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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH NORTHWOOD FC CHAIRMAN, **IAN BARRY**



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE FENTON CIVIL ENGINEERING STADIUM FOR TODAY'S PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FIXTURE.

We extend our welcome to our guests from Chipstead FC and trust they enjoy their time here at the club and in the stadium.

A run of three consecutive defeats has seen us slip down the table a couple of places; defeat here against Barnet, whilst expected, was a great night with lots of support and an atmosphere to match.

In truth, the difference in level was a touch too much for us on the night and the defeat at Bracknell again saw us as second best for the majority of the match.

However, we were far from our best and individual errors cost us the game in the end.

I missed the trip to South Park but hear we were disappointing on a poor pitch as it always is there. Today, we need to regroup and get back to what we were doing and have a final push to achieve as high as we can, as it would be shame for the season to end on a low.

As a Chelsea fan, clearly the club's situation has changed, with the Government deciding that Russian money is no longer legal after nineteen years of it, so the club will be sold and no doubt to even wealthier owners! I could write a lot

about this, as we have seen various club owners come and go in this country, some who haven't had funds to start with.

The last couple of weeks has started to see us to get back to slight normality off the pitch with our friends from Bosch and The AA restarting their hire of the clubhouse after a long period away.

With the imminent increase in energy bills and the cost of literally everything else on the increase, it's good timing for us and it's also been great to see our crowds maintain their good numbers; long may this continue.

The new banner behind the goal with my name on genuinely brought a tear to my eye; I was proud to see that.

We hope to give you a lot to cheer about today; thanks for all your support as ever.

Only two more home games to come in April plus a possible Cup semi-final if the draw should happen to go our way when it comes so, please make the most of the fact that it looks like we are going to be able to complete a full campaign for the first time in three years.

Up the Woods!

Ian

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DIRECT FROM THE

THE MANAGEMENT

WITH DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL, STEVE RINGROSE

Good afternoon and welcome to you all and thank you again for your support.

Today we welcome Chipstead FC. Interestingly, it was this away fixture in late November which signalled our first game in charge at the club and resulted in a slender 1-0 win thanks to a goal from Sydney Ibie.

It has certainly been a bit of a rollercoaster since with a string of excellent away wins but erratic home results with some disappointing scores but some excellent successes too.

How things have developed and changed in those three months with us moving from just four points after thirteen games and in the basement of the table at that time, to us now enjoying a mid-table position after gaining thirty points from the subsequent seventeen games since.

However, that amazing away record of wins came abruptly to a halt two weeks ago when we visited an exceptionally good Bracknell outfit, clearly planning for a strong promotion campaign come the end of April and then continuing their re-strengthening in the summer to build on an already exceptionally good squad to challenge for the top realms of a Premier Division table again next season.

Then in midweek we saw an excellent home crowd get behind us in our Middlesex Cup Semi Final and despite a cagey first-half Barnet changed their shape in the second half to help get them over the line and they scored a couple of goals to which we just could not reply.

On Saturday, after a tough week, we turned in a performance way below our recent standards in

the first-half at South Park on a poor pitch which I believe played a massive part in our underperforming.

Whilst we made it clear that is no excuse to drop standards, the tough schedule of matches in that week clearly took its toll.

After time to recharge the batteries, we can hope for a much-improved performance today

Injuries have taken their toll over the last few weeks but happily they are all slowly recovering and should be available for the run of games to finish.

We certainly cannot relax for our remaining six league games, as I have stated before we still have much work to do this season, my target of 45-48 points is still very achievable and would allow us to push on and plan for a good path towards the summer and for next season.

Just a few updates regarding the players.

Dan Hosier arrived on a season loan from Chesham United and the ambition of this young man is very clear.

At the end of the season, he has been offered a scholarship in Oklahoma, USA and shortly he will be travelling there for a few days to view the campus there.

Teddy Stacey has offered Dan lots of information on what to expect after his own three previous years in the USA and we all wish him well on this next venture.

Once again thanks for your continued support, enjoy the game, see you in the bar afterwards.

Up the Woods!

Steve





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

Welcome to the Chips

A warm welcome back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for today's Pitching In Isthmian League game against Chipstead FC and we hope they enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

The Chips made a reasonable start to the campaign with solid wins over Chalfont St Peter and South Park either side of defeats at Bedford Sports and Tooting & Mitcham United and that up and down form continued throughout the first few months of the season. They also enjoyed a good run in the FA Trophy with an impressive 4-1 win at Hashtag United and a 2-1 win over Whitehawk before losing narrowly 2-1 to Isthmian Premier side Bishop's Stortford. Chipstead remained unbeaten at home until the Woods visited towards the end of November when, under new management, we ended a run of nine successive defeats with a narrow 1-0 victory thanks to an early ninth-minute Sydney Ibje goal and despite losing Tommy Boxer to a red card. It started a poor run for our visitors but since the turn of the year they have slowly returned to form and their three defeats in 2022 have all been against sides challenging for a play-off place. Their last two games have produced comfortable 3-0 wins over struggling sides at Ashford Town (Middlesex) and against Westfield with all the goals coming in first-half flurries.

That win at Chipstead back in November was the first meeting between the two clubs for a while as both games weren't played in last season's curtailed affair and in 2019/20, we only met here at Northwood in November – a game that Chipstead won comfortably by a 3-0 margin with Sam Bell, Tom Collins and Kyen Nicholas on the scoresheet. The previous season we had completed the double over Chipstead, winning 3-2 on our travels and 2-0 here at home.

League and Cup News

Four games played since we last produced some programme news and unfortunately our winning form appears to have deserted us. At home to Bedford Sports, we played

out our first 0-0 draw in the league here at Northwood Park since April 2015 when we were held by Aylesbury FC. It was the first, home or away in a league game since October 2017 when we drew 0-0 at Bedford Town. Both of these matches were Southern League fixtures. The Woods had to play the final twenty minutes with ten men after Keagan Cole was red-carded and it felt like a victory by the end against a side pushing for the play-offs.

We then travelled to runaway Champions-elect Bracknell Town and pressed the self-destruct button by conceding two penalties in the first-half. Dan Hosier even managed to save one of them but the rebound fell kindly and it was 2-0 at half-time. They added a third early in the second-half and it was game over and a second game without a goal for the Woods and the nine-match winning run on our travels had finally come to an end.

At the third time of asking, we then took on National League side Barnet in the semi-final of the Middlesex Senior Cup following two previous postponements. The Bees put out pretty much their full first-team and although the Woods kept things tight for the first-half, they notched two scrappy goals early in the second-half and it proved enough for our opponents to reach the final for the first time in 89 years. It was another game without a goal though for the Woods, something we needed to put right last Saturday when we travelled to South Park. We dominated the first twenty minutes but missed two or three excellent chances to take the lead before the home side settled. The Sparks then bagged three goals before half-time as the defence lost its shape but when Teddy Stacey headed in seconds before the break it gave the side something to build on. Sadly, that never materialised and The Woods have now lost all three games played in March so far so improvement is certainly needed as we enter the closing stages of the season.

While we only have six Isthmian League matches to play this season, we do still have another Cup Semi-Final to look forward to but we still await the draw for the Middlesex

Charity Cup competition. None of the other quarter-finals have been played as yet and there is still a second-round fixture to be completed. After today, we travel to Ashford Town (Middlesex) next Saturday for our final game of the month and that will leave us with just four more league matches to play on the four Saturdays in April. We do not have a fixture on Easter Monday as we had been scheduled to play Whyteleafe who withdrew from the league.

Player News

Joakim Ehui remains sidelined with injuries at present so remains three appearances short of 200 games for the Woods. Ryan Young returned from injury against Bracknell Town and Andy Lomas recovered from illness to play in the same game. However, Sam Jenkins has remained side-lined throughout those four matches with a hamstring issue. Keagan Cole missed the game at Bracknell through suspension.

We have lost the services of Micah Jackson who had done really well for the Woods since his arrival in November, scoring 7 goals in 13 games and still holding a joint top scorer record for this season. Having been left out of the starting line-up for a couple of matches, he decided to leave and then took up an offer to help Chalfont St Peter in their battle against relegation. He scored on his debut for the Saints but was then sent-off in their game last Saturday. At the same time, Yiannis Constantinou also chose to end his third spell at the club. We wish both players every success elsewhere.

Milestones

We haven't had many of these in recent years but, if selected today, defender Andy Lomas will make his 100th League appearance for the Woods. Sam Jenkins completed his 50th game in all competitions for the Woods when he played (and limped off) at CB Hounslow.

Ex-Woods Annual Reunion

For our next home game against play-off hopefuls Chertsey Town, we have chosen to invite any former Northwood players down for a catch-up over a couple of drinks, a bit of food and of course the game in the Stadium. It's always unclear how many players will actually pop down but we're hoping there will be quite a few. If you know any ex-Woods that would like to come along, please invite them and let me know if they are coming as we haven't got contact numbers etc. for everyone! Chertsey always bring plenty of fans so it would be good to

match them with some extra numbers in the crowd for this one.

County Cup Finals

The Club is honoured to be staging two Middlesex Cup Finals in April. Firstly, on Sunday 3rd April 2022 we host the Sunday Junior Cup Final between Ivy Leaf Reserves and Enfield United while the following week it's the Sunday Intermediate Cup Final which sees Ashford Town (Middx) Sunday play Highgate Albion Reserves. Both games kick-off at 11am should you be interested in popping along.

Youth News

The Under-18s have just a couple of games left to play this season and the first of those will be this Thursday night, 24th March when they take on Marlow. It's a 7.45pm kick-off and I'm sure they would appreciate some support.

We have two Middlesex County Cup Finals to watch in May after success for our Under-15s Elite and Under-13s Black sides last Sunday. The older group defeated Ruislip Rangers to reach their final where they meet Isleworthians Youth on Sunday 22nd May 2022 at the County's Headquarters Rectory Park at 10.30am. Meanwhile the younger group beat FC Starz 3-1 and will now play Total Futbol, also at Rectory Park two weeks earlier on Sunday 8th May 2022 at 12 Noon. Well done to both sides and the very best of luck in the Finals.

Spartans Youth (Adult Section)

The Spartans defeated League leaders Guildford United 2-1 here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium last Saturday to help with their own promotion bid. They are away to the same opponents this afternoon for another big game. They are then back here next Saturday for the visit of AFC Royal Holloway and their last five matches of the season are all scheduled to be at home, starting on Easter Saturday, April 16th and going through to the 7th May.

Fixtures at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium

Thursday 24th March – Northwood U-18s v Marlow U-18s – Isthmian Youth League – 7.45pm

Saturday 26th March – Spartans Youth (Adults) v. Royal Holloway – Surrey Premier League – 3pm

Saturday 2nd April – Northwood v Chertsey Town – Isthmian League – 3pm

Enjoy the game this afternoon and see you all again soon
Alan.

MATCH REPORT

BY ALAN EVANS



SOUTH PARK 3 NORTHWOOD 1

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2022/KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHWOOD: Hosier, Surmon (Young 68), Lomas, Tingey, Boxer, Gurteen (Cole 46), Williams, Stacey, Helmore, Ibie (More 59), Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Batten, Belousas

YELLOW CARDS: More

ATTENDANCE: 94



The Woods crashed to their third defeat in eight days as in-form South Park bagged all three points with a three-goal salvo inside fourteen first-half minutes.

The home side were just above the Woods in the table going in to this fixture and were unbeaten in their last four home matches at Whitehall Lane, keeping a clean sheet in their last three. They had also only lost three at home all season so it was always likely to be a tough task for the Woods who were again without the injured Sam Jenkins. The only changes from the side beaten by Barnet in midweek saw Matt Surmon start instead of Ryan Young and Tommy Boxer replace Keagan Cole.

On a bumpy pitch, Northwood started brightly and had a great chance after just five minutes as Kyal Williams outpaced a defender and Josh Helmore dummed his pass, allowing Teddy Stacey to feed an unmarked Sydney Ibie but his shot was well saved by goalkeeper Mo Otuyo.

Just two minutes later the Woods went close once more as

Williams caused problems again down the right before crossing to Helmore. He found space to turn and hit a powerful shot but Otuyo was equal to it, keeping it out with strong palms.

And after 10 minutes, it looked certain to be the opening goal that that start deserved as Williams robbed a defender out wide and raced into the box. He cut the ball back into the path of Helmore and the net looked likely to bulge before South Park skipper Matthew Faithorn somehow threw himself in front of the ball to block. From the resulting corner, it reached Luke Tingey at the far post and although stretching a bit, he would have hoped to do better than putting his header the wrong side of the post.

The home side began to settle more and started to assert themselves but a long-range effort from Dom Pires flew wide and there was little to threaten Dan Hosier in goal at that stage. A free-kick around twenty yards from goal gave Williams a chance to go direct but his effort was over the bar but the game changed on 32 minutes.

South Park won a free-kick on the half-way line and pumped it forward, it wasn't cleared and it was Faithorn who pounced from close-range to convert the opening goal.

Just four minutes later the marauding Pires got forward again and hit a fine strike that squirmed from the grasp of the Woods 'keeper but it was just enough to push it onto a post and the ball was cleared. But the Woods had lost their shape and rhythm at this stage and after 42 minutes, Melford Simpson ran in from the left, played in Kai Tanner and when his shot was blocked, Nathan Hogan was able to tap into an open goal.

It got worse just two minutes later with more defensive woe as Boxer lost possession and Simpson pounced with a deft lob of Hosier from 25 yards that nestled in the net.

The game looked out of reach at this stage but the Woods rallied in the final minutes, Ibie got in again down the left but his shot lacked the power to beat Otuyo but then, from an Andy Lomas, Stacey met it perfectly to flick a header across goal and into the top corner.

Arrears slightly reduced at half-time, the Woods changed personnel – Cole coming on for James Gurteen – and formation, reverting to four at the back with Cole playing behind the front three.

And for the first fifteen minutes the Woods did threaten to make a fist of a comeback with plenty of attacking intent, though without any worthwhile efforts on goal and the reliance on the long-throw from Tingey wore a little thin as the half progressed.

Then, they lost Ibbie to injury, replaced by Alex More and it was suddenly South Park who almost secured things when Courtney Swaby burst through the defence but shot wide with just Hosier to beat.

The home defence, with Faithorn leading the line superbly, kept the Woods at bay for the remainder of the game to make it a day to forget for the Northwood squad.



ON THIS DAY

Looking back at how the press reported what was happening with the Woods on 19th March in years gone by

1977

Middlesex League Cup

Harrow St Marys 1 Northwood 3



1977

Northwood reached the semi-final of the League Cup with this win, but fluency was sadly missing in their play, and the strike force of Martin Ellis, Gary Cooper and Roger Livingstone looked a shadow of their former selves.

Goalkeeper Les Currell had to be in good

form early on, and Alan Merison (pictured) marshalled the defence well. As the match went on, Northwood began to take territorial advantage, and they finally struck in the 40th minute. Merison knocked a good first-time ball into the home side's half, where Ellis came away from his marker and a neat lob went to Barry Gould, who lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper.

Harrow's big striker Brown made it one apiece early in the second half, and it was anybody's game, but Tidd and Heslop began to revel in the heavy conditions. A neat one-two left Heslop free to cross into the box, and there was Cooper to head gleefully home. Northwood were now well on top, and Ellis made it three after nice play by Tidd.

Northwood: Currell, Heslop, Mills, Merison, O'Donnell, Gould, Tidd, Harvey, Livingstone, Ellis, Cooper (Manley)

1983

Middlesex Premier Cup semi-final

Kenboro All Stars 1 Northwood 1

Northwood needed the acrobatics of John Toogood in goal and the excellence of Peter Lammin (pictured) at the back to earn a replay in this semi-final tie in the Middlesex



1983

Premier Cup. Woods had little to offer at bumpy Boston Manor Rec. in this game.

The home side must have wondered how they were going to get past Toogood, as the Woods' keeper saved several goals as his often woeful defenders, Lammin apart, were reduced to constant

back-peddling.

Kenboro were given some hope that Toogood was not completely unbeatable when they scored through a crisp header after 20 minutes.

But thereafter Toogood kept Northwood alive time and again until at last Martin Ellis set up a chance for Viv James, which was accepted. On tiring legs Northwood then managed to survive in extra time and earn a home replay.

Northwood: Toogood, Nelmes, Revel, Lammin, Gould, Floodgate, James, Davies, Hurt, Heslop, Ellis. Sub. Nixon.

1991

London Spartan League Premier Division

Haringey Borough 1 Northwood 3



1991

Haringey had captain Joe Harley sent off with his side already 3-0 down when, just before the break, he fouled Greg Phillips and was booked; his continual verbal outburst earned him an early bath.

New signing Rod Findlay (photo) gave Northwood a dream

start against the side that had won the London Senior Cup the previous Saturday. Findlay surged through a hesitant defence before unleashing a cracking drive that went in off a post.

The same player was then only fractionally wide with a thumping header from a Phillips free kick, but Woods went 2-0 up shortly after that, when Paul Rogan pounced on a defensive error to set up John McCormack to score.

Kenny Lavender saved well from Haringey player/manager Neville Watson, but a great run and cross from Andy Edey gave Findlay his second goal, to make it 3-0. Haringey's 10-men, however, fought for every ball and slack Woods marking enabled Brian Lewis to pull a goal back just before the break despite Lavender's brave effort to save the shot.

Northwood: Lavender, Nolan, Augustine, Curran, Lammin, Findlay, Phillips, Billings, Rogan, McCormack, Edey

1994

Diadora League Division Three

Northwood 2 Cheshunt 2



1994

Steve Payton, who had not put a foot wrong previously, put an intended back-pass for Northwood goalkeeper Eddie Doyle straight to Cheshunt striker Paul Cotterall four minutes from time to give the divisional leaders a 2-2 draw they did not desire.

Northwood played well, particularly in defence, and had most of the chances. Rob Holland opened the scoring in the fourth minute after Martin Randall had headed on a through ball.

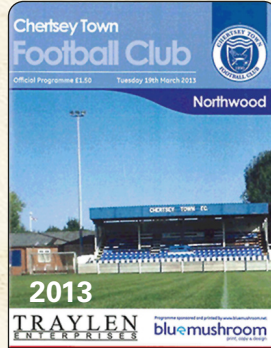
Cheshunt equalised through Ryan Harris after 30 minutes from a rare attack before Woods regained the lead just before half time, when the visiting goalkeeper could not hold a Lennie Bradshaw shot and Randall was quick to follow up and net (shown here).

Northwood: Doyle, Exer, Moore, Delicata, Holland, Payton, Matthews, Brayshaw, Rogan (Coppinger), Holmes, Randall.

2013

EvoStik Southern League Central Division

Chertsey Town 3 Northwood 2



With goalkeeper James Reading unavailable, youth team keeper Garry Malone was called up for his competitive first-team debut for the Woods, who forced a couple of early corners which came to nothing and then Oliver Hawkins did well to win a tackle and drive forward but failed to pick out anyone

with the cut back into the area.

Honours were fairly even in a first half but the goals were not far away. Just twelve seconds after the restart, a cross from the left picked out John Pomroy, whose strike took a slight deflection to give Chertsey the lead. Five minutes later, James Burgess lost possession in midfield, a quick break saw Knight put through, and he went past Malone before rolling in a second goal. The Woods were really up against it but they responded well and on 54 minutes, Hawkins attacked down the right and finished with a low drive past Ross that reduced the arrears. The goal-spree continued with an equaliser after 61 minutes as a cross from the right looped up and Craig White reacted quickest to head home from six yards.

Northwood were suddenly level and with all to play for, yet defensive duties were still being neglected and this played the main part in Chertsey regaining the lead seven minutes later, as a ball came in from the left and found Knight completely unmarked as he stabbed a shot under Malone to make it 3-2, and that was that!

Northwood: Malone, Raper, Grant, Hewitt, Yorke, J Burgess, Bates (Walker), White, Muir, Hawkins, Salih (Onieva).



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

CHIPSTEAD FC

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Chipstead Football Club was formed in 1906, when the Netherne hospital was being built, and the building workers and the lads in Chipstead challenged each other to a match.

The oldest club records dated 1911 show a far from healthy position, survival relying mainly on the proceeds of whist drives.

The club's health began to improve and, in 1920, it even had its own transport for away games, an open topped lorry owned by a local builder. Up until the 1962/63 season, Chipstead played junior football, but, having finished runners-up in the County Junior Cup the previous year, they then moved into the Surrey Intermediate League

The club played at this standard until 1982, when they became founder members of the Surrey Premier League.

The next four years saw the club have great success finishing runners-up three times and also winning the League Cup on three occasions.

During this period they were also beaten finalists in the County Premier Cup. The reserves also met with success being runners-up once and also winning the League Cup.

After a long battle, the club were awarded senior status in 1986 and were promoted to the Combined Counties League, where once again success followed; a League Championship was gained in 1989/90 and a runners-up spot was gained on two occasions, with six League Cup Final appearances, with Chipstead being victorious in four

Season 1987/88 saw the club make its debut in the F.A. Vase and the following year in the F.A. Cup.

Over recent years the club has continued to grow and strengthen its youth policy with some 200 players between the ages of six and eighteen involved every week.

Two former Chipstead youth players - Leon McKenzie and Steven Sidwell moved on to professional clubs, and, more recently, Saidou Khan played for our 1st team, and is now with Maidstone United.

The Combined Counties Championship winning squad contained no fewer than 12 players, who had represented the club at youth level

In 1998 Chipstead was able to purchase the freehold of the ground from the Local Authority.

Thanks to a grant from the F.A. in 2001, the club was able to purchase additional land, which was developed into mini-soccer pitches to further

enhance its youth policy.

More recently in November 2004 a 100-seater stand was installed, which was increased to 150 in March 2007.

In May 2006 a covered standing area for 150 people was also erected 2006-07 was the club's 'Centenary' season, and the hope was that it would be a memorable one.

On the opening day of the season, the team won their first game and went top of the table; come February, and still top, the decision was made to do the necessary work to achieve the ground upgrading.

The next six weeks saw the ground transformed thanks to the incredible hard work of the committee and supporters.

The team remained top and promotion to the Ryman League was achieved for the first time in 100 years

In the 2007-08 season Chipstead established themselves in the Ryman League finishing a creditable 15th.

They also went on to win the Southern Combination Cup beating Ryman Premier side Ashford Town (Middlesex) in the final

In 2008-09 Chipstead struggled in the league, but, in the FA Cup, reached the 4th qualifying round for the first time in their history, eventually losing at Torquay United.

2010-11 saw Chipstead finished 10th being their highest position ever 2012-13 was a poor season for the club with no fewer than 4 managers - Mark Tompkins left the club after just one game; assistant Mick Read stepped in as temporary manager for a month, before the club appointed John Hamsher.

Things seemed fine until January, when results took a dip. John decided to step down in early April, with vice-chairman Mick Ford taking over the reins for the final 3 matches

In 2013-14 Chipstead started the season with a new management team - Kevin Rayner, with Roly Martin as his assistant, and Mark Elgar as technical assistant.

From August until the end of October 7 games out of 21 were won in all competitions, including losing both F.A. Trophy & F.A. Cup matches within eight days. Geoff Corner stepped aside as Chairman, with Mick Ford taking up the position.

Mick's first task was to appoint a new manager in Steve Baker. A mid-table finish of 13th was a great turnaround for the club. Steve left the club in

2014-15, and was replaced by Simon Colbran

Following a poor start to the 2015/16 season, Simon resigned, and was replaced by Lyndon Buckwell.

Unable to turn things around, Lyndon was himself replaced by Craig Tanner, well known to Tooting & Mitcham folk, who, with Adam Moriarty, ultimately managed to save the club from relegation with a few games to spare. Craig and Adam then left the club during the summer

2016-17 saw the return of ex-Chipstead player Antony Williams to manage the first team along with his assistants, two of whom had played for the club in the past.

Having former club players in management gave everyone at the club a lift, and they quickly got to work, and comfortably avoided relegation.

They laid the foundations for the 2017-18 season, and remain at the same level to this day, although the powers that be put the club in the Bostik League South Central Division for 2018/19

This provided many new clubs in opposition, yet Chipstead held their own in the division, although Antony decided to step aside, as the season drew to a close – his two coaches, Rob Kember and Rob Smith stepped forward to take up the mantle & lead the club into the 2019/20 season in the newly-named BetVictor Isthmian League South Central Division – the club was doing well, although their last game on 10th March ended up in a 2-0 defeat to Ashford Town, but there was still a chance of reaching the playoffs; then COVID struck...

In 2020/21 the club only got to play eight league matches, and was 13th in the table, when things ground to a halt again, although Chipstead had won 3 FA Cup ties, with keeper Oliver Pain saving a penalty in each, before the road to Wembley ended at Hayes & Yeading after another penalty shootout. What will 2021/22 hold in store? – hopefully a safe & uninterrupted campaign for us all

MEET THE PLAYERS OF TODAY'S VISITORS

Rob Kember

MANAGER

Appointed following Antony Williams' departure in April 2019, Rob has a wealth of experience to his name having played at Crystal Palace, Woking, Basingstoke, Crawley Town, Lewes, Tonbridge Angels, Eastbourne Borough, Whyteleafe & at Chipstead

Rob Smith

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Previously assistant manager at Merstham & part of the Whyteleafe coaching team, + a player with Crystal Palace, Woking, Met Police & Whyteleafe before that

Allan Tait

Coach

a forward with a wealth of playing experience at Deal Town, Folkestone, Crawley Town, East Grinstead, Eastbourne Borough & Dartford before Chipstead

David Wilkinson

Goalkeeping coach

previously with Crystal Palace, & now our back-up keeper

too, with good showings in the league wins over Chalfont St Peter & South Park

Tony Stone

1ST TEAM KITMAN/RESERVE
GOALKEEPING COACH

needs no introduction to anyone at the High Road, having performed various roles, including playing in goal at Enfield Town in the Velocity Trophy in December 2017

Tiffany Jones

PHYSIO

a very busy & necessary member of the backroom staff

GOALKEEPERS

Matt Kerbey

aged 19 - a member of Sutton United's squad which won promotion to League 2 in May 2021 – has also played at Sheerwater – put in a matchwinning performance at Aylesbury Utd. in the FA Trophy, saving a penalty in open-play, and 2 more in the shootout

Baldwin Kaluya

aged 17 – promising young keeper from the Chipstead under-18s, signed up as cover for the 1st team

DEFENDERS

Jamal Abubakari

aged 18 – promising centre-half, who joined from Dulwich Hamlet, helped to keep a clean sheet and scored on his debut in the home win over Westfield

Tom Annetts

aged 17 – promising right-sided full-back or wing-back, currently a force with the Chipstead under-18 side, and scored from distance in the FA Trophy win at Hashtag Utd.

Chris Boulter

aged 37 – an experienced centre-half, who joined from Dorking Wanderers, and is capable of forging good defensive partnerships, whoever he is paired with, & now captains the side – scored the important opening goal v. Faversham in the FA Cup, & at Tooting and Mitcham in the league, but is currently recovering from a broken leg

Oliver Creed

aged 18 – arrives from Sutton Utd as a budding young centre-half – has also played at Sheerwater – made his debut in the home league game with Marlow

Zohair Irtiza-Ali

aged 17 – promising young centre-half, captain of Chipstead's current under-18 side & made his senior debut in the 3-0 win at Ashford Town (Middlesex)

Jonathan Gjoshe

aged 18 – athletic right-back, who has joined from Kingstonian, and made his debut in the home game v. Bracknell Town

Charlie Kennett

aged 18 - young left-back, who has signed from Tooting Bec, and made a promising debut in the league at Chertsey Town, and has since been on trial in Lithuania

Aaron Miller

aged 22 - an attacking fullback and promising prospect, formerly with the Volenti academy, although currently recovering following knee surgery

Teddy Perkins

aged 21 – an imposing central defender, who was previously on Watford's books, & joined in the close season playing in the first few games – has now rejoined on a dual-registration from Welling Utd., and played his first game back at Chertsey Town in the league#

Michak Stanic-Stewart

aged 23 – a dependable defender, whether asked to play at full-back or centre-half – he likes to get forward and go for goal too, and scored in the league at Marlow

Lewis Taylor

aged 27 – a central defender, recently joined from Corinthian Casuals and has played at Ashford Town (Middlesex) – made his debut at Chalfont St Peter

Peter Wedgeworth

aged 28 – a reliable full-back or wing-back, down the left flank, joins from Glebe, but was previously at Tooting & Mitcham too – made his debut v. Sutton Common Rovers in the league

MIDFIELDERS

Kofi Anokye-Boadi

aged 21 – joined in the close season, already showing his pace and trickery, likes to go for goal, and scored at Horley in the Surrey Senior Cup and at Thatcham Town in the league

Jack Beadle

aged 27 – rejoined from Hanwell Town recently, and has previously played at Uxbridge too - an attack-minded midfielder, who resumed his Chipstead career at Sutton Commons Rovers in the league game, & scored at Westfield + Ashford Town (Middlesex)

Daryl Coleman

aged 32 - played at the High Road before, joining now from Glebe, via Lingfield, Whyteleafe, Horsham, Corinthian Casuals, Dorking Wanderers, Walton Casuals and Tooting and Mitcham – as you can imagine, he is experienced and well-respected at this level, and can play in central midfield or defence

Warren Colman

aged 19 - made his debut coming on as sub at Hashtag Utd. in the FA Trophy win, having arrived from Chessington & Hook, and scored the fourth goal in the league win at Chertsey Town

George Craig

aged 17 – promising young midfielder, currently starring in the Chipstead under-18 side, and scored in the FA Trophy win at Hashtag Utd. – also playing 1st team football at Molesey, where he scored on his debut& regularly since

Simeon Dennis

aged 21 – tricky defender/midfielder, happy on either flank – joined in the close season from Whyteleafe – has an eye for goal, and scored a cracking winner in the pre-season friendly at Haywards Heath

Kieran Lavery

aged 31 – joined in the close season from Horsham, predominantly playing wide on the left, and looking to get forward when he can - he has also previously played at South Park – regularly on the scoresheet this term, his latest being the hat-trick in the league win over South Park

Callum McAllister

aged 23 – central midfielder, who joined from South Park a few seasons ago, also delivers a mean ball in from set-pieces

Tom Smith

aged 17 – grandson of Crystal Palace's former manager, Alan Smith – another product of the Teknika Pro set-up – also played at Whyteleafe Youth – made his league debut in the 3-0 home win over Westfield

FORWARDS

Daniel Berry

aged 17 – promising young striker, currently starring in Chipstead's under-18 side, and made his debut as sub at Tooting & Mitcham – has also played at Glebe

Sam Bell

aged 30 – a proven goalscorer at this level, whether as centre-forward or pushed wider on the right – previously played for Lingfield Town, Stafford Rangers, Sutton Coldfield & Brocton - good to see him back from injury, and latterly twice on the scoresheet in the league win at Chertsey Town

Harry Pearson

aged 17 – another promising prospect from the current Chipstead under-18 squad – made his debut, coming on for the last 20 minutes in the league game at Chalfont St Peter

Andy Somo

aged 22 – a bustling centre-forward, who found the net in pre-season, joining from Croydon FC during the summer, and has regularly been on the scoresheet since, his latest being two in the home win over Westfield



MATCH REPORT

BY ALAN EVANS



BRACKNELL TOWN 3 NORTHWOOD 0

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2022

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE, SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHWOOD: Hosier, Young (More 67, Belousas 80), Lomas, Tingey, Boxer (Surmon 67), Gurteen, Williams, Stacey, Helmore, Ibie, Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Batten, Robinson

YELLOW CARD: Lomas

ATTENDANCE: 267

The Woods unbeaten start to 2022 and their long nine-match winning run away from home both came to an end as high-flying league leaders Bracknell Town once again enhanced their title credentials.

Andy Lomas returned to the starting line-up after a spell of illness and Ryan Young recovered from his spell on the sidelines with injury by taking up the injured Sam Jenkins spot on the right side of the defence. Skipper Keagan Cole was also missing as he served a one-match suspension. Teddy Stacey moved into the centre of midfield in place of Matt Surmon who dropped to the bench along with Alex More. There was also a formation change with Josh Helmore dropped into a deeper role.

The Robins had lost just twice all season and had conceded just ten goals in 27 previous league matches and it will only be a matter of a short time before they are crowned champions but the Woods started with their own confidence behind them. After just 4 minutes, a long-throw from Luke Tingey was only half-cleared and both Helmore and Stacey both had stabs at a shot on goal but both were well blocked by the solid home rearguard.

A minute later Bracknell forced a corner and it was met at the near post by Temi Eweka but that was also blocked and cleared. Northwood went close themselves after 10 minutes when Carl Stewart flighted in a free-kick and Stacey met it with a looping header which dropped too late and only onto the roof of the net.

Neither side got on top as the half progressed with

Kyal Williams next to get an effort on target after 25 minutes as he exchanged passes with Sydney Ibie and let fly with a shot which was claimed high by goalkeeper Michael Eacott.

Unfortunately for the Woods, straight from that attack Shamal Moore jinked into the area and went down under a challenge from Tommy Boxer and the Referee immediately pointed to the spot. The Robins top scorer Seb Bowerman made no mistake from the penalty, firing powerfully into the top corner to give Dan Hosier no chance.

The home side had their tails up and Hosier was in action twice in quick succession, firstly saving well from a Moore strike and then the same player stung his hands again. The ball ran loose this time but was cleared to safety.

After 35 minutes, the game slipped further away from Northwood when the Referee gave another penalty to the Robins. Boxer was again the unlucky culprit, this time connecting with Eweka, who came from behind him, as he attempted to clear the ball. Bowerman stepped up again and although this time Hosier got down to save his lower effort, the ball rebounded kindly back into the taker's path and he tapped home for a second goal.

Any chance of salvaging something from this game ended just six minutes after the restart when a ball was played in from the right and one-time Woods striker Aaron McLeish hit a shot firmly from the edge of the box and it nestled inside the post for a 3-0 lead.

The Woods did rally to try to make the scoreline more respectable. Young enjoyed a good run down the right only to see his cross claimed at the near post by Eacott and Ibie began to cause a few problems for the home defence. He found space in the box but was unable to get a shot off before slipping it to Helmore whose effort lacked the power to really test the 'keeper.

More and Surmon were introduced for Young and Boxer after 68 minutes and six minutes later Ibie again enjoyed a good run down the left before cutting in but his shot was always rising and cleared the crossbar.

At the other end, both McLeish and Bowerman also fired high and wide while with ten minutes left, Woods substitute More was forced off having suffered a bit of double-vision and was replaced by Kristian Belousas. It was the recent recruit Belousas who then combined with

Williams to knock in a good cross which found Stewart but his free header was the wrong side of the post with Eacott nowhere near it.

That was the last goalmouth action and in the end the Robins held out comfortably for another clean sheet and another three points. Bracknell now officially need just another seven points from their final eight matches to secure top spot and a place at Step 3 for next season.





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WITH THE YOUNGSTERS

LATE GOALS CONCEDED AGAIN

HAYES & YEADING UNITED 7 NORTHWOOD 3

The Woods completed their Isthmian League away programme on the 3G pitch at Hayes & Yeading and it was a similar story of competing well for the first hour of the game but then fading away and conceding late goals.

In their nine away league games this season, they won just one – the very first one at Ashford Town (Middx) – and drew twice (at Wealdstone and Hampton) but the other six ended in defeat and in those they conceded 49 goals – eight per game.

The Hayes game saw a flurry of early goals and the Woods led the match twice.

Without his strike partner Will Robinson, Oscar John led things well and scored in the very first minute, only for Hayes to level after five minutes.

Ahmed Baayou then made it 2-1 to Northwood with his first goal for the club, only for the home side to level again a minute later. 2-2 after just seven minutes of the match!

It was 3-2 to Hayes & Yeading at half-time but Oscar John notched his eleventh of the season soon after the restart and it was still game on at that stage.

Sadly, the Woods then conceded twice more before the hour mark and then conceded a further two goals in the last few minutes to make the score a flattering 7-3 to the home side.

The Under-18s have three home games to finish their league programme as they look to climb off the bottom, with Wealdstone in their sights.

They were scheduled to take on second-placed Beaconsfield Town on Thursday night but the result of that is not known at the time of writing.

They then take on Marlow this coming Thursday, 24th March before finishing against Ashford Town (Middx) (and a possible "double") on Thursday 7th April.

I'm sure they would appreciate any support at this last couple of fixtures.

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opponents	V	Comp	F-A
Wed 25 Aug	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	IY LGE	3-2
Scorer(s): John 2, Staszewski				
Wed 1 Sep	Uxbridge	A	FAY Cup	1-4
Scorer(s): John				
Thu 9 Sep	UXBRIDGE	H	IY LGE	1-4
Scorer(s): Vignesswaran				
Thu 23 Sep	Camberley Town	A	IY LGE	3-4
Scorer(s): John, Robinson, Thompson				
Thu 7 Oct	WEALDSTONE	H	IY LGE	2-1
Scorer(s): Vignesswaran, Robinson				
Thu 21 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	H	IY LGE	2-4
Scorer(s): Robinson, John				
Thu 28 Oct	Marlow	A	IY LGE	0-9
Thu 4 Nov	Bedfont Sports	H	IY LGE	3-3
Scorer(s): John, Robinson 2				
Wed 17 Nov	Cockfosters	A	MCYC	6-3
Scorer(s): Robinson, John, Debenham, Vignesswaran 2, Batten				
Mon 6 Dec	Uxbridge	A	IY LGE	0-13
Thu 16 Dec	CAMBERLEY TOWN	H	IY LGE	2-4
Scorer(s): Robinson, John				
Mon 10 Jan	Bedfont Sports	A	IY LGE	0-8
Thu 20 Jan	UXBRIDGE	H	MCY CUP	1-2
Scorer (s) Robinson				
Thu 27 Jan	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	H	IY Lge	3-5
Scorer (s) Batten 3				
Wed 2 Feb	Wealdstone	A	IY LGE	3-3
Scorer (s) Wheeler, Robinson, Batten				
Wed 9 Feb	Hampton & Richmond Borough	A	IY LGE	1-1
Scorer (s) John				
Mon 21 Feb	Beaconsfield Town	A	IY LGE	2-8
Scorer (s) Robinson 2				
Wed 9 Mar	Hayes & Yeading United	A	IY LGE	3-7
Scorer (s) John 2, Baayou				
Thu 17 Mar	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	H	IY LGE	
Thu 24 Mar	MARLOW	H	IY LGE	
Thu 7 Apr	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	IY LGE	

KEY: IY Lge = Isthmian Youth League; FAY Cup = FA Youth Cup; MCY Cup = Middlesex County Youth Cup

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bedfont Sports	15	12	2	1	51	10	38
Beaconsfield Town	16	8	2	6	41	29	26
Hayes & Yeading United	15	8	2	5	35	31	26
Camberley Town	12	6	3	3	28	20	21
Ashford Town (Middx)	14	6	3	5	21	24	21
Uxbridge	13	6	2	5	39	25	20
Hampton & Richmond Borough	13	5	1	7	26	35	16
Marlow	15	3	5	7	29	26	14
Wealdstone	16	2	5	9	18	40	11
Northwood	15	2	3	10	28	76	9

MATCH REPORT

BY ALAN EVANS



NORTHWOOD 0 BARNET 2

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2022

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP, SEMI-FINAL



NORTHWOOD Hosier, Young (Surmon 77), Lomas, Cole, Tingey, Gurteen, Williams (More 77), Stacey, Helmore (Belosas 77), Ibie, Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Boxer, Batten

YELLOW CARDS: Stacey

ATTENDANCE: 249

After two previous washouts following heavy rain, Northwood finally got to stage their County Cup Semi-Final against National League Barnet and a healthy crowd saw the higher-ranked side make it to their first final since 1933 with two second-half goals.

The Woods may have been better off playing the Bees three weeks earlier when originally scheduled as since then Barnet have strengthened their squad with several new signings and shown improved form including the weekend's 6-0 thrashing of marooned bottom club Dover Athletic.

And the visitors showed that they were taking the competition seriously by making only two changes from the side that had notched that victory with goalkeeper Aymen Azaze and midfielder Sam Woods promoted from the bench.

Northwood were still missing the injured Sam Jenkins but skipper Keagan Cole was back from suspension and he replaced Tommy Boxer in the back three as the Woods looked to put their defeat at league leaders Bracknell Town behind them.

It was a slow, cagey start to the game with the Woods first to notch an effort on goal after 11 minutes when Cole floated over a cross which James Gurteen headed over the crossbar. Barnet hit back four minutes later when a ball found Reece Grego-Cox in the area but his effort flew across goal and wide of the far post.

Northwood continued to defend solidly with Cole blocking another effort from Grego-Cox while at the other end it was Sydney Ibie that appeared to be the main threat to the Barnet back-line, using his pace well to give Bees skipper Harry Taylor a tough time. After 23 minutes his run and deflected cross looped up and onto the roof of the net but the corner came to nothing.

The Bees on-loan from Stevenage midfielder Ross Marshall was the first to pick up a yellow card after 25 minutes for an aggressive attitude and he won no fans amongst the home crowd or players for his petulance on multiple occasions.

Ibie continued to threaten and a good run and strike from the edge of the box took a deflection and bounced wide of the post and then Bees striker Adam Marriott was cautioned for a tackle from behind on the Woods tall striker soon after.

Taylor was forced off with injury shortly before the end of the half and the visitors were able to introduce their experienced defender and skipper Jamie Turley, back from a club suspension as a more than capable replacement.

It was in the final minute of the first-half that Barnet finally notched the first shot on target for either side as Rob Hall curled a free-kick goalwards but goalkeeper Dan Hosier claimed it comfortably. Then Ephron Mason-Clark had a shot from a tight angle which was also claimed by Hosier. The break came with the two sides still in a stalemate.

The Woods needed to find a way to remain solid at the back while also finding a bit more flair in attack and on 50 minutes another run from Ibie on the left saw Turley pull him down right on the edge of the box. Another couple of inches and it would have been a penalty but Cole's dangerous free-kick was cleared by the strong Barnet rearguard.

And it was Barnet that broke the deadlock three minutes later. Grego-Cox laid the groundwork with an attacking run and when his effort was blocked by Hosier, it fell kindly to Marriott who close-range effort found it's way past a couple of defenders in the six-yard box.

It was the start of a five-minute spell which saw the game slip away for Northwood. Mason-Clark almost converted a low cross from Hall and it was another free-kick from Hall that presented Marriott with a second goal as it crashed back off the bar, took a deflection and landed at the striker's feet. There was some confusion at first as the Referee misinterpreted his Assistant's

signal and gave offside at first but soon corrected it and gave the goal.

At that stage, it seemed Barnet might enjoy more goals but Marriott's attempt at a hat-trick was cleared off the line by Gurteen, Ryan De Havilland fired well over and then Hosier made a good stop to deny substitute Louis Walsh. The Woods 'keeper's good form continued with further stops to deny Serhat

Tasdemir and Mason-Clark as the half wore on. Despite a triple substitution on 77 minutes, Northwood were unable to find the goal that would have made it interesting.

Barnet now get to play Brentford B team in the Senior Cup Final in mid-April while the Woods needs to firstly get back to league form away at South Park on Saturday while also looking forward to their Middlesex Charity Cup semi-final in April.



CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

In this column we look back at a previous meeting with today's visitors Chipstead. Our featured game comes from 2018-19, and the first-ever fixture between the two clubs....

CHIPSTEAD 2 NORTHWOOD 3

Saturday 24th November 2018

Northwood secured a hard earned win at Chipstead, and the Woods were quickly into their stride with Dan Pett surging forward and seeing his shot blocked before Kyran Worrell almost capped a swift counter-attack involving Sam Tring and Andrew Ofofu.

Worrell returned the favour to Ofofu minutes later as the latter rolled his shot narrowly beyond the far post.

The hosts had to do most of the defending in the early stages but they threatened through Izzy Bademosi with Kieran Asumadu-Sakyi making a timely interception before Sam Page was off target with free-header from a corner.

Woods maintained their positive start, and they were rewarded with the opening goal on 14 minutes as Worrell capitalised on misunderstanding between keeper Callum Hodgson and Sam Page to coolly convert from a narrow angle for his first senior league goal. And things got better for Northwood four minutes later as another back-pass from Page went through Hodgson allowing Ofofu to roll the ball into the unguarded net for his second goal in two games.

Ofofu continued to cause problems for the home defence as he went close with a header from a Matt Cooper free-kick before another storming run ended with his shot being charged down. And Worrell was testing the hosts with his pace and trickery with full-back Joe Clemo crudely halting another foray to earn a caution while the Northwood winger saw his shot saved by Hodgson following a jinking run into the box.

Chipstead had offered very little in a one-sided opening half but Northwood gave the hosts some encouragement as they conceded a soft goal on the stroke of half-time, the unmarked Sam Bell flicking the ball home from a corner.

Woods were soon on the offensive following the restart as the hard working Leigh Stevens fired a volley over the crossbar. And the midfielder was instrumental in Northwood restoring their two goal cushion on 49 minutes as he broke forward before squaring the ball to Worrell, who stroked the ball home for his second goal of the afternoon.

Northwood went close to extending their lead but Hodgson managed to claw away Pattie's deflected shot. But the Woods had some defending to do as keeper Luke Sheldrick gathered a Luke Elliott header. However, the Chips weren't to be denied as Northwood failed to deal with a cross from Clemo with Dan Moody converting on 82 minutes to ensure a nervous finish to the game for the visitors.

The visitors had a great chance to ease their nerves as Gosling created an opening for Lucan but his shot was blocked. And Gosling was creator once again as he played in Worrell but the latter dragged his shot narrowly wide, as the Woods took the points in the first meeting between the two outfits.

Chipstead: Callum Hodgson, Matthew Warren, Luke Elliott, Dean Hamlin, Sam Page (Michak Stanic-Stewart), Joshua Gallagher (Jake Robinson), Sam Bell, Anthony Oaks, Izzy Bademosi, Samuel Clayton (Bradley

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Wilson), Daniel Moody

Northwood: Luke Sheldrick, Sam Jenkins, Matt Cooper, Kieran Asumadu-Sakyi, Sam Tring, Carl Pearce,

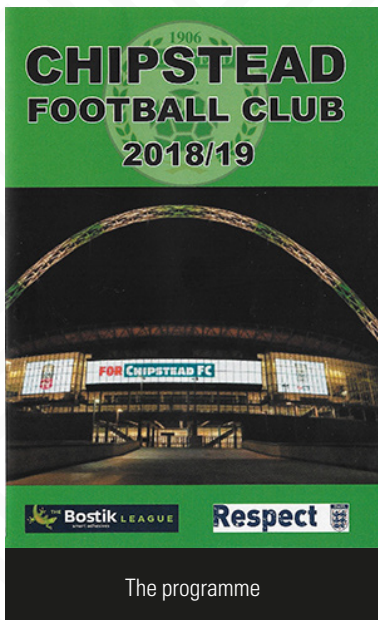
Leigh Stevens, Dan Pett (Kweku Conrad-Lucan), Ben Pattie, Andrew Ofofu (Chris Gosling), Kyran Worrell (Jon Munday)



1 – Andrew Ofofu opened the scoring for Northwood



2 – Ben Pattie and Kyran Worrell await a cross into the Chipstead box



The programme



3 – Sam Tring and Carl Pearce defend strongly

Photos: James Brown

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

DATE	OPPOSITION	V	COMP	RES	ATT	STARTING XI							
AUGUST													
Sat 14	Thatcham Town	A	Lge	1-1	147	Joseph	Unsworth	Petch	Noel (63)	Milenge	Avery (53)	MORRIS 1	Ayres
Sat 21	BURNHAM	H	FACPR	1-1	124	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn (87)	Milenge	MORRIS 1 (87)	Nche (74)
Tue 24	Burnham	A	FACPRR	4-1	234	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn	Milenge	MORRIS 1	NCHE 1
Sat 28	BINFIELD	H	Lge	0-3	107	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn (60)	Milenge	Morris	Nche
Mon 30	Hanwell Town	A	Lge	1-2	238	Joseph	Avery	Petch (65)	Noel	Linturn (77)	Milenge	Morris	Nche
SEPTEMBER													
Sat 04	CHICHESTER CITY	H	FAC1QR	2-3	155	Joseph	Avery	Petch (85)	Decabo	Linturn	MILENGE 1	Morris	Nche
Sat 11	STAINES TOWN	H	Lge	5-0	89	Joseph	CASH 1	Velasco	DECABO 1	Linturn	Milenge	MORRIS 1 (80)	Nche
Tue 14	Marlow	A	Lge	0-1	148	Joseph	Cash	Velasco	Decabo	Surmon	Milenge	Morris	Nche
Sat 25	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge	1-7	135	Joseph	Cash	Velasco (65)	Decabo (65)	Linturn	Surmon	MORRIS 1	Nche
OCTOBER													
Sat 02	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge	3-7	185	Joseph	Cash (75)	Velasco	DUPRAY 1 (63)	Linturn	Nche	MORRIS 1	Ayres
Sat 09	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	H	FAT 2QR	0-0**	124	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Nche	Linturn	Avery	Morris	Ayres (90)
Sat 16	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge	2-3	106	Purdue	Cash	Velasco (69)	Nche (61)	Curteen	Avery (90)	MORRIS 1	Ayres
Tue 19	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge	0-1	134	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Fearn	Curteen	Avery	Morris	Ayres
Sat 23	Guernsey	A	Lge	0-2	734	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Nche	Curteen	Avery	Morris	Esposito
Tue 26	UXBRIDGE	H	MSCR1	1-1***	78	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer (88)	Fearn	Avery (50)	Linturn	J Ehui	Nche
Sat 30	BERKHAMSTED	H	FAT 3QR	2-2#	119	Purdue	CASH 1	Palmer	Shrowder	Linturn	Avery	J Ehui (88)	Ayres (90)
NOVEMBER													
Tue 02	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge	0-2	143	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer	Shrowder	Linturn (59)	Avery	J Ehui (65)	Ayres (44)
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge	0-2	101	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer	Shrowder (87)	Curteen	Avery	Esposito (72)	Nche
Tue 09	WEMBLEY	H	MSCR2	2-0	95	Purdue	Batten	Palmer (46)	Surmon (62)	AVERY 1	Milenge (46)	Jenkins	J Ehui
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge	1-5	140	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Surman	Avery	Curteen (41)	Simuchimba	Esposito
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge	1-0	75	Purdue	Surmon	Lomas	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Young (67)	Stacey
Tue 23	Hanworth Villa	A	MCCR2	5-2	41	Purdue	Surmon	Lomas	Stewart	BOXER 1	Curteen	Young	STACEY 1 (59)
Sat 27	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDIX)	H	Lge	0-3	138	Purdue	Velasco (58)	Lomas	Cole	Surmon	Curteen	Young	Stacey
DECEMBER													
Sat 04	Chertsey Town	A	Lge	4-2	368	Purdue	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole (88)	Boxer	Curteen	YOUNG 1 (76)	Stacey
Sat 11	Binfield	A	Lge	1-0	164	Hosier	Jenkins	Surmon	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Young (87)	Stacey
Sat 18	THATCHAM TOWN	H	Lge	0-1	179	Hosier	Surmon	Jenkins	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Young	Stacey
Mon 27	HANWELL TOWN	H	Lge	0-3	255	Hosier	Jenkins (86)	Lomas	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Constantinou (63)	Stacey
JANUARY													
Tue 11	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	MSCQF	2-1	116	Hosier	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole	BOXER 1	Curteen	More	Stacey
Sat 15	Basingstoke Town	A	Lge	3-1	531	Purdue	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Williams (70)	STACEY 1
Sat 22	MARLOW	H	Lge	1-0	172	Hosier	Jenkins (68)	Lomas	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Young	Stacey
Tues 25	Westfield	A	Lge	4-1	89	Hosier	Young	Lomas (78)	COLE 1	Boxer	Curteen	JACKSON 2	Stacey
Sat 29	Uxbridge	A	Lge	2-0	238	Hosier	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	More (86)	STACEY 1
FEBRUARY													
Sat 05	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge	2-2	191	Hosier	Young (65)	Lomas	COLE 1	Boxer (85)	Curteen	JACKSON 1 (77)	Stacey
Tue 08	CHALFONT ST PETER	H	Lge	2-1	134	Hosier	Jenkins	Lomas	COLE 1	Tingey	Curteen	Williams (80)	Stacey
Sat 12	GUERNSEY	H	Lge	1-1	162	Hosier	Jenkins	More	Cole	Boxer	Tingey	Williams (79)	Stacey
Sat 19	Sutton Common Rovers	A	Lge	2-1	48	Hosier	Jenkins	Lomas	COLE 1	Tingey	Curteen	Williams	Surmon
Tue 22	CB Hounslow	A	MCCR3	4-0	41	Hosier	Batten (13)	More	Tingey	BOXER 1	GURTEEN 1	Williams	Surmon
Sat 26	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	Lge	0-0	188	Hosier	Stacey	More	Cole	Boxer	Curteen	Williams (83)	Surmon
MARCH													
Sat 05	Bracknell Town	A	MSCSF	0-3	267	Hosier	Young (67)	Lomas	Tingey	Boxer (67)	Curteen	Williams	Stacey
Tues 08	BARNET	H	Lge	0-2	249	Hosier	Young (77)	Lomas	Cole	Tingey	Curteen	Williams (77)	Stacey
Sat 12	South Park	A	Lge	1-3	94	Hosier	Surmon (68)	Lomas	Tingey	Boxer	Curteen (46)	Williams	STACEY 1
Sat 19	CHIPSTEAD	H	Lge										
Sat 26	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	Lge										
APRIL													
Sat 02	CHERTSEY TOWN	H	Lge										
Sat 09	WESTFIELD	H	Lge										
Sat 16	Chalfont St Peter	A	Lge										
Sat 23	Staines Town	A	Lge										



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Key: Goalscorer(s) in Bold; Sub 1 ● Sub 2 ● Sub 3 ● Sub 4 ● Sub 5 ● Yellow Card ● Red Card ● * Own Goal

** Northwood won 4-3 on Pens; *** Northwood won 3-2 on Pen; # Berkhamsted won 6-5 on penalties; FAC = Emirates FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; MSC = Middx Senior Cup; MCC = Middx Charity Cup.

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I Ehuji	Ayres	Esposito	Williams (74) ●	Surmon (87) ●	Coles (87) ●	Unsworth	Noel		
I EHUJI 1 (90) ●	Ayres (81) ●	Esposito (87) ●	WILLIAMS 1 (81) ●	Surmon (87) ●	Coles (90) ●	Unsworth	Noel		
I Ehuji	Ayres (75) ●	Esposito (64) ●	Coles (84) ●	Noel (75) ●	Surmon (60) ●	Williams	J Ehuji		
I EHUJI 1 (65) ●	Esposito	Williams	Unsworth (65)	Coles (65) ●	Surmon (77)	Akunide	J Ehuji		
I EHUJI 1 (69) ●	Ayres	Williams (80) ●	J Ehuji (69) ●	Coles (80) ●	Surmon (85) ●	Akinode	Noel	Unsworth	Esposito
J EHUJI 1 (73) ●	Ayres	Esposito (28) ●	Surmon (28) ●	SAHNOUN 1 (73) ●	Williams (80) ●	Coles	Petch		
J Ehuji (57) ●	Ayres (82) ●	Esposito (89) ●	Sahnoun (57) ●	Petch (82) ●	Linturn (89) ●	Avery	Matthew		
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I Ehuji (76) ●	Decabo	Palmer (68) ●	Coles (68) ●	Matthews (76) ●	Esposito (90) ●	Surmon	Dupray	Petch	
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I Ehuji (66) ●	Decabo	Palmer (83) ●	Coles (66) ●	Nche (83) ●	Esposito	Surmon	Linturn		
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AJVAZI 1 ●	Decabo	Coles (68) ●	Surmon (50) ●	I Ehuji (68) ●	Batten (88) ●	Esposito	Joseph		
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I Ehuji	Shrowder	J EHUJI 1 (70) ●	Milenge (41) ●	Davies (70) ●	Batten				
IBIE 1 (87) ●	Jackson (82) ●	Stewart	Velasco (67) ●	Shrowder (82) ●	J Ehuji (87) ●	Esposito	Petch		
JACKSON 2 ●	Esposito (77) ●	J EHUJI (67) ●	CONSTANTINOU 1 (59) ●	Petch (67) ●	Shrowder (77) ●	Batten	Cole		
Ibie (79) ●	Jackson (81) ●	Stewart	Batten (58) ●	Constantinou (79) ●	J Ehuji (81) ●	Esposi	Petch		
IBIE 2	JACKSON 1 (82) ●	Stewart	J Ehuji (76) ●	Surmon (82) ●	Constantinou (88) ●	Esposito	Petch		
Ibie	JACKSON 1	Stewart	Constantinou (87) ●	Esposito	J Ehuji	Petch	Batten		
Ibie	Jackson	Esposito (65) ●	More (65) ●	Cahill	Constantinou	Batten	Lomas		
Ibie	Jackson (90) ●	Stewart	Williams 63 ●	Batten (86) ●	Cahill (90) ●	Purdue			
HELMORE 1 (90) ●	Williams	Stewart (83) ●	Cahill	Young (83) ●	Constantinou (90) ●	Surmon	Purdue		
HELMORE 1 (79) ●	IBIE 1 (90) ●	Stewart	Young (70) ●	Jackson (79) ●	More (90) ●	Constantinou	Surmon		
HELMORE 1 (80) ●	Ibie (87) ●	Stewart	Jackson (68) ●	More (80) ●	Surmon (87) ●	Constantinou	Batten		
HELMORE 1 (87) ●	Ibie (90) ●	Stewart	Robinson (90) ●	More (78) ●	Constantinou (87) ●	Surmon	Batten		
HELMORE 1 (90) ●	Ibie	Stewart (46) ●	Young (46) ●	Surmon (86) ●	Constantinou (90) ●	Robinson	Batten		
Helmore	Ibie	Stewart	Williams (77) ●	More (65) ●	Tingey (85) ●	Surmon	Constantinou		
HELMORE 1 (90) ●	Ibie (73) ●	Stewart	Jackson (73) ●	More (80) ●	Constantinou (90) ●	Surmon	Boxer		
Helmore	Constantinou (66) ●	Stewart (89) ●	IBIE 1 (66) ●	Jackson (79) ●	Surmon (89) ●	Lomas	Gurteen		
HELMORE 1 (83) ●	Ibie	Stewart	More (83) ●	Jackson	Constantinou	Batten	Boxer		
Helmore (67) ●	BELOUSAS 1	Jenkins (46) ●	CAHILL 1 (13) ●	Cole (46) ●	Robinson (67) ●	Daggett	Stewart		
Helmore (70) ●	Ibie (90) ●	Stewart	Tingey (70) ●	Belouzas (83) ●	Robinson (90) ●	Young	Jenkins		
Helmore	Ibie	Stewart	Surmon (67) ●	More (67) ●	Belouzas (80) ●	Batten	Robinson		
Helmore (77) ●	Ibie	Stewart	Surmon (77) ●	More (77) ●	Belouzas (77) ●	Batten	Boxer		
Helmore	Ibie (59) ●	Stewart	Cole (46) ●	More (59) ●	Young (68) ●	Batten	Belouzas		

LEADER OF THE PACK – WITH CAPTAIN

KEAGAN COLE

It's been a poor week in terms of performances and results.



We'd like to thank everybody for their support in our most recent games, especially when we took on Barnet in the Middlesex Senior Cup Semi-Final.

We hope that on the day we managed to put in a performance that was worthy of you all returning in the future!

If that's the Northwood general supporters, new fans there for the first time, friends or family members that others managed to convince to pop down to the club to show support, then you are all important to us and welcome at our club!

Though we have faced some tough fixtures, results have been poor in recent weeks and this has certainly not been taken lightly among us as a group and we are focused on turning that around as soon as possible.

Starting today as we play hosts to a Chipstead side that we started the management team's involvement against back in November.

With still six Isthmian league games left to finish the campaign, we are looking to pick up as many points as possible and finish as high as we possibly can.

We hope that you will continue the excellent support that you have shown since our arrival in those remaining matches and push us over the line.

I look forward to see you all after the game in the clubhouse!

Please come in and have a chat and discuss the game with us.

Up the Woods!
Keags x



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DANIEL PURDUE

21-year-old goalkeeper made his debut for the Woods in October 2021 in the FA Trophy against Haywards Heath Town. The youngster came up through the ranks at Hendon and remains registered for the Southern Premier side as well as for Hampton & Richmond Borough. Also had short spells with MARLOW and Harrow Borough.

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DAN HOSIER

Young goalkeeper Dan joined the Woods on dual-registration from Chesham United as cover for the injured Daniel Purdue and at just 18-year-old, tall keeper has impressed and looks to have a good future ahead of him. He had previously enjoyed a short spell with Barton Rovers earlier this season and has been a student at the Education and Semi-Professional Academy.

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**SAM JENKINS**

Sam originally joined the club in July 2018 having previously been at Harpenden Town. He won the Managers Player of the Year award at the end of that season but joined Chesham United where he has remained ever since. Injury issues has led to a couple of dual-registered spells back at the Woods on a couple of occasions, the latest in October 2021.

ANDY EASTON**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****LEWIS BATTEN**

Young, 17-year-old defender who has played for the Woods Under-18s over the past two seasons and looks to have a promising future with the club with a couple of first-team appearances already under his belt.

PETER REYNOLDS**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****MATT SURMON**

Matt is an assured central defender despite being only 21 years old and joins the club from FC Deportivo Galicia. He has also played at Ashford Town (Middx) and Windsor.

ROBIN PIPER**ROBIN PIPER****LUKE TINGEY**

Luke is an experienced 25-year-old defender who joined the Woods in February 2022 from Isthmian Premier side Potters Bar Town. He started off at the MK Dons Youth Academy and then went on to notch almost 200 games at Step 3 for Hendon FC. He also had a short spell with St Albans City.

STEVE LLOYD**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****ANDY LOMAS**

The experienced 31-year-old left-back returned to the Woods in a Player-Coach role in November 2021. He first arrived at Northwood Park in August 2014, following a season at Walton & Hersham where he had been Player of the Year. Prior to that he played and skipped local side Oxhey Jets. Andy was virtually ever-present over the next two seasons, making over 100 appearances, being part of the Middlesex Senior Cup success in 2016 and enjoying a clean sweep of Player of the Year awards that same year. He then moved up to join Harrow Borough, spent a few games back on loan at Northwood the following season and then moved to Potters Bar Town where he spent another four successful years.

ROBIN PIPER**ROBIN PIPER****JAMES GURTEEN**

James was previously with the Woods as an 18-year-old in 2017 and made a couple of appearances but returned in October 2021 on dual-registration from Kings Langley. In the meantime, the 22-year-old central defender has also appeared for Rayners Lane, Aylesbury United, Broadfields United and Southall.

JOHN LIBERTY**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****TOMMY BOXER**

Vastly experienced 30-year-old central defender who has signed for the Woods for a second spell in November 2021. He had previously played a handful of games in the 2017/18 season after spells with Cockfosters, Hoddeston Town, Hatfield Town and Potters Bar. He's much-travelled since – Mildenhall, St Neots, Biggleswade Town and St. Ives Town – and joins the Woods after a short spell with Chalfont St. Peter.

GRAHAM MANN**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****KEAGAN COLE**

Keagan arrived at Northwood in a player-coach role in November 2021 having skipped Potters Bar Town at Step 3 and after a short spell with Walthamstow FC. Prior to that he came up through the youth ranks at Hendon to become the youngest player to make over 100 appearances for Hendon.

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**CARL STEWART**

- Former Watford youth midfielder Carl Stewart signed on a dual-registration basis from Beaconsfield Town in November 2021. Carl is a 24-year-old who was also at Udinese as a youngster and then played in Poland for Zagłębie Sosnowiec. He has also had short spells at Oxford City, Banbury United, Bedford Sports, Wingate & Finchley and most recently, Marlow.

THE VOSPER BOYS**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****WILL ROBINSON**

Will is an 18-year-old striker who has recently been promoted from the Woods Isthmian Under-18 side to be included in the first team squad. He has been a regular scorer throughout the season and will be hoping to progress in the final months of the campaign. Will is the son of former Northwood utility player Colin Robinson who played in the 1990s.

STEVE, RICHARD, DAVID & PAUL**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****TEDDY STACEY**

24-year-old Teddy joins us from Hadley FC. He was at Tottenham as a youth and then went to the US where he represented, ironically, Northwood College in Michigan as well as playing for Greater Lowell Rough Diamonds. He's a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield and he will be working hard to make his mark at the higher level.

LONDON WATCH DRAWS LTD**GRAHAM MANN****JOAKIM EHU**

30-year-old brother to Ismael, Joakim has also returned to Northwood for a third spell and is now fast approaching 200 appearances for the club. Born in Lille, France Joakim was also at Fulham as a youngster and has also played for St. Albans City, Harrow Borough, Harlow Town, Hayes & Yeading, Potters Bar, Aylesbury, Chalfont St. Peter and Broadfields United.

LOGISLIFT WAREHOUSE SYSTEMS LTD**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****YIANNIS CONSTANTINO**

A former West Ham youth player, Yiannis is a 21-year-old attacking midfield player who joined the Woods in November 2021 for a third spell at the club. Originally signed on dual-registration with Potters Bar in 2019, he now joins on dual-registration with Egham Town. He has also played for Staines Town.

AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****MICAH JACKSON**

Micah is an attacking midfielder who was recruited from Enfield Borough FC in November 2021, where he has played his football for the last three seasons. This season he had netted 8 times in 14 appearances before his transfer. Prior to that he had a short spell at Cockfosters. He will be looking to establish himself at the higher level.

GRAHAM MANN**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****SYDNEY IBIE**

Dutch-born striker who also joined the Woods from Potters Bar Town in November 2021, where he had made a handful of appearances both this season and at the back of last season while also having a short spell with Beaconsfield Town. The tall forward started out at Hemel Hempstead Town and had loan spells with Welwyn Garden City, Aylesbury United, Wantage Town and MARLOW where he netted four times in nine appearances. The 21-year-old will be looking to impress back at Step 4 with the Woods and he netted on his debut.

JOHN JOYCE**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP****KRISTIAN BELOUSAS**

Kristian is a former Fulham Development side attacking player who joined the Woods in February 2022 from Middlesex County League side Shepherds Bush FC, where he had been a regular goalscorer. He has been called up to the Lithuania Under-19 and Under-21 squads in the past. Aged 20.

ANDY EASTON**AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**

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RYAN YOUNG

The 26-year-old joined the Woods in November 2021 from Potters Bar Town where he has been since 2019 and brought plenty of pace to the front-line. Ryan started out in the Academy at QPR and has also played for Dunstable Town, Berkhamsted, Stotfold and Aylesbury FC.

PETER REYNOLDS

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ALEX MORE

Alex joined the Woods in November 2021 having been playing representative football for the RAF where he is based at Northolt. The 24-year-old left-sided midfielder or winger played for Albion Rovers in his younger days.

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KYAL WILLIAMS

Kyal is a young 20-year-old attacking wide player who joined the Woods in December 2021 from Kings Langley. He had been "on loan" at near-neighbours Oxhey Jets where he banged in 12 goals in 17 appearances and now tests himself at the higher level. Kyal was at Watford Academy and also played for Hertford Town and Berkhamsted Raiders.

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JOSH HELMORE

Experienced forward Josh has moved to the Woods from divisional rivals Binfield FC where he had netted eight goals in sixteen league appearances this season and was in double-figures for the campaign. The 29-year-old started out with Reading City and has also played for Gloucester City, Thatcham Town, Berkhamsted and Bracknell Town.

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MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN PIPER



NORTHWOOD 0 BEDFORD SPORTS 0

SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2022/KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHWOOD: Hosier, Stacey, More, Cole, Boer, Gurteen, Williams (Belousas 83), Surmon, Helmore (Tingey 70), Ibie (Robinson 90), Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Jenkins, Young

YELLOW CARDS: Ibie

RED CARD: Cole

ATTENDANCE: 188



Northwood extended their unbeaten league run to nine games with a hard-earned draw against play-off chasing Bedford Sports after playing the last quarter of the game with ten men following the contentious dismissal of skipper Jordan Cole.

Teddy Stacey returned after recovering from his foot problem but not to his usual central midfield berth, instead slotting in at right wing-back with Lewis Batten missing out due to the knee injury he suffered in midweek and Sam Jenkins starting on the bench.

The Eagles forced the early pace with their direct style of play, Jordan Esprit spurning an early chance before Cole executed a timely block to deny Kevin Diomande. The visitors continued to dominate with Dan Hosier pulling off a couple of smart saves to deny Esprit and Jonathan Tadafe.

Northwood began to make an impression, Ibie seeing a couple of shots clear the woodwork, while at the other end, Connagh

Wilks sent a free header over the bar following a corner.

Bedfont should have taken the lead as Dan Williams scooped over at the far post when it looked easier to score as he latched onto former Wood Giovanni Palmer's low cross that had taken a slight deflection off the glove of Hosier. And the half finished with Hosier diving full length to keep out substitute Lewis Flatman's free kick from the edge of the box

Northwood went close to breaking the deadlock early in the second period as James Gurteen headed Cole's free kick across to Stacey whose first time shot rolled past the far upright. And Woods maintained their improved second half display as a marauding run from Ibie into the Bedford box ended with his shot flying wide of the target.

But Woods' afternoon was made more difficult as they were reduced to ten men on 67 minutes, Cole losing possession and in trying to retrieve the situation pulling down Sanders, the referee deciding it was a "last man" situation despite the distance from goal.

Northwood reorganised as they sacrificed Josh Helmore for defender Luke Tingey. And Woods had some more defending to do as Flatman and Sanders went close.

The hosts survived a succession of corners and gradually the ten men of Northwood were offering a growing threat on the break as they looked to release Ibie at every opportunity.

Woods made another change as Kyal Williams made way for attacker Kristian Belousas for his league debut. And Northwood went close to getting that elusive goal as Stacey's ball set Ibie free but the latter was denied by the feet of the on-rushing Bedford keeper Matte Pierson.

Stoppage time saw Flatman attempt a chip from distance which failed to trouble Hosier, while Woods almost fashioned a last opportunity through substitute Will Robinson, who had replaced Ibie, the young striker losing his footing as he looked to break clear of the Bedford backline – honours even a fair outcome.



TEST YOUR FOOTBALLING KNOWLEDGE TEN TO TACKLE

1. How many Englishmen have managed a Premier League winning side?
2. And which Englishman was the last to manage a top-flight winning side?
3. What is the nickname of St. Mirren?
4. Which country does Huddersfield Town loanee, Daniel Sinani, play International football for?
5. Which is the only London club to spend only one season in the top flight?
6. Which is the only country to have lost all three World Cup finals in which it had competed?
7. Which country won the 1970 World Cup?
8. What connects Billy Walker in 1935 and 1959 and Herbert Chapman in 1922 and 1930?
9. Which club has reached European finals in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018?
10. Spanish club Villareal derive their nickname from which Beatles' song?



WHAT WAS YOUR SCORE OUT OF TEN?

ANSWERS
1) None, 2) Howard Wilkinson, Leeds 1992, 3) The Buddies or The Saints, 4) Luxembourg, 5) Leyton Orient, 6) Netherlands, 7) Brazil, 8) The only two managers to have won the FA Cup with two different clubs, 9) Atletico Madrid, 10) Yellow Submarine



TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Brightlingsea Regent vs Carshalton Athletic
 Enfield Town vs Corinthian Casuals
 Folkestone Invicta vs Cheshunt
 Kingstonian vs Bognor Regis Town
 Leatherhead vs East Thurrock United
 Lewes vs Bishops Stortford
 Margate vs Haringey Borough
 Merstham vs Hornchurch
 Potters Bar Town vs Worthing
 Wingate & Finchley vs Horsham

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Ashford Town (Middx) vs Bracknell Town
 Basingstoke Town vs Sutton Common Rovers
 Chalfont St Peter vs South Park
 Chertsey Town vs Hanwell Town
 Guernsey vs Uxbridge
 Marlow vs Tooting & Mitcham United
 Northwood vs Chipstead
 Staines Town vs Bedfont Sports
 Westfield vs Thatcham Town

NORTH DIVISION

Barking vs Bury Town
 Basildon United vs Hullbridge Sports
 Coggeshall Town vs Canvey Island
 Dereham Town vs Romford
 Felixstowe & Walton United vs Aveyley
 Grays Athletic vs Witham Town
 Great Wakering Rovers vs Maldon & Tiptree
 Hashtag United vs Stowmarket Town
 Heybridge Swifts vs Brentwood Town
 Tilbury vs AFC Sudbury

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

East Grinstead Town vs Burgess Hill Town
 Faversham Town vs Corinthian
 Hastings United vs Three Bridges
 Haywards Heath Town vs Cray Valley PM
 Lancing vs Herne Bay
 Phoenix Sports vs Chichester City
 Sevenoaks Town vs VCD Athletic
 Sittingbourne vs Ashford United
 Whitehawk vs Ramsgate
 Whitstable Town vs Hythe Town



PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bracknell Town	29	26	1	2	71	10	79
Chertsey Town	29	18	7	4	60	35	61
Hanwell Town	29	17	6	6	69	30	57
Bedfont Sports	29	17	6	6	68	36	57
Basingstoke Town	28	17	6	5	53	36	57
Uxbridge	29	16	7	6	54	34	55
Marlow	28	15	5	8	44	32	50
Binfield	29	12	8	9	48	43	44
South Park	29	10	8	11	51	44	38
Chipstead	29	9	8	12	45	45	35
Northwood	30	10	4	16	38	58	34
Ashford Town (Middx)	28	10	2	16	37	48	32
Thatcham Town	30	7	8	15	43	55	29
Guernsey	25	7	6	12	45	50	27
Westfield	28	5	10	13	31	43	25
Tooting & Mitcham United	28	6	6	16	35	48	24
Sutton Common Rovers	28	7	3	18	34	69	24
Chalfont St Peter	28	5	3	20	27	67	18
Staines Town	29	4	2	23	27	97	14

ON THE FIELD



NORTHWOOD

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL.....**STEVE RINGROSE**
 HEAD COACH.....**BEN BUKOWSKI**
 COACH.....**RICHARD ELDERFIELD**
 PHYSIO.....**DAN DAGGETT**
 COLOURS.....**RED**

CHIPSTEAD

MANAGER.....**ROB KEMBER**
 ASSISTANT.....**ROB SMITH**
 COACH.....**ALLAN TAIT**
 COLOURS.....**PINK & NAVY**

	PLD	SUB	GLS
DANIEL PURDUE (GK)			
DAN HOSIER (GK)			
SAM JENKINS			
MATT SURMON			
LEWIS BATTEN			
ANDY LOMAS			
WILL ROBINSON			
TOMMY BOXER			
JAMES GURTEEN			
KEAGAN COLE			
CARL STEWART			
LUKE TINGEY			
TEDDY STACEY			
JOAKIM EHUI			
SYDNEY IBIE			
RYAN YOUNG			
ALEX MORE			
KYAL WILLIAMS			
SAM CAHILL			
JOSH HELMORE			
KRISTIAN BELOUSAS			

	PLD	SUB	GLS
MATT KERBEY (GK)			
BALDWIN KALUYA (GK)			
JONATHAN GJOSHE			
PETER WEDGEWORTH			
SIMEON DENNIS			
MICHAK STANIC-STEWART			
JENSEN GRANT			
JAMAL ABUBAKARI			
DARYL COLEMAN			
ZOHAIR IRTIZA-ALI			
TOM SMITH			
KIERAN LAVERY			
CALLUM MCALLISTER			
DANIEL MOODY			
ANDY KABUIKUSOMO			
JACK BEADLE			
TOBI ADAJE			
SAM BELL			
WARREN COLEMAN			
CHARLIE KENETT			
TEDDY PERKINS			
GEORGE CRAIG			
DAVID WILKINSON			

OFFICIALS

REFEREE: **Ryan Calver**
 ASSISTANT: **Nick Blogg**
 ASSISTANT: **Owen Lawrence**

NEXT UP AT HOME CHERTSEY TOWN

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTMIAN LEAGUE
 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ON THE ROAD ASHFORD TOWN (MIDD)

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH 2022
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTMIAN LEAGUE
 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION