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play-off semi-finalists	2023
Isthmian League Division One North champions	2003
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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
	, 1999, 2006, D, 2013, 2022
	2003, 2005, 2012,2023
Middlesex Intermediate Cup winners:	1979
Middlesex Junior Cup winners:	1938
Middlesex Junior Cup finalists	1935, 1936
London Spartan League Premier Division champi	ons: 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:	
Middlesex League Premier Division champions:	
Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up:	1972, 1977
Middlesex League Challenge Cup winners: 197	75, 1977, 1978
Harrow, Wembley & District League champions:	1933, 1934,
1935, 1936, 193	7. 1948. 1949

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IAN'S INSIGHT

WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY, WELCOMES YOU ALL TO THE SKYLINE ROOFING STADIUM.

Welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored Clubhouse for our game this afternoon against Biggleswade Town FC and also on Tuesday when we host Marlow FC. We hope they both enjoy their short stay here.

I kick off with some positive news with two consecutive wins to report: in the league at Hertford Town last Saturday and at Edgware Town in the Middx Senior Cup on Tuesday night. Both very different games, but good to be able to use the whole squad and hopefully brings plenty of confidence to everyone with the wins. With the league table only starting to take shape, a win or two will catapult us up the table, so these two games are very important as we try to gain form, following a slow start to the campaign. With five of the next fixtures here at home, we have a chance to gain momentum, albeit with some difficult games against tough opposition in this period.

I'm delighted to announce that the new LED floodlights are now complete (with the exception of a small bit of work internally) and this is a significant improvement to our facilities here and we are sure you'll notice the difference, especially in midweek fixtures!

Our Under 18's have made an impressive start to their season, remaining unbeaten and progressing in the FA Youth Cup with two wins here. This now sees them go to Kings Langley this Thursday. We would like to see as many of you make the short journey as possible so you can to show your support in this game. They have been very successful of late and have developed players to a level that has seen a few players now included in the first team squad, which is fantastic! A big well done to Jamie and his management team.

From all of us, a message to Steve Davis, who is recovering from surgery, that we wish him a speedy and full recovery and that he's back with us soon. Steve, as most of you know, has been an integral part of the NFC family for many years and has been a great friend to myself and all of us. There is so much he does here that goes unseen and we look forward to his return shortly.

Another one of our family has just celebrated a milestone birthday (no number mentioned) in Dennis Goulding and we hope he had a fantastic time away in Spain, with family. Again, Dennis has been a great supporter of us, in so many ways and we will have a drink or two with him to show our appreciation and celebrate.

Enjoy the games.

Up The Woods!

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CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS, BRINGS US ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUB.

WELCOME TO THE WADERS & THE BLUES

A warm welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for two home games inside four days, both in the Pitching In Southern League, as we play hosts to Biggleswade Town for the first time since 2012/13 and then old foes Marlow after an absence of just the one year. We hope everyone connected with both clubs enjoy their short stay with us and we wish you a safe journey home afterwards.

Firstly, Biggleswade Town arrive unbeaten in the league so far this season following their relegation from the Southern League Premier Central in April with just five wins in their 42 matches. This time it had been just a one-year stay at Step 3 having been promoted from this division at the second attempt. The Waders had previously enjoyed a long nine-year stint in the Premier so they will clearly be looking to challenge at the top end of the table and regain that place once again.

With a new squad to start the season with, the Waders started the campaign with narrow victories over Enfield and then at Hitchin Town. Both sides did get revenge with Enfield knocking Biggleswade Town out of the FA Cup and then the Canaries beat them in the FA Trophy with a goalless draw against town rivals Biggleswade in between. Since then, Leverstock Green have been beaten 5-3 after trailing 0-2 and 2-3 in the first-half while they picked up another point with a creditable 2-2 draw at Barton Rovers despite playing much of the second-half with ten men.

The last meeting here between the two sides came in October 2012, the season that the Waders were promoted through the play-offs, and ended in a 1-1 draw, Reece Yorke levelling for the Woods after Joel Mason had put the visitors in front early on. Adamson Ajayi missed a penalty that would have won the game for Northwood.

On Tuesday night, it is Marlow who come to the Skyline, having been unable to hold their own in their first season at Step 3 in the Southern Premier South last year. In recent years, always amongst the front-runners in our own Isthmian division at Step 4, they managed promotion through the play-offs in

2024 but, like Biggleswade Town, picked up just five wins from their 42 matches at the higher level and relegation has brought the Blues back to join us in the division we were transferred to last year!

Marlow lost at Barton Rovers on the opening day but scores a comfortable 3-0 win over Aylesbury United before beating Binfield in the FA Cup. Since then, things haven't gone to plan, exiting the FA Trophy against Three Bridges 0-3 and then the FA Cup, 4-0 away at Step 3 side Chatham Town. League defeats at home to Beaconsfield Town and at Stotfold have left the Blues in the lower reaches of the table but they will have had a two-week rest before Saturday's home game against a strong Hadley side so will have been hoping for a solid result in that game.

Our games against Marlow in the past have nearly always tended to be midweek matches and it was no exception when they last visited the Skyline in October 2023, their promotion season. The Blues had a 2-0 lead before half-time with goals from David Rogalski and Josh Boorn and although Dan Williams pulled one back and the Woods pressed for an equaliser, Khalid Simmo sealed all three points with a third just before the final whistle.

We are ever-grateful to our sponsors and while there are no match sponsors for these two games, we do have Match Ball donors with Chairman Ian Barry sponsoring the ball for the Biggleswade Town game and Dennis Goulding stepping in against Marlow. As last year, we'd love to fill in all the spaces for Match Ball sponsors throughout the year so if you can help, please take a look at the grid elsewhere in today's programme and let me know.

LEAGUE NEWS

The Woods remain unbeaten away from home this season after following a 2-2 draw at Aylesbury United with a 2-1 success at Hertford Town last Saturday. The game against Aylesbury, played on a Sunday at Chesham United's ground, saw us battle back from going a goal down to lead 2-1 thanks to goals from Dan Williams and Manny Folarin. We came close to grabbing all three points but the Ducks netted an equaliser five minutes from the end to share the spoils.



PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL



#	Team	Р	w	D	L	F	Α	w	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Biggleswade	5	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	7	2	7	13
2	Welwyn Garden City	6	1	0	2	1	3	3	0	0	7	3	2	12
3	Biggleswade Town	5	2	-1	0	7	4	1	1	0	3	2	4	11
4	Barton Rovers	5	2	1	0	5	2	1	1	0	3	2	4	11
5	Hadley	5	2	0	1	8	7	1	1	0	3	1	3	10
6	Leighton Town	3	2	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	4	1	7	9
7	Flackwell Heath	5	1	2	0	6	2	1	1	0	3	1	6	9
8	Ware	5	1	0	1	5	6	2	0	1	8	7	0	9
9	Beaconsfield Town	5	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	7	3	3	8
10	Leverstock Green	6	1	0	1	3	3	1	2	1	7	8	-1	8
11	Hitchin Town	4	0	1	1	-1	2	2	0	0	4	0	3	7
12	Hertford Town	3	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	6
13	AFC Dunstable	6	0	3	1	5	6	1	0	1	3	5	-3	6
14	Aylesbury United	5	0	2	1	2	4	1	0	1	4	4	-2	5
15	Northwood	5	0	0	2	2	6	1	2	0	6	5	-3	5
16	Enfield	4	1	0	0	5	2	0	1	2	2	5	0	4
17	Marlow	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	2	0	4	-2	3
18	Stotfold	5	1	0	2	4	6	0	0	2	6	9	-5	3
19	London Lions	5	1	0	1	5	4	0	0	3	0	6	-5	3
20	Rayners Lane	5	0	0	3	2	6	1	0	1	5	7	-6	3
21	Milton Keynes Irish	6	0	0	4	7	15	1	0	1	2	2	-8	3
22	Thame United	4	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	3	4	8	-7	0

At Hertford, we also went a goal behind and again Dan Williams got us back into it before half-time. This time when Osa Otote was gifted the chance to put us in front we held on to notch our first league win of the season and climb out of the bottom three.

We now need to start picking up points here at the Skyline as we start a sequence of home fixtures so fingers crossed that we can replicate the away form on our own patch.

CUP NEWS

It's only County Cup action that we have to concentrate on this season after our early exits from the FA competitions, and we started our Senior Cup campaign on Tuesday night with a narrow win at Step 5 strugglers Edgware & Kingsbury, managed by former Woods defender Lee Grant. The management team made full use of the squad with only one of the eleven starters at Hertford Town also starting the midweek cup-tie but we played some good football in the first-half and led through a Devonte Totesaut goal. 17-year-old Freddie Ford, who was making his first senior start, doubled that lead in the second-half

with his first senior goal and all was well until the home side grabbed a goal on 77 minutes that made for an interesting finish. Thankfully we held on fairly comfortably and now go into round two, the draw yet to be made.

The Woods have also entered the Middlesex Charity Cup this season, which normally starts in November, but again the draw hasn't been made as yet.

PLAYER NEWS

Carl Stewart made his 100th League appearance for the Woods in the win at Hertford Town and went close to celebrating with a goal, seeing two efforts well saved by the opposition goalkeeper. It took his overall tally to 125 games with the next target being the 150-appearance mark.

With Hafed Al-Droubi unavailable for the last couple of league matches, we were delighted to be able to get in young 18-year-old Sam Miles on loan from Watford FC to cover. Sam was a star of the Hornets run to the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup last season, earning the Man of the Match rating in that narrow defeat against the might of Manchester City and he certainly



WOODS OUTLOOK

showed his potential when making a couple of crucial saves at Hertford Town last Saturday.

Another new face made his Woods debut at Edgware & Kingsbury on Tuesday night in Bryan Mankumbani. After a youth spell at Welling United U19s, the 23-year-old left-sided defender has spent the last few years playing abroad. He played Jamaica Premier League football for two sides, Montego Bay United and Treasure Beach before moving to Croatian side NK Sokadija Babina Greda (Level 5 of Croatian football) last season. The club finished in seventh place in the ŽNL-VS NS Ninkovic Division. Welcome Bryan!

Harry McKenna successfully came through his run-out on Tuesday after another shoulder issue at Aylesbury but we are still awaiting the return of Harry McCorkell, Romario Jonas and Kush Lewis-Thomas.

SEASON TICKETS & 1926 MEMBERSHIPS

This is our eleventh year of offering a super saver Season Ticket and they have been available for purchase since early June. The cost this year is just £75.00 to cover our remaining 19 Southern League home fixtures (just £3.95 per game) so make sure you get your order in soon. You can pay today and get access to all future league matches. See the clubs' website **www.northwoodfc.com** for the link to pay online or provide me with cash. Note that the Season Ticket also includes access to all of our remaining Under-18s Isthmian Youth League fixtures so even better value for money.

Also available, and very popular, is the Club's 1926 Membership that not only brings you a Season Ticket as above but also includes one Player Sponsorship (usually £60) and a VIP Match Day in the Boardroom for 4 people. A real bargain at only £179.00 and again there is a link from the website.

UNDER-18S

It's all about the FA Youth Cup at the moment for the Woods Under-18s and they have notched two successive home wins in the last two rounds with a 4-0 victory over Tring Athletic, followed by a 2-0 win against Hayes & Yeading United. It's tougher in the second qualifying round as we have to travel away to play Kings Langley this coming Thursday night, 2nd October so it would be great to have plenty of supporters make the journey over there to give the lads plenty of cheer. It's a 7.45pm kick-off. The two sides met in the first qualifying round here at the Skyline last season and a tough battle ended in a 2-2 draw, though it was the Woods who went through 4-3 in the penalty shoot-out that followed. In previous rounds the Kings have won 4-0 at Flackwell Heath and then 3-2 against Edgware & Kingsbury having been 0-2 down at one stage.

Their next scheduled game here at the Skyline is on Wednesday 15th October in the Isthmian Youth

League Cup against Farnham Town, though this is also the next week of the FA Youth Cup competition so is currently subject to change.

We have reintroduced the Player Sponsor page for the Under-18s, you can find that elsewhere in today's programme and it's just £30.00 for the season and there are plenty still available so if you are a regular at their matches, perhaps you'd like to sponsor your favourite Woods U18 player?

RISING BALLERS NEWS

There are plenty of home games coming up for the Rising Ballers starting next week when they are playing Clapton Community in the London Senior Trophy on Tuesday, 7th October. There's no



game for the Woods next midweek so why not pop along and see some cup action. They then play at home on each of the next four Monday nights (while we are at home on the Saturdays) in League matches against Bedfont, Staines & Lammas, Langley and Molesey.

After three successive home defeats, the last two against the top two sides in the table, the Rising Ballers will be hoping to get back to winning ways during that spell as they currently sit in seventeenth place in the table; three points above the relegation zone.

MERCHANDISE

In partnership with one of our new sponsors, Flame, we are delighted to be able to offer lots of new items in our range of merchandise which have been on sale at all of our home games this season. The range incudes caps, hoodies, replica shirts (limited number), bobble hats, scarves and pens at present, bucket hats were added with dog bowls also making an appearance! More items will be added shortly. Wear your colours – the colder weather is definitely with us!

VOLUNTEERING

We have a great working group of volunteers here at the club who all work very hard to keep the club functioning and the ground spick and span throughout the season. But we could always do with a bit of extra help, both on matchdays or during the week around the stadium or the clubhouse. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to get involved, then please let us know. Speak to either Chairman lan Barry or Commercial Manager John Joyce and get onboard if you can.





NEXT UP AT THE SKYLINE

Following these two home games in four days, you don't have to wait long for the next Woods action here at the Skyline as we play hosts to Enfield this Saturday.

This is a game that was originally away but the fixture compilers made a mistake in giving the E's a home game on the same day as their landlords Hertford Town so the two matches were reversed.

Saturday 4th October

Woods v. Enfield

Southern League Division One Central - 3pm

Tuesday 7th October

Rising Ballers v Clapton Community

London Senior Trophy - 7.45pm

Thank you for your support over our two games this week and we look forward to seeing you all again next weekend.

Alan

MATCH & MATCH BALL SPONSORS 2025/26

Opponents	Date	Match Sponsor	Match Ball Sponsor
Egham Town	Saturday 2nd August	Shamira Hamirani	Gerry Pimm
Hadley	Tuesday 12th August	-	Dennis Goulding
Hanworth Villa	Saturday 23rd August	Shamira Hamirani	Peter Reynolds
Rayners Lane	Monday 25th August	Colin Seal	Alan Evans
Beckenham Town	Saturday 6th September	Shamira Hamirani	Graham Mann
Biggleswade Town	Saturday 27th September	-	lan Barry
Marlow	Tuesday 30th September	-	Dennis Goulding
Enfield	Saturday 4th October		
Leighton Town	Saturday 11th October	Sean Moore	
Leverstock Green	Saturday 18th October	Gerry Pimm	
Ware	Saturday 1st November		
London Lions	Tuesday 11th November		
AFC Dunstable	Saturday 15th November		
Aylesbury United	Saturday 29th November		
Stotfold	Saturday 13th December	Graham Mann	
Hertford Town	Saturday 20th December		
Beaconsfield Town	Saturday 3rd January		
Flackwell Heath	Saturday 31st January		
Milton Keynes Irish	Saturday 14th February	Peter Reynolds	
Welwyn Garden City	Saturday 28th February		
Barton Rovers	Saturday 21st March		
Thame United	Friday 3rd April		
Biggleswade FC	Saturday 11th April	Dennis Goulding	
Hitchin Town	Saturday 18th April		



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HERTFORD TOWN VS NORTHWOOD SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025 KICK-OFF 3PM PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL









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Williams 30, Otote 80

The Woods claimed their first three points of the Southern League season with a hard-fought victory at Hertford Town, the home side's excellent start to the campaign, including a 100% start from their two previous league games, coming to an end.

Unbeaten from their own two previous away games this season, the Woods management rang the changes on the 3G surface with first league starts given to four different players - Chama Torsiello at the back and Jon-To Bates in the centre while Hicham Bouchareb and Jordan Ellis supported Dan Williams up front.

Hertford's impressive cup form had come to an end over the two previous weekends, losing to Felixstowe & Walton in the FA Trophy and Step 2 side Chelmsford City in the FA Cup so they were looking to get back to the bread and butter of league football after four weeks of cup competition.

11 MINUTES: 1-0 LAWRENCE AJONG

The Blues made a good start to the game, knocking the ball around in swift fashion and they took the lead with





the first effort on goal after just eleven minutes when Albert McGregor chipped a good ball into the box to pick out the unmarked Lawrence Ajong and he steered his header back across goal for an easy opener.

The Woods had to reset and although Bouchareb was getting some success on the left, it was after twenty two minutes that they got their first sight of goal. Dan Williams found a bit of space in the box but was well tackled just as he was about to pull the trigger and then Bates saw his effort from the edge of the box blocked by some good defending.

30 MINUTES: 1-1 DAN WILLIAMS

But eight minutes later. Northwood did manage to find an equaliser when Ellis got the better of his marker on the right and sent over a cross which a combination of Williams and defender Joe Nardelli managed to steer the ball under goalkeeper James Callan.

Hertford responded well though and six minutes later a good delivery from debutant Isaac Evans picked out skipper Billy Mardell-Smith and his goalbound header was brilliantly tipped over by Watford loanee 'keeper Sam Morris.

After this it was the Woods who finished the half on top. On forty one minutes, Carl Stewart, playing his 100th league game for the club, won a good ball in midfield and Williams was played through on goal but his first



touch was too heavy and it ran through to Callan in goal. Two minutes later some more good approach work set up Bates for a shot but that flew well wide.

Bates was enjoying a dominant spell in midfield and another burst forward saw him find Williams in a dangerous position. He caught it well but the ball again cleared the crossbar.

Three minutes into stoppage-time, it was Bates again who found space and this time he played Bouchareb in on goal with just the 'keeper to beat but he went near-post and hit his shot just wide.

HT: HERTFORD 1-1 NORTHWOOD

The home side came out strongly for the secondhalf and three minutes in, Manny Folarin took a ball in the face which needed treatment. While he was off the field, the referee dropped a kind ball to Hertford for the restart and the chip across goal saw Ajong up for another free header but thankfully this one flew over.

Two minutes later, Ellis picked up a third yellow card of the game – Bouchareb and Bates had erred in the first-half – and from the resulting free-kick, player-manager Ben Herd picked out Nardelli but his header down was comfortable for Morris in goal.

On fifty four minutes, McGregor fired over from a good position just outside the box but the Woods were finally getting back into the game and then an excellent cross from Williams picked out Stewart who perhaps should have hit it first time but took a touch and then saw his effort just blocked for a corner by Callan in goal.

Northwood rang the changes at this stage with all three players on yellow cards withdrawn and replaced by Reece Price-Placid, Osa Otote and Freddie Ford but the game continued to be open and entertaining, the Blues next to go close when Ollie Porter drove forward and got in a good shot but it was at Morris who was equal to it.

After sixty seven minutes Williams tested Callan at the other end with the 'keeper scrambling to his left to save low down and six minutes later came a talking point as Hertford had the ball in the net, McGregor netting from a close-range header after his previous headed effort, following a knock-down by Ajong, had been tipped superbly onto the bar by a stretching Morris. An assistant's flag was up though for offside.

Northwood responded well again with Price-Placid



and Ford combining on the right to get a ball cut back to Stewart who took a touch and fired near-post with Callan just getting down to push it wide.

80 MINUTES: 1-2 OSARETIN OTOTE

The all-important second goal came the way of the visitors though after 80 minutes. Williams closed down Callan on the ball quickly and his attempted clearance into the wind dropped kindly for Otote who volleyed the ball first-time straight and true into an empty net.

Still, plenty of time for the home side to get back into the game of course but the Woods made a further change with Jack Empson replacing Stewart to bolster the defence with Torsiello pushed into a role in front of the two central defenders and it had the desired effect.

The Blues made several substitutions in those closing stages but none of them proved to be the catalyst to an equaliser and it was Northwood who held on to the much-needed victory that takes them out of the bottom three.

With a Middlesex Senior Cup game away at Edgware & Kingsbury coming up on Tuesday night, the squad will be looking to build on their current run of form before they start a run of four successive home matches at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

FT: HERTFORD 1-2 NORTHWOOD

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

Morris, Sharifi, Miskin, M. Folarin, Torsiello, Baruwa, Ellis I (Price-Placid 55), Stewart (Empson 84), Williams, Bates I (Ford 64), Bouchareb I (Otote 60).

Attendance: 218

Words: Alan Evans Images: James Brown



MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS AGAINST BIGGLESWADE TOWN BY KEN GREEN

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 1987 FA VASE PRELIMINARY ROUND

BIGGLESWADE TOWN 0 NORTHWOOD 2

This was the first ever meeting of the clubs, and the Waders had already beaten Spartan League Crown & Manor in the previous round of the Vase, so Woods were more than aware of the difficult task in this tie. But they played some attractive



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football despite the conditions, and were well worth their victory which gave them an away tie at East Thurrock in the next round.

The match itself was a typical cup tie with no quarter given, with the home side making the early running. But the Woods defence was in outstanding form and Biggleswade were given few scoring opportunities.

After 20 minutes Mark Denison appeared to have scored a good goal when keeper Silverman scooped the ball out of the goal but a linesman ruled differently. However, 10 minutes later Silvermen's crude challenge on Junior Jones gave Woods a spot kick, which John Powell tucked away to put the

visitors in front.



The second half was played in similar vein, with The Waders pressing desperately for an equaliser but this gave Woods room to manoeuvre, and they used it well, with Jones and Denison both in good form. Midway through the second half Woods sealed their victory when John

Powell volleyed his second goal past Silverman, and although the home side didn't gave up, the Northwood defence never cracked and kept a clean sheet to the final whistle.

Biggleswade: JR Silverman, A Hope, S Rollinson, G Branch, T Kitchener, P Beck, A Cammarano, S McMellon, P Coulter, P Targett.

Northwood: John Toogood, Richard Mount, Nick Bragg, Peter Lammin, Phil Ash, Junior Jones, Russell Payne, Gary Lynch, Colin Dennison, John Powell, Richard McGivney, subs. Tony Gayle, Darren Brown.

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011 PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

NORTHWOOD 3 BIGGLESWADE TOWN 0

Both sides started a little sluggishly in this game, but it was the visitors who reaistered the first attempt on goal when a flick over found Paul Barnes who did well to round Mitch Swain, Swain did tremendously well to block his delivery across,



however the ball returned to the feet of Barnes who steered it diagonally where Mitchell Cole was waiting to stab the ball home. Tenacious defending by Liam Fowler and Lee Grant who combined well to block the ball as it was heading in; a real let off for Northwood.

But when the tricky Romaine Walker weaved his way inside a couple of challenges before playing the ball to Jon Constant, he delivered a perfectly timed effort across where Oliver Hawkins headed home to give the hosts the lead.

Soon after the break, it was that man Hawkins again who was in the thick of it as he controlled a high ball brilliantly before evading a challenge and finding room out wide. He then rode inside and curled an exquisite attempt which curled into the bottom corner beyond Sam Leggett, who could do nothing



about it: 2-0 to Northwood.

Northwood effectively sealed the victory when a driven corner by Constant picked out Garry Senior whose goalbound effort had enough strength to creep under the keeper. The exciting Walker was eager to add a fourth and he wasn't too far away from doing just that as he fired narrowly wide from an acute angle, and there were no more goals to come

Northwood: Mitch Swain, Scott Raper, Ronayne Marsh-Brown, Lee Grant, Liam Fowler, James McCluskey, Jonathan Constant (Sam Sharples), Craig White, Oliver Hawkins (Ben Alexander), Garry Senior (Kurt Morlese), Romaine Walker.

Biggleswade: Sam Leggett, Peter Gatti, Darryl Coakley, Liam Folds (Brett Donnelly), Steven Gentle, Craig Rydeheard, Craig Daniel, Stuart Lochhead, Paul Barnes (Tom McGowan), Mitchell Cole, Jonathan Woolf (Alex O'Brien).

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2012 PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

BIGGLESWADE TOWN 1 NORTHWOOD 3

The home side started strongly with Steve Gentle showing good agility for a defender, turning and shooting but James Reading was well behind it and saved comfortably.

The Waders enjoyed the best of the possession, and finally got their noses in front on 26 minutes when Brett Donnelly pounced to hook the ball in despite good efforts to clear off the line. Adamson Ajayi then produced a good run down the right for Woods but knocked in a cross, which even the tall striker Hawkins couldn't reach at the far post.

The Woods started better after the

break, but were still restricted to iust the odd opportunity, and when Wayne O'Sullivan was put through on goal, he chipped the ball over the bar. That was a rare chance, so when the



equaliser came on 67 minutes it was out of the blue. James McCluskey cut in from the left and knocked a good pass to Jonathan Constant, who set up John Christian for a scoring strike from just outside the box.

Three minutes later O'Sullivan knocked in a superb cross from the left and Spencer Bellotti flicked a header which gave keeper Ender no chance. Rather than just try to hold on to their narrow advantage, the Woods continued to attack and they completed their steal of the game after 89 minutes as Bellotti poked a shot towards goal during a scramble in the goalmouth and despite two attempts to clear by defenders James Freshwater and Darryl Coakley, the ball made it over the line to put Northwood 3-1 ahead.

Biggleswade: Anthony Ender, James Freshwater, Darryl Coakley, Peter Gatti, Steven Gentle, Craig Rydeheard, Craig Daniel, Alex O'Brien, Brett Donnelly, Harry Hunt (Alaa Oujdi), Jon Woolf (Stuart Lochhead).

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





YESTERDAY TODAY 27.09

THROUGHOUT NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY – WHICH GOES BACK 99 YEARS TO 1926 – THE CLUB HAVE PLAYED 14 FIXTURES ON 27TH SEPTEMBER; ALL PREVIOUS GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I REVIEW THREE OF THEM HERE.

NORTHWOOD

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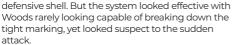


1980

WOODS 2 ABINGDON UNITED 0

Northwood gained two Hellenic League premier division points in this game, defeating lowly Abingdon United. The visitors came to Northwood Park as bottom-of-thetable underdogs, and made hard work of making an impression on out-of-sorts Woods.

The visitors started as if a draw was their priority, drawing into a



The Woods took a deserved lead, on territorial advantage, in the 30th minute when Ian Harvey curled a vicious shot in from the right. The keeper seemed to have it covered but lost control and the ball looped in off his shoulder.

Abingdon were handed a gift chance for an equaliser, but the shot went wide.



In the second half Northwood found more rhythm and the visitors were thwarted by a keeper who looked somewhat frail in the first half. Superb efforts by Martin Ellis, twice, and Paul Devis looked certain to score. but simple

reaction saves kept the ball out.

It was a Steve Revell header that finally served up the points.

Northwood:

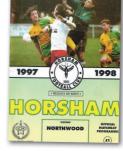
John Toogood, Peter Davies, Peter Carter, Kevin Walton, Steve Revell, Robin Tidd, Ian Harvey, Martin Ellis, Mick Hancock, Paul Devis, Roger Livingstone, Sub: C Baptiste.

1997

HORSHAM 0 WOODS 1

Ace goalscorer Paul Halbert grabbed a 75th minute winner as Woods marked their 100th away match in the Isthmian League with victory at Horsham on Saturday.

The success also made it 100 Isthmian League wins for Northwood, gained them revenge for the 3-1 FA Cup defeat at Horsham a month



earlier and put them back on top of the Division Two table.

The crucial goal came when Tony Millard headed the ball into the box, Halbert's first effort was blocked by keeper Duncan Green, but he reacted quickest to hammer the ball home. It was reward for a battling performance that delighted Woods boss Steve Emmanuel, who had special praise for keeper Lee Carroll and defenders Jason Zazzera and Millard.

With 20 minutes gone, Zazzera put Holmes clear, but his effort was wide of the target. In an entertaining end to end match, Carroll saved well from Barry Forshaw, but it was Northwood's Kevin Dobson who came closest to breaking the deadlock in the first half.

Dobson hit a 25-yard cracker which Green did well to tip over the bar and away to safety.





In the second half, chances continued to be made at either end before Halbert struck.

Northwood: Lee Carroll, Kevin Dobson, Chris McLaughlin, Tony Millard, Eamon O'Connor, Jerome Boadu, Jim Achille, Paul Halbert, Lawrence Holmes, Dave Walters, Jason Zazzera. Subs: Colin Robinson, Steve Tobin. Carl Levene

2016 WOODS 6 HISTON 0

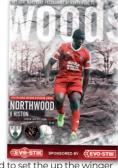
This was Northwood's best home league result for seven years, and although Histon might have taken an early lead, the home side romped home.

But the first goal didn't arrive until the 31st minute when Louis Stead curled a free-kick superbly over the wall and into the top corner giving keeper Conroy no chance. Having conceded the goal, the young Histon side seemed to lose their vigour for a while and the Woods punished them dearly. Stead turned provider when he put Ryan Debattista in on goal and he fired inside the post to double the lead on 41 minutes.

And before the break, Northwood had a third, Luke Heneghan making a good run and a strike that Conroy was unable to keep out at his near post.

Northwood still looked on top as the second half commenced, and early on Histon substitute Joe

Sutton let fly with a great strike that needed Montel Joseph to be at full stretch to push the ball over the bar. Nolan set up Stead for a deflected effort that Conroy saved down low and then substitute Ismael Ehui fired just over the bar, then Ehui grabbed the fourth goal after 71 minutes after Bircham



and Heneghan combined to set the up the winger and he finished clinically.

Just four minutes later some good approach play saw Stead burst into the box only to be tripped and he stepped up to knock in the penalty to make it 5-0. There was only four minutes to wait for the sixth goal and this time it was Bircham who got onto the scoresheet with another accurate strike that was drilled across goal and in off the far post.

Northwood: Montel Joseph, Alex Nolan, Callum Wright, Mark Burgess, James Budden (Filipe Anjos), Louis Stead, Frankie Jones (Julian Smith), James Burgess, Ryan Debattista (Ismael Ehui), Louis Bircham, Luke Heneghan.



GAMES THE WOODS HAVE PLAYED ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER

Date	Competition	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att.
Sat 27 Sep 1930	A Harrow & District League Division One	Hendon Rural District Council	4-1	King, (T) Bell, Gill, Bunce	
Sat 27 Sep 1952	A Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	Harrow Weald Athletic	1-9	?	
Sat 27 Sep 1958	A Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	South Harrow	3-1	Ratcliffe 2, Smith	
Sat 27 Sep 1969	A Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	Perivale	7-2	Dodd 3, Byrne, Gould 2, og	
Thu 27 Sep 1973	A Rickmansworth Charity Cup	Rickmansworth Town	1-4	Metcalfe	
Sat 27 Sep 1975	H Middlesex League	Viking Sports	1-1	Ashley	
Sat 27 Sep 1980	H Shield Hellenic League Premier Division	Abingdon United	2-0	Harvey, Revell	
Sat 27 Sep 1986	H Spartan League Premier Division	Edgware	1-1	Stagg	
Sat 27 Sep 1997	A Ryman League Division Two	Horsham	1-0	Halbert	194
Sat 27 Sep 2003	H FAC 2QR	Afc Sudbury	2-4	Nolan, Knight	385
Tue 27 Sep 2005	A FAC 2QR	Aylesbury Unbited	0-2		262
Sat 27 Sep 2014	H Evo-Stik SLD1 Central	Hanwell Town	1-3	Murray	102
Tue 27 Sep 2016	H Evo-Stik SLD1 Central	Histon	6-0	Debattista 2, Heneghan, I. Ehui	82
Tue 27 Sep 2022	A Pitching In Isthmian League Div 1 South	Walton & Hersham	1-2	Ibie	248





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WOODS HAVE TO SETTLE FOR A POINT

AYLESBURY UNITED VS NORTHWOOD SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 KICK-OFF 3PM PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL











Williams 39, Folarin 45

A rare Sunday afternoon game, played in heavy rain, saw the Woods pick up a point on their travels but they will have been disappointed not to have held onto all three as the Ducks levelled things up only late in the contest.

It was Northwood's first away game since the opening day of the league season over a month ago, and with Hafed Al-Droubi and Dylan Kearney both unavailable, there were a couple of changes with goalkeeper Sam Morris coming in from Watford on a months' loan, Nasir Sharifi replacing the injured Henry Atkinson and Harry McKenna starting his first game of the season after injury.

Like the Woods, Aylesbury United had made a slow start to the new campaign and were still looking for their first goal at home but with the rain teeming down from the start, it took both sides a little while to get to grips with the greasy surface.





The first chance came on twelve minutes and it was no surprise that it was a defensive slip that gave Dan Williams a sniff of goal. Pouncing on a loose ball out wide on the left and with goalkeeper Jack Hopwood stranded, the Woods striker went for goal from a tight angle but it only found the side netting.

14 MINUTES: 1-0 POWFIL RAPOSO

Just two minutes later the Ducks were in front with their very first attack. Prince Madu hassled Williams off the ball in the centre and then it was played wide

> for Jed Lavmen to take on Nasir Sharifi. He got past him and cut the ball back across the six-yard box where Powfil Raposo easily turned his marker and gave Morris no chance from close-range.

Four minutes later, McKenna swung in a corner which Hopwood failed to get a clean punch on. Jack Empson flicked the loose ball back over his head and Williams managed to head goalwards but it dropped just over the bar.

Chances were few and far between though at both ends and there was thirty six minutes on the clock when McKenna recorded the Woods first effort on target but his shot provided a comfortable save for Hopwood.

39 MINUTES: 1-1 DAN WILLIAMS

But it was the catalyst for a period of sustained pressure from the Woods which saw them turn things around. Williams seized on a loose ball,





created a bit of space and then let fly with a left-footed strike that flew past the diving Hopwood and inside the post for an equaliser and his first goal since his return to the club.

45 MINUTES: 1-2 MANNY FOLARIN

Things got even better for Northwood in the final minute of the half. From a free-kick wide on the left, the ball was looped in high and a missed attempt at clearing it from Madu allowed the ball to drop to a completely unmarked skipper Manny Folarin who gleefully smashed it home.

HT: AYLESBURY UNITED 1 NORTHWOOD 2

Unfortunately, McKenna succumbed to another shoulder issue at the break, with Reece Price-Placid his replacement and again there was a slow start to the second-half.

The Ducks made their first change too, after fifty one minutes, with

goalscorer Raposo replaced by Remel Larwood. The substitute had an opportunity from a free-kick on fifty five minutes but that flew just wide of the post.

Two minutes later, a good move from the Woods saw Price-Placid win a ball and find Williams who played a neat pass to get Devonte Totesaut into the box but his shot flew well over the bar; a good chance missed.

Still the rain fell and it made things difficult for both sides, though it was generally the final ball that was lacking as time ticked on. Hicham Bouchareb made his comeback from injury, replacing the hard-working Osa Otote on seventy nine minutes.

Another goal seemed unlikely but after eighty five minutes a simple ball played down the middle wasn't cut out and it allowed Layman to get first run. For a moment, Morris looked like he might block but he hesitated and it allowed the Ducks winger to stab a shot past him for the equaliser.

85 MINUTES: 2-2 JED LAYMAN

Jamie Kennedy replaced Sharifi for the closing stages



but the Woods were unable to create much in response. It was the sixth minute of stoppage-time that they won a free-kick and the ball was pumped into the area where Empson did manage to flick on a header but Layman pounced on it to ensure the point for his side.

The Woods will probably look at this as two points lost but they remain unbeaten away from home in their two games to date and will be looking to at least extend that sequence when they travel to Hertford Town next Saturday.

Their opponents have enjoyed an excellent season so far with good cup runs that have only just ended and they will be also hoping to add to their 100% league record as they play only their third league fixture.

FT: AYELSBURY UNITED 2 NORTHWOD 2

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

Morris, Sharifi (Kennedy 89), Miskin, M. Folarin, Empson, Stewart, McKenna (Price-Placid 46), Baruwa, Williams, Totesaut, Otote (Bouchareb 79).

Attendance: 203

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I'm writing after attending the excellent Middlesex Senior Cup win over Edgware & Kingsbury FC. This followed the terrific comeback victory over a very good Hertford Town FC on Saturday. I thought it was one of our best away wins for some time and hopefully we can start picking up points at home now with a run of four games.

My monthly update email to sponsors was very well received with some ideas floated on promotional events and photo shoots which I'm looking into. I get very good feedback from the update and it's important to keep in touch with all our partners on a regular basis.

It was nice to see us wearing

the PFE Express sponsored blue away shirts finally against Aylesbury Utd. PFE are one the UK's leading freight forwarders and were founded in 1984 employing only six staff but today has four regional offices with 120 employees! Their Air Freight Department is based in Watford and is headed up by Jacob Collins who I visited just before the season started to present complimentary shirts. I was hoping Jacob would be at the Edgware game but unfortunately he couldn't attend due to working long hours dealing with the impact of the typhoon in China and Hong Kong which is massively effecting shipping.





On the merchandise front I trialled the club shop at a recent youth team game and it was reasonably successful. There is definitely an appetite for smaller sized wear for children so this is something I'm looking at bringing in.

We're approaching the colder weather so everyone definitely needs one of our new scarves and fantastic bobble hats!

lan has recently hosted a run of events at the clubhouse including birthday parties and this is another valuable revenue stream for the club.

Also great to see the upgrades in the stadium with the new fence including the netting and the LED floodlights which seem to be much brighter than the old ones and more energy efficient.

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Until next time. Up the Woods!

John



WOODS MATCH BY MATCH

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Tue 12	HADLEY	Н	LGE	0-2	147	Al-Droubi	Sharifi -	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sat 23	HANWORTH VILLA	Н	FATPR	3-1	110	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	McGovern	M. Folarin	Empson	Baruwa
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Sat 20	HERTFORD TOWN	Α	LGE	2-1	218	Morris	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Torsiello	Baruwa
Tue 23	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	Α	MSC	2-1	43	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	McKenna	Torsiello I	Empson	Smith
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Price-Placid	Bates	Kearney 1	Kennedy 1	Bouchareb 1	Otote (74), Torsiello (75), Ellis (81), Totesaut (72) , Smith (90)	
Otote	Clarke-Rowe	Totesaut 1	Kennedy	Bouchareb	Torsiello (30), Baruwa (46), Price-Placid (46), McKenna (66), Smith (90)	
Price-Placid	Baruwa	Totesaut	Bates	Williams	Ford (66), Otote (67), Kearney(71), Kennedy (84), Torsiello (87)	
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Biggleswade Town were originally formed as Biggleswade F.C. in 1874 and began by playing friendlies.

They became one of the founder members of the Biggleswade and District League in 1902/03 and won the championship at the first attempt. The successful season was climaxed by winning the Bedfordshire Senior Cup - the first of eight victories so far in the competition.

The 'Waders', as the club are known, first entered the FA Cup in 1904.

2006-2007

Chris Nunn became manager in Nov 2006 after a very poor start to the season saw the team heading for certain relegation. In Feb 07 the team had made up a lot of points but were still bottom of the Premier table.

The team avoided relegation on the last league day of the season. The winning of the NBC Cup in the very last match of the campaign reinforced that optimism.

2007-2008

The 2007/08 season saw the squad develop further with new signings and for the first time in 15 years the club found itself top of the division at one point.

A final position of 3rd was a result of hard work and changes gradually moving the club forward.

2008-2009

As the 2008/09 season beckoned, the new Stadium was ready for occupation and the seasons in the 'wilderness of ground sharing' were over.

For the first time in the clubs 134year history, it finally had a home of its very own. Moving into the new ground certainly created a great feeling at the Club and new faces began to appear on the playing side as well as behind the scenes.

As the final whistle blew on the last friendly there was a definite feeling of readiness for the forthcoming season.

The Wader's first season (2009-10) at Step Four proved a tough start but gradually the team strengthened and finished in a comfortable twelfth place with the team taking points off every side that season except Bury Town and Hitchin Town who finished first and second respectively.

2010-2011

This season saw the Waders climb to their highest ever position in the football pyramid, finally finishing in 4th place and with the resultant position in the playoffs. Waders travelled to 3rd place Daventry Town, a team they had previously beaten both home and away in the regular season. Football being football, Daventry ran out easy winners ending Waders hopes of promotion.

2011-2012

This season saw the Waders fade as season progressed.

Having topped the league early in the season, injuries and suspensions took its toll and the season finished with a top half finish just outside the play offs.

2012-2013

Winning the 2012/13 Playoff final secured a place in the Southern League Premier, was upstaged by the best ever season in the club's 140-year history, finishing 9th in our first Premier season, reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup losing to a well organised Stourbridge side.

Season ended with Waders beating Luton Town at Luton to lift the County Cup.

2013-2014

First season ever at step three and the Waders feel they have arrived.

Finishing a creditable 9th in the table and reaching the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in the club's history put the club in the record books.

The Waders were the draw specialist of the premier division and had they converted the drawn games to winning ones, they would have finished in the play-off positions.

Winning the Beds Senior Cup for the second successive season was the icing on the cake.

2014-2015

This season was a real test for the Waders, with injuries both on and off the field. Long term injuries meant bringing in loan players and they all played their part.

2015-2016

A difficult season for the Waders, Southern League gets harder every season, an injection of new players helped steer the ship.

2016-2017

Having established their premier status the Waders went on to achieve their highest points total and finished just outside the playoffs in a creditable 7th position.

2017-2018

Tough season with the club suffering several significant injuries ended with a Mid Table finish and a narrow loss to Luton Town in the Beds Senior Cup Final.

2019-2021

Southern League suspended due to the Covid Pandemic. All results expunged.

2021-2022

Chris Nunn returned to take charge as full time Manager and put together a squad to challenge at Level 3.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, the squad were unable to match opposition on many occasions.

January 2022 saw Manager Nunn leave Biggleswade Town. Robbie O'Keefe took over with an influx of new, younger player.

However, they were unable to save the Waders from relegation.

2022-2023

Robbie O'Keefe started his first full season and assembled his own squad.

Despite not losing too many games and challenging at the season end for a play-off place the Waders fell short of the mark. Robbie O'Keefe had to leave the Waders in April due to ill health and his assistant Danny Payne took over till the end of the season.

2023-2024

Danny Payne enlisted Jimmy Martin as joint manager and together they reviewed strategy and signed some new key players.

As the season progressed, successes mounted and by the end of the season Waders were top of the league.

However, it was down to the wire as they had to win the last game of the season to win the league.

Failure to do so would have put us in nail biting territory that are the playoffs . Thankfully a 4-1 win against Ware saw the Waders lift the trophy and gain promotion back to step 3.

2024-2025

The club celebrated 150 years with events throughout the year and although it was a short-lived spell at step 3, but the club enjoyed a good cup run.

THE WADERS IN 2025/26

Following their relegation from the Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central last season the Waders have made a good start to life at Step 4 as they target a quick return back to the Premier Central division.

At the time of writing they were third in the table, and unbeaten in the league, having won three and drew two of their opening five league games, lying just two points behind their neighbours, Biggleswade who are top of the division.

The Waders began their season on the opening day with a home game against Enfield and after falling behind to a goal on the hour back hit back with two late goals to make it a winning start to the season and they followed this up with a fine 1-0 away win at Hitchin Town.

They suffered an FA Cup exit losing 4-2 away at Enfield but in the big local-derby with Biggleswade they shared the points with a goalless draw.

They, then suffered an early FA
Trophy exit losing 3-1 at home to
Hitchin Town but then bounced
back to beat Leverstock Green
5-3 this despite being 2-0 down
after only seven minutes, and they
followed that up with a 2-2 draw
away at Barton Rovers last Saturday.





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MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS AGAINST MARLOW BY KEN GREEN

shot to preserve his side's 2-0 lead.



SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY 1998 RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO MARLOW 1

MARLOW 1 NORTHWOOD 2

Winger Andy Reeder marked his full debut with a second minute goal and Chris Gell scored on his return from suspension on Woods' first league visit to Marlow.

The opening goal came when Tony Sibanda fed Terry Hibbert, who slipped a defence splitting ball through for Reeder to fire home. Hibbert was denied by a good save by home keeper lan Leath in a one-on-one in the eighth minute as Woods continued to press forward press forward,

They added the second with just 19 minutes played and it was a goal of genuine quality. Reeder put Gell through and the midfielder sent a superlative lob



over the keeper and into the back of the net. Keeper Stuart Mustoe saved well from a Colin Ferguson header and then making a double save from Andy Shildrick and John Caesar. And on the stroke of half time Mustoe tipped over David Lay's

Woods had to absorb a good deal of pressure in the second period. The conceded just the once when Robert Paris scored in the 56th minute after a corner was not cleared. Mustoe saved well at the feet of Caesar, while defenders Cary Williams and Dave Walters put in superb performances.

Marlow: Ian Leath, Grant Goodall, Micky Floyd, Colin Ferguson, Tony Nolan, Rob Paris, David Lay, Gavin Maguire, John Caesar, Andy Shildrick, Hill

Northwood: Stuart Mustoe, Steve Tobin, Dave Sargent, Gary Williams, Dave Walters, Andy Reeder, Terry Hibbert, Chris Gell, Mark Keadell, Tony Sibanda, Kevin Dobson.

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2014 EVO STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

NORTHWOOD 3 MARLOW 0

There was a slow start to game with both sides failing to create much in front of goal but the Woods gradually managed to start to control things and Hastings' cross saw Dan Bailey slice an attempted clearance not far wide of his own post for a corner. Northwood didn't have to wait much longer



for the opening goal as a ball from the right saw Hastings have an effort blocked but the rebound fell to Michael Murray, who had plenty of time to stroke the ball home.

Danny McNicholas had to be alert to keep out a header from Barney after the lively striker got his head to a Chris Ovenden cross and another curling effort from Mealing wasn't far wide but the Woods countered well with a second goal before the break. Joakim Ehui had just skied one effort on goal when an excellent through-ball put Nicholas in on the right and he rifled a shot across Grant to make it 2-0.



The visitors made a couple of early changes in the second half as they looked to turn things around, but in fact Northwood dominated proceedings, and finally after 80 minutes a free-kick saw Joakim Ehui pull the ball back for substitute Nana Asamoah to squeeze a shot just inside the post.

Northwood: Danny McNicholas, Alex Nolan, Andy Lomas (Mason Yorke), Nick Turner, Perry Dicker, Jordan Lawal, Joakim Ehui, George Nicholas, Rob Hastings, Michael Murray (Nana Asamoah), Omar Vassell

Marlow: Simon Grant, Chris Ovenden, Tom Baddeley, Kurtney Brooks, Adam Richards (Paul Massaquoi), Dan Bailey, Devontae Romeo, Marcus Mealing (Corey King), Lee Barney (Liam Ferdinand), Jordan Holder-Spooner, Jake Simpson

SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY 2022 PITCHING-IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION

ONE SOUTH CENTRAL NORTHWOOD 1

MARLOW 0 Northwood finally laid a ghost to rest as they celebrated their

first home league win since September by

overcoming thirdplaced Marlow.

Woods threatened
early on with their swift
incisive play, whilst
the Blues reminded
Northwood of the
threat they offered with
a strong finish to the
opening period, Dan
Hosier producing a fine
double save to keep
out Nnamdi Nwachuku
and Keagan Cole was
on hand to make a Marlow came at Woods immediately after the restart, Nwachaka being foiled by Hosier after a defencesplitting ball. But it was Northwood who broke the deadlock with the opening strike on 53 minutes,



Andy Lomas feeding Josh Helmore, who showed great strength and composure before picking his spot beyond Aaron Atkins.

Northwood refused to sit on their one goal advantage and the effervescent Teddy Stacey produced another surge from midfield before threading the ball through to Ibie whose low shot was saved by Watkins. Hosier was called into action again as he gathered another attempt from English, but it finished 1-0 to the Woods.

Northwood: Daniel Hosier, Sam Jenkins (Micah Jackson), Andy Lomas, Keagan Cole, Tommy Boxer, James Gurteen, Ryan Young, Teddy Stacey, Josh Helmore (Alex More), Sydney Ibie (Matt Surmon). Carl Stewart

Marlow: Aaron Watkins, Georges Ehui, Isaac Olorunfemi, Adam Richards, Louis Rogers, Junaid Bell (Chris Ovenden), Jay Welch (Tristan Campbell), Nnamdi Nwachuku, Kameron English, Devontae Romeo, Khalid Simmo (Jordan Brown)



timely block.



UNDER 18'S

U18S TASTE PLENTY OF CUP SUCCESS

There have been three cup games played by the Northwood U18s since our last programme notes and all three have resulted in progress in cup competitions.

This started with an FA Youth Cup fixture at home to old foes Tring Athletic, a side that knocked us out of the same competition two years ago. This time there was no sign of a repeat of that as two goals from Royd Pullem and one each from Freddie Ford and Henry Atkinson saw the Woods romp to a 4-0 victory and earned us a home tie against Hayes & Yeading United in the next round.

Just five days later it was time for a visit to play another nemesis over the years, an away Isthmian Youth Cup tie on the 3G at Bedfont Sports. It's the venue where they Woods have been defeated in the last two semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup but again, this time there would be no recurrence.

After Tobi Faleye chipped in for a rare goal and then Michael Kelly scored his first of the season, the lads never looked back and ended up with an emphatic 5-0 success with second-half goals netted by Royd Pullem plus substitutes Caleb Wright and Rowan Daly. We're into the next round where we will meet fellow West Division side Farnham Town at home on Wednesday, 15th October.

The FA Youth Cup clash with Hayes & Yeading came just over a week ago here at the Skyline and it proved a real battle throughout. Both goalkeepers made a few good saves during the match but the Woods managed to keep a clean sheet so goals from Royd Pullem and Rowan Daly, the latter again after coming on as a substitute. secured the 2-0 win.

The draw for the second qualifying round was made a couple of days later and the side will be tested once more as we travel to play Kings Langley this coming Thursday night, 2nd October 2025. The two sides met in the first qualifier last season here at the Skyline and after a hard-fought 2-2 draw, we managed to squeeze through by a 4-3 scoreline in the penalty shoot-out that followed. The Kings now have home advantage so it would be good if plenty of supporters could get over to the match and show some support as we look to reach the final qualifying round.

The U18s were disappointed this week as our scheduled league fixture against Camberley Town was postponed. We were due to play away on Monday which was cancelled as our opponents were not able to stage the match. It was then switched to our home game on Wednesday night but once again Camberley decided that was too short notice to arrange travel.

2025/26 Season Stats

Top appearances: 4 – L Atkinson, Burrows, Daly, Faleye, Harvard, Kelly, King, Loveday, Pullem, Wright.

Top Scorers: 4 – Pullem. 3 – H Atkinson, Daly. 2 – Wright. 1 – Faleye, Ford, Kelly.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

Date		Opposition		F-A	
Augu	ıst				
Wed	20	Fleet Town	IYL	4-1	H Atkinson 2, Wright, Daly
Septe	em	ber			
Wed	3	Tring Athletic	FAY	4-0	Pullem 2, Ford, H Atkinson
Mon	8	Bedfont Sports	IYC	5-0	Faleye, Kelly, Pullem, Wright, Daly
Wed	17	Hayes & Yeading United	FAY	2-0	Pullem, Daly
Octo	bei	•			
Thu 2	2	Kings Langley	FAY		
Wed	15	Farnham Town	IYC		
Wed	29	Maidenhead United	IYL		
Nove	mt	per			
Mon	3	Hampton & Richmond B	IYL		
Wed	12	Ascot United	IYL		
Thu 2	27	Aldershot Town	IYL		(At Badshot Lea FC)
Dece	ml	per			
Wed	3	Farnham Town	IYL		
Wed	10	Bracknell Town	IYL		
Mon	15	Badshot Lea	IYL		
Mon	22	Camberley Town	IYL		
Janu	ary	,			
Wed	7	Maidenhead United	IYL		
Wed	14	Camberley Town	IYL		
Tue 2	20	Bracknell Town	IYL		
Wed	28	Farnham Town	IYL		
Febr	uar	у			
Wed	4	Hampton & Richmond B	IYL		
Wed	18	Aldershot Town	IYL		
		Ascot United	IYL		
Marc					
		Fleet Town	IYL		
Wed	П	Badshot Lea	IYL		

ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

		Р	W	D	L	F	А	GD	Pts
1	Maidenhead United	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	6
2	Northwood	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
3	Ascot United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Badshot Lea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Bracknell Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Camberley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Farnham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Hampton & RB	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
9	Aldershot Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
10	Fleet Town	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0

IYL = Isthmian Youth League; FAY = FA Youth Cup; IYC = Isthmian Youth League Cup



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WOODS CRASH OUT OF THE TROPHY



NORTHWOOD VS BECKENHAM TOWN SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 KICK-OFF 3PM ÚSÚ FÁ TRÖPHY FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING











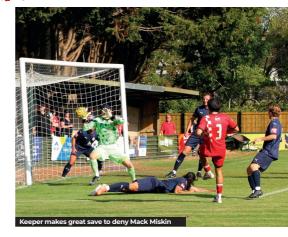
The Woods passed up a glorious opportunity for further progression in the FA Trophy, failing to break down their Isthmian opponents who played for virtually the whole second-half a man short.

Having been without a game since Bank Holiday Monday, the Woods had a much-fuller squad to choose from and there was a place in the starting line-up for a returning Dan Williams, golden boot winner in 2023-24, following his spell at Bedfont Sports. Devonte Totesaut started in preference to Dylan Kearney while Hicham Bouchareb was ruled out by a late fitness test.

The visitors had a squad packed with experienced players but, like Northwood, had made a slow start to the campaign and were also looking to record their firstever FA Trophy win at their fourth attempt since rising to Step 4 football.

There was a very scrappy start to the game with neither side able to establish an advantage and there were a





series of free-kicks for little niggly tackles from both sides in the opening fifteen minutes. While the Becks forced a couple of corners, they came to nothing while the Woods attacks ended with poor crosses into the area.

18 MINUTES: 0-1 LOUIS THEOPHANOUS

That changed on eighteen minutes when the visitors managed to take the lead with the first real effort on goal. A Jack Empson clearance was picked up by Freddie Nyhus deep in his own half and launched forward. Ace striker Louis Theophanous timed his run

> perfectly to take him past a static Woods backline and with only Henry Atkinson able to get in a challenge, the Becks number nine controlled the ball and stabbed it past a stranded Hafed Al-Droubi.

Otherwise, both defences appeared to be on top as the half progressed with skipper Jack Holland dominating everything aerial for the visitors but Beckenham did go close to grabbing a second goal after twenty seven minutes. Sam Wood made a clever run into the box to lav off a cross from the left and Mark Marshall made space for a left-footed strike from just outside the box that crashed back off

Again, the play reverted to a battle, youngster Henry Atkinson was having his own contest keeping Abel Vendrells at bay as he attacked down the left, and doing well, but the Woods were unable to threaten in the final third.



They finally forced goalkeeper James Batt into a save just in forty five minutes when Totesaut spread a ball wide to Reece Price-Placid and he cut in to hit a low, left-footed shot that saw Batt dive to his left to push the ball wide of the post.

Then, in just about the final seconds of the five additional minutes, a Carl Stewart ball crept through the Becks defence and Jon-Jo Bates hit a first-time strike across the 'keeper who managed to push it away. It looked like falling kindly to Totesaut who was following in but somehow defender Casey Dudley was just able to do enough to put him off.

HT: NORTHWOOD 0 BECKENHAM TOWN 1

As the second-half started, it seemed the Woods would need a different strategy if they were to get back into the game but just three minutes in, Dudley blotted his copybook, first with a stray pass and then with a lunging challenge to prevent Price-Placid from breaking through which was adjudged as serious foul play by the referee so was shown a straight red card.

Plenty of time for the home side to take advantage of the extra man, though from the free-kick, pumped down the middle, Manny Folarin and the goalkeeper collided with the Woods man receiving the first yellow card of the game.

Within a minute, Beckenham could have doubled their lead with Al-Droubi caught by Theophanous in two minds while attempting to clear a back-pass, Marshall picked up the loose ball and knocked it into Theophanous who missed the target but an offside flag saved his blushes.

The Woods first chance of the second-half came when Al-Droubi got an angled pass right and it sent Price-Placid past his marker on the left and into the box but his shot flew well over the target.

The Woods were working hard, looking for a way through the Beckenham defence and Bates picked

up a yellow card when trying to nick the ball off Elliott McKimm just outside the box. But the quality of passing was missing until Ademide Baruwa managed to thread one through to Price-Placid again. His cross picked out Williams but his header was merely glanced well wide.

Fresh legs were introduced in Freddie Ford and Osa Otote while there was an undeserved booking for Jack Empson when Theophanous simply slipped over just inside his own half as the game still struggled for any quick tempo.

Otote found some joy with a run into the box after seventy minutes minutes but his cross was kept out by Batt at the expense of a corner but that came to nothing and then Kearney was brought on to bolster the attack with Bates making way.

Seven minutes later, Dan Williams sent over a cross from the right which was only half-cleared and Mack Miskin pounced on the rebound to shoot but Batt did well to push his effort over the bar, the Woods best effort to date.

But Beckenham's ten-men continued to do their job well, breaking up play whenever possible and holding onto the ball when on their counter-attacks, which restricted the Northwood attacks. Otote looked the most dangerous when he drove into the area but a final pass, or shot, was lacking.

Time was ticking on and the Becks almost made the game safe as a lovely cross from Marshall picked out George Porter who headed down and goalwards but AlDroubi did really well to palm his effort wide of the goal but the visitors had still done enough to win the tie.

FT: NORTHWOOD 0 BECKENHAM TOWN 1

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

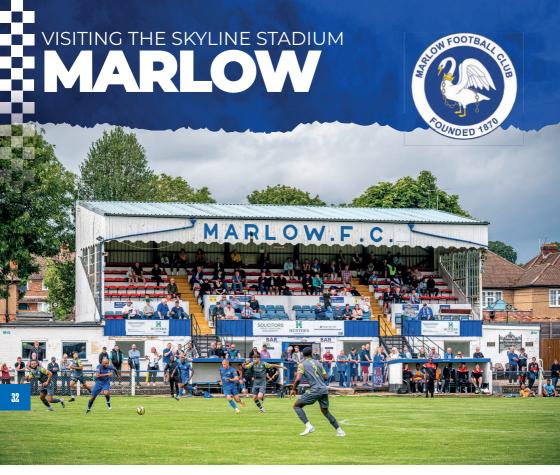
Al-Droubi, Atkinson (Kennedy 84), Miskin, M. Folarin I (Torsiello 87) Empson I, Stewart (Ford 66), Price-Placid (Otote 67), Baruwa, Totesaut, Bates I (Kearney 71m), Williams.

Attendance: 138

Words: Alan Evans Images: James Brown







The reorganisation of the non-league game saw them in different surroundings for the fourth time in four seasons with entry into The Southern League where they competed in the Western Division for season 2004/05 and finished in 13th spot.

Kevin Stone had moved into the manager's seat towards the end of the season and enjoyed a great run. 2005/06 and in the same league and in more familiar surroundings seemed to suit the side and for most of the season they hovered around the play-off positions and eventually finished in 6th spot, A play-off spot was confirmed on the final day of the season and although a 1-2 defeat at Brackley Town followed the Club were pleased with the progress. Season 2006/07 in the South & West Division saw a successful run of results promise

another play-off berth but a last day defeat at Winchester City saw them fall just short whilst season 2007/08 was a little more disappointing with some very good results failing to offset a poor run around February/ March with a final finish just outside the play-offs resulting.

Season 2008/09 saw the Club moved yet again into the Midland Division and another inconsistent season followed finishing with a defeat to Windsor & Eton in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup at M.K Dons stadium.

The following two seasons saw some good results against the top sides but indifferent ones against the lower teams and ended with mid-table finishes even though a bright start in 2010/11 saw them briefly at the top of the table. 2011/12 did not start at all badly but soon

developed into one where victories were very hard to come by and following a string of poor results long-standing manager Stone left iust after Christmas, Assistant Steve Croxford took over and although performances and results improved towards the end it was not enough to avoid relegation.

Season 2012/13 found Marlow in new surroundings in the Uhlsport Hellenic League with a new management team, headed by Mark Bartley, eager to recapture some of the glories of the past. This they did, winning the league championship by a 16 point margin and scoring 123 goals in 36 games to regain their previous status in the Southern League where 2013/14 season saw them consolidate their newly-regained status followed with finishes in and 17th and 11th positions respectively.

For 2015/16 Marlow found themselves moved once again – to the South & West division – which again meant increased travelling and associated costs, the loss of some key players and being deprived of several local derbies making life much more difficult than it really needed to be. In the circumstances a mid-table finish was achieved and a return to the Central Division for this season looks to be more appealing.

A return to the Central Division for 2016/17 aided a finish in 4th place (on goal difference) and achieved a play-off place, with third-placed Barton Rovers running out 2-0 victors at their ground.

Season 2017/18 ended with a midtable finish followed by a return to the Isthmian League after a lengthy absence to take a place in the newly-formed South-Central division with a resultant reduction in travelling which is most welcome.

Season 2018/19 was a successful one and generally good results saw Marlow FC maintain a position near the top of the table throughout the season and qualify for the play-offs where they lost out 1-2 in a closely fought semi-final to eventual winners Cheshunt at their ground.

Season 2019/20 saw MFC remain in the South Central division and as expected after a successful previous season, a few players left, some to join other higher placed teams. After a reasonable start results deteriorated due principally through a serious spate of injuries to key players which took some time to recover from. Eventually things began to improve in 2020 but the Covid-19 virus pandemic caused a halt to all football games in March throughout the UK and ending the season. The 2020/21 started, but ended again after football was again halted before we had made it to Christmas

With the worst of the pandemic looking to be behind us, the expectation was that season 2021/22 would be played to a finish. The first half of the season saw the team riding high in the table but once again, injuries to key players took their toll along with a severe dop in form, meant we finished in 7th place.

At the end of the season It was clear that change was needed. Several players moved to play at a higher level, others were released and a new squad was built for the 2022/23 seaon. Despite a slow start, the new

squad developed well and finished a creditable third in the Isthmian South Central Division, but lost out to Hanworth Villa in the playoff semi-final. The team also made it to the County Cup final, losing out to Brackell Town.

A proposed lateral move to the Southern League Central Division for season 2023/24 was overturned on appeal, with the club returning to the Isthmian League. The team finished in a creditable second place and at the fourth time or asking achived a playoff victory and secured promotion to Step 3 in the Southern League Premier South for 2024/25. For the second consecutive season the team also reached the county cup final losing out to Reading FC.

The move up to step 3 for the 2024/25 season proved a challenge too far as the club were relegated and drop into the Southern League Central division for the forthcoming season





MEET THE BLUES



JAKE SIMPSON

Young Goalkeeper with a bright future. Came through the Maidenhead United academy before moving away to complete a degree at Chester and was their first team goalkeeper for all three years, also spent a year at Bolton Lads. Spent last season on loan to Woodley United making 20 appearances.

HENRY DE MENDELSSOHN

Played for our under 18 side in the 2024/25 season and caught the eye of our first team manager. Performed well during preseason and rightly given the opportunity as part of the first team squad.

ALFIE AGAR

Youngster who had an outstanding season with our under 18s and deservedly given a call up to the first team making 12 appearances for the club.





ALEX SALMON

Tall and very quick defender who can play anywhere across the back four. Joined from Reading Town to become very important in Hellenic League title win before injury ruined the following 18 months for him. 2015-16 Player of the Season.

NAHEER OMAR NAWAF

Quick winger who joined at the beginning of the 2023/24 season, quickly making an impact and scoring 12 goals for the Blues. Drew the attention of local rivals Bracknell Town starting the 2023/24 season with them, but quickly returned to the fold.

SEB D'AVERSA

Debut 22/8/23 Young defender with a bright future and demonstrates a cool head well beyond his years. Was previously with Wycombe Wanderers and now in his third season with the Blues.





CHRIS OVENDEN

Right-sided defender or midfielder who was with Henley Town before joining and who has also played for Hartley Wintney. Consistent player who has scored some important goals. Season 2014-15 Manager's Player-Of-The-Year and 2015-16 Supporters Player of the Season.

CHEYCE GRANT

Experienced technical winger who has played for number of step 3 and 4 clubs including Hendon and Berkhamsted. Spent last season at Kidlington then joined Beaconsfield Town/ Came up through the youth academy at Tottenham and played for England colleges national team.

LEWIS WHITE

A quick defender who loves a tackle and is comfortable on the ball with both feet. Previously played for Harefield United and Tiverton Town





SAM GAROFALO

Quick young winger who was called up to the first team squad from the Reserves in 24/25 season. Relishes one-on-ones. Will likely spend at least a portion of the 25/26 season out on load to gain experience.

DARNELL LUKE

Experienced ball playing centre midfielder. Spent last season captaining King Langley making 46 appearances. Has played a number of games at step 4 and previously with Bedford Town and Hadley.

JOSH MASTERS

Left back who joined the Blues from Ascot United at step 5 in January 2023, making his debut in a 3-2 win away at Guernsey. Quickly established himself in the team and became a regular starter, making 47 appearances in season 2023/24. A serious injury during a match curtailed his 2024/25 season at step 3.

LUQMAN KASSIM

Pacy winger with an eye for goal. Joined the blues from Aylesbury United and was previously at Ascot.





PELUMI MAXWELL

Full back who was with Oxford City before moving to Thame United. Joined Evesham at the start of 24/25 before moving to North Leigh where he was captain and earned players player of the season.

SHAMAR MOORE

Attacking player who was with Portsmouth & Reading academies and on a scholarship at Cardiff City. More recently has been with Bracknell, Basingstoke, Hartley Wintney and Thatcham.

RIO BARTLEY

Spent a couple of years in the under 18 setup at Bradfield College. Just 17, played at AFC Aldermaston in the 24/25 season and showed he has the ability to move up.

JACOB WILSON

Another youngster who joins the blues from Holyport and Thatcham Town. Equally happy playing in a centre midfield or centre back role.

NIKOLAY POPOV

Midfielder previously with Hadley and





Ware, and joined the Blues for the 25/26 season.

KICKIE DZIMBA

Has been on Mark Bartley's radar for some time and now looks ready to progress at step 4. A prolific scorer at Holyport he also won Managers Player, Players Player, and Golden Boot awards while at the club.

TOBY RAGGETT

Winger who joined for the 2022/23 season, netting 7 times in 29 games. Signed by Queen of the South for the 2023/24 season, but struggled with injuries, before returning to the Blues in February 2024.

RYAN NORTH

Young goalkeeper from Slough Town who first made an appearance for the Blues back in 2023. Previously dual-registered with Holyport and Leverstock Green winning young player of the season awards at both clubs.

JOSH SMITH

Young attacking midfielder joined from Woking, Previously with Sheffield United having joined the Blades on a two-year scholarship in January 2020 and had a successful spell in their under 18s and 21s.

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS

A versatile midfielder who started the 24/25 season at Kettering Town before moving to FC Romania and making a total of 39 appearances. Has also played at Northwood, Harrow Borough & New Salamis.

ALFIE YOUNG

Top scorer in the Reserves in the 2024/25 season. Made 3 first team appearances as a substitute during the 2024/25 season and will be looking it increase that number. Also spent time with Wokingham Town.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW? ABDULA YOK

In the first of what will probably be an occasional series, we catch up with a former Woods favourite to reflect on their football career, particularly at Northwood FC and find out how life is treating them nowadays.

For the first of those reminisces, we speak to a former Northwood player who did well in a spell which lasted just over a year under manager Colin Payne when the Woods were playing, following relegation from the Southern Premier, in the Isthmian League North Division back in 2007 - Abdul Yoki.

Abdul was 26 when he arrived at the club having previously played at Edgware Town, Harrow Borough and Hemel Hempstead against the Woods in the Southern Premier, He went to Barton Rovers for preseason but things hadn't worked out there. Abdul recalls "I knew Colin through his brother Derek (the former Watford FC professional) who was player—coach at Hemel. We became connected through that. I remember reaching out to have a chat and it went from there really."

His debut was a memorable FA Cup match against an Uxbridge side who were managed by former Woods boss Tony Choules and that side included several former Northwood players. It was a good debut and the Woods enjoyed a sweet 1-0 victory with Jerome Hall scoring the only goal after 17 minutes. It was the first win of the

Though we went out 0-1 to Boreham Wood in the next round. Abdul went on to make 44 appearances that season so had a regular spot in the team throughout, playing alongside some very good players. Abdul remembers it fondly "Yeah, I really enjoyed my time at





Northwood, playing that many games was a really great experience and I felt the support from the fans every step of the way – they really backed me, which made a big difference. Colin Payne was great to play under; I liked his style of football, especially the emphasis on pass and move. It suited my game and helped us play with confidence and fluidity. Overall, it was a positive time and I've got good memories from that season."

As to the players alongside him, he comments "Many of the lads were top technicians. Elliott Buchanan, even at 17, had that natural flair and confidence on the ball. Dean Clark brought real intelligence to the midfield and when Michael Gordon came in later that season, he added another layer of pace and sharpness. What made that group special was the way we could play fast, dynamic football with real purpose. When you've got players who are comfortable in possession and can move it quickly, it opens up the game beautifully. It was a joy to be part of.

That same season also included an FA Trophy run which saw us play at AFC Wimbledon in front of a crowd of over 1,500 and a league game at Dartford on their new ground which attracted another 1,000 plus attendance. What were they like to play in I asked? "I still remember the buzz around those two fixtures. Proper atmospheres. Proper tests.

Dartford had a strong side that year and getting on the scoresheet there was special (you can still watch highlights of this goal and the match on You Tube!). Wimbledon were another level, big club, big crowd, big expectations. Those were teams with serious budgets,



able to bring in top-tier talent. You knew you were up against quality and that's exactly what made it exciting.

But I always thrived in those moments. Playing in front of large crowds against the so-called "big-boys", it always brought out something extra in me. Those matches weren't just about football; I loved every minute of them."

Having finished the 2007/08 season very well, hopes were high for a promotion bid the following season and Abdul continued to be part of the plans but there was plenty of inconsistency and his time at the club came to an end after a 1-4 home defeat against Brackley Town in the FA Trophy in the first week of November when Colin Payne "released" him. Abdul has no bad feelings "Things just didn't click that season. Colin brought in other players and wanted to go in a different direction. No hard feelings, It's part of football. Sometimes managers have a vision and you're not part of it, and that's okay. I've always respected Colin and the decision he made."

Overall, Abdul Yoki made 57 appearances for the Woods, scoring 9 goals. He moved to play for Byron Walton, firstly at Bracknell Town and then at Aylesbury United but increasingly, circumstances limited his time for football. "After leaving the Woods, I played a few games here and there just to stay involved and enjoy the game. But truthfully, I realised I couldn't commit the time it really deserved as between work and other priorities, football had to take a backseat.

So, now to the question, what are you doing now Abdul?

"I moved to the Netherlands on 2021 to support my wife Tami's career and it's honestly been one of the best decisions we've made as a family. We live in Utrecht with our six-year-old daughter Roxana and we absolutely love it here. The neighbourhood is peaceful, the environment is beautiful and the people have been incredibly



welcoming - it really helped us settle in quickly.

For me, the transition was smooth as I run my own executive search firm, recruiting global teams across private wealth management. Being able to work internationally while enjoying the Dutch lifestyle has been a real privilege.

Our daughter is thriving and, as a family, we've embraced the culture, the cycling and the slower pace of life. It's a great place to raise a child and build a business."

It doesn't leave much time for football nowadays but Abdul, who is now 44, does still support the "champions" Liverpool and also says "Roxy starts her football 'career' this season so I'm super excited to see how she gets on. She is pacey like her dad and has a bit of a strike already!"

Our thanks to Abdul for taking the time to be interviewed and we send best wishes to him and his family for continued happiness in the Netherlands.

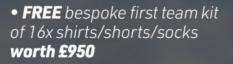






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FROM JOINT MANAGER **JACK SMITH**

Welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and a special welcome to the management from our two opponents this week, led by Jimmy Martin of Biggleswade Town and Mark Bartley from Marlow.

It's been a while since we played at home so looking back to the FA Trophy defeat against Beckenham Town, we didn't create enough chances in the final third while they had one chance and scored so I do think we were unlucky not to get anything from that game. Overall, we lacked a bit of quality in key moments of the game and we exited the competition earlier that we would have liked.

Back in the League we've done well though and it's always good to be picking up points. The two league games have seen us add four points to our tally and both have come away from home as well, leaving us unbeaten in away matches, so that's a big positive. We just need to transfer it into home form now starting with these two matches coming up.

Have to say that the Aylesbury game was very disappointing not to come away with all three points, we went behind but then got a lead before half-time, followed by some big chances in the second-half to kill of the game. We then conceded a sloppy goal from a defensive point of view so was definitely two points dropped from my opinion.

Against Hertford Town, we made a few key changes to the team and it worked well. We knew they would have good rotation and look to keep the ball, so hitting them on the counter attack was key. Once we shuffled a few things around halfway through the first half we managed to get on top and were unlucky not to go in at half-time with a few goals behind us. It was a very good performance all-round and I think everyone put in a very good shift, showing moments of quality when needed.

We changed things around completely on Tuesday night in the County Cup with only one player who started on Saturday at Hertford being in the starting team at Edgware. We used it to keep players fresh and ticking over as well as giving a rest to a few other boys as we plan for Saturday/Tuesday in the league this week. I thought we dominated the second-half and it almost turned into a training game as such but no discredit to the opposition as they battled hard and might have got back level near the end. We had plenty of chances we didn't take but I think Edgware's young goalkeeper enjoyed had a very good debut and made some big saves to keep his team in it.

Sam Morris came in on an emergency loan from Watford for our last two league matches. He has

been a top lad, showing his quality and has been very professional in how he's conducted himself on and off the pitch. Haff was away on holiday & Andrew McCorkell picked up an ankle injury in training, so we thank Watford for moving so swiftly to get him in. Bryan Mankumbani has trained with us over the last few weeks and is a left-footed centre back. We have been on the hunt for one since pre-season and he's trained very well so I'm looking forward to seeing him in a Woods shirt this season. He played his football in Croatia last season so we will ease him into our style of play.

Today is the start of a sequence of home matches and its key to get a good run of results going at home. We want to make it difficult for any team to come and play at our ground, we will look to be picking up points at home now as well as away.

The Under-18s have been going well so far this season and both Henry and Freddie have done very well when given the opportunity in first-team games. We couldn't ask for more from them and while they still have a lot of development to come, if they carry on how they have they will only progress forward. If the young boys are doing well at youth level, we're certainly not afraid to give them a chance and I think we've proved that.

Plenty of support from the sidelines would be great today and see you in the bar later for a chat.

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HAFED AL-DROUBI



Experienced goalkeeper who joined the Woods for a second spell in November 2024 on dual registration from Walthamstow. The 30-year-old Jordanian-born Keeper played at Besiktas in Turkey and Luton Town as a youngster. He has played for Chesham United, Harrow Borough, Beaconsfield Town, Potters Bar Town and Hendon amongst others as well as for the England six-a-side international team. Left to help Berkhamsted to play-off promotion success but is now back for a third spell at the Woods.

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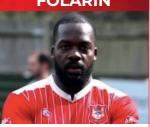
ANDREW MCCORKELL



Experienced goalkeeper who first had a spell with the Woods in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative hours for Northern Ireland U19s. He had already made appearances for Hendon and Chesham United. In more recent years he has had spells with Beaconsfield, Hayes & Yeading, Chalfont St. Peter and Bedfont Sports before joining the Woods in 2022. Ever-present and voted in the League's team of the season, he then returned to Northwood after a brief spell at Uxbridge before joining Harrow Borough in 2024.

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MANNY **FOLARIN**



Experienced, 33-year-old defender who switched from Rayners Lane to Northwood in November 2024. Previous clubs include Tilbury, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Hayes & Yeading, Berkhamsted, Braintree Town, Eastbourne Borough and Leighton Town. Had a great season with the Woods, winning the Managers' Player of the Year award and has been named Skipper for the new season.

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ROMARIO JONAS

27-year-old defender who joined the Woods on dual-registration with Hanwell Town in July 2022. He made his name with some impressive performances at Ashford Town (Middx) and earned a move to Step 3 side Hendon where he made almost 50 appearances over two seasons. He has had short spells with Bracknell Town and Chalfont St Peter but was then part of the successful Hanwell side that won promotion through the play-offs in May 2022. Injuries plagued his next couple of seasons with just a few appearances here and at Harefield but he's back to play a big part.

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CARL **STEWART**



Former Watford youth midfielder Carl Stewart signed on a dual-registration basis from Beaconsfield Town in November 2021. Carl is a 27-year-old who was also at Udinese as a youngster and then played in Poland for Zaglebie Sosnowiec. He has also had short spells at Oxford City, Banbury United, Bedfont Sports, Wingate & Finchley and Marlow. He won the coveted Players' Player of the Year award in 2022 and was virtually ever-present in the Woods midfield, with over 100 appearances before spending a season at Harrow Borough, returning in July 2025.

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HARRY MCCORKELL



Harry returns to the Woods for a second spell in the summer of 2025 having had a year with Harrow Borough where he was named as Players and Managers Player of the Year. Now 26, Harry had previously had six seasons at Hare

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ADEMIDE BARUWA



A new arrival at the Woods in the summer of 2025, Adz joins the club from Leverstock Green where he has been a mainstay of their midfield over the past couple of seasons, clocking up over 70 appearances. Prior to this the 25-year-old has played for CB Hounslow, North Greenford United and Belstone.

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RICCARDO CLARKE-ROWE



Rico joins the Woods in the summer of 2025 having been out of the game for a while since spells with Broadfields United and Amersham Town. Now 23, he will be working hard to establish his place in the new squad.

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JORDAN FLLIS



30-year-old wide player, Jordan has been out of the game for around 18 months having been badly injured in a play-off fixture at the end of several seasons with Hanworth Villa. He will be looking to get back to both fitness and sharpness in pre-season.

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JACK



Jack is a 21-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in 2024 having played for AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Aylesbury United previously. He played in the US with South Bend Lions and then for Kettering Town as a youth. He also enjoyed a good spell with Aylesbury Vale three seasons ago and had a solid first season with the Woods, returning for a second year at the club.

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DYLAN **KEARNEY**



An experienced striker with an excellent goalscoring record, 27-year-old Dylan joined the Woods in summer 2025 having returned from serious injury with games at Flackwell Heath last season. He has had previous spells with the likes of Uxbridge, Wealdstone, Harrow Borough, Sutton United, Dulwich Hamlet, Hayes & Yeading, Hendon, Wingate & Finchley and Beaconsfield.

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KUSHON **LEWIS-THOMAS**



A new signing for the Woods in the summer of 2025, Kush is a 21-year-old attacker who can play up front or on the left. He enjoyed an excellent season with Langley FC back in 2022/23 with over 20 goals for the Step 6 side but hasn't been playing in recent years. With plenty of pace and creativity, Kush will be looking to get back to enjoying his football with the Woods this season.

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DEVONTE TOTESAUT



February 2025 having had a previous spell in the Covid-hit 2020-21 season where he made il appearances and scored three goals. After a few years out of the game he returned to play for Yaxley and AFC Peterborough earlier last season. Now 30, previous clubs include Chesham United and Brunos Magpies in Glibraltar, amongst others.

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BRIAN **MCGOVERN**



Brian joins the first-team squad after a superb season in the Woods Under-18s and having made an impressive first-team debut at the end of that season at Barton Rovers. The 18-year-old also gained experience playing for Oxhey Jets and has a bright future ahead of him.

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HARRY **MCKENNA**



Woods Young Player of the Year in 2024 having impressed throughout since joining from Aldershot Town's Development side in October 2023. He returned to the Woods for a second season and had clocked up over 60 appearances before a dislocated shoulder ruled him out for the rest of the season in early March. Back for a third season, Harry can play anywhere on the right.

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MACK **MISKIN**



Left-back Mack originally joined the Woods back in 2019 having previously played for Staines Town. He made 14 appearances and the 24-year-old returns to the club in July 2025 from Harrow Borough having also played for Hanwell Town and Braintree Town while having loan spells at Saffron Walden Town, Brightlingsea Regent and Marlow.

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REECE PRICE-PLACID



Vastly experienced winger who started out at Woking and Carshalton Athletic. He had a few games with Lancing last season but has been missing for much of the last two years with injury issues. Previously he was part of a Whitehawk squad that won promotion from Step 4 in 2023 and the 29-year-old has also played for East Grinstead, Haves & Yeading. Harlow Town and Basildon United

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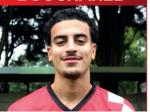
SHARIFI



Young 19-year-old who joins Northwood after several seasons at Harrow Borough in both the Under-18s and Under-23 side where he was captain. He made a few first team appearances for Boro at the end of last season and the full-back looks to have plenty of potential for the Woods.

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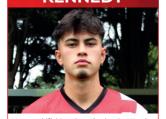
HICHAM BOUCHAREB



Hicham is a 22-year-old tricky, wide player who started out with Hampton & Richmond Borough and then played in development sides at Basildon United, Beaconsfield Town and Rising Ballers. Joins the Woods after a couple of years out of the game.

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JAMIE KENNEDY



Young midfielder who arrived at the Woods in the summer of 2025 having played for Harrow Borough, both U23 and around a dozen first-team matches last season, winning the Young Player of the Year Award. Only 19, his previous youth experience was at Brentford.

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OSARETIN OTOTE



23-year-old pacy winger, Osa has returned for a second spell at the club having originally signed in February 2023. He hit the headlines with a hat-trick early the following season against Corinthian-Casuals but the former Huddersfield Town youth then left and has since travelled around with spells at Enfield Town, Sutton Common Rovers, Frenford, Met Police and Sevenoaks Town.

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DAN WILLIAMS



Dan has returned to Northwood for a third spell at the club in September 2025. He was the Woods Golden Boot winner in 2023-24 but left to join Harrow Borough and then moved on in January to help Bedfont Sports to promotion from the Combined Counties League. The 28-year-old striker has also played for Chalfont St Peter, Tooting & Mitcham United and Uxbridge.

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CHAMA **TORSIELLO**



Young, 20-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in July 2025 from Essex Senior League side Buckhurst Hill having previously played for Harrow Borough's Under-23 side and Spartans Youth when they played here at Northwood. He will be looking to make the step up to Step 4 football this season and has earned that chance with some solid performances in pre-season.

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MANAGEMENT TEAM :

JON-JO BATES



Experienced attacking midfield, now 33, who came out of retirement in January 2025 for a second spell at Northwood, over a decade after the first. After playing as teenager at Bedfont Town, he joined Dagenham & Redbridge on professional terms, then played at Harrow Borough and Hampton & Richmond Borough before his first spell with the Woods. Other clubs since then have included Maidenhead United, Chesham United, Uxbridge, Beaconsfield and Egham Town. Took over a Joint Manager in March 2025.

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JACK **SMITH**



Experienced Midfielder who originally joined the Woods in March 2023 from St Panteleimon having also been registered with Chesham United. The 28-year-old came through the youth ranks at Wealdstone but then played for Corinthian-Casuals and Ashford Town (Middx) before returning in Augst 2024 from Risborough Rangers. Took over as Joint Manager of the club in March 2025.

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