

# THE DABBER



**NANTWICH TOWN  
VS  
CHASETOWN**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026**  
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# CLUB DETAILS & HONOURS

## Nantwich Town Football Club (2010) Limited

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**Year Formed:** 1884

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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:

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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

# CHASETOWN - MATCH PREVIEW

**Good evening, welcome to the Swansway Stadium for NPL Division One West fixture against Chasetown. We would like to welcome all the directors, staff, players and supporters associated with Chasetown this evening.**

After defeat on opening day, the Dabbers will look to bounce back with another home game, this time against Chasetown on Tuesday night (7.45pm kick-off).

## **Chasetown Changes**

The biggest change at Chasetown over the summer was in the dugout, with manager Jamie Hawkins departing and being replaced by Carl Dickinson, the ex defender who briefly played for the Dabbers in 2023. His most recent coaching role before this had been as an assistant at Leek.

They started the season in style, thrashing Coton Green 6-1 in the FA Cup and they'll face Boldmere St Michaels away in the next round.

Their league season, like the Dabbers, only started on Saturday, and like the Dabbers it ended in defeat as Chasetown lost 2-0 away at newly promoted 1874 Northwich.

But they are another team fancied by a few to be in contention for the play-offs. Last season they finished 10th, 1 point and 1 place behind Nantwich.

## **Last Time We Met**

The last meeting came away in February, with the Dabbers winning 2-0 to get Luke Goddard his first win as Nantwich manager, thanks to goals from Alex Panter and Jordan Hodkin.

## **Players to Watch**

Their goalscorers in the big FA Cup win were Takura Sambizi, Kyle Moseley, Matt Hearsey (x2) and Lachlan Suffell (x2).

It was Sambizi and Hearsey who seemed to stand out for supporters on the day. Sambizi, known as Tak, is a former Stoke academy player who scored 19 goals for Prestwich Heys in the North West Counties Premier last season.



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# PRESCOT CABLES – MATCH REPORT

**Nantwich Town fell to a 3-1 defeat in their league opener against Prescott Cables on Saturday afternoon at the Swansway Stadium.**

Chances were shared evenly between the two sides in the opening exchanges, but neither goalkeeper was tested too much as the two sides found their way into the opening minutes of the league campaign.

However, as the first half progressed, it was the home side who looked the more dominant, coming the closest through Byron Moore, who was teed up by Ollie Pope.

The keeper got his fingertips to the forward's attempt as it grazed the post before he was able to claim it gladly.

Despite having the lion's share of the chances, it was Prescott who had the ball in the back of the net first as Paul Murphy lashed the ball into the back of the net, only for it to be called back for a foul in the build-up.

Soon it would be the Dabbers to break the deadlock though as a recycled corner kick was put back in by Joe Piggott before being turned at the near post by Pope. A great moment for him to get his first ever senior Nantwich goal for a former youth product of the club.

Pope was soon causing trouble for the Prescott defence again, winning a free kick in a promising position which was subsequently deflected behind for a goal kick.



# PRESCOT CABLES – MATCH REPORT

Just shy of half-time, Prescott would get their equaliser through striker Olly Molloy from the penalty spot, flashing it past a diving Yusuf Mersin to level things up after Jack Loughran was brought down.

Prescot would be the team in the ascendancy in the second half after manager Steven Daley made four half-time changes, clearly unhappy with his side despite the level scoreline. Two chances came the way of Loughran early in the second half, but both were put wide of the Nantwich net.

However, substitute John Murphy put the Cables in front on the hour mark after the Nantwich defence were sliced open.

Murphy was then at the double a few minutes later after a save from Mersin fell into his path to increase the visitors' lead to two.

A flurry of chances for Nantwich to peg Prescott back soon followed, but no one in green could turn it in.

As the minutes ticked by, the Dabbers tried desperately to get something out of the game but couldn't quite fashion any meaningful opportunities on the Prescott goal.

A few good saves from Mersin late on spared any further blushes for Nantwich as they got their league campaign off on the wrong foot.

The Dabbers will now look ahead to Tuesday evening's fixture against Chasetown as they go after their first three points of the season.

**Nantwich Town:** Yusuf Mersin, Aidy Roxburgh, Perry Bircumshaw, Joe Piggott (Fenton Green, 77), Harry Davis (C), Paddy Kennedy, Ollie Pope (Callum Saunders, 77), Ethan Hartshorn, Josh Hancock (James Baillie, 81), Joe Collins (Mason McKay, 81), Byron Moore (Iwan Roberts 68)

Goal: Ollie Pope 41'

**Prescot Cables:** Tony Thompson, Joel Porter (Jack Rogers, 46), Matty Waters, Peter Clarke (James Foley, 46), Liam Hollett ©, Charley Doyle, Jack Loughran, James Devine, Olly Molloy (John Murphy, 46), Tony Donaldson, Paul Murphy-Worrell (Sharif Deans, 46)

Goals: Olly Molloy 45+3' (pen), John Murphy 67',70'

**Final Score:** Nantwich Town 1-3 Prescott Cables

**Attendance:** 442



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# NTFC WOMEN 6-2 FC ST HELENS WOMEN

Nantwich Town FC Women began their new campaign with an emphatic 6–2 victory over fellow newly promoted side FC St Helens in an action-packed encounter.

Both teams, fresh from winning their respective Division One leagues last season, made a very quick start, with the game played at a high tempo from the opening whistle.

The Dabbers looked the more threatening in the early stages, with Katie Greenwood delivering two dangerous corners inside the opening 15 minutes. Amanda Fallon then found herself one-on-one with the FC St Helens goalkeeper, but the keeper did well to smother the ball. Nantwich continued to create opportunities, with the first shot on target coming in the 20th minute, as Corie Mather tried her luck from around 20 yards, her effort was comfortably dealt with.

Four minutes later, Anna Shimizu produced an excellent solo run from halfway, driving towards goal before her effort was blocked by FC St Helens and turned behind for a corner. The resulting corner caused further problems, with the ball remaining in the box before eventually coming out to Josie Alderman. She picked out Greenwood, who fired a shot towards goal from just inside the box to give Nantwich the lead.

By the 30-minute mark, the Dabbers had been firmly in control of the game and continued to dominate possession and territory. However, FC St Helens found a way back into the contest against the run of play, with a looping ball over the Nantwich defence, finding its way into the net to make it 1-1. The half-time whistle blew, with the teams being level at the break.

Nantwich started the second half strongly and it wasn't long until they regained the lead again in the 48th minute, with a corner that was crossed back into the box before Charlotte Crees found the net. Two minutes later, FC St Helens then won their first corner of the game, and they made it count, scoring from the resulting set piece to equalise again.

The Dabbers responded impressively. Latest signing Tegan Ansell ran the ball forward before finding Fallon, who pulled the ball back for Layla Woollam to smash home and restore Nantwich's advantage. Greenwood got her second goal of the game from a free-kick around 20 yards out, nestling towards the bottom-left corner. Katie Naylor also came close with a free kick from just inside the St Helens half, her effort clearing the crossbar.

Nantwich continued to enjoy plenty of possession and create chances. A Greenwood free kick from around 30 yards on the right side of the box was comfortably collected by the goalkeeper, while Fallon was denied after another excellent passage of teamwork ended with her effort going straight at the keeper.

# NTFC WOMEN 6-2 FC ST HELENS WOMEN

The Dabbers continued to push forward as Greenwood won the ball in midfield before playing it through to Shimizu, whose cross into the box caused problems and was ultimately turned into the net by an FC St Helens player. Crees also came close when she teased a ball across the face of goal, with Ansell just unable to reach it. The game remained action-packed, with the Dabbers continuing to control proceedings during another dominant half.

There was also a special moment for sisters Milly and Evie Lewis, substituted on in the 68th and 75th minutes respectively. The pair who play for the Women's Development Team, and both made their first-team debuts as Nantwich continued to press for more goals.

With the game approaching its conclusion, there was still time for another goal. In the 90th minute, Shimizu produced a powerful strike from inside the box to score her first goal for the Dabbers and complete the scoring.

The final whistle confirmed a 6-2 victory for Nantwich Town FC Women.

Shimizu was named GOAT Player of the Match after her tireless performance.

**Starting 11:** Connie Watts, Meg Andrews, Corie Mather, Sam Cawley, Katie Naylor, Katie Greenwood (C), Josie Alderman, Layla Woollam, Amanda Fallon, Anna Shimizu, Charlotte Crees.

**Substitutes:** Tegan Ansell, Milly Lewis, Evie Lewis, Jo Case.

Nantwich Town FC Women's next game is tomorrow on Wednesday 19th August against Crewe Alexandra. Kick off is 7:30pm at the Swansway Stadium. It is set to be an exciting derby match with the local teams meeting for the first time in a competitive match.



# CHASETOWN – BRIEF HISTORY IN TIME



## CLUB INFO

Club Name: Chasetown  
Year Founded: 1954  
Club Nickname: The Scholars  
Current Ground: The Scholars Ground  
Current Manager: Carl Dickinson



## CUP HISTORY

WMRL Prem Div Cup: Winners – 1990, 1991  
Staffordshire Senior Cup: Winners – 2025  
Walsall Senior Cup: Winners – 5 times  
FA Cup: 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – 2007/08  
FA Trophy: 4<sup>th</sup> Round – 2010/11  
FA Vase: 5<sup>th</sup> Round – 1999/00



## LEAGUE HISTORY

WMRL Division One: Champions – 1977/78  
Midland Football Alliance: Champions – 2005  
NPL Div 1 South Playoffs: Winners – 2010

## LAST 5 LEAGUE SEASONS:

| Season  | League | POS   | PL | W  | D | L  | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------|--------|-------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 2021-22 | NPL 1M | 4/20  | 38 | 25 | 7 | 6  | 79 | 38 | 82  |
| 2022-23 | NPL 1M | 6/20  | 38 | 20 | 8 | 10 | 58 | 27 | 68  |
| 2023-24 | NPL 1W | 11/20 | 38 | 16 | 8 | 14 | 52 | 50 | 56  |
| 2024-25 | NPL 1W | 4/22  | 42 | 22 | 8 | 12 | 84 | 53 | 74  |
| 2025-26 | NPL 1W | 10/22 | 42 | 17 | 9 | 16 | 55 | 52 | 60  |

# CHASETOWN - HISTORY

Founded in 1954 as Chase Terrace Old Scholars Youth Club, Chasetown Football Club has grown into one of Staffordshire's most respected and well-supported non-league clubs. Formed by Brian Baker and schoolteacher Ray Derry, the club began life in the Cannock Youth League before quickly establishing itself in senior football across the region.

The early decades laid strong foundations, with progression through local leagues and the club's adoption of the Chasetown FC name in 1972. A significant milestone followed in 1983 with the move to The Scholars Ground, providing a permanent home and enabling further advancement within the West Midlands (Regional) League. Success soon followed, particularly under the management of Mervyn Rowe, as Chasetown began to collect trophies including multiple West Midlands League Cups and Walsall Senior Cups, reinforcing the club's growing reputation.

Chasetown earned national recognition in the mid-2000s through unforgettable FA Cup runs. In 2005 the Scholars reached the First Round Proper for the first time, earning a televised tie against Oldham Athletic after defeating Blyth Spartans. Just two seasons later, the club etched its name into FA Cup folklore once again by eliminating Port Vale to become the lowest-ranked side ever to reach the Third Round, eventually hosting Championship outfit Cardiff City at The Scholars Ground.

League success arrived alongside these cup exploits, with Chasetown claiming the Midland Alliance title in 2005–06 and earning promotion to the Southern League. Further play-off campaigns and promotions followed, including a memorable 2009–10 season in which the club secured promotion via the Northern Premier League Division One South play-offs in front of a record home crowd.

The club's competitive spirit continued into the following decade, highlighted by an extraordinary FA Trophy run in 2010–11 that saw Chasetown defeat several higher-ranked opponents to reach the Quarter-Finals. Silverware continued to arrive, with further Walsall Senior Cup victories and regular appearances in play-off contention under a succession of managers.

Off the pitch, Chasetown has evolved alongside its on-field ambitions. Governance transitioned to a Board of Directors, led by long-term sponsor Steve Jones, while substantial investment culminated in the installation of a modern 4G playing surface, ensuring year-round football for all club teams and strengthening the club's central role within the local community.

Celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2024, Chasetown honoured its heritage while embracing the future, expanding to include a Women's First Team and a Walking Football side. The 2024–25 season brought further success with the club lifting the Staffordshire Senior Cup for the first time, underlining Chasetown's competitive credentials.

The most recent 2025–26 campaign in the Northern Premier League West Division saw Chasetown finish 10th whilst winning the Walsall Senior Cup for the fifth time in their history. This continued a proud tradition of consistency, resilience and ambition. Today, Chasetown Football Club stands as a community-focused, forward-looking club with a rich history, passionate support, and firm aspirations for success on and off the pitch.



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| DATE                     | OPPONENTS           | Competition             | KO            | H/A      | SCORE     | ATT |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| Sat 8th Aug 2026         | Sporting Khalsa     | FA Cup EPR              | 3.00pm        | A        | 1-1       | 122 |
| Tue 11th Aug 2026        | Sporting Khalsa     | FA Cup EPR (R)          | 7.45pm        | H        | 1-1 (5-6) | 267 |
| Sat 15th Aug 2026        | Prescot Cables      | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        | 1-3       | 442 |
| <b>Tue 18th Aug 2026</b> | <b>Chasetown</b>    | <b>NPL Div One West</b> | <b>7.45pm</b> | <b>H</b> |           |     |
| Tue 25th Aug 2026        | Vauxhall Motors     | NPL Div One West        | 7.45pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 29th Aug 2026        | Boston Town         | FA Trophy Q1            | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Mon 31st Aug 2026        | Witton Albion       | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Sat 5th Sep 2026         | Mossley             | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Tue 8th Sep 2026         | Stafford Rangers    | NPL Div One West        | 7.45pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 12th Sep 2026        | Runcorn Linnets     | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Tue 15th Sep 2026        | Congleton Town      | NPL Div One West        | 7.45pm        | H        |           |     |
| Sat 19th Sep 2026        | 1874 Northwich      | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Wed 23rd Sep 2026        | Shifnal Town        | NPL Div One West        | 7.45pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 26th Sep 2026        | Wythenshawe         | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Tue 29th Sep 2026        | Bootle              | NPL Div One West        | 7.45pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 3rd Oct 2026         | Kidsgrove Athletic  | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 10th Oct 2026        | Atherton Collieries | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Sat 17th Oct 2026        | Newcastle Town      | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 24th Oct 2026        | Lower Breck         | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Sat 31st Oct 2026        | Stalybridge Celtic  | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 7th Nov 2026         | Padiham             | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Sat 14th Nov 2026        | Hanley Town         | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |
| Sat 21st Nov 2026        | Stafford Rangers    | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | H        |           |     |
| Sat 28th Nov 2026        | Prescot Cables      | NPL Div One West        | 3.00pm        | A        |           |     |

| Player           | Apps | Goals | Assists |
|------------------|------|-------|---------|
| Joe Collins      | 3    | 1     | 0       |
| Ollie Pope       | 3    | 1     | 0       |
| Fenton Green     | 3    | 0     | 1       |
| Joe Piggott      | 3    | 0     | 1       |
| Aidan Roxburgh   | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| Callum Saunders  | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| Ethan Hartshorn  | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| Iwan Roberts     | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| James Baillie    | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| Paddy Kennedy    | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| Perry Bircumshaw | 3    | 0     | 0       |

| Player           | Apps | Goals | Assists |
|------------------|------|-------|---------|
| Yusuf Mersin     | 3    | 0     | 0       |
| Josh Hancock     | 2    | 1     | 0       |
| Bruno Cina       | 2    | 0     | 0       |
| Byron Moore      | 2    | 0     | 0       |
| Harry Davis      | 2    | 0     | 0       |
| Liam Fitzpatrick | 2    | 0     | 0       |
| Mason McKay      | 2    | 0     | 0       |
| Joe Davis        | 1    | 0     | 0       |
| AJ Kandeke       | 0    | 0     | 0       |
| Troy Bourne      | 0    | 0     | 0       |
| Zac Prior        | 0    | 0     | 0       |

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| DATE              | OPPONENTS           | Competition      | KO     | H/A | SCORE | ATT |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Sat 5th Dec 2026  | Shifnal Town        | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 12th Dec 2026 | Mossley             | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 19th Dec 2026 | Clitheroe           | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 26th Dec 2026 | Lichfield City      | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 2nd Jan 2027  | Witton Albion       | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 9th Jan 2027  | Hanley Town         | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 16th Jan 2027 | Chasetown           | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 23rd Jan 2027 | Congleton Town      | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 30th Jan 2027 | 1874 Northwich      | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 6th Feb 2027  | Wythenshawe         | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 13th Feb 2027 | Bootle              | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 20th Feb 2027 | Atherton Collieries | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 27th Feb 2027 | Kids Grove Athletic | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 6th Mar 2027  | Lower Breck         | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 13th Mar 2027 | Newcastle Town      | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 20th Mar 2027 | Runcorn Linnets     | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 27th Mar 2027 | Vauxhall Motors     | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Mon 29th Mar 2027 | Lichfield City      | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| Sat 3rd Apr 2027  | Clitheroe           | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 10th Apr 2027 | Stalybridge Celtic  | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | H   |       |     |
| Sat 17th Apr 2027 | Padiham             | NPL Div One West | 3.00pm | A   |       |     |
| TBC               | Ashville            | Cheshire Cup R1  | 7.45pm | A   |       |     |

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# NANTWICH TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES

## **YUSUF MERSIN**

**Goalkeeper**

**23 SEPTEMBER 1994**

Mersin played 27 matches in all competitions for Hyde United last season before joining Runcorn Linnets where he featured at the end of the campaign including their playoff semi-final defeat. Yusuf first came north to sign for Liverpool in January 2011. His footballing journey took him to Türkiye before signing for Crawley Town in June 2016. He spent two years in the National League with Dover Athletic, joining in May 2019. A subsequent spell at Maidstone United saw him make 27 appearances. These included seven in their title-winning National League South campaign of 2021-22.

## **HARRY DAVIS**

**Defender**

**24 SEPTEMBER 1991**

Harry is of course best known for his spell at Crewe Alex, where he made over 200 appearances between 2009/10 and 2016/2017 and won the League 2 play-offs and Football League Trophy. Very early in that spell, he had a brief youth loan at the Dabbers in 2010, making 2 appearances. After Crewe, his other clubs have included St. Mirren, Grimsby, Morecambe, Scunthorpe and AFC Fylde. Harry was named as club captain ahead of the 26/27 season.

## **AIDAN ROXBURGH**

**Defender**

**27 MARCH 1999**

Aidy had a 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 played for Workington, Bury, Bootle and Irlam, for whom he played and scored in their Manchester Premier Cup final victory in 2024/25. Reached double figures in assists in an impressive first season back at Nantwich in 25/26.

## **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.

## **PADDY KENNEDY**

**Defender**

**2 FEBRUARY 2004**

The 22-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.

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## **TROY BOURNE**

**Defender**

**13 JANUARY 1998**

Troy returned to the Dabbers in 2026/27 after a season at Warrington Town in the NPL Premier. The 28-year-old needs no introduction, with 304 appearances over a 10-year period previously at the club after making his senior debut back in November 2015 at just 17 years old. He went on to become club captain as well as scoring numerous important goals in historic fixtures for the Dabbers, claiming almost every award available at the end of season awards over his time.

## **JOE DAVIS**

**Defender**

**10 NOVEMBER 1993**

The 32-year-old is no stranger to the Dabbers, having made 33 appearances and scored 3 goals in a previous spell at the club between 2019 and 2020. His other previous clubs include Port Vale, Fleetwood and Northwich Victoria.

## **AJ KANDEKE**

**Defender**

**24 JUNE 2004**

AJ, 22 years old, featured throughout the 2026 pre-season whilst on trial following a successful season with Northwich Victoria and impressed Dabbers supporters with his tenacity and attitude. After progressing through the non-league pyramid over the past few seasons, the move to the Swansway Stadium becomes the next challenge for the defender.

## **JAMES BAILLIE**

**Defender**

**27 MARCH 1996**

Baillie was first at the club on loan in the 2015/16 season, where he made 11 appearances. That was back when he was a Crewe Alex player, and it was at the Alex that he made his footballing start, coming through the academy there and breaking into the first team. He left Crewe in 2016 for Curzon Ashton and made over 100 appearances for them in National League North. Also in non-league, he has turned out for Warrington Town, Ashton United, Warrington Rylands and most recently Witton Albion.

## **LIAM FITZPATRICK**

**Defender/Midfielder**

**16 MAY 2001**

Fitzpatrick, 25 years old, made 77 appearances for 1874 Northwich who he joined in 2024, scoring 13 goals and playing in numerous positions in that time, ending with promotion back to the NPL West after their playoff final victory against rivals Northwich Victoria. He has proved a fan's favourite at all his previous clubs, which have included Sandbach United, with his directness, versatility and all-round game.

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## JOE PIGGOTT

Midfielder

23 JUNE 1999

Piggott, 27 years old, returned to the Dabbers for his second spell for the final month of last season after leaving Bury FC and made an immediate impact in his second stint with the club. His presence and quality in his now preferred midfield role was there for all to see, proving a popular character in the dressing room with his leadership qualities, which saw him named as one of the vice captains ahead of 2026/27.

## FENTON GREEN

Midfielder

17 MAY 2003

Green was most recently at Wythenshawe Town, making 32 appearances in 2024/25. He scored once, and it just happened to be a superb strike against the Dabbers. The 23-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.

## 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. 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 2024/25.

## JOE COLLINS

Midfielder

19 OCTOBER 2006

Collins joined the club in September 2025 after a brief period out of the game due to an injury and has barely missed a squad since, making 30 appearances in 2025/26. Despite having to remain patient he got opportunities to show his quality, never more so than when he picked up Nantwich's Goal of the Season after a fantastic strike away at Runcorn Linnets, as voted for by the fans. A product of the Crewe academy, it's fair to say he has a big future and even more to come for 2026/27.

## ETHAN HARTSHORN

Midfielder

28 JANUARY 2002

Hartshorn, 24 years old, is a former Crewe Alex youth player, leaving at 18 years old before joining his local side Congleton Town in 2021 after a spell at Kidsgrove. He went on to make over 200 appearances for The Bears, winning a promotion as well as three trophies in his time, captaining the club on numerous occasions.

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## **CALLUM SAUNDERS**

**Forward**

**26 SEPTEMBER 1995**

Currently in his third spell at the club, Saunders has been a consistent goalscorer for several years. 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. Now at nearly 200 appearances for Nantwich with over 50 goals.

## **MASON MCKAY**

**Forward**

**9 NOVEMBER 2007**

McKay, just 18 years old, joined on dual registration at the end of last season and made 4 appearances, after spending most of the year with National League North champions AFC Fylde who he had been part of over the past few seasons through their U18s before progressing into their first team squad. In just the few appearances he made since joining the Swansway Stadium for the final month he quickly highlighted the potential he has, including the standout assist he provided in a goal against Darlaston at home.

## **IWAN ROBERTS**

**Forward**

**27 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Roberts, 21 years old, is a graduate of Liverpool's academy, where he departed in 2023 before joining Bala Town. He finished last season with Newtown in the Cymru Alliance North after joining in January from Gresford.

## **BRUNO CINA**

**Forward (on loan from Stockport County)**

**30 JANUARY 2007**

Cina, 19 years old, joined Stockport in 2024 after leaving Colchester United. In April 2026 he signed his first professional contract at Edgeley Park. The 6ft 4 forward has shown proven athleticism and pace with continuous improvement in his time so far with County. On an initial 3-month loan with the Dabbers.

## **JOSH HANCOCK**

**Forward**

**5 SEPTEMBER 1990**

Hancock, a local lad who played in our youth teams until the age of 17, made his first team Nantwich debut aged just 16 away at Salford City in 2007. He returned a few years later to play for the first team between 2015 and 2017, scoring 22 goals in 103 games in total for the Dabbers before leaving for Altrincham shortly after manager Phil Parkinson. He went on to enjoy huge success with Alty, Curzon Ashton and Radcliffe, spending most of these years in the National League and National League North.

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**OLLIE POPE**

**Forward**

**19 APRIL 2004**

Pope, 22 years old, returned to the Swansway Stadium in summer 2026 after making his senior debut here at just 16 years old before leaving in 2022 after 3 first team appearances. Since then, he has gained lots of experience with local sides such as Whitchurch Alport, Alsager Town and most recently Winsford United. He has scored 21 & 24 goals in his last two campaigns, playing a huge part in Winsford's recent progression.

## **Management Team:**

**Luke Goddard (Manager)**

**Jack Turner (Assistant Manager)**

**Marc Feighery (Head Coach)**

**Kevin Street (Coach)**

**Miles Couling (Goalkeeper Coach)**

**Callum Carey (Head Physio)**

**George Edge-Robinson (Analyst)**

**Carl Thorpe (Team Secretary & Kit)**

**Hayden Moore (Head of Recruitment)**

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# ANDYSMANCLUB



#ITSOKAYTALK

## WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions. The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

## 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?

ANDYSMANCLUB has clubs in many locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations is available on our website.

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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)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- 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.

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

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# PITCHING IN NPL D1W - RESULTS & FIXTURES

## NPL Division One West Results - Saturday 15th August 2026

|                     |   |   |                  |     |
|---------------------|---|---|------------------|-----|
| 1874 Northwich      | 2 | 0 | Chasetown        | 277 |
| Atherton Collieries | 2 | 4 | Mossley          | 265 |
| Bootle              | 4 | 2 | Newcastle Town   | 491 |
| Kidsgrove Athletic  | P | P | Lower Breck      |     |
| Lichfield City      | 1 | 6 | Witton Albion    | 258 |
| Nantwich Town       | 1 | 3 | Prescot Cables   | 442 |
| Padiham             | 1 | 4 | Shifnal Town     | 323 |
| Stalybridge Celtic  | 1 | 1 | Hanley Town      | 642 |
| Vauxhall Motors     | 0 | 2 | Stafford Rangers | 291 |
| Wythenshawe         | 1 | 0 | Runcorn Linnets  | 523 |

## FA Trophy Preliminary Round - Saturday 15th August 2026

|                       |   |   |                   |     |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------|-----|
| Congleton Town        | 1 | 0 | Barnoldswick Town | 411 |
| Pontefract Collieries | 2 | 1 | Clitheroe         | 275 |

## NPL Division One West Fixtures - Tuesday 18th August 2026

|                     |    |                 |        |
|---------------------|----|-----------------|--------|
| 1874 Northwich      | vs | Prescot Cables  | 7.45pm |
| Atherton Collieries | vs | Hanley Town     | 7.45pm |
| Clitheroe           | vs | Lower Breck     | 7.45pm |
| Kidsgrove Athletic  | vs | Shifnal Town    | 7.45pm |
| Nantwich Town       | vs | Chasetown       | 7.45pm |
| Padiham             | vs | Runcorn Linnets | 7.45pm |
| Stalybridge Celtic  | vs | Congleton Town  | 7.45pm |
| Vauxhall Motors     | vs | Mossley         | 7.45pm |
| Witton Albion       | vs | Bootle          | 7.45pm |
| Wythenshawe         | vs | Newcastle Town  | 7.45pm |

## NPL Division One West Fixtures - Wednesday 19th August 2025

|                |    |                  |        |
|----------------|----|------------------|--------|
| Lichfield City | vs | Stafford Rangers | 7.45pm |
|----------------|----|------------------|--------|

# PITCHING IN NPL D1W - STANDINGS

|                                                                                    |                        | P | W | D | L | F | A  | +/- | Pts |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|-----|
|    | 1 Shifnal Town         | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3  | +5  | 6   |
|    | 2 Bootle               | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2  | +4  | 6   |
|    | 3 Prescot Cables       | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 3  | +2  | 5   |
|    | 4 Hanley Town          | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1  | +3  | 4   |
|    | 5 Stalybridge Celtic   | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7  | -1  | 4   |
|    | 6 Witton Albion        | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4  | +4  | 3   |
|    | 7 Lower Breck          | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1  | +3  | 3   |
|    | 8 Mossley              | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2  | +2  | 3   |
|    | 9 Stafford Rangers     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0  | +2  | 3   |
|    | 10 1874 Northwich      | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1  | +1  | 3   |
|    | 11 Runcorn Linnets     | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5  | -1  | 3   |
|    | 12 Newcastle Town      | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4  | -1  | 3   |
|   | 13 Wythenshawe         | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3  | -2  | 3   |
|  | 14 Vauxhall Motors     | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4  | -2  | 2   |
|  | 15 Congleton Town      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 0   | 1   |
|  | 16 Padiham             | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5  | -3  | 1   |
|  | 17 Clitheroe           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   |
|  | 18 Kidsgrove Athletic  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   |
|  | 19 Atherton Collieries | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4  | -2  | 0   |
|  | 20 Nantwich Town       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3  | -2  | 0   |
|  | 21 Chasetown           | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2  | -2  | 0   |
|  | 22 Lichfield City      | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 14 | -10 | 0   |



## NANTWICH TOWN

### Manager – Luke Goddard

Yusuf Mersin  
Zac Prior  
Aidy Roxburgh  
Perry Bircumshaw  
AJ Kandeke  
James Baillie  
Harry Davis  
Joe Davis  
Troy Bourne  
Paddy Kennedy  
Joe Piggott  
Joe Collins  
Ethan Hartshorn  
Fenton Green  
Liam Fitzpatrick  
Iwan Roberts  
Byron Moore  
Ollie Pope  
Mason McKay  
Josh Hancock  
Bruno Cina  
Callum Saunders

## CHASETOWN

### Manager – Carl Dickinson

Curtis Pond  
Ethan Patterson  
George Cater  
Jack Langston  
Joel Kettle  
Jordan Evans  
Kevin Monteiro  
Kyle Moseley  
Lachlan Suffell  
Leo Latter  
Logan Cousins  
Matt Funge  
Matt Hearsey  
Nathan Cameron  
Olly Hayward  
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Zach Findlay

**REFEREE: Samuel Fletcher**

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