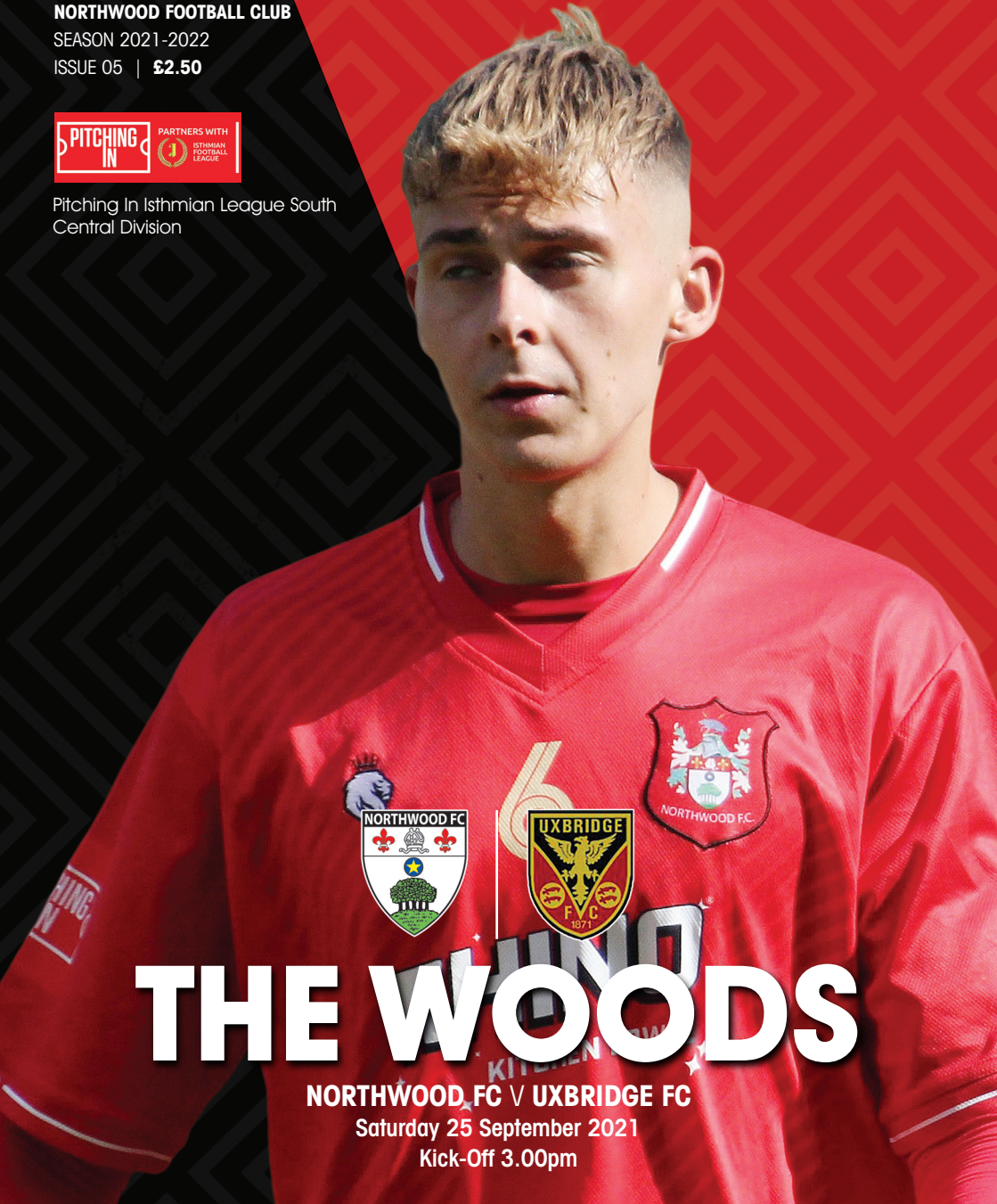


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1990

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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. We welcome all the visitors from Uxbridge FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

It's only right that I start with our game here two weeks ago against Staines Town which gave us our first league victory of the season and that despite being reduced to ten men early in the game. It was good to see goals and just as importantly, confidence running throughout the team. Deep down I knew this game was important, with a game at Marlow to follow three days later..

So on to Marlow; if I had bothered to write a script for this game, it would have come out word for word as predicted. What I can get away with saying these days, I don't know, but I made my feelings known to the match officials at half time and after the game and was actually quite pleased that one of them, totally agreed with me. Respect to him; which is more than I can give any club official or anyone from the management team there, who obviously have their own way of doing things, irrespective of fair play or respect to the game. When my

management team run the club and act in such a way, it'll be my time to go. Same every time when we play there. For everyone.

Today, again is a big game and we hope for a bigger crowd than that who witnessed the Staines game, as that was quite disappointing – our lowest home Saturday crowd for a League game since November 2019.

Finally; what a great day we had here the following day for The Pat Byrne Memorial Match with a large crowd and many NFC 'Legends' taking part. With the money raised, plus possibly a bit more, we will be building a permanent memorial in the ground in memory of the great man himself. It's not too late to donate to this fantastic cause so please give generously if you can either by cash to Secretary Alan Evans or there is an online link that we can send you so just ask.

Up the Woods!

Ian

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BEN'S BRIEF

THE THOUGHTS OF THE NORTHWOOD MANAGER **BEN MURRAY**

It's been a timely break of ten days since our last fixture, a break that's allowed us to get even closer as a group and have some valuable hours on the training field something at non-league level you don't get enough of.

We have built a bit of momentum since my last time speaking to you. A fantastic performance against Staines was made even more valuable when you see they beat Westfield last weekend.

Our energy is something that impressed me most, something that should be part of any footballers DNA, but unfortunately in today's generation is not always there, we provided tonnes of it and a true grit and determination to get the three points and clean sheet. I felt our game management and patient build up play was excellent and feel that the group are starting to show the kind of football that I want them to play.

We then had our trip to Marlow on the Tuesday, takeaway the absolute circus that surrounds a visit there, we came away feeling frustrated not to have got a result as we were well worthy of one.

We created more chances, most definitely played the most football and barring a ninth minute of injury time first half goal from the home side (this tells you exactly what we were up against), Montel had only one more save to make all evening.

What impressed me most is when the game went ten versus ten we came into our own and completely dominated. We just need to be more

ruthless in front of goal, which is hard to say after great finishing the game before.

Since then, it's been training for the lads. Last Saturday morning we all took part in an online fitness session, which then allowed the lads a well-deserved Saturday afternoon off, before a 5k run on the Sunday. We have then been preparing all of this week for the visit of Uxbridge.

Yet again, they are another team with a great squad with tremendous depth and talent.

They have had a strong start to the season and we will need to be in good form today, something our last two performances have definitely been.

It will be the first time in my managerial career that I will be on the opposite team to my old captain and goalkeeper Tyler Tobin. A truly great mate. He's had a great start to the season and I'm proud to see him doing well, but it's all about the win for us today and we have a wager that the loser buys the beers in the bar and I intend to keep my cash in my pocket (although many would say that's the same most weekends).

Today will ultimately come down to individual battles and having the energy and enthusiasm to win those battles. If we do that then we will get the points on the board to give us some added momentum that the start of the season deserves.

As always, enjoy the game and I look forward to seeing you in the bar come 5pm.

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE REDS OF UXBRIDGE FC

A warm welcome back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium this afternoon as we return to our Pitching-In Isthmian League campaign with a home match against our Middlesex rivals Uxbridge.

In contrast to our last opponents here at Northwood, Uxbridge are currently at the other end of the table, sitting comfortably in second place thanks to a home record that has seen them win four out of four league games played at Honeycroft. They suffered their first loss only last Saturday when going down narrowly 1-0 to hot title favourites Bracknell Town and they will be keen to return to winning ways this afternoon. However, despite being unbeaten at home, they are yet to win an away game this season so far, drawing 1-1 at Bedfont Sports and losing an FA Cup replay at Chesham United before that game at Bracknell and it is that issue that we need to look to extend today!

Our two clubs never met in the severely curtailed 2020/21 season and our away league game the previous season was also cancelled but we did meet three other times during that campaign. Firstly, a visit to Honeycroft in the FA Trophy ended in a 4-1 defeat just days after the departure of Manager Scott Dash. Alex Witham, now lining up for Uxbridge this season, headed the Woods in front but Callum Bunting soon levelled and then Alan Hedley put the Reds in front before the break. Goals from Jack Beadle and former Woods striker Mahlondo Martin wrapped up an easy win.

We then played a League Cup group game here at Northwood and recorded a 1-0 victory thanks to an early Ethan Flanagan goal and just a week later, the Woods also triumphed in the League, winning by the odd goal in five and coming from behind to win. Harry Lodovica put the Woods ahead but Mark Bitmead was gifted an equaliser and then Martin netted before half-time. But late in the second-half there was a leveller from a Charlie Hayford penalty following a handball by Ryan Haugh and then Luke Holness bagged a last-minute winner.

UXBRIDGE NOTCH UP 1,000 ISTHMIAN GAMES

We are delighted to be the opponents for a historic fixture for our visitors this afternoon as the club plays their 1,000th Isthmian League game since first being elevated from the Athenian League in 1982. They were promoted from Division Two South three years later as runners-up to

Grays Athletic and since then they have spent every season at the same level, never promoted or relegated, though they did spend fifteen years playing Southern League football. Their first Isthmian League game was a 1-1 draw at home to Barton Rovers and their full record is as follows:

RECORD

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against
Home	500	207	142	151	753	582
Away	499	194	103	202	675	692
Total	999	401	245	353	1428	1274

PLAYER NEWS

Three players made their Woods debuts in the last home game against Staines Town. Two of them were defenders with Adam Cash joining the club on dual-registration from Hayes & Yeading United. The experienced defender has also played for Harrow Borough, Beaconsfield, Margate, Slough Town and the Met. Police. He is the brother of Aston Villa's Matty Cash. Juan Pablo Gonzalez Velasco was with us in pre-season but also dual-registered with Hendon and he has been playing for them at Step 3 but returned to us for more regular games. The Colombian-born former Tottenham Youth made a solid debut. Abdelah (Mo) Sahnoun came on from the bench to score on his debut and he joined the club in the summer from Tooting & Mitcham United.

Ismael Ehui has been out with a muscle injury for three weeks but it is hoped that he may be fit to return this afternoon. Gradi Milenge starts his suspension today and now misses three games following his dismissals in two successive matches.

LEAGUE NEWS

The Woods notched up their first League win of the season two weeks ago with a stunning 5-0 defeat of then bottom club Staines Town. Joakim Ehui was forced into a makeshift striker role after injury rued out his brother Ismael and he put the Woods in front before debut defender Adam Cash added a second after 25 minutes. When Gradi Milenge was then red-carded for a pull-back as last man a minute later, a backs-to-the-wall defensive performance appeared to be needed but in fact that never materialised. Shakeel Morris added a third before half-time



and then, late in the second-half, a Leo Decabo penalty and a strike from substitute Mo Sahnoun completed the rout. It was our first five-goal win since beating Molesey 6-1 in September 2018 and our first 5-0 victory since the opening day defeat of Arlesey Town in August 2015.

The trip to Marlow a few days later was more difficult as the home side boasted a 100% record and were yet to concede a goal all season. There was the usual nonsense that goes with a fixture against Marlow and ultimately it cost us. Gradi Milenge, drawn into the melee that surrounded a poor challenge from a Marlow player on Pablo Velasco, picked up a yellow card and soon after was carded again for a tug on a shirt and he was sent-off for a second successive match. The home side then scored in the ninth minute of first-half stoppage-time, direct from a free-kick and even though it almost inevitably became ten-a-side ten minutes into the second-half, the Woods couldn't quite get back on terms; Shakeel Morris going closest.

Guernsey FC have been told that they need to have resolved their government's issues with visitors to the Island by the end of October or they will be forced to withdraw from the competition for a second successive season. With only four weeks to go until the Woods are due to play away on Guernsey, we should have an idea shortly whether this game will go ahead. If restrictions are lifted before then, we could be the club's first home opponents but if it gets called off and they do start in November we would then have to travel there in midweek. It seems strange that the issue continued to cause problems for the Islanders as Jersey Bulls have been able to play home and away all season but hopefully the matter can be resolved soon.

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.

THE PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL MATCH

A full report on the day is included elsewhere in today's matchday programme but just to say what a wonderful day it was here both in the Stadium and in the clubhouse afterwards. Thanks to all those people who came along to pay their respects to our former Club President and thanks for your memories on the day.

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 included in this issue of the matchday programme for the first time today so take a look to see if your favourite player has been snapped up yet and act quickly to secure your sponsorship.

UNDER-18S

The Under-18s played Uxbridge for the second week running but unfortunately with the same result. Having been beaten 4-1 in the FA Youth Cup at Honeycroft, our first home league game also ended in a 1-4 defeat, despite taking an early lead. They were away to Camberley on Thursday but that was after these notes had to go to print but they are back at home on Thursday week, 7th October when they play Wealdstone.

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our groundshare partners continue to be Spartans FC who unfortunately only managed to play two home matches in the curtailed 2020/21 campaign. They will be back this season, playing in the newly-renamed Surrey Premier County League which has been sponsored by New Balance. With the Woods having been at home most Saturday's, they haven't been seen this season yet but they finally get to play here next Saturday afternoon when they take on Lyne FC – kick-off at 3pm.

NEXT UP

Next Saturday we play away at Tooting & Mitcham United but we are back here at Northwood the following Saturday when we start our Buildbase FA Trophy campaign, taking on Haywards Heath Town. Our opponents have made a brilliant start to their season and sit top of the South East Division of the Isthmian League, still unbeaten and only losing in the FA Cup to Horsham in an away replay.

Saturday 2nd October - Spartans Youth v Lyne - Surrey Premier League - 3pm

Thursday 7th October - Northwood Under-18s v Wealdstone - Isthmian Youth League - 7.45pm

Saturday 9th October - Northwood v Haywards Heath Town - Buildbase FA Trophy - 3pm

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



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

UXBRIDGE FC

In the late 19th century the game of "football" was growing in popularity and on the 3rd February 1871 a group of eminent local businessmen held the inaugural meeting of Uxbridge Football Club.

A local solicitor, Mr William Gardiner, was elected as the Club's President and the club's colours were chosen as white shirts with a light blue Maltese cross and a light blue velvet cap with silver tassel.

Friendly games against local opposition were played in the early years, until the FA Cup was entered in 1873.

A First Round Victory over Gitanos set-up a Second-Round tie against eventual finalists Royal Engineers, which the Engineers narrowly won 2-1. It was at this time that Uxbridge could boast amongst its ranks a Full England International.

Hubert Heron played for England on two occasions whilst an Uxbridge player before he moved to Wanderers FC where he gained further international honours. His brother Francis, formerly of Uxbridge, also played for England after joining him at Wanderers FC.

The club changed its colours to Oxford Blue and Cambridge Blue shirts in 1874 but they were in financial difficulties and folded later that year.

The main problem for Uxbridge was the lack of a permanent home ground (a problem that was to plague them until the middle of the next century), the committee searched the town for a suitable base but were thwarted at every turn and they led a nomadic existence, moving ground every few years.

The enthusiasm for a team in Uxbridge was still prevalent and the Club was reformed in 1879. In 1886 Uxbridge FC amalgamated with another local club, Uxbridge Crescents, and played under this name in season 1886/87, before reverting to plain old Uxbridge the following season.

It was at this time that the Red Shirts, which are still worn today, were adopted and the nickname "The Reds" was born.

Their first trophy was won in 1889 when they lifted the West Middlesex Cup, defeating Colnbrook 1-0 in the Final.

The end of the 19th century was a particularly successful period for The Reds as they won the West Middlesex Cup on three further occasions and also won the prestigious Middlesex Senior Cup twice. In 1894 they beat the 3rd Grenadier Guards 2-0 and repeated that success two years later with a 3-2 victory over local rivals Southall in a replay in front of over 5000 spectators.

The outstanding achievement however was in reaching the final of the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1898.

This was the club's first season in the competition and they had to win eight ties before meeting Middlesbrough in the final at Crystal Palace.

Unfortunately, their North East rivals proved too strong for them on the day and ran out 2-0 winners.

During this successful period for the club they became founder members of Division Two of the Southern League in 1894, finishing fourth in their first four seasons.

However, in season 1898/99 they finished next to bottom and the dwindling crowds (averaging around 500) meant that financially the club was once again in trouble.

A decision was therefore taken to withdraw from the Southern League and join the local Middlesex League to try and stabilise the club. However, a majority of the more talented players joined other clubs and they struggled in their new surroundings, finishing bottom with only one point from their 14 games.

At the end of the season the club had a deficit of £130 and with few players the club once again folded.

For two years much fund raising amongst the local community finally saw the club's debts paid and the reformed Uxbridge FC joined the West Middlesex League

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for the 1902/03 season. In 1904 the Great Western Suburban League was entered and here they stayed until the outbreak of the First World War.

Their best finish during this period was as Runners-up to Brentford Reserves in 1910/11.

They also won the Middlesex Charity Cup on two occasions in 1908 and 1913, as they looked to re-establish themselves as a force in the football world. Following the end of hostilities Uxbridge joined the Athenian League and added "Town" to their name.

An unsuccessful first Athenian League campaign saw them relegated back to the Great Western Suburban League in 1920.

A successful four seasons saw them back in the Athenian League in 1924 where they remained until 1937.

The Middlesex Charity Cup was won for the third time in 1935 as Finchley were beaten 4-3.

Two poor seasons saw them finish bottom of the Athenian League in 1936 and 1937 and the club failed to be re-elected.

They joined the Spartan League for the 1937/38 season, dropping "Town" from their name at the end of the campaign stood proudly at the summit. Championship celebrations however were cut short when it was discovered that The Reds had played an ineligible player and were deducted six points, placing them in third position behind Champions Marlow.

Following the debacle of their one and only season in the Spartan League they resigned and joined the London League prior to the Second World War.

During the war years they continued to play and joined the newly formed Great Western Combination League before re-joining the London League in 1945, finishing as Runners-up to Edgware Town.

Uxbridge were founder members of the Corinthian League in 1946 and remained in this league for the next seventeen years.

Finally, in 1948, after over three quarters of a century of searching, a ground of their own was purchased.

A piece of land in Cleveland Road, Cowley was bought for £5,800 by then president Mr W.S. Try.

The ground was named after a large house that stood on

the land and "Honeycroft" was the new home of Uxbridge Football Club. During this period, they won their only Championship to-date when they were crowned Corinthian League Champions at the end of the 1959/60 season.

They also won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the third time in 1951 when they defeated Hayes 2-1.

This was a successful period in the club's history as they finished in the top five of the Corinthian League on no less than eight occasions and crowds were averaging around the thousand mark.

A re-organisation of Non-League football saw the end of the Corinthian League in 1963 and club found itself once again in Division One of the Athenian League.

This was a lean time for The Reds, they were relegated to Division Two in 1967 and financial problems once against beset them.

They gained national publicity in 1976 when England were looking for a side to play as part of their warm-up for the forthcoming World Cup campaign. Uxbridge took on a full-strength England at Wembley, losing 8-0.

The ground problems that had blighted Uxbridge throughout their history surfaced once again and the club had to find a new home.

In 1978 they moved to their current headquarters in Horton Road, Yiewsley. A former works Sports & Social Club they have developed the site to the superb standard you see today.

Over the past 43 years they have added floodlights (opened by the visit of Arsenal in 1981), new stands, fencing and in more recent times a new clubhouse was opened and car park laid.

On the playing front the club won the Middlesex Charity Cup for the fourth time in 1982, their first silverware for 31 years, and moved to the Isthmian League in the same year, winning promotion to Division One in 1985.

The Final of the AC Delco Cup (League Cup) was reached in 1986, where they met Premier Division Champions Sutton United.

The Reds failed to stop Sutton completing "The Double" though, losing 3-1 in the Final in front of over a thousand spectators at Imber Court, the home of Metropolitan

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Police FC, Uxbridge entered the London Challenge Cup for the first time in the 1992/93 season and hence followed a love affair between the Reds and the magnificent trophy.

In the eight seasons they entered the competition they reached five finals, winning on three occasions in 1994, 1997 and 2000.

They won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the fourth time in 2001, defeating Harrow Borough 3-0 in the Final held at Honeycroft.

In 2004 the club were moved across the pyramid to the Southern League and have reached the Play-Offs on three occasions.

In 2004/05 they lost on penalties, after leading Maldon Town in extra-time, in 2007/08 they narrowly lost 0-1 at Oxford City and in 2011/12 they lost 2-1 at Bedworth United in the Semi-Finals.

In 2018 Uxbridge were moved back across the pyramid, re-joining the Isthmian League in the South Central Division.

They have won the Middlesex Charity Cup on three more occasions in the last eight years. Defeating Brentford in 2013, Wembley in 2014 and Ashford Town (Middlesex) at Hanwell Town FC in 2019.

In 2019 Uxbridge appointed only their sixth manager over the past 51 years.

Ron Clack was in charge for 18-years from 1970, followed by Peter Marshall for one season, Mick Harvey for three, before George Talbot took the reins for fourteen seasons in 1992.

In 2006 Tony Choules became the man in charge, being replaced by our current manager Danny Edwards in 2019.

Danny is a 42-year-old UEFA A licensed coach who spent 15 years as manager of Chalfont St Peter AFC. He steered Chalfont St Peter to Step 4 of the league system in 2011, as well as reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round of the Football Association Challenge Cup on three occasions.

Danny has with him a confident team which includes Fred Cummings as his Assistant Manager. Fred is well known to the followers of the Red Army as a combative centre half with 320 First Team appearances for Uxbridge in the 1980's.

MEET THE PLAYERS & MANAGEMENT OF UXBRIDGE

TYLER TOBIN – Goalkeeper signed from Ashford Town in August 2019. Was a key member within the Ashford squad and a player targeted by a number of step 3 and step 4 clubs this summer. A strong goalkeeper who be key to the squad for the upcoming season.

MARK GOODMAN – Full-back signed from Chalfont St Peter in July 2019. Also previously played for Wingate and Finchley and has experience of step 3. A powerful fullback who is key in both the attacking and defensive patterns for the club this season.

DAVID SOTA – Defender who re-joins the reds this season after he initially signed for Uxbridge in the 2019/20 season but after just four appearances the left sided defender picked up an injury that ruled him out for the season. David's previous clubs include Chesham United, Potters Bar Town and Edgware Town.

ELLIOTT POLEY – Young defender signed from Ashford Town in July 2019. A defender who attracted interest from step 2 clubs in the summer and a key signing for the club. He reads the game well and is confident in the air. A key member of the squad for the upcoming season.

RYAN HAUGH - Left sided defender signed on loan from Harrow Borough FC. Strong in the tackle and a very good crosser of the ball especially from set pieces, Has also previously played for Chalfont St. Peter, Beaconsfield Town & Barton Rovers.

ALAN HEDLEY - Signed from Chalfont St Peter AFC in July 2019. A player the management team prioritised as one of their most important signings. Played over 500 games at Chalfont and was the lynchpin to the club's successes. Club Captain.

ALEX PAINE – Signed from Chalfont St Peter AFC in July 2019. Uxbridge beat off a number of step 3 and 4 clubs to secure the signature of Alex. Represented the England C squad last season scoring on their tour of Gibraltar. A talented midfielder who has an eye for goal.

ALEX WITHAM – Alex is an attacking player who can play in midfield or in a striking role. Alex is a former Arsenal youth player and has played for Derby reserves. Previous clubs include Biggleswade Town, Wealdstone, Slough Town, Wembley, Leverstock Green, Northwood and Berkhamsted.

JUWON AKINTUNDE – As a youth team player Juwon was at QPR for 5 years before joining the youth program at Brentford. Then as a sixteen year old he joined his local club Barnet. From there he joined Maidenhead United before a new challenge saw Juwon play in America first for Wesleyan and then for Portland Phoenix. Previous clubs include Harrow Borough, Chalfont St. Peter and Aylesbury United.

GURKAN GOKMEN – Midfielder who has signed this season. Previous clubs include Ashford Town (Mx), Metropolitan Police, Hayes & Yeading United, Ascot United, Slough Town, Wealdstone, North Greenford United and Harefield United. Gurkan has also played in Turkey for Ankara Sekerspor.

LONIT TALLA – Lonit is a product of the successful youth team at Uxbridge. An attacking player who can also play in Midfield, Lonit scored the first goal in the 2-1 defeat of Hayes & Yeading United in last season's FA Trophy Third Qualifying Round match at Honeycroft.

LENNY FARHALL – Striker who was a proven goal scorer for Harefield United in the Spartan South Midlands Premier League. Lenny made 140 appearances for the Hares scoring 86 goals. Hopefully we will see his goal scoring prowess for the reds this season.

EZRA NDUKUBA – Ezra has impressed during pre season with some eye catching performances and has signed on for the forthcoming season. His previous club Tower Hamlets played in the Essex Senior Football League.

ADE ADESOYE – Midfielder who can also play in defence. Ade impressed the management team in pre-season and hopefully he can fulfil his potential in the season ahead. Previous clubs include Wingate & Finchley, Enfield Borough and Rayners Lane.

PRINCE OGUNMEKAN – Prince is another player who has impressed in pre-season with his performances in midfield. Previous clubs include Bromley and Coalville Town.

TONY MENDY – Vastly experienced striker who has signed for the Reds this season. Tony's goalscoring record speaks for itself and was first noticed playing for Slough Town in the Allied Counties Premier division. Ironically his first senior goal for Slough Town whilst on loan from Maidenhead United was scored against Uxbridge. Other previous clubs include Beaconsfield Town, Bedford Town, AFC Hayes, Chalfont St. Peter to name but a few.

COLUMBUS IYAYI – Columbus is a strong 6 foot 1 inch no-nonsense Centre Half whose aerial ability is an asset especially at set pieces. Columbus is in his first season at Uxbridge and his previous clubs include Tower Hamlets, Edgware Town, Braintree Town, Walthamstow, Morecambe, St. Margaretsbury & Staines Town.

ZANI KURTI – Zani has played most of his football to date abroad, in Greece he played for Episkopi FC, Ergotelis FC & Ermis Zonianon. In Albania he played for Skenderbeu FC. Zani plays in midfield and likes to get forward at every opportunity.

MAHLONDO MARTIN – A talented player returning to the UK after a period playing as a professional in Kazakhstan. An attacker who is able to cause teams problems in the final third with his positive runs. Previous clubs include Watford, Northwood, Hendon and Hayes & Yeading.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

DANNY EDWARDS – 1st team Manager – Previously at Chalfont St Peter for 15 seasons as manager. Oversaw the club's promotion to step 4 and an FA Vase semi-final. Previously worked at Chelsea and Southampton and is an A-Licence coach.

FRED CUMMINGS – Assistant Manager - Joined Uxbridge from Chalfont St Peter. A B licence coach who has worked for Slough Town, Hemel Hempstead, Northwood and Wealdstone. Played for Uxbridge FC and a huge influence for the players for this season.

JOHN CARROLL – First team Coach – Joined from Chalfont St Peter AFC. A B licence coach who captained the successful Chalfont St Peter AFC side that won promotion to step 4 football. Previous clubs include Beaconsfield and Luton Town.

DANIEL NIELSEN – First Team Coach – Joined from Chalfont St Peter. Previously at Wingate & Finchley as a player and Head Coach. Was integral in making Wingate the step 3 side they currently are. A coach who leads the Uxbridge sessions and integral to the club's successes this season.

SHAKA MUGHAL – 1st Team Goalkeeping Coach – As a player Shaka played for Millwall and Chalfont St Peter. A huge influence and strong personality both on and off the training field.

MATCH REPORT

BY ROBIN PIPER

NORTHWOOD 5 STAINES TOWN 0

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021

KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Northwood put their FA Cup woes behind them as they produced a five-star performance with a convincing first League win of the season, beating struggling Staines Town despite playing the majority of the game with ten men after the 26th minute sending off of Gradi Milenge.

Woods manager Ben Murray made a number of changes to his starting line-up with Joakim Ehui standing in for injured brother Ismael up top while there was also a return for Matteo Esposito in place of Ezekiel Williams. The defence also had a new look with Hayes and Yeading loanee Adam Cash coming in for Ryan Avery at right back while there was also a debut for left-back Juan Pablo Gonzalez-Velasco who had spent pre-season with Northwood but had been turning out for Hendon.

Staines made the better start by forcing a couple of early corners and Rhys Paul should have given the visitors the lead when through on goal, but he dragged his shot wide of the far post.

But it was Northwood who gained the upper hand as they scored two goals in four minutes. Cash was the instigator for Woods as he combined with Matt Ayres who fed Shakeel

Morris and after his shot hit the upright, Ehui was on hand to convert the loose ball to open the scoring on 21 minutes.

And Woods doubled their lead after a slick move with Esposito freeing Cash who played a neat one-two with Ehui before calming slotting the ball beyond former Northwood keeper Joe Ringer.

However, Woods mood suddenly changed on 26 minutes as they were reduced to ten men after last man Milenge found himself the wrong side of Noah Amisshah and after both players tussled and fell to the ground, the referee produced a red card for the Northwood man.

Woods had to reorganise with the unfortunate Esposito making way for defender Matt Surmon and a reinvigorated Staines twice went close with a couple of headers from Paul, but the home defence stood firm.

But having stood the initial test, Woods increased their advantage before the half-time break with a third goal on 42 minutes, the irrepressible Nche setting up Morris on the edge of the box and his instinctive, low shot proved too strong for Ringer.

Ten-man Northwood continued to take the game to the Swans after the break with Cash shooting narrowly over and Ayres seeing his shot tipped over the crossbar by Ringer. At the other end, Montel Joseph had to be at his best as the Woods custodian kept out a snapshot from substitute Athan Smith-Joseph.





Woods utilised their full quota of substitutes with Ehui and Morris being replaced by debutant Mo Sahnoun and Ezekiel Williams. But Northwood were given a reminder of the Staines threat as Joseph pulled off a couple of fine saves to deny Sheridan Campbell and Amisssah.

However, Sahnoun was beginning to make an impression for Woods, pulling his shot wide after a good move involving Leo Decabo and Cash before another strong run from the substitute ended with a shot flying wide of the target.

However, with Staines having accepted their fate and the contest into the third minute of stoppage time, Sahnoun was tripped in the box with Leo Decabo making no mistake from the spot for his first Northwood goal.

And there was still time for Sahnoun to open his account as he made it 5-0 in the fifth minute of added time to cap a fantastic afternoon for Northwood.

Northwood: Joseph, Cash, Velasco, Decabo, Linturn, Milenge, Morris, Nche, J Ehui, Ayres, Esposito

Subs: Williams (for Morris 80m), Surmon (for Esposito 28m), Sahnoun (for J Ehui 73m)

Subs not used: Coles, Petch

Yellow Cards: None

Red Card: Milenge

Goals: J Ehui, Cash, Morris, Decabo (Pen), Sahnoun





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PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL MATCH

Back on Sunday, 12th September 2021 we finally got together as a club to remember and pay our heartfelt respects to a great man - former Club president Pat Byrne who sadly passed away in April 2020 by Alan Evans.

And what a day it was. What an honour it was for me to be able to organise Pat Byrne's Memorial match with hordes of former Northwood players returning to the club and donating towards a fund to play in the game. To have over 50 people on the pitch in his memory was magnificent and Pat would have loved it.

But not just the players, their families, everyone else from Northwood FC past, representatives of Cricket and Golf Clubs, long-time friends and all those who came down to attend the event, a more marvellous crowd of people you couldn't have wished for. Big thanks to everyone who came down for the afternoon and into the evening.

Our thanks also went to our match officials who gave their time to run the game - Alan Cresswell, Steve Williams & Richard Dean - and of course all the Byrne family who came in large numbers, both to take part and to spectate. It was lovely to see them all remembering Pat in this way.

We did have one moment of worry though when Paul Byrne, Pat's brother, had a bit of a wobble after his cameo appearance late in the second-half. Thankfully, he reported to be fine the following morning after being checked out at the Hospital that night and he even made it to the game at Marlow a couple of days later. He was really disappointed at missing out on the after-match debrief though!

So, our grateful thanks to everyone who made a donation towards Pat's future memorial. We've currently raised close to £5,000 through this event so your generosity is really appreciated. If you missed the chance to donate and still wish to do so, please give me a call on 07960 744349 or email me at alan.evansnfc@btopenworld.com and I'll send you the link to do so online.

A few words on the match itself! Well, our thoughts were with former Woods boss Tony Choules who had to drop out of managing the Legends side having tested positive for Covid just a couple of days before but our thanks go to another ex-Northwood manager in Colin Payne who stood in admirably for Chouley. Dave Anderson took charge of the Heroes side and the following players (after a couple of Legends were swapped into the Heroes side to try to balance up a few non-arrivals) lined up as follows:



Legends: Rob Bullivant, Paul Riordan, Ken Lavender, Dave Nolan, Kevin Dobson, Paul Watkins, Gary Williams, Mark Burgess, Peter Lammin, James Burgess, Wayne Carter, Chris Gell, John Christian, Gavin Hart, Paul Byrne, Robin Tidd, Garfield Blackman, Andy Edey, Steve Newing, Lawrence Yaku, Steve Hale, Nigel Franklin, Paul Franklin.



Heroes: Ben Miles, Tim Piper, Sue Gilder, Kevin Beckles, Troy McAuliffe, Steve Tobin, Fergus Moore, Dave Sargent, Brad Hewitt, Jonny Payne, Liam O'Keefe, Terry Benning, Andy Cook, Richard Mount, Richard McDonagh, Derek Payne, Gavin Byrne, Andy Byrne, Richard Elderfield, Steve Senior, Dave Lawrence, Kyle Matthews, Paul Halbert, Alistair Heselton, Garry Senior.

The stars of the first thirty minutes were probably Ben Miles, playing his first game in ten years, in goal for the Heroes with a couple of superb saves while Derek Payne looked unflappable in the midfield. The solid pairing of Paul Watkins and Gary Williams looked like they





could still play now while the two Burgess twins looked as fit as ever. Gavin Hart enjoyed a couple of excellent forays into the opposing half but we did lose Lawrence Yaku to injury after only about ten minutes so no chance to display his old gymnastic skills.

The first goal came from a familiar source though as Steve Hale latched onto a loose ball to score from the six-yard box. He rolled back the years in what he claims will be his last-ever game of football by recreating the infamous "corner-flag" incident as a celebration! But he avoided a red card on this occasion.

That was the half-time score but after the break, the Heroes got back on level terms when Ken Lavender showed his old lack of football skills to be robbed by GB Paralympian Alistair Heselton and he slotted home.

The Legends had been rolling the subs pretty well and it was 69-year-old Nigel Franklin, who last played for Northwood's first-team forty years ago, who showed nimble footwork before firing inside to give them the lead once more.

It was a good battle all-round. Brad Hewitt won everything in the air as usual but towards the end it was the Legends who showed the better overall fitness and they added two further goals late on through Wayne Carter and Gavin Hart.

FINAL SCORE: BYRNE'S LEGENDS 4 PAT'S HEROES 1

The day's bucket collection added almost £1,500 to the Memorial Fund and we now turn our thoughts as to the best way to enhance the Stadium with some form of memorial that will always be in memory of a great man in Pat Byrne.

Here's just a few of the comments posted on Social Media in the twenty-four hours after the game:

"What a day @NorthwoodFC legends v heroes day to meet everyone from back in the day! Oh and to get a goal and assist just saying #lovedit" - **Wayne Carter**

"Great to see old faces back @NorthwoodFC in Pats memorial game. My 1st 11 a side game in 15 years, so nice to come off bench to score (even if we lost 4-1 when I came back off!" - **Alistair Heselton**

"I can't explain how much today meant playing one last time for @NorthwoodFC in memory of Pat. Meant a lot that the 3 important people - Mum, @FreddieHalePod @MLD1973 saw me score one more goal." - **Steve Hale**

"He only came on and scored... Super Nigel Franklin!! Nice work Dad, made me proud to see you playing at your old Club." - **Nicola Brown**

"Such a great turn-out for such a lovely gentleman, absolute pleasure to be involved." - **Richard McDonagh**

"A fitting tribute to Pat Byrne with such an amazing turnout both on and off the pitch. Pat never had a bad word to say about anyone and always had a smile on his face. It was great to see so many people turn up and support the day." - **Colin Payne**

And finally from Pat's partner Shamira:

"A brilliant and amazing day to treasure; great catching up with everyone. A BIG thank you to Alan, Ian and everyone who made it so special for me and the Byrne family. Also a BIG thank you for all your generous donations. Cheers Pat, love and miss you lots dearest Pat xx"





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WITH THE YOUNGSTERS DEJA-VU STRIKES...

NORTHWOOD 1 UXBRIDGE 4

They say lightning doesn't strike twice, unfortunately for the Under-18's it did. After losing to Uxbridge away in the FA Youth Cup it was our turn to host Uxbridge for our second league game of the season.

We started the game brightly and after 30 minutes were rewarded with a well-taken goal by Mayvin Vigneswaran. We were unable to build on that though as Uxbridge had a good spell of pressure after we took the lead and managed to equalise just before the break.

The second-half started very positively for Northwood though and we should have scored our second goal of the game but it never came as the Uxbridge keeper pulled off a couple of great saves.

The inevitable happened and our opponents went up the other end to make it 2-1 after 70 minutes. As with the previous week, with us trying to get the equaliser, Uxbridge broke away on two separate occasions to put the game to bed and win the game 4-1.

The score line didn't really reflect how close the match was and we didn't deserve to lose by the margin we did but we will need to have bounced back away at Camberley Town on Thursday night which was after these notes were written.

Northwood: Ravji, Batten, Dovie, Vagdia, Fonseca (Ward-Beckles), Amartefio, Staszewski (Dunstone), Moneke (Tannian), Robinson, Achiro-Coleman, Vigneswaran.

No game for the Under-18s this week but they are back at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium next week on Thursday, 7th October for the Isthmian Youth League visit of Wealdstone - 7.45pm kick-off.

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opponents	V	Comp	F-A
Wed 25 Aug	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	IY Lge	3-2
Scorer(s): John 2, Staszewski				
Wed 1 Sep	Uxbridge	A	FAY Cup	1-4
Scorer(s): John				
Thu 9 Sep	UXBRIDGE	H	IY Lge	1-4
Scorer(s): Vignewwaran				
Thu 23 Sep	Camberley Town	A	IY Lge	
Thu 7 Oct	WEALDSTONE	H	IY Lge	
Thu 21 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	H	IY Lge	
Thu 28 Oct	Marlow	A	IY Lge	
Thu 4 Nov	Bedfont Sports	H	IY Lge	
Mon 15 Nov	Beaconsfield Town	A	IY Lge	
Wed 24 Nov	Hayes & Yeading United	A	IY Lge	
Thu 2 Dec	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	IY Lge	
Mon 6 Dec	Uxbridge	A	IY Lge	
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	

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

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bedfont Sports	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Hayes & Yeading United	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Uxbridge	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Camberley Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ashford Town (Middx)	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
NORTHWOOD	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Beaconsfield Town	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Marlow	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Hampton & Richmond Borough	2	0	0	2	4	6	0
Wealdstone	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

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 (87)	Milenge
Tue 24	Burnham	A	FACPRR	4-1	234	Joseph	Avery	Petch	Decabo	Linturn	Milenge
Sat 28	BINFIELD	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								
OCTOBER											
Sat 02	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge								
Sat 09	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	H	FAT 2DR								
Sat 16	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge								
Tue 19	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge								
Sat 23	Guernsey	A	Lge								
Sat 30	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge								
NOVEMBER											
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge								
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge								
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge								
Sat 27	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDIX)	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 (Middix)	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								

NEW KIT

THE PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL LEGENDS ECONOMY BY HOPE & GLORY

Northwood Football Club is delighted to launch the Club's new first-team kit for the 2021/2022 season in honour of former Club President Pat Byrne who sadly passed away in April last year.

Pat Byrne was a true legend at Northwood FC having been with the club for 65 years in a variety of roles which included as a player, manager, benefactor, supporter and latterly Life President. He is sorely missed by everyone at the club but will certainly be remembered with this bespoke kit which has been designed with Pat at the forefront of our minds but also pays tribute to many of his favourite players and managers that he witnessed over the years.

A total of 46 other Northwood "Legends" have their names woven into this unique kit which the club hope will strike a chord with all those that have played or managed the club during Pat's long dedication to the Woods.

We are again indebted to Adam Fecher and his family as Northwood Hygiene Products have agreed to continue to sponsor the Woods for the new season under their Rhino Kitchen Towel brand. It will be the third season of this sponsorship and considering the last two seasons have been very much restricted, the Companies support could not be taken for granted. It is very much appreciated. Northwood Hygiene Products have a very proud environmental heritage, and their Rhino kitchen towel brand supports Care for Wild, the largest orphan Rhino sanctuary in the world. Based in South Africa the sanctuary works closely with the local community to support their mission, which is to rescue, re-habilitate and re-release orphaned rhinos and prevent them falling victim to poachers, predators or starvation.

Furthermore, our new kit, supplied by Hope & Glory Sportswear, will be made of rPET - that is Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate - plastic bottles to you and us - which are melted down to produce a fine yarn. Each kit has been produced using approximately 16 plastic bottles and production uses considerably less Carbon, Water and Energy than usual polyester manufacture methods.

Club Chairman, Ian Barry, also paid tribute to Pat Byrne and the significance of the new kit for the coming season; "Pat, as everyone knows, was instrumental in making this club what it is today, especially during many tough times when his unconditional support helped us overcome many difficult hurdles. We will never forget him and coupled with many legends' names on the shirts, makes this a fantastic kit for us all to pay tribute to everything he stood for."

The kit is available for online and personalised purchases for everyone while we do have some unnumbered stock available here at the club in most sizes.



Key: Goalscorers, in **bold**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes own goal;
 FAC = Emirates FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; VT = Velocity Trophy;

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 EHU 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 EHU 1 (65)	Esposito	Williams	Unsworth (65)	Coles (65)	Surmon (77)	Akunide	J Ehui		
Morris	Nche	I EHU 1 (69)	Ayres	Williams (80)	J Ehui (69)	Coles (80)	Surmon (85)	Akinode	Noel	Unsworth	Esposito
MORRIS 1 (80)	Nche	J EHU 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		





ON THIS DAY WITH **KEN GREEN**

25 SEPTEMBER IN YEARS GONE BY...



1958

**HARROW AND WEMBLEY LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
SOUTH HARROW 1
NORTHWOOD 3**

Northwood had an easy victory over South Harrow in their first fixture of the new season.

H. Carter opened for Northwood after four minutes. With better finishing the Northwood forwards would have scored more goals.



1937

**HARROW WEMBLEY & DISTRICT LEAGUE PREMIER DIV
NORTHWOOD UNITED 1
NEASDEN ASSOCIATION 1**

Northwood United were held to a draw in this game, and at one period were hard pressed to keep their unbeaten home record. Both teams found the greasy nature of the ground and ball difficult to overcome. Neasden opened at a great pace and missed an early chance when the centre miskicked from close in. Raids by both sets of forwards made the game very interesting, but the finishing of the forwards left much to be desired.

Northwood opened the scoring when a fast drive by Tom Bell beat the visitors' goalie. The home team pressed for some time, but weak finishing and some clever work by the visiting goalkeeper kept their goal intact. Neasden then pressed and from a cross from the right wing the inside-left took a simple chance to equalise, and half-time arrived with the score one goal all.

In the first 20 minutes of the second half Neasden worried the home defence by fast wing raids, and the home goalie brought off some good saves. Two corners in quick succession to Neasden were cleared and then Northwood took charge of the game.

Corners came repeatedly and the home team swarmed round the Neasden goal, but the visitors defended stoutly in a grim effort to save a point, and in this they were successful.

Neasden put up a great fight, but were fortunate in saving a point in the last 15 minutes of the game.

Northwood United: Friend, T Bell, Hughes, Gill, W Bell, Storey, R Bell, Sibley, Taylor, Walker

Smith turned in a centre from Tom Searle for the second goal. Smith netted again in the second half.

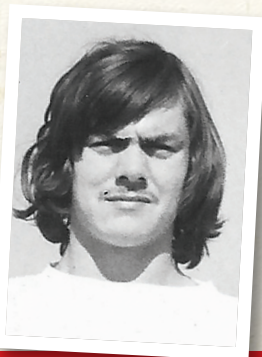
Despite the win, the club were short of players, and they appealed in the local press for more recruits.

1982

**HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
ABINGDON UNITED 1
NORTHWOOD 2**

A last-minute goal from Norman Heslop (pictured) saw Northwood claim two Hellenic League points.

Northwood, who included 17-years-olds Alex Nicholls and Peter Jones in their line-up, had taken the lead in the first half through a Barry Gould penalty – twice taken – after Ellis had been hauled down. Cohen made Woods pay for



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complacency by scoring Abingdon's equaliser early in the second half, and a draw looked inevitable until Heslop burst through to net his late decider.

Northwood: Toogood, Nelmes, Gould, Lammin, Revell, Floodgate, James, Davis, Ellis, Nicholls, Heslop. Sub. Jones.

1999

RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
BANSTEAD ATHLETIC 1
NORTHWOOD 3

Manager Tony Choules gave a debut to Steve Newing, previously with Edware, in this game. Although the visitors took the lead in the 11th minute with good build-up play involving Gell, Nolan and Yeoman, who crossed for defender John Parsons to slot home, generally the home team created more clear-cut chances and Woods had to be thankful Paul Riordan (pictured) was in such good form.



On 25 minutes, Riordan made a good save from Kristian Sorensen and then at the other end Newing was just wide with a header. David Nolan, who stood out alongside Riordan, hit a fine cross from the right and Fitzgerald could have made it two, but for good defending by Mark Pope. Parsons and Dave Sargent combined well to send in a tantalising cross, but though Fitzgerald got his head to the ball, it lacked direction.

After the break, chances were fashioned at regular intervals. Gell had a shot just wide and Nolan crossed for Newing, who forced a good save from keeper Andy Little. Nolan then fired in another ball which Newing got his head to, only to see the ball go just over. Fitzgerald then latched on to a defensive error to force an excellent save from Little. Woods were buzzing and the second goal on 65 minutes looked inevitable. It came from another Nolan cross, this time Gell got the decisive header. Parsons then had a shot which lacked power after a good run and Nolan volleyed wide.

Newing saw an 85th minute goal disallowed before the homesters pulled one back a minute later through Burton. Lawrence Yaku snuffed out any hopes of a revival, however, on 88 minutes. He received the ball from Gell and coolly dummed a defender before finding the far corner.

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

2010

ZAMARETTO LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL
NORTHWOOD 2
ATHERSTONE TOWN 5

In the last game played on this date, a heavy home defeat took Northwood's goals against tally to fifteen in just three games over a period of a week. But Northwood made a great start in the fourth minute when Leon Osei broke down the right and knocked in the perfect cross, which Rodney Hicks finished off with a well-controlled volley at the far post – shown in our photo here.

Atherstone grabbed to an equaliser after 18 minutes through Todd Perry but the Woods stormed back with Anthony Page having a good strike pushed wide by Williams. From the resulting corner Murray Williamson had his shot cleared off the line by Greg Moseley.

The game was end-to-end, but after Perry had one effort palmed away by Mitch Swain, the Woods' keeper got nowhere near a hanging cross which was hooked in by Perry for his second of the game.

After 60 minutes substitute Jamie Newbold finished clinically to make it 1-3, and with Northwood sub Douglas Kisuule missing his opportunity to score with his first touch, Tyron Amory then increased the Adders lead with a cracking free-kick that Swain got nowhere near.

Atherstone made it three goals inside 13 minutes when Smith hammered home from close-range, leaving the Woods defence in tatters. Hicks found Osei in space and he lifted a shot over the keeper and into the net, but it was merely a consolation for the home side.

Northwood: Swain, Kennedy, Tackley, Burgess, Urquhart, Williamson (Kisuule), Wallace, Page, Jackson, Osei, Hicks





TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

We have an interesting mix of league games across all four divisions plus some games in the Buildbase FA Trophy.

Let's take a look at the full list.

PREMIER DIVISION

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

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Bracknell Town vs Marlow
 Hanwell Town vs Staines Town
 Northwood vs Uxbridge
 Westfield vs Ashford Town (Middx)

NORTH DIVISION

Heybridge Swifts vs Maldon & Tiptree
 Romford vs AFC Sudbury

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Sittingbourne vs Phoenix Sports
 VCD Athletic vs Sevenoaks Town
 Whitehawk vs Lancing

BUILDBASE FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

Ashford United vs Chalfont St Peter
 Canvey Island vs Coggeshall Town
 Chichester City vs Whitstable Town
 Corinthian vs Grays Athletic
 Hastings United vs AFC Dunstable
 Ramsgate vs Sutton Common Rovers
 Sporting Khalsa vs Dereham Town
 Stowmarket Town vs Great Wakering Rovers
 Welwyn Garden City vs Hythe Town

PLAYING TOMORROW

BUILDBASE FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

Hashtag United vs Chipstead



SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bracknell Town	6	5	1	0	13	4	16
Uxbridge	6	4	1	1	9	4	13
Marlow	4	4	0	0	7	0	12
Binfield	6	3	1	2	13	7	10
Basingstoke Town	4	3	1	0	8	5	10
Chertsey Town	5	2	3	0	15	9	9
Chipstead	5	2	1	2	13	9	7
Bedfont Sports	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Thatcham Town	6	1	2	3	7	13	5
NORTHWOOD	5	1	1	3	7	7	4
Westfield	5	1	1	3	6	7	4
Hanwell Town	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Sutton Common Rovers	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Tooting & Mitcham United	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
South Park	5	1	1	3	8	12	4
Chalfont St Peter	6	1	1	4	6	18	4
Ashford Town (Middx)	4	1	0	3	8	7	3
Staines Town	5	1	0	4	6	18	3
Guernsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Further action from the recent Pat Byrne Memorial Match

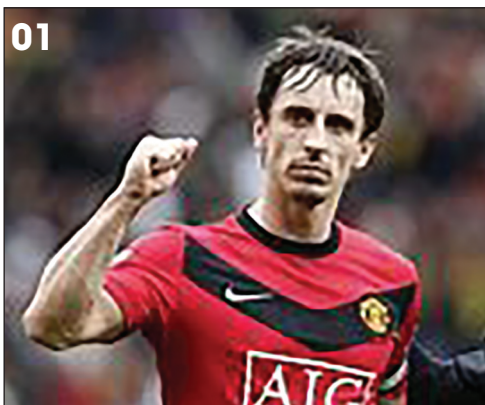
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PREMIER LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

Identify these Legends, who have each made over 400 Premier League appearances, from the clues:

01. Born in Bury in 1975. Made 400 appearances for Manchester United and was capped 85 times by England. Left Old Trafford to work with England, Valencia and Sky Sports.



02. A striker who made a big money move from Southampton to Blackburn Rovers in 1997 after beginning his career with Chesterfield. Made just one England appearance in 2010, but scored plenty of Premier League goals, most notably in a long and successful spell with Bolton Wanderers.

03. A long spell at The New Den gave way to a move to Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest in 1991. His stay at the City Ground was short before he moved to Tottenham Hotspur where he scored 76 times in 166 games. His real successes came at Old Trafford where he won the lot.

04. A striker who began his career with Leicester City at Filbert Street. He made 154 appearances for his home town club before a move to Anfield in 2000. There he scored 39 times over four seasons before playing at Birmingham City, Wigan Athletic, Aston Villa and others. Middle name is Ivanhoe.

05. Welshman who spent his entire playing career at Old Trafford. Had a spell as interim manager at Old Trafford following the departure of David Moyes. Now a national team manager.



06. Born in Romford in 1978, this player began his career with West Ham United before a switch to Stamford Bridge brought 147 goals in 429 games. Won the Champions League in 2012, now managing in the Premier League.

SIX OF THE BEST

01. Wayne Rooney scored a hat trick on his Manchester United debut against which club? A) Fenerbahce B) Galatasaray C) Besiktas

02. Thierry Henry made his professional debut with which club? A) Monaco B) Juventus C) Arsenal

03. Which nation won the 1986 World Cup? A) West Germany B) Brazil C) Argentina

04. Which Argentinian football club who play their home games at La Bombonera are known by the nickname 'Azul y Oro'? A) Boca Juniors B) Cruz Azul C) River Plate

05. Which Spanish side was named FIFA's Club of the Century in 2000? A) Barcelona B) Real Madrid C) Valencia

0. Upon his retirement from international football in 2000, which English striker had scored 30 times in 63 appearances for his country? A) Alan Shearer B) Michael Owen C) Teddy Sheringham.

THE DECIDER

01. Which former Football League club are known as The Silkmen?

ANSWERS:

PREMIER LEAGUE HALL OF FAME: 1. Gary Neville, 2. Kevin Davies, 3. Teddy Sheringham, 4. Emile Heskey, 5. Ryan Giggs, 6. Frank Lampard. SIX OF THE BEST: 1. A, 2. A, 3. C, 4. A, 5. B, 6. A. THE DECIDER: Macclesfield Town.



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TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 - KICK-OFF 7.45PM
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

MATCH REPORT BY
ROBIN PIPER

Battling Northwood were unfortunate to come away without a share of the spoils as they slipped to a single goal defeat at the hands of unbeaten Marlow on a lively evening at the Alfred Davis Memorial Ground.

Having secured their first league win of the season at the weekend, Woods went into the encounter in confident mood with one change to the starting eleven as central defender Matt Surmon was given his first start with Arnold Linturn dropping to the bench.

Marlow were immediately into their usual routine as Curtis Chapple received a caution for a crude challenge on Pablo Velasco with barely two minutes on the clock.

Chapple continued to be a thorn in Northwood's side in the early stages as he made several forays down Marlow's right flank, creating an opportunity for striker Marcus Mealing whose close-range shot was well saved by Woods skipper Montel Joseph before also testing him with a near post shot.

Having withstood the early pressure, Northwood began to find their way into the game with Shakeel Morris finding space down Marlow's left side before picking out Adam Cash on the edge of the box, but his half volley attempt failed to trouble Marlow keeper Simon Grant.

The first contentious moment of the evening was not long in coming as Marlow's Devontae Romeo was lucky to escape with only a yellow card after he flew in on Velasco, the ensuing melee, which may have been prevented had a red card been shown at the outset, resulting in Gradi Milenge being cautioned for Northwood.

And the referee's course of action in the earlier incident ultimately cost Northwood dear on the half-hour mark as Milenge's tussle with a blue shirt on the edge of the box was deemed worthy of a second yellow card, the unfortunate Woods defender receiving his marching orders for the second time in four days.

Declan Nche was moved back into defence to cover for Milenge and Northwood had some defending to do as Tristan Campbell found space to fire in a snapshot which was well kept out by Joseph.

But while the Blues maintained the pressure on ten-man Northwood, the visitors did manage to break the shackles and might have taken the lead as a miscued clearance from Grant was latched onto by Morris but the Marlow keeper recovered to smother the shot.

Marlow continued to test the Northwood rearguard with Mealing and Ramarni Medford-Smith going close while former Wood Isaac Olorunfemi was cautioned for simulation having gone down under the challenge of Joseph when breaking into the box.

But Northwood's brave quest to reach the break intact was undone with literally the last kick of the half as the referee allowed an incredible nine minutes and just enough time for Marcus Mealing

to convert a free kick from the edge of the box before immediately blowing his half-time whistle even before a restart.

Marlow began the second period in a similar vein with Chapple shooting over from the edge of the box while Ashleigh Artwell was denied by the legs of Joseph.

However, Woods were given some encouragement as the numerical balance was restored on 55 minutes after Romeo was sent off for a second bookable offence when again leaving the ground for a tackle on Leo Decabo.

Northwood sought to find a way back and they introduced Mo Sahnoun for Joakim Ehui with Morris moving into the central striker's position. And Woods began to string a number of constructive moves together with Ayres almost on the end of a Cash assist before Decabo shot narrowly wide after good work from Sahnoun.

A rejuvenated Northwood continued to ask questions of Marlow and they had a glorious chance to draw level as Morris outpaced the home defence but Grant stood firm to keep out the low shot from Woods' leading scorer. And the one-way traffic continued with Matteo Esposito and Morris combining to set up Ayres but the latter shot straight at Grant.

Northwood were reminded of the Marlow threat as Velasco recovered well after losing possession to Mealing, racing back to execute a last-ditch tackle to prevent Kameron English extending his side's lead.

Further yellow cards were dished out to Ayres and Marlow's Adam Richards as the game became increasingly frantic with Morris not far away once more.

Aaron Petch and Linturn joined the fray for the closing minutes as Ayres and Esposito made way for Northwood. And after Mealing was crowded out by Joseph at one end, Woods went agonisingly close to grabbing what would have been a deserved equaliser in added time as Petch's ball across the face of goal narrowly avoided the onrushing Morris.

But Northwood were unable to find that vital finishing touch as Marlow safely negotiated the remaining minutes to keep their 100% and clean sheet record intact.

Despite the frustrating nature of the evening for Northwood, Ben Murray's men showed great character and resolve and can they take plenty of positives out of the performance as they look ahead to their next game, a tough assignment against high-flying Uxbridge.

Northwood: 1 Joseph, 2 Cash, 3 Velasco, 4 Decabo, 5 Sermon, 6 Milenge, 7 Morris, 8 Nche, 9 J Ehui, 10 Ayres, 11 Esposito, 12 M Sahnoun (for J Ehui 57m), 14 Avery, 15 Petch (for Ayres 82m), 16 Matthew, 17 Linturn (for Esposito 89m)

Yellow Cards: Surmon, Ayres; Red Card: Milenge (2 x Yellows)
Attendance: 148



APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2021-22

Up to 24th September 2021 * = No longer with Club		SEASON 2021/2022								WOODS CAREER RECORD						Woods Debut	
Players' Name		ISTHMIAN LEAGUE			CUP COMPETITS			TOTALS		LEAGUE		CUPS		OVERALL		Woods Debut	
		Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	T. Goals	Games	Goals	Games	Goals	Cup Games	Goals	Total Games		Total Goals
Olu	Akinode															Yet to make debut	
Ryan	Avery	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Matt	Ayres	4	0	4	0	3	0	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Andrew	Blake															Yet to make debut	
Adam	Cash	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	Staines Town (H) Sept '21
Joe	Chidyaisuku	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Sam	Coles	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	5	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21
Leo	Decabo	3	1	4	1	3	0	0	7	1	4	1	3	0	7	1	Daventry Town (A) Sept '14
Ismael	Ehui	2	1	3	1	3	0	2	6	3	28	12	7	5	35	17	Slough Town (A) Aug '13
Joakim	Ehui	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	1	149	5	36	1	185	6	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Matteo	Esposito	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	7	0	5	0	2	0	7	0	Staines Town (H) Sept '21
Pablo	Gonzalez-Velasco	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Marlow (A) Aug '16
Montel	Joseph	5	0	5	0	3	0	0	8	0	25	0	8	0	33	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21
Arnold	Linturn	3	1	4	0	3	0	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	Bedford Town (H) Nov '16
Gradi	Milenge	5	0	5	0	3	0	1	8	1	18	2	5	1	23	3	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Shakeel	Morris	5	0	5	2	3	0	2	8	4	5	2	3	2	8	4	Maldon & Tiptree (H) Oct '17
Declan	Nche	4	0	4	0	3	0	1	7	1	16	0	5	1	21	1	Ware (H) Feb '20
Tristan	Noel	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Yet to make debut
Timothy	Obisanya															Yet to make debut	
Aaron	Petch	3	1	4	0	3	0	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Abz	Sahnoun															Yet to make debut	
Mo	Sahnoun	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	Staines Town (H) Sept '21
Matt	Surmon	1	4	5	0	0	3	0	8	0	5	0	3	0	8	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Tom	Unsworth	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21



ACTION EXTRA...
 Action from the recent Pat Byrne
 Memorial Match

CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

NORTHWOOD 1 UXBRIDGE 0

On Saturday 1st September 2007, Northwood took on Uxbridge in an FA Cup preliminary round tie. Though near-neighbours, at the time the clubs operated in different leagues, Uxbridge in Southern League Division One South & West, whilst Woods were in Ryman Division One North.

Northwood notched their first success of the season with this narrow victory over Southern League table-toppers Uxbridge who could boast a 100% record going into the game, which had added spice with the return of former Woods manager Tony Choules with his current side, which included six ex-Northwood players in their starting line-up.

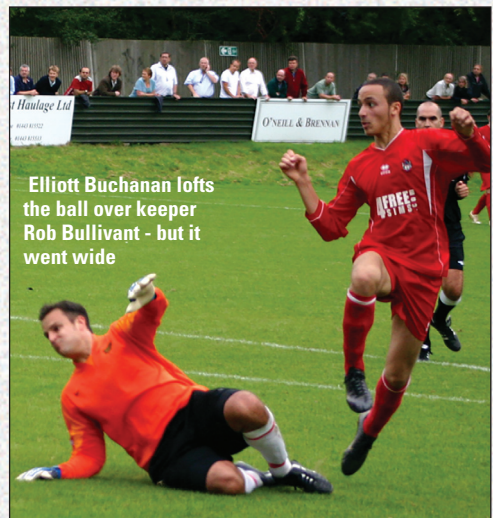
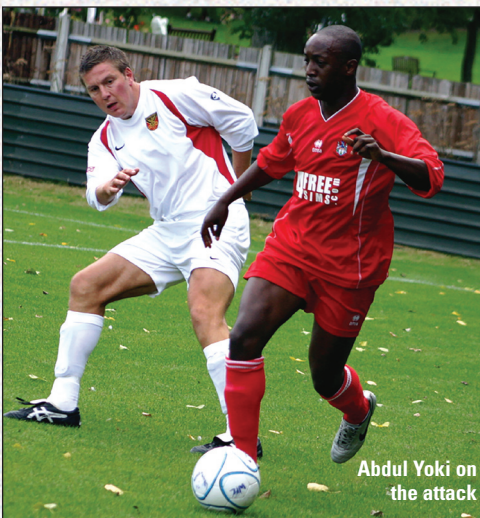
The match was just three minutes old when a Liam Watson goal-kick evaded the midfield and bounced to Buchanan who took the ball down and shot for goal in one movement, but it flashed just over the crossbar. Uxbridge hit back with Charlie Hill, a Northwood target in the summer, finding Danny Yeoman on the right and his cross saw David Thomas steal in ahead of Terry Hogan but just fail to connect with the ball.

As usual, this column looks at a notable Woods match against the day's opponents.

But it was Northwood who were enjoying the better of the early exchanges with Jerome Hall finding his form. He latched onto ball from Dean Clark – a former Uxbridge player – and shimmied past two defenders before firing a shot which was straight at Rob Bullivant, who collected comfortably. The crucial goal came on 17 minutes. Jermaine Hamilton raced onto a through all down the left and looked like going for goal only to knock in a cross which Uxbridge failed to clear and Hall applied the merest of touches but it was enough to send the ball spinning just inside the post, giving Bullivant no chance.

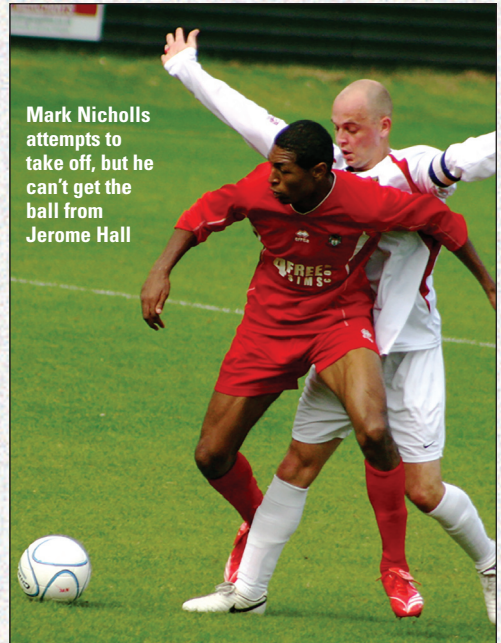
Three minutes later, Simieon Howell, who was carrying out an excellent man-marking job on danger-man Mark Nicholls, broke forward and struck a shot from 25 yards which wasn't far wide, and then another quick break saw Yoki cut in and flash a ball across the face of the goal and only just past the far post.

Uxbridge came close to levelling the scores after 24 minutes when a header out by Hall fell to Yeoman and his shot looked goal-bound before Clark managed to divert it





Jerome Hall
and Mark
Weedon in an
aerial tussle



Mark Nicholls
attempts to
take off, but he
can't get the
ball from
Jerome Hall

with a header over the crossbar. From the resulting corner, a Nicholls corner found the head of Mark Weedon but it was again diverted wide. Nicholls picked up his standard yellow card for a petulant flick at Watson after he had gathered a cross after 31 minutes, and Hill had a shot not far wide after a lay-off by Lee Tunnell as Uxbridge began to threaten.

Just before the break, Mark Dennison was lucky to escape without a caution after a bad tackle on goalscorer Hall, who was forced out of the action and replaced by Lee Holland for the second half; Yoki moving into a more forward position. The visitors rallied early in the second half, forcing a series of corners, from one of which Weedon would have been disappointed to head wide when in a good central position. Then a slip by the otherwise excellent Jazz Rose, let Tunnell run through down the right but Watson was well-positioned to block his shot at the near post.

After 67 minutes a corner was punched away by Watson but only out to Hill, who hit a pile-driver which Hogan somehow managed to block with his head. That typified the spirit with which the Woods were playing this cup-tie and a downhearted Uxbridge rarely threatened after that.

With fifteen minutes remaining Clark chipped a good ball across from the left which picked out Buchanan who had

stolen forward, and his first-time volley saw Bullivant save well. Hamilton went close with a surging run and shot after 79 minutes and then Buchanan raced through two challenges and shot only just wide of the post.

Time was ticking away and the Woods still had a grip on the game, with Danny Murphy's surging runs down the left adding to his superb defensive performance. After 87 minutes a good move saw Lawford link with Hamilton to play Buchanan in on goal, and he just beat Bullivant to the ball but lifted his shot wide of the target. Uxbridge's final effort came just before the end of normal time when a long ball from Jordan Oldham found substitute James Pritchard in space, but his chip across the face of the goal found no-one and the chance was gone.

Northwood: Liam Watson, Terry Hogan, Danny Murphy, Simeon Howell, Jazz Rose (Brad Hewitt), Adam Theo, Dean Clark, Abdul Yoki (John Lawford), Jermaine Hamilton, Jerome Hall (Lee Holland), Elliott Buchanan.

Uxbridge: Rob Bullivant, Nathan Stamp (Jake Parsons), Dave Thomas, Mark Weedon (James Pritchard), Mark Dennison, Jordan Oldham, Ian Dickens, Danny Yeoman, Lee Tunnell (Dean Peltohaka), Mark Nicholls, Charlie Hill



PLAYER PROFILES

2021-22 SEASON

OLU AKINODE - 20-year-old defender who joined the Woods in August 2021 from Brentwood Town where he had been playing for their reserve side as well as some appearances for the first-team.

RYAN AVERY - Now 20, versatile Ryan played at Flackwell Heath as a youth and has since seen service at Burnham, Windsor and Thame Rangers prior to joining the Woods during the 2021 pre-season campaign.

MATT AYRES - 20-year-old midfielder who came through the FAB Academy and joins Northwood from Windsor as a new recruit in the summer of 2021 having previously played for Burnham.

ANDREW BLAKE - Andrew is only 21 but has gained experience from spells with Greenwich Borough, Leatherhead, Farnborough, Egham Town and Staines Town over the last few years and joined the Woods from Farnborough in the close-season.

JOE CHIDYAUSIKU - Joe is a striker who joined the Woods on dual-registration from Farnborough in August 2021 having been released from St Albans City in April. The 23-year-old has previously played for Dunstable Town, Bedfont Sports, Romford, Havant & Waterlooville, Bradford Park Avenue, Chelmsford City and Bracknell Town.

SAM COLES - Sam is an attacking midfielder, 20 years old and another to have graduated from the FAB Academy and Flackwell Heath Youth to play for Burnham and then Windsor. He signed for Northwood from the Stags in the summer of 2021.

LEO DECABO - Just turned 20, Leo is a versatile player came through the FAB Academy and has played for FC Deportivo Galicia and Farnborough, where he is Head Coach to their Academy, before arriving at Northwood Park in the summer of 2021.

MATTEO ESPOSITO - Matteo is a 21-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.

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 Montegnee. 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.

JOAKIM EHUI - 29-year-old brother to Ismael, Joakim has also returned to Northwood for a third spell and to add to over 180 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.

JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ VELASCO - Pablo is a 22-year-old Colombian-born attacking full-back who was at Brentford and Tottenham as a youth before playing in Spain for CD Lugo and then Bulgaria for FC Pirin. On returning to England, he

played a game for Edgware Town and has now joined the Woods, though is also dual-registered with Hendon FC.

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.

ARNOLD LINTURN - Defender Arnold is another 20-year-old product of the FAB Academy who has signed for Northwood having played for Basingstoke Town last season.

GRADI MILENGE - It's five years since Gradi played fifteen games for the Woods as a central defender when on dual-registration from Hendon. The 24-year-old was with Brentford as a youth and had previously appeared for Farnborough and Grays Athletic. Since then, Gradi, who was born in the DR Congo, has gained experience with Bedford Town, London Colney, Staines Town, Walton Casuals and Biggleswade Town from where he joins Northwood for a second spell.

SHAKEEL MORRIS - 25-year-old attacker, Shak joins Northwood from Abbey Rangers having previously been amongst the goals at Step 5 for the likes of Bedford & Feltham and CB Hounslow United.

SAMI NABBAD - Young 20-year-old goalkeeper who was at AFC Wimbledon as a youngster and has also been on the books at Hayes & Yeading United and Walton Casuals. He joins the Woods in the summer of 2021 to make a play for the number one position.

DECLAN NCHE - Strong midfielder who returns to Northwood this summer for his second spell at the club having previously made 14 appearances in

2017/18 when he arrived from Brentwood Town. Since then, the 24-year-old has played at Hanwell Town, Egham Town, Witham Town and Heybridge Swifts.

TRISTAN NOEL - Experienced, 24-year-old midfielder who joins the Woods for a second time in the summer of 2021 having previously made one appearance as a substitute back in early 2020. Tristan has also seen service at Ashford Town (Mx), Egham Town and Bedfont Sports.

TIMOTHY OBISANYA - Tall 23-year-old striker who joins the Woods having been with Farnborough last season. Prior to that he played for London Colney having also seen service at Harlow Town, Staines Town and Stotfold.

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

ABZ SAHNOUN - 20-year-old winger, Abdelah who has joined the Woods in the close season having risen from the Tooting & Mitcham United Development side into the first-team over the last couple of seasons. Has signed up along with his twin brother Mo.

MO SAHNOUN - Mo has arrived from Tooting & Mitcham United this season alongside his twin brother and the 20-year-old also plays on the wing.

MATT SURMON - Matt is an assured central defender despite being only 20 years old and joins the club from FC Deportivo Galicia. He has also played at Ashford Town (Middx) and Windsor.

TOM UNSWORTH - 19-year-old full-back who has arrived at the Woods having been at Boreham Wood and Kings Langley last season. Tom started out in the Thatcham Town Youth set-up.

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS - 21-year-old midfield player who arrived at Northwood in the summer of 2021 from Egham Town. Has also played for Hayes & Yeading United and London Tigers.

ON THE FIELD



NORTHWOOD FC
 MANAGER: BEN MURRAY
 COLOURS: RED



UXBRIDGE FC
 MANAGER: DANNY EDWARDS
 COLOURS: LIGHT BLUE

	PLD	SUB	GLS
MONTEL JOSEPH	■	■	■
SAMI NABBAD	■	■	■
ADAM CASH	■	■	■
AARON PETCH	■	■	■
JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ VELASCO	■	■	■
RYAN AVERY	■	■	■
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 KICK-OFF 3.00PM
 BUILDBASE FA TROPHY
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 SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 2021
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM
 PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
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