

**NANTWICH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**Members of the UniBond Football League**  
**PREMIER DIVISION**

**MATCH REPORT**

Date: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**NORTH FERRIBY UNITED 5**

Colin Hunter.8. 58  
Gary Bradshaw. 35. 61  
David Cooke. 90+3

**v**

**NANTWICH TOWN 3**

Glyn Blackhurst. 15.  
Justin Whittle o/g 48.  
Nathan Southern.75.

**NANTWICH TOWN:** Jones. Sedgemore. Flynn. Tinson. Whittaker. Carter. Blackhurst. McPherson. Jack (Mahmoud 82). Rhead (Southern 67). Lennon. Substitutes: Gibson. Southern. Mahmoud. Aiden Carter. Chapman (g/k)

Attendance: 206.

Nantwich fielded an unchanged starting eleven from the one that won 3-1 away at Matlock over the bank holiday. Meanwhile, central defender Richie Sutton completed the last of a three match ban making him available for selection for Tuesday's visit of Bradford Park Avenue whilst left back Chris Shaw failed a fitness test following severe bruising due to a toe injury sustained early in the home game against Ossett Town.

'The Dabbers' began in determined fashion before conceding in the 8th minute when Colin Hunter latched on to a loose ball and hammer a 25 yard drive past Lee Jones to put the hosts ahead. North Ferriby continued to pressurize Nantwich, winning 6 consecutive corners. However, 'The Dabbers' withstood the siege and swept upfield in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute to equalize through a Glyn Blackhurst goal following a goalmouth scramble after 'The Dabbers' had initially won their first corner of the half. In other early action, Matt Rhead was unlucky to see his close range header hit the crossbar as Nantwich stepped up the pressure. Rhead was again prominent in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute when he volleyed over from a corner however, a minute later, a defence splitting pass from Simon Bird found David Cooke in space whose close range shot was parried by Jones leaving unmarked winger Gary Bradshaw time and space to put the home side back in front.

Nantwich, playing with a very strong wind in their faces in the first half, continued to battle against the elements with 'keeper Jones unable to reach the halfway line with his goal kicks. Meanwhile, Chris Flynn was unlucky to see his 25 yard free kick rebound off the crossbar whilst in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute a long throw in from Blackhurst reached Ashley Carter on the edge of the 6 yard box who reacted with an overhead kick that unfortunately fell straight to Ferriby 'keeper Steve Wilson.

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Within two minutes of the second period getting underway Nantwich were back on level terms. A 25 yard Jake Sedgemore free kick was directed straight toward the 6 yard box where the ball skimmed off the head of defender Justin Whittle and past Wilson into

the roof of the net. Hunter then took advantage of poor marking in the 58th minute to deliver a 25 yard volley past a helpless Jones before Bradshaw latched on to the end of a 61<sup>st</sup> minute Ben Morley cross to head home from close range. However, despite the deficit, last season's top scoring youth team striker Nathan Southern creditably reduced the deficit when the substitute chipped the stranded North Ferriby goal keeper from a 75<sup>th</sup> minute Carter pass to notch his first goal at UniBond Premier Division level. Nantwich continued to press and a firm strike from Blackhurst forced Wilson into a good save whilst in an 85<sup>th</sup> minute goalmouth scramble Michael Lennon was unlucky to witness his close range shot scrambled off the line. However, the home defence quickly cleared their lines and not for the first time in the match swept down field into the Nantwich half. Jones had been the busier of the two 'keepers throughout the afternoon and could do little or nothing three minutes into added time when a defensive error let in David Cooke who beat Jones from close range to complete a difficult afternoon for 'The Dabbers' in which they have conceded five goals on two occasions in the last fortnight.

Nantwich have dropped two places down to 6<sup>th</sup> ahead of Tuesday's visit of Bradford Park Avenue in 15<sup>th</sup>.

