

THE DABBER



NANTWICH TOWN
VS
KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC
Tuesday 12th August 2025
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

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC - MATCH PREVIEW

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

The Swansway sees its first competitive action of the season on Tuesday night (7.45pm kick-off) with the visit of Kidsgrove.

Into the Grove

Kidsgrove couldn't have asked for a better start to the season: 2 games and 2 wins in 2 competitions with no goals conceded. They beat Rugby Borough 1-0 in the FA Cup before opening up their league campaign with a 2-0 win over Wythenshawe Town. Both those games were at home so Tuesday marks their first away trip of the season.

Under the joint management of Tom Pope and Matt Rhead, they will be looking to climb the table after finishing just above the relegation zone in 18th last time out.

Last Time We Met

It was certainly an eventful night in January, as Kidsgrove came from 2 down to draw at the Swansway. Joe Bunney and Byron Harrison scored the Dabbers goals, the latter also missing a penalty.

Players to Watch

Rhead may be nominally on the touchline as joint manager but expect to see him on the pitch. He scored against the Dabbers on that night in January and scored for them again on Saturday. Everyone knows what he's about by now but it's another task entirely to stop it.

Both their goals on Saturday were scored by substitutes so it is worth watching whoever they bring on, on Tuesday.

Match Information

Tickets are online or on the gate with cash or card.

The most important information, though, is regarding parking. The ongoing occupation of the upper section of the car park by Network Rail means the main one will fill quickly. We are now advising supporters of both teams to use the Snow Hill car park just up the road at the leisure centre as that is free from 3pm onwards all week long. It is a 2-minute walk from there to the stadium.

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BOOTLE – MATCH REPORT

Dabbers show bottle to edge out Bootle with Saunders brace on the opening day

In the first few minutes of the game Bootle seemed to be well organised, up until Byron Harrison managed to find Callum Saunders with a brilliant low ball to the back post which then gave the Dabbers the lead as Saunders met the ball with a diving header which beat Tony Thompson. Soon after the goal Bootle attempted to find their feet in the game as Joe Woolley attempted to play a ball into the path of Connor Rankin but the ball fizzed out of play.

Bootle vice captain Jay Roberts took a free kick not far from the half way line which he floated towards the area but it was only headed out for a corner.

The Dabbers looked very promising for a second goal as a ball came into the path of Byron Harrison but the pass was intercepted by Ben Duffon Kelly to keep Bootle in the game. Bootle's best chance of the half fell to Ben Hodkinson as Joe Woolley played him through on goal but Hodkinson's strike only fell straight into the Ben Garratt's arms.

Jack Lenehan stepped up to take a free kick which then he struck but his effort only deflected off the Nantwich wall to hit the cross bar. Just before the half time whistle, Ben Hodkinson seemed through on goal after flicking a bounced ball over Kelvin Mellor's head but Kelvin Mellor managed to recover brilliantly to stop Hodkinson in his tracks.

Half Time – Bootle 0-1 Nantwich Town

The second half began with Bootle pretty much huffing and puffing towards the Nantwich Town defence but they couldn't break through the organized defence as Lewis Earl made a promising run from the back line to give a pass to Sean Smith who's cross found Connor Rankin but Rankin's header only flew wide of the goal.

A header from goal scorer Callum Saunders looked threatening but Bootle skipper Tony Thompson only made catching practice of the effort. A great chance fell to Bootle as Ben Hodkinson made a headed pass to Connor Rankin who seemed through on goal, but his dinked effort only flew over the crossbar.

Shortly after Nantwich doubled their lead as player Aiden Roxburgh worked the ball magnificently down the right hand side and delivered in a perfect ball from out wide to find Callum Saunders to double his own goal tally and Nantwich Town's to make it 2-0.

Bootle managed to snatch a consolation goal, after Nantwich were caught napping from a corner. Ben Duffon Kelly smashed home a volley after the initial shot from Dior Angus was blocked off the goal line.

BOOTLE – MATCH REPORT

A Michael Simpson cross into the area found the head of Courtney Duffus but the latter's effort only managed to meet the stand behind the goal.

Nantwich Town managed to hang on to the 2-1 lead until the full-time whistle and walked away with three points on Merseyside on the opening day of the season.

Final Score: **Bootle 1-2 Nantwich Town**

Bootle: Tony Thompson (C), Jay Roberts, Sean Smith, Sam Hughes, Ben Duffton-Kelly, Lewis Earl, Dior Angus, Jack Lenehan, Connor Rankin, Joe Woolley (Courtney Duffus, 62), Ben Hodkinson (Michael Simpson, 69)

Subs not used: Harry Rimmer, Anthony Miley, Tom Owens

Goal: Duffus (72)

Nantwich Town: Ben Garratt, Aidy Roxburgh, Perry Bircumshaw, Kelvin Mellor (C), Ben Hockenhull, Josh Williams, Alex Panter, Fenton Green, Byron Harrison, Joel Connolly, Callum Saunders

Suns not used: Rui Clarke-Phillips

Goals: Saunders (8, 60)

Attendance: 244



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KIDSGROVE – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



CLUB INFO

Club Name: Kidsgrove Athletic F.C.
Year Founded: 1952
Club Nickname: The Grove
Current Ground: The Fitzjohn Stadium
Current Managers: Matt Rhead & Tom Pope



CUP HISTORY

Staffordshire Senior Cup: Winners – 5 times
NWC Floodlit Trophy: Runners-up – 1999
NWC League Cup: Winners 1998
NPL Chairman's Cup: Winners 2005
FA Cup: 4th Round Qualifying – 2011/12, 2018/19
FA Trophy: 2nd Round – 2004/05
FA Vase: Semi Finals – 1997/98



LEAGUE HISTORY

Staffordshire League Div 2: Champions – 1963/64
Staffordshire League Div 1: Champions – 1965/66
Mid Cheshire League: Champions – 4 times
NW Counties Prem Div: Champions – 1997/98, 2001/02

LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

Season	League	POS	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
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
2023-24	NPL 1W	18/20	38	10	9	19	56	74	39
2024-25	NPL 1W	18/22	42	13	11	18	53	63	50

* 2020-21 Season curtailed due to COVID-19

KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC - HISTORY

Athletic 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. The main stand is named after him. 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. 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.

In the 2022/23 season the team finished in eighth position, the third highest since we have been in the NPL. In 2023/24 the club had an electric start to the season winning the first seven league games but alas the loss of key players through injury and players moving on saw the team plunge down the table. Manager Scott Dundas announced he was leaving in March, but the board thought it would be better to leave with immediate effect. Kidsgrove's all time scorer Anthony Malbon saw the team through the rest of the season and was appointed manager close season with Jay Bateman as his assistant.

In the 2024/25 season Kidsgrove struggled, with Anthony Malbon stepping aside for Jay Bateman to take over as interim manager. With results not improving Kidsgrove took the step to replace Jay Bateman with players Matt Rhead and Tom Pope as joint managers. With them both at the helm they managed to steer Kidsgrove away from the danger of relegation.

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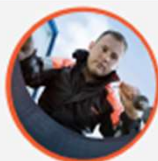


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DABBERS 2025-26 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENTS	Competition	KO	H/A	SCORE	ATT
Sat 9th Aug 2025	Bootle	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A	2-1	244
Tue 12th Aug 2025	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	H		
Sat 16th Aug 2025	Charnock Richard	FA Cup Preliminary	3.00pm	H		
Tue 19th Aug 2025	Sporting Khalsa	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A		
Sat 23rd Aug 2025	Mossley	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Mon 25th Aug 2025	Stafford Rangers	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 30th Aug 2025	Bury	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 6th Sep 2025	Ossett United	FA Trophy 1Q	3.00pm	A		
Sat 13th Sep 2025	Vauxhall Motors	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 20th Sep 2025	Clitheroe	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 27th Sep 2025	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 4th Oct 2025	Congleton Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Mon 6th Oct 2025	Atherton Collieries	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	A		
Sat 11th Oct 2025	Runcorn Linnets	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Tue 14th Oct 2025	Chasetown	NPL Div One West	7.45pm	H		
Sat 18th Oct 2025	Trafford	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 25th Oct 2025	Newcastle Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 1st Nov 2025	Lower Breck	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 8th Nov 2025	Darlaston Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 15th Nov 2025	Shifnal Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 22nd Nov 2025	Avro	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 29th Nov 2025	Wythenshawe Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 6th Dec 2025	Vauxhall Motors	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 13th Dec 2025	Clitheroe	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Callum Saunders	1	2	0
Byron Harrison	1	0	1
Aidy Roxburgh	1	0	1
Ben Garratt (Gk)	1	0	0
Perry Bircumshaw	1	0	0
Kelvin Mellor	1	0	0
Ben Hockenhull	1	0	0
Josh Williams	1	0	0
Alex Panter	1	0	0

Player	Apps	Goals	Assists
Fenton Green	1	0	0
Joel Connolly	1	0	0
Joe Robbins	1	0	0
Byron Moore	1	0	0
Ben Greenop	1	0	0
Dan Apantaku	1	0	0
Rui Clarke-Phillips	0	0	0
Paddy Jarrett	0	0	0
Paddy Kennedy	0	0	0

DABBERS 2025-26 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENTS	Competition	KO	H/A	SCORE	ATT
Sat 20th Dec 2025	Bootle	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Fri 26th Dec 2025	Witton Albion	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Thu 1st Jan 2026	Stafford Rangers	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 10th Jan 2026	Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 17th Jan 2026	Congleton Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 24th Jan 2026	Stalybridge Celtic	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 31st Jan 2026	Runcorn Linnets	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 7th Feb 2026	Atherton Collieries	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 14th Feb 2026	Chasetown	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 21st Feb 2026	Trafford	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 28th Feb 2026	Shifnal Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 7th Mar 2026	Newcastle Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 14th Mar 2026	Lower Breck	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 21st Mar 2026	Darlaston Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 28th Mar 2026	Sporting Khalsa	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 4th Apr 2026	Mossley	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Mon 6th Apr 2026	Witton Albion	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 11th Apr 2026	Bury	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
Sat 18th Apr 2026	Avro	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	H		
Sat 25th Apr 2026	Wythenshawe Town	NPL Div One West	3.00pm	A		
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WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

WHERE IS IT?

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HOW DO I JOIN?

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NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

JON MORAN

Defender & Manager

20 JUNE 1997

Moran returned to the Dabbers in 2022 for his second spell after being first signed in 2015 by Phil Parkinson. Jon made a big impact, becoming an integral part of the side that went on the famous run to the FA Trophy semi-finals, knocking out higher ranked Salford City, Stockport County and Dover Athletic in the process. His performances that season turned a lot of heads, and he was bought by then National League side Forest Green Rovers in the summer of 2016. After loans at Halesowen and Weston-Super-Mare, he joined Chester on a free in 2018, and Bradford Park Avenue in the summer of 2019. That winter, he moved to Stafford Rangers where he stayed until February 2022, when his spell was mutually ended due to injury, captaining the side at times for them.

In October 2024 Jon was appointed interim manager after the departure of Paul Carden to Warrington Town. After a successful run at the start of his spell he was made permanent manager.

BEN GARRATT

Goalkeeper

25 APRIL 1994

The 30-year-old is best known for his many years spent at Crewe Alex, where he came through the academy and went on to make 246 appearances for the first team after being given his break by former Dabbers manager Steve Davis. The former England under-19 international also made nearly 100 appearances for Burton Albion before leaving at the end of 2022/23. He signed a 2-year contract in the summer to remain with the Dabbers.

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. He's a previous winner of the Player's Player of the Year and has now passed 100 appearances for the club.

JOSH WILLIAMS

Defender

12 OCTOBER 1999

The 25-year-old full-back was most recently at Buxton, making 31 appearances for them in National League North and getting 3 assists.

The Welshman was previously in the academies of Aston Villa, Crystal Palace and Luton, playing for the Hatters in the EFL Cup. His other non-league experience has come at Newcastle Town, Stafford Rangers, and Hemel Hempstead Town, where he made 62 appearances and scored 4 times in National League South.

He's also represented his country 3 times at under 19 level.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

BEN HOCKENHULL

Defender

03 SEPTEMBER 2001

Hockenhull was born in Crewe and was spotted by Manchester United scouts at the age of six. He was in their academy system until 2020, when he left to join Brentford.

He played in their B team for 2 years, then after a pro contract at Tranmere and some non-league experience, ended up at Curzon Ashton.

Hockenhull initially joined on a dual reg from Curzon in March and made a big impact from centre back straight away, scoring on his debut away at Wythenshawe Town.

The 23-year-old went on to make 9 appearances at the back and signed for the Dabbers in the summer of 2025.

KELVIN MELLOR

Defender

30 DECEMBER 2002

Mellor returned this summer to the Dabbers, where he started his career in 2007. He played in the 2007-08 season for the Dabbers under Steve Davis before joining Crewe Alex as a 17-year-old. He was briefly back on loan at Nantwich in 2009, before Davis was reunited again with Mellor at the Alex and it was under Steve that Kelvin had his breakthrough into Crewe's first team, ending in two pieces of Wembley glory in the League 2 play-offs and the EFL Trophy in 2012 and 2013. Across two spells at Crewe he made over 130 appearances.

He has vast EFL experience across several other clubs including Blackpool, Plymouth Argyle, Bradford City, Morecambe, Carlisle, and Accrington Stanley. Now 33, Mellor had been working with the club in recent months with our academy tie-in programme with Malbank Sixth Form, and now is back with us as a player.

AIDAN ROXBURGH

Defender

27 MARCH 1999

Dabbers fans will remember the 26-year-old from his previous spell at the club in the 2022/23 season, where after an initial loan from Altrincham he came back again towards the end of that season, making 9 appearances in total.

Since then, he has played for Workington, Bury, Bootle and Irlam, for whom he played and scored in their Manchester Premier Cup final victory last season.

DANIEL APANTAKU

Defender

29 DECEMBER 2004

The young defender started out in Irish football with Cobh Ramblers, and made his first steps into English football with Newcastle Town last season. Signed for the Dabbers after a successful trial period.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

PADDY KENNEDY

Defender

02 FEBRUARY 2004

The 21-year-old played for the Dabbers as a trialist in the pre-season of 2024 but saw that period cut short by injury, before joining later in the summer. Kennedy was at Litherland REMYCA in the North West Counties Premier for the two seasons before that and captained them in 23/24.

JOEL CONNOLLY

Midfielder

19 NOVEMBER 2002

The 22-year-old is a product of the Burnley youth academy, making it to their under 21s before being released.

He then joined Prescot and made 14 appearances for them before joining the Dabbers for the run-in to the end of the 2022/23 season and beyond. He was appointed vice captain in the summer of 2025.

JOE ROBBINS

Midfielder

20 FEBRUARY 2002

The 22-year-old rejoined the Dabbers in October 2024, having previously been at the Dabbers between 2021 and 2022, where he made 28 appearances and scored 3 goals, all those goals in one game against Stalybridge Celtic.

In between the two Nantwich spells, he has played at Ashton, Bamber Bridge, Stalybridge and Stafford.

FENTON GREEN

Midfielder

03 MAY 2003

Green was most recently at Wythenshawe Town, making 32 appearances for them last season. He scored once, and it just happened to be a superb strike against the Dabbers in March.

The 22-year-old started out in the Crewe Alex academy and was with them up to under 18 level. After being released, he went to Hyde United and made 11 appearances in the 21/22 season.

He scored 6 goals for 1874 Northwich in his spell there before being signed by Leek Town for their NPL West title winning season part of the way into 2023/24, making 28 appearances.

NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

BYRON MOORE

Midfielder

24 AUGUST 1988

Moore is best known for his long spell at hometown club Crewe Alex, where across 7 years he made nearly 300 appearances and scored over 30 goals, the most famous of which being the game clinching goal in 2012's League 2 play-off final win over Cheltenham. He now reunites with Kelvin Mellor, who was also in the squad that day, and another former Crewe teammate in Ben Garratt.

After Crewe, he had spells at Port Vale, Bristol Rovers, Bury and Plymouth in the EFL between 2014 and 2021.

He dropped into non-league with Torquay, before signing for AFC Telford under former Dabbers manager Paul Carden. Moore made over 100 appearances for Telford, the final one being another play-off win against Kettering at the end of last season.

PADDY JARRETT

Midfielder

23 NOVEMBER 2001

Paddy previously had a short loan spell at the Swansway Stadium in October 2021, where he made 4 appearances and impressed in that snapshot, winning Player of the Match in half of those games.

At that time he was at Stoke City, and after the loan at the Dabbers he also went on loan to Telford.

He left Stoke in the summer of 2022 and made the move to Queen's Park in Scotland, playing 2 seasons for them in the Scottish Championship.

Last season, he played for Bury, making 10 appearances in all competitions and scoring once. He then moved on to Bamber Bridge in the NPL Premier and made 14 appearances for them.

Still only 23, he's now back at his hometown club where he started his football journey as a boy.

CALLUM SAUNDERS

Forward

26 SEPTEMBER 1995

Currently in his second spell at the club, Saunders has been a consistent goalscorer 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 goalscorer 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.

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 Waterloooville and Boreham Wood, he earned a move to League 2 Stevenage in 2010, before spending time at AFC Wimbledon and Chesterfield as well as that run with Cheltenham.

In 2018, he returned to non-league, and has played for teams such as Sutton, Barnet and most recently Altrincham. He was the Dabbers' top scorer and Player of the Season in 2023/24.

ALEX PANTER

Forward

09 DECEMBER 2001

The 23-year-old forward has been on somewhat of a meteoric rise over the last year or so. Up to the end of 2023/24 he was at Poynton in the Cheshire League, scoring 20 goals as they won 3 trophies.

That earned him a move into the North West Counties system with Maine Road (10th tier). The step up didn't seem to faze him at all. Between July and November 2024 he scored 11 goals and set up 4 more in 23 appearances.

This caught the attention of Wythenshawe Town, who he made 9 appearances for after joining in November. He then joined the Dabbers in January 2025.

BEN GREENOP

Forward

01 AUGUST 1997

The 28-year-old was most recently at Sandbach United, where he scored 24 goals in 39 games in all competitions last season.

In youth football he was on the books of Manchester United. He's also spent time at Preston North End, Chester, Witton and Ashville, for whom he played for 3 years and scored 15 goals in 23/24, also at North West counties level.

RUI CLARKE-PHILLIPS

Forward

05 JANUARY 2008

The young 17 year old forward, joined Nantwich Town last season with the new U21 squad, after his release from Wrexham. He also plays within the Tranmere Rovers youth setup.

Rui has already impressed in pre-season with a handful of appearances and is hoping to make an impression in competitive matches for the upcoming season.



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!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

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- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
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- 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.

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PITCHING IN NPL D1W - RESULTS & FIXTURES

NPL Division One West Results - Saturday 9th August 2025

Atherton Collieries	0	2	Runcorn Linnets	417
Bootle	1	2	Nantwich Town	244
Bury	1	0	Newcastle Town	3,631
Kidsgrove Athletic	2	0	Wythenshawe Town	352
Mossley	0	1	Lower Breck	385
Shifnal Town	0	1	Clitheroe	169
Sporting Khalsa	3	1	Congleton Town	235
Stafford Rangers	0	2	Avro	545
Trafford	1	2	Darlaston Town	327
Vauxhall Motors	1	1	Stalybridge Celtic	298
Witton Albion	0	0	Chasetown	409

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Tuesday 12th August 2025

Chasetown	vs	Shifnal Town	7.45pm
Clitheroe	vs	Trafford	7.45pm
Congleton Town	vs	Mossley	7.45pm
Nantwich Town	vs	Kidsgrove Athletic	7.45pm
Newcastle Town	vs	Sporting Khalsa	7.45pm
Runcorn Linnets	vs	Vauxhall Motors	7.45pm
Stalybridge Celtic	vs	Atherton Collieries	7.45pm
Wythenshawe Town	vs	Bootle	7.45pm

NPL Division One West Fixtures - Wednesday 13th August 2025

Avro	vs	Bury	7.45pm
Darlaston Town	vs	Stafford Rangers	7.45pm
Lower Breck	vs	Witton Albion	7.45pm

PITCHING IN NPL D1W - STANDINGS

		P	W	D	L	Total		+/-	Pts
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	1 Sporting Khalsa	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	3
	2 Avro	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
	3 Kidsgrove Athletic	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
	4 Runcorn Linnets	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
	5 Darlaston Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
	6 Nantwich Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
	7 Bury	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
	8 Clitheroe	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
	9 Lower Breck	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
	10 Stalybridge Celtic	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	11 Vauxhall Motors	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	12 Chasetown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	13 Witton Albion	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	14 Bootle	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
	15 Trafford	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
	16 Mossley	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
	17 Newcastle Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
	18 Shifnal Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
	19 Congleton Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
	20 Atherton Collieries	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
	21 Stafford Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
	22 Wythenshawe Town	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0



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