competing at the top of the league we have just left. But it is always about what happens on the pitch that provides the proof of how strong we are - not on paper!

Pre-season has gone ok, the disappointment has been the injuries we sustained to Jon Moran and Dylan Thompson. Unfortunately, it looks like Jon's injury is likely to keep him out a long time, he's been great for me since I came into the club and was desperate to do well this season. On a positive Dylan is progressing well and shouldn't be too long, fingers crossed he can stay injury free because I believe he has potential to be a very strong player for us.

It will be strange to have our 1st home game at Leek Town because of the works going on at the stadium to the pitch, we are grateful that we have a good relationship with Leek, and they are letting us use their pitch until our new one is complete - hopefully it will be just the one game versus Vauxhall so we can return home in front of our own crowd.

Thank you all for your support since I came into the club. Myself, the staff and the players will be doing everything we can to repay it by having a season to remember for the right reasons!

Paul Carden

Manager



VAUXHALL MOTORS - MATCH PREVIEW

Good evening and welcome to the F.Ball Community Stadium at our friends home Leek Town for this evenings Division One West match against Vauxhall Motors. We would like to welcome all the directors, staff, players and supporters associated with Vauxhall Motors this evening

After the disappointing result against Avro on Saturday, Nantwich have the chance to bounce straight back with the first home game of the season against Vauxhall Motors, hosted at Leek Town's F.Ball Community Stadium while the Swansway Stadium pitch is being worked on.

Get your Motors runnin'

Vauxhall got their season underway at the weekend with an exciting 2-2 draw at home to Witton Albion. Twice they saw their lead pegged back, conceding both their goals from the penalty spot.

They secured back-to-back promotions by winning the North West Counties Premier last season, ending a frustrating period where they missed out on promotions twice, once by points-per-game and the other by the null and voiding of a season during Covid when they were 10 points clear at the top.

Last Time Out

The Dabbers and Vauxhall have not met competitively since the 1999/2000 season. And over 24 historical meetings, the Dabbers have only won 7, with Vauxhall winning 14. (Thanks to Retro Dabbers for these stats)

Players to Watch

There's a familiar surname in the Vauxhall goal as Sam Booth, brother of last season's Dabbers favourite Tom, was part of that champion squad and should feature on Tuesday.

And Michael Burkey scored in the Witton game, adding to the goalscoring form he'd shown in pre-season.

Match Information

Tickets for this unique 'home' game can be bought online, with normal prices applying as they would at the Swansway Stadium.

All season tickets will also be valid, if you haven't yet collected yours then you can visit the club shop between 9am-3pm, and they are also available to buy online.



FA YOUTH CUP PREVIEW

Nantwich Town Youth Team face West Didsbury & Chorlton in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Youth Cup.

Our Youth Team under the stewardship of Carl Boffey will be sharpening their tools with an away trip to West Didsbury and Chorlton in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Youth Cup on Thursday night the 17th August 2023 with a 7.30pm kick off).

The match was originally drawn with Nantwich at home, however due to the final stages of the new 3G pitch instalment not being completed before the match confirmation deadline with the FA, we agreed to reverse the fixture for this tie.

Last season our young guns faced West Didsbury & Chorlton at the first hurdle which included a few of the current crop who stepped up into the Youth Team and they were 1-0 victors thanks to a Riley Capewell goal from a corner. The Dabbers will be hoping for a repeat result this time round.

The winners of this tie will travel away to face the winner of Runcorn Town and Burscough in the Preliminary Round in the week commencing Monday 4th September 2023.

The squad will be from the following:

Thomas Bullock	Ellis Wright
Ollie Holden	Haruto Greenland
Ioannis Koutouzou	Kieran Prestwich
Ethan Sparkes	Harry Clarke
Harry Bugg	Sebastian Muszynski
Ollie Sumner	Zak Boffey
Luke Moulton	Lewis Martin
Mani Hickson	Ashton Brogan
Jay Oliver	Callum Kelly
Oliver Bennett	Aiden Cope
Bailey Forshaw	Harry Oakes

Match Details:

Date: Thursday 17th August 2023

Kick Off: 7.30pm

Prices: £4 Adults, £2 Concessions, U16's Free





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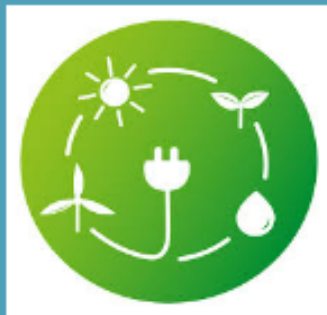


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AVRO – MATCH REPORT

Nantwich looked to start the new season off with putting their relegation worries right behind them and to start the season with a fresh start, with a win away to Avro at the Vestacare stadium.

Manager Paul Carden included a number of new signings, and some familiar ones in his first starting line up of the season.

Avro looked to take the game to their opponents right from the off in what could best be described as changeable conditions in terms of the weather.

Muis Bibire Bello had the first chance of the match, but his shot which was heading for the top of the goal, arched away from Scott Moloney in the Nantwich net, only to see it hit the crossbar, after just two minutes of the game.

That was a very fortunate break, and one that Nantwich needed to heed if they wanted to get anything out of the game.

As the early stages of the game continued, it was very much the home side that were in the ascendency having a few good chances, but slowly as the half progressed the away side started to find their feet, and they were seeing their passes connecting, and they managed to open up the home side's defence on a few occasions.

First it was Sean Cooke who saw a brilliant shot on the turn from the edge of the Avro penalty area fly just over the cross bar.

That was proceeded by the best chance of the half, as Cooke played a lovely cross from the right hand side, and Callum Saunders rose highest, and unchallenged in the penalty area, saw his header hit the post, and roll along the goal line, only to be then cleared to safety.

Nantwich looked to continue the momentum that they had built up, and especially the attacking duo of Cooke and Harrison, who were continuing to cause the home side's defence all manner of problems and issues.

Harrison almost opened the scoring, but his toe poke in the area, when he just had the goalkeeper to beat, was saved down low by Grant Shenton.

The next person to try their luck was Callum Saunders once again, as he timed his run, through the centre of the defence to perfection, and it only took an outstanding save to stop him from scoring.

The away side were building up a lot of momentum, and it looked only a matter of if not when they would open the scoring.

Troy Bourne had the last opportunity to make this happen before the half time whistle, but his header from a corner, was off target, and the sides, went into the dressing rooms level, and goalless.

AVRO – MATCH REPORT

After the break, the Dabbers looked to carry on right where they had left off, as Joel Connolly found himself in an attacking area of the pitch, on the edge of the Avro penalty area, and he chose to have a shot, and it was only just over the bar.

That was as good as it got for the away side, as not too long after that, the home side took the lead. Dylan Fitzgerald found himself, free on the edge of the Nantwich penalty area, and he decided to hedge his bets, and his shot was hit with a lot of venom, hard and low, and it escaped the dive of Scott Moloney, despite his best efforts. It was the home side that took the lead, to the delight of the home crowd, which sprung to life after this.

Byron Harrison tried his best to get the away side back into the game, but once more, his shot, when he worked an opening, went just wide, to the dismay of the travelling fans. After this, it became a bit of a war of attrition, and the game became very scrappy, which suited the home side, as they managed the game very well from this point of the game. Plenty of crunching challenges, and a fair few stoppages, which curtailed any flow to the game, a flow that Nantwich needed to find, if they wanted to get back into the game.

Sadly, it was the home side that almost produced the moment that would have lived long of many a fan who almost witnessed it, as deep into second half injury time Matthew Crothers received the ball close to the half way line, and saw that Moloney was off of his line, and he attempted to put the ball over his head and into the net.

Thankfully the ball sailed just wide, much to the relief of everyone connected to the away side on that occasion. But that was the end of the excitement, as the home side ran out winners, by that singular Rathbone strike.

Avro (1): Grant Shenton, Dominic Smalley, Max Davidson, Jack Morrow, Deane Smalley, Geffry Ebhote, Joe Rathbone (Dylan Switter 81), Matthew Crothers, Liam Ellis (Max McCarthy 73), Dylan Fitzgerald (Brad Sullivan 78), Muis Bibire Bello

Subs not used: Lee Wilshaw, Sam Rathbone

Goal: Joe Rathbone (60)

Nantwich Town (0): Scott Maloney, Joel Connolly, Perry Bircumshaw, Nathan Okome, Troy Bourne, Mohamud Ali, Steven Hewitt, Caspar Hughes (Paddy Kay 74), Callum Saunders (Kai Evans 74), Sean Cooke, Byron Harrison (AJ Leitch-Smith 67)

Subs not used: Ahmed Ali, Lewis Sinnott

Attendance - 249



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VAUXHALL MOTORS – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

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

Vauxhall Motors F.C.
1963
The Motormen
vanEupen Arena
Mick McGraa



CUP HISTORY

Wirral Senior Cup:
NWC League Cup:
NWC Floodlit Trophy:
FA Cup:
FA Trophy:
FA Vase:

Winners – 1987
Winners – 1991 & 1999
Winners – 2000
2nd Round – 2002/03
4th Round – 2001/02
Semi Finals – 1999/00



LEAGUE HISTORY

West Cheshire Div One:
NW Counties Div Two:
NW Counties Div One:
NW Counties Prem Div:
NPL Division One:
NPL Premier Division:

Champions – 1985/86
Champions – 1988/89, 1995/96
Champions – 1999/00
Champions – 2022/23
Runners Up – 2000/01
Runners Up – 2001/02

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	POS	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2018-19	NWC 1S	2/20	38	23	9	6	86	46	78
2019-20	NWC 1S	ABAN	31	27	1	3	83	28	82 *
2020-21	NWC 1S	ABAN	7	6	1	0	17	5	19 *
2021-22	NWC P	8/21	40	18	5	17	63	77	59
2022-23	NWC P	1/22	42	30	5	7	85	35	95

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

VAUXHALL MOTORS - HISTORY

Vauxhall Motors FC were formed back in 1963, following the opening of the brand-new Vauxhalls Car Plant just across the other side of the motorway. The plant is still visible from the Rivacre Road Pitch on the left-hand side of the current main arena.

EARLY HISTORY:

The club initially played in the Ellesmere Port League and the Wirral Combination League, but soon grew too strong for these leagues. We played at company-owned, Hooton Park, but moved to current home, Rivacre Park, in 1987 – opening by former England Manager, Bobby Manager. On the pitch, the club also found some success, winning our first West Cheshire League title in 1985. Motors first joined the North West Counties Football League in 1977 and won promotion from Division Two to Division One in our first season.

THE METEORIC RISE:

In the 1998-99 season, Motors achieved success, reaching the fifth round of the FA Vase, as well as winning the NWC Cup and achieving promotion to the Northern Premier League. In the years after, the club achieved lots of success in the Northern Premier League, winning promotion to the NPL Premier Division in the first season in the division, before finishing second place in the NPL Prem. Motors also completed a historic FA Cup Run to the Second Round Proper in this time, beating Queens Park Rangers in the process. In 2004, boss Owen Brown led VMFC to promotion to the Conference North.



MODERN MOTORS:

In 2014, Motors were forced to resign from the Conference North due to financial issues, and Karl Bell was appointed manager when Motors dropped back down to the West Cheshire League. Once promotion to the North West Counties League was achieved, current boss, Mick McGraa was appointed in 2018. Since then, McGraa finished second in the NWCFL Division One on Points Per Game, before being denied promotion due to COVID-19. An eventual promotion followed by last year's title sees the Motors playing in the NPL Division One West division.

VAUXHALL MOTORS – SQUAD & STAFF

Mick McGraa - Manager

Mick McGraa joined the Motors back in 2018 from local rivals Cammell Lairds. McGraa, who recently celebrated his 5-year anniversary as Motors boss, has led the side to a NWCFL First Division South promotion during COVID, and a NWCFL Premier Division title win last season – as well as a Cheshire Senior Cup final.

Alan Morgan – Assistant Manager

Alan Morgan is a well-known name to football on the Wirral. Morgan played professionally for Tranmere Rovers, before becoming Assistant Manager at numerous clubs including Connah's Quay, Bangor City and Marine, before arriving at the VanEupen Arena in the summer. Alan is also a Coach at Tranmere Rovers First Team.

Sam Booth – Goalkeeper	Ally Hughes – Goalkeeper
Tom Mitchell – Defender	Adam Hughes – Defender
Ben Duffon-Kelly – Defender	Greg Drummond – Defender
Bobby Beaumont – Defender	Sean Smith – Defender
Ethan Gouldbourne – Defender	Marcus James – Defender
Sean Moscrop – Midfielder	Jordan Deer – Midfielder
Haydn Cooper – Midfielder	Sam Hughes – Midfielder
Stephen Rigby – Midfielder	Michael Burkey – Forward
Conor Harwood – Forward	Ben Holmes - Forward
Lewis Buckley - Forward	Bobbie-McDonnell - Forward
George Nugent - Forward	Joe Brandon - Forward

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DABBERS 2023-24 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENTS	Competition	KO	H/A	SCORE	ATT
Sat 12th Aug 2023	Avro	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A	0-1	249
Tue 15th Aug 2023	Vauxhall Motors	NPL Div One West	8.00pm	H ¹		
Fri 18th Aug 2023	Skelmersdale United	FA Cup Preliminary	7.45pm	A ²		
Tue 22nd Aug 2023	Hanley Town	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A		
Sat 26th Aug 2023	Clitheroe	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Mon 28th Aug 2023	1874 Northwich	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 2nd Sep 2023	Runcorn Linnets	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 9th Sep 2023	Liversedge	FA Trophy 1QR	3.00pm	A		
Sat 16th Sep 2023	Leek Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 30th Sep 2023	Bootle	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 7th Oct 2023	Trafford	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 14th Oct 2023	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 21st Oct 2023	Prescot Cables	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 28th Oct 2023	Witton Albion	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 4th Nov 2023	Newcastle Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 11th Nov 2023	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 18th Nov 2023	Widnes	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 25th Nov 2023	City of Liverpool	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 2nd Dec 2023	Mossley	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 9th Dec 2023	Chasetown	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 16th Dec 2023	Vauxhall Motors	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		

1

Match to be played at Leek Town

2

Match to be played at Burscough

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
AJ Leitch-Smith	1	0	0
Byron Harrison	1	0	0
Callum Saunders	1	0	0
Caspar Hughes	1	0	0
Joel Connolly	1	0	0
Kai Evans	1	0	0
Mohamud Ali	1	0	0
Nathan Okome	1	0	0

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Mon 1st Jan 2024	1874 Northwich	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 6th Jan 2024	Clitheroe	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 13th Jan 2024	Hanley Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 20th Jan 2024	Witton Albion	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 27th Jan 2024	Prescot Cables	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 3rd Feb 2024	Leek Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 17th Feb 2024	Bootle	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 24th Feb 2024	Trafford	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 2nd Mar 2024	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 16th Mar 2024	Chasetown	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 23rd Mar 2024	Mossley	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 30th Mar 2024	Runcorn Linnets	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Mon 1st Apr 2024	Hednesford Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 6th Apr 2024	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 13th Apr 2024	Newcastle Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 20th Apr 2024	City of Liverpool	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 27th Apr 2024	Widnes	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		

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Paddy Kay	1	0	0
Perry Bircumshaw	1	0	0
Scott Maloney	1	0	0
Sean Cooke	1	0	0
Steven Hewitt	1	0	0
Troy Bourne	1	0	0
Ahmed Ali	0	0	0
Lewis Sinnott	0	0	0

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NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

SCOTT MALONEY

Goalkeeper

05 FEBRUARY 2001

The 23-year-old shot stopper joined The Dabbers in the summer from League Two side Barrow. Maloney spent his youth career at Hartlepool and Bury before making the move to barrow where he made four first team appearances for The Bluebirds.

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 now the club captain and picked up four awards at the 2022/23 end of year awards night, including players' player of the season and managers player of the season.

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.

JOEL CONNOLLY

Defender

19 NOVEMBER 2002

The 20-year-old right-back is a product of the Burnley youth academy, making it to there under 21s before being released last summer.

In October, he joined Prescot and made 14 appearances for them before joining Paul Carden here at the Dabbers for the run-in to the end of the 2022/23 season.

NATHAN OKOME

Defender

11 MAY 2001

The versatile midfielder started his career at Macclesfield Town, and has also played for other Cheshire clubs Sandbach, Knutsford, 1874 Northwich and Witton. The 21-year-old has made 6 appearances for Chorley this season, as well as having a loan spell at Glossop North End, where he made 12 appearances in all competitions up to the end of February.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

MUHAMAUD ALI

Defender

08 JUNE 1994

He began his footballing career at ADO Den Haag in Holland where he played alongside Nathan Ake in their academy. He moved to England in 2014 where he represented Northwich Victoria in the First Round of the FA Cup against Northampton. Ali has since played for various non-league sides like Curzon Ashton and Southport before joining The Dabbers, with his brother Ahmed in 2023. Muhamud has represented Somalia eight times. He was awarded man of the match in their own FIFA World Cup qualifying win against Zimbabwe in 2019.

DYLAN THOMPSON

Defender

25 OCTOBER 2002

A former Blackpool and Everton youth player who also had trials at Newcastle United, in 2021 he left for the US and joined the San Diego Toreros, the soccer team of the University of San Diego in the extremely competitive world of the US collegiate sporting system, while also studying for a Business Management degree. The 20-year-old, 6ft 3 left footed centre-back also spent some time at Asheville City in North Carolina, who play in the 4th tier of American soccer, before then playing for UNC Asheville Bulldogs, the college team of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

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

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.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

SEAN COOKE

Midfielder

03 SEPTEMBER 1992

A productive attacking midfielder, 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 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.

KAI EVANS

Midfielder

27 JANUARY 2004

After impressing in pre-season of the 2023/24 season, Evans was signed by The Dabbers after being released by Wrexham in the summer. Evans signed his first pro contract at the Welsh side in the COVID hit 2020 season and showcased his talents over the course of the following season when he topped the scoring charts in the National League Youth Alliance from midfield. In 2023 he left Wrexham to join Nantwich Town

LEWIS SINNOTT

Midfielder

04 MARCH 2004

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PADDY KAY

Midfielder

The Young midfielder impressed in the handful of games he played for Nantwich In pre-season. However, after joining Warrington Town in the summer, he joined the Dabbers on loan to pick up some minutes in men's football.

AHMED ALI

Midfielder

23 OCTOBER 1990

Brother of Dabbers defender Muhamud, Ahmed was born in Somalia before moving to The Netherlands where he began his footballing career. In 2013 he moved to England where he continued to play football for Redditch, Bromsgrove Sporting & Halesowen before signing for Nantwich in 2023. Ali has also represented Somalia 8 times; He captained his country to their first ever FIFA World Cup victory when they beat Zimbabwe 1-0 in September 2019.

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.

AJ LEITCH-SMITH

Forward

06 MARCH 1990

Currently in his second spell at The Dabbers. Leitch-Smith brings a wide array of talent of experience to our forward line, he has made a living of scoring goals in the EFL and has represented teams like Port Vale, Crewe Alexandra, Shrewsbury Town and Morecambe. AJ is a local lad and is a great addition to the Dabbers side..

CALLUM SAUNDERS

Forward

26 SEPTEMBER 1995

Currently in his second spell at the club. Saunders has been a consistent goal scorer for several years. He scored 29 goals in 75 appearances across his previous time at the Dabbers.

He was the Dabbers' top scorer in the 2018/19 season and curtailed 2020/21 season.

Callum was most recently at Stafford, where he spent the 2022/23 campaign. The season before, he was joint third highest goal scorer in the NPL Premier with 18 goals.

Outside of the NPL Saunders made 27 senior appearances for Crewe Alexandra where he began his footballing career at a young age.



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 Division One West Results - Saturday 12th August 2023

1874 Northwich	2	6	Kidsgrove Athletic	252
Avro	1	0	Nantwich Town	249
Bootle	2	1	Newcastle Town	405
Clitheroe	2	0	City of Liverpool	663
Hanley Town	1	2	Stalybridge Celtic	201
Hednesford Town	1	1	Trafford	757
Leek Town	1	0	Widnes	364
Mossley	2	1	Prescot Cables	447
Runcorn Linnets	1	2	Chasetown	529
Vauxhall Motors	2	2	Witton Albion	261

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Tuesday 15th August 2023

Chasetown	vs	Leek Town	7.45pm
City of Liverpool	vs	Runcorn Linnets	7.45pm
Kidsgrove Athletic	vs	Hanley Town	7.45pm
Nantwich Town	vs	Vauxhall Motors	8.00pm
Newcastle Town	vs	Hednesford Town	7.45pm
Prescot Cables	vs	Avro	7.45pm
Stalybridge Celtic	vs	1874 Northwich	7.45pm
Trafford	vs	Clitheroe	7.45pm
Witton Albion	vs	Mossley	7.45pm

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Wednesday 16th August 2023

Widnes	vs	Bootle	7.45pm
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PITCHING IN NPL STANDINGS

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Kidsgrove Athletic	1	1	0	0	6	2	+4	3
	2 Clitheroe	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
	3 Bootle	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
	4 Chasetown	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
	5 Mossley	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
	6 Stalybridge Celtic	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
	7 Avro	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
	8 Leek Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
	9 Vauxhall Motors	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
	10 Witton Albion	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
	11 Hednesford Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	12 Trafford	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	13 Hanley Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
	14 Newcastle Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
	15 Prescot Cables	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
	16 Runcorn Linnets	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
	17 Nantwich Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
	18 Widnes	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
	19 City of Liverpool	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
	20 1874 Northwich	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0



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