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Isthmian League Division Two runners-up: 2000

Isthmian League Division Three promotion: 1997

Isthmian League Cup winners: 2002

Isthmian Charity Shield winners: 2002

Isthmian Associate Members Trophy winners:

1993, 2000

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Middlesex Junior Cup finalists: 1935, 1936

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1992

London Spartan League Premier Division runners-up:

1990

London Spartan League Cup winners: 1990, 1992

Hellenic League Division One champions: 1979

Hellenic League Premier Division Cup finalist: 1982

Hellenic League Division One Cup winners: 1979

Middlesex League Premier Division champions: 1978

Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up:

1972, 1977

Middlesex League Challenge Cup winners:

1975, 1977, 1978

Harrow, Wembley & District League champions:

1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1948, 1949

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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 League fixture. Our welcome is extended to our visitors from Thatcham Town FC and I trust they enjoy their short stay here.

One famous chap once quoted "football is a funny old game" and how right he was!

To win the three away games we have is certainly no mean feat and in the stylish manner that we did has been excellent.

All credit to the management and players for showing the desire and commitment that was missing earlier in the season and we are now looking like a team at last.

Of course, we need to address our home form now and both today and our next two games that breach the Christmas and New Year period, gives us a real chance to do this.

With only six points separating ten teams in the bottom half of the table, it's all to play for today.

The most recent away win at Binfield last Saturday, saw us play a team twice in the league for the first time this season and the way we played, in tough conditions, was extremely pleasing.

Whilst we won the match with the only goal of the game coming from the penalty spot, there were more than a few dubious decisions that went against us on the day, none more so than the additional 14 (yes 14) minutes added on at the end!

Enough said about the way the game was officiated, well, apart from the lack of yellow cards for our opposition for pulling shirts etc that is...

In closing today, I take this opportunity to wish all of those associated with the club a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to hopefully seeing you all back here on the 27th December for the visit of near neighbours Hanwell Town.

Please spare a thought today also for those that are no longer with us and we wish the families of those our thoughts and comfort over the Christmas period.

Enjoy the game today.

Up the Woods!

Ian

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DIRECT FROM THE

THE MANAGEMENT

WITH HEAD COACH, BEN BUKOWSKI

I am very much looking forward to building on our away performances at home today.

The group were left disappointed after the Ashford game and have showed great character by following this result up with two huge away wins.

In the previous programme notes by Steve he shared some of our visions and expectations. One of our beliefs was that the changing room needed to be together and in such a short period of time this is certainly beginning to show.

The Chertsey fixture was a prime example of how far this group has come since our first day together. To go away from home to a team that has been unbeaten all season is never going to be easy. The way you sustain the pressure in games is key and it would have been easy for our team to crumble at 2-2. The togetherness, character and spirit shown to take the game away from them shows exactly what we have been working hard to install.

Going into another difficult game against top ten opposition on Saturday our message was the same to the group. Stick together and leave everything on the pitch and our quality would show.

There will be moments in every game where the other team will be on top and I am beginning to see the rewards for the hard work we have put in

during the short period of time we have been here.

We still have a lot of work to do to continue the good start we have made. Me and my management team have set the team a target for our first six games and we are working hard to ensure we achieve this. Keags and Andy have been influential on the training field and in the changing room.

They have been a huge asset to the management side of things as well as their duties on the pitch.

The Christmas period is always a busy time in our football calendar and we now have three home games on the bounce giving us a chance to turn around the home form.

Off the pitch the boys have enjoyed a Christmas get together which has been supported by our chairman Ian Barry. This gave us a chance to build team spirit amongst players and management which is something we have worked heavily on.

I am a firm believer that 70% of your success comes from off the pitch. I have worked in some excellent changing rooms during my experience at Hendon and Hampton and Richmond. This has taught me all that I am looking to replicate during my time at Northwood. I hope the fans are beginning to see this and I hope we can make you proud come the end of the season.

Up The Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE KINGFISHERS

'Tis a week before Christmas and much is stirring here at the Woods as we welcome everyone back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for this afternoon's Pitching In Isthmian League fixture against Thatcham Town Football Club. Today's set of fixtures are a reverse of the opening day games played in mid-August and we should celebrate the fact that we are all still on schedule to complete the League season at third time of asking – fingers crossed that this continues with the current scares across the Country.

That game back on the 14th August ended in a rather fortunate 1-1 draw for the Woods. Thatcham should have had the game won in the first half as Montel Joseph made a sequence of fine saves to keep the home side at bay. They eventually went ahead before the break through Brad Pagliaroli and then could have been two up early in the second-half but Joseph pulled off a fine stop to deny Balai Dembele's penalty kick. Eventually, the Woods levelled things up through a fine Shakeel Morris strike and it could have gone either way in the final ten minutes. Our visitors are of course managed by former Woods boss Jamie Leacock and we extend a warm welcome to Jamie plus Yash Romeo and Shaun Allaway on their return to Northwood this afternoon. Only two of the sixteen players that appeared for the Woods that afternoon four months ago are likely to be involved in the squad today though.

Since that opening day draw, Thatcham have had a bit of a stop-start campaign but are currently just two places ahead of the Woods following our recent run of form and have actually won one less game than ourselves. They have only lost seven matches though with six games ending in draws including their last two away games – in Guernsey and at Binfield. Conversely, their last and indeed only away win this season came way back on August 28th, 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham United.

The last time we faced the Kingfishers here at Northwood Park was back in March 2013 when we were both members of the Southern League and the Woods notched a narrow 2-1 success thanks to goals from Juan Onieva (on his starting debut) and Niko Muir who hit the winner after Danny Langford had levelled for the visitors.

LEAGUE AND CUP NEWS

It was certainly a bit of a setback three weeks ago when we went into our home game against Ashford Town (Middlesex) with expectations raised but managed to make a bit of a mess of the game, conceding two goals midway through the first-half, missing a penalty just before the break and then ending up soundly beaten 3-0 by a side who did play pretty well on the day.

But the side showed great spirit in our two away games since then and shocked the whole league when coming away from Chertsey Town with a 4-2 victory and ending that side's unbeaten record (their 0-3 loss to Bracknell Town which was abandoned after 87 minutes has not yet been confirmed as a result)! Could the lads follow up on that win this time? Well yes, they could as a trip to Binfield last Saturday saw the Woods make it three successive away league wins (for the first time since February/March 2014) with a narrow 1-0 success thanks to a second-half penalty converted by Micah Jackson. All three of the Woods new strike force have now hit the ground running with goals in away games and it would be great to see that continue to pay off now back here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium as we start a run of three successive home fixtures over the next few weeks.

Looking ahead to January, we have got our Middlesex Senior Cup quarter-final coming up on Tuesday 11th January 2022 when we take on fellow South Central Division side Bedfont Sports (following our previous wins over Uxbridge and Wembley) and we will also have a Middlesex Charity Cup quarter-final that month, though the draw hasn't been made at the time of writing. In the Senior Cup the other ties will see Brentford B take on Hanwell Town; Hampton & Richmond Borough have a seemingly easier tie v Spelthorne Sports while Ashford Town (Middx) play Barnet.

PLAYER NEWS

A couple of players have moved on since our last programme notes. Gradi Milenge has joined Southern League side St Neots Town while full-back Pablo Velasco has joined up with Giovanni Palmer at rivals Bedfont Sports. All three played for their new clubs last weekend but the Bedfont pair will both be cup-tied when we play them in the Senior Cup game.

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However, with Daniel Purdue picking up a hip injury in the away win at Chertsey Town, we needed to recruit quickly last weekend and brought in young 18-year-old Dan Hosier on dual-registration from Chesham United for the Binfield game. Dan played 45 minutes in a pre-season friendly for the Woods and returned to give a pretty solid debut performance to go with his clean sheet. He played seven games for Barton Rovers over the last couple of months and looks a great prospect.

TOP VALUE SEASON TICKETS

Season Tickets are again available to all supporters at the massively discounted price of just £45.00 which will get you entrance to all our home Isthmian League matches (usual admission price £10 for adults, £5 for concessions). For those that bought a season ticket last season, only for the season to be severely curtailed, we did make the offer of a free replacement for the new season and it is a credit to everyone of you that no-one took us up on that offer. All those that ordered their tickets prior to last week can collect them from me today but if you haven't yet done so, it's never too late as there are savings to be made even this far into the season (with 11 home games still to play) and for a short while yet. 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.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.....

We still have a small, limited stock of Northwood FC first-team "Pat Byrne Memorial" shirts in both red and blue in various sizes if you think someone might like one for Christmas. Ask in the clubhouse today while those stocks last. Alternatively, you can still buy personalised ones via the online Hope & Glory shop via the link on the website. We also have a variety of other merchandise such as scarves, badges, mugs etc. available today.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS

As usual, we are looking for sponsors for our players and this season you get a choice of either being kit sponsor at £60.00 or Tracksuit Sponsor at £50.00. 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. Big thanks to Woods supporter Michael Payne who has kindly sponsored three members of the management team.

UNDER-18S

The Under-18s struggled badly for a team when they travelled to Uxbridge last Monday week and sadly fell to another heavy defeat. They had been getting improved results until that setback so we can only hope that it was just a blip and that they will have found some form again when they entertained Camberley Town on Thursday night this week. The result is not known at the time of writing. It was their last game of the year but they return on Monday 10th January away at league leaders Bedfont Sports and then the following week will meet Uxbridge again in the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup. After three defeats against Uxbridge already this season, the Woods will be hoping for fourth time lucky!

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our ground sharers managed to notch a 2-0 victory over NPL Firsts in their last home game with two goals scored by Mark Simuchimba who had a one-game spell with the Woods last month! They are away to Guildford United this afternoon and don't currently have a home game scheduled here at the Club though they are likely to be playing at home on Saturday 8th January.

FIXTURES AT THE FENTON CIVIL ENGINEERING STADIUM

After today, you all get to enjoy a week's break in the lead up to Christmas but remember to be back here for the Bank Holiday Monday, 27th December 2021 for a big derby fixture against play-off chasing Hanwell Town. We are hoping for a bumper crowd for the game up against a side run by former Woods favourites Chris Moore and Wayne Carter so make sure you get along to show your support for our new-look side. We have no game on New Years Day (we were scheduled to be playing Whyteleafe who of course withdrew from the league) but are then back the following Bank Holiday Monday for the visit of Chalfont St Peter which would certainly be billed as a real "six-pointer."

Monday 27th December - Northwood v. Hanwell Town - Isthmian League - 3pm

Monday 3rd January - Northwood v. Chalfont St Peter - Isthmian League - 3pm

So, Seasons Greetings to you all and see you all again next Monday for the game against Hanwell Town!



MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN PIPER

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SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2021

KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH

CENTRAL DIVISION

Northwood secured their third consecutive away win with a hard-fought victory over Binfield as they continue the climb away from the relegation zone.

Woods were forced into a couple of changes with the unavailable Andy Lomas being replaced by Matt Surmon, who slotted into the right-back berth with Sam Jenkins switching to left-back, while injured goalkeeper Daniel Purdue was replaced by Chesham youngster Daniel Hosier.

Northwood settled well in the steady rain and on an increasingly greasy surface, Surmon breaking up a Binfield move and striding forward confidently to unleash a long-range effort before a stretching Teddy Stacey almost got on the end of a Keagan Cole free kick

to the far post.

The hosts began to find their rhythm and Josh Helmore went close with a snapshot from the edge of the box, but Northwood were soon back on the offensive as they forced a corner from which Sydney Ibie's shot on the turn was charged down by the home defence.

Binfield were looking increasingly threatening as they began to knock the ball around at pace and Kensley Maloney might have done better after being put through by Helmore, but his shot cleared the Northwood crossbar.

Woods were seeing a fair share of the possession in an entertaining opening half and Ibie wasn't far away with a rasping shot from the edge of the box after good work from Micah Jackson. While at the other end, the Moles had the ball in the net through Ollie Harris after Hosier had done well to keep out the initial effort, but Northwood were reprieved by an offside flag.

Northwood were the next to threaten as Cole created an opening for Ryan Young who had his shot blocked





before a Carl Stewart free kick from outside the box flashed narrowly wide of the upright. And the half ended with Binfield breaking quickly from deep to create a chance for Shaun Moore, but his shot failed to trouble Hosier.

Woods came out after the break with renewed vigour, and they had an early opportunity as Jackson found space to fire in a shot which rebounded out to Cole who dragged his shot wide of the target. And Northwood were rewarded for their bright start to the second period as a slick move involving Cole and Jackson ended with Young being impeded in the box as he



shaped to shoot, Jackson stepping up to send keeper Harvey Rackley-Hayes the wrong way from the penalty spot and put Woods ahead on 53 minutes.

Binfield looked to respond with another Helmore shot being blocked by the stubborn Northwood backline with the central defensive partnership of Tommy Boxer and James Gurteen looking increasingly assured.

And having dealt with the danger, Woods asked further questions of their own with Rackley-Hayes having to tip over a free-kick from Cole.

The Moles were growing increasingly anxious and striker Callum Bunting replaced Helmore on the hour as the hosts continued to look for a way back into the contest.

However, Woods were an increasing threat on the break as Binfield threw greater numbers forward, Ibie working himself into a great position in the visitor's box before being crowded out while Jackson found himself one-on-one with Rackley-Hayes, but his attempted chip cleared the crossbar when he might have opted to take the ball on further.

Woods substitute Yiannis Constantinou entered the fray with just under ten minutes left on the clock as a replacement for Young and Northwood appeared to be in control as the clock ticked down.

But with the contest moving into the final minute of normal time, tempers erupted and a melee ensued with one of Northwood's unused substitutes, Aaron Petch, needlessly getting involved and earning himself a red card – the upshot being that that after the referee had regained control and dished out a few more cautions, he surprisingly signalled seven minutes of added time.

Binfield threw everything they had at Northwood in an increasingly desperate attempt to get back on level terms, but despite a couple of anxious moments, Woods were not to be denied a third win in four games and to equal their best winning sequence on their travels in the league since March 2014.

NORTHWOOD

Hosier, Jenkins, Surmon, Cole, Boxer, Gurteen, Young (Constantinou 87), Stacey, Ibie, Jackson, Stewart

Substitutes not used: Esposito, (J) Ehui, Petch, Batten

Yellow Cards: Gurteen, Surmon

Red Card: Petch

Attendance: 164

YESTERDAY TODAY

18 DECEMBER IN YEARS GONE BY... WITH **KEN GREEN**

1971

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

NORTHWOOD 5

MILL END 1

Northwood powered to another big win over struggling Mill End to stay with the Middlesex League pacemakers.

Control of midfield was assured with the continued good form of Ian Harvey, Willie Burt and Steve Pearce while the strikers had the visitors' defence in all sorts of trouble but were unable to get the goals their tireless running deserved.

Barry Wanless did everything required of him with nonstop running and powerful thrusts down the middle but it wasn't his day when it came to scoring.



The pressure exerted on the Mill End goal mounted as more and more men were pushed forward in an effort to grab the opening goal. Mill End were hardly in the game but suddenly in their first real attack after 20 minutes they opened the scoring with a simple goal.

Woods were stirred into frantic action but somehow Mill End held their lead until ten minutes from the break when Harvey crossed superbly and Paddy Coburn rose to head a classic goal.

On level terms, the Woods switched from frantic attacks to a methodical destruction of their opponents. With just two minutes of the first half remaining Steve Senior hit a post, collected the rebound and hammered the ball home.

Ian Harvey (pictured) scored just after the interval when under pressure he casually side-stepped the goalkeeper and pushed the ball into the net through a ruck of players. At the back there was little to do and apart from the early lapse, they were always in control of the Mill End attack. John Myers proved a powerful asset and his partner Barry Gould excelled in his new role.

Steve Senior scored his second and the Woods' fourth when he shot home after several efforts were cleared. Then the ball was worked down the left to Coburn, who pulled it back to the edge of the box,

Steve Pearce, standing unmarked hammered, in a low shot for his first goal of the season.

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

1971

Middlesex League Division One

BEDFONT RESERVES 0

NORTHWOOD RESERVES 2

As we don't have many past year's reports for this date, we thought we'd look at Northwood Reserves back in 1971.

The Woods' second string reached Christmas unbeaten after inflicting on Bedfont's reserves their first defeat of the season in this game.

In a game of contrasting halves, it was difficult to understand how both sides had stayed undefeated so long on their first half performances!! Northwood came for a point and sat back in defence. Bedfont, on the other hand, had the same idea, and 45 minutes of almost uninterrupted boredom followed!

The Woods' defence, well marshalled by Don Dibbens, did all that was required of them, and new boys Syer and Ian McDonald (pictured) looked good. But elsewhere Northwood lacked ideas, although the spirit which had been lacking was back. With ten minutes of the first half remaining, their German striker Ernst Deitrich hammered a great goal.

Suddenly Woods realised the game was theirs to win. The second half was a revelation as move after move was set up. First Jeff Roberts, then Ronnie Dodd and Jimmy Vincent all created chances, and Dibbens hit a second goal. The experience of Pat Byrne in midfield helped the youngsters and Bedfont hardly had a look in. Their only pressure was from corners, and keeper Dave Bowden dealt with these comfortably.

1982

HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

DICDOT TOWN 3

NORTHWOOD 1

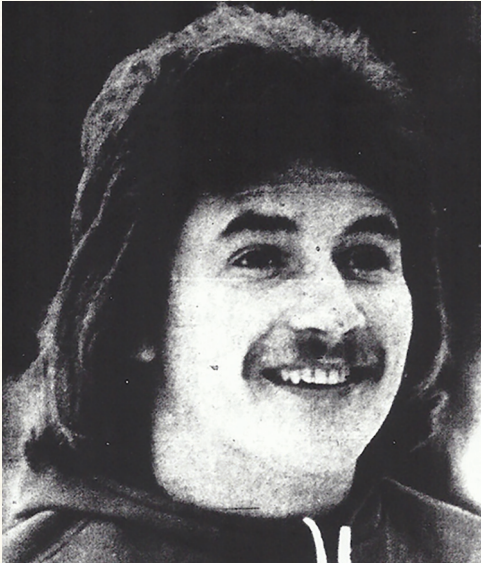
Northwood had several reasons to rue this visit to highly placed Didcot, not least of which was having two of the players stretched off in the first fifteen minutes.

Both Martin Ellis (pictured) and Peter Lammin made early exits with ankle injuries sustained on the treacherous pitch, and 10-man Woods never recovered from this setback – of course, there was only one substitute in those days!

Goals from Christie and Jacobs put Didcot firmly in the driving seat by half time, and depleted Woods had little hope of fighting back, though their battling spirit at the start of the second half was rewarded when Barry Gould headed home from a corner.

But dreams of a recovery were short-lived as a quick counter saw Jacobs surge through to beat keeper John Toogood and seal the game for the hosts.

Woods had not played well, may have had just cause to point an accusing finger at a pitch which cost them two players and the game.



Northwood: Toogood, Nelmes, Revell, Gould, Lammin, Floodgate, Heslop, Davies, Ellis, Livingstone, Baker, sub. Coburn.

1993

DIADORA LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

EAST THURROCK UNITED 4

NORTHWOOD 4

Lawrence Holmes (pictured) was the hat-trick hero for Northwood in this game as they clawed back to draw with East Thurrock.

The home side used the elements in the first half, going ahead after 13 minutes with a penalty. The referee judged keeper Murphy guilty of pushing, but most of the crowd felt he was the one sinned against.

Woods had chances through Danny Buckley and Holmes, and it was the latter who converted after 40 minutes. Woods' joy was short-lived, though, Thurrock scoring from close range to lead 2-1 at the break.

In the second half, Martin Randall was on target to make it 2-2, but Woods' defence showed seasonal generosity by virtually gifting two goals, though there was a dispute over offside with the second.



At 4-2 down, Woods' Richard Coppinger and Jeremy Billins came on to add more life, and Holmes again found the net. With 10 minutes to go, Holmes completed his hat-trick to cap a memorable Woods fight-back.

Northwood: Murphy, Delicata (Coppinger), Dobson, McAuliffe, Holland, Vincent, Matthews, Holmes, Randall, Buckley (Billins), Payton.

1999

RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

WIVENTHOE TOWN 2

NORTHWOOD 2

Northwood manager Tony Choules was full of praise for his battling players as they came back twice to earn a well-deserved draw in an incident-packed game against a team who had only lost one in six.



The visitors got off to a nightmare start. On eight minutes, keeper Danny Gladman punched away a cross, but fell to the ground with an opponent, injuring his ankle in the process, and he had to be stretchered off with what turned out to be a broken ankle. Lawrence Yaku came off the bench and Steve Newing went in goal – our photo shows the unfortunate keeper being stretchered off.

Though Jimmy Clewley hit the side netting for the home team on 14 minutes, it was Northwood who looked the more likely to score. A good ball by Dave Sargent to Yaku saw the Woods top scorer turn a defender but his shot was saved by the keeper.

On 23 minutes, however, they were behind in cruel fashion. Julian Hazel crossed and the luckless Rene Street deflected the ball past Newing. This knocked the visitors, but Chris Gell and Danny Yeoman in midfield were still buzzing.

Northwood finished the half on a high when Fitzgerald hit the underside of the bar with a header and the ball was cleared off the line. Though a good header by Clewley went just over at the other end, it was Woods who deservedly equalised on 64 minutes. Sherry and Gell combined to put the ball out wide to Nolan, whose near-post cross was forced home by Fitzgerald.

Their joy lasted less than a minute. Lack of concentration allowed Alan Day to slot past Newing unmarked. A change of plan saw James Burgess go in goal and Newing came out on the pitch. The switch almost paid dividends straight away, as Newing's deflected shot had to be well saved by the home keeper.

Fitzgerald then hit the woodwork and Gary Hudson had a header for the Dragons come off the bar in the closing stages. The second equaliser came on 85 minutes after both Gell and Fitzgerald had shots blocked, this time Gary Williams blasting home. Yaku even had the chance to make it 3-2, but delayed his shot when put through one-on-one with the keeper.

Northwood: Gladman (Yaku), Yeoman, Williams, Butler, Butler, Street, Sargent (Hart), Nolan, Gell, Newing, Fitzgerald, Sherry (Burgess).



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

THATCHAM TOWN

THATCHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN 1894. THE CLUB WERE ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THATCHAM, WITH TOWN BEING ADDED TO ITS NAME IN 1974.



In the early years Thatcham played at The Marsh on Dunston Green, Brownsfield (home of the Cricket Club) and Station Road, before moving to Lancaster Close in 1949.

Floodlights were erected in January 1983 with Fulham FC visiting for a commemorative friendly match. To provide improved facilities, the club moved to Waterside Park in 1992/93, with the ground becoming known as The Stacatruc Stadium from August 2019.

The club joined the Reading Temperance League in 1896, winning Division Two in 1905/06.

In 1953 Thatcham became founder members of the Hellenic League and won promotion to the Premier

Division as Division 1 champions in 1958/59, 1964/65 & 1972/73.

The club then won the Hellenic Premier Division title in 1974/75. Following spells in the Athenian and London Spartan Leagues, the club joined the newly formed Wessex League in 1986 and won the title in 1995/96.

After finishing second in 2005/06, ground requirements were met and promotion to step four achieved.

The Kingfishers spent eight seasons in the Southern League Division One – seven in the South & West Division and one (2012/13) in the Central.

After sixth-placed finishes in 2006/07 and 2008/09,

the club achieved its highest ever position in 2010/11.

Despite being in the bottom half of the table at Christmas, the club earned 38 points from the final 15 matches to finish in fifth, however Thatcham were beaten at Sholing in the play-off semi-final.

Once safety was assured in 2013/14, the club resigned from the Southern League to cut costs by playing at a lower level.

Town finished twelfth in their first campaign back in the Hellenic Premier, then second and fourth in the following seasons.

However in 2017/18 the club embarked on an incredible 40 game unbeaten run which saw them overtake long-time leaders Highworth Town and eventually pip Bracknell Town to the title in a thrilling end to the season, on goal difference.

After a season adjusting to step four football, in 2019/20 Thatcham sat on top of the Southern League D1 South table with eleven games to play.

But with the club looking certain to achieve its highest ever finish, and promotion to step three a strong possibility, the Coronavirus pandemic struck, causing the season to be terminated.

After the subsequent departure of the club's management and many senior players, the 2020/21 season was set to be one of rebuilding with greater use of young, local players planned.

With that season terminated after only 8 games, 2021/22 will again feel like a new start for the Kingfishers, especially with the club being transferred into the Isthmian League South Central Division.

Thatcham Town FC have enjoyed some memorable success in Cup competitions over the years.

In 1989 the club reached the last eight of the FA Vase before losing to local rivals Hungerford Town. In the same competition a record attendance of 1,400 was set when Aldershot Town won 1-0 at Waterside Park in 1993/94.

However in 2017/18 Thatcham went all the way and lifted the trophy at Wembley Stadium on a brilliant day for the club.

Victory over Bromsgrove Sporting brought realisation the club could be on the verge of something special, then over 2,200 attended the quarter-final win at Melksham Town as cup fever swept the town.

Thatcham beat 1874 Northwich 1-0 and 3-2 in the two legged semi-final, and took over 5,000 fans to Wembley as Stockton Town were defeated 1-0 in the final.

While the club are yet to progress beyond the Second Round Qualifying of the FA Trophy, 1996/97 saw Thatcham's best FA Cup run as they reached the Fourth Round Qualifying stage.

In September 2019 the First Round Qualifying tie at home to Salisbury was streamed live by the BBC which gave the club further national exposure, but unfortunately the visitors ran out narrow 3-2 winners.

Thatcham completed the Hellenic League and Cup double, by lifting the Hellenic First Division Cup in 1972/73 and the Premier Division Cup in 1974/75.

During 2017/18 the club reached both League Cup finals, losing to Bracknell in the Challenge Cup and Binfield in the Floodlit Cup.

Meanwhile during the 1990s Thatcham won the Wessex League Cup on four occasions, completing the double in 1995/96.

In 1974/75 the club were beaten in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup but were awarded the trophy following a dispute between the victors, Wycombe Wanderers, and the Berks & Bucks FA.



MEET THE MANAGEMENT & PLAYERS OF THATCHAM TOWN

YASHWA ROMEO (Assistant Manager) - Yash returned to Thatcham as Jamie Leacock's Assistant, having spent three seasons here as a player (winning the Golden Boot in 2013/14 & 2014/15), then the 2017/18 FA Vase & Hellenic League winning season as Coach. Played for Marlow, Slough Town and numerous other clubs in the region.

SEAN ALLAWAY (Coach) - Joined Thatcham as Coach following the appointment of Jamie Leacock in May 2020. Shaun is a former England Youth international goalkeeper who signed for Leeds United from Reading for £300k in 2000, before moving to Slough Town and Staines Town for regular first team football.

COLIN CHARLES (Player Liaison Office) - Colin joined the club's backroom staff in summer 2021 to perform the roles of Player Liaison Officer and also Kit Man. A lively character who has made a big impression, and brings lots of playing and management experience from many seasons in the Reading Sunday League.

DECLAN DOWLING (Physio) - Joined Thatcham Town as Physio in August 2018 as the Kingfishers entered the Southern League. Declan works as a Sports Therapist, and has previously performed the role of Physio for several clubs in his native Ireland, including most recently Sligo Rovers.

JACK HOPWOOD (Goalkeeper) - Former Tring Athletic and Aylesbury United goalkeeper who joined Thatcham from Westfield in November '21 having relocated to the area. Made his debut in a draw at Binfield and the Kingfishers should benefit from his experience and organisational skills at the back.

JOSH EDWARDS (Defender) - A powerful centre-half who previously played for Thatcham's Youth Team, making a handful of first team appearances in the club's 2014/15 Hellenic League campaign. After spells with Flackwell Heath and Basingstoke Town Josh re-signed in August 2020 and is this season's club captain.

TINASHE GWAVAVA (Defender) - An athletic right-back who is another former Youth Team player to return to the club. Gained first team experience with Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Tadley Calleva before making a positive impact when ever present for Town in the shortened 2020/21 campaign.

WILL EDWARDS (Defender) - A 23 year old central defender who can also fill in at full-back. Strong in the tackle and a good communicator at the back. Will has moved to the Stacatruc Stadium ahead of the 2021/22 campaign and brings experience from spells with Thame Rangers and Marlow United.

CARL JENNER (Defender) - Signed for a second

spell with Thatcham Town in August 2021 having made a couple of Southern League appearances for the club in 2018/19, and is best known for his long service with Newbury FC. Carl will add strength to the Kingfishers' defence but is currently out with an Achilles injury.

LUKE DONVILLE (Defender) - Luke slotted in at left-back upon signing for the Kingfishers in September '21, however he is also very comfortable in a wing-back role with his pace and crossing ability. He has previously played for Reading City U23s and has already gained some valuable experience in the Isthmian League.

CAMERON ROHART-BROWN (Defender) - Cameron moved to the Stacatruc Stadium in October '21 and has already shown his defensive qualities and nimble skills when getting forward down the left flank. He came through Portsmouth's youth system and his former clubs include Burnham, Hartley Wintney, Ashford Town and Westfield.

MO CEESAY (Defender) - A commanding central defender who joined in November '21 having played for Flackwell Heath earlier in the season. Mo settled into the back line immediately, is a strong competitor in the air, and appears calm and composed in possession.

LAMAR KOROMA (Midfielder) - Lamar joined the club at the start of the 2020/21 season having previously played for Fleet Town, Winchester City and Bedfont Sports. Following his return from a pre-season groin injury, his aggression and combative presence in the middle of the park will prove valuable.

ERIC MACHARIA (Midfielder) - Formerly with Reading based clubs Calcot FC and Southcote FC, Eric signed ahead of the 2021/22 season. He made a series of dynamic displays in central midfield during pre-season, and when given an opportunity took that form into the opening Isthmian League fixtures.

ZEID HANNACHI (Midfielder) - Zeid is an energetic central midfielder, who likes to win the ball and retain possession. He has previously played for Staines Town and Tadley Calleva and signed for the Kingfishers in August 2021 looking to further his development.

LEWIS CHAPMAN (Midfielder) - A former Wokingham U18s central midfielder who signed in August 2021 after linking up with the squad in pre-season. Lewis has made a good start to life at step four with a series of steady displays in the middle of the park where he adds protection in front of the back line.

HARVEY HARRY (Midfielder) - Harvey is a young midfielder, blessed with skill and pace. He tends to be utilised down the flanks but is also comfortable playing through the middle. A product of the John Madejski Academy, he caused problems for Southern League defences with his trickery last season.

DANIEL FOSU (Midfielder) - A box-to-box midfielder whose introduction in the engine room gave Thatcham a lift. Formerly with Farnborough and Hendon, Daniel looks set to become a fans favourite and scored four goals within a week shortly after his arrival in October '21.

NATHAN JONES (Midfielder) - A dynamic holding midfielder with a fantastic work-rate, never giving opponents any time on the ball. Nathan came straight into the team in October '21 having joined on dual registration terms from Hartley Wintney, and also counts Reading City among his former clubs.

HARRY GRANT (Midfielder) - Harry re-signed in November '21 from North Leigh having been a member of the club's Hellenic League & FA Vase winning squad of 2017/18. With football league appearances for Sheffield Wed and Gillingham in his youth, his experience and eye for goal will be valuable in the middle of the park.

LAMIN CEESAY (Forward) - A new signing ahead of the 2021/22 season, Lamin is a lively and creative forward, comfortable with either foot, and was immediately amongst the goals from the left side of the Kingfishers' attack. He has previously been on the books of Farnborough, Egham Town and Woodley United.

ALEX MILLER (Forward) - Alex is another former Youth Team striker who has returned to the Stacatruc Stadium following a spell with Mortimer. Scored against two Southern Premier League sides in pre-season where he made a

good impression with his pace and creativity.

SHANE COOPER-CLARK (Forward) - A strong and deadly striker who has returned to the club following injury-hit spells with Bracknell Town and Binfield. Scored 121 goals in 149 games in his previous time with the club, including a phenomenal 62 goals during 2017/18 as Thatcham won the FA Vase and Hellenic League.

KAI STUBBS (Forward) - Joined Thatcham from Reading City in October '21 having been on the books of Forest Green and Swindon Town in his youth. A strong forward who will add value with his hold-up ability, and is versatile to the extent he has already played half a game in goal during his short time with the club.

GLENN GABRIEL (Forward) - A 25 year old skilful forward who likes to create chances, Glenn will cause big problems for Isthmian League defences with his trickery. He moved to the Stacatruc Stadium in October '21 having most recently represented Lorca FC in the third tier of Spanish football.

JAMIE LEACOCK (Manager) - Jamie captained Thatcham during the club's early Southern League days before moving to Hungerford. He gained his first coaching experience at Bulpit Lane before serving as Assistant Manager at Wealdstone, then Manager of Northwood, prior to returning to the club in May 2020.



THE JOURNEY AHEAD

DATE	OPPONENT	V	COMP	RES	ATT	FIRST XI					
AUGUST											
Sat 14	Thatcham Town	A	Lge	1-1	147	Joseph	Unsworth	Petch	Noel (63)	Milenge	Avery (53)
Sat 21	BURNHAM	H	FACPR	4-1	124	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn (87)	Milenge
Tue 24	Burnham	A	FACPR	1-1	234	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn	Milenge
Sat 28	BINFELD	H	Lge	0-3	107	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn (60)	Milenge
Mon 30	Hanwell Town	A	Lge	1-2	238	Joseph	Avery	Petch (65)	Noel	Linturn (77)	Milenge
SEPTEMBER											
Sat 04	CHICHESTER CITY	H	FAC1QR	2-3	155	Joseph	Avery	Petch (85)	Decabo	Linturn	MILENGE 1
Sat 11	STAINES TOWN	H	Lge	5-0	89	Joseph	CASH 1	Velasco	DECABO 1	Linturn	Milenge
Tue 14	Marlow	A	Lge	0-1	148	Joseph	Cash	Velasco	Decabo	Surmon	Milenge
Sat 25	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge	1-7	135	Joseph	Cash	Velasco (65)	Decabo (65)	Linturn	Surmon
OCTOBER											
Sat 02	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge	3-7	185	Joseph	Cash (75)	Velasco	DUPRAY 1 (63)	Linturn	Nche
Sat 09	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	H	FAT 2QR	0-0**	124	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Nche	Linturn	Avery
Sat 16	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge	2-3	106	Purdue	Cash	Velasco (69)	Nche (61)	Gurteen	Avery (90)
Tue 19	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge	0-1	134	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Fearn	Gurteen	Avery
Sat 23	Guernsey	A	Lge	0-2	734	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Nche	Gurteen	Avery
Tue 26	UXBRIDGE	H	MSCR1	1-1***	78	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer (88)	Fearn	Avery (50)	Linturn
Sat 30	BERKHAMSTED	H	FAT 3QR	2-2#	119	Purdue	CASH 1	Palmer	Shrowder	Linturn	Avery
NOVEMBER											
Tue 02	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge	0-2	143	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer	Shrowder	Linturn (59)	Avery
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge	0-2	101	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer	Shrowder (87)	Gurteen	Avery
Tue 09	WEMBLEY	H	MSCR2	2-0	95	Purdue	Batten	Palmer (46)	Surmon (62)	AVERY 1	Milenge (46)
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge	1-5	140	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Surmon	Avery	Gurteen (41)
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge	1-0	75	Purdue	Surmon	Lomas	Cole	Boxer	Gurteen
Tue 23	Hanworth Villa	A	MCCR2	5-2	-	Purdue	Surmon	Lomas	Stewart	BOXER 1	Gurteen
Sat 27	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDD)	H	Lge	0-3	138	Purdue	Velasco (58)	Lomas	Cole	Surmon	Gurteen
DECEMBER											
Sat 04	Chertsey Town	A	Lge	4-2	368	Purdue	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole (88)	Boxer	Gurteen
Sat 11	Binfield	A	Lge	1-0	164	Hosier	Jenkins	Surmon	Cole	Boxer	Gurteen
Sat 18	THATCHAM TOWN	H	Lge								
Mon 27	HANWELL TOWN	H	Lge								
JANUARY											
Mon 03	CHALFONT ST PETER	H	Lge								
Sat 08	Westfield	A	Lge								
Tue 11	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	MSCOF								
Sat 15	Basingstoke Town	A	Lge								
Sat 22	MARLOW	H	Lge								
Sat 29	Uxbridge	A	Lge								
FEBRUARY											
Sat 05	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge								
Sat 12	GUERNSEY	H	Lge								
Sat 19	Sutton Common Rovers	A	Lge								
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								



Key: Goalscorers: in **bold**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes 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.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2021-22 SEASON

					SUBSTITUTES						
MORRIS 1	Ayres	Chidyausiku (46)	Esposito	Williams	I Ehui (46)	Surmon (53)	Decabo (63)	Coles	Nche		
MORRIS 1 (87)	Nche (74)	I Ehui	Ayres	Esposito	Williams (74)	Surmon (87)	Coles (87)	Unsworth	Noel		
MORRIS 1	NCHE 1	I EHUI 1 (90)	Ayres (81)	Esposito (87)	WILLIAMS 1 (81)	Surmon (87)	Coles (90)	Unsworth	Noel		
Morris	Nche	I Ehui	Ayres (75)	Esposito (64)	Coles (64)	Noel (75)	Surmon (60)	Williams	J Ehui		
Morris	Nche	I EHUI 1 (65)	Esposito	Williams	Unsworth (65)	Coles (65)	Surmon (77)	Akunide	J Ehui		
Morris	Nche	I EHUI 1 (69)	Ayres	Williams (80)	J Ehui (69)	Coles (80)	Surmon (85)	Akinode	Noel	Unsworth	Esposito
MORRIS 1 (80)	Nche	J EHUI 1 (73)	Ayres	Esposito (28)	Surmon (28)	SAHNOUN 1 (73)	Williams (80)	Coles	Petch		
Morris	Nche	J Ehui (57)	Ayres (82)	Esposito (89)	Sahnoun (57)	Petch (82)	Linturn (89)	Avery	Matthew		
MORRIS 1	Nche	Cullen (65)	Ayres	Dupray	Coles (65)	Esposito (65)	Palmer (65)	Sahnoun	Avery		
MORRIS 1	Ayres	CULLEN 1 (75)	Esposito	Decabo	Palmer (63)	Coles (75)	Avery (75)	Surmon	Sahnoun		
Morris	Ayres (90)	I Ehui (76)	Decabo	Palmer (68)	Coles (68)	Matthews (76)	Esposito (90)	Surmon	Dupray	Petch	
MORRIS 1	Ayres	I Ehui	DECABO 1	Palmer	Esposito (61)	Jenkins (69)	Petch (90)	Surmon	Linturn		
Morris	Ayres	I Ehui (66)	Decabo	Palmer (83)	Coles (66)	Nche (83)	Esposito	Surmon	Linturn		
Morris	Esposito	Ajvazi	Decabo (84)	Palmer (79)	J Ehui (79)	Sahnoun (84)	Coles	Surmon	Linturn		
J Ehui	Nche	AJVAZI 1	Decabo	Coles (68)	Surmon (50)	I Ehui (68)	Batten (88)	Esposito	Joseph		
J Ehui (88)	Ayres (90)	Ajvazi (90)	Decabo	I EHUI 1	Coles (88)	Esposito (90)	Petch (90)	Surmon	Gurteen	Velasco	Joseph
J Ehui (65)	Ayres (44)	Ajvazi	Decabo	I Ehui	Esposito (44)	Surmon (59)	Nche (65)	Petch	Joseph		
Esposito (72)	Nche	Ajvasi (72)	Decalo	I Ehui	J Ehui (72)	Milenge (72)	Petch (87)	Surmon	Joseph		
Jenkins	J Ehui	I Ehui	Shrowder	Stewart	Nche (46)	ESPOSITO 1 (46)	Petch (62)	Joseph			
Simuchimba	Esposito	I Ehui	Shrowder	J EHUI 1 (70)	Milenge (41)	Davies (70)	Batten	Petch			
Young (67)	Stacey	IBIE 1 (87)	Jackson (82)	Stewart	Velasco (67)	Shrowder (82)	J Ehui (87)	Esposito	Petch		
Young	STACEY 1 (59)	JACKSON 2	Esposito (77)	J Ehui (67)	CONSTANTINO 1 (59)	Petch (67)	Shrowder (77)	Batten	Cole		
Young	Stacey	Ibie (79)	Jackson (81)	Stewart	Batten (58)	Constantinou (79)	J Ehui (81)	Esposi	Petch		
YOUNG 1 (76)	Stacey	IBIE 2	JACKSON 1 (82)	Stewart	J Ehui (76)	Surmon (82)	Constantinou (88)	Esposito	Petch		
Young (87)	Stacey	Ibie	JACKSON 1	Stewart	Constantinou (87)	Esposito	J Ehui	Petch	Batten		



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WITH THE YOUNGSTERS WOODS WIPED OUT...

UXBRIDGE 13 NORTHWOOD 0

Not for the first time this season, the Woods were weakened with a number of players unavailable and subsequently suffered a heavy away defeat in the Isthmian Youth League.

Both goalkeepers were ruled out with Monday's being a difficult day to field a full-strength side for a non-Academy set-up like ourselves but we were able to recruit a young 16-year-old keeper for the game. Sadly, for him, our defence was unable to protect him during the game and things went wrong from an early stage.

The recent 9-0 defeat at Marlow must have been in the side's mind when the goals started flowing but in fact it was 9-0 by half-time and the second-half was an improvement, though Uxbridge did perhaps drop a gear after the break.

It leaves the Woods on the bottom of the table but still with the knowledge that, on their day, they can give everyone in the League a good game. Skipper Lewis Batten has already made first-team appearances this season so there are plenty of positives to reflect on too.

Team: Gillett, Batten, Dunstone (O'Sullivan), Fonseca, Debenham, Moneke, Wilson, Amartefio, John, Tannian (Magaszek), Staszewski.

The Woods would have played their final fixture of 2021 on Thursday night at home to Camberley Town in what is always a tough fixture but the result is not known at the time of writing.

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opponents	V	Comp	F-A
Wed 25 Aug	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	IY Lge	3-2
Wed 1 Sep	Uxbridge	A	FAY Cup	1-4
Thu 9 Sep	UXBRIDGE	H	IY Lge	1-4
Thu 23 Sep	Camberley Town	A	IY Lge	3-4
Thu 7 Oct	WEALDSTONE	H	IY Lge	2-1
Thu 21 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	H	IY Lge	2-4
Thu 28 Oct	Marlow	A	IY Lge	0-9
Thu 4 Nov	Bedfont Sports	H	IY Lge	3-3
Wed 17 Nov	Cockfosters	A	MCYC	6-3
Mon 6 Dec	Uxbridge	A	IY Lge	0-13
Thu 16 Dec	CAMBERLEY TOWN	H	IY Lge	
Mon 10 Jan	Bedfont Sports	A	IY Lge	
Thu 20 Jan	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	H	IY Lge	
Thu 27 Jan	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	H	IY Lge	
Wed 2 Feb	Wealdstone	A	IY Lge	
Wed 9 Feb	Hampton & Richmond B	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	

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

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bedfont Sports	10	7	2	1	34	8	23
Beaconsfield Town	10	5	1	4	23	20	16
Camberley Town	8	4	2	2	20	13	14
Ashford Town (Middx)	7	4	1	2	12	14	13
Hampton & Richmond B	8	4	0	4	20	24	12
Uxbridge	8	3	1	4	29	19	10
Hayes & Yeading United	7	3	1	3	13	15	10
Marlow	9	2	3	4	21	18	9
Wealdstone	11	2	2	7	13	28	8
Northwood	8	2	1	5	14	40	7



MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN PIPER

CHERTSEY TOWN 2 NORTHWOOD 4

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021

KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Northwood made it back-to-back league wins on the road with an impressive victory over previously unbeaten Chertsey Town. Sidney Ibie led the way with a double strike while Micah Jackson and Ryan Young chipped in as Woods' revival under the management of Ben Bukowski and Steve Ringrose gathers momentum.

Northwood welcomed back defenders Tommy Boxer and Sam Jenkins in place of Matt Surmon and Pablo Velasco while a slight change to the balance of the attack saw Ibie and Young playing either side of Jackson who assumed the central striker's role.

The hosts were immediately into their stride and Woods goalkeeper Daniel Purdue was called upon to gather an early cross before Bryan Taylor tried his luck from distance with a shot which flew wide of the upright. But it was

Northwood who opened the scoring in nine minutes as Jackson latched onto Teddy Stacey's through ball before firing a low shot from just outside box which was too good for Chertsey keeper Nick Jupp.

The Curfews almost delivered an immediate riposte as Purdue was quickly off his line to smother Jake Baxter's shot with Mark Bitmead firing in the loose ball which was kept out by a combination of Andy Lomas and the post in the ensuing scramble.

There was no let up for Northwood and Baxter might have done better as he spurned a couple of chances for the hosts while Purdue produced a superb full-length save to keep out a deflected shot from Mano Gogonas, the Woods' keeper appearing to pick up an injury which bothered him for the remainder of the afternoon.

Northwood were being given a severe examination as the Curfews kept their foot on the gas, Gogonas and Bitmead going close before Daryl Harrison headed narrowly over from a corner. But Woods continued to stand strong, and they managed to release the pressure as Ibie and Stacey combined to force a corner before the former saw his snapshot kept out by Jupp after good work from Keagan Cole.





Woods had some more defending to as Ashley Lodge fired narrowly over before Purdue scrambled another effort round the post to ensure his side went into the half-time break with their noses in front.

Northwood started the second half with great intensity, and they had wonderful opportunity to increase their lead as Cole and Jackson combined to set Young clear, but his shot was kept out by the on-rushing Jupp. However, Young was presented with another one-on-one opportunity moments later after a neat flick from Jackson and the



Woods flyer showed great composure as he slotted the ball beyond Jupp to increase the lead with 50 minutes on the clock.

Woods' two goal cushion was short-lived as the Curfews hit back on 52 minutes, Gogonas making no mistake with a shot into the bottom corner after possession was conceded in a dangerous position.

Buoyed by the goal, Chertsey went looking for the equaliser and they went close through Taylor whose rising shot narrowly cleared the Northwood crossbar. But the hosts weren't to be denied as Baxter converted a low cross from Gogonas to restore parity on 66 minutes. Northwood responded well to the setback, and they had a good shout for a penalty turned down as Jenkins appeared to be tripped, Carl Stewart picking up his side's fourth yellow card of the afternoon as he argued the case. Jenkins was in the thick of the action again minutes later as he performed heroics to keep out Taylor's header as it looped beyond Purdue, the Northwood right-back scrambling back to hook the ball clear from under the crossbar.

Woods made their first change on 76 minutes as they prepared for the final 15 minutes of an absorbing encounter, Young making way for Joakim Ehui. And the home crowd was silenced a minute later as Lomas played a delightful ball through to Ibie who raced clear before firing his shot across Jupp to put Northwood back in front. Play immediately switched to the other end as Purdue produced another full-length save to keep out a deflected shot from Gogonas and maintain Woods' precious lead.

Northwood looked to shore things up as Surman replaced the impressive Jackson on 82 minutes. And Woods' afternoon got even better on 87 minutes as they restored their two-goal advantage after a quickly taken free-kick and good work from Stewart led to Ibie executing another clinical finish to send the visiting contingent into raptures. Yiannis Constantinou replaced Cole with a couple of minutes of normal time left. And Woods expertly negotiated the six minutes of added time without any drama to see themselves home to a richly deserved win, taking them up a couple of places in the table and looking forward to another stern test on the road next Saturday as they travel to Binfield.

NORTHWOOD : Purdue, Jenkins, Lomas, Cole (Constantinou 88), Boxer, Gurteen, Young (J Ehui 76), Stacey, Ibie, Jackson (Surmon 82), Stewart

Substitutes not used: Esposito, Petch
 Woods goalscorers: Jackson, Young, Ibie 2
 Yellow cards: Jenkins, Lomas, Young, Stacey, Stewart, Constantinou

Attendance: 368

CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

THATCHAM TOWN 1 NORTHWOOD 4

In this column we look back at a previous meeting with today's visitors Thatcham Town. 2021-22 is only the fifth season in which our two clubs have played in the same division, covering four different leagues - Hellenic, London Spartan, Southern and Isthmian. This afternoon we look at a Evo-Stik Southern League Central Division fixture on Tuesday 13th October 2012...

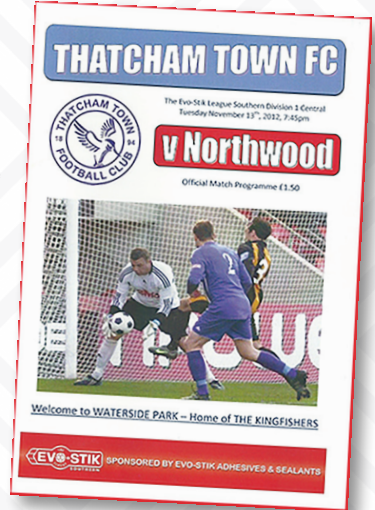
Northwood's first contest against Thatcham Town for over twenty years coincided with the arrival of former skipper Mark Burgess as the new first team manager, replacing Gary Meakin in the dugout. Thatcham had also recently introduced a new management partnership with Dave Mudge and Scott Tarr after a poor start to the campaign had led to Neville Roach leaving his post.

The home side started confidently enough with Jacob Mingle firing a shot from distance straight at James Reading and then the Woods keeper pulled off a fine reflex save to keep out a near-post header from Tom Mudge. The Woods started to settle with Osei knocking a

Spencer Bellotti cross wide of the target and then Bellotti raced onto a neat Reece Yorke ball and would have been in on goal but for a poor first touch which saw the ball bobble wide.

But with Thatcham's defence looking far from solid, a similar ball, this time from Craig White, put Bellotti in again after 14 minutes and this time he controlled well and fired a crisp shot past Jon Beames in goal for the opening goal.

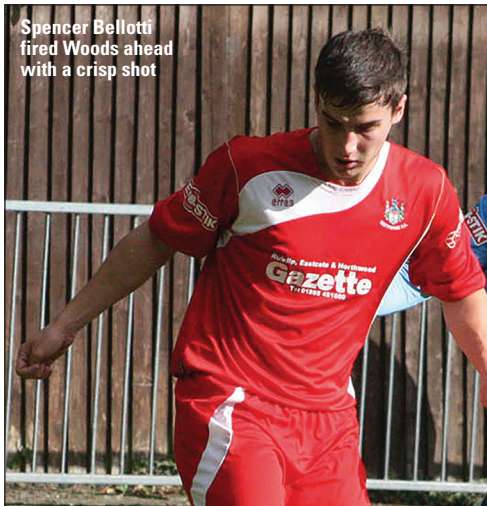
Northwood continued to enjoy the majority of possession, with the home side only looking to threaten from set-pieces and when a corner



Two-goal Adamson Ajayi



Mark Burgess had arrived as the new Woods manager



Spencer Bellotti fired Woods ahead with a crisp shot

front of goal. Reading also dealt comfortably with a header soon after while Osei had a chance to extend the Northwood lead when through with just Beames to beat but he went too wide to convert from an angle.

With eight minutes remaining the home side did pull a goal back to raise their hopes as a simple ball was slipped through and top scorer Danny Seaward finished coolly. If Noakes' effort had not crashed against the bar a minute later, it might have made for an interesting finale but the Woods survived and then finished back on top.

Hutchinson burst through again down the right and might have had a shot himself but instead fed Hawkins who looped his effort well over the bar. Christian fired a good shot not far wide soon after and, after Adam Pepera had replaced a limping Yorke, the Woods then notched a fourth goal just into stoppage-time. Ajayi won a challenge just inside his own half and then led the charge of three attackers against just one defender. He played in Hutchinson, who returned the favour with a square ball that allowed Ajayi to fire in his second of the game.

Thatcham: Jon Beames, Damien Smith, Alex Charlick (Sam Flegg 20m), Tom Mudge, Matt Bowler, Dave Asker (Stephen Noakes 46m), Jacob Mingle, Charlie Hill (Adam Everiss 46m), Miles Jones, Danny Seaward, Danny Langford

Northwood: James Reading, Ricky Rogers, Lee Grant, Brad Hewitt, Reece Yorke (Adam Pepera 88m), John Christian, Adamson Ajayi, Craig White (James Fraser 80m), Spencer Bellotti, Leon Osei (Oliver Hawkins 74m), Jack Hutchinson

was only half-cleared out to Jack Hutchinson he took aim and fired a shot which flashed only just over the top corner of the goal. Adamson Ajayi was starting to make inroads down the left and a typical run and good long-range strike was stopped by Beames in an unconventional manner of blocking the ball like a defender but it was effective enough.

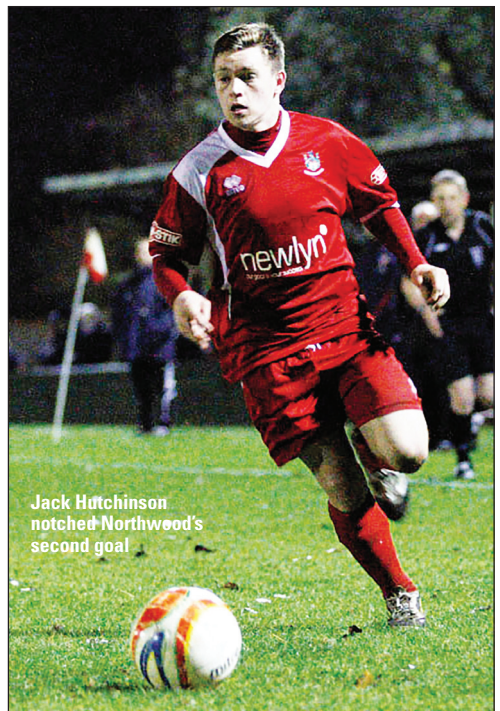
The Woods snatched a second goal after 29 minutes when Hutchinson reached a loose ball first on the edge of the box and poked an accurate shot past a couple of defenders and inside the far post, giving Beames no chance. It was almost three after 36 minutes when John Christian threaded a neat ball through and Bellotti again finished in style but this time a late offside flag pulled the play back with the goal ruled out.

Beames made a good save to deny Osei two minutes later after he latched onto a knock-down from Bellotti but after 41 minutes Osei turned provider with a neat ball to Ajayi who drifted in and drilled a firm shot past the keeper. There was a further chance to increase that lead before the half-time break as Beames handled a tricky a back-pass but the low free-kick from eight yards never looked like breaching the defensive wall, though Beames was only a couple of yards away when he blocked with his legs.

Thatcham made a double change to start the second half with former Wood Charlie Hill one of the players to be subbed and, having been forced into once replacement due to an injury in the first period, it meant that they had their eleven for the second forty-five minutes. It did seem to have the desired effect of creating a more solid unit, though Hutchinson almost added his second as he jinked into the box from a wide position and pulled a shot across the face of goal which flashed just inches wide of the far post.

Chances were fewer for the Woods but all seemed to fall to the teenager, with Hutchinson hitting one long-distance shot straight at Beames and then another well over after the defence had cleared a Bellotti cut-back.

The Kingfishers finally managed to make some inroads midway through the second-half and after 70 minutes another set-piece dropped kindly to substitute Stephen Noakes but he miskicked in



Jack Hutchinson notched Northwood's second goal



MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN PIPER

NORTHWOOD 0 ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) 3

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2021

KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH
CENTRAL DIVISION

The Woods were brought down to earth with a bump in the new management team's first home outing as they slumped to defeat at the hands of Middlesex rivals Ashford Town.

Hopes were high for new-look Northwood as they looked to build on last week's impressive win at Chipstead, but they had to make do without the services of experienced central defender Tommy Boxer who was serving a suspension for his previous week's sending off; Matt Surmon moving into central defence with Pablo Velasco coming in at right-back.

The contest began at a furious pace with chances at both ends, Daniel Purdue pulling off a smart reflex save to deny Ashford's Aaron McLeish while Sydney Ibie saw his shot, following a strong run into the box, kept out by

visiting keeper Paul McCarthy.

The Woods maintained their confident start as Surmon tried his luck from long range before a Keagan Cole freekick was headed over by James Gurteen. However, it was the Ash Trees who took the lead on 13 minutes after Northwood were caught out by a long ball into their box with McLeish nipping in to slot the ball beyond the advancing Purdue.

The home side looked to respond, and they weren't far away as they created a useful opening as Andy Lomas pulled the ball back into the danger area, but Teddy Stacey's shot flew the wrong side of the upright.

But Northwood found themselves with a mountain to climb as they fell further behind on 25 minutes as Connor Cullen, who made a couple of appearances for Woods earlier in the season, was given far too much freedom on the edge of the before box picking his spot with a shot into the bottom corner of the net.

Woods were given a wonderful opportunity to reduce the arrears before half time as another strong run into





on the edge of the box before unleashing an unstoppable half-volley to complete his double on 53 minutes.

Northwood stuck to their task with the hard-working Stacey seeing his shot blocked as he latched onto a Lomas free kick while Ibie wasn't far away with another attempt.

Velasco made way for Lewis Batten at right-back while the recently returned Yiannis Constantinou replaced Ibie in attack. And there was a third substitution for Woods as Joakim Ehui was introduced for Jackson with nine minutes left on the clock.

Woods rallied towards the end with Cole sending a volley wide and Stacey firing over after good work from Ehui. And Stacey was in the thick of it again as he had another shot blocked. But the hosts were unable to find a way through a well-drilled Ashford backline and had to accept defeat to the better side on the day – a couple of tough away fixtures at Chertsey Town and Binfield next on the agenda for Northwood.

NORTHWOOD: Purdue, Velasco (Batten 58), Lomas, Cole, Surmon, Gurteen, Young, Stacey, Ibie (Constantinou 73), Jackson (J. Ehui 81), Stewart

Substitutes not used: Esposito, Petch

Cards: None

Attendance: 138

the visitor's box from Ibie saw him upended, McCarthy keeping out the striker's penalty attempt with Ryan Young off target from the follow up. And Northwood finished the half with another effort on goal as Micah Jackson's corner was only half cleared to Carl Stewart who fired in a low shot which was dealt with by McCarthy.

Cullen was quickly into the action for Ashford after the break as he fired in another shot, but Purdue was alert to the danger as he gathered comfortably. However, any hope Woods had of getting back into the game were effectively ended as McLeish picked up the loose ball





ROLL CALL

2021-22 SEASON | WOODS CAREER | WOODS DEBUT

Up to 17th December 2021 * = No longer with Club	SEASON 2021/2022						WOODS CAREER RECORD						WOODS DEBUT								
	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE			CUP COMPETITIONS			TOTALS			LEAGUE				CUPS			OVERALL				
	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Games	Goals	League	Cup		Goals	Total	Goals	Total	Games	Total	Goals	
*Mfalosi	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	5	1	3	0	2	1	5	1	1	Guernsey (A) Oct '21	
*Ryban	9	1	10	0	7	0	7	1	17	1	17	1	10	0	7	1	17	1	1	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
*Matt	9	0	9	0	5	0	5	0	14	0	14	0	9	0	5	0	14	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
Lewis	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	Uxbridge (H) Oct '21	
*Tommy	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	4	1	7	1	3	1	10	2	2	Arlesey Town (A) Aug '17	
*Adam	8	0	8	1	2	0	2	1	10	2	8	1	2	1	2	1	10	2	2	Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
*Joe	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
Keagan	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
*Sam	0	5	5	0	1	5	6	0	11	0	5	0	6	0	6	0	11	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
Yiannis	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	10	0	3	1	3	1	13	1	1	Chalfont St Peter (H) Dec '19	
*Connor	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
Abioseh	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	South Park (H) Nov '21	
*Leo	10	1	11	2	6	0	6	0	17	2	11	2	6	0	6	0	17	2	2	Burnham (H) Aug '21	
*William	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
Dupray	7	1	8	1	6	1	7	3	15	4	33	12	11	6	44	18	44	18	0	Daverney Town (A) Sept '14	
Ismail	4	5	9	2	4	1	5	0	14	2	156	6	41	1	197	7	197	7	0	Slough Town (A) Aug '13	
Joakim	9	4	13	0	3	3	6	1	19	1	13	0	6	1	19	1	19	1	1	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
Matteo	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	Basingstoke Town (H) Oct '21	
CJ	11	1	12	0	2	0	2	0	14	0	12	0	2	0	14	0	14	0	0	Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
*Pablo	9	0	9	0	1	0	1	0	10	0	11	0	1	0	1	0	12	0	0	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17	
James	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Birfield (A) Dec '21	
Daniel	4	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	3	0	0	4	3	3	0	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
Sydney	4	0	4	2	1	0	1	2	5	4	4	2	1	2	5	4	5	4	0	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
Micah	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	32	3	8	0	40	3	40	3	0	Kings Langley (H) Sept '18	
Sam	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	0	10	0	27	0	8	0	35	0	35	0	0	Maidlow (A) Aug '16	
Montel	6	1	7	0	6	0	6	0	13	0	7	0	6	0	13	0	13	0	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21	
*Arnold	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	89	1	24	0	113	1	113	1	0	Nettering Town (A) Aug '14	
Andy	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Haywards Heath (H) Oct '21	
Imani	5	2	7	0	4	0	4	1	11	1	20	2	6	1	26	3	26	3	0	Bedford Town (H) Nov '16	
*Gradi	10	0	10	5	4	0	4	2	14	7	10	5	4	2	14	7	14	7	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
*Shakeel	9	2	11	0	5	1	6	1	17	1	23	0	8	1	31	1	31	1	0	Maldon & Tiptree (H) Oct '17	
*Declan	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	Ware (H) Feb '20	
*Tristan	5	2	7	0	4	0	4	0	11	0	7	0	4	0	11	0	11	0	0	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
Noel	3	3	6	0	2	4	6	0	12	0	6	0	6	0	12	0	12	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
*Giovanni	9	0	9	0	5	0	5	0	14	0	9	0	5	0	14	0	14	0	0	Haywards Heath (H) Oct '21	
Aaron	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
Daniel	3	1	4	0	2	1	3	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	7	0	0	Berkhamstead (H) Oct '21	
Mo	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	South Park (H) Nov '21	
*Tecane	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	1	5	1	4	0	1	1	5	1	5	1	0	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
*Mark	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
Teddy	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Wembley (H) Nov '21	
Carl	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
Lindell	6	6	12	0	2	4	6	0	18	0	12	0	6	0	18	0	18	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
Stewart	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
*Tom	2	1	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	6	1	3	0	3	1	6	1	3	0	1	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
*Ezekiel	4	0	4	1	1	1	1	0	5	1	4	1	1	0	5	1	5	1	0	1	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Ryan	4	0	4	1	1	1	1	0	5	1	4	1	1	0	5	1	5	1	0	1	Chipstead (A) Nov '21



LEADER OF THE PACK

WITH CLUB CAPTAIN – KEAGAN COLE

Firstly, I just want to personally apologise on behalf of the entire squad for our performance in our most recent home game against Ashford Town three weeks ago which ended in a disappointing defeat.

We have taken it personally and I'm confident that a half-hearted performance like that at home in front of our fans will not happen again.

Moving on though... what a fantastic reaction - "a real kick up the backside" if I'm allowed to say that! To take the full six points from an available six, away from home is everything and more that we could have asked for.

Day by day, session by session, game by game the togetherness, belief and cohesion within the squad is rising and this can only lead to improved performances in the weeks to come.

There is of course, still a lot of work to be done both on the training field and together as a group, but I believe we are heading in the right direction and we hope to continue this momentum and current vein of form into this afternoon's game against Thatcham Town.

Again, please don't hesitate to say hello and have a chat at anytime as it's good to get know everyone who enjoys being here at Northwood FC

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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 Chalfont St Peter and Harrow Borough.

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MONTEL JOSEPH

24-year-old goalkeeper who has returned to the club for a third spell. He originally signed in 2016 from Boreham Wood having been released by Bristol City. He impressed in that spell which ended when Montel went off to the Caribbean to represent Trinidad & Tobago as an International. He also played on the Island for Central FC. He played one game in 2017/18 for the Woods but has since been playing for Wembley and Barking.

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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.

AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**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 Badford 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 skippered 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.

AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**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, Hoddesdon 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 skippered 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.

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MATTEO ESPOSITO

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Chalfont St Peter 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

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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, Hanwell Town, North Greenford and Broadfields United.

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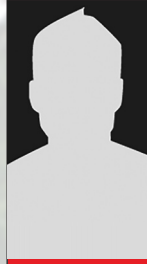
RYAN YOUNG

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.



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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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ON THE FIELD



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 COLOURS: RED

THATCHAM TOWN FC

MANAGER: JAMIE LEACOCK
 ASSISTANT MANAGER: YASHWA ROMEO
 COLOURS: BLUE & WHITE

	PLD	SUB	GLS		PLD	SUB	GLS
DANIEL PURDUE (GK)	■	■	■	JACK HOPWOOD (GK)	■	■	■
MONTEL JOSEPH (GK)	■	■	■	TINASHE GWAVAVA	■	■	■
DAN HOSIER (GK)	■	■	■	LUKE DONVILLE	■	■	■
SAM JENKINS	■	■	■	CAMERON ROHART-BROWN	■	■	■
MATT SURMON	■	■	■	WILL EDWARDS	■	■	■
LEWIS BATTEN	■	■	■	JOSH EDWARDS	■	■	■
ANDY LOMAS	■	■	■	MO CEESAY	■	■	■
AARON PETCH	■	■	■	LAMAR KOROMA	■	■	■
TOMMY BOXER	■	■	■	NATHAN JONES	■	■	■
JAMES GURTEEN	■	■	■	DANIEL FOSU	■	■	■
KEAGAN COLE	■	■	■	ZEID HANNACHI	■	■	■
CARL STEWART	■	■	■	HARRY GRANT	■	■	■
MATTEO ESPOSITO	■	■	■	HARVEY HARRY	■	■	■
TEDDY STACEY	■	■	■	LAMIN CEESAY	■	■	■
JOAKIM EHUI	■	■	■	ALEX MILLER	■	■	■
YIANNIS CONSTANTINOU	■	■	■	GLENN GABRIEL	■	■	■
MICAH JACKSON	■	■	■	SHANE COOPER-CLARK	■	■	■
SYDNEY IBIE	■	■	■	JOSH ELMS	■	■	■
ISMAEL EHUI	■	■	■				
RYAN YOUNG	■	■	■				
ALEX MORE	■	■	■				

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 ASSISTANT REFEREES:
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 HARRY PRICE

NEXT UP AT HOME

HANWELL TOWN FC
 MONDAY 27 DECEMBER 2021
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM
 PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ON THE ROAD

WESTFIELD FC
 SATURDAY 8 JANUARY 2022
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM
 PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
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