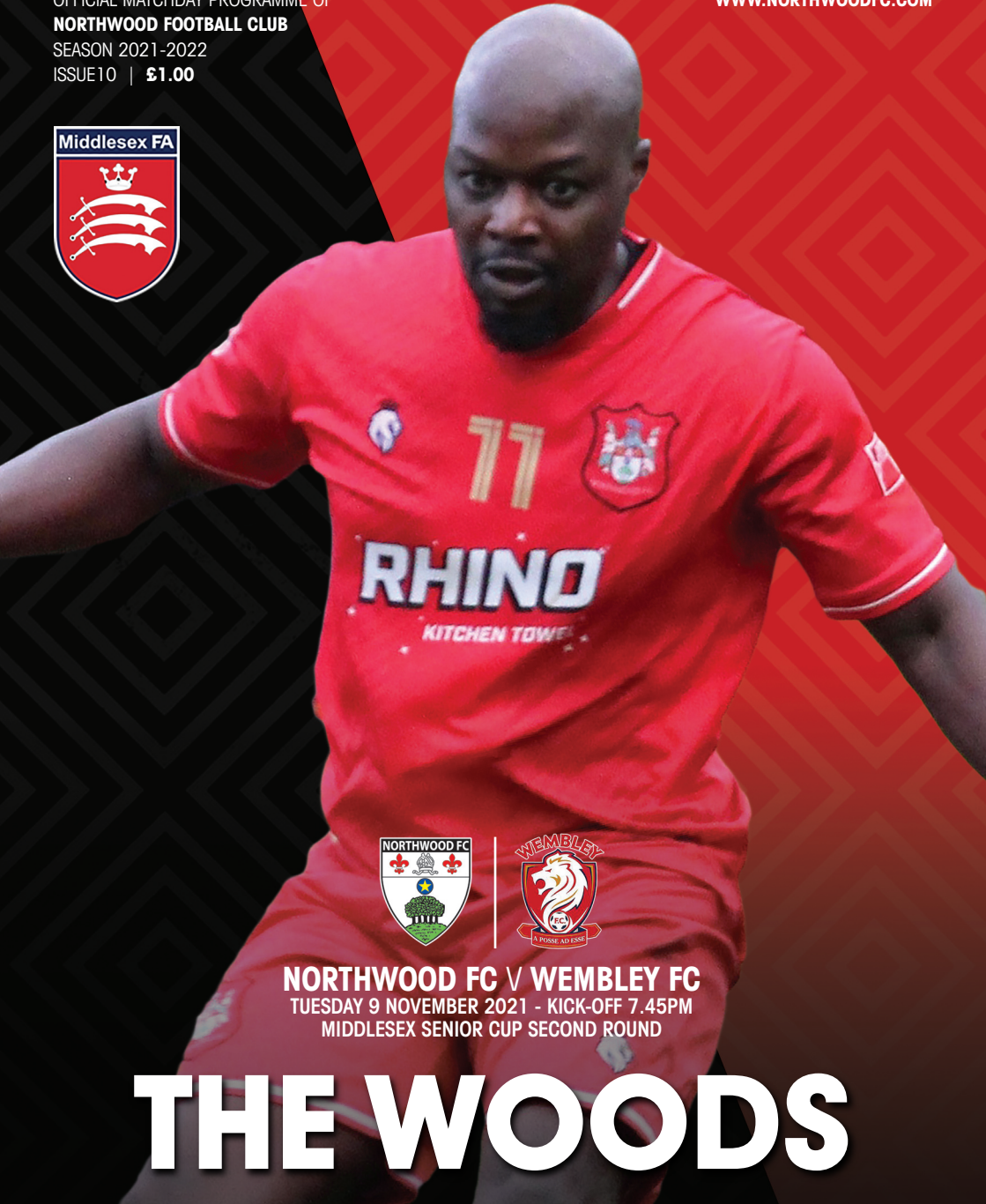


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Isthmian League Division Two runners-up: 2000

Isthmian League Division Three promotion: 1997

Isthmian League Cup winners: 2002

Isthmian Charity Shield winners: 2002

Isthmian Associate Members Trophy winners:

1993, 2000

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 our Middlesex Senior Cup fixture.

Our welcome is extended to our visitors from Wembley FC and we trust they enjoy their short stay here.

I'm writing these notes before our game at Bedfont, which I am placing significant importance on, so, hopefully, we have more league points by the time you read this.

Recent fixtures probably haven't been too kind if the truth be known, but we have had fixtures that we should have got points from and haven't, so that excuse doesn't really wash. We simply need to be getting ourselves out of trouble before the task becomes too difficult.

I have to mention the bizarre and somewhat unacceptable penalty given here against Berkhamsted in the FA

Trophy, whilst we were 2-1 up; this is what happens when officials are appointed beyond their level and get so tongue-twisted that they forget that over 100 people saw the error!

This brings me on to how come the FA had to resort to officials from 'lesser' levels to fulfill fixtures; this is the FA Trophy with £2,500 being given to the winners of that tie, so surely we could have expected officials who are at least recognised at being able to operate at our level? But it seems not. Still, we are only Northwood...

For tonight, enjoy the game and let's hope we can make progress in this competition.

Up the Woods!

Ian

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WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE LIONS OF WEMBLEY

Just two weeks after getting past Uxbridge in the first round of the Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup, tonight we move onto the next stage as we welcome Combined Counties League side Wembley in round two. Our two clubs have met five times previously in the Senior Cup, though not since 1999, and it is the Lions who certainly have the upper hand having won all four encounters, the only positive result for the Woods being a draw here at Northwood Park in 1991 before we were beaten in a replay at Vale Farm. In fact, Wembley were the Woods first-ever opponents in the competition after being allowed into the Senior Cup in 1983. On that occasion, the then well-established Isthmian League side Wembley won 4-0 here at Northwood who were still playing Hellenic League football at the time. That last meeting between the two sides in the County Cup – in the 1998/99 campaign – we met in the Semi-Final (for the second time having previously lost 2-1 in 1991/92) but it also ended in a 2-1 win for the Lions. The last time the two sides met was in 2006/07, again here at Northwood Park, in the Middlesex Charity Cup but again it was Wembley that won 2-1. In fact, the only time the Woods have ever got the better of Wembley in County competition was in the 1993/94 semi-final of the Charity Cup when Northwood won 5-4 on penalties having played out a 2-2 draw after extra time before losing 4-0 to Staines Town in the Final.

To reach this stage, Wembley enjoyed a 5-0 thrashing of fellow Combined Counties Premier side CB Hounslow United and they have recovered well from a poor start to the season which saw them lost their opening four matches; three League and at Baldock Town in the FA Cup.

Wembley are, of course, managed by Ian Bates who has been at the club pretty much the whole of his playing career and then fourteen years in charge as manager. However, one of the rare times he was enticed away from Vale Farm was at the start of the 2003/04 season when he became one of Northwood's first signings to take part in our very first season as an Isthmian Premier side. Ian played in eight matches at the start of that campaign before returning to Wembley.

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. Wembley, though beaten in more Finals that the Woods, have also won the Senior Cup twice. Firstly in 1984, beating Hendon 5-1 and then again in 1987 when Hayes were beaten 1-0. They last reached the final in 1999, losing on penalties to Hendon.

Anyway, tonight's cup-tie has to be played to a result and once again, there is no extra-time so should the scores be level after 90 minutes, there would be a penalty shoot-out to decide the winners.

PLAYER NEWS

Unfortunately, just the day before the Woods took on Berkhamsted FC in the FA Trophy, our top scorer Shakeel Morris chose to take up an offer to join our fellow South Central Division opponents Tooting & Mitcham United following a seven-day approach from the South London club. He made just 14 appearances for the Woods, scoring 7 goals and ironically played his last game for us in Guernsey, the same place as he then made his debut for the Terrors eight days later. We thank him for his service during his short stay with us. We currently have a number of seven-day approaches in place for several players but whether we can make improvements to our current squad before tonight's tie is unknown at the time of writing.

LEAGUE AND CUP NEWS

Our last two games, both at home, saw more improved performances but ultimately both ended in defeat. In the FA Trophy against Southern League Central Division leaders Berkhamsted we played well and led twice thanks to goals from Adam Cash and Ismael Ehui. Though we did fall away a little in the second-half, we seemed to be holding on well until what most people thought was a poor decision made by an Assistant Referee that gifted Berko a penalty that levelled things up. It meant yet another penalty shoot-out with confidence still high and when Daniel Purdue saved the very first kick, the Woods

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were favourites. Unfortunately, Aaron Petch saw what would have been the winning spot-kick saved by former Northwood 'keeper Xavi Comas and it was the visitors who went on to win 6-5 on penalties.

Just a few days later, we faced promotion-favourites Bracknell Town here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium and the visitors looked very strong, especially in the first-half. Two goals in five minutes gave the Woods a mountain to climb but this time the second-half saw an improvement and Melos Ajvazi went closest with a good header which was well saved by former Woods youth keeper Sonny Wheeler. The defeat still leaves us bottom of the table at present and we can only hope that we managed to pick up something from Saturday's League trip to in-form Bedford Sports on their artificial pitch. Prior to the game, Sports had only lost twice all season, away at Bracknell and at home to Kidderminster Harriers in the final qualifier of the FA Cup so another tall order. The Woods have not won an away league game since November 30th 2019 when we won 2-1 at Harlow Town. Since then, the curtailed campaigns have seen us play fourteen away games in the League with three draws and eleven defeats.

TOP VALUE SEASON TICKETS

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

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

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. We thank John Liberty for his sponsorship of both Kit and Tracksuit of

Adam Cash last week. 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.

UNDER-18S

The lads were well beaten 9-0 in their last Isthmian Youth League game away at Marlow who were actually below them in the table at the time. They were missing a few key players but manager Paul Masters was very disappointed with the result. Their chances of bouncing back were limited last Thursday night as they were scheduled to play at home to current league leaders Bedford Sports who have maximum points from their games to date. The result is not known at the time of writing. They have no game this week but next Monday night, 15th November they travel to play Cockfosters in the first round of the Jeff Ritson Middlesex Senior Youth Cup.

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our groundshare partners finally started their home programme of fixtures a couple of weeks ago when they entertained second-placed Battersea Ironsides in the Surrey Premier County League and, in an entertaining game, they played out a 1-1 draw. They then won 3-2 at Lyne to move them up to fourth place in the table and were due to play at home to Worcester Park on Saturday who were one place above them in the table. They are back at home on Saturday 20th November when they are scheduled to play current leaders AFC Cubo in what could be a really important clash. Kick-Off is at 3pm so if you can't make the first-team game at Chipstead, I'm sure they would appreciate any support. Admission is Free.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Just a few days to wait until the Woods are back in action here at the Stadium as we take on South Park in another Isthmian League fixture this coming Saturday. The Surrey side are currently tenth in the League table having enjoyed a pretty good start to the campaign which has included a 6-0 win at Sutton Common Rovers and a 3-3 draw at Hanwell Town in recent weeks.

Saturday 13th November

Northwood v South Park - Isthmian League - 3pm

Enjoy the game this evening and see you all again at the weekend!

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	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 (65)	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 2GR	0-0**	124	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Nche	Linturn	Avery
Sat 16	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge	2-3	106	Purdue	Cash	Velasco (69)	Nche (61)	Gurteen	Avery (90)
Tue 19	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge	0-1	134	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Fearn	Gurteen	Avery
Sat 23	Guernsey	A	Lge	0-2	734	Purdue	Cash	Velasco	Nche	Gurteen	Avery
Tue 26	UXBRIDGE	H	MSCR1	1-1***	78	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer (88)	Fearn	Avery (50)	Linturn
Sat 30	BERKHAMSTED	H	FAT 3GR	2-2*	119	Purdue	CASH 1	Palmer	Shrowder	Linturn	Avery
NOVEMBER											
Tue 02	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge	0-2	143	Purdue	Velasco	Palmer	Shrowder	Linturn (59)	Avery
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge								
Tue 09	WEMBLEY	H	MSCR2								
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge								
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge								
Tue 23	Hanworth Villa	A	MCCR2								
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 5th November 2021

* = No longer with Club

Players' Name	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE				CUP COMPETITIONS			
	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals
Melos Ajvazi	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1
Ryan Avery	7	1	8	0	6	0	6	0
Matt Ayres	9	0	9	0	5	0	5	0
Lewis Batten	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Adam Cash	7	0	7	1	2	0	2	1
*Joe Chidyausiku	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Coles	0	5	5	0	1	5	6	0
*Connor Cullen	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Leo Decabo	9	1	10	2	6	0	6	0
*William Dupray	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ismael Ehui	5	1	6	1	5	1	6	3
Joakim Ehui	3	1	4	1	2	1	3	0
Matteo Esposito	7	4	11	0	2	2	4	0
CJ Fearn	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Pablo Gonzalez-Velasco	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	0
*James Gurteen	3	0	3	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	6	1	7	0	6	0	6	0
Imani Matthews	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Gradi Milenge	5	0	5	0	3	0	3	1
*Shakeel Morris	10	0	10	5	4	0	4	2
Declan Nche	8	2	10	0	5	0	5	1
*Tristan Noel	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Giovanni Palmer	4	2	6	0	3	0	3	0
Aaron Petch	3	2	5	0	3	1	4	0
Daniel Purdue	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	0
Mo Sahnoun	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
Tecane Shrowder	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Matt Surmon	2	5	7	0	0	4	4	0
*Tom Unsworth	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
*Ezekiel Williams	2	1	3	0	1	2	3	1



Key: Goalscorers in **bold**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes own goal; ** Northwood won 4-3 on Pens; *** Northwood won 3-2 on Pen; # Berkhamsted won 6-5 on penalties; FAC = Emirates FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; MSC = Middx Senior Cup; MCC = Middx Charity Cup.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2021-22 SEASON

										SUBSTITUTES	
MORRIS 1	Ayres	Chidyausiku (46)	Esposito	Williams	I Ehui (46)	Surmon (53)	Decabo (63)	Coles	Nche		
MORRIS 1 (87)	Nche (74)	I Ehui	Ayres	Esposito	Williams (74)	Surmon (87)	Coles (87)	Unsworth	Noel		
MORRIS 1	NCHE 1	I 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 EHU (57)	Ayres (82)	Esposito (89)	Sahnoun (57)	Petch (82)	Linturn (89)	Avery	Matthew		
MORRIS 1	Nche	Cullen (65)	Ayres	Dupray	Coles (65)	Esposito (65)	Palmer (65)	Sahnoun	Avery		
MORRIS 1	Ayres	CULLEN 1 (75)	Esposito	Decabo	Palmer (63)	Coles (75)	Avery (75)	Surmon	Sahnoun		
Morris	Ayres (90)	I Ehui (76)	Decabo	Palmer (68)	Coles (68)	Matthews (76)	Esposito (90)	Surmon	Dupray	Petch	
MORRIS 1	Ayres	I Ehui	DECABO 1	Palmer	Esposito (61)	Jenkins (69)	Petch (90)	Surmon	Linturn		
Morris	Ayres	I Ehui (66)	Decabo	Palmer (83)	Coles (66)	Nche (83)	Esposito	Surmon	Linturn		
Morris	Esposito	Ajvazi	Decabo (84)	Palmer (79)	J Ehui (79)	Sahnoun (84)	Coles	Surmon	Linturn		
J Ehu	Nche	AJVAZI 1	Decabo	Coles (68)	Surmon (50)	I Ehui (68)	Batten (88)	Esposito	Joseph		
J Ehui (88)	Ayres (90)	Ajvazi (90)	Decabo	I EHU 1	Coles (88)	Esposito (90)	Petch (90)	Surmon	Gurteen	Velasco	Joseph
J Ehui (65)	Ayres (44)	Ajvazi	Decabo	I Ehui	Esposito (44)	Surmon (59)	Nche (65)	Petch	Joseph		

WOODS CAREER RECORD										
TOTALS		LEAGUE			CUPS		OVERALL			
Games	Goals	Lge Games	Goals	Cup Games	Goals	Total Games	Total Goals			
4	1	2	0	2	1	4	1		Woods Debut	
14	0	8	0	6	0	14	0		Guernsey (A) Oct '21	
14	0	9	0	5	0	14	0		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		Uxbridge (H) Oct '21	
9	2	7	1	2	1	9	2		Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
11	0	5	0	6	0	11	0		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1		Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
16	2	10	2	6	0	16	2		Burnham (H) Aug '21	
2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1		Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
12	4	31	12	10	6	41	18		Daventry Town (A) Sept '14	
7	1	151	5	38	1	189	6		Slough Town (A) Aug '13	
15	0	11	0	4	0	15	0		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0		Basingstoke Town (H) Oct '21	
10	0	8	0	2	0	10	0		Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
3	0	5	0	0	0	5	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	
13	0	7	0	6	0	13	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	
14	7	10	5	4	2	14	7		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
15	1	22	0	7	1	29	1		Maldon & Tiptree (H) Oct '17	
3	0	4	0	0	0	4	0		Ware (H) Feb '20	
9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0		Uxbridge (H) Sept '21	
9	0	5	0	4	0	9	0		Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21	
7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0		Haywards Heath (H) Oct '21	
3	1	3	1	0	0	3	1		Staines Town (H) Sept '21	
2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0		Berkhamsted (H) Oct '21	
11	0	7	0	4	0	11	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 BERKHAMSTED 2 (Berkhamsted won 6-5 on penalties)
Saturday 30 October 2021 - Kick-off 3.00pm
Buildbase FA Trophy Third Round Qualifying



Northwood's penalty shoot-out luck deserted them as they exited the competition after twice being pegged back in the 90 minutes by Southern Division One Central table toppers Berkhamsted. After successfully overcoming Uxbridge on penalties to progress in the Middlesex Senior Cup in midweek and having beaten Haywards Heath in similar fashion in the last round of the Trophy, it was former goalkeeper Xavi Comas Leon who prevented Woods from making it a hat-trick of wins as he saved twice in the shoot-out.

Northwood took the field without the services of top scorer Shakeel Morris following his midweek departure to league rivals Tooting and Mitcham with Ismael Ehui returning to start in attack for the first time with Melos Ajvazi. There was also a welcome return for Matt Ayres who was joined in the midfield by 18-year-old Tecane Shrowder on a month's loan from Wealdstone, Declan Nche missing out through illness while CJ Fearn was unavailable.

After Berkhamsted had failed to take advantage of the first opportunity of the afternoon as Lucas Kirkpatrick shot wide when well placed, Woods got their noses in front on 14 minutes following a sweeping move which was capped by a fine strike from outside the box by skipper Adam Cash.

The Comrades responded by going close through Jake Tabor but they made no mistake as James Verney headed home a near post corner to restore parity in the 20th minute.

Both sides continued to see a fair share of the ball but without creating clear cut opportunities. But with half-time fast



approaching, Giovanni Palmer played a neat one-two with Leo Decabo before dragging his shot wide of the far post. However, Woods were immediately back on the offensive as Ayres released Decabo whose low cross from the right was swept home by Ismael Ehui to restore the host's lead on 43 minutes.

But there was a scare for Northwood as they conceded a free-kick in a dangerous position in added time at the end of an entertaining first-half, Verney seeing his effort rebound off the crossbar.





Berkhamsted were the first to threaten after the restart with Kirkpatrick's close-range shot being cleared by the Woods defence while at the other end, Joakim Ehui tried his luck with from 30-yards with a shot that flew narrowly over.

Chances continued to be created at both ends with Ryan Kinnane heading wide for the visitors while Palmer made a surging run down Northwood's left flank before his near post shot was kept out by the Berkhamsted rear-guard.

Play continued to swing from end to end and it was the Comrades' Phil Draycott who wasn't far away with a volleyed attempt from the edge of the box which narrowly cleared the Northwood crossbar.

However, the contest erupted into controversy after Berkhamsted were awarded a questionable penalty as the impressive Ryan Avery tangled with Verney and after the referee took instruction from one of his assistants, pointed to the spot; Kirkpatrick making no mistake from the 12-yards to bring the visitors back into the game on 73 minutes.

Northwood were rattled by the setback as Berkhamsted looked to make the most of their good fortune with substitute Connor Toomey twice going close to putting his side ahead.

Woods stood strong and regrouped with Decabo testing Comas Leon with a long-range shot which the keeper could only parry, the rebound just evading Ajvazi.

But Berkhamsted kept up the pressure and keeper Daniel Purdue was called into action as he produced a smart save to keep out Verney's shot on the turn from inside the box.



Joakim Ehui made way for Sam Coles as Woods looked for the deciding goal with Ayres having a shot deflected behind before sending a long-range attempt wide of the target.

Much to the bemusement of the crowd, the referee signalled there was to be ten minutes of added time and Northwood went closest to scoring the winner as Palmer raced onto a Coles through-ball, but his shot deflected wide before Decabo almost got round the back of the visitors' defence following a short corner routine.

Substitutes Matteo Esposito and Aaron Petch were introduced for Northwood for the closing minutes with penalties in mind; Ajvazi and Ayres standing down.

So, it was onto the drama of another shoot-out at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium and after Purdue had kept out the opening penalty from Kirkpatrick, things were looking good for Northwood as the next four attempts from both sides were converted.

However, the unfortunate Petch was denied by Comas Leon as he looked to win the tie with his team's fifth penalty; the Berkhamsted stopper pulling off another save in the sudden death to deny Arnold Linturn and to put the Comrades in the hat for the next round.

Northwood: 1 Purdue, 2 Cash, 3 Palmer, 4 Shrowder, 5 Linturn, 6 Avery, 7 J Ehui, 8 Ayres, 9 Ajvazi, 10 Decabo, 11 I Ehui, 12 Coles (for J Ehui 88m), 14 Esposito (for Ajvazi 90m), 15 Surmon, 16 Gurteen, 17 Velasco, 18 Petch (for Ayres 90m), 19 Joseph

Goals: Cash, I Ehui

Yellow Cards: Cash, Shrowder, Avery; Attendance: 119



CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

NORTHWOOD 2 WEMBLEY 1

In this column we look back at a previous fixture against tonight's visitors, Wembley. The clubs met at Northwood Park on Saturday 11th September 1999...

Woods had to battle all the way to secure three valuable Ryman League Division Two points against talented opponents.

Manager Tony Choules had signed Uxbridge keeper Sean Dawson to cover for the suspended Paul Riordan and he made an excellent debut in front of a good crowd – it was to be Dawson's only Northwood appearance.

Wembley went into the game unbeaten in the league and proved worthy opponents, but Northwood had the better of the early exchanges.

A Danny Yeoman chip into the box to Lawrence Yaku saw the keeper make a superb save from the skilful striker.

The visitors soon imposed their skills on the match and both Carl Levene and Davis Haule went close.

The opening goal came on 31 minutes, when Sean McCarthy latched on to a poor clearance and threaded a measured pass to Haule, who beat Dawson.

The Northwood keeper then made a brave save at the feet of Levene and McCarthy hit the side netting.

Choules and assistant Bob Webster made a number of changes at the break, which were ultimately to pay off.

After the restart, Yaku raced on to a great ball from Chris Gell, but was impeded in the box and Dave Sargent sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot to make it 1-1.

Haute then saw an excellent overhead kick go just wide for Wembley.

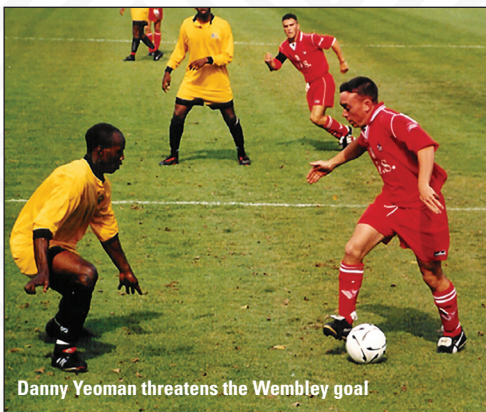
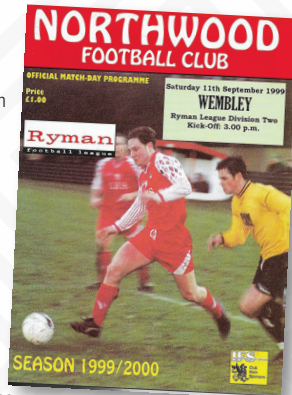
In the 54th minute, substitute Dave Nolan was brought down 25 yards out. From the resultant free-kick, Yeoman burst into the box and pulled the ball across the face of the goal for Yaku to hit the winner and his eighth goal in six matches.

Yaku had the chance to make it three on 63 minutes from an identical move, but could not finish on this occasion.

Wembley pressed hard in the final 15 minutes and Dawson did well, saving from Leon Woodruffe.

Northwood: Sean Dawson, Richard Dee (Danny Butler), Danny Yeoman, Paul Watkins, Gary Williams, Dave Sargent, Joe Charles (Dave Nolan), Chris Gell, Simon Conway (Scott Fitzgerald), Lawrence Yaku, Gavin Hart

Wembley: Keita Karamoko, Tony Readings, Mark Harewood, Wayne Walters, Carlton Mitchell (Leon Henderson), Kieron Keane (Gavin Lindsey), Ian Bates, Sean McCarthy, Carl Levene, Davis Haule, Leon Woodruffe



Danny Yeoman threatens the Wembley goal



Lawrence Yaku nets Northwood's winning goal



THE 2021/2022 MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP

Following our first round home victory over our neighbours Uxbridge we are delighted to welcome tonight's opponents Wembley FC for this second round tie in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

The first round has now been completed, with the full results listed below and the full second round draw is also listed below.

FIRST ROUND

1. Northwood 1 Uxbridge 1 (Northwood won 3-2 on penalties)
2. Spelthorne Sports 2 Edgware Town 1
3. Southall 1 Hayes & Yeading United 2
4. St Panteleimon 2 Brentford B 4
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

Second Round (All games are being played tonight apart from as marked below):

1. Ashford Town (Middx) v Wingate & Finchley
2. Spelthorne Sports v Harefield United
3. Hendon v Hanwell Town
4. Hampton & Richmond Borough v. Harrow Borough
5. Brentford B v Broadfields United (Tuesday 23rd November)
6. Enfield Town v Bedfont Sports
7. Northwood v Wembley
8. Hayes & Yeading United v Barnet



Celebrations after our first Senior Cup Final victory back in 2007 against Hayes.

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



WEMBLEY FC
 MANAGER: DANIEL PURDOE
 COLOURS: WHITE

	PLD	SUB	GLS
DANIEL PURDUE	■	■	■
MONTEL JOSEPH	■	■	■
ADAM CASH	■	■	■
JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ VELASCO	■	■	■
AARON PETCH	■	■	■
GIOVANNI PALMER	■	■	■
RYAN AVERY	■	■	■
ARNOLD LINTURN	■	■	■
GRADI MILENGE	■	■	■
MATT SURMON	■	■	■
TECANE SHROWDER	■	■	■
DECLAN NCHE	■	■	■
MATTEO ESPOSITO	■	■	■
MATTY AYRES	■	■	■
JOAKIM EHUI	■	■	■
LEO DECABO	■	■	■
MELOS AJVAZI	■	■	■
ISMAEL EHUI	■	■	■
SAM COLES	■	■	■
IMANI MATTHEWS	■	■	■

	PLD	SUB	GLS
PRZAEWYSLAW MEIRZWA	■	■	■
RAHEEM BELGRAVE	■	■	■
CALVIN OSBORNE	■	■	■
JUACHIM EJIMFOR	■	■	■
WAYNE WALTERS	■	■	■
JORDAN PAYNE	■	■	■
ETHAN TYRER	■	■	■
JAUARN BERNARD	■	■	■
ALFIE BATES	■	■	■
SAMUEL ADETIBA	■	■	■
QASIM KHAN	■	■	■
YASSIN FEHMI-GIL	■	■	■
NED JONES	■	■	■
JERMAINE HERON	■	■	■
JONATHAN ILEY	■	■	■
ROWAN LARRINGTON	■	■	■
FELIX LAWS-COCHRANE	■	■	■
EMMANUEL OBAMAKINWA	■	■	■
MAHAD OSMAN	■	■	■

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: FERNANDO COSTACHE
 ASSISTANT REFEREES:
 DYLAN OSSEI
 ANTHONY COX

NEXT UP AT HOME

SOUTH PARK FC
 SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM
 PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ON THE ROAD

CHIPSTEAD FC
 SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2021
 KICK-OFF 3.00PM
 PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

