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IAN'S INSIGHT

With Woods Chairman, Ian Barry



Good afternoon and welcome to The Skyline Roofing Stadium for our Pitching In Isthmian League fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Chertsey Town FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

Today, first and foremost, is an important day in our 'history' as we officially open the new Pat Byrne Memorial Stand, which has now been kindly sponsored by R Duffy and Daughters Ltd.

As I write, our Member of Parliament and local Councillor have both agreed to attend and open this stand for us and I'm sincerely hoping they can still do this, taking into account the events that may mean they have to be elsewhere.

On the same subject, I totally understand the outpouring

of emotion following the death of The Queen and I like to think that I have always respected those who have passed.

However, to cancel last weekend's games across the board, isn't something I personally agreed with.

In my opinion, whilst some levels of the game have had their issues, I genuinely believe that given the opportunity, we would all have given Her Majesty a wonderful appreciation of her life and dedication to this country in our way.

With games on Tuesday also having been postponed and now Premier League games this weekend, it leaves a strange feeling of how well all of this has been thought through.

Moving on, I am obviously hoping Tuesday night gave us the win we needed to progress in the FA Trophy and we have a good draw for next weekend.

Well done to the Management Team for the 'Manager of the Month' award for August; totally deserved and long may this consistent form continue.

Our new catering facility which you would have seen near the entrance, should be up and running today (fingers crossed) and we hope you enjoy our offerings.

I hope that the Byrne family enjoy their day today in memory of Pat and appreciate the stand as much as we do.

We all deeply miss Pat and hope this permanent memorial is fitting for a wonderful man.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards the cost of this covered accommodation.

Enjoy the game today.

Up the Woods!

ian

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Direct from the Management

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL

STEVE RINGROSE

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to you all and thank you again for your support. Today we get back to League action after quite a gap and we welcome Chertsey Town. We hope you all enjoy your stay with us and wish you a safe journey home.

Tributes have poured in worldwide following the death of England's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, aged 96 last week.

Last Thursday following her passing there were moving tributes from various clubs playing in European Football that evening including the image in Zurich of the Queen smiling and portrayed on the big screen while both sets of players at the game gathered around the centre circle for a minutes' silence.

For most of us, all we have ever known was Queen Elizabeth II and images of her 70-year reign can long be remembered going all the way back to 1966 when The Queen presented the Jules Rimet trophy to the winning captain, Bobby Moore, after England's 4-2 win over West Germany in 1966.

She, like the rest of England, understood the importance of football to the nation she stood at the head of for over 70 years.

Two years ago, she sent a message to England manager Gareth Southgate before the Euro 2020 final against Italy last year saying: "Fifty-five years ago, I was fortunate to present the World Cup to Bobby Moore and saw what it meant to the players, management and support staff to reach and win the final of a major international football

tournament."

Indeed, two years following the 1966 success she travelled to Brazil and footballing legend Pele said on Twitter: "I have been a great admirer of Queen Elizabeth II since the first time I saw her in person, in 1968, when she came to Brazil to witness our love for football and experienced the magic of a packed Maracanã. Her deeds have marked generations. This legacy will last forever."

We all join millions of people who want to celebrate her life and mourn her passing – may she rest in peace.

In the league, our start to the season has been impressive and with four wins from four matches, it demonstrates the resilience of this squad.

However, the long campaign has only just started. We have a long way to go and although setbacks will occur there's no better motivation 'than winning' games so let's hope that our form can continue and we can continue to be a competitive side throughout this season and as I have said before and set a marker for what we would like to achieve going forward.

Once again, I would like to close by saying thank you to every one of you, your support is outstanding.

The club will hopefully continue to grow, thanks to everyone's hard work both on the pitch and behind the scenes.

See you supporters in the bar after the game - Keep believing!

Steve

WOODS OUTLOOK

Back to the Grind

After the excitement of our midweek FA Trophy game, it's a warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium this afternoon as we get back to the serious stuff of the Pitching In Isthmian League with a home game against Chertsey Town FC.

The Curfews enjoyed a brilliant campaign in 2021/22, finishing second to runaway Champions Bracknell Town and they were incredibly close to winning the play-offs before a late slip against 10-men Hanwell Town in the closing stages of the final saw the Middlesex club seal promotion.

In the aftermath of that, manager Ian Selley stepped down from his role at Chertsey and the Curfews then managed to prise apart the partnership of joint managers at Hanwell, luring Wayne Carter into his first club in sole charge while leaving Chris Moore in a similar position with the Geordies at the heady heights of Step 3 football. Both men are well known to us here at Northwood and Wayne will receive a warm welcome from Woods fans as he played over 200 games for the club back in the early years of this Century and his name actually appears on our current Northwood "legends" shirt!

We wish Wayne well in his latest managerial role, but obviously only after this afternoon is over.

Despite needing to make changes to the squad, his side have started the season well enough with just one defeat in their opening six fixtures; though that loss at Hanworth Villa in the FA Cup will have hurt a bit. They remain unbeaten in the League though and have notched two emphatic wins – 4-0 against South Park on the opening day of the season and then 5-0 away at Sutton Common Rovers three weeks ago. Their other three games have ended in draws – away at another unbeaten team in Binfield (1-1) but they have also been held in home games against Hanworth Villa (1-1) and Southall (2-2). They arrive here as the division's current top scorers. However, on Tuesday night they, like ourselves, crashed out of the FA Trophy, losing 1-3 at home to Uxbridge.

Last season saw both sides win their respective away games. The Woods travelled to Alwyns Lane in early December and ended a long unbeaten run by pulling off a shock 4-2 victory which won the club the "Performance of the Month" Award from the Isthmian League. The Woods

opened up a 2-0 lead with goals from Micah Jackson and Ryan Young. Then, after the Curfews pulled back level through Manolis Gogonas and Jake Baxter, two goals from Sydney Ibie secured all three points.

Chertsey visited us here at Northwood in early April when they were still looking to secure second place and home ties in the play-offs. They dominated the first-half and led 2-1 at the break. Jake Baxter put the Curfews ahead and after Carl Stewart had levelled, Manolis Gogonas netted with a piledriver. Baxter notched a second after the break to make it fairly safe and then Gary Abisogun netted a late fourth to wrap up the victory.

Isuzu FA Trophy

Sadly, our own run in the FA Trophy proved less than impressive on Tuesday night as we crashed out at the first hurdle, in a home game against an impressive Hanworth Villa side who go into the next round on the back of a 3-0 success. All the goals came in the second-half and two of them in the final five minutes of a match which saw the Woods never playing at their best. Our thanks to those who ventured out on a wet night and with the traffic problems caused by local road closures. It was still a disappointing attendance though and hopefully we can get back to the numbers we need this afternoon as we defend our current 100% league record.

August Manager of the Month Award

We were delighted to hear that the Woods run of League success in August has resulted in Steve Ringrose and Ben Bukowski being rewarded with the Vita Risk Solutions Manager of the Month award. It's the first time that the club have received such an accolade for quite some time (even I can't remember the last time)! Congratulations to them both, their coaching team and the whole squad on the achievement and let's hope we can build on that in the months to come too. The award should be officially presented to the one of the duo at a game in the near future.

Other Cup News

Other Cup draws took place a few weeks ago. In the Velocity Isthmian League Cup, the Woods, with a bye in the First Round, have been drawn away to Walton & Hershham in the second round with the deadline to play

the game being mid-October – no date has been set for that as yet but the 18th looks favourite.

In the Middlesex Senior Cup, we will play now familiar opponents in Ashford Town (Middlesex) here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium and that date is fixed as Tuesday 11th October 2022. Like most teams in the competition, we have been given a bye to the Second Round of the Middlesex Charity Cup but the draw for that round hasn't been made as yet.

Player News

Nebay Haile's second spell with the Woods didn't last too long. Having scored twice in a pre-season game he also picked up a hamstring injury and was only fit to return to the squad a couple of weeks ago. He made one 7-minute appearance as a sub against Westfield but then decided to join our divisional rivals Sutton Common Rovers following a seven-day approach from the Surrey side. He joins former Woods Matt Surmon and Daniel Purdue at Rovers and we wish him well at his new club.

Season Tickets – Get yours now!

Many of you have already kindly renewed your Season Tickets once again and taken advantage of the huge discount available, able to gain entrance to every home Isthmian League game for the price of just £49.00. We've only played two League games prior to today so there is still plenty of advantage in getting a Season Ticket now and receive it in time for our next home game. There is an on-line link to pay from the website or, by all means pay cash to me this afternoon! They Season Ticket also get you access to all the Under-18s home games in the Isthmian Youth League. They don't count however, for any Cup fixtures!

Player Sponsorships

All the current squad are available for both kit and tracksuit sponsorships. Michael Payne has very kindly already sponsored the management team of Steve, Ben, Richard and Dan while other players have been snapped up by the club's 1926 Members whose Season Ticket also includes a Player Sponsorship and a Match Sponsorship which includes Boardroom Hospitality for four people at one match during the season. You too can become a 1926 Member - £149.00 via the website link. We have room for just a few more if you are interested.

London Marathon

Woods striker Josh Helmore is running the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October to raise funds for Crohn's & Colitis UK with a target of raising £2,000. I'm sure he would appreciate any help you can give by adding

to the current sum he has raised to date. The Link to his fund-raising page is justgiving.com/fundraising/Joshua-helmore12/ if you can spare a few pounds.

Under-18s

Ryan Young's new-look side came through their opening game in the FA Youth Cup a while ago with a superb 4-1 victory at Uxbridge with Fabjan Toci netting a hat-trick. They were due to play away at Hemel Hempstead Town during the past week but due to Hemel's ground undertaking some repairs, the match was switched here on Wednesday night. Unfortunately, these notes had to be written prior to that game taking place so we can only hope that the lads managed to put up a good showing. With our Isthmian Youth Division being reduced to just seven teams following a late withdrawal of Ashford Town (Middx), Marlow and Slough Town, league games are still a bit scarce and there has been no suggestion from the League as yet as to what's happening!

Our tenants - Spartans Youth FC

Our tenants won their first game of the season recently, an away cup tie at Penn & Tylers Green. Their next home game is currently scheduled for Saturday 1st October when they will take on British Airways in another Combined Counties League game. Kick-Off at 3pm.

Coming Up...

On Tuesday night we have a really tough challenge with an away game at newly-promoted Walton & Hershaw on their 3G pitch. The Swans lost their first league game of the season at Marlow but since then they have enjoyed a seven-match unbeaten run and are still in both the FA Cup today and the FA Trophy. Their FA Cup game against Chatham is being televised on the BBC. Note that if it ends in a draw, then our fixture will be postponed. Next Saturday was to be FA Trophy day but no longer. Please watch social media and the website to see if we rearrange a fixture.

Next Fixtures at the Skyline Roofing Stadium

- Saturday 1st October – **Spartans v. British Airways** – Combined Counties League – 3pm
- Wednesday 5th October – **Under-18s v. Hampton & RB** – Isthmian Youth – 7.45pm
- Saturday 8th October – **Woods v. Merstham** – Isthmian League – 3pm

Enjoy the game this afternoon, thanks for your support once again and see you all soon.

Alan



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LEADER OF THE PACK

A couple of weeks off away from competitive football.

The squad enjoyed a team day out last Saturday week up in Central London with a few awards coming out from the night...

Worst dressed after being heavily voted by the squad was Mr Andrew McCorkell.

Best dressed was a no brainer really with Brandon Kalu turning up in THE tightest jeans I've ever seen partnered with THE tightest short sleeve white quarter zip polo tucked in neatly.

The Mr Lightweight award went to the man himself Teddy Stacey... a drop of a pint and that's it - you're in for a long old night. The boy does not shut up.

Most "merry" award most definitely was Carl Stewart.

We turned the page quickly to a much-needed friendly match away against fellow step 4 side Hadley FC.

A game which was much needed in terms of minutes being spread across the squad.

Performance levels and the result was nothing more than absolutely unacceptable and has been expressed from the management through to each member of our squad.

Luckily, Thursday came around quick enough for us to turn up to training and put that performance to bed and uplift the spirits across the team.

A high intensity, competitive session was put on which encouraged winning mentality and togetherness.

With the upsetting news of Her Majesty The Queen's death, our Saturday fixture was cancelled which led to us training at the club to make sure we are staying sharp and ready for when our next game came about.

That session was excellent. As management, we couldn't have asked for anything more from the squad in terms of work rate, tempo and again willingness to win.

Hopefully it paid off with a performance on Tuesday night!

We look forward to today's game and hope to continue our good start to the season.

Please as always be that 12th man for us and keep us going for 95 minutes+.

Up the Woods,

Keags x



ON THIS DAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

By Ken Green

There have previously been just 10 games on this date; the results and details of these are shown below, and I take a look at three matches in more depth.

Date	Venue	Competition	Opponents	Result	Goalscorers	Att
Sat 17 Sep 1932	H	Harrow & District Lge Premier	HARROW WEALD UNITED	W 9-1	Gill 5, R Bell 2, Taylor, Cross	150
Sat 17 Sep 1977	A	Middx League	Hanwell Town	D 2-2	Tidd, Cooper	
Sat 17 Sep 1988	H	London Spartan League Cup	THAMESMEAD TOWN	L 0-1		
Tue 17 Sep 1991	A	Friendly	Yeading	W 2-1	McCormack	
Sat 17 Sep 1994	A	Diadora League Div 3	Horsham	W 2-0	Morris, S. Walsh	161
Tue 17 Sep 2002	A	Ryman League Div 1 N	Wingate & Finchley	W 2-1	Knight, Williams	81
Sat 17 Sep 2005	A	Southern League Premier	Yate Town	L 0-1		220
Tue 17 Sep 2013	A	Southern League Div 1 C	Uxbridge	L 1-5	Muir	90
Sat 17 Sep 2016	H	Southern League Div 1 C	AYLESBURY UNITED	D 1-1	Debattista	127
Sat 17 Sep 2019	H	Isthmian League Div 1 SC	STAINES TOWN	W 3-1	Witham, Lodovica, McCrohan	118

1988 Woods 0 Thamesmead Town 1

This performance by the Woods was rated at the time as one of their worst, with their opponents progressing to the next round of the London-Spartan League Cup.

Northwood created first half chances, but Henry Pacquette, Garfield Blackman and Darren Colwill were all guilty of bad passes which wasted the opportunities.

The only good point in the game was to see Steve Whitehead's return to peak form after injury.



The Thamesmead goal in the second half was one that Northwood keeper John Toogood will want to forget as McCormick's free kick caught him off his line and landed in the back of the net.

Woods rallied towards the end but it was, all too little too late, and they went out of the competition at the first hurdle.

Northwood: John Toogood, Tony Rich, Neil Lane, Mick Freeman, Steve Whitehead, Paul Cooper, Malcolm Bennett, Alan Figg, Mark Thomas, Henry Pacquette, Garfield Blackman, subs. Bob Wright, Darren Colwill.

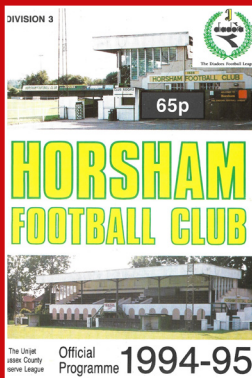


1994 Horsham 0 Woods 2

A half-time roasting from manager John Walsh was the tonic Northwood needed to keep up their great start to the Diadora League season. They rarely showed in the first half of this Division Three encounter at Horsham but turned it around after the break to make it four wins and a draw from five matches.

Horsham gave the Northwood defence plenty of problems during a torrid opening 45 minutes, and Rod Romain and Steve Payton had to be on top of their game to keep Woods in it.

Goalkeeper Kevin Beckles was in tremendous form as well, catching and saving everything fired his way.



The second half was a different story as Woods clicked with the words of their boss still ringing in their ears. It became only a matter of time before they scored, and when

Daren Morris netted from Darren Rowe's cross, Northwood were on their way home.

When Rowe found Lawrence Holmes 20 yards from goal, Holmes could have tried a shot himself, but he shielded the ball from a defender and squared it to the unmarked substitute Simon Walsh to land the killer blow.

"For 45 minutes I was far from happy. I made it crystal clear at half time and that seemed to do the trick," said Walsh after the match.

Northwood: Kevin Beckles, Andy Dale, Kevin Dobson, Rod Romain, Matt Allen, Steve Payton, Peter Davey, Darren Rowe, Richard Hylton, Lawrence Holmes, Daren Morris, sub. Simon Walsh.

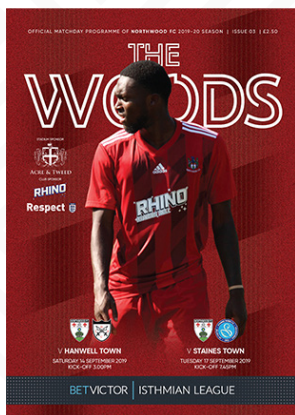
2019 Woods 3 Staines Town 1

Northwood achieved their first league win of the season at the sixth attempt with a deserved win over fellow strugglers Staines Town. Woods were looking to overcome their worst start to a season since they lost their opening five Southern Premier games back in 2005.

Northwood were quickly into their stride, playing with a verve and tempo which had the Swans on the backfoot and the lively Kweku Lucan wasn't far away with a confident strike from distance. And Lucan was central to Northwood taking an 11th minute lead, latching onto a long ball from the back and playing in skipper Alex Witham, who finished with aplomb.

Staines looked to hit back and launched a series of attacks with the dangerous Che Krabbendam creating an opening for Scott Walker whose shot was blocked before the latter saw another effort parried by goalkeeper James Hoskins.

Woods were coping well with the Staines response, Jaiden Irish



working well in midfield and the burgeoning central defensive partnership of Liam McCrohan and Andrew Tirivanhu looking increasingly assured. And Northwood extended their lead when Gerrar could only parry a fierce shot from Patrick Campbell, and Harry Lodovica was on hand to bundle the ball home on 36 minutes.

Woods went in search of further goals before the break, Witham combining well again with Hayford whose shot narrowly cleared the crossbar before Lucan's run and

cross found Pett who saw his shot tipped over by Gerrar. And Northwood created another opening with the last kick of an entertaining first half, Lucan running onto Lodovica's flick-on but dragging his shot wide.

Northwood continued in the same vein after the break with Lucan missing a couple of gilt-edged chances while Lodovica saw his effort deflected for a corner. But having squandered the opportunities to put the game to bed, the inevitable happened as Staines pulled a goal back on 54 minutes as Dara Dada-Anite's speculative strike took a wicked deflection and flew beyond the reach of the back-peddalling Hoskins.

However, after enduring a sustained spell of pressure, Woods restored the two-goal margin on 78 minutes, Hayford's delightful free-kick being headed home at the far post by McCrohan for his first Northwood goal.

Northwood: James Hoskins, Patrick Campbell, Matt Cooper, Jaiden Irish, Liam McCrohan, Andrew Tirivanhu, Harry Lodovica (Luke Holness), Charlie Hayford, Alex Witham (Kingsley Eshun), Dan Pett (Chris Gosling), Kweku Lucan

MATCH REPORT



NORTHWOOD 0 HANWORTH VILLA 3

Tuesday 13th September 2022

Kick-Off 7.45pm

The Isuzu FA Trophy, First Round Qualifying



Team: McCorkell, Jenkins (Jude-Boyd), Lomas, Cole, Tingey, Gurteen, Hutchins, Alexander-Greenaway, Helmore, Ibie, Pepaj (C Stewart 59m). Subs: L Stewart, Gallagher, Kalu, Daggett.

Northwood's mood matched that of the weather as they suffered their second home cup exit of the season at a rain-drenched Skyline Roofing Stadium.

Woods were unchanged from the team which last played two weeks previously for the rearranged tie against their league rivals who were making their first visit to Northwood.

Hanworth were on the offensive from the start forcing a succession of corners which were dealt with by the home defence. But the Villains maintained their strong start with Tom Bender inches away from giving his side the lead with sweetly struck free-kick which narrowly cleared the Northwood crossbar.

Having weathered the early storm, Woods began to make an impression with Sam Jenkins trying his luck from distance, Sydney Ibie working himself into a good position but miscuing his shot while a Luke Tingey throw caused a scramble in the visitors' box.

The contest had a nice ebb and flow as chances continued to be created at both ends – Hanworth's Tom Scott seeing his shot deflected into the side-netting before Bender had his header from a corner athletically clawed away by Woods keeper Andrew McCorkell.

At the other end, another jinking run from Ibie caused panic in the Hanworth box but the Northwood attacker dallied on his shot and was crowded out before a Ronan Hutchins corner was headed back by Tingey but wouldn't quite fall right for Ibie who shot over on the bounce.

The first period continued to be an open affair with Northwood surviving a goalmouth scramble as they struggled to clear the ball with Scott finally firing over the woodwork before Bruno Tingle shot wildly over from



a good position.

The hosts' main threat continued to be Ibie as he got to the byline and saw his cross-shot skim the Villains crossbar before Hutchins slid the ball through to Josh Helmore whose heavy touch allowed goalkeeper Terry Buss to smother the danger.

Hanworth came out strongly after the half-time break with debut man Jonathan Hippolyte having an effort blocked before the same player fired over after a quickly taken free-kick. And the Villains got their just reward as they took the lead on 50 minutes, Bender heading home from a corner.

Hanworth went close to adding a second moments later, but Northwood managed to survive a game of ping-pong in their own box. While Woods looked to respond as they won a free-kick in a useful position, but Keagan Cole's effort failed to trouble Buss.

Northwood made their first change on the hour as

Carl Stewart replaced Ergys Pepaj in the midfield as they looked to gain some control in the centre of the park, but the visitors continued to threaten as Duncan Culley tried his luck with a shot on the turn that flew past the far upright.

Woods looked to step up their tempo with Jenkins threading a pass through to Cole whose backheel just failed to find Helmore who was ready to pounce while an lbie/Cole combination caused alarm in the Hanworth box as a succession of shots were charged down by the resolute Villains rearguard.

The visitors made a couple of substitutions as they looked to shore things up. And as much as Woods tried, their decision making and poor execution in the final third

meant Buss remained untroubled in the Hanworth goal.

Northwood's frustrations increased as they failed again to deal with a Hanworth corner, Bender scoring his second of the evening with five minutes left on the clock.

Rahim Jude-Boyd was introduced for Jenkins for only his second Northwood appearance, but Hanworth's passage to the next round was confirmed as they added a thiridon 89 minutes, substitute Jordan Ellis' volley taking a massive deflection as it flew beyond McCorkell.

Buss was called into action in the closing seconds as the Hanworth keeper collected a Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway back-header from Tingey's throw but it wasn't to be on a disappointing night for the Woods.





IN CONVERSATION WITH HEAD COACH **BEN BUKOWSKI**

In the first of what we hope will be a regular series, our Press Liaison man Robin Piper caught up with Head Coach Ben before the Hanworth Villa Trophy match.



Firstly Ben, congratulations to you and Steve on winning the divisional manager of the month award for August.

Thank you. It was great to pick up our first managerial award, but this is recognition of the work the whole team has put in, coaches Richard and Harry, physios Dan and Elizabeth and of course the players. Four league wins out four is not easy at any level.

And very much a continuation of the good work which began with your arrival last November. Looking

back to last season, what were your thoughts when you arrived at the club?

It was clear during the initial conversations with Ian Barry and Alan Evans that there was as big sense of frustration at where the club found itself after the high turnover of managers and a sense of being let down slightly. The discussions evolved around the need to not only improve things on the pitch but in turn to find the right sort of players to help the atmosphere off the pitch and get the feel-good factor back among supporters and in the clubhouse.

There is no question that that was achieved in a remarkably short space of time with a swift overhaul of the squad.

Yes, it was clear to see the work that was going to be required from the couple of games we watched before our appointment was confirmed. But there was a confidence that between Steve, Andy, Keagan and me that we had the know-how and contacts to get the club pointing in the right direction both on and off the pitch.

And that turnaround involved an amazing run of away wins against some top sides. Do you have a particular favourite from that run?

My favourite has to be the Basingstoke game not only because of the result but how that was achieved. We do a lot of prep on the opposition before games with analysis of video footage where it's available, watching games

where we can or getting reports from others as well sharing information with other managers. We spent a lot of time discussing the shape of the team and we made some adjustments to combat a couple of their dangermen and that was achieved as they were nullified with one of the players being substituted well before the end. It was also good to hear their manager acknowledging our performance in the post-match interview.

One player who made a big impact at the club last season was Teddy Stacey. Sadly, we haven't seen Teddy in action this campaign but can I ask what the latest is with him?

Yes, Teddy has been a big player for us in lots of ways. Unfortunately, he developed a knee problem during pre-season which required complete rest and has prevented him from training. Thankfully he can now commence light training and is working on a rehab plan with Dan and we are hoping to see him back on the pitch before too long.

Looking forward to Teddy's return that will only strengthen our options which are looking good in all departments.

We have real competition for places and options that perhaps we didn't always have last season. I think this was evident in both the Tooting and Southall games, especially the latter when we were able to bring on the experience and ariel strength of James Budden to counter Southall's growing threat and increasingly direct play. Those were the games we would probably have drawn last season.

I agree, and I guess having those options and flexibility has allowed you to tinker with the formation in recent games with a switch to a flat back four.

Yes, it has. You always need to be flexible and have a plan B both between and within games. We didn't always get it right last season when you compare our success on the road, which was very much based on a counter-attacking style, with our results at home. I think we struggled at times to impose ourselves and dictate the

play in the way the home side should do. I think the results so far this season show we might be turning the corner in that respect. And the pitch being narrowed slightly in the summer has helped!

Yes, sorry about that! I've always been an advocate of a wider pitch but hopefully we have got it right now. Talking about the pitch, you must be delighted with the surface, considering the dry summer we've had, which allows you to play your football.

Absolutely. The pitch is superb so credit to the chairman and the groundsman for that. But as we know, we don't always get to play on such pitches especially in the winter months and that brings us back to what we talked about before – experience and flexibility to adapt to the conditions in order to get the desired result.

Can we talk about your football history and your coaching career prior to coming to Northwood? I understand you have previously worked closely with Hampton & Richmond Borough manager Gary McCann.

I have been lucky enough to work with Gary at both Hendon and Hampton. I never hit the heights as a player so focused on coaching from an early age and managed to get a couple of coaching badges under my belt when I was 16. I was involved with junior club Whetstone Wanderers and we basically took a team, including Keagan, across to Hendon which became their under 18s. I was then invited to the first team coaching sessions and my involvement grew from there, learning so much from Gary, along with Scott Cousins and Freddie Hyatt.

And Hendon had quite a useful team under Gary as I remember?

We did, with players like Northwood old boy Niko Muir alongside Luke Tingey and Keags of course. We had a great season when we just missed out on promotion from the Isthmian Premier losing to Dulwich Hamlet in the play-off final. Then Gary moved onto Hampton and I was fortunate to be asked to join his coaching team which was a great experience, a highlight being the televised FA Cup 1st Round tie when we pushed Oldham Athletic all the way. Unfortunately work pressure and the amount of travelling involved meant I had to make a tough decision to call it a day with the club.

You mentioned working with Under 18s. I recently had the pleasure of watching Ryan Young's team beat Uxbridge in the FA Youth Cup and there was certainly

some talent on show. Last season there were a number of youngsters in the 1st team squad so there is clearly a pathway for these players.

Yes, we will always give youth a chance. Will Robinson and Lewis Batten were regularly involved last season. Unfortunately, Will's broken ankle hampered his pre-season preparation and he is now working his way back to fitness and looking to get regular game time at step 5 Leverstock Green. Likewise, Lewis missed much of pre-season and is currently training and looking to get some games at Broadfields alongside Kristian Belousas, who has been amongst the goals already this season. We are keeping close tabs on the development of these players while holding a registration for them.

Away from the football, how do you spend your time?

The football is almost a full-time job, as my girlfriend Becky will tell you. Luckily Becky is into her football and recently accompanied me as I ran the rule over Hanworth Villa at a recent match. My day job is in marketing – we have a little band of marketeers at the club with Andy Lomas and Josh Helmore also being in the business. When I'm not in the Northwood dugout I try and get to watch my team West Ham with my other love being local team Barnet who I have followed since I was a kid watching them at Underhill. I've recently been getting into F1 while the dog walking keeps me fit.

Finally Ben, what are your footballing ambitions as you get into your second season as Head Coach?

I'm keen to keep developing as a coach and progressing as a manager. I'm learning a lot by working closely with Steve and seeing how he interacts with players and deals with the man-management side of things. I am ambitious and would like to manage at the highest level possible of course – my fantasy would be the West Ham job but I am realistic! However, you look at the Cowley brothers who progressed from the lower levels of non-league to the professional game and anything is possible.

Thank you for your time, Ben and we look forward to an exciting season as you continue to lead the Woods revival.

Cheers Robin.

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The Kits are now on order but it may be some time before they arrive so in the meantime, we continue to promote the Rhino! All five companies will also have an advertising presence shortly on pitch-perimeter boards around the ground, in the match-day programme and on the media screen inside the clubhouse. They will also be invited down to the ground for matchdays with Season Tickets and VIP Days. Please make use of all of these Companies that have supported the Club just when we needed it, whenever the opportunity arises.



THE WOODS IN 2022/2023

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	COMP	F/A	ATT	LINEUP	2	3	4	5	6
AUGUST											
Sat 6	SOUTH PARK REIGATE	H	FACEPR	2-1	128	McCorkell ■ , Jenkins ●	Lomas	Tingey	Budden	Jonas	
Sat 13	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge	3-2	154	McCorkell	Tingey	Kalu	Cole	Budden	Curteen
Wed 17	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge	1-0	111	McCorkell	Jenkins ●	Lomas	Cole	Tingey	Curteen ■
Sat 20	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	FACPR	2-2	136	McCorkell	Curteen ■	Lomas	Cole	Budden	Tingey
Tue 23	ASHFORDTOWN (MIDDX)	H	FACPRR	1-3	191	McCorkell	Kalu	Lomas	Tingey ■	Budden	Gallagher
Sat 27	Westfield	A	Lge	3-1	153	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	COLE 1	Tingey	Curteen
Mon 29	SOUTHALL	H	Lge	2-0	228	McCorkell	Jenkins ■ ●	Lomas	Cole ■ ●	TINGEY 1	Curteen ■
SEPTEMBER											
Tue 13	HANWORTH VILLA	H	FATIQR	0-3	85	McCorkell	Jenkins ●	Lomas	Cole	Tingey	Curteen
Sat 17	CHERTSEY TOWN	H	Lge								
Tue 20	Walton & Hershaw	A	Lge								
OCTOBER											
Sat 1	AshfordTown (Middx)	A	Lge								
Sat 8	MERSTHAM	H	Lge								
Tue 11	Walton & Hershaw	A	VILC								
Sat 15	Basingstoke Town	A	Lge								
Sat 22	THATCHAM TOWN	H	Lge								
Sat 29	CHIPSTEAD	H	Lge								
NOVEMBER											
Sat 5	Uxbridge	A	Lge								
Sat 12	LEATHERHEAD	H	Lge								
Sat 19	Guernsey	A	Lge								
Sat 26	Marlow	A	Lge								
DECEMBER											
Sat 3	SOUTH PARK REIGATE	H	Lge								
Sat 10	SuttonCommonRovers	A	Lge								
Sat 17	BINFIELD	H	Lge								
Mon 26	Southall	A	Lge								
JANUARY											
Mon 2	HANWORTH VILLA	H	Lge								
Sat 7	Tooting & MitchamUnited	A	Lge								
Sat 14	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	Lge								
Sat 21	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge								
Sat 28	Leatherhead	A	Lge								
FEBRUARY											
Sat 4	GUERNSEY	H	Lge								
Sat 11	Chipstead	A	Lge								
Tue 14	WALTON & HERSHAM	H	Lge								
Sat 18	Merstham	A	Lge								
Sat 25	ASHFORDTOWN (MIDDX)	H	Lge								
MARCH											
Sat 4	Chertsey Town	A	Lge								
Sat 11	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge								
Sat 18	Thatcham Town	A	Lge								
Sat 25	WESTFIELD	H	Lge								
APRIL											
Sat 1	Binfield	A	Lge								
Sat 8	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge								
Mon 10	Hanworth Villa	A	Lge								
Sat 15	South Park Reigate	A	Lge								
Sat 22	MARLOW	H	Lge								



Back Row (L-R): Rahim Jude-Boyd, Teddy Stacey, Riccardo Alexa
Front Row: Ronan Hutchins, Lindell Stewart

Key: Goalscorer(s) in Bold1; Sub 1 ●; Sub 2 ●; Sub 3 ●; Sub 4 ●; Sub 5 ●; Yellow Card 🟡; Red Card 🟥; * Own Goal.

	7	8	9	10	11	SUBS	2	3	4	5
HUTCHINS 1	Alexander-Greenaway 🟡	HELMORE 1 ●	Ibiede ●	(C)Stewart ●	Pepaj ●	(L)Stewart ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Gallagher	Curteen	
HUTCHINS 1 ●	Alexander-Greenaway 🟡	(L)Stewart	IBIE 2 ● 🟡	(C)Stewart	Pepaj ●	Gallagher ●	Helmore	Jenkins	Jonas	
Hutchins ●	Alexander-Greenaway	(L)Stewart 🟡	Ibiede	(C)Stewart	Helmore ●	Kalu ●	Gallagher	Pepaj	Budden	
(L)Stewart	Alexander-Greenaway ●	HELMORE 1	IBIE 1	(C)Stewart	Taylor ●	Gallagher	Pepaj	Kalu	Hutchins	
Taylor ●	Cole ●	Helmore ●	IBIE 1 🟡	(C)Stewart	Pepaj ● 🟡	Hutchins ●	(L)Stewart ●	Curteen	Haile	
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Hutchins	Alexander-Greenaway	Helmore	Ibiede	Pepaj ●	(C)Stewart ●	Jude-Boyd ●	(L)Stewart	Gallagher	Kalu	



Alexander-Greenaway, Sydney Ibiede, Sam Jenkins, Andrew McCorkell, Josh Helmore, Romario Jonas, Luke Tingey, James Curteen, Harry Gallagher, Keagan Cole, Carl Stewart, Andy Lomas, Brandon Kalu, Ergys Pepaj, Dave Taylor.

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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

(Up to & Including)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
NORTHWOOD	4	4	0	0	9	3	12
Binfield	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
Chertsey Town	4	2	3	0	13	4	9
Walton & Hersham	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
South Park (Reigate)	5	3	0	2	5	8	9
Ashford Town (Middx)	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Southall	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
Marlow	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Uxbridge	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Westfield	4	2	0	2	9	4	6
Sutton Common Rovers	4	2	0	2	6	10	6
Tooting & Mitcham United	4	1	1	2	4	4	4
Basingstoke Town	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Chipstead	5	1	1	3	5	8	4
Guernsey	4	1	1	2	1	5	4
Hanworth Villa	4	0	3	1	3	7	3
Leatherhead	4	1	0	3	2	8	3
Bedfont Sports	4	0	2	2	0	2	2
Thatcham Town	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Merstham	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

There is a depleted South Central division fixture list this afternoon because several of our clubs are still involved in this season's Emirates FA Cup but the league game of the day is surely, here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium, with the game between first, Northwood, and third Chertsey Town.

The Woods come into the game with a one hundred per cent league record, winning all four of their opening games, while today's visitors are just three points behind having picked up nine points from their five games to date.

They are though the division's highest goalscorers having scored thirteen goals already and their two victories gained have been thumping wins, 4-0 at home against South Park (Reigate) and 5-0 away at Sutton Common Rovers.

They have drawn three games against Binfield, Hanworth Villa and Southall.

The Woods defence will have to be on their guard this afternoon to keep the goal threat of Reece Cole and Lee Lewis quite who already have six goals between them.

Elsewhere in the division Ashford Town (Middx) could move up into third if results go their way and they win at Basingstoke while Thatcham Town will be looking for their first win of the season when they travel to Hanworth Villa.

Meanwhile four clubs from our division go in search

TODAY'S FIXTURES IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Basingstoke Town vs Ashford Town (Middx)

Guernsey vs Leatherhead

Hanworth Villa vs Thatcham Town

Marlow vs Chipstead

Northwood vs Chertsey Town

Southall vs Tooting & Mitcham United

of more FA Cup glory this afternoon and our neighbours Uxbridge probably face the toughest tie of the four when they travel away to Eastbourne Borough.

Our three other sides have all been drawn at home with Binfield hosting Tonbridge Angels, Walton & Hersham hosting Chatham Town while Westfield entertain Carshalton Athletic.

Good luck to all four of our sides in cup action this afternoon.

By Ken Green

WOODS MAGIC MOMENT

CHERTSEY TOWN 2

NORTHWOOD 4

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2021

PITCHING-IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL

Chertsey: Nicholas Jupp, Lewis Jackson, Mason Welch-Turner (Scott Day), Sam Hurrell (Samuel Murphy), Darryl Harrison, Quincy Rowe, Mark Bitmead (Andrew Crossley), Ashley Lodge, Jake Baxter, Manolis Gogonas, Bryan Taylor

Northwood: Daniel Purdue, Sam Jenkins, Andy Lomas, Keagan Cole (Yiannis Constantinou), Tommy Boxer, James Gurteen, Ryan Young (Joakim Ehui), Teddy Stacey, Sydney Ibie, Micah Jackson (Matt Surmon), Carl Stewart

The Woods' new management duo of Ben Bukowski and Steve Ringrose had only been in charge for a couple of weeks when they went into this game. The Curfews were unbeaten, top of the table and had won their previous seven in a row in all competitions, whilst Northwood had just one victory in eleven outings.

And Chertsey were immediately into their stride and Woods goalkeeper Daniel Purdue was called upon to gather an early cross before Bryan Taylor tried his luck from distance with a shot which flew wide of the upright. But it was Northwood who opened the scoring on nine minutes as Jackson latched onto Teddy Stacey's through ball before firing a low shot from just outside box which was too good for Chertsey keeper Nick Jupp.

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

There was no let up for Northwood and Baxter might have done better as he spurned a couple of chances for the hosts while Purdue produced a superb full-length save to keep out a deflected shot from Mano Gogonas.



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

Northwood started the second half with great intensity, and they had wonderful opportunity to increase their lead when Cole and Jackson combined to set Young clear, but his shot was kept out by the on-rushing Jupp. However, Young was presented with another one-on-one opportunity moments later after a neat flick from Jackson and the Woods flyer showed great composure as he slotted the ball beyond Jupp to increase the lead with 50 minutes on the clock.

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

Buoyed by the goal, Chertsey went looking for the equaliser and they went close through Taylor whose rising shot narrowly cleared the Northwood crossbar. But the hosts weren't to be denied as Baxter converted a low cross from Gogonas to restore parity on 66 minutes.

Northwood responded well to the setback, and they had a good shout for a penalty turned down as Jenkins appeared to be tripped. Jenkins was in the thick of the action again minutes later as he performed heroics to keep out Tay-

lor's header as it looped beyond Purdue, the Northwood right-back scrambling back to hook the ball clear from under the crossbar.

The home crowd was silenced on 76 minutes when Lomas played a delightful ball through to Ibie who raced clear before firing his shot across Jupp to put Northwood back in front.

And Woods' afternoon got even better on 86 minutes as they restored their two-goal advantage after a quickly taken free-kick and good work from Stewart lead to Ibie

executing another clinical finish to send the visiting contingent into raptures. And Woods expertly negotiated the six minutes of added time without any drama to see themselves home to a richly deserved win, taking them up a couple of places in the table.

Northwood's endeavours were later rewarded by winning the divisional Pitching-In Isthmian League Performance of the Month award!





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ROLL CALL

2022-23 SEASON | WOODS CAREER | WOODS DEBUT

Players' Name	WOODS CAREER RECORD											WOODS DEBUT					
	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE					CUP COMPETITIONS				LEAGUE		CUPS		OVERALL			
	Start	As Subs.	Total	Gls	Start	As Subs.	Total	Gls	Games	Gls	League Games	Gls	Cup Games	Gls	Total Games	Total Goals	Woods Debut
Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	0	7	0	5	0	3	0	8	0	Ashford Town (W) (A) Mar '22
Lewis Batten											3	0	3	0	6	0	Uxbridge (H) Oct '21
Kristian Belousas											6	0	2	1	8	1	CB Hourslow (A) Feb '22
James Budden	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	61	7	12	0	73	7	Godalming Town (H) Dec '15
Keagan Cole	4	0	4	1	3	0	3	0	8	1	26	7	7	0	33	7	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Harry Gallagher	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	Tooting & MU (H) Aug '22
James Gurteen	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	7	0	32	0	7	1	39	1	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17
* Nabby Haile	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	17	0	Rushden & Diamonds (A) Nov '17
Josh Helmore	2	1	3	1	4	0	4	2	7	3	20	10	8	3	28	13	Beeford Sports (H) Jan '22
Ronan Hutchins	4	0	4	2	2	1	3	1	7	3	4	2	3	1	7	3	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Sydney Ible	4	0	4	3	4	0	4	2	8	5	27	10	5	2	32	12	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Sam Jenkins	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	45	3	12	0	57	3	Kings Langley (H) Sept '18
Romario Jonas	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Rahim Jude-Boyd	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Brandon Kallu	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Tooting & MU (H) Aug '22
Andy Lomas	3	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	7	0	108	1	31	1	139	2	Kettering Town (A) Aug '14
Andrew McCorrell	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	8	0	6	0	4	0	10	0	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17
Egys Pepaj	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Will Robinson											4	0	2	0	6	0	Westfield (A) Jan '22
Teddy Stacey											18	3	3	1	21	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Carl Stewart	3	1	4	0	3	1	4	0	8	0	26	1	8	0	34	1	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Lindell Stewart	2	2	4	0	1	2	3	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	8	0	Wembley (H) Nov '21
David Taylor	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	6	0	2	0	8	0	Moreyfields (A) Dec '17
Luke Tingey	4	0	4	1	4	0	4	0	8	1	16	1	7	0	23	1	Tooting & MU (H) Feb '22
Ryan Young											17	1	3	0	20	1	Chipstead (A) Nov '21





FA YOUTH CUP SUCCESS

Ryan Young's new-look Under-18s recorded a superb away win in the Preliminary Round of the FA Youth Cup ten days ago, coming from behind to notch a 4-1 success at league divisional rivals Uxbridge.

The two sides met at Honeycroft at the same stage last season and that went Uxbridge's way by the same scoreline so when the home side went 1-0 up after 11 minutes, they must have been planning a similar result.

However, just two minutes later, Fabjan Toci, on debut, raced through to level and then developed a closely-fought contest. Toci netted his second of the game just before half-time and Uxbridge, who included first-team squad member Presley Evans in the front-line, rarely looked likely to get back in front in a solid second-half defensive performance from the Woods.

Substitute Jeremy Kwaku-Scholz made certain of victory after 88 minutes before Toci then completed an excellent hat-trick in stoppage-time.

The win has earned the young Woods an away tie at Hemel Hempstead Town this coming week in the first qualifying round.

There has been a bit of a shock in our Isthmian

Team: Bretayne, Payne, Moneke (Bradford), Reade, Clemow, Osborne, Crowder, Mitchell, Toci, Lousley (Kwaku-Scholz), Reid (Casteluber).

League Division with the withdrawal of no less than three clubs including Ashford Town (Middx) who we were due to meet on Thursday night.

With Marlow and Slough Town also reportedly out, it leaves us with only seven teams in the division but at this stage the League have made no suggestions as to how we are going to deal with this problem.



RYAN YOUNG

THE YOUNG ONES

NORTHWOOD UNDER-18S FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Comp	Result	Scorers
Mon 22 Aug	Bedfont Sports	(A) IYLge	1-4	Crowder
Wed 31 Aug	Uxbridge	(A) FAYCup	4-1	Koci 3, Kwaku-Scholz
Wed 14 Sep	Hemel Hempstead Town	(A) FAY Cup		
Wed 5 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	(H) IYLge		
Wed 2 Nov	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	(H) IYLge		
Tue 22 Nov	Fleet Town	(A) IYLge		
Wed 30 Nov	UXBRIDGE	(H) IYLge		
Mon 12 Dec	Camberley Town	(A) IYLge		
Wed 11 Jan	BEDFONT SPORTS	(H) IYLge		
Wed 25 Jan	Hampton & Richmond Borough	(A) IYLge		
Mon 6 Feb	Beaconsfield Town	(A) IYLge		
Wed 22 Feb	FLEET TOWN	(H) IYLge		
Mon 27 Feb	Uxbridge	(A) IYLge		
Wed 8 Mar	CAMBERLEY TOWN	(H) IYLge		

Key:

IYLge = Isthmian Youth League | FAYCup = FA Youth Cup
MCYCup = Middlesex County Youth Cup

	League Table	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	G-D
1	Beaconsfield Town	1	1	0	0	7	1	3	6
2	Camberley Town	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	5
3	Bedfont Sports	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
4	Uxbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Northwood	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	-3
6	Hampton & Richmond Borough	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	-5
7	Fleet Town	1	0	0	1	1	7	0	-6





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A BRIEF HISTORY

Organised football was evident in Chertsey well into the Victorian era, but county affiliation did not take place immediately.

The official founding of the club took place in 1890 when matches were played in the West Surrey League. The first success came in 1897 when the Surrey Junior Cup was secured. A one year gap took place before football resumed in the same competition which eventually became the East and West Surrey League. A further halt in football took place during the Great War but soon after, in 1919, the club joined the Surrey Intermediate League where it stayed, uneventfully, until 1939 and a further break. An invitation to become founder members of the Surrey Senior League was not taken up in 1923 but membership was later assumed, on attaining senior status in 1946.

The club has played at various locations within the parish (Willow Walk, Free Prae Road Staines Lane and Chilsey Green) before settling down at the present home in 1926. The suffix 'Town' was added to its title some 24 years later. The ground was donated by Sir Edward Stern as a football ground to the 'premier club in the parish'. Next door, a similar trust provides facilities for Chertsey Cricket Club. The main stand was constructed in the mid fifties; the original clubhouse added in 1960 and the first covered enclosure was built some three years later. Cover behind each goal was added in 1994 and 2010 respectively.

Chertsey became members of the Surrey Senior League in 1946, but success was scant until 1960 when winning the league championship. This was repeated twice in the next three years. The League Cup was also won on three occasions. The club could not progress to the preferred Corinthian League so, in 1963 it contro-

versially turned professional to enter the Metropolitan League. It gave an entertaining three but, the cost was too much. A drop to the Greater London League for one season occurred before a further shift to the Spartan League was made in 1967.

Indifferent results then dogged the club for almost two decades. This situation was briefly relieved in 1974/75 when the club were league and league cup runners up to an up and coming Farnborough Town. Meanwhile, the fabric of the club was being built up behind the scenes and despite lack of prominence on the park, movement was made via the London Spartan (1975/76) and Athenian leagues through to the Isthmian family with a place in Division Two South in 1984. Instant relegation to the Combined Counties League was suffered but a rejuvenated side won promotion back to Isthmian ranks within the year whilst winning the League Cup on the way.

The club was rewarded with good league positions but further promotion denied at first. The worst season after returning to the Isthmians came when the two Division Twos were split in 1991 and a place in the new Division Three had to suffice. This position was quickly rectified with a runner's up slot the next season. The club also reached the quarter finals of the F.A. Vase, emulating a similar performance in 1987/88. One year later, 102 points and a runner's up promotion place to Division One was nailed. The League Cup was also secured together with the Carlsberg Trophy in the same campaign along with the League Charity Shield and the Isthmian 'Team of the Season' trophy.

Only one campaign was required in Division One before further promotion, to the Premier Division. The

first season at that level was one of consolidation but the second was more difficult. A late rally was experienced, but was insufficient to avoid the drop to Division One. Two subsequent Division One campaigns were comfortable but the third proved too difficult after a very poor first half of the season.

Relatively respectable positions were attained for the next two seasons and then a return to Division One, taking a place in the revised south section in the Isthmian re-organisation. The side was not able to compete at this level and relegation to Division Two was suffered in 2003. With the dissolution of the division, the club was allocated to Combined Counties League in 2006. Promotionally hopeful situations were created regularly over the five terms in that competition.

Finishing as runners up in 2011 was enough to secure promotion to Division One Central of the Southern League. Unspectacular, but safe, performances were achieved for two seasons but relegation was suffered in 2014, and with it a return to the Combined Counties League where four modest seasons prevailed.

A massive change occurred in the 2018/19 season that resulted in the league championship being secured

with 13 points to spare. This led to promotion back to the Isthmian ranks and a place in the South Central Division. However, more memorable, was winning the FA Vase after turning over the score in the final to beat Cray Valley 3-1. The combination of these two feats made the 2018/19 the most successful season ever for the club. Covid affected the next two campaigns, but then a runners up spot was attained at the end of the 2021/22 season but the side lost out in extra time of the final of the play offs.

Dave Anderson was the team manager who masterminded this success but stood down at the end of the FA Vase campaign. Team captain Kevin Maclaren then took over followed by Ian Selley, and now for the start of the current season, Wayne Carter is in charge. The chairman's role is held Mark Turner. The club, a Charter Standard member, also has a comprehensive junior section of boys at all ages. Chertsey Town's nickname, the 'Curfews' is derived from a locally famous bell that hangs in the nearby St. Peters Church. The bell has rung out the evening curfew, now ceremoniously of course, for over five hundred years.



MEET THE TEAM

Lewis Cole (28)

Joined the midfield in July 2022 after four seasons at Harrow Borough where he made almost 150 appearances including 43 last term. Has also played for Egham Town, and Uxbridge.

Reece Cole (24)

Midfield signing in the past close season. Enjoyed regular first team appearances at Dunfermline Athletic last term. Began his career at Brentford's academy where he made one first team appearance. Has also played for Newport County and Partick Thistle.

Scott Day (34)

Signed in the 2019 close season for the defence. Although one year was spent at Farnborough, the previous seven seasons had been with Whyteleafe

Lewis Driver (34)

Joined in the 2018 close season in the forward line. Was previously then at Staines Town but was also with Holyport, Harrow Borough, Maidenhead United and Burnham. Has suffered from a series of significant injuries over the past few seasons which has restricted his action. Was part of the 2019 FA Vase winning team.

Jay Gasson (36)

Signed in September 2021 to strengthen the squad in central defence. Has had long spells at Basingstoke Town, Woking, and more recently Walton Casuals. Other appearances have been made in his substantial career at other Step 2 and 3 clubs.

Kai Hamilton-Olise (22)

Joined the forward line in the 2022 close season from Westfield where he had one season with regular first team appearances. Previously played at Metropolitan Police.

Darryl Harrison (25)

Central defender who was signed in the 2021 close season from Ashford Town. Has also played for Barton Rovers. Took a short spell at Carshalton Athletic at the start of the 2022/23 season, but quickly returned.

Jonathan Hippolyte (27)

Joined the forward line at the start of this season in his second spell with the club. Between times he has been with Bracknell Town and Metropolitan Police. Previously with North Greenford United, Leatherhead

and Staines Town.

Sam Hurrell (34)

A midfield signing in October 2019 from Cobham. Started with the Chelsea youth set up where he won the first 'Football Icon' on television but then moved on in 2007 to a number of clubs including Northampton, St. Albans City and Welling United. Was also joint manager at Hillingdon Borough for a spell.

Nick Jupp (32)

A goalkeeper signed at the start of the 2018/19 season after what had turned into a temporary retirement having played regularly for Harrow Borough. Has also been with Shepsted Dynamo, Aldershot Town, Barnet and St Albans City. Was part of the 2019 FA Vase winning team.

Lee Lewis (20)

A utility player who joined in the summer from Cray Wanderers. He progressed through their youth and development sides to be a first team regular last season.

Billy Montague (22)

a forward who signed for the first team in March 2022 from Binfield, but had played previously in the Curfews Under 18 side as well as at Woking. Has also played for Staines Town and Ashford Town.

Kieran Murphy (35)

A defender who signed in the 2022 close season. Began his extensive career at MK Dons before substantial first team appearances at Crawley Town, Ilkeston Town, Carshalton Athletic, Hemel Hempstead Town and latterly Chesham United, recording more than 170 appearances over five seasons with The Generals.

Sam Murphy (33)

Played 184 times for Hendon from where he came in the 2018 close season. Played previously at Edgware Town and Aldershot Town. Was part of Cambridge United's Academy for many years. Plays in the midfield. Was part of the 2019 FA Vase winning team.

Quincy Rowe (34)

Powerful midfield attacker who joined in December 2018. Previous club was Tooting & Mitcham United but was considering retirement. Has also played many games with Staines Town, AFC Wimbledon and

Harrow Borough. Was part of the 2019 FA Vase winning team.

Rowan Smith (19)

A Summer signing for a full back position who played for Slough Town's Under 23 side last term. Prior to that, he was part of the Crystal Palace youth system, playing two seasons in their Under 19 squad.

Trevan Robinson (20)

Joined the forward line in the 2022 close season. Was at Egham Town the previous season. Also showed at Hanwell Town in 2020/21.

Mason Welch-Turner (26)

Signed for the start of the 2018/19 season from Hanwell Town. A left back who has also been with Corinthian Casuals, Woking and Hendon. Was part of the 2019 FA Vase winning team.



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Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway

The 22-year-old midfielder joined the Woods on a dual-registration basis from Southern Premier side Hendon in March 2022 but only played one game. Ric had previously played at Chalfont St Peter for two seasons, being named Player of the Year in 2019/20. However, he has now signed on permanently for the new 2022/23 season and should bolster the midfield area.



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Kristian Belousas

Kristian is a former Fulham Development attacking player who joined the Woods in February 2022 from Middlesex League side Shepherds Bush FC where he has been a regular goalscorer. The 20-year-old has been called up to Lithuania Under-19 and Under-21 squads in the past and will be looking to make an impression at the higher level. He is dual-registered with Broadfields United for the 2022/23 season



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James Budden

James returned to Northwood in the summer of 2022 for a second spell having previously played from 2015 to 2017, ultimately winning the Player of the Year. Having started off at Hemel Hempstead, Aylesbury and Leverstock Green, he moved on to play Step Three for Hitchin Town and Potters Bar Town and now 30, he brings plenty of experience to the Woods back-line.

David Nolan

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Harry Gallagher

Harry has come late to Saturday non-League football having only started playing last season with Broadfields United having trained with Northwood for much of 2022. Having continued to impress, the 24-year-old has now registered with the Woods for the new season but remains dual-registered at Broadfields United.

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Keagan Arrive

Keagan arrived at Northwood in a player-coach role in November 2021 having skippered Potters Bar Town at Step 3 and after a short spell with Walthamstow FC. Prior to that he came up through the youth ranks at Hendon to become the youngest player to make over 100 appearances for Hendon. Just turned 23 and an inspirational skipper who picked up the Supporters Player of the Year award in 2022.

Frances Wallace

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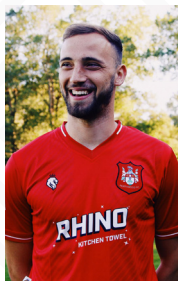


Josh Helmore

Experienced forward Josh moved to the Woods from divisional rivals Binfield FC in November 2022 and enjoyed an excellent season, totalling over twenty goals for both sides. The 30-year-old started out with Reading City and has also played for Gloucester City, Thatcham Town, Berkhamsted and Bracknell Town.

Sean Moore

Jordan Gavaghan Vehicle Finance



James Gurteen

James was previously with the Woods as an 18-year-old in 2017 and made a couple of appearances but returned in October 2021 on dual-registration from Kings Langley. In the meantime, the 23-year-old central defender has also appeared for Rayners Lane, Aylesbury United, Broadfields United and Southall. Back for a second season in 2022.

Gerry Pimm

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Sydney Ibie

Dutch-born striker who joined the Woods from Potters Bar Town in November 2021, where he had made a handful of appearances both this season and at the back of last season while also having a short spell with Beaconsfield Town. The tall forward started out at Hemel Hempstead Town and had loan spells with Welwyn Garden City, Aylesbury United, Wantage Town and Chalfont St Peter where he netted four times in nine appearances. The 21-year-old made a good impression with some crucial goals in his first season.

The Vosper Boys

Rory O'Dwyer



Ronan Hutchins

Ronan is a former Brentford Academy player who has joined the Woods in the summer of 2022 from Hampton & Richmond Borough. Still only 18, attacking-midfielder Ronan was loaned out to Hendon and then Tring Athletic last season and he netted eight goals in 21 games for the Spartan South Midlands League side. He will be looking to establish himself and progress at the higher level this season.

Naomi La Croix & Dwayne Fernandez

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Sam Jenkins

Sam originally joined the club in July 2018 having previously been at Harpenden Town. He won the Managers Player of the Year award at the end of that season but joined Chesham United where he stayed for three years, though with injury issues. He came to the Woods on dual-registration several times but has now returned permanently for the new season in 2022 and the 27-year-old will look to add to his 50 plus appearances

Colin Harman

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Rahim Jude-Boyd

Having once been part of the QPR Academy set-up, Rahim came to the Woods after an excellent season playing for Middlesex League side Cricklewood Wanderers and impressed in pre-season with the 22-year-old defender added to the squad for the new season.

Dwayne Fernandez & Naomi La Croix

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Romario Jonas

Romario is a 25-year-old defender who joins the Woods on dual-registration with Hanwell Town in July 2022. He made his name with some impressive performances at Ashford Town (Middx) and earned a move to Step 3 side Hendon where he made almost 50 appearances over two seasons. He has had short spells with Bracknell Town and Chalfont St Peter but was then part of the successful Hanwell side that won promotion through the play-offs back in May.

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Andrew McCorkell

Experienced 24-year-old goalkeeper who had a short spell with the Woods back in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative honours in Northern Ireland's Under-19s. He had already made appearances at Hendon and Chesham United. In recent years he has had spells with Beaconsfield, Hayes & Yeading, Chalfont St Peter and, most recently, Bedford Sports before joining Northwood for the new season.

Dennis Goulding

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Andy Lomas

The experienced 32-year-old left-back returned to the Woods in a Player-Coach role in November 2021. He first arrived at Northwood Park in August 2014. Andy was virtually ever-present over the next two seasons, making over 100 appearances, being part of the Middlesex Senior Cup success in 2016 and enjoying a clean sweep of Player of the Year awards that same year. He then moved up to join Harrow Borough, spent a few games back on loan at Northwood the following season and then moved to Potters Bar Town where he spent another four successful years. He now has over 130 appearances behind him.

Robin Piper

Robin Piper



Brandon Kalu

Experienced, left-back, Brandon has moved to Northwood having played at Chalfont St Peter and Bedford Sports in recent seasons. The 27-year-old also played for Hillingdon Borough.

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Ergys Pepaj

Albanian-born Ergys joins the Woods in the summer of 2022 having enjoyed a good season playing for Potters Bar Under-23 side. The skilful midfielder is only 20 and will be looking to establish himself in senior football.

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Teddy Stacey

25-year-old Teddy joined us from Hadley FC. He was at Tottenham as a youth and then went to the US where he represented, ironically, Northwood College in Michigan as well as playing for Greater Lowell Rough Diamonds. He's a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield and enjoyed a fine first season at the higher level, taking the Managers' Player of the Year award

Andy Stacey & Rachel Bafico

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Carl Stewart

Former Watford youth midfielder Carl Stewart signed on a dual-registration basis from Beaconsfield Town in November 2021. Carl is a 25-year-old who was also at Udinese as a youngster and then played in Poland for Zagłębie Sosnowiec. He has also had short spells at Oxford City, Banbury United, Bedford Sports, Wingate & Finchley and most recently, Marlow. He won the coveted Players' Player of the Year award in 2022 and is back for the new season.

Robin Piper

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Lindell Stewart

Pacy, attacker Lindell had one game for the Woods last season but eventually chose to stay with Windsor where he bagged 16 goals in 30 games at Step 5. The 20-year-old came through the Hanwell Town youth set-up and also played briefly at Harefield United but is back with the Woods for the new season where he will be looking to make the step up.

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Luke Tingey

Luke is an experienced 25-year-old defender who joined the Woods in February 2022 from Isthmian Premier side Potters Bar Town. He started off at the MK Dons Youth Academy and then went on to notch almost 200 games at Step 3 for Hendon FC. He also had a short spell with St Albans City. Back for the 2022-23 season.

Tino Nannavecchia

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David Taylor

Vastly-experienced midfielder, Dave is back to Northwood for a second spell after an injury hit couple of years at Hanwell Town and Harrow Borough. He played a handful of matches for the Woods back in 2018-19 before joining up with Chertsey Town and being part of the squad that won both the FA Vase and the Combined Counties League. Now 28, Dave spent his early seasons with North Greenford and Harrow Borough.

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Brandon KALU
David TAYLOR



CHERTSEY TOWN

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Colours: Yellow

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Rowan SMITH
Mason WELCH-TURNER
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Reece COLE
Kieran MURPHY
Darryl HARRISON
Quincy ROWE
Kai HAMILTON-OLISE
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