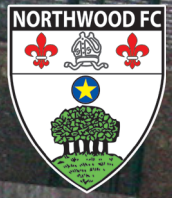


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THE OFFICIAL NORTHWOOD MATCHDAY PROGRAMME 2017-18



EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, EAST

versus AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

Saturday 7th April 2018

Kick-off 3.00 pm

UP FRONT

VICE-CHAIRMAN & EDITOR



KEN GREEN

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

With the Woods currently on a poor run of results – although the performances generally haven't been bad, the team has been struggling on the "goals for" front – we couldn't wish for tougher opponents to visit us today! AFC Rushden & Diamonds currently lead the divisional table; although level on points with Hayes & Yeading, they do have three games in hand on the Middlesex club and are hot favourites to lift the title at the end of the month. Diamonds finished fifth in our division two seasons ago, and fifth again last time around, although they had been shifted to the Northern Premier League division one south for that campaign.

Back in the Southern League this year, with that three games advantage, their fate is in their own hands! The visit to play Rushden in November was marred by our defender Pat Adamson breaking his leg. And we ultimately ended up well beaten; the first half saw the Diamonds dominate, and Woods keeper Brendan Hazlett made a couple of fine saves to keep them out, whilst Northwood were occasionally dangerous on the break. But after the break, Diamonds upped the pressure and netted four times in a 25 minutes spell.

Two goals early in the second half were sufficient for Chalfont St Peter, one of several sides chasing promotion from the Evo-Stik League South, East division points in our Easter Monday game. Chalfont took the lead through Brian Haule on 50 minutes, with Ryan Haugh adding a second three minutes later, after the first half had been fairly evenly balanced. And the Woods were unable to find a goal to claw their way back into the match, so our losing run was stretched to six matches – although all have been narrow defeats.

Thanks for your support here this afternoon; this really is appreciated by us all. The Woods are next back in action on Saturday, 14th April, when we make the trip down the M3 to play Fleet Town (3.00pm), before returning to Northwood Park on Wednesday 18th April – note the change for our usual midweek day! – when play-off chasing Cambridge City are the visitors – kick-off is at 7.45 p.m.; we hope to see you then!

Ken

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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



CHAIRMAN

IAN BARRY

Good afternoon and welcome to Chestnut Avenue for today's Evo-Stik League fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors from AFC Rushden and Diamonds, and trust you enjoy your short stay here.

Firstly, this week has seen the loss of Ray Wilkins. Ray was certainly one of my childhood heroes and I did have the pleasure to meet him briefly a couple of times some years ago. He was exactly as has been reported; a lovely, genuine guy and his loss is a massive one, not just in the world of football.

I'm still recovering from yet another below par performance at Chalfont on Monday. This was a game we could easily have won, but the same old Northwood turned up, with certain players not feeling they had to work nearly as hard as they did here against Beaconsfield. I genuinely believe that giving everything in every game is a minimum, but that view isn't shared by all of our players. We play as individuals and not as a team.

Moving on, we have agreed a further one year extension to London Tigers to use our facilities again next season, and they have been a pleasure to have here. Our Under 18's do need more development to make the transition into Senior football, so another year in the Isthmian Youth League will give them a better chance of making into our first team.

This month is a busy one – which is much needed – with us hosting at least three funeral receptions, about 13 games, three parties and three youth tournaments. Hopefully this means we can catch up on a terrible period due to the weather!

Enjoy the game

Up the Woods!

Ian

" I genuinely believe that giving everything in every game is a minimum "



CLUB MATTERS



ALAN EVANS

Re-arrangements

More bad weather saw us lose our home game against Hanwell Town a couple of weeks ago and then our Easter Holiday fixture against Cambridge City last weekend. Our Middlesex rivals had already had several other postponements rearranged, so they had only one midweek date available for the rescheduled fixture and this will take place in the final week of the season on Tuesday 24th April 2018 – kick-off at 7.45p.m. as usual and will become our final home game of the season.

The Cambridge City clash will be played on a rare Wednesday night for us – 18th April 2018 at 7.45p.m. – as our opponents had already filled every midweek with a home game on the Monday night so they are forced into playing twice in three days that week.

Annual Community Club Day

This year the club's Annual Community Club Day will take place just a few days earlier than that on our final Saturday home game of the



season – Saturday 21st April 2018 – which will include “Pay what you Can” admission to our

fixture against Thame United that afternoon. As last year, there will be an Under-6s Festival of Football staged in the park in the morning and we are hopeful that all of our youth teams will be represented during the afternoon as we look to take our usual whole “One Club” photograph. Other events will be advised nearer the time through the website.

Former Woods News – Jay Demerit

Former Northwood defender Jay Demerit who went on to enjoy a professional career with



Watford, Vancouver Whitecaps and was capped 25 times for the USA National team retired from football in 2014. However, he has received a considerable honour in his own country over the last couple of weeks by being nominated in the ballot for the National Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2018 in the USA. The



ballot has taken place over the last couple of weeks with the results yet to be announced but the induction ceremony set for October. There are lots of qualifying criteria for a player to be nominated and he is alongside the likes of Juan Pablo Angel, Brad Friedel, Thierry Henry and Carlos Bocanegra. We have our fingers crossed for him.

Player News

Just a few minutes prior to the league's registration deadline, strangely on Thursday 22nd March this year, acting manager Gordon Boateng captured the signings of two further attacking players in the hope to improve our goalscoring record in the final month of



the season. Brothers Chris Benjamin and Joe Benjamin both left play-off seeking Haringey Borough to join the Woods and are expected to be involved in our games over this Easter holiday period. Chris is an experienced 25-year-old striker who has also played for St. Albans City, Redbridge, Sutton United, Harrow Borough, Grays Athletic and Bury Town while Joe is a former Northampton Town striker who is now 27 and 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. We hope they both enjoy their stay with us.

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 a series of disappointing crowds for our last few home matches, the Woods are now in fourteenth

place in that one with an average of 107 at present. Our top league attendance so far was 243 while the lowest crowd is now just 71. As they do in the League table, today's visitors AFC Rushden & Diamonds lead the way with attendances too, currently averaging 466; some 236 more than Bedford Town in second. Chalfont St. Peter are currently the lowest supported with an average of just 84 despite their recent good form.

The League also produce a fair-play table each week which takes into consideration cautions & dismissals throughout the season and the Woods have dropped to just 4th best in that table following the rare sending-off that we suffered against Beaconsfield Town. Today's visitors AFC Rushden & Diamonds are not far behind in seventh place while Cambridge City lead the way, some twenty 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. Aylesbury United still lead in this one ahead of Barton Rovers though the Ducks have played more home games where more points are scored. We have risen slightly to thirteenth place while AFC Rushden & Diamonds are down in eighteenth place in this one.

Programme goes Digital ONLY

We are well into the season so you should be aware by now that if you are reading these notes in the programme, you are almost



certainly reading it on your phone, tablet or on a PC screen as from the new season we are no longer producing a paper version. The League changed their rules this season to state that the need to produce a programme for each match no longer



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had to be a printed version and for lots of reasons, we made the decision to end it. It is a change that has been 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 already had a massive increase in downloads of people reading the programme. You can either download it in a format that is easy to read or to print it out yourself at home should that be your preference. We hope you will embrace the change and enjoy 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. So, we will consider it further over the rest of the season but please let us know what you think, either in person at a game or by email to the club email address enquiries@northwoodfc.com

Under-18s – Back to form

Just over a week ago, our Under-18 ended a run of tough away games with a 3-3 draw here at Northwood Park against Aldershot Town. They led three times though with two goals from Kyran Worrell on his return from injury and one from Jamie Fulton before being pegged back each time by the Shots academy side. Last Monday they travelled away to bottom club



Ashford Town (Middlesex) and were hit by injuries that left them without several of their star players. However they would still have been a bit shocked to find themselves 2-0 down

by half-time. Then they showed great spirit to storm back after the break with two goals from skipper Connor Maher (pictured) bringing them level before substitute Ayoub Enajar fired

home what proved to be the winning goal five minutes from time. That success has lifted them up to seventh place in the table with four games left to play. They were beaten 4-0 at Hayes & Yeading United on Wednesday night but are due to play at home to Wealdstone this coming Thursday night, 12th April and I'm sure they will appreciate your support if you can make either of these games.

Meanwhile, a similar Under-17s side made it through to the Final of the Middlesex County Sunday Under-18s Youth Cup with a 5-3 victory over Headstone Manor. Connor Maher netted a hat-trick and there was one each for Femi Azeez and Kyran Worrell. The final will take place on Thursday 26th April at a venue and against opponents yet to be decided but will be one of Ruislip Rangers U-18s, Acton & Ealing Whistlers U-17s or Conquest U-18s.

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 picked up a 1-1 draw in a home game against Oxhey Jets last Tuesday week but then lost 2-1 at bottom club Stotfold last Tuesday week and they still face a battle to avoid being threatened by relegation this season. They were scheduled to play at home to Colney Heath on Thursday night so will have been hoping to have picked up points then. They still have six other home games to squeeze in before the final day so plenty of action still to come here at Northwood Park.

County Cup Finals

Please note that we have also been asked to stage the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Final on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, 7th May 2018 so make a note of that one in your diary. The competition has is now between the quarter and semi-final stage with those semi-finals being: Spelthorne Sports v. AFC Hayes & Yeading United and Hampton & Richmond Borough v. Hanworth Villa or Rayners Lane.



Alan



CHALFONT ST PETER 2

MONDAY 2ND APRIL 2018



NORTHWOOD 0

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

MILL MEADOW

Northwood slipped to their sixth successive defeat as play-off hopefuls Chalfont St. Peter notched a comfortable victory with two early goals in the second half, *writes Alan Evans*. Acting manager Gordon Boateng made just one change from the side that had so unluckily fallen to defeat against title-chasing Beaconsfield Town, with Harry Newman replacing Joe Russell who was serving his one-game suspension as a result of his dismissal in that game.

The game at Mill Meadow was one of only three in the division that survived the previous two days' deluge from the skies and the pitch benefitted from a good covering of grass above the soft, muddy conditions.

Very little happened in the early stages with both sides struggling to put together any flowing moves of note and it was littered with too many miscued passes. Finally it was the Woods who managed the first effort on goal after 18 minutes as Jermaine Osei broke clear and cut the ball back for Meshach Williams whose effort was deflected wide.

The home side took until the half-hour mark for them to fashion a similar chance as Victor Osobu did well to get the ball across the box. Jake Cass got to the loose ball but his strike was blocked by several defenders all working to protect the goal.

There was a blow for Northwood after 34 minutes when they lost Keir Dickson to an early injury and he was replaced by Temiloluwa Oladeji for his Woods debut as a substitute. He was quickly under pressure from the lively Osobu who cut in from the right but again his cross-shot towards the near post was well blocked and former Woods midfielder Louis Stead sent the rebound wide of the target.

Evans Kousassi was struggling to make any impact on the surface but did manage a shot at goal on 38 minutes as he spun on a loose ball but it flew just wide before the Saints lost top scorer Cass to injury immediately before the half-time break; being replaced by former Aylesbury striker Brian Haule. Both sides had defended pretty well.

So, still all to play for when the second half got underway, though Nebay Haile, who had got little joy for his industry in the first period, was replaced by Paolo Montella. The Woods were very slow off the blocks and the game was soon all over.

After 50 minutes a long ball picked out Stead who struck a first-time shot that drifted wide of Xavi Comas's goal. But just a minute later Comas was forced into a good save to deny another strike from Stead and this time substitute Haule pounced. Comas managed to block his first effort from close range but it fell kindly again to the experienced striker and he forced the ball over the line.

Once again, having conceded a goal, the Woods quickly conceded a second to give themselves a mountain to climb. It was a well-worked effort with Alex Paine doing the hard work down the right before pulling a neat ball back to the edge of the box where Ryan Haugh powered it home to give Comas no chance.

The Saints defence had little difficulty keeping Northwood at bay though Williams did find space to record their first shot on target after 62 minutes with 'keeper Carl Dennison saving comfortably.

And it was only in stoppage-time that there was anything else to write about as a good ball put Williams through on goal. He hit the ball powerfully but it sailed well over the crossbar so not even a consolation for the Woods who have now failed to score in four of their last five matches.

PHOTO by JAMES BROWN

MATCH REVIEW





WELCOME TO AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS



AFC Rushden & Diamonds was formed in 2011 following the demise of Rushden & Diamonds FC as a supporter-owned, supporter-run football club. After a season in youth football in 2011-12 they were allocated a place in the United Counties League Division One for 2012-13. They gained promotion in second spot in that league at the end of their first season, and followed that with third place in the UCL Premier Division before winning the title in the 2014-15 season, backed up with the League Cup. This meant they won promotion to the Southern Football League Division One Central. In 2015-16 they finished fifth in the SL1C, reaching the playoff final and winning their County Cup. They were transferred to the Northern Premier League First Division South for the 2016-17 season where they again reached the end of season playoffs. For 2017-18 they returned to the Evo-Stik League South, East.

The Players

KYLE SWAILES

Goalkeeper who joined the club in August 2017, he is also currently UCL-registered with Rushden & Higham United, and was part of the academy

system at Nene Park with Rushden & Diamonds FC before joining Raunds Town.

BEN HEATH

Goalkeeper who joined the club in October 2016. He was with Rugby Town most recently, having also played for Daventry Town. He assumed first-choice keeper status for the 2017-18 season.

LIAM DOLMAN

Defender who joined the club from Daventry Town during June 2014. He started his career with Northampton Town, progressing from youth level to the first team, making his league debut at the end of the 2006/07 season and making over 50 appearances in League and FA Cup games for the Cobblers in the next two seasons. He then had a short spell playing for Kidderminster Harriers before joining Banbury United, then Daventry Town.

JACK ASHTON

Defender, who joined the Diamonds on a dual registration basis with Stamford AFC in March 2014. He also played for Banbury United, Oxford City, Cogenhoe United and Long Buckby. He reached his century of Diamonds appearances during February 2018.

SAM BROWN

Defender who at the Rushden & Diamonds Centre of Excellence, joining Kempston Rovers in 2009, aged 16, and helped them to reach the UCL Premier in 2010. In 2014/15 he reached his century of appearances for the Diamonds.

JACK WESTBROOK

Defender or midfielder who joined the club in November 2017. He had made over 150 appearances for Banbury United, and quickly established himself in the Diamonds first team, playing a pivotal midfield role.

BLAIZE PUNTER

Centre-back who joined the club in Summer 2017. He was a junior at Mansfield Town before joining Nuneaton Town Under-21 setup, also playing at Barwell and Rugby Town. He has played international football with Antigua & Barbuda.

CAMERON GILCHRIST

Defender who signed for the club in October 2017 from Barwell, having previously played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle in Scotland.

CALLUM WESTWOOD

Right back who signed for the club on dual registration terms with Kettering Town in January 2017, previously playing for Rugby Town and in the Northampton Town Youth Academy.

BEN FARRELL

Midfielder who joined the club from Bedford Town in December 2016. Ben has had several spells with Bedford Town, and earlier in his career played Conference football with Cambridge United. He then had spells with Weymouth, Cambridge City and St Neots Town along with Arlesey Town before re-joining the Eagles.

BRAD HARRIS

Midfielder who originally joined the club from Desborough Town in December 2012. He can play in central midfield or at centre-back. He started his career at Rugby Town, and played at Daventry Town and Long Buckby before joining Northampton Spencer. He play for Diamonds in 2102-15, re-joining from Rugby Town at the end of March 2018.

ROSS OULTON

Midfielder who joined the club in August 2016 from Leamington. He previously was with Bedford Town and Rugby Town, having begun his career with Northampton Town.

CLAUDIU HOBAN

Romanian-born midfielder player who often plays wide-left, but he can also play centrally or on the right. He originally joined the club in August 2015, and previously had two spells with Corby Town. He was a junior with Leicester City, and has also played for Rugby Town, Daventry Town, Histon, Sutton United, Tamworth Tooting & Mitcham United, re-joining Diamonds in August 2017.

LUKE FAIRLAMB

Luke initially signed for Diamonds in January 2015 but moved on to Bedford Town without making a first team appearance. He rejoined the club in July 2017.

JOE CURTIS

Midfielder who joined the club before the start of last season, having played at Daventry Town, Stamford and Brackley Town.

BEN FORD

Midfielder or utility player who joined the club at the end of October 2016. He has played for Newport Pagnell, Kettering Town, Nuneaton Town, Hinckley United, Bedworth United, St Neots Town, Biggleswade Town, Arlesey Town and Chesham United.

SPENCER WEIR-DALEY

Striker who joined the club from Halesowen Town in March 2018, having scored 14 goals in 23 games at Redditch United at Step 3 this season. He has previously played for Kettering Town, Corby Town, Hednesford Town, Boston United, AFC Telford United and Notts County, having started his career at Nottingham Forest.

RYAN ROBBINS

Striker when joined from Gresley FC in November 2017, having previously played for Barwell, Stamford and Coalville in recent seasons, following earlier spells with Boston United and Kings Lynn Town. He is also a St Kitts & Nevis international.

TOM LORRAINE

Striker who joined the club from Cogenhoe United in March 2014, and has also played for Daventry Town, Woodford United, Banbury and Bedworth United. He became the club's overall top scorer during the 2016/17 season, passing his half-century of goals during his Diamonds' career.

BEN DIAMOND

Attacking player who joined from Corby Town in November 2017, scoring on his debut. He previously played at ON Chenecks.





JOHN DEAN

Striker who joined the club on dual-registration terms with Desborough Town of the United Counties League in October 2017.

JOEL GYASI

Midfield or forward player who first joined the club in October 2014, having started his career with the MK Dons Academy. He played for Kettering Town, Bedford Town, Northampton Sileby Rangers, and Daventry Town before moving abroad to spend 18 months playing in the third tier of Swedish football. He returned to the Diamonds in Summer 2017.

ANDY PEAKS – FIRST TEAM MANAGER

Andy joined the management team in May 2012, having had a notable career history with Rushden & Diamonds, where he was eighth in their all-time appearance list, having played 205 times for R&DFC between 1992 and 1997. He holds a UEFA B coaching license, and took over control of first-team affairs in a caretaker role following Mark Starmer's resignation on 19th March 2014, and was installed on a permanent basis a month later. In his first full season at the helm he took the club to a League and Cup double in the United Counties League, and he has since led to the end of season playoffs in the past two seasons.

PAUL LAMB – ASSISTANT MANAGER

Paul joined the club in the summer of 2014 after performing a similar role at Cogenhoe United. He started his playing career at Northampton Town before making over 200 appearances for Wealdstone before moving back to the local area, playing for Brackley Town, Banbury United and Bedworth United before taking up the position of player-coach at Daventry Town. After helping Daventry clinch the UCL title he took on an assistant manager role at Banbury United.

SCOTT CARLIN – FIRST TEAM COACH

Scott joined the club in the summer of 2012, after leaving his post as Assistant Manager at Northampton Spencer. He brought a wealth of experience, having worked with AFC R&D Manager Andy Peaks over the previous few seasons., and is also head of the Club's Football Academy.



FIRST MEETING

Saturday 31st August 2013

FA Cup Preliminary Round

NORTHWOOD 1 AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS 2

The first meeting between the two clubs saw Woods crash out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle with a bit of a whimper as they succumbed to United Counties League side AFC Rushden & Diamonds. Their re-born visitors came with excellent support who cheered their side to victory after opening up a two-goal margin in six first half minutes.

After the Diamonds had had an early strike with Matt Gearing seeing his effort from the edge of the box comfortably saved by goalkeeper Jake Knight, the Woods began to enjoy the better of the early exchanges. After just four minutes Oliver Sprague helped on a loose ball to put Garry Senior through on goal but the Woods top scorer, who may have taken one too many touches, saw his effort palmed across the face of goal by goalkeeper Tom Cross.

Just five minutes later, Jon-Jo Bates showed some clever footwork as he worked space for a shot and he hit it well, only for Cross to push the ball against the post and it was scrambled away.

On 11 minutes, Rushden had a chance of their own as Jamal Clarke headed a free-kick into the path of Alex Deakin who delayed too and the ball was cleared. The Diamonds were beginning to adapt to the pace of the game and blocked another chance as Sprague set up Joakim Ehui but then a mistake from George Nicholas saw Alfie Taylor knock a dangerous ball into the box with skipper Ross Dunkley mis-kicking in front of goal. It was more even at this stage and after Joe Merrill had fired over after a free-kick was half-cleared, the Woods pushed forward again and Orlando Rodrigues got forward to knock in a good cross which Senior couldn't quite reach.

But the visitors got their noses in front after 29 minutes when Merrill played a neat ball that caught Ryan Phillips the wrong side of Taylor who drove an accurate shot across the box and in off the far post. It was a short dominant period for the Diamonds, and after Jack Wisniewski had cut in and fired wide following some poor defending, a second goal followed as Gearing latched onto a Dunkley knock-on and rifled the ball into the top corner to put his side further in front.

The Woods needed a response and they tried to make inroads before half-time, with Phillips teeing up Bates for a shot which was deflected well over and then when a corner was cleared, Bates again tried his luck but again was unable

to keep the ball down.

A pacy run from Niko Muir after the break resulted in the only booking of the game as Clarke mistimed a tackle but there was still little happening in the final third until on 61 minutes the Woods pulled a goal back. It was Ehui once again who picked up an assist with a nicely weighted ball into the path of Muir, who simply steered a shot past Cross for his first goal of the season.

It should have been the spark that would ignite the cup-tie but the Woods were still too slow to get forward and really take the game to their opponents. Lawrence had an effort which flew well over and then a curling Phillips corner clipped the crossbar at the far post with Cross nowhere. Time was beginning to run out, and there was plenty of frustration rather than passion being shown by the Woods who were being kept at bay by some dogged defending. Nicholas did get forward and cut in well, only to hit a poor shot when a cool finish was required.

In the closing stages, Rushden looked more likely to add to their lead with Taylor and Dunkley both missing the target from close-range headers but they were a couple of opportunities for Northwood. McLeish did well to rob a defender but then made a hash of his attempt on goal. Then Ehui drove a shot well wide of the target. The final effort came four minutes into stoppage-time with Nicholas heading on a deep free-kick but Phillips was unable to keep his shot down and the Woods were down and out.

Northwood: Jake Knight, Orlando Rodrigues, Ryan Phillips, Brad Hewitt, James Burgess, George Nicholas, Jon-Jo Bates, Craig White (Dave Lawrence 53m), Oliver Sprague (Niko Muir 46m), Garry Senior (Aaron McLeish 58m), Joakim Ehui.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds: Tom Cross, Joe Merrill, Sam Brown, Brad Harris, Alex Deakin (Aaron King 75m), Jamal Clarke, Jack Wisniewski, Elliot Dent, Russ Dunkley, Alfie Taylor (Nat Liburd 81m), Matt Gearing (Sam McBride 90+1m)



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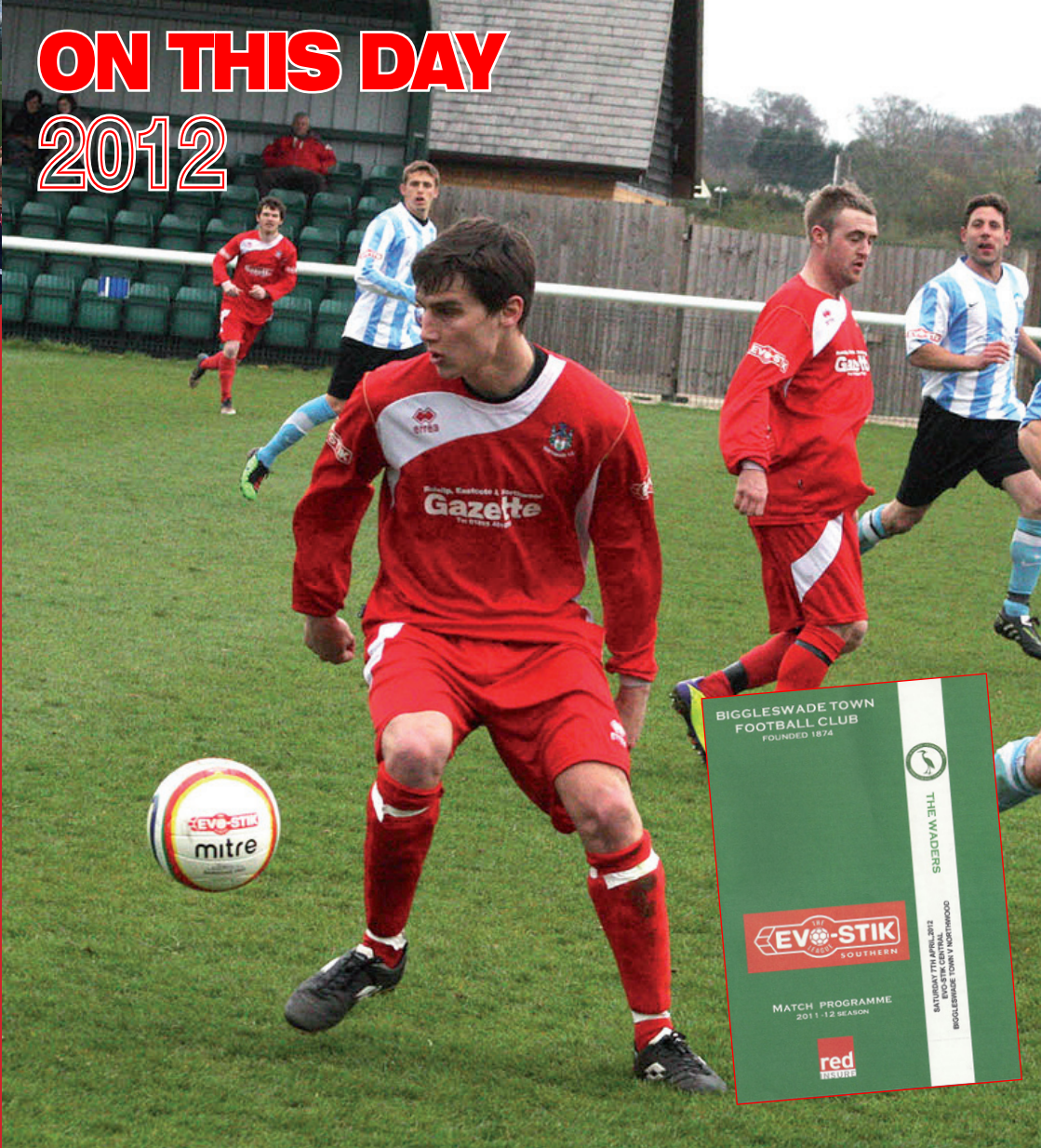
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Six years ago, Northwood kept their play-off hopes alive by completing a late double over their Bedfordshire rivals having trailed by a goal for much of this contest. Biggleswade went ahead midway through the first half and held onto their lead and controlled much of the game, until an equaliser came out of the blue after 67 minutes when John Christian netted from just outside the box. Three minutes later Wayne O'Sullivan knocked in a superb cross and Spencer Bellotti (pictured during the game) flicked a header which gave the keeper no chance. And in the 89th minute Bellotti poked a shot towards goal during a scramble in the goalmouth and the ball just made it over the line and Woods had sneaked a 3-1 win!

Northwood: James Reading, Scott Raper (Romaine Walker), Lee Grant, Liam Fowler, Reece Yorke, James McCluskey, John Christian, Craig White, Spencer Bellotti, Oliver Hawkins (Wayne O'Sullivan), Adamson Ajayi (Jonathan Constant).



Meet The 2018

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.



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



Woods Squad

& 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-



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 will be hoping to get some involvement.

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.

MARK MCLEOD

Experienced midfielder who joined the



2018 Woods Squad

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 midfield 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 Heracleous, has previously been in charge at Bishop's Stortford, amongst others.



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NORTHWOOD 2

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

NORTHWOOD PARK



BEACONSFIELD 3

Brave Northwood undeservedly came out second best as they shared five goals with promotion-chasing Beaconsfield Town after playing the whole of the second half with ten men following the controversial dismissal of Joe Russell, *writes Robin Piper*. Proceedings got off to the worst possible start for Northwood as they fell behind as early as the second minute when Alex Cathline was on hand to convert the loose ball after goalkeeper Xavi Comas had saved Tony Mendy's initial effort.

Woods were unfazed by the early setback and they deservedly drew level on 13 minutes as an Evans Kouassi corner found the unmarked Osei, who executed a smart finish beyond former Northwood 'keeper Brendan Hazlett. Northwood continued to ask questions of their high-flying opponents with Haile and Keir Dickson combining well on the left flank to produce a number of promising openings, the former seeing a header brush the base of the upright while Osei threatened again with a couple of shots.

There was a hint of things to come as the referee issued soft cautions to a couple of Beaconsfield players including Tony Mendy for a slight tug of a red shirt. And Mendy was looking increasingly threatening as his attempted lob over Comas bounced narrowly wide before the Woods' keeper produced a smart save to keep out the Rams' striker's low shot.

Chances were being created at both ends, with Kouassi the next to go close with a run and shot which narrowly cleared the Beaconsfield bar, Mendy having a couple more shots charged down and Wilson Chingoka trying his luck with a long range effort that was gathered by Hazlett.

But it was Northwood who deservedly took the lead on 36 minutes with a swift counter-attack which was expertly finished by Osei with his second goal of the afternoon.

Moments later the referee made what would turn out to be a significant contribution to the eventual outcome of the contest as he issued a yellow card to Russell for what the over-fussy official indicated was another tug on an opposition shirt.

Northwood had a great chance to extend their lead a minute before the break as Kouassi broke quickly into Beaconsfield territory but he chose to go it alone rather than play in Osei who would have been one-on-one with Hazlett. And with the referee somehow managing to find nearly three minutes of stoppage time at the end of the half and Northwood struggling to clear their lines there was time for Russell to produce a poor challenge on Nathan Webb which warranted a second yellow card and the hosts were reduced to ten men.

Beaconsfield were immediately on the attack after the restart as they looked to make their numerical advantage count and Comas had to produce two fine saves to deny Wes Daly and Bajram Pashaj. However, Comas was helpless to prevent headed strikes from Former Northwood player Reece Yorke and Mendy on 51 and 52 minutes respectively to restore the Rams' lead and seemingly set them on a path to another victory.

However, Woods weren't ready to simply roll over as they stood up to the inevitable onslaught with Comas twice denying substitute Lee Barney. And Northwood reminded the visitors that they were still in a contest as Osei fired over before drawing another save out of Hazlett.

Newman and Paolo Montella were introduced for Haile and Kouassi with Woods still very much in the contest as they continued to make light of their numerical disadvantage with Williams forcing Hazlett into a full-length save. Northwood continued to dig deep as Comas and his defenders denied substitutes Aaron Minhas and Kezie Ibe while Pashaj was foiled once again.

But despite their efforts, Northwood were ultimately left unrewarded with no further additions to the scoreline. However, there were plenty of positives for Northwood and Acting Manager Gordon Boateng to take from the contest.

MATCH REVIEW





AYLESBURY U. 2

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

AMY LANE, CHESHAM



NORTHWOOD 0

Northwood slipped to a stoppage-time defeat for the second game running as they conceded the only goal of the game in the fourth minute of added time at home to local rivals Uxbridge, *writes Robin Piper*. Woods began in a confident manner with Evans Kouassi testing the visitors with a succession of jinking runs, but as so often has been the case in recent weeks, there was no one to apply the finish to the good approach work.

Uxbridge were beginning to find some joy down Northwood's right-hand side with Cole Brown making a number of forays into the home box but he shot high and wide of the target when well placed while Luke Maguire sent a shot from distance over the crossbar. But Woods continued to look threatening with Charley Barker and the lively Kouassi to the fore, the latter starting a slick move which saw Meshach Williams getting on the end of Tom Gilbey's cross but the close-range shot was blocked. And Kouassi was in the thick of it again as a run and shot was parried by goalkeeper Paul McCarthy, the rebound falling nicely to Osei who unfortunately stabbed the ball wide from six yards out.

Uxbridge continued to offer a threat of their own as Hicham Abdellah combined with the overlapping Ben Peden, but his cross-shot flew across the face of goal before Woods keeper Xavi Comas was called upon to deal with a low shot from Brown. At the other end, Wilson Chingoka drew a save from McCarthy after more good work from Kouassi.

Northwood were forced into a change on 41 minutes as Clarke succumbed to a back problem with substitute Andrew Camilo-Tayaca entering the fold and Oyeniran moving into a central attacking role. But Woods maintained their attacking momentum as Kouassi stung the hands of McCarthy with a rasping shot before Tayaca played in Oyeniran but his shot cleared the Uxbridge crossbar.

However, it was the visitors who went closest to scoring before the half-time break as Comas produced a finger tip save to deny Brown before Dylan Kearney almost punished some hesitation in the home defence but his shot on the turn was off the target.

Northwood were immediately on the attack after the restart as Williams' shot from the edge of the box flew narrowly wide of the upright after Uxbridge failed to clear a corner. But it was the visitors who built on their strong finish to the first period as they enjoyed a spell of sustained pressure with Peden, Kevin Warner and Kearney all going close. Uxbridge were now looking the more cohesive unit and seeing plenty of the ball while Woods were looking increasingly short of ideas, Kearney once again finding himself in a good position but could only hook his shot wide of the Woods goal. However, Chingoka did find space in the Uxbridge box to have a couple of efforts on goal but his attempts were comfortably dealt with by McCarthy and the visitor's rearguard.

Former Northwood man James Burgess was introduced for Warner for the last twenty minutes to bolster the Uxbridge midfield and the visitors were looking increasingly dangerous with Maguire having a shot saved by Comas and Abdellah's follow up shot being deflected for a corner. Femi Azeez was introduced for Osei to add fresh legs to the Woods attack with ten minutes left on the clock and the young striker had an early chance but his shot was saved by McCarthy.

And Northwood made their final substitution as Hamilton Bunga replaced Chingoka as the hosts continued to look for that elusive goal. But it was Uxbridge who were carrying a greater threat with a series of swift attack as the match moved towards the closing stages, Abdellah, Brown and Kearney all spurning good opportunities.

Northwood were growing increasingly anxious with Azeez picking up a caution for a silly foul. And Woods frustrations were complete as they conceded the crucial goal with almost the last kick of the game, Maguire bundling the ball home after getting on the end of Brown's cross to condemn Northwood to a fourth defeat in five games.

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Woods Roll Call 2017-18

including 2.4.18	League apps	League sub	Cups apps	Cups sub	Total apps	League goals	Cup goals	Total goals	Northwood career apps	career 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
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	1	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	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	24	8	2	2	36	6	0	6	36	6	6	0
Ned Clarke	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Xavi Comas	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	14	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	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Jamie Doolan	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tom Gilbey	14	0	0	0	14	1	0	1	14	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	10	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	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	28	0	3	0	31	0	0	0	31	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	25	1	4	0	30	5	1	6	30	6	1	0
Borja Loeches-Teixeira	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	17	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	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
Declan Nche	1	5	1	1	8	0	0	0	8	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	17	5	1	0	23	1	0	1	23	1	1	0
Jermaine Osei	19	0	1	0	20	10	2	12	20	12	1	0
Michael Osei	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sam Oyentiran	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Temiloluwa Oladejo	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	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	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	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	19	2	1	1	23	5	0	5	23	5	1	0
Dernell Wynter	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0



Alan Evans looks back at Northwood events of a decade ago

PHOTOS by JAMES BROWN

Today 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!

When we left the story last, distant play-off hopes had been hit by being held to a 1-1 draw by Potters Bar Town so they couldn't really afford any further slip-ups starting away at lowly Wivenhoe Town on Saturday 15th March 2008. The Dragons had been improving and included Barnet winger Danny Hart in their side having chosen to move there on loan rather than extend his stay with the Woods plus ex-Tottenham defender Stuart Nethercott.

The home side started brightly but Mitch Swain made a couple of early saves before Northwood gradually got a foothold in the game. It was five minutes before the break that they notched the important opening goal as Lee Holland exchanged passes with Michael Gordon and then knocked in a neat cross which was met by a diving Abdul Yoki to head home. Amazingly the lead was doubled before the break as an inswinging corner was hooked back across goal by Brad Hewitt as it looked to be drifting out of play and Matt Baxter pounced for his first goal for the club.

The Woods never looked like losing their grip on the game in the second-half and the contest was over on 65 minutes when Danny Murphy let fly with a spectacular strike that flew into the top corner. A 3-0 win was just what was needed and there was also an introduction to the game as substitute for new signing Rodney Hicks who had joined after a spell at Halesowen Town. The victory was the Woods biggest away win in three years, since a 4-1 success at Salisbury City in 2014.

Three days later it was back to Northwood Park for a home game against eighth-placed Bury Town. On-loan striker Matt Baxter had followed his first goal at the weekend with his 20th birthday on the Sunday and then



celebrated even more in this game netting a match-winning hat-trick. In an open and entertaining game, the Woods took the lead after 16 minutes when Abdul Yoki's cross was

TEN YEARS AFTER

retrieved by Michael Gordon and his centre was headed home by an unmarked Baxter. Mitch Swain kept out a strike from former Colchester United defender Gavin Johnson before it was 2-0 on 26 minutes as a header from John Christian released Baxter and he finished with a clever lob of goalkeeper Dean Greygoose. Bury hit back soon after though with Liam Barrett reducing the arrears before Sean Sonner was tripped in the box to earn the Woods their very first penalty of the season! Baxter took it, aiming for a 15 minute hat-trick but 43-year-old former Crewe 'keeper Greygoose made a fine save. The visitors took full advantage to level the scores with a Steve Bugg header but again the Woods hit back to lead 3-2 by half-time as a Danny Murphy corner was met by a Ryan Tackley header back across goal which crept in just under the crossbar.



The second-half proved just as action-packed and the Woods were a little lucky to stay in front as Bugg's header came back off the bar and into Swain's hands after a long spell of pressure from Bury

but on 66 minutes Gordon beat his marker and his cross was chested over the line by Baxter for his hat-trick. The 4-2 lead was still under threat though and when Murphy conceded a penalty for a trip, Barrett fired in from the spot and at 4-3 there were a few nerves in the final ten minutes. But the Woods defence held out to claim another three points and had now lost just two of their last eighteen league games.

It was another home game at the weekend – Saturday 22nd March – which saw Brentwood Town visit Northwood Park. The Essex side were in seventh place and still well in the hunt for a play-off place, some eleven points ahead of Northwood though having played a game more.

The Woods, full of confidence after their two wins during the previous week, attacked from the start and were suddenly three goals ahead after just 14 minutes. Sean Sonner was still looking for his first goal since his move from Harefield United but that came to an end after just six minutes as he flicked in Michael Gordon's low cross. There had been time for Brentwood to hit the post before the second goal on 13 minutes as Rodney Hicks fed Sonner who



surprised the 'keeper with an unstoppable 25-yard strike that flew into the top corner. Just a minute later a high ball from Abdul Yoki looped off the head of a defender and goalkeeper Marc Palmer could only help the ball over the line. The visitors actually dominated possession from then on but it was clearly not going to be their day and Michael Deane was another to shoot against the woodwork. With ten minutes



to go Jerome Hall had a shot well saved but John Christian pounced for a fourth goal and then Sonner made it a memorable afternoon by completing a hat-trick as Palmer failed to gather Gordon's cross-shot. It was all going well and we will have more from everything Ten Years After in our next programme.



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 Hanwell Town v Moneyfields
 Kempston Rovers v Aylesbury
 Northwood v AFC Rushden & D.
 Uxbridge v Thame United

Just three games went ahead in the Evo-Stik League South East on Easter Monday due to the weather, including Woods' short trip to Chalfont St Peter. Second-placed Hayes & Yeading United managed to get their game on at the SKYEx Community Stadium against struggling neighbours Hanwell Town but missed the opportunity to move to the top of the table after being held to a 2-2 draw. Hanwell led at the break, courtesy of a 32nd minute Dan Fleming goal.


Manny Duku equalised on 64 minutes and then looked to have won the game for Hayes & Yeading when he bagged his second after a bit of pin-ball in the box with less than 2 minutes remaining. However, a cracking goal from Mergin Qarri in the 3rd minute of stoppage time earned the visitors a point.

The only other game to receive the referee's nod of approval to go ahead was at Chesham United where Aylesbury United entertained Thame United, who started the day eight points in front of the Ducks in mid-table. It ended being a rout for the Ducks' former landlords in a 7-2 win.

But it was Thame who took the lead in the 3rd minute through Jamie Essex, before goals from youngsters Ben Seaton after 11 minutes and Harry Jones 9 minutes later saw the Ducks take the lead. Two goals in four minutes either side of half-time from Aaron Berry extended the lead, before Jack Wood on 64 minutes and then Sonny French on 76 minutes made it 6-1. Lynton Goss pulled another goal back for the visitors on 83 minutes before Seaton added his second and the Ducks' seventh in stoppage time.

Following a decision of the Evo-Stik League South's Board of Directors, Chalfont St Peter appealed to the FA. A charge was levied against the club following its refusal to permit an opposition player from entering its ground by giving notice to the away club, despite an instruction from the League that it was not allowed to do so. The club was found guilty and fined accordingly.

The FA's decision was that Chalfont St Peter's appeal was dismissed and that the level of sanction was increased which included that the match must be replayed. The FA stated that "Regardless of the club's intentions, they do not have the authority to prevent an opposition player from being made available for selection. Whilst a club can exclude a person from entering the ground, they do not have the authority from preventing a player for playing in the fixture, and should therefore have allowed the player in question to access the changing rooms and playing area". The fixture in question was Chalfont St Peter versus Marlow which originally took place on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

		League table						
Including 6.4.18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
AFC Rushden & D	35	22	8	5	77	22	74	
Hayes & Yeading	38	23	5	10	91	47	74	
Beaconsfield	34	22	5	7	70	40	71	
Hartley Wintney	35	22	4	9	83	44	70	
AFC Dunstable	35	20	8	7	69	29	68	
Cambridge City	34	20	5	9	86	45	65	
Chalfont St Peter	36	18	8	10	48	35	62	
Bedford Town	36	18	5	13	56	44	59	
Kempston Rovers	35	16	8	11	64	63	56	
Moneyfields	34	15	9	10	66	53	54	
Ashford Town	36	16	5	15	78	61	53	
Thame United	35	16	3	16	62	67	51	
Aylesbury United	37	14	4	19	42	63	46	
Uxbridge	37	13	6	18	54	76	45	
Marlow	35	12	7	16	47	66	43	
Egham Town	34	12	7	15	47	70	43	
Northwood	36	8	10	18	45	61	34	
Hanwell Town	32	8	5	19	38	57	29	
Aylesbury	34	8	5	21	33	66	29	
Fleet Town	36	6	10	20	35	77	28	
Barton Rovers	34	5	8	21	29	70	23	
Arlesey Town	34	2	5	27	31	95	11	



Fixtures/Results 2017

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Gate	Lge. pos.				
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							
Sat 14	Fleet Town	Away							
Wed 18	CAMBRIDGE CITY	HOME							
Sat 21	THAME UNITED	HOME							
Tue 24	HANWELL TOWN	HOME							
Sat 28	Aylesbury	Away							

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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	Gyiamah	Chingoka	Antwi
Hobbs	Chingoka	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Martin	Boxer	Kelly	Nyariki
Hobbs	T McDonnell	Chingoka	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Martin	Kelly	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Gurteen	Doolan	-
Rose	Hobbs	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Martin	Doolan	Chingoka
Davies-Coker	Hobbs	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	Walsh	Kouassi	Newman	Rose	Williams	Martin
Davies-Coker	Hobbs	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Williams	Nche	Abdollahi
Boxer	Pedro	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Olorunfemi	Williams	Nche	Abdollahi
Boxer	Nche	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	Pedro	Kouassi	Abdollahi	Gyimah	Chingoka	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Martin	Olorunfemi	Nche
Rose	Hewitt	Nche	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Martin	Olorunfemi	Gurteen
Rose	Hewitt	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Martin	Chingoka	Adamson
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Kouassi	Chingoka	Gyimah
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Kouassi	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Hayden-Smith	Chingoka	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Kouassi	Martin	Robinson	Chingoka	Haile
Hobbs	Hewitt	Martin	Lutaaya	J Osei	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Chingoka	Olorunfemi	-
Hobbs	Ochoa	Chingoka	Lutaaya	Martin	Hayden-Smith	Gilbey	Gyimah	-	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Hayden-Smith	Chingoka	Newman	Martin	Olorunfemi	Alomenu	Haile	Nche
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Chingoka	Martin	Taylor	Newman	Montella	Nche	Gyimah
Hobbs	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	Chingoka	Alomenu	Martin	Newman	Montella	Gyimah	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Hayden-Smith	Ochoa	Alomenu	Martin	Newman	Montella	Haile	J McDonnell
Hobbs	Chingoka	Hatherly	J McDonnell	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Olorunfemi	Alomenu	Haile
Hall	Hobbs	Taylor	Hatherly	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Olorunfemi	Haile	-
Hall	Hobbs	Williams	Hatherly	J Osei	Wynter	Newman	Olorunfemi	Montella	Haile
Russell	Nyariki	Williams	Hatherly	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Montella	Haile	-
Bunga	Russell	Williams	Nyariki	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Hatherly	Haile	Montella
Bunga	Tring	Olorunfemi	Hatherly	J Osei	Chingoka	Gilbey	Azeez	Russell	Haile
Gilbey	Tring	Williams	Barker	Wynter	Kouassi	Newman	Bunga	Azeez	Nyariki
Gilbey	Tring	Williams	Barker	Clarke	Kouassi	Newman	Montella	Nyariki	Nche
Tring	Hobbs	Williams	Barker	J Osei	Kouassi	Olorunfemi	Montella	Clarke	Haile
Tring	Hobbs	Williams	Barker	J Osei	Kouassi	Clarke	Azeez	Bunga	Camilo Tajeco
Gilbey	Tring	Williams	Hobbs	J Osei	Kouassi	Oyeniran	Azeez	Montella	-
Hobbs	Tring	Azeez	Russell	Oyeniran	Kouassi	Newman	Haile	Montella	-
Hobbs	Tring	Williams	Russell	J Osei	Kouassi	Haile	Montella	Newman	-
Hobbs	Tring	Williams	Newman	J Osei	Kouassi	Haile	Oladeyo	Montella	Azeez

The Squads



NORTHWOOD

Acting Manager:
Gordon Boateng
Physio: Dan Daggett

Kit: All red

- XAVI COMAS
- ISAAC OLORUNFEMI
- PAT ADAMSON
- SAM OYENIRAN
- TOM GILBEY
- KEIR DICKSON
- SAM TRING
- WILSON CHINGOKA ©
- LEWIS HOBBS
- JOE RUSSELL
- HAMILTON BUNGA
- HAKIM NYARIKI
- MESHACH WILLIAMS
- JERMAINE OSEI
- MERVIN ABRAHAM
- HARRY NEWMAN
- PAULO MONTELLA
- EVANS KOUASSI
- JAMIE FULTON
- NEBAY HAILE
- JOE BENJAMIN
- TEMILOLUWA OLADEJO
- FEMI AZEEZ
- SAM AFOLABI
- BEN DEFAUX



AFC RUSHDEN & D.

Manager: Andy Peaks
Asst. Manager: Paul Lamb
Coach: Scott Carlin

Kit: Blue & white

- KYLE SWAILES
- BEN HEATH
- LIAM DOLMAN
- JACK ASHTON
- SAM BROWN
- JACK WESTBROOK
- BLAIZE PUNTER
- CAMERON GILCHRIST
- CALLUM WESTWOOD
- BEN FARRELL
- BRAD HARRIS
- ROSS OULTON
- CLAUDIU HOBAN
- LUKE FAIRLAMB
- JOE CURTIS
- BEN FORD
- SPENCER WEIR-DALEY
- RYAN ROBBINS
- TOM LORRAINE
- BEN DIAMOND
- JOHN DEAN

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REFEREE: Joel Mannix
ASSISTANT: Stewart Beekman
ASSISTANT: Stuart Smith

