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Crewe FC
vs Eccleshall FC

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The North West Counties Football League
FIRST DIVISION SOUTH



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MATCH REVIEW

CREWE FC 3
WIDNES TOWN FC 1

Crewe FC returned to winning ways with an impressive 3-1 victory over Widnes Town in an entertaining contest. The hosts made the perfect start and took the lead after just four minutes when Callum Chapman produced a brilliant solo run down the touchline before finding Amir Hajri inside the box to fire home.

The advantage was doubled on 15 minutes after Crewe were awarded a penalty after Joe Adelowo was fouled in the box. Walker Stone stepped up confidently and sent the goalkeeper the wrong way, finding the bottom corner to put Crewe firmly in control. Widnes responded before the break, capitalising on a loose ball in the six-yard box to pull a goal back and make it 2-1 at half-time.

Crewe weathered some brief early pressure after the interval and restored their two-goal cushion on 57 minutes. Sam Taylor unleashed a stunning strike from outside the penalty area, with the effort flying into the top corner to cap off a superb team performance.

Crewe remained in control during the closing stages and saw the game out comfortably.

The victory secured a deserved three points and provided another positive step forward for Adam Vickers and Joe Pointon's side as they continue their campaign.

HOW IT HAPPENED...

0' KICK OFF

04' GOAL

Amir Hajri scores on his Crewe FC debut!

A great set-back from Callum Chapman after beating is man on the right wing, finds Hajri inside the box who finishes across the 'keeper to open the scoring.

15' GOAL

Joe Adelowo is foulded in the box and the referee points to the spot. Walker Stone slots home, sending the 'keeper the wrong way & to make it 2-0.

19' GOAL AGAINST

Widnes No.7 scores from close range, making it 2-1.

45' HALF TIME

Crewe lead 2–1 at the break. a dominant half, with Crewe being good value for the lead. The only disappointment being that the margin isn't bigger!

57' GOAL

WHAT A GOAL!

Sam Taylor collects a pass off Walker Stone and immediately shifts it out of his feet before firing a rocket from outside the box into the top corner. The 'keeper stood no chance with that one.

90'+1 FULL TIME

An important win for Crewe FC!

Adam Vickers and Joe Pointon's side take a well deserved 3 points after producing a brilliant performance under the lights at The Excel.



THE MANAGER'S NOTEBOOK

Tuesday night was one of those occasions where everything came together exactly as we had planned. We asked the lads to press high from the outset, as we anticipated Widnes would look to play out from the back, and the players executed the game plan superbly.

The opening 20 minutes were excellent and set the tone for the evening.

Credit must go to Widnes, who responded well and made the remainder of the first half very competitive.

However, we felt our second-half performance was outstanding.

The players maintained their intensity, controlled key moments of the game, and thoroughly deserved the win.

On another night, the margin of victory could easily have been greater.

We were particularly pleased to see Amir make such an immediate impact.

Scoring within five minutes of his debut and producing such an energetic and exciting performance showed exactly why we have been keen to bring him to the club since the season began.

Walker also deserves special recognition. We felt it was his strongest performance since joining the club, and it was encouraging to see his hard work rewarded with such a brilliant display.

Overall, there were a great number of positives to take from the match. The only disappointment was the injury sustained by Kyle Vickers, who is a doubt for today's fixture due to a hamstring problem.

The challenge for the group now is to carry that level of performance into today's game against an excellent Eccleshall side.

They are a team that consistently competes towards the top end of the table and we know we will need to match the standards we set on Tuesday night if we are to achieve another positive result.

> *We were delighted with the attitude, commitment and quality shown by the squad, and we look forward to building on that performance in the weeks ahead.*





PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

ELLIOT BOOTH #6

POSITION
CM

AGE
29

JOINED
APRIL 2026

APPEARANCES (26/27 SEASON)
8

ABOUT ELLIOT...

Having joined the club six months ago, midfielder Elliot Booth has quickly become a key figure in the heart of the team. An electrician by trade, Booth has made eight appearances this season, all as a starter, and has already collected two Man of the Match awards, underlining his importance to the side.

Introduced to football by his dad at a young age, Booth's passion for the game has remained strong throughout his career. A composed and determined midfielder who describes himself as a leader, a winner and a calming presence, Booth prides himself on his passing ability and commitment to giving 100% every week.

He has set himself the target of adding more goals to his game while helping the team achieve the highest possible league finish this season.

Off the pitch, Booth enjoys reading & supporting Everton. He's also fluent in German and a self-confessed coffee lover!

2026/27 STATS

10	9	2
APPEARANCES	STARTS	MOM

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

Who had the biggest influence on your football career?
Nige Deely

Who would you least like to mark in training?
Josh Maris, Kyle Vickers or Amir Hajri - far too quick

Who is the funniest player in the dressing room?
Ben Brown

Who's the biggest moaner?
Zach Billinge

Who's the quickest?
Amir Hajri

Who's the hardest?
Harry Johnston

Who's first to training?
Josh Maris

Who's always late?
Zach Gatward

Who's got the worst dress sense?
Sam Newman

Black or coloured boots?
Black

One thing I couldn't live without?
Music

Favourite TV series?
Snowfall

Favourite film?
Shawshank Redemption

Favourite holiday destination?
Greece

Best advice you have ever received?
Fail to prepare, prepare to fail

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Jacob Kirwen

DEFENDERS

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Ryan Hough

Callum Chapman

Juliano Silva

Louis Johnson

Ben Brown

Connor Norbury

Kev Mbuti

Reagan Parker

Harry McGowan

Blyth Bywater

Joseph Adelowo

Callum Burgess

MIDFIELDERS

Walker Stone

Elliot Booth

Sam Summerbee

Ollie Jones

Sam Taylor

Zach Gatward

Harry Short

Callum Tiernan

Jaymie Roberts

ATTACKERS

Josh Maris

Sean Cooke

Zach Billinge

Kyle Vickers

James Smith

Sam Newman

Alex Nwachukwa

Amir Hajri

STAFF

Adam Vickers (Manager)

Joe Pointon (Manager)

Gaz Harwood (Coach / First Aider)

Nathan Harwood (Coach)

Andy Aspinall (Coach / First Aider)

Maggie Vickers (Matchday & Club Secretary)

Norman Braithwaite (Matchday Operations Manager)

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

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Housed in a historic Victorian coaching inn, it combines the charm of a country pub with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The venue is well known for its quality home-cooked food, selection of cask ales, wines and spirits, and friendly service.

It features a spacious restaurant, a large beer garden overlooking open countryside, and a children's play area, making it a favourite destination for families, friends, and local residents alike.

Regular themed food nights, Sunday roasts, and community events have helped establish The White Lion as one of Crewe's most loved dining and social venues.

The White Lion is proud to support local sport and community development as an official sponsor of Crewe FC First Team player Kyle Vickers.

Through their sponsorship, The White Lion demonstrates its commitment to backing local talent, helping players thrive both on and off the pitch.

As a valued community pub, The White Lion is delighted to be sponsoring Kyle and we wish him continued success with Crewe FC throughout the season.

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OPPONENT PROFILE

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FOUNDED
1971

HOME GROUND
Stoke Signage Stadium

MANAGER
Danny Glover

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RECENT FORM

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CURRENT LEAGUE POSITION

#	TEAM	P	PTS
5	Wolverhampton Casuals FC	10	22
6	Barnton FC	11	21
7	**Eccleshall FC**	**10**	**19**
8	New Mills FC	12	18
9	Allscott Heath FC	12	17

OUR CLUB

Founded in 1998, Crewe FC has grown from a single grassroots team into one of Cheshire's largest community football clubs. Now home to more than 650 players across 47 teams, our historic promotion to the North West Counties Football League marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter as we continue to provide opportunities for players of all ages and abilities

Based at The Excel, our purpose-built community football hub, we're committed to developing people as much as players. From our FA 3-Star Accredited status and thriving youth section to walking football, disability football and community programmes, we're proud to be a club that brings people together through the game. Whether you're playing, volunteering or supporting from the sidelines, everyone has a place at Crewe FC.



FOUNDED
1998

HOME GROUND
The Excel

CAPACITY
1,100 (Approx)

MANAGER
Adam Vickers & Joe Pointon

TOTAL TEAMS (ALL AGES)
47



FIXTURES, FORM & THE TABLE

TABLE SNAPSHOT

#	TEAM	P	PTS
14	Brereton Social FC	11	12
15	Dawley Town FC	11	12
16	**Crewe FC**	**11**	**12**
17	Cheadle Heath Nomads FC	13	11
18	Telford Town FC	11	7

RECENT FORM

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

HOME

vs **Alsager Town FC**
20.10.26 | KO 8:00pm

AWAY

vs **Wolverhampton Casuals**
24.10.26 | KO 3:00pm

AWAY

vs **Market Drayton Town FC**
31.10.26 | KO 3:00pm

HOME

vs **Dawley Town**
07.11.26 | KO 3:00pm

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