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Isthmian League Division Three promotion: 1997

Isthmian League Cup winners: 2002

Isthmian Charity Shield winners: 2002

Isthmian Associate Members Trophy winners:

1993, 2000

Middlesex Senior Cup Winners: 2007, 2016

Middlesex Senior Cup finalists: 2000, 2002,

Middlesex Senior Cup semi-finalists:

1992, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2010

Middlesex Senior Charity Cup finalists:

1994, 2003, 2005, 2012

Middlesex Intermediate Cup winners: 1979

Middlesex Junior Cup winners: 1938

Middlesex Junior Cup finalists: 1935, 1936

London Spartan League Premier Division champions:

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 evening and welcome to The Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for tonight's Middlesex Senior Cup fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Uxbridge FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here once again.

My notes this evening are dedicated to the memory of Gordon Boateng, who passed away last week at the age of just 41.



Gordon, as many of you will remember, became an interim Manager for us following the initial departure of Simon Lane. Immediately we struck up a friendship and stayed in touch; Gordon would always ask about how I was, how the club was doing and even offered his services again, just before the appointment of Rob Ursell, despite living in Chelmsford.

He had set up his own Academy, his own club and got support from the

many who knew him to get these projects off the ground. He spoke at length at many seminars around the mental health issues in society and sport and all of this whilst having a young family. Axel and Ace were both born in very recent years and our thoughts go to his wife, Hayley and the boys at this most awful of times.

He leaves a legacy and I hope his club and academy carry on as I know he would wish and provide something for his family to see flourish in the coming years.

Gordon was a good friend, a true gentleman and just looking through the tributes to him on Social Media, really makes you appreciate how many lives he touched, despite his young age.

Reading through the messages we had sent to each other recently has certainly brought many a tear to my eyes; little did I know there would be no more.

On behalf of all of us, we thank Gordon for everything he did here and I thank for him for being a good friend and we will all miss him dearly.

Good night my friend and god bless you and your family.

Thank you

IAN

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WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE REDS

Tonight, we again welcome everyone connected with Uxbridge FC for this opening round fixture in this season's Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup competition, a month after we met in League action here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium; a match that our visitors won very comfortably. We opted not to take part in the Senior Cup last season but the previous year saw us through two games – winning at Enfield Town 1-0 and then beating North Greenford United on penalties before a narrow 1-0 defeat at Bedfont Sports in the quarter-finals.

It is six years since the Woods last won the Middlesex Senior Cup – defeating Enfield Town 2-0 in a Final which was played at Uxbridge FC. That was the second time we had won the County's most prestigious competition having previously got our hands on the trophy in 2007 with a shock penalty win over Hayes on their own Church Road ground following a 1-1 draw after extra-time. That was at the third time of asking having been beaten in two previous finals; losing 2-0 to Hayes in 2000 and then 4-2 after extra-time to Hendon in 2002.

Tonight's opponents Uxbridge have been competing in the Senior Cup for a lot longer than ourselves but have been beaten in their last two finals – 2-0 against Staines Town in 2010 and 3-1 after extra-time against Hendon in 2004 – and last won the competition in 2001 with a comprehensive 3-0 victory over Harrow Borough. That had been their first success since 1951 and prior to that you have to go back to 1894 and 1896 for the Reds previous two Senior Cup successes!

Tonight's tie has to be played to a result but that could include both extra-time and penalties should the need arise. The winners will play at home to Wembley in the Second Round in two weeks' time on Tuesday 9th November 2021.

BUILDBASE FA TROPHY – THIS WEEKEND

Last Saturday week we managed to find a bit of form after recent losses when we were successful in the FA Trophy.

Playing a Haywards Heath Town side that were unbeaten and top of their division, the Woods had to defend well but we were helped by debut goalkeeper Dan Purdue who pulled off a string of fine saves both early and late in the match. It ended 0-0 and went to penalties and it was the young Woods side that held their nerve to go through 4-3 with Purdue again coming to the fore with a save from the last of the ten penalties taken.

The victory has earned us a place in the Third Qualifying round where we have been rewarded by another home tie, this time against Berkhamsted FC of the Southern League Central Division who are currently top of the table and also still unbeaten at the time of writing with several games in hand to the chasing pack too. It will no doubt be another tough test but at least we have home advantage and we avoided the Step 3 clubs who entered the competition at this stage. The match takes place this Saturday, 30th October and replaces the home match v Bracknell Town which has moved to a few days later, to next Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

PLAYER NEWS

There have been another few new faces in recent games. For the Sutton Common Rovers fixture we welcomed back James Gurteen to the Woods. James made a couple of substitute appearances under Simon Lane in the early part of the 2017/18 season as an 18-year-old but has since learned his trade as a defender with appearances for Rayners Lane, Aylesbury United, Broadfields United, Southall and re-joins us on a dual-registration basis from Kings Langley where he has made seven appearances for the Step 3 side. Sam Jenkins is also a familiar face who has signed again, also on dual-registration, from Chesham United as he looks to regain some match fitness following injury. Sam first played for us back in 2018 under Dean Barker and also made one appearance in 2019/20.

Then, against Basingstoke Town, we welcome CJ Fearn into the squad. CJ is an experienced defender who has been playing for Farnborough at Step 3 for a number of

years but has now also dual-registered with the Woods. We welcome all three to the club.

In the opposite direction, two players have moved on after just a short spell with us. Connor Cullen, who had also been dual-registered with Farnborough, has now joined our divisional rivals Ashford Town (Middlesex) while William Dupray has accepted an offer to join Southern League Central Division high-flyer's Ware. Both scored their first Northwood goals at Tooting only to never make another Northwood appearance which must be very unusual even in these days of players moving on far too quickly.

LEAGUE NEWS

The two home games mentioned above proved ultimately very disappointing in terms of points on the board as we went down to narrow one-goal defeats in both matches. Sutton Common Rovers were a side we needed to beat but having come from behind twice to be level at 2-2 at half-time, we then put in a poor second-half performance to go down to a 3-2 loss. It was certainly better against unbeaten side Basingstoke last Tuesday with neither side creating many clear-cut chances but the visitors scored from their best opportunity while the Woods missed theirs and it ended 1-0.

These notes had to be prepared before Saturday's long flight to play away at Guernsey so we can only hope that we managed to find some winning form.

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 during the first few months of the season. 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 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. You can do this online via the website and the squad page, or cash if you would prefer. The player pictures are not actually included in this smaller issue of the matchday programme today so take a look at the website squad page to see if your favourite player has been snapped up yet and act quickly to secure your sponsorship.

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our groundshare partners were due to be action on Saturday with their first home game for some time but the result of that game against Battersea Ironsides is not known at the time of writing. From the opening six games of their Surrey Premier League season (all played away) they had won four and lost two so not a bad start to the campaign. November fixtures have not been issued as yet but they will certainly be scheduled a home game on Saturday 6th November when the Woods are away at Bedford Sports.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

This is the start of another busy time for the Woods here at Northwood with another two home games following tonight in quick succession. Please note there will be a double-header programme issued for these two fixtures again.

Saturday 30th October

Northwood v Berkhamsted - Buildbase FA Trophy - 3pm

Tuesday 2nd November

Northwood v Bracknell Town - Isthmian League - 7.45pm

Enjoy the game this evening and see you all again soon!

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	1-1	124	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn Milenge
Tue 24	Burnham	A	FACPRR	4-1	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			
Tue 26	UXBRIDGE	H	MSCR1			
Sat 30	BERKHAMSTED	H	FAT 3QR			
NOVEMBER						
Tue 02	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge			
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge			
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge			
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge			
Sat 27	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDD)	H	Lge			
DECEMBER						
Sat 04	Chertsey Town	A	Lge			
Sat 11	Binfield	A	Lge			
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			
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 (Midd)	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			

Up to 22nd October 2021				SEASON 2021/2022				
* = No longer with Club				ISTHMIAN LEAGUE		CUP COMPETITIONS		
Players' Name	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals
Ryan Avery	5	1	6	0	4	0	4	0
Matt Ayres	8	0	8	0	4	0	4	0
Adam Cash	6	0	6	1	1	0	1	0
*Joe Chidyausiku	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Coles	0	5	5	0	0	4	4	0
*Connor Cullen	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Leo Decabo	7	1	8	2	4	0	4	0
*William Dupray	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ismael Ehui	4	1	5	1	4	0	4	2
Joakim Ehui	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
Matteo Esposito	6	3	9	0	2	1	3	0
CJ Fearn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pablo Gonzalez-Velasco	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0
James Gurteen	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Jenkins	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Montel Joseph	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	0
Arnold Linturn	5	1	6	0	4	0	4	0
Imani Matthews	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Gradi Milenge	5	0	5	0	3	0	3	1
Shakeel Morris	9	0	9	5	4	0	4	2
Declan Nche	7	1	8	0	4	0	4	1
*Tristan Noel	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Giovanni Palmer	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	0
Aaron Petch	3	2	5	0	3	0	3	0
Dan Purdue	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
Mo Sahnoun	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Matt Surmon	2	4	6	0	0	3	3	0
*Tom Unsworth	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
*Ezekiel Williams	2	1	3	0	1	2	3	1



Key: Goalscorers: in **bold1**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes own goal; ** Northwood won 4-3 on Pens
 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 EHUJ 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 EHUJ 1 (65)	Esposito	Williams	Unsworth (65)	Coles (65)	Surmon (77)	Akunide	J Ehui		
Morris	Nche	I EHUJ 1 (69)	Ayres	Williams (80)	J Ehui (69)	Coles (80)	Surmon (85)	Akinode	Noel	Unsworth	Esposito
MORRIS 1 (80)	Nche	J EHUJ 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		

WOODS CAREER RECORD									
TOTALS		LEAGUE		CUPS		OVERALL		WOODS DEBUT	
Games	Goals	Lge Games	Goals	Cup Games	Goals	Total Games	Total Goals		
10	0	6	0	4	0	10	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
12	0	8	0	4	0	12	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
7	1	6	1	1	0	7	1	Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
9	0	5	0	4	0	9	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
12	2	8	2	4	0	12	2	Burnham (H) Aug '21	
2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
9	3	30	12	8	5	38	17	Daventry Town (A) Sept '14	
3	1	149	5	36	1	185	6	Slough Town (A) Aug '13	
12	0	9	0	3	0	12	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Basingstoke Town (H) Oct '21	
7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
2	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17	
1	0	30	3	7	0	37	3	Kings Langley (H) Sept '18	
10	0	27	0	8	0	35	0	Marlow (A) Aug '16	
10	0	6	0	4	0	10	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21	
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Haywards Heath (H) Oct '21	
8	1	18	2	5	1	23	3	Bedford Town (H) Nov '16	
13	7	9	5	4	2	13	7	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
12	1	20	0	6	1	26	1	Maldon & Tiptree (H) Oct '17	
3	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Ware (H) Feb '20	
5	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
8	0	5	0	3	0	8	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Haywards Heath (H) Oct '21	
2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
6	1	3	0	3	1	6	1	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	

MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN
PIPER

NORTHWOOD 2 SUTTON COMMON ROVERS 3

Saturday 16 October 2021 - Kick-off 3.00pm

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



Northwood's disappointing league season continued as they slipped to a sixth defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers Sutton Common Rovers in the first ever meeting between the two sides.

Woods came into the game on the back of an encouraging FA Trophy performance while Rovers, who shared an identical playing record, had suffered a midweek drubbing at the hands of South Park. But the visitors were buoyed by the return of several players following injuries and suspensions while there was one change to the Northwood line-up with central defender James Gurteen, returning to the club on a dual registration arrangement with Kings Langley, replacing Arnie Linturn.

Woods made a positive with Pablo Velasco finding room down the right flank and sending over a couple of early crosses with Shakeel Morris getting on the end of one but having his shot charged down by the Sutton defence. At the other end, Tyrell Butler had a shot deflected behind with the resulting corner finding the head of Aaron Goode whose effort narrowly cleared the crossbar.

There was an open feel to the game from the early stages and Woods threatened again as Velasco combined with Matt Ayres before sending over a deep cross which found it's way to Morris via the head of Declan Nche but Woods' leading scorer was crowded out once again.

Rovers responded by creating a couple of useful openings as Malachi Robinson shot over from a good position while Northwood keeper Dan Purdue saved bravely at the feet of Butler. However, the



visitors managed to find a way through on 13 minutes, despite a suspicion of offside in the build-up, as Danny Fernandez executed a close-range finish after being teed up by Butler.

Woods reacted well to the setback with Morris having a shot deflected over, Gurteen trying his luck from distance while the former almost capitalised on a mishit goal kick from Craig Bradshaw with the Rovers stopper recovering to gather the attempted lob. But Morris was not to be denied as parity was restored in the 25th minute with a shot across Bradshaw from the



edge of the box which nestled in the far corner following a jinking run.

Northwood kept up the pressure and Rovers were indebted to Bradshaw who pulled off a couple of smart saves in quick succession to deny Adam Cash, who ran from deep in his own half before firing in a low shot, and Morris. And the latter wasn't far away again as he headed over from another Velasco cross.

But having managed to keep on level terms, Rovers put their noses back in front on 42 minutes as Brendan Murphy-McVey despatched a free-kick beyond the reach of Purdue in the Northwood goal.

However, the topsy turvy nature of the opening half continued as Woods delivered an immediate riposte as within a minute, Leo Decabo deceived Bradshaw with a low strike from 30 yards to put the hosts back on level terms. And there was still time for Northwood to threaten a third goal before the break as Nche got behind the Rovers back line before having a couple of near post shots blocked by Bradshaw and his defence.

Northwood fans were hoping for more of the same after the break and things looked good as there was an early opportunity for Morris, but his hooked volley flew wide after Gio Palmer had created the opening.

Unfortunately, proceedings began to follow a familiar pattern where Woods seem to lose their attacking impetus after a bright opening half and it was Rovers who began to dictate the play with Matt Tanton stinging the palms of Purdue with a rasping shot from distance, Palmer doing well to crowd out Adam Allen as he looked to convert the loose ball. And Rovers threatened again as Purdue kept out a snapshot from Murphy-McVey.

Northwood made a change just after the hour as they looked to regain some attacking momentum with Matteo Esposito replacing

Nche. And there was a further change as Velasco made way for Sam Jenkins, the Chesham loanee returning for a third spell at the club.

However, the substitutions failed to ignite Woods and it was the visitors who regained the lead on 71 minutes as Ryan Healy, assisted by a smart dummy from Murphy-McVey, played in Butler who calmly slotted the ball past Purdue.

Northwood switched to a flat back four with Gurteen at left back and Palmer moving into a central attacking role. And Woods began to find some attacking cohesion as Decabo picked out Morris, but his shot failed to trouble Bradshaw while Esposito put up a hanging, far post but Palmer failed to connect properly with his header.

Aaron Petch replaced Ayres as the contest moved into added time and after Purdue had done well to keep out an effort from Naseem James, Woods came agonisingly close to grabbing an equaliser as Palmer raced clear and rounded Bradshaw, but his effort from a tight angle struck the near post with no red shirt on hand to convert the rebound.

And Palmer threatened again with the last kick of the game as he got to the by-line, but his low cross was frantically cleared by the Rovers defence to ensure that the visitors were taking three precious points back to south London.

Northwood: 1 Purdue; 2 Cash; 3 Velasco (Jenkins 69m); 4 Nche (Esposito 61m); 5 Gurteen; 6 Avery; 7 Morris; 8 Ayres (Petch 90m); 9 I Ehui; 10 Decabo; 11 Palmer; 12 Jenkins; 14 Petch; 15 Surmon; 16 Esposito; 17 Linturn

Goals: Morris, Decabo

Yellow Card: Avery; Attendance: 106





MATCH REPORT BY ROBIN PIPER

NORTHWOOD 0 BASINGSTOKE TOWN 1

Tuesday 19 October 2021 - Kick-off 7.45pm

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



Battling Northwood slipped to a second home defeat in four days as unbeaten Basingstoke claimed the points with a single goal win in monsoon conditions at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium.

There was one change from the team which started in the weekend defeat against Sutton Common Rovers with Farnborough loanee CJ Fearn coming into the midfield with Declan Nche reverting to the bench.

The contest began with rain sweeping across the pitch but undeterred, the hosts were quickly into their stride as Shakeel Morris had an early shot which was dealt with by visiting keeper Paul Strudley before the latter turned away Ismael Ehui 's free-kick with the faintest of touches which was missed by the match officials.

Having been on the defensive in the opening minutes, Basingstoke began to show their credentials by putting Northwood under a sustained spell of pressure – Brad Wilson going close on a couple of occasions while D'Andre Brown tried his luck from distance before Conor Lynch headed narrowly over.

The Woods withstood the Dragons' pressure, maintaining a solid shape which was underpinned by the three-man central defensive unit with the added protection provided by Fearn as he sat in front. And this provided a platform for Northwood to ask further questions of the Basingstoke rearguard as Morris was ushered off the ball in the box amid appeals for a possible infringement before the same player was set up beautifully by Fearn, but Strudley got down well to keep out the low shot.

Both sides continued to make light of the unrelenting wind and rain with the superb playing surface standing up to the test and there were chances at either end before the close of an entertaining half – Fearn making a timely block to divert Lynch's goalward shot before Strudley was quickly off his line to deny Morris as he looked to latch onto Decabo's through-ball.

Having more than matched their highly fancied opponents in the opening period, it was disappointing for the Woods to concede so early after the restart, James Gurteen misjudging an attempted interception affording Ben Cook the opportunity to send over a pinpoint cross which was delightfully met on the volley by Lynch to put the Dragons ahead on 50 minutes.

Buoyed by the goal, Basingstoke went close to adding a second as Northwood conceded possession in a dangerous position, Wilson not far away with a curling shot which cleared the far upright.

Woods made a double substitution on 66 minutes with Sam Coles replacing a struggling Ehui and Decabo making way for Matteo Esposito. And the hosts regrouped as they looked to get back in the game, Fearn seeing his long-range shot well saved by Strudley.

Northwood proceeded to enjoy plenty of possession but the final ball was lacking the necessary quality to beat a well-drilled defensive unit who are well versed in keeping clean sheets.

The hard-working Gio Palmer left the field on 83 minutes with Nche his replacement, the final throw of the dice for Woods as they looked for the goal which their performance warranted.

Sadly, there was to be no reward for Northwood on an ultimately frustrating evening. Lots of positives to take away from the game but Woods know they need to start getting points on the board as they contemplate a weekend trip to the Channel Islands and the club's first visit to Guernsey.

Northwood: 1 Purdue; 2 Cash; 3 Velasco; 4 Fearn; 5 Gurteen; 6 Avery; 7 Morris; 8 Ayres; 9 I Ehui; 10 Decabo; 11 Palmer ; 12 Coles (for I Ehui 66m); 14 Esposito (for Decabo 66m); 15 Surmon; 16 Linturn; 17 Nche (for Palmer 83m)

No Cards: Attendance: 134



THE 2021/2022 MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP

Tonight we are delighted to welcome our neighbours Uxbridge for this first round Middlesex Senior Cup tie. Let's take a look at what's happened in the competition to date as our game tonight is one of just two first round ties to be completed.

FIRST ROUND

1. Northwood vs Uxbridge (playing tonight)
2. Spelthorne Sports 2 Edgware Town 1
3. Southall 1 Hayes & Yeading United 2
4. St. Panteleimon vs Brentford B (playing tomorrow)
5. Wembley 5 CB Hounslow United 0
6. Staines Town 0 Broadfields United 1
7. Ashford Town (Middx) 6 North Greenford United 2
8. Hanworth Villa 1 Wingate & Finchley 7

SECOND ROUND

(to be played week commencing 7/11/21)

1. Ashford Town (Middx) vs Wingate & Finchley
2. Spelthorne Sports vs Harefield United
3. Hendon vs Hanwell Town
4. Hampton & Richmond Borough vs Harrow Borough
5. St. Panteleimon or Brentford B vs Broadfields United
6. Enfield Town vs Bedfont Sports
7. Northwood or Uxbridge vs Wembley
8. Hayes & Yeading vs Barnet



We celebrate our latest Senior Cup Final victory after beating Enfield Town in the 2016 Final



ON THE FIELD



NORTHWOOD FC

MANAGER: BEN MURRAY
COLOURS: RED

	PLD	SUB	GLS
MONTEL JOSPEH	■	■	■
DANILE PURDUE	■	■	■
ADAM CASH	■	■	■
RYAN AVERY	■	■	■
PABLO GONZALEZ-VELASCO	■	■	■
AARON PETCH	■	■	■
MATT SURMON	■	■	■
ARNOLD LINTURN	■	■	■
GRADIE MILENGE	■	■	■
DECLAN NCHE	■	■	■
JAMES GURTEEN	■	■	■
ANDREW BLAKE	■	■	■
LEO DECABO	■	■	■
MATT AYRES	■	■	■
MATTEO ESPOSITO	■	■	■
JOAKIM EHUI	■	■	■
IMANI MATTHEWS	■	■	■
ISMAEL EHUI	■	■	■
SHAKEEL MORRIS	■	■	■
MO SAHNOUN	■	■	■
SAM COLES	■	■	■
GIOVANNI PALMER	■	■	■
ABZ SAHNOUN	■	■	■
TIMOTHY OBISANYA	■	■	■
SAM JENKINS	■	■	■



UXBRIDGE FC

MANAGER: DANNY EDWARDS
COLOURS: LIGHT & DARK BLUE

	PLD	SUB	GLS
TYLER TOBIN	■	■	■
MARK GOODMAN	■	■	■
REECE WEEKES	■	■	■
ELLIOT POLEY	■	■	■
COLUMBUS IYAYI	■	■	■
KAYNE JAMES-THOMPSON	■	■	■
ALEX PAINE	■	■	■
ALEX WITHAM	■	■	■
EZRA NDUKUBA	■	■	■
JUWON ATINKUNDE	■	■	■
VICTOR OSOBU	■	■	■
ARIF GOKEMON	■	■	■
SHAKA MUGHAL	■	■	■
GAVIN AUSTIN	■	■	■
LUCAS CAMACHO	■	■	■
DANIEL BOXWELL	■	■	■

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: MICHAEL MACKEY
ASSISTANT REFEREES:
TOM WYATT
COLIN WORDSWORTH

NEXT UP AT HOME

BERKHAMSTED FC
SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER 2021
KICK-OFF 3.00PM
BUILDBASE FA TROPHY
THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING

BRACKNELL TOWN FC

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021
KICK-OFF 7.45PM
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

