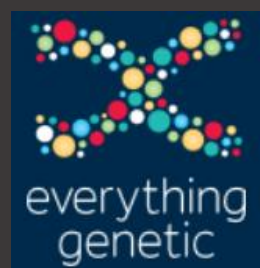


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CLUB HONOURS

LEAGUE COMPETITIONS:

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

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CUP COMPETITIONS:

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

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC - MATCH PREVIEW

Good afternoon and welcome to the Swansway Stadium for this afternoons Division One West match against Kidsgrove Athletic. We would like to welcome all the directors, staff, players and supporters associated with Kidsgrove this afternoon.

It's another big game at the Swansway Stadium on Saturday, as the league leaders Kidsgrove Athletic pay the Dabbers a visit (3pm kick-off).

The Kids Are Alright

The headline figures are seriously impressive from The Grove's start to the season. Top of the league by 6 points, the best goal difference by 7 more than anyone else and 7 more goals scored than anyone else.

Included in those games have been a 6-2 win over 1874 Northwich, 4-2 over Hanley Town and 4-2 over Leek. But they do come into this game on the back of their first league defeat of the season, losing 2-1 to Newcastle Town as both teams finished with 10 men.

Despite the free scoring and table topping form they've shown, they have only kept 1 clean sheet in their 9 league games, against our opponents in the week Runcorn Linnets at the end of August.

Last Time Out

The two sides have not met since the 2007/08 season. Thanks to Retro Dabbers, there have been 35 previous meetings between Nantwich and Kidsgrove from 1991 to 2008, the Dabbers have won 12, Kidsgrove 14 and 9 draws.

Players to Watch

Top scorer is Aaron Bott with 8 goals including 4 in one game against Gresley Rovers in the FA Trophy. But he hasn't played in their last 2 games. Josh Thorpe is next up on 5 but he was the player sent off against Newcastle Town, it's not clear if his ban will have started for this match.

But it's a symbol of the depth in the squad that in 16 games in all competitions they have had 14 different goal scorers.

Match Information

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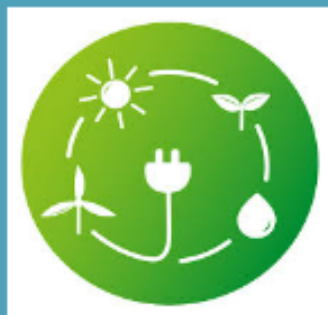


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KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

Club Name:
Year Founded:
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Current Manager:

Kidsgrove Athletic F.C.
1952
The Grove
Hollinwood Road
Scott Dundas



CUP HISTORY

Staffordshire Senior Cup:
Mid Cheshire League Cup:
NWCFL Challenge Cup:
NPL Chairmans Cup:
FA Cup:
FA Trophy:
FA Vase:

Winners – 5 times
Winners – 1968, 1970, 1986
Winners – 1998
Winners - 2005
4th Qualifying – 2011/12, 2018/19
2nd Round – 2004/05
Semi Final – 1997/98



LEAGUE HISTORY

Staffs County League Div 2:
Staffs County League Div 1:
Mid Cheshire League:
NWCFL Premier Division:

Champions – 1963/64
Champions – 1965/66
Champions – 4 times
Champions – 1997/98, 2001/02

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	POS	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2018-19	NPL 1W	10/20	38	15	13	10	58	40	58
2019-20	NPL 1SE	ABAN	27	11	6	10	42	31	39 *
2020-21	NPL 1SE	ABAN	7	5	1	1	13	7	16 *
2021-22	NPL 1W	10/20	38	14	8	16	51	53	50
2022-23	NPL 1W	8/20	38	13	12	13	49	55	51

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

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC - HISTORY

Kidsgrove were formed in December 1952 after a meeting in the Blue Bell public house ten minutes walk from the present ground. It was formed as a breakaway club from Kidsgrove United when it was thought the club were bringing in too many 'outsiders' from the potteries instead of local players. The main instigator, Ernie Langford, endured a sixty year tenure with the club as chairman then president and served many years on the Staffs FA until his passing a few years ago.

Eric Hibbitt and Frank Timmis, who both attended that first meeting, still support the club today. The club started life in the now defunct Burslem and Tunstall League playing on the Vickers and Goodwin pitch on the A50 just down the road. In 1961 the present ground was acquired from a local farmer and the club took a year out to develop the pitch.

After success in cup and league in the Burslem and Tunstall league the club joined the Staffordshire County league in 1963 where again they had success winning the league and Staffs Challenge cup. In search of more success the club joined the Mid Cheshire league, a move not entirely liked by the Staffs FA but eventually they did allow a Kidsgrove reserve side back into the County league.

The Seventies and Eighties saw the club have huge successes winning the Mid Cheshire league four times and the challenge cup three times, and they also lifted the Staffs FA Vase and the challenge cup once more. They also lifted the prestigious Sentinel Cup three times.

The Eighties saw the club grow more and more and the clubhouse and ground started developing further and further with the aid of a strong committee, supporters, and local tradesmen. In 1986 the club applied for membership of the North West Counties league but this was rejected twice until facilities were improved. The club were accepted in 1989, the same year they became the first team to win the Staffs FA Vase twice. Three years later Kidsgrove were promoted to the first division after finishing tenth in the second division, the result of the league introducing strict ground criteria. Part of this was the installation of floodlights, (acquired free off the council from run down tennis courts at a local park) and on the 29th October 1991 Lou Macari brought his Stoke City team to officially switch on the floodlights.

Within the next ten years the South and West stands were completed but the club struggled financially on and off the field but after the demise of Eastwood Hanley in 1997 the playing side were strengthened when their manager Jimmy Wallace took over with Chris Hagan as assistant manager and Neil Dundas as coach

The team of 97-98 had unparalleled success winning the league and challenge cup and narrowly missing out in an FA Vase final at Wembley losing 3-2 to Tiverton in the semi-final in front of Kidsgrove's official record crowd of 1903. This was surpassed in a friendly last season when 2365 watched a friendly against Port Vale.

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC - HISTORY

Promotion to the NPL was not forthcoming because of facilities but in 2002 after winning the league promotion was gained. The team struggled on and off the field and two years later they faced relegation for the first time in their history after finishing bottom of the league. The restructuring of the league however saved this from happening and to celebrate the club won the Staffs Senior cup for the first time beating Stafford Rangers 1-0 at the Britannia Stadium, a feat they have won four times since. The club have only picked up one piece of silverware in the league winning the Chairman's Cup 7-6 on aggregate against Woodley Sports and reached the play-offs once, losing 1-0 to Glapwell in 2010.

Struggles have ensued and re-election twice saved relegation and despite reaching the FA Trophy quarter finals losing 2-0 to Ilkeston, and the FA Cup 4th qualifying round losing 2-0 to Bradford PA, Kidsgrove have had to settle for fair play awards.

Mick Fitzjohn's takeover of the club in 2015 has certainly stabilised the club as has Ian Cooper's directorship. Ian's company has transformed the pitch into one of the best in the league receiving compliments from all quarters.

The club reached the FA Cup 4th qualifier again in 2018 under the managership of Ryan Austin and faced the long journey to Conference side Hartlepool United and were unlucky in losing 1-0.

The following season club did well on the pitch at first before going out in the third qualifier of the FA Cup 1-0 to Gateshead. The Grove slipped slightly in the league though were still in with a chance of the play-offs before the season was halted. The club parted company with manager Ryan Austin and former player Scott Dundas was appointed as the new manager. A decent run in the FA Trophy was halted by Stamford behind closed doors before the season ended with Grove 4th after eight games.

With plans approved for new floodlights, clubhouse, and other facilities, the club and supporters remain very optimistic about the future on and off the field though Covid and the ongoing economic uncertainty have put plans behind. The present aim is to establish ourselves as a force in the NPL and aim for a play off place. Last season the team finished in eighth position, the third highest since we have been in the NPL.

This season has seen another hospitality box erected and the installation of toilets next to the Swinton Insurance Stand and extra standing room behind the goal. The old office and hospitality block on the left as you enter the ground has been demolished to make way for extra parking.

It is hoped as the season progresses the bottom left side of the ground will have a stand erected when the ground will be 90% under cover.

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC – PLAYERS & STAFF

Meet the Opposition

Scott Dundas (Manager)

Played for Kidsgrove when he was a teenager and once scored 53 goals from midfield in the 1997/98 season when Kidsgrove reached the FA Vase semi-finals and won the NWCL title.

Moved on to Ilkeston after leaving Kidsgrove before going into management with Norton United taking them to the first round of the FA Cup. Also managed at Newcastle Town, Chasetown and Witton Albion.

Josh Thorpe (Club Captain)

Centre half signed from Hanley Town three seasons ago. Missed a full season with an ACL injury but has come back as strong as ever.

Fearless at the back he can also play a No 9 role if need be. Managers player of the year last season.

The Squad

Kieran Harrison	Ryan Brown	Kyle Stubs
Declan O'Riordan	Lewis Bergin	Jack Bromfield
Tom Merrill	Scott Lycett	Jimmy Garlick
Tyrone Cadeau	Ernest Ofosu	Callum Lovatt
Kieran Knapper	Kingsley Adu Gyamfi	Aaron Bott
Joe Woolley	Jake Lovatt	Kyle Diskin
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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	3-0	168
Fri 18th Aug 2023	Skelmersdale United	FA Cup Preliminary	7.45pm	A ²	6-0	232
Sat 26th Aug 2023	Clitheroe	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H	0-1	465
Mon 28th Aug 2023	1874 Northwich	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A	1-0	325
Sat 2nd Sep 2023	Shifnal Town	FA Cup 1st Qualifying	3.00pm	H	1-1	320
Tue 5th Sep 2023	Shifnal Town	FA Cup 1st Qualifying	7.45pm	A	2-1	455
Sat 9th Sep 2023	Liversedge	FA Trophy 1QR	3.00pm	A	3-0	247
Sat 16th Sep 2023	Banbury United	FA Cup 2nd Qualifying	3.00pm	H	2-1	415
Sat 23rd Sep 2023	Dunston	FA Trophy 2QR	3.00pm	H	2-1	307
Tue 26th Sep 2023	Hanley Town	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A	0-1	157
Sat 30th Sep 2023	Chester	FA Cup 3rd Qualifying	3.00pm	A	1-2	2,162
Sat 7th Oct 2023	Bradford (Park Avenue)	FA Trophy 3QR	3.00pm	A	0-0 (6-5)	256
Tue 10th Oct 2023	Runcorn Linnets	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	H	3-1	390
Sat 14th Oct 2023	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Tue 17th Oct 2023	Leek Town	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A		
Sat 21st Oct 2023	Prescot Cables	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Tue 24th Oct 2023	Runcorn Town	Cheshire Cup R1	7.45pm	H		
Sat 28th Oct 2023	Stratford Town	FA Trophy R1	3.00pm	H		
Tue 31st Oct 2023	Trafford	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A		
Sat 4th Nov 2023	Newcastle Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Tue 7th Nov 2023	Bootle	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		

¹ Match played at Leek Town

² Match played at Burscough

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Scott Moloney	14	0	0
Byron Harrison	13	5	0
Troy Bourne	13	3	3
Nathan Okome	13	0	0
Kai Evans	12	4	1
Joel Connolly	12	0	2
Paddy Kay	12	0	2
Scott Butler	12	0	1
Steven Hewitt	11	1	9
Ahmed Ali	11	1	2
Mohamud Ali	10	2	0
Perry Bircumshaw	9	0	0

DABBERS 2023-24 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENTS	Competition	KO	H/A	SCORE	ATT
Sat 25th Nov 2023	City of Liverpool	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Tue 28th Nov 2023	Witton Albion	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	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		
Sat 23rd Dec 2023	Avro	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Tue 26th Dec 2023	Hednesford Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
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		

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
AJ Leitch-Smith	8	3	2
Callum Saunders	8	3	2
Connor Heath	5	1	0
Caspar Hughes	5	0	1
Lewis Sinnott	5	0	0
Dylan Thompson	4	0	0
Jacob Edwards	4	0	0
Sean Cooke	3	1	0
Eric Yahaya	2	1	0
Ollie Holden	2	0	0
Jack Sherratt	1	0	0
James Speare	0	0	0

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RUNCORN LINNETS – MATCH REPORT

An astonishing 5-minute spell saw Nantwich Town go down 1-0 before turning it around to lead and eventually win at home to Runcorn Linnets by 3 goals to 1.

The Dabbers suffered yet more injury issues just in the warm-up, with Perry Bircumshaw forced out of the starting XI to be replaced by Dylan Thompson, who himself is only just back from an injury lay-off.

The first half was largely controlled by Nantwich and was defined by set pieces. Ahmed Ali headed over a corner in the first 10 minutes that had Bayleigh Passant worried in the Linnets goal. Former Marine keeper Passant did well to punch clear as Stevie Hewitt tried to measure a ball in towards Connor Heath, before Eden Gumbs fired over following some strong forward play to create Runcorn's first real chance of any note.

A Heath free kick was well struck but clipped the wall and went out for a corner. From that corner, Hewitt looked as if he went directly for goal, deliberate or not Passant had to push it away or it may well have dipped in. Another decent opportunity came from skipper Troy Bourne, shooting over after the ball dropped from another corner. Heath kept at it and was keeping Passant on his toes, before Adam Moseley became the first to test Scott Moloney with an effort he had to help over the bar.

Nathan Okome headed over right on half time to make it a hat trick of presentable chances from dead ball situations not taken by Nantwich in the first half. So, it became an all too familiar feeling for Dabbers fans, especially at home, to see Linnets come back into it in the second half.

Heath was challenged strongly on the edge of the box as he continued to threaten the Runcorn back line. Then the best Dabbers chance yet, Byron Harrison played in behind only to see Passant block his shot, with time and space on his side you'd have expected a player of his quality to finish there.

Linnets then started to play their best football of the game, Moseley again the one to take aim and force Moloney to parry. Then a great block from Scott Butler stopped former Dabber Will Saxon from getting a shot away near the goal.

Saxon did get an opportunity moments later, Joel Connolly robbed on the edge of his own box and Saxon drawing the save from the feet of Moloney. Ryan Brooke, another former Dabber, miscued a decent headed chance from a lovely Sam Barratt cross as the knocking on the Nantwich door was growing louder.

Eventually the pressure told, and the away side took the lead. On 71 minutes, a tidy move in the Dabbers box couldn't be cleared and Saxon was able to poke in past Moloney for a deserved lead. He celebrated wildly in front of a strong away following, especially for a Tuesday night.

RUNCORN LINNETS – MATCH REPORT

But that was only the start of the scoring. Despite it feeling in the stands like a hammer blow to the Dabbers, a flame had been lit under the players and they responded perfectly. It was, as Paul Carden commented afterwards, a 'great team move', culminating in an excellent floated ball met by an even better header from Harrison, who used all his experience to cushion it past the oncoming Passant to equalise only 2 minutes after going behind.

The Dabbers weren't done. On 75 minutes, a scruffy scramble in the Linnets box saw it come for Ahmed Ali who was able to finish in a crowded box and send the home fans mad. It's been a great few days for Ahmed, scoring in this game to give the Dabbers the lead just days after scoring the winning penalty in the shootout victory over Bradford (Park Avenue).

Hewitt made Passant make another save, before Runcorn curled an effort over the bar as they looked to salvage something from a game that had been in the palm of their hands but fallen apart in a crazy 3-minute period. Okome got away with one 2 minutes from time, in trying to head back to Moloney he allowed Brooke to nip in and poke towards goal, only to see it hit Moloney in a case of right place, right time.

Hewitt and Runcorn traded shots, before the inevitable rush of players in the Nantwich half allowed a chance on the counter. The ball came to Eric Yahaya, a recent signing who was, as a result of the injuries mentioned earlier, one of only two fit outfield subs the Dabbers could turn to in this game. He brought it under control and tucked it away for his first Nantwich game to seal what feels a significant three points for the Dabbers, a win from behind against a team who finished in the play-offs in this league last season.

Nantwich Town: Scott Moloney, Joel Connolly, Dylan Thompson (Mohamud Ali, 79), Nathan Okome, Troy Bourne, Scott Butler, Steven Hewitt, Ahmed Ali, Byron Harrison, Paddy Kay, Connor Heath (Eric Yahaya, 85)

Subs not used: James Speare, Sean Cooke

Goals: Harrison (73), A. Ali (75), Yahaya (90+6)

Runcorn Linnets: Bayleigh Passant, Sam Barratt, James Short, Jacques Welsh, Peter Wylie, Lewis Doyle (Alex Perry, 80), Adam Moseley, Joe Lynch (Harvey Sample, 85), Ryan Brooke, Will Saxon, Eden Gumbs (Mwiya Malumo, 77)

Subs not used: Josh Roberts, Josh Elverstone

Goal: Saxon (71)

Attendance: 390

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NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

SCOTT MOLONEY

Goalkeeper

15 APRIL 2000

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

21 DECEMBER 1994

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.

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.

JACOB EDWARDS

Defender

29 AUGUST 2003

The young full back first arrived in the 2021/22 pre-season, after being released from Swansea City. He impressed during the 2021 pre-season friendlies and appeared 15 times during his two seasons at the club at both left back and right back. He returned to the Dabbers in 2023 after a brief spell at Denbigh Town in Wales.

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MOHAMUD ALI

Defender

08 JULY 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.

SCOTT BUTLER

Defender

ON LOAN FROM WREXHAM

30 DECEMBER 2002

Wrexham-born Butler, who can play at full-back and centre-back, moved south to join Swansea in 2019 and represented them at Under-18s and Under-23 level before leaving in the summer.

The 20-year-old was on trial with Wrexham but was given a deal in October 2022 after impressing during his time at the club.

He has been a key feature in the Reserve team, impressing at the heart of the defence, and was handed the number 24 shirt in Phil Parkinson's squad.

Scott has joined Nantwich on loan until January 2024 to gain valuable experience.

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.

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CASPAR HUGHES

Midfielder

09 JUNE 1993

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

SEAN COOKE

Midfielder

03 SEPTEMBER 1992

A productive attacking midfielder, 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.

PADDY KAY

Midfielder

28 OCTOBER 2004

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.

KAI EVANS

Forward

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

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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.

CONNOR HEATH

Forward

ON LOAN FROM SOUTHPORT

11 DECEMBER 2000

Connor was first signed in the summer of 2020 after being released from Crewe Alexandra, where he impressed during his 2-year scholarship period with a number of goals; he signed a professional contract with the Alex in the summer of 2019. Connor went on to notch 9 goals in 57 games in his first spell at the club. He left the Dabbers to take the step up to Southport in October 2022, and returned to the club on an initial 2-month loan in September 2023.

ERIC YAHAYA

Forward

27 JUNE 1997

A recent addition, the Irish forward had previously been at Cheadle Heath Nomads and most recently Aberystwyth Town in the Cymru Premier League. He scored his first Nantwich goal in the win over Runcorn Linnets in October 2023.



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.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

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- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

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PITCHING IN NPL RESULTS & FIXTURES

NPL Division One West Results - Saturday 7th October 2023

1874 Northwich	2	0	Vauxhall Motors	234
Clitheroe	6	3	Mossley	792
Hednesford Town	1	1	Runcorn Linnets	730
Kids Grove Athletic	1	2	Newcastle Town	557
Prescot Cables	4	1	Witton Albion	628
Stalybridge Celtic	1	5	Leek Town	649
Widnes	1	0	Chasetown	152

FA Trophy 3QR Results - Saturday 7th October 2023

Bootle	0	2	Bamber Bridge	302
Bradford (Park Avenue)	0	0*	Nantwich Town (* Won on pens)	256
Hanley Town	0	1	Macclesfield	427
Lancaster City	0	0*	City of Liverpool (* Won on pens)	508

NPL Division One West Results - Tuesday 10th October

City of Liverpool	4	1	Mossley	206
Nantwich Town	3	1	Runcorn Linnets	390

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Saturday 14th October 2023

Avro	vs	Widnes	3.00pm
Chasetown	vs	Prescot Cables	3.00pm
City of Liverpool	vs	Trafford	3.00pm
Hanley Town	vs	1874 Northwich	3.00pm
Mossley	vs	Bootle	3.00pm
Nantwich Town	vs	Kids Grove Athletic	3.00pm
Newcastle Town	vs	Stalybridge Celtic	3.00pm
Vauxhall Motors	vs	Hednesford Town	3.00pm
Witton Albion	vs	Clitheroe	3.00pm

FA Cup 4th QR Fixture - Saturday 14th October 2023

AFC Fylde	vs	Leek Town	3.00pm
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PITCHING IN NPL STANDINGS

			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1	Kidsgrove Athletic	9	7	1	1	26	12	+14	22
	2	Prescot Cables	9	5	1	3	14	7	+7	16
	3	Clitheroe	9	4	3	2	19	13	+6	15
	4	Avro	8	4	3	1	11	8	+3	15
	5	Mossley	9	5	0	4	14	16	-2	15
	6	Newcastle Town	9	4	2	3	13	10	+3	14
	7	Stalybridge Celtic	9	4	2	3	14	13	+1	14
	8	Widnes	9	4	0	5	10	8	+2	12
	9	Chasetown	9	3	3	3	11	11	0	12
	10	Witton Albion	9	3	3	3	15	21	-6	12
	11	Runcorn Linnets	8	3	2	3	12	14	-2	11
	12	1874 Northwich	9	3	2	4	9	13	-4	11
	13	Leek Town	6	3	1	2	14	9	+5	10
	14	Hanley Town	8	3	1	4	7	13	-6	10
	15	Nantwich Town	6	3	0	3	8	5	+3	9
	16	Bootle	7	2	3	2	6	7	-1	9
	17	City of Liverpool	8	2	1	5	13	15	-2	7
	18	Vauxhall Motors	8	2	1	5	8	16	-8	7
	19	Hednesford Town	10	1	3	6	12	20	-8	6
	20	Trafford	7	0	4	3	5	10	-5	4



NANTWICH TOWN

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Paul Carden

1	Scott MOLONEY
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10	Cameron ROONEY
11	Connor HEATH
12	Mohamud ALI
14	Sean COOKE
15	Kai EVANS
16	Dylan THOMPSON
17	Eric YAHAYA

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC

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