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Middlesex Senior Cup finalists:	2000, 2002
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Middlesex Intermediate Cup winners:	1979
Middlesex Junior Cup winners:	1938
Middlesex Junior Cup finalists	1935, 1936
London Spartan League Premier Division champions:	1992
London Spartan League Premier Division runners-up:	1990
London Spartan League Cup winners:	1990, 1992
Hellenic League Division One champions:	1979
Hellenic League Premier Division Cup finalist:	1982
Hellenic League Division One Cup winners:	1979
Middlesex League Premier Division champions:	1978
Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up:	1972, 1977
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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH WOODS CHAIRMAN,
IAN BARRY



Good afternoon and welcome to both the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored Clubhouse and board room. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Thatcham Town FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

With only six home games remaining (including today) we really need a push to get some real daylight between us and those in slightly more 'trouble' below us.

The game here against Raynes Park Vale was a very good game and although a draw was probably fair, we still had a chance right at the death to win it; exactly the same happened against the same opponents earlier in the season away. We really have to take the gilt-edged chances when they come along.

Here against Westfield last Tuesday week, it was 'criminal' for us to

concede a very late winner from the break as we had a corner with about thirty seconds left! A lot of anger was shown after the game and it's as bad as I've personally felt for some time.

After today we have four away games on the spin and all against sides around us – Binfield, Sutton Common, Ashford Town and Met. Police; no doubt these will be season defining games and very important to us all. Any support you can give us will be greatly appreciated as our away support is low by comparison to some teams in this division.

On the same subject, our average attendance is down on last season and whilst I understand we haven't been as productive on the pitch, we probably lose some 'ground hoppers' from local clubs looking for a game if their team happens to be away. I've said that success breeds success so if you know of any stay-away fans,

please do your best to encourage them to come down and get behind us.

Just a quick mention that we stage an FA Sunday Cup quarter-final here tomorrow afternoon between St. Josephs and Highgate Albion, two top local Sunday League sides. It's a 2pm kick-off for anyone looking to take in a game.

Our thoughts remain with Dave 'the boat' (as he is affectionately known here) as he battles his illness and we hope he can get back down here soon. Our club is a great club, run by great people and we hope to continue to make you proud.

Enjoy the game today and let's hope for a massive result.

Up The Woods!

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DIRECT FROM THE MANAGEMENT

WITH MANAGER BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon, Woods fans,

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to today's game. On the back of a week off from fixtures I am hoping a reaction is in place on the pitch.

Four difficult fixtures were thrown our way recently, playing teams that are all in and around the top end of the table. As we know from last year the pressures of being in them places prove difficult so we wanted to make use of that knowledge.

I thought our performances across the four games throughout 90 minutes have been a positive. Prior to this we have found ourselves not competitive enough and not giving teams enough work to do. Getting just the 4 points from the 4 games isn't something we would have wanted but I believe the performances stand us in good stead for the upcoming fixtures.

Our last-minute of stoppage-time loss to Westfield was a tough one to

take as I thought our overall effort during the game deserved more. Again, it showed a reflection to games gone by that our frustration to losing against a top side mirrors the turnaround in our team's performances and spirit.

Looking ahead to the next six fixtures, we believe these contests are the ones where our season will come alive. We are aiming to pick up points in this period to see us relieve ourselves of the lower end pack and move up the table to a comfortable position. I believe we have the players and characters within our group to allow us to do this.

The most important thing we need to keep within our group currently is confidence. We are always a team with belief in our own ability and belief in the work we do. The players are fully committed to turning our form around going into the last

remaining fixtures of this season.

On the injury front, we are delighted to bring Harry McCorkell back into the side after a few weeks out with a knee injury. Riccardo has now had his MRI scan and results and will begin his recovery from a muscle tear, I am hoping he can feature before the end of this season. Godlove and Keagan are still nursing their injuries and should hopefully begin training soon.

I hope you enjoy today's game, keep with us and keep supporting the way you always do. See you all for a chat in the bar after the game.

If any of you can get to the run of away games that we face over the next couple of weeks, it would be very much appreciated as it does make a big difference when we are on the road to see some familiar faces encouraging us.

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS



Welcome to the Kingfishers

A warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for this afternoon's Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture. We welcome everyone connected with Thatcham Town Football Club to Northwood and we hope you all enjoy your stay with us and we wish you a safe journey back home later this evening.

Thatcham have enjoyed a pretty good season so far and their recent good form has seen them climb to eighth place in the table, ten points off the play-off places but with an outside chance of making the end-of-season knockout. Last Saturday's 3-0 defeat of South Park (Reigate) joined their win over Uxbridge and an early season success at Marlow as their best wins of the season. Their campaign was not distracted though by FA competitions, losing 5-1 at

Paulton Rovers in the first stage of the FA Cup while the FA Trophy saw them lose on penalties at home to Bristol Manor Farm.

Our own trip to Thatcham back in late October proved a somewhat easy success for the Kingfishers as goals from Josh Blackwood and Kyle Daniel-Spray earned them all three points in a 2-0 victory. The corresponding game here at the Skyline ended in a similar 2-0 win for the Woods with Ergys Pepaj and Josh Helmore netting our goals.

Today's match has been kindly sponsored by Steven Gibson and we hope that he and his boardroom guests enjoy their afternoon with us.

League News

Our game at leaders Chertsey Town last Saturday was again a victim of the wet weather, being too boggy down the centre of the pitch to pass an inspection. It has been

rescheduled to the blank Saturday that we had on the 9th March. We had brought forward our original game against Chipstead while the Curfews were the odd team out that weekend so at least it stops us having yet another midweek fixture, which are piling up.

We had previously played two home games in four days here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium, both against sides in the top six. Unfortunately, we only picked up one point which keeps us around the danger zone towards the foot of the league table. We led in both games, but against Raynes Park Vale, they stormed back to lead 2-1 before a brilliant free-kick from Harry Gallagher, his second goal of the game, pulled us level again. Sam Jenkins hit the bar in the last seconds which would have won us the game.

On a wet and windy Tuesday night against Westfield, Lucas Sinclair put



Andrew McCorkell has returned to Northwood



us ahead on the hour but the visitors levelled almost immediately. Again, Sam Jenkins hit the crossbar with seconds left, this time direct from a corner, but the Field immediately countered and scored themselves to nick all three points and climb into the play-off places, above Raynes Park Vale.

After today's game we will be left with only five home games to play while we still have to travel to ten more away games. Our next four matches are all away against sides in and around the danger-zone so it's absolutely vital for us to find some top form to alleviate any relegation fears. We go to a much-improved Binfield on Tuesday night, Sutton Common Rovers next Saturday before a midweek trip to Ashford Town (Middx) and then our first visit to the Metropolitan Police for quite some time.

Our next home game will be our third attempt to play against Hanworth Villa on Tuesday 5th March.

Player News

Our last home game saw the return of goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell to the club after his brief sojourn at Uxbridge and we welcome him back to the club. It does mean that 18-year-old Watford loanee Roraigh Browne's spell at the Woods did come to an end and we take this opportunity to thank him for his service over the previous three-months. Roraigh is clearly a talent and hopefully his career will continue to impress following his experience here at Northwood.

Harry McCorkell was able to return following injury against Westfield while we should know more about a possible return for Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway in the next week or so. Ric has been missing since our County Cup win at Southall in early November and has been sorely missed in the midfield area.

Finally, congratulations to Harry Gallagher who followed his two-goal game against Raynes Park Vale by making his 50th appearance for the Woods in the following match against Westfield. In that time, he has netted 10 goals.

1000GBP

The Woods have signed up to a fund-raising football quiz game which can be found at 1000GBP.com and it would be great to get a few of you to join in the fun. You get one free question when you sign up and then, you can use an introductory code of NORTHWOOD1000 to entitle you to some more free questions. Over the first two weeks, it has raised over £200 for the club and there are many individual cash prizes to be won each day. Top prize of the week gets you £500 but another £500 goes to Northwood FC too.

FA Sunday Cup

Hoping that the weather holds, the club host a big quarter-final in the FA Sunday Cup tomorrow afternoon as St. Josephs (South Oxhey) take on Highgate Albion. St Josephs defeated well-fancied Kent side Market Hotel. They became the first Watford Sunday League side to reach the quarter-finals in 38 years with a 4-2 victory. Both sides have a few current or ex-Northwood players in their squads so it should be a game worth watching. Kick-Off is scheduled for 2pm.

Ground Improvements

The Club are currently exploring several possible grant applications for work to be carried out at the Stadium to improve the match-day experience. The long-awaited security fencing project is hopefully coming to fruition soon and we are also in the process of getting quotes for a new LED Floodlight replacement project while also considering a new drainage/irrigation system for the long-suffering pitch and maybe new, bigger dugouts. The boiler in the clubhouse is also coming to the end of its life so we will need to replace this soon. Obviously, all of these possibilities go hand-in-hand with having to raise considerable funds ourselves so if any of you feel able to make contributions towards our costs for any of these projects, please let us know, either personally or by email to me, alan.evansnfc@btopenworld.com.

Under-18s

The Under-18s were beaten for the first time in the league this season when they were defeated 2-1 at Rayners Lane a couple of weeks ago. They followed that away at Wembley and though goals from Sarin Thapa and Jeremy Scholz meant that the Woods led 2-1 at half-time, Wembley fought back well in the second-half and forced a 2-2 draw. Weather permitting, they were back at home on Thursday night against Harefield United and will have been looking to get back to winning ways. They also have a home tie against Bedfont Sports to look forward to in the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup, though no date has been set for this game at the time of writing.

Spartans FC

Our tenants have suffered a couple of narrow defeats in recent weeks, losing 1-0 at fellow strugglers Bagshot and then 2-0 at play-off seeking British Airways, not helped by a red card in the second-half. They have a key away game at Holmer Green today so will be looking for some success before they finally return to play here at the Skyline (for the first time since before Christmas) when they take on Eversley & California on Tuesday night, 20th February. They are also at home to Oxhey Jets next Saturday so if you can't make the trips to Binfield and Sutton Common then please pop down to the Skyline to take in a Spartans game.

Next at the Skyline Roofing Stadium...

Tuesday 20th February 2024
Spartans v. Eversley & California
Combined Counties League - 7.45pm
Saturday 24th February 2024
Spartans v. Oxhey Jets
Combined Counties League - 3pm

Tuesday 9th March 2024
Woods v. Hanworth Villa
Isthmian League - 7.45pm

Enjoy the games today and on Tuesday, thanks for your support, and see you all again soon. **Alan**





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FROM THE TRAINING PITCH

WITH ASSISTANT MANAGER KEAGAN COLE



Good afternoon, Woods fans,

Before I begin touching on the football side of things, I would like to say a massive thank you to you all for your recent positivity across the board from the volume our boys can hear on the pitch and the family feel inside the clubhouse all the way to the contributions towards the football cards in the bar. These things don't go unnoticed so I'd like to say a big thank you and hope that we can pay you back in positive results during the second-half of the season which will enable us to rise up the table.

Although the past month has improved slightly, its inconsistency in weather and games being postponed has continued. There was a 10-day gap between the Leatherhead fixture until the Hendon cup game as well as last Saturday's fixture away to Chertsey Town being postponed which now leaves us with another lengthy 11-day gap since our previous fixture vs Westfield.

However, we feel that we have turned the corner just that little bit more in that period of time. The feeling around the club, the changing room, but most importantly on the training and matchday pitches has been

positive and personally fills me with pure excitement for the remaining months of the season.

As touched on by Big Den in his column last week, hard graft has been put in more than ever with an adjustment to our playing shape which has led to well-drilled, highly specific planned training sessions with key, fine detail tactical bits of information which have been seen in plenty of glimpses in fixtures recently. As a management team, we have not only adapted the positions of a few players within the squad but we also have brought in players who we feel will thrive with the philosophy and formation we have set out for the remainder of the season.

Looking forward, we are scheduled to play plenty of games starting from today until the end of March, playing continuously with Saturday and Tuesday fixtures which will provide a new test for our squad. Everyone will be needed to provide us with the best platform to get plenty of points on the board. Our targets have been set amongst the changing room and it starts this afternoon.

Everyone will always include you; our heartbeat and we hope to see the continued support.

Up The Woods!

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YESTERDAY: TODAY

THIS IS THE 13TH OCCASION IN NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926, THAT THEY HAVE PLAYED A COMPETITIVE FIXTURE ON 17TH FEBRUARY. ALL PREVIOUS TWELVE GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW – NOT A WOODS WIN SINCE 1990! – AND I TAKE A LOOK AT THREE OF THEM IN MORE DETAIL. **BY KEN GREEN**



Date	@	Competition	Opponents	Res.	Goalscorers	Att.
Sat 17 Feb 1934	H	Harrow 8 District League Premier Division	WM. Geipels	W 4-2	T Bell, Taylor 2, Carmidy	150
Sat 17 Feb 1951	A	Harrow 8 Wembley League Premier Division	Tokyngrton	D 3-3	Millward, Hughes, Skinner	
Sat 17 Feb 1962	A	Harrow 8 Wembley League Senior Division	Weald Rovers	L 1-4	?	
Sat 17 Feb 1968	A	Harrow 8 Wembley League Premier Division	North Harrow	W 4-0	Sanders 2, P Byrne, Coombes	
Sat 17 Feb 1973	H	Middlesex League	Ruislip Town	W 2-1	DP Byrne, Stevens	
Sat 17 Feb 1980	H	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Haringey Borough	W 4-2	Phillips 2, Edey, Blackman	
Sat 17 Feb 1986	A	Icis League Division 3	Leighton Town	L 0-5		201
Tue 17 Feb 1988	A	Ryman League Division 2	Banstead Athletic	D 1-1	Halbert	47
Sat 17 Feb 2001	H	Ryman League Division 1	Bognor Regis Town	D 2-2	Fitzgerald, Cook	189
Tue 17 Feb 2004	A	Isthmian League Cup round 4	Marlow	L 0-2		151
Sat 17 Feb 2007	A	Southern League Premier Division	Hemel Hempstead Town	L 0-4		246
Sat 17 Feb 2018	A	Evo Stik League South, East Division	Marlow	L 0-1		164



1990

Woods Haringey Borough

Northwood's Greg Phillips scored two penalties as his side came from behind to beat Haringey and stay top of the table.

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The Woods trailed 1-0 at half time but then Garfield Blackman was tripped in the box and Phillips put the Greene King Spartan League Premier Division leaders level.

Blackman was the provider again five minutes later when he set up Andy Edey to score, and then he grabbed one himself after a fine run to make it 3-1.

Haringey reduced the arrears 10 minutes from time with a penalty of their own, but there will still time for Phillips to grab his second after Tim Vincent's shot was handled on the line.

Manager Alan Merison was pleased with the performance, which took Northwood's league goal tally to 70.

Northwood: Ken Lavender, Mick Devlin, Lee Randall, Paul Flynn, Paul Curran, Steve Whitehead, Greg Phillips, Stewart Baldwin, Tim Vincent, Andy Edey, Garfield Blackman.



1990 Two goals for Greg Phillips



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1998

Banstead Athletic Woods

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Only a brilliant last minute save by Banstead keeper Stewart Vaughan stopped record-breaking scorer Paul Halbert (pictured right) giving Woods a measure of revenge for the previous season's FA Vase quarter-final defeat.

In this Ryman Division Two match, Northwood made the early running, with Chris Gell and Tony Sibanda both going close. However, it was Banstead, fresh from a win at Carvey Island three days earlier, who opened the scoring when Warren Burton curled a free-kick into the corner.

Burton hit the post in search of Banstead's second before Woods struck on the stroke of half-time. A good cross from Terry Hibbert gave Halbert the chance to head home the equalizer. It was Halbert's 39th



Isthmian League goal for the club, breaking former striker Lawrence Holmes's record.

In the second half both sides had chances to take all three points.

For Woods, Paul Ripley (twice) and Colin Robinson went closest to making the breakthrough. In the end a draw was a fair result.



1998 Terry Hibbert set up Woods goal

Northwood: John Gregory, Paul Ripley, Gary Boreham (Dave Sargent), Gary Williams, Dave Walter, Mark Keadell, Terry Hibbert, Chris Gell, Paul Halbert, Tony Sibanda, Andy Reeder (Colin Robinson), Sub: Paul Ford.

2018

Marlow Woods

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A different-looking Northwood side with Under 18s manager Richard Elderfield taking charge in the absence of Jake Heracleous saw early chances at both ends as Woods goalkeeper Xavi Comas easily gathered Jay Welch's shot while Evans Kouassi lobbed effort fell narrowly wide of the Marlow goal.

But the crucial strike wasn't long in coming as Curtis Chapple was allowed to cut in from the left flank and despatch a low shot inside the near post to give Marlow the lead on five minutes. Undeterred, Northwood looked for a quick response and they should have done better as both Kouassi and Williams squandered good openings when well placed. With Barker settling well in midfield and Newman finding space on the right flank, Woods continued to press with the latter testing Marlow keeper Simon Grant with a cross-shot.

However, the hosts went close to extending their lead as Lee Barney was through on goal but he was denied by a

brave save from Comas who gathered the ball at the feet of the Marlow striker.

The second period began in a similar vein with Woods making most of the running but sadly without an end product. Wynter turned provider for Newman who was unable to get his shot on target before the former latched onto a Williams through-ball but his effort was smothered by Grant.

Kouassi was the next to create an opening for Woods as his trickery left Wynter one on one with Grant but the desire for an extra touch when an early shot might have been better, saw the

opportunity missed.

Despite a scare for Woods when Chris Ovenden saw his close range shot blocked by Comas, the attacking impetus continued to be exerted by the visitors. Newman was looking increasingly dangerous on the left flank but there was no end product while Barker latched onto a floated pass from Wilson Chingoka but his deft volley sailed narrowly wide.

Northwood: Xavi Comas, Isaac Olorunfemi, Andrew Camilo Tajeco, Wilson Chingoka, Tom Gilbey, Sam Tring, Meshach Williams, Charley Barker (Femi Azeez), Dernel Wynter (Hakim Nyariki), Evans Kouassi (Hamilton Bunga), Harry Newman.



2018 Evans Kouassi takes control in midfield



THREE OF A KIND



KEN GREEN LOOKS AT MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH THATCHAM TOWN



Saturday 16th December 1978
Hellenic League Division One

Thatcham Town
Northwood

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Northwood had won eleven games in succession coming into this game but they were outrun by a young and enthusiastic Thatcham outfit. The Woods opened the game well enough but they couldn't put the final ball through without a host intercepting or the off side trap being sprung.

Although it was end to end stuff, Northwood didn't look capable of reproducing their recent goal spree. In the 30th minute the hosts took the lead when they made the most of a corner. The ball was swung over and was met by a first time volley from the totally unmarked centre forward.

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

1978 - Steve Revell headed late consolation



a corner.

After 70 minutes Northwood went 2-0 down, and they never looked likely to recover. Martin O'Donnell showed close control in the box but his back pass to Dave Russell never looked likely to reach the desperate keeper. The Woods pushed more players forward and to the delight of the home fans it allowed Thatcham the space to create a well struck third goal.

Northwood were able to pull one goal back five minutes from the end when Steve Revell headed in a precise cross from O'Donnell.

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



Tuesday 26th March 2013
Evo-Stik Southern League
Division One Central

Northwood
Thatcham Town

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The Woods completed a "double" over lowly Thatcham but only after to a late goal from Niko Muir on a freezing cold evening. Northwood made the ideal start as a ninth-minute free-kick fell to Reece Yorke and his strike was deflected past former Woods keeper Aaron Bufton by Juan Onieva for his first goal for the club. Thatcham rallied well, with Danilson Vicente looking lively up front but he was denied early on by Reading and then had an effort ruled off for offside.

But most of the first-half progressed without incident with only a Jon Jo Bates strike comfortably taken by Bufton of note. After the break Niko Muir saw a good low strike saved by Bufton, but there was a real setback



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for Northwood when Thattham scored an equaliser against the run of play on 58 minutes as Danny Langford netted with an accurate twenty-yard effort.

Still Northwood were dominating and Oli Hawkins rose to head an Adil Salih cross goalwards but it was too close to Bufton who saved easily. And the Woods got their noses back in front after 83 minutes when Hawkins slipped a good ball into Muir, who wrong-footed the keeper with a cool finish to make it 2-1. There was a scare for Northwood three minutes later when Sam Hamilton looked to have got through on goal but the reliable Brad Hewitt got a tackle in as he prepared to shoot and the chance was gone.

Northwood: James Reading, Scott Raper, Lee Grant, Brad Hewitt, Reece Yorke (Ryan Phillips), Adil Salih, Jon-Jo Bates, Craig White, Niko Muir, Juan Onieva (Oliver Hawkins), Reon Thomas (Jerome Federico)

Thattham Town: Aaron Bufton, Josh Watkins, Alex Charlick, Matt Bowler, Ben McCready, Danny Langford, Callum Willmoth, Charlie Hill (Liam Painter), Danielson Vicente (Chris Williamson), Sam Hamilton, Jack Coventry (Lee Hamilton).



2013 - Niko Muir hit late winner



2023 - Close marking on Sydney Ibie

**Saturday 22nd October 2022
Pitching-In Isthmian League
Division One South Central**

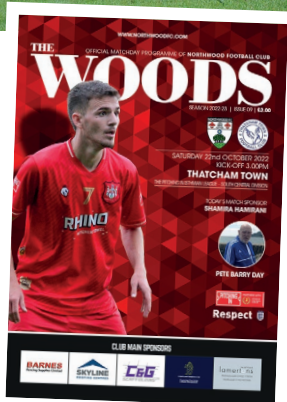
**Northwood 2
Thattham Town 0**

League leaders Northwood made it six wins out of six at the Skyline Roofing Stadium as they overcame their Berkshire visitors. They were quickly into their stride as Luke Tingey released Sydney Ibie who outstripped the Kingfishers' defence but was unable to apply the finish as he dragged his shot wide with only goalkeeper Morgan Campbell to beat.

Having withstood some early Northwood pressure, Thattham found some attacking cohesion and as Woods struggled to clear their lines, skipper Joshua Edwards had a shot blocked before his follow up effort drew a fine save from Woods keeper Andrew McCorkell.

But it was Northwood who broke the deadlock on 29 minutes with a short-throw routine, Andy Lomas finding Micah Jackson whose pull-back to Ergys Pepaj was dispatched into the bottom corner of the net for the young Albanian's first goal for the club.

Woods kept asking questions of the



visitors, with Pepaj and Josh Helmore seeing shots blocked, before Micah Jackson's 20-yard effort flew narrowly over. And Northwood were rewarded as they extended their lead on 71 minutes, Helmore reacting quickest as he converted on the rebound after Campbell spilled Sydney Ibie's low free kick.

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Junior Paiva, Andy Lomas, Ergys Pepaj, Luke Tingey, James Gurteen, Jake Tabor, Micah Jackson (Rahim Jude-Boyd), Josh Helmore (Juwon Akintunde), Sydney Ibie (Joe Reade), Carl Stewart

Thattham Town: Morgan Campbell, Joshua Adjei (Levi Heholt), Ramarni Medford-Smith, Anton Miller, Joshua Edwards, Oliver Bourne, Muhamadou Ceesay (Ashley Howell), Nathan Jones, David Nyarko, Alex Miller (Jordan Kyezu), Cameron Rohaet-Brown

MATCH ACTION

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION
TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024

ATT 96



Northwood
Sinclair 60

Westfield
Cullen 62, Nutbeam 90

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Sam Jenkins hits the bar from a corner

Northwood suffered defeat in difficult conditions on Tuesday night at the Skyline Roofing Stadium as visitors Westfield strengthened their play-off hopes with a last-gasp winner to complete a hard-fought comeback success.

Manager Ben Bukowski made three changes to the starting line-up in their second home game inside four days with Harry McCorkell making his first start for two months in place of Carl Stewart while Lucas Sinclair came in for Dan Williams up front. Andrew McCorkell returned from his spell at Uxbridge to take over between the sticks in place of Roraigh Browne who has returned to Watford.

In swirling and wet conditions, both sides made a very positive start with Adam Laaref cutting in from the left but firing well wide and then going close with another strike that was well blocked after a cross from Deago Dunbar-Bonnie led to Kofi Anokye-Boadi also having an effort kept out.

In between, the Field created a chance themselves as Archie Taylor tried a shot

which deflected into the side-netting and there was still only ten minutes on the clock when one-time Woods loanee Connor Cullen found space in the box but chipped his shot well wide.

Andrew McCorkell saw his first action after sixteen minutes with a comfortable save to deny another good strike from Taylor but it was Northwood who created the best chance so far three minutes later as Sinclair received a ball from Harry McCorkell, turned and ran past Westfield substitute Quincy Rowe and hit a powerful shot that was brilliantly pushed wide by ex-Woods youth goalkeeper Sonny Wheeler.

On twenty three minutes the visitors went even closer though as ball from the left saw Breckon get a delicate flick to beat Andrew McCorkell but the ball came back off the base of the post and into the keeper grateful arms. Six minutes later Cullen again found a bit of space in the box but a timely tackle from Sam Jenkins stopped him getting a shot on goal.

After thirty three minutes, with the rain at its heaviest, Harry McCorkell got a good flick on to a Luke Tingey throw but the ball

dropped just too late and finished over the bar with Wheeler nowhere and six minutes later the same duo combined again but this time the Field 'keeper was down low to save and the half finished with Andrew McCorkell saving comfortably again at his near-post from Cullen.

HALF TIME
NORTHWOOD
WESTFIELD

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Still all to play for in the second-half and the Woods 'keeper was soon back in action, saving another effort from Taylor and then racing out of goal to keep out an effort from Jordan Alves.

GOAL ALERT
1-0 Lucas Sinclair (60 mins)

But after that early pressure from the visitors, it was Northwood who grabbed the lead after an hour when Teddy Stacey played a good ball through for Sinclair to race onto and this time, he took advantage of a slight hesitation from Wheeler as he came out of goal to take a touch and then knock it past him and into the empty net.



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Sam Jenkins retaining possession



Lucas Sinclair drives to the byline



Deago Dunbar-Bonnie delivers a cross

GOAL ALERT
1-1 Connor Cullen (62 mins)

The Woods needed to hold that lead for a period of time but in fact, Westfield were back on level terms just two minutes later. Mayowa Adaje, only just introduced as a substitute, was able to knock in a high cross from the right and it dropped perfectly to an unmarked Cullen who headed home.

Skipper Luke Tingey was forced off with injury on seventy one minutes, replaced by recent signing Stephan Langley and the visitors looked most likely to score though McCorkell continued to deal well with efforts from Adaje and Breckon in quick succession.

The Woods made a further change with

Williams replacing a tiring Laaref but it was still Westfield who were pushing for a winner with McCorkell denying Cullen and then a Breckon header as the end of the ninety minutes approached.

Into six minutes of added time and it was Northwood who suddenly looked threatening with Sinclair causing problems and winning a couple of free-kicks and this brought about some last-minute corners. Jenkins curled in the first which was tipped over by Wheeler and then the second beat the flailing keeper but came back off the bar and then was scrambled away for yet another.

GOAL ALERT
1-2 Billy Nutbeam (90+6 mins)

Time was running out but Jenkins was

unable to maintain the pressure as the third one only found the side-netting. Westfield broke quickly down the right from the goal-kick, Adaje found enough space to send over a really testing cross at pace and it was Billy Nutbeam who reacted quickest to get ahead of his marker and flick it home from the edge of the six-yard box for a valuable winner for the visitors. .

FULL TIME
WESTFIELD

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2

WOODS LINE-UP A McCorkell, McKenna, Dunbar-Bonnie, Jenkins, Tingey (Langley 71), Gallagher, Laaref (Williams 81), Stacey, Sinclair, Anokye-Boadi, H McCorkell
 Unused Subs: James, Stewart

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ROUND-UP



SOUTH CENTRAL

It was in our own South-Central Division that there was the most midweek action with five games beating the wet weather. Only one of them was on a 3G surface, at Uxbridge who appeared to be cruising to a second victory inside four days when 2-0 up against Binfield but the much-improved Moles didn't lie down and two Ethan Lindo goals rescued a point for the Berkshire side who have now reduced the gap to a safe place to six points. The Woods go there on Tuesday night!

Corinthian-Casuals remain rooted to the bottom and could still be heading for a second successive relegation after they lost 0-2 at home to South Park (Reigate) and today's visitors Thatcham Town also recorded a solid 2-0 win over Hartley Wintney thanks to two goals from the in-form Jordi Ebanda. It was the third win on the bounce for the Kingfishers who remain ten points off a play-off place after both Leatherhead (1-0 over Sutton Common Rovers) and Raynes Park Vale (2-1 over Chipstead) won against sides in the bottom half. With just two points from their last nine matches, the Chips will certainly be casting an eye at the three sides below them in the table.

At the top of the table, while our game at Chertsey Town was postponed, Southall did manage to close the gap on them by beating in-form Westfield 3-1 with all their goals coming in the first-half. Meanwhile, Marlow made it six successive wins when they defeated Ashford Town (Middx) 3-0, scoring 20 goals in those six matches with the evergreen Dave Tarpey remaining in top form.

PREMIER

The midweek fixture programme was hit heavily by the weather with just the one game going ahead. Hornchurch, under the new management of Daryl McMahon, recently dismissed at Dagenham & Redbridge, have maintained their form despite losing previous boss Steve Morison to Sutton United. Their 3-2 success at

Dulwich Hamlet was their tenth game without defeat and they remain nine points clear of Chatham Town in second place and have two games in hand. Billericay Town had their chances of chasing them down reduced when they crashed 3-0 at Canvey Island on the same day, having played with ten men for much of the game. There are rumours that McMahon may look to take former Woods striker Sydney Ibie on loan from his former club Dagenham but nothing appears to have happened as yet. It's Enfield Town who have lost a bit of form with only one win from six games and they have just slipped out of the play-off places which still contain Wingate & Finchley who have notched seven successive wins at home and are very much a surprise package this season. Bognor Regis Town are the side in the best form at present and they have climbed into a position where they could stake a claim for a play-off place.

At the foot of the table are Kingstonian where things have erupted this week. Firstly, they announced that they would be switching to share at Raynes Park Vale next season, a ground where there is no guarantee that they would receive a ground grading that could stage Step 3 football. The K's, who haven't won a League game since October then parted company with Manager Simon Lane in midweek. They are ten points adrift of safety and look doomed, along with Haringey Borough. Cheshunt are one place above the four-team drop-zone but are then nine points behind Folkestone Invicta so it would seem the other sides are battling for that one space that would avoid relegation. Concord Rangers have the games in hand but have still not found any real form while Margate are bottom of the form table.

NORTH

There was only one game that survived the weather on Tuesday night in the North Division too and it saw Felixstowe & Walton United improve their position in second with

a 2-0 win at Brightlingsea Regent who have fallen away from the play-off positions. Lowestoft Town still lead the way but only three points ahead of Felixstowe, though they do have a game in hand. As predicted, Bury Town have continued their rise up the table and now sit third after beating their-off rivals Heybridge Swifts 3-1. The top three sides are all very well supported and any of them would do well at Step 3. We've covered the bottom places before and it's pretty much all settled even at this early stage of the season. The demise of East Thurrock United – they appear to be reforming at Step 6 or 7 for next season – means there is just one relegation spot and Stowmarket Town have just four points from their 24 games played to date.

SOUTH EAST

There was a big change at the top last Saturday in the South-East Division, though not as big as it could have been. Ramsgate surprisingly lost at home to lowly Merstham 2-0, opening the door for their big rivals Cray Valley Paper Mills but the South-East London club failed to take full advantage as they were held to a 0-0 draw by Chichester City. It narrowed the gap at the top to two points in the Rams favour but Cray have one game in hand. It looks set to go to the wire.

Sittingbourne are much the best of the chasing pack but then there is a group of half a dozen other hopefuls ready to battle for the play-off places. It's completely different at the other end of the table as nothing is sure. Beckenham Town are struggling at the foot of the table but do have games in hand to rise up the table if they get back to winning form. Erith & Belvedere, Phoenix Sports, Merstham, East Grinstead, Littlehampton and Broadbridge Heath are all needing to find some form to get away from the danger zone.

OTHER NEWS

Our near-neighbours and old rivals North Greenford United are enjoying an excellent season and last Saturday they defeated Tilbury on penalties



to reach the quarter-finals of the FA Vase. They now play at home to Romford for a place in the last four and we wish them all the best in that aim. They also played in the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday night away at Rayners Lane and battled to a 1-1 draw before

losing 4-3 on penalties this time. Step 5 side Rayners Lane, under the management of former Woods boss Gary Meakin will now play in the final against the winners of the other semi-final tie between Hendon and Hayes & Yeading which takes place on 27th February.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

South Central

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

Premier

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

North

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

South East

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

South East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Ramsgate	25	19	3	3	69	24	45	60
2 Cray Valley PM	24	17	7	0	56	17	39	58
3 Sittingbourne	25	16	6	3	60	21	39	54
4 Lancing	26	15	2	9	47	39	8	47
5 Herne Bay	25	12	7	6	50	37	13	43
6 Sheppey United	25	11	7	7	48	35	13	40
7 Chichester City	26	11	5	10	48	34	14	38
8 Three Bridges	24	11	4	9	58	49	9	37
9 Sevenoaks Town	25	9	6	10	43	40	3	33
10 Burgess Hill Town	23	8	8	7	38	37	1	32
11 Ashford United	24	10	2	12	36	45	-9	32
12 Hythe Town	20	8	6	6	37	29	8	30
13 Horndean	22	8	4	10	36	39	-3	28
14 Broadbridge Heath	25	6	7	12	37	44	-7	25
15 Littlehampton Town	24	7	4	13	33	54	-21	25
16 East Grinstead Town	24	7	3	14	31	54	-23	24
17 Merstham	25	6	5	14	37	54	-17	23
18 Phoenix Sports	25	5	4	16	29	67	-38	19
19 Erith & Belvedere	26	5	4	17	15	58	-43	19
20 Beckenham Town	23	3	4	16	28	58	-30	13

South Central

#	Team	HOME						AWAY						GD	Pts
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Chertsey Town*	26	11	2	0	36	11	10	2	1	35	8	52	66		
2 Southall	28	12	1	2	41	14	7	2	4	21	17	31	60		
3 Marlow	26	8	1	3	39	14	11	1	2	35	18	42	59		
4 Leatherhead	27	9	3	2	22	6	9	1	3	23	13	26	58		
5 Raynes Park Vale	27	9	2	2	26	15	7	3	4	23	20	14	53		
6 Westfield	26	8	3	2	28	17	7	2	4	27	23	15	50		
7 Hartley Wintney	29	6	4	5	21	21	8	0	6	31	29	2	46		
8 Thatcham Town	27	8	1	4	23	9	5	3	6	26	30	10	43		
9 South Park (Reigate)	27	7	3	4	29	21	5	3	5	20	18	10	42		
10 Badshot Lea	25	5	3	4	23	22	6	3	4	19	17	3	39		
11 Hanworth Villa	25	4	5	4	27	26	5	3	4	22	18	5	35		
12 Uxbridge	28	6	2	6	30	26	4	2	8	18	28	-6	34		
13 Ascot United (Midxx)	29	5	2	7	20	22	4	2	9	18	24	-8	31		
14 Sutton Common Rovers	28	5	1	8	18	24	3	5	6	20	24	-10	30		
15 Met Police	27	3	3	9	16	27	4	3	5	14	20	-17	27		
16 Guernsey	26	5	2	5	23	18	2	3	9	18	35	-12	26		
17 Northwood	24	6	1	7	28	22	1	1	8	7	21	-8	23		
18 Chipstead	28	4	2	8	23	29	2	2	10	14	31	-23	22		
19 Ashford Town	26	4	3	6	16	22	3	3	9	13	25	-18	21		
20 Binfield	26	1	3	8	14	29	2	3	9	14	59	-60	15		
21 Corinthian-Casuals	27	2	2	10	9	32	1	2	10	9	34	-48	13		

Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Hornchurch	28	20	7	1	68	23	45	67
2 Chatham Town	30	18	4	8	61	43	18	58
3 Billericay Town	29	17	3	9	49	25	24	54
4 Wingate & Finchley	29	16	3	10	56	50	6	51
5 Hastings United	30	14	6	10	54	42	12	48
6 Enfield Town	28	14	6	8	54	43	11	48
7 Bognor Regis Town	28	12	10	6	46	36	10	46
8 Horsham	26	13	7	6	34	27	7	46
9 Carshalton Athletic	30	12	8	10	56	46	10	44
10 Lewes	28	13	5	10	47	49	-2	44
11 Dulwich Hamlet	29	11	9	9	56	48	8	42
12 Hashtag United	30	10	10	10	50	53	-3	40
13 Canvey Island	27	12	2	13	43	53	-10	38
14 Potters Bar Town	26	9	7	10	40	43	-3	34
15 Whitehawk	26	8	9	9	37	39	-2	33
16 Cray Wanderers	28	8	9	11	34	43	-9	33
17 Folkestone Invicta	29	8	8	13	40	49	-9	32
18 Cheshunt	27	6	5	16	36	50	-14	23
19 Margate	29	5	7	17	30	55	-25	22
20 Concord Rangers	23	4	6	13	22	43	-21	18
21 Haringey Borough	30	3	9	18	25	56	-31	18
22 Kingstonian	26	3	4	19	37	59	-22	13

North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Lowestoft Town	24	18	2	4	65	27	38	56
2 Felixstowe & Walton	25	16	5	4	58	28	30	53
3 Bury Town	24	14	5	5	62	36	26	47
4 Bowers & Pitsea	24	14	4	6	45	32	13	48
5 Brentwood Town	23	13	5	5	43	22	21	44
6 Maldon & Tiptree	24	13	3	8	49	38	11	42
7 Heybridge Swifts	24	12	5	7	39	32	7	41
8 Basildon United	23	12	3	8	46	35	11	39
9 Walthamstow	23	10	6	7	35	35	0	36
10 Brightingsea Regent	23	10	1	12	40	41	-1	31
11 Gorleston	21	7	6	8	29	28	1	27
12 Wroxham	22	6	7	9	32	33	-1	25
13 Witham Town	24	6	7	11	33	45	-12	25
14 New Salamis	22	6	7	9	36	50	-14	25
15 Redbridge	20	5	5	10	30	41	-11	20
16 Grays Athletic	23	4	6	13	30	44	-14	18
17 Enfield	23	5	3	15	24	55	-31	18
18 Ipswich Wanderers	22	5	2	15	20	42	-22	17
19 Stowmarket Town	24	0	4	20	25	77	-52	4
20 East Thurrock United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tables up to 6 including Tuesday 13th February 2024. *Deducted 1 point.



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)	87	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 0-2	74	Browne	McKenna	Duru	Tingey	Jonas	Cole
Tue 26	Southall	H 1-2	169	Browne	Jenkins	Duru	Stewart	Tingey	Cole
January									
Tue 9	Metropolitan Police	H 1-0	82	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Tingey	Jonas 1	Gallagher
Sat 13	Leatherhead	H 1-2	152	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Tingey	Jonas	Gallagher
Tue 23	Hendon (QF)	A 2-3	79	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Tingey	Jonas	Gallagher
Sat 27	Uxbridge	H 3-0	166	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie 1	Jenkins	Tingey	Gallagher
Tue 30	Marlow	A 1-4	102	Browne	McKenna	Jenkins	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
February									
Sat 3	Raynes Park Vale	H 2-2	151	Browne	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Jenkins	Tingey	Gallagher 2
Tue 6	Westfield	H 1-2	96	A. McCorkell	McKenna	Dunbar-Bonnie	Jenkins	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 17	Thatcham Town	H							
Tue 20	Binfield	A							
Sat 24	Sutton Common Rovers	A							
Tue 27	Ashford Town (Middx)	A							
March									
Sat 2	Metropolitan Police	A							
Tue 5	Hanworth Villa	H							
Sat 19	Chertsey Town	A							
Tue 12	Westfield	A							
Sat 16	Badshot Lea	A							
Tue 19	Badshot Lea	H							
Sat 23	Hartley Wintney	H							
April									
Mon 1	Southall	A							
Sat 6	Corinthian-Casuals	A							
Sat 13	South Park (Reigate)	H							
Sun 21	Guernsey	A							
Sat 27	Ascot United	H							



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



7	8	9	10	11	Used Substitutes	06
Otote 3	Alexander-Greenaway !	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Crowder (72); Jenkins (77); H. McCorkell (90)	
Otote	Coulter	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Newman (80); H. McCorkell (77); Jenkins (90)	
Otote	H. McCorkell !	Williams 1 !	Smith	Anokye-Boadi 1	Jenkins (80); 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); Oppong (70) !; Anokye-Boadi (81)	
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway 1	Williams 1	Oppong	Anokye-Boadi	Jenkins (72); Newman (90); H. McCorkell (90)	
Otote !	Alexander-Greenaway	Jenkins !	Oppong	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 (89); Smith (88); Jenkins (88)	
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams 1	Jenkins 1	Anokye-Boadi	Smith (48); Brown (77)	
Brown	Mbengui	Williams	Anokye-Boadi	Hannachi	Otote (72); Jenkins (72); Tingey (82)	
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams 1 !	Anokye-Boadi	Brown	Hannachi (89); Mbengui (83); Jenkins (83)	
Stewart	Mbengui	Williams !	Anokye-Boadi	Hannachi	Alexander-Greenaway (59) !; Brown (75); H. McCorkell (90)	
Stewart !	H. McCorkell	Williams	Anokye-Boadi !	Otote	Alexander-Greenaway (90); Jenkins (90)	
Stewart 1	H. McCorkell	Williams 1	Anokye-Boadi	Jenkins	Cameron (46) !; Brown (82) !	
Stewart	Alexander-Greenaway	Brown !	Jenkins	Otote	Anokye-Boadi (46); Jonas (46); H. McCorkell (46) !; Williams (48) ; Stacey (78)	
Brown !	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams !	Cameron	Anokye-Boadi	Oppong (63) !; Hannachi (83); McKenna (83)	
McKenna	H. McCorkell	Williams	Cameron	Anokye-Boadi	Jonas (88) > Alexander-Greenaway (76); Oppong (82); Jenkins (82) ; Brown (90)	
McKenna	H. McCorkell	Williams 1	Cameron 1	Anokye-Boadi	Oppong 1 (82)	
Jenkins	H. McCorkell	Williams	Cameron !	Anokye-Boadi	McKenna (70); Oppong (76)	
Jenkins	H. McCorkell	Williams 3	Oppong	Anokye-Boadi 1	Stacey 1 (19); Cameron (66); Cole (86)	
Jenkins !	H. McCorkell	Cameron	Oppong	Anokye-Boadi	Stewart (62); Cole (81); Brown (82)	
Stewart	Stacey	Oppong	Jenkins !	Anokye-Boadi 1	Cameron 1 (46); Cole (85)	
Stewart	Stacey	Cameron	Jenkins	Anokye-Boadi	Robinson (66); Dunbar-Bonnie (67)	
McKenna	Stacey	Cameron	Anokye-Boadi 1	Dunbar-Bonnie	Helmore (83); Robinson (89)	
Stewart	Stacey !	Cameron	Oppong	Anokye-Boadi	Helmore (62); Cole (87); H. McCorkell (88)	
Stewart	Stacey	Helmore	Sinclair 1	Anokye-Boadi	Crowder (64); Tierney (84); Jenkins (84)	
Stewart	Stacey	Williams 1 !	James	Anokye-Boadi 1	Jenkins (54); Flannery (73); Reade (81); Crowder (86) ; Tierney (86)	
Lareef 1	Stacey !	Williams	Anokye-Boadi	Stewart	Sinclair (73); James (81); Helmore (89)	1
Lareef 1	Stacey !	Williams	Sinclair	Anokye-Boadi	Jonas (61); Langley (69); James (82)	
Lareef	Stacey	Williams	Anokye-Boadi	Stewart	Sinclair (85) !; Langley (90); James (90)	
Lareef	Stacey !	Sinclair 1 !	Anokye-Boadi	H. McCorkell !	Langley (71); Williams (81)	





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ROLL CALL 2023/24

Player	2023/24 Season										Woods Career						Woods Debut
	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	5	3	8	0	6	2	8	1	16	1	44	4	16	3	60	7	Ashford Town (Mx) [A] Mar '22
Kofi Anokye-Boadi	23	0	23	4	9	1	10	1	33	5	23	4	10	1	33	5	Corinthian-Casuals [H] Aug '23
Luke Brophy**	0	1	1	0	2	3	5	0	6	0	1	0	5	0	6	0	Binfield [A] Sep '23
Curtis Brown**	3	5	8	0	1	1	2	0	10	0	8	0	2	0	10	0	Ashford Town (Mx) [H] Sep '23
Roraigh Browne*	13	0	13	0	2	0	2	0	15	0	13	0	2	0	15	0	Thatcham Town [A] Oct '23
Reece Cameron**	7	3	10	2	1	0	1	0	11	2	10	2	1	0	11	2	Chertsey Town [H] Oct '23
Keagan Cole	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	44	7	11	0	55	7	Chipstead [A] Nov '21
Archie Coulter*	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Buckhurst Hill [A] Aug '23
Ben Crowder	0	3	3	0	1	2	3	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	Corinthian-Casuals [H] Aug '23
Deago Dunbar-Bonnie	21	1	22	1	9	1	10	1	32	2	22	1	10	1	32	2	Corinthian-Casuals [H] Aug '23
Lesley Duru*	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	South Park Reigate [A] Dec '23
Martin Flannery	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Hendon [A] Jan '24
Harry Gallagher	15	0	15	3	9	0	9	4	24	7	34	6	16	4	50	10	Tooting 8 MU [H] Aug '22
Zeid Hannachi*	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	Chipstead [H] Oct '23
Josh Helmore	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	57	16	13	5	70	21	Bedfont Sports [H] Jan '22
Beau Hudd*	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Uxbridge [A] Sep '23
Archie James	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	Hendon [A] Jan '24
Sam Jenkins	13	7	20	1	4	6	10	0	30	1	79	4	27	0	106	4	Kings Langley [H] Sep '18
Romario Jonas	15	1	16	2	2	3	5	0	21	2	27	2	10	0	37	2	South Park Reigate [H] Aug '22
Adam Lareef	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	2	0	0	4	2	Uxbridge [H] Jan '24
Stefan Langley	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Marlow [A] Jan '24
Prince Mbengui*	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Chipstead [H] Oct '23
Andrew McCorkell	8	0	8	0	7	0	7	0	15	0	49	0	18	0	67	0	Uxbridge [A] Sep '17
Harry McCorkell	10	3	13	0	3	3	6	0	19	0	13	0	6	0	19	0	Corinthian-Casuals [H] Aug '23
Harry McKenna	12	2	14	0	2	0	2	0	16	0	14	0	2	0	16	0	Thatcham Town [A] Oct '23
Matt Messer	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Marlow [H] Sep '23
George Milner-Smith*	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	Chipstead [H] Oct '23
Jaden Newman**	1	2	3	0	1	3	4	1	7	1	3	0	4	1	7	1	Buckhurst Hill [A] Aug '23
Godlove Opong	4	4	8	1	2	2	4	0	12	1	8	1	4	0	12	1	Marlow [H] Sept '23
Osaretin Otote*	7	1	8	3	7	1	8	1	16	4	13	3	10	1	23	4	Binfield [A] Apr '23
Joe Reade**	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	7	0	Ashford Town (Mx) [H] Oct '22
Tyler Robinson*	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	South Park Reigate [A] Dec '23
Lucas Sinclair	3	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	2	0	0	5	2	Leatherhead [H] Jan '24
Jack Smith*	2	2	4	0	3	1	4	0	8	0	7	0	5	0	12	0	Thatcham Town [A] Mar '23
Teddy Stacey	22	1	23	2	8	1	9	0	32	2	59	5	16	1	75	6	Chipstead [A] Nov '21
Carl Stewart	21	1	22	1	9	0	9	1	31	2	83	2	23	1	106	3	Chipstead [A] Nov '21
Mikey Tierney**	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	Marlow [H] Sep '23
Luke Tingey	20	1	21	0	9	0	9	1	30	1	72	3	21	1	93	4	Tooting 8 MU [H] Feb '22
Dan Williams	17	1	18	10	7	2	9	3	27	13	28	13	11	4	39	17	Merstham [A] Feb '23

* No longer with club; ** Dual-Registered





UNDER 18S

WOODS LEAGUE FORM SLOWS

Having lost their first Allied Counties League game at Rayners Lane 2-1, the Woods youngsters looked to get back to winning ways at Wembley ten days ago but again they were unable to get all three points as they were held to a 2-2 draw by the Lions.

On an excellent surface at Vale Farm, the Woods were 2-1 up at the break thanks to goals from Sarin Thapa and Jermey Scholz but they were pegged back in the second-half and had to settle for a share of the points.

The lads were scheduled to play at home to Harefield United on Thursday night and will have been looking for a return to winning form but these notes had to be prepared before the result of that game was known.

They are due to play this coming Wednesday night away at Chalfont St Peter while the following week we have a rearranged date for our tough away game at Thattham Town in the Allied Counties League Cup. Our away game at Harefield will need to be rescheduled.

The draw has taken place for the semi-finals of the Middlesex Premier Cup and has given us home advantage for the third round running, this time against old rivals Bedfont Sports who are, as ever, looking strong in the Isthmian Youth League. No date has yet been set for this match and the other semi-final is between Cockfosters v Southall or Harrow Borough.

Everton Latrell Lewis, who has made three appearances for the Under-18s this season having only just turned 16, has recently signed with the Bolton Wanderers Academy and we congratulate him on this achievement. We will certainly be watching his progress.

Most appearances:

11 - Reid, Scholz, Sweeney

10 - Casteluber, Grant, Latifi, Osborne, Thapa, Williams.

Top Scorers:

7 - Grant **5** - Latifi, Thapa **4** - Reid **3** - Toci



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

Date	Opposition	@	Comp	Res	Scorers
July					
Mon 24	Dunstable Town	N	Friendly	6-1	Dwyer, Grant 2, Osborne 2, Crowder
Thu 27	Leverstock Green	A	Friendly	2-1	Osborne, Crowder
August					
Thu 10	Walton & Hersham	N	Friendly	3-4	Caselli 3
Wed 16	Tring Athletic	H	FAY	2-5	Scholz, Toci
Thu 31	Kings Langley	A	Friendly	2-4	Williams, Reid
September					
Mon 11	Hillingdon Borough	A	ACYL	5-1	Thapa 2, Grant, Scholz, Dwyer
Wed 27	Wembley	H	ACYL	2-0	Toci, Lewis
October					
Wed 11	Chalfont St Peter	H	ACYL	4-1	Latifi 3, Thapa
Wed 25	Beaconsfield Town	H	ACYL	3-0	Lousley, Reid, Toci
November					
Wed 15	Hillingdon Borough	H	MCYC	2-1	Grant, Latifi
Wed 22	Burnham	H	ACYLC	8-0	Grant 2, Reid, Latifi, Williams, Bradford, Crowder, Clemowpa
January					
Tue 9	Beaconsfield Town	A	ACYL	2-0	Reid, Thapa
Wed 24	Uxbridge	H	MCYC	5-4	Casteluber 2, Grant 3 (1 pen)
Tue 30	Rayners Lane	A	ACYL	1-2	Williams
February					
Wed 7	Wembley	A	ACYL	2-2	Thapa, Scholz
Thu 15	Harefield United	H	ACYL		
Wed 21	Chalfont St Peter	A	ACYL		
Mon 26	Thattham Town	A	ACYLC		
March					
Wed 6	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		
Wed 13	Hillingdon Borough	H	ACYL		
TBA	Harefield United	A	ACYLC		
TBA	Bedfont Sports	H	MCYC		

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	7	5	1	1	19	6	13	16
2 Rayners Lane	9	4	2	3	21	14	7	14
3 Wembley	8	3	2	3	13	14	-1	11
4 Hillingdon Borough	6	3	1	2	14	14	0	10
5 Harefield United	6	2	2	2	10	12	-2	8
6 Beaconsfield Town	8	2	0	6	14	24	-10	6
7 Chalfont St Peter	6	1	2	3	11	18	-7	5



MATCH ACTION

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION
SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

ATT 151



Northwood

Gallagher 22, 82

2



Raynes Park Vale

Dudley 43, Penny 73

2



Kofi Anokye-Boadi is unceremoniously brought down

The Woods rescued a valuable point against play-off seeking Raynes Park Vale in a highly-entertaining contest at the Skyline Roofing Stadium. It was a rare result for Northwood - the first Isthmian League score-draw since April 2022 when a home game against Westfield ended 1-1; a run of 63 matches. Only four of those 63 games ended all-square and all of them were goalless.

Manager Ben Bukowski made just one change to the starting line-up with Deago Dunbar-Bonnie restored to his left wing-back role as the Vale made their first ever visit to the Woods, looking to complete a double having won 1-0 at Prince George's Field back in October.

Northwood made a good start to the game and created the first half-chance after just eight minutes when Dunbar-Bonnie picked out Adam Laaref with a cross from the left. He had time to turn but was unable to get a clean strike off and the ball deflected up off a defender and into the grateful arms of goalkeeper Ben Bridle-Card.

The two wing-backs almost combined when Harry McKenna knocked over a deep

cross but an unmarked Dunbar-Bonnie was just unable to reach it in front of goal.

At the other end, a rare error from Luke Tingey presented an opportunity for Tom Barnes but he delayed his shot just long enough for the Woods skipper to recover and nip the ball back off him.

The visitors needed to remain strong in defence as the Woods continued to push forward with Dan Williams cross being helped on by Dunbar-Bonnie towards Laaref but his attempted overhead-kick was thwarted by a nudge in the back and then Kofi Anokye-Boadi saw his follow-up blocked.

GOAL ALERT

1-0 Harry Gallagher (22 mins)

And the pressure finally told on twenty two minutes. Tingey launched a long throw which Bridle-Card punched away firmly but gave Tingey the opportunity to play the ball back across.

It should have been cleared but was only sliced and Harry Gallagher took a touch with his back to goal before an overhead-kick flew into the net.

Williams had a great chance to double the lead on the half-hour. His attempt to knock the ball across the six-yard box was blocked by Jordan Stepney but it rebounded back to the Woods top scorer with the goal at his mercy but his shot was wide of the near-post.

After a slow start, Raynes Park were gradually working their way into the game and went close from a corner after thirty four minutes as a powerful header from Stepney was kept out by Roraigh Brown in the Woods goal. Two minutes later, Laaref worked space for a shot which had Bridle-Card diving low to his left to save while, at the other end, Brad Sweeney skied an effort from outside the box.

But the Vale were starting to threaten and Browne came to Northwood's rescue to smother another accurate header as Charlie Penny looked to swoop.

GOAL ALERT

1-1 Danny Dudley (43 mins)

On forty three minutes, a corner was swung over and headed on Archie Harland-Goddard and Danny Dudley struck a shot on the half-volley that flew in.



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Adam Laaref fires at goal

The visitors went close to grabbing the lead just before the break as Jordan Gallagher curled in a cross from the left but again Browne did well to save under pressure.

Northwood still had time for two efforts on goal before half-time though, Gallagher heading well over from a Sam Jenkins free-kick and then Laaref also well off-target with a powerful strike from just outside the box.

HALF TIME

NORTHWOOD 1
RAYNES PARK VALE 1

The second-half continued in the same end-to-end manner with the Woods creating a half-chance on fifty six minutes when Williams knocked a Laaref cross into the path of Anokye-Boadi but his fierce shot deflected just over the bar.

Laaref was next to go close himself as he twisted and turned his way into the box

from the left but his shot was kept out easily at his near post by the keeper.

GOAL ALERT

1-2 Charlie Penny (73 mins)

But after seventy three minutes Raynes Park were in front. A corner was half-cleared, headed back into the box by Dan Moody, flicked on again by another head and it freed Penny to smash the ball into the net from close-range.

Northwood responded well though and after eighty minutes, a good jinking run from Anokye-Boadi was halted just outside the box on the left.

GOAL ALERT

2-2 Harry Gallagher (82 mins)

From the free-kick, Gallagher flighted a superb curling effort at pace which flew over Bridle-Card and under the crossbar for his second goal of the game.

It was the Woods who now had their tails up and they should have taken all three points in the final minute of normal time.

Tingey threw-in from the right, first Gallagher and then Anokye-Boadi headed on and the ball fell to Jenkins who controlled but then saw his shot from five yards come back off the bar.

It came back to him but his instinctive header was wide of the target so both sides had to settle for a point.

FULL TIME

NORTHWOOD 2
RAYNES PARK VALE 2

WOODS LINE-UP Browne, McKenna, Dunbar-Bonnie, Jenkins, Tingey (Langley 90), Gallagher, Laaref, Stacey, Williams (Sinclair 85), Anokye-Boadi (James 90), Stewart, Unused Subs: H McCorkell, Flannery

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INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS...

THATCHAM TOWN



Thatcham Town Football Club was founded in 1894. The club were originally known just as Thatcham, with Town being added to its name in 1974.

In the early years Thatcham played at The Marsh on Dunston Green, Brownsfield (home of the Cricket Club) and Station Road, before moving to Lancaster Close in 1949. Floodlights were erected in January 1983 with Fulham FC visiting for a commemorative friendly match. To provide improved facilities, the club moved to Waterside Park in 1992/93, with the ground becoming known as The Stacatruc Stadium from August

2019, then the Mettal Stadium from August 2023.

The club joined the Reading Temperance League in 1896, winning the Division Two title in 1905/06. In 1953 Thatcham became founder members of the Hellenic League, winning promotion to the Premier Division as Division One champions in 1958/59, 1964/65 & 1972/73, then claiming the Premier Division title in 1974/75. Following spells in the Athenian and London Spartan Leagues, Thatcham joined the newly formed Wessex League in 1986 and won the title in 1995/96. After finishing second in 2005/06,

ground requirements were met and promotion to step four was achieved.

The Kingfishers spent eight seasons in the Southern League Division One – seven in the South & West Division and one (2012/13) in the Central. Following sixth-placed finishes in both 2006/07 & 2008/09, the club achieved its highest ever position in 2010/11... Despite being in the bottom half of the table at Christmas, Thatcham earned 38 points from the final 15 matches to finish in fifth, however the Kingfishers were beaten at Sholing in the play-off semi-final. Once safety was assured in 2013/14,



the club resigned from the Southern League to cut costs by playing at a lower level. Town finished twelfth in their first campaign back in the Hellenic Premier, then second and fourth in the following seasons. However in 2017/18 the Kingfishers embarked on an incredible 40 game unbeaten run (in all competitions), winning all but one game between the end of October and end of April. This saw Thatcham overtake long-time leaders Highworth Town and eventually pip Bracknell Town to the title in a thrilling end to the season, on goal difference.

After taking a season to re-adjust to step four football, in 2019/20 Thatcham were top of the Southern League Division One South table with eleven games to play. But with the club looking set to achieve its highest ever finish, and promotion to step three a real possibility, the Coronavirus pandemic struck with the season being terminated. Following the subsequent departure of the management team and many senior players, alongside being moved into the Isthmian League South Central Division the club faced a rebuilding

job. Covid also caused the 2020/21 season to be suspended before Town finished 12th in 2021/22, then recovered from a poor start in 2022/23 to finish 13th.

Thatcham Town FC have enjoyed some memorable success in Cup competitions over the years. In 1989 the club reached the last eight of the FA Vase before losing to local rivals Hungerford Town. In the same competition a record attendance of 1,400 was set when Aldershot Town won 1-0 at Waterside Park in 1993/94. However in 2017/18 Thatcham went all the way and lifted the trophy at Wembley Stadium on a brilliant day for the football club...

Supporters started to sense the club could be on the verge of something special after a 5th round home victory over Bromsgrove Sporting, then over 2,200 attended the quarter-final win at Melksham Town as cup fever started to spread across the town. Thatcham then, defeated 1874 Northwich 1-0 (home) and 3-2 (away) in the two legged semi-final, before taking over 5,000 fans to Wembley as Northern League side Stockton Town were beaten 1-0 in the final.

The club played in the Third Round Qualifying stage of the FA Trophy for the first time in 2021/22, losing on penalties at Cinderford Town. Thatcham's best run in the FA Cup came in the 1996/97 season as they reached the Fourth Round Qualifying stage before losing at Boreham Wood. In September 2019 the FA Cup First Round Qualifying tie at home to Salisbury was streamed live by the BBC with the visitors winning 3-2.

Thatcham completed the Hellenic League and Cup double, by lifting the Hellenic First Division Cup in 1972/73 and the Premier Division Cup in 1974/75. During 2017/18 the club reached both League Cup finals, losing to Bracknell in the Challenge Cup and Binfield in the Floodlit Cup.

During the 1990s Thatcham won the Wessex League Cup on four occasions, completing the league and Cup double in 1995/96. In 1974/75 the club were beaten in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup but were awarded the trophy following a dispute between the victors, Wycombe Wanderers, and the Berks & Bucks FA.



MEET THE KINGFISHERS

The Manager **YASHWA ROMEO**



A hugely experienced non-league striker, who represented Thatcham Town FC as a player (83 appearances, 32 goals), coach (FA Vase winner at Wembley) and Assistant Manager, before taking over as Manager in March '22.



Callum Smart



GOALKEEPERS

JONATHAN O'SULLIVAN

Jono has played regularly for Combined Counties side Woodley United and made his Town debut at the end of the 2022/23 season. Will be a reliable deputy when Callum Smart is needed by his parent club.

CALLUM SMART

Tall, commanding keeper who arrived on dual registration from Gosport in November '23. Despite his young age Callum has already played over 100 senior games for Borough, Alresford Town and Fleet Town.

DEFENDERS

JOSH BLACKWOOD

A player the club have been keen to sign for a while. Having returned from a bad knee injury, Josh's experience and composure on the ball will prove highly useful for this relatively young squad.

NOAH COATES

The club's youth team captain who broke into the first team towards the back end of last season. Looked very comfortable at centre-back and would have made more than 4 appearances but for injury.

Harry Hoath



KYLE DANIEL-SPRAY

Left-sided defender who recently played in the U18 Premier League and Premier League 2 while with Reading FC's Academy. Signed forms at the Mettal Stadium in September '23.

TINASHE GWAVAVA

Returned from a long spell on the side-lines at the end of last season and immediately showed the fans what they'd been missing, with high energy performances down the right flank and quality deliveries into the box.

LEVI HEHOLT

A versatile defender who has previously played US College football and is making up for lost time after returning from a serious knee injury. Made 21 appearances last season and is a strong character at the back.

ANDREW MATTHEWS

A tall defender whose height should help with set pieces at both ends of the pitch. Signed in January '24 having played most recently with Badshot Lea in the Combined Counties League.

BASIM MIRTAHMASEBI

An athletic right-sided defender who impressed in pre-season and

Callum Willmoth



eventually signed terms in November '23. With a fantastic engine Basim really enjoys motoring up and down the right channel.

MIDFIELDERS

MO CEESAY

A versatile and reliable player who added goals to his game last season, scoring 8 in 36 appearances. Has become a key player across the park since joining from Flackwell Heath in November '21.

HARRY HOATH

A commanding presence with an eye for goal, who will add steel to Town's midfield. Previously with Holyport, where he won Football In Berkshire's goal of the month for September '22, before moving to Binfield.

DAN SMITH

A youth teamer who broke into the first team towards the end of last season, and looked at home with the step up to senior football. A combative player who likes to win the ball in the middle of the park and keep possession.

SAM TANNER

A product of the John Madejski Academy who gained experience with Reading City last season. Sam is a dynamic player with a great work ethic, and is a signing that the management team are excited about for the new season.

Mo Ceesay



JAY WELCH

An energetic midfielder who signed for Thatcham in January '24. Previously had spells with Marlow and Ascot United, with whom he won the FA Vase in 2022/23 as the Yellamen defeated Newport Pagnell Town at Wembley.

CALLUM WILLMOTH

With over 200 appearances in several spells for Thatcham, it was a coup to re-capture the signature of holding midfielder Cal, who has captained Hungerford Town in the National League South over the last few seasons.

FORWARDS

JORDAN BROWN

A forward with lots of experience in step four, most recently with Marlow. A skilful front-man who played for Town in the 2017/18 season, and won the penalty at Wembley which led to Thatcham winning the FA Vase.

OWEN CLARK

A former Brentford and Oxford United youth player who demonstrated his talent while training with the club at the end of last season, and impressed down the left channel in Thatcham's pre-season friendlies.

JORDI EBANDA

Lively forward who linked up with the squad in October '23. Originally with

Sam Tanner



Dundalk U19s before playing in the third tier of Irish football with Malahide United and Crumlin United.

DAVID NYARKO

Lively forward who signed for the club in September '23, almost a year since spending a month on work experience from Reading FC, in which he scored 6 goals in 5 appearances to kick-start the Kingfishers' season.

David Nyarko





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Luke Tingey



Luke is an experienced 26-year-old defender who joined the Woods in February 2022 from Isthmian Premier side Potters Bar Town. He started off at the MK Dons Youth Academy and then went on to notch almost 200 games at Step 3 for Hendon FC. He also had a short spell with St Albans City. Made skipper during an almost ever-present 2022-23 season, he won the Managers' Player of the Year award and is back from another term.

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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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Andrew McCorkell



Experienced goalkeeper who had a short spell with the Woods back in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative honours in Northern Ireland's U19s. He had already made appearances at Hendon and Chesham United. In recent years he has had spells with Beaconsfield, Hayes & Yeading, Chalfont St Peter and, most recently, Bedfont Sports before joining in 2022. He was ever-present during that first season.

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Sam Jenkins



Sam originally joined the club in July 2018 having previously been at Harpenden Town. He won the Managers Player of the Year award at the end of that season but joined Chesham United where he stayed for three years, though with injury issues. He came to the Woods on dual-registration several times but returned permanently for 2022. Now approaching 75 appearances for the club, he's back for another year.

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Romario Jonas



Romario is a 25-year-old defender who joined on dual-registration with Harwell Town in July 2022. He made his name with some impressive performances at Ashford Town (Middx) and earned a move to Step 3 side Hendon where he made almost 50 appearances over two seasons. He has had short spells with Bracknell Town and Chalfont St Peter but was then part of the successful Harwell side that won promotion through the play-offs back in May 2022.

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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 Duxhey Jets. He is dual-registered with Harrow Borough.

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Godlove Oppong



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

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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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Dan Williams



Returning to the Woods in mid-January 2024 after a brief spell at Uxbridge, Dan is a 26-year-old striker who came through the successful Hendon U23 side and then made a huge impact at Chalfont St Peter with plenty of goals. He then moved to Tooting B Mitcham and Bedfont Sports in 2021/22 before joining Uxbridge in the summer of 2022. From there he joined the Woods in February 2023. Despite being away for a couple of months, he remains Woods top scorer this season.

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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 Herefield 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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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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Josh Helmore



Experienced forward, now 31, Josh returned to the Woods in December 2022 having had a short spell at Arlesley Town. He originally arrived in November 2022 from Binfield and is now closing in on 50 appearances having also bagged more than 20 goals. He has also played for Reading City, Gloucester City and Thatcham Town.

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Archie James



Young 18-year-old who has signed forms for Northwood in January 2023 having impressed for near-neighbours Oxhey Jets in his first season of senior football. Bags of potential, he will be looking to continue his development at the higher level.

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Keagan Cole

Player/Assistant Manager



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.

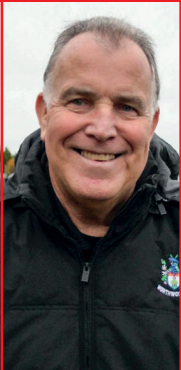
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- Matt **Messer**
- Teddy **Stacey**
- Deago **Dunbar-Bonnie**
- Luke **Tingey**
- Harry **Gallagher**
- Romario **Jonas**
- Carl **Stewart**
- Riccardo **Alexander-Greenaway**
- Harry **McCorkell**
- Harry **McKenna**
- Sam **Jenkins**
- Kofi **Anokye-Boadi**
- Josh **Helmore**
- Dan **Williams**
- Godlove **Oppong**
- Lucas **Sinclair**
- Keagan **Cole**
- Mikey **Tierney**
- Ben **Crowder**
- Stephen **Langley**
- Adam **Laaref**



THATCHAM TOWN

Colours: Blue & White

Manager: **Yashwa Romeo**

Coaches: **Shaun Allaway & Sam Loades**

- Callum **Smart** (GK)
- Clive **Gwavaya**
- Kyle **Daniel-Spray**
- Callum **Willmouth**
- Levi **Heholt**
- Basim **Mirtahmasebi**
- Josh **Blackwood**
- Sam **Tanner**
- Harvey **Harry**
- Jay **Welch**
- Cameron **Squires**
- Jordi **Ebanda**
- Davis **Nyarko**
- Harry **Hoath**
- Muhamadou **Ceesay**
- Andrew **Matthews**
- Pharrel **Agbotey**
- Owen **Clark**
- Noach **Coates**

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Charlie Roberts

Assistants:

James Sedley
& Philip Evans

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HANWORTH VILLA

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Kick-Off 7.45pm

Pitching In Isthmian League South
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Tuesday 20th February 2024

Kick-Off 7.45pm

Pitching In Isthmian League
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