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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 sponsored clubhouse for these two back-to-back Pitching In Isthmian League fixtures.

We welcome our visitors from both Southall FC and Hanworth Villa FC and trust you enjoy your time with us.

On the pitch, three wins in our last five league outings has helped us no end and the two games we have here this week will no doubt prove very difficult as we face the teams in third and eighth positions respectively in the current league table as I write these notes.

Sadly, our home crowds have been very low in the last few games we've

had here and whilst our form hasn't been that of last season, we'd really appreciate all of you encouraging more to come down and support the Woods, as it really does make a difference. Boxing Day has always been a traditional day for football and it would be nice to see a few here and hopefully celebrating a win and of course, Christmas.

There has been some negative publicity around the club of late which we are dealing with in-house as we would always do. None of us walk around with keyboards strapped to our backs here nor do we hide. Rest assured that we are dealing with this with professionalism.

We have also had issues with a gas leak here in the last week or so, hence

it's been a tad cold! The leak, which we are hoping is sorted by now, could be anywhere between the meter based up by Highland Road and here; some 200 or so meters away! Nothing is straightforward.

For these games, let's get behind the lads and on behalf of all us here, we hope you all had a great Christmas and will we all go on to have a very Happy New Year in 2024.

Up the Woods!
Ian

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DIRECT FROM THE MANAGEMENT

WITH MANAGER BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon, Woods fans,

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas Day spent with family and friends.

Here's hoping we were all on the nice list this year and a festive three points is under the tree!

It has been a difficult period recently with several postponements putting hurdles in the way of our rhythm. It is very hard to get any sort of run going on the back of the weather calling so many games off.

Since writing this column we would have played Metropolitan Police and South Park from which I hoped we have added further points to our win over Guernsey. Sadly, the game against the Mets again fell victim to the wet weather.

This result against Guernsey was one we needed badly, a performance not to our standards but as I said in my post-match interview with Sean, the points are what matter currently. I thought we rode our luck at times, but our defending and a brilliant

display from Roraigh Browne in goal earned us the right to win it in the second half.

We work on our set pieces a lot, and have had success from them in a lot of games. So, to win a game from two of them, on the back of a tough game is always nice. It shows that they can sometimes get you out of trouble if executed correctly.

Coming into this new year period I am hoping for some break in the weather to allow us to get a run of games going. We will be doing everything we can to keep adding points to the board and edging ourselves up the table.

The new year will also be a chance for us to reset and take a look at our squad. There has been a lot of outgoings recently and we are working hard to ensure our squad is competitive going into the new year and beyond.

Recruitment is something I believe we have always done very well. In a league that is flooded with exceptional players and budgets

that match, I believe we have always got our recruitment right when you consider our resources. It isn't an easy thing to do, and there's no denying sometimes even dipping into the lower leagues can prove tough to get players agreed.

However as always, we don't stop until we get things right. On and off the pitch I assure you the players and my staff will continue to give you everything in our power.

Let's hope for a brilliant festive period full of goals, good performances and ultimately lots of points.

I look forward to having a Christmas drink today with you all!

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS



Welcome to the 'All & the Villains

A warm and festive welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for this double issue matchday programme, covering two home games in five days in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division, as we take on Southall for a Boxing Day clash and then Hanworth Villa before the New Year. We hope that both clubs enjoy their short stay with us and we wish you a safe journey home later this evening.

So, firstly it's Southall FC that we visit the Skyline looking to end an incredibly long run of games without managing to beat the Woods in a competitive match that dates back to 1983. An FA Vase game played at Western Road saw Southall win 2-1 with two goals for Colin Dennison, a striker that would play for Northwood four years later. Since then, there have been 14 meetings between the two sides in league and cup fixtures with Northwood winning 13 of them (including the recent County Cup win on penalties) and just one ending in a 1-1 draw back in 1994.

Last season was the first time in fifteen years that we had met though, with Northwood winning the home game 2-0 thanks to goals from Josh Helmore and Luke Tingey while the game played at Ashford on Boxing Day, ended 1-1 just in the Woods favour. They came back from going behind to a Jaden Thompson-Brissett strike with two goals from Juwon Akintunde.

Records are made to be broken for sure and Southall have been in excellent form throughout this season, currently sitting in third place in the table at the time of writing these notes with 36 points and just three defeats in 17 matches. It's some eight points clear of sixth placed Uxbridge who are just outside those play-off places

and they have certainly taken well to playing on the 3G surface at Burnham with just one loss in nine home games played to date. That defeat came only a few weeks ago though, 0-1 to current leaders Raynes Park Vale but they bounced back on December 16th when they defeated Hartley Wintney 2-0. They were due to play at home to Uxbridge on Saturday.

Moving on, we also welcome Hanworth Villa to the Skyline and, in complete contrast to Southall, the Villains have won their last four matches against the Woods since their promotion from the Combined Counties. Three of those games came last season, despite our own high-achieving campaign. They won 3-0 here at the Skyline in an Isuzu FA Trophy game and showed that was no fluke when they also won 4-1 in the league game played at Northwood in early January. Our trip to the Ranch came much later in the season and that ended 2-1 to the Villa.

We've already met this season so Hanworth have an opportunity to complete another "double" over the Woods this season as another midweek game at the Ranch finished with Villa winning 2-1.

The Villains will still be eyeing a second successive play-off spot despite currently being eight points adrift of the coveted top-five places and if they can hit just a little more winning consistency. Apart from a shock 1-0 defeat at Corinthian Casuals in mid-November, they have been otherwise unbeaten for some time but they have drawn more than they would have liked, having been held by South Park, Thatcham Town and Leatherhead in recent weeks. They were due to play at home to out-of-form Chipstead last Saturday and then Ashford Town (Middx) on Boxing Day so they could well have made progress over the last week and before today's encounter.

We've got no match sponsor for the Southall fixture but the Hanworth Villa game has been kindly sponsored by Peter Reynolds and we hope he and his grand bunch of mates will enjoy some Boardroom hospitality that afternoon.

League News

We finally got back to playing at home on a Saturday on the 16th December when we staged an early kick-off fixture against Guernsey FC. It was only the second Saturday game at the Skyline in the last two months and the Woods took full advantage with a somewhat fortuitous 2-1 success. Both goals came from corners delivered by Deago Dunbar-Bonnie and headed in by Reece Cameron and Kofi Anokye-Boadi respectively. Man of the Match though was our young goalkeeper Roraigh Brown, on loan from Watford, who pulled off a series of excellent stops throughout the match, while a word for Harry Gallagher for two worthy headed clearances of goalbound shots.

We were hoping to be able to build on that a few days later with the rearranged fixture at home to Metropolitan Police but for the umpteenth time this season, the heavens opened on the day itself and a postponement became inevitable fairly early in the morning. This match has been quickly rearranged for a third go, on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Due to early print deadlines, these notes had to be written prior to Saturday's away game at South Park (Reigate) with the game certain to go ahead due to the 3G pitch that they laid last season. Our record at South Park has not been the best having lost on our last four visits so we can only hope that we managed to get something from the game this time around. The Sparks are enjoying a good season so far and only just lost 1-0 at National League North side Hereford in the FA Trophy a couple of weeks ago.



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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 eighth 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 was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 9th January 2024 but after Hendon made it to the last 16 of the Isuzu FA Trophy, where they now travel to Oldham Athletic, they asked us to switch it to the Tuesday 23rd January and we were happy to oblige. The full draw is as follows:

Barnet v.

North Greenford United

Harrow Borough v.

Rayners Lane

Hayes & Yeading United v.

St. Pantaleimon

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

100 UP - If they played at South Park (Reigate) and go on to make an appearance today, both Sam Jenkins and Carl Stewart could make their 100th appearance for the Woods in the Boxing Day game against Southall. This is a great achievement in these days of players swapping club so often. Jenks made his Northwood debut way back in September 2018 and has had spells with Chesham United but he's made appearances in five different seasons here at the Woods. Carl of course, joined with many others in November 2021 and has been almost ever-present since then. Congratulations to both players in advance of this great accomplishment.

In the game against Guernsey, we were still missing Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway with injury while Harry McCorkell was left on the bench having not really recovered from a knock in the previous game at Ascot. There is a chance that both could return today. Godlove Oppong limped off at half-time in the Guernsey match and we don't have an update on that knock at this stage.

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 few 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. Unfortunately, they have suffered a series of postponements in recent weeks and they now have a short break over the festive period. They return to action on Thursday 4th January 2024 with an Allied Counties League Cup game away at Thatcham Town. They follow that with an away league game on the 3G at Beaconsfield Town and they have a huge Middlesex Senior Youth Cup clash against old rivals Uxbridge on Wednesday 17th January here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

Please note that one in your diaries and try to get along to support them in that quarter-final.

Spartans FC

Our tenants picked up a valuable point in their last action away at Deportivo Galicia on the 16th December and although it's been some time since they won a game, they will have hoped that they would be in with a chance when they were scheduled to play at home to nineteenth-placed Brook House on Saturday. Let's hope the rain stayed away and that they were able to get some more points on board.

They have no game scheduled for Boxing Day, are away at leaders Amersham Town on Saturday 30th before returning here to the Skyline Roofing Stadium on Saturday 6th January for the visit of Eversley & California.

Next at the Skyline Roofing Stadium...

Saturday 6th January
Spartans v. Eversley & California
CCL Division One - 3pm

Tuesday 9th January
Woods v. Met. Police
Isthmian League - 7.45pm

Enjoy these two matches, thanks for your support, and see you all again soon. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy and Healthy New Year in 2024! **Alan**





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FROM THE TRAINING PITCH

WITH FIRST TEAM COACH DENNIS QUIGLEY



HAPPY HOLIDAYS WOODS FANS...

I hope you are all enjoying the festive period and had a wonderful Christmas Day. What better present than two consecutive home fixtures before we roll into an exciting new year.

December is normally a month where everyone is looking to wind down and break up for the holidays and while that is true for most, the Woods have been ramping it up on the training pitch. We have one purpose in mind heading into 2024 and that's to keep working hard both physically and mentally so we can continue our climb back up the table.

Before we get into the new year we welcome both Southall FC and Hanworth Villa FC to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and although we are up against two very well-organised and disciplined teams we hope that we can send our Woods Fans home happy over the holidays with maximum points from each fixture.

Just to sign off for 2023, I'd like to say on behalf of the coaching team, players and all associated with the club we would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and we cannot wait to see you all roaring us on right up until the end of the season.

**Up the Woods!
Big Den**



MATCH ACTION

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION
SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023

ATT 93



Northwood
Cameron 55'; Anokye-Boadi 71'

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Guernsey
Loaring 63'

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The Woods secured three valuable points in this clash against the Green Lions with both sides inside the bottom four at the start of the game with Christmas approaching.

There was a formation change to the side that had lost narrowly at Ascot United a week earlier with Romario Jonas coming in to axis a three-man defence while Carl Stewart replaced Harry McCorkell, who picked up a knock the week before, in the centre of the midfield. Curtis Brown was allowed to get minutes playing for Aylesbury Vale. The visitors were without main striker Sam Murray but were able to start with legend Ross Allen up front for only his third start of the season and his first away from home.

Northwood made a swift start to the game in just the second minute when Harry McKenna set up Sam Jenkins for a shot that he side-footed wide of the post and seven minutes later there was a quick break which led to Kofi Anokye-Boadi being played in down the left but his shot was kept out by Josh Addison in the Guernsey goal.

There was still only thirteen minutes on the clock when Browne made another great block as a recycled corner was met by Allen with a classy volley at the back post. Two minutes later a cross from the left was flicked on by the head of Sebastian Vance and Browne did well to push the ball up with Harry Gallagher attempting to head clear. It didn't get far enough, Jenkins was unable to help it in and Charlton Gauvain looked certain to put the Green Lions in front with a left-footed strike, only for Gallagher to make an instinctive headed block on the line for a corner.

The Woods were seeing plenty of the ball in the wide areas but neither Deago Dunbar-Bonnie or McKenna were able to take advantage with final balls and crosses both lacking real quality.

Guernsey continued to pose the most threat with David Merris clipping the crossbar from distance and then Allen turned provider for Owen Wallbridge who raced through on goal. He shot early across the face of goal but wide of the target.

With half-time approaching, the visitors almost created another great chance as two forwards got through an offside call but the opportunity was wasted as the ball rebounded kindly for the Woods.

HALF TIME
NORTHWOOD
GUERNSEY

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There was a change at the break as the ineffective Godlove Oppong came off feeling an injury and he was replaced by Reece Cameron up front. He made an immediate impact with a strike from twenty yards that left Addison flat-footed but it was just wide of the post.

GOAL ALERT
1-0 Reece Cameron (53 mins)

Jenkins was next to go close as he worked space for a shot that was pushed wide by Addison in goal and the Woods took the lead from the resulting corner. Dunbar-Bonnie delivered a pinpoint corner which dropped neatly onto Cameron's head and he converted from inside the six-yard box.



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GOAL ALERT

1-1 Matt Loaring (63 mins)

Three minutes later Gallagher went close from a free-kick that was inches wide of the upright but the Green Lions roared back with an equaliser after sixty three minutes as Allen cut in from the left and the ball rolled kindly for Matt Loaring to score from close-range.

GOAL ALERT

2-1 Kofi Anokye-Boadi (71 mins)

Just three minutes later, Browne kept the scores level, making a fine save to deny Gauvain and there was still all to play for both after seventy one minutes, the Woods expertise from set-pieces proved valuable once again. Dunbar-Bonnie's first in-swinging corner almost dropped

in, Addison just getting a touch to turn the ball over the bar but the second saw Gallagher head towards goal and Anokye-Boadi was able to add a headed touch in front of Addison which was over the line before two defenders attempting to clear.

The Green Lions created another chance for Allen but his strike was well saved by Browne while Loaring's effort from the loose ball was also blocked but the Woods saw out the remainder of the game with more confidence and came closest to scoring after eighty three minutes. Match-winner Anokye-Boadi made a speedy run down the left, cut across and played a ball back into the path of Jenkins but his shot was straight at Addison who saved comfortably.

Keagan Cole replaced Jenkins, who had picked up an unnecessary yellow card for dissent, for a ten-minute cameo and the Woods saw out the closing-stages well against a Guernsey side whose spirit was finally quashed.

The three points lifted Northwood up two places in the table but there's still plenty of work to be done in the weeks ahead

**FULL TIME
NORTHWOOD
GUERNSEY**

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WOODS LINE-UP Browne, McKenna, Dunbar-Bonnie, Tingey, Jonas, Gallagher, Stewart, Stacey, Oppong (Cameron 46'), Jenkins (Cole 85'), Anokye-Boadi

UNUSED SUBS: H. McCorkell, Hannachi

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



INTRODUCING TUESDAY'S VISITORS

SOUTHALL



Southall Football Club was founded in 1871, the first recorded game being a 1-0 defeat against local neighbours Uxbridge played at Southall Park on October 21st 1871.

The FA Cup was first entered in the third year of the competition in the 1873-74 season. The next 20 years were spent playing friendly matches against teams in London and the Home Counties together with one season in the West London League in 1892-1893.

Southall were accepted into the Southern League for the 1896-97 season and remained there for nine seasons. The club achieved little success, but at this time competed on equal terms with the likes of Watford, Fulham, Brighton and Thames Ironworks (now known as West Ham United), as well as local rivals Brentford, who they defeated in the West Middlesex Cup Final of 1896.

In 1904 the club turned professional for what transpired to be their final Southern League season; this venture cost the club dear. Faced with mounting debts Southall withdrew from all senior competitions for the following season. The club was re-organised on an amateur basis and merged with Southall Athletic FC, moving to a new ground at Glebe Farm. Having won the West Middlesex League 2 seasons running, senior status was regained when the club joined The Great Western Suburban League for 1907-08 and the Club remained there until the outbreak of the First World War.

Whilst most clubs suspended playing during the Great War, Southall continued to play friendly matches, mainly against services sides and local factory teams. When hostilities ceased the club spent a season in the short lived United Senior League. Southall were then elected into the

Athenian League in September 1919 and the next twenty years was the most successful period in the history of the Club. The Athenian League championship was won in the 1926-27 season, the Middlesex Senior Cup was won five times and the Middlesex Charity Cup four times. On a national level Southall reached the final of the Amateur Cup in the 1924-25 season. The first round proper of the F.A. Cup was also reached three times.

The 1935-36 season was an extraordinary one in the history of the Club when Southall became the first amateur side to battle all the way from the extra preliminary round of the F.A. Cup and reach the third round proper against Watford - losing 4-1.

The 1960's was a quiet period in the history of the Club, with only the Middlesex Charity Cup Being won in 1969. In 1973 Southall, along with several other Athenian League clubs, were elected into the newly formed



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second division of the Isthmian League. In their second season in their new league Southall achieved promotion for the first time in their history. Three seasons in the top flight followed, the highest position achieved being 14th in 1976-77. Consecutive relegations followed into the bottom tier of the Isthmian League. In the 1985-86 season Southall again gained national recognition when they reached the FA Vase Final. Southall, with future England international Les Ferdinand in the side, lost 3-0 to Halesowen Town.

Southall suffered a major body blow in 1992 when they were forced to vacate their Western Road ground when Ealing Council sold it off for housing. Bizarrely, Ealing Council awarded the alternative site that had been identified as a replacement for Western Road to a new breakaway club that had never played there or ever had a ground of their own. Since that time Southall FC has ground shared at a multitude of venues, sometimes many miles from the town.

At the end of the 1999-2000 season the Club was relegated to the Combined Counties League and spent five full seasons in that competition. Financial problems resulted eventually in expulsion from that league and a new life in the Middlesex County Football League for the season 2006/07. The first season in that competition the Club finished in a mid-table position in the Premier Division but problems off the field resulted in the Club being demoted yet again to Division One (Central & East). Oddly, with the club now effectively a 'park' team' for the first time in over 100 years, the next season meant a return to Southall as the club rented a pitch at Dormers Wells Leisure Centre from Ealing Council. The Runners Up spot was achieved, heralding promotion back to the Premier Division and another move, this time to Thames Valley University's ground in North Ealing. At this time the club was really struggling financially and regular discussions were held as to the merits of keeping the club going.

New owners appeared on the scene for the 2010-11 season with club now ground sharing at Northolt Rugby Club. For the 2011-12 season 'home' was now Hanwell Town FC in Perivale. The club was dealt a further major blow with the unexpected passing of Club Secretary Geoff Harrison, a true club stalwart and without whom the club would surely have ceased to exist. Despite this tragic setback a 3rd place finish finally meant a welcome promotion to the Spartan South Midland League Division 1.

Regular managerial changes meant that Southall, while now showing occasional signs of promise, stuttered somewhat until the appointment of Paul Palmer midway through the 2015-16 season. The following season saw Southall achieve national recognition for the first time in many a year with a remarkable run to the FA Vase quarter finals. 2017-18 started in typically chaotic fashion with the proposed ground share with Hayes and Yeading United falling through after the season had actually started! Having been initially helped out by North Greenford United and Hillingdon Borough, Southall finally landed up at Burnham FC for "home" games. Despite this nomadic existence the players defied the odds and produced a remarkable season's football by going unbeaten in the league until 21st March. Despite the attentions of Baldock Town, their only serious rivals for the title, Southall finally finished Division 1 Champions – the club's first Championship since 1926/27!

Having been promoted back to the Combined Counties Premier Division and now hosted by Ashford Town, Southall had further reorganising to do before the start of the 2018-19 season as Paul Palmer left for North Greenford United, taking a fair chunk of the first team squad along with him. The club then appointed ex-player and latterly club coach Max Howell as manager. With such a major upheaval at such a critical time many wondered whether the new hastily assembled squad would be competitive at the higher level. All such concerns were soon allayed as a more than creditable



Former Woods defender, Sam Howell was appointed manager of Southall prior to the 2018/19 campaign, his first managerial role, and guided the club to a fourth place finish in his first season in charge.

A solid and reliable young defender who was signed in July 2005 by Woods following his release by Luton Town where he spent eight years in the Hatters youth set-up. Injuries unfortunately hampered his time at Northwood in two short spells, and after also appearing briefly in 2008 pre-season having played the previous campaign at Hillingdon Borough, he joined Chesham United.

4th place finish was achieved. Southall were again in the promotion mix for most of the 2019-20 & 20-21 seasons and were in 5th place with games in hand when these seasons were ended due to the Covid pandemic.

The 2021-22 season heralded the 150th Anniversary of Southall Football Club. A truly momentous season ensued with many exciting cup games as the team made the FA Vase quarter-final, Middlesex Charity Cup semi-final and were runners up in the League Cup, but the most important feat was the 2nd place league finish and a return to the Isthmian League

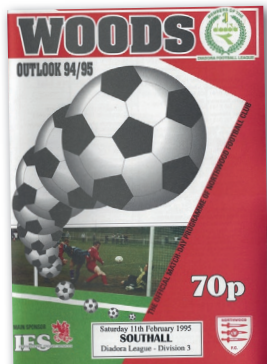


THREE OF A KIND



Memorable past meetings with Tuesday's opponents Southall

By Ken Green



Saturday 12th February 1994
Diadora Isthmian League Division 3

Northwood
Southall

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Northwood manager Alan Merison refused to shake hands with his opposite number Steve Hawkins after a game which ended with two of his players being taken to hospital.

Northwood were understandably upset at Southall's physical approach and the injuries to striker Eddie Coppinger, Troy McAuliffe and Gerry O'Donnell. Southall substitute Rod Shearer was fortunate to be only booked after his foul on McAuliffe that had the full back screaming in pain. O'Donnell and Coppinger finished up in hospital.

Herts referee Mr P. Hern might well have prevented a lot of what went on by sterner action earlier. But in the end the players were responsible for their own actions. Southall had suffered just one defeat in 12 League outings, so Northwood were expecting a tough game – but not quite as physical as this!

1994 - Martin Randall battles for a header

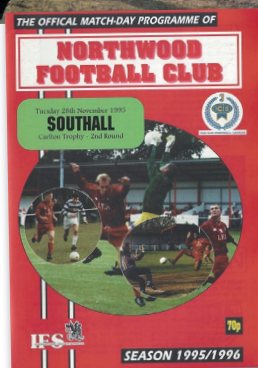


Woods went ahead after 37 minutes when Steve Matthews' cross was bundled into his own goal by Roger Moses. The killer goal then came a couple of minutes into the, second half. Kevin Dobson put over a low cross from the left, and Lawrence Holmes at the far post did the rest.

Steve Fraser reduced the lead late on from a Shay Boyd cross after Woods had been reduced to 10 men for the last 20 minutes.

Northwood: Eddie Doyle, Troy McAuliffe, Kevin Dobson, Lennie Brayshaw, Rob Holland, Steve Payton, Steve Matthews, Eddie Coppinger, Paul Rogan, Lawrence Holmes, Martin Randall.
Sub: John Exer

Southall: Ken Lavender, Davies, Alan Galloway, Jon Turner, Roge Moses, Gary Williams, Jon Bates, Jesse Smith, Shay Boyd, Anthony Parker (Rod Shearer), Steve Fraser.
Sub: Graeme West



Tuesday 28th November 1995
Carlton Trophy Round Two

Northwood
Southall

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Northwood proved far too strong in this Associate Members' Cup tie between two clubs who have both recently sacked their manager.



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Though Southall, who lost many of their players when they axed Dave Anderson, put up a spirited display, the tie was virtually all one-way traffic.

Gary Sealey opened the scoring with his first goal for Northwood after being set up by Whitehead and Hammatt and, after Ken Lavender had saved well from Dave Pickstock, Sealey netted again following a Dobson cross.

Another Dobson centre was put away, this time by Phillips, to make it 3-0 at half time.

Tony Ponnou, later to have five stitches in a mouth injury after an accidental clash, increased the lead after the interval. Dobson was again involved when a Daren Lake own goal made it 5-0 and young Scott Whitby completed the Northwood scoring after good work by Robinson.

Southall then pulled a goal back when substitute Simon Parris scored.

Northwood: Lee Carroll, Sean Glynn, Kevin Dobson, Richard Pratley (Deniz Ombesh), Steve Whitehead, Greg Phillips, Tony Ponnou, Chris Gell (Colin Robinson), Dave Pickstock, Bryan Hammatt, Gary Sealey (Scott Whitby).

Southall: Ken Lavender, Barry Creegan, Fairer, Ainsley Etherington (Simon Parriss), Bennett, David Fox, Scott Ray, Daren Lake, Paul Gosden, Stuart Marks, Stewart.

Monday 29th August 2022
Pitching-In Isthmian League
Division One South Central

Northwood
Southall

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Northwood maintained their 100% start to the league season with a hard-fought win, and they settled well and forced an early corner, then had a



great chance to open the scoring but Ronan Hutchins dragged the ball wide of the post.

And Northwood began to gain the ascendancy with a series of incursions into Southall territory – visiting keeper Michael Edegebe clawing away a Cole effort with Pepaj's follow up from the edge of the box narrowly clearing the crossbar before Sam Jenkins broke forward to feed Josh Helmore whose deflected shot on the turn was gathered by Edegebe.

After resisting more Northwood pressure, Southall began to enjoy some possession and Bruno Tavares had two bites at the cherry as both shots were charged down by the Woods backline. But it was Northwood that opened the scoring on 41 minutes, Sydney Ibie wriggling free in the box before squaring to Helmore, who applied the finish.



After the break Southall visibly upped their tempo as they proceeded to enjoy their best spell of the game, Arel Amu and Luke Heneghan both threatening, then James Gurteen cleared Louis Stead's effort after Andrew McCorkell had got a glove to the shot.

But Woods' second goal on 73 minutes decided the points, when a corner from Hutchins was met perfectly by Luke Tingey who powered a bullet header into the net.

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Sam Jenkins (James Budden), Andy Lomas, Keagan Cole (Carl Stewart), Luke Tingey, James Gurteen, Ronan Hutchins, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Josh Helmore (Lindell Stewart), Sydney Ibie, Ergys Pepaj

Southall: Michael Edegebe, Alex Nolan, Frankie Taylor, Louis Stead, Carl Pearce, Benjamin Tricker (Onome Emovon), Jack Roper (Emmanuel Williams), Samuel Bello-Balogun (Romey Meaded), Arel Amu, Luke Heneghan, Bruno Tavares



2022 - Luke Tingey's header flies home for second goal



SOUTHALL MEMORIES

BY ALAN EVANS



Western Road ground

Some of you will already be aware of this but my now fifty or so years of watching non-League football pretty much started on the expansive terraces of Western Road, the wonderful former home of our visitors for this Boxing Day clash; a ground that once believed to have held almost 20,000 for a third round FA Cup tie against our own neighbours Watford. There's footage of this cup-tie available on You Tube; take a look!

At the end of December 1973, industrial action by the coal miners and railway workers led to the Conservative government, led by Edward Heath, bring in measures to conserve electricity. This isn't a political article though so to the matter in hand! It meant that commercial organisations, including football were only allowed to operate on three specified consecutive days of the week and football clubs were banned from using floodlights. This

commenced on the 1st January and it meant that on Sunday 27th January 1974, Southall FC played at midday on a Sunday in an Amateur Cup game against Spennymoor United and at the age of ten, Alan Evans, at that stage watching Brentford and West Ham United on a fairly regular basis (I had seen West Ham beat Manchester United 2-1 a couple of weeks earlier, decided to get on the 232 bus and see my first-ever game at Southall.

The three-day week only lasted until the first week of March but my visits to Western Road continued through my teens and into early adulthood, firstly now and again; I didn't actually see them win a game until a midweek 3-0 victory over Maidenhead United in October the following season but the 1974/75 campaign ended in Southall FC's first-ever promotion. They had joined the newly-formed Isthmian League Division Two in 1973 and were promoted in April 1975, along with champions Staines Town, to the First

Division which was then the equal top level of non-League football (though the Southern and Northern Premier Leagues were considered higher-ranking in those days – there was no National League levels).

I learnt that the club had produced the classy winger Gordon Hill a year before I had started watching my local club, transferred to Millwall and then Manchester United and England. Now, there was another upcoming star showing his considerable talents for the 'All in the silky form of Alan Devonshire and I was pretty much hooked on watching him develop over the next couple of years before he too was snapped up for top level football in October 1976, ironically moving to West Ham for the princely sum of £5,000; considered to be the best value transfer in history following his 350+ appearances for the Hammers. Though only eight caps for England, his career was hindered by two serious injuries. He now of





Alan Devonshire



Ron Noades



Alan with Gordon Bartlett 1986

course manages at National League side Maidenhead United but not many know that he was also interviewed for the job here at Northwood back in 1997, coming a close second to the actual appointment of Steve Emmanuel.

It was the infamous figure of the late Ron Noades who was Chairman of Southall at this time, eventually moving on to take Chairman roles at Wimbledon, Crystal Palace and Brentford where he was also Manager from 1998 to 2000. He was also responsible for the short-lived change of the club's name to Southall & Ealing Borough in 1975, only reverting to just Southall FC in 1980. His leaving of Southall in 1977 for the Wimbledon takeover did result in years of downturn for the Middlesex club for sure and the proposed new building work, being carried out from the transfer fee for Devonshire was never completed.

Anyway, I remained a supporter, being taken to a few away games at first by one of my favourite players of that time, Harry Manoe, in his little blue mini as Harry lived quite close to where I was living from 1975. Harry's brother Lee played briefly for Northwood in the early 1980s too. Eventually, I met the Club's Secretary Alan Bevis and he kindly became my regular driver as the season's continued and I got to experience

not the amphitheatre of the Western Road terraces but also the delights of the wonderful old grounds of Ilford, Leytonstone, Kingstonian, Walthamstow Avenue and the real non-League sites of Clapton, East Ham United and Tilbury!

Southall were relegated from the renamed Premier Division after three seasons' in top flight, back into the renamed Division One.

It was at this time that I started to get slightly involved in the running of the club, taking over the production of the programme in 1978. It took a while to get it as I wanted it to look but after a couple of months, it started to look good. In that season the club reached the fourth and final qualifying round of the FA Cup and missed out on an away tie at Swindon Town when they lost 2-1 at lowly United Counties League side March Town United. Despite that run, the club was on the decline and they suffered further relegation into Division Two as the Isthmian League continued to expand.

The next decade, while I carried on trying to improve the programme production, was fairly uneventful as the side mainly held their own in Division Two without threatening too much success until a young youth team coach, Gordon Bartlett was promoted from the Under-18s to take charge of the first-team in 1985. By this time, I was also Vice-Chairman of

a club being run by a local flower-shop owner, Jack Davis who was an interesting character but not considered the most straight-forward financially. He left in February 1986 leaving me somehow in charge at the age of just 22. The side had just reached the semi finals of the FA Vase but financially things were a mess. Promotion was a big possibility at that time too with the likes of Les Ferdinand, another future England international and ex-Woods players John Powell and Rob Holland part of that squad. Two-legs of the semi-final against Wisbech Town brought a 5-3 aggregate win and the 'All had made it to the Wembley final. They ultimately lost 3-0 to a superb Halesowen Town side who were winning the competition for the second year in succession. Promotion hopes dropped away and virtually the whole side and the Manager had moved on by the start of the next season. I was over my head in the role and spent most of it trying to find someone to take over the Chairman's role. My replacement ended up being Jim Loftus and his family who had been running St Josephs Youth in Harrow and once in place, I was surplus to requirements at Southall so came here to Chestnut Avenue instead!

I hope you've enjoyed this brief nostalgic ramble.....

YESTERDAY: TODAY

THIS IS THE 27TH OCCASION IN NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926, THAT THEY HAVE PLAYED A COMPETITIVE FIXTURE ON BOXING DAY, 26TH DECEMBER – THE BUSIEST DATE IN THE WOODS' CALENDAR!. ALL PREVIOUS 26 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.	
Thur 26 Dec 1929	H	Northwood 6 Pinner District Hospital Charity Cup	Harrow St Mary's	W	4-2*	Allen, Smith, Bunce, H Gutteridge	200
Fri 26 Dec 1930	H	Harrow 6 District League Division One	Eastcote	W	6-2	Bunce 4, Taylor, Gill	100
Mon 26 Dec 1949	A	Harrow 6 Wembley League Premier Division	Eastcote	W	4-1	Smith 2, Carter, Bainbridge	
Tue 26 Dec 1950	A	Harrow 6 Wembley League Premier Division	Eastcote	L	0-5		
Mon 26 Dec 1955	H	Northwood Hospital Charity Cup SF	Ryefield	W	6-3	?	
Thur 26 Dec 1957	H	Northwood Hospital Cup round 1	Northwood Hills	W	11-1	Ratcliffe 5, P. Byrne 3, Bainbridge 3	
Fri 26 Dec 1958	H	Bob Bell Memorial Match	Harrow 6 Wembley Lge	D	2-2	Ratcliffe, J Byrne	
Sat 26 Dec 1970	A	Middlesex League	Rayners Lane	W	2-1	Byrne, Harvey	
Tue 26 Dec 1972	H	Rickmansworth Charity Cup QF	Leggatts Way O B	L	0-7		
Thur 26 Dec 1974	A	Rickmansworth Charity Cup round 1	Dickinsons (Croxley)	L	0-3		
Fri 26 Dec 1975	A	Rickmansworth Charity Cup QF	Tudor Corinthians	W	2-0	Cooper, Dibbens	
Sat 26 Dec 1987	H	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Southwark Sports	D	1-1	Payne	
Mon 26 Dec 1988	A	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Hanwell Town	D	1-1	Figg	
Sat 26 Dec 1992	H	Diadora League Division 3	Kingsbury Town	W	3-2	Vincent 2, Rogan	150
Mon 26 Dec 1994	A	Diadora League Division 3	Harefield United	L	1-3	Morris	127
Tue 26 Dec 2002	A	Ryman League Division 1	Yeading	D	2-2	Yaku, Williams	202
Tue 26 Dec 2006	A	Southern League Premier Division	Wealdstone	D	1-1	Nicholls	305
Wed 26 Dec 2007	H	Ryman League Division 1 North	Edgware Town	D	0-0		139
Sat 26 Dec 2009	H	Ryman League Division 1 North	Potters Bar Town	W	3-2	Orphanou 3	107
Mon 26 Dec 2011	A	Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1 Central	Uxbridge	W	3-0	Hawkins, Christian 2	138
Thur 26 Dec 2013	H	Southern League Division 1 Central	North Greenford Utd	W	3-0	Federico, Muir, Olyide	88
Sat 26 Dec 2015	H	Evo Stik Southern League Division 1 Central	Kings Langley	W	2-0	Stead, Budden	141
Tue 26 Dec 2017	A	Evo Stik League South, East Division	Hayes 6 Yeading United	L	2-4	Martin 2	172
Wed 26 Dec 2018	H	Bostik Isthmian League Division 1 South Central	Uxbridge	D	1-1	Pett	134
Thur 26 Dec 2019	H	BetVictor Isthmian League Division 1 South Central	Chalfont St Peter	L	0-2		151
Mon 26 Dec 2022	A	Pitching-in Isthmian League Division 1 South Central	Southall	W	2-1	Akintunde 2	60

1949

Eastcote Woods

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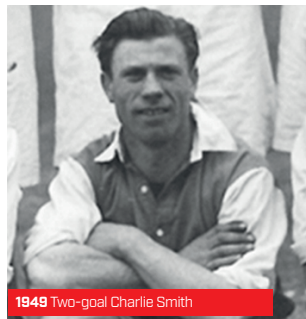
The two local rivals, Northwood and Eastcote, met before a large crowd at Cavendish sports ground on Boxing Day morning and £8 was collected for the Northwood War Memorial Fund.

Northwood attacked straight away, and with the forwards swinging the ball about they soon had the Eastcote defence in difficulties. From a corner

Jones got the ball, rounded a back and crossed for Charlie Smith to head into the net.

After this both sides had spells of attacking, but in Northwood's defence Bob Bell was like a brick wall to 'Cote's forwards. The Northwood forwards were in a lively mood and Carter often had the defence running the wrong way. His passes to the wings were a treat to watch, and from one of them, Bainbridge weaved his way through and from his cross Charlie Smith flung himself at the ball to head the best goal

of the match.



1949 Two-goal Charlie Smith



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Jones made the opening for the third goal when H. Carter crowned his efforts by shooting past Wylde, who was playing his last game for Eastcote. The Cotes played better when the second half opened, and had success when J Lenan beat Young with a well-placed shot, but Bainbridge scored a fourth for Northwood.

Northwood: Albert Young, Ford, Fred Taylor, Ron Nicholls, Bob Bell, Tommy Green, Bainbridge, G Jones, Charlie Smith, H Carter, Eric Green.

2009

Woods Potters Bar Town

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Livewire striker Scott Orphanou proved the match winner in this feisty encounter, netting a hat-trick inside fifteen first half minutes. John Christian and Gary Burrell both went close with efforts early on as Potters Bar were quickly on the backfoot and on 18 minutes visiting goalkeeper Matt Bennett failed to hold a stinging shot from Sam Sharples and Orphanou showed great reactions to pounce and knock in the loose ball.

Just five minutes later Leon Osei



danced his way into the box and Orphanou latched onto his cross to sidestep his marker and slot home. The Scholars finally recorded their first shot on goal after 28 minutes when Ellis Remy fired a shot across the face of the goal and well wide.

But it was 3-0 after 32 minutes when Orphanou completed a sublime hat-trick by catching Bennett off his line with a 35-yard drive and the visitors were faced with a mountain to climb.

After the break, Bar pushed to get back into it, and on 61 minutes, they sent in a corner, and the ball was hooked in by Shane Wylie, with protests for pushing

on keeper Bobby Smith ignored. Potters Bar kept pushing forward and were rewarded with a second goal on 71 minutes when Wylie raced away again and turned provider with a cross which was converted by Remy from close-range.

In the final minute, Potters Bar looked to have levelled when Remy's shot hit the post and spun goalwards before Brad Hewitt cleared the loose ball off the line.

Northwood: Bobby Smith, Chris Seebj, Gilbert Nuako, John Christian, Michael Peacock, Bradley Hewitt, Leon Osei, Sam Sharples, Aaron Cato, Scott Orphanou (Eugene Ofori), Gary Burrell (Hugo Figueiredo)

2015

Woods Kings Langley

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After a run of four successive drawn games, the Woods enjoyed this Boxing Day success over play-off hopefuls Kings Langley, who started with quite an early onslaught. But then Northwood did manage to get a bit of a foothold in the game with Louis Stead playing some probing balls forward but they was a lack of punch up front.

But on 34 minutes, Woods were awarded a spot-kick after Steve Brown was clearly shoved over in the box, and Stead neatly tucked away the penalty to put the Woods 1-0 up against the run of play.

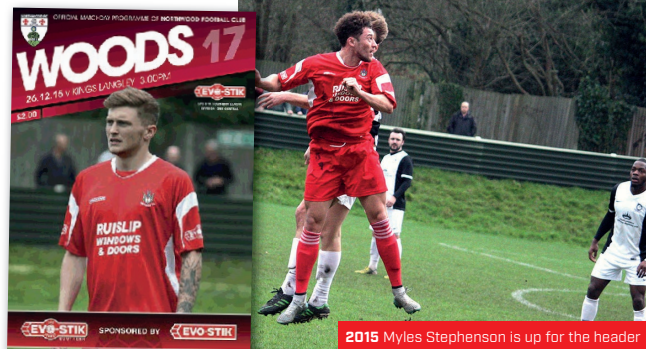
The visitors pressed again, looking to level things up before the break and they were given two opportunities to do so from free-kicks awarded just outside the box, but could make nothing of them.

It seemed that Northwood still had plenty of work to do in the second half, but they managed to get a crucial second goal on 59 minutes. A free-kick was played in from the left and Brown headed the ball back across goal, where James Budden hit a low volley that beat goalkeeper Anthony Ladyman and crept inside the post.

The Northwood defence, led by Brown, looked

in no mood to let a two-goal lead slip but they were up against it when Stephenson was dismissed for two yellow cards, however they held on!

Northwood: Berkeley Laurencin, Alex Nolan, Andy Lomas, Steve Brown, James Budden, George Nicholas (Bayley Brown), Joakim Ehui (Max Holland), James Burgess, Louis Stead, Myles Stephenson, Rob Hastings (Shane Cjocajorel).



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) 1-1 (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 2-1	93	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Tingey	Jonas	Gallagher
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	Metropolitan Police	H							
Sat 13	Leatherhead	H							
Tue 16	Badshot Lea	H							
Sat 20	Westfield	A							
Tue 23	Hendon (QF)	A							
Sat 27	Uxbridge	H							
Tue 30	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							
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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 ;
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 (68); 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 (48); H. McCorkell (48); Williams (48); 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)
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)
Stewart	Stacey	Opong	Jenkins	Anokye-Boadi 1	Cameron 1 (46) ; Cole (85)





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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	15	0	15	3	8	1	9	0	24	3	15	3	9	0	24	3
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	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0
Reece Cameron	Chertsey Town (H) Oct '23	4	3	7	2	1	0	1	0	8	2	7	2	1	0	8	2
Keagan Cole	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	41	7	11	0	52	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	15	0	15	0	8	1	9	1	24	1	15	0	9	1	24	1
Harry Gallagher	Tooting 6 MU (H) Aug '22	9	0	9	1	8	0	8	4	17	5	28	4	15	3	43	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	7	6	13	1	4	5	9	0	22	1	72	4	26	0	98	4
Romario Jonas	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22	12	0	12	1	1	3	4	0	16	1	23	1	9	0	32	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	4	2	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	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	3	3	6	1	2	2	4	0	10	1	6	1	4	0	10	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	14	1	15	2	7	1	8	0	23	2	51	5	15	1	66	6
Carl Stewart	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	14	1	15	1	8	0	8	1	23	2	76	2	22	1	98	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	12	1	13	0	8	0	8	1	21	1	64	3	20	1	84	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 several weeks 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 Sweeney (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 have unfortunately now had several weeks without a game and also face a Christmas and New Year break before a return to action in a tough away game, the long trip to Thatcham Town in the Allied Counties Youth League Cup on Thursday 4th January 2024.

After an away game at Beaconsfield Town the following week, the side's next home game is scheduled for Wednesday 17th January when we have a big Middlesex Senior Youth Cup quarter-final at home to old-rivals Uxbridge here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium. Please make a note of that one in your diary and try to get down and support the lads.



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 6 Hershaw	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
January					
Thu 4	Thatcham Town	A	ACYLC		
Tue 9	Beaconsfield Town	A	ACYL		
Wed 17	Uxbridge	H	ACYL		
Wed 24	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		
Wed 28	Harefield United	A	ACYL		
March					
Wed 6	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		

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



INTRODUCING SATURDAY'S VISITORS

HANWORTH VILLA



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Hanworth Villa was formed in 1976. In the early years, the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday.

During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as Division 1 Champions.

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

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

1984/1985. From 1980 the club had a nomadic existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club.

A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation. Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'.

With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League. After another Premier League title in 2004/05, with a record number of points, it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006.

It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/08, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title,



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finishing a credible second. However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion.

The club were determined to ensure that the situation should not arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/09 campaign. The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/10 season

The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17th, three points clear of relegation. The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5th position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup.

Unfortunately they were to lose in both.

The 2011/12 season will live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition. In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivensham, Bedford Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1st Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2. In the FA Vase the team reached the 3rd round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year.

In 2013/14 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex Premier League Cup and the Southern Combination Cup.

At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesey Town and had coached at Banbury United. Under the Management of Rufus and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3 - 2 win over Spelthorne Sports. It was the second occasion in three years that the team have won this trophy.

In December 2018, by mutual agreement, Rufus Brevett stepped down as first team Manager with Louis Carder-Walcott, previously Assistant Manager at Westfield FC, being appointed shortly after. Following a poor run of form at the start of the 2019/20 and with no positive signs of recovery it was decided that Louis would step down as Manager of the club. In November 2019 the position was filled by Simon Haughney and his management team of Paul Thomas and Leon Solomon. The players responded well to this new team and with the addition of several new signings performed well, despite the distractions of the Covid pandemic. Not only did they remain unbeaten in the ten matches played during the suspended 2020-21 season, they also set a new club

The Manager

Simon Haughney

Appointed as The Villans boss in November 2019, Simon Haughney, 42, was a talented footballer and as a youngster spent six years at Crystal Palace before being released at the age of 16. He was selected to play for Middlesex County, where he went on to captain the team, playing alongside the likes of Peter Crouch, Stephen Reid and Sam Parkin. After dropping out of the academy set up Simon spent some time playing Non League football, making appearances for both Yeading and Staines Town.

In 2000 he established Onside Football Coaching who have an affiliation to Hampton & Richmond Borough FC Academy, coaching all 25 youth teams, working with over 350 members on a weekly basis.

record by progressing to the last 16 of the F A Vase, narrowly losing to Long Eaton United on penalties.

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

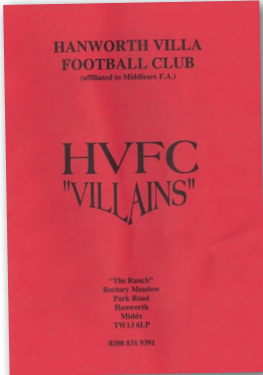


THREE OF A KIND



Memorable past meetings with Saturday's opponents Hanworth Villa

By Ken Green



Tuesday 19th January 2010
Middlesex Senior Cup Quarter-Final

Hanworth Villa 0
Northwood 3

The Woods had a comfortable passage into the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup, against a Villa side in their first season in the County's top competition. It was one-way traffic from the start and on 16 minutes John Christian put the Woods in front with a 25-yard drive which found the top corner to give Terry Buss no chance in goal.

Hanworth had a chance to level when Scott Purdue conceded a penalty with a clumsy trip, but Lee Higgs saw a well-struck shot superbly saved by Bobby Smith to keep the Woods in front.

Leon Osei caused plenty of problems for Villa, and on 52 minutes he cut in from the left and crossed for Danny Jones to knock in at the far post. Northwood added a third goal in the final minute when Aaron Cato using his pace to find space and then found

2010 - Bobby Smith saved Lee Higgs penalty



a way past Buss with a good strike into the bottom corner.

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

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

Tuesday 23rd November 2021
Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Round 3

Hanworth Villa 2
Northwood 5

The Woods gained a fairly comfortable victory, bagging five goals alongside a dominant performance, and they went ahead on 11 minutes, Matteo Esposito getting down the right before he cut the ball back for Micah Jackson to shoot into the top corner.



2021 - Micah Jackson put Woods ahead



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Two minutes later Joakim Ehui's mishit shot fell kindly for Teddy Stacey to score, and in the 36th minute Jackson got past his marker and scored with a low strike that gave goalkeeper Alex Brown no chance. Just before the interval Jordan Ellis to cut in from the left to pull one back for Villa.

Midway into the second half, Hanworth got a second through Ben Merson, before Woods added two more near the end. Tommy Boxer netted from close range on 81 minutes then Yiannis Constantinou wrapped things up.

Hanworth: Brown, Tinge, Williams, Solomon, Watson, Abiogan, Ellis, Simpson, B Merson, Mayembe, Kally, Subs, Thomas-Francis, S Merson, Da Costa, Floyd

Northwood: Daniel Purdue, Matt Surmon, Andy Lomas, Carl Stewart, Tommy Boxer, James Gurteen, Ryan Young, Teddy Stacey (Yiannis Constantinou), Micah Jackson, Matteo Esposito (Tecane Shrowder), Joakim Ehui (Aaron Petch)



2021 - Tommy Boxer scored close in

Hanworth on 11 minutes when he escaped the attentions of Romario Jonas before shooting beyond Andy McCorkell. And Woods' defence was breached again when they failed to deal with a far post ball, George Wells

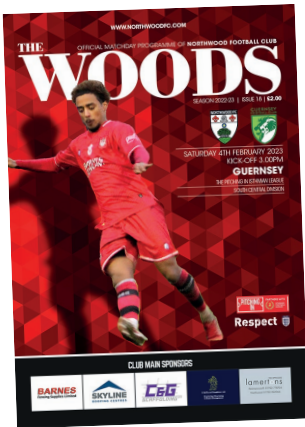
sweeping the ball home to increase the lead with 33 minutes on the clock.

Northwood made a double substitution at the break, but they conceded a third goal five minutes into the second half when Harry Gallagher got in a tangle allowing Nicholas to break clear before calmly slotting the ball home. And the contest was effectively over three minutes later when Sam Merson to get round the back of the defence before sending over a low cross which was headed home by Jacob Erskine.

The home side finally found the net when Gareth Chendlik converted from the penalty spot deep into added time after Juwon Akintunde had been upended.

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Harry Gallagher, Brandon Kalu, Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Luke Tingley, Romario Jonas, Ronan Hutchins (Micah Jackson), Jake Tabor (Teddy Stacey), Josh Helmore (Gareth Chendlik), Juwon Akintunde, Carl Stewart

Hanworth: Gary Ross, James Fenlon (Louis Taylor), Tom Bender, Ben Geraghty, Guy Anshah-Palmer, George Wells, Gagandeep Samra (Elliott Simpson), Theo Crawford, Jacob Erskine, Sam Merson, Kyen Nicholas (Jordan Ellis)



Monday 2nd January 2023
Pitching-In Isthmian League
Division One South Central

Northwood 1
Hanworth Villa 4

Northwood suffered a disappointing start to 2023 as they crashed at home to Hanworth Villa, having also lost at home to Villa in an FA Trophy tie a few months earlier.

Kyen Nicholas open the scoring for



2023 - Josh Helmore tries to set an attack up

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP



The Christmas and New Year holiday period for all football clubs is a hectic one with each club set to play three games.

This period is generally regarded as one of the most important ones of the season because three wins can make a huge difference to your league placing as can of course three defeats.

As you would expect there is plenty of football to come over this Christmas holiday period with mouth-watering games and local-derbies which will hopefully swell the attendances and give many clubs a nice little much needed financial boost.

SOUTH CENTRAL

#	Team	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Raynes Park Vale	16	7	0	1	20	9	6	1	1	15	5	21	40
2	Chertsey Town*	16	7	1	0	17	6	5	2	1	21	6	26	38
3	Southall	17	7	1	1	27	8	4	2	2	15	11	23	36
4	Leatherhead	17	4	3	2	11	5	7	0	1	17	6	17	36
5	Marlow	14	5	1	1	25	8	6	0	1	16	8	25	34
6	Uxbridge	17	5	0	3	20	12	4	1	4	15	13	10	28
7	Badshot Lea	15	3	1	2	12	11	6	0	3	16	12	5	28
8	Hanworth Villa	17	3	3	2	19	18	4	3	2	15	9	7	27
9	Thatcham Town	17	5	1	2	14	4	3	1	5	13	21	2	26
10	Hartley Wintney	15	4	1	3	13	10	4	0	3	19	14	8	25
11	Westfield	16	5	2	2	16	13	2	2	3	11	12	2	25
12	South Park (Reigate)	16	4	1	3	15	13	3	2	3	13	10	5	24
13	Ascot United	17	3	1	4	12	10	3	0	6	12	16	-2	19
14	Sutton Common Rovers	18	2	0	7	11	20	3	3	3	17	17	-9	18
15	Chipstead	17	4	0	4	19	18	1	2	6	8	20	-11	17
16	Northwood	16	4	0	4	19	14	1	1	6	6	15	-4	16
17	Ashford Town (Middx)	16	2	3	3	12	11	2	1	5	5	10	-4	16
18	Corinthian Casuals	18	2	2	6	7	24	1	1	6	8	25	-34	12
19	Met Police	16	2	2	6	11	20	0	3	3	7	14	-16	11
20	Guernsey	18	2	2	4	9	9	0	2	8	10	28	-18	10
21	Binfield	17	0	3	5	8	21	0	1	8	5	45	-53	4

HOLIDAY FIXTURES

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Ashford Town (Middx) vs Hanworth Villa
Chertsey Town vs Thatcham Town
Chipstead vs South Park (Reigate)
Leatherhead vs Corinthian Casuals
Marlow vs Hartley Wintney
Northwood vs Southall
Raynes Park Vale vs Sutton Common Rovers
Uxbridge vs Ascot United

WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Badshot Lea vs Binfield
Metropolitan Police vs Westfield

SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

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

MONDAY 1ST JANUARY

Ascot United vs Badshot Lea
Binfield vs Northwood
Corinthian Casuals vs Chipstead
Hanworth Villa vs Metropolitan Police
Hartley Wintney vs Chertsey Town
South Park (Reigate) vs Guernsey
Thatcham Town vs Uxbridge
Westfield vs Leatherhead



PREMIER

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

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

FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Cheshunt vs Margate
Cray Wanderers vs Enfield Town
Hornchurch vs Lewes

SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Bognor Regis Town vs Canvey Island
Concord Rangers vs Hastings United
Dulwich Hamlet vs Horsham
Folkestone Invicta vs Hashtag United
Haringey Borough vs Carshalton Athletic
Kingstonian vs Wingate & Finchley
Whitehawk vs Billericay Town

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Hornchurch	18	14	3	1	50	15	35	45
2 Chatham Town	21	12	4	5	39	27	12	40
3 Enfield Town	19	11	4	4	42	30	12	37
4 Wingate & Finchley	19	11	1	7	35	35	0	34
5 Billericay Town	18	10	2	6	25	15	10	32
6 Horsham	16	9	3	4	23	19	4	30
7 Hastings United	19	9	3	7	30	27	3	30
8 Hashtag United	18	7	8	3	27	22	5	29
9 Carshalton Athletic	20	8	4	8	31	31	0	28
10 Dulwich Hamlet	20	6	7	7	36	36	0	25
11 Canvey Island	18	8	1	9	31	37	-6	25
12 Lewes	16	7	3	6	28	27	1	24
13 Whitehawk	17	5	8	4	27	24	3	23
14 Bognor Regis Town	18	5	8	5	29	27	2	23
15 Potters Bar Town	18	5	6	7	22	28	-6	21
16 Margate	20	5	5	10	23	33	-10	20
17 Folkestone Invicta	18	5	4	9	26	30	-4	19
18 Cray Wanderers	18	5	4	9	24	30	-6	19
19 Cheshunt	18	5	4	9	24	31	-7	19
20 Kingstonian	18	3	3	12	29	39	-10	12
21 Haringey Borough	20	2	6	12	20	38	-18	12
22 Concord Rangers	15	3	1	11	12	32	-20	10

NORTH

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Bowers & Pitsea vs Grays Athletic
Gorleston vs Wroxham
Maldon & Tiptree vs Heybridge Swifts
Witham Town vs Brentwood Town

WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Basildon United vs New Salamis
Enfield vs Walthamstow

SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Lowestoft Town	14	12	1	1	44	13	31	37
2 Felixstowe & Walton	16	9	4	3	42	22	20	31
3 Brightlingsea Regent	15	9	1	5	33	23	10	28
4 Bowers & Pitsea	16	9	1	6	29	24	5	28
5 Basildon United	16	8	3	5	34	28	6	27
6 Heybridge Swifts	14	8	2	4	24	18	6	26
7 Brentwood Town	15	7	4	4	21	13	8	25
8 Walthamstow	15	7	4	4	24	21	3	25
9 Maldon & Tiptree	15	7	3	5	31	25	6	24
10 Bury Town	14	5	4	5	29	26	3	19
11 Witham Town	15	4	5	6	20	25	-5	17
12 Redbridge	13	4	4	5	24	28	-4	16
13 Wroxham	13	4	3	6	21	20	1	15
14 New Salamis	15	3	6	6	23	33	-10	15
15 Gorleston	13	4	2	7	17	20	-3	14
16 Ipswich Wanderers	14	4	1	9	13	23	-10	13
17 Enfield	15	4	1	10	18	41	-23	13
18 Grays Athletic	14	2	5	7	17	26	-9	11
19 Stowmarket Town	14	0	2	12	12	47	-35	2
20 East Thurrock United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTH EAST

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Ashford United vs Hythe Town
Burgess Hill Town vs Lancing
Cray Valley PM vs Phoenix Sports
East Grinstead Town vs Sevenoaks Town
Horndean vs Littlehampton Town
Merstham vs Three Bridges
Ramsgate vs Herne Bay
Sheppey United vs Sittingbourne

SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Ramsgate	14	12	1	1	43	9	34	37
2 Three Bridges	16	10	4	2	49	30	19	34
3 Sittingbourne	15	9	4	2	31	11	20	31
4 Sheppey United	17	8	4	5	37	23	14	28
5 Cray Valley PM	11	8	3	0	31	11	20	27
6 Sevenoaks Town	16	7	4	5	32	27	5	25
7 Herne Bay	15	6	6	3	31	24	7	24
8 Hythe Town	13	7	2	4	26	16	10	23
9 Lancing	14	7	1	6	22	23	-1	22
10 Ashford United	14	7	1	6	22	29	-7	22
11 Chichester City	14	6	3	5	23	15	8	21
12 Burgess Hill Town	15	3	8	4	21	21	0	17
13 East Grinstead Town	14	5	1	8	22	30	-8	16
14 Phoenix Sports	18	4	3	11	24	53	-29	15
15 Horndean	14	3	3	8	20	31	-11	12
16 Merstham	15	3	3	9	21	37	-16	12
17 Littlehampton Town	13	3	3	7	16	34	-18	12
18 Broadbridge Heath	14	2	5	7	19	25	-6	11
19 Erith & Belvedere	15	2	3	10	7	35	-28	9
20 Beckenham Town	15	2	2	11	20	33	-13	8





OFF THE BALL

CHRIS WILLIAMS TAKES AN OFF-BEAT LOOK AT THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL.

Merry Xmas everyone and I hope you are having a wonderful Christmas time.

You are probably having a better time than the PA Announcer at Northampton Town's Sixfields Stadium. His name is Matt Facer (if I were him I'd be DJ Phazer but each to their own). At the start of December he delighted the Cobblers faithful with a Christmas playlist when they played league leaders Portsmouth.

All was going swimmingly and the 7,000 in attendance were rocking around the Christmas tree when the DJ made a massive tactical error. He played Wham's Last Christmas....

Readers, have you been playing Whamageddon? I have. It's easy. You are IN the game until you hear Last Christmas [the original one, not a cover and not people singing it in the street]. As soon as you consciously hear George Michael bemoaning the fact that this year he gave it away, you are OUT.

I was wondering why I was still in so late this year. But now I know that

it is because there is a Christmas Conspiracy going on among DJs across the land. Mr Facer was Mr Red Facer because he played the song and ruined it for the entire crowd!

"I never knew people took it so seriously," he told BBC News. "I gave it a spin, thinking it would be quite funny to wipe out 7,000 people who couldn't avoid it, but clearly it isn't funny."

He got battered on social media, there were complaints and boos and things escalated to get him national publicity that he probably didn't need., "officially apologise to everybody whose Christmas I've ruined," he said. "I can take on the chin with my home fans and Portsmouth, but I don't think I'll be playing it again. I think it's a shame people in professions like mine can't play Wham! until late December, but it's a game and we all have to jump on board."

7,215 people were sent to Whamhalla but that was nothing compared to the backlash when it was played at the Emirates Stadium and 60,000 were knocked out in one go! 59,042 were

there to see Arsenal play Chelsea Women. Worse, there were millions watching on TV.

"Well done music person, well done" tweeted an irate fan. 'Emirates Stadium DJ, have a word with yourself #Whamageddon' tweeted another. A fourth one joked: "Just like the Chelsea women's team, I got whammed at the Emirates Stadium".

So when ARE you allowed to play that song? Poor Andrew Ridgeley was co-writer and is presumably being deprived of royalties because of a bizarre Squid Game style Music Survival Game. And the reason we are all surviving until Gran puts the sprouts on, deep into the third week of December? Because Radio stations don't want the backlash from disappointed listeners.

So today's festive question is this. Which one of you has been on the Baileys and is going over to that PA Announcer today to request he plays Wham?

Feliz Navidad.



DID YOU KNOW?

1

When the former Chelsea and Barcelona striker, Eidur Gudjohnsen made his senior international debut, coming on as a substitute for Iceland at the age of 17 on 24th February 1996 against Estonia in Tallinn, the player he replaced was his father Arnór Gudjohnsen!

2

Robert Prosinecki holds a unique record in international football as being the only player to score for two different countries at the World Cup Finals. He scored for Yugoslavia in 1990 against the United Arab Emirates and four years later he scored twice for Croatia in the finals held in the USA.

3

Better known for being a cricket umpire, Jamaican Steve Bucknor was also a qualified football referee and officiated in a World Cup Qualifier in 1988 between El Salvador and Netherlands Antilles.

4

Retired player, Trevor Benjamin holds the record for the most English Football League clubs played for – 16! Some of those clubs he represented include the likes of Cambridge United, Leicester City, and Peterborough United. Benjamin also won two caps at international level for Jamaica.

5

What's in a name – Bolivian football must have some of the strangest named football clubs in the world! Some of the clubs that took part in the 2023 Bolivian Primera División season included the likes of; Always Ready, The Strongest, Blooming, and Jorge Wilstermann!

6

The Coupe de France is the most prestigious knockout cup competition in French Football. First held in 1917, the competition is open to all amateur and professional clubs in France as well as clubs based in the overseas territories and departments. In the 1974/1975 season, Golden Star was the first overseas club to beat a mainland side. The Martinique club beat US Melun 2-1 in a replay with the first game resulting in a 1-1 draw. As for the distance between the two clubs; just the small matter of 4,263 miles!





FIRST TEAM SQUAD & SPONSORS 2023/24

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



Kofi moved to Northwood in July 2023 having played for both Chipstead and Bedford 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, Bedford 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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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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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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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, Knap Hill, Thatcham Town and Wokingham & Emmbrook but is still only 20.

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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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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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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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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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Manager



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First Team Coach



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MATCHDAY SQUADS



NORTHWOOD

Manager: **Ben Bukowski**
Assistant: **Keagan Cole**

Colours: Red

- 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**
- Godlove **Oppong**
- Zeid **Hannachi**



SOUTHALL

Manager: **Max Howell**
Assistant: **Michael Bennett**

Colours: Yellow & Black

- Anthony **Folkes**
- **Aston Nunn**
- Ben Geraghty
- Ben Merson
- Bruno Robertson-Tingle
- Gagadeep Samra
- Gary Ross
- George Wells
- Guy Ansa-Palmer
- Jay Hines
- Jordan Ellis
- Kyen Nicholas
- Kyron Richards
- Louis Collins
- Louis Taylor
- Luca Cardines
- Matthew Gbio
- Olajubu Oladimeji
- Rayan Djouadj
- Sam Mead
- Sam Merson
- Seanan McKillop
- Steven Gody
- Terry Buss
- Theo Crawford



HANWORTH VILLA

Manager: **Simon Haughney**
Assistant: **Paul Thomas**
Leon Soloman

Colours: Yellow & Blue

- Gary **Ross** [GK]
- Terry **Buss** [GK]
- Guy **Ansa-Palmer**
- Olajubu **Oladimeji**
- Theo **Crawford**
- Jordan **Ellis**
- Matthew **Gbio**
- Anthony **Folkes**
- Ben **Geraghty**
- Charlie **George**
- Louis **Collins**
- Sam **Merson**
- Kyen **Nicholas**
- Aston **Nunn**
- Kyron **Richards**
- Gagandeep **Samra**
- Rayan **Djouadj**
- Louis **Taylor**
- Bruno **Tingle**
- George **Wells**
- Jay **Hines**
- Seanan **McKillop**
- Sam **Mead**
- Seth **Owens**
- Leon **Soloman**
- Ben **Merson**

MATCH OFFICIALS

vs SOUTHALL

Referee: Vladyslav Bakulin
Assistants: Yashar Yekta
& Steven Walsh

vs HANWORTH VILLA

Referee: Joanne Horwood
Assistants: Josh Dear
& Kovilen Sawmynaden

NEXT UP HOME

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Tuesday 9th January 2024
Kick-Off 7.45pm
Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division

NEXT UP AWAY

BINFIELD

Monday 1st January 2024
Kick-Off 3pm
Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division



Respect

