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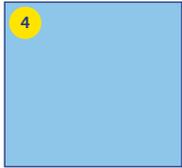
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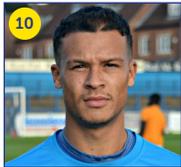
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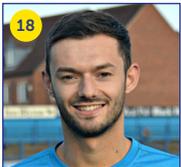
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(These are the notes from the postponed Nantwich game, as no new notes have been submitted for this afternoon's game)

Welcome to everyone joining us this evening, back under the lights at the Martin & Co Arena.

It's seven days since our last game, the 5-1 victory over Whitby Town.

And a brilliant team performance that we will be looking to improve on again tonight in what we fully expect to be another really tough game. In our league, I see South Shields as the stand out team, but the best of the rest for me are Nantwich, a very good team that play a very attractive brand of football.

To get anything out of this tie we will have to be at full tilt. But we have given ourselves the best opportunity of getting something from this with a couple of brilliant training sessions. The lads are really gelling as a group and although we are still very much a work in progress, it is brilliant to see how much potential this young group have.

I drew on the personality and characteristics of Rod (Orlando-Young) in my post match interview in the game with Whitby, and it would be remiss of me if I failed to mention him in these notes. He persuaded me to sign him from day one with his energy and enthusiasm. And to accompany those characteristics, he has ability. It is up to me and the coaching team to harness this potential and if we can get him firing like last week - consistently, then we will have one hell of a player on our hands! Nobody deserved that four goal haul and those plaudits more than Rod though, and long may they continue!

Before Whitby we got the 'last minute' deal done for Kamarl (Grant) from Sheffield United. And what a great future he has ahead of him. I am hopeful we can keep him until January. As Premier League sides can loan players out, but only window to window, so all being well, we have a very talented player on our hands. I just want to go on record and thank the Blades and Matt (Boles, our secretary) for getting this deal through.

It is so important that we all pull together in the right direction if want this football club to be successful. Yes, there will be ups and downs. Yes, there will be difficult periods, but like I have said, we are striving to be competitive every week.

We respect everybody and fear nobody.

Enjoy tonight's battle of wits, will and talent,

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5	MATLOCK TOWN	4	2	1	1	8	4	4	7
6	NANTWICH TOWN	3	2	1	0	6	3	4	7
7	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC	5	2	1	2	6	5	1	7
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14	MORPETH TOWN	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
15	HYDE UNITED	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
16	ASHTON UNITED	5	1	2	2	5	8	-3	5
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Witton Albion



SCOTT BAKKOR

Attacking midfielder, born Warrington on 7/6/94 Scott's re-joined the club having previously making 40 appearances (9 goals) between 21/12/13 & 25/10/14. Commenced playing with Rylands before joining us from Clitheroe. Colwyn Bay, Warrington Town, Marine and Curzon Ashton have been other teams he's played for whilst during the last of his 3 times at Skelmersdale United he broke the record for the fastest hat-trick, 9 minutes, scored in the fifty years of the Northern Premier League. His last two seasons, playing for Stalybridge Celtic, saw him make 88 appearances netting 14 goals.

ISAAC BALDWIN

Right Back, Halifax born on 23/12/96 and after being on loan from Farsley Celtic since 19/10/2019, during which time he made 21



appearances (3 goals), has agreed terms to join us permanently for this campaign. Initially on Huddersfield Town's books as well as FC Halifax's he'd been with Farsley since the summer of 2017, joining from Spennymoor Town, and was named in the NPL Team of the Year in his first season with the Celts before helping the club to the NPL title in 18/19. Isaac certainly made a big impression on his very first Wincham Park appearance when as a defender he netted a hat-trick that saw our visitors triumph 4-1. His total playing career at the Throstles Nest saw a total of 108 appearances (76 starts), scoring 10 times.

WILL BOOTH

Attacking Midfielder, Wythenshawe born on 29/7/97 who was a member of the Albion Youth set-up before signing for Kidsgrove Athletic in 2014, captained the Cheshire



Youth team to victory in the FA County Youth Cup in April 2015. He moved to Colwyn Bay for the start of the 2016-17 campaign being named their Supporters' Player of the Season come the end of his first season with the Seagulls. Will & Albion suffered a 5 week delay, waiting for International Clearance, before he was allowed to join the squad at the end of September 2018! Having made just 20 appearances Will sustained an horrendous leg injury in mid-February 2019 that saw him sidelined for nearly a year. Loaned out to Congleton Town to get match fit he made 5 appearances for the Bears and got to add just the 3 Albion appearances prior to the March curtailment.

JAY FOLEY

Attacking Midfielder born in Liverpool 17/12/93 who was recruited during the summer of 2017 from Marine. In his three seasons with the



Mariners, having joined them from Cammell Laird, he made 96 appearances (72 starts) scoring 5 times. He started out at AFC Liverpool making 8 appearances in 2011/12 prior to signing on Youth terms for Macclesfield Town before heading to the Welsh Alliance League, joining Buckley Town and then signing for Cammell Laird in January 2013. A very impressive first season with us, making 54 appearances (6 goals) also saw Jay win the Managerial Player of the Year award. By the curtailed end of last season, he'd moved his appearance total to 123 and increased his goals tally to 24, helped by him assuming the role of the team's penalty taker.

RAJ GILL

Goalkeeper born 15/8/93 in Birmingham who's been signed this season following a couple of seasons with Newcastle Town during which he



kept a clean sheet against us in a League Cup tie. A Panjab FA international who commenced his career at Leicester City's Academy. Been between the sticks for a number of Midlands clubs that include Tamworth, Bedworth, Rugby, Walsall Wood, Cirencester, Redditch, Kettering, Evesham, Alvechurch and Stourbridge.



JOSH GREGORY

Wigan born on 5/6/98 a Central Midfielder who has joined us for this season after spending the 19/20 campaign with Prescot Cables. Commenced his career with his hometown team as part of the Latics Under 18s & Under 23s set-up. Signed for Chorley in February 2018 making 3 appearances before moving to Clitheroe for the 18/19 campaign (37

appearances 2 goals).



REGAN GRIFFITHS

Liverpool born on 01/05/2000 is a Central Midfielder who is currently on loan from Crewe Alexandra. Aged just 20 he was a regular with Crewe's academy side before his graduation in 2018 stepping up to the U23 squad and signing a professional deal the same year. A box to box player who has an eye for a goal. Part of development he had a months loan out at Kidsgrove Athletic last season the returning to the Alexandra Stadium to occupy a place on the bench of the first team towards the end of last season.



JAMES HOOPER

Striker born 10/2/97 in Manchester who joined us initially on a dual registration agreement

from Altrincham in early March. A similar arrangement saw him net 3 times in his 3 appearances earlier this year for West Didsbury & Chorlton. He did make 1st team Football League appearances whilst with Rochdale & Carlisle and has also been on FC United, Salford City and Radcliffe's books as well as having loan spells with Stockport and Chorley. Commenced his Albion career with a goal at Morpeth and in the 3 games he was able to play before the season was brought to an end he netted twice. Now signed fully Jamie will be looking to maintain that scoring rate in 20/21.



LEON JOHNSON

Attacking player born in Milton Keynes 9/3/2001 who has joined us for this season having previously been at Queens Park Rangers Academy.

WILL JONES

Striker born in Liverpool on 13/1/90 who eventually Albion got international clearance to play him in late February 2017 after



a month's delay. Will can count Marine, Warrington and Burscough as his former clubs. He was top scorer for the latter in the 2015/16 season prior to joining Colwyn Bay in the 2016 summer. By the end of last season, in his 144 appearances for Witton, Will has scored 37 goals that have included two campaigns "Goal of the Season".



DANNY MCKENNA

Right Midfielder, born 4/1/98 in Liverpool who originally was signed at the beginning of 16/17 season but spent virtually the whole of the season making many impressive performances in his 43 appearances for Runcorn Linnets in the North West Counties League. Having started the 17/18 campaign with 8 more games he re-joined us in mid-September and has

now become a regular starter providing lots of energetic performances. Come last season's abrupt finish Danny had appeared 119 times scoring 8 goals for the Albion.



STEVE MCNULTY

Central Defender born Liverpool 26/9/83 at the Liverpool Academy when seven years old, eventually captaining the club's under-19 team. Released in 2003 he played two seasons for Burscough moving up to Conference North's Vauxhall Motors and onto their divisional rivals, Barrow for the 2007–08 season. Appointed captain he led the club to promotion and was named Conference North Player of the Year. Opting to not go full-time for the 09/10 he dropped down a league to sign for Fleetwood Town for a then-club record fee of £17,000. Made club captain he led the team to promotion and then again in 2011–12 to gain Football League status. Controversially released

in early 2013 he joined Conference Premier club Luton Town becoming a "cult hero" with fans as Town regained league status. Named captain for the 2014–15 season and played in 45 matches, his performances seeing him included in the PFA's League Two Team of the Year. Steve then joined Tranmere Rovers and was captain as they beat Boreham Wood in the 2018 National League play-off Final and again a year later, as Tranmere beat Newport County 1–0 in the League Two play-off final. Released by Rovers at the end of the 2018–19 season he signed for National League North club York City, playing his last game in their late July playoff semi-final defeat to Altrincham.



TOM OWENS

Central Midfield player Liverpool born on 20/9/94 Tom joined Marine in August 2014 from local Liverpool County Premier League team Collegiate Old Boys FC, where he'd scored an impressive 34 goals in 25

appearances. Whilst at Marine he then made 46 (33 starts) appearances scoring four times. Made 67 appearances, after joining us in February 2016, before going to play for Brunswick City in Australia. Didn't settle so, after 11 matches, came back and re-joined us at the end of September 2017. On the score-sheet 24 times in his 174 games played for us by end of last season.



CHRIS RENSHAW

Goalkeeper, Salford born on 26/9/97 who joined us after his contract at Everton expired in July, they having signed him from Oldham Athletic in June 2016. After joining the Latics at the age of 11, Chris found himself on the League One side's first-team bench on occasion in 2014-15. He made 15 U18 Premier League appearances in 16/17 before becoming understudy to Mateusz Hewelt at the higher U23 Level and getting a couple of starts. Last season saw him top the Albion's appearances chart when

in his 36 matches (31 league) he kept 9 clean sheets as well as making 3 penalty kick saves.



BILLY SMART

Central Midfielder Liverpool born on 10/4/95 who joined us during the 17/18 close season from Marine where initially he was a member of their successful Youth team before moving on to Bootle and then Burscough in October 2015. He returned to Marine in summer 2016 before signing for Warrington Town in early 2017 but re-joined the Mariners in the summer and went on to win their Player of the Year title. Accumulated 78 appearances, 6 goals in total with the Crosby based outfit. In his two seasons with the Albion Billy has made 66 (63 starts) appearances and scored 11 goals.

STEVE TAMES

Forward born in Whiston on 19/1/92 who has re-joined us for this season. Signed originally in October 2016 on a loan deal from Stalybridge



Celtic his 90 appearances saw him net 49 goals helping us to promotion. In 2012 Southport signed him from Prescott Cables, where he'd scored 19 goals in a season. Having initially been on loan at Vauxhall Motors he made the move permanent in 2014. Moved to Hyde upon Motors resignation from the league he then briefly joined Warrington Town before signing for Stalybridge in July 2015 for whom he scored 13 goals in 55 appearances (39 starts). Left Witton in the 2018 summer to join Bala Town where he made his competitive debut in their Europa League Qualifying match against San Marino team Tre Fiori. Was on course to be the League of Wales top scorer before sustaining an injury in early March left him with 19 goals from 30 matches. Last season saw him with Ashton United with 12 of his 31 matches coming off the bench, included in his 5 goals though was one against us on February 8th.



JOSH WARDLE

Central Defender and club captain, born in Manchester 23/12/96 who stepped up a division when he signed for us last season after playing for Skelmersdale United, whom he'd joined in November 2017, his performances in the 28 matches winning him the Manager's Player of the Season award. Josh commenced his career in 2014 at Lancaster City progressing through their development squad before joining Kendal Town in January 2017. Whilst studying he was captain of a first team at Liverpool John Moores University that finished top of their division in the British Universities and College Sport League with an unbeaten record. His first season saw him win both the Manager's & the Players' Player of the Year Awards. Turned down several offers to commit himself to the Albion during the summer and went on to make a total of 88 appearances prior to this campaign. Last season saw him appointed team

captain, following Rob Hopley's serious injury and he certainly led by example throughout.

CARL MACAULEY

Manager, Liverpool born on 29/10/70 who returned in October 2015 to the club where he was one of our key players in seasons 1994-96 making 89 appearances and winning the then prestigious Cheshire Senior Cup in both seasons. He then went on to play for Lancaster City, Telford United, Barrow, Southport, Burscough and finally Vauxhall Motors in 2005. Appointed the Motormen's Player-Manager within his initial five year spell, he briefly left to work within Liverpool's Academy before returning as Manager in November 2011. Upon their demise from the Conference North he briefly went to Chester FC as assistant before taking over the reins at Marine in May 2014. Carl also features highly within the Robbie Fowler Academy coaching set-up.

PAUL HOUGHTON

Title of Kit Manager but does far more than that and having come from Norton United, with the previous managerial team at the beginning of the 2015-16 season, remained loyal to us and has proved himself truly invaluable throughout the club. Known affectionately as "Square"

GARY MARTINDALE

Assistant Manager, born in Liverpool on 24/6/71 who began his football with Burscough. He then joined Bolton

Witton Albion History

Formation and Grounds

In the 1880s the district of Witton, centrally situated in the mid-Cheshire salt town of Northwich, had several different teams using the name 'Witton' as a prefix. The name Witton Albion itself can be traced back to a match played on October 26th 1887. No record of any matches has been found for 1889 and as such 1890 can be regarded as the year when the current club was actually formed.

Albion's first ground was adjacent to the Parish Church Vicarage. In 1897 they moved to Magdala Place near the Station Bridge. 1910 saw them move, paying the princely sum of £15 per annum, to a new ground adjacent to the Victoria Saw Mills just off Witton Street. July 1920 saw the club buy the ground outright for £750. Renamed appropriately the Central Ground, this was to be their home until 1989, when a Sainsbury's Supermarket was developed on the site. The club then bought a 14 acre site off Chapel Street, Wincham and so their current Wincham Park stadium was constructed. To secure the club's future, much of the surrounding land was later sold off.

Leagues and Honours

Witton Albion, after winning the Crewe FA Junior Cup, encountered their first league opponents in 1894 when part of the Cheshire Junior League. They then had a season in the Crewe & District Junior League, whilst having their Reserve Team replace them and actually win the 1896/97 campaign.

From 1897-1901 the team then competed in the Cheshire League before spreading their wings as they joined The Combination where the opposition consisted of the likes of Bangor, Burslem Port Vale, Chester, Tranmere Rovers, Wellington (now Telford) and Wrexham. A move to the Manchester League was made for 1904/05 where they played Altrincham, Macclesfield, Hyde, Buxton and Northwich Victoria on a regular basis. As leagues became stronger and stronger Witton decided to join the Lancashire Combination in 1912 and the decision was rewarded the following season when they carried off the 2nd Division championship. Unfortunately, with the outbreak of World War One, Albion only had one season in the top flight, finishing a respectable 10th.

Following the war Witton Albion became one of the founder members of the Cheshire County League. It was not though until after the Second World War that championship honours were achieved. The following ten years saw them arguably become one of the best non-league sides in the country. They won the league three times with the league and cup double attained in 1953/54. They were also League and Cup runners-up during this period as well as a long spell of consecutive appearances in the Proper Rounds of the F.A. Cup.

Witton were denied founder membership of the Northern Premier League due to the entry

qualification relating to the season two prior to the formation and so had to battle on before eventually gaining promotion, when finishing Cheshire County League runners-up in 1978/79. They almost won the NPL at the first attempt but were pipped by Mossley by just one point. The second season after moving to Wincham Park saw them as runaway champions with a sixteen point margin over Stalybridge Celtic.

Season 1991/92 therefore saw them compete with the cream of the non-league world in the Football Conference. Cheltenham Town, Colchester United, Dagenham & Redbridge, Macclesfield Town, Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil Town, future Football League clubs, were amongst their opponents in the three year spell as members. The end of the 1993/94 season saw the club relegated, for the first time in their history. With the club's much publicised financial problems the end of the 1996/97 season brought a further relegation to the NPL First Division. Finding eventual stability the club finished comfortably in the top half in the succeeding seasons. In 1999/2000 Witton were only denied promotion on goal difference when they finished level on points with both Accrington Stanley and Burscough, along the way only suffering four defeats!

A 5th place finish in 2003/04 ultimately, under the re-construction of the non-league pyramid, earned Albion a place back in the NPL Premier Division. 2007 saw the tightest ever finish in the

NPL's 39 year history with Albion missing automatic promotion by just one goal and then losing to AFC Telford in the play-off final in front of a Wincham Park crowd of 2,281. Albion suffered a similar fate the following season, with the title seemingly won, a tremendous run from Fleetwood dashed hopes of automatic promotion before Witton this time lost at the play-off semi-final stage. After finishing runners-up for two consecutive seasons in the Premier Division, the failure to secure promotion saw a mass exodus of management and players.

Nigel Deeley, previously the popular assistant, was the unanimous choice as the new Manager with the task of rebuilding the playing squad. After 7 points from an opening 9 the Manager's fortunes changed and after a run of nine consecutive defeats the Board decided to appoint former manager Gary Finley in his place. Finley and assistant Lee Coathup (a member of the Wembley FA Trophy squad in 1992) looked to have steered Albion away from relegation, however only 3 points from the final 8 games saw Witton slump to 3rd from bottom that relegated them to the NPL Division 1 South.

The 2009/10 season saw Witton travel more than 3,000 miles in a mixed league campaign. Ever present in the top half of the table Witton touched the summit and appeared to be putting together a side capable of returning, at the first time of asking, to the Premier Division. Lack of consistency, injuries and a high turnover of players ultimately lead to the club missing out on the play-offs by six points and finishing 7th in

the league. Manager Gary Finley departed on the final day of the season.

In May 2010 Witton appointed the experienced Paul Ogden as Manager. With more than 40 years management experience his appointment was part of an overall restructure of the club's football activities by Chairman Mark Harris and the Board. Former fan's favourite Dave MacPherson returned to the club as Assistant Player/Manager, moving up later in the season when Paul Ogden relinquished his role, whilst Brian Pritchard stepped up to the position of Assistant Player/Manager following a record breaking previous season when he increased his number of games for the club to well over the 700 mark!

At the end of the 2010/11 season and with Dave MacPherson's departed, Brian Pritchard was appointed Manager with Mike Moseley his Assistant and Nigel Deeley added onto the coaching team. These full members saw their just rewards along with the rest of the "Witton Family" when their charges won both their Play Off semi and final 3-0 to earn their place back in the NPL Premier Division for season 2012/13.

With virtually the same squad the following season saw the team achieve a marvellous 4th position only to be beaten at FC United of Manchester in the Play-Off semi-final. 2013/14 however saw a very different scenario as the team skirted around the relegation positions for a good while until early March when a good set of results saw them eventually finish in 16th spot.

On the 2014 August Bank Holiday, Manager Brian Pritchard made the shock announcement that he was leaving the club after a total of 19 years with Witton. A massive decision for him but with his work commitments, together with his personal life to consider, then the club very reluctantly accepted his resignation. Anthony Sheehan stepped up from his role of Player Coach to manage the club and initially results went his way but a disastrous run of defeats saw him leave. Tony Sullivan was brought in from Cammell Laird at the beginning of October charged with ensuring Premier Division status was maintained. It took over four months to finally establish a run of good results and by the end of March the team were finally out of the drop zone. April though brought just a single point from six matches the final one being at Stamford when 2-0 up at half-time against fellow relegation candidate an awful second period consigned the team to the First Division.

Tony Sullivan duly stepped away but the club was able to take advantage of NPL First Division South Norton United's sad demise to recruit their manager Scott Dundas along with almost his total backroom staff and a sizable contingent of players. However just two months into the campaign and following a poor set of results Dundas and his staff were relieved of their duties leaving Paul Ogden to step in once more along with stalwart Terry Murphy, who sadly has now passed away, to take temporary charge of team affairs prior to the appointment of former player Carl Macauley who along with his assistant Gary



Martindale were the management team at Conference North Vauxhall Motors until the club's resignation. They thankfully succeeded in steadying the ship and despite the club, once again being forced to change regional divisions set about recruiting their own team, both on and off the field.

Their dedication certainly paid off in 16/17 when, in practically any other scenario picking up nine on 100 points and scoring 100 goals along the way would secure automatic promotion, the team won their Play-off games against AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Spalding United to regain their place back in the NPL's top flight. The first season back exceeded expectations as it was only in the final month that Albion missed out on a play-off position whilst in 18/19, playing catch-up, the team finished in the top ten. Last season saw them just below halfway before the season was curtailed

FA Competitions

Witton Albion first made it into the Proper Rounds of the F.A. Cup in 1948. Since then they have figured in the First Round draw a further

twelve times. On three occasions further progress to Round Two has been made, 1951, 1953 and 1991. The latter being as a result of Witton defeating Football League opposition for the one and only time – Halifax Town in a replay at the Shay. When Albion met Bolton Wanderers in 1990 it was to be the main BBC TV's Match of the Day. Barry Davies was in attendance and despite atrocious weather and pitch conditions the crowd of 3,784 plus the millions who tuned in saw Witton not be overawed. The soon to be promoted Wanderers, their then manager Phil Neal together with the 800 visiting fans departed much relieved with their 2-1 victory. In the 2011/12 season's FA Cup Albion won through four rounds, accounting for higher ranked Marine and Altrincham along the way before giving Conference outfit Barrow the fright of their lives in a pulsating encounter in front of a 860 home crowd. The past six seasons though has seen the team only register five wins in total although two seasons back they defeated higher level team Buxton 3-0 and ran Conference North

Stalybridge Celtic to a replay.

In the F.A. Trophy the three seasons of 1990/91, 91/92, 92/93 truly stand out as Witton became the first team to make three successive semi-final appearances. 1992 culminated in them making it to Wembley Stadium, where they encountered a powerful Colchester United who had already secured promotion back into the Football League. The crowd that day, in excess of 32,000, were joined by a massive T.V. audience when Sky TV relayed the whole of the Final, for the very first time. Witton had defeated Colchester the previous season at Layer Road and so revenge was very much the order of the day. Mike Lutkevitch gave the 5,000 strong following hope with his looping header, after Albion had trailed 0-2, but a late goal won the game for the Essex side.

The 16/17 season saw the team's best performance in a decade that included notching up very impressive wins over higher ranked Kettering Town and Boston United before losing out in very controversial circumstances to

National League Chester FC after a replayed First Round tie. Last season's FA Cup run saw Witton defeat both National League North clubs Spennymoor and FC United of Manchester before succumbing to National League high fliers Solihull Borough.

The Cheshire County F.A. Senior Cup has been won by Witton eleven times since 1902 and they have been beaten finalists on ten occasions. The 90's decade saw them carry off the trophy in 1995 & 1996 together with three further appearances in the Final. 2004 saw us again contest the Final with World media coverage and exposure following a certain "sending-off" incident. The 2006 Final saw Albion, with several Reserve team players drafted in defeat odds on favourites Stalybridge Celtic 2-0. Since then though we have only been able to make it as far as the semi-final stage three times.

Former Players

A number of former Witton Albion players have also appeared in the Football League; Geoff Horsfield (Scunthorpe, Leeds, Leicester, Sheffield Utd, West Bromwich Albion, Wigan, Fulham & Birmingham City), Andy Oakes (Darlington, Swansea, Walsall, Bolton, Derby, Port Vale and Hull), John Doolan (Rochdale, Blackpool, Doncaster, Barnet and Mansfield) and Shaun Whalley (Accrington Stanley, Wrexham, Luton, Shrewsbury). One of non-league's top goalscorers and one time the holder of the most expensive non-league transfer fee, Carl Alford (Macclesfield Town, Kettering Town, Rushden & Diamonds, Stevenage Borough, Doncaster Rovers, Yeovil

Town, Nuneaton Borough) also gave his career a massive boost when he moved on from Wincham Park, having played for us in that Wembley F.A. Trophy Final. In 2005/06 Crewe's Nicky Maynard, now at Mansfield Town, had a seven week spell on loan to us, upon his return he quickly earned a 1st team place and began scoring freely for the Alex before a £2m plus fee took him to Bristol City before signing for Premiership bound West Ham United whilst five seasons back he overcame a long term injury before helping to take Cardiff City into the Premiership before joining MK Dons in 2015. Shaun Miller, now at Wigan Athletic via Crewe, Sheffield United, Coventry City, Morecambe & Carlisle United, also returned to Crewe following a loan spell early in 2007 and completed the end of that season as a 1st team player and goalscorer. Our 2011/12 season's "Player of the Season" Alex Titchiner was snapped up by then the new Football League outfit Fleetwood Town during the 2012 summer and spent quite some time on loan at FC Halifax Town helping them secure promotion.

Some previous players since the mid 1960's include Chris Nicholl (Aston Villa, Southampton, Northern Ireland), Peter Mellor (Burnley and Fulham - their goalkeeper in the FA Cup Final), Neil Parsley (Huddersfield and West Brom), Peter Henderson (Chester and Gillingham), Mark McCarrick (Birmingham and Tranmere), Phil Power (Crewe and Macclesfield), Dave Carrick (Preston, Port Vale, Wrexham), Mark Leonard (Everton, Stockport, Wigan, Rochdale, Crewe), Grenville Millington (Chester and

Wales) and local talented player Mike Whitlow (Leeds, Leicester, Bolton Wanderers and Sheffield United).

Another locally born and bred midfield player, Colin Rose won caps in 1996 when called into the England semi-pro International squad whilst Andy Lee, John Davison and David Constantine retained their places in the England team, after moving to Witton from their previous clubs. In 2007/08 Liam Brownhill was chosen as the only non-league player below the Conference to feature in the England "C" team in their two European Championship matches.

In no particular order other familiar names to appear in Albion's colours over the past thirty years or so, include Nigel Gleghorn (Ipswich, Man City, Stoke, Birmingham), Kevin Langley (Everton, Wigan), Ray Wallace (Southampton, Leeds Utd.), Ray Ranson (Man. City, Everton, Newcastle), Goalkeeper John Burridge, Arthur Albiston (Man. Utd.), Nicky Reid (Man. City, West Brom.), Tony Henry (Man. City), Neil McNab (Tottenham, Bolton, Man. City), Billy Garton (Man. Utd.), Scott McGarvey (Man. Utd.), Mark Lillis (Aston Villa, Man. City), Brendan Batson (Arsenal, Cambridge, West Brom.), Frank Carrodus (Man. City, Aston Villa), Drew Brand (Everton) and Micky Mellon (Tranmere, Blackpool, Burnley, Bristol City). Ken Barnes (Man. City), ex Busby Babe Denis Violett and England and Lancashire fast bowler Ken Higgs plus the star local comedian John Bishop are amongst others that appeared over the years.



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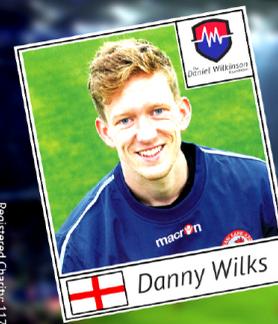
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