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IAN'S INSIGHT

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

Good afternoon and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored clubhouse for today's Isuzu FA Trophy fixture and Monday's Pitching In Southern League match. We extend our welcome to our visitors from both Hanworth Villa FC and Rayners Lane FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

With no fixture last Saturday due to our early exit from the FA Cup, it gave the group an early day off and I believe they all had a day out, I am sure to team build but maybe with a few drinks along the way! Having lost to Hadley here on the Tuesday, we need to get on track soon with a new team and still having some work to do, in my opinion, to get a few new faces in to strengthen the areas we all know need help.

Early season does always throw up some strange results, mainly due to holidays, recruitment still ongoing etc. before things settle down, but the last couple of seasons have not seen us start well, so we have to learn lessons from them and get points on the board early on this season.

The Commercial element of the club has gone from strength to strength in recent times, mainly due to the fantastic effort and dedication from John Joyce and as you look around the stadium now, the amazing number of boards on display are testament to this! We thank all of our sponsors and their unconditional support of the club and we hope to continue to do you all proud. It's genuinely great to see so many local companies showing their support.

You'll also now see our merchandise 'table' just inside the ground and this has done really well to date so please continue to support us by purchasing all NFC goodies when you can! Thanks to Graham for his efforts in making the sales and of course our supporters for supporting this venture.

We continue to make improvements around the stadium and make us the place of choice to watch non-League football locally. Our new LED floodlights are imminent and these will again make a vast improvement, especially to midweek fixtures and those In deepest winter.

My next little project is to enhance the player and mascot experience on match days and we need to raise a small amount of money for this. Please ask me for details. I'd also like to have a more permanent area and facility for our merchandise sales and this will be possible once the old floodlight by the horse box has been removed.

Enjoy the games over this Bank Holiday weekend, get behind the team with some vocal support and let's hope for a first win or two of the season!

Up The Woods!

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WOODS

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

WELCOME TO THE VILLAINS & THE LANE

A warm welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for this double-issue matchday programme which covers our Isuzu FA Trophy fixture against former foes in Isthmian League side Hanworth Villa, followed by a Bank Holiday Middlesex derby game against Rayners Lane, marking the first league contest between the two clubs since the 1978-79 season when both teams found themselves in Division One of the Hellenic League.

The Woods first entered the FA Trophy competition in the year 2000, following our promotion from the then Division Two of the Isthmian League and into Division One. We actually won our first two matches in the competition - away at Dartford and at home to Purfleet - before losing at Canvey Island. It's not been a cup competition where we have thrived for sure, 2009-10 being the only season where we have managed to get through three rounds and if it weren't for winning a couple of penalty shoot-outs (we have won two/lost two), we would be saving that we haven't progressed from the initial round since a shock 6-3 victory away at Dorking Wanderers back in 2016-17. This year we have been unlucky in being drawn to play our visitors Hanworth Villa in the Preliminary Round as we are two of 32 Step 4 clubs (out of 176) that were drawn out of the hat to compete at this early stage. It is also a repeat of our tie that kicked-off our FA Trophy campaign of the 2022-23 season. The original tie was postponed by the FA due to the death of HM The Queen and so staged on the following Tuesday night in heavy rain. The Villains won the game comfortably 3-0 with all the goals coming in the second-half - Tom Bender 2 and a deflected effort from substitute Jordan Ellis, now part of the Northwood squad tonight. Hanworth Villa went very close to becoming a Step 3

side at the end of last season, making it to the end-of-

season play-offs for the second time in three years and

then reaching the final with a win over Ascot United.

2-1. They started the new Isthmian League season brilliantly with a 4-0 away win at Metropolitan Police

They also led Uxbridge in the final before going down

but did have a setback last weekend when they went

down 3-2 away at Essex Senior League side Soul Tower Hamlets in the FA Cup. No doubt they will be looking to bounce back from that this afternoon. Hamworth have further shown their ambition this summer by making the decision to lay a new 3C pitch. Because of this they are currently playing all their games away from home but they hope to be back at Rectory Meadow perhaps by the start of next month.

The cup-tie does need to be played to a result today and there is no extra-time so if the scores are level after 90 minutes, a penalty shoot-out will decide the winners. Those winners will have a home game in the next round of the competition with Isthmian Division One South-East side Beckenham Town being the opponents.

Just two days after the FA Trophy contest, we are back here at the Skyline for a Pitching In Southern League game against Rayners Lane who, after just one season at Step 4 playing in the Isthmian League, were targeted for the sideways move to the Southern one year after we made that same move ourselves. The Lane have had to have a reset this season after the departure of previous financial backers and have reinstated former manager Scott Patmore to the role having originally instigated the club's promotion from Step 6 back in 2023. After a good pre-season, the Lane lost their first two league matches against Biggleswade and then at newcomers London Lions while also being beaten narrowly at Hassocks in the FA Cup. They are scheduled to play at home to Hitchin Town on Saturday while we are in FA Trophy action. Their squad for their last fixture included six former Northwood players.

We are ever-grateful to our sponsors and this week our Match Sponsors are Shamira Hamirani (for the Hanworth Villa game) and Colin Seal of St Albans Gardening Services for the Rayners Lane fixture. In addition to this, Peter Reynolds has kindly sponsored the Match-Ball for the Trophy match and I have stepped in to this role for the Bank Holiday. 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.

PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL



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3	Barton Rovers	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	6
4	Biggleswade Town	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	6
5	Flackwell Heath	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	4
6	Beaconsfield Town	2	0	- 1	0	- 1	- 1	1	0	0	3	0	3	4
7	AFC Dunstable	2	0	_1	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	- 1	4
8	Hertford Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
9	Welwyn Garden City	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	2	1	3
10	Marlow	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	- 1	0	2	1	3
11	Hitchin Town	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	3
12	London Lions	2	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	3
13	Hadley	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
14	Ware	2	1	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	1	4	-2	3
15	Leverstock Green	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	-1	1
16	Northwood	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	-2	1
17	Aylesbury United	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	3	-3	1
18	Enfield FC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	- 1	2	-1	0
19	Stotfold	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	4	5	-4	0
20	Milton Keynes Irish	2	0	0	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	-4	0
21	Rayners Lane	2	0	0	- 1	1	2	0	0	1	1	5	-5	0
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MASCOT TODAY

We're delighted to have a mascot with the Woods team today and welcome James Webster (pictured), age 11, who is a talented midfielder for the Northwood Youth FA U12s Whites. James brings energy and vision to the pitch, always looking to make a difference for his team. His stand-out moment from last season was lifting the cup with his teammates – a memory he will never forget! We hope James and his family enjoy the afternoon today.

LEAGUE NEWS

Having drawn our opening fixture at AFC Dunstable, though leaving it very late to secure that point, hopes were high that we would be able to follow that up against a Hadley side who needed to rebuild their own forward-line in the summer when we met here at the Skyline eleven days ago. Unfortunately, despite having a few half-chances that we failed to convert, Hadley were good value for their 2-0 victory and they looked a strong side once again. We have made attempts to find opponents for next Saturday when we again face a blank weekend having not been given a fixture on FA Cup dates for two further rounds but at the time of writing, we haven't been successful, turned down by both Milton Keynes Irish and London Lions who we are currently scheduled to play in midweek. The ground is free so a friendly is possible so listen for any announcements. It'll be the same scenario for the following Saturday (next round of the Trophy) if



not successful so again please look out for any news on social media. Incredibly, at the moment, we are not scheduled to play at home again until the last Saturday in September!

CUP NEWS

Not a great deal of cup news to report apart from the fact that we have entered the Middlesex Charity Cup again this season having opted out last year.

Two quiz questions for you though

1) Which two current members of the Woods squad have actually scored a goal for us in the FA Trophy?

And, 2) Which player, now retired, scored what is currently our last FA Trophy goal?

Answers at the end of the editorial.



WOODS OUTLOOK continued...

PLAYER NEWS

We were delighted to finally receive International Clearance for winger Hicham Bouchareb – it came through one day after we played Hadley of course. Anyway, hopefully he can get involved with the squad this weekend. Harry McKenna is back in training so may be available for these two matches while Harry McCorkell continues his recovery from a hernia operation. It's a bit of a longer road for Romario Jonas and his knee injury sadly.

After tonight, our next Southern League fixture is on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August when we play at home to fellow Middlesex club Rayners Lane who are now our near-neighbours after they followed our route in being moved over from the Isthmian League at the end of last season. It's definitely a game to get down to the Skyline to see; should be a cracker, so bring your family and friends along.

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 to cover all 21 Southern League home fixtures (just £3.57 per game) so make sure you get your order in soon. You can pay tonight and get access to the match. 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 nine of our 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 and again there is a link from the website.

UNDER-18S

Having won their Allied Counties League Division for a second successive season, the Under-18s management team made the choice to return to the Isthmian Youth League for the new 2025-26 season. They were been placed in the West Division, apart from most of our fellow Middlesex clubs and alongside Aldershot Town, Ascot United, Badshot Lea, Bracknell Town, Camberley Town, Farnham Town, Fleet Town, Hampton & RB and Maidenhead United. The League season started last Wednesday 20th August when they played hosts to Fleet Town but we had to go to print before the result of that one was known.

In the FA Youth Cup, as fate would have it, we have been drawn at home to Tring Athletic, the side that we pipped to the Allied Counties League title back in April! We also met Tring in the Youth Cup two years ago with our opponents winning that game 5-2 so a

really tough game once more. That game takes place soon on Wednesday 3rd September and the winners of this tie would be at home to either Hanwell Town or Hayes & Yeading in the next round.

There is a new management set-up for the team too. Joining Jamie Barry again will be Matt Kaye but now as Assistant Manager while Karl Scott is the new Head Coach. Former player Billy Allen will also have a coaching role while Craig Wright is their Physio.

We have reintroduced the Player Sponsor page for the Under-18s, you can find that elsewhere in tonight's programme and its just £30 for the season so if you are a regular at their matches, perhaps you'd like to sponsor your favourite Woods U18 player?

NEW GROUNDSHARE

After Hayes & Hillingdon's move to play at Uxbridge, it looked for quite some time that we wouldn't have a club groundsharing here at the Skyline this season but quite late on we reached an agreement with Rising Ballers Kensington FC and they will now play



their home games here for the 2025/26 season. Rising Ballers were reprieved from a relegation spot in the Combined Counties League Division One (Step 6) at the end of last season so will continue in that league which has 23 teams in it so 44 games to be played

They've now played twice here at the Skyline, drawing both games and they currently sit in fifteenth place with six points from six games played. Surprisingly, their next three matches are away and their next scheduled home game is not until Saturday 6th September when they are at home to our former tenants Spartans Youth. This would be postponed if we are successful in the FA Trophy today.

GROUNDWORKS

The new fencing was completed and unveiled at our last home game with just some new ball-stop netting to follow in the coming weeks.

We also heard from the Floodlighting company to say that the optics are finally in stock so plans are now being put in place to complete the new installation of LED Floodlighting. The new bases are already in place but the new towers, cabling and lights should be in place in the next few weeks when we have breaks in midweek fixtures.



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 but more items will be added shortly.

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 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 Ian Barry or Commercial Manager John Joyce and get onboard if you can.

NEXT UP AT THE SKYLINE

It's a bit up in the air at the moment due to cup games and blank Saturdays but this is currently what we know:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Woods U18s v Tring Athletic U18s FA Youth Cup – 7.45pm

Saturday 6th September 2025 Rising Ballers v Spartans Youth

Combined Counties League – 3pm (Provisional – would be cancelled if Northwood were in the next round of the FA Trophy at home)

NEXT WOODS GAME

Saturday 27th September 2025

Woods v. Biggleswade Town

Southern League Division One Central – 3pm

Thank you for your support over these two games and we hope to see you soon. The answers to the quiz questions were: 1 Devonte Totesaut and Hafed Al-Droubi. 2 Ismail Ehui.

Alan

MATCH & MATCH BALL SPONSORS

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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
Biggleswade Town	Saturday 27th September		
Marlow	Tuesday 30th September		
Enfield	Saturday 4th October		
Leighton Town	Saturday 11th October		
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		
Hertford Town	Saturday 20th December		
Beaconsfield Town	Saturday 3rd January		
Flackwell Heath	Saturday 31st January		
Milton Keynes Irish	Saturday 14th February		
Welwyn Garden City	Saturday 28th February		
Barton Rovers	Saturday 21st March		
Thame United	Friday 3rd April		
Biggleswade	Saturday 11th April		
Hitchin Town	Saturday 18th April		

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NORTHWOOD VS HADLEY TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2025 KICK-OFF 7.45PM PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL









Ennin 15; Asamoah 42

This was the Woods first home league game of the season, under the lights of the Skyline Roofing Stadium and up against a Hadley side looking to bounce back from their opening day home defeat against relegated side Hitchin Town.

Northwood had come back from two goals down to pick up a point away at AFC Dunstable at the weekend so were looking to maintain that secondhalf performance against the Bricks who enjoyed a season that culminated in a play-off place last April. In the meantime, Hadley had lost their two top scorers in the summer, both to Wingate & Finchley so they were hoping their recruitment would prove successful.

With Joint Manager Jack Smith away on parental duties after his partner Lauren gave birth to a son that





day (Congratulations to both!), the Woods surprisingly named an unchanged side to start this fixture and it was the visitors who looked more creative in the first-half.

Northwood did have a half-chance in just the second minute when a ball ran loose in the box towards Devonte Totesaut but he couldn't get a shot off and when it was quickly cleared upfield it released Billy Hayes though on goal. Hafed Al-Droubi had to race out of goal to block on the edge of the box and he just managed to grab the loose ball to prevent a possible goal.

15 MINUTES: 0-1 RICHARD ENNIN

The Bricks forced a series of corners over the next ten minutes but none of them cause particular problems but none of that mattered when the visitors took the lead on fifteen minutes. A ball was cleared to about the halfway line but smashed forward down the middle where it cannoned off Richard Ennin but luckily straight into his path and he sent Al-Droubi the wrong way from iust inside the box.

The Woods tried to find a way back into the game and on twenty four minutes another opportunity presented itself but this time Dylan Kearney's strike couldn't beat goalkeeper Charlie Taylor who claimed it high to his left but comfortably. Reece Price-Placid was next to go close



as he cut in from the right and wrong-footed Taylor with a shot but it flew wide of the target.

But the Bricks came on strong again towards the end of the half and could have doubled their advantage after thirty seven minutes when another corner picked out Alvin Kyrehmeh at the far post. His powerful free header was on target but kept out by an instinctive Al-Droubi save.

42 MINUTES: 0-2 LENNY ASAMOAH

But this only delayed the visitors from scoring a second and that came after forty two minutes when striker Lenny Asamoah, a summer capture from Step 5 side Southend Manor, found some space and sent a superb strike into the top corner giving the Woods 'keeper no chance. It could have been three on the stoke of half-time but substitute Antonio Paone-Michael's clever volley from an Ennin free-kick was straight at Al-Droubi.

There was five minutes of additional time and in the final one of those, Osa Otote did find room for a shot which was deflected wide and from the resulting corner, Taylor did well to tip the cross over the top.

HALF-TIME: NORTHWOOD 0-2 HADLEY

Clearly still much to do again in the second-half, Northwood were unable to make early inroads and it appeared to be game over on fifty four minutes when Manny Folarin mistimed a challenge and the Bricks were awarded a penalty. The usually reliable Luke Alfano stepped up but the Woods stopper Al-Droubi chose correctly and kept out his spot-kick.

Sensing an opportunity to turn the game around, Kearney did well to battle through several challenges a few minutes later and appeared to be felled inside the box. The Referee disagreed and awarded a free-kick a yard outside the area and didn't even show a yellow card. Mack Miskin, fresh from his dead-ball success at the weekend, hit this strike powerfully and it beat the keeper but also crashed back off the crossbar.

Substitutions followed two-by-two as the Woods attempted to find a way through but there was still little created in front of goal until the seventy eighth minute when a good ball from Jon-Jo Bates appeared to present a golden opportunity for either Kearney or Totesaut but neither was able to get a shot off and the ball was cleared.



The Woods were dominant in the final stages, which included another six additional minutes, and they forced a series of corners which saw both Miskin and substitute Brian McGovern knock in some dangerous crosses but the best chance saw three separate attempts to stab home from a few yards, none of them successful as Hadley held on to their clean sheet.

It was a disappointing defeat for Northwood who are still looking for their first goal from open play at the Skyline this season. They now have a lengthy break from action as the FA Cup competition continues but return on Saturday week for a home game in the FA Trophy against unbeaten Isthmian League side Hanworth Villa, followed by a Bank Holiday Monday derby fixture as Rayners Lane visit. The Woods management will be hoping for the return of a few of their missing squad players.

FULL-TIME: NORTHWOOD 0-2 HADLEY

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

Hafed Al-Droubi, Nasir Sharifi I, Mack Miskin, Manny Folarin (Chama Torsiello 72m), Jack Empson, Carl Stewart (Jon-Jo Bates 72m), Reece Price-Placid (Jordan Ellis 61m), Ademide Baruwa I, Dylan Kearney(Brian McGovern 80m), Devonte Totesaut, Osaretin Otote I (Freddie Ford 61m).

Attendance: 147

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MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS HANWORTH VILLA - BY KEN GREEN

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 1935 MIDDLESEX JUNIOR CUP FINAL HANWORTH 5 NORTHWOOD UNITED 4

Our first recollection covers a previous Hanworth club; Northwood United had battled through nine games to reach the final, including a semi-final against West Ealing Railwaymen Social & Athletic Club which went to a second replay.

At Hayes FC ground on Church Road on Saturday, Northwood United made a valiant fight to win the Middlesex County Junior Cup. Their opponents were Hanworth of the South-West Middlesex League. They were a big and smart side, who eventually won after extra time by five goals to four.

Hanworth started in surprising fashion, completely dominating the game and scoring twice in the first few minutes, but the United rallied in equally surprising fashion, and before the interval had made the score two-all. Bob Bell and Albert Welch scored. That gave them confidence in the second half, and playing good open football they secured a two goals lead through Tom Bell and Harry Gutteridge. Hanworth, however, were by no mean finished with, and after scoring a third goal, got the equaliser three minutes from the end.

Two determined, if somewhat tired, teams fought a gruelling extra half hour and Hanworth after again getting the lead, defended most stubbornly, and succeeded in keeping their plucky opponents out. It was a fine struggle between two very tenacious sides.

Mr. George Hawes of the Middlesex F.A., presented the cup and medals to both teams.

Northwood United: Alan Friend, H Cross, Leslie Giddings, J Ellworthy, Tom Carmody, Harry Darvill, Bob Bell, Fred Taylor, Tom Bell, Albert Welch, Harry Gutteridge.

TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2010 MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP ROUND THREE

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The Woods enjoyed a comfortable passage into the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup in the first meeting with Villa, who in their first year in the Senior Cup had achieved previous round successes over Wingate & Finchley and Hendon.





Left Prolific Bob Bell scored first for Northwood,
 Right -Second half Tom Bell strike proved not enough

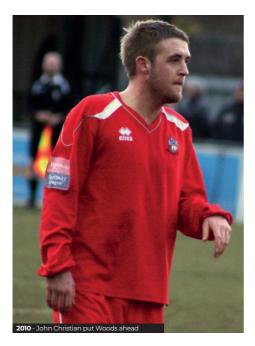
Northwood were soon on the offensive with Leon Osei, Michael Peacock and Scott Orphanou all going close early on, and the pressure finally told on 16 minutes, with John Christian putting the Woods in front with a 25-yard drive.

Once a goal down, the Villains began to make some ground themselves with Bobby Smith called into action for the first time, diving across goal to push an Adam Piggott shot wide for a corner. Then Scott Purdue conceded a penalty, Lee Higgs saw his well-struck shot superbly saved by keeper Smith in goal. After the break Ryan Tackley went close before the second goal came on 52 minutes. Leon Osei was the supplier, cutting in from the left and sending over a cross which Danny Jones knocked in at the far post.

The attacks continued with Osei, Christian and Orphanou all denied by the agile Buss in goal then Aaron Cato had a shot saved and then, when Osei was tripped in the box after 76 minutes. it was Eugene Ofori who took the spot-kick, missing the







target with a shot which was well wide.

However, Woods added a third goal in the final minute with Cato using his pace to find space and then finding a way past keeper Buss with a good strike into the bottom corner.

Hanworth: Terry Buss (Andy Vettese), Matt Baines, Charlie Hare, Lee Willis, Darren Noad, Chris Byron, Danny Whatford, Tony Buss, Lee Higgs (Ben Ward), Adam Piggott, Daryl North

Northwood: Bobby Smith, Scott Purdue, Ryan Tackley, Sam Sharples, Bradley Hewitt, Michael Peacock, Danny Jones (Aaron Cato), John Christian, Scott Orphanou (Eugene Ofori), Leon Osei, Hugo Figueiredo

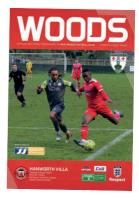
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HANWORTH VILLA 3

Neither side got to grips with the sticky surface in the early stages, with a shout for a penalty when Lucas Sinclair appeared to be dragged down by his marker on 13 minutes the only real action. Just a minute later, the visitors recorded the first effort on goal with Sam Mead's strike straight at Andrew McCorkell who saved comfortably.

And it was from pretty much their first assault on the Hanworth goal that the Woods took the lead after 18 minutes. Dan Williams slipped the ball to Sinclair who shrugged off a defensive challenge to find Kofi Anokye-Boadi, who fired home. Within seven minutes Villa were level when Kyen Nicholas got the wrong side of Harry McKenna and took the ball past the covering Deago Dunbar-Bonnie and shot past the oncoming McCorkell.

Both sides created openinas but on 62 minutes Hanworth went ahead when Nicholas knocked the ball to Mead, who sent in Kyron Richards to score. It was only five minutes later when the Woods defence was breached again far too easily with a quick one-two

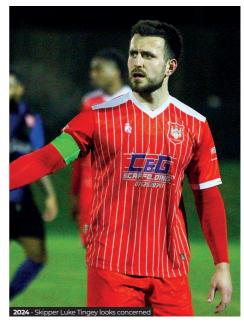


between Gagendeep Samra and Merson seeing the former race down the right and his cross picked out an unmarked Nicholas who headed home his second of the night.

Villa skipper George Wells was red-carded towards the end, but the Woods still struggled to make any real impact. However, on 86 minutes, Teddy Stacey slipped a ball through for Adam Laaref, who cut the ball back for Sinclair to swivel and fire into the rood of the Villa net and suddenly there was a chance. But Villa hung on comfortably until the final whistle.

Northwood: Andrew McCorkell, Stephan Langley, Deago Dunbar Bonnie (Adam Laaref), Harry McCorkell, Luke Tingey, Harry Gallagher, Harry McKenna (Sam Jenkins), Teddy Stacey, Lucas Sinclair, Dan Williams, Kofi Anokye-Boad.

Hanworth: Terry Buss, Kyron Richards, Aston Nunn, Matthew Gbio, Ben Geraghty, George Wells, Theo Crawford, Gagendeep Samra, Kyen Nicholas, Sam Mead (Rayan Djouadj), Sam Merson (Bruno Robertson-Tinale)





YESTERDAY TODAY 23.08

THROUGHOUT NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY – WHICH GOES BACK 99 YEARS TO 1926 – THE CLUB HAVE PLAYED 12 FIXTURES ON 23RDAUGUST; ALL PREVIOUS GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I REVIEW THREE OF THEM HERE. BY KEN GREEN



1978

MAIDENHEAD TOWN WOODS

Northwood grabbed their second win in the Hellenic League and it was a tremendous game in which both sides gave a great deal of entertainment. The Woods could have scored a hatful of goals during some inspired spells of attacking, and youngster Gary Cooper was particularly unlucky.

However, it was not

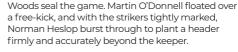
one-way traffic as the hosts made Northwood struggle when the initiative changed hands. During these spells of Maidenhead pressure, Dave Russell proved how good a keeper he had become, with several fine saves and immaculate handling.

In a hectic first half the only goal inevitably came from the Woods striker Martin Ellis. Ian Harvey crossed tantalisingly, and under pressure from Cooper, the hosts' keeper parried the ball only to see Martin Ellis meet the rebound on the half-volley and blast home.

In the second half Northwood gained firmer control and could have increased the lead on a number



of occasions. Cooper hit the post and saw the ball run along the line and he also had two other efforts well saved. Ellis lobbed just off target and several melées occurred around the hosts' goal. However, Maidenhead refused to surrender and it was only 10 minutes from time that they saw the

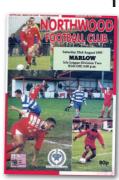


Northwood: Dave Russell, Norman Heslop, Mick Luck, Barry Gould, Alan Merison, Martin O'Donnell, Ian Harvey, Robin Tidd (Phil Castella), Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, Gary Cooper

1997

WOODS MARLOW

This Icis League Division
Two game saw disaster
strike Woods after just
nine minutes. After
a corner had broken
down, the ball ran out to
Kenny Cox and he hit a
hopeful return back into
the box. The defence
looked static as it ran
straight through to Rob
Paris, who gratefully
smashed a shot past
Lee Carroll



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As the first half wore on Northwood gradually began to take control. After 39 minutes Robinson managed to get the better of Bradley and sent over an accurate cross but Gell's header lacked the power to beat Jackson. Just three minutes into the second period, the Woods almost levelled the scores. Marlow conceded a free-kick just outside the box and from that Robinson chipped the ball across and Gell headed just over the bar.

It was all-action at this stage, and a powerful run out of defence by Gell led to a great ball through to Holmes just inside the box but he delayed his shot too long and Paris was able to get a foot in. The ball ran loose and Ripley got in a shot which was deflected wide. On 59 minutes, a poor header from Colin Ferguson fell to Holmes out wide. He timed his cross superbly to meet Chris Gell at the far post and he slammed the ball home the equaliser.





Northwood: Lee Carroll, Jerome Boadu, Tony Millard, Richard Coppinger, Dave Walters, Eamon O'Connor, Colin Robinson, Chris Gell, Paul Ripley, Lawrence Holmes, Kevin Dobson

2011 AFC HAYES WOODS

Substitutions proved the key to this victory as the Woods recovered from being a goal down at half-time to ultimately notch an emphatic victory from a fast-paced and entertaining local derby fixture. Despite finding plenty of space, the Woods were unable to penetrate the Hayes defence, and AFC Hayes got lucky after 26 minutes when a forward pass hit Kevin Chakaodza and he planted his shot past Tony Russell and into the corner to give the home side the lead.

Northwood pushed for an equaliser, and up to the break the home goal had a charmed life. Finally, on 67 minutes Aaron Lansiquot burst through onto a ball into the box with a good touch and his shot had enough power to beat keeper Grant.

Only two minutes later, the turnaround was complete with Ben Alexander cleverly helping a ball on just outside the box and Jonathan Constant stole in to fire home. The home side rallied well, with Trevor Charlery denied by an excellent block from Wayne O'Sullivan, while Logon used his pace to get down the right and his angled shot skimmed the bar.

At the other end, as the Woods looked to close the game out, Lansiquot chipped wide with one effort and then Alexander met an O'Sullivan chip with a first-time volley that also flashed wide.

Three minutes into stoppage-time, the Woods finally wrapped it up as Constant cut in from the left and



rifled in an unstoppable shot – but there was still more to come. A mazy run from O'Sullivan saw him ride a succession of challenges, before finally being tripped just outside the box. Constant demanded the chance to take the free-kick and blasted a low shot at the wall which deflected off a foot, but still nestled in the far corner as the substitute celebrated his surprise hat-trick.

Northwood: Tony Russell, Liam Hind, Lee Grant, Junior Osborne, Peter Lyall, James McCluskey, Romaine Walker (Jonathan Constant 59m), Craig White, Oliver Hawkins (Ben Alexander 65m), Garry Senior (Aaron Lansiquot 46m), Wayne O'Sullivan.



GAMES THE WOODS HAVE PLAYED ON THE 23RDD AUGUST

Date		Competition	Opponents		Scorers	Att.
Wed 23 Aug 1978	Α	Morrant Hellenic League First Division	Maidenhead Town	W2-0	Ellis, Heslop	
Sat 23 Aug 1980	Α	Cold Shield Hellenic League Premier Division	Moreton Town	L0-4		
Sat 23 Aug 1986	Α	Spartan League Premier Division	Beckton United	L1-2	Revell	
Tue 23 Aug 1988	Α	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Beaconsfield United	W2-0	Revell, Colwill	
Tue 23 Aug 1994	Н	Isthmian League Cup round 1	Bedford Town	L0-1		152
Sat 23 Aug 1997	Н	Ryman League Premier Division	Marlow	D1-1	Gell	143
Sat 23 Aug 2003	Н	Ryman League Division Two	Bognor Regis Town	L1-2	Moore	217
Tue 23 Aug 2005	Н	Southern League Premier Division	Bedford Town	L2-3	Kirkland, M Howell	159
Sat 23 Aug 2008	Н	Ryman League Division 1 North	Aveley	D0-0		136
Tue 23 Aug 2011	Α	Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1C	AFC Hayes	W4-1	Lansiquot, Constant 3	78
Sat 23 Aug 2014	Α	Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1C	Uxbridge	L2-3	Nicholas 2	91
Tue 23 Aug 2022	Н	FA Cup Preliminary Replay	Ashford Town	L1-3	Ibie	191





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VISITING THE SKYLINE STADIUM HANWORTH



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Hanworth Villa, 'The Villains,' was formed in 1976. In the early years, the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday. During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as **Division 1 Champions.**

The following Season saw the club start an incredible run in the league, which finished 68 matches later, with the 'Villains' winning the Hounslow Premier League and the West Middlesex Divisions one and two championships. The success continued with Hanworth being elected to the newly formed Middlesex County Football League in 1984/1985.

From 1980 the club had a nomadic

existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club. A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation.

Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'. With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to

win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League. After another Premier League title in 2004/2005, with a record number of points it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006.

It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/2008, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title, finishing a credible second. However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion to the Premier Division.

The club were determined to ensure that the situation should



not arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/2009 campaign. The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/2010 season

The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17th, three points clear of relegation.

The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5th position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. Unfortunately they were to lose in both

The 2011/2012 season will live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition. In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivenham, Bedfont Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1st Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2.

In the FA Vase the team reached the 3rd round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year.

In 2013/2014 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex Premier League Cup and the Southern Combination Cup.

At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesey Town and had coached at Banbury United.

Under the Management of Rufus

and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3 – 2 win over Spelthorne Sports. It was the second occasion in three years that the team have won this trophy.

In December 2018, by mutual agreement, Rufus Brevett stepped down as first team Manager with Louis Carder-Walcott, previously Assistant Manager at Westfield FC, being appointed shortly after.

Following a poor run of form at the start of the 2019/20 and with no positive signs of recovery it was, by mutual agreement, decided that Louis would step down as Manager of the club. In November 2019 the position was filled by Simon Haughney and his management team of Paul Thomas and Leon Solomon.

The players responded well to this new team and with the addition of several new signings performed well, despite the distractions of the Covid pandemic. Not only did they remain unbeaten in the ten matches played during the suspended 2020-21 season, they also set a new club record by progressing to the last 16 of the F A Vase, narrowly losing to Long Eaton United on penalties.

Last season proved to be the greatest in the history of Hanworth Villa FC and, in winning the inaugural Combined Counties North Premier Division and with it promotion to the Isthmian League, the club achieved their highest position in senior football since the formation in 1976. The most remarkable record of all is, however, that the team remained unbeaten throughout the league season.

Once again, following promotion, the team had to come to terms with competing at a higher level within the NLS. Having kept most of the Invincibles squad from the previous season Simon, Paul and Leon added some additional experience within the squad and although through early loss of form and key injuries the team slowly began to get to grips with football at step 4. As the season progressed so did the team and the results culminating with a 2-1 victory over Northwood in April 22 to clinch 4th in the Isthmian

South Central Division and earn a Semi-Final Play-Off game away to Marlow. A tense tie was 1-1 going into the last minute of the game when George Wells stepped up and clinched the tie with a fine goal. Having won through to the final all that stood between Hanworth Villa and back to back promotions was Walton & Hersham one of Simon and Pauls previous clubs. In front of a 2,500 crowd at the XCEL stadium in Walton Villa took a first half lead but could not hold onto to it going down 3-1 to Walton & Hersham.

Hanworth Villa retained the services of Simon & Paul for the new 2023/24 season in the face of many approaches from many clubs for their services and look to build on the success of recent vears. The 2023/24 season was also notable with Gary Brunning, so instrumental in driving the club up the non-league pyramid, stepping down as chairman being replaced by James Connor, Ex-Millwall professional footballer, and son of the original founder Jimmy Connor. Gary Brunning moves up to Joint President of Hanworth Villa sharing the position with Jimmy Connor.

The 24/25 season saw Hanworth finish in their highest ever league position in the Non-League pyramid, when they were placed 3rd, behind Champions Farnham Town and Uxbridge, this saw the Villains enter the Play-Offs once again. The Semi-Final saw a home victory over Ascot United and a second Final in three seasons was achieved.

The Final, played away to Uxbridge, saw Hanworth take the lead, but as with their previous encounter, the home side rallied to take victory and gain promotion to the Southern League Premier Division.

During the Summer of 2025, works began on ripping up the troublesome pitch, and in its place has seen the installation of a state-of-the-art 3G synthetic playing surface incorporating the latest ProGrain infill. Other ground works have also enabled the Club to finally open up all four sides of the ground, and also replace the old seated stand, for a brand new structure which has trebled the seating capacity of the ground.





MEETTHE VILLAINS







appearances for Villa scoring 9 goals.

GUY HOLLIS

Guy joined Hanworth during the summer having left Slough Town. The commanding Centre-Back amassed over 300 appearances for the Rebels having joined them in 2013. He started his career with Ashford Town, moving on to Carshalton Athletic and Godalming Town. Other clubs include Havant & Waterlooville, Farnham Town, Farnborough and Bracknell Town.

ASTON NUNN

A tenacious left sided player.
As a teenager, Aston fought off
Leukaemia, having been diagnosed
in September 2019. He then joined
the Hampton & Richmond Borough
Academy set-up, before moving on
to join Hanworth in October 2022.

GEORGE WELLS

Highly experienced central defender, having played in the National League with Maidenhead United and National League South with Slough Town. Was something of a coup signing in December 2022, when he was snapped up from Slough. Not adverse to scoring the odd goal here and there, and is closing in on his 100th appearance for the Club.

MIDFIELDERS

TOLUWALASE BANKOLE

A product of the London Youth Premier League, having been part of the Nigel James Elite Coaching Academy. 'T' has impressed during

GOALKEEPERS

MARK SMITH

Mark joined Hanworth during the summer of 2024, having spent the previous campaign at Bedford Town. Smudger spent his early years within the youth system of Brentford, before joining Aldershot Town in 2016. He then signed for Eastbourne Borough in 2018. Spells at Billericay Town, Dartford, Woking, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Salisbury then followed. He was then signed by Bedford Town in September 2023 as cover, but ended up cementing his place as the Eagles number one.

ADAM WITHERS

Adam is a product of the Woking Academy, and signed for Villa during the Summer.

DEFENDERS

JOE ADOO-PETERS

Joe signed for Hanworth in February 2025 having previously been with Goulburn Valley Suns in Australia. A towering presence at the back, Joe has also had spells at Banstead Athletic, Egham Town, Chertsey Town and Beaconsfield Town.

GUY ANSAH-PALMER

Guy is Hanworth's longest serving outfield player, having signed for Villa back in March 2019 from North Greenford United. He is also a squad member of the Great Britain Medical Football team, who were recently crowned World Champions with a penalties victory over Ireland in July. Away from football Guy is a

Locum Speciality Doctor working in the demanding area of Mental Wellbeing. Scored in last season's Play-Off final, which was also his 150th appearance for the Club.

JOSH CASEY

Highly experienced left-back, having amassed over 250 appearances for Woking in the National League over 6 seasons. Signed for Hanworth in late December 2024 having left National League South side. Farnborough. Josh started out with Aldershot Town Academy before moving on to Salisbury City. He moved on to Bashley in 2012 before signing for Alan Dowson at Kingstonian in 2013/4. Josh followed Dowse to Hampton & Richmond Borough in June 2015, where he spent three seasons, before moving on to Wokina.

MARCO CORREIA

A summer signing from Rayners Lane. Belgian born Marco is a dangerous attack minded full-back, who is not shy of popping up with the odd goal, last season he was involved in no less than 16 goal contributions. Former clubs include Bedfont Sports, Burgess Hill Town, Tooting & Mitcham United, Windsor and Beaconsfield Town.

RAYAN DJOUADJ

Former Hampton & Richmond Borough Academy player. Signed from Spelthorne Sports during the Summer of 2023. A competent start to his career with Villa saw him become a regular starter at centre-back, has now made 70



the Summer pre-season, and has earned himself a place in the Villa squad for the 25/26 season.

LOUIS COLLINS

Louis returned to Rectory Meadow in January 2025 after a short three month spell with South Park. He originally signed for Hanworth at the start of the 2023/24 season having previously played for Leatherhead and Kingstonian. His early career saw him rise up through the Academy ranks at Walton & Hersham, making his debut for the Swans in 2021.

JAMES COTTEE

James joined Hanworth during the summer, having previously played at Bedfont Sports. He is a player with step 3 experience, and is a proven goal scorer. Other clubs include Maidenhead United, Wokingham & Emmbrook and Woodley United.

BRANDON CURTIS

Brandon joined Villa during the Summer having ended last season at Ascot United. He moved to the Yellas from Hungerford Town whom he joined in October 2024. Previously with Marlow having joined them in 2023, helping them to Isthmian South Central promotion via the Play-Off Final. He spent much of the previous two seasons with Binfield. He was previously with Wokingham & Emmbrook and Maidenhead United

SHANE DUNNE

Signed during the summer from Hampton & Richmond Borough.

Previous to joining the Beavers he spent two years in Australia playing for Goulbourn Valley Suns. Born in County Meath Shane played for a number of Clubs in his native Ireland. He has won the League of Ireland First Division with Wexford, achieving promotion to the Premier Division. He has also represented Irish Colleges at the 2017 World University Games in Taiwan.

BEN GERAGHTY

Signed for Hanworth Villa during the Summer of 2022 from near neighbours, Ashford Town. One of the first names on the team sheet, which has seen him total near to 75 appearances with Villa to date.

MARCO HAIGH

Marco is a summer signing from Leatherhead. The young attacking midfielder began his career with Kingstonian where in 2022/23 as part of their youth team, scored 32 goals in 34 matches. Previously with South Park, Farnborough and Sheerwater

ABDULLAH JAVAID

A former Leicester City Academy player, signed for Hanworth Villa towards the end of November 2024. A tenacious player with the ball at his feet. Has gained 3 Under 20 caps for Barbados.

SAM MEAD

Sam signed during the Summer of 2023 from The Sumas. Another player that was fast-tracked into the starting XI, and has since shown incredible midfield performances which sees him in a starting position week in week out. An old head on young shoulders, saw Sam captain the Wokingham side at the age of



just 18, turning them from relegation candidates to mid table safety in just 6 months. Closing in on his 100th appearance for Villa.

BEN MULLEY

Ben, who is a strong and reliable Midfielder, signed for Villa at the start of October from Marlow, scored on his debut against South Park Reigate. Signing for Marlow back in the Summer of 2022 from Slough Town's Under 23 side, he was a regular starter for the Blues, scoring 10 goals in 98 appearances. Currently on the sidelines recovering from a double leg break towards the end of last season

FORWARDS

SEB KARCZEWSKI

A Summer signing, having ended last season with Hartley Wintney. Previously Seb had appeared for Hanwell Town prior to Joining Leatherhead in August 2024. He has also played for Knaphill scoring 16 goals during the 2023/24 season. Other Clubs include South Park, Walton & Hersham and Farnham Town, after first emerging as an Academy prospect at Woking.

SAM MERSON

Sam was signed in the summer of 2020 having played the previous four seasons at St Albans City. While at Clarence Park he totalled 48 goals in 165 appearances. Previous clubs include Biggleswade Town, Redditch United and Boreham Wood, Sam is the son of former Arsenal favourite Paul Merson. Scored his 100th goal for Villa in February 2025 and ended last season as top goal scorer with 29 goals. He topped off the season by being awarded the Non-League Goal of the Season, having scored a 'worldie' against Farnham Town, this bringing national media attention.

DYLAN RANDALL

Dylan was part of the Hampton & Richmond Borough Academy, and made his breakthrough into the first team in 2018. After a number of trials with EFL Clubs Dylan admittedly fell out of love with the game. Manager Simon Haughney persuaded him to don his boots once again during the summer of 2024, and has looked to be enjoying his time back, scoring his first goal for the club coming on as substitute against Abbey Rangers in the FA Cup.



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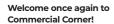




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After a quiet Saturday, the Woods now have two home games in the space of just three days. I unfortunately missed the last two games taking a much-needed break following a hectic summer.

There's still plenty happening with our sponsors, and we've got three more to announce online this week. We're also continuing to work on installing the new advertising boards around the perimeter fence and promoting all our supporting companies online.

In the last edition, I mentioned our aim to grow the number of Premium Tier Sponsors. This week, I'd like to highlight Astral Bathrooms, who have recently joined us. Astral has been a leader in luxury bathrooms and supplies for over 20 years, offering everything needed for any bathroom project. Be sure to visit their impressive

showroom on Joel Street, Northwood. I popped along a few weeks ago and was made very welcome. Astral also offers heating and plumbing services.

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Thank you once again for your continued support in buying the new Woods merchandise.

Until next time. Up the Woods!

John







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RAYNERS LANE





Rayners Lane FC was originally founded in Harrow, Middlesex, in 1933 & spent their formative years playing in local football.

By the early 1960's they had joined the Spartan League, a tenth spot finish in 1966-67 their highest placing. In 1978-79 they had joined the Hellenic League & they were crowned Division 1 champions on goal difference in 1982-83, earning promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division where they stayed for eleven seasons before lack of floodlights saw the club returned to Division 1. Two seasons in Hellenic Division 1 were followed by two seasons in the Middlesex League before they joined the Chiltonian League Premier Division in 1998-99.

The Chiltonian & Hellenic Leagues merged in 2000-01 & Rayners Lane

found themselves in Division 1 East which they won in 2012-13. However. they were denied promotion due to ground grading issues & stayed in Division 1 until the 2017-18 season when they moved to the Spartan South Midlands Division 1. That summer work began on installing a 3G playing surface along with a new club house & the Tithe Farm Sports & Social Club was eventually opened in October 2019. A year later long time club stalwart Tony Pratt was recognized by the FA with the "Volunteer Of The Year Award" for over 50 years of service, a fine achievement for both the club & Tony.

The club remained in the Spartan South Midlands League until the 2021-22 campaign when restructuring by the FA saw them moved over to the Combined Counties League Division 1. A fourth

place finish saw them reach the Play-Offs where they lost in the semi-final to eventual winners Wallingford Town. The following season saw them again finish fourth which resulted in another Play-Off spot where this time they overcame London Samurai Rovers in the semi-final & then Langley in the final to earn promotion. They also beat British Airways FC to win the Middlesex Premier Cup to chalk up a first ever Leaque & Cup double.

2023-24 saw Rayners Lane under the stewardship of Gary Meakin & Wes Daly, they won promotion from CCL Premier North via the Play-Offs & also became the first Step 5 side to win the Middlesex Senior County Cup with a memorable victory over Hayes & Yeading United.

The 2024-25 season saw the Lane competing at Step 4 for the first

time in their history. After a mixed start to the season and some internal disagreements Gary Meakin was relieved of his duties and Justin Gardiner was brought in as Head Coach alongside Josh Bostock. They steadied the ship but results never really improved so Justin was replaced just after Christmas by Mark Dacey who became joint manager with Josh Bostock. This along with changes in player personnel saw a vast improvement in results and they eventually finished a creditable 11th place. They also became the first club in the modern era to win the Middlesex Senior County Cup back to back after beating step 3 Hanwell Town 2-0 in the final.

The 2025-26 season sees the FA move the club sideways from the Isthmian League to the Southern League Division One Central. Scott Patmore has been reappointed First Team Manager after his double winning season of 2022-23, and everyone at the club is looking forward to visiting new clubs, grounds & meeting everyone involved with these clubs.







MEET THE LANE



CHARLIE PATMORE

At just 23, Charlie has already over 100 appearances behind him and has returned to the club as the Lane's number one goalkeeper. Known for his sharp reflexes, calm presence and commanding voice, Charlie was with Cockfosters last season.

DEAGO DUNBAR-BONNIE

Technically sharp and composed left-back, Deago developed through the youth system at Leyton Orient before stepping into senior football with spells at Harrow Borough, here at Northwood and Kings Langley.

ZAK BROWN

A strong, commanding defender, Zak started out in the Norwich City academy before having a good season at Bedford Town. Since then, the 24-year-old has seen service at Metropolitan Police, Sutton Common Rovers and Welwyn Garden City.





KRAIG MCLEOD

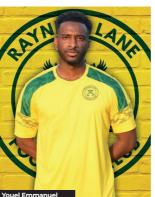
Kraig is a left-footed centre-back who developed through the youth systems at both Norwich City and QPR. The experienced 25-year-old defender has seen service at a good level at Hendon, Basingstoke Town, Enfield Town, Maldon & Tiptree, Wingate & Finchley and has international caps for Grenada.

YOUEL EMMANUEL

Composed and creative central midfielder, 27-year-old Youel has joined to bring experience to the Lane having previous spells at Hartley Wintney, Farnborough, Ashford Town (Middx) and Hendon.

CALEB ADOMAKO-MENSAH

Dynamic, hard-working midfielder who was involved at the academy at Norwich City and Watford. Arrives at Rayners Lane in the summer of 2025, aged 21 and looking to settle





into Step 4 football having played at Arlesey Town previously.

KEAN GRAVER

Speedy, 21-year-old winger who joins the Lane for the new season from Edgware & Kingsbury, looking to step up a level and be a constant threat with his flair and hunger for goals.

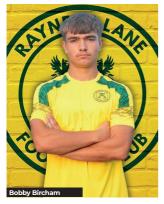
ERGYS PEPAL

Now 23, Albanian-born Ergys has made a name for himself with ball control and technical skills, both on social media and latterly in the Baller League. Ergys came here to Northwood from Potters Bar U23s and played for Broadfields United while waiting for clearance to play at Step 4. He played 13 matches and then joined Hertford Town last season.

FRANKIE BIRCHAM

Dynamic, central midfielder, Frankie has returned the Rayners Lane for a





second spell having also seen service with Dunstable Town, Leighton Town, Sarratt and Bovingdon. Still only 22 with a good future ahead of him.

BOBBY BIRCHAM

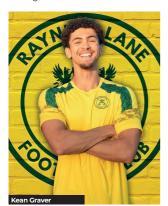
After nine years in the QPR Academy system, Bobby made Step 3 appearances for Wingate & Finchley at the back end of last season and at just 17, looks to have a good future ahead of him in the central midfield area for the Lane this season.

MESHACH WILLIAMS

Experienced and pacy attacker who started out at Barnet and has played for Potters Bar Town, Wembley, Cockfosters, Hatfield, Hoddesdon, Wingate & Finchley, Badshot Lea and Hanworth Villa as well as here at Northwood where he scored six times in 26 appearances in the 2017-28 season.

ADEYEMI ADEWALE

Adeyemi Adewale, known to fans far and wide as Mr Composure, is the cool, confident presence locking down the left side of the





pitch for Rayners Lane FC. A modern full-back in every sense, he combines defensive discipline with the energy to drive forward and join attacks, giving the squad both security and an extra spark going forward. Calm under pressure and technically assured, Adeyemi rarely looks rushed.

MOSES CARVAHLO

Moses Carvahlo is a commanding left-footed centre back who brings presence, power and composure to the Rayners Lane defence. Standing at 6'3", Moses dominates in the air, relishes physical battles, and reads the game with intelligence beyond his years, making him a natural leader at the back. His non-league journey is packed with success. Moses was part of the Stansted FC side that lifted a league title, before going on to play for Walthamstow FC, where he again contributed to a winning campaign. He has also played for Hadley and Cockfosters.

JORDY MUMBINI

Jordy Mumbiny is a versatile attacker





known for his sharp instincts, deft link-up play, and eye for goal. Comfortable playing both across the frontline and in advanced midfield, he consistently creates chances and keeps defenses on edge. Having featured in Rayners Lane's recent first-team matches—where he played a key role in build-up play—he combines technical skill with intelligent movement to support team attacks.

SHAKEEL NAIM

Shakeel Naim is a tricky, dynamic forward who brings flair, pace and an instinctive eye for goal to the Rayners Lane frontline. Comfortable playing wide or through the middle, Shakeel is known for his sharp movement in the final third and his confidence in taking on defenders. His football journey includes spells with Northwood, Tooting & Mitcham, Witham Town and SCR, where he developed a reputation as a player who can create chances out of nothing.

REECE SINGH JHUTI

Reece Singh Jhuti is a young, versatile defender with the drive and ability to make a big impression at Rayners Lane. Quick across the ground, strong in the tackle and composed in possession, Reece offers both reliability at the back and the confidence to step out. Reece began his football journey in the academy system at Leyton Orient, developing a solid technical foundation and a deep understanding of the game. More recently, he gained senior experience with Broadfields United





UNDER 18'S

BACK IN THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

If you cast your mind back to the Under-18s final league match of the 2024/25 season in the Allied Counties League, the Woods played fellow unbeaten side and leaders Tring Athletic here at the Skyline.

The game was heading for a goalless draw until an incredible last-gasp strike from goalkeeper Henry Ford, up for a corner, secured a victory that won Northwood their second successive Divisional title. An amazing night and the video clip of the goal went viral all over the World with millions of views.

It qualified us for the Champions Cup, which we were also defending, and we made the final with an excellent win against old-rivals Badshot Lea but then came up against top side Camberley Town and lost 4-0 to the Surrey side in that final fixture.

A decision had already been made that the U18s would return to the Isthmian Youth League for the upcoming season. As a new club we've been placed in the West Division and we will face very tough opposition including both Badshot Lea and Camberley Town once again! We were due to start our new League campaign on Wednesday night when we played hosts to Fleet Town here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium. These notes had to be written before the result of that game was known and both sides will have been short of their full-strength line-ups due to holidays so its fingers crossed that we made a good start.

The FA Youth Cup draw did us no real favours either! Our Preliminary Round game is at home to Tring Athletic once again so gives a quick opportunity for the Hertfordshire side to gain some revenge. Should be a cracker and this one is scheduled for just over a week's time on Wednesday 3rd September so make a note in your diary for that one.

At the end of season awards evening, Aidan Tarrant, who has already made first-team appearances at 16, was named both Managers' and Players' Player of the Year while long-serving Keelan Sweeney was the Supporters' Player of the Year.

Freddie Ford, who remains with the U18s this season, has figured for the first-team already along with Brian McGovern while Tarrant and Michael Kelly (who has also registered for North Greenford United alongside Frankie Pass) are also already registered for the senior side despite having another year at youth level to come this season.

Luke Finnegan and Jamie Dwyer have registered at Oxhey Jets, Freddie Peploe for Holmer Green, while Henry Ford has been playing in goal for Spartans Youth.



2024/25 Season Stats

Top appearances: 24 F. Ford, Kelly, McGovern 23 Dwyer, Tarrant 20 Allen, Faleye 21 Atkinson 20 Matthew, Peploe, Sweeney 19 Pullem 15 Finnegan

Top Scorers: 14 Finnegan 10 Kelly, Pass 8 Pullem 7 Tarrant. 5 Atkinson, F. Ford, McGovern, Sweeney.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

Date	Opposition		F-A
August			
Wed 20	Fleet Town	IYL	
Septem	ber		
Wed 3	Tring Athletic	FAYC	
Mon 8	Bedfont Sports	IYLC	
Mon 22	Camberley Town	IYL	
October			
Wed 29	Maidenhead United	IYL	
Novemb	per		
Mon 3	Hampton & Richmond Borough	IYL	
Wed 12	Ascot United	IYL	
Thu 27	Aldershot Town	IYL	(At Badshot Lea FC)
Decemb	per		
Wed 3	FARNHAM TOWN	IYL	
Wed 10	BRACKNELL TOWN	IYL	
Mon 15	Badshot Lea	IYL	
January	,		
Wed 7	Maidenhead United	IYL	
Wed 14	Camberley Town	IYL	
Tue 20	Bracknell Town	IYL	
Wed 28	Farnham Town	IYL	
Februar	у		
Wed 4	Hampton & Richmond Borough	lYL.	
Wed 18	Aldershot Town	IYL	
Tues 24	Ascot United	IYL	
March	<u> </u>		
Wed 4	Fleet Town	IYL	
Wed 11	Badshot Lea	IYL	

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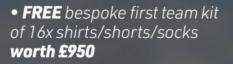






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WORD WORD

FROM JOINT MANAGER **JACK SMITH**

Welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium as we tackle two tough games inside a three-day period over this Bank Holiday weekend. We welcome both Simon Haughney and his team from Hanworth Villa for an FA Trophy clash and then also Scott Patmore and his Rayners Lane group for a "Middlesex derby" match in the Southern League.

Hanworth have been a strong side for several years, reaching the play-offs twice in the last three seasons and I'm sure they will be pushing for similar success this year but our lads will be looking to bounce back from the defeat we suffered against Hadley last time out in both this game and the contest with Rayners Lane that follows it. The League match is more of a priority if I'm honest so we will be looking to get our first three points on the table and build from there.

I wasn't there against Hadley as my missus went into labour in the early hours of Tuesday morning so we rushed off to Hospital and our son Micah was born at 6.30am that same morning. It was a blessing but it was a shame that we couldn't get the three points to go with the good day for myself!

Having spoken to the management team, we were undecided on who should start on the night against Hadley but from what has been discussed since and from watching the Veo recording of the match, it seemed we were unlucky not to score in the secondhalf but a very poor first-half cost us dearly. We certainly need to look at getting a stronger start in games so we're not playing catch-up so often. It seems that Mack is getting a reputation as a dead-ball specialist which is all good. He's probably been watching me hitting them top bins in the warm-ups and it's a shame that my free-kick at Cobham hit the bar as he's now 1-0 up on me! I won't be complaining if he scores a few more this season.

It's not been ideal that there has been a bit of a stopstart nature to the early weeks of the campaign, mainly due to our exit from the FA Cup. It would be good to play as much football as possible, especially when the playing surfaces are at their best and it's a shame that our efforts to bring forward some later midweek fixtures to fill the gaps on Saturdays haven't been successful. Last Saturday, the boys had a team day out to get to know each other a bit more off the pitch and hopefully that will have a positive effect on the pitch as we look to build that togetherness that helped us so much towards the end of last season.

There is a chance that some of our missing players may be back involved soon. Harry McCorkell, who is recovering from a hernia operation will make a bit impact in midfield. He's a leader on and off the pitch and has been at every training session and every game which shows the attitude he has towards the team. Harry McKenna could also feature again soon while Kush will hopefully recover from his hamstring strain soon. We were also delighted to receive International Clearance to be able to involve Hicham going forward. I am speaking very highly of him and he will be very dangerous in the final third once he has settled.

You want a full squad to choose from at the start of any season so it's been tough trying to manage our resources without some of these key players, including Romario who we're not rushing back as it's a recurrence of his knee injury. We haven't been at full strength yet but we continue to work on making us stronger, hopefully starting this weekend.

Whatever the result today, please join us in the bar afterwards for a chat over a drink or two.

Up The Woods!

Jack



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MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS RAYNERS LANE - BY KEN GREEN



SATURDAY 1 MAY 1948 HARROW SENIOR CHARITY CUP FINAL RAYNERS LANE 2

RAYNERS LANE 2 NORTHWOOD 0

A typical cup-tie was seen on the Wealdstone club ground, Lower Meadwhen Rayners Lane beat Northwood 2-0 in the final of the Harrow Senior Charity Cup.

Foord opened up the game for the Lane and eventually Hopkins, their centre-forward, was brought down when going through and Surey scored from the penalty kick.

Northwood put on pressure after the interval, but the

Lane defence kept a firm grip of any dangerous movements.

In the second half Northwood had more of the play for long spells. Albert Welch got through on his own but saw a grand shot saved, and several corners looked dangerous.

48 - Skipper Ron Nicholls lifted

But Rayners Lane then broke away, and Archer sent across an excellent pass from the right for Kimpton, the outside-left. to run on and score.

Northwood then went all-out, but were unable to penetrate the Lane defence.

The cup was presented by Mr H.J. Greene, chairman

of the Harrow & Wembley League, to A. Aldridge, the Lane captain, and the Northwood captain Ron Nicholls received the Harrow and Wembley League Challenge Cup, which they won the previous Thursday evening by defeating Alperton Old Boys 3-1 – also at Wealdstone FC.

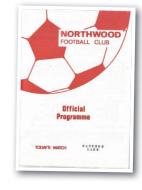
Northwood: Albert Young, Cecil Cox, Bill Reeves, Ron Nicholls, Eric Lee, Tommy Green, Bob Bell, Albert Welch, Roly Sanderson, Joey Jones, Albert Walker.

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER 1977 MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

NORTHWOOD 5 RAYNERS LANE 3

Northwood made the most of perfect conditions when they went one up after only two minutes in their Middlesex League local derby with Rayners Lane.

forward Roger Livingstone was set free as the



defence appealed for offside and he nonchalantly lobbed the ball over the head of keeper Marshall. After 15 minutes the home side went further ahead when Livingstone knocked the ball down to Martin Ellis, who quickly controlled, beat one defender and lashed a superb drive into the back of the net Livingstone grabbed his second minutes later,

leaving the Rayners Lane keeper helpless with his first-time effort.

It was then Ellis's turn to get a second as he

rewarded an immaculate Ian Harvey through-ball with a dummy and a rifled shot into goal. The Woods sealed a thoroughly impressive performance with a Harvey penalty in the second half.

Hanworth: Dave Russell, Peter Carter, Norman Heslop, Martin O'Donnell, Alan Merison, Robin Tidd, Ian Harvey, Phil Castella, Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, Garty Cooper (Paddy Coburn)

Rayners Lane: G Marshall, G Stallwood, M Brennan, P Lynn, D Leigh, C Townsend. J Wood, B Jones, D Reed, M Purvis, G Fotheringham





SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1989 MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP FIRST PRELIMINARY ROUND

RAYNERS LANE 1 NORTHWOOD 2

Northwood hit the woodwork twice in addition to grabbing two goals as they deservedly moved into the next round of the Middlesex Senior Cup at the expense their near neighbours.

It was a typical exciting cup local derby with plenty of talking points and early on Northwood's Greg Phillips hit a post before the home team's Mills hit a cracking free kick just over.

Northwood lost Henry Pacquette injured after 20 minutes, to be replaced by Malcolm Bennett, who had a hand in the visitors' second goal.

Then Whitehead headed against the bar with Micky Devlin just failing so put away the rebound before Northwood went ahead after 15 minutes. A long throw from Roy Oatway caused confusion in

the penalty area, and Paul Abell headed over his own goalkeeper to score.

Lane soon counter-attacked, and midfielders Howard and Meany caused some uncomfortable moments, and the home side equalised early in the second half when Stuart Howard's delicate



chip went in off the woodwork.

But Woods kept going, and a ball from Roy Oatway found Bennett wide out on the wing and his run and cross was not cleared, allowing Tim Vincent to score

Garfield Blackman could have increased the lead but, with only the goalkeeper to beat, mishit his shot and then the keeper made a great save from Devlin low down on his right.

Northwood would visit Hanwell Town in the next round, with the winners facing Enfield.

Northwood: Ken Lavender, Roy Oatway, Lee Randall, Larry Wilson, Phil D'Cruz, Steve Whitehead, Mick Devlin, Greg Phillips, Tim Vincent, Henry Pacquette, Garfield Blackman (Malcolm Bennett)



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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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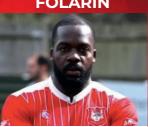
ANDREW MCCORKELL



Experienced goalkeeper who first had a spell with the Woods in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative honours 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 **EMPSON**



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**



Striker who returned to the Woods in February 2025 having had a previous spell in the Covid-hit 2020-21 season where he made II 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 Gibraltar, 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 Harwell 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, Hayes & Yeading, Harlow Town and Basildon United.

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NASIR **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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FRANKIE PASS



Frankie has been promoted from the Woods U18s where he amongst the goals at the back end of last season having previously played for Southall. The 18-year-old will be looking to establish himself in senior football as the season progresses having played a handful of games for Oxhey Jets last season.

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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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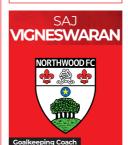
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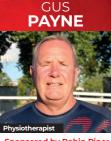
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Jack Empson	2	0	2	0	1	0	- 1	0	3	0	35	0	4	0	39	0	Ashford Town (Middx) (H) Aug '24
Manny Folarin	2	0	2	0	1	0	- 1	0	3	0	28	1	2	0	30	1	Thame United (A) Nov '24
Dylan Kearney	2	0	2	0	1	0	- 1	0	3	0	2	0	- 1	0	3	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Mack Miskin	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	13	1	4	0	17	1	Ware (A) Nov 19
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Reece Price-Placid	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Nasir Sharifi	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Carl Stewart	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	97	3	24	1	121	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Devonte Totesaut	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	21	5	4	1	25	6	Westfield (A) Sept. '20
Jon-Jo Bates	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	41	5	3	0	44	5	Leighton Town (A) Mar. 13
Jordan Ellis	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25
Chama Torsiello	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25
Freddie Ford	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	Kings Langley (H) April '25
Jamie Kennedy	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Brian McGovern	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Barton Rovers (A) April '25
Rico Clarke-Rowe	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Kush Lewis-Thomas	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
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Romario Jonas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	2	10	0	38	2	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22
Michael Kelly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Aug '24
Andrew McCorkell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	18	0	82	0	Uxbridge (A) Sept '17
Harry McCorkell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	6	0	31	2	Corinthian Casuals (H) Aug '23
Brian McGovern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	7	0	62	0	Thatcham Town (A) Oct '23
Harry McKenna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	PERSONAL PROPERTY.
Frankie Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	10	0	38	2	Burnham (A) Nov. 13
Jack Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Kidlington (A) March '25
Aidan Tarrant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Kidlington (A) March 25





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