

THE DABBER



NANTWICH TOWN
VS
BOOTLE
Tuesday 7th November 2023
KICK OFF 19:45

Official matchday programme of Nantwich Town FC

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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

Premier Division Play-Off Final – 2008/09

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

BOOTLE - MATCH PREVIEW

Good evening and welcome to the Swansway Stadium for this evenings Division One West match against Bootle. We would like to welcome all the directors, staff, players and supporters associated with Bootle this evening.

Nantwich are back under the spotlights on Tuesday night (7.45pm kick-off) as Bootle visit the Swansway Stadium.

Wouldn't say Bootle a goose

It's probably a bad time to be playing Bootle, as they come into this one having recorded back-to-back league wins for the first time this season. They have beaten Leek and Avro in their last two without conceding to leave them 9th in the table on 18 points.

They have a goal difference of 0 having scored and conceded 14. Only the Dabbers, Widnes and Avro have lower numbers in both those categories. So don't expect a goalfest.

Last Time Out

It's a long time since we last played Bootle competitively. In fact, it was the last century, the 1999/2000 season. That was at least 5 years before the invention of YouTube so sadly there's no official highlights from that one.

In total, we have played each other 27 times between 1979 and 2000, both sides winning 10 times with 7 draws (thanks to Retro Dabbers).

Players to Watch

There are no runaway goalscorers in this squad, with 2 on 4 goals and 4 on 3 goals. Ben Hodgkinson and Owen Robinson lead the way.

Tony Thompson is the man between the sticks who's kept those consecutive clean sheets. He was a big part of the Warrington Town side who won promotion to National League North through the play-offs last season.

The shutouts have also coincided with the signing of defender Sean Smith from Vauxhall Motors. Formerly of Wrexham and Marine, his experience seems to have had an instant impact.



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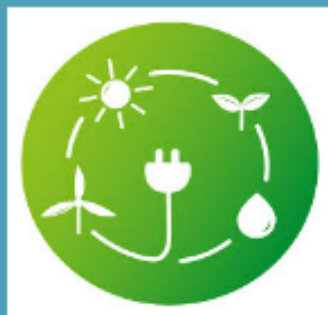


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NEWCASTLE TOWN – MATCH REPORT

Newcastle Town defeated Nantwich Town by a goal to nil at a wet Swansway Stadium.

Tyler Hill made his first start after joining the club on a work experience loan from Blackpool, with Connor Rankin coming on for his Dabbers debut later in the game after signing from Lower Breck.

Troy Bourne thought he'd given the Dabbers the lead just 2 minutes in, only for the flag to go up for offside. Replays showed that Nathan Okome was onside when the initial ball was played forward by Stevie Hewitt, and Bourne himself was on when Okome chested it down.

Kai Evans was almost through on goal after a good ball through from Sean Cooke before a fine challenge from Joshua Jordan stopped him just as he was preparing to get a shot away.

Byron Harrison headed wide, before Kyle Stubbs miscued an effort wide of Nantwich's post.

Sean Cooke tried to catch out Joseph Slinn from range with a free kick but just curled it wide. It was clever from Cooke and Hewitt as it had all looked as if Hewitt was lining up to whip it into the box before Cooke took aim.

Danny Roberts had to make one decent save from Patryk Mazurkiewicz before the break, and right before that whistle Evans tried to lob Slinn twice in quick succession but he was up to the task of saving them both.

The second half was much of the same in what was anything but a classic. Slinn made a mess of a free kick but no one in Nantwich was following in to pounce on the mistake.



NEWCASTLE TOWN – MATCH REPORT

The away side started to get joy from crosses out wide, one smartly headed clear by Scott Butler in what could have been an own goal if he got it wrong.

Newcastle took the lead on 57 minutes as a low cross bore fruit this time, it was palmed away by Roberts but bounced in off Mazurkiewicz who knew little about it but he and everyone in blue didn't care.

Harrison flicked a header wide as the clock ticked down and Nantwich struggled to respond and increasingly looked devoid of ideas and confidence.

There was a shout for a Nantwich penalty as Evans went down under close contact from a Newcastle defender with 5 minutes to go, the referee wasn't interested.

The Dabbers came closest to equalising when a Hewitt free kick was saved by Slinn with Harrison sniffing around for a tap-in.

Nantwich Town: Danny Roberts, Troy Bourne, Tyler Hill, Ahmed Ali (Connor Heath, 78), Nathan Okome, Scott Butler, Kai Evans, Steven Hewitt, Byron Harrison, Sean Cooke (Paddy Kay, 58), Jake Kirby-Reid (Connor Rankin, 58)

Subs not used: Mo Ali, Cameron Rooney

Newcastle Town: Joseph Slinn, Jack Derbyshire, Oliver Ritchie, Tommy van der Laan, Joshua Jordan, Kyle Stubbs, Kingsley Adu Gyamfi (Joseph Berks, 85), Isaac Graham, Patryk Mazurkiewicz (Phoenix Lee, 72), Jack van der Laan, Callum Speed (Daniel Edwards, 81)

Sub not used: Lewis Holdham

Goal: Mazurkiewicz (57)

Attendance: 383

Nantwich Town 0-1 Newcastle Town



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BOOTLE – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

Club Name:	Bootle F.C
Year Founded:	1953
Club Nickname:	The Bucks
Current Ground:	New Bucks Park
Current Manager:	Mick McGraa



CUP HISTORY

Liverpool Amateur Cup:	Winners – 1966, 1968, 1974
Liverpool Challenge Cup:	Winners – 1965, 1976, 1979
Liverpool Senior Cup:	Winners – 2013
FA Cup:	3 rd Qualifying – 1990/91
FA Trophy:	2 nd Round – 1980/81
FA Vase:	4 th Round – 2008/09, 2009/10



LEAGUE HISTORY

Liverpool Combination:	Champions – 9 times
Lancashire Combination:	Champions – 1975/76, 1976/77
Cheshire League Div Two:	Champions – 1978/79
NWCFL Div One:	Champions – 2008/09

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	POS	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2018-19	NWC P	2/20	38	28	5	5	98	36	89
2019-20	NWC P	ABAN	27	19	2	6	66	37	59 *
2020-21	NWC P	ABAN	3	3	0	0	14	5	9 *
2021-22	NPL 1W	7/20	38	20	2	16	78	65	62
2022-23	NPL 1W	13/20	38	12	10	16	51	61	46

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

BOOTLE - HISTORY

The original Bootle FC were formed in 1880 and played adjacent to Bootle Cricket Club, on Hawthorne Road. The club were Everton FC's main rivals and competed with Everton for the prestigious place in the newly formed Football League. With only one club per area permitted to join, Bootle narrowly lost out.

In 1889 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance. The season was the most successful as the club finished league runners-up and reached the FA Cup quarter-finals, losing to Blackburn Rovers.

When the Alliance merged with the Football League in 1892, Bootle became founder members of the new Second Division. Despite finishing in a respectable 8th place, the club dropped out after one season due to ongoing financial problems. It was a new local club, Liverpool, who took Bootle's place.

The possible resurrection of a Bootle team became a distinct probability in August 1947 when local councillors identified the popularity and talent on show in the 'Bootle JOC' league and knew the town was big enough to be put back on the football map with its own team again. For years it had been an exporter of its many players to other professional and semi-professional clubs.

The promise of sponsorship money from local businesses brought great optimism and the issue of one shilling shares further boosted club finances. After local residents were assured that the ground at Bootle Stadium (Maguire Avenue) would not be used solely as a football ground, an application to join the Lancashire Combination for the 1948/49 season was made, and accepted. Club colours even posed a problem, red or blue were dismissed for fear of showing favour to either of the 'big two' so it was agreed that, as the original Bootle FC wore white shorts, this colour would be adopted.

Players mostly came from the local league and surrounding clubs, however one player that Bootle overlooked was a tall, blonde, ex-prisoner-of-war German, Bert Trautman.

Trautman, then living in Huyton, trained with Bootle at the stadium for several weeks but, with the area taking such a heavy pounding during the war, it was decided not to tempt any local bitterness and he was allowed to join St Helens Town and of course moved on to FA Cup and Manchester City folklore.

They kicked off their new campaign in 1948 against Barnoldswick and District. The league was won at the first attempt. However, Bootle struggled in the top-flight and after several tough seasons and a change in Council priorities they withdrew from the league and folded during the 1953–54 campaign.

In 1953, the current club was formed as Langton with Frank Doran Snr as a founding member. The club played in the various local Bootle leagues. After a very successful spell in the Liverpool County Combination – winning the leagues and cups on various occasions the club requested to change its name to the latest incarnation of Bootle FC. This was accepted in 1973 and a year later 'the Bucks' joined the Lancashire Combination.

BOOTLE - HISTORY

After winning the Combination in both 1976 and 1977, Bootle then joined the Second Division of the Cheshire County League, which was won in the first season, and were promoted to the First Division. In 1982 after the Cheshire County League merged to form the North West Counties League, Bootle became members of the First Division (now Premier Division). The club spent most of their time in the First Division until 2000 when the club was relegated to the Second Division.

Despite finishing 6th in 2002, the club dropped into the Liverpool County Combination as Bucks Park on Copy Lane closed its doors for the final time. In 2006 the club, with a new ground on Vesty Road, Bootle were elected back into Division 2 of the North West Counties League. In 2009 Bootle won promotion to the NWCFL Premier Division and also won the Championship. In 2009/10, the first season back in the NWCFL Premier Division Bootle finished 3rd. They equalled the 3rd place again in 2012.

In 2017 they finished runner-up which, their highest placing in the NWCFL, and in 2019 after a 20 game winning run the club were in the driving seat to get promoted on the final day of the season with one more win. However, that win was one too many and the club agonisingly missed out after a 1-1 draw, once again finishing runners-up.

In Spring 2020, the club saw the installation of a new 'hybrid' pitch. The pitch goes hand in hand with the investment in off the pitch facilities to develop Vesty Road as a community asset.

Everyone associated with the club was left shocked and saddened in January 2021 following the sad passing of our President, Frank Doran Senior. Anyone involved with football both locally and across the North West would have known Frank, or Mr Bootle as he was affectionately known, for his booming voice, quick wit and his extensive knowledge and love of football.

Frank was a Docker, but more importantly for him, a footballer who was part of the 1954 Langton FC team that became the latest incarnation of Bootle FC. It was Frank who drove the club forward, as player, manager, secretary, chairman, groundsman - you name it - and latterly president of the club.

He would be seen every day up at both Bucks Park, on Copy Lane, and more recently at Vesty Road doing one job or another at the club, and that continued right up until December 2020. Frank's memory will last forever in the town of Bootle, and in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Bootle enter their third season at Step 4 of the non-league system. After a disappointing season saw the Bucks fighting for relegation. Dave McNabb, who previously won the title with Warrington Rylands, replaced Ste McNulty in the dugout and was able to secure safety. Dave undertook an overhaul of the squad in the summer with only 4 players beginning the new campaign from the side he inherited. Following an approach from Bury Dave left the club to be replaced by Vauxhall Motor's promotion winning manager Mick McGraa.

BOOTLE – THE SQUAD

Meet the Opposition

Mick McGraa (Manager)

Mick joined the club following the departure of Dave McNabb in September. Joining from fellow Northern Premier League Division One West side Vauxhall Motors where he spent 5 seasons. During that time he won promotion from the North West Counties Division One and North West Counties Premier League. He also lead the team to mathematical promotion in a season "null and voided" by Covid..

Tony Thompson (One to watch)

Experienced goalkeeper who was near ever present in Warrington Town's promotion winning side to National League North last season. Previously part of the Altrincham side who were promoted from the Northern Premier League Premier Division and subsequently from National League North.

Ben Hodkinson (One to watch)

Rejoined the club in the summer from Marine as Dave's first signing for the new season. Was Bootle's top scorer the season prior and had hit double figures when he departed last season. An ever popular player amongst the fan base and one that everyone is delighted has returned to the club.

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The Squad

Tony Thompson	Ethan Vaughan	Sean Smith
James Cooper	Adam Buxton	Lewis Earl
Scott Sephton	Arthur Lomax	Craig Carney
Saul Milovanovic	Owen Robinson	Jack Lenehan
Ben Hodkinson	Tom Peterson	Jake Burton



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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	3-1	745
Tue 17th Oct 2023	Leek Town	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A	0-2	502
Sat 21st Oct 2023	Prescot Cables	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H	1-1	461
Sat 28th Oct 2023	Stratford Town	FA Trophy R1	3.00pm	H	0-0 (4-2)	279
Tue 31st Oct 2023	Trafford	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A	1-2	297
Sat 4th Nov 2023	Newcastle Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H	0-1	383
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		
Tue 14th Nov 2023	Runcorn Town	Cheshire Cup R1	7.45pm	H		
Sat 18th Nov 2023	Chester	FA Trophy R2	3.00pm	H		

¹ Match played at Leek Town

² Match played at Burscough

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Byron Harrison	19	7	0
Troy Bourne	19	4	3
Kai Evans	18	4	1
Paddy Kay	18	0	3
Scott Butler	18	0	1
Steven Hewitt	17	1	12
Ahmed Ali	17	1	2
Nathan Okome	17	0	0

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Scott Moloney	17	0	0
Mohamud Ali	14	2	0
Joel Connolly	14	0	2
Connor Heath	10	3	0
Perry Bircumshaw	9	0	0
AJ Leitch-Smith	8	3	2
Callum Saunders	8	3	2
Sean Cooke	8	1	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		
Tue 12th Dec 2023	Widnes	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A		
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
Eric Yahaya	5	1	0
Cameron Rooney	5	0	1
Caspar Hughes	5	0	1
Lewis Sinnott	5	0	0
Dylan Thompson	4	0	0
Jacob Edwards	4	0	0
Jake Kirby	4	0	0
Danny Roberts	3	0	0

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Ollie Holden	2	0	0
Sean Lawton	2	0	0
Connor Rankin	1	0	0
Jack Sherratt	1	0	0
Tyler Hill	1	0	0

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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.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

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

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.

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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OUR MISSION

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PITCHING IN NPL D1W - RESULTS & FIXTURES

NPL Division One West Results - Saturday 4th November 2023

Avro	1	1	Hednesford Town	201
Bootle	2	0	Leek Town	260
Chasetown	1	0	Stalybridge Celtic	148
Clitheroe	4	0	1874 Northwich	789
Kidsgrove Athletic	0	3	City of Liverpool	189
Nantwich Town	0	1	Newcastle Town	383
Prescot Cables	1	1	Widnes	791
Runcorn Linnets	0	1	Hanley Town	502
Vauxhall Motors	P	P	Mossley	
Witton Albion	0	4	Trafford	502

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Tuesday 7th November 2023

Leek Town	vs	Hanley Town	7.45pm
Nantwich Town	vs	Bootle	7.45pm

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Saturday 11th November 2023

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

PITCHING IN NPL STANDINGS

			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1	Clitheroe	13	7	3	3	28	17	+11	24
	2	Prescot Cables	13	7	3	3	20	11	+9	24
	3	Kids Grove Athletic	13	7	1	5	29	23	+6	22
	4	Stalybridge Celtic	13	6	3	4	20	18	+2	21
	5	Chasetown	13	6	3	4	18	16	+2	21
	6	Leek Town	11	6	2	3	26	16	+10	20
	7	Avro	12	4	6	2	13	11	+2	18
	8	Runcorn Linnets	12	5	3	4	19	18	+1	18
	9	Bootle	12	5	3	4	14	14	0	18
	10	Mossley	12	6	0	6	18	21	-3	18
	11	Newcastle Town	12	5	2	5	18	16	+2	17
	12	Hanley Town	12	5	2	5	12	17	-5	17
	13	Witton Albion	12	4	3	5	19	28	-9	15
	14	City of Liverpool	11	4	2	5	20	18	+2	14
	15	Widnes	12	4	2	6	12	11	+1	14
	16	Vauxhall Motors	12	4	2	6	16	24	-8	14
	17	1874 Northwich	13	4	2	7	13	25	-12	14
	18	Nantwich Town	11	4	1	6	13	12	+1	13
	19	Trafford	13	2	6	5	16	18	-2	12
	20	Hednesford Town	14	1	5	8	17	27	-10	8



NANTWICH TOWN

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