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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



Good afternoon and welcome to The Skyline Roofing Stadium and our newly sponsored C & G Scaffolding Ltd Clubhouse. Watch out for the new signage shortly! We extend our welcome to our visitors from Binfield FC and trust they enjoy their time here.

We can't promise goals of course, but it's extremely rare to draw 0-0 twice against a team in the same season, but that's what happened when we met last season, showing these are tough games and very competitive; especially as we have also drawn Binfield away in the FA Cup on Saturday.

We await our new kit, which unfortunately has been slightly delayed, but I think it's worth the wait and without giving too much away, it recognises two special people who gave so much to this club. Watch this space.

On the pitch, we have had the 'perfect' start with two wins in two, including one in the FA Cup at Buckhurst Hill last Saturday. We were very good here against Corinthian Casuals on the opening day of the season but less so in the FA Cup, but as I keep being told; a win is a win! More of the same please lads in these next two games!

One of the questions I get asked the most is "why do you do this job here?" and whilst the answer isn't down to one specific thing, I get asked it mainly because it does have a detrimental effect on my health and certainly finances. When I look around at what we now have in terms of our clubhouse, our stadium, but more importantly, our supporters and the amazing friends I have made here over my near 17 years, I genuinely feel I have had the backing of nearly everyone who

have also shared and appreciated my vision. I've never had any issues or difficulties with our supporters and for that, I'm very grateful. The real test of this, is how everyone, in their own way, has shown this to me. This season alone, we have had some extremely generous donations and whilst the donors wish to remain anonymous, it has truly humbled me and keeps me going. Thank you to them and everyone for this.

Today, enjoy the game and get behind the lads as we look to maintain our early season form.

Up the Woods!

Ian

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DIRECT FROM THE MANAGEMENT

WITH WOODS MANAGER, BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon, Woods fans!

I hope everyone is well and has enjoyed the start to our season. It was great to see such a good atmosphere last week within the ground and in the clubhouse after. The players initiations were definitely something not to be missed, some great talent within our ranks not only on a football pitch!

A welcome start to our campaign saw us beat Corinthian Casuals 4-0 which is as good of a start as you could wish for. A clean sheet and some goals are always nice to get on the right track for the season. Our focus this year as stated in previous notes has been to continue our defensive solidity but also add some exciting attacking football to our game.

As always, we enter the early rounds of such a historic cup competition. The FA Cup is something we will be aiming to have a good go at and ensure we put everything

into progressing through the competition. We know how key this competition is to the club, with financial benefits and exciting draws a huge incentive. We faced a tough opposition in Buckhurst Hill, who were well organised and made things difficult for us.

I think our persistence and control on the game paid off right at the end, and in these games our main focus is to progress. Thank you to those who travelled to watch the game.

Today we welcome Binfield FC as we return back to our league campaign, hoping to add more points to the board to add to our excellent start in the league. Having seen the draw now, we will all be eager to see both teams match up as we will also go head-to-head with them in the next round of the FA Cup as well on Saturday.

An update in regards to injuries off the pitch, we have recently played a friendly v Harrow Borough which has

seen Godlove Oppong return to the grass. I am sure fans are excited to see what this young man can bring to our squad, and he is a welcome return to add to such a competitive team already. Curtis Brown is continuing his rehab with Mitchell and Elizabeth; he is making excellent progress and is ahead of schedule.

I am hoping we can put on a strong performance today to add points on the board before our break in league action for FA Cup and FA Trophy duties.

Please keep up your fantastic support, the boys really appreciate it. It would be great to see as many fans as possible at the Ramsgate game next week so please join us on the coach. Cup runs are something we want to give back to the fans and ourselves so we will be working hard to ensure this continues.

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS

Welcome to our Opponents

A warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium as the Woods continue the start to our Pitching In Isthmian League season with a second home game on the trot, this time against Binfield FC. We hope everyone connected with our visitors enjoys their Bank Holiday afternoon here at Northwood and we wish you all a safe journey home this evening. Our opponents managed to bounce back from a heavy defeat – 6-0 at Ashford Town (Middlesex) on the opening day of the season with success in the FA Cup last week. They travelled to play Combined Counties Premier North side Wokingham & Emmbrook and scored late on in both halves for a 2-0 victory in front of a huge Friday night crowd of 604.

Last season, after a series of postponements, we ended up playing both league games against Binfield within a month. At home in early March, we played out a 0-0 draw having suffered a red card for Brandon Kalu after just 26 minutes of the game. It was considered a point gained under the circumstances and both sides were still chasing a play-off place less than a month later when we travelled to Binfield for the midweek return early in April. The match also ended goalless and the point proved important in the Woods chase for the play-offs.

During the summer, our visitors were forced into many squad changes as several established players moved on

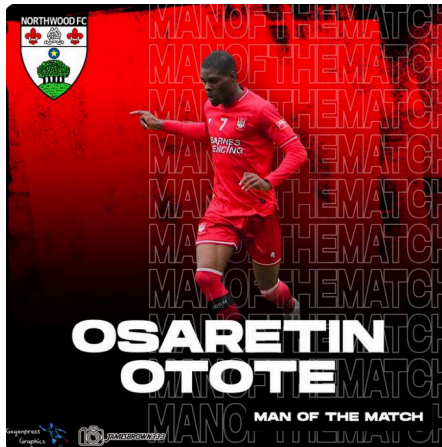
and Manager Garry Haylock has had to mainly start afresh so, like always, it may take some time to get the new players established.

As fate would often decree in the FA Cup, not only do we meet Binfield this afternoon, we now follow this game up with a trip to Binfield in five days' time for the first qualifying round as last Monday's draw pitted us together!

We thank club stalwart Paul Byrne for sponsoring the match this afternoon and hope that he and his party enjoy their afternoon.

Woods quick out of the blocks

Our opening Isthmian League fixture, just over two weeks ago now, saw the visit of newly-relegated side Corinthian-Casuals to the Skyline as the two sides met in league competition for the first time in over 30 years. It ultimately proved a very successful game for Northwood as we secured a 4-0 victory with Osaretin Otote claiming a brilliant hat-trick with Dan Williams netting the final goal late on in stoppage-time. Surprisingly, although there have been several occurrences away from home, it was the first time under the current management structure that we have managed to score four goals



in a home game, the last time being way back in February 2019 when we defeated FC Romania 4-1.

Realistically, we should have scored more than four having missed many chances and seen the Casuals 'keeper make a succession of excellent saves but, the visitors also had a few good chances which they spurned. Man of the Match, unsurprisingly, was named as Osa Otote.

This was followed a week later with our own FA Cup away trip to Essex Senior League side Buckhurst Hill. This went less to plan as the home side defended well throughout and although we dominated for long spells, they provided stern opposition. It was deep into stoppage-time that the Stags scored what might have been the winner had it not been ruled offside; a very tight decision which could have easily gone the other way. Then, Dan Williams popped up for the second successive week with a goal



even later into time added on and the Woods were suddenly in the hat for the next round where we now know we will make the tough trip to today's visitors Binfield. Any support at the game would be most welcome.

Coach to Ramsgate

We are less than two weeks away from our opening game in the Isuzu FA Trophy which, like the FA Cup, starts far too early in the season! On Saturday, 9th September we make the trip to the South East coast to play away to Ramsgate in the first qualifying round. Ramsgate play in the South-East Division of the Isthmian League and were challenging for the title throughout last season. They ultimately lost out to Chatham Town (who have made a great start to life at Step 3) and were then also beaten on penalties in the play-off semi-final at home to Hythe Town - who then lost to Whitehawk who were promoted. The Rams are firm favourites for a challenge again this season but they suffered a shock 4-2 opening day defeat at Sevenoaks Town so actually sit second from bottom after the one game! They did progress in the FA Cup with a 4-1 defeat of Southern Combination side Bexhill United with recent signing Joe Taylor (Premier Division Joint Golden Boot winner last season) bagging a hat-trick and they now face Chatham Town away in the next round.

It'll be a tough contest for sure and for the first time in a few years, we are travelling by coach. There are a number of spare seats for supporters to travel at a cost of £15 each so if you would like to come for a day out, please book your place today through me, either personally or text me on 07960 744349.

The winners of this tie will be at home in the Second Qualifying Round to either Uxbridge or Sevenoaks Town on the 23rd September and this would replace our current next scheduled home game!

Player News

Ben Crowder was called up from the Under-18s to make the first-team squad on the opening day of the season, making an effective debut as a substitute with an assist for the fourth goal. We then added two further youngsters to the squad in the shape of midfielder Archie Coulter, on dual-registration from Aldershot Town and striker Jaden Newman who was with Wembley last season and had netted twice in pre-season. We hope all of them enjoy a successful spell here at the club.

Godlove Opong has missed the start of the season with a bit of a niggle but he was hoping to get some minutes in a friendly at Harrow Borough last Tuesday and could be added to the squad today. Curtis Brown is also making good progress from his ankle injury having managed to remove his protective boot and started being involved in warm-ups. He may return earlier than was first expected.

League News

With cup competition being interwoven with the early stages of our league campaign, it'll be slow going in the South-Central division (hopefully for a few more weeks yet!) and Saturday's FA Cup trip to Binfield replaces our scheduled first away game at Hanworth Villa. Though it hadn't been finalised at the time of writing, we should have a new date for that game by the time you are reading these notes - I would expect it to be on Tuesday 12th September but it could be two weeks after that.

Any further success in the FA Cup or FA Trophy could also lead to us losing the games at Leatherhead on Saturday 16th and at home to Ashford Town on Saturday 23rd but we will cross that bridge if it comes to it! Amazingly, we currently have no scheduled midweek games here at Northwood for any of the sides that play here until the very end of next month.

Under-18s

Our midweek Under-18s made the difficult decision to leave the Isthmian Youth League in the summer and, after a 13-year gap, will play their football in the Allied Counties Youth League this season. Placed in the East Division, we will have more local opponents such as Beaconsfield Town, Chalfont St Peter, Harefield United, Hillingdon Borough, Rayners Lane and Wembley. Sadly, we are already out of the FA Youth Cup, beaten 5-2 by a well-drilled Tring Athletic side. The League season starts with an away game at Hillingdon Borough on Monday 11th September with the first home game on Wednesday 27th September against Wembley.

Spartans FC

Our tenants are back for a second season of Combined Counties League Division One (Step 6) football but have not started that well and, at the time of writing, are still looking for their first win of the season having played five games already. They were also scheduled to be at home last Tuesday and on Saturday so hopefully by now they will have opened their account. They are keeping busy, especially here at the Skyline as they play at home again the next three Saturdays.

At the Skyline...

Next Fixtures here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium

Saturday 2nd September
Spartans Youth v. Berks County
CCL Division One - 3pm

Saturday 9th September
Spartans Youth v. Langley
CCL Division One - 3pm

Saturday 16th September
Spartans Youth v. British Airways
CCL Division One - 3pm

Saturday 23rd September
Woods v. Ashford Town (Middx)
Isthmian League - 3pm

Enjoy the game today, thanks for your support, and see you all again soon.

Alan





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FROM THE TRAINING PITCH

WITH FIRST TEAM COACH
JACOB COOK



What a feeling: Two games, two wins and two clean sheets!! A real positive start to the season, from everyone at the club.

First and foremost, I'd like to say a big thank you to the gaffer & Keags for finally getting me involved after tapping me up at Butlins. I'm loving my time here and it's been a massive benefit already knowing a good chunk of the boys.

This is a great step up for me and everyone at the club has been so welcoming, which is highly appreciated. Those that know me and have seen me around, will know I'm a big character. I watched various games last season, but my main objective is to install a winning mentality amongst the group. Alongside going into the finer details within the philosophy that Ben wants to achieve. I'm a passionate person from the sideline and a big advocate for the basics done right.

Following our first two games of the season, it's shown that already some of our targets set from last season - of wanting to create more chances and being more clinical, have already shown. In training we look to continue working on these attacking patterns of play and really push to be as ruthless as possible in front of goal.

To give you more insight on the training ground, as a group we have developed and planned how we will look to shape up on and off the ball. As you'll know, from last season the team played fantastic in a low block which helped push for playoffs, but this at times lacked excitement in the final third. This season we have to drive the team to move the well-organised low block higher up the pitch to allow us to be more creative and freer in the final third. Which only brings more excitement for our fans & everyone involved!

On a final note, in the training

department, with the boys introducing the fines we have made a mini-league. Each Thursday session we will end up with a winning team, be sure to look out for the winners posted on the clubs Instagram. Following this at the end of the month the bottom five, will owe the top five a drink at the bar!!

Going back on our first two games of the season, it's fair to say we are very pleased as a club to have three points from our first league game and kick start the road to the FA Cup with a clean sheet. It's great to see so many faces supporting the club. It really helps motivate everyone! We hope the incredible support continues throughout the season, especially today as we face Binfield FC in the League. We hope to not only achieve another three points but really give you a game to watch!

Up the Woods!

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YESTERDAY: TODAY

IN THEIR HISTORY, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926, NORTHWOOD HAVE PREVIOUSLY PLAYED TWELVE TIMES ON 28TH AUGUST. ALL TWELVE GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I TAKE A LOOK AT THREE OF THEM IN MORE DETAIL...

BY KEN GREEN



Date	@	Competition	Opponents	Res.	Goalscorers	Att.
Mon 28 Aug 1972	A	Rickmansworth Charity Cup	Mill End	W 2-0	Gould 2	
Sat 28 Aug 1976	A	Middlesex League	Rayners Lane	D 1-1	Curran	
Sat 28 Aug 1982	A	Hellenic League Premier Division	Clanfield	W 2-1	Ellis, McCarthy	
Tue 28 Aug 1990	H	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Waltham Abbey	W 1-0	Randall	
Sat 28 Aug 1993	H	FA Cup Preliminary Round	Royston Town	W 3-0	Nolan 2, Pacquette,	
Sat 28 Aug 1999	A	Ryman League Division Two	Edgware Town	D 1-1	Yaku	158
Mon 28 Aug 2000	A	Ryman League Division One	Barton Rovers	W 1-0	Hale	133
Sat 28 Aug 2004	A	Ryman League Division One	Wealdstone	W 2-1	Hart, Clark	301
Sat 28 Aug 2007	H	Ryman League Premier Division	Enfield Town	L 1-3	Hamilton	197
Sat 28 Aug 2010	A	FA Cup Preliminary Round	Wingate & Finchley	D 0-0		116
Mon 28 Aug 2017	H	Evo Stik League South, East Division	Hayes & Yeading Utd	W 2-0	Boxer, Kouassi	243
Sat 28 Aug 2021	H	Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central	Binfield	L 0-3		107

1976

Rayners Lane Woods

Northwood let slip a third minute lead in their seasonal opening Middlesex League game with Rayners Lane, as they dropped a point. Woods should have had the stimulus for an onslaught early on when John Harman's free kick sailed tantalisingly into the box between an array of legs where Chris Curran seized on a chance to head in.

The problem was making the final pass positive enough to give the sharp Martin Ellis and Glyn Jones (pictured) enough space to score. At

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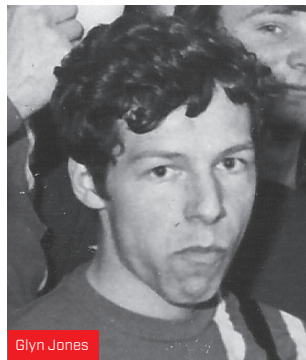
the other end Barry Gould and Alan Merison were so effective that keeper Les Currell was almost redundant.

But Lane grew in confidence after the break, and their efforts paid off with a spectacular goal in the 75th minute that earned them their point. Northwood had several chances to clear the ball from the edge of the box, before it fell for Frimley to crack in a super drive from 25 yards.

The goal stunned Northwood, and Rayners Lane went surging forward after a would-be winner, but the tide quickly ebbed. Northwood were back in the match and looking for the winner. King twice went down in the penalty area, and then Jones missed an easy chance.

Northwood:

Les Currell, John Harman, Norman Heslop, Barry Gould, Alan Merison, Robin Tidd, Chris Curran, Steve Pearce, Martin Ellis, Dave King, Glyn Jones.



Glyn Jones



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1993

Woods Royston Town

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Northwood overcame Royston to chalk up their first-ever FA Cup victory, after five attempts! The Woods were on top from the start, Jason Delicata shooting just wide, while Steve Payton and Steve Matthews set up several attacks which saw Martin Randall and David Nolan both test visiting keeper Simon Dobson.

Greg Phillips then thumped a shot across the bar before Northwood opened the scoring in the 33rd minute when Troy McAuliffe put a superb ball through the heart of the visiting defence for Nolan to race on to and score. Phillips went close after good work by Rob Holland but, just before the break, a high ball from Phillips saw Nolan take advantage of some hesitant defending to keep going and make it 2-0.

Nolan was denied a hat-trick by a superb save from Dobson while Henry Pacquette was just over before Woods grabbed a third, classic, goal when, following a great run and cross from Parsons, Pacquette (pictured) beat a defender with a glancing header for the ball to go in the top corner of the net.

Northwood:

Rick Murphy, Troy McAuliffe, John Parsons, Jason Delicata, Rob Holland, Steve Payton, Steve Mathews, Greg Phillips (Brian Cronk), David Nolan, Henry Paquette, Martin Randall (Steve Wilbraham).

2017

Woods Hayes & Yeading

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In a game which benefitted from a very spirited start Northwood's pacey attacker Tayshan Hayden-Smith regularly attacked the Hayes back-line. The home side looked continually threatening with right-back Pat Kelly and marauding centre-midfielder Evans Kouassi pulling the strings, searching for that opening goal. And



Action from the game in 1993

without either side having a clear-cut chance for the first 15 minutes, up stepped Tommy Boxer to head over the advancing Jack Smith to give the Woods the lead.

Then, merely eight minutes after conceding the first goal, the Hayes net rippled once again after a magnificent solo run from Kouassi before he scuffed a shot that crept past the diving Smith.

But Hayes & Yeading came storming forward through Spyros Mentis and Gurkan Gokmen, the latter of whom brought out the best in goalkeeper Harry Voss just minutes before the break.

Northwood keeper Harry Voss (pictured during the game) dealt with everything comfortably as Hayes tried to get back into the match in the second half, and Lewis Hobbs showed what his parent club Barnet was missing with some excellent positional play to deny and frustrate the opposition.

Hayes were as lucky to end the game with 11 men as Northwood were to get their clean sheet. And in the end the Woods came away with a 2-0 victory to the delight of the home crowd.

Northwood:

Harry Voss, Pat Kelly, Pat Adamson, Lewis Hobbs, Brad Hewitt, Tommy Boxer (Hakim Nyariki), Wilson Chingoka (Jack McDonnell), Evans Kouassi, Meshach Williams, Arash Abdullahi (Matt Hall), Tayshan Hayden-Smith.



Harry Voss



MATCH ACTION

EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND
SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2023



Buckhurst Hill

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Woods
Williams (90+5')

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Archie Coulter volleys over

Northwood left it late as they edged past Essex Senior League side Buckhurst Hill with a stoppage-time winner at a breezy Myrak Park.

There was one change to the Woods team which got the season off to a winning start a week earlier, youngster Archie Coulter being handed his Northwood debut in an attacking midfield role with Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway missing out with a hamstring problem.

After Harry Gallagher went close early on for Woods from a Luke Tingey throw into the six-yard box, the hosts forced a couple of corners with goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell having to claw the ball away at the near post. And McCorkell was called upon again to deal with an effort from Jesse Mansaray, while at the other end, Osaretin Otote saw his shot

deflected behind after he latched onto a Jack Smith through-ball.

Northwood proceeded to put the Stags under a sustained spell of pressure - Dan Williams heading wide following another Tingey throw before the same player poked wide of the upright as he got on the end of Gallagher's whipped cross. And Woods were finding increasing space down the host's right-hand side with Otote feeding the overlapping Deago Dunbar-Bonnie who's cross was chipped over by Coulter at the far post.

Northwood continued to create opportunities as Smith played the ball up to Williams who created room before firing a low shot across the face of goal while Teddy Stacey combined with Otote down Woods' right flank after the latter had swapped sides with Kofi Anokye-

Boadi, the attacker shooting narrowly wide from the angle.

But Northwood suffered a scare in first-half stoppage time as Gallagher conceded a free-kick and earned himself a yellow card in the process with Henry Clark's pinpoint delivery finding Jonah Gregory who headed over from close-range.

HALF TIME
BUCKHURST HILL
NORTHWOOD

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Woods came out strongly after the break with Williams sending a long-range half volley attempt over the bar before the Northwood striker almost latched onto a dangerous Dunbar-Bonnie ball into the six-yard box.

The Woods kept their foot on the gas



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Dan Williams scores the winner



Deago Dunbar-Bonnie on the run



Harry Gallagher

with Gallagher's skimmed header from a Smith free-kick being deflected wide before Carl Stewart saw his 25-yard shot rebound off the crossbar.

Northwood made their first substitution on the hour as debutant Jaden Newman was added to the attack with Coulter making way. And Woods went close to breaking the deadlock moments later as Smith's deep corner was headed back across by Tingey to Anokye-Boadi whose close-range header was tipped over by 'keeper Alex Reed.

The hosts were struggling to make much of an impression, but in a rare attack, a dipping shot from Clark narrowly cleared the Northwood crossbar. However, the Woods were soon back on the offensive as Williams combined with Stewart whose through-ball almost

played in Newman, but he was denied by the faintest touch from the covering defender.

The Woods were forced into another change on 77 minutes as Anokye-Boadi succumbed to an ankle knock with Harry McCorkell his replacement. And Northwood seemed to lose their way a little as the contest moved into the latter stages.

However, they gathered themselves and Newman combined with Stewart before pulling the ball back to Williams who saw his shot parried behind by Reed.

GOAL ALERT
0-1 Dan Williams (90 + 5 mins)

The tie seemed to be heading for a replay as the contest moved into stoppage time, but the drama was still to come - the

Stags being denied by a tight offside decision as substitute Marko Protic stroked the ball beyond McCorkell before a Tingey throw into the home box was helped on by Gallagher and fell to Williams who drilled the ball home in the fifth minute of added time to put Woods in the hat for the next round.

FULL TIME
BUCKHURST HILL
NORTHWOOD **0**
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WOODS LINE-UP
A McCorkell, Stacey, Dunbar-Bonnie, Stewart, Tingey, Gallagher, Otote, Coulter (Newman 60), Williams Smith (Jenkins 90), Anokye-Boadi (H. McCorkell 77)

UNUSED SUBS Brophy, Jonas, Crowder, Messer

Words: Robin Piper
Images: James Brown



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP

It's just a couple of weeks into the start of the new Pitching In Isthmian League season and (before Saturday's game) there were still four teams who could post a 100% record in the Premier Division.

The two favourites with the Bookies at the start of the campaign were relegated Dulwich Hamlet and a rejuvenated Billericay Town under the new management of former Hendon and Hampton & Richmond Borough boss Gary McCann.

While Dulwich have not had a bad start with four points from their three matches, the Blues of Billericay are one of those four with a perfect record but only just, having won all their three games by the narrowest of margins – 1-0 on each occasion – the

last two games away at relegated Cheshunt (whose side includes former Woods defender Enock Ekongo) and Cray Wanderers who made it to the play-offs last season.

But there are three teams above them and the table is lead by Enfield Town, who had a bit of a disappointing season last time as they dropped away from the play-off places and finished ninth. Another relegated side, Concord Rangers were beaten 3-0 at the QE Stadium on the opening day and wins at Potters Bar and Folkestone Invicta have followed but the E's have suffered a big blow in the loss of striker Jake Cass to an injury which has promoted him to announce his retirement from football.

Everyone's favourite away venue, Lewes are in second with nine points from three games while newly-promoted Chatham Town – the town where the Woods' Chairman was born – have continued their excellent form from last season with three good wins over Bognor Regis Town, Folkestone Invicta and Cheshunt.

Hornchurch make up the play-off places, unbeaten on seven points, having managed to convince former Millwall striker Steve Morison, who managed Cardiff City this time last year, to take over in the summer. The Urchins, who won the FA Trophy under previous Manager Mark Stimson in 2022, finished second last season before losing out in the play-offs and are clearly looking to



Gary McCann



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push for the title this year. However, they were held to a 1-1 draw at Carshalton Athletic last week with the Robins making a positive start having surprisingly re-recruited former boss Peter Adeniyi after a poor season at Merstham last year.

In perfect symmetry, there are four teams at the bottom of the table with nil points after the three games too with Potters Bar Town, Concord Rangers, Cray Wanderers and Haringey Borough all looking for the first points this weekend. Potters Bar is the latest club for the much-travelled former Woods Player of the Year Wilson Chingoka.

The only other Middlesex side in the division, Wingate & Finchley, have made a reasonable start to the season despite losing 0-4 at home to Folkestone Invicta on the opening day. They followed it up with a 2-1 win at Haringey Borough and sit in mid-table at this early stage.

Like our own South-Central division, the other two regional first divisions have mainly seen teams play just the one game so far so not a great deal to report on but we will update more as the season progresses.



Steve Morison

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Enfield Town	3	3	0	0	7	1	6	9
2 Lewes	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
3 Chatham Town	3	3	0	0	6	3	3	9
4 Billerica Town	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	9
5 Hornchurch	3	2	1	0	7	3	4	7
6 Horsham	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
7 Margate	3	2	0	1	5	6	-1	6
8 Carshalton Athletic	3	1	2	0	9	4	5	5
9 Hashtag United	3	1	2	0	6	3	3	5
10 Hastings United	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
11 Dulwich Hamlet	3	1	1	1	7	5	2	4
12 Wingate & Finchley	3	1	1	1	5	8	-3	4
13 Folkestone Invicta	3	1	0	2	7	5	2	3
14 Kingstonian	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
15 Canvey Island	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	3
16 Whitehawk	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2
17 Bognor Regis Town	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
18 Cheshunt	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1
19 Haringey Borough	3	0	0	3	3	7	-4	0
20 Cray Wanderers	3	0	0	3	1	5	-4	0
21 Concord Rangers	3	0	0	3	2	9	-7	0
22 Potters Bar Town	3	0	0	3	1	9	-8	0

NORTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Enfield	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2 Gorleston	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
3 East Thurrock United	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4 Walthamstow	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5 Bury Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	3
6 Brightlingsea Regent	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7 Heybridge Swifts	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8 Felixstowe & Walton	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
9 Maldon & Tiptree	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
10 Basildon United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
11 Lowestoft Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12 Redbridge	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13 Witham Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14 Brentwood Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15 Bowers & Pitsea	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
16 Stowmarket Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
17 New Salamis	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
18 Ipswich Wanderers	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
19 Wroxham	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
20 Grays Athletic	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Three Bridges	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	4
2 Hythe Town	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
3 Sevenoaks Town	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
4 Cray Valley PM	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
5 Littlehampton Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6 Ashford United	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7 Lancing	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8 Broadbridge Heath	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
9 Burgess Hill Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
10 Herne Bay	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
11 Horndean	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
12 Sheppey United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
13 Chichester City	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
14 Phoenix Sports	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
15 Sittingbourne	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
16 Beckenham Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
17 Erith & Belvedere	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18 Merstham	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
19 Ramsgate	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
20 East Grinstead Town	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0



MATCH ACTION

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH
CENTRAL DIVISION
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023



Woods

Otote 45', 59', 67', Williams 90+7'



Corinthian-Casuals

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Otote with the opening goal of the season



Northwood kicked off the new season in style with a resounding win over Corinthian-Casuals who arrived at the Skyline under the management of Casuals old boy and former Palace favourite Andy Gray as they look to bounce back from last season's relegation from the Isthmian Premier.

Woods included two debutants in their starting lineup – Deago Dunbar-Bonnie being preferred to Luke Brophy at left-back while Kofi Anokye-Boadi started on the right of a three-pronged attack. There were also places on the bench for 17-year-old Ben Crowder and new boy Harry McCorkell.

The contest got off to a cagey start with neither side seriously threatening in the early stages, the visitors enjoying the greater possession with a series of long-range attempts and Jonathan Lamara hooking wide as he looked to latch onto a free-kick to the far post.

Northwood began to find their feet and they had an opportunity to open the scoring as Dan Williams managed to get beyond goalkeeper Kevin Manuel but scuffed his shot as looked to convert from a tight angle. At the other end, substitute Rory Spence, on for the

injured Kenny Watson, barrelled his way beyond Dunbar-Bonnie but was thwarted by a fine block from 'keeper Andrew McCorkell.

Woods maintained their attacking momentum as Anokye-Boadi made good headway down the right flank and whipping in a delicious cross which was inches away from the stretching Williams before the latter broke quickly and picked out Osaretin Otote who cushioned the ball towards Carl Stewart who was crowded out by the Casuals defence.

After Williams had tested Manuel with a low drive which was turned around the upright, Northwood has some defending to do as McCorkell blocked an effort from Reece Deakin on the angle while Spence should have done better as he broke into the box but blazed over with only McCorkell to beat.

GOAL ALERT
1-0 Osaretin Otote (45 mins)

Woods responded as Williams broke clear of the Casuals defence before being denied by the advancing Manuel. However, the hosts finally managed to break the deadlock a minute before the interval as Teddy Stacey's low cross found its way to Otote who kept his

composure to sweep the ball home for his first competitive goal in Northwood colours.

And Woods went close to adding a second in stoppage-time as Manuel produced a flying save to keep out a rasping shot from Anokye-Boadi.

HALF TIME
NORTHWOOD 1
CORINTHIAN-CASUALS 0

Northwood continued in a similar vein upon the resumption as they looked to build on their lead – Anokye-Boadi crashing a shot against the crossbar after he latched onto Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway's flick-on from McCorkell's up field ball, Otote causing panic in the Casuals box with a mazy run as he tried to set up Williams and Stewart having a shot gathered by Manuel.

GOAL ALERT
2-0 Osaretin Otote (59 mins)

Woods were given the perfect opportunity to consolidate their advantage just before the hour after a penalty award for handball after Stacey's fierce drive from the edge of the box was blocked by a Casuals defender; Manuel keeping out Williams' spot-kick but unable to keep out Otote's



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Tingey header



Teddy header



Celebrations of Otote hat-trick

follow up as he fired into the opposite corner from a narrow angle to extend the lead on 59 minutes.

GOAL ALERT
3-0 Osaretin Otote (66 mins)

Northwood were now in full control, and it was no surprise as Otote completed a sublime hat-trick on 66 minutes as he cut into the box from the left flank before unleashing a shot which flew beyond Manuel and into the far corner of the Casuals net.

Woods made a change as Crowder was given his senior debut as a replacement for Jack Smith and the hosts went in search of further goals with Manuel once again keeping out an effort from the impressive Anokye-Boadi before

Williams was denied by the slightest touch from the Casuals stopper.

However, McCorkell had to be at his best as he looked to maintain Northwood's clean sheet when he produced a smart save to keep out a fiercely struck shot from Jason Evans.

Northwood utilised their full quota of substitutions as Stacey made way for Sam Jenkins at right-back and Harry McCorkell was introduced for his debut with man of the moment Otote taking his leave to a well-deserved applause.

GOAL ALERT
4-0 Dan Williams (90+7 mins)

Woods could be hugely satisfied by a job well done but they weren't finished yet as they completed the scoring in

the final seconds of seven minutes of added time with Williams getting a well-deserved goal as he converted from close range after being teed up by Crowder – the perfect ending to a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for Northwood. advantage just before the

FULL TIME
NORTHWOOD 4
CORINTHIAN-CASUALS 0

WOODS LINE-UP
 McCorkell, Stacey (Jenkins 77), Dunbar-Bonnie, Stewart, Tingey, Gallagher, Otote (H. McCorkell 90), Alexander-Greenaway, Williams, Smith (Crowder 77), Anokye-Boadi

UNUSED SUBS Brophy, Jonas

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THE WOODS FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

August	F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5		
Sat 12	 Corinthian-Casuals	H	4-0	158	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey
Sat 19	 Buckhurst Hill	(PR) A	1-0	133	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey
Mon 28	 Binfield	H							
September									
Sat 2	 Binfield	(1QR) A							
Sat 9	 Ramsgate	(1Q) A							
Sat 16	 Leatherhead	A							
Sat 23	 Ashford Town (Middx)	H							
Sat 30	 Uxbridge	A							
October									
Sat 7	 Westfield	H							
Tue 10	 Marlow	H							
Sat 14	 Raynes Park Vale	A							
Sat 21	 Chertsey Town	H							
Sat 28	 Thatcham Town	A							
November									
Sat 4	 Sutton Common Rovers	H							
Sat 11	 Chipstead	A							
Sat 18	 Metropolitan Police	H							
Sat 25	 Hartley Wintney	A							
December									
Sat 2	 Badshot Lea	H							
Sat 9	 Ascot United	A							
Sat 16	 Guernsey	H							
Sat 23	 South Park Reigate	A							
Tue 26	 Southall	H							
Sat 30	 Hanworth Villa	H							
January									
Mon 1	 Binfield	A							
Sat 6	 Ashford Town (Middx)	A							
Sat 13	 Leatherhead	H							
Sat 20	 Westfield	A							
Sat 27	 Uxbridge	H							
Sat 3	 Marlow	A							
February									
Sat 3	 Raynes Park Vale	H							
Sat 10	 Chertsey Town	A							
Sat 17	 Thatcham Town	H							
Sat 24	 Sutton Common Rovers	A							
March									
Sat 2	 Metropolitan Police	A							
Sat 9	 Chipstead	H							
Sat 16	 Badshot Lea	A							
Sat 23	 Hartley Wintney	H							
April									
Mon 1	 Southall	A							
Sat 6	 Corinthian-Casuals	A							
Sat 13	 South Park Reigate	H							
Sun 21	 Guernsey	A							
Sat 27	Ascot United	H							
TBA	Hanworth Villa	A							



WOODS SCORE SHOWN FIRST Goalscorer in Bold 1;
Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3 / Sub 4 / Sub 5;
 ■ Yellow Card / ■ Red Card



6	7	8	9	10	11	OG	Used Substitutes
Gallagher	Otote 3	Alexander-Greenway ■	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi		Cowdler (72); Jenkins (77); H. McCorkell (90)
Gallagher ■	Otote	Coulter	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi		Newman (60); H. McCorkell (77); Jenkins (90)

Northwood FC Under 7s Were our Mascots at our home game with Corinthian-Casuals.





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THE WOODS ROLL CALL 2023/24



Player	Woods Debut	2022/23 Season										Woods Career					
		Isthmian League				Cup				Total		League		Cups		Overall	
		Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Ric Alexander-Greenaway	Ashford Town (A) Mar 22	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	37	4	8	2	45	6
Kofi Anokye-Boadi	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug 23	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Luke Brophy	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keagan Cole	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	7	11	0	49	7
Archie Coulter	Buckhurst Hill (A) Aug 23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ben Crowder	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug 23	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Deago Dunbar-Bonnie	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug 23	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Harry Gallagher	Tooting 6 MU (H) Aug 22	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	20	3	8	0	28	3
Sam Jenkins	Kings Langley (H) Sept 18	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	60	3	18	0	78	3
Romario Jonas	South Park Reigate (H) Aug 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	5	0	16	0
Andrew McCorkell	Uxbridge (A) Sept 17	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	42	0	12	0	54	0
Harry McCorkell	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug 23	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Matt Messer	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaden Newman	Buckhurst Hill (A) Aug 23	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Osaretin Otote	Binfield (A) Apr 23	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	2	3	6	3	3	0	9	3
Jack Smith	Thatcham Town (A) March 23	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	6	0
Teddy Stacey	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	36	3	9	1	44	4
Carl Stewart	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	62	1	15	0	77	1
Luke Tingey	Tooting 6 MU (H) Feb 22	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	52	3	13	0	65	3
Dan Williams	Merstham (A) Feb 23	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	11	4	3	2	14	6

MOST APPEARANCES

78
SAM
JENKINS



TOP SCORER

7
KEAGAN
COLE



UNDER 18S

FA YOUTH CUP COMES TOO EARLY

Ryan Young's Under-18 side kicked-off their new campaign ten days ago with a home game against Tring Athletic in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Youth Cup.

Pre-season had gone pretty well with wins over Dunstable Town (6-1) and Leverstock Green (2-1) before a narrow 3-4 defeat against a strong Walton & Hersham side so there was some confidence going into the cup fixture here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

However, with plenty of the playing squad still away on their holidays, the Woods could only name 14 players for the game (out of a possible 18) and our visitors, who are run by Pro-Sport Academy looked tough opponents.

And, so it proved as, after a cagey start, Tring settled down and were soon two goals ahead. The Woods then rallied well towards the end of the first-half. Firstly, a corner saw Jeremy Scholz head home at the near-post and soon after, last season's top scorer Fabjan Toci swept home an Alex Grant cross to level things up.

Losing James Payne to injury at half-time was a bit of a blow for the Woods though and Athletic were back in front just three minutes into the second-half. The Woods battled hard but when Tring were awarded a penalty in the 75th minute which they scored from it was pretty much game over and they added another penalty deep into stoppage-time to wrap up a 5-2 success.

Team: Matteo Chianca, James Payne (Keelan Sweeney), Jeremy Scholz, Oliver Pope, Liam Osborne (Joe Booth), Ethan Bradford, Alex Grant, Fabjan Toci, Tom Reid (Brian McGovern), Ben Crowder.

The Woods made the difficult decision (mainly for travel reasons) to switch back to playing in the Allied Counties League this season after an absence of 13 years while playing in the Isthmian Youth League. We have been placed in the East Division but even since the AGM, Brook House have dropped out, leaving us with only six other opponents which is disappointing. The other sides are Beaconsfield Town, Chalfont St Peter, Harefield United, Hillingdon Borough, Rayners Lane and Wembley.

It was great to see Ben Crowder of the Under-18s make the step-up to be involved in the first-team's opening couple of matches. Hopefully, we will be able to add a couple more from the youth squad as the season progresses.



Ben Crowder has been promoted to the first-team squad

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

Date	Opposition	@	Comp	Res	Scorers
July					
Mon 24	Dunstable Town	N	Friendly	6-1	Dwyer, Grant 2, Osborne 2, Crowder
Thu 27	Leverstock Green	A	Friendly	2-1	Osborne, Crowder
August					
Thu 10	Walton & Hersham	N	Friendly	3-4	Caselli 3
Wed 16	Tring Athletic	H	FAY	2-5	Scholz, Toci
Thu 24	Maccabi	N	Friendly		
September					
Mon 11	Hillingdon Borough	A	ACYL		
Wed 27	Wembley	H	ACYL		
October					
Wed 11	Chalfont St Peter	H	ACYL		
Wed 18	Chalfont St Peter	A	ACYL		
Wed 25	Beaconsfield Town	H	ACYL		
November					
Wed 8	Harefield United	H	ACYL		
Thu 23	Harefield United	A	ACYL		
December					
Wed 13	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		
January					
Tue 9	Beaconsfield Town	A	ACYL		
Wed 17	Hillingdon Borough	H	ACYL		
Wed 24	Wembley	A	ACYL		
Tue 30	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		



THREE OF A KIND



KEN GREEN LOOKS AT MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS BINFIELD

Saturday 11th December 2021
Isthmian League

Binfield Northwood

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Northwood secured their third consecutive away win with a hard-fought victory in their first visit to Binfield, and they settled well in the steady rain and on an increasingly greasy surface, Surmon broke up a Binfield move and strode forward confidently to unleash a long-range effort, before a stretching Stacey almost got on the end of a Cole free kick to the far post.

The Moles did have the ball in the net through Ollie Harris after Daniel Hosier had done well to keep out the initial effort, but Northwood were relieved by an offside flag. Woods' winning goal came from a slick move involving Cole and Jackson ended with Young being impeded in the box as he shaped to shoot, Jackson stepping up to send keeper Harvey Rackley-Hayes the wrong way from the penalty spot

and put Woods ahead on 53 minutes.

Binfield looked to respond with another Helmore shot being blocked by the stubborn Northwood backline with the central defensive partnership of Tommy Boxer and James Gurteen looking increasingly assured. And having dealt with the danger, Woods asked further questions of their own, with Rackley-Hayes having to tip over a free-kick from Cole.

Towards the end, Binfield threw everything they had at Northwood in an increasingly desperate attempt to get back on level terms, but despite a couple of anxious moments, Woods were not to be denied.

Binfield: Harvey Rackley-Hayes, Jack Thomson-Wheeler, Elliot Legg, Kian Duncan, Joe Gater, Liam Gavin, Ollie Harris, Kensley Maloney (Josh Howell), Sean Moore, Liam Tack, Josh Helmore (Callum Bunting)

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

Tuesday 7th March 2023
Isthmian League

Northwood Binfield

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Ten-man Northwood produced a defensive masterclass following the early sending off of Brandon Kalu to resist Binfield on a cold night at the Skyline Roofing Stadium. Northwood made a positive start on the slick surface with Jackson trying his luck with a half-volley bicycle kick from the edge of the box which cleared the crossbar after Binfield struggled to clear a Tingey throw into their box.

And having resisted the Northwood pressure, Binfield had a glorious chance to take the lead through Pagliaroli but he took an extra touch at the far post with the goal at his mercy allowing Jackson to get in a vital block. But the whole nature of the contest was changed on 26 minutes as Kalu received his marching orders for a rash challenge on Hobbs, and the Moles sensed blood and immediately set about trying to make the most of their numerical advantage with McCorkell being called upon to tip over an effort from Pagliaroli while Lynch might have done better as he directed a free header wide of the target.

For all their possession, Binfield were struggling to make any real impact as each home player stuck manfully to their task with Stacey and Stewart doing a sterling job in the middle of the park as they protected the backline.

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Harry Gallagher, Brandon Kalu, Carl Stewart, Luke Tingey, Keagan Cole, Shane Cojocare (Junior Paiva), Teddy Stacey, Gareth Chendlik



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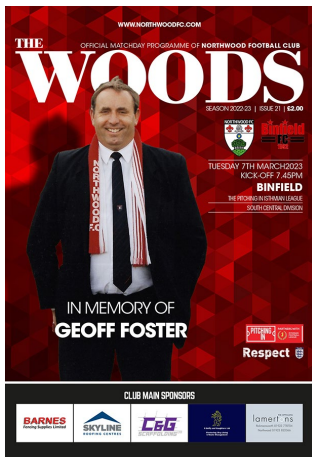
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March 2023

(Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway), Dan Williams (Josh Helmore), Micah Jackson

Binfield: Harvey Rackley-Hayes, Kai Hobbs, Luke Brophy, Jonathan Denton (James Beauchamp), Liam Gavin, George Winner, Harvey Harry (Steve Ngunga), Connor Holland, Conor Lynch, Harrison Bayley, Brad Pagliaroli (Massimo Giamattei)

Tuesday 4th April 2023
Isthmian League

Binfield
Northwood

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It was honours even as the two play-off hopefuls played out their second goalless stalemate within a few weeks at Hill Farm Lane. Kick-off was delayed by ten minutes due to a small issue with the floodlights but once proceedings got underway, Woods applied some early pressure as they forced a couple of corners followed by a Tingey throw into the box which was returned by Stacey whose deflected shot was helped on by Gurteen but his back header dropped the wrong side of the upright.

Woods continued to take the game to their hosts with Jackson releasing Cojocarel, whose low cross found its way to Helmore who saw his shot blocked with Chendlik's follow up suffering a similar fate.

The Moles gradually found their range with Pagliaroli a favoured outlet on their left flank – his cross picking out Curtis, who had his shot charged down

by Gurteen before the winger scuffed his shot after a run from deep.

The game continued to be played a frenetic pace with the referee ignoring appeals for a Northwood penalty following a run from Lomas while at the other end, Woods keeper McCorkell was a relieved man as his mis-hit clearance fell to the feet of Curtis, who saw his shot cannon off the crossbar.

With play flowing from end to end, Chendlik combined with Cojocarel whose shot was blocked by the home defence before Binfield had

penalty appeals waved away as Conor Lynch went to ground with McCorkell keeping out the follow up from Jonny Denton – but neither side could grab the vital goal.

Binfield: Harvey Rackley-Hayes, Kai Hobbs, Massimo Giamattei, Jonathan Denton, Liam Gavin, George Winner, Steve Ngunga (Harvey Harry), Connor Holland, Conor Lynch (Taylor Morgan), Brandon Curtis, Brad Pagliaroli (Luke Brophy)

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, James Gurteen, Andy Lomas, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Luke Tingey, Romario Jonas (Osaretin Otote), Shane Cojocarel (Jack Smith), Teddy Stacey, Josh Helmore (Carl Stewart), Gareth Chendlik, Micah Jackson



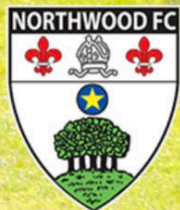
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TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Today sees the first Bank Holiday of the season and as you would expect we have a full league programme taking place across all four divisions of the Isthmian League and we take a look at all of the games being played this afternoon.

So over Monday and Tuesday we have forty one games being played and I'm sure we shall see a number of clubs attracting huge attendances.

It promises to be another fascinating afternoon in the Pitching In Isthmian League.

HERE IS HOW THE EARLY SEASON LEAGUE TABLE LOOKS

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Ashford Town (Middx)	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
2 Chipstead	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
3 NORTHWOOD	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
4 South Park (Reigate)	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
5 Sutton Common Rovers	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
6 Guernsey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
7 Raynes Park Vale	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
8 Chertsey Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
9 Leatherhead	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
10 Thatcham Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
11 Uxbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Ascot United	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
13 Hanworth Villa	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
14 Southall	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
15 Marlow	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
16 Westfield	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
17 Hartley Wintney	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
18 Badshot Lea	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
19 Corinthian-Casuals	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
20 Metropolitan Police	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
21 Binfield	1	0	0	1	0	6	0



PREMIER

Bognor Regis Town vs Lewes
Cheshunt vs Wingate & Finchley
Concord Rangers vs Carvey Island
Dulwich Hamlet vs Chatham Town
Folkestone Invicta vs Margate
Haringey Borough vs Enfield Town
Hastings United vs Cray Wanderers
Hornchurch vs Hashtag United
Kingstonian vs Carshalton Athletic
Potters Bar Town vs Billericay Town
Whitehawk vs Horsham

SOUTH CENTRAL

Ashford Town (Middx) vs Southall
Badshot Lea vs Ascot United
Chertsey Town vs Hartley Wintney
Chipstead vs Corinthian-Casuals
Guernsey vs South Park (Reigate)
Leatherhead vs Westfield
Marlow vs Sutton Common Rovers
Metropolitan Police vs Hanworth Villa
Northwood vs Binfield
Uxbridge vs Thatcham Town

NORTH

Basildon United vs Walthamstow
Bowers & Pitsea vs Redbridge
Bury Town vs Wroxham
East Thurrock United vs Brentwood
Gorleston vs Lowestoft Town
Ipswich Wanderers vs Heybridge Swifts
Maldon & Tiptree vs Grays Athletic
Stowmarket Town vs Felixstowe & Walton Utd
Witham Town vs Brightlingsea Regent

PLAYING TUESDAY

Enfield vs New Salamis

SOUTH EAST

Broadbridge Heath vs Chichester City
Erith & Belvedere vs Beckenham Town
Herne Bay vs Ramsgate
Hythe Town vs Ashford United
Lancing vs Burgess Hill Town
Phoenix Sports vs Cray Valley PM
Sevenoaks Town vs East Grinstead Town
Sittingbourne vs Sheppey United
Three Bridges vs Merstham

PLAYING TUESDAY

Littlehampton Town vs Horndean



INTRODUCING
OUR VISITORS...

BINFIELD

Binfield
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1892



Binfield FC first played in 1892, during the reign of Queen Victoria, making us one of the oldest Association Football clubs in the world! The team comprised young men from the local brickworks and those who worked on the land around Binfield. The club's early years were spent in the Ascot and District League, where we enjoyed many successful seasons winning the Fielden Cup for the first time in 1924 and on eleven further occasions since.

During the 2nd World War, we joined the Great Western Combination League, winning the championship in 1947. During that period we also won the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup and the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup and it was not unusual to see crowds in excess of 1,000 at our Forest Road ground.

In 1950 we joined the Reading and

District League, where we remained for the next forty years. In 1972 Binfield won promotion to the Premier Division for the first time and although relegated two years later we returned in 1976 as 1st Division Champions. A huge crowd, reminiscent of the 1940's, packed Forest Road to witness our promotion. In 1980, the club made an important decision to move from Forest Road, where facilities were shared with the cricket club, to our current site in Hill Farm Lane. Turning that field into the football ground we see today was a massive task. Thanks to an enormous amount of physical work by the members of the club the area was levelled and drained within three years. The members then set about building the club house. This progress off the field was matched on it when in 1987 and 1988 we won Division 2 and then Division 1 of the Reading and District League. In 1989, we joined the

high-profile Charrington Chiltonian League, winning the Division 1 title at the first attempt – a feat we repeated in 1996 – and reaching the final of the League Cup. The following year we finished runners-up to Peppard, despite remaining unbeaten from November until the end of the campaign.

In 2001 we merged with Binfield's junior club, Binfield Forest FC, and in doing so significantly increased the membership, with over 20 teams playing every weekend – this season we will field 36 teams each week. The junior part of the club is very important to Binfield with FA Charter status having been achieved in 2007 and in 2013 we were awarded the Berks & Bucks FA and South East Regional FA Charter Status Community Club of the Year awards, culminating in the club being invited to the FA Community Shield at Wembley in August 2013.



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Since 2005, progress at the club has been swift, with the addition of floodlights and later a seated stand. The club is tirelessly working to improve our facilities with our “continuous improvement” plan making further change to the car park, to the club house and a new stand around our Tea Bar. We constantly strive to improve all elements of the facilities from changing rooms to a playing surface we are extremely proud of, to benefit everyone from our Under 6s up to our 1st Team. We won the FTL Hellenic League Division 1 East title in 2008-09 and gained promotion to the next level of English football, where we finished runners up in the 2010/11 UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division, 3rd in 2012/13 and 5th in 2014.

August 15th 2009 will long be remembered as Binfield’s first game in the legendary FA Cup – and we have enjoyed some good runs reaching the 1st Qualifying round in

each of the last two seasons with 400 supporters enjoying the visit of Margate in 2010 and a trip to Slough Town and narrow defeat in 2011. In 2013 the side reached the 2nd Qualifying round, losing to a 96th minute free kick as Leatherhead came from behind. Binfield entered the FA Vase for the first time in season 2008-09 and enjoyed three rounds, before reaching the 4th round (last 32) in 2011/12 in an incredible season of cup success. The 2011/12 team is the most successful in our history, winning both the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Trophy and the AM Print & Copy Floodlit Cup in five glorious April 2012 days. We also reached the final of the Hellenic Challenge Cup.

In the two Covid disrupted seasons, the first team were sitting in second place in the Hellenic Premier. Positions when used to calculate points per game resulted in promotion to the Isthmian League South

Centre, our 1st season ever at Step 4. However the 2020/21 season will, of course, be remembered for our amazing run in the Buildbase FA Vase when playing every game behind closed doors bar one and all away from home we reached the Final at Wembley where we came up against a very good Warrington Rylands side and narrowly lost 3-2.

In 2021/22 season in the Isthmian South Central, we finished 8th after a good start. Disappointing FA Cup but a very good run in the Trophy. Winning at North Leigh, Herne Bay before a home win vs Chippenham and finally bowing out against Truro, missing a last minute penalty. Last season, we finished 6th in the Isthmian South Central – our highest ever league position. In the FA Cup, we reached the 3q round, again our best ever performance, losing 5-3 away to Beckenham Town. In the FA Trophy, we lost in the 1st round proper away to Tavistock.

The Manager Garry Haylock

Garry was appointed as Manager of Binfield FC on the 27th of September 2022.

Haylock was appointed as the first manager of Hayes & Yeading United in May 2007, having previously held the post with Yeading FC from December 2006.

He received the Manager of the Month Award from the Conference South for September 2008 when his team topped the Division, and again for March 2009 after another winning run as he led the club to the league play-offs and promotion to the Conference National.

Haylock resigned from his post as manager of Hayes & Yeading United on 30 May 2011. A week later Farnborough unveiled Haylock and



Gareth Hall as the new management team. Just five months later Haylock and his assistant were relieved of their duties

at Farnborough after a string of poor performances, including an 8-2 hammering at the hands of Truro City.

He was appointed manager at Bedford Town on 6 January 2012 but left the club in May 2012, standing down from his roles of

manager and acting chairman.

Garry then had a spell as first team coach & analyst at League Two side Exeter City, before accepting the opportunity to return to manage Hayes & Yeading United in October 2015.

He left Hayes & Yeading again in April 2016. In April 2017 he was appointed manager of Bedford & Feltham. He left the club in October the same year.



HARVEY RACKLEY-HAYES

Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs: Binfield, Sheerwater, England Schoolboys U18s, Queens Park Rangers & West Ham United



BRAD WORSFOLD

Right Back

Previous Clubs: Binfield Allied, Reading City



MICHAK STANIC-STEWART

Centre Back

Previous Clubs: Beckenham Town, Chipstead



DAN LEWIS

Defender

Previous Clubs: Spelthorne sports



WILLIAM MABUKWA

Central Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Binfield U23s



MONTY BRADY

Central Defensive Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Binfield U23





MAX DRAKE

Right Wing Back

Previous Clubs: Chippenham Town



LIAM CAMPBELL

Defender

Previous Clubs: Thatcham Town,
Oxford City and Wantage Town



KHALID SENUSSI

Left Back / Left Wing Back

Previous Clubs: Bracknell Town,
Binfield, Wokingham



BEN STALLARD

Centre Midfield

Previous Clubs: Wycombe Wanderers
Youth, Chalfont St Peter, Harefield Utd



ZEID HANNACHI

Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Thatcham Town,
Guildford City and Knaphill



DONTAYE WHITTAKER

Striker

Previous clubs: Hampton and
Richmond, Windsor FC



NOAH CHENGUN

Striker

Previous Clubs: Basingstoke Town



JAKE FISHER

Striker

Previous Clubs: Binfield U23s



FLYNN BOLTON

Striker

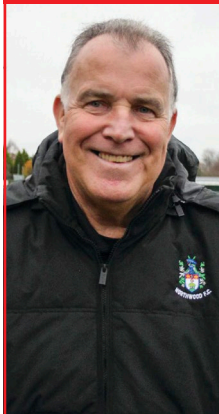




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Keagan Cole



Keagan arrived at Northwood in a player-coach role in November 2021 having skipped 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 24 and an inspirational skipper who picked up the Supporters Player of the Year award in 2022. Now installed as Assistant Manager.

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Luke Tingey



Luke is an experienced 26-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. Made skipper during an almost ever-present 2022-23 season, he won the Managers' Player of the Year award and is back from another term.

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Luke Brophy



21-year-old full-back, Luke joined the Woods in the summer of 2023 from Hayes & Yeading where he was part of their side that won the Middlesex Senior Cup. Luke had spells at both Westfield and Binfield on dual-registration last season and played against the Woods.

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Curtis Brown



Curtis is a powerful, young 19-year-old forward who has joined the Woods in the summer of 2023 from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. He previously featured at Risborough Rangers but came to notice with a barrage of goals playing for Winslow United.

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Kofi Anokye-Boadi



Kofi moved to Northwood in July 2023 having played for both Chipstead and Bedfont Sports last season. The attacking midfielder started as a youth at Barnet and at 23 will be looking to establish himself with the Woods.

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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 26-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 has been virtually ever-present in the Woods midfield, clocking up over 75 appearances.

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Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway



The 23-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. He signed on permanently for the 2022/23 season and played a huge part in bolstering the midfield area.

Now starting a second season, Ric is just short of 50 appearances and has also been amongst the goals.

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Harry Gallagher



Harry came late to Saturday non-League football having only started playing in 2021-22 with Broadfields United having trained with Northwood for much of 2022. The 25-year-old has registered with the Woods for the last season and continued to develop, also bagging the bonus of scoring Goal of the Season. He returns for a second year.

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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 returned permanently for 2022. Now approaching 75 appearances for the club, he's back for another year.

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Romario Jonas



Romario is a 25-year-old defender who joined on dual-registration with Harwell 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 Harwell side that won promotion through the play-offs back in May 2022.

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Andrew McCorkell



Experienced 25-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 U19s. 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 in 2022. He was ever-present during that first season.

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Godlove Oppong



The 19-year-old striker has been on the management's radar for quite some time and they finally got him on board in the summer of 2023 having enjoyed a couple of good years with Tring Athletic in the Spartan South Midlands League. Prior to that he played for Dunstable Town. He will be looking to take that further step up the levels with the Woods this season.

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Teddy Stacey



26-year-old Teddy joined us from Hadley FC. He was at Tottenham as a youth and then went to the US where he represented 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. Missed the first half of last season but is now approaching 50 appearances for Woods and returns for a third term.

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Dan Williams



Dan is a 26-year-old striker who came through the successful Hendon U23 side and then made a huge impact at Chalfont St Peter with plenty of goals. He then moved to Tooting & Mitcham and Bedfont Sports in 2021/22 before joining Uxbridge in the summer of 2022. From there he has joined the Woods in February 2023 and had a good introduction before picking up an injury. Dan will be hoping to build on that as he returns for the new campaign.

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Osaretin Ototo



Young attacking wide player who joined the Woods from Waltham Abbey in February 2023. Previously at Barking, Osa is still only 21 and as a youth played for the likes of the Huddersfield Town Academy.

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Jack Smith



Midfielder who joined the Woods in March 2023 from St Panteleimon having also been registered with Chesham United. The 26-year-old who came through the youth ranks at Wealdstone.

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Matt Messer



Young, 22-year-old goalkeeper has signed for the Woods as cover for the established McCorkell and will be looking to progress during the season. He joins from Holmer Green where he featured 25 times during the last campaign.

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Deago Dunbar-Bonnie



Only 20, Deago is a left-back who has with Stoke City and Leyton Orient as a youth. He had spells with Maldon & Tiptree and Hullbridge Sports upon his release from the O's and last season played for Kings Langley while also dual-registering with Oxhey Jets. He is dual-registered with Harrow Borough.

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Harry McCorkell



24-year-old midfielder who joins the Woods from North Greenford United where he scored 10 goals in 44 games last season. Prior to that Harry enjoyed six seasons with Harefield United, making over 100 appearances and he now teams up with his older brother as he looks to make the step up.

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Ben Crowder

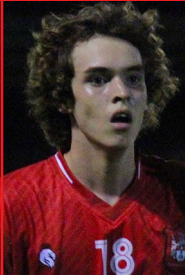


17 year-old winger. Ben is in his second season with the Woods Under-18s and has been called up to the first-team squad, making his debut as a substitute against Corinthian-Casuals on the opening day. Lots of potential.

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Archie Coulter

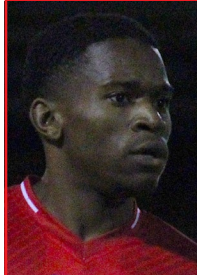


Archie is part of the Aldershot Town Development squad and has joined the Woods in August 2023 having previously played for the Shots Under-23 side. He made his Woods debut in the FA Cup at Buckhurst Hill and, at only 19, he will be looking to gain more experience of senior football.

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Jaden Newman



Young attacking prospect, Jaden impressed in pre-season with a couple of goals and has been added to the Woods squad. The 19-year-old was with Wembley last season having been at Harefield as a youth.

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MATCHDAY SQUADS



NORTHWOOD

Colours: Red

Manager: **Ben Bukowski**

Assistant: **Keagan Cole**

- **Andrew McCorkell**
- **Matt Messer**
- **Teddy Stacey**
- **Sam Jenkins**
- **Deago Dunbar-Bonnie**
- **Luke Brophy**
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- **Curtis Brown**
- **Archie Coulter**
- **Ben Crowder**
- **Jaden Newman**



BINFIELD

Colours: All White

Manager: **Garry Haylock**

Coaches: **Roger Herridge**

& Keith Pennicott-Bowen

- **Harvey Rackley-Hayes**
- **Max Drake**
- **Liam Campbell**
- **Rechan Rash**
- **Ben Stallard**
- **William Mabukwa**
- **Jake Fisher**
- **Kieran Robinson**
- **Zeid Hannachi**
- **Monty Brady**
- **Bradley Worsfold**
- **Ryan Lewis**
- **Dan Lewis**
- **Michak Stewart**
- **Jake Fisher**
- **George Winser**
- **Troy Murray**
- **Dontaye Whittaker**

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Neal Templey

Assistants:

Manny Chandwani

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NEXT UP HOME

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Kick-Off 3pm

Pitching In Isthmian League

South Central Division

NEXT UP AWAY

BINFIELD

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Kick-Off 3pm

Emirates FA Cup

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