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1975, 1977, 1978

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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.

I write these notes on Monday, which happens to be fifteen years to the day since I joined the club in the role of Chairman!

Maybe I didn't think this far ahead at the time and I certainly didn't believe the journey would have so many ups and downs.

But, I'm still here and of course it's been an emotional rollercoaster for most of that time; the toughest times have been the unnecessary battles I've had to endure with certain individuals and our perilous financial position for the most part and deal with the effect that this has undoubtedly had on me personally.

I get asked quite often why I do it and when I look around now at the club and the facilities we enjoy, it gives me, and hopefully all of us, that drive to make us even better.

For a few seasons now, I've been working hard to get it right on the pitch, as that's why we are all doing what we do; this has been stressful, tough and painful but I now believe we have the foundations in place to achieve safety this season and certainly kick on next season.

I get that I may have divided

opinions at times, look poker faced and unapproachable, but the 'real' me is far from that person.

I have a role here that I take seriously and the club needed a 'me' to come in and make some tough decisions and by doing that and what I believe in, hasn't made us too bad, I don't think. I've made some great friends here and have received unconditional support from our fans and I sincerely thank everyone for that.

I'll be writing more about my time here shortly.

On the pitch now, our away game last Saturday at Basingstoke was as good as I've seen for a long time and made me very proud of the new journey we are now on.

We have decent players now, a great team spirit and players who want to 'play for the jersey'.

While there is still plenty of hard work to be done, well done to the Management Team for achieving this in such a short space of time.

Enjoy the game today.

Up the Woods!
Ian

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DIRECT FROM THE

THE MANAGEMENT

WITH DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL, STEVE RINGROSE

I speak for all of us when I say it has been a challenging but enjoyable first few months in this job, as the need for points is at the forefront of our mind.

The first seven league matches have seen some strange circumstances whereby the four away games have all resulted in wins, but the home matches we have struggled, despite some good performances, and are yet to register a point.

We welcome a Marlow team today, who so far are enjoying a good season and occupy a place in the play-off positions. I am sure they will not mind me saying that we hope to and intend to put a dent in those ambitions today.

The building of the current squad has taken shape over the past couple of months with the result seeing us field only two players at Basingstoke Town last Saturday who appeared in the game here at the end of October shortly before us joining the club.

Whilst we signed some good local players, many of whom were well known to us, my biggest concern was that a lot of players at the club, either those that we inherited, or a few of those offered to us and subsequently signed, led to a squad with quite a few 'dual registrations'.

The worry is that the parent clubs, usually from a higher level, always had first choice on these players, thus possibly giving us headaches a few hours before kick-off on a matchday, should those clubs need to pull the players back for games.

Clearly, in the last few years this situation has evolved at many clubs, seeing the opportunity to

'sign' better players to give them minutes, but then with little regard for 'team spirit' and togetherness of their teams. This was highlighted recently when we 'lost' a player on the morning of a game.

So, we have set about a campaign to 'build our squad' to ensure we can finish the season on a high and to enjoy our possible two cup semi-finals (and hopefully finals)!

In discussions with players and other clubs this point has been emphasised and if both parties did not agree this then we had no option than to return a couple of players to their 'parent' clubs.

This has ensured that our squad is now committed for the 'rest of the season' and we have impressed on them the plans to improve this group and these lads by learning, achieving good results, and a dedicated team spirit, to allow us to build towards a good set up for next season.

In conversation with some of our supporters after our match at Basingstoke last Saturday, many of these points were highlighted by them also, and it was great to be able to lay out our plans and ambitions.

I am sure that if we succeed in this plan then it will give us a team that not only us, but also you the supporters, can enjoy watching and just as importantly, players who you can relate to and enjoy a chat with at every home game and whenever possible, at away matches too.

Thanks for your continued support, enjoy the game, see you in the bar afterwards.

Steve





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

Welcome to the Blues

A warm welcome back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for this afternoon's Pitching In Isthmian League fixture and we extend that welcome to everyone connected with our visitors from Marlow FC.

Our opponents are enjoying an excellent season which has been built on a very solid foundation and from their seventeen games played to date they have conceded just seven goals which is the least in the Country and only rivalled (on goals per game) by our own league leaders Bracknell Town who have let in one more from four more games completed. The Blues have lost four games so far this season – two in the League, at Chertsey Town and at home against Hanwell Town – and two main cup competitions, going out at Harrow Borough in the FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round, and at home to Chertsey Town in the Velocity League Trophy. They were also beaten at home on penalties against Larkhall Athletic in the FA Trophy (following a 2-2 draw), who eventually went out at Stockport County last weekend. Marlow have not lost a game by more than one goal all season so the task ahead of us is there for all to see.

Our own visit to the Alfred Davis Memorial Ground back on a Tuesday night in mid-September ended in a closely-fought 1-0 defeat; the only goal coming deep into first-half stoppage-time from a Marcus Mealing free-kick. The Woods were down to ten men in the first-half with Gradi Milenge picking up two yellow cards while Marlow had a similar fate ten minutes into the second period when Devonte Romeo got his second yellow and the sides were more equally matched once again. It made no difference though as Marlow's defence stayed strong through to the end.

Our two sides never met in the curtailed 2020/21 season but managed to fit in both games inside eight days the previous season just before it ended prematurely. Firstly, here at Northwood, the Woods ended a run of twelve successive defeats with a 1-0 win thanks to a goal from Romario Hart, a clean sheet for former Barnet goalkeeper Jamie Stephens on his league debut and a defence that included both Sam Jenkins and Mark Kirby, borrowed from Chesham United. Just a week later, it was the Blues who turned the tables with their own 1-0 victory and it was former Woods defender Isaac Olorunfemi that did the damage, scoring with a spectacular 30-yard drive to beat Tyla Dickinson, on-loan from QPR, on his debut in the Woods goal.

Last Saturday, Marlow just held on to a 2-1 victory over Chipstead to notch their seventh successive league win since their defeat at Chertsey Town in early November.

League and Cup News

Our last home game saw the Woods come from behind to notch an excellent 2-1 victory over our divisional rivals Bedfont Sports and make it through to the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup for the first time since we won the competition back in 2016.

Josh Helmore netted our equaliser on his debut for the club and then Tommy Boxer popped up with the winner in stoppage-time just as we were expecting yet another penalty shoot-out.

Our luck with home draws in cup competitions this season has continued with the draw made for the semi-finals as it has given us home advantage once again, though this time for the considerably harder tie against National League side Barnet who came through a tough game at Ashford Town (Middlesex) with a 2-1 success. That tie will take place here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium on Tuesday 15th February and will be a game that we will certainly look forward to.

Our postponed game at Westfield a couple of weeks ago has been rearranged and will be played this coming Tuesday night, 25th January 2022 with kick-off at 7.45pm.

It was a frustrating trip to Westfield for the players and management with the game only being called off after 1pm on arrival of the match referee so hopefully we can regroup and get another result on our travels under the lights in midweek. Prior to that we had our Bank Holiday home game against Chalfont St Peter postponed due to Covid cases in the visitors ranks. In these circumstances, our opponents have to face a League charge of not fulfilling a fixture before the match gets rearranged but we have just heard that this will now be rescheduled for Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.45pm.

Buoyed with the confidence gained from that success, the Woods then travelled to play-off seeking Basingstoke Town last Saturday and recorded our fourth consecutive away league victory with a 3-1 win on their 3G pitch at the Winklebury Stadium. Josh Helmore netted on his league debut to make it two in two and the Teddy Stacey bagged his first league goal to make it 2-0 early in the second-half. Sydney Ibie notched a third late on before the home side grabbed a late consolation but it was an excellent three points which has seen us rise to fifteenth in the league table. There is still plenty of work to do and points to be earned as we enter our last sixteen matches but we have certainly given ourselves a real chance of climbing the table in the weeks to come. The last time that the Woods had recorded four successive away wins came back in October/November 2012 when

we beat the likes of Rugby Town, Fleet Town, Thatcham Town and Beaconsfield Sycob.

As well as the Barnet semi-final, we also face a quarter-final in the Middlesex Charity Cup next month with an away tie at Combined Counties League side CB Hounslow who we will be meeting for the first-ever time. That's scheduled for a week after the Senior Cup game, on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

Under-18s

Paul Masters' under-18s side will have faced their own County Cup quarter-final a couple of nights ago as they took on Uxbridge (for the fourth time this season) here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium.

Having lost 13-0 to the same opponents not very long ago it would appear to be a tall order but Paul was hopeful of having his strongest side out for the match so it was a matter of fingers crossed. The previous week we were really struggling for a fit and available side when we travelled to league leaders Bedfont Sports and it wasn't a complete surprise that we slipped to another heavy 8-0 defeat against such a strong side. The lads are back in action here at Northwood this coming Thursday night, 27th January with another Isthmian Youth League game against Hayes & Yeading United. Kick-off is at 7.45pm and I'm sure they would appreciate your support.

Player News

Dan Purdue returned between the sticks after injury for the Basinstoke game last weekend but only at the last minute after Dan Hosier picked up a knee injury during the pre-match warm-up.

We can only be thankful that we had Dan at the game warming-up as well and ready for action at the last minute. Joakim Ehui and Matteo Esposito have been out with injury in recent weeks while Aaron Petch, following his recent suspension, has joined Broadfields United on a dual-registration basis. Likewise, Montel Joseph is currently playing at London Colney on a dual-registration.

Top Value Season Tickets

This week will be the last opportunity to secure your Season Ticket this season.

As at today, we have just eight home games left to play which would cost you £80 if you come to each game, while you can purchase a Season Ticket still for £45.00 so still make a reasonable saving. Go to the website www.northwoodfc.com and Season Tickets under the Commercial tab to pay online for yours or you can pay cash to me this afternoon if you would prefer.

You may want to consider becoming a 1926 Member. At a cost of £145, this gets you the Season Ticket but also a Player Sponsorship of your choice plus one Match-Day Sponsorship which includes hospitality for four people pre- and post-match. These are limited but there are

still a few memberships available.

Player Sponsorships

As usual, we have been looking for sponsors for our players but from today we are reducing the cost of this with only a few months of the season still to go.

You now get a choice of either being kit sponsor at £40.00 or Tracksuit Sponsor at £30.00. Obviously with the recent turnover of players, many people's sponsored player may have moved on. If this is the case, please let us know who you would like your sponsorship passed onto from the new squad or recent recruits and we shall do that for you as we enter the second half of the season.

Spartans Youth (Adult Section)

Two successive home wins and a couple of slip-ups by the two main pacesetters in the Surrey Premier County League have seen them give themselves every chance of competing for the top spots again.

They beat lowly Ripley Village 5-0 and followed that with a 3-1 success over Farleigh Rovers last weekend here at Northwood. Despite having a lot of home games still to play, they actually go on their travels over the next few weeks with their next home game not scheduled until Saturday 19th February 2022 when they take on AFC Walcottians.

Fixtures at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium

The Woods go back on the road this week with Isthmian League away games at Westfield on Tuesday night, 25th January and then a big local derby game at Uxbridge next Saturday.

We hope that as many of you as possible can make the short trip to West Drayton for that game against an Uxbridge side sitting in fourth place in the table and very much in the running for the play-offs. Our game comes at the end of a run of tough fixtures for the Reds of Uxbridge against Bracknell Town, Chertsey Town, Hanwell Town and then Marlow! We then return home the following Saturday for the visit of Tooting & Mitcham United.

Thurs 27th Jan – Northwood U18s v. Hayes & Yeading U18s – Isthmian Youth League – 7.45pm

Saturday 5th February 2022 – Northwood v. Tooting & Mitcham United – Isthmian League – 3pm

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

Alan

MATCHREPORT



BY ROBIN PIPER

BASINGSTOKE TOWN 1 NORTHWOOD 3

SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022

KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Away day specialists Northwood made it four consecutive league wins on their travels with an impressive victory over fifth placed Basingstoke Town.

Woods lined up in a 3-4-3 formation with Sydney Ibie and Kyal Williams playing either side of Josh Helmore in attack while there was a return to the starting eleven for goalkeeper Daniel Purdue who replaced Dan Hosier who had picked up an injury in the pre-game warm up.

The contest got off to a lively start with Basingstoke's James Hayworth picking up an early caution for a cynical challenge on Williams; Keagan Cole's resulting free-kick into the box just running away from Tommy Boxerat the far post.

The Woods continued their bright start as Andy Lomas worked a good position before delivering a teasing cross which just failed to reach the threatening Helmore. And Northwood were good value for taking the lead with 17 minutes on the clock as Sam Jenkins played in Helmore who showed great strength and composure, holding off a couple of defenders before calmly stroking the ball home. The Dragons were rattled by conceding the opening goal and they were struggling to make much of an impression on Northwood who were keeping them well at bay, Jack French's long-range effort flying harmlessly over the woodwork.





The Woods were finding plenty of space down both flanks, Ibie almost capitalising on Carl Stewart's cross with a shot on the turn which flew wide of the target. And Northwood's wingbacks were getting into advanced positions with a Lomas cross finding Jenkins who went to ground with a knee in his back, the referee waving away the penalty appeals.

Basingstoke thought they had drawn level on 36 minutes as French redirected McKoy Palmer's volley into the net after Purdue had punched clear, an offside flag coming to Northwood's rescue.

And the Woods finished the half strongly with Williams to the fore as he first saw his shot gathered by keeper Paul Strudley after a jinking run before his cross picked out Stewart whose volleyed attempt cleared the Basingstoke crossbar.

Northwood had the perfect start to the second half as



they extended their lead on 48 minutes, Teddy Stacey beginning and finishing a sweeping move as he released Williams whose crisp shot was parried by Strudley and fell nicely to the on-rushing Stacey who made no mistake on the follow-up for his first league goal.

The hosts needed a quick response if they were to get back in the contest and they went close after Robert Sheridan hooked the ball wide as he latched onto a cross to the far post.

Basingstoke made a double substitution with Ben Cook and Stefan Brown entering the fray and the Dragons enjoyed a spell of pressure as they forced a series of corners with Cook shooting wide before Purdue produced a couple of smart saves to deny Conor Lynch and Brad Wilson.

Woods' backline continued to stand up to the test with James Gurteen enjoying his best game since his return to the club as Basingstoke continued to be frustrated.

Ryan Young was introduced for Williams, who had enjoyed a fine game, with 71 minutes on the clock. But Northwood had some more defending to do as Purdue made a double save to deny Lynch and Brown before Nathan Smart saw his long-range shot clear the crossbar.

The Woods made another change as Helmore made way for Micah Jackson for the final ten minutes. And the substitute was integral to Northwood's third goal as he won possession in the middle of the park before playing the ball through to Young who unselfishly squared to Ibie and he applied the finish to effectively end the contest on 86 minutes. And Northwood kept their foot on the gas as Stacey saw his shot saved by the feet of Strudley.

Alex More replaced Ibie as Woods looked to see out the final minutes, but they were unfortunately unable to keep a clean sheet as Wilson fired in a consolation goal just into stoppage-time. But that wasn't enough to dampen Woods' spirits as they were able to celebrate another impressive away win which takes them four points clear of the bottom of the table and eagerly anticipating the visit of third-placed Marlow next Saturday.

Team:

Purdue, Jenkins, Lomas, Cole, Boxer, Gurteen, Williams (Young 70), Stacey, Helmore (Jackson 79), Ibie (More 90), Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Constantinou, Surmon

Yellow Cards: Jenkins, Boxer

Attendance: 531

ON THIS DAY

Looking back at how the press reported what was happening with the Woods on 22nd January in years gone by

1938**Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division****Wembley Institute 0
Northwood United 2**

Northwood United well deserved the two points they secured by beating Wembley Institute 2-0 at Sudbury.

For the first 15 minutes neither team played anything like good football; chances were missed, passes went astray, and the defenders mis-kicked a number of times. The United eventually settled down, and their long passing overwhelmed the Institute defence, but poor finishing robbed them of their chances of scoring. Several corners were forced on the left wing, which were well-placed by A. Walker, who was the best player on the field, and his clever tactics completely bewildered the defence of the home team.

On one occasion Northwood were unfortunate not to score when a corner taken by Walker resulted in Tom Williams, centre-forward, heading the ball and hitting the crossbar, from which it rebounded into play and was finally cleared by Meek. There was no score at half-time, the play on the whole having been in favour of Northwood.

When the game resumed, Northwood were penned in their own half for a considerable time, but the Institute forwards found it difficult to penetrate the visitors' defence. After about 20 minutes Northwood forced a corner on the left-wing, which Walker timed beautifully, the ball swerving into the goalmouth and over Fowler's head into the net. Northwood then attacked with even more vigour and a few minutes later, Walker put in some good work on the left-wing. He crossed the ball and Fowler fumbled it. Joe Gill saw the opportunity, and dashing in, tapped the ball in.

Northwood United: Friend, T Bell, Hughes, Sibley, W Bell, Storey, Gill, Taylor, Williams, Welch, Walker.

1972**Middlesex League****Northwood 2
North Greenford United 0**

A scintillating performance from Paddy Coburn (pictured) helped to put Northwood top of the table; it was Coburn's creative brilliance that set up Northwood's 14th win in 15 league matches.

Just three minutes before half-time Coburn was on hand to put Northwood into the lead. Following some neat work on the right by Coburn and Steve Senior, the ball was centred to Ian Harvey, who volleyed a great left foot shoot goalwards. When the Greenford failed to gather the ball properly Coburn swooped in to put the ball in the net.

Then with 15 minutes from full time Coburn paved the way for the second. Receiving the ball on the halfway line, he showed strength and skill as he ploughed past man after man. When his thundering shot bounced out of the keeper's hands, Senior was on hand to head the ball home.

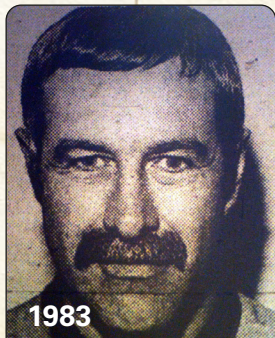
The Woods had the better of the early exchanges on a heavy pitch without creating any chances, whereas Greenford never looked likely to penetrate the vastly improved Northwood defence. John Myers was outstanding, and his confidence spread throughout the back four. However, Coburn was without doubt the star of the match, well supported by Senior and Barry Wanless.

Northwood: Byrne, Harding, Myers, Taylor, Harvey, Burt, Gould, Pearce, Senior, Wanless, Coburn.

1983

Hellenic League Premier Division

Northwood 2 Abingdon United 0



1983

Striker Stuart Mitchell was Northwood's ace in the pack, as they ended rejuvenated Abingdon's recent string of notable league results.

In a dour struggle that could have gone either way it was the magnificent Mitchell who turned events in Woods' favour just when it appeared that

the honours were destined to be shared.

Climbing high, he superbly steered home a great header from Peter Nelmes' cross to break the deadlock, and Woods settled the issue five minutes from time when Gordon Baker forced the ball home after a blunder by the visitors' defence.

This surprising generosity had been in complete contrast to Abingdon's earlier play as they gave nothing away at the back, and had Northwood at full stretch when they went on the offensive.

Home keeper John Toogood (pictured) made two blinding saves, but in a goalless first half both nets had narrow escapes as Barry Gould cleared off his line at one end, before Martin Ellis's effort suffered similar treatment at the other.

Northwood: Toogood, Nelmes, Lammin, Gould, Heslop, Mitchell, Floodgate, Davies, Ellis, Baker, Livingstone. Subs. Watson, Tidd.

2000

Ryman League Division Two

Ford United 1 Northwood 1

This was a top of the table clash long awaited by both teams, with Northwood looking to avenge their 3-0 opening day defeat. With the wind in their favour, the hosts pressed for the opener.

Tony Read and Dean Allen both testing Riordan, who did well in the difficult conditions. It was a game of few clear-cut chances, but a good move from the visitors on 30 minutes ended with Scott Fitzgerald just unable to reach a Dave Nolan cross. Hart did pick the ball up out wide and swept it back into the danger area, but Dannv Restock cleared for Ford.

A Nolan free-kick gave Paul Watkins a chance, but he was off-target. Northwood went behind on 63 minutes when the busy Read got behind the defence and crossed for Andy Aransibia to send Riordan the wrong way. Three minutes later a neat ball by Dave Sargent sent Yaku away, but he shot the wrong side of the post. Another chance went begging in the 75th minute when Sargent's free-kick was headed back across goal by Rene Street, but there were no takers.

The equaliser finally came with five minutes to go. Yaku raced to reach a ball out wide and was pulled back by Chapman, who was lucky only to receive a yellow card. Sargent gave the keeper no chance with the spot kick and Northwood were level. Mark Lord was then sent off for a second bookable offence for Ford and Woods sensed a winner; they forced three corners, but were unable to get past Chapman.

Northwood: Riordan, Yeoman (Newing), Watkins, Butler, Street, Hart (Sargent), Nolan, Gell, Fitzgerald, Yaku, Burgess.

2005

Ryman League Premier Division

Northwood 2 Hendon 0

Northwood made it three wins on the spin by completing a well-deserved double over Middlesex rivals Hendon.

The home side survived a scare when there was a strong shout for hand-ball against Rory Smith, Richard McDonagh's follow-up header sailing over the bar, and as Hendon began to find their feet, John Frendo saw a couple of close range shots blocked, and McDonagh also went close.

However, Woods continued to create chances as the hard-working Bent jinked into the box before unleashing a fierce shot which narrowly cleared the bar, and they got their reward on the stroke of half-time. Kris McHale beat Courtnage to Yeoman's lofted free kick and his flicked header fell to Ben Abbey, who made no mistake.

The second period was slow to get going – Hendon being restricted to long range efforts from Frendo and former Woods player James Burgess – while Northwood could have sewn the game up as Hart and McHale miscued from close range.

Northwood's second goal came at the end when Abbey latched on to Hale's defence-splitting pass before finishing in style to seal the win.

Northwood: Bullivant, Reeks, Hart, Smith, Evans, F Moore, J Moore, Bent, (Nolan), Abbey, McHale (Hale), Yeoman.



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

MARLOW

It was on November 22nd 1870 at the Compleat Angler Hotel on the banks of the Thames that Great Marlow Football Club was formed and so began the history of one of the oldest clubs in the country.

In the last century the Club was a major force in the game and as one of the original entrants in the first F.A Cup competition in 1871/72 contributed a share of the £25 that bought the first trophy.

In the very first year of the competition a certain Cuthbert Ottaway turned out for Marlow and just a year later he was to captain the national side against Scotland in the first ever officially recognised international match.

Marlow have the unique distinction of being the only club to have applied for entry to every competition since its inception although they were unable to compete once in the 1910/11 season.

In 1882 they reached the semi-finals where they lost out to eventual winners Old Etonians 0-5 at the Oval.

Two Amateur Cup semi-finals and a host of Berks & Bucks Senior Cup wins were among many honours won in this golden age.

In 1894 Marlow rejected the opportunity to join the newly-formed Southern League in order to retain their amateur status and allowed Tottenham Hotspur to begin their climb to the top flight by taking their place. The Club's ground until 1919 was Crown Meadow, now the Riley Recreational Ground.

An enforced move to the Star Meadow (which was unfenced) and the worsening financial situation resulted in the need to play in a more local competition than the Great Western Suburban League and Marlow joined the Reading and District League.

This was a dark period for the Club and worse was to come when the Club's long-serving Honorary Secretary Alfred Davis, who had held office at the Club since 1891, died in 1924.

It was decided that a fitting memorial to him would be to provide a permanent home for Marlow F.C. An appeal proved to be very successful and the "Alfred Davis Memorial Ground" saw its first game in 1928.

The picturesque grandstand dates from 1930's and followed the establishment of an Association who issued Share Certificates in connection with a Building Fund and was built to celebrate the Club's revival and the Spartan League Division Two championship.

Apart from a war-time break Marlow continued in the Spartan League until 1965 when entry was gained to the Athenian League Division Two.

Promotion to Division One was secured in season 1970/71.

Here Marlow remained until 1984 when they joined the Isthmian League.

Having finished bottom of Division Two in 1985 the appointment of Mike Keen as Manager heralded a rapid rise in status.

Promotion to Division One came the very next season and then after just one season in Division One the championship was won after a two horse race with Grays Athletic and along with it promotion to the Premier Division.

Here Marlow found things much tougher and Christmas arrived without a win and from a position at the foot of the table r however a late season Houdini act saw them escape and secure their new-found status.

When Keen left his assistant Dave Russell took over and brought in Laurie Craker as Coach. Under them good times returned and the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup was won for the first time that century with a victory over local rivals Wycombe Wanderers and the F.A Cup First Round was reached, also for the first time that century, with an away tie at West Bromwich Albion the reward.

Season 1992/93 saw even more F.A Cup success with progression this time to the Third Round and a tie with

Tottenham Hotspur that was switched to White Hart Lane where almost 27000 saw the Blues give a very creditable performance.

The Diadora (Isthmian) League Cup was won to finish the season on a high note by beating Molesey.

1993/94 must rate as the most successful ever with Marlow again reaching the First Round of the F.A Cup where a 0-2 home defeat against Plymouth Argyle was featured on T.V, while in the league a highest-ever position of third was achieved.

The Berks & Bucks Senior Cup was won again with a 1-0 win over local rivals Chesham Utd. to round off a highly memorable season.

At the end of that season Russell and Craker left for Slough Town and took several players with them.

A new squad and slow start left a lot to do in the league and relegation followed.

In the F.A Cup things were very different.

The First Round saw Division Two table-toppers Oxford Utd. defeated 2-0 at Oak Tree Road and the Blues became the first winners of the Littlewoods Pools' Giant Killers award.

After another home victory over Trophy holder's Woking secured a place in the Third Round Proper once again and a trip to Swindon Town, who had been in the Premier League the season before, where the home side were grateful to progress by a 2-0 scoreline.

Season 1995/96 saw a finish in in eighth spot but the following one got off to a terrible start from which the Club was never able to recover – and despite victories over virtually all the top sides, relegation was confirmed on the last day of the season.

Russell returned for the following season and with him high hopes but the season proved to be one of underachievement and a new team of Graham Pritchard and Derek Sweetman took over for 1998/99 and provided a period of stability which saw finishes in mid-table.

Following the departure of Pritchard just before season 2001/02 Sweetman took over the reins and his first game in charge saw the capture of the Associate Members Trophy in a final held over from the previous season.

The side finished the season in 9th position in the

league – the highest for some time – before restructuring saw them move from Division Two to the newly-formed Division One North for season 2002/03 where an 11th place finish was achieved.

In the F.A Trophy they progressed to the Third Round before going out at Dagenham & Redbridge. Marlow were moved yet again to Division One South and although inconsistent form saw them finish 16th in the league they again had an excellent run in the F.A Trophy which took them to the Fourth Round for the first time in their history.

Several notable victories saw them through before a strong Tamworth outfit ended their run at Oak Tree Road.

The reorganization of the non-league game saw them in different surroundings for the fourth time in four seasons with entry into The Southern League, Western Division for season 2004/05 and a finish of 13th.

Kevin Stone had moved into the manager's seat towards the end of the season and enjoyed a great run.

2005/06 and in the same league and in more familiar surroundings seemed to suit the side and for most of the season they hovered around the play-off positions and eventually finished in 6th spot.

A play-off spot was confirmed on the final day of the season and although a 1-2 defeat at Brackley Town followed the Club were pleased with the progress.

Season 2006/07 in the South & West Division saw a successful run of results promise another play-off berth but a last day defeat at Winchester City saw them fall just short whilst season 2007/08 was a little more disappointing with some very good results failing to offset a poor run around February/March with a final finish just outside the play-offs following..

Season 2008/09 saw the Club moved yet again into the Midland Division and another inconsistent season followed finishing with a defeat to Windsor & Eton in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup at M.K Dons stadium.

The following two seasons saw some good results against the top sides but indifferent ones against the lower teams and ended with mid-table finishes even though a bright start in 2010/11 saw them briefly at the top of the table.

2011/12 did not start at all badly but soon developed

into one where victories were very hard to come by and following a string of poor results long-standing manager Stone left just after Christmas. Assistant Steve Croxford took over and although performances and results improved towards the end it was not enough to avoid relegation.

Season 2012/13 found Marlow in the UHlsport Hellenic League with a new management team headed by Mark Bartley eager to recapture some of the glories of the past and this they did, winning the league championship by a 16 point margin and scoring 123 goals in 36 games to return to the Southern League where the next two seasons saw them consolidate with finishes in and 17 th and 11 th positions respectively.

For 2015/16 Marlow were moved once again – to the South & West division – which again meant increased travelling and the loss of some key players and several local derbies, making life much more difficult and a mid-table finish was achieved.

A return to the Central Division for 2016/17 aided a finish in 4th place (on goal difference) and achieved a play-off place, with third-placed Barton Rovers running out 2-0 victors at their ground.

Season 2017/18 saw a mid-table finish followed by a return to the Isthmian League after a lengthy absence to take a place in the newly-formed South-Central division with a resultant reduction in travelling which is most welcome.

Here generally good results saw them maintain a position near the top of the table throughout the season and qualify for the play-offs where they lost out in the semi-final to eventual winners Cheshunt 1-2 on their ground..

Back “home” the Blues have settled in and despite the curtailment of the last two seasons have retained the core of those players and added some quality for 2021/2022.

MEET THE PLAYERS & MANAGEMENT OF TODAY'S VISITORS – MARLOW

PHIL BROWN

Goalkeeping coach (who makes an occasional appearance) and is in his sixth season here. Previously a professional with Reading F.C.

ASHLEIGH ARTWELL

Signing from Bracknell Town. Midfielder who has also played for Wealdstone, Basingstoke Town and Hayes

&Yeading. Debut 17/08/19.

JUNAID BELL

Youngster who was at the John Madejski Academy and who has impressed at full-back or in midfield since signing. Debut 08/11/16.

KELVIN BOSSMAN

Deadline day signing from Dunstable Town 4 seasons ago who was previously with Chesham United and Dunstable Town. Debut 25/03/17

JORDAN BROWN

Debut 08/08/15 Forward/midfielder who tends to play in the wider positions and who signed after a successful spell with Highmoor-Ibis of the Hellenic League. Member of the FA Vase winning side at Thatcham Town who has also played at Bracknell Town. Debut 08/08/15.

TRISTAN CAMPBELL

Left-sided midfielder who has arrived via Beaconsfield, Highmoor-Ibis and Binfield., missed most of last season through injury Debut. 11/08/17.

CURTIS CHAPPLE

A quick and hard-tackling defender/wide player who was previously with Uxbridge before signing three seasons back. Debut 29/08/16.

KAMARON ENGLISH

Speedy wide player who was leading goalscorer for the 2 seasons before last two seasons before moving briefly to Hendon and returning Debut 14/02/17.

SIMON GRANT

Goalkeeper who transferred into the club from Ashford Town (Mx) prior to the start of season 2013-14. Has also played for AFC Hayes, Slough Town and Hayes & Yeading. Voted “Player Of The Year” for seasons 2017-2018 and 2019 -20. Debut 17/08/13.

NNAMDI NWACHUKWU

Previous clubs include Colchester Utd., Bury Town, Leiston, Maldon & Tiptree and Coggeshall Town where he was a regular scorer. Enjoyed a short spell here a couple of seasons back and has now returned permanently. Debut 07/12/19.

MARCUS MEALING

Started out in the Marlow youth team before progressing and moving to many local sides before returning. Generally a striker but a versatile player who can also play in defence

and goal. Debut 27/01/2009.

ISAAC OLORUNFEMI

Young defender who broke into the first-team squad midway through season 2018-19.. Previously with Maidenhead United, Egham Town and Northwood. Debut 22/12/18.

ISAAC OSEI-TUTU

Quick player with an athletics background who was with Hungerford Town before joining. Has also been with Hayes & Yeading, Aldershot and Maidenhead United. Debut 09/08/16

CHRIS OVENDEN

Right-sided defender or midfielder who was with Henley Town before joining and who has also played for Hartley Wintney. Season 2014-15 Manager's Player-Of-The-Year and 2015-16 Supporters Player of the Season. Debut 10/11/12

ADAM RICHARDS

Central defender who impressive displays earned him a move to Harrow Borough where injury restricted his appearances. Made a few appearances on loan at Egham Town before last before returning to Oak Tree Road. Debut 17/08/13

LOUIS ROGERS

Composed midfield or defensive player who signed following his release from Watford FC. Season 2019-20's Supporters' Player Of the Season. Debut 18/09/18

DEVONTAE ROMEO

Very tricky on the ball and has an eye for goal. Son of ex-Marlow player Shane Small-King. Previously with Highmoor-Ibis. Debut 17/08/13

ALEX SALMON

Tall and very quick defender who can play anywhere across the back four. Joined from Reading Town to become very important in Hellenic League title win before injury ruined the following 18 months for him. 2015-16 Player of the Season. Debut 07/08/12.

CHARLEY TUTTLE

Young defender signed last season from Aldermaston who has impressed in his early matches. Debut 22/09/20.



MARK BARTLEY MANAGER.

who as a player was at Hayes, Slough Town, Burnham and Thame United before taking over at Reading Town in the latter part of season 2011/2012 and guiding them to safety. Went on to win the Hellenic Premier Division with Marlow in his first season here. Now into his eight season.

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 (MIDDX)	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										
Tues 25	Westfield	A	Lge										
Sat 29	Uxbridge	A	Lge										
FEBRUARY													
Sat 05	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge										
Tue 08	CHALFONT ST PETER	H	Lge										
Sat 12	GUERNSEY	H	Lge										
Tues 15	BARNET	H	MSCSF										
Sat 19	Sutton Common Rovers	A	Lge										
Tue 22	CB Hounslow	A	MCCR3										
Sat 26	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	Lge										
MARCH													
Sat 05	Bracknell Town	A	Lge										
Sat 12	South Park	A	Lge										
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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WITH THE **YOUNGSTERS** LEADERS SHOW THEIR POWER

BEDFONT SPORTS 8 NORTHWOOD 0

Having been one of the few sides to have held Bedfont Sports this season – a 3-3 draw earlier in the campaign, hopes were high that this match-up could also be a positive one.

Sadly, with far too many of the youngsters pulling out with injuries following Sunday fixtures (Mondays are never a great day to play for us), it was a pretty makeshift side that lined up for the Woods and it was always an uphill struggle.

Sports can boast the League's top scorer in Michael Goddard with 17 this season but even though he was missing their side still proved far too strong in attack. It was 3-0 by half-time and the Woods never really got in a chance up front themselves.

The second-half soon added to that tally, it was 6-0 within another twenty minutes but the Woods dug deep to repel further attacks and it was only in the final stages that the last two goals were added, making it an 8-0 final scoreline.

Team: Christofi, Batten, Dunstone, Nkalu, Moneke, Debenham, Thompson (Wilson), Reid, Robinson, Baayou, Thomas (O'Sullivan).

The Woods faced Uxbridge for the fourth time this season on Thursday night, this time in the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup quarter-final but the result is not known at the time of writing these notes.

They are back here this coming Thursday night, 27th January 2022 at home to Hayes & Yeading United with kick-off at 7.45pm.

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

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

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

LEAGUETABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bedfont Sports	12	9	2	1	45	8	29
Beaconsfield Town	11	6	1	4	28	21	19
Camberley Town	9	5	2	2	24	15	17
Uxbridge	10	5	1	4	36	22	16
Ashford Town (Middx)	9	4	2	3	13	18	14
Marlow	10	3	3	4	24	18	12
Hampton & Richmond Borough	9	4	0	5	22	27	12
Hayes & Yeading United	9	3	1	5	14	22	10
Wealdstone	13	2	3	8	15	34	9
Northwood	10	2	1	7	16	52	7

MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN PIPER



NORTHWOOD 2 BEDFONT SPORTS 1

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022

KICK-OFF 7.45PM

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP, QUARTER-FINAL

There was late drama at the Fenton as Northwood booked their place in the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup with a stoppage-time win over league rivals Bedfont Sports.

Woods took to the field with a new strike partnership of debutant Josh Helmore and Alex More in the absence of Micah Jackson and Sydney Ibie who were missing through injury and suspension. There was also a first start for attacking midfielder Kyal Williams.

On a soft but perfectly playable surface, the contest was slow to ignite with neither side making much headway in the early stages. But Northwood gradually began to make an impression with wing-back Sam Jenkins breaking into the Bedfont box and almost latching onto a Tommy Boxer through-ball.

The Woods continued to see plenty of the ball and Helmore wasn't far away from opening his Northwood account as he prodded wide after a Keagan Cole corner found its way to him. And the former Binfield forward was involved again moments later as he turned provider to Jenkins who broke into the box once more before being denied by a last-ditch tackle.

However, Northwood found themselves behind against the run of play on 36 minutes as Lewis Flatman stroked

the ball home on the rebound after keeper Dan Hosier had saved his first attempt; Woods frustrated as the officials' ignored appeals for handball and a possible offside flag in the build-up.

Woods looked to restore parity before the break and Jenkins created an opening for Helmore, but his snatched shot flew wide of the upright. And Helmore was in the thick of it again as he was crowded out by the Bedfont rearguard but not before the impressive Jenkins showed his defensive qualities with a timely intervention as the visitors looked to extend their lead.

Northwood came out in determined fashion after the break with the link up play of Jenkins and Williams down the right flank continuing to ask questions of the visitors. And it was from this source that Woods fashioned a deserved equaliser on 56 minutes, Jenkins receiving a return from Williams before drilling in a low cross which was gleefully converted by Helmore at the far post.

Bedfont responded by introducing two of their highly-rated strikers, Dan Williams and Jordan Esprit, in a double substitution to link up with Darryl Sanders in a three-pronged attack. But buoyed by their goal, Woods maintained their attacking momentum with Helmore executing a smart turn and cross which just evaded the



JOSH HELMORE and ALEX MORE began a new partnership up front and Josh scored our equaliser while KYAL WILLIAMS started his first game for the club.

on-rushing Andy Lomas and Carl Stewart.

Play continued to ebb and flow as both sides looked to settle the contest without the need of a penalty shootout. Usman Lalustani firing narrowly over the Northwood bar and Sanders drawing a smart save from Hosier, while at the other end, a throw into the Eagles box caused a panic with Helmore making a nuisance of himself which almost resulted in an own goal. And a further combination between Williams and Jenkins created another opportunity for Helmore, but his header was wide of the target.

Stewart, who once again provided a solid platform for the Woods midfield alongside the relentless Teddy Stacey, made way for the fresh legs of Ryan Young with 83 minutes on the clock. And both sides continued the search for a winner in the final frantic minutes, Joe Jackson having a run and shot for Bedfont while Cole attempted an audacious long-range attempt which was gratefully gathered by the visiting keeper Matte Pierson. And with

the contest moving into added time, the Woods had a strong penalty appeal waved away as Helmore appeared to be upended by Pierson as he chased a through-ball.

However, Northwood were not to be thwarted and having been awarded a free-kick out near the right touchline, More's delicious delivery was latched onto by Stacey whose effort was spilled by Pierson with the loose ball being swept home by Boxer – cue delirium from the fans behind the goal as Woods celebrated the deciding strike and a long awaited home success to take them into the last four of the competition.

NORTHWOOD: Hosier, Jenkins, Lomas, Cole, Boxer, Gurteen, More, Stacey,

Helmore (Constantinou 90), Williams, Stewart (Young 83)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES Cahill, Surmon, Purdue

YELLOW CARDS None

ATTENDANCE 116

CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

NORTHWOOD 3 MARLOW 0

In this column we look back at a previous meeting with today's visitors Marlow.

Our featured game took place in the Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central in front of 157 spectators...

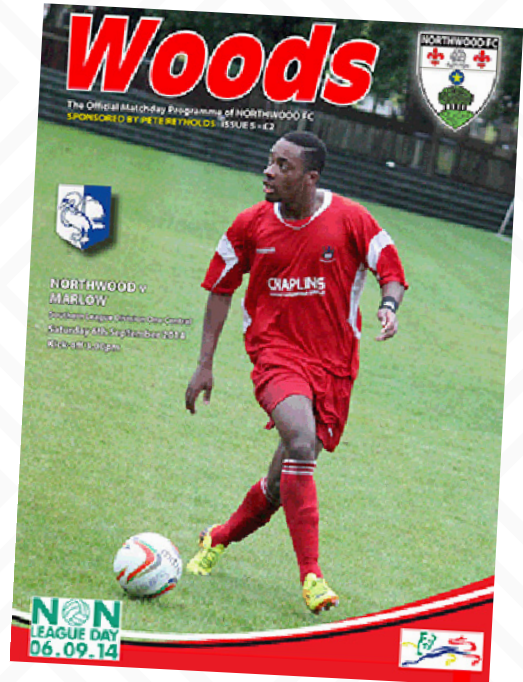
The Woods climbed into the top half of the table for the first time since the start of season with this solid victory over a sluggish Marlow side who failed to recover from their FA Cup exit the previous week.

There was a slow start to game with both sides failing to create much in front of goal. Marcus Mealing fired wide from distance for the visitors while Northwood did have the ball in the net when Nick Turner turned in a corner but a whistle ruled it out for a foul on goalkeeper Simon Grant. After 17 minutes, an attempted clearance from Jordan Lawal hit an opponent and rebounded to Lee Barney, who hit a quick first-time shot but it flashed the wrong side of the post.

But the Woods gradually managed to start to control things and Hastings' cross saw Dan Bailey slice an attempted clearance not far wide of his own post for a corner. From that, Michael Murray knocked the ball long, Turner headed it back across and George Nicholas perhaps should have scored but only managed to head just over the bar. Yet, Northwood didn't have to wait much longer for the opening goal as a ball from the right saw Hastings have an effort blocked but the rebound fell to Murray who had plenty of time to stroke home his first goal of the season.

McNicholas had to be alert to keep out a header from Barney after the lively striker got his head to a Chris Ovenden cross and another curling effort from Mealing wasn't far wide but the Woods countered well with a second goal before the break. Joakim Ehui had just skied one effort on goal when an excellent through-ball put Nicholas in on the right and he rifled a shot across Grant to make it 2-0.

The visitors made a couple of early changes in the



second half

as they looked to turn things around, but in fact Northwood dominated proceedings. Ehui had another strike well over before a well-flighted free-kick from Andy Lomas saw Turner flick a header wide of the post. Vassell was close to heading in a Murray free-kick but was denied by some good defending, while some impressive skills from Hastings led to a volley that Grant did well to anticipate and make a fine save from.

McNicholas made a confidence-building low save to deny Barney, but ultimately it was still Northwood who looked more likely to add to scoring, and after 80 minutes a free-kick saw Ehui pull the ball back for substitute Nana

Asamoah to squeeze a shot just inside the post.

Hastings continued to look for a goal on his starting debut but he and went close with a fierce drive in stoppage-time but it flew just wide, and it was Marlow who recorded the last effort on goal as substitute Corey King got in from the left and hit a near-post shot that McNicholas had to turn wide.



Classic 1 – Jordan Lawal in midfield action

Northwood: Danny McNicholas, Alex Nolan, Andy Lomas (Mason Yorke 88m), Nick Turner, Perry Dicker, Jordan Lawal, Joakim Ehui, George Nicholas, Rob Hastings, Michael Murray (Nana Asamoah 77m), Omar Vassell

Marlow: Simon Grant, Chris Ovenden, Tom Baddeley, Kurtney Brooks, Adam Richards (Paul Massaquoi 46m), Dan Bailey, Devontae Romeo, Marcus Mealing (Corey King 57m), Lee Barney (Liam Ferdinand 79m), Jordan Holder-Spooner, Jake Simpson



Classic 2 – Michael Murray's shot flies past Simon Grant to put Northwood ahead



Classic 3 – The Woods celebrate after George Nicholas makes it 2-0

TEN TO TACKLE

1. Which two clubs contested the 2021 FA Trophy Final?
2. What did some England players jokingly call manager Fabio Capella due to his similarity to a children's television character?
3. Whose previous record of top Welsh goalscorer was overtaken by Gareth Bale?
5. HNK Rijeka are from which country?
6. With which club did Peter Shilton have his one and only taste of life as a manager?
7. Who scored both goals for Brazil in their 2002 World Cup Final victory over Germany?
8. From which club did Tottenham Hotspur sign Christian Eriksen in 2013?
9. Which club has scored the most League goals in a single season in The Football League?
10. If you were watching The Royals in action at The John Smith's Stadium, which two teams would be in action?



1) Hornchurch and Hereford, 2) Postman Pat, 3) Ian Rush, 4) Brentford, 5) Croatia, 6) Plymouth Argyle, 7) Ronaldo, 8) Ajax, 9) Peterborough United, 134 in 1960/61, 10) Huddersfield Town vs Reading

ANSWERS



TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Bishop's Stortford vs East Thurrock United
Bognor Regis Town vs Potters Bar Town
Bowers & Pitsea vs Mersham
Cheshunt vs Horsham
Cray Wanderers vs Carshalton Athletic
Folkestone Invicta vs Wingate & Finchley
Haringey Borough vs Leatherhead
Kingstonian vs Enfield Town
Lewes vs Brightlingsea Regent
Margate vs Corinthian Casuals
Worthing vs Hornchurch

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

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

NORTH DIVISION

Aveley vs Brentwood Town
Canvey Island vs Barking
Coggeshall Town vs Bury Town
Dereham Tow vs AFC Sudbury
Felixstowe & Walton United vs Hulbridge Sports
Great Wakering Rovers vs Tilbury
Romford vs Grays Athletic
Stowmarket Town vs Heybridge Swifts
Witham Town vs Basildon United

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

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

PLAYING TOMORROW SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2022 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Guernsey vs Basingstoke Town



The lads salute the fans after our terrific 3-1 away victory at Basingstoke Town last Saturday to make it four away victories on the bounce

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bracknell Town	21	19	1	1	55	8	58
Chertsey Town	19	13	5	1	45	22	44
MARLOW	17	13	2	2	32	7	41
Uxbridge	18	12	4	2	39	18	40
Hanwell Town	19	12	3	4	53	22	39
Bedfont Sports	19	11	4	4	42	26	37
Basingstoke Town	19	11	4	4	38	30	37
Binfield	19	8	3	8	31	33	27
South Park	19	6	4	9	36	33	22
Ashford Town (Middx)	19	7	1	11	9	34	22
Thatcham Town	21	5	6	10	30	40	21
Tooting & Mitcham United	21	6	2	13	29	38	20
Chipstead	20	4	6	10	30	37	18
Westfield	21	3	9	9	23	30	18
NORTHWOOD	20	5	1	14	23	46	16
Sutton Common Rovers	20	5	1	14	4	58	16
Chalfont St Peter	19	4	2	13	19	45	14
Staines Town	20	4	1	15	21	64	13
Guernsey	13	3	3	7	21	29	12



ROLL CALL

2021-22 SEASON | WOODS CAREER | WOODS DEBUT

Players Name	SEASON 2021/2022										WOODS CAREER RECORD			OVERALL							
	ISTHMAN LEAGUE					CUP COMPETITIONS					TOTALS				LEAGUE			CUPS			Total Goals
	Starting	As Sub.	Total	GLS	Starting	As Sub.	Total	GLS	Games	GLS	Games	GLS	Games		GLS	Cup Games	GLS	Total Games			
*Malos Ayvazi	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	5	1	3	0	2	1	5	1	5	1			
*Ryan Aery	9	1	10	0	7	0	7	1	17	1	10	0	7	1	17	1	17	1			
*Matt Ayras	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0			
*Tommy Batten	6	0	6	0	2	0	2	2	8	2	10	1	4	2	14	3	14	3			
*Adam Cash	8	0	8	1	2	0	2	1	10	2	8	1	2	1	10	2	10	2			
*Joe Chidiyasiku	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Keagan Cole	7	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	8	0	7	0	1	0	8	0	8	0			
*Sam Colles	0	5	5	0	1	5	6	0	11	0	5	0	6	0	11	0	11	0			
Yannis Constantinou	1	3	4	0	1	1	2	1	6	1	11	0	4	1	15	1	15	1			
*Connor Cullen	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1			
*Abioseh Davies	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0			
*Leo Decabro	10	1	11	2	6	0	6	0	17	2	11	2	6	0	17	2	17	2			
*William Duprey	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	1			
Ismail Ehu	7	1	8	1	6	1	7	3	15	4	33	12	11	6	44	18	44	18			
Joakim Ehu	4	5	9	2	4	1	5	0	14	2	156	6	41	1	197	7	197	7			
Matteo Esposto	10	4	14	0	3	3	6	1	20	1	14	0	6	1	20	1	20	1			
*CJ Fearn	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0			
*Pablo Gonzalez-Melasco	11	1	12	0	2	0	2	0	14	0	12	0	2	0	14	0	14	0			
James Gurteen	12	0	12	0	2	0	2	0	14	0	14	0	2	0	16	0	16	0			
Josh Helmore	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2			
Daniel Hoarer	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	4	0			
Sydney Ibbie	7	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	7	4	7	4	0	0	7	4	7	4			
Mitch Jackson	6	1	7	2	1	0	1	2	8	4	7	2	1	2	8	4	8	4			
Sam Jenkins	5	1	6	0	2	0	2	0	8	0	35	3	9	0	44	3	44	3			
Montel Joseph	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	0	10	0	27	0	8	0	35	0	35	0			
*Arnold Lintern	6	1	7	0	6	0	6	0	13	0	7	0	6	0	13	0	13	0			
Andy Lomas	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	0	7	0	91	1	25	0	116	1	116	1			
Imani Mathews	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0			
*Gradi Millinge	5	2	7	0	4	0	4	1	11	1	20	2	6	1	26	3	26	3			
Alex More	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	3	0			
*Shaheer Morris	10	0	10	5	4	0	4	2	14	7	10	5	4	2	14	7	14	7			
*Declan Ntche	9	2	11	0	5	1	6	1	17	1	23	0	8	1	31	1	31	1			
*Tristan Noel	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	3	0			
*Giovanni Palmer	5	2	7	0	4	0	4	0	11	0	7	0	4	0	11	0	11	0			
Armani Patch	3	3	6	0	2	4	6	0	12	0	6	0	6	0	12	0	12	0			
Daniel Purdie	10	0	10	0	5	0	5	0	15	0	10	0	5	0	15	0	15	0			
*Mo Sahnoun	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	3	1	3	1			
*Tecano Shrovider	3	1	4	0	2	1	3	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	7	0			
*Mark Simuchimba	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Teddy Stacey	7	0	7	1	2	0	2	1	9	2	7	1	2	1	9	2	9	2			
Carl Stewart	6	0	6	0	2	0	2	0	8	0	6	0	2	0	8	0	8	0			
Lindell Stewart	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0			
Matt Sumnon	7	6	13	0	2	4	6	0	19	0	13	0	6	0	19	0	19	0			
*Tom Unsworth	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0			
*Eskel Williams	2	1	3	0	1	2	3	1	6	1	3	0	3	1	6	1	6	1			
Kyral Williams	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	3	0			
Ryan Young	5	1	6	1	1	1	2	0	8	1	6	1	2	0	8	1	8	1			

LEADER OF THE PACK – WITH CAPTAIN

KEAGAN COLE



TWO GAMES, TWO WINS AND SMILES ALL ROUND.

As the weeks go on everyone is slowly starting to form more and more togetherness inside the changing room and out.

To see and hear as many fans as there were at Tuesday's Middlesex Senior Cup game against Bedfont Sports was definitely something that fired us up to perform in the way that we did in the second-half as we stormed back to overturn the half-time deficit and we hope long may it continue.

As a group, we are really looking forward to testing ourselves against a professional National League team in Barnet in the semi-final of the prestigious competition, which we hope will be a also attract a very good crowd under lights here at home at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium.

Tuesday's hard work, belief and endeavour sparked more belief into last Saturday's performance away at Basingstoke Town and inspired us to come away with three more points and a fantastic team performance.

We hope to continue that into today's game which will be yet another really tough test against a side that have been performing consistently all season.

It's important to start picking up some points at home and we hope that starts today!

**Up the Woods.
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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.

DANNY PURDUE
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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.

AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**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****AARON PETCH**

20-year-old left-sided defender or winger who joined the Woods from Bedford Sports in the summer of 2021 having also previously played for Ashford Town (Middx).

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.

AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**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****MATTEO ESPOSITO**

Matteo is a 22-year-old attacking midfielder who joined Northwood in the summer of 2021 having played for Royston Town last season. Has previously played at Cockfosters and Oxhey Jets.

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 EHUI**

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 CONSTANTINOU**

A former West Ham youth player, Yiannis is a 21-year-old attacking midfielder 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****ISMAEL EHUI**

Experienced striker, 34-year-old Ish has rejoined the Woods for a third spell some seven years after his first successful spell when he netted 14 goals in 29 appearances. French-born, Ismael played a few games for Scunthorpe United in the Football League while on loan from Fulham before playing abroad in Cyprus and Belgium, latterly for FC Montegnée. He moved to Hayes & Yeading, Hendon and Flackwell Heath before a second spell at Northwood and has since played for Chalfont St. Peter, Potters Bar, Harwell Town, North Greenford and Broadfields United.

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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