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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 finalist: 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

EDITOR KEN GREEN



Hello, and welcome
back to Northwood
Park this afternoon;
welcome to our
supporters new and old,
and to all connected with Ware FC; we trust they
enjoy their stay with us and have a safe journey
home later.

We have met Ware on a number of occasions over the years, having spent three years together in Ryman North plus they were moved to the Southern League for one season before being shifted back. Perhaps not surprisingly, the two games against Ware that I most remember were high-scoring encounters. Coincidentally, both occurred on the same date, 25th August! In that date in 2008, Northwood crashed 1-5 at Ware – 365 days later the Woods romped to a 6-0 home victory; not sure which I found the most enjoyable....

Ware got the season off to a good start with an opening day defeat of South Park, but the next few games only produced one point, and then on Tuesday evening The Blues took a point from Hertford with a 1-1 draw.

The least said the better about Tuesday evening as far as the Woods are concerned! A close first half at Hayes & Yeading saw the teams divided by just an own goal in the home side's favour. But after the break, a red card, another own goal, and several more goals saw Northwood on the wrong end of a 0-6 scoreline. That was such a contrast to the excellent 6-1 victory here at the weekend against Molesey, led by hat-trick man James Ewington; how quickly can fortunes change in football.

There have been plenty of home fixtures throughout September, but as the month ends, that is about to change, as the Woods now have three successive matches on the road, two of them cup ties. Next Saturday we travel to Woking for our first-ever meeting with Westfield, last season's Combined Counties League champions. The following Saturday, 13th October, we are at Dunstable Town in an FA Trophy tie, with a Middlesex Senior Cup game away to AFC Hayes on 16th October. The team finally return to Chestnut Avenue on Saturday 20th October, when we meet another club for the first time, South Park; kick-off will be at the usual time of 3.00 p.m.

Thanks for your support this afternoon, enjoy the game, and we hope to see you again soon!

Ken

ACTIVE IT MAN OF THE MATCH

Ged O'Loughlin of Active IT is kindly sponsoring the Man of the Match award for each home game this season.

The Man of the Match for the Velocity Trophy win against Bury Town was midfielder man Cameron Ferguson, whilst hat-trick hero James Ewington claimed the award following last Saturday's 6-1 defeat of Molesey.



Our photo shows both players receiving their awards on Saturday evening from Dean Barker and Ben Andreos, assisted by two of the mascots!

FA COMPETITIONS

The Woods avoided the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Trophy this year, and will travel to Dunstable Town on Saturday 13th October in the Preliminary Round. Dunstable were relegated from the Southern League Premier Division last season, and now compete in that league's Division One Central.



PARK LIFE



The latest from Northwood FC

In the FA Youth Cup Northwood's youngsters progressed with an excellent 5-0 home win against Brimsdown in the Preliminary Round, but narrowly lost 2-1 after extra time in the next round at Colney Heath last week.

SPONSOR A PLAYER

Here's your chance to sponsor a Northwood player for the 2018/19 season! With the Bostik League campaign now well underway, this really is the ideal time to back your favourite player!

For a donation of just £60 for the season, your sponsorship will be recognised both on the website and in every edition of the Matchday Programme. You can check elsewhere in this programme which players are available for sponsorship. Please contact Alan Evans or Ken Green, email enquiries@northwoodfc.com, or go online to www.northwoodfc.com. Thanks for your support!!

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To apply for your Super Season Ticket, please collect an application form from the clubhouse bar, or download it from www.northwoodfc.com.



MANAGER DEAN BARKER

Good afternoon! Firstly a warm welcome back to Northwood Park for today's Bostik League fixture against Ware FC.

I would like to welcome in particular Paul Halsey, his management team and staff and hope they enjoy the facilities at our stadium this afternoon.

Ware are a physically strong side with some very loyal players to Paul over the years and will give us a stern test today.

" We are looking for a reaction from the players today "

I write these notes after a mixed bag of results again over our last few games.

Excellent wins over Bury Town and Molesey, then back down to earth with a bump against

Hayes & Yeading United on Tuesday night.

With young players comes inconsistently and that has shown at times this season. We know what we need, we know what we have, and we know we need to improve in certain areas.

One win doesn't make you a brilliant team and one defeat doesn't make you a bad side. But we are looking for a reaction from the players today.

A lot has been happening at the club in recent weeks and I know the players have enjoyed the Man of the Match trophy sponsored by Active IT at the end of home games so I would like to thank the sponsors for this in particular.

It was good for our youth set-up to see another Under 18s player in Jamie Fulton get first team minutes on Tuesday.

A work in progress is where we are at right now, and 100 percent from everyone will continue until we get it as close to spot on as possible.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support!

Dean

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Club Matters

SECRETARY ALAN EVANS



Six goals and another hat-trick v Molesey A look at the records.....

Last Saturday's emphatic 6-1 victory over bottom club Molesey was the first time we had netted six times in a league game for almost exactly two years when we defeated Histon 6-0 on Tuesday 27th September 2016. On that occasion Louis Stead netted twice and there was one each for Ryan Debattista, Luke Heneghan, Ismael Ehui and Louis Bircham. That was of course a Southern League fixture and the last time we scored six times in an Isthmian League game was in our last season we previously played in the competition. On 25th August 2009 – just over nine years ago – we beat today's visitors Ware 6-0. Hugo Figueiredo 2, Gary Burrell, Rob Ursell, Anthony Page and Garry Senior netted the goals on that occasion. We have only scored more than six goals in any League game on two occasions since the turn of the Century. In 2000, we recorded a 7-3 win over Bishop's Stortford and in 2013 there was an 8-3 victory against Chertsey Town – both games here at Northwood Park. In 1999 we had hit seven on two occasions – both 7-2 successes – at home to Chalfont St Peter and Wingate & Finchley.

James Ewington's three first-half goals against Molesey gave him his second Northwood hat-trick of the season and became the first Woods player to record two hat-tricks in the same season since the 2013/14 season when Niko Muir bagged two inside eight days – the first against Chertsey Town in the game mentioned above and the other away at Ashford Town (Middlesex), though that was a League Cup match. Spencer Bellotti had done the same feat the previous season, though both in away games. The first was at Fleet Town in the



- League Cup and the other came at Woodford
- United in a Southern League fixture. The last
- Northwood player to score at least two League
- hat-tricks in the same season was the legend
- that is Lawrence Yaku in
- the 2000/01 season. In
- fact he bagged three
- hat-trick in that Isthmian
- League season – here at
- Northwood Park against
- Bishop's Stortford and
- Harlow Town, then away
- at Oxford City on the final
- day of the campaign. That
- season he also netted
- three in an FA Cup win
- over Uxbridge so far
- hat-tricks for the season.
- However, the year before that – 1999/2000, he
- also hit three in League matches – v. Chalfont
- St. Peter; Hungerford Town and Cheshunt
- but he also managed to hit three in two FA
- competitions – an 8-0 win over Clapton in the
- FA Cup and a 4-3 success at AFC Sudbury in the
- FA Vase – making a record number of five for a
- season.



- It is only a joint record though as you can
- also go back to 1978/79 for the actual record
- number of league hat-tricks in a season though
- – another legend in Martin Ellis who got them
- four times in League matches – away at Aston
- Clinton and Hazells (Aylesbury) and then at
- home against Maidenhead Town and Dowty
- Staverton (actually four goals). Add to that a
- hat-trick away at Southgate Athletic in the
- County Cup and that makes it five in a season
- and a joint record between the two top scorers
- in Northwood's history.

Isthmian League Cup success

- Last week's solid 2-0 victory over Bury Town
- saw the Woods move into Round Two and
- a clash with another side from the Bostik
- League's North Division in Felixstowe & Walton
- United; one of the most northerly clubs in the
- competition! The date for the game has now



been set as Tuesday 23rd October. It is almost certainly our intention to run a coach to this game, leaving Chestnut Avenue at 3pm but it would be good if we could keep costs down by having around twenty or so supporters on the coach to travel with the team so please book with me as soon as possible if you would like to come to the game. There will be a cost of £10.00 per person to help with the cost of the coach travel. It will be our first ever trip to Felixstowe; though we did meet the original Felixstowe Town club (prior to their merger with Walton) in the FA Vase here at Northwood back in 1990 – the Woods winning 2-1.

The Woods have always been fairly successful in League Cup competitions over the years. Since becoming a senior side in the early 1970s, there have been three Middlesex League Cup successes, two London Spartan League Cup victories and on one memorable occasion, we won the Isthmian League Cup.

It was way back in 2001/02 that we achieved that feat, starting with away wins at Harlow Town, Harrow Borough and Leyton Pennant before beating Canvey Island at home in the quarter-finals. It earned us a two-legged semi-final against Tooting & Mitcham United – a 4-2 win at home was followed by a 1-1 draw away to get through to the Final. This was all achieved as a side playing in Division One of the Isthmian League and in the Final, played at St Albans City FC, we met Premier Division outfit Hampton & Richmond Borough. Again, the Woods defied the underdogs tag to win the Final 3-2 with two goals from Andy Cook and one from star striker Lawrence Yaku.

We went close to reaching the final of the Southern League Cup in recent years too, losing a home semi-final against Merthyr Town on penalties following a goalless draw, just a few seasons ago in 2015/16.

So, it's a competition we always seek to do well in and hopefully we can continue our campaign in what is now known as the Velocity Trophy – Velocity were the Company who laid the pitch that we played on at Bracknell Town recently – though also named the Alan Turvey Trophy, after the long-serving Chairman of the League who is now President, when we travel – to Suffolk next month.

Other Cup Competitions

The Buildbase FA Trophy is getting closer and we get underway in that competition in just two weeks' time now when we will travel away to Dunstable Town who were relegated back from the Southern Premier last season and are

- playing the new season in Division One East of the Southern League. The date for the game has now been fixed as Saturday 13th October after Town won the toss with their neighbours AFC Dunstable who have to play their own FA Trophy match either on the Friday night or the Sunday. Dunstable started the season slowly but had an excellent away win at bottom club Kidlington last Saturday so have found a bit of form.

- Both Middlesex Cup competitions have been drawn and we will be away in the opening round of both. As last year, we will be away to AFC Hayes in the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday 16th October while our first appearance in the Middlesex Charity Cup for several years will see us travel to play at Wingate & Finchley, with our manager Dean Barker making a swift return to his former club! That game has now been organised to take place on Tuesday 9th October so will be the first of three successive cup games inside a week.

- Overall it means that after a blank midweek following today's fixture, we will then face three successive away cup fixtures on the following three Tuesday night's – we hope you can all join us at those matches as we look to progress and earn some silverware this season.

Fergus Moore – And Sometimes the Dog Was Busy!

- Fergus Moore is well-known for his long playing career on the local non-League scene which included a spell here at Northwood Park between 2004 and 2006 when he made 78 appearances and scored four goals from a defensive position in our Southern Premier League era. He is currently at Edgware Town in a player-manager role at the ripe old age of 46.

- Well Fergus, with the assistance of Roger Slater (who previously helped Gordon Bartlett to pen his non-League story), has compiled his own football memories which will be published in his own forthcoming biography, *And sometimes, the dog was busy!* The book is a meander through his career and the things he has seen in twenty-eight years in the non-league game including that two-year period at Northwood. It should be an interesting read.

- As one of his former clubs, we can offer signed



copies of this book for the price of £10.99. If anyone is interested please let me know as soon as possible either in person or by calling me on 07960 744349.

Season Tickets

For the fourth season in succession, we are offering a cut-price deal for any supporter who wants to purchase a season ticket for the new season. For the cost of just £40.00 you will gain access to all of our home League games this season (Cup games are all-pay as we have to share the gate receipts on all of these so no season tickets are allowed). In addition to this, you will also have free admission to the Under-18s home games in the midweek Isthmian Youth League while cut-price admission charges will also apply if you want to watch London Tigers at home when the Woods are away on their travels (though of course we would love to see you at away games too). To apply please complete an application form either at the clubhouse or on-line (where you can pay by card) from the website www.northwoodfc.com. As always we are looking to build on our Season Ticket numbers this season, especially with our recently appointed new media team around to promote all things Northwood FC. So please spread the word on the season tickets and try to encourage others to come down and give us a try.

Under-18s Midweek

The Under 18s have had a really tough start to their Save the Children Youth League campaign, losing in two away games against top sides, firstly 4-1 at Camberley Town and then 1-0 at Aldershot Town when they had to play with ten men for much of the second-half. They also exited the League Cup with a 4-2 defeat at Potters Bar Town. Last Monday they travelled to play Colney Heath in the First Qualifying Round of the FA Youth Cup and let slip a half-time lead to lose 2-1 in extra-time. In a side missing Jamie Fulton through suspension as well as Ben Dufaux and Femi Azeez, it was Kyran Worrell that was the star of the first thirty minutes and he helped set up a first goal of the season for James Bromley-Price. But when Kyran had to be substituted, the Woods lost their cutting edge and the home side got on top. Even then, goalkeeper Caolan Doyle was having a great game but with fifteen minutes to go Colney levelled and it forced extra-time where there looked to be only one winner and so it proved. The side now have a couple of weeks rest without a game and return to action with a series of home games starting on Thursday 9th October against Hayes & Yeading United.

Printed Programmes are back

After a year of only producing our match-day programmes on-line, we made the decision during the summer to return to a printed version for the upcoming season. This has been made possible thanks to some kind anonymous sponsorship which will allow us to produce them without making a loss, so please make sure you get your copy every week as it remains important for us to make sales of what is always a great read.



Replica Shirts

You may have noticed that we have moved to Nike as our new kit manufacturer this season and we do have a very limited number of replica shirts available (large, XL or XXL) in both the home Red and the away Royal Blue version at a cost of £35.00. Please let me know if you are interested.

Sponsors required

There are still several players who have not yet been sponsored for the new season so if you have a favourite player please consider making a donation of £60.00 in support of the club and your favourite player. You could always join forces with a couple of other people and have a joint sponsorship. We are also looking for a few match sponsors this season. Select a home game, join us in the Boardroom for some Hospitality food and drink to celebrate a birthday perhaps. Prices are negotiable.

Groundshare – London Tigers FC

Our two clubs 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. It's been a slow start to their fixtures though and they have only played at home once, when they lost 0-1 against Biggleswade United. Other than that it has been a string of away games, including in the FA Vase, but they did notch a second win of the season last Saturday with a 3-2 success at Crawley Green. They do have three home games scheduled inside a week at last and that starts next Saturday 6th October when they play hosts to Potton United. When they do play, those with Northwood Season Tickets can gain admission for half price.

Alan



A CHAT WITH THE WOODS

Craig Whitehead meets with skipper CARL PEARCE

After last Saturday's game against Molesey, I sat down with club captain Carl Pearce to ask him a few questions about his time at Northwood. So far this season he has captained the side to three wins in the Bostik League and the team have scored 15 goals in six league games.

How do you think the season is going so far Northwood?

I think the season so far is going well so far considering the teams we have played, three of which are amongst the favourites for promotion from this division. There is still a lot to work on in training but still a decent start.



What convinced you to leave Wingate & Finchley and move down to play for Northwood?

Quite simply, I just needed some game time. It's important to play as much as possible and when Dean spoke to me about joining Northwood, I was glad he had given me that opportunity.

How did it feel when Dean appointed you captain of the side?

When Dean told me I had been appointed captain, I was shocked but honoured.

Have you set yourself any personal targets for the season?

A personal target of mine is to score at least five goals this season, so far I've got two....

How did it feel to get your first goal for the club against Tooting & Mitcham United during that amazing comeback on the opening day of the season?

It felt amazing, especially to get the equaliser in what was such a crazy game!

What should be the team's aims in the Bostik League this season?

To finish as high as possible in the table

We also wanted to know about the dressing room, so we asked Carl some questions about his team-mates

In the dressing room, who has the funniest one liner?

Funniest one liners has to be our goalkeeper Luke Sheldrick



We saw in pre-season the squad singing in the bar, who was the best singer?

Entertainment wise it's Kweku, but best singer is tied between Cameron & Johnny Munday. Interesting fact on Johnny, did you know he captained Berkhamsted to promotion last season?

What's your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is definitely a nice healthy salad with plenty of ranch dressing

What club do you support?

Whatever team Ned Clarke supports...

Who is your football idol?

Ned Clarke, the best striker in the world!





The History

The club was founded in 1892 and although first called Ware Town soon changed its name to plain Ware FC. This unassuming title makes it probably the shortest named affiliate of the Football Association. In fact, the club has been anything but unassuming. It has held senior status from its very beginning, entering the Herts Senior Cup for the first time in 1893, and winning the cup on the first of five occasions in 1899 with a 2-1 win over Hitchin at St Albans. By this time Ware had been instrumental in founding the East Herts League and had won its championship on two of the three times it had been competed for. The club was to win it five more times before moving on to the North Middlesex League in 1907 and then also to the Herts County League in 1908. The championship of the latter came that season in a three-way play-off against St Albans City and Welwyn.

After the First World War the club gained a league and cup double with a second Herts County League championship and a fourth Herts Senior Cup win in 1922. The scenes in Ware when the team returned with the Senior Cup tell us something about the hold that football had on local loyalties at the time. The local paper reported that "Large crowds awaited the return of the special train to Ware, everybody being in high spirits. The Cup was marched through the town in front of a cheering throng." Indeed, it was later recalled that the cup was taken through the town on subsequent nights and that stops were made outside public houses where it was charged with beer before being drained by the crowd.

Shortly after this Ware joined the Spartan League, in which they were to enjoy several successes, winning the Division 2(B) Championship in 1926, Division 1 in 1951 with the highest "goals for" total ever achieved by a club in the Spartan League, and the Premier Division in 1952. In these later years the club also made significant progress in the old Amateur Cup meeting many famous sides on the way. One of these was Hendon, against whom Ware drew their largest attendance of 3,800 in the 1st Round in January 1957.

Moving on to the Delphian and then Athenian League, Ware enjoyed another successful period. Two promotions, two league cup wins and two reserve championships paved the way for progress in the FA Cup. In this Ware reached the First Round proper for the first time in 1968 when they travelled to the then Third Division side Luton Town. The opposition had a 100% home record but the game was scoreless with 30 minutes to go before a judicious substitution broke the stalemate and left Ware beaten 6-1 at the final whistle.

In these successful circumstances it was not surprising that Ware pressed for entry to the expanding Isthmian League. This was achieved for season 1975/76 and they have maintained their place at that level ever since. This is thanks most recently to their Division 2 Championship season of 2005/06 under manager Glen Alzapiedi which carried them into Division 1 just before Division 2 was disbanded. Alzapiedi's side brought further distinction with another FA Cup First Round appearance in 2007 which saw a narrow home defeat against Kidderminster Harriers in front of 2,123 spectators, a record for the current ground at Wodson Park.

Before that a tenth Herts Senior Cup Final in 2001 and another in 2008 have emphasised the club's long history and continuity. Ware is the first of only three possible candidates to appear in this final in three separate centuries, evidence that it is still one of the county's leading clubs.

League form has varied in recent years and after a disappointing period in the 2017/18



season John Dreyer took over as manager. With fortunes improving, Dreyer stepped aside and his assistant Paul Halsey has taken over the managerial reins.

The Players

HARRY RICKETTS – GOALKEEPER

Harry is in his second spell with the club having first joined in 2009/10 when he made 25 appearances before leaving to join Waltham Abbey. He went on to other clubs, most notably Hertford Town with whom he spent the best part of three seasons, but re-joined Ware for 2018/19.

ANTHONY PAGE – GOALKEEPER

Anthony joined Ware from Grays Athletic for whom he made one appearance this season. Last season he was at Brentwood Town and has also played for Enfield Town.

GARETH MADDEN – DEFENDER

Gareth made his first appearance for Ware in August 2013, and went on to make 72 appearances in the next two seasons, scoring twice. He re-joined Ware from Waltham Forest and now captains the side.

BRADLEY FRASER – DEFENDER

Centre-back Bradley joined Ware from Hoddesdon Town, having played briefly for Ware in 2012/13.

DOMINIQUE NJOYA – DEFENDER

Dom is a left back who made his debut for Ware in January 2018, since when he has played a full part in the back four and this term is an ever-present in the side.

ALAA OUJDI – DEFENDER

Alaa made his Ware debut in March 2014, making his 150th appearance in November 2017.

CHARLIE YEXLEY – DEFENDER

Right-back Charlie originally joined Ware on loan from Dagenham & Redbridge in December 2014.

ALBERT ADU – MIDFIELDER

Albert's first game for Ware was in January 2014, before he moved on a year later, having scored 14 goals in 52 appearances. He has now re-joined the club from Faroese League club Tvøroyrar Bóltfelag and has also played for Mandel United in Belgium.

DAVE COWLEY – MIDFIELDER

The experienced midfielder made his Ware debut in March this year. His former clubs include AFC Sudbury, Grays Athletic, Harlow Town and Thurrock but he has also had experience in Spain, having started out with West Ham United.

JACK DAVENEY – MIDFIELDER

Having spent a large part of his footballing career with Waltham Abbey, midfielder Jack has recently joined Ware.

HARLEY HAAG – MIDFIELDER

Striker who first joined Ware in 2015/16, making ten appearances and scoring two goals. He re-joined Ware last season and is the son of former Ware striker Kelly Haag.

BEN HART – MIDFIELDER

A wide midfielder who signed for Ware for the start of 2018/19, having had previous experience with Hoddesdon Town and three seasons at Harlow Town.

JOSH OYIBO – MIDFIELD

Josh made Ware debut in February 2015 and is fast approaching 100 appearances for the club, having scored ten goals. Earlier in his career Josh had been in the AFC Wimbledon youth set up and was for a short while played for Hereford United.

LEIGH ROSE – MIDFIELDER

Leigh first played for Ware on the opening day of 2011 in a 3-1, and after spells at other local clubs has now returned to the club, adding to his 33 earlier appearances.

LOUIS ROSE – MIDFIELDER

Louis has now re-joined Ware, having made 32 appearances in his first spell with the Blues.

CALLUM TAYLOR – STRIKER

Callum, a striker, has recently joined Ware on loan from Royston Town.

JORDON WATSON – STRIKER

Jordon joined Ware from Aveyly this season, having also played for local rivals Hertford Town. He is a striker who has already started to find the net for Ware.

PAUL HALSEY – MANAGER

Previously assistant manager, Paul had a earlier spell in charge at Ware in 2009. Since then he has been goalkeeping coach at Billericay and manager at Hoddesdon Town and Hertford Town.

WARE



MANAGER: Paul Halsey

GROUND: Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware, Herts

YEAR FORMED: 1892

NICKNAME: The Blues

MAIN HONOURS

Isthmian League Division Two champions 2006
 Spartan League Premier Division champions 1953
 Herts Senior Cup winners 1899, 1904, 1907, 1922, 1954
 East Anglian Cup winners 1974

TOP SCORER 2017-18: Yannick Kamanan (16)

LAST FIVE SEASONS

2017-18	Isthmian League Div 1 N	20th
2016-17	Isthmian League Div 1 N	22nd
2013-14	Southern League Div 1 C	11th
2014-15	Isthmian League Div 1 N	10th
2013-14	Isthmian League Div 1 N	21st

LAST MEETING

Southern League Division One Central
 20 February 2016
 Northwood 1 Ware 2

HEAD TO HEAD (all competitive games)

Northwood 5 wins
 Ware 4 wins
 1 draw

HEAD TO HEAD AT NORTHWOOD

Northwood 3 win
 Ware 1 win
 0 draws

NORTHWOOD FORM

Sep 25	Hayes & YU (A)	Bostik	L 0-6
Sep 22	Molesey (H)	Bostik	W 6-1
Sep 18	Bury Town (H)	Velocity	W 2-0
Sep 15	Bracknell Town (A)	Bostik	L 1-2
Sep 11	Kings Langley (A)	FA Cup	L 1-3
Sep 8	Kings Langley (H)	FA Cup	D 0-0

WARE FORM

Sep 25	Hertford T (H)	Bostik	D 1-1
Sep 22	Enfield Town (A)	Velocity	L 1-2
Sep 15	Uxbridge (A)	Bostik	L 1-2
Sep 8	Lowestoft (H)	FA Cup	L 0-1
Sep 4	Chalfont St P (A)	Velocity	W 2-0
Sep 1	Molesey (H)	Bostik	D 2-2



Action photos from Woods' 6-0 win against Ware in August 2009



THE FIRST MEETING

Tuesday 1st February 2000
WOODS LEAVE IT LATE
WARE 2 NORTHWOOD 3

In their first-ever meeting with Ware, the Woods had to dig deep to turn the game around and qualify for the quarter-finals of the Vandanel Trophy after finding themselves 2-0 down inside half-an-hour. Reserve keeper Jamie Carter had been keeping plenty of clean sheets for the second team this season and he came in to make his senior debut in place of injury victim Paul Riordan. Danny Yeoman was rested while Lawrence Yaku was ruled out with a thigh strain, so there was a place for Scott Fitzgerald and another debut given to Andy Draper. Ware included Mark Barnard in their side, a player who was with Northwood for most of the previous season.

The game was less than two minutes old when a corner was knocked in and Andy Keepence headed home. It was not an ideal start, and the Woods were finding things difficult on a very bumpy pitch which was being made more difficult by constant rain. Despite this they had most of the possession and Dave Nolan was knocking in some good crosses. Chris Gell, making his 300th appearance for the club, was first to test the keeper but Patching saved his low shot comfortably.

The Woods had not made any breakthrough when they were caught out totally by a long free-kick. Lee Gildersleve lost his marker and headed neatly inside the near post. At this stage, a quarter-final place looked unlikely, but after 42 minutes Gell fired in a great shot which crashed back off the crossbar. The rebound fell to Fitzgerald, but he headed weakly at the keeper from the edge of the six-yard box. It was after 53 minutes that hopes were raised. A free-kick just outside the box on the right saw Dave Sargent curl it in towards the far post and when Martyn Patching was unable to hold it, Steve Newing bundled the ball over the line.

The introduction of Andy Sherry for Draper saw Newing drop in behind the pacy front two as

the Woods looked to attack. It seemed to work as

Gell and Fitzgerald both got into good positions but they both fired wide of the target. Carter had little to do in the Northwood goal but did look comfortable when saving from Lee Smart and Dean Harding. Time was running out for the Woods, but they kept battling on and, after Fitzgerald had seen a shot saved by Patching, they finally equalised after 88 minutes. Danny Buller knocked the ball into the box from his own half and Newing went up with keeper and a Ware defender. The ball ran loose off the keeper's palms and Scott Fitzgerald (*pictured*) was there to fire home.

In the final minute, a Sargent cross saw Fitzgerald knock on and Sherry flicked his own header just wide. Then a Nolan cross saw Fitzgerald dive in with a header which was also just wide. Extra time seemed certain but then Ware defender Danny Greenwood had a rush of blood to the head and stamped on Nolan off the ball and in the penalty area. The linesman had spotted it, Greenwood was sent off and Dave Sargent stepped up to coolly slot home the winner.

Ware: Martyn Patching, Dave Greenwood, Tony Ward, Nathan Beckett, Martin Sedgwick, Dean Harding, Lee Smart, Lee Gildersleve, Ian Hart, Andy Keepence, Mark Barnard

Northwood: Jamie Carter, Andy Draper (Andy Sherry), Paul Watkins (Gary Williams), Danny Butler, Rene Street, Dave Sargent, Dave Nolan, Chris Gell, Steve Newing, Scott Fitzgerald, James Burgess (Gavin Hart).



ON THIS DAY

39
years ago

Hellenic League Premier Division Abingdon United 0 Northwood 2

1979: Northwood shrugged off recent reverses to return to winning ways. And

it was Martin Ellis who converted their superiority into points, and he was unlucky that he did not finish with four goals to his credit.

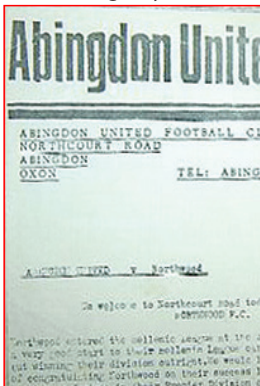
The home keeper, Jones, was having a field day, but even so Ellis beat him early on, only to see the ball cleared via the heel of a prostrate defender. Ellis was again in the thick of the action soon afterwards, but a crashing drive was turned around the post by the diving Jones.

The aggressive Ian Harvey kept his team-mates stuck to the task, and after 55 minutes Roger Livingstone won the ball in the air, and Ellis swept it home.

Ellis stretched the lead after chesting down a cross from Gould, and giving Jones no chance.

Abingdon United were never allowed back in the match, an Woods' victory was all the sweeter for the recent lapses.

Northwood: David Russell, Barry Gould, Steve Revell, Pip Boyle, Alan Merison, Peter Carter, Robin Tidd, Norman Heslop, Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, Ian Harvey. Sub: Andy Huckle.



In a game of two halves, Woods totally dominated the second period, and had by far the better scoring opportunities, the best of which saw Bennett send a close range header wide of a gaping goal. In the final quarter Woods really turned the screw but the dominance of Boyle and James in midfield wasn't turned into goal advantage and they had greater reason than Beaconsfield to regret their failures at the final whistle.

Northwood: Keith May, Nigel Pompilis, Peter Davies, Peter Lammin, Gary Amer, Phil Boyle, Viv James, Alan Routledge, Peter Caines, Bobby Bennett, Billy Stag. Sub: Dennis Ryan.

28
years ago

GK London Spartan Premier Northwood 1 North Greenford United 2

1990: Northwood lost for the first time in nine league outings when they crashed 2-1 to lowly North Greenford. Greg Phillips converted a second half penalty but it was not enough to cancel out two goals by the visitors.

It was a very poor performance from Northwood, who had to play the game without injured defenders Steve Whitehead, Paul Curran and Stuart Baldwin. They got a tongue-lashing at half-time from manager Alan Merison after conceding a sloppy early goal. In the second half Northwood did improve, but a

mistake by Jeremy Billins let in Steve Bastian to strike and make it 2-0 to Greenford. Garfield Blackman was brought down midway through the second period, and Phillips scored from the spot.



34
years ago

London Spartan Premier Beaconsfield United 0 Northwood 0

1984: Northwood missed out on a great opportunity of moving into second spot in the Spartan Premier Division through missed chances. They had netted eleven goals seven days earlier, but this time ended with a blank.

Ken Green takes a look back at the Woods' fortunes on 29th September during the club's history

And when Stefan McGarrell, a recent signing from Southall, came on for Tony Thomas, the Woods looked a different prospect. Tim Vincent hit the bar, and Blackman, Andy Edey and McGarrell all went close to equalising before the final whistle completed Northwood's despair.

Northwood: Ken Lavender, Lee Randall, Peter Lamin, Jeremy Billins, Scott Fitzgerald, Dave Nolan, Greg Phillips, Tim Vincent, Tony Thomas (Stefan McGarrell), Andy Edey, Garfield Blackman

6
years ago

Red Insure League Cup Fleet Town 0 Northwood 4

2012: Woods had a comfortable victory at Fleet, taking a 23rd minute lead when Jack Hutchinson drove forward and played a good ball through for Spencer Bellotti to run onto, and his low shot found the net. Bellotti then notched a second just three minutes later, the grateful recipient of another assist from Hutchinson.

The Woods added a third goal on 39 minutes as James McCluskey chipped in a free-kick and Olly Hawkins met it



perfectly with a powerful downward header that bounced up and gave Price no chance. It took until 75 minutes for the fourth goal, and Bellotti completed his hat-trick when some more good work from Ajayi put him in on goal and after Pryce had blocked his initial effort, he recovered the ball well and shot past two retreating defenders to make it 4-0.

Northwood: Jack Middleton, Danny McDonnell, Ryan Phillips (Romaine Walker), Ricky Rogers,

Reece Yorke, Scott Raper (Adamson Ajayi), Dean Worman, James McCluskey, Spencer Bellotti, Oliver Hawkins (Jack Ward), Jack Hutchinson

3
years ago

Evo-Stik Southern League Ware 2 Northwood 0

2015: Northwood's poor run of League form continued as they slipped to a two-goal defeat in this midweek trip to Ware and fell to eleventh place in the table they led after the first two weeks of the season.

The first half was pretty even, and on 39 minutes the Woods had probably their best chance to take the lead, when a good move saw Ehui have a shot that was blocked but the ball ran loose and Louis Stead had a clear sight of goal only to fire straight at Smith who saved. But it was Ware that did take the lead just before the half-time break. It was another ball down the left that did the damage as Oyibo drew clear and his chip of Laurencin was accurate as it dropped into an empty net. After the restart, Ware got on top and were gifted a second goal when Brown's short back-pass to Laurencin had a poor touch from the keeper and Bishop robbed him of the ball and tucked it home. It was only in the final stages that there was some more goalmouth action with a series of efforts from Muir, Murray, Holland and Ehui but none were accurate enough to threaten Smith in the Ware goal.

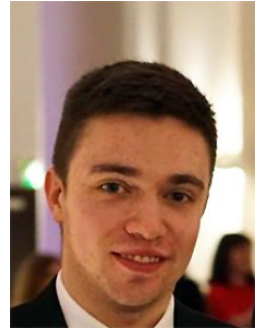
Northwood:

Berkley Laurencin, Omar Vassell, Andy Lomas, Jon Munday, Steve Brown (Perry Dicker), George Nicholas (Niko Muir), Joakim Ehui, James Burgess, Louis Stead, Michael Murray, Rob Hastings Max Holland)





Welcome wins with Ware test next



By Matt Ford

What a difference a week makes. Two wins at Northwood Park, progress in a cup competition, eight goals scored, a hat-trick from James Ewington and a welcome reminder that when this young group click into gear they are a joy to behold.

Or they would be if only I was there to witness what by all accounts was two great performances for very different reasons! Other commitments mean my ability to get to Woods games may be restricted over the next few months but I cannot help but feel excited about Dean Barker's group.

In conversation with him over the summer he told me his philosophy was centred around playing attacking football and we have had plenty of evidence of that through the opening weeks of the season.

Sure, the Woods were knocked out of the FA Cup and suffered setbacks against some of the early season pacesetters, including recently at league leaders Bracknell, but there has been no shortage of quality on show in the games that I've seen.

So to get back to winning ways against Bury Town, and ensure passage through to the next round of the Isthmian League Cup, and then follow that up with a crushing win over Molesey, was doubly satisfying.

Yes, Molesey have struggled early on this campaign but the old adage is you can only beat what is in front of you. The Woods have shown an ability to create plenty of chances in their games this season but sometimes the

clinical edge has deserted them.

There were no such problems last weekend, in difficult conditions it must be said. Sometimes playing in driving rain on a soaked playing surface can present a plethora of problems and games like that can often descend into gritty affairs.

Credit where its due, then, as Barker's side grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck and never relented on that tempo throughout on a dominant afternoon.

It goes without saying that after a few barren games in the league, setting your stall out early – especially at home – is vital.

You want to make your opponents toil and rattle them as best you can, particularly when the opposition have found the going tough early in the campaign as Molesey had.

Ewington has already proven that he's a special player at this level so to grab a first-half hat-trick is some effort.

Barker waxed lyrical about his potential having netted close to 50 goals at the level below for Harpenden Town last term.

The challenge, at this rate, will be to ensure that he stays put and resists the dreaded seven-day approaches that are sure to come rolling in for a player of his undoubted quality.

Woods have been fortunate to have had prolific marksmen throughout their history. Think back to the Tony Choules era where the trio of Lawrence Yaku, Steve Hale and Scott Fitzgerald put the fear into their opponents season after

season, not to mention the likes of current Hanwell Town boss Chris Moore.

In recent times from Scott Orphanou to Aaron Lansiquot, Spencer Bellotti to Oliver Hawkins, Ryan Debattista to Niko Muir, Northwood have never really been short of a player capable of finding the net with devastating regularity.

In Ewington, dare I say that the Woods have a top five centre forward who should be in the running for the golden boot? It's early days, of course, but I like what I've seen.

Perhaps the only disappointment off the back of Saturday was an inability to keep a clean sheet against a Molesey side who played in excess of 45 minutes with ten men.

But perhaps the Surrey side deserve some credit, too, for not giving up and putting up a bit of a fight when it would have been easier to have folded and lost by an even greater margin than the eventual 6-1 final score.

I'm writing these notes, however, before Tuesday's visit to Hayes & Yeading United. Barker has spoken several times about the expectation that Hayes will win the division and, to be honest, I think most of us would be inclined to agree with him.

With a budget that will surely be among the highest in the league and an excellent infrastructure, Hayes look primed to make the first tentative steps on the road back to what they hope will be a return to the upper echelons of the non-league game following a tough few seasons.

Nonetheless, the trip to Beaconsfield Road will be an excellent test that Barker and his players will relish.

As Jerome Slew said in his post-match interview to WoodsTV after the Molesey game, you look forward to testing yourself against the best and rising to those challenges is what good players do.

It's a view that will be shared by all those in the Northwood dressing room. That you can be sure of.

The expectation will very much be that Hayes win that game comfortably but you can take nothing for granted in this league and the Woods will be hoping to string a mid-week surprise.

Win, lose or draw it is refreshing to see Barker and head coach Ben Andreos remain level headed. The mentality they are instilling is very

much one that emphasises not getting carried away with victory and not too down with defeat.

This is a young squad and you have to take the rough with the smooth. But is the potential there for a good season? Absolutely. And harnessing that will be the challenge, whatever the opposition.

Today's game against Ware should be no different.

Enjoy the game and up the Woods!

Matt



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MATCH REPORT

Northwood returned to winning ways in the league as James Ewington's second hat-trick of the season lead them to an emphatic win over lowly Molesey. The Moles came into the game still looking for a first win of the season and they started well as Woods goalkeeper Luke Sheldrick was forced into an early save to deny Manny Quarshie. Both sides were making light of the wet conditions and Northwood were soon on the offensive, Molesey 'keeper Sam Johnson-Freeman quickly off his line to twice deny Ewington as the striker latched onto balls from Ned Clarke and Wilson Chingoka.

The hosts who took a deserved lead on 11 minutes as Matt Cooper's direct free-kick deceived Johnson-Freeman to nestle in the bottom corner for his first Woods goal. Northwood were immediately back on the attack and Keir Dickson sent over a teasing cross, following a surging run from deep, which was hooked behind by defender Chris Wales.

And Molesey's flat defence was found wanting once again as a searching pass from Sam Jenkins picked out Ewington, who showed deft control before slotting the ball past Johnson-Freeman to increase Northwood's lead on 18 minutes.

Sheldrick had to be at his best as he produced a point-blank save to deny Adrian Spence while Tayo Oyebola and Quarshie threatened with shots as the Moles looked for a way back into the game. But it was the prolific Ewington who showed how it was done as he increased Northwood's lead on 31 minutes as he ran onto Clarke's through-ball for a coolly taken second goal of the afternoon.

Sheldrick had to be alert as he dealt with a long-range Quarshie effort but at the other end, Ferguson shot narrowly over before Ewington was denied his hat-trick by an offside flag. However, Woods' hot-shot was not be thwarted and he completed his hat-trick with another clinical finish to make it 4-0 five minutes before the break.

Molesey's task was made almost impossible as they were reduced to ten men after Quarshie let frustration get the better of him as he fouled Jerome Slew having earlier been booked for a reckless challenge on Chingoka.

Woods threatened further goals early in the second half as the hard-working Clarke shot wide on the turn before Slew found the side-netting after a strong run. But Northwood didn't have to wait long for a fifth goal after Slew rifled a shot into the far corner of the net on 56 minutes following good work from Jenkins.

Ewington, Slew and Clarke went close to adding further goals but as Woods took their foot off the gas, Molesey began to ask a few questions and they deservedly opened their account on 71 minutes as Oyebola fired a shot across Sheldrick as the hosts failed to clear their lines.

But Northwood were not to be denied as they scored a sixth goal in the 90th minute, skipper Carl Pearce heading home Cooper's left wing cross to complete the rout.



Northwood: Luke Sheldrick, Sam Jenkins, Matt Cooper, Wilson Chingoka, Jack Gibbs, Carl Pearce, Jerome Slew, Cameron Ferguson (Ben Andreos 80m), Ned Clarke (Chris Gosling 72m), James Ewington, Keir Dickson (Kweku Conrad-Lucan 65m)

Molesey: Sam Johnson-Freeman, Ashby Charles, Alex Filipe (Erza Nelson 65m), Ayo Majekodunmi (Athian Smith-Joseph 64m), Frances Quarm, Chris Wales, Ryan Marklew, Dylan Cascoe, Tayo Oyebola, Manny Quarshie, Adrian Spence (Denzel Scott-Boyle 64m)



Pyramid Panorama

Today we thought we would have the first of our occasional quick looks around what's happening in the non-League pyramid but also with a view to the local area and a slant towards all things Northwood.

The Emirates FA Cup

There is lots of money to be made from the sponsorship in the competition this season and none locally have benefitted more than Hanwell Town, under the management of



former Woods pair Chris Moore and Wayne Carter. Their defence has been superb all season and their 1-0 defeat of Evo-Stik Premier side Lowestoft Town took them into the Third Qualifying round and their success has now banked them £18,000 and equalled their best ever run in the FA Cup. Our own victors Kings Langley were held to a 1-1 draw by Lewes last Saturday and will have faced a midweek replay of they were to get through to the next round. Beaconsfield Town notched a 2-0 win at FC Romania to stay in the FA Cup comfortably but Hayes & Yeading United will have been disappointed to have gone out with a 0-1 home defeat against Moneyfields, who have struggled in their opening league games in the Evo-Stik Division one South and have now reached the Third Qualifying Round for the first time in their history – at the nineteenth attempt. On that subject, Coggeshall Town, promoted from the Eastern Counties League

and owned by pop star Olly Murs, have made it to that stage in the debut season in the competition. Other Middlesex sides who have won a place in the next round include Wealdstone – 2-0 winners over Great Woking Rovers – and Hampton & Richmond Borough who defeated Burgess Hill Town 3-0.

The draw for the Third Qualifier was made on Monday and Hanwell Town face an away game at Leatherhead in that next round. Should Egham Town win their replay at Brightonsea Regent, they would play at home to Torquay United; Beaconsfield Town travel to Concord Rangers – there is a £15,000 prize to each of the winners.

Around the Pyramid – National League

Leyton Orient lead the way in the National League, still unbeaten after 12 games in a reversal of fortunes with nearby Dagenham & Redbridge who find themselves in the bottom four relegation spots at this early stage. Locally, Boreham Wood, under the management of former Northwood defender Luke Garrard, are doing well, unbeaten at home and currently sitting in tenth place. Alan Devonshire's Maidenhead United are also holding their own in lower mid-table, as are Barnet. Former Woods striker Niko Muir has scored a couple of goals for his new club Hartlepool United and they have lost just one game so far and sit in the play-off places.

The National League South looks like one of the most interesting of divisions this season and just five points separate the top seven clubs which is topped by Woking and Billericay Town.



Hampton & Richmond Borough, under the new management for long-serving Hendon boss Gary McCann are also right up there, followed by Welling United, Bath City, Chippenham Town and Slough Town who bolstered their forward line with a superb loan signing of Matt Stevens from Peterborough United – he bagged a hat-trick last week. St Albans City and Wealdstone are in mid-table, alongside Torquay United who have only conceded four goals in ten games but have also only scored seven. Hemel Hempstead Town have struggled a little and have now lost their own long-serving manager Dean Brennan to big-spending Billericay Town so are on the hunt for a new manager.



Step Three

There are now of course three local Premier Division – two of them being run by the Evo-Stik Southern League and one by the Bostik League. In our own League it is Tonbridge Angels who have quickly gone five points clear at the top from a resurgent Worthing and then the best-placed Middlesex side in Enfield Town who are unbeaten from seven matches. Potters Bar Town, who still have at least half a dozen ex-Northwood players in their line-up, started really well but a couple of defeats have seen them slip back to mid-table. Wingate & Finchley are in lower mid-table.

The rest of the Middlesex Step 3 clubs found themselves transferred over to the Evo-Stik Premier South Division where Hartley Wintney have continued their meteoric rise by moving top of that table on Saturday ahead of the big guns of Weymouth and the West Country trio of Taunton Town, Tiverton Town and Merthyr Town! Hendon have lost just one of their first seven under the new management of Jimmy Gray and Harrow Borough have slipped into their usual mid-table position but Beaconsfield Town, managed by former Woods boss Gary

Meakin, have drawn four of their opening seven so are struggling a bit. Not as much as Staines Town, who have already parted company with new manager Cristian Colas, and Chesham United who are rock bottom with just one point. In the Evo-Stik Premier Central, Kettering Town have moved to the top, Royston Town are nicely placed in seventh but Hitchin Town are struggling and in the bottom three. AFC Rushden & Diamonds, promoted from our own division last season, have also not started that well.

Step Four

There is also an additional division at Step 4 with three being managed by the Isthmian League. In addition to our South Central Division, there is a North Division, which includes Bury Town who we beat in the League Cup and Felixstowe & Walton United our next opponents, plus a South East Division. In the North newcomers Basildon United have a 100% record at the top and are being chased by virtually the whole of the rest of Essex. Aveley, enjoying their new artificial surface, are second and followed by Maldon & Tiptree, Felixstowe & Walton, Bowers & Pitsea and Canvey Island. Early strugglers are Mildenhall Town, Tilbury and Soham Town Rangers who have just one point so far. Former Woods winger Evans Kouassi started the season at Heybridge Swifts who are mid-table but things didn't work out and he has just left the club.



Our top scorer last season, Jermaine Osei, started the campaign at Egham Town with former Northwood manager Simon Lane. Lane was sacked a couple of weeks ago and Osei has now moved on to join Bedford Town who have started their season in the Evo-Stik Division One Central reasonably well and sit in seventh place. Bromsgrove Sporting and Corby Town are the two leaders alongside promoted United Counties League



champions Peterborough Sports; all three remain unbeaten at this stage. Thame United have started well in fourth alongside another promoted club, Welwyn Garden City. Aylesbury United, who won here in a pre-season friendly, have surprisingly struggled with four defeats from their opening five matches and Aylesbury are not much better off while the two Dunstable clubs, Town and AFC, are also in the lower mid-table area. Right at the bottom are Kidlington who have lost all six matches, scored just one goal and conceded thirty.

The only other Division at Step 4 with any real interest to Northwood is in the Evo-Stik Division One South where Fleet Town rather unluckily found themselves in this season after being switched very late by the FA. It is simply an awful division for them to be in as far as travel is concerned but their appeals fell on



deaf ears, as is usually the case. They are yet to win from their opening six matches, though they do have Barnstaple Town still below them who have lost all seven of theirs. Anyway, scorer in each of their last three matches has been Meshach Williams who enjoyed a successful spell here at Northwood at the back end of last season. Promoted from the Wessex League, it is Blackfield & Langley who lead the table from Evesham United and the unbeaten Yate Town.

Feeder Leagues

With many of the progressive Step 5 clubs promoted to Step 4 at the end of last season, there seems a bit of watered down look to each of our local feeder leagues this season. In the Spartan South Midlands it is unbeaten Tring Athletic that are leading the table with their early challengers being Biggleswade FC, who we met in pre-season, and relegated Arlesey Town who have started pretty well back at the lower level. Oxhey Jets started well but have dropped points in recent weeks while Edgware Town are in mid-table just above both our

tenants London Tigers and North Greenford United, who have returned to the league after being in the Combined Counties for the past couple of years. Surprisingly struggling are Wembley, without a win in seven and Cockfosters who beat us so convincingly in pre-season, and those two only have Stotfold below them in the table.

Former Northwood boss Dave Anderson returned to the management ranks at the back-end of last season to the newly bank-rolled Chertsey Town and he has kicked-off their Combined Counties League season with a rocket as they are top with maximum points from seven matches. Anderson has returned to his little black book to bring in the experience of players such as Nick Jupp in goal, Michael Peacock in defence, Dave Taylor, Lewis Driver – all of those former Harrow Borough players plus Lubomir Guentchev, Sam Murphy, Leon Smith and Dale Binns – all ex-Hendon stars of yesteryear. Southall, who now groundshare at Ashford Town (Middlesex) and have switched after winning Division One of the Spartan South Midlands, are now mid-table under the new management of former Northwood defender Max Howell. AFC Hayes, our opponents in the Middlesex Senior Cup next month, are sadly struggling at the bottom of the table.

Chertsey Town are due to play Flackwell Heath of the Hellenic League in the next round of the FA Vase but the Heathens are only mid-table at present alongside Windsor who are similarly placed. It is Ascot United who are currently top of the table but they have played four more games than second-placed Wantage Town who are only four points behind them. Holmer Green were moved to the Hellenic League this year and are sitting okay in mid-table; their 1-2 defeat at home to Tuffley Rovers last Saturday saw former Northwood defender Dean Powles score an own goal to give their visitors all three points!

Our Step 6 local sides are pretty much all playing in Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League, and best of them at the moment are Harefield United who are unbeaten in third place behind leaders FC Broxbourne Borough with ground-sharers Broadfields United just behind them in fourth. Hillingdon Borough started well but a couple of defeats have left them just off the pace while Wodson Park so still have a 100% record from their five matches played. Rayners Lane, who unveiled their new artificial pitch for the new season, are struggling with four defeats from seven matches.



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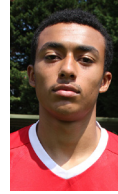
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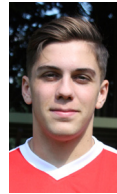
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Ben Andreos	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Femi Azeez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
Wilson Chingoka	5	0	2	1	8	0	0	0	50	7	1	0
Ned Clarke	1	2	3	1	7	0	0	0	10	0	2	0
Kweku Conrad-Lucan	2	4	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Matt Cooper	4	1	4	0	9	1	0	1	9	1	1	0
Cameron Currie	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Keir Dickson	3	2	1	1	7	0	0	0	16	1	1	0
Coalan Doyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Ewington	7	0	4	0	11	3	4	7	11	7	0	0
Cameron Ferguson	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Jamie Fulton	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Jack Gibbs	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Chris Gosling	3	3	2	1	9	0	0	0	9	0	1	0
Sam Jenkins	3	0	2	1	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Luke Jupp	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tom Massey	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Miguel Matos	4	0	2	1	7	0	1	1	7	1	0	0
Emmanuel Melford-Rowe	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
Jon Munday	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	0	0
Hakim Nyariki	3	2	1	1	7	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Ben Pattie	3	0	1	2	6	0	1	1	6	1	1	0
Carl Pearce	6	0	4	0	10	2	0	2	10	2	0	0
Luke Sheldrick	7	0	4	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Rhys Shirley-Clarke	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jorome Slew	7	0	1	0	8	3	0	3	8	3	1	0
Karl Stevenson	4	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	3	0
Sam Tring	6	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	20	0	1	1
Kyran Worrell	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0



From *THE NON LEAGUE PAPER*'s

ADAM ELLIS

Jamie Vardy has gone on to forge a remarkable career in football from his earlier days in the lower leagues. But he is someone who has become so widely written about everyone from Land's End to John O'Groats has come to groan whenever they read his name and 'Non-League' as the subject of a news headline.

It is a little bit like when you would flick through the TV channels and you find Clare Balding presenting Crufts, then she's on the BBC fronting coverage of the athletics and on Channel 4 doing the horse racing. And, in this regard, it's similar when you see Jamie Vardy and another Non-League angle taken by a sportswriter who is tapping what's left of an empty keg.

His story is not unique to him and is not unique to Non-League football in this country or, indeed, in other football-loving nations. But that should not diminish the feats of his career – Clare Balding is still a great presenter after all, that's why she is getting all the TV gigs.

For Vardy, seeing his career ascend to the international stage was something few footballers can dream of. But here are a few who have trod the same path as the former FC Halifax Town forward.

Miroslav Klose (Germany) – FC 08 Homberg

The record goalscorer in FIFA World Cups was a bit of a late-bloomer in the sport before becoming a force for Die Mannschaft.

At the age of 20, Klose was splitting his time between pulling on the colours of fifth division side FC 08 Homberg and bricklaying before a move to Kaiserslautern II in 1999 saw his career come into fruition.

125 goals for Bundesliga sides Kaiserslautern, Werder Bremen and European giants Bayern Munich followed, as well as a five-year stint in Italy with Lazio where he averaged one goal every two-and-a-half games.

For the national team, Klose became a much-needed puzzle piece that had been missing since Oliver Bierhoff's retirement. In 137 caps for Germany Klose scored 71 times, including 16 goals at World Cups to pass Ronaldo's record.

Fernando Llorente (Spain) – CD Basconia

Granted, Basque country club Basconia act as a feeder club to Athletic Bilbao but they are a club established in their own right and with their own history.

Llorente was a teenager when he turned out for the third-tier side reaching double-figures in the 2003-04 season.

Eight years with Bilbao followed and so did international honours as Llorente provided the grunt to back up the skill and finesse of David Villa and Fernando Torres in Spain's World Cup and European Championship double of 2010 and 2012.



UNDER 18's

The Woods Under 18s are again this season playing in the Isthmian Youth League - now known as the Save The Children Youth League - West Division, guided by Mark Fox and Richard Elderfield (pictured).



They were involved in an exciting FA Youth Cup tie at Colney Heath last week, and there were a couple of early efforts for the Woods, James Bromley-Price having a shot pushed wide, Kyran Worrell firing just wide and then Jordan Coles shot straight at the keeper.

Woods keeper Caolan Doyle made a good save from Harry Ronald, and then on 38 minutes James Bromley-Price fired the Woods ahead. Soon after, Connor Maher forced the home keeper into a double save.

The home side, who had won by a double-figures scoreline in the previous round, increased the pressure after the break, and they equalised on 78 minutes through Joe Newton; soon after Caolan Doyle kept Northwood level when he saved at the feet of Newton.

So the game went into extra time, nine minutes into which a calm finish from Harry Shepherd put the home side ahead. The Woods were unable to find their way back into the tie, and Colney Heath progress to the next round.

Northwood: Caolan Doyle, Dan Cresswell (James Fitzgerald 63m), Kieran Ali, Ayo Fasanya, Callum Bedwell, Sam Netscher, Kyran Worrell (Joe Manning 41m), Jordan Coles, Ollie Lawford, James Bromley-Price (Dylan Young 70m), Connor Maher. Sub. Joel Smith.

There is currently no fixture scheduled for Northwood in the Save The Children Youth League until Thursday 11th October, when Hayes & Yeading United are the visitors to Chestnut Avenue. But keep an eye on the website for any changes or additions for the Under 18s.



RESULTS & FIXTURES 2018-19

Tue 24 Jul	KODAK 1st XI (F)	L 0-2
Mon 30 Jul	Harefield United (F)	W 3-1
Wed 1 Aug	COCKFOSTERS (F)	W 6-0
Wed 8 Aug	Uxbridge (F)	W 3-1
Thur 16 Aug	NORTHWOOD XI (F)	L 1-3
Mon 20 Aug	Camberley Town	L 1-4
Thur 30 Aug	Potters Bar Town (LC1)	L 2-4
Thur 6 Sep	BRIMSDOWN (FAYC)	W 5-0
Mon 10 Sep	Aldershot Town	L 0-1
Mon 17 Sep	Colney Heath (FAYC)	L 1-2*
Thur 11 Oct	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	HOME
Thur 25 Oct	POTTERS BAR TOWN	HOME
Thur 1 Nov	WEALDSTONE	HOME
Thur 22 Nov	BEDFONT SPORTS	HOME
Tue 27 Nov	Ashford Town	Away
Thur 6 Dec	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	HOME
Thur 13 Dec	STAINES TOWN	HOME
Thur 10 Jan	CAMBERLEY TOWN	HOME
Thur 17 Jan	ALDERSHOT TOWN	HOME
Wed 23 Jan	Hayes & Yeading United	Away
Thur 31 Jan	Potters Bar Town	Away
Wed 6 Feb	Wealdstone	Away
Mon 11 Feb	Bedfont Sports	Away
Thur 21 Feb	ASHFORD TOWN	HOME
Wed 27 Feb	Hampton & Richmond Boro	Away
Mon 4 Mar	Staines Town	Away

* after extra time

SAVE THE CHILDREN YOUTH LEAGUE WEST DIVISION

Including 28.9.18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Camberley Town	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Bedfont Sports	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Potters Bar Town	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Hayes & Yeading	2	1	0	1	15	2	3
Wealdstone	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Aldershot Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Staines Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Hampton & RB	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Northwood	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Ashford Town	1	0	0	1	0	14	0

WOODSTV IS RELAUNCHED

We are delighted that WoodsTV has now been relaunched, under the management of Craig Whitehead, who has been busy getting amongst the management and players in recent weeks. There are several videos available already, including the highlights of last week's excellent 6-1 victory against Molesey!



To access WoodsTV on YouTube, go to www.northwoodfc.com and click the WoodsTV menu button. Alternatively search "WoodsTV" on YouTube.

If you have a YouTube or Google account, simply hit the subscribe button on YouTube WoodsTV, and you will be notified whenever a new video is available.

CLUB 1926

The Woods are pleased to announce the launch of our Club 1926 membership!

"Club 1926" reflects the year that Northwood FC was formed, as we celebrate our proud history whilst looking forward to a bright future with the new management team.

This premium membership, costing only £120 a year, includes the following benefits:

PARK LIFE



The latest from Northwood FC

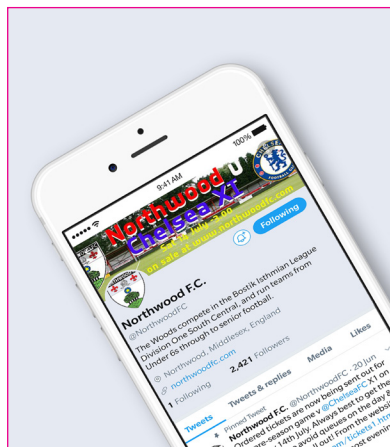
- Season ticket to attend all home league fixtures
- Player sponsorship
- Pre-match, half-time & full-time hospitality for a game of your choice – all in the boardroom (post-match hospitality includes beers and wines only up to 5.30 p.m.)
- Acknowledgment in the matchday programme and on the digital media board
- P.A. acknowledgment

Interested? Download the application form from the website, or speak to Ian Barry or Alan Evans today!

FOLLOW WOODS ON TWITTER

Craig Whitehead is helping the club to increase our media exposure across a number of areas, and one of these is Twitter. This is the quickest way to keep up with all the news and happenings from the Woods.

All the news, whether it be new signings made by manager Dean Barker, or other items, were reported first on Twitter, so make sure you have an account, and keep an eye on @NorthwoodFC!



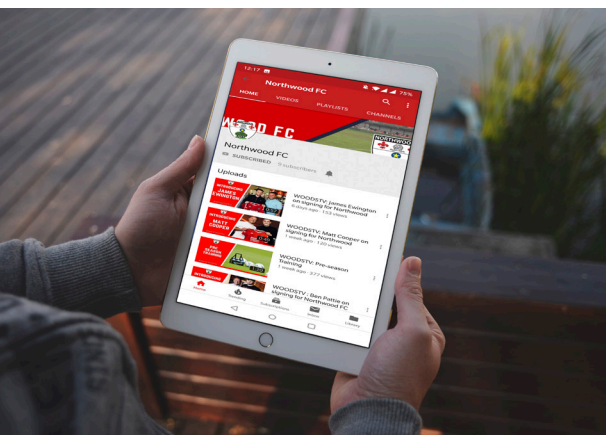
MEDIA MATTERS



**Head of Media
CRAIG WHITEHEAD**

Welcome to the seventh home game of the season as we take on Ware at Northwood Park.

We have had another impressive month off the field in terms of media, adding another 100 followers on Facebook alone and hitting over 569,000 impressions for the month to date. If we keep this up throughout the season, we would have added over 1,200 over a year, which is massive growth for a club our size. The numbers are a massive increase on last season and shows that more people are noticing the club and the work the whole team is doing behind the scenes on non-matchday.



With only one home game currently scheduled for next month, this gives us a bit more time to plan out some of the work for YouTube and social media in the run up to November and December. We will be trying to sit down some players for interviews not only for this programme but also for YouTube, so you can find out more about them.

Our second monthly newsletter was sent out yesterday, Friday 28th September, and gives you all an insight into what's going on in the club for the month ahead, what you might have missed and a behind the scenes interview with one of our current players. If you are not signed up, don't miss out by visiting Northwoodfc.com and signing up.

We are always looking for ways to improve our social media and keep it ahead of the crowd. So far this season we have bought you match highlights, player graphics and player and manager interviews, but we are still looking at things we can add to improve the service.

We have been engaging more on social media with local companies, the local armed forces and colleges and universities to boost our crowd and awareness within the area. The club are miles ahead of other clubs in this league in terms of social media presence, but we can't stand still and must always be looking at ways to keep our content fresh and appealing. If there is anything else, you think we could be doing drop us a line at media@northwoodfc.com.

Craig

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BOSTIK LEAGUE ROUND-UP



TODAY'S FIXTURES

Chipstead v Westfield
Hertford Town v South Park
Northwood v Ware

FA Trophy Extra Preliminary Round

AFC Sudbury v Egham Town
Ashford Town v Heybridge Swifts
Aveley v Tooting & Mitcham United
Bedfont Sports v Cheshunt
Uxbridge v Chalfont St Peter
Waltham Abbey v Hastings United

League table

Including 25.9.18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bracknell Town	6	6	0	0	19	2	18
Waltham Abbey	7	6	0	1	16	9	18
Marlow	6	4	2	0	8	1	14
Hayes & Yeading	6	4	1	1	22	6	13
Cheshunt	6	3	2	1	18	11	11
Uxbridge	6	3	2	1	11	7	11
Ashford Town	7	3	2	2	11	12	11
Hanwell Town	6	3	1	2	8	5	10
Hertford Town	7	2	4	1	14	13	10
Northwood	7	3	0	4	15	19	9
Chalfont St Peter	6	2	2	2	9	8	8
Westfield	7	2	2	3	14	14	8
Chipstead	6	2	1	3	9	11	7
Bedfont Sports	7	2	0	5	16	23	6
FC Romania	5	2	0	3	4	12	6
Ware	6	1	2	3	8	13	5
Tooting & Mitcham	6	1	1	4	9	13	4
Egham Town	5	1	1	3	3	11	4
South Park	7	1	0	6	5	13	3
Molesey	7	0	1	6	5	21	1

RECORDS

Biggest Victory	27th August 2018 Bracknell Town 6-0 v FC Romania
Highest Scoring	25th September 2018 Hayes & Yeading United 6-0 v Northwood
Highest Attendance	22nd September 2018 Hertford Town 5-4 v Bedfont Sports
Lowest Attendance	25th September 2018 Ware 1-1 v Hertford Town Attendance: 272
	27th August 2018 Molesey 1-2 v South Park Attendance: 37

AVERAGE CROWDS

Bracknell Town	254
Hayes & Yeading United	206
Tooting & Mitcham United	203
Hertford Town	172
Cheshunt	158
Ware	149
Waltham Abbey	146
Northwood	127
Hanwell Town	125
Ashford Town (Middx)	106
Marlow	106
Egham Town	99
Bedfont Sports	98
South Park	96
Uxbridge	91
Westfield	74
FC Romania	72
Chipstead	65
Chalfont St Peter	60
Molesey	52

LEADING GOALSCORERS (League games only)

James Ewington	Northwood	8
Liam Ferdinand	Bracknell Town	7
Jason Hallett	Cheshunt	6
Karl Carder-Andrews	Westfield	5
Lewis Toomey	Hayes & Yeading	5
Lee Barney	Hayes & Yeading	5
Joseph Grant	Bracknell Town	5



Fixtures/Results 201

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Gate	Lge. pos.	1	2	3	4
AUGUST									
Sat 11	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	HOME	W 4-3	148	4	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Matos	Chingoka
Sat 18	FC Romania	Away	W 3-1	80	2	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Matos	Nyariki
Sat 25	LONGLEEVENS (FACP)	HOME	W 3-1	107	-	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Cooper	Nyariki
Mon 27	Uxbridge	Away	L 1-4	108	6	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Matos	Nyariki
SEPTEMBER									
Sat 1	WALTHAM ABBEY	HOME	L 0-2	122	7	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Cooper	Alfano
Sat 8	KINGS LANGLEY (FAC1Q)	HOME	D 0-0	229	-	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Cooper	Gosling
Tue 11	Kings Langley (FAC1QR)	Away	L 1-3	230	-	Sheldrick	Stevenson	Cooper	Gosling
Sat 15	Bracknell Town	Away	L 1-2	268	12	Sheldrick	Gibbs	Cooper	Gosling
Tue 18	BURY TOWN (VT1)	HOME	W 2-0	62	-	Sheldrick	Gibbs	Cooper	Chingoka
Sat 22	MOLESEY	HOME	W 6-1	113	8	Sheldrick	Jenkins	Cooper	Chingoka
Tue 25	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	L 0-6	180	10	Sheldrick	Jenkins	Cooper	Nyariki
Sat 29	WARE	HOME							
OCTOBER									
Sat 6	Westfield	Away							
Tue 9	Wingate & Finchley (MCC1)	Away							
Sat 13	Dunstable Town (FATP)	Away							
Tue 16	AFC Hayes (MSC1)	Away							
Sat 20	SOUTH PARK	HOME							
Tue 23	Felixstowe & Walton Utd (VT2)	Away							
Sat 27	(FAT1Q)								
NOVEMBER									
Sat 3	ASHFORD TOWN	HOME							
Sat 10	Bedfont Sports	Away							
Sat 17	HERTFORD TOWN	HOME							
Sat 24	Chipstead	Away							
DECEMBER									
Sat 1	CHALFONT ST PETER	HOME							
Sat 8	Egham Town	Away							
Sat 15	HANWELL TOWN	HOME							
Wed 26	UXBRIDGE	HOME							
Sat 29	Marlow	Away							
JANUARY									
Mon 5	CHESHUNT	HOME							
Sat 12	Waltham Abbey	Away							
Sat 19	Ware	Away							
Sat 26	WESTFIELD	HOME							
FEBRUARY									
Sat 2	South Park	Away							
Tue 5	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	HOME							
Sun 10	Tooting & Mitcham United	Away							
Sat 16	FC ROMANIA	HOME							
Sat 23	Ashford Town	Away							
MARCH									
Sat 2	BEDFONT SPORTS	HOME							
Sat 9	Hertford Town	Away							
Sat 16	CHIPSTEAD	HOME							
Sat 23	Chalfont St Peter	Away							
Sat 30	EGHAM TOWN	HOME							
APRIL									
Sat 6	Hanwell Town	Away							
Sat 13	BRACKNELL TOWN	HOME							
Sat 20	Cheshunt	Away							
Mon 22	MARLOW	HOME							
Sat 27	Molesey	Away							



Back (L:R): Scott Dash (Assistant Ben Pattie, Jon Munday, Carl Pearson, Hakim Nyariki, Kweku Cooper
Front (L:R): Rhys Shirley-Clarke, Stevenson

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



Tring	Pearce ①	Slew	Jupp	Pattie 🟡	Ewington ③	Melford-Rowe 🟡	Conrad-Lucan	Cooper	Nyariki
Tring	Pearce	Conrad-Lucan	Chingoka	Pattie	Ewington ①	Slew ②	Melford-Rowe 🟡	Massey	Gosling
Tring	Pearce	Conrad-Lucan	Chingoka	Pattie ①	Ewington ②	Melford-Rowe	Clarke	Dickson	Gosling
Tring	Pearce	Conrad-Lucan	Chingoka	Pattie	Ewington ①	Slew	Dickson 🟡	Clarke 🟡	Gosling
Massey	Tring 🟡	Slew 🟡	Gosling	Chingoka	Ewington	Dickson	Andreas	Nyariki	Currie
Andreas 🟡	Pearce	Jenkins	Alfano	Clarke	Ewington	Matos	Chingoka	Pattie	Worrell
Andreas	Pearce	Jenkins	Alfano	Clarke	Ewington	Matos	Pattie	Shirley-Clarke	Ferguson
Tring	Pearce	Jenkins	Alfano ①	Slew	Ewington	Matos	Conrad-Lucan	Dickson	Clarke
Tring	Pearce	Slew	Ferguson 🟡	Clarke 🟡	Ewington ②	Dickson	Nyariki	Matos	Jenkins
Gibbs	Pearce ①	Slew ①	Ferguson	Clarke	Ewington ③	Dickson	Conrad-Lucan	Andreas	Gosling
Tring 🔴	Pearce	Slew	Gosling 🟡	Ferguson	Ewington	Dickson	Conrad-Lucan	Andreas	Fulton



(Manager), Dean Barker (Manager), Emmanuel Melford-Rowe, Chris Gosling, Sam Jenkins, Pearce (Captain), Coalan Doyle, Luke Sheldrick, Ben Andreas (Player-Coach), Bradley Marriott, Conrad-Lucan, Charlie Morgan, Adam Murad, Kevin Lawrence (Goalkeeping coach)
 e, Miguel Matos, Matt Cooper, James Ewington, George Turner, Cameron Ferguson, Karl
 on (Vice Captain), Jorome Slew, Antoine Akinola, Wilson Chingoka

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