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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

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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH NORTHWOOD FC CHAIRMAN, **IAN BARRY**



Good afternoon and welcome to The Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for today's Emirates FA Cup tie. We welcome our visitors from Chichester City FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

Having just come off the back of two defeats, today we need to be on our game and play with more discipline and concentration than we showed here against Binfield last Saturday and from what I've been told about the game at Hanwell on Monday; it's certainly no good saying we should have scored or taken a point, when we sit in a clubhouse after games reflecting on what might have been. We've had a few seasons of this now, so we need to be better and cut out silly mistakes or switching off at crucial times.

In the ground, where we continue to make improvements, the toilet block has had a nice coat of paint and you'll also see that the pitch perimeter is also being treated to the same; this will take about two weeks in total and when finished, will look fantastic.

We are looking for more sponsorship for players, where you can sponsor the player or their

tracksuit, as well as match day sponsors. Please speak to Alan or myself if you have any interest in this and we can let you know costs and all the options.

It was interesting for me to read an article on the Barnet FC website last week, where they were looking to postpone their opening day fixture at home, due to lack of; staff, chefs, stewards, drinks and kit! It showed me what I already know; it's extremely hard work to operate a football club and whilst the volumes may be different at all levels, we all encounter the same problems. We are lucky in that everything gets done somehow. There may be the odd thing we could do better, but we certainly can't give any more and whilst I know it's appreciated, with more help it can become even better and easier.

Enjoy the game today and let's hope we can progress in the cup!

Up the Woods!

Ian

The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the FA statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly, any form of discriminatory abuse whether it by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, sex and sexual orientation or any other form of abuse will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association." (The FA 0800 085 0508 / Kick it Out 020 7253 0162). The Isthmian League and all Member Clubs in the League are committed to promoting equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of the community.

BEN'S BRIEF

THE THOUGHTS OF THE NEW NORTHWOOD MANAGER **BEN MURRAY**

There is a big game feel today and rightly so. It's the FA Cup! Chichester City will be a really tough test today, but one where we need to use our home advantage to good effect to achieve the win and a place in the next stage of the competition that we aspire to.

The squad members are continually evolving and maturing each game as it goes by.

Last Saturday here at Northwood, we were on top of the game until we made a critical error which we should have avoided. This in turn gave a horrible Binfield side (possibly one of the most disrespectful teams I've witnessed) to get their tails up and deservedly they capitalised on our errors.

At Hanwell Town on Bank Holiday Monday, I felt we were unlucky, as we should have been two up at half time and had the better chances in the first half. We were unfortunate to concede the two goals we did without us getting the equaliser in the final few minutes of the game. I'm not so sure some of the reports

I have heard and read are a true reflection but that's people's opinions at the end of the day.

It's interesting though, as this time a week ago we were unbeaten in our season to date while two games later and confidence can begin to dwindle. I don't see the reason why?

We are a very new team, who have tremendous amounts of ability; it just needs a bit of patience and time to click in the direction which we want.

That being said today needs us to show a reaction and that means a victory by 5pm this evening.

We will be right up for it today and we need you, the supporters, to encourage and push the lads on to get the result we need.

We look forward to discussing things with you all in the bar afterwards.

Enjoy the game

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE LILLYWHITES OF CHICHESTER CITY FC

A warm welcome back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium this afternoon as we continue our adventure in this season's Emirates FA Challenge Cup competition. The Preliminary Round took us to a replay at Burnham last week and a 4-1 success on their new 3G pitch has earned us today's First Qualifying Round home match against Chichester City who we meet for the first-ever time. Our opponents were promoted to the Isthmian League back in 2019 as Champions of the Southern Combination League (formerly Sussex County) and were enjoying an excellent first season at this level when the competition was curtailed in March 2020; including an FA Cup run which took them to the depths of the Second Round proper and a tie at Tranmere Rovers. Those memories will still be fresh for many of the players and supporters of our visitors and they reached this stage with an excellent 3-1 away success at Winchester City two weeks ago. Their first two league games have not gone to plan though, losing 0-3 at home to VCD Athletic on the opening day and the 2-1 at Faversham Town last Saturday when they travelled with a side severely depleted by players unavailability. Should the scores be level after 90 minutes this afternoon, we will make the return journey into West Sussex on Tuesday night. Whatever the result, we hope our visitors will enjoy this first-ever visit to us here at Northwood and we wish you a safe journey home.

WOODS IN THE EMIRATES FA CUP

Our full FA Cup record was detailed in full, season by season in our last FA Cup programme and statistically our full record since first entering the prestigious competition is as follows:

Played 74 Won 29 Drawn 13 Lost 32 Goals Scored 119 Goals Against 112

Our biggest win in the FA Cup is the 8-0 Preliminary Round win over Clapton in 1999 while our biggest defeat was a 0-5 home defeat against near-neighbours Uxbridge in 1995. We have exited the FA Cup at the first hurdle fourteen times in 33 seasons since we first took part in 1989.

Lawrence Yaku is easily our top scorer in FA Cup games having netted no less than 16 goals in the competition with Steve Hale next in line having scored seven. Shakeel Morris, having scored in both of the Burnham games,

would only need one more goal to break into the top ten of all-time Northwood goalscorers in the FA Cup!

The Woods have reached the heady heights of the Second Qualifying Round just once in the last eight years; losing 1-2 at home to Didcot Town back in 2015 after wins at Aylesbury United and Harrow Borough.

Today's fixture is only the third time that the Woods have been paired with a club from West Sussex, though you have to go way back to 1997 since the last occasion and this is the first time, we have been given home advantage. In that year we were drawn away to Horsham in the Preliminary Round and were beaten 3-1 but just a year earlier we had travelled down to play Chichester City's near-neighbours Pagham, also at the Preliminary stage, and returned with a 4-1 victory thanks to two goals from Elroy Richardson and one each for Chris Gell and Paul Halbert.

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND WOES

We entered the Bank Holiday weekend looking to add to the point we earned on the opening day at Thatcham Town but were left disappointed by a poor display at home to league newcomers Binfield last Saturday as we crashed to a 0-3 defeat with all the goals coming in the first-half. Then, on Monday afternoon we faced a tough test away at Hanwell Town. This time we led at half-time through Ismael Ehui but then succumbed to two goals in three minutes fairly early on in the second-half so are left still searching for our first league victory of the new season. We are scheduled to play at home to current bottom side Staines Town next Saturday.

COVID LATEST

We are pretty much now back to normal operations here at the club following a long period of restrictions. However, we do remind all visitors to the ground and the clubhouse that you are responsible for your own protection and also the protection of others so please take whatever precautions you feel you need to and ensure that the season progresses without too much interruption. Please also see our website for our latest Risk Assessment.

LEAGUE NEWS

The main news last week was the announcement that Guernsey FC have been allowed by the Pitching In Isthmian League to delay their start of the season even further and will now not play any games until the start of October. The five games that were scheduled to be played from

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September 11th have been postponed and will be rearranged by the League for later in the season - probably into 2022. There is of course still the possibility that Guernsey will have to pull out of the League for a second successive season if their government doesn't change their current restrictions of people coming and going in and out of the Island. If none of those September fixtures are rearranged in early October then Guernsey's first home game of the season will actually be on October 23rd against Northwood.

TOP VALUE SEASON TICKETS

Season Tickets are again available to all supporters at the massively discounted price of just £45.00 which will get you entrance to all our home Isthmian League matches (usual admission price £10 for adults, £5 for concessions). For those that bought a season ticket last season, only for the season to be severely curtailed, we did make the offer of a free replacement for the new season and it is a credit to everyone of you that no-one took us up on that offer. All those that ordered their tickets prior to last week can collect them from me today but if you haven't yet done so, it's never too late as there are savings to be made during the first few months of the season. Go to the website www.northwoodfc.com and Season Tickets under the Commercial tab to pay online for yours or you can pay cash to me this afternoon if you would prefer.

You may want to consider becoming a 1926 Member. At a cost of £145, this gets you the Season Ticket but also a Player Sponsorship of your choice plus one Match-Day Sponsorship which includes hospitality for four people pre and post-match. These are limited but there are still a few memberships available.

THE PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL MATCH Sunday 12th September at 3pm

It's just over a week to go now before we get to stage our day in memory of our former Club President Pat Byrne who sadly passed away in April 2020.

The plan is to stage a football match on the above date between two sides packed with former Woods players who all wish to pay tribute to the great man and have all made a donation to the fund towards the cost of a memorial that we will be building at the ground in his memory. It will be Byrne's Northwood Legends against Pat's Northwood heroes and there will also be a few members of Pat's family represented on the pitch and at the club on the day. We have drafted in former Northwood managers Tony Choules and Dave Anderson to take charge of the two teams on the day.

So please get the date in your diary and try to get along as we'd love to see you here for both the game and over a few drinks on the day. It's free entry to the game, there will be a small souvenir programme to buy and we will be collecting

donations towards the memorial.

Amongst the whole host of players who have confirmed that they will be having a run-out are legends of the club such as Garfield Blackman, Peter Lammin, Gary Williams, Paul Watkins, Chris Gell, Lawrence Yaku, Dave Nolan, Steve Brown, Danny Yeoman, Steve Hale, Derek Payne, Andy Cook, Dave Sargent, Terry Benning, Andy Edey, Steve Newing, Fergus Moore, Alistair Heselton, Steve Tobin, Paul Halbert, Gavin Hart, Rob Bullivant, Kyle Matthews, Mark and James Burgess, Rob Ursell, Dave Lawrence, Robin Tidd, Rob Bullivant, Richard McDonagh, Vic Schwartz, James Shipperley, Richard Mount, Ken Lavender, Wayne Carter, Paul Riordan and Alex Nolan while many others hope to pop down to show their support. It should be a great day for the great man.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS

As usual, we are looking for sponsors for our players and this season you get a choice of either being kit sponsor at £60.00 or Tracksuit Sponsor at £50.00. You can do this online via the website and the squad page, or cash if you would prefer. The player pictures are included in this issue of the matchday programme for the first time today so take a look to see if your favourite player has been snapped up yet and act quickly to secure your sponsorship.

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our groundshare partners continue to be Spartans FC who unfortunately only managed to play two home matches in the curtailed 2020/21 campaign. They will be back this season, playing in the newly-renamed Surrey Premier County League which has been sponsored by New Balance. They were due to be playing at home today but this has been cancelled due to our own involvement in the FA Cup. They are now playing away to AFC Walcourtians today. It is likely that Spartans won't actually have a home game in September as we are currently at home every weekend in the month.

FIXTURES AT THE FENTON CIVIL ENGINEERING STADIUM

Unless a replay of today's FA Cup tie is required, we do not have a midweek fixture scheduled but we are back in action here at Northwood next Saturday afternoon. Then we stage the Pat Byrne Memorial Match the following day before we travel away to Marlow on Tuesday 14th September 2021 with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Saturday 11th September
Northwood v Staines Town Kick-off 3pm

Sunday 12th September
Pat Byrne's Legends v Pat Byrne's Heroes - Kick-off 3pm

Enjoy the game this afternoon and see you all again soon!

ALAN



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

CHICHESTER FC

The first Chichester Football Club was formed in 1873 and added the title 'City' to its name in 1948.

The club's original home was Priory Park but it relocated to Oaklands Park in the early fifties. The club was represented at the inaugural meeting of the Sussex County FA in 1882 and featured in the first ever Sussex Senior Cup competition in the same year losing 5-0 to Storrington.

In 1896 Chichester became members of the newly formed West Sussex League and

remained there until they joined the Sussex County League in 1920. The first major honour was achieved in 1926 when they won the Sussex Senior Cup but inter-war success was limited.

In 1960 Chichester clinched their first Sussex County League title and then retained it the following season, shared the Sussex RUR Cup with Brighton & Hove Albion after a 2-2 draw and reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, only to lose 11-0 to Bristol City. Chichester beat Eastbourne in the RUR Cup in 1964 and recaptured the league title in 1968.

In the 1970s Chichester's fortunes were mixed; the high point being another league championship in 1973 and a good run in the FA Amateur Cup. At the end of the decade, City faced relegation for the first time. However, the appointment of ex-Plymouth and Portsmouth player, Richie Reynolds, as manager sparked an amazing revival which saw City claw their way to safety. The following season was one of City's best ever as Reynolds masterminded a league championship win.

The club was relegated though in 1983 after a dismal season. Promotion and Division Two Cup success followed in 1985 but they returned to the Second Division for the 1987-88 campaign winning the Division Two Challenge Cup again in 1988. Steve White took over as manager in 1990 and the side enjoyed another promotion campaign alongside Division Two Challenge Cup success.

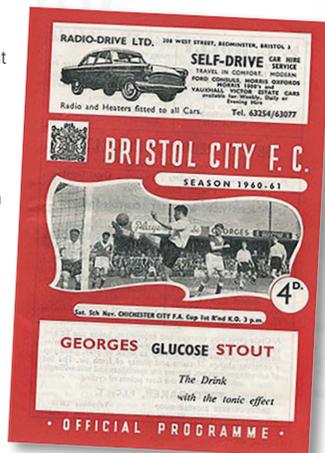
The club struggled for several seasons in the County League top flight before again being relegated to Division Two in 1994. In 1997, City returned to the top flight after finishing runners-up. Permission was finally granted for floodlights at Oaklands Park and they remained in the top flight of the Sussex County League in one guise or another for over twenty years.

Following a millennium merger with Portfield FC the club became known as Chichester City United FC and in 2004 Adie Girdler and his assistant Gary Brockway led Chichester to their first Sussex County League title since 1980. The club also won the Brighton Charity Cup in 2005 and 2006 and the RUR Cup for a third time in 2007.

At the start of the 2009-2010 season, following discussions with Chichester District Council, it was agreed to revert back to the name of Chichester City FC as this more clearly reflected the club and the city.

The club faced challenges after this, both on and off the pitch, for a number of years.

However, the management team of Miles Rutherford, Graeme Gee and first team coach Danny Potter has transformed things at Chichester in all sorts of ways. A top five finish in the Southern Combination Football League Premier Division in 2015-16 was followed by a third place spot the following year; a six month unbeaten run in the league and a record-equaling fourth round appearance in the FA Vase. Chichester went one round better in the Vase the following season, losing 1-0 to 1874 Northwich in the last minute of the fifth round game.



Programme cover from the FA Cup first round tie with Bristol City in 1960

Chichester City won the RUR Cup in the 2017-18 season, beating local rivals Pagham 4-0 in the final at Culver Road, and gained promotion to Step 4 of the non-league football pyramid for the first time ever in the club's history after clinching the SCFL premier division title in 2018-19.

Darin Kilpartrick joined the coaching staff at Chichester in the summer of 2019 and an exceptional start to life in the Isthmian League was complemented by an extraordinary FA Cup adventure as City progressed through six rounds of qualifying to make it to the first round proper of the competition – a run in which Chichester beat three Step 3 sides - Hartley Wintney, Enfield Town and Bowers & Pitsea.

And in a unique FA Cup first round draw Chichester, the joint lowest ranked team left in the competition, were given the bye into the second round. There they travelled to Tranmere Rovers and were beaten 5-1 but it was a memorable day.

MEET THE PLAYERS & MANAGEMENT OF TODAY'S VISITORS

KIERAN MAGEE (Goalkeeper)

Kieran joined Chichester from Wessex premier division side Horndean. His man of the match performance helped Chichester advance past Winchester in the preliminary round of the FA Cup this season.



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OLLIE CARROLL (Keeper)
Ollie is the U23s' keeper.

ROB HUTCHINGS (Left Back)
Rob, 24, signed for Chichester from local rivals Wick. Rob was an attacking player but for the past four seasons he's been starting at left back.

RYAN DAVIDSON (Right Back)
The 26-year-old versatile defender played for local rivals Pagham. Ryan signed for Chichester in the summer of 2019.

COREY HEATH (Centre Back)
A local lad and a product of the Chichester youth system. He made his first team debut as a teenager. Corey, 26, had spells at Worthing and Bognor Regis. He re-signed for his boyhood club in 2019.

CONNOR CODY (Centre Back)
Connor is Chichester's captain. Like his fellow centre back Corey Heath, Connor played for Chichester youth teams. He has also had a spell at Worthing. Connor re-joined Chichester in 2018 and was a key figure in the promotion campaign to Step 4.

BEN PASHLEY (Centre Back/Left Back)
Another City stalwart who re-signed in January 2020 after a spell at Worthing. His goal pulled Chichester back into the first qualifying round tie with Cribbs last year.

LEWIS HYDE (Centre Back)
A 2021 summer signing Lewis has caught the eye during pre-season. He was an important player at Horsham.

DAN WOOD (Defence)
Dan, a University of Chichester student, is the U23s captain.

EMMETT DUNN (Defence/Midfield)
The 20-year-old Canadian re-joined the club after a spell at Bognor. He scored a header in his first game back at Chichester against Chalfont St Peter in the 2019-20 first qualifying round.

ADAM BISS (Defence/Midfield)
Former U18s Bristol Rovers player on loan from Gosport Borough.

FLORI VUCAJ (Defence/Midfield)
18-year-old Portsmouth College student and U23s player who broke into the first team in 2020-21 pre-season.

MATT AXELL (Midfield)
At 37, Matt is the oldest player at the club. Matt signed for Chichester in 2018 having played for Worthing and Horsham. Matt scored Chichester's opener against Bowers & Pitsea in the fourth qualifying round of the 2019-20 FA Cup match as Chichester progressed to the first round 'proper'. His penalty won the shoot-out with Basingstoke in the world's oldest knock-out competition in 2020-21.

LLOYD ROWLATT (Midfield)
Lloyd, 25, signed for Chichester from Moneyfields in the summer of 2019 after playing for Pagham. Lloyd's 87th minute FA Cup winner against Enfield Town sent Chichester through to the fourth qualifying round two seasons ago. He tucked home a spot kick in the penalty shoot-out with Basingstoke in 2020 and rifled in the winner in the come-back win over Risborough Rangers.

JAMIE HORNCastle (Midfield)
Jamie was at the club when Miles Rutherford and Graeme Gee took on their managerial roles in 2015. Jamie was a centre back then. Jamie re-

joined Chichester after a spell at Pagham. He scored in the extra preliminary round match against Erith Town and got the winner in the replay with Hartley Wintney in 2019-20.

RORY BIGGS (Midfield)
A hard working, competitive midfielder who signed from Arundel. The 29-year-old is a real character and played a significant part in Chichester's SCFL premier division winning season.

TYRONE MADHANI (Midfield/Attack)
A versatile player who has had spells at Brighton & Hove Albion's youth set-up, Lewes and played for American universities. Tyrone is on loan from Bognor Regis Town.

Gicu Iordache (Midfield/Attack)
Gicu, 27, plays mainly as an attacking left or right sided player. The Romanian scored twice against Bridon Ropes in the 2019-20 FA Cup preliminary round and got another in the 2-0 victory over Chalfont St Peter. Gicu grabbed Chi's third goal in the 3-1 win at Winchester City in this FA Cup campaign.

KALEEM HAITHAM (Midfield/Attack)
The 23-year-old is an exciting player. Kaleem scored two goals against Bridon Ropes in 7-2 win in the preliminary round of the 2019-20 FA Cup. His lucky goal at Bowers & Pitsea sent Chichester through to the 'proper' rounds of the cup for only the second time in the club's history. Kaleem was also on target against Risborough Rangers and Tonbridge Angels in the cup last year.

ETHAN PRICHARD (Midfield/Attack)
The Bournemouth Academy 18-year-old broke through into the Chichester senior side in pre-season 2020. He netted the third goal against Cribbs in the FA Cup in 2020 and scored the second against Winchester in 2021.

CALLUM OVERTON (Attack)
Callum has played for a number of non-league clubs. The 24-year-old scored against the Ropes and got another two goals in the extra preliminary round tie with Erith Town in 2019-20.

SCOTT JONES (Attack)
Chichester's 30-year-old surfing striker from the Isle of Wight. The former Havant and Waterlooville forward scored twice against Bridon Ropes in the 7-2 win in 2019-20. His header in the second minute put Chi 1-0 up against Winchester in the FA Cup this term. Chichester City FC Management

MILES RUTHERFORD (Manager)
Miles, an experienced non-league manager, took charge at Chichester in autumn 2015.

GRAEME GEE (Assistant Manager)
Joined the management team as Miles Rutherford's assistant in 2015. Like Miles, Graeme has been involved in non-league football management for many years. Worked with Miles at Moneyfields.

DANNY POTTER (First Team Coach)
Joined the club at the same time as Miles and Graeme.

DARIN 'DABBA' KILLPARTRICK (First Team Coach)
Joined the Chichester City coaching staff in the summer of 2019 for pre-season. Dabba left Bognor at the end of the 2017-18 season after nearly two decades on the staff at Nyewood Lane.

CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

NORTHWOOD 5 UXBRIDGE 1

Usually, this column looks at a notable Woods match against the day's opponents. However, as Northwood have never before played Chichester City, we thought we'd review a classic FA Cup fixture.

On Saturday 14th October 2000, Northwood took on local rivals Uxbridge in a third qualifying round FA Cup tie...

The Woods progressed to the final qualifying round when they disposed of Uxbridge in front of the Sky TV cameras, and it turned out that they captured the biggest win of the round at Northwood!

Uxbridge had reached this stage with three home victories, while Northwood had won three times on their travels. The visitors conceded a first minute free-kick and when Dave Nolan knocked it in, Rene Street powered a header towards goal but it flashed just wide of the post. Nolan was getting lots of room to run at his marker in the early stages but his hard work was undone by a series of wayward crosses. The first actual shot on target came on

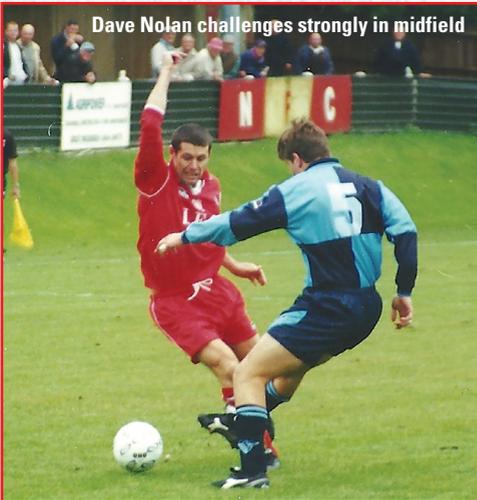
eight minutes from Uxbridge when Dean Clark broke free but Paul Riordan was down quickly to save his shot.

Both sides had chances as the game flowed from end to end, with Butler shooting wide after being teed up by Nolan and then Stuart Bamford rising to a free-kick with a header that also flashed wide. Gell made a good run through the middle and latched onto another Nolan ball but saw his drive also failed to test Uxbridge keeper Sean Dawson.

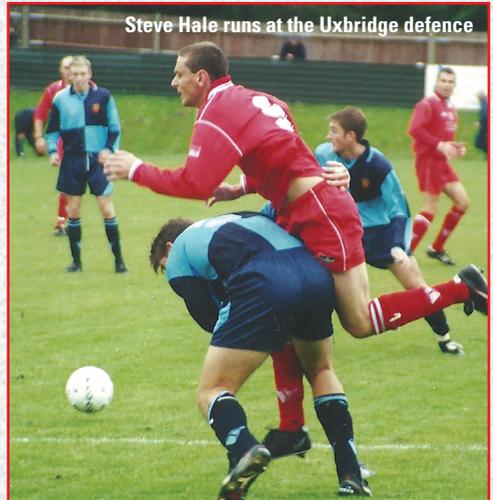
On the half-hour Uxbridge broke quickly and the dangerous Chris Moore saw a good strike well saved by Riordan. The ball ran loose and the Northwood keeper did well to smother it just before Lee Tunnell could react and poke it home. Riordan denied Moore on two further occasions before the Woods took the lead against the run of play on 39 minutes. Nolan found Lawrence Yaku on the right and with not a lot of options open to him, he danced past defenders Mark Weedon and Cleary and across the penalty area before firing home.

Suddenly the Woods had their tails up and after Hale had

Dave Nolan challenges strongly in midfield



Steve Hale runs at the Uxbridge defence



seen one shot well saved by Dawson, they went further ahead after 41 minutes. Yaku turned provider this time with a neat back-heel that found Steve Hale, and his shot whistled past Dawson, courtesy of a deflection. Damage limitation seemed to be the order of the day for Uxbridge until half-time but the plan failed.. In the first minute of stoppage-time, Sargent curled in a corner and Rene Street made no mistake with a powerful header from close-range.

Uxbridge did pull a goal back after 56 minutes when a quick break found Moore in acres of space and he raced into the box before finishing clinically with a shot into the roof of the net.

As the game progressed, it was Northwood who took full control again with Yaku, despite being up front on his own, causing the visiting defence serious problems. Gary Issott replaced the hardworking Andy Sherry and had a good chance to score within five minutes of coming on. Yaku made a good run but was crowded out and the loose ball ran to Issott whose shot was powerful enough straight at Dawson. After 83 minutes, McIntosh missed an interception and Moore seized upon his chance. He raced into the box and was about to shoot when Street raced over to cover with a timely tackle.

Almost immediately, Lawrence Yaku robbed Stuart Bamford of the ball out wide and raced towards goal. The Uxbridge



Hat-trick man Lawrence Yaku

defender tried to pull him back but he kept his balance and composure to shoot past Dawson and put the tie beyond the reach of Uxbridge.

After 88 minutes, Yaku was at it again, twisting and turning against Cleary, and the Woods' striker took the ball on, dummied Dawson and shot home from a tight angle, completing his hat-trick.

With the final whistle came the realisation that the Woods were now just one game away from the dream of possible Football League opponents in the FA Cup. The fourth qualifying round draw would reveal that Grays Athletic would stand between Northwood and the first round proper for the first time.

Northwood: Paul Riordan, Andy Sherry (Gary Issott), Gary Williams, Danny Butler, Rene Street, Dave Sargent, Dave Nolan, Chris Gell, Steve Hale (Craig McIntosh), Lawrence Yaku (Scott Fitzgerald), Mark Hook.

Photos: Paul Evans



Rene Street heads goal number three

MATCH REPORT



BY ALAN EVANS

The Woods went into their first home league game of the season buoyed by the confidence gained from their midweek FA Cup replay win but proved no match for newcomers Binfield who were playing their first-ever away game in the Isthmian League after their summer promotion.

Manager Ben Murray named an unchanged starting line-up for the third match in succession with just a couple of tweaks to the substitutes bench and the side started pretty well. Declan Nche tried an effort which flew well over the bar and on 12 minutes Matteo Esposito tested visiting goalkeeper Harvey Rackley-Hayes with a fine strike but the 'keeper was equal to it with a flying save to tip the ball over the bar.

Binfield gradually made inroads themselves though Ollie Harris blazed over the bar from a good position but it all changed with one moment of madness after 20 minutes. Gradi Milenge knocked a ball back to Montel Joseph a bit too firmly and to his wrong foot and the Woods keeper's first touch bounced kindly into the path of Binfield skipper Sean Moore who gratefully tapped into an empty net.

The Woods struggled to recover from the setback and the visitors grew in confidence themselves having suffered a shock FA Cup defeat at Northwood's neighbours Harefield United a week earlier. On the half-hour, Esposito lost possession on the halfway line and a quick break saw Josh Helmore race down the left and knock in a far-post

cross. Moore nodded the ball back into the danger-zone and it was Liam Tack who swept the ball home for 2-0.

Northwood could have hit back soon after this as Ismael Ehui was put through down the right channel but Rackley-Hayes did well to spread himself and make a fine save to stop the Woods getting back into the game before the break.

It then went the other way on 40 minutes as Helmore again found plenty of room down the left to cut in and fire past Joseph at post near post to pretty much kill the game off at 3-0 before half-time.

The Woods set about trying to reduce the arrears in the second-half with Ehui working hard to bring his fellow attackers into the game but they were never quite on the same wavelength in this game and it was Binfield who created the better opportunities. Moore was denied by a good challenge from Nche and then Jack Broome skied his effort before changes were made - Matt Surmon replacing Arnie Linturn at the back and Sam Coles coming on for the out-of-sorts Esposito.

Joseph pulled off his best save of the match soon after this, clawing away a free header from Moore and the tall striker also headed over the bar on 70 minutes when it looked easier to score.

After 74 minutes, Shakeel Morris, having a very quiet game by his standards, found Ehui in the box and his shot flashed





wide of the near post. The Woods were rallying a little and with ten minutes to go there was finally a shot on target as Rackley-Hayes was down to push away a low left-footed scuffed effort from Nche after a corner was half-cleared.

On 87 minutes, a good move saw full-back Ryan Avery with a chance on goal but his radar was missing with a shot that only just missed the corner-flag and then a late corner gave a headed chance which also flew over.

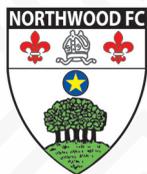
In the end, it proved a comfortable win for Binfield who took their gifted chances to take this match away from the Woods in the first-half and they looked good value for the

three points. The Woods are still looking for their first League win of the season and have a tough away derby match at Hanwell Town on Monday afternoon.

Northwood: 1 Montel Joseph; 2 Ryan Avery; 3 Aaron Petch; 4 Leo Decabo; 5 Arnie Linturn; 6 Gradi Milenge; 7 Shakeel Morris; 8 Declan Nche; 9 Ismael Ehui; 10 Matt Ayres; 11 Matteo Esposito; 12 Ezekiel Williams; 14 Matt Surmon (for Linturn 60m); 15 Sam Coles (for Esposito 64m); 16 Tristan Noel (for Ayres 75m); 17 Joakim Ehui

Yellow Card: Linturn; Attendance: 107





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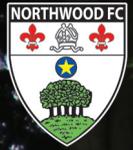
NORTHWOOD FC



Back Row (left to right): Ben Murray (M), Timothy Obisanya, Gradi Milenge, Andre Arnold Linturn. Ryan Ayres, Declan

Front Row (left to right): Joakim Ehui, I, Matteo Esposito, Matt Ayres,

2021-22 SEASON



Manager), Richard Elderfield (Coach),
New Blake, Montel Joseph, Matt Surmon,
Nche, George Lavender (Coach)

Ismael Ehui, Tristan Noel, Leo Decabo
Sam Coles, Ezekiel Williams.

PITCHING IN | **PARTNERS WITH ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**



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WITH THE YOUNGSTERS

OPENING DAY VICTORY...

After six weeks of preparation and three positive friendly matches it was time to start the 2021/22 league campaign for the U18's on Wednesday night. Our first Isthmian Youth League game of the season took us away to Ashford Town (Middx).

A very nervy start to the game found us trailing after only three minutes. Goalkeeper Bogdan Dinulescu tried to clear his lines and unfortunately the ball ricocheted off his own defender and fell to the Ashford striker for an easy tap in and a 1-0 lead to the opposition.

This was the kick up the backside we needed and with only ten minutes on the clock, Oscar John played a slick one-two with Zion Achiro-Coleman and took on a shot from the 18-yard line with the keeper fumbling the ball over the line to bring us back on level terms.

We then started to move the ball around in the manner we are becoming used to. Ashford tried to stifle our possession with some foul play resulting in Achiro-Coleman picking up a yellow card for retaliation. But we soon got back into our stride and a fantastic through ball from Mayvin Vigneswaran on the left, to Kacper Staszewski on the opposite flank and he finished with aplomb to put the Woods 2-1 in front at half-time.

The second half started just as poorly as the first half and at times we rode our luck. Then with 65 minutes on the clock Vignesswaran played another great through ball into the path of Oscar John who lobbed the keeper to extend the Northwood lead.

This should have been the game sealed but we hit the self-destruct button a little and let Ashford back into the game with an unfortunate own goal.

The last 10 minutes were very untidy with the Woods picking up a couple of cautions but we held on for a 3-2 opening day victory and the game was handled very well by the referee Lee Hermitage.

Next up for the Woods Under-18s was a really tough trip to Uxbridge last Wednesday night in the FA Youth Cup but these notes had to be prepared before that result was known.

Team: Dinulescu, Batten, Ashtikar (Tannian), Vagdia, Woodward, Fonseca (Ward-Beckles), Staszewski, Amartefio, John, Achiro-Coleman, Vigneswaran.

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opponents	V	Comp	F-A
Wed 25 Aug	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	IY Lge	3-2
Scorer(s): John 2, Staszewski				
Wed 1 Sep	Uxbridge	A	FAY Cup	
Thu 9 Sep	UXBRIDGE	H	IY Lge	
Thu 23 Sep	Camberley Town	A	IY Lge	
Thu 7 Oct	WEALDSTONE	H	IY Lge	
Thu 21 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	H	IY Lge	
Thu 28 Oct	Marlow	A	IY Lge	
Thu 4 Nov	Bedfont Sports	H	IY Lge	
Mon 15 Nov	Beaconsfield Town	A	IY Lge	
Wed 24 Nov	Hayes & Yeading United	A	IY Lge	
Thu 2 Dec	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	IY Lge	
Mon 6 Dec	Uxbridge	A	IY Lge	
Thu 16 Dec	CAMBERLEY TOWN	H	IY Lge	
Mon 10 Jan	Bedfont Sports	A	IY Lge	
Thu 20 Jan	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	H	IY Lge	
Thu 27 Jan	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	H	IY Lge	
Wed 2 Feb	Wealdstone	A	IY Lge	
Wed 9 Feb	Hampton & Richmond B	A	IY Lge	
Thu 17 Feb	MARLOW	H	IY Lge	

KEY: IY Lge = Isthmian Youth League; FAY Cup = FA Youth Cup;
MCY Cup = Middlesex County Youth Cup

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Beaconsfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
NORTHWOOD	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Bedfont Sports	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Hayes & Yeading United	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Camberley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uxbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashford Town (Middx)	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Marlow	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Hampton & Richmond Borough	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Wealdstone	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

DATE	OPPONENT	V	COMP	RES	ATT	FIRST XI
AUGUST						
Sat 14	Thatcham Town	A	Lge	1-1	147	Joseph Unsworth Petch Noel (63) Milenge Avery (53)
Sat 21	BURNHAM	H	FACPR	1-1	124	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn Milenge
Tue 24	Burnham	A	FACPRR	4-1	234	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn Milenge
Sat 28	BINFIELD	H	Lge	0-3	107	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn (60) Milenge
Mon 30	Hanwell Town	A	Lge	1-2	238	Joseph Avery Petch (65) Noel Linturn (77) Milenge
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 04	CHICHESTER CITY	H	FACIOR			
Sat 11	STAINES TOWN	H	Lge			
Tue 14	Marlow	A	Lge			
Sat 18	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge			
Sat 25	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge			
OCTOBER						
Sat 02	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge			
Sat 09	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	H	FAT 2GR			
Sat 16	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge			
Sat 23	Guernsey	A	Lge			
Sat 30	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge			
NOVEMBER						
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge			
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge			
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge			
Sat 27	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	Lge			
DECEMBER						
Sat 04	Chertsey Town	A	Lge			
Sat 11	Binfield	A	Lge			
Sat 18	THATCHAM TOWN	H	Lge			
Mon 27	HANWELL TOWN	H	Lge			
JANUARY						
Mon 03	CHALFONT ST PETER	H	Lge			
Sat 08	Westfield	A	Lge			
Sat 15	Basingstoke Town	A	Lge			
Sat 22	MARLOW	H	Lge			
Sat 29	Uxbridge	A	Lge			
FEBRUARY						
Sat 05	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge			
Sat 12	GUERNSEY	H	Lge			
Sat 19	Sutton Common Rovers	A	Lge			
Sat 26	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	Lge			
MARCH						
Sat 05	Bracknell Town	A	Lge			
Sat 12	South Park	A	Lge			
Sat 19	CHIPSTEAD	H	Lge			
Sat 26	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	Lge			
APRIL						
Sat 02	CHERTSEY TOWN	H	Lge			
Sat 09	WESTFIELD	H	Lge			
Sat 16	Chalfont St Peter	A	Lge			
Sat 23	Staines Town	A	Lge			

NEW KIT

THE PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL LEGENDS ECOKIT BY HOPE & GLORY

Northwood Football Club is delighted to launch the Club's new first-team kit for the 2021/2022 season in honour of former Club President Pat Byrne who sadly passed away in April last year.

Pat Byrne was a true legend at Northwood FC having been with the club for 65 years in a variety of roles which included as a player, manager, benefactor, supporter and latterly Life President. He is sorely missed by everyone at the club but will certainly be remembered with this bespoke kit which has been designed with Pat at the forefront of our minds but also pays tribute to many of his favourite players and managers that he witnessed over the years.

A total of 46 other Northwood "Legends" have their names woven into this unique kit which the club hope will strike a chord with all those that have played or managed the club during Pat's long dedication to the Woods.

We are again indebted to Adam Fecher and his family as Northwood Hygiene Products have agreed to continue to sponsor the Woods for the new season under their Rhino Kitchen Towel brand. It will be the third season of this sponsorship and considering the last two seasons have been very much restricted, the Companies support could not be taken for granted. It is very much appreciated. Northwood Hygiene Products have a very proud environmental heritage, and their Rhino kitchen towel brand supports Care for Wild, the largest orphan Rhino sanctuary in the world. Based in South Africa the sanctuary works closely with the local community to support their mission, which is to rescue, re-habilitate and re-release orphaned rhinos and prevent them falling victim to poachers, predators or starvation.

Furthermore, our new kit, supplied by Hope & Glory Sportswear, will be made of rPET - that is Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate - plastic bottles to you and us - which are melted down to produce a fine yarn. Each kit has been produced using approximately 16 plastic bottles and production uses considerably less Carbon, Water and Energy than usual polyester manufacture methods.

Club Chairman, Ian Barry, also paid tribute to Pat Byrne and the significance of the new kit for the coming season; "Pat, as everyone knows, was instrumental in making this club what it is today, especially during many tough times when his unconditional support helped us overcome many difficult hurdles. We will never forget him and coupled with many legends' names on the shirts, makes this a fantastic kit for us all to pay tribute to everything he stood for."

The kit is available for online and personalised purchases for everyone while we do have some unnumbered stock available here at the club in most sizes.



Key: Goalscorers, in **bold**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes own goal;
 FAC = Emirates FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; VT = Velocity Trophy;

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2021-22 SEASON

					SUBSTITUTES				
MORRIS 1	Ayres	Chidyausiku (46)	Esposito	Williams	I Ehui (46)	Surmon (53)	Decabo (63)	Coles	Nche
MORRIS 1 (87)	Nche (74)	I Ehui	Ayres	Esposito	Williams (74)	Surmon (87)	Coles (87)	Unsworth	Noel
MORRIS 1	NCHE 1	I EHU 1 (90)	Ayres (81)	Esposito (87)	WILLIAMS 1 (81)	Surmon (87)	Coles (90)	Unsworth	Noel
Morris	Nche	I Ehui	Ayres (75)	Esposito (64)	Coles (64)	Noel (75)	Surmon (60)	Williams	J Ehui
Morris	Nche	I EHU 1 (65)	Esposito	Williams	Unsworth (65)	Coles (65)	Surmon (77)	Akunide	J Ehui



PAT BYRNE // CHRIS GELL // DAVE NOLAN // IAN HARVEY // STEVE REVELL // JOHN TOOGOOD
 DAVE SANDERT // ANDREW HESLOP // PETER LANNIN // BARRY GOULD // LAWRENCE WATY
 TONY CHOLEWIS // ROBIN TIDD // GARY WILLIAMS // ALAN HERRISON // SCOTT FITZGERALD
 GAVIN HART // KEVIN DOBSON // MARTIN ELLIS // WAYNE COLLES // BRAD HENNER // JAMES BURGESS
 JOHN CHRISTIAN // MARK BURGESS // PAUL BYRNE // GARY COOPER // BEN LAVENDER
 ROGER KINGSTON // DANNY BUTLER // LAWRENCE COLLES // STEVE FRANKS // RICH SWAIN
 STEVE HALL // DANNY YEORHAN // PAUL WATKINS // GREG PHILLIPS // TIM VINCENT // PAUL RICHARD
 PAUL COURAN // JOHN EHU // GARFIELD BLACKMAN // PETER DAVIES // BOB HILLIARY
 JOHN BYRNE // LEE CARROLL // RENE STREET // PAT COURAN



ON THIS DAY WITH **KEN GREEN**

4 SEPTEMBER IN YEARS GONE BY...

1976

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE
NORTHWOOD 2
HAM 1

Northwood found their very own super substitute when Junior Jones came on in the second half and scored both goals to win this tight game which was played at the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Playing Fields, Northolt, as Northwood Park was not available.



It was Ham who started the better and they moved the ball around with great authority and they took the lead in the 18th minute with an opportunist goal by Allen. A fine one-handed save by Les Currell kept them in the game and Alan Merison was a tower of strength as the visitors poured into attacks. Yet Northwood always appeared dangerous and the introduction of substitute Jones added a new dimension to the game. The efforts of Bryan Ashley, Robin Tidd (pictured) and Nigel Franklin were beginning to win the ball more often and they gave the service to Jones and Martin Ellis, who were outpacing the tiring visitors.

With just 14 minutes to go Northwood grabbed the equaliser when the ball rolled loose in the box, and Jones slid the ball into the net. This was the signal for all-out attack by Northwood, and with five minutes left they grabbed what turned out to be the winner. Ellis again got free on the, left and slipped the ball to Jones, and he slipped the ball wide of the stranded keeper.

Northwood: Currell, Heslop, Gould, Merison, Harman, Tidd, Curran, Franklin, King, Ashley. Sub: Jones.

1982

HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
NORTHWOOD 2
FAIRFORD TOWN 2

Northwood were handed both points on a plate when unbeaten Fairford Town were the visitors, and in generous style they gave them one back. Fairford started the game furiously and the back-peddalling Woods were forced to defend in depth. However, on the break they should have scored

when McCarthy latched on to a back pass but after rounding the keeper he lifted the ball over the bar.

It was Martin Ellis who next broke the visitors' offside trap, and when he rounded the keeper he was hauled down on the edge of the box. To the letter of the law the keeper was sent off, and while the Woods had lost an obvious goal, the exit of the keeper meant they should at least capitalize from the act.

Indeed this appeared to be the course of things as they peppered the new keeper and the stunned visitors. Ellis netted twice and at the interval the Woods seemed set for a comfortable victory. Midway through the second half Twomey pulled one back, but the result was still only expected to go one way.

What should have been a foregone conclusion turned out to be a nightmare when Twomey netted again five minutes from time.

Northwood: Toogood, Nixon, Revell, Gould, Lammin, Nelmes, James, Boyle, McCarthy, Ellis, Floodgate.

1999

FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND
NORTHWOOD 2
STOWMARKET 0

Woods made it into the next round of the FA Cup, starting well, and after only five minutes Simon Conway found Lawrence Yaku, whose shot was cleared off the line by Tony Gill. Then Scott Fitzgerald created an opening for Yaku, but the talented striker sliced his shot wide.

Good work from Danny Yeoman, who had an outstanding match in midfield alongside Chris Gell, dissected the visiting defence,



but Conway saw his shot saved by Marcus Bier (pictured here). Stowmarket were also creating openings and Paul Riordan made an excellent save from Terry Aldis. On the half hour, Gell saw a fine strike pushed round the post and then the Northwood captain saw a volley go fractionally wide after Yaku and Yeoman had set him up. At the other end, Riordan again had to be at his best, making a great save from Colin Yeoman.



Northwood were forced to roll their sleeves up after Paul Watkins was red-carded, and Fitzgerald saw a great effort crash against the post. The vital opener came in the 77th minute. Yaku started the move, feeding Yeoman out wide. He switched the play, finding Gell, whose shot was deflected by the head of Hart off the far post and into the net. Four minutes later Yaku raced onto Yeoman's pass to lift the ball over the advancing 'keeper for number two. Riordan then made another fine save in the closing stages to ensure a clean sheet.

Northwood: Riordan, Dee, Hart, Watkins, Street, Sargent, Yeoman, Gell, Fitzgerald (Charles), Conway (Williams).

2010 ZAMARETTO LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL BARTON ROVERS 1 NORTHWOOD 1

The Woods picked up a point from this poor contest at struggling Barton Rovers, but immediately from the kick-off Barton were almost caught out when Dean Wallace chipped the ball from the halfway line but also just over the bar to the relief of goalkeeper Aaron Fletcher.

Paul Andrews headed wide from a corner for the home side but then the Woods finally got their act together and took the lead on the half-hour. It was a good build-up involving Sharples and Aaron Cato, who played the ball neatly into the

path of Danny Power, and he was able to guide a precision strike just inside the post for his first senior goal for the club. The game should have been over before half-time as Cato shot wide after working his way into space, Josh Urquhart fired a free-kick just inches wide and then Leon Osei directed a free header straight at Fletcher after getting on the end of a Cato cross.

Barton levelled the scores on the hour when Paul Andrews stooped to head home a corner which had been allowed to find its way through a ruck of players without being cleared. Woods keeper Mark Britt made one comfortable save to deny Luke Knight as he tried his luck direct from one of the dead-ball situations but apart from that the game trudged miserably towards a finish.

The introduction of Page, Hicks and Orphanou failed to ignite the Woods, though Rodney Hicks (pictured) did manage to cause a few problems down the flank, but there was still time for a flare-up towards the end.

Sharples was chopped down in front of the two benches by a bad challenge from Taylor Nathaniel, who had been booked earlier for a foul on Osei. After a tiresome fracas that followed, both players somehow ended up being shown straight red cards.

Northwood: Britt, Raper, Urquhart, Tackley (Hicks), Sonuga, Christian, Power, Wallace (Page), Sharples, Osei, Cato (Orphanou).





TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

The Emirates FA Cup First Round Qualifiers take centre stage this weekend with the vast majority of our clubs all involved in the greatest cup competition in the world.

Here is the full draw of how it affects all of our Isthmian League Club:

Arlesey Town vs Bowers & Pitsea
 Ashford Town (Middx) vs Tilbury
 Basingstoke Town vs Bridgwater United
 Bedford Town vs Canvey Island
 Bishops Stortford vs Lowestoft Town
 Brentwood Town vs Cheshunt
 Broadfields United vs South Park
 Burgess Hill Town vs Bracknell Town
 Bury Town vs Norwich United
 Cambridge City vs East Thurrock United
 Corinthian vs Folkestone Invicta
 Cray Wanderers vs Sutton Common Rovers
 Enfield Town vs Dereham Town
 Felixstowe & Walton United vs Great Wakering Rovers
 Fleet Town vs Hanwell Town
 Harefield United vs Hastings United
 Harrow Borough vs Ramsgate
 Hayes & Yeading United vs Bognor Regis Town
 Haywards Heath Town vs Horsham
 Hornchurch vs Barton Rovers
 Hythe Town vs Ascot United
 Ilford vs Aveley
 Jersey Bulls vs VCD Athletic
 Kennington vs Carshalton Athletic
 Kings Langley vs Romford
 Leiston vs Brightlingsea Regent
 Lewes vs Metropolitan Police
 Margate vs Thame United
 Northwood vs Chichester City
 Oxhey Jets vs Kingstonian
 Peterborough Sports vs Haringey Borough
 Phoenix Sports vs Chipstead
 Potton United vs AFC Sudbury
 Redhill vs Sevenoaks Town
 Sheppey United vs Marlow
 Spelthorne Sports vs Bedfont Sports
 Stowmarket Town vs Potters Bar Town
 Uxbridge vs Chesham United
 Whitstable Town vs Leatherhead
 Wingate & Finchley vs Basildon United
 Worthing vs Corinthian Casuals

PLAYING TOMORROW

Balham vs Merstham
 Erith & Belvedere vs Chertsey Town

There is in fact only league game, in all four divisions being played today and that is the game in the South East division between Three Bridges and Lancing



SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Basingstoke Town	3	3	0	0	6	3	9
Bracknell Town	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Uxbridge	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Bedfont Sports	3	2	1	0	6	4	7
Chipstead	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
Marlow	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Chertsey Town	3	1	2	0	7	6	5
Westfield	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Thatcham Town	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Hanwell Town	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Ashford Town (Middx)	3	1	0	2	7	5	3
Binfield	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Chalfont St Peter	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Northwood	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
South Park	3	0	1	2	5	10	1
Guernsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutton Common Rovers	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Tooting & Mitcham United	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Staines Town	2	0	0	2	2	8	0



Manager Ben Murray gets his point across following a break in play at Hanwell Town last Monday

LUCKY 13

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST QUIZ OF THE NEW SEASON, HOW GOOD IS YOUR FOOTBALLING KNOWLEDGE, SEE HOW YOU FARE WITH THESE THIRTEEN QUESTIONS...

SIX OF THE BEST...

1. Which stadium has the highest capacity? West Ham United's London Stadium or Manchester City's Etihad Stadium?
2. Ron Atkinson managed which English club between July 1991 and November 1994? A) Sheffield Wednesday B) Aston Villa C) Fulham
3. Which national side did Claudio Ranieri manage before joining Leicester City?

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4. Thierry Henry once suggested an ex-Arsenal team mate was a 'dream of a striker'. Who was he talking about?
5. Before moving to the Riverside Stadium, where did Middlesbrough play their home games?
6. In 2006, which striker topped a Liverpool fans poll of '100 players who shook the Kop'?

GROUND-TASTIC...

Which clubs play at the following grounds:

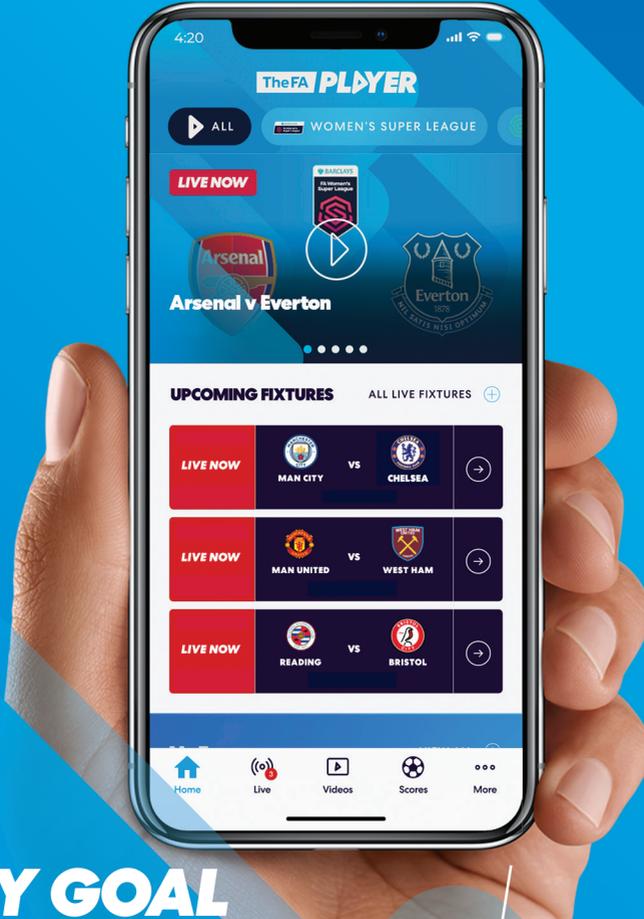
1. Prenton Park
2. Carrow Road
3. Rodney Parade
4. Edgeley Park
5. Edgar Street
6. Oakwell

THE DECIDER...

1. What is the nationality of Aston Villa's summer signing Leon Bailey (below)?



ANSWERS:
 SIX OF THE BEST: 1) London Stadium; 2) B; 3) Greece; 4) Dennis Bergkamp; 5) Ayresome Park; 6) Kenny Dalglish.
 GROUND-TASTIC: 1) Tranmere Rovers; 2) Norwich City; 3) Newport County; 4) Stockport County; 5) Hereford; 6) Barnsley.
 THE DECIDER: Jamaican.



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APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2021-22

Up to 30th August 2021 * = No longer with Club		SEASON 2021/2022								WOODS CAREER RECORD						Woods Debut		
		ISTHMIAN LEAGUE				CUP COMPETITIONS				TOTALS		LEAGUE		CUPS			OVERALL	
Players' Name		Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Games	Goals	League Games	Goals	Cup Games	Goals	Total Games	Total Goals	
Olu	Akinode																	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Ryan	Avery	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Matt	Ayres	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	Yet to make debut
Andrew	Blake																	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Joe	Chidyausiku	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Sam	Coles	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21
Leo	Decabo	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	Daventry Town (A) Sept '14
Ismael	Ehui	2	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	5	2	28	12	6	4	34	16	Slough Town (A) Aug '13
Joakim	Ehui									147	4	35	1			182	5	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Matteo	Esposito	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	Marlow (A) Aug '16
Montel	Joseph	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	23	0	7	0	30	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21
Arnold	Linturn	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	Bedford Town (H) Nov '16
Gradi	Milenge	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	16	2	4	0	20	2	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Shakeel	Morris	3	0	3	1	2	0	2	2	5	3	3	1	2	2	5	3	Maldon & Tiptree (H) Oct '17
Declan	Nche	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	4	1	14	0	4	1	18	1	Ware (H) Feb '20
Tristan	Noel	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Yet to make debut
Timothy	Obisanya																	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Aaron	Petch	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	Yet to make debut
Abz	Sahnoun																	Yet to make debut
Mo	Sahnoun																	Yet to make debut
Matt	Surmon	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	5	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Tom	Unsworth	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Ezekiel	Williams	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	4	1	2	0	2	1	4	1	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21



ACTION EXTRA...
 Further action from Monday's 2-1
 away defeat at Hanwell Town

MATCH REPORT



BY ALAN EVANS

HANWELL TOWN 2 NORTHWOOD 1

Monday 30 August 2021

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

Northwood were unable to keep their half-time lead at much-vaunted Hanwell Town on Monday afternoon and end the Bank Holiday weekend pointless after two defeats in three days.

Manager Ben Murray was forced into a couple of changes to the starting line-up due to injuries to Matt Ayres and birthday boy Leo Decabo, replaced by Ezekiel Williams and Tristan Noel. The home side, who were still looking for their first Isthmian League win of the season too after a Saturday defeat at Basingstoke Town, were able to welcome back main striker Ogo Obi having missed the opening three games of the season through suspension.

And it was Obi who had the first chance of the match on eight minutes as one-time Woods midfielder Jack Hutchinson threaded a neat ball through the Northwood defence but goalkeeper Montel Joseph was out quickly and blocked his effort on goal. Three minutes later Jack Beadle crossed into Obi and this time he fired over the bar.

It took a while for the Woods to settle but they gradually starting to get numbers forward and they were almost in front

with their first foray on goal after 23 minutes as Declan Nche let fly from 20 yards and Hanwell goalkeeper Hugo Sobte flew across to his right to push the ball wide.

It was the start of a good spell for Northwood and there was a great chance for Ismael Ehui six minutes later as a good ball saw him speed past Callum Duffy and into the box with just Sobte to beat but unfortunately, he stumbled as he went to shoot and the ball was cleared.

But he didn't have too long to redeem himself. A free-kick was awarded after 33 minutes and it was flighted in towards the penalty-spot. Sobte came for it but failed to hold and Ismael Ehui prised it away from the stricken keeper before firing a left-footed shot past Terlochan Singh on the line who had tried and, thankfully for him, failed to keep it out with an outstretched hand.

The goal clearly shocked Hanwell back into action as the first-half came to a close. Obi flicked another Beadle cross towards goal but Joseph kept it out and then it was Hutchinson's turn to be slipped through but the result was the same as Joseph blocked again. Just before the half-time whistle, full-back Dan Carr got forward and tried his luck from distance but Joseph again held on at the near-post to ensure that the Woods remained level at the break.



The Hanwell Town goalkeeper loses the ball



The ball drops to Ismael Ehui

Joseph's best save was still to come though and that was after 55 minutes as cross from the right found Adam Laaref five acres of space. He hit his shot well but the Woods' keeper reacted superbly with a reflex save that again pushed the ball wide.



Goalscorer

Hanwell persisted on the attack though and they were finally rewarded two minutes later when Hutchinson picked his way into the box and slotted home an equaliser. The home side then turned a potential defeat into a lead with a second goal in three minutes. A corner was swung over from the right and Duffy rose between Gradi Milenge and Nche to flick a header perfectly inside a post and out of reach of the diving Joseph.

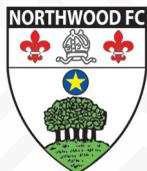
Hanwell retained the ball well after this and the Woods were making no inroads despite making all three substitutions and relying on the odd counter-attack. Obi was still without his goal on his return and Joseph saved again from his free-kick on 81 minutes before he also blasted wide following a good ball from substitute Kai O'Brosnan.

The last five minutes of the game saw the Woods finally threatening again. A couple of dangerous crosses rained in and caused a few desperate defensive panics but the only actual chance fell to Shakeel Morris whose header bounced down and wide of the target.

The Woods next League game is at home to Staines Town a week on Saturday and both sides will be looking for their first league win of the season but before that it's FA Cup action against Chichester City.

Team: 1 Montel Joseph; 2 Ryan Avery; 3 Aaron Petch; 4 Tristan Noel; 5 Arnie Linturn; 6 Gradi Milenge; 7 Shakeel Morris; 8 Declan Nche; 9 Ismael Ehui; 10 Matteo Esposito; 11 Ezekiel Williams; 12 Matt Surmon (for Linturn 77m); 14 Olu Akunide; 15 Tom Unsworth (for Petch 65m); 16 Sam Coles (for I Ehui 65m); 17 Joakim Ehui

Yellow Cards: Linturn, Petch; Attendance: 238



PLAYER PROFILES

2021-22 SEASON

OLU AKINODE - 20-year-old defender who joined the Woods in August 2021 from Brentwood Town where he had been playing for their reserve side as well as some appearances for the first-team.

RYAN AVERY - Now 20, versatile Ryan played at Flackwell Heath as a youth and has since seen service at Burnham, Windsor and Thame Rangers prior to joining the Woods during the 2021 pre-season campaign.

MATT AYRES - 20-year-old midfielder who came through the FAB Academy and joins Northwood from Windsor as a new recruit in the summer of 2021 having previously played for Burnham.

ANDREW BLAKE - Andrew is only 21 but has gained experience from spells with Greenwich Borough, Leatherhead, Farnborough, Egham Town and Staines Town over the last few years and joined the Woods from Farnborough in the close-season.

JOE CHIDYAUSIKU - Joe is a striker who joined the Woods on dual-registration from Farnborough in August 2021 having been released from St Albans City in April. The 23-year-old has previously played for Dunstable Town, Bedfont Sports, Romford, Havant & Waterlooville, Bradford Park Avenue, Chelmsford City and Bracknell Town.

SAM COLES - Sam is an attacking midfielder, 20 years old and another to have graduated from the FAB Academy and Flackwell Heath Youth to play for Burnham and then Windsor. He signed for Northwood from the Stags in the summer of 2021.

LEO DECABO - Just turned 20, Leo is a versatile player came through the FAB Academy and has played for FC Deportivo Galicia and Farnborough, where he is Head Coach to their Academy, before arriving at Northwood Park in the summer of 2021.

MATTEO ESPOSITO - Matteo is a 21-year-old attacking midfielder player who joined Northwood in the summer of 2021 having played for Royston Town last season. Has previously played at Cockfosters and Oxhey Jets.

ISMAEL EHUI - Experienced striker, 34-year-old Ish has rejoined the Woods for a third spell some seven years after his first successful spell when he netted 14 goals in 29 appearances. French-born, Ismael played a few games for Scunthorpe United in the Football League while on loan from Fulham before playing abroad in Cyprus and Belgium, latterly for FC Montegnee. He moved to Hayes & Yeading, Hendon and Flackwell Heath before a second spell at Northwood and has since played for Chalfont St. Peter, Potters Bar, Hanwell Town, North Greenford and Broadfields United.

JOAKIM EHUI - 29-year-old brother to Ismael, Joakim has also returned to Northwood for a third spell and to add to over 180 appearances for the club. Born in Lille, France Joakim was also at Fulham as a youngster and has also played for St. Albans City, Harrow Borough, Harlow Town, Hayes & Yeading, Potters Bar, Aylesbury, Chalfont St. Peter and Broadfields United.

JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ VELASCO - Pablo is a 22-year-old Colombian-born attacking full-back who was at Brentford and Tottenham as a youth before playing in Spain for CD Lugo and then Bulgaria for FC Pirin. On returning to England, he

played a game for Edgware Town and has now joined the Woods, though is also dual-registered with Hendon FC.

MONTEL JOSEPH - 24-year-old goalkeeper who has returned to the club for a third spell. He originally signed in 2016 from Boreham Wood having been released by Bristol City. He impressed in that spell which ended when Montel went off to the Caribbean to represent Trinidad & Tobago as an International. He also played on the Island for Central FC. He played one game in 2017/18 for the Woods but has since been playing for Wembley and Barking.

ARNOLD LINTURN - Defender Arnold is another 20-year-old product of the FAB Academy who has signed for Northwood having played for Basingstoke Town last season.

GRADI MILENGE - It's five years since Gradi played fifteen games for the Woods as a central defender when on dual-registration from Hendon. The 24-year-old was with Brentford as a youth and had previously appeared for Farnborough and Grays Athletic. Since then, Gradi, who was born in the DR Congo, has gained experience with Bedford Town, London Colney, Staines Town, Walton Casuals and Biggleswade Town from where he joins Northwood for a second spell.

SHAKEEL MORRIS - 25-year-old attacker, Shak joins Northwood from Abbey Rangers having previously been amongst the goals at Step 5 for the likes of Bedford & Feltham and CB Hounslow United.

SAMI NABBAD - Young 20-year-old goalkeeper who was at AFC Wimbledon as a youngster and has also been on the books at Hayes & Yeading United and Walton Casuals. He joins the Woods in the summer of 2021 to make a play for the number one position.

DECLAN NCHE - Strong midfielder who returns to Northwood this summer for his second spell at the club having previously made 14 appearances in

2017/18 when he arrived from Brentwood Town. Since then, the 24-year-old has played at Hanwell Town, Egham Town, Witham Town and Heybridge Swifts.

TRISTAN NOEL - Experienced, 24-year-old midfielder who joins the Woods for a second time in the summer of 2021 having previously made one appearance as a substitute back in early 2020. Tristan has also seen service at Ashford Town (Mx), Egham Town and Bedfont Sports.

TIMOTHY OBISANYA - Tall 23-year-old striker who joins the Woods having been with Farnborough last season. Prior to that he played for London Colney having also seen service at Harlow Town, Staines Town and Stotfold.

AARON PETCH - 20-year-old left-sided defender or winger who joined the Woods from Bedfont Sports in the summer of 2021 having also previously played for Ashford Town (Middx).

ABZ SAHNOUN - 20-year-old winger, Abdelah who has joined the Woods in the close season having risen from the Tooting & Mitcham United Development side into the first-team over the last couple of seasons. Has signed up along with his twin brother Mo.

MO SAHNOUN - Mo has arrived from Tooting & Mitcham United this season alongside his twin brother and the 20-year-old also plays on the wing.

MATT SURMON - Matt is an assured central defender despite being only 20 years old and joins the club from FC Deportivo Galicia. He has also played at Ashford Town (Middx) and Windsor.

TOM UNSWORTH - 19-year-old full-back who has arrived at the Woods having been at Boreham Wood and Kings Langley last season. Tom started out in the Thatcham Town Youth set-up.

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS - 21-year-old midfield player who arrived at Northwood in the summer of 2021 from Egham Town. Has also played for Hayes & Yeading United and London Tigers.

ON THE FIELD



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MANAGER: BEN MURRAY
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	PLD	SUB	GLS
MONTEL JOSEPH	■	■	■
SAMI NABBAD	■	■	■
TOM UNSWORTH	■	■	■
AARON PETCH	■	■	■
JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ VELASCO	■	■	■
RYAN AVERY	■	■	■
MATT SURMON	■	■	■
GRADI MILENGE	■	■	■
ARNOLD LINTURN	■	■	■
TRISTAN NOEL	■	■	■
DECLAN NCHE	■	■	■
ANDREW BLAKE	■	■	■
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SAM COLES	■	■	■
JOE CHIDYAUSIKU	■	■	■
ISMAEL EHUI	■	■	■
SHAKEEL MORRIS	■	■	■
EZEKIEL WILLIAMS	■	■	■
ABZ SHANOUN	■	■	■
MO SAHNOUN	■	■	■

	PLD	SUB	GLS
KIERAN MAGEE	■	■	■
EMMETT DUNN	■	■	■
CONNOR CODY	■	■	■
FLORI VUCAJ	■	■	■
LEWIS HYDE	■	■	■
BEN PASHLEY	■	■	■
ETAHAN PRICHARD	■	■	■
SCOTT JONES	■	■	■
GICU IORDACHE	■	■	■
KALEEM HAITHAM	■	■	■
DAN WOOD	■	■	■
CHARLIE OAKWELL	■	■	■
ROB HUTCHINGS	■	■	■
COREY HEATH	■	■	■
RYAN DAVIDSON	■	■	■
JAMIE HORNCastle	■	■	■
LLOYD ROWLATT	■	■	■
CALLUM OVERTON	■	■	■
SCOTT JONES	■	■	■
MATT AXELL	■	■	■
RORY BIGGS	■	■	■

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: DAVID NICHOLSON
ASSISTANT REFEREES:
GEORGE YOUNGER
CHRIS POTTER

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SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

