

Kiss laid a cross toward the edge of the 6 yard box from which 'Taz' reacted by crashing the ball into the roof of the net from a well taken angled strike. Meanwhile, 'Lairds' striker Alex Hay wriggled past Ryan Dicker in the 15th minute before placing a shot from the left side our box that drifted over the opposite corner the bar. A couple of minutes later, 'Georgy' Kiss conceded the first of two corners, followed by Eddie Jebb's 25 yard effort that fortunately didn't proceed toward our goal after it was blocked by Richard Smith.

However, despite that minor purple patch, 'Lairds' were knocked back on their heels when we increased our goal margin in the 33rd minute through 'Ash' Carter. In the build up to the goal, 'The Dabbers' contrived to pull 'Lairds' out of position on their left side from where Andy Kinsey fed the ball behind a stretched defence leaving 'Ash' to latch on to it on the opposite flank before driving the ball into the net from close range.

At this stage in the tie, 'Lairds' were hardly getting a look in and in the main were resorting to snap shots from outside the box. However, a series of corners won by the Merseysiders did provide them with a number of opportunities but, a mixture of poor passing and a resolute Nantwich defence, denied our visitors little opportunity. As the tie moved towards half time a little tension crept into the game and the temperature rose when 'Lairds' recent signing Carl Furlong caught Danny Griggs in the mouth with an arm. However, after taking Furlong to one side, after 'Griggysy' had received treatment, referee Mr Yates elected to take no action.

A 38th minute six man 'Dabbers' move concluded when Whitfield just managed to smother a close range effort from 'Georgy' Kiss whilst a disappointed cry went up from the stands when 'Ash' Carter fluffed a great opportunity to beat Whitfield after 'Griggysy' had played him in from the edge of the 6 yard box.

'The Dabbers' resumed the second half where they had left off, in attack and Adam Beasley combined with 'Ash' Carter in the 46th minute to set up the youngster whose effort ended when the angled shot flashed across the face of goal. 'Georgy' defended well in the 48th minute to block a snap shot from Furlong whilst at the other end, Adam Beasley was desperately unlucky not to beat Whitfield with a first time volley from an initial Paul Donnelly cross. However, our goal margin widened courtesy of Paul Taylor, who completed a well earned brace with a 55th minute goal. From an attack down our visitors left, a rampant 'Dabbers' carved through the 'Lairds' defence leaving 'Taz' to react when he drove the loose ball over the line at the

opposite post from two yards out. 'Lairds' heads bowed, their goal keeper was furious, and in the 58th minute brought on all three substitutes in a late effort to salvage a draw, and send the game into extra time. 'Lairds' did achieve a glimmer of hope after our defenders momentarily went awol leaving Furlong to slot home from close range in the 59th minute. But, that was virtually the last to be seen of Cammell Laird. Perhaps stung by that defensive lapse, 'The Dabbers' went goal raiding again and, through an absolutely brilliant free kick from just outside the box, Andy Kinsey bent the initial dead ball around the wall and past the diving Whitfield into the top right hand corner of the net, to leave the visitors with a mountain to climb.

What followed in the 77th minute, effectively killed the tie. On this occasion, Danny Griggs played a short corner into the path of Andy Kinsey. 'Kins', despite a challenge, ran the ball along the bye line before passing to 'Griggsy' who crashed the ball home through a sea of bodies. Meanwhile, making a rare appearance in a 'Dabbers' shirt, Tristan Hamilton-Hendricks replaced 'Ash' Carter, Liam Prince took over in midfield from Phil Parkinson, whilst Danny Edge replaced Ryan Dicker late in the game.

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Steve Davis, commenting on a fine performance against one of the top sides in the UniBond League, said:- “ Magnificent. That was a top draw team performance. Every player displayed commitment throughout and we thoroughly deserved the win. The amount of chances we created was stunning and, had it not been for some indifferent finishing at times, we genuinely could have added at least three more goals. Victory provides us with a plum tie against FC United in the quarter final and with their traveling support, should push the gate toward the 2,000 mark”.

Rodney Densem (Nantwich) Wines 'Man of the Match': Phil Parkinson.