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1993, 2000

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Hellenic League Division One Cup winners: 1979

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1975, 1977, 1978

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IAN'S INSIGHT

With Woods Chairman, Ian Barry



Good afternoon and welcome to The Skyline Roofing Stadium for today's Pitching In Isthmian League fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Hanworth Villa FC for the second time this season and trust they enjoy their time here, though perhaps with a different result!

Our attempt to play before the week before Christmas against Binfield proved fruitless as the freezing conditions and a layer of snow gave it no chance and it was only the "big clash" on the 3G between Basingstoke Town and Walton & Hersham that managed to be played to a conclusion with Walton narrowly winning 1-0 and moving to within a point of us at the top of the table.

For ourselves, following two defeats, at Marlow and here against South Park Reigate, a win at Sutton Common Rovers on December 10th was desperately needed and we found our mojo again in what I've been told was a performance that was as good as any this season! So, it was a shame that we were unable to follow that up by playing Binfield.

These notes had to be written before our Boxing Day visit to play Southall a week ago but I hope that we managed to finish the year on a good note and can maintain our form as we start an important New Year.

In a world that has changed for the worse in recent times, with so many industries feeling the need to strike to achieve better working conditions, with energy bills going through the roof and interest rates at their highest for many years, I'm so proud that our club gives the chance for everyone to come together and talk.

Clubs like ours are an integral part of the community and a role that we all take seriously.

We certainly don't want to think any one of our supporters is struggling in any way and are always here to help if we can, in any way. If you do need to talk, please do let us know.

In closing, on behalf of my fellow committee members, I wish you all a Very Happy New Year!

Thanks for your help and support and as always, Up The Woods!

Ian

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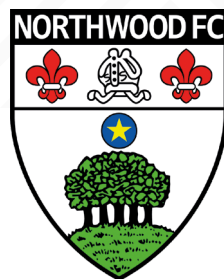
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Direct from the Management

HEAD COACH BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon Woods fans,

A couple of weeks ago, we made the cold trip down to Sutton Common Rovers. I was delighted with the way the players conducted themselves in difficult conditions and put on a professional performance. This was much needed after our recent results and showed the character and quality we have.

In my post-match interview the previous week I mentioned the fact that we will be doing everything we can to put a fix to the little blip in results and performances. I think the lull in performances in the two games prior gave us a wake-up call and a nudge to ensure that standards are not dropped.

We worked hard on the training ground on the Thursday, with emphasis on shape and attacking play as this is something I feel we have missed recently. Saturday showed that with the players focus and us all coming together to discuss the changes we wanted to make, our attacking play can be electric. To have three of the forwards scoring was brilliant to see and I hope it can

continue.

I wanted to thank those that travelled that weekend in the minus degrees weather! Your support is always appreciated.

On the injury front, Teddy Stacey and Sam Jenkins are making good progress and we expected to see them back on the training pitch just before Christmas. Keagan Cole is also ramping up his push to full fitness again with his injury now settled.

These notes had to be prepared before our trip to play another top side in Southall on Boxing Day and we can only hope that we managed to put in a good performance at the ground of Ashford Town (Middlesex) this time!

As we enter 2023, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Successful New Year in 2023 from all the Woods players and management!

Up the Woods!

Ben

WOODS OUTLOOK

Welcome to the Villains

For the second time this season, today we extend a warm welcome to everyone connected with Hanworth Villa FC to the Skyline Roofing Stadium, this time for a Pitching In Isthmian League encounter. It is three and a half months since the two sides competed in the Isuzu FA Trophy and on that occasion, our visitors romped to an impressive 3-0 victory. All the goals came in the second-half, two in the final five minutes, with defender Tom Bender netting twice and also Jordan Ellis getting in on the act with a deflected effort.

We were due to meet again in cup competition in the Middlesex Senior Cup but Hanworth chose to withdraw from the competition and we were given a bye to the quarter-final in which we play next week.

In their first season at Step 4, the Villains have made an excellent impression and currently sit in mid-table but only a few points away from challenging for the play-off places. They have been boosted by a very good away record in the league where they have lost just one of eight matches completed so far – a 2-0 reverse at Southall back in late October. It's been on their own ground that they have struggled a little for success and have only notched two wins in the league – against Thatcham Town and Sutton Common Rovers. However, they have recorded excellent cup victories over the likes of Chertsey Town and Littlehampton Town at Rectory Meadows so I'm sure they will turn that form around soon although on Boxing Day they crashed 0-4 at home to Chertsey Town.

They were one of only four clubs to be able to start a league game on Saturday 17th December when they travelled over to play struggling Guernsey but having started well with an early penalty to take the lead, they suffered a bad injury to midfielder Tom Scott who suffered a broken leg in a challenge that saw Guernsey reduced to ten men for a red card. It also resulted in the game being abandoned and we send our best wishes to Tom for a swift recovery.

Our own trip to Rectory Meadows is scheduled for Easter Monday so we look forward to that.

League “double” over Rovers

The Woods slumped to our first home league defeat of the season last time here at the Skyline (the first Saturday in December) as we lost 0-2 against play-off rivals South Park. It was a very disappointing afternoon and followed the 3-0 reverse at Marlow the previous weekend.

Thankfully, our league game the following Saturday was

away on the 3G at Sutton Common Rovers so was one of just a few that went ahead in the freezing conditions. And our side took full advantage by notching our biggest win of the season. The first goal took some time in coming, skipper Luke Tingey lashing home in stoppage-time of the first-half, but after the break they flowed nicely with Andy Lomas, Juwon Akintunde, Micah Jackson and Josh Helmore all hitting the target to make it 5-0 before the home side bagged a very late consolation to spoil the clean sheet.

The victory kept us at the top of the table but with a whole host of clubs still hot on our heels but when the following week's home game v Binfield was postponed, there was a chance that we would no longer be top at Christmas time. However, Basingstoke Town lost the chance to overhaul us when they lost 0-1 at home to Walton & Hersham who moved up to second place themselves. Basingstoke were scheduled to play on the 23rd December against Binfield but even a win means that they couldn't go above the Woods so it means that we were top of the table at Christmas for the first time since 2002 – exactly twenty years ago – when we led Division One North of the Isthmian League ahead of the likes of Wealdstone and Hornchurch.

Stop Press... Southall beaten

On a sunny Boxing Day, the Woods maintained their position at the top of the table into the New Year, coming from behind to win 2-1 in a tough battle at Southall, completing another “double” over our Middlesex rivals. Southall went into the game having only lost three games in their first season back at Step 4 and for the first thirty minutes that didn't look like changing. They squandered an early chance and then Andrew McCorkell made a fine save from a penalty before they eventually took the lead. But our lads turned it around with two goals from Juwon Akintunde in the final stages of the first-half and then a strong second-half performance kept us in control. It was the tenth time the two clubs had met in Isthmian League competition and the Woods have now won nine of those encounters with Southall's only partial success being a 1-1 home draw in a game played back in 1994.

Other Cup News

We were due to play in both of the Middlesex County Cups in December but actually never saw any action!

In the Middlesex Senior Cup at Hanworth Villa, the original tie was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch and then, just a couple of days before we were scheduled to play again, our

hosts advised us that they were going to withdraw from the competition; something that was accepted by the County and this put us through to the quarter-finals. We have now been drawn at home to Isthmian Premier side Enfield Town in the last eight and that game is scheduled to be played next Tuesday 10th January 2023 here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

On Monday 12th December we had arranged to play our National League neighbours Wealdstone at home in the Middlesex Charity Cup but sadly the snow and ice put paid to that idea and, at the time of writing, we still don't have any new date for that fixture.

Player News

As most of you have found out by now, our top scorer Sydney Ibie has agreed a deal to join National League side Dagenham & Redbridge on a full-time contract. Our popular forward joined the Woods last October along with the new management team, having been playing for Potters Bar Town and made 45 appearances for the club, scoring 19 goals. Twelve of those have come in 21 games this season and that sort of record usually gets strikers noticed. He had turned down the approaches of several clubs before the Daggers came knocking and then impressed them during a week's training with the club. We wish him every success and hope he smashes it with the Essex club. He made his Dagenham debut on Boxing Day, coming on as a substitute against Ebbsfleet United after 84 minutes as the Daggers won 1-0.

At Sutton Common Rovers, our central midfield player Carl Stewart reach the 50 appearances mark for the club at Sutton Common Rovers so congratulations to him and here's to many more.

Teddy Stacey returned to the squad at Southall after a long lay-off with injury, making a late appearance as a substitute and it's great to see him back. Sam Jenkins is also back in training and appears recovered from his foot injury so should be available for selection too.

Season Tickets – Get yours now!

Just a few more weeks left on our Season Ticket deal. Today is our tenth home game of the season so if you get yours today you can see all of those ten matches for just £49.00 There is an on-line link to pay from the website or, by all means pay cash to me this afternoon! The Season Ticket also gets 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

Many of the current squad are available for both kit and tracksuit sponsorships (See elsewhere in the programme) so if you haven't yet sponsored one of our players then now

would be the time do so before your favourite is snapped up. A nice New Year present perhaps! You can pay cash or online via the website.

Under-18s

The Under-18s secured a place in the semi-finals of the Isthmian Youth League Cup with an entertaining, brilliant 4-2 victory at Maidstone United with goals from Jeremy Kwaku-Scholz, Max Lousley and Oliver John 2. It's the first time the club have reached the semi-final of the competition – having been beaten quarter-finalists twice previously – and we now await the draw for the last four. Exciting times for the youngsters and they now have a scheduled fixture at home to Bedfont Sports on Wednesday 11th January 2023. The withdrawal of Fleet Town from the league though (following three other sides earlier in the year) means we now play only fifteen league matches (the other five teams three times!).

Our tenants - Spartans Youth FC

Just one defeat in their last six games for our tenants as they climb away from bottom of the Combined Counties League Division One. These notes had to be prepared before their home game against Westside on the 27th December. They are due away at London Samurai Rovers today but are back here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium on Saturday as they entertain Hillingdon Borough at 3pm. If you can't make the first-team trip to Tooting & Mitcham, then I'm sure they would appreciate any support.

Coming Up.....

On Saturday the first-team travel to Tooting & Mitcham United for another League game and then we start a run of home matches, starting with the visit of Enfield Town in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

Next Fixtures at the Skyline Roofing Stadium

Saturday 7th January – **Spartans v. Hillingdon Borough** – CC League – 3pm

Tuesday 10th January – **Woods v. Enfield Town** – Middlesex Senior Cup QF – 7.45pm

Wednesday 11th January – **Woods U-18s v. Bedfont Sports** – Isthmian Youth League – 7.45pm

Saturday 14th January – **Woods v. Bedfont Sports** – Isthmian League – 3pm

Enjoy the game this afternoon, thanks for your support once again, and I wish you a very happy, healthy and successful New Year in 2023!

Alan



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LEADER OF THE PACK

With Player-Coach, Keagan Cole

Last time out here at the Skyline versus South Park Reigate we were not at the races at all struggling to create opportunities in the final third as well as finding it difficult to gain a real foothold in the game by controlling the tempo. Credit to South Park who made the game real difficult for us and on the day deserved to come away with all three points.

We, as a team, knew that following the result we could not reach the points total that we set out for in each block but three points away at Sutton Common Rovers was an extremely important game to test our character and togetherness following back-to-back defeats without scoring.

On the previous Tuesday, the squad enjoyed a Christmas meal at Indian restaurant Maharaja. A team-bonding session which probably came at the perfect time. I'd like, on the behalf of Northwood, to thank Rob Holland for paying for the drinks total on the night.

The Thursday came around quickly and training was probably as beneficial as any session has been this season. The focus from everyone was evident with a real mix of professionalism and bubbiness to prepare to get the job done on the Saturday against Sutton Common Rovers. Space was limited due to the weather with half the pitch beginning to freeze up due to the frost so we spent some

time inside reviewing our recent block of 6 and where we think we can do more as individuals and as a collective.

That Saturday's performance showed a balance of everything we had been missing in recent weeks. Controlling the game, on the front foot with a real purpose to create goalscoring opportunities throughout the game. It was brilliant to see five different goal scorers but on the flip side frustrating to let a clean sheet slip so late on in the game. A good ending to our block of six with a real platform to build on going forward.

These notes needed to go to press before Boxing Day's away game against Southall who are themselves looking to challenge for the top places. It will have been a tough game but we hope we managed to get a favourable result.

Finally, we would like to thank and congratulate Sydney Ibie on his move to Dagenham & Redbridge. Sydney has been an essential part of the squad and has for sure deserved his opportunity in full-time football. Go smash it!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Skyline Stadium this afternoon as we look to get back to winning ways at home.

Wishing everyone a great New Year in 2023!

Up the Woods,

Keags x



ON THIS DAY 2ND JANUARY

By Ken Green

In the club's history, dating back to 1926, there have been just 11 games on this date; as you can see, it is 30 years since the Woods last won on 2nd January! The results and details of all 11 matches are shown below, and I take a look at three of them in more depth.

Date	V	Competition	Opponents	Res	Goalscorers	Att
Sat 2 Jan 1932	A	Harrow & District League Premier	Holy Trinity, Northwood	L 1-4	Bunce	
Sat 2 Jan 1937	A	Northwood Hospital Cup SF	Ruislip	L 2-3	R Bell 2	
Sat 2 Jan 1954	A	Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	Harrow St Mary's	L 0-2		
Sat 2 Jan 1965	A	Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	South Ruislip	L 2-7	?	
Mon 2 Jan 1989	H	London-Spartan League Premier Division	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED	W 2-0	Devlin 2	
Sat 2 Jan 1993	H	Diadora League Division 3	BRACKNELL TOWN	W 4-3	Vincent 2, Rogan, Nolan	126
Mon 2 Jan 1995	H	Diadora League Division 3	HORNCHURCH	L 1-2	Dobson	127
Sat 2 Jan 1999	H	Ryman League Division 2	WINDSOR & ETON	L 0-7		197
Mon 2 Jan 2006	H	Southern League Premier Division	CESHAM UNITED	D 1-1	Clark	253
Mon 2 Jan 2012	H	Evo-Stik Southern Lge Div 1 Central	NORTH GREENFORD	D 1-1	Morlese	142
Mon 2 Jan 2017	H	Evo-Stik Southern Lge Div 1 Central	HANWELL TOWN	D 1-1	Budden	127

1937 Ruislip 3 Woods 2

At New Pond Farm, Ruislip accomplished what must rank as their greatest triumph in their history when they defeated Northwood United in the semi-final of the Northwood Hospital Cup. Ruislip's victory was all the more meritorious in view of the splendid record of their visitors, who had been champions of the Premier Division of the Harrow League for the past four seasons and also winners of the Senior Cup on two occasions.

It was, however, the United were opened the score, Bob Bell (pictured) netting after good work



by Gutteridge. Ruislip then attacked relentlessly and Bunce headed hard into the net, leaving Friend helpless. Within five minutes, Ruislip took the

lead when Bunce got a pass and, cutting in, netted with a smashing left-foot drive.

On the resumption, Northwood tried hard for an equaliser, and won a penalty, but Hughes shot about a foot over the bar from the spot. Northwood did get on terms when Bob Bell gathered a long clearance and scrambled the ball past Tucker. The game now developed into a ding-dong battle, each side going all-out for the winner, and it went to Ruislip when Ewer netted.

Northwood United: A Friend, E Hill, S Hughes, J Elworthy, Darville, Joe Gill, Leslie Bell, Allen, Bob Bell, Tom Bell, H Gutteridge.

1999 Woods 0 Windsor & Eton 7

Northwood were comprehensively beaten by a clinical Windsor & Eton side. The visitors featured the former Blackburn Rovers marksman Simon Garner, and he showed that he had lost none of his predatory skills, helping himself to four goals.

Garner notched two goals within 16 minutes, Northwood's Kevin Cooper failing to beat the keeper in a one-on-one situation two minutes earlier. Lee Passmore had the ball in the Windsor net after 26 minutes, the referee deciding that Dave Kellman had impeded keeper Trevor Bunting.

Windsor effectively wrapped the game up on 29 minutes as Gary Williams turned a cross into his own



net after the referee had ignored the linesman's flag for offside. Michael Murphy made it 4-0 before the break. Top scorer Keith Boreham and

Scott Fitzgerald both came off the bench as Woods sought to regain some respectability but Garner added two more, along with a Byron Walton effort as Windsor exploited the gaps left at the back.

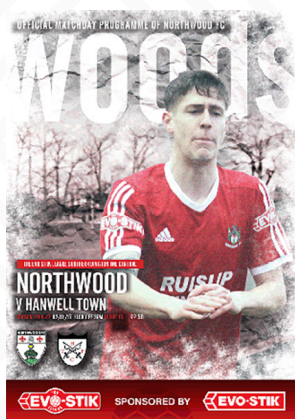
Northwood once again displayed their "Jekyll and Hyde" nature following the fine win at Edgware five days earlier, the lack of defensive cover given to keeper Lee Carroll, admittedly in the absence of Rene Street, and the poor quality of the final ball, giving cause for concern.

Northwood: Lee Carroll, Steve Tobin, Dave Sargent, Gary Williams, Emem Udaw, Andy Sherry (Scott Fitzgerald), Mark Barnard (Lawrence Holmes), Chris Gell, Kevin Cooper (Keith Boreham), Dave Kellman, Lee Passmore.

2017 Woods 1 Hanwell Town 1

The Woods salvaged a Bank Holiday point against in-form Hanwell Town with a valuable late header from James Budden, his first goal of the season, but the Woods were on the back-foot for much of the first half as Hanwell looked dangerous from the flanks. After just eight minutes Kyle Watson did well down the left and centred where Dean Allen flicked home but a flag from the assistant referee ruled out an opening goal. A minute later Callum Wright enjoyed a fine run forward for the Woods and a good strike was pushed wide by a diving Melvin Minter in goal.

Myles Stephenson lost possession on 29 minutes which allowed Joe Chandiram a sight of the target but he fired over the top and then Adcock drove an effort wide from distance before Chandiram also failed to hit the target as the half



drew to a close.

Early in the second half, Wright made progress again in the left but was well-tackled by Watson as he shaped to shoot and on 48 minutes Hanwell went ahead. Alex Atkinson centred and the ball rebounded kindly to Allen who tucked the ball home.

But after Hanwell had a man dismissed, the Woods began to gain an advantage. James Burgess chipped into the box and picked out Stephenson, who blazed wide. Then a good ball from Luke Heneghan put Ryan Debattista in on goal. One-on-one with the keeper, he failed to get in a shot as Minter blocked at his feet and the chance was gone.

Finally, two minutes into stoppage-time, Channing Campbell-Young knocked in an excellent cross which was met by a perfect header from Budden and the ball flashed across goal and into the bottom corner to give Minter no chance.

Northwood: Montel Joseph, Alex Nolan, Callum Wright, Gradi Milenge, James Budden, Luke Heneghan, Channing Campbell-Young, James Burgess, Ryan Debattista, Myles Stephenson, Fabian Brown (Filipe Anjos).

WORDS: ROBIN PIPER

MATCH REPORT



SOUTHALL 1 NORTHWOOD 2

Monday 26th December 2022
Kick-Off 3.00pm



PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHWOOD: McCorkell, Tabor, Kalu, Gallagher, Tingey, Jonas, Hutchins (Stacey 86), Alexander-Greenaway, Helmore (Lomas 90), Akintunde (Jude-Boyd 92), Stewart
UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Gurteen, Reade
YELLOW CARD: Gallagher
ATTENDANCE: 60

Northwood claimed the local bragging rights over a tough Southall outfit to end 2022 on a winning note in the Boxing Day derby clash at the Robert Parker Stadium.

Woods set up with the same system which bore fruit in the previous outing at Sutton Common Rovers but with a change of personnel due to unavailability and fitness issues. Harry Gallagher came in to replace Junior Pavia in defence while Brandon Kalu slotted in at left wing-back with Andy Lomas reverting to the bench. There was also a return to the starting line-up for attacking midfielder Ronan Hutchins in the absence of Micah Jackson.

Northwood began on the front foot with Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway seeing his shot charged down in the box before a Jake Tabor back-header was gathered by keeper Michael Edegebe.

However, following their positive start some defensive hesitation created a couple of opportunities for the hosts, Luke Heneghan being presented with a chance, but the former Northwood man was unable to round keeper Andrew McCorkell with the latter dealing with the follow-up shot from Jaden Lee Thompson-Brissett. And failure to clear their lines once again almost cost Woods dear as Jake Fraling was adjudged to have been brought down by McCorkell but the Northwood stopper made sure justice was served as he kept out Ryan Hope's penalty kick.

The Woods looked to get back into their stride and a swift counter-attack saw Ronan Hutchins' progress halted by a crude challenge from Chinua Cole who was cautioned for the indiscretion, Hutchins unable to inflict



further punishment as his free-kick attempt flew narrowly wide.

GOAL ALERT 20 MINS 1-0 THOMPSON-BRISSETT

But it was Southall who opened the scoring with 20 minutes on the clock, McCorkell producing a full-length save to keep out impressive youngster Fraling's long-range effort but the ball ran loose and Thompson-Brissett reacted quickest to slot the ball home.

Northwood brushed themselves down and they went close as a sweeping move involving Tabor, Helmore and the overlapping Kalu ended with Helmore's first time shot narrowly clearing the Southall crossbar.

However, the hosts continued to ask questions of the Woods defence, Michael Bryan and Hope going close before a jinking run in the box from the tricky Fraling saw his shot deflected behind for a corner.

GOAL ALERT 39 MINS 1-1 JUWON AKINTUNDE

And having prevented further damage being in-

flicted during a spell of Southall pressure, Northwood managed to draw level with a route-one effort on 39 minutes - McCorkell dealing with a Heneghan free-kick before launching a kick downfield which was latched onto by Juwon Akintunde who poked the ball beyond the advancing Edegbe.

GOAL ALERT 45+1 MINS 1-2 JUWON AKINTUNDE

And things got better for Northwood as they managed to go into the break with an unlikely lead following an incisive move involving Carl Stewart and Helmore, the latter sliding the ball across to Akintunde who sent an unerring shot into the roof of the net a minute into added time at the end of a topsy-turvy opening half.

HALF TIME SOUTHALL 1-2 NORTHWOOD

Southall came out for the second period in determined fashion but for all their efforts they were struggling to make much of an impression on a resilient Northwood who had tightened up defensively with their fluid formation and were maintaining a good shape.

Northwood had the chance to put the contest to bed as Helmore played in Akintunde who was denied by Edegbe

with the rebound coming back to the Woods striker who was denied a hat-trick as former Northwood skipper Carl Pearce blocked the follow-up.

At the other end, the Woods continued to keep Southall at bay as their hosts struggled to create any meaningful chances. And Northwood made their first substitution with four minutes remaining, Teddy Stacey making a welcome return for his first appearance of the season following his long-term knee injury. And the ebullient Stacey was immediately involved as his flick-on released Akintunde who was denied once again by Edegbe.

Woods utilised their full quota of substitutions in added time as Lomas and Rahim Jude-Boyd replaced Helmore and Akintunde. But there was drama at the end of the six extra minutes as Woods defended a corner with Stacey clearing off the line and McCorkell bravely blocking as Northwood looked to scramble the ball clear, emotions getting the better of one of two in the melee which followed but which was swiftly broken up as the referee called time on proceedings – Woods opening up a four-point gap at the top following Walton and Hershams home defeat to Leatherhead.



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TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

On this Holiday Monday we have a packed league programme of games across all four divisions of the Isthmian League so let's hope that the weather is kind and we can report some bumper attendances up and down the divisions.

PREMIER DIVISION

Aveley vs Canvey Island
 Bowers & Pitsea vs Billericay Town
 Brightlingsea Regent vs Bishop's Stortford
 Cray Wanderers vs Herne Bay
 Folkestone Invicta vs Margate
 Haringey Borough vs Enfield Town
 Hornchurch vs Carshalton Athletic
 Horsham vs Hastings United
 Kingstonian vs Corinthian Casuals
 Lewes vs Bognor Regis Town
 Potters Bar Town vs Wingate & Finchley

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Ashford Town (Middx) vs Southall
 Basingstoke Town vs Thatcham Town

Chertsey Town vs Westfield
 Chipstead vs Tooting & Mitcham United
 Guernsey vs South Park
 Leatherhead vs Sutton Common Rovers
 Marlow vs Binfield
 Merstham vs Walton & Hersham
 Northwood vs Hanworth Villa
 Uxbridge vs Bedfont Sports

NORTH DIVISION

Basildon United vs New Salamis
 Brentwood Town vs Tilbury
 Bury Town vs Lowestoft Town
 Coggeshall Town vs AFC Sudbury
 East Thurrock United vs Grays Athletic
 Gorleston vs Wroxham
 Great Wakering Rovers vs Heybridge Swifts

Maldon & Tiptree vs Hullbridge Sports
 Stowmarket Town vs Felixstowe & Walton United
 Witham Town vs Hashtag United

SOUTH-EAST DIVISION

Burgess Hill Town vs Three Bridges
 Corinthian vs Sittingbourne
 East Grinstead Town vs Chichester City
 Faversham Town vs Hythe Town
 Lancing vs Littlehampton Town
 Ramsgate vs Chatham Town
 Sevenoaks Town vs Beckenham Town
 Sheppey United vs Ashford United
 VCD Athletic vs Cray Valley PM
 Whitehawk vs Haywards Heath Town



PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

Up to & Including Monday 26th December 2022

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
NORTHWOOD	19	13	1	5	34	21	40
Walton & Hersham	19	12	0	7	42	26	36
Marlow	17	10	3	4	30	16	33
Basingstoke Town	17	10	2	5	39	18	32
South Park	18	10	2	6	22	20	32
Chertsey Town	17	8	5	4	36	18	29
Westfield	17	8	5	4	28	16	29
Binfield	15	8	3	4	30	18	27
Southall	17	7	6	4	25	18	27
Hanworth Villa	17	6	6	5	24	29	24
Chipstead	17	6	5	6	27	27	23
Uxbridge	16	6	3	7	19	18	21
Ashford Town (Middx)	16	6	2	8	18	35	20
Thatcham Town	17	5	4	8	24	26	19
Leatherhead	17	5	4	8	17	25	19
Bedfont Sports	18	3	7	8	19	28	16
Sutton Common Rovers	18	5	1	12	20	37	16
Tooting & Mitcham United	17	3	5	9	17	30	14
Guernsey	17	2	5	10	9	36	11
Merstham	18	1	7	10	17	35	10

THE UNTOLD GAME

THE OTHER 44 DAYS

Brian Clough's ill-fated tenure at Leeds is well trodden ground. Taking over the side he had spent the previous seasons criticising, replacing his long-term nemesis Don Revie who had been awarded the ultimate honour in English football – the national team job – he struggled to win round the dressing room, won only one of his seven games, and was summarily dismissed, just 44 days after arriving in Yorkshire.

Four years later, another footballing genius would turn up at Elland Road. His own time would, in a twist of fate, last only 44 days. But unlike Clough's rancorous period in charge, there was nothing but disappointment when Jock Stein left the job.

By 1978, Jock Stein's legacy at Celtic was secured. The first Protestant manager at the club, he had ended an unprecedented eight-year dry spell at Parkhead in his first season. In his second, he retained his title and became the first British manager to win the European Cup. A further seven titles in a row followed, a dominance that was only ended in a season in which he suffered a near-fatal car crash.

Despite returning to the team, and leading them to the 1977 title, he was eventually persuaded to resign as Celtic manager. Offered a token role as a figurehead, rather than the position of influence he felt he had earned, he left the club completely. In 1978 he was probably the most successful British manager ever, and he was looking for a job.

Leeds had recovered after the trauma of Clough's time in charge, and under Jimmy Armfield had even reached the European Cup final in 1975, but were never able to recapture the dominance they had enjoyed under Revie. Armfield did what he could with what was available, but the ageing team started to slide and were beginning to feature at the wrong end of the table.

And the conclusion of the 1977-78 season he was dismissed. It would be too much to claim that they acted because of Stein's availability – they sounded out other managers before him, and in a panic at the protracted negotiations even asked Armfield back at one point – but once Stein was approached and accepted, it seemed a perfect fit.

Stein walked into a different Elland Road to the one



Stein European Cup

Clough had left. No longer looking to maintain dominance, they were more concerned with arresting the decline that had started four years earlier. In securing a European Cup manager, they must have been certain of a period of stability, especially given that the one job Stein had also been linked to – as Scotland manager – didn't seem to be available for some time, after the Scottish FA confirmed that Ally MacLeod had done enough at the 1978 World Cup to keep his job.

His first game in charge was against Manchester United, having missed the first game against Arsenal. As fierce as that rivalry was becoming, it was all the more significant because of the sale of Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen to Old Trafford in the previous season, a symbol of the breaking up of Revie's old squad. Leeds slipped to a 3-2 defeat, but if the performance of the team was disappointing, the new manager made all the right noises. Quiet, thoughtful and respectful, he was much more in the Revie mould than the Clough.

He focussed on making Leeds hard to beat, and initially at least, it worked. Four clean sheets followed, before a growing injury crisis started causing problems. Already mixing and matching at the back, a Bryan Robson

challenge robbed Stein of his creative outlet, Tony Currie, and in their next match away at Maine Road, Man City beat them 3-0. A defeat to Tottenham followed, a draw with Coventry. Frustrated in his attempts to sign players, living in a hotel room, his family still in Scotland, it was no surprise that he was interested when, just a few weeks after confirming his future, the SFA sacked Ally MacLeod.

Popular folklore says that Stein asked a commentator friend to spread the rumour that the SFA wanted him. Certainly he wanted them. A 3-0 win over bottom of the table Birmingham was followed up with a victory over West Brom in the cup, before the Leeds board saw the writing on the wall. On the 3rd October 1978, they gave him permission to talk to the SFA. Two days later, he was Scotland manager.

While his record wasn't markedly better than Clough's, it was much more acceptable four years after Revie's departure than four weeks. The cruel irony, however, wasn't in the record, it was in the time. Like Clough, Jock Stein had lasted just 44 days as Leeds United manager.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green The Untold Game



Brian Clough Leeds



Jock Stein at Elland Road

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THE WOODS IN 2022/2023

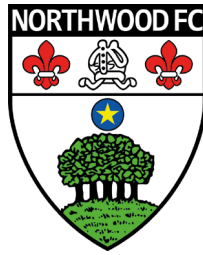
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	COMP	F/A	ATT	LINEUP	2	3	4	5	6
AUGUST											
Sat 6	SOUTH PARK REIGATE	H	FACEPR	2-1	128	McCorkell Jenkins	Lomas	Tingey	Budden	Jonas	
Sat 13	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge	3-2	154	McCorkell	Tingey	Kalu	Cole	Budden	Gurteen
Wed 17	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge	1-0	111	McCorkell	Jenkins	Lomas	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								
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
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	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
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	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
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	Hutchins ●	Tabor ●	AKINTUNDE 1 ●	IBIE 1	(C)Stewart	Helmore ●	Reade ●	Jude-Boyd ●	Jonas	Daggett
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	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



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.



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ROLL CALL

2022-23 SEASON | WOODS CAREER | WOODS DEBUT

Up to 1st 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	7	4	11	4	2	0	2	1	13	5	11	4	2	1	13	5	Merstham (H) October '22
Riccardo	Alexander-Greenaway	17	0	17	1	4	0	4	0	21	1	17	1	4	0	21	1	Ashford Town (Mx) (A) Mar '22
Lewis	Batten	Dual Registered at Broadfields United FC										3	0	3	0	6	0	Uxbridge (H) Oct '21
Kristian	Belousas	Dual Registered at Broadfields United FC										6	0	2	1	8	1	CB Hounslow (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	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	7	3	10	1	2	0	2	0	12	1	10	1	2	0	12	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	12	5	17	5	5	1	6	2	23	7	34	14	10	3	44	17	Bedfont Sports (H) Jan '22
Ronan	Hutchins	10	5	15	2	3	2	6	1	20	3	15	2	5	1	20	3	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
* Sydney	Ibje	17	0	17	10	4	0	4	2	21	12	40	17	5	2	45	19	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Micah	Jackson	10	2	12	2	1	0	1	0	13	2	24	6	2	2	26	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	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	4	0	1	0	5	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	6	5	11	0	3	0	3	0	14	0	11	0	3	0	14	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	19	0	19	0	6	0	6	0	25	0	21	0	6	0	27	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
Will	Robinson	Dual Registered at Oxhey Jets FC										4	0	2	0	6	0	Westfield (A) Jan '22
Teddy	Stacey	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	3	3	1	22	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Carl	Stewart	18	1	19	0	4	2	6	0	25	0	41	1	10	0	51	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	11	3	14	1	1	1	2	0	16	1	14	1	2	0	16	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	19	0	19	2	5	0	5	0	24	2	31	2	8	0	39	2	Tooting & MU (H) Feb '22





RYAN YOUNG

THE YOUNG ONES

WOODS MARCH INTO SEMI-FINAL

The Under-18s reached the semi-finals of the Isthmian Youth League Cup with a superb 4-2 victory at Maidstone United a few weeks ago.

After the long journey to Kent, the side started well and got their noses in front after 25 minutes when Ben Crowder sent over a good cross which the home defence failed to clear and Jeremy Kwaku-Scholz pounced to fire home. The Stones rallied well and managed to level just before the break when the ball ran loose in the box and there was a tidy finish.

But, just ten minutes after the break, the Woods were back in front as Fabjan Toci's free-kick was only parried by the keeper and Max Lousley was quickest to the loose ball for his first goal of the season.

Just four minutes later, Oscar John took great advantage of a defensive mistake and confidently drilled a shot past the 'keeper and only another four minutes had elapsed when John doubled his tally in similar fashion, making it 4-1.

It was enough to see the Woods safe and they made a number of substitutions before the home side did nab a late consolation goal but it was Northwood who are through to the semi-final for the first-ever time (two other quarter-finals was the previous best achievements). Other teams still in the competition are Metropolitan Police, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Cray Valley Paper Mills, Woking, East Grinstead and Lewes.

Sadly, their trip to league leaders Camberley Town in a hastily arranged fixture resulted in a 4-0 defeat having missed a few key regulars through illness.

They are back in action when we entertain Bedford Sports next Wednesday 11th January.

Team: Bretayne, Payne, Moneke, Reade, Osborne, Clemow, Crowder (Latifi), Lousley, John (Bradford), Toci (Fernandez), Kwaku-Scholz (Thapa). Unused Sub: Casteluber.

NORTHWOOD UNDER-18S FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Comp	R	Scorers
Mon 22 Aug	Bedfont Sports	(A)	IVLge	1-4 Crowder
Wed 31 Aug	Uxbridge	(A)	FAYCup	4-1 Toci 3, Kwaku-Scholz
Wed 14 Sept	Hemel Hempstead Town	(A)	FAYCup	3-1 Toci 2, Reid
Wed 28 Sept	LANGLEY	(H)	FAYCup	1-3 Toci
Wed 5 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	(H)	IVLge	6-1 John, Toci, Latifi 2, Wyatt, Crowder
Wed 19 Oct	UXBRIDGE	(H)	IVLCup	7-1 Kwaku-Scholz, Toci 3, John, Latifi 2
Wed 9 Nov	KINGSTONIAN	(H)	IVLCup	2-1 Toci 2
Wed 23 Nov	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	(H)	MCY-Cup	2-3 Toci 2
Wed 30 Nov	UXBRIDGE	(H)	IVLge	3-3 Toci 2, Osborne
Tues 6 Dec	Maidstone United	(A)	IVLCup	4-2 Kwaku-Scholz, Lousley, John 2
Thurs 22 Dec	Camberley Town	(A)	IVLge	0-4
Wed 11 Jan	BEDFONT SPORTS	(H)	IVLge	
Mon 16 Jan	Camberley Town	(A)	IVLge	
Wed 25 Jan	Hampton & Richmond Borough	(A)	IVLge	
Wed 1 Feb	Hampton & Richmond Borough	(A)	IVLge	
Mon 6 Feb	Beaconsfield Town	(A)	IVLge	
Mon 27 Feb	Uxbridge	(A)	IVLge	
Wed 8 Mar	CAMBERLEY TOWN	(H)	IVLge	
Wed 15 Mar	BEDFONT SPORTS	(H)	IVLge	
Wed 22 Mar	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	(H)	IVLge	
Mon 27 Mar	Uxbridge	(A)	IVLge	

Key:

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

League Table		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	G-D
1.	Camberley Town	3	3	0	0	18	2	9	16
2.	Beaconsfield Town	2	2	0	0	3	1	6	2
3.	Bedfont Sports	3	1	1	1	7	5	4	2
4.	NORTHWOOD	4	1	1	2	10	12	4	-2
5.	Uxbridge	3	0	2	1	7	14	2	-7
6.	Hampton & Richmond Borough	3	0	0	3	1	12	0	-11

WOODS **MAGIC** MOMENT



HANWORTH VILLA 0 NORTHWOOD 3 TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2010 MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP QUARTER-FINAL

Hanworth: Terry Buss (Andy Vettese), Matt Baines, Charlie Hare, Lee Willis, Darren Noad, Chris Byron, Danny Whatford, Tony Buss, Lee Higgs (Ben Ward), Adam Piggott, Daryl North

Northwood: Bobby Smith, Scott Purdue, Ryan Tackley, Sam Sharples, Bradley Hewitt, Michael Peacock, Danny Jones, (Aaron Cato), John Christian, Scott Orphanou (Eugene Ofori 71m), Leon Osei, Hugo Figueiredo

Not too many previous meetings with Hanworth Villa to consider for this column! The most notable game in my records against a team from Hanworth came in the 1935 Middlesex Junior Cup final; the tie was played at Hayes' Church Road ground. Hanworth FC played in the South-West Middlesex League, Northwood United in the Harrow, Wembley & District League.

Hanworth pulled back two goals in the closing stages to level at 4-4, and then grabbed the winner in extra time – the game was described as “a fine struggle between two very tenacious sides”. However, today's visitors were formed more recently, in 1976, so let's look in more detail at another match. . . .

After three weeks of inactivity, the Woods got back into the groove with a comfortable passage into the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup. Their opponents had already over-achieved in what was their very first year in the Senior Cup with previous round successes over Wingate & Finchley and Hendon, but there was to be no repeat shock against Northwood.

The Woods were soon on the offensive with Leon Osei seeing his header flick just wide and then a shot deflect over the bar. A Tackley corner dropped to Michael Peacock just a few yards from goal but he somehow skied the ball over the top.

Scott Orphanou was next to go close with another

header on the end of a Tackley free-kick which also missed the target and then after nine minutes Hugo Figueiredo raced forty yards and finally forced goalkeeper Terry Buss into action.

It was all one-way traffic and on 15 minutes a long ball from Tackley saw Orphanou just get a touch ahead of the on-rushing Buss but the ball went wide and was cleared.

The pressure finally told a minute later, with John Christian putting the Woods in front with a 25-yard drive which found the top corner to give Buss no chance in goal.

Once a goal down, the Villains began to make some ground themselves with Bobby Smith called into action for the first time, diving across goal to push an Adam Piggott shot wide for a corner.

Scott Purdue then gifted the Combined Counties League side a great chance to level the scores when he conceded a penalty with a clumsy trip. Having won their last round game against Hendon by virtue of scoring many penalty-kicks, Lee Higgs must have been full of confidence but his well-struck shot was superbly saved by Smith in goal to keep the Woods in front.

Northwood continued to dominate and Orphanou was put through by Jones only to shoot wide with just Buss to beat. Danny Jones and Leon Osei both showed good approach work but the cutting edge was lacking in front of goal for both of them and Figueiredo also shot just over the top from a free-kick.

It was much the same after the break with Tackley going close from a free-kick and then finding Peacock with the resulting corner only for him to send his powerful header the wrong side of the post.

Osei continued to cause problems and set up Figueiredo for a shot which blasted into the side-netting, but finally the second goal came on 52 minutes. Osei was the supplier again, cutting in from the left and sending over a cross which Jones knocked in at the far post.

The attacks continued with Osei, Christian and Orphanou all denied by the agile Buss in goal and the Woods made a couple of changes with Aaron Cato and Eugene Ofori replacing Jones and Orphanou.

Both were quickly involved with Cato having a shot saved and then, when Osei was tripped in the box after 76 minutes, it was Ofori who took charge of the spot-kick, missing the target with a shot which was well wide.

There was never any danger of letting the lead slip and the Woods added a third goal in the final minute with Cato using his pace to find space and then finding a way past Buss with a good strike into the bottom corner.

No cup final for Northwood this season, however, as they disappointingly went down 0-2 at Uxbridge in the semi-final.



John Christian opened the scoring for Woods



Bobby Smith's penalty save keep Northwood ahead



Danny Jones knocked in the second goal



Aaron Cato's good strike wrapped up the victory

WORDS: ROBIN PIPER

MATCH REPORT



SUTTON COMMON ROVERS 1

NORTHWOOD 5

Saturday 10th December 2022

Kick-Off 3.00pm

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION



NORTHWOOD McCorkell, Paiva, Lomas, Alexander-Greenaway, Tingey, Jonas (Gurteen 73), Tabor, Jackson, (Hutchins 80) Helmore, Akintunde (Costa 80), C Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Gallagher, Kalu

YELLOW CARD: Tingey

ATTENDANCE: 65

Northwood overcame the freezing conditions and the departure of leading scorer Sydney Ibie to return to form with a five-star performance on the 3G pitch at Whyteleaf.

With the cold snap putting paid to most of the Isthmian programme, Woods were given the opportunity to get their campaign back on track but had to do so without Ibie who is in the process of finalising a move to the National League and full-time football.

PRE-MATCH NEWS

Northwood opted for an adjustment to their formation with a number of changes from their last outing; Junior Pavia returned on the right side of a three-man defence alongside Romario Jones who was making his first start since August with Luke Tingey making up the backline as Harry Gallagher and James Gurteen reverted to the bench. Jake Tabor was given a new role at right wing-back with Andy Lomas on the opposite flank while Micah Jackson slotted in behind a front two of Juwon Akintunde and Josh Helmore.

The Woods started well with Akintunde having a couple of early opportunities, latching onto a Lomas pass and bursting between defenders before Sutton goalkeeper Endurance Johnson gathered his shot while a nice link-up with Helmore from a Lomas throw-in ended with a shot which flew wide of the target.

The hosts were struggling to make an impression on Northwood as they were restricted to a couple of long-range efforts which failed to trouble goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell. And the Woods were on the attack again as



Jackson combined with Carl Stewart to almost play in Akintunde who was denied by the on-rushing Johnson before Tingey went close with a low strike from the edge of the box after being set up by Jackson.

McCorkell was finally called into action as he dealt with a speculative attempt from Tyler Cox. But the hosts had some more defending to do and were saved by the woodwork as Jackson's rasping shot ricocheted off the underside of the bar after Tingey's throw into the box was only cleared to the edge of the box.

The Commoners best chance of the opening period came through a short free-kick routine with Kyron Richards unable to get enough of a connection on his header as the ball flashed across the face of the Northwood goal. But Woods responded as a stretching Helmore was inches away from Tabor's low cross into the six-yard box.

GOAL ALERT: 45 mins 0-1 LUKE TINGEY

However, Woods deservedly took the lead in added time at the end of a fine first half for the visitors, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway flicking on Jackson's near post corner to spark an almighty scramble in the six-yard box with Jonas and Akintunde seeing their shots blocked before the former smartly teed up Tingey who lashed the ball home.

HALF TIME: SUTTON COMMON ROVERS 0-1 NORTHWOOD

GOAL ALERT: 46 mins 0-2 ANDY LOMAS

Northwood were immediately out of the blocks upon the resumption and extended their lead a minute in as Tabor combined with Alexander-Greenaway before Jackson's cross was met at the far post by a diving Lomas who gleefully headed home for only his third goal for the club.

GOAL ALERT: 51 mins 0-3 JUWAN AKINTUNDE

And things got even better for the Woods on 51 minutes with a superbly worked goal as Carl Stewart played a neat one-two with Helmore before dispatching a delightful cross with the outside of the boot which was met at the near post by Akintunde who made no mistake with the header.

GOAL ALERT: 64 mins 0-4 MICAH JACKSON

Woods went in search of more goals against the shell-shocked Commoners and Johnson did well to keep out an effort from Akintunde. But Johnson was helpless to prevent Northwood scoring a fourth on 64 minutes as Jackson's corner was cleared back to him

before unleashing a shot on the angle which deflected into the roof of the net.

The hosts to their credit kept plugging away and McCorkell had to be at his best as he produced a smart near post save to keep out an effort from Cox and the latter went close again as he shot wide after a jinking run into the Northwood box.

Woods utilised their substitutes in the final 15 minutes, a tiring Jonas being replaced by Gurteen while Ronan Hutchins and Sandro Costa were introduced for Jackson and Akintunde.

GOAL ALERT: 82 mins 0-5 JOSH HELMORE

And Northwood strived for more goals and they were duly rewarded on 82 minutes as Tabor's near post corner was helped on by Alexander-Greenaway and fell nicely to Helmore who swept the ball home for his fifth league goal of the season.

GOAL ALERT: 90 mins 1-5 BRIAN TESTOLIN

The Commoners refused to throw in the towel and finally gained a consolation deep into added time, much to the frustration of Northwood who were looking for that clean sheet, the much-travelled former Wood Brian Testolin firing beyond McCorkell to complete the afternoon's proceedings – Woods' win coupled with Marlow's defeat at South Park restoring the gap at the top to four points.

FULL TIME: SUTTON COMMON ROVERS 1-5 NORTHWOOD





THE VISITORS

HANWORTH VILLA FC

CLUB HISTORY

Hanworth Villa, 'The Villains,' was formed in 1976. In the early years, the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday. During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as Division 1 Champions.

The following Season saw the club start an incredible run in the league, which finished 68 matches later, with the 'Villains' winning the Hounslow Premier League and the West Middlesex Divisions one and two championships.

The success continued with Hanworth being elected to the newly formed Middlesex County Football League in 1984/1985.

From 1980 the club had a nomadic existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club. A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National

Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation.

Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'.

With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League.

After another Premier League title in 2004/2005, with a record number of points, it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006.

It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/2008, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title, finishing a credible second.



However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion to the Premier Division.

The club were determined to ensure that the situation should not arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/2009 campaign.

The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/2010 season

The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17th, three points clear of relegation.

The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5th position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. Unfortunately they were to lose in both.

The 2011/2012 season will live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition.

In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivensham, Bedfont Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1st Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2.

In the FA Vase the team reached the 3rd round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year.

In 2013/2014 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex Premier League Cup and the Southern Combination Cup.

At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesley Town and had coached at Banbury United.

Under the Management of Rufus and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3 – 2 win over Spelthorne Sports. It was the second occasion in three years that the team have won this trophy.

In December 2018, by mutual agreement, Rufus Brevett stepped down as first team Manager with Louis Carder-Walcott, previously Assistant Manager at Westfield FC, being appointed shortly after.

Following a poor run of form at the start of the 2019/20 and with no positive signs of recovery it was, mutual agreement, decided that Louis would step down as Manager of the club. In November 2019 the position was filled by Simon Haughney and his management team of Paul Thomas and Leon Solomon.

The players responded well to this new team and with the addition of several new signings performed well, despite the distractions of the Covid pandemic. Not only did they remain unbeaten in the ten matches played during the suspended 2020-21 season, they also set a new club record by progressing to the last 16 of the F A

Vase, narrowly losing to Long Eaton United on penalties.

Last season proved to be the greatest in the history of Hanworth Villa FC and, in winning the inaugural Combined Counties North Premier Division and with its promotion to the Isthmian League, the club achieved their highest position in senior football since the formation in 1976. The most remarkable record of all is, however, that the team remained unbeaten throughout the league season.

Hanworth Villa enjoyed an amazing 2021/22 season, storming to the Combined Counties Premier Division

North title by remaining unbeaten throughout their 38 League fixtures. In fact they had also been unbeaten in the ten matches played the previous season before the Pandemic brought it to a close – total record of Played 48 Won 42 Drawn 6 and Lost 0 – quite incredible.

That record finally came to an end when The Villains lost 0-4 at home to Basingstoke Town early in the season and they have now lost three of their eight home matches but it is away from home that they have shown excellent form with only one loss (2-0 at Southall) to date.

SOME OF THE LEADING LIGHTS

Long-serving goalkeeper **TERRY BUSS** has completed over 650 appearances for Villa having played for them virtually his whole career after rising through the youth ranks at the club. A great club servant showing rare loyalty to one club in this day and age.

Top scorer since his arrival at the club from National League South side St. Albans City in the summer of 2020, Sam Merson notched over 30 goals in Villa's Championship-winning side and looks certain to cause problems for defences at Step 4 as he continues to lead the line.

Former Woods striker **MESHACH WILLIAMS** was also in great goal-scoring form last season, bagging 18 goals for Hanworth Villa during their incredible unbeaten season. Meshach joined the Woods in the summer of 2017 from Cockfosters and scored 6 goals in 26 appearances for the club. He has also had spells with Hatfield Town, Hoddesdon Town, Hanwell Town, Broxbourne, Wingate & Finchley, Egham Town and Fleet Town.

Another ex-Northwood player in the Hanworth Villa ranks is speedy winger **JEROME FEDERICO**. A well-travelled player over the years, Jerome had two spells with the

Woods, totalling 39 games and scoring 5 goals between 2012 and 2014.

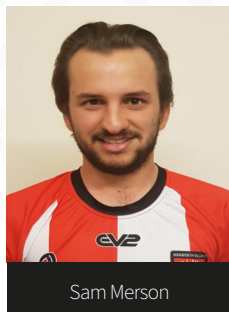
Hanworth Villa strengthened their squad in preparation for the new campaign at the higher-level with several high-profile recruits. Defender **TOM BENDER** has become another player to join the club from Step 2 side St Albans City where he had been for over six years, making over 200 appearances and was their vice-captain. The 29-year-old was with Colchester and Millwall as a youngster and represented Wales at levels up to Under-21. He also played for Dartford and Forest Green Rovers.

Another signing was defender **LUKE RUDDICK** who has been at Hampton & Richmond Borough for the past four years and also captained the Beavers over that time. His appearances were restricted last season due to injury but a return to full fitness would be a great assistance to the Villa back-line.

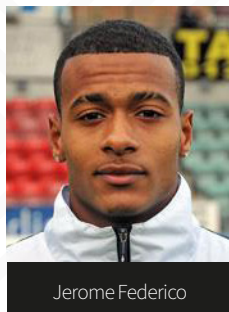
Vastly experienced striker **DUNCAN CULLEY** has also joined the Villa cause having played for Bracknell Town and Leighton Town last season; and many top clubs in previous years while Tom Scott has stepped up from former fellow Combined Counties League side Ascot United.



Meshach Williams



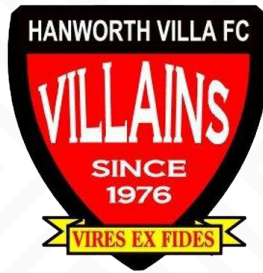
Sam Merson



Jerome Federico



Tom Bender



PAST YEARS – OUR VISITORS RECENT PLAYING RECORD

Season	Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Combined Counties League Premier Division								
2012-2013	9th	42	17	9	16	86	75	60
2013-2014	8th	42	18	10	14	82	64	64
2014-2015	19th	40	12	8	20	58	73	44
2015-2016	7th	42	21	4	17	76	71	67
2016-2017	3rd	44	24	9	11	73	47	81
2017-2018	11th	42	16	10	16	70	77	58
2018-2019	15th	38	13	6	19	54	64	45
2019-2020	5th	29	7	6	16	36	54	27
2020-2021	5th	10	8	2	0	28	10	26
2021-2022	1st (P)	34	30	4	0	91	15	94

Top Appearances 2021/22:

36	Terry Buss, Sam Merson, Meshach Williams.
35	Michael Kamara.
33	Gagan Samra.
32	Tom Jelley.
31	Jordan Ellis.
30	Theo Crawford, Elliott Simpson.
27	James Fenlon.
25	Ben Merson.
23	Jerome Federico.

Goals 2021/22:

33-	Sam Merson.
18-	Meshach Williams.
15-	Ben Merson,
7-	Jordan Ellis

Honours

2002/03	Middlesex County League Champions Middlesex Federation League Cup Winners Alec Smith Middlesex County Premier Division Cup Winners
2004/05	Middlesex County League Champions
2006/07	Combined Counties League Division One Cup Winners
2007/08	Combined Counties League Division One Cup Winners
2011/12	Southern Combination Cup Winners
2013/14	Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup Winners Southern Combination Cup Winners
2015/16	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Winners
2017/18	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Winners
2021/22	Combined Counties League Premier Division North Champions

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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.



Pete Reynolds

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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 arrived

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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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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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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Joe Reade

At just 16, Joe has become the youngest player to debut for the Woods first-team for several years having impressed in his midfield and captain's role for Ryan Young's Under-18 side this season. Looks to have a bright future.

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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.

Graham Mann

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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, Bedfont 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 Bedfont 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 midfield player 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, Bedfont 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

Robin Piper





Jake Tabor

Young striker who joined the Woods in September 2022 from Spartan South Midlands League side Harpenden Town. Rose through the youth ranks at Berkhamsted to make the first-team squad and had successful spells at Crawley Green and Oxhey Jets last season. Still only 19, he will be looking to establish himself at the higher level.

John Joyce

John Joyce



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.

Steve, Richard, David & Paul

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Micah Jackson

Micah is an attacking midfielder who was recruited from Enfield Borough FC in November 2021, where he had played his football for the last three seasons. Prior to that he had a short spell at Cockfosters. The 26-year-old established himself well with seven goals in 13 appearances but then chose to move to Chalfont St Peter in February. He started this season with Walthamstow but re-signed for the Woods in September 2022 and will be looking to boost the squad's attacking options.

Steve, Richard, David & Paul

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Sandro Costa Dias Fernandes

Sandro is a 27-year-old Portuguese-born winger with plenty of experience. He joined the Woods in October 2022 after a short spell with Southall. He started out with North Greenford United and then played for Potters Bar Town, Chesham United, Egham Town and Uxbridge.

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Junior Paiva

Young defender who has dual-registered with the Woods from Chesham United in October 2022. The 19-year-old was released from QPR's academy in 2021 and played for Hilltop before signing for Chesham in the latter half of last season. He also had a short spell at Hayes & Yeading United.

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SQUAD LISTS



NORTHWOOD FC

Director of Football: Steve Ringrose
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Coach: Richard Elderfield
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Colours: All Red

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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



HANWORTH VILLA

Manager: Simon Haughney
Assistant: Paul Thomas & Leon Solomon
Colours: Yellow & Blue

Terry BUSS
Gary ROSS
Guy ANSAH-PALMER
Ben GERAGHTY
Njie SHARIF
Luke RUDDICK
Louis TAYLOR
Jordan ELLIS
Tom BENDER
George WELLS
Gagendee SAMRA
Jerome FEDERICO
Bruno TINGLE
Theo CRAWFORD
Sam MERSON
Tom SCOTT
Meshach WILLIAMS
Elliott SIMPSON
Duncan CULLEY
Leon SOLOMON
Anthony FOIKES

Referee:
CHRISTOPHER POOLE

Assistant:
NATHAN BRIGGS

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NEO NEOPHYTOU

NEXT UP AT HOME

ENFIELD TOWN

Tuesday 10th January 2023
 Kick-Off **7.45pm**
 Middlesex Senior Cup, Quarter Final

ON THE ROAD

TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED

Saturday 7th January 2023
 Kick-Off **3.00pm**
 The Pitching In Isthmian League
 South Central Division

