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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



Good afternoon and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd Clubhouse for today's Pitching In Isthmian League fixture.

We extend our welcome to our visitors today from Guernsey FC and we trust you have a safe journey home and enjoy your short stay here.

Bit of a mixed bag on the pitch in the last couple of games which started with a rare game here when we comprehensively beat Sutton Common Rovers and it looked like we had the 'old' Woods back; but after losing our home game against Badshot Lea to the hard frost, we then put in another below-par performance away at Ascot on Saturday in what I believe was a more than winnable game. We created little

and our defensive frailties were exposed for the only goal of the game.

So, here we are again with another week (weather permitting please) where we are due three home games and with nine massive points up for grabs, we really need to get our season started now to avoid a relegation battle.

Having lost our centre forward and goalkeeper already to Uxbridge, whilst I believe their recruitment is lazy, the reality is these are two very important positions in the team and replacing players always tends to unsettle the squad. We need a goal scorer and hopefully one will either step up or arrive soon.

Our rearranged game here on Tuesday against Metropolitan Police

is the last here before Christmas so we hope you can make it then and join us for a drink or two before the 'big day'.

We are of course also at home on Boxing Day afternoon when we entertain title-contenders Southall. If you are entertaining family at home over the festive period then please bring them along to the game and add to what should be an excellent atmosphere for the fixture.

Away from the pitch, there has been lots of issues here in recent weeks and I will update more when it's appropriate.

Enjoy the game...

**Up the Woods!
Ian**

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DIRECT FROM THE MANAGEMENT

WITH MANAGER BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon, Woods fans,

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to today's game. I am hoping you are reading this after a midweek win and much-needed points.

Last Saturday against Ascot was very disappointing especially on the back of a great performance and win against Sutton Common Rovers. I thought the game was pretty poor from both sides, and I think a draw could have been the fair result.

However, a lapse in concentration from a ball in behind saw us concede the only goal in the game and come back with no points.

We are working hard behind the scenes to rectify our mistakes and ensure over the Christmas period we pick up enough points to go into the New Year in a better league position.

As you will have seen we have lost Dan Williams to Uxbridge FC. I want to wish Dan all the best in his career and thank him for his time with us. Unfortunately, the offer he received was one he couldn't turn down and it is very difficult to stand in people's way when that happens.

We are trying hard to fill the gaps from recent departures and ensure we have as strong a squad as possible to go into the new year with.

On the injury front, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway is hoping to be back on the training pitch in the next week or so. Sam Jenkins who has been our stand in physio has been working hard with him. Carl Stewart was back on Saturday for some minutes after he picked up a knock against Sutton Common. Harry McCorkell is nursing a slight

knee injury picked up against Ascot on Saturday so we are hoping he will be at full fitness for today.

During this busy period, we have a lot of games and a lot of points to pick up. Our effort will be there and our commitment to making this happen never changes. I can only apologise for the start we have made but I hope you can all continue to trust me and have the belief in me and my team to turn it around.

Your continued support is always appreciated, we need it now more than ever. Let's get behind the team, enjoy the Christmas period and look forward to the 2024 half of the season.

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS



Welcome to the Green Lions

A warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for today's Pitching In Isthmian League fixture and it's an early kick-off for the visit of our friends from the Channel Island of Guernsey FC. We hope they enjoy their short stay with us and wish them a safe journey back home this evening.

It was improved form and a surge from the Green Lions around the turn of the Year that ensured their safety in the League last season, eventually finishing just three points ahead of the relegation play-off places having seen bottom of the table at the halfway stage.

This season has seen a similarly slow start for Guernsey and they arrive here today sitting in 20th place in the table but they did win their most recent home game, beating play-off hopeful Uxbridge by a convincing 3-0 margin at their Footes Lane Stadium. That improvement was followed on the 2nd December when they were only narrowly defeat 1-0 at home to at high-flying Leatherhead. They have had a two-week break due to postponements and will return to action this afternoon looking for their first away win of the campaign.

Last season saw the Woods complete a "double" over the Green Lions but both games were keenly contested and both ended in narrow 2-1 wins for Northwood. In an enjoyable visit to Footes Lane in mid-November, the Woods went behind to a Sam Murray goal after just nine minutes but hit back in the second-half with two goals inside seven minutes from Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway and James Gurteen. The return at the Skyline was contentious as the Woods opened the scoring with a goal that Gareth Chendlik appeared to knock in with his hand. Gurteen made it 2-0 by half-time

and Guernsey were restricted to just a late goal from Keene Domaille.

Today's Match has been kindly sponsored by our PA Announcer Sean Moore who has family in Guernsey and should be joining him in the Boardroom for some hospitality. We hope they enjoy their afternoon with us.

League News

After yet another postponement on Tuesday night when we were scheduled to play Westfield here at the Skyline, it is close to two months since we have produced a home programme that has actually been produced for sale on the day so apologies that we have to refer back so far here!

We finally ended a dreadful run of form way back on November 11th with a hard-working 3-1 victory away at Chipstead thanks to goals from Reece Cameron, Dan Williams and Godlove Oppong. There was a gap of two weeks after this due to postponed matches and we then lost our way badly when beaten 4-0 at Hartley Wintney; our worst league result under the current management team.

It needed a real response the following Tuesday night when we played at home to Sutton Common Rovers in another rescheduled match originally postponed back in early November. And that is exactly what we got as Dan Williams sent us on our way with an opening goal after just two minutes. He ended up with his first hat-trick for the Woods and Kofi Anokye-Boadi and Teddy Stacey also chipped in to secure a 5-1 victory. Ironically, this was our biggest home league win for over two years, dating back to a 5-0 success over a struggling Staines Town in October 2021. The three points was our first home league win since the August Bank Holiday Monday – though we had only played four since then – and lifted us up a couple of places in the table with a game in hand. We then had yet another postponed home game, this time against Badshot Lea, when the

cold weather brought a hard frost and this match has been rearranged for mid-January.

Last Saturday's matchday would again have been affected by the heavy rain had it not been for the fact that we were playing away against another side in possession of an artificial surface in Ascot United who we met for the first-ever time. With the current FA Vase holders only one place ahead of ourselves at the wrong end of the table, it was an important game for both sides. Played in a strong wind, there were plenty of mistakes from both sides but few chances in front of goal. Unfortunately, the Yellows took one of theirs midway through the first-half and it was enough to take all three points with a narrow 1-0 victory. That was the fifth time in six away league matches that the Woods had failed to find the target and that certainly needs to improve moving forward.

Please see the centre pages for the new, rearranged dates of all our postponed matches and get them in your diaries.

Cup News

We started our Middlesex Senior Cup campaign with a tough away game at Southall quite some time ago now and produced a very good performance. Harry Gallagher headed us into a very early lead with his fifth of the season but the 'All did level things up before the interval. It stayed that way in the second-half and finished 1-1 but the penalty shoot-out that followed saw the Woods triumph 5-4 thanks to a 100% series of spot-kicks from Carl Stewart, Reece Cameron, Kofi Anokye-Boadi, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway and Harry Gallagher with the winner.

The draw for the quarter-finals of the competition sees us paired away again, this time to Southern League Premier South side Hendon who are enjoying a much better campaign this season, currently sitting in eleventh



place in the table but just three points off the play-off places. Their current squad includes former Woods favourite Niko Muir who has scored 11 in 24 appearances so far this season. The game at Silver Jubilee Park is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 9th January 2024 and the full draw is as follows:

**Barnet v.
North Greenford United**

**Harrow Borough v.
Rayners Lane**

**Hays & Yeading United v.
St. Panteleimon**

**Hendon v.
Northwood**

It's our last chance for any cup success this season and we look forward to our trip to Silver Jubilee Park for our first competitive game against The Greens since a 2016/17 County Cup game which Hendon won 2-1. On that occasion, current Woods players Luke Tingey and Keagan Cole both lined up for the home side.

Player News

There was disappointing news last week when top scorer Dan Williams, fresh from his hat-trick in our last home game, accepted an offer to join Andrew McCorkell and James Gurtree and play for divisional rivals Uxbridge FC. Having hit double figures for the Woods, Dan was always going to get some attention from other clubs but it's always a blow when it's a club from the same level are able to lure a player away mid-season.

Godlove Oponno, who has been plagued by injury since his arrival in the summer, has finally managed to be involved in a series of games over the past few weeks and having bagged his first goal at Chipstead, we must hope he can build on that in the coming months.

Arriving a few weeks ago, 19-year-old midfielder Harry McKenna is on dual-registration from National League side Aldershot Town and he joined team-mate George Milner-Smith who completed a month's loan but was then recalled by the Shots and loaned

out to Step 3 Southern League side Sholing FC.

Three other players have moved on in recent weeks. Osaretin Otote, who made a great impression with a superb opening day hat-trick against Corinthian Casuals, has decided to leave the club and we wish him well in the future. Midfielder Jack Smith took up an offer to join our league rivals Corinthian Casuals. We thank both players for their short service. Meanwhile, Prince Mbengui has joined Luke Brophy playing at Harefield United on dual-registration. Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway had been unlucky with injuries this season and having recovered from a hamstring problem, he then damaged an ankle in training and has been out for the last few weeks. Carl Stewart almost certainly joined him on the easy list on Tuesday night after hobbling off with what looked like a hamstring issue but he managed twenty minutes as a substitute on Saturday.

Finally, congratulations to Assistant Manager Keagan Cole who finally made his 50th appearance for the club when he came on as a substitute for his first appearance of the season on Tuesday night. He has scored seven goals during that time.

Under-18s

The Under-18s continued with their excellent form here at the Skyline when they followed a narrow 2-1 County Cup win over Hillingdon Borough with an 8-0 thrashing of West Division side Burnham in the Allied Counties League Cup game a couple of weeks ago. The goals were shared around again, as they have been all season – no less than 13 different players have got on the scoresheet so far – and shows the talent we have in the squad this season. They've missed a couple of weeks since then but were due to return to action this week with a home game against nearest rivals in the League, Rayners Lane. As I write these notes, that game looked doubtful due to the waterlogged pitch from the Tuesday night so it could be that they will now enter a break until the New Year. In Cup competitions, they will play at home to old rivals Uxbridge in the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup Quarter-

Finals while they will have to make the long trip to Thatcham Town in the Allied Counties League Cup.

Christmas is Coming

Don't forget that the club can be a good source for a few presents for the Christmas period with this season's shirts (both home and away) available for sale at £40 plus scarves, mugs and badges. Get them while stocks last!

Spartans FC

Our tenants remain in a reasonably safe position in the Combined Counties League Division One table, despite being without a win since September 9th. They have drawn plenty of games including their last home match when they held onto a 1-1 draw against Penn & Tylers Green here at the Skyline despite having two players red-carded for fighting each other! They lost 3-1 at Berks County when they were last in action and they are scheduled to play one more home game before Christmas next Saturday 23rd December when they take on Brook House at 3pm while the Woods make the trip to play South Park on their 3G pitch.

Next at the Skyline Roofing Stadium...

**Tuesday 19th December
Woods v. Metropolitan Police**
Isthmian League – 7.45pm

**Saturday 23rd December
Spartans v. Brook House**
CCL Division One – 3pm

**Tuesday 26th December
Woods v. Southall**
Isthmian League – 3pm

**Saturday 30th December
Woods v. Hanworth Villa**
Isthmian League – 3pm

Enjoy the game this evening, thanks for your support, and see you all again on Tuesday night for the visit of the Met Police for the first time for many years. Remember that we then have home games on both Boxing Day and the following Saturday with tough matches against Southall and Hanworth Villa.

Alan



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FROM THE TRAINING PITCH

WITH FIRST TEAM COACH JACOB COOK



MIGHTY WOODS FANS...

I'm buzzing for this one today! Nothing better than playing on our home turf. We've shown this season that we can create countless amounts of opportunities and I believe that in today's game we will capitalise on them!

Thursday's session was a blinder, and the energy was high! Which I must give credit to the boys, as it's by far the best changing room I've been in regardless of the latest result.

As we know this first part of the season hasn't been plain sailing but through its twists & turns, each of the lads have stuck together and this will only show in the rest of the season.

As always, a big thanks to the continued support from our fans. I can assure you it doesn't go unnoticed. We urge you to keep it up and keep the spirit level high over the Christmas period when we have a whole sequence of matches to play and points to play for.

Speaking of Christmas, today also marks the player's Christmas night out. So please be warned they'll be some rascal clobber on sight in the clubhouse... no names but he's name rhymes with Ian Barry.

Looking back towards today's fixture, it's fair to say that Guernsey in previous visits have shown they are a well-structured side, that enjoy doing the basics. With this in mind I'm looking forward to seeing how

well we can counter that and look to break them down to put three vital points on the board so we can start the climb back to where we know the Woods should be.

I hope you all enjoy the game & safe travels to all involved at Guernsey!

**Up the Woods!
Cookie**



THREE OF A KIND



Memorable past meetings with today's opponents Guernsey

By Ken Green



2014 - Michael Murray's penalty clinches the tie



Saturday 1st November 2014
FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

Northwood Guernsey

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A terrific all-round team performance saw the Woods through to the next round of the FA Trophy at the expense of Guernsey who lost out in a penalty shoot-out.

The Woods took the lead after 34 minutes with a goal out of nothing as Ismael Ehui latched onto a simple pass and then turned on a sixpence to fire home at the far post. But Guernsey hit back with an equaliser four minutes later when a long throw was headed on and Marc McGrath fired in off a post to make it 1-1.

No further goals in the second half meant extra time, in which after 103 minutes, a couple of swift passes allowed Dominic Heaume a clear sight of goal and he fired home to put the visitors in front for the first time. But a few minutes later Nana Asamoah played a quick ball through the middle

and Perry Dicker raced through to slip the ball home with his first touch after arriving as a sub.

So to penalties, and the deciding kick came when Luke Winch fired over the bar, whilst the other players all netted, to give Woods a 5-4 win.

Northwood: Berkley Laurencin, Omar Vassell, Andy Lomas, Nick Turner, Mark Burgess, Jordan Lawal (Perry Dicker), Joakim Ehui, Will Hudson (Nana Asamoah), Michael Murray, Ismael Ehui, Sam Byfield (Rob Hastings).

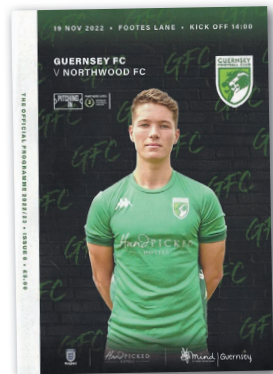
Guernsey: Chris Tardif, Jacques Isabelle, Tom Martin, Sam Cochrane, Jamie Dodd, Kieran Mahon, Alex Le Prevost (Luke Winch), Ryan Zico-Black (Danny Hale), Dominic Heaume (Liam Mahon), Marc McGrath, Angus Mackay.

Saturday 19th November 2022
Pitching-In Isthmian League
Division One South Central

Guernsey Northwood

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Northwood gained their first overseas win after they staged a second half recovery to overcome Guernsey. But the Green Lions' positive start saw



Kieran Mahon move into the Woods box and his cross was met by Liam Mahon, who powered his header beyond Andrew McCorkell to open the scoring on nine minutes.

Woods had showed little in attack for much of a scrappy opening period, but they improved after the break and they found a way through on



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61 minutes as Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway crashed home the ball for following a block on Ronan Hutchins' shot. The rejuvenated visitors completed the turnaround by taking the lead six minutes later when James Gurteen headed home after Alexander-Greenaway had flicked on Jake Tabor's near post corner.

Northwood had a couple of gilt-edged chances to make the game safe at the end – Josh Helmore having a close-range shot blocked after a good work between Tabor and Sydney Ibie before the same player fired over after Ibie's pull back.

Guernsey: Josh Addison, Keanu Marsh (Brandon Wallace), Jamie Dodd, Thomas Dodds, Jacob Fallaize, Kieran Mahon, David Merris (Keene Domaille), Liam Mahon, Samuel Murray, Danny Hale (Matt Loaring)

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Harry Gallagher, Brandon Kalu, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Luke Tingey, James Gurteen, Sandro Costa (Romario Jonas), Jake Tabor (Josh Helmore), Juwon Akintunde (Micah Jackson), Sydney Ibie, Carl Stewart

Saturday 4th February 2023
Pitching-In Isthmian League
Division One South Central

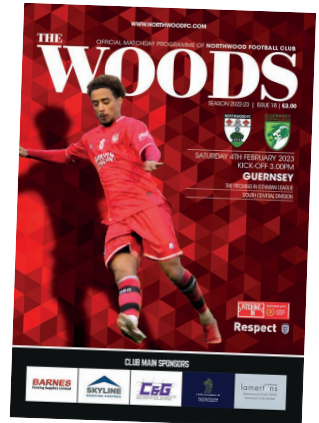
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Northwood started brightly and fashioned an early opportunity as Andy Lomas fed Josh Helmore whose pullback found the perfectly positioned Gareth Chendlik, but unfortunately

his shot cleared the crossbar. The Channel Islanders responded with a couple of attacks of their own, but Woods went ahead on 34 minutes in a controversial manner, Helmore latching onto the loose ball after Josh Addison had parried Riccardo Greenaway-Alexander's shot before squaring to the on-rushing Gareth Chendlik who bundled the ball home on the goal-line with the visitors claiming the ball was helped in with the use of the arm – but the goal stood.

Woods increased their lead three minutes before half-time, when Sandro Costa combined with Helmore before



Addison kept out Micah Jackson's shot, then James Gurteen finally converted from close range after an almighty scramble.

Both sides had chances after the break, but no more goals until the 89th minute, when Guernsey substitute Keene Domaille converted on the rebound after Ross Allen's rasping shot had hit the underside of the bar.

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Sam Jenkins, Andy Lomas, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Luke Tingey, James Gurteen, Sandro Costa (Teddy Stacey), Micah Jackson (Junior Paiva), Josh Helmore (Juwon Akintunde), Gareth Chendlik, Carl Stewart

Guernsey: Josh Addison, Thomas Vaudin, Jamie Dodd, Thomas Dodds, Jacob Fallaize, Matt Loaring, David Merris, Danny Hale, Samuel Murray, Ross Allen, Brandon Wallace (Keene Domaille)



YESTERDAY: TODAY

THIS IS THE 13TH OCCASION IN NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926, THAT THEY HAVE PLAYED A COMPETITIVE FIXTURE ON 16TH DECEMBER. ALL PREVIOUS 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.
Sat 16 Dec 1933	H	Harrow & District League Premier Division	Tellings Sports	L 2-3	R Bell, Gutteridge	
Sat 16 Dec 1939	A	Harrow & District Emergency League Division 3	ARP West House	L 2-7	?	
Sat 16 Dec 1950	H	Middlesex Junior Cup round 3	Cranford	W 2-1	E Green, Day	
Sat 16 Dec 1961	A	Harrow & Wembley League Senior Division	South Ruislip	L 5-7	?	
Sat 16 Dec 1967	A	Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	Roxonian	D 3-3	Gould 2, P Byrne	
Sat 16 Dec 1972	A	Middlesex League Cup round 1	Mill End	L 1-4	Millward	
Sat 16 Dec 1978	A	Morrant Hellenic League First Division	Thatcham Town	L 1-3	Revell	
Sat 16 Dec 1989	H	London-Spartan League Premier Division	North Greenford United	W 3-0	Pacquette, Flynn, Edey	
Sat 16 Dec 1995	H	Icis League Division 3	Epsom & Ewell	W 4-2	Gell 2, Hammatt 2	81
Tue 16 Dec 1997	A	Middlesex Charity Cup round 1	Uxbridge	L 0-1		
Tue 16 Dec 2008	H	Ryman League Division One North	Potters Bar Town	W 2-1	Tackley, Page	101
Sat 16 Dec 2017	A	Evo Stik League South, East Division	Moneyfields	L 0-2		74



1978

Thatcham Town Woods

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Northwood's amazing run of eleven successive wins came to an abrupt end when they were outrun by a young and enthusiastic Thatcham outfit. Despite being without their injured defensive lynchpin Martin O'Donnell,

Woods should have produced enough to beat a side that was based on youth, enthusiasm and a quick-fire off-side trap – but they didn't!

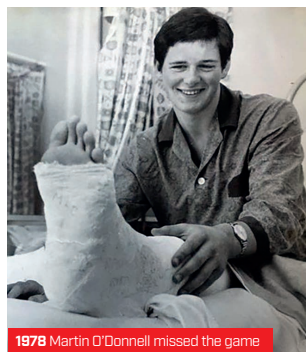
The visitors opened the game well enough but they couldn't put the final ball through without a host intercepting or the off side trap being sprung. Although it was end to end stuff Northwood didn't look capable of reproducing their goal spree of previous games.

In the 30th minute the hosts took the lead when they made the most of a corner. The ball was swung over and was met by a first time volley from the totally unmarked centre forward.

The second half started well for Northwood, and Ellis found himself clear with only the keeper to beat. His delicate chip shot seemed on its way until the keeper produced an elastic leap to divert the ball for a corner.

After 70 minutes Northwood went

2-0 down, and they never looked likely to recover. O'Donnell showed close control in the box but his back pass to Russell never looked likely to reach the desperate keeper. The Woods pushed more players forward and to the delight of the home fans it allowed Thatcham the space to create a well struck third goal. Northwood were able



1978 Martin O'Donnell missed the game



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to pull one goal back five minutes from the end when Revell nonchalantly headed in a precise cross from O'Donnell, but by this time it was far too late to salvage any of the Woods prestige.

Northwood: Dave Russell, Norman Heslop, Steve Revell, Andy Huckle, Martin O'Donnell, Robin Tidd, Ian Harvey, Steve Floodgate, John Powell, Phil Castella, Martin Ellis (Steve Keyes).

1989

Woods North Greenford United 3 0

The Woods took the points in this game with a comfortable victory, Garfield Blackman had a golden opportunity after ten minutes, but shot into the side netting. However, after more pressure, Tim Vincent's cross found Henry Pacquette unmarked for the first goal.

The visitors put up plenty of opposition and Steve White, in goal, made superb saves from Phillips and Bennett, and the half time lead was somewhat fragile. But Paul Flynn soon rectified



the situation when he scored after good work from Bennett.

Micky Devlin in defence had an outstanding game but at the other end, White also sparked as he tipped over a great shot from Bennett before Pacquette hit a post.

But a superb solo run and the goal of the match came from Andy Edey, when he evaded three tackles and rounded the keeper to score.

The visitors kept plugging away and never gave up, but Kenny Lavender dealt confidently with their efforts.

Northwood: Ken Lavender, Mick Devlin, Paul Curran, Don Kearns, Steve Whitehead, Paul Flynn, Malcolm Bennett, Greg Phillips, Tim Vincent, Henry Pacquette, Garfield Blackman (Hastings Simpson)

2017

Moneyfields Woods 2 1

Northwood's trip to the south coast proved to be a fruitless one as they suffered a defeat at the hands of a physical Moneyfields outfit. The hosts were quickly into their stride with Steve Hutchings curling an effort wide of the far upright before Woods' keeper Brendan Hazlett was called upon to deal with a Sam Pearce free-kick. In a rare moment of cohesion for Woods, Romelle Alomena looked to play Harry Newman in but keeper Steve Mowthorpe was first to the ball to avert the danger.

However, Moneyfields took the lead on 31 minutes when Hazlett miscued an attempted punched clearance, allowing Gary Austin to roll the ball into an unguarded net. Northwood responded well to the setback with Mahlondo Martin being denied by a last ditch intervention from Pearce.

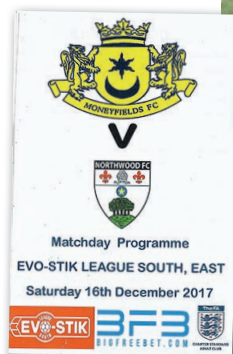
Woods were enjoying their best spell

of the match as half-time approached, Martin sending over a low cross which was just too strong for the on-rushing Newman following good work from Chingoka before the latter saw his shot on the turn gathered by Mowthorpe.

After the break, Woods threatened as Martin's far post cross narrowly evaded the stretching Newman. But the hosts extended their lead on 75 minutes, Steve Hutchings

heading home unchallenged from Bailey's corner.

Northwood: Brendan Hazlett, Isaac Olorunfemi (Paulo Montella 72m), Romelle Alomena, Tayshan Hayden-Smith (Declan Nche 86m), Lewis Hobbs, Brad Hewitt, Lewis Ochoa, Wilson Chingoka (Kujo Gyimah, 87m), Mahlondo Martin, David Taylor, Harry Newman.



MATCH ACTION

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2023

ATT 202



Ascot United
Matthew 35'

1



Northwood

0



14

The Woods made their first-ever visit to the Racecourse Ground for an important first meeting with current FA Vase holders Ascot United who were sitting just one place above the Woods in the table.

Despite the morning's heavy rain, the game was never in doubt thanks to the home side's artificial surface but both sides had to cope with a strong wind blowing across the pitch for much of the match.

Manager Ben Bukowski had to reshuffle his side following the untimely departure of top scorer Dan Williams to divisional rivals Uxbridge during the week though changes were minimal with Reece Cameron starting up front while Teddy Stacey kept his place in midfield ahead of Carl Stewart who was still feeling the injury, he picked up early in the previous game.

And the Woods made a positive start to the match, making inroads, forcing errors

and causing several problems from a few early throws launched by Luke Tingey.

After nine minutes, one of them appeared to be dropping nicely for Harry Gallagher but Cameron attempted an audacious overhead-kick which was well wide of the target.

A few minutes later, another Tingey throw did fall to Gallagher but unfortunately, he also hooked his shot wide.

Ascot had rarely threatened at this stage and they also picked up the first yellow card of the afternoon when Samuel Bello-Balogun fouled Stacey in the centre-circle and the resulting free-kick brought a half-chance for Godlove Oppong. His shot was also wayward though and Cameron was unable to divert it goalwards.

It was after twenty one minutes that the Yellas created their first chance with a quick break down the right which saw Brendon Matthew cut in to shoot across

the face of goal but Roraigh Brown dived across to save well and the ball was cleared.

The long-throw continued to be the main danger from Northwood and two almost identical deliveries saw first Harry McCorkell flick on but Oppong fail to get a shot away and then Gallagher provided another flick with Cameron the player that couldn't get a shot on target.

GOAL ALERT **1-0 Brendan Matthew** **(35 mins)**

It was after thirty five minutes that Ascot took the lead. Sean McCormack won a tackle wide on the right in his own half and sent a good ball down the channel which again found Matthew free. As before he cut in and shot across Browne in goal but this time it found the far corner and the Yellows were ahead.

The Woods worked hard to get back level before the break but the closest



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they came was in the first minute of stoppage-time when Gallagher again laid off a Tingey throw into the path of Sam Jenkins. He hit the target with a left-footed strike but it was straight at Ascot goalkeeper Hugo Sobte who parried and although Oppong got to the rebound first with a header it was only back into the grateful hands of the 'keeper.

HALF TIME
ASCOT UNITED
NORTHWOOD

1
0

With only one goal to bring Northwood back to level terms, there was much to play for as the second-half commenced but it was the Yellas that threatened in the early stages with that man Matthew

looking the most dangerous. One effort found the side-netting when under pressure from Deago Dunbar-Bonnie while another presented a headed chance that was snuffed out by a good block from Tingey.

The Woods were making few inroads and made a couple of changes to try to rectify this. Stewart came on as substitute for McCorkell and then Oppong was replaced by Curtis Brown on sixty eight minutes.

Five minutes later came the best opportunity to equalise when Jenkins showed good balance to get past a couple of defenders as he found his way into the box but his right-foot shot was well saved by a diving Sobte who pushed

the ball round the post for a match-winning save.

Jenkins picked up a knock soon after and was substituted on eighty one minutes with Keagan Cole coming on for a late cameo but Ascot remained solid at the back for the final period and earned themselves a much-needed three points.

FULL TIME
ASCOT UNITED
NORTHWOOD

1
0

WOODS LINE-UP Brownie, McKenna, Dunbar-Bonnie, Stacey, Tingey, Gallagher, Jenkins (Cole 81'), H McCorkell (Stewart 62'), Cameron, Oppong (Brown 68'), Anokye-Boadi

UNUSED SUBS: Jonas, Hannachi

Words: Alan Evans **Images:** James Brown



MATCH ACTION

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION
TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

ATT 108



Woods

Williams 2', 28', 83'; Anokye-Boadi 26'; Stacey 76'

5

Sutton Common Rovers

Ghannam 44'

1



16

Having suffered their worst league result in two years at the weekend, the Woods conjured up a perfect response on Tuesday night with their best home league win in that same period as Sutton Common Rovers were well beaten at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

Manager Ben Bukowski was back in the dugout after a one-match ban and there were a few changes to the starting line-up with Luke Tingey returning after injury and illness while Godlove Oppong started his first league game and Harry McKenna took up a new role at right-back. Teddy Stacey, Reece Cameron and Romario Jonas all reverted to the subs bench.

GOAL ALERT

1-0 Dan Williams (2 mins)

And, in complete contrast to the weekend's game, the Woods made a blistering start. In just the second minute, Oppong drove at the Rovers defence,

jinked past several defenders and laid it into the path of Dan Williams who sent a right-foot strike across goalkeeper James Dillon and inside the far post.

The visitors responded well and created room for a couple of shots from outside the box but both Nabeel Ghannam and Isy Nzelo were unable to keep their efforts down while Charlie Martin, who had bagged a hat-trick in Rovers win at the weekend, clipped a shot wide.

There was a blow for the Woods on nineteen minutes as Carl Stewart hobbled off with a probable hamstring issue, replaced by Stacey who slotted into his old midfield role seamlessly.

GOAL ALERT

2-0 Kofi Anokye-Boadi (26 mins)

Six minutes later, some sustained pressure from the Woods led to a flicked header dropping to Oppong at the far post but he hooked his shot wide of the upright from close-range.

But the Woods lead was doubled as Kofi Anokye-Boadi swept home a cross for his first goal in three months.

GOAL ALERT

3-0 Dan Williams (28 mins)

Buoyed by the second goal, Northwood pushed forward again, and two minutes later Sam Jenkins slipped a good ball into the channel for Williams and this time it was a left-foot drive into the other corner that beat both defender and keeper for his second of the game.

GOAL ALERT

3-1 Nabeel Ghannam (44 mins)

Harry Gallagher got his head on the end of a recycled Tingey cross but it looped over the top but towards the end of the first-half, Rovers showed plenty of spirit to get back into the game and after another effort had flown over the bar it was Ghannam who pulled a goal back, showing good skills to twist and turn on the edge of the six-yard box and fire a shot inside the near-post.



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HALF TIME
NORTHWOOD 3
SUTTON COMMON ROVERS 1

The Woods showed good resolve as the second-half began with Harry McCorkell creating a chance for himself but then shooting over while Gallagher looked to be getting on the end of another Tingey ball in but was denied by an excellent interception from Antonio Simeone.

Rovers were being well held, a tiring Oppong was replaced by Cameron after sixty six minutes and then Jenkins supplied another superb ball which set up Anokye-Boadi for a great chance but he unselfishly chose to try to square the ball when he should have gone for goal and the ball was cut out.

GOAL ALERT
4-1 Teddy Stacey (76 mins)

Thankfully, the Woods didn't have to wait too long to find the net again though as Stacey strode forward down the centre unchallenged and let fly with a right-footed drive from twenty two yards that beat Dillon to his right.

GOAL ALERT
5-1 Dan Williams (83 mins)

Roraigh Browne hadn't had too much to do but dealt with a Bertie Lloyd header at a corner comfortably and just a minute later Williams completed the scoring and his hat-trick when he raced from the halfway line and tried his luck from distance, the ball spinning through Dillon's hands and into the net.

There was still time for a short cameo appearance for assistant manager Keagan Cole as a substitute, finally making his 50th appearance for the club and completing a good night's work for the Woods.

FULL TIME
NORTHWOOD 5
SUTTON COMMON ROVERS 1

WOODS LINE-UP

Browne, McKenna, Dunbar-Bonnie, Stewart (Stacey 19'), Tingey, Gallagher, Jenkins (Cole 66'), H. McCorkell, Williams, Oppong (Cameron 66'), Anokye-Boadi.

UNUSED SUBS: Jonas, Messer

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THE WOODS FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

August		F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Sat 12	Corinthian-Casuals	H	4-0	158	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 19	Buckhurst Hill (PR)	A	1-0	133	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Mon 28	Binfield	H	4-1	224	A. McCorkell	Stacey 1	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher 1
September										
Sat 2	Binfield (1QR)	A	2-2	127	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie 1	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher 1
Tue 5	Binfield (1QR-R)	H	1-0	212	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Brophy	Stewart 1	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 9	Ramsgate (1Q)	A	0-3	416	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Tue 12	Marlow (R2)	H	2-1	115	Messer	Tierney	Brophy	H. McCorkell	Tingey	Jonas
Sat 16	Cray Valley (PM) (2QR)	H	2-2	159	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Tue 19	Cray Valley (PM) (2QR-R)	A	3-4*	132	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey 1	Gallagher 2
Sat 23	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	1-3	149	Messer	Gallagher	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Jonas 1
Tue 26	Hanworth Villa	A	1-2	149	Messer	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Gallagher	Tingey	Jonas
Sat 30	Uxbridge	A	2-4	86	Hudd	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Jonas
October										
Sat 7	Chipstead	H	0-1	149	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Milner-Smith	Jonas
Tue 10	Marlow	H	1-3	122	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Milner-Smith	Jonas
Sat 14	Raynes Park Vale	A	0-1	180	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Milner-Smith	Tingey	Jonas
Tue 17	Leatherhead	A	0-0	299	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Milner-Smith	Tingey	Jonas
Sat 21	Chertsey Town	H	2-4	239	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Milner-Smith	Tingey	Jonas
Tue 24	Badshot Lea (R3)	H	0-3	103	A. McCorkell	Tierney	Dunbar-Bonnie	Milner-Smith	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 28	Thatcham Town	A	0-2	80	Browne	Stacey	Stewart	Milner-Smith	Tingey	Jonas
November										
Wed 8	Southall (R2)	A	5-1 (4)	97	Browne	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher 1
Sat 11	Chipstead	A	3-1	129	Browne	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Jonas	Gallagher
Sat 25	Hartley Wintney	A	0-4	238	Browne	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Jonas	Gallagher
Tue 28	Sutton Common Rovers	H	5-1	108	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
December										
Sat 9	Ascot United	A	0-1	202	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stacey	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 16	Guernsey	H								
Tue 19	Metropolitan Police	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								
Tue 9	Hendon (QF)	A								
Sat 13	Leatherhead	H								
Tue 16	Badshot Lea	H								
Sat 20	Westfield	A								
Sat 27	Uxbridge	H								
Sat 3	Marlow	A								
February										
Sat 3	Raynes Park Vale	H								
Tue 6	Westfield	H								
Sat 10	Chertsey Town	A								
Sat 17	Thatcham Town	H								
Sat 24	Sutton Common Rovers	A								
March										
Sat 2	Metropolitan Police	A								
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								



WOODS SCORE SHOWN FIRST Goalscorer in Bold 1;
 Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3 / Sub 4 / Sub 5;
 Yellow Card / Red Card / * After Extra Time



7	8	9	10	11	Used Substitutes
Otote 3	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Crowder 72 ; Jenkins 77; H. McCorkell 90
Otote	Coulter	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Newman 60; H. McCorkell 77; Jenkins 90
Otote	H. McCorkell	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi 1	Jenkins 60; Newman 72; Crowder 84
Jenkins	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Otote 63; Brophy 63
Dunbar-Bonnie	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	Otote	Anokye-Boadi	Newman 78; Jenkins 84
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	H. McCorkell	Anokye-Boadi	Jonas 11; Jenkins 58; Brophy 69
Otote 1	Jenkins	Newman 1	Smith	Crowder	Alexander-Greenaway 62; Dunbar-Bonnie 62; Opong 70; Anokye-Boadi 81
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway 1	Williams 1	Opong	Anokye-Boadi	Jenkins 72; Newman 90; H. McCorkell 90
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Jenkins	Opong	Anokye-Boadi	Williams 53; Brophy 85; Crowder 111 > Smith 115
Otote	H. McCorkell	Williams	Jenkins	Newman	Brown 62; Alexander-Greenaway 76; Brophy 83
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams 1	H. McCorkell	Anokye-Boadi	Newman 69; Smith 88; Jenkins 88
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams 1	Jenkins 1	Anokye-Boadi	Smith 46; Brown 77
Brown	Mbengui	Williams	Anokye-Boadi	Hannachi	Otote 72; Jenkins 72; Tingey 82
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams 1	Anokye-Boadi	Brown	Hannachi 69; Mbengui 83; Jenkins 83
Stewart	Mbengui	Williams	Anokye-Boadi	Hannachi	Alexander-Greenaway 59; Brown 75; H. McCorkell 90
Stewart	H. McCorkell	Williams	Anokye-Boadi	Otote	Alexander-Greenaway 90; Jenkins 90
Stewart 1	H. McCorkell	Williams 1	Anokye-Boadi	Jenkins	Cameron 46; Brown 82
Stewart	Alexander-Greenaway	Brown	Jenkins	Otote	Anokye-Boadi 46; Jonas 46; H. McCorkell 46; Williams 46 ; Stacey 78
Brown	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	Cameron	Anokye-Boadi	Opong 63; Hannachi 83; McKenna 83
McKenna	H. McCorkell	Williams	Cameron	Anokye-Boadi	Jonas 68 > Alexander-Greenaway 76; Opong 82 Jenkins 82 ; Brown 90
McKenna	H. McCorkell	Williams 1	Cameron 1	Anokye-Boadi	Opong 1 82
Jenkins	H. McCorkell	Williams	Cameron	Anokye-Boadi	McKenna 70; Opong 76
Jenkins	H. McCorkell	Williams 3	Opong	Anokye-Boadi 1	Stacey 1 19 ; Cameron 66; Cole 86
Jenkins	H. McCorkell	Cameron	Opong	Anokye-Boadi	Stewart 62; Cole 81; Brown 82





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ROLL CALL 2023/24

Player	Woods Debut	2023/24 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 (Mx) (A) Mar '22	5	3	8	0	6	2	8	1	16	1	44	4	16	3	60	7
Kofi Anokye-Boadi	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	14	0	14	2	8	1	9	0	23	2	14	2	9	0	23	2
Luke Brophy	Blinfield (A) September '23	0	1	1	0	2	3	5	0	6	0	1	0	5	0	6	0
Curtis Brown	Ashford Town (Mx) (H) Sep '23	3	5	8	0	1	1	2	0	10	0	8	0	2	0	10	0
Roraigh Browne	Thatcham Town (A) Oct '23	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	6	0
Reece Cameron	Chertsey Town (H) Oct '23	4	2	6	1	1	0	1	0	7	1	6	1	1	0	7	1
Keagan Cole	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	7	11	0	51	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	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
Deago Dunbar-Bonnie	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	14	0	14	0	8	1	9	1	23	1	14	0	9	1	23	1
Harry Gallagher	Tooting 6 MU (H) Aug '22	8	0	8	1	8	0	8	4	16	5	27	4	15	3	42	7
Zeid Hannachi	Chipstead (H) Oct '23	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Beau Hudd*	Uxbridge (A) Sept '23	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sam Jenkins	Kings Langley (H) Sept '18	6	6	12	1	4	5	9	0	21	1	71	4	26	0	97	4
Romario Jonas	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22	11	0	11	1	1	3	4	0	15	1	22	1	9	0	31	1
Prince Mbengui*	Chipstead (H) Oct '23	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Andrew McCorkell*	Uxbridge (A) Sep '17	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	14	0	48	0	18	0	66	0
Harry McCorkell	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	9	2	11	0	3	3	6	0	17	0	11	0	6	0	17	0
Harry McKenna	Thatcham Town (A) Oct '23	3	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	6	0
Matt Messer	Marlow (H) Sept '23	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
George Milner-Smith*	Chipstead (H) Oct '23	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0
Jaden Newman	Buckhurst Hill (A) Aug '23	1	2	3	0	1	3	4	1	7	1	3	0	4	1	7	1
Godlove Oppong	Marlow (H) Sept '23	2	3	5	1	2	2	4	0	9	1	5	1	4	0	9	1
Osaretin Otote*	Blinfield (A) Apr '23	7	1	8	3	7	1	8	1	16	4	13	3	10	1	23	4
Jack Smith*	Thatcham Town (A) Mar '23	2	2	4	0	3	1	4	0	8	0	7	0	5	0	12	0
Teddy Stacey	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	13	1	14	2	7	1	8	0	22	2	50	5	15	1	65	6
Carl Stewart	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	13	1	14	1	8	0	8	1	22	2	75	2	22	1	97	3
Mikey Tierney	Marlow (H) Sept '23	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Luke Tingey	Tooting 6 MU (H) Feb '22	11	1	12	0	8	0	8	1	20	1	63	3	20	1	83	4
Dan Williams*	Merstham (A) Feb '23	14	0	14	10	6	2	8	2	22	12	24	13	10	3	34	16

* No longer with club





UNDER 18S

BIG WIN FOR THE WOODS IN LEAGUE CUP

Having had a real battle to progress in the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup with a narrow 2-1 victory over Hillingdon Borough, the Woods romped to an 8-0 success over West Division side Burnham in the Allied Counties League Cup just over a week ago.

In the County Cup, the Woods had to come back from a goal down but squeezed home thanks to goals from Alex Grant and Londin Latifi.

Against Burnham, the game was pretty much all over inside the first ten minutes as Alex Grant, Tom Reid and Londin Latifi all netted to put the Woods 3-0 up against an opposition who were looked off the pace.

Jayden Williams bagged his first goal for the club and then Ethan Bradford scored to make it 5-0 after only half an hour. It remained that way until half-time and soon after the break Grant scored his second.

There had been four changes at half-time as the Woods management looked to give plenty of players a good run-out and one of these, Ben Crowder pounced for his first of the season on his second sub appearance following injury.

There was a penalty awarded for handball with just over ten minutes left and it was another of the subs, Harrison Clemow, who converted that to make it 8-0. Grant was then denied a hat-trick as a shot came back off the crossbar late in the game.

Team: Matteo Chianca, Keelan Sweney (Ben Crowder 46'), Jeremy Scholz (Sarin Thapa 46'), Joe Reade (Harrison Clemow 46'), Liam Osborne (James Payne 46'), Ethan Bradford, Londin Latifi, Jayden Williams, Alex Grant, Max Lousley (Nicholas Casteluber 75'), Tom Reid.

The Under-18s had two weeks without a game but were due to return to action on Wednesday night against second-placed Rayners Lane. These notes had to go to print prior to that result being known. They are next in action in mid-January

The draws for the next rounds of our two cup competitions but no dates set yet for the County Cup quarter-final at home to Uxbridge or the League Cup match away at Thatcham Town.



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 31	Kings Langley	A	Friendly	2-4	Williams, Reid
September					
Mon 11	Hillingdon Borough	A	ACYL	5-1	Thapa 2, Grant, Scholz, Dwyer
Wed 27	Wembley	H	ACYL	2-0	Toci, Lewis
October					
Wed 11	Chalfont St Peter	H	ACYL	4-1	Latifi 3, Thapa
Wed 25	Beaconsfield Town	H	ACYL	3-0	Lousley, Reid, Toci
November					
Wed 15	Hillingdon Borough	H	MCYC	2-1	Grant, Latifi
Wed 22	Burnham	H	ACYLC	8-0	Grant 2, Reid, Latifi, Williams, Bradford, Crowder, Clemowpa
December					
Wed 13	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		
January					
Tue 9	Beaconsfield Town	A	ACYL		
Wed 17	Hillingdon Borough	H	ACYL		
Tue 30	Rayners Lane	A	ACYL		
February					
Wed 7	Wembley	A	ACYL		
Wed 14	Harefield United	H	ACYL		
Wed 21	Chalfont St Peter	A	ACYL		
TBA	Uxbridge	H	MCYC		
TBA	Thatcham Town	A	ACCYLC		

ACYL = Allied Counties Youth League; FAY = FA Youth Cup; ACYLC = Allied Counties Youth League Cup; MCYC = Middlesex County Youth Cup

ALLIED COUNTIES LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Northwood	4	4	0	0	14	2	12	12
2 Rayners Lane	5	3	1	1	16	8	8	10
3 Harefield United	6	2	2	2	10	12	-2	8
4 Hillingdon Borough	5	2	1	2	9	11	-2	7
5 Wembley	4	1	1	2	7	9	-2	4
6 Chalfont St Peter	5	1	1	3	9	16	-7	4
7 Beaconsfield Town	5	1	0	4	9	16	-7	3



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP



Premier Division

Hornchurch have now gone well clear at the top of the Isthmian Premier under the management of former Millwall striker and Cardiff manager Steve Morison and remain unbeaten after 17 matches. The Urchins have games in hand to almost all of the chasing pack and are no less than eleven points ahead of third-placed Enfield Town who are the highest-placed Middlesex side.

However, not that far behind in fifth are Wingate & Finchley who have enjoyed a great run of form with four victories in their last five including a defeat of Billericay Town, the pre-season favourites for a return to the National League South. The Blues still make up the play-off places in fourth while Horsham, another side who enjoyed a prosperous FA Cup run, have the games in hand to get into those top positions.

A side relegated last season, Dulwich Hamlet, have recovered from their slow start to life back at Step 3 and a six-game unbeaten run has seen them rise into the top half of the table. Canvey Island, who went very close to promotion last season, have struggled to replicate that form and they have really missed the skills of injured

winger Evans Kouassi, who had a spell with the Woods several years ago. He was out for quite some time and then was injured again on his comeback a couple of weeks ago.

Potters Bar Town are making a decent stab at a recovery from a very poor start and they are now only just inside the bottom four with just one point separating them and the four teams just above them. However, former Woods boss Simon Lane's Kingstonian side are now seven points adrift of Potters Bar having picked up only one point from their last seven league matches. Both Haringey Borough and Concord Rangers are below them, looking very vulnerable to relegation.

North Division

Suffolk side Lowestoft Town are looking strong favourites for a return to Step 3 at present, three points clear of their nearest challengers Felixstowe & Walton United with two games in hand. Bowers & Pitsea come next along with surprise package Basildon United. However, having got into the play-off places, Basildon were then hit by the departure of manager Darren Manning a couple of weeks ago when he was recruited by struggling Grays Athletic who are

currently just above the relegation spot firmly occupied by Stowmarket Town. Two Essex sides, Brightlingsea Regent and Brentwood Town met in a game I witnessed a couple of weeks ago and it was the seaside town who won to move above their rivals and into the final play-off place currently. However, there are several strong sides also chasing those spots including Heybridge Swifts, a resurgent Maldon & Tiptree and Walthamstow. Enfield have dropped down the table since their forced change of management earlier in the season and New Salamis, under the joint management of former Woods defender Tommy Boxer are also struggling but with only one relegation spot due to the demise of East Thurrock United, it would need a massive improvement from Stowmarket (on just two points) for them to worry too much.

South-East Division

As already mentioned, Ramsgate lead the way here and Cray PM are in fourth place. Both have several games in hand to the teams around them and, at this stage, seem likely to be battling all the way for that solitary automatic promotion spot. It's still early days for both but it'll be interesting to see what happens. Sittingbourne appear to be the best of the rest at present.

Emirates FA Cup

Easy winners against the Woods in the Isuzu FA Trophy back in September, South-East Division leaders Ramsgate finally saw their excellent run in the Emirates FA Cup come to an end a couple of weeks ago when they were well beaten 5-0 by League 2 side AFC Wimbledon. The Rams were never in the game, three down by half-time and the scoring was complete as early as ten minutes into the second period. But it was a great run for the Step 4 side and will have earned the club revenue beyond expectations.

Ali Al Hamadi of AFC Wimbledon and Alfie Young of Ramsgate in the Emirates FA Cup Second Round



Of course, we well remember that Northwood were knocked out of the FA Cup by another South-East Division side in Cray Valley Paper Mills. After a 2-2 draw here at the Skyline, our opponents then squeezed into the next round by virtue of a 4-3 extra-time victory with Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway seeing a late header crash back off the crossbar which may have forced the lottery of a penalty shoot-out. The Millers enjoyed a brilliant run after that close encounter, defeating Isthmian Premier side Carshalton Athletic 2-1, also in a replay, and then another Premier outfit in Enfield Town 5-2 in the final qualifying round. Their first round proper match at near-neighbours League One side Charlton Athletic produced a superb 1-1 draw but the replay proved a step to far for Cray with Charlton winning 6-1.

Isuzu FA Trophy

Just a quick look at the top non-League cup competition

which has now reached the Fourth Round stage. South Park (Reigate) was the last club standing from our own South Central division and after a great run of results, they lost narrowly 1-0 at National League North side Hereford. Definitely through are Premier Division outfit Horsham who defeated AFC Totton 2-0 to earn another home tie against Peterborough Sports. There was more South-East division success as Hythe Town won 3-2 on Tuesday night against Premier side Whitehawk and they will play at home to Chorley in round four. Finally, there is Billericay Town who have had their tie at Wealdstone postponed twice this week so are yet to play. Of Middlesex interest though is Southern League Hendon, who the Woods face in the County Cup next month. Their brilliant 2-0 win over means they have an exciting trip to former Football League side Oldham Athletic in the fourth round; just four days after they play the Woods!

SOUTH CENTRAL

#	Team	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L			F
1	Chertsey Town*	15	7	0	0	17	6	5	2	1	21	6	26	37
2	Raynes Park Vale	15	6	0	1	16	9	6	1	15	5	17	37	
3	Leatherhead	16	4	2	2	10	4	7	0	1	17	6	17	35
4	Marlow	13	5	0	1	23	6	6	0	1	16	8	25	33
5	Southall	16	6	1	1	25	8	4	2	2	15	11	21	33
6	Badshot Lea	15	3	1	2	12	11	6	0	3	16	12	5	28
7	Hanworth Villa	16	3	3	2	19	18	4	2	2	14	8	7	26
8	Hartley Wintney	14	4	1	3	13	10	4	0	2	19	12	10	25
9	Uxbridge	16	4	0	3	15	12	4	1	4	15	13	5	25
10	Westfield	15	5	1	2	16	13	2	2	3	11	12	2	24
11	South Park (Reigate)	15	4	1	3	15	13	3	1	3	11	8	5	23
12	Thatcham Town	16	4	1	2	11	4	3	1	5	13	21	-1	23
13	Chipstead	16	4	0	4	19	18	1	2	5	8	17	-8	17
14	Sutton Common Rovers	17	2	0	7	11	20	3	2	3	17	17	-9	17
15	Ascot United	16	3	1	4	12	10	2	0	6	7	14	-5	16
16	Ashford Town (Middx)	15	2	3	3	12	11	2	0	5	5	10	-4	15
17	Northwood	15	3	0	4	17	13	1	1	6	6	15	-5	13
18	Corinthian-Casuals	17	2	2	6	7	24	1	1	5	8	20	-29	12
19	Metropolitan Police	15	2	2	5	9	15	0	3	3	7	14	-13	11
20	Guernsey	17	2	2	4	9	9	0	2	7	9	26	-17	10
21	Binfield	16	0	3	5	8	21	0	1	7	5	41	-49	4

*1pt for fielding ineligible player

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1	Hornchurch	17	14	3	0	50	13	37	45
2	Chatham Town	20	11	4	5	37	27	10	37
3	Enfield Town	18	10	4	4	39	28	11	34
4	Billericay Town	17	10	2	5	24	13	11	32
5	Wingate & Finchley	18	10	1	7	33	35	-2	31
6	Hastings United	18	9	2	7	29	26	3	29
7	Horsham	15	8	3	4	21	18	3	27
8	Hashtag United	17	6	8	3	26	22	4	26
9	Dulwich Hamlet	19	6	7	6	34	33	1	25
10	Carshalton Athletic	19	7	4	8	29	30	-1	25
11	Canvey Island	17	8	1	8	30	33	-3	25
12	Whitehawk	16	5	8	3	26	22	4	23
13	Bognor Regis Town	17	5	7	5	28	26	2	22
14	Lewes	15	6	3	6	26	26	0	21
15	Folkestone Invicta	17	5	4	8	25	28	-3	19
16	Cray Wanderers	17	5	4	8	24	29	-5	19
17	Cheshunt	17	5	4	8	23	29	-6	19
18	Margate	19	5	4	10	21	31	-10	19
19	Potters Bar Town	17	4	6	7	18	27	-9	18
20	Kingstonian	17	3	2	12	27	37	-10	11
21	Concord Rangers	14	3	1	10	12	30	-18	10
22	Haringey Borough	19	1	6	12	18	37	-19	9

NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1	Lowestoft Town	13	11	1	1	39	12	27	34
2	Felixtowe & Walton Utd	15	9	4	2	42	21	21	31
3	Bowers & Pitsea	15	9	1	5	28	20	8	28
4	Basildon United	15	8	3	4	33	23	10	27
5	Brightlingsea Regent	14	8	1	5	29	22	7	25
6	Brentwood Town	14	7	3	4	21	13	8	24
7	Heybridge Swifts	13	7	2	4	21	18	3	23
8	Walthamstow	14	6	4	4	22	20	2	22
9	Maldon & Tiptree	14	6	3	5	30	25	5	21
10	Bury Town	13	5	3	5	29	26	3	18
11	Witham Town	14	4	5	5	20	23	-3	17
12	Wroxham	13	4	3	6	21	20	1	15
13	Gorleston	12	4	2	6	17	18	-1	14
14	Redbridge	12	3	4	5	22	28	-6	13
15	Ipswich Wanderers	13	4	1	8	12	21	-9	13
16	Enfield	14	4	1	9	18	37	-19	13
17	New Salamis	14	2	6	6	21	33	-12	12
18	Grays Athletic	13	1	5	7	13	26	-13	8
19	Stowmarket Town	13	0	2	11	42	-32	2	
20	East Thurrock United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTH EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1	Ramsgate	12	10	1	1	34	9	25	31
2	Three Bridges	15	9	4	2	45	28	17	31
3	Sittingbourne	14	8	4	2	28	11	17	28
4	Cray Valley PM	11	8	3	0	31	11	20	27
5	Sheppey United	16	7	4	5	35	22	13	25
6	Sevenoaks Town	15	7	3	5	29	24	5	24
7	Hythe Town	12	7	2	3	26	14	12	23
8	Lancing	13	7	1	5	21	21	0	22
9	Ashford United	13	7	1	5	21	26	-5	22
10	Herne Bay	14	5	6	3	27	21	6	21
11	Chichester City	12	5	3	4	21	11	10	18
12	Burgess Hill Town	14	3	7	4	18	18	0	16
13	East Grinstead Town	13	5	1	7	20	26	-6	16
14	Hordean	13	3	3	7	17	27	-10	12
15	Merstham	14	3	3	8	21	34	-13	12
16	Littlehampton Town	13	3	3	7	16	34	-18	12
17	Phoenix Sports	17	3	3	11	21	52	-31	12
18	Broadbridge Heath	13	2	4	7	16	22	-6	10
19	Erith & Belvedere	14	2	3	9	7	30	-23	9
20	Beckenham Town	14	2	1	11	17	30	-13	7



INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

GUERNSEY

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Guernsey Football Club was formed in 2011 to offer the island's elite footballers the opportunity to progress and test themselves on a regular basis outside of the Channel Islands. The club is owned and run for the benefit of the local Guernsey community and it plays its home games at the Footes Lane Stadium.

The initial idea to establish Guernsey FC was developed during the 2009-10 season when Guernsey's Senior County Division One representative side enjoyed a successful run in the FA National League System Cup (for league representative sides at Step Seven on the non-league pyramid system and below, since renamed the FA Inter-League Cup), culminating in Guernsey beating the Liverpool County Premier League 5-2 in the final in May

2010. The final was held in Guernsey in front of a crowd of over 2,500 and was the first time ever that the FA had allowed one of its competition finals to be held outside of the UK mainland.

Following a 1-0 victory over Jersey to reclaim the Muratti Vase in May 2010, the team were rewarded for winning the FA National League System Cup by representing England in the UEFA Regions Cup preliminary round in Croatia in September 2010. This was a fantastic experience for the players and coaching and medical staff and, although Guernsey enjoyed mixed fortunes by beating Wales 3-0, drawing with hosts Croatia 1-1 and losing to group winners Turkey 3-0, it provided football at a higher standard.

The Combined Counties League voted by a significant majority on 20 June 2011 to allow Guernsey FC to join

Division One of their league and on 6th August 2011, Guernsey FC played its inaugural game at Footes Lane against Knaphill FC in the Combined Counties League Division One. It turned into an historic season with the club winning the league title, and then going on to secure the double in their first season by winning the Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup.

The 2012-13 season was a tough campaign but The Green Lions reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase whilst finishing second in the Combined Counties Premier League and gaining promotion to the Ryman Isthmian League Division One South.

The club finished in a respectable fourth place in their first season in the Ryman Isthmian League losing 3-2 away to Leatherhead in the play-off semi-final. The Green Lions



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also became the first team from the Channel Islands to play in the FA Cup during the 2013/14 season, reaching the Second qualifying round.

Finishes of 10th and 13th followed whilst the 2016-17 season was GFC's most challenging yet as they battled against relegation for the first time in their history. It took until the end of September to secure the first victory of the campaign and bad luck hit Tony Vance's squad with several lengthy injuries and absences to key players. They didn't manage to win a home game after Christmas, but finally ended their winless away run (that had gone on for over a year and nearly 30 matches) when they beat Chipstead in February and, ironically, it was their away results that kept them up as two more wins and a draw were enough to keep them ahead of their rivals. There was change off the field as Mark Le Tissier took over as Chairman.

The following two seasons saw the Green Lions in transition with a number of senior players reaching the end of their careers at this level and several new young players thrown in the deep end and having to learn the hard way.

A re-shuffle of the Isthmian League saw a third division created at Step Four and Guernsey was part of a 20-team South East Division. That meant only one team would be relegated, with Guernsey securing a draw in the final minute of the last day of the season thanks to a Paris Pereira goal to ensure they stayed up on merit, rather than only being due to a three-point deduction for Greenwich, who went down in 19th.

Guernsey started the 2019-20 season much stronger, despite having to open with seven straight away games due to work at Footes Lane, and were threatening a play-off place for the first half of the season. The Isthmian League was curtailed in February

2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Two fixtures with the Isle of Man were contested in Summer 2020 - the first as the fellow Crown Dependency's first-ever match, and the second was the inaugural Skipton Cup to celebrate relations between the two islands, who had established an 'air corridor' as a result of both being Coronavirus-free at the time. Guernsey won the first Skipton Cup 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw at Footes Lane.

Guernsey took the difficult decision to pull out of the 2020-21 season completely because of travel restrictions between the island and the UK mainland, and players turned out for their Priaux League clubs as the local season continued. The Green Lions did this with the League's blessing and were reinstated for 2021-22, also being relocated to the Isthmian South Central Division, although they had to start their season in October when restrictions were fully lifted and started their campaign several games behind the rest of the division. The announcement came with just a few days noticed and this meant Tony Vance's side did not have a proper pre-season to prepare. This meant they were a little 'undercooked' in the early parts of the season and took a while to get going, but eventually got up to speed and found some form to move them into a comfortable midtable position.

Injuries to key players contributed to a difficult 2022-23 season which saw the Green Lions sitting at the bottom of the table at Christmas. However, a resurgence in form led to six wins and a draw in January and February, which lifted the club from the foot of the table. It looked like Guernsey could avoid automatic relegation, but there were also two relegation play-off places to climb out of. Their improved form continued until they secured their survival with an away draw against South Park in early April.

The Manager Tony Vance



Prior to the creation of Guernsey FC, Tony was the Guernsey FA's representative Manager from 2008, successfully managing the side to the FA National League Systems Cup title and with that earning the prize of representing England in the UEFA Regions Cup in Croatia. He has now led the Green Lions since our formation in 2011.

As a player, Tony was a Manchester United trialist in his youth and also had a spell playing for Wycombe Wanderers and Enfield in his early 20's before returning to Guernsey, where he enjoyed a very successful playing career as a striker. He has represented Guernsey as a player numerous times, earning 19 'Muratti' caps and appearing in six international Island Games tournaments, winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Josh Addison



GOALKEEPERS

Josh Addison

Goalkeeper who made his debut against Chatham Town at Footes Lane in September 2016 due to the absence of regular number one Chris Tardif. Addison was the hero in September 2020, scoring and saving in the shootout as the Green Lions beat FC Isle of Man 5-4 on penalties to win the inaugural Skipton Cup. By the end of the 2022-23 season he had made his 60th appearance for the club, making some crucial saves on Guernsey's road to survival. Excels in his distribution and is not afraid to play the role of sweeper.

Chris Poval

Understudy to Chris Addison, Poval was a regular number one for Vale Rec in the Priaulx League and made his debut for Guernsey in August.

DEFENDERS

Jamie Dodd

One of the team's most dependable players, club captain Dodd is a dominant defender who typically plays as a centre-back, but was a marauding left-back in his younger years. Dodd was Guernsey FC's player of the season for 2012-13 after he picked up a hat-trick of Fans', Coaches' and Players' Player of the Year awards. Dodd is strong in the air, reads the game well and has superb ability to carry the ball out of defence,

while his long throws pose a danger to any defence and have been the source of many key goals for the club. Surpassed Dominic Heaume as the club's all-time record appearance holder in late 2018 and became the first player to reach 300 games for the club.

Seb Vance

Son of manager Tony, and a talented young prospect. Having captained the Guernsey under-18s to victory in a local senior cup competition in 2021-2022, he made two appearances for the Green Lions in their successful relegation battle the following season. Composed and a good reader of the game, Seb will hope to feature more regularly in 2023-24 following those impressive cameos.

Tom Vaudin

A new face on the GFC scene in 2022-23, Vaudin soon found his feet at Isthmian South Central level, developing into a dynamic and reliable defender. His sterling performances in his debut campaign were duly recognised with the Young Player of the Season award.

Niall Hainsworth

Young composed defender who made the step up to GFC early in 2023-24, having helped Rovers to the Priaulx League title the previous season.

Ben Solway

The young defender was included in the squad to face Chertsey Town soon after being part of the Guernsey u21 side who won the U21 Muratti against Jersey.

Jacques Cauvin

The young full back has been training with the team for many months. He was included in a very youthful squad to face Chertsey Town.

MIDFIELDERS

Brandon Wallace

Technically gifted young winger who had a breakout season in 2022-23. Despite not finding the back of the net in his debut campaign, Brandon

Charlton Gauvain



frequently got fans on their feet with his exciting style of play and willingness to take on and beat defenders. A pacey attacker with a very bright future.

Charlton Gauvain

Having spent time with Bristol City's academy between the ages of 8 and 15, his pedigree was immediately apparent as he began training with the first team on his 16th birthday and showed flashes of quality in his debut season. Became a first-team regular from 2017 and is a potent attacking threat with his dribbling ability and shooting. He has a knack for the spectacular, and won the GFC Goal of the Season awards two years running. His strike from the halfway line against Ramsgate in August 2018 went viral online and was featured on Sky Sports' Soccer AM programme. Charlton has developed into a tenacious midfielder capable of playing in several different roles, and an unfortunate injury in preseason forced him out of the majority of 2022-23, however he did return to help complete Guernsey's escape from relegation.

Dave Merris

Experienced midfielder Merris played and coached at Priaulx League side Belgrave Wanderers after moving to the island in the 2021-22 season. Beginning his career in the youth ranks of Rotherham United, his semi-pro CV has some famous names on it, with spells at York City and Harrogate Town



Dave Merris



among others. Made his Guernsey debut in October 2022 as a substitute against Ashford Town, and has shown his class in midfield and occasionally at left back, as well as his excellent set-piece delivery.

Dave Rihoy

Rihoy made his name as a diminutive pacy forward, overcoming serious injuries on several occasions. He has been a valuable player for the club, surpassing 250 appearances for the Green Lions and scoring plenty of goals in the process. Another long-term injury restricted his appearances in 2015-16 but he came back towards the end of the season and notched his 50th goal for the club on the final day of the season. Rihoy took on the mantle as the team's main forward in the following season in the absence of Ross Allen, winning the Golden Boot award in a difficult season. A serious injury in 2019 jeopardised his career and forced him to miss a whole season. Rihoy has since returned to the squad with his experience and versatility proving invaluable.

Matt Loaring

A promising youngster at the time of Guernsey FC's inception. He has grown with the club and become one of its record appearance makers, having played more than 350 times. With excellent close control and a desire to take on defenders, combined with a real eye for goal, Matt has been a fan favourite for the Green Lions for many

Dave Rihoy



years. A key player in the Guernsey team and one of the most dependable players at the club.

Tom Dodds

Midfielder renowned for his ability to break up play, and a very reliable deputy across the back line too. Broke into the team remarkably quickly in the 2016-17 season, becoming a mainstay in midfield and winning five end-of-season awards. In the 2018-19 season he showed he was just as dependable as a full-back and has been a key member of the squad since his debut season.

FORWARDS

Keene Domaille

A young striker with good movement and an eye for goal, Keene has scored prolifically for Guernsey at youth level and since making his debut in February 2022, has featured most often from the bench from the Green Lions. He has looked impressive in his starts, and is another exciting prospect in Guernsey's ranks.

Ross Allen

Perhaps the name most synonymous with Guernsey FC. An experienced striker with an incredible goal record; having netted more than 280 times across 300 appearances for the club. An all-round technician with excellent hold up play and playmaking ability in addition to his goalscoring, which he does with both feet and his head, often in spectacular fashion. Aside from a

Sam Murray



short spell with Team Wellington in New Zealand when he participated in the FIFA Club World Cup, he has spent his whole career with the Green Lions, despite plenty of interest from clubs higher up in the football pyramid.

Sam Murray

Having loyally pled his trade for Northerners in the Priaulx League for several years, Murray began training with the Green Lions for the 2022-23 campaign. Netted 11 times in his debut campaign. Physically strong and a threat in the air, it didn't take him long to become a key player for Guernsey, and he was duly voted Players' Player of the Season.

Jack Griffin

The sixteen year old forward marked his first appearance with a well taken goal as the Green Lion's got their 2023/24 campaign underway with a win against Westfield.

Owen Wallbridge

Young forward tipped to be an exciting player. Made his debut as a substitute at home to Badshot Lea in September 2023. Wallbridge scored his first goal for the club against Southall earning the Green Lions a vital point against the team placed second in the league.

Simon Arnold

Young forward who has been scoring goals in the Priaulx League for Sylvans. First called up to Tony Vance's squad in October 2023.





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Keagan Cole



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 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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Reece Cameron



Reece is a powerful, experienced forward who has joined the Woods in October 2023 on dual-registration from Harrow Borough. He started out at Chesham United before having spells at Leverstock Green, Aylesbury United and Colney Heath. Since then, the 26-year-old has had success at Oxhey Jets, Arlesey Town and Flackwell Heath.

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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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Colin Harman

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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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John Robertson

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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 B 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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Roraigh Brown



South-African born goalkeeper who has signed for the Woods on work experience terms from Football League neighbours Watford. Only 18 and with plenty of prospects, Roraigh had a short loan spell with Chertsey Town last season.

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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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Harry McKenna



Young, 19-year-old academy prospect at National League side Aldershot Town, Harry has joined the Woods in October 2023 with a view to impressing in his midfield role.

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Deago Dunbar-Bonnie



Only 20, Deago is a left-back who was 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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Paul Evans

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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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Gerry Pimm

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Zeid Hannachi



Zeid has joined the Woods in October 2023 from fellow South-Central side Binfield. The attacking midfielder has previously had spells with Guildford City, Knaphill, Thatcham Town and Wokingham & Emmbrook but is still only 20.

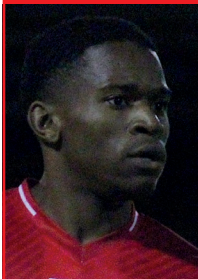
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Jaden Newman



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**

- Roraigh **Browne**
- Matt **Messer**
- Teddy **Stacey**
- Deago **Dunbar-Bonnie**
- Luke **Tingey**
- Harry **Gallagher**
- Romario **Jonas**
- Carl **Stewart**
- Riccardo **Alexander-Greenaway**
- Harry **McCorkell**
- Harry **McKenna**
- Sam **Jenkins**
- Kofi **Anokye-Boadi**
- Curtis **Brown**
- Reece **Cameron**
- Godlove **Oppong**
- Zeid **Hannachi**
- Keagan **Cole**



GUERNSEY

Colours: All Green

Manager: **Tony Vance**

Assistant: **Steve Sharman**

- Josh **Addison**
- Christian **Povall**
- Niall **Hainsworth**
- David **Merris**
- Thomas **Dodds**
- Jamie **Dodd**
- Thomas **Vaudin**
- Sebastian **Vance**
- Ben **Solway**
- Charlton **Gauvain**
- David **Rihoy**
- Keene **Domaille**
- Jack **Griffin**
- Sam **Murray**
- Ross **Allen**
- Owen **Wallbridge**
- Matt **Loaring**
- Brandon **Wallace**
- Jacques **Cauvin**
- Simon **Arnold**

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Paul Stratton

Assistants:

David Barnett
& Emre Arslan

NEXT UP HOME

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Kick-Off 7.45pm

Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division

NEXT UP AWAY

SOUTH PARK (REIGATE)

Saturday 23rd December 2023

Kick-Off 3pm

Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division



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