

The Squads



NORTHWOOD

Acting Manager: Gordon Boateng
Physio: Dan Daggett

Kit: All red

- XAVI COMAS
- BORJA LOECHES-TEIXEIRA
- ISAAC OLORUNFEMI
- SAM OYENIRAN
- TOM GILBEY
- KEIR DICKSON
- SAM TRING
- WILSON CHINGOKA ©
- LEWIS HOBBS
- JOE RUSSELL
- HAMILTON BUNGA
- HAKIM NYARIKI
- MESHACH WILLIAMS
- JERMAINE OSEI
- HARRY NEWMAN
- PAOLO MONTELLA
- EVANS KOUASSI
- JAMIE FULTON
- NEBAY HAILE
- SAM OFALABI
- BEN DUFAUX
- TEMILOLUWA OLADEJO
- FEMI AZEEZ



HANWELL TOWN

Manager: Ray Duffy
Coach: Ricky Pither
Physio: Ricky Ryder

Kit: Black & white

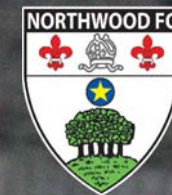
- SAM BUNTING
- NICK TURNER
- MASON WELCH-TURNER
- OLIVER DUFFY (capt)
- JOE CHANDIRAM
- WAYNE CARTER
- CHARLIE MITCHELL
- GOLDY CAPELA
- CHRIS MOORE
- IMEDD KARTITA
- MERGIM QARRI
- LUKE ALFANO
- TOM DUFFY
- JARMAL JOSEPH
- PETER DEAN
- CHRIS MILLS

The Officials

REFEREE: Zack Ellis
ASSISTANT: William Davis
ASSISTANT: Luke Donaldson



Woods



THE OFFICIAL NORTHWOOD MATCHDAY PROGRAMME 2017-18



EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, EAST

versus HANWELL TOWN

Tuesday 24th April 2018
Kick-off 7.45 pm

UP FRONT

VICE-CHAIRMAN & EDITOR

KEN GREEN



Welcome back to Northwood Park this evening, and we are pleased to see all our supporters new and old, and also extend our welcome all connected with Hanwell Town; we trust they enjoy their stay with us and have a safe journey home later.

Both Hanwell Town and the Woods find ourselves rather closer to the wrong end of the league table than we would like; we have a single point advantage going into tonight's game, but Town have played two fewer fixtures. For our part, just one solitary victory in the last nineteen matches tells a sad story; I know that the Woods fans would just love to see another win before season comes to an end next Saturday... When the clubs met at Reynolds Field in October, the Woods hit back from an interval deficit to run out 3-1 winners, Hanwell taking the lead through Callum Duffy on 19 minutes. Evans Kouassi equalised three minutes into the second half, and he also played a part in Woods' second, his shot rebounding from the home keeper for Mahlondo Martin to net. Then Jermaine Osei rifled home goal number three in the 82nd minute.

Our history with Hanwell Town goes back a long way, the first meeting being a Middlesex Junior Cup tie in November 1951 here at Northwood, Skinner and Liberty getting our goals in a 2-1 win. Since that time, Northwood had played Town in the Harrow & Wembley, Middlesex, London Spartan and Southern Leagues. Of a total 67 meetings – more games than against any other club – Woods won 31, Hanwell 23, with 13 being drawn; I wonder what this evening's 68th match-up will bring....??

Just one more fixture to be played after tonight to wrap up the Woods' season – away to Aylesbury FC on Saturday; we hope that you can get along to support the lads for the final time this campaign.

Thanks to all the Northwood supporters for your loyal backing throughout this season; this really is appreciated by us all. It's not so easy to follow a club that finds victories hard to find, so it's great that you continue to do so! You may have seen that we are currently advertising for a new manager, and hope to announce the successful applicant within the next few weeks – watch the website and Twitter for news! Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you all back here in August.

Ken

Northwood FC

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Matchday Programme: Ken Green

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CLUB HONOURS

Isthmian League Division One North champions: 2003
Isthmian League Division Two runners-up: 2000
Isthmian League Division Three promotion: 1997
Isthmian League Cup winners: 2002
Isthmian Charity Shield winners: 2002
Isthmian Associate Members Trophy winners: 1993, 2000
Middlesex Senior Cup winners: 2007, 2016
Middlesex Senior Cup finalists: 2000, 2002,
Middlesex Senior Cup semi-finalists: 1992, 1993, 1997,
1999, 2006, 2008, 2010
Middlesex Senior Charity Cup finalists: 1994, 2003, 2005, 2012
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 finalists: 1982
Hellenic League Division One Cup winners: 1979
Middlesex League Premier Division champions: 1978
Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up: 1972, 1977
Middlesex League Challenge Cup winners: 1975, 1977, 1978
Harrow, Wembley & District League champions: 1933,
1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1948, 1949

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Key: goalscorer ① own goal + sub 1 sub 2 sub 3 yellow card red card



Hewitt	Rose	M Osei	Chingoka	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Nyariki	Walker	-
Hewitt	Rose	M Osei	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Nyariki	Walker	-
Hewitt	Rose	Nyariki	Kouassi	Hayden-Smith	Walker	Martin	Thorne	Chingoka	-
Hewitt	Hobbs	Hayden-Smith	Kouassi	Williams	Abdollahi	Martin	Chingoka	Nyariki	J McDonnell
Boxer	Hobbs	Chingoka	Kouassi	Williams	Abdollahi	Hayden-Smith	J McDonnell	Hall	Nyariki

Hobbs	Boxer	Kousassi	J McDonnell	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Martin	Gyamah	Chingoka	Antwi
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Hobbs	Hewitt	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Gurteen	Doolan	-
Rose	Hobbs	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Martin	Doolan	Chingoka
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Hobbs	Ochoa	Chingoka	Lutaaya	Martin	Hayden-Smith	Gilbey	Gyimah	-	-

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Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Chingoka	Martin	Taylor	Newman	Montella	Nche	Gyimah
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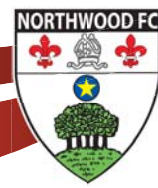
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Gilbey	Hobbs	Fulton	Dickson	J Osei	Kouassi	Azeez	Nche	Oyeniran	Haile



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CHAIRMAN

IAN BARRY

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Gate	Lge. pos.	1	2	3	4
AUGUST									
Sat 12	Hartley Wintney	Away	L 0-2	135	19	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Tue 15	MONEYFIELDS	HOME	D 1-1	103	18	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Sat 19	Swindon Supermarine (FAC)	Away	L 0-1	132	-	Ayoub	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Sat 26	Arlesey Town	Away	W 3-1	87	12	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Boxer
Mon 28	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	HOME	W 2-0	243	9	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hewitt
SEPTEMBER									
Sat 9	Cambridge City	Away	L 0-1	145	13	Joseph	Kelly	Adamson	Hewitt
Tue 12	EGHAM TOWN (BFBC)	HOME	L 1-3	52	-	Loeches-Teixeira	J McDonnell	Adamson	Hewitt
Sat 16	EGHAM TOWN	HOME	L 0-1	96	14	Daly	J McDonnell	Antwi	Hewitt
Sat 23	Uxbridge	Away	L 1-2	90	16	McCorkell	Kelly	J McDonnell	Buckley
Tue 26	ASHFORD TOWN	HOME	L 1-7	89	17	McCorkell	Kelly	Robinson	Buckley
Sat 30	MARLOW	HOME	L 1-2	106	18	Hazlett	Kelly	Robinson	Buckley
OCTOBER									
Sat 7	MALDON & TIPTREE (FAT)	HOME	L 2-5	97	-	Hazlett	Kelly	Robinson	Ochoa
Sat 14	Bedford Town	Away	D 0-0	174	18	Hazlett	Ochoa	Robinson	Hewitt
Tue 17	AFC Hayes (MSC1)	Away	L 0-3	39	-	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Robinson	Hewitt
Sat 21	AYLESBURY UNITED	HOME	W 3-0	194	16	Hazlett	Ochoa	Robinson	Buckley
Tue 24	Hanwell Town	Away	W 3-1	121	15	Hazlett	Ochoa	Robinson	Buckley
Sat 28	FLEET TOWN	HOME	W 2-1	74	12	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Robinson	Buckley
NOVEMBER									
Sat 4	KEMPSTON ROVERS	HOME	W 3-0	131	11	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Adamson	Buckley
Sat 11	Barton Rovers	Away	D 1-1	101	12	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Adamson	Buckley
Sat 18	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	Away	L 0-4	451	13	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Adamson	Buckley
Sat 25	AYLESBURY	HOME	L 0-1	85	13	Hazlett	Ochoa	Gilbey	Buckley
Tue 28	Thame United	Away	D 3-3	68	13	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Haile	Buckley
DECEMBER									
Sat 2	Beaconsfield Town	Away	D 2-2	85	13	Hazlett	Ochoa	Gilbey	Buckley
Sat 16	Moneyfields	Away	L 0-2	74	16	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Alomenu	Hayden-Smith
Sat 23	HARTLEY WINTNEY	HOME	W 3-1	96	15	Comas	Olorunfemi	Gilbey	Taylor
Tue 26	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	L 2-4	172	16	Nolan	Olorunfemi	Gilbey	Taylor
JANUARY									
Sat 6	Egham Town	Away	D 2-2	101	15	Comas	Ochoa	Hall	Taylor
Tue 9	AFC DUNSTABLE	HOME	D 2-2	71	15	Comas	Chingoka	Gilbey	McLeod
Sat 13	ARLESEY TOWN	HOME	W 3-1	79	14	Comas	Chingoka	Gilbey	Taylor
Sat 27	Kempston Rovers	Away	D 1-1	71	16	Comas	Olorunfemi	Gilbey	Chingoka
FEBRUARY									
Sat 3	Ashford Town	Away	D 2-2	93	14	Comas	Olorunfemi	Tring	Chingoka
Tue 6	CHALFONT ST PETER	HOME	L 0-2	91	15	Comas	Williams	Newman	Kouassi
Sat 17	Marlow	Away	L 0-1	164	16	Comas	Olorunfemi	Camilo Tajeco	Chingoka
Tue 20	BARTON ROVERS	HOME	D 1-1	82	15	Harris	Olorunfemi	Camilo Tajeco	Chingoka
Sat 24	BEDFORD TOWN	HOME	L 1-2	102	17	Comas	Camilo Tajeco	Gilbey	Chingoka
MARCH									
Tue 6	UXBRIDGE	HOME	L 0-1	86	17	Comas	Oyeniran	Gilbey	Chingoka
Sat 17	AFC Dunstable	Away	L 0-2	51	17	Comas	Camilo Tajeco	Dickson	Chingoka
Wed 21	Aylesbury United	Away	L 0-2	89	17	Comas	Camilo Tajeco	Dickson	Chingoka
Sat 24	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	HOME	L 2-3	96	17	Comas	Olorunfemi	Dickson	Chingoka
APRIL									
Mon 2	Chalfont St Peter	Away	L 0-2	103	17	Comas	Olorunfemi	Dickson	Chingoka
Sat 7	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	HOME	D 1-1	307	17	Comas	Olorunfemi	Dickson	Chingoka
Sat 14	Fleet Town	Away	L 0-1	123	17	Loeches-Teixeira	Olorunfemi	Oladeyo	Chingoka
Wed 18	CAMBRIDGE CITY	HOME	L 2-3	108	17	Loeches-Teixeira	Olorunfemi	Dickson	Chingoka
Sat 21	THAME UNITED	HOME	L 1-3	121	17	Loeches-Teixeira	Olorunfemi	Oladejo	Chingoka
Tue 24	HANWELL TOWN	HOME							
Sat 28	Aylesbury	Away							

Good evening and welcome to Chestnut Avenue for tonight's Evo-Stik League fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Hanwell Town FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

With tonight being a re-arranged game and our last home game of the season, the end can't, for me, come soon enough! I'll add some comments about the season on the website soon, but suffice to say the hard work behind the scenes hasn't paid off again.

I'm personally shattered, as last week alone I find myself here for about 70 hours; too many in anyone's book. But, continue we must.

I did find Saturday's defeat here against Thame the most disappointing so far, as we had the game under control until we capitulated in a few mad second half minutes. But we know the problem; no leaders, no characters and lack of experience. Ability wise we are fine.

In closing, I do need to take this opportunity to personally thank our Acting Manager, Gordon Boateng. He stepped into the role after Jake departed and I have to say, he has been an absolute pleasure to deal with; he is honest, hard working, polite, respectful and shares my frustration about the team.

Gordon hasn't been able to make any signings, and I know he would have made changes given the chance. In addition, he has given

youth a chance and stays in contact with the players all the time. I'll miss him. He leaves the club on Saturday with my best wishes and we will stay in touch.

The search for a new Manager has begun so watch this space....

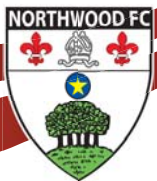
Thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the season, it's most appreciated. We will be looking for help again this summer as the ground is getting worse and the pitch will need watering every day soon!

Enjoy the game.

Up the Woods!

Ian

" Gordon has been an absolute pleasure to deal with "



CLUB MATTERS



ALAN EVANS

Supporters' Player of the Year

Thank you to everyone who cast their vote for Player of the Year on Saturday. Those votes were counted over the weekend and we hope to be in a position to present the trophy either on the pitch prior to this evening's game or after the game in the clubhouse. Whoever wins will be following in the footsteps of James Budden, Andy Lomas, Berkley Laurencin and Steve Brown in recent years.



Last game reflections

It's difficult to put into words how disappointing the past season has been at the club. When we appointed experienced Manager Simon Lane last summer to replace Mark Burgess after more than four years' service we asked him to buy into a project over several years which would involve developing some of the promising youngsters we have here at Northwood and produce some entertaining football that would see us challenging for initially the top-half and eventually play-off places. Simon, a highly qualified coach himself, recruited another highly-regarded coach in Jake Heracleous and it seemed that then new playing squad that arrived bought into the idea of the high-quality coaching that was on offer. It was never going to be perfect from the start as the side was a

very young one and it was a real blow to be knocked-out of both FA competitions at the first stage (though both times against highly-rated sides from our level) and cope with the resultant lack of sponsorship monies.

Results were, as expected, a little inconsistent – apart from when we lost seven matches on the trot – but the turn of October into November saw us pick up four consecutive League wins and we had surely turned the corner. It turned back to inconsistency, a 0-1 home defeat to Aylesbury was poor, a 3-1 success over Hartley Wintney was superb but it all changed in January when creditable 2-2 draws at Egham Town and against AFC Dunstable were followed by Lane dropping the bombshell which saw him depart to take over at mid-table rivals Egham. Jake Heracleous gallantly turned down the chance to move with him and the club allowed him to have his first taste of management on an interim basis. It kept the group of players together on the whole, but an immediate 3-1 win over bottom club Arlesey Town (and the subsequent draws at Kempston



EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, EAST ROUND-UP



TONIGHTS FIXTURES

- AFC Rushden & Diam. v Aylesbury
- Beaconsfield Town v AFC Dunstable
- Egham Town v Arlesey Town
- Kempston Rovers v Hartley Wintney
- Moneyfields v Ashford Town
- Northwood v Hanwell Town

The Evo-Stik League South East title race is still open, but the play-off places are now known after Saturday's round of matches. AFC Rushden & Diamonds returned to the top of the table and hold a two-point lead and have two games remaining compared to second-placed Beaconsfield Town's three.

However, Beaconsfield were beaten 1-0 at Holloways Park by fourth-placed Hayes & Yeading United in a dramatic encounter. The home side were reduced to ten-men after just eight minutes when Jordan Ajanlekoko was sent-off for deliberate handball in the area. But Manny Duku's penalty was saved by Hayes' keeper Brendan Hazlett. A minute into the second half, the numbers on the pitch were evened-up when Tommy Smith was dismissed for a push in the area – his second caution – but Tony Mendy's resultant penalty was also missed! Hayes & Yeading went down to nine-men in the 76th minute when Ola Olajubu received a second yellow for a deliberate handball. And on 82 minutes, a third penalty was awarded when Hayes' Toby Little was brought down in the box and this time Duku made no mistake.

Things weren't quite as hectic as Diamonds won 1-0 at Cambridge City who, nevertheless, had confirmed their place in the top six before Joel Gyasi's goal right on the stroke of half-time at St Ives. Hartley Wintney are awaiting any slip ups from the top two and have two games to go and are three points behind the leaders after winning 1-0 at Short Lane against Ashford Town, courtesy of a Paul Hodges goal 14 minutes from time.

AFC Dunstable are the other side in the top six and they won 2-0 at the New Eyrrie against a Bedford Town side whose outside chances of making the top six themselves have now gone. Goals in the final eight minutes from Jermaine Hall and a Drew Roberts penalty sealed the visitors' win.

Chalfont St Peter are seventh after a 2-1 win at the Meadow against Aylesbury United, thanks to Rob Hastings' goal after 18 minutes, Alan Hedley adding a second on 66 minutes, while Jack Wood netted a 79th minute consolation for the Ducks. Elsewhere, Jake Newman and Harry Stratton bagged a brace apiece as Kempston Rovers hammered relegated Arlesey Town 5-0 at Hillgrounds – Jermaine Ivy adding the other.

Egham Town beat Fleet Town 3-0 at the Runnymede Stadium with goals from Brendan Matthew with two and Laurie Diakiese, while Barton Rovers' Charlie Hayford, Andrew Phillips and Omar Naseri outgunned Ty Deacon's late penalty for Aylesbury FC at Sharpshoe Road.

Hanwell Town and Marlow and Uxbridge against Moneyfields both ended goal-less.

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTHERN		League table									
Including 20.4.18		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
AFC Rushden & D.	40	25	10	5	84	24	85				
Beaconsfield	39	26	5	8	89	45	83				
Hartley Wintney	40	26	4	10	93	48	82				
Hayes & Yeading	41	25	5	11	98	49	80				
AFC Dunstable	40	22	10	8	74	32	76				
Cambridge City	39	23	6	10	98	51	75				
Chalfont St Peter	40	19	11	10	53	39	68				
Bedford Town	40	20	6	14	64	48	66				
Kempston Rovers	39	18	10	11	74	66	64				
Moneyfields	39	17	11	11	74	61	62				
Thame United	40	19	4	17	76	74	61				
Ashford Town	39	16	7	16	80	64	55				
Aylesbury	40	15	4	21	45	69	49				
Egham Town	38	13	8	17	52	78	47				
Uxbridge	40	13	7	20	55	85	46				
Marlow	39	12	9	18	51	72	45				
Northwood	40	8	11	21	49	69	35				
Hanwell Town	38	9	7	22	45	75	34				
Fleet Town	41	8	10	23	38	84	34				
Aylesbury	38	9	5	24	37	74	32				
Barton Rovers	39	7	9	23	37	79	30				
Arlesey Town	39	2	5	32	33	113	11				

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Rovers and Ashford Town) proved a bit of a false dawn. A string of defeats followed and with Jake struggling to cope with the needs of management alongside his day job, he also reluctantly left the club.



Gordon Boateng had been brought down to Northwood by Jake to help him out and it has been Gordon that has kept things going over the last few weeks. Despite plenty of plaudits for the style our very young side have played with in many of the recent games, positive results have still proved hard to

come by. It is almost a mirror-image of last season when we won just one game between January and the end of the season and that was also a home game against the side who finished bottom of the table. Hopefully we can change this in our final two matches, starting tonight.

We are all deeply grateful for the work that Gordon has put in to get us through to the end of the season without us having to appoint a new manager. He has been a real gentleman and has done everything we have asked of him (apart from getting the odd victory here and there!) but he doesn't want the role permanently as he lives on the other side of London so we have now advertised and we will start once again in the summer with another new manager at the helm. Hopefully this time it will be someone who we can rely on to take us forward for longer than a few months and we can look forward to a much better season overall. Some of the players this season will have really benefitted from the experience that they have gained at a senior level this season, and we definitely have plenty of talent in the current squad. Several of them will certainly be welcomed back for pre-season should they wish to stay at the club. Have a good summer, lads.

Middlesex Under-18s Cup Final

On Thursday night, 26th April, our Under-17s Sunday side, which includes many of the players who currently compete for our midweek Under-18 side, are representing the club in the Middlesex Under-18s Cup Final. It's a remarkable achievement for them to have reached the final playing a year above themselves as they are, and they are up against Isleworth-based Academy side Conquest FC in

the final which takes place at North Greenford United FC, Berkeley Avenue, Greenford, UB6 0NX at 7.30p.m. Thursday evening. It would be



great to see plenty of Northwood support at the game so please make every effort to get down there and give them plenty of encouragement in what will be a tough match.

To get to the Final the Woods started with walkovers against Kinja Youth and Football Samurai but have since beaten Enfield Town U-17s 12-0, Edmonton Rangers U-18s 9-0 and Headstone Manor U-17s 5-3. Our opponents started with a bye and then a walkover against Teddington Athletic U-17s. They won 5-3 at Bessingby Park Rangers U-17s but then also had a walkover in the quarter-finals against Spartans Youth U-18s! Their semi-final was a 7-4 win at Ruislip Rangers U-18s so in the five matches that the two clubs have played in reaching the final they have scored 38 goals between them. It suggests plenty of entertainment ahead on Thursday night. See you all there.....

Other hidden tables

We may all get to see where we currently sit in the East Division table but there are always other tables available which give a different perspective of how we at Northwood FC are doing!

The current attendance table, published by the Evo-Stik League, shows the league based on average attendances and after our bumper crowd against AFC Rushden & Diamonds, the Woods are now in eighth place in that one with an average of 118 at present. Our top league attendance is that one at 307 while the lowest crowd is now just 71. Saturday's disappointing crowd for our community day failed to see us rise any further, in fact we dropped below Ashford Town (Middlesex). League leaders AFC Rushden & Diamonds lead the way with attendances too, currently averaging 473; →

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cautions & dismissals throughout the season and the Woods are currently 4th best in that table with 176 points following the rare sending-off that we suffered against Beaconsfield Town. Today's visitors Hanwell Town are currently ninth with 222 points while Cambridge City lead the way, some twenty-eight points clear of Aylesbury United and favourites to win the prize for finishing top.

Finally, we can also view the "Respect Awards" table, sponsored by the Football Factory. Points can be picked up in each game for behaviour of Club officials & team benches, Dressing Rooms and Hospitality shown to Officials while at the club while deductions are made for dissent cautions or dismissals due to Foul & Abusive language. There are new leaders in this one – Fleet Town – but they have played more games than closest rivals for the lead Aylesbury United and it is the Ducks that are favourites to win. We have risen slightly to thirteenth place while Hanwell Town are down in twentieth place in this one.

Programme goes digital

We are now at the end of the first-ever season where we have produced our programme as a digital version only and not a printed version. We have made it available to read on your phone, tablet or on a PC screen after the League

changed their rules this season to state that the need to produce a programme for each match no longer had to be a printed version and for lots of reasons, we made the decision to end it.

It was a change that was strange for both Ken Green and myself as

between us we have produced virtually every printed Northwood programme since Ken first started them in the 1970s.

We hope that the quality of the programme has remained much the same though and to

download it is now free so savings all round. It also makes it more available to everyone.

We have had a massive increase in downloads of people reading the programme. You can either download it in a format that is easy to read but there is also a version where you can print it out yourself at home should that be your preference and therefore still have it to read in the normal way. We hope you have embraced the change and enjoyed it.

However, we are aware that some people would prefer it to remain a printed edition and indeed, we even received an offer from one of our loyal and regular supporters to cover the losses that the club makes when producing a printed version. If you have any views as to what we should do as a club for next season then please do let us know by emailing to the club email address enquiries@northwoodfc.com.

Under-18s – back to form

Having lost a 1-0 lead to go down 1-4 at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough last Thursday night the Under-18s play a quick return against the Beavers (being played at Hanworth Villa FC) this Wednesday night, 25th April 2018. With the Under-18s Cup Final being played the following night it will certainly stretch the squad! T

he side then have a final home game against Wealdstone on Thursday 2nd May 2018 – Kick-Off at 7.45p.m. The Stones still have seven games to play at the time of writing (inside a week!) though it's looking like Camberley Town (who have six to play) will beat them to the title. It's not quite clear how this is going to happen!

Groundshare – London Tigers FC – extended for another year

Our two clubs have recently agreed a further year's groundshare arrangement for the season 2018/19 as their Avenue Park ground will still not be ready for a return to football. The Tigers have been battling against possible relegation in recent weeks and their 4-2 win



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Nunn's long-throw into the box. Things then got even worse for Northwood just a minute later when they conceded a second goal, Reed fending off Danny Murphy's challenge before squaring to Lee Smith who swept the ball home.

Northwood needed an early second-half goal of they were going to get back in the match but it was the hosts who added to the scoring, putting the game beyond the Woods with a third goal on 53 minutes, Ryan Foster chipping the ball over Swain and into the far corner. It could have been more as Reed miscued a free header before firing a shot straight at Swain as the home side threatened to run riot. But to their credit, the Woods refused to throw in the towel and Sonner was denied by Greygoose from close-range and the in-form striker also went close with a stooping header which went just wide of the upright.



It had been only Northwood's second defeat in eleven games and they had a full week to prepare for their final match of the season which was a home game against mid-table side Great Woking Rovers. The Woods were looking for a sixth successive home win to finish the campaign and Manager Colin Payne named an unchanged starting line-up. On the bench there was a welcome return for striker Adrian Abramian who had missed a couple of months with suspension (from Sunday football) and injury.

The Woods threatened from the start with Sean Sonner making a strong run into the box but there was no-one to apply the finishing touch to his low cross. But they continued to take the game to their Essex visitors and were rewarded with a decisive strike after just eight minutes. John Christian combined well with Sonner who

played a clever ball inside to Matt Baxter whose shot sailed over Woking goalkeeper Louis Green for the striker's sixth goal in twelve games since his arrival on loan from Ashford Town (Middlesex).

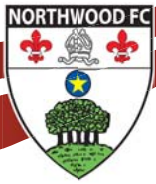
Rovers went close to an immediate reply and Northwood 'keeper Mitch Swain had to be on his mettle as he dealt with a fierce half-volley from lively striker Martin Tuohy who would go on to have a prolific career in non-League around the Essex area.



But it was Northwood who were enjoying the majority of the play and they went close to adding to their lead. Michael Gordon was the architect with a run and cross which picked out Abdul Yoki at the far post but he dragged his shot across the face of goal and wide. There were claims for a penalty just before the break as Ryan Tackley latched onto a Danny Murphy corner but the Referee waved away the home protests.

Great Woking came storming back in the second-half and the Woods were indebted to their 'keeper Swain who dived full-length to deny James Foy a headed goal while also gathering Tuohy's hooked shot following a cross from Foy. Sonner was also denied at the other end but the Woods held out to notch a final day 1-0 victory and finish the season in a creditable tenth place after such a poor start to the season. Dartford had won the title by a clear nine points and it would be fifth-placed Canvey Island who were promoted from the play-offs, winning a penalty shoot-out in the final against Redbridge.

So that wraps up the 2007/08 season. We will be back again with Ten Years After next season, for a promotion attempt by the Woods.



Alan Evans looks back at Northwood events of a decade ago

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Tonight we continue with our popular feature where we look back to events here at Northwood Park from exactly a decade ago. This has meant a review of our first season back at Step 4 of non-League following the first-ever relegation in the senior club's history as we succumbed to the drop in our second season of Southern Premier Division football having been transferred across following two years of Isthmian Premier competition.

After a slow start to the season, there had been an upsurge in fortunes as we passed halfway. Firstly a series of solid home wins was followed by a brilliant FA Trophy replay win over Isthmian Premier side AFC Hornchurch and then the first away league win of the season, a 3-1 success at league leaders AFC Sudbury with 18-year-old Elliott Buchanan netting his first Northwood hat-trick, taking his tally to six goals in three



games and into double figures for the season; the boy was getting noticed and he then signed for Conference side Stevenage Borough in January! Defeat in the Trophy was 2-1 in front of a big crowd at AFC Wimbledon.

As we left things, a first-ever League win over Redbridge (previously Ford United) was a fifth victory from seven games and with just three losses in the last twenty-four league matches, it was form that Manager Colin Payne was hoping would be carried on, not only for the final weeks of the season but also for the following campaign – play-off challenging form without a doubt.

It left only two matches to play to finish the season, no more midweek games so quite a relaxing end to the season, much as it is now a decade later.

The first of those two games was on Saturday 19th April 2008 when we travelled for their longest journey of the season - up to Suffolk - to play Bury Town who were just outside the play-off places and still in with a chance of qualifying for the end of season knockout session.

There was a big crowd of 351 that turned up for the game, easily the second biggest attendance of the league season; behind only the 1,118 at Dartford and the Woods made just the one change with Ryan Tackley back from injury to replace youngster Gary Edwards at the back.

The game at Northwood Park earlier in the year had seen the Woods win 4-3 so a similar ninety minutes of entertainment was hoped for and both sides started brightly. Mitch Swain saved twice early on from Bury's top striker Sam Reed while home keeper Dean Greygoose had to claw away Abdul Yoki's near-post shot.

Northwood were unfortunate not to take the lead as Matt Baxter's half-volley rattled the post with Yoki's follow-up shot being gratefully gathered by Greygoose. The positive start continued and Sean Sonner found himself in



a good position but was off target from just inside the area.

The dangerous Reed threatened the Woods goal once more by the dragged his shot wide of the far post. But he was not to be denied as he gave Bury the lead on 21 minutes, heading home after the Woods had failed to clear Sam

over Cockfosters a week or so ago would have eased their worries a little. However, they went down 1-4 at home to Hadley last Tuesday night and the battle looks like going to the wire at the moment.

They do lead bottom club Stotfold by six points though (they have just one game in hand) so the Tigers will remain positive. They have three more home games to play here at Northwood Park starting with a game against London Colney on Thursday night, 26th April.

This is followed next Saturday with a visit from Leverstock Green and then on Tuesday, 1st May they take on Crawley Green at 7.45p.m. Our thanks go to those connected with London Tigers FC who have made the groundshare relatively easy during this first season and we look forward to a similarly beneficial arrangement next season.

County Cup finals

Please note that we have been asked to stage the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Final on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, 7th May 2018 at 3pm so make a note of that one in your diary. The competition has now reached the semi-final stage but Spelthorne Sports made it to the Final last Thursday night with a 4-1 victory over AFC Hayes. The semi-final between Hanworth Villa and Hampton & Richmond Borough is being played this coming Thursday night.



Next season – back to the Isthmian?

According to most predictions, the Woods will find themselves back in the fold of the Isthmian League next season playing in a Division which will be known as the Isthmian Division One West. Only once we know who is coming up and down from other divisions will it become clear for sure, and some predictions have clubs from Chesham (Aylesbury United) and upwards heading northwards for the new Southern League Division One Central which will bring in clubs moving up into the midlands area such as Bromsgrove and Sutton Coldfield.

We could pick up clubs going east such as Haringey Borough but also southerly sides like Chipstead, Corinthian-Casuals or possibly even a relegated Tooting & Mitcham (or maybe Guernsey as suggested by one person). We shall just have to wait and see! The new

structure is likely to be announced in mid-May so keep checking the news on the website.

That's all folks.....

So that brings me to the end of my final Club Matters column for another year so it leaves me to thank all supporters who have played a part in the past season here at Northwood FC, you are all very much appreciated.

As always, this club can only be as strong as the people who work together to help with progress and standing still is never enough in the non-League football world. We still have nowhere near enough people involved at the club to make it the success that most of us would like it to be and with very few volunteers coming forward wanting to play a part in our future, I struggle to see where we can go.

I was delighted that Robin Piper returned to the club this season to help out with Match Reports at home and away and just having an extra body around the club on a match-day makes such a difference. Just think what it could be like if we have half a dozen such-like people playing a part.

The few of us involved in running this huge club will continue to do what we can in the time that allows to ensure the club continues to thrive but it really would be good to have some more willing people to play a part, either big or small, so please think of that during the summer. As always, there will be plenty of remedial work and hard slog to do around the ground during the closed season so if you want to help out then please give me a call on 07960 744349 or email me at alan.evansnfc@btopenworld.com

Whatever you do during the summer, I hope it's a good one for all of you and I hope we will see you all once again next season at least. Please look out on the website, Twitter and Facebook for all our news, especially the announcement on Season Tickets sometime next month.

Alan



NORTHWOOD 1



THAME UNITED 3

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

NORTHWOOD PARK

Northwood conceded three goals in six second half minutes as Thame came from behind to take the points at a sultry Chestnut Avenue, *writes Robin Piper*. Woods' performance matched the weather as a bright start led to a disappointing ending as Thame exposed the lack of experience in this young Northwood team.

Woods were immediately on the front foot, with Tom Gilbey sending a shot into the side-netting of the visitors' goal. But Northwood soon had some defending to do as they conceded a series of free-kicks in dangerous positions, Dan West clearing the crossbar with one effort before Jamie Essex headed home from a Lynton Goss delivery but was denied by an offside flag.

Thame kept the pressure on the Northwood rearguard and keeper Borja Loeches-Teixeira pulled off a couple of fine saves to deny both Dan West and Goss as the deadly attacking duo looked to add to their 50-plus combined goal tally for the season.

Having weathered the storm, Woods began to ask questions of their own, with Jamie Fulton creating an opening for Jermaine Osei, whose shot was deflected for a corner. And Northwood registered the first goal of the afternoon after Dickson was upended in the box, with Osei stepping up to convert the penalty kick on 21 minutes.

Thame looked for an immediate response and Loeches-Teixeira was called upon again to deal with a half-volley attempt from Ben Sturgess before the Woods keeper pulled off another smart save to keep out a deflected shot from Goss.

The visitors were looking increasingly dangerous, with Liam Tack sending a low ball into the six-yard box with West's scuffed shot deflecting wide before Essex was off target with a header.

But Northwood had opportunities to increase their lead before the break. Dickson and Osei combined to create an opening for Evans Kouassi but he was unable to keep his shot down when well-placed, before the latter had another shot which was comfortably gathered by 'keeper Craig Hill.

Woods were soon on the offensive after the break, with Dickson sending a free-kick over the Thame crossbar before the same player had a close range shot blocked after good work from Kouassi.

Fulton made way for Nche on the hour-mark as Woods looked to add some fresh legs to the midfield but the hosts had some defending to do as Loeches-Teixeira kept out a long range effort from West before the Northwood stopper produced a double save to deny West and Tack following a goalmouth scramble.

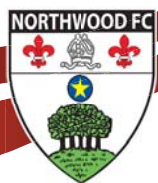
Northwood made another change as Nebay Haile replaced Kouassi in attack, but after Isaac Olorunfemi shot wide following a swift counter-attack the action switched to the other end in dramatic fashion. Goss broke clear of the Northwood defence to finish with aplomb to draw Thame level on 72 minutes while three minutes later Tom Ashworth converted after a game of ping-pong in the Northwood box to put Thame ahead.

And things got worse for shell-shocked Northwood as James McGowan headed home unchallenged from a Goss corner to notch a third goal on 77 minutes.

Thame made a double substitution as they looked to protect the three points. But sadly Woods never looked like retrieving anything from a poor second half performance, with substitute Sam Oyeniran, a replacement for Osei, heading over a Chingoka corner, the nearest they came to affecting the scoreline.

Woods Roll Call 2017-18

including 23.4.18	League apps	League sub	Cups apps	Cups sub	Total apps	League goals	Cup goals	Total goals	Northwood career apps	goals	Y	R
Arash Abdullahi	2	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Pat Adamson	8	1	2	0	11	1	0	1	11	1	0	0
Sam Afolabi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romelle Alomenu	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Jean-Paul Antwi	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mohammed Ayoub	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Femi Azeez	4	6	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	1	0
Charley Barker	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Tommy Boxer	4	0	1	1	6	1	0	1	6	1	0	0
Michael Buckley	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
Hamilton Bunga	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Andrew Camilo Tajeco	5	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Wilson Chingoka	28	8	2	2	40	7	0	7	40	7	7	0
Ned Clarke	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Xavi Comas	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Brandon Daly	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tayo Davies-Coker	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Keir Dickson	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	2	0
Jamie Doolan	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Jamie Fulton	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Tom Gilbey	18	0	0	0	18	1	0	1	18	1	0	0
James Gurteen	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kojo Gyimah	0	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Nebay Haile	3	12	0	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Louis Hall	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Matt Hall	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Ashley Harris	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Tyler Hatherly	5	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
Tayshan Hayden-Smith	21	1	4	0	26	2	0	2	26	2	0	0
Brendan Hazlett	12	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Brad Hewitt	18	0	3	0	21	0	0	0	21	22	1	0
Lewis Hobbs	32	0	3	0	35	0	0	0	35	0	2	0
Montel Joseph	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
Pat Kelly	8	1	2	1	12	0	0	0	12	0	1	0
Evans Kouassi	29	1	4	0	34	7	1	8	34	8	1	0
Borja Loeches-Teixeira	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
George Lutaaya	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mahlondo Martin	13	7	2	0	22	8	0	8	22	8	1	0
Andrew McCorkell	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Jack McDonnell	4	3	1	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	1	0
Tom McDonnell	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
Mark McLeod	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Paulo Montella	0	13	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
Declan Nche	4	6	1	1	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
Harry Newman	27	1	1	0	29	4	0	4	29	4	0	0
Matt Nolan	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hakim Nyariki	2	6	1	1	10	0	0	0	10	0	1	0
Lewis Ochoa	15	0	2	0	17	1	0	1	17	1	3	0
Issac Olorunfemi	21	5	1	0	27	1	0	1	27	1	2	0
Jermaine Osei	23	0	1	0	24	11	2	13	24	13	1	0
Michael Osei	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sam Oyeniran	3	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Temiloluwa Oladejo	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Leonardo Pedro	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
George Robinson	6	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	1	0
Marcus Rose	5	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	3	1
Joe Russell	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	2	0
David Taylor	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Jay Thorne	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sam Tring	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
Harry Voss	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Antonio Walker	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Matt Walsh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Meshach Williams	20	2	1	1	24	5	0	5	24	5	1	0
Dernell Wynter	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0



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WELCOME TO HANWELL TOWN

Hanwell Town was originally founded in 1920 by a team of Geordies working in the area and it is believed that this explains the black and white striped colours which are still used today. The club were in the London League from 1924 to 1927 and it was in this period that they won their first major honour, sharing the Middlesex Junior Charity Cup in 1926. Little else is known about the club before their disbandment at the outset of the second world war.

The club reformed in 1947/48 playing in the Dauntless League where they climbed up through the divisions earning promotion in four successive seasons, before switching allegiance to the Harrow Wembley and District League, where they remained until 1969/1970. During their period in the Harrow and Wembley League the club reached eight cup finals in various league and county competitions and each time finished on the losing side.

In 1970/1971 the club gained promotion to the Middlesex League and in their very first season the club won the League Cup, the side being captained by the club's current chairman Bob Fisher. The club remained in the Middlesex League throughout the 1970s playing at Ealing Central Sports Ground, their home for over twenty years but in June 1981 they achieved their ambition of obtaining a ground of their

own when they moved to the then derelict Reynolds Field, their current home. They then joined the London Spartan League and they immediately won the Senior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division where they remained until the amalgamation of the Spartan League with the South Midlands League in 1997-98. The club won the London Senior Cup in 1992 and 1993, and twice reached the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup.

Town gained promotion to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League at the end of the new league's first season in 1999, and in 2002-03 the club won the Premier Division Cup when they beat Harefield United in the final, their first cup success in ten years. Third place in 2006 enabled Town to win promotion to the Southern League, but they only lasted one season as they finished second from bottom and were relegated. In 2012-13, Town finished sixth, then a year later won the Spartan South Midlands League by a margin of fourteen points over Amptill Town, and also reached the fifth round of the FA Vase for the first time in their history.

Promoted back to the Southern League Central Division, 2014-15 proved to be another very successful season for the club as they finished in seventh place, just outside of the play-offs.

TALKING POINT

From *THE NON LEAGUE PAPER'S*

DAVID RICHARDSON

Have you ever stopped to wonder what would happen to non-League clubs across the country if they didn't have any volunteers? If the turnstiles had no operator? If the car park had no stewards? If the programmes had no sellers?

As you're reading this, look around you. It's highly likely that you'll be staring at the same faces standing on the terraces and sitting in the stands that you see most weeks. It's the same for the loyal volunteers that keep Non-League clubs going, but what will happen when they're unable to continue their roles?

I refer back to an excellent column by the long-serving Northern Premier League chairman Mark Harris in a recent edition of The Non-League Paper. He said: "The biggest challenge for Non-League football is bringing in more volunteers.

"If I lined up all 68 of my chairman in the NPL and gave them a choice of either £10k in cash or 20 new volunteers, very few would actually take the cash because it's the volunteers that get you the money. It's the volunteers that make the community programme work."

Harris goes on to say that he believes a co-ordinated volunteering initiative is required to bring fresh blood into the lower levels – and he's spot on.

Non-League clubs couldn't survive without their volunteers, who have pledged an incredible amount of hours into the running of their clubs. But volunteers won't last forever and a new generation must now be coming through.

Non-League is all about people and that is a recurring word.

The National League system must find a way to engage communities within their local football clubs. By doing so, more people are likely to want to get involved. The next step is having a clear volunteering pathway in place so that people know how and who to approach at their club.

The correct training should be in place so that a volunteer is familiar with the possible roles they could be fulfilling at a football club.

There will be people now who would like to volunteer at their local team but are unsure how to go about doing so. It can often be difficult to approach a club on a matchday, not because staff aren't willing to help but rather that they are busy. A structure can help eradicate these problems.

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They also reached the final of the Middlesex Senior Cup for the first time in their history, a penalty in the final minutes resulting in a 1-0 defeat to Harrow Borough. Manager Ray Duffy then tendered his resignation, and the club started the following campaign under the managerial reins of Phil Granville. However, things did not work out as expected and he was relieved of his duties around Christmas and Duffy, fresh from his break, returned to take up the reins.

It proved to be a stressful run-in to the end of the season and only two single-goal victories against Uxbridge and Ware in the space of fort-eight hours saved the club from being relegated. With the management team having had the time to rebuild the squad over the close season, last term proved to be one in which the club held a relatively comfortable mid-table position throughout.

The Players

SAM BUNTING – GOALKEEPER

A recent signing, having previously played for Beaconsfield Sycob.

MASON WELCH-TURNER - FULL BACK

Recently joined the club. An attacking full back with an excellent left foot. Joined the club from Bedfont Sports having previously played at Egham Town and Hendon.

KYLE WATSON – DEFENDER

Kyle was a key player in 2013-14 and 2014-15, though with the club's change of management he then opted to join Wingate & Finchley before returning last season. A totally committed player who is ever dangerous with his searching runs forward from his full back position. He has now made over 150 appearances for the club, though currently out of action with a long term knee injury.

NICK TURNER – CENTRAL DEFENDER

Nick has recently joined the club after a period out of the game. A commanding central defender, who has previously played for North Greenford United, Potters Bar and Northwood.

OLIVER DUFFY – CENTRAL DEFENDER

One of the four sons of the manager who

despite his young age has already notched up over 150 games for the club, and is able to form a formidable central defensive partnership with either of his brothers, Tom or Calum. He had a brief spell with Wealdstone during the 2015-16 season, but a severe back problem meant almost a year out of the game but since his return he had proved that he has lost none of his skill or commitment.



CALUM DUFFY – DEFENDER

The youngest of the four Duffy brothers; his loyalty to the club was proven when he remained with the club following his father's departure at the end of 2014-15 season. As each season has passed so his improvement continues and whilst essentially a defender, his versatility enables him to play almost anywhere on the pitch. Another who has played over 150 first team games for the club.

MERGIM QARRI – MIDFIELDER

Joined earlier in the season from HAYES & Yeading having had previous spells at Hayes & Yeading United, Brentford, Stevenage, Watford, Wealdstone.

PETER DEAN – FORWARD

Peter joined during the close season after a very successful career to date in non league football. His career started at Watford in 2003-04 and he names Northwood, Hendon and Wealdstone among his previous clubs. He was particularly successful at Wealdstone between 2010/11 and 2013/14.

ALFIE CAIN – MIDFIELDER

A recent acquisition, having joined on a joint registration from Harrow Borough.

CHARLIE MITCHELL – FORWARD

A close season signing, coming from North Greenford United. A quick and





clever wide player who has impressed in the club's pre season friendly games. He has also played in Gibraltar.



HARVEY KILLEEN

Harvey has moved up to the first team squad from the club's Under 18 team. A very clever player who is a lot stronger than his slender frame suggests.

TOM HUNT - FORWARD

Young striker who joined Hanwell from Harefield United at the start of 2015-2016, having previously been a member of Brentford's Academy squad.

TOM DUFFY - CENTRAL DEFENDER

The eldest of the four Duffy brothers, and a former Brentford Academy squad member. A resolute central defender who leads the side by example, with over 150 appearances for the club.

JOE CHANDIRAM - FULL BACK

Despite still being on the right side of 30, Joe is the oldest and most experienced player in the squad having previously played and captained Egham Town and has also played for Slough Town, Windsor, Burnham, Godalming Town, Corinthian Casuals, Hampton & Richmond and Guildford.

WAYNE CARTER - MIDFIELDER

A recent addition to the playing squad having joined from Egham Town where he was the Assistant Manager to Chris Moore. A vastly experienced player with enormous ability on the ball. He has played for a number of clubs in his career including Wealdstone, Northwood, Hendon and Uxbridge.

CHRIS MOORE - FORWARD

Started the season as the Egham Town manager, leaving the role in January 2018 and he decided to restart his playing career at Hanwell. He made

16 appearances for Brentford as a full time professional and also played for Dagenham & Redbridge, Northwood and Uxbridge for whom in three different spells he made over 200 appearances.

CHRIS MILLS - MIDFIELDER

Chris first joined the club on a Work Experience contract from Queens Park Rangers in December 2003, and has had various spells at the club since, racking up over 300 appearances with over 70 goals. Amongst his other clubs have been Harefield United and North Greenford United. A very astute player he is now using his experience and know-how whilst still playing to assist manager Ray Duffy in a coaching role.

RICKY PITHER - FORWARD

Ricky joined Town back in December 2003, moving from Wealdstone; has also played for Harefield United and North Greenford United. During the 2016/17 season he had a spell as manager at North Greenford and like Mills is now assisting Ray Duffy in a coaching role.



RAY DUFFY - MANAGER

Ray's senior football career began at the age of 17 at Harrow Borough and he subsequently played for Slough Town and Hendon, before completing his playing career at the Town, during which period he captained the side to a London Senior Cup win. After a period scouting for Chelsea he became Town manager for the first time in 1998-99 and continued in that role until midway through the 2005-06 season when he resigned to concentrate on watching his four sons' football careers develop. He returned as Manager in 2012-13 but resigned at the end of the 2014-15 season having overseen the club's elevation to Level 4. He commenced his third stint as the club's manager midway through 2015-16.

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MATCH REVIEW





FLEET TOWN 1



NORTHWOOD 0

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

CALTHORPE PARK

Northwood were unable to build on the creditable draw against the league leaders the previous week as they succumbed to a controversial solitary goal defeat in the spring sunshine at Fleet, writes *Robin Piper*. Woods were forced to make a number of changes due to injury and unavailability. Borja Loeches-Teixeira made a return between the sticks as Xavi Comas continues his recovery from the knock he received against Rushden while Sam Tring had failed to recover from the ankle injury he suffered in the same game. Lewis Hobbs moved back to central defence to partner Tom Gilbey with 17-year old Jamie Fulton, a product of the Woods youth set-up, making his senior debut in midfield while there was a change at left-back with Temiloluwa Oledajo replacing Kier Dickson for his first Woods start.

The young Northwood side, with seven teenagers in the starting line-up, started brightly with Declan Nche combining with Femi Azeez who found Jermaine Osei but his close-range shot was blocked. The hosts also threatened with an early chance as Bradley Wilson dragged his shot wide after he broke clear as he latched onto a long goal-kick from Liam Beach.

Woods positive start continued as Isaac Olorunfemi found himself in an advanced position and he tried his luck from the edge of the box but his effort flew wide of the target. But the Northwood right-back immediately had some defending to do and after winning the ball on the by-line he appeared to be clipped by Matt Bunyan but to the amazement of most in the ground, the referee awarded a penalty to Fleet which Wilson duly despatched to give the hosts a ninth minute lead.

Northwood were ruffled by the penalty controversy and Fleet went close to adding a second as Wilson's shot deflected wide for a corner before a testing cross from Ross Ewen was scrambled away to safety by Loaches-Teixeira.

However, Woods slowly regained their composure and proceeded to put a number of useful moves together. Wilson Chingoka saw a shot on the turn fly the wrong side of the upright after good work from Evans Kouassi and Azeez before another strong run from Kouassi saw him pick out Chingoka but the chance went begging.

Northwood continued to ask questions of the fleet defence as Beach was forced to produce two full-length saves to deny both Osei and Kouassi as the visitors enjoyed a strong finish to the first half.

Woods struggled to maintain the momentum after the restart and Sam Oyeniran replaced Osei in attack on 52 minutes. Northwood were seeing plenty of the ball but as so often this season, were making little impression in the final third. The hosts made a couple of substitutions as they looked to freshen things up but it was Northwood who finally began to threaten again as Azeez went close with a shot from outside the box while Oyeniran's first time strike was turned round the post by Beach. And Oyeniran went close again with a shot on the turn that flew wide of the target.

Fleet had barely threatened the Northwood goal with the impressive central defensive duo of Gilbey and Hobbs comfortably averting any danger. However, Fleet finally managed to breach the backline but Loeches-Teixeira was hand to gather substitute Graeme Purdy's header.

Northwood had so far failed to find the equaliser which their share of the play warranted. And they had one last chance deep into stoppage time, Chingoka's free-kick being cleared out to Fulton, whose ball back in skimmed the head of Azeez and flew agonisingly wide to condemn Woods to another undeserved defeat.

MEMORABLE MEETING

Tuesday 7th January 1997

**WOODS SEE OFF PLUCKY HANWELL
NORTHWOOD 5 HANWELL TOWN 3**

Prolific striker Paul Halbert grabbed a last-gasp equaliser on his way to a hat-trick as Icis League Division Three Woods sneaked past Spartan League Hanwell Town in the Middlesex Senior Cup. The visitors went 1-0 up in the 22nd minute when a long ball by Hanwell's Jason Delicata was turned past Northwood keeper Lee Carroll by Sean Glynn for an own goal.

Hanwell keeper Paul Riordan made a couple of fine stops to deny Eamon O'Connor before Woods drew level on 42 minutes. A well worked move involving O'Connor and Lawrence Holmes ended with Halbert firing into the top corner.

But Woods still went into the break behind as Keith Rowlands set up Darren Applin to run through and slot past Carroll.

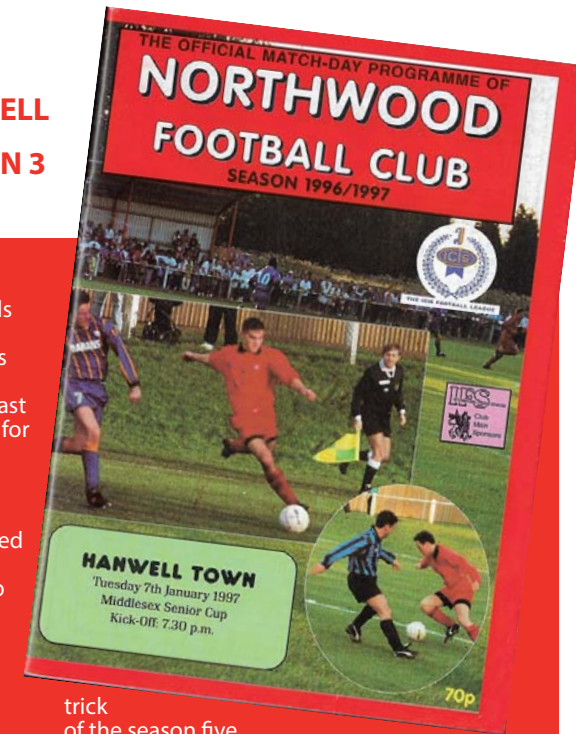
Hanwell contained the home side well in the second half, but were undone in the final minute. After Halbert went close, the home side levelled from the resulting corner. Hanwell failed to clear, and Halbert's header could only be helped in by a defender.

Two minutes into extra-time, Woods went in front for the first time as a great cross to the far post was fired in by substitute Elroy Richardson.

But Hanwell were not finished as Delicata forcefully headed past Carroll to tie up the scores again six minutes later. Then Delicata turned from hero to villain as his clearance struck one of his team-mates past Riordan to put Steve Emmanuel's boys back in front.

In the second period of extra-time, Dave Walters hit the post and Halbert forced Riordan into more heroics.

But Halbert was not to be denied his third hat-



trick of the season five minutes from time. A poor back pass by Robbie Johnson was seized upon by the hungry striker, who beat the keeper and fired home. The hat-trick took Halbert's goal tally to 23 for the season.

Woods would play at home to Nationwide Conference neighbours Hayes in the quarter-final the following month.

Northwood: Lee Carroll, Paul Webb (Elroy Richardson 69m), Kevin Dobson, Dave Walters, Sean Glynn, Eamonn O'Connor (Terry Benning 89m), Colin Robinson, Chris Gell, Paul Halbert, Lawrence Holmes, Jerome Boadu.

Hanwell Town: Paul Riordan, Graham Byrne, Mark Thompson, Jason Delicata, Peter McGlasson (Micky Rae 48m), Francis Siziba, Ray Duffy, Darren Applin, Ciaran Ryder (Nigel Farquharson 70m), Robbie Johnson, Keith Rowlands.



NORTHWOOD 2

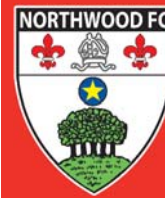


CAMBRIDGE CITY 3

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

NORTHWOOD PARK



Northwood F.C. Six-a-side tournaments 2018

Saturday 12th May - Under 10's, 11's, 12's

Sunday 13th May - Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 13's

The search for a first win under acting manager Gordon Boateng goes on for Northwood as they were beaten by play-off bound Cambridge City in an entertaining encounter at Chestnut Avenue, *writes Robin Piper.*

Woods welcomed back Meshach Williams, who resumed his right-sided attacking role with Femi Azeez reverting to the subs bench, while Keir Dickson returned at left-back in place of Temiloluwa Oladejo.

Northwood suffered the worst possible start as 'keeper Borja Loeches-Teixeira was surprisingly beaten by a long range strike from Salom Relizanz to give the visitors the lead on five minutes.

Ryan Sharman and Ben Seymour-Shove both went close to extending the visitors' lead before Jermaine Osei rattled the Cambridge crossbar with a fierce shot after latching onto a Williams through-ball.

Cambridge continued to look dangerous and they extended their lead on 33 minutes as Ebby Nelson-Addy converted the rebound after Loaches-Teixeira had spilled Sharman's initial effort.

Woods needed to find something before the break and after Osei had an earlier penalty appeal waved away, Wilson Chingoka reduced the arrears with the last kick of the first half with an emphatic strike from the edge of the box.

However, Northwood's task was made more difficult as they conceded a third goal three minutes into the second period, James Hall sending a shot from out wide arrowing into the far top corner of the net to restore his side's two goal advantage.

Azeez was introduced for Williams on 54 minutes and Woods were showing signs that they might yet get something out the game. Evans Kouassi dragged a shot wide of the far post after being played in by Osei before the latter saw his snap-shot tipped over by City 'keeper Josh Bexon. And Northwood were rewarded for their endeavours as they pulled a goal back on 79 minutes as Kouassi finished off a swift counter-attack with a fine finish.

Youngster Jamie Fulton, who produced a steady performance on only his second senior outing, was replaced by Sam Afolabi on 85 minutes but Woods were growing increasingly frustrated as the clock ticked down with Cambridge looking to see the game out, Dickson's name going into the referee's book.

Proceedings slowly petered out with no further chances at either end, the win securing the visitors' place in the end of season play-offs while Woods look forward to the visit of Thame United this afternoon and another opportunity to gain that elusive win.



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2018 Woods Squad

MARK MCLEOD

Experienced midfielder who joined the Woods in January 2018 on dual-registration from Harrow Borough. The 31-year-old was born in Sunderland and played in the Football League for Darlington as well as loan spells with Harrogate Town, Durham City and Workington. He played for Newcastle Blue Star and Sunderland RCA before moving south and playing for Walton & Hersham and Chipstead before joining Harrow last summer.

PAOLO MONTELLA

Young midfielder player who joined the Woods in December 2017 from London Colney having previously played at Ware. The 19-year-old will be hoping to gain more experience in the second half of the season.

DECLAN NCHE

18-year-old bustling midfielder who joined the Woods in October 2017 from Brentwood Town, where he had been a regular in their Development side.

HARRY NEWMAN

A left-sided midfield player, 28-year-old Harry was a regular for Harrow Borough in the Isthmian Premier for the past two seasons having joined them in 2015 following spells with Harefield United, Hanwell Town and Australian side Clifton Hill.

HAKIM NYARIKI

18-year-old Hakim is a former member of the successful Wingate & Finchley Under-18 side who joined the Woods last summer after a spell with Barnet.

ISAAC OLORUNFEMI

19-year-old defender who joined the Woods in October 2017 having previously played for Maidenhead United youth as well as having short loan spells with Aylesbury and Chalfont St Peter.

JERMAINE OSEI

Young striker who joined the Woods in October 2017 on dual-registration with Wealdstone and was an instant hit with two goals on his debut. The 22-year-old previously played at Enfield Town and Bishop's Stortford as well as briefly at Hampton & Richmond Borough and Margate. He is the Woods' top scorer.

SAM OYENIRAN

Signed from Barton Rovers in March 2018, am is 19 years old and came up through the junior ranks with Ebbsfleet United before playing at Tilbury Under 23s, Herne Bay, Billericay Under 23s, and Norwich United.

JOE RUSSELL

Youngster recently recruited to the Northwood squad having had previous experience at Ware. The 19-year-old had also represented Hertfordshire at Under 18 level.

SAM TRING

Young 20-year-old central defender who joined the Woods on a month's loan from Kings Langley in February 2018 having made around 20 Premier Division appearances for the Kings. Following some solid performances, that loan was then extended until the end of the season. He joined them last summer from Luton Town Cedars.

MESHACH WILLIAMS

Pacy, 26-year-old forward who has been amongst the goals in pre-season having joined the Woods in the summer from Cockfosters. He has also played for Hatfield, Hoddesdon, Hanwell and Broxbourne as well as a spell with Wingate & Finchley in the Isthmian Premier.

KYRAN WORRELL

Under 18 player Kyran has been added to the squad for the final month of the season and will be hoping to get some involvement.

GORDON BOATENG - ACTING MANAGER

Gordon, who took charge of the squad following the departure of Jake Heraclous, has previously been in charge at Bishop's Stortford, amongst others.

ON THIS DAY 2010



Draw specialists Northwood rounded off the season with another 1-1 score-line in a low key encounter at Leyton, already relegated from Ryman League Division One North. But it was Leyton who broke the deadlock as the Michael Peacock deflected former Northwood player James Hamsher's shot over Swain and into the far corner for an unfortunate own goal on 52 minutes. Woods' equaliser arrived on 68 minutes when Ryan Tackley (pictured) pursued a long ball out of defence which deflected into his path and his fiercely struck shot was too strong for Ceponis. Northwood: Mitch Swain, Max Moore, Ryan Tackley, John Christian, Michael Peacock, John Sonuga, Will Hudson, Scott Purdue (Nick Fearon), Scott Orphanou (Anton Robinson), Kyle Matthews, Aaron Cato.



Meet The 2018 Woods Squad



PAT ADAMSON

Pat joined the Woods this season following his release from Leyton Orient where he was a regular on the left flank for their Under 18 side. Only 18, he had a loan spell with Soham Town Rangers last season and was establishing himself well in senior football before suffering a broken leg in November.

FEMI AZEEZ

A young forward, just 16, Femi has impressed in the Under 18s during this season, and has been rewarded by a number of senior appearances.

CHRIS BENJAMIN

Experienced striker who joined the Woods on registration deadline day from Haringey Borough. The 25-year-old has also played for St. Albans City, Redbridge, Sutton United, Harrow Borough, Grays Athletic and Bury Town.

JOE BENJAMIN

Joe is a former Northampton Town striker who is now 27 and joined the Woods on registration deadline day from Haringey Borough. In recent years he has also played for Billericay Town, Lowestoft Town, St. Neots Town, Grays Athletic, Bury Town, Dulwich Hamlet, Harlow Town and Bishop's Stortford.

TOMMY BOXER

An experienced defender, now 26 who was recruited by the Woods in August 2017 on dual-registration from Potters Bar Town. Has also played for Cockfosters.

HAMILTON BUNGA

Tall defender, recruited in February 2018 from Royston Town where he had a short spell. The 22-year-old has been well travelled having also had short spells with Arlesey Town, Kingstonian, Thurrock, East Grinstead, Ware and Barkingside amongst others.

WILSON CHINGOKA

A former Wingate & Finchley youngster, Wilson has just turned 19 and played last season for the successful Herts County side AFC Oaklands where he starred in a midfield role.

XAVI COMAS

Experienced Spanish-born goalkeeper, now 29 who joined the Woods in December 2017 following a brief spell with Hayes & Yeading. Started the season at Hanwell Town having previously played at Kings Langley, Hemel Hempstead and a series of Spanish clubs; CD Canillas, Gramanet, Masnou, and Cornell.

& Yeading, Enfield Town and Kingstonian.

JAMIE DOOLAN

Jamie is a product of the club's youth structure having progressed through the Under-18s and reserves to earn a place in the first-team squad last season. A versatile player who usually operates in midfield, Jamie is now 20 and will be looking to establish himself in the squad for the new campaign. He is currently on dual-



BEN DEFAUX

Under 18 player Ben has been added to the squad for the final month of the season and will be hoping to get some involvement.

KEIR DICKSON

Left-sided defender, 21, who joined Northwood in March 2018 on dual-registration from Wingate & Finchley. Keir was with Barnet and Fleetwood Town as a youngster before short spells at Hayes

registration loan at Rayners Lane.

JAMIE FULTON

Under 18 player Jamie has been added to the squad for the final month of the season and has already made some senior appearances.

TOM GILBEY

Young left-sided defender who joined the club on dual-registration from Staines Town, where he moved in the summer. Played for Maidenhead United as a youngster and then for clubs in the North of England while at University in Durham.

KOJO GYIMAH

Kojo is a 19-year-old former Stevenage Borough and Wycombe Wanderers academy forward who joined in the summer and is dual registered with Cockfosters.

NEBAY HAILE

Young attacking player who has joined the Woods in November 2017 on dual-registration from Staines Town to gain some senior experience. He was part of the Middlesex County side that won the FA County Youth Cup in 2017.

BRAD HEWITT

Now 30, central defender Brad returned last summer to Chestnut Avenue for his third spell at the club which he originally joined from Boreham Wood back in October 2006. He has now topped 210 appearances for the Woods, and has also played for Hemel Hempstead, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Slough Town, Hendon, Biggleswade Town and Dunstable Town.

LEWIS HOBBS

Young defender who joined the Woods on a season-long youth loan from Barnet and after impressing for several months had his contract cancelled with the Bees and subsequently moved to Southern Premier side Royston Town. Still only 18 he returned to Northwood to get more game time and continue his football education in February 2018.

EVANS KOUASSI

Experienced 28-year-old attacking wide player who joined the Woods last summer having played at Bishop's Stortford last season. Has also had spells with Billericay Town, Chelmsford City, Concord Rangers and Hayes & Yeading amongst others. Signed for Wealdstone in November 2017 but is now regaining fitness with a spell back at Northwood.