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Isthmian League Division One North champions: 2003

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

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Middlesex Junior Cup finalists: 1935, 1936

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London Spartan League Premier Division runners-up: 1990

London Spartan League Cup winners: 1990, 1992

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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

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WORDS: ALAN EVANS

WOODS OUTLOOK

Welcome to the Towners

Tonight, we take a short break from our Pitching In Isthmian League campaign, to stage our Middlesex Senior Cup Quarter-Final here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium against Isthmian Premier side Enfield Town FC. The two clubs last met in the final of this competition back in April 2016 with the Woods winning 2-0 thanks to goals from Niko Muir and George Nicholas. It was Northwood's second County Cup Final success while the Towners have yet to capture the trophy since forming in 2001, beaten in that final and also 2-0 by Hendon back in 2003.

Our visitors are enjoying a very good season at Step 3, currently occupying a place in the play-off area and only four points adrift of Hornchurch in top spot. At the time of writing, they haven't lost an away game in any competition (apart from a penalty shoot-out at Haringey Borough in the Velocity Trophy) since early September and will clearly be a hard to beat this evening.

To get to this stage, the Woods defeated Ashford Town (Middlesex) 1-0 in the first round, thanks to a Juwon Akin-tunde goal while we then received a bye in the last round after Hanworth Villa strangely pulled out of the competition. Enfield Town had a bye to Round Two and were then held to a 2-2 draw at Uxbridge before just squeezing through 7-6 on penalties.

As usual in cup competitions nowadays, if the scores are level after 90 minutes tonight, there is no extra-time. The match would be decided by kicks from the penalty-mark.

We hope everyone connected with Enfield Town FC enjoys their short stay here this evening and we wish you a safe journey back home later tonight.

These notes had to be prepared prior to Saturday's away

game at Tooting & Mitcham United but we will have been hoping to leave behind our opening game of 2023 when we were well beaten 4-1 here at Northwood by Hanworth Villa. The Villains have now won here twice this season and have looked like a top side each time so perhaps they will still challenge for the top places as the second half of the season continues. The defeat still left us three points ahead at the top of the division but the chasing pack all gained ground and we need to find some more consistent form quickly to maintain our favourable position.

We welcomed Gareth Chendlik to the Woods last week, joining from Uxbridge FC and he made his debut as a substitute in the Hanworth Villa game, netting a late consolation penalty. Gareth is an experienced 29-year-old striker who won promotion with Hanwell Town last season and we hope he has a long and happy stay here at Northwood.

Tonight, is the first of a series of home matches here at the Skyline and we are back here on Saturday for another Middlesex derby fixture, this time against the improving Bedfont Sports who, following a change of manager, are unbeaten in six matches before their scheduled home game against Basingstoke Town last weekend. After this, we then take on Uxbridge the following Saturday, 21st January and Binfield in the game rearranged from December on Tuesday 24th January.

There is also a game scheduled here at the stadium tomorrow night with the Under-18s due to be taking on Bedfont Sports in an Isthmian Youth League fixture. Kick-Off at 7.45pm as usual.

Thank you once again for your support this evening and see you all again at the weekend.

Alan.

WORDS: ROBIN PIPER

MATCH REPORT



NORTHWOOD 1
HANWORTH VILLA 4
MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2023
Kick-Off 3.00pm



PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHWOOD: McCorkell, Gallagher, Kalu, Alexander-Greenaway, Tingey, Jonas, Hutchins (Jackson 46), Tabor (Stacey 69), Helmore (Chendlik 46), Akintunde, Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Paiva, Lomas

YELLOW CARD: Tabor, Akintunde, Chendlik, Stacey

ATTENDANCE: 194

Northwood suffered a disappointing start to 2023 as they crashed at home to Hanworth Villa for the second time this season following their FA Trophy exit back in September.

The Woods were unchanged from the Boxing Day success at Southall and there was a place on the bench for new signing Gareth Chendlik to strengthen their attacking options. And in front of a healthy bank holiday crowd, the game got off to a low-key start as both sides took time to find their rhythm.

The contest gradually warmed up and it was the visitors who began to show first as Kyen Nicholas nipped between defenders, but his effort lacked the required connection to trouble Woods goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell.

GOAL ALERT 11 mins 0-1 NICHOLAS

And Nicholas was involved again moments later as he escaped the attentions of Romario Jonas with a smart turn before shooting beyond McCorkell to open the scoring on 11 minutes.

The Villains were continuing to dominate the midfield area and they forced a corner which Woods struggled to clear with the return ball finding the head of Jacob Erskine whose header was collected by McCorkell.

At the other end, Northwood threatened on a couple of occasions through Luke Tingey's long throw - Jonas flicking onto Josh Helmore whose hooked volley cleared the crossbar before another flick-on flashed across the face of goal with no red shirt to apply the finish.

GOAL ALERT 33 mins 0-2 WELLS

Villa continued to threaten as they forced a series of



corners and Northwood's defence was breached once again as they failed to deal with a far post delivery with George Wells sweeping the ball home to increase the lead with 33 minutes on the clock.

Northwood looked to respond before the break, and they went close as Tingey's defence-splitting pass found Juwon Akintunde whose low shot was palmed away for a corner by Villa goalkeeper Gary Ross.

HALF TIME: NORTHWOOD 0-2 HANWORTH VILLA

Woods made a double substitution at the break as Chendlik and Micah Jackson replaced Helmore and Ronan Hutchins.

GOAL ALERT 50 mins 0-3 NICHOLAS

But the hosts gave themselves a mountain to climb as they conceded a third goal five minutes into the second half as Harry Gallagher got in an unfortunate tangle allowing Nicholas to break clear before calmly slotting the ball home for his second of the afternoon.

GOAL ALERT 53 mins 0-4 ERSKINE

And the contest was effectively over three minutes later as the Villains scored a fourth, Woods failing to clear their lines and allowing Sam Merson to get round the back of the defence before sending over a low cross which was headed home by a stooping Erskine.

Northwood hoped for some consolation, but they continued to struggle to make much of an impression on a well-drilled Hanworth outfit, being restricted to speculative attempts with Jackson's long-range shot clearing the woodwork.

Teddy Stacey was introduced for his first home ap-

pearance of the season as Jake Tabor made way and the substitute was quickly involved as he found Akintunde who was unfortunately in an offside position as he rolled the ball into the Villa net.

GOAL ALERT 90 mins 1-4 CHENDLIK (penalty)

There were a number of yellow cards brandished for minor offences in the closing stages as Woods' frustrations grew. However, the hosts signed off on a brighter note when Chendlik opened his Northwood account as he converted from the penalty spot deep into added time after Akintunde was upended.





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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	Gurteen
Wed 17	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge	1-0	111	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 20	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	FACPR	2-2	136	McCorkell	Gurteen	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	Gurteen
Mon 29	SOUTHALL	H	Lge	2-0	228	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole	TINGEY 1	Gurteen
SEPTEMBER											
Tue 13	HANWORTH VILLA	H	FAT1QR	0-3	85	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Cole	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 17	CHERTSEY TOWN	H	Lge	3-1	202	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 24	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge	2-1	162	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Tue 27	Walton & Hershram	A	Lge	1-2	248	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
OCTOBER											
Sat 1	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	Lge	1-2	126	McCorkell	Gallagher	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 8	MERSTHAM	H	Lge	3-2	164	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Tue 11	ASHFORDTOWN (MIDDX)	H	MSC	1-0	77	McCorkell	Jenkins	Kalu	Alexander-Greenaway	Gallagher	Gurteen
Sat 15	Basingstoke Town	A	Lge	1-0	470	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Tue 18	Walton & Hershram	A	VILC	0-1	122	McCorkell	Kalu	Lomas	Pepaj	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 22	THATCHAM TOWN	H	Lge	2-0	178	McCorkell	Paiva	Lomas	PEPAJ 1	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 29	CHIPSTEAD	H	Lge	0-0	165	McCorkell	Kalu	Lomas	Pepaj	Tingey	Gallagher
NOVEMBER											
Sat 5	Uxbridge	A	Lge	0-1	101	McCorkell	Paiva	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 12	LEATHERHEAD	H	Lge	3-1	211	McCorkell	GALLAGHER 1	Kalu	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 19	Guernsey	A	Lge	2-1	528	McCorkell	Gallagher	Kalu	ALEXANDER-GREENAWAY 1	Tingey	GURTEEN
Sat 26	Marlow	A	Lge	0-3	249	McCorkell	Gallagher	Kalu	Alexander-Greenway	Tingey	Gurteen
DECEMBER											
Sat 3	SOUTH PARK REIGATE	H	Lge	0-2	149	McCorkell	Gallagher	Lomas	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Gurteen
Sat 10	Sutton Common Rovers	A	Lge	5-1	65	McCorkell	Paiva	LOMAS 1	Alexander-Greenaway	TINGEY 1	Jonas
Mon 26	Southall	A	Lge	2-1	60	McCorkell	Tabor	Kalu	Gallagher	Tingey	Jonas
JANUARY											
Mon 2	HANWORTH VILLA	H	Lge	1-4	194	McCorkell	Gallagher	Kalu	Alexander-Greenaway	Tingey	Jonas
Sat 7	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge								
Tue 10	ENFIELD TOWN	H	MSC QF								
Sat 14	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	Lge								
Sat 21	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge								
Tue 24	BINFIELD	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	Mersham	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								
Mon 10	Hanworth Villa	A	Lge								
Sat 15	South Park Reigate	A	Lge								
Sat 22	MARLOW	H	Lge								
TBA	WEALDSTONE	H	MCC								

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 ●	Ibie	(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	Ibie	(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	Papaj ● ■	Hutchins ●	(L)Stewart ●	Curteen	Haile
	HUTCHINS 1	Alexander-Greenaway ●	Helmore ■	IBIE 1 ●	(C)Stewart ■	Pepaj ●	(L)Stewart ●	Gallagher	Haile	Kalu
	Hutchins	Alexander-Greenaway	HELMORE 1 ●	Ibie	Pepaj	(C)Stewart ●	Budden ●	(L)Stewart ●	Gallagher	Kalu
	Hutchins	Alexander-Greenaway	Helmore	Ibie	Pepaj ●	(C)Stewart ●	Jude-Boyd ●	(L)Stewart	Gallagher	Kalu
	Hutchins ●	Jackson ●	HELMORE 1	IBIE 2 ■	(C)Stewart	Jude-Boyd ●	Cole ●	Gallagher ●	Pepaj	Kalu
	Pepaj	Jackson ●	HELMORE 1 ●	Ibie ●	(C)Stewart	Tabor ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Kalu ●	Hutchins	Cole
	Pepaj	Jackson ●	Helmore ●	IBIE 1 ●	(C)Stewart	Tabor ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Kalu ●	Hutchins	Cole
	Tabor	Pepaj ●	Helmore	IBIE 1 ●	(C)Stewart	Jackson ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Hutchins	Cole	Kalu
	TABOR 1	JACKSON 1 ●	Akintunde ●	IBIE 1 ●	(C)Stewart	Helmore ●	Hutchins ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Kalu	Pepaj
	Jude-Boyd ● ■	Jackson ●	AKINTUNDE 1 ●	Helmore ●	Pepaj ●	Hutchins ●	(C)Stewart ●	Tabor ●	Reade ●	Lomas ●
	(C)Stewart	Jackson ●	Helmore ●	IBIE 1	Tabor ■	Kalu ●	Akintunde ●	Hutchins ●	Jude-Boyd	Pepaj
	Hutchins ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Akintunde ● ■	Tabor ●	(C)Stewart	Costa ●	Helmore ●	Reade ●	Jenkins ●	Daggett
	Tabor	Jackson ●	HELMORE 1 ●	Ibie ●	(C)Stewart	Jude-boyd ●	Akintunde ●	Reade ●	Hutchins	Kalu
	Tabor ●	Jackson ●	Helmore ●	Ibie	(C)Stewart	Hutchins ●	Akintunde ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Daggett	Reade
	Tabor	Jackson ● ■	Akintunde ■	Ibie	(C)Stewart ●	Hutchins ●	Kalu ●	Gallagher ●	Pepaj	Daggett
	Hutchins ●	Tabor ●	AKINTUNDE 1 ●	IBIE 1	(C)Stewart	Helmore ●	Reade ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Jonas	Daggett
1	Hutchins ●	Tabor ● ■	Akintunde ● ■	Ibie	(C)Stewart	Helmore ●	Jackson ●	Jonas ●	Lomas	Reade
	Hutchins ●	Akintunde ●	Helmore ●	Ibie	(C)Stewart	Tabor ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Jonas ●	Lomas	Reade
	Hutchins ● ■	Tabor	Jackson ● ■	Ibie	Stewart	Helmore ●	Paiva ●	Akintunde ●	Kalu	Reade
	Tabor	JACKSON 1 ●	HELMORE 1	AKINTUNDE 1 ●	Stewart	Curteen ●	Hutchins ●	Costa ●	Gallagher	Kalu
	Hutchins ●	Alexander-Greenaway	Helmore ●	AKINTUNDE 2 ●	Stewart	Stacey ●	Lomas ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Curteen	Reade
	Hutchins ●	Tabor ● ■	Helmore ●	Akintunde ■	Stewart	Jackson ●	CHENDLIKI ● ■	Stacey ● ■	Paiva	Lomas



Back Row (L-R): Rahim Jude-Boyd, Teddy Stacey, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Sydney Ibie, Sam Jenkins, Andrew McCorkell, Josh Helmore, Romario Jonas, Luke Tingey, James Curteen.
Front Row: Ronan Hutchins, Lindell Stewart, Harry Gallagher, Keagan Cole, Carl Stewart, Andy Lomas, Brandon Kalu, Erygs Pepaj, Dave Taylor.



ROLL CALL

2022-23 SEASON | WOODS CAREER | WOODS DEBUT

Up to 6th January 2023		SEASON 2022/2023										WOODS CAREER RECORD						Woods Debut
		ISTHMIAN LEAGUE				CUP COMPETITIONS				TOTALS		LEAGUE		CUPS		OVERALL		
Players' Name		Start	As Sub.	Total	Gls	Start	As Sub.	Total	Gls	Games	Gls	Lge Games	Gls	Cup Games	Gls	Tot Games	Tot Goals	
Juwon	Akintunde	8	4	12	4	2	0	2	1	14	5	12	4	2	1	14	5	Merstham (H) October '22
Riccardo	Alexander-Greenaway	18	0	18	1	4	0	4	0	22	1	18	1	4	0	22	1	Ashford Town (Mx) (A) Mar '22
James	Budden	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	61	7	12	0	73	7	Godalming Town (H) Dec '15
Gareth	Chendlik	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	Hanworth Villa (H) Jan '23
Keagan	Cole	4	1	5	1	3	0	3	0	8	1	27	7	7	0	34	7	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Sandro	Costa Dias Fernandes	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	Walton & Hersham (A) Oct '22
Harry	Gallagher	8	3	11	1	2	0	2	0	13	1	11	1	2	0	13	1	Tooting & MU (H) Aug '22
James	Gurteen	16	1	17	1	4	0	4	0	21	1	45	1	8	1	53	2	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17
* Nebay	Haile	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	17	0	Rushden & Diamonds (A) Nov '17
Josh	Helmore	13	5	18	5	5	1	6	2	24	7	35	14	10	3	45	17	Bedfont Sports (H) Jan '22
Ronan	Hutchins	11	5	16	2	3	2	6	1	21	3	16	2	5	1	21	3	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
* Sydney	Ibide	17	0	17	10	4	0	4	2	21	12	40	17	5	2	45	19	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Micah	Jackson	10	3	13	2	1	0	1	0	14	2	25	6	2	2	27	9	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Sam	Jenkins	8	0	8	0	3	1	4	0	12	0	50	3	15	0	65	3	Kings Langley (H) Sept '18
Romario	Jonas	3	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	6	0	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Rahim	Jude-Boyd	0	10	10	0	2	2	4	0	14	0	10	0	4	0	14	0	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Brandon	Kalu	7	5	12	0	3	0	3	0	15	0	12	0	3	0	15	0	Tooting & MU (H) Aug '22
Andy	Lomas	14	1	15	1	5	1	5	0	21	1	120	2	33	1	153	3	Kettering Town (A) Aug '14
Andrew	McCorkell	20	0	20	0	6	0	6	0	26	0	22	0	6	0	28	0	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17
Junior	Paiva	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Thatcham Town (H) Oct '22
Ergys	Pepaj	6	2	8	1	3	2	5	0	13	1	8	1	5	0	13	1	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Joe	Reade	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	Ashford Town (Mx) (H) October '22
Teddy	Stacey	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	3	3	1	23	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Carl	Stewart	19	1	20	0	4	2	6	0	26	0	42	1	10	0	52	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
Jake	Tabor	12	3	15	1	1	1	2	0	17	1	15	1	2	0	17	1	Sutton Common Rovers (H) Sept '22
David	Taylor	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	6	0	2	0	8	0	Moneyfields (A) Dec '17
Luke	Tingey	20	0	20	2	5	0	5	0	25	2	32	2	8	0	40	2	Tooting & MU (H) Feb '22





THE VISITORS

ENFIELD TOWN

CLUB HISTORY

Formed on 23rd June 2001, Enfield Town FC started life in the Essex Senior League in 2001-02. The club finished runners-up in that first season before winning the league championship the following year. Their time spent in the ESL was successful, with two championships, two league cups, a Middlesex Charity Cup and wins in the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and Capital Counties Feeder Leagues Trophy finals to show for their efforts.

After securing promotion to the Southern League (East) in 2005 under manager Jim Chandler, the Towners had a successful first season at that level, before eventually losing to Wivenhoe Town in the promotion play-offs. The following year, following a move into the Ryman League for 2006-07, the club again finished 3rd – this time losing out in the play-offs to AFC Sudbury. In 2009-10, the club yet again only just missed out on promotion, being beaten this time by Concord Rangers in the play-off final.

The club originally played at Brimsdown Rovers' Goldsdown Road in a ground share arrangement. But in October 2008, the London Borough of Enfield announced a deal with the club which paved the way for it to relocate to the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium. Realising a long-held dream, the club worked closely with the Council to see the old athletics arena restored and upgraded to be able to host Isthmian League football. At last the club had a home of its own, a short distance from the former Enfield FC stadium in Southbury Road.

While retaining a running track as a training facility for local use, the club has been able to provide an atmospheric environment. The Stadium was formally opened in November 2011 with a match against a Tottenham Hotspur XI.

Following the move to the new ground, after finishing as Ryman League Division One (North) runners-up under

manager Steve Newing, Town overcame Grays Athletic and Needham Market in two very close play-off matches to secure promotion to Step 3. Subsequently, after aiming for a period of consolidation, safety was only guaranteed on the final day of the 2013-14 campaign with a 2-1 win at Cray Wanderers.

Bradley Quinton succeeded George Borg as first team manager in August 2014 and, such was the team's improvement that a play-off place was achieved, only for three crucial points to be deducted in controversial circumstances towards the end of the campaign which consequently led to a final league placing of 7th.

In 2015-16, the side embarked upon an impressive late run, but missed out on a play-off spot by two points. Then in 2016-17, the club's Premier Division play-off dream was realised, but a 2-4 reverse at Dulwich Hamlet in the semi-final put paid to further progress.

Following the departure of Quinton to Braintree Town, Andy Leese took over the managerial reins at the start of the 2017-18 season and, under his management, the club have progressed further in the FA Cup and FA Trophy than ever before and won the Velocity Trophy (Isthmian League Cup) for the first time in 2019.

In June 2017, the club were awarded the Charter Standard Community Club of the Year by the Middlesex Football Association, one of several awards received in recognition of all the hard work being done to support the local community.

In November 2017 a 3G training facility was opened adjacent to the club's stadium.

This London Borough of Enfield project was made possible with a grant via the Football Foundation and is used primarily by Enfield Town FC as well as a range of local schools and other clubs. Subsequently, Enfield Town FC Community Sport Development Ltd, a not-for-

profit organisation run independently of the football club, was formed to support local community activities, which currently include football schools, holiday clubs, disability football and walking football. This organisation was recently granted charity status.

In the summer of 2018, the QEII Stadium hosted eight matches (including the final) of the Confederation of Independent Football Associations (CONIFA) Football World Cup. Between January 2019 and January 2020 three players – Rian McLean, Josh Davison and Muhammadu

Faal – were signed by EFL clubs.

The first supporter-owned club in the country, growth continues at a sustainable pace. Over the years, successful Reserve, Youth and Ladies sides have been developed, alongside other teams of various age groups and abilities, including a learning difficulties squad.

The club continues to pursue its vision as an inclusive club for all and a football and social centre for the community, with a range of teams playing at the highest sustainable levels possible.

MEET THE PLAYERS OF TONIGHT'S VISITORS – ENFIELD TOWN

NATHAN McDONALD

GOALKEEPER

'Keeper Nathan signed from Braintree Town for his first spell at the club in the summer of 2014 and went on to be an ever-present in the league for three years. An England C international, he moved back to Braintree in time for the 2017-18 season, helping them to promotion via the play-offs. He switched to Chelmsford City in August 2018 before a move back to the QEII Stadium in May 2019. His other previous clubs include AFC Sudbury, Cambridge United and Southend United and he has now made over 250 Town appearances.

ADI CONNOLLY

GOALKEEPER

Goalie Adi Connolly made the step from Enfield Town's U19 academy to the first-team squad last summer, gaining minutes in a number of pre-season friendlies and stepping into the senior side during the campaign; keeping a clean sheet on his league debut against Potters Bar Town in January 2022. He has previously turned out for Berkhamsted Comrades and Leverstock Green FC.

JOSH HILL

DEFENDER

Josh is a central defender who has joined the Towners on a month's loan from Dulwich Hamlet. He has provided much-needed expertise and experience, having played more than 200 games at Step 1 and 2 for the likes of Dartford (two spells), Boreham Wood, St Albans City, Chelmsford City, Braintree Town and Welling United.

ALEX SOLOMON

DEFENDER

Alex initially signed for Enfield Town during the second half of the 21-22 season, and re-joined the club in September 2022. He was part of the academy setup at Crystal Palace and then Leyton Orient, and has also spent time with Leicester City. Capped by Cyprus at youth level, he recently spent time in Sweden with Ytterhogdals IK.

DEQUANE WILSON-BRAITHWAITE

DEFENDER

Central defender Dequane signed for Town ahead of this season, having most recently turned out for St Neots Town. He had previously been with Tottenham Hotspur's academy, and has also accrued non-league experience with Carshalton Athletic and Potters Bar Town.

JOSHUA OKOTCHA

DEFENDER

Centre-half Joshua Okotcha joined the Towners in November 2022, having previously had a stint in non-league football with Hendon. A product of West Ham United's academy, where he spent three seasons, the 20-year-old is capable at the heart of defence or in midfield.

JOE PAYNE

DEFENDER

Joe returned to Donkey Lane in September 2022, having previously had spells with Potters Bar Town, Concord Rangers, Grays Athletic and Wealdstone. He originally joined Enfield Town from Barnet on loan in March 2019, where he had been since 2010 having graduated through the youth set-up to sign a professional contract at The Hive. He made his first team debut for the Bees shortly afterwards against Peterborough United in the Checkatrade Trophy in November 2016. Primarily a left-back who can also play centrally, he scored on his Town debut in a 3-1 win at Whitehawk, before penning a permanent deal in the 2019-20 off-season.

JUEVAN SPENCER

DEFENDER

Right-back Juevan joined Town ahead of this season, having spent time last year with fellow Isthmian Premier sides Kingstonian and most recently Lewes. He started his footballing career in the ranks at AFC Wimbledon; going on to represent Salisbury City, Whyteleafe, Corinthian-Casuals where he notched up almost 300 appearances and Chipstead.

SCOTT THOMAS

MIDFIELD

Formerly with Hemel Hempstead Town, Chesham United, Boreham Wood and St Albans City, Town skipper Scott joined

the club in 2019. After making the short move from Boreham Wood, where he had won promotion to the National League, to St Albans in August 2015, he was subsequently on a dual registration arrangement with Royston Town for a spell and featured in the Crows side that overcame Town 2-0 in the FA Trophy in October 2017. He also featured as a defender during his St Albans days.

CHEZ ISAAC

MIDFIELD

Hatfield-born Chez joined Town from St Albans City over the festive period, and scored on his debut in a 4-1 Boxing Day win over Potters Bar. A box-to-box midfielder, he began his youth career at Watford and has represented a string of Step 1 and Step 2 clubs; among them Boreham Wood, Woking, and Chelmsford City.

SAM YOUNGS

MIDFIELD

A former Chesham United player, Sam originally made his Generals' debut at Didcot Town in March 2011, and then, after a spell away, returned to the Meadow in the summer of 2015. He has enjoyed three spells at Rugby Town, including scoring a dozen goals in season 2012-13, and has also spent time at Redditch United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Banbury United, Ware and Halesowen Town. He has made over 190 Town appearances, and was named ETFC Players' Player and Manager's Player of the Season last year.

LEWIS TAAFFE

MIDFIELD

Winger Lewis returned to Concord Rangers in July 2017 after spells at Hemel Hempstead Town and Billericay Town. He went on to make over 150 appearances for the Beachboys and was a firm fans' favourite with his energetic style. He has also had experience with Leyton Orient and Histon, joining Town at the start of the 2018-19 campaign.

JAMES DAYTON

MIDFIELD

Enfield-born James is an ex-professional who began his career at Crystal Palace and grew up around the corner from where the Towners now call home at the QEII Stadium. He most recently turned out for Dulwich Hamlet, and also counts Leyton Orient, Oldham and Kilmarnock among his former sides.

LYLE DELLA-VERDE

FORWARD

Lyle is in his second spell with the Towners after first signing from Hayes & Yeading United, making his debut - and scoring - in a 5-3 win against Haringey Borough in December 2019. He started out with Tottenham Hotspur as a youth before moving on to Southend United and Fulham, where

he signed his first professional contract aged 17. After a loan spell at Bristol Rovers, he subsequently signed for Fleetwood Town and then Crawley Town before moving into non-league football with Braintree Town, Concord Rangers, Dartford and most recently Welling United.

ANDRE COKER

FORWARD

24-year-old forward Andre joined Enfield Town at the start of the 21-22 league campaign, scoring seven times and assisting six in his debut season. Though primarily a winger or inside forward, he can play anywhere along the forward line and occasionally deeper as a wide midfielder or wing-back. He has previously turned out for Kingstonian, Maidstone United, Cray Wanderers and Bromley.

MARCUS WYLLIE

FORWARD

Nippy young striker Marcus signed forms at Donkey Lane over the summer, joining from Step 5 side Risborough Rangers. His former employers described him as having "the ability to score goals at will" he chalked up an impressive 36 of them last term on their way to an astonishing 52-game unbeaten run.

ADAM CUNNINGTON

FORWARD

In recent seasons, following spells at clubs including Barwell, Solihull Moors and Kettering Town, centre-forward Adam has enjoyed National League experience at Tamworth, Cambridge United, Ebbsfleet and Bromley. He has also made EFL appearances for Dagenham & Redbridge as well as for Cambridge. He enjoyed the best part of three seasons at Billericay Town, and prior to his Town arrival wore the colours of Hornchurch and Cheshunt. He made his debut against Maldon & Tiptree in the FA Trophy in December 2020 and has been back amongst the goals this season.

JAKE CASS

FORWARD

Jake joined Town in January 2022 following his surprise release from Bishop's Stortford, for whom he had been top scorer in the 21-22 campaign with 15 goals. The 28-year-old is a powerful striker who brings with him a wealth of experience in non-league, having also represented Chelmsford City, Braintree Town, Maldon & Tiptree and Chesham United among others.



THE MIDDLESEX SENIOR

Tonight's quarter-final against Enfield Town is the third time that the Cup Final victory at Uxbridge which the Woods won 2-0. We met again

The full results and fixtures for the competition this season so far are listed here:

First Round:

1. Bedford Sports 3 St Panteleimon 3 (Bedford Sports won 3-1 on penalties)
2. Harefield United 1 Hanworth Villa 6
3. Hilltop 3 Edgware & Kingsbury 4
4. North Greenford 7 Broadfields United 2
5. Northwood 1 Ashford Town (Middx) 0
6. Southall 0 Wembley 0 (Southall won 5-4 on penalties)
7. Uxbridge 4 Spelthorne Sports 1

Second Round:

1. Barnet 0 Southall 1
2. Brentford B 5 Bedfont Sports 2
3. Edgware & Kingsbury 1 Wealdstone 1 (Wealdstone won 2-1 on penalties)
4. Hampton & Richmond Borough 1 Hayes & Yeading United 3
5. Hanwell Town 3 Harrow Borough 5
6. Hanworth Villa v. Northwood (Walkover for Northwood FC)
7. Hendon 1 North Greenford United 2
8. Uxbridge 2 Enfield Town 2 (Enfield Town won 7-6 on penalties)

Quarter-Finals: (all games scheduled for week-commencing 9/1/23)

1. Harrow Borough v. North Greenford United
2. Hayes & Yeading United v. Southall
3. Northwood v Enfield Town
4. Wealdstone v. Brentford B

The Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup competition is the most prestigious cup competition played in Middlesex with the history of the tournament dating back to 1888/89 (this is the 128th year) and the first winners being Clapton which was at that time part of an extended County of Middlesex which stretched through to what is now East London.

The most successful club in the competition over its long history is Hendon who have won the Senior Cup fifteen times in various guises; firstly, as West Hampstead FC, then as Golders Green and, after 1956 onwards, as Hendon FC. They most recently won the Cup in 2018, in a penalty shoot-out against Staines Town following a 0-0 draw and they are one of seven different sides who have won the Senior Cup in the last seven completed seasons. Barnet won the competition last season on penalties against Brentford B for the first time since 1933 (though they hadn't entered that much in recent years). Hanwell Town won the competition in 2021 for the first-ever time and prior to that Brentford B won in 2019, Hampton & Richmond Borough in 2017, Northwood in 2016 and Harrow Borough in 2015.



R CUP

two sides have met in the Senior Cup over the years with the first being our 2016 win in 2019/20, on our opponents ground and pulled off a surprise 1-0 victory.

Since the turn of the Century, the winners of the Middlesex Senior Cup have been as follows:

- 5 Hampton & Richmond Borough
- 4 Hendon
- 3 Staines Town
- 2 Northwood
- 1 AFC Hayes, Barnet, Brentford B, Hanwell Town, Harrow Borough, Uxbridge, Yeading

Northwood in the Senior Cup

The victory over Enfield Town in 2016 was the Woods second success in the Middlesex Senior Cup, having previously defeated Hayes in the 2007 tournament (on penalties following a 1-1 draw after-extra-time). Prior to that, Northwood had been beaten in two earlier finals. The first of those came in 1999/2000 when then Conference side Hayes edged the game 2-0 and then two years later in 2002, it was Hendon that defeated the Woods 4-2 after-extra-time.

The competition is open to all Middlesex clubs down to Step 5 of the non-League Pyramid structure and the Woods first competed in the competition when they were finally granted Senior Status as a club. Our first opponents were Wembley who won that first round tie 4-0 here at Northwood Park. It wasn't until 1987/88 that Northwood won their first game in the competition – a narrow 1-0 victory over Viking Sports. The first extended run in the Senior Cup was in 1991/92 – the season that the Woods were promoted as Champions of the London Spartan League – with wins over Southall, Bedfont and

Uxbridge before a narrow 2-1 defeat against Wembley in the semi-final. Northwood were also defeated in another two semi-finals – in 1997 against Yeading and in 1999, with Wembley again the victors – before that first Final in 2000 which had seen a 1-0 semi-final victory at Hendon. For the second Final defeat in 2002, Uxbridge were thrashed 6-2 in the semi-final, the Woods equal highest-scoring win in the competition.

Since then, the Woods lost a 2006 semi-final at Hampton & Richmond Borough 1-0, beat Wingate & Finchley 2-1 the following year on the way to winning the competition for the first time, lost to Hendon 3-0 in the semi-final the very next season and then 2-0 to Uxbridge in the last four in 2010. In 2013, we played out a 0-0 draw with Ashford Town (Middx) but then lost 5-4 on penalties to miss out on that final. When we won the Senior Cup in 2016, we had defeated Staines Town 2-0 in the semi-final.

The First Round win over Ashford Town (Middlesex) in this season's competition was our 50th victory in the competition.

The Full Record (1983 – 2023 to date):

Played **88**, Won **50**, Drawn **3**, Lost **35**, Goals Scored **146**, Goals Against **133**



NORTHWOOD FC

Director of Football: Steve Ringrose
Head Coach: Ben Bukowski
Coach: Richard Elderfield
Physio: Dan Daggett
Colours: All Red

- Andrew **MCCORKELL**
- Rahim **JUDE-BOYD**
- Andy **LOMAS**
- Luke **TINGEY**
- Romario **JONAS**
- James **GURTEEN**
- Harry **GALLAGHER**
- Carl **STEWART**
- Riccardo **ALEXANDER-GREENAWAY**
- Ergys **PEPAJ**
- Keagan **COLE**
- Jake **TABOR**
- Ronan **HUTCHINS**
- Josh **HELMORE**
- Brandon **KALU**
- Micah **JACKSON**
- Juwon **AKINTUNDE**
- Sandro **COSTA DIAS FERNANDES**
- Junior **PAIVA**
- Joe **READE**
- GARETH **CHENDLIK**
- TEDDY **STACEY**
- SAM **JENKINS**



ENFIELD TOWN

Manager: Andy Leese
Assistant Manager: Mario Noto
Colours: Yellow & Blue

- NATHAN **MCDONALD**
- ADI **CONNOLLY**
- JUEVAN **SPENCER**
- JOE **PAYNE**
- SCOTT **THOMAS**
- JOSH **HILL**
- LEWIS **KNIGHT**
- JAMES **RICHMOND**
- DEQUANE **WILSON-BRAITHWAITE**
- JAMES **DAYTON**
- LYLE **DELLA-VERDE**
- CHEZ **ISAAC**
- SAM **YOUNGS**
- MARCUS **WYLIE**
- LEWIS **TAAFE**
- JAKE **CASS**
- ADAM **CUNNINGTON**
- ANDRE **COKER**
- JOSHUA **OKOTCHA**
- ALEX **SOLOMON**
- ANTHONY **WORDSWORTH**
- MARCUS **WYLLIE**

Referee:
GARETH BURTON

Assistant:
NATHAN BRIGGS

Assistant:
NOEL GLAVIN

NEXT UP AT HOME

BEDFONT SPORTS

Saturday 14th January 2023
Kick-Off **3.00pm**
The Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division

ON THE ROAD

LEATHERHEAD

Saturday 28th January 2023
Kick-Off **3.00pm**
The Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division



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