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# IAN'S INSIGHT

**WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY, WELCOMES YOU ALL TO THE SKYLINE ROOFING STADIUM FOR THE FINAL TIME THIS SEASON**

Good afternoon and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored Clubhouse for our Pitching In Southern League match against Hitchin Town FC who are visiting for the first time in many years. We warmly welcome our opponents, their travelling fans, and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

We expect a bumper crowd today for our last home game of the season and are expecting a strong support from our opponents, as they look to continue their good form in advance of their play-off campaign as they seek a return to Step 3 football at the first time of asking.

Our last game here against Biggleswade truly summed up our season if I'm honest; well in the game, could have been further ahead and then made errors late on. That's been the whole season and we are where we are now and we plan for next season at the level below.

It's a huge testament to the work that we do that two of our main sponsors have already committed to continue with us next season and of course, the fantastic work that John does to make them all feel welcome and a part of the club; it's a lot of hard work to maintain that relationship so our grateful thanks go to John in his role. We are currently looking at designs for the kits next season, where we are keen to come up with something special to commemorate our special year.

Our Under-18s continue with their quest to win the league for the first time since the Isthmian Youth League was formed over 20 years ago with a trip to Farnham Town last Wednesday and then against Badshot Lea last night. We can only hope they went well to leave us holding a clear advantage before the final two matches which are both against the team just behind us in the table – Hampton & Richmond Borough. Best of luck to them.



In closing in my final notes for this season, I reiterate my heartfelt apologies for where we are and for the humbling support from all of you for being there for us, week in and week out. Together we will be back.

Enjoy the game today and thanks again.

**Up The Woods!**

ian

# WOODS OUTLOOK

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

## WELCOME TO THE CANARIES

**A warm welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for final home game this season as we welcome everyone connected with Hitchin Town FC for this Pitching In Southern League Division One Central fixture, hope you enjoy your stay with us and we wish you a safe journey home later today.**

The Canaries currently sit in second place in the table having only recently conceded the title to Leighton Town and they will now be hoping to ensure home advantage throughout the play-off process by possibly cementing that runners-up spot, though maybe not mathematically, by recording a win today. Flashback to the end of October last year and our visitors failed to do that at Top Field as the Woods went very close to taking all three points after young Freddie Ford put Northwood in front after 71 minutes with his first league goal for the club. Hitchin had dominated much of the game without finding a cutting edge and the game was into stoppage-time when a dubious penalty was awarded for a trip near the edge of the box. Hafed Al-Droubi saved the spot-kick but it fell kindly back to the taker, Diogo Freitas-Gouveia who levelled and earned his side a point in front of a good crowd of 632.

The Canaries were fifth in the table at that time but they improved from there to maintain a position in the top two from the halfway stage of the season and although the Woods were still unbeaten away from home after that game, and further draws followed, we were unable to find the necessary winning form to get away from the danger-zone.

Attendances at Top Field have improved even more since the turn of the year and they now average 745 in home matches with only Champions Leighton Town's 532 getting anywhere near that. It compares favourably with averages of 617 and 619 in their two previous seasons of struggles at Step 3 in the Southern League Premier Central and shows what having a winning side can do to a big town like Hitchin.

This will be the Canaries first visit to the Skyline Roofing Stadium since we met for one season in the Southern League Division One Central back in 2010-11. As now, the Woods were having a tough season and had already been beaten 1-0 at Hitchin early in the campaign when they came to Northwood in December 2010, the first league game in charge for new manager Steve Hale. It was no contest as the visitor's striker John Frendo scored a hat-trick in 24 minutes; the first in 20 seconds and Hitchin ran out 7-0 winners. Frendo got four in the end with on each for Louis Lee, Iuan Lewis and Jamie Arlick. The Canaries finished second that season (behind Arlesey Town) and then beat Slough Town and Daventry Town in the play-offs to be promoted back to

Step 3, while Northwood just avoided the drop in the days when only two were relegated; those clubs being Atherstone Town and Beaconsfield Sycob.

Our grateful thanks go to Michael Payne for sponsoring the Match this afternoon and we trust that he and his nephew James McFarland will enjoy our boardroom hospitality. Today's Match Ball has also been kindly sponsored by Graham Mann who, in doing so, completes our quest to have all our match-balls sponsored during this season. A big well done to all those that have helped with this.

We are also delighted to welcome Priya and Punit from our Sponsors Fauna Vets into the boardroom this afternoon for their VIP day and hope they enjoy their day with us.

## PLAYER NEWS

We are able to welcome back Alie Bangura into the squad this afternoon after serving a one-match suspension as he looks to add to his goalscoring exploits to finish the season. With the Under-18 players involved last week likely to have played last night for the youth side, we are expected to welcome back Hamza Miezou and Mohammed Ali to the squad today as well. Several of our players who have played for the Woods earlier in the season could be involved in end of season play-off games including Harry McKenna, Harry McCorkell and Frankie Pass (at North Greenford), Carl Stewart and Jon-Jo Bates (at Risborough Rangers), Hafed Al-Droubi (at Kings Langley), Solomon Alidor-Hamilton (at Broadfields United) and Jack Smith (at Reading City).

## NORTHWOOD FC CENTENARY LAUNCH

The club's Centenary Year was launched back in February and we are now fast approaching the first events which are covered elsewhere in this programme. On the football side, we have two ex-Northwood sides playing against each other on Sunday 3rd May at 2pm before a social get-together afterwards. Former Woods legends that are coming down to play to raise monies for our chosen charity include Chris Gell, Gary Williams, Kevin Dobson, Dave Sargent, Wayne Carter, Dave Nolan, Fergus Moore, Andy Cook, Paul Rogan, Rob Bullivant and Peter Dean plus many others.

Then, the following day we are visited by Sellebrity Soccer, run by one-time Woods midfielder Kevin Cooper, for some entertainment for all the family. Tickets are on sale now and are limited so get yours soon. Adverts and links to buy tickets are elsewhere in today's programme. The Celebrities taking part – two sides against each other – are well-known to those people who watch the popular TV programmes of

today – soap operas and entertainment such as Married at First Sight and Love Island plus some stars of other social media; sport, freestyle footballers and youtubers.

As a warm-up, prior to this match, there are also a couple of showcase matches one of which features some Northwood Youth teams strutting their stuff and also an All-Star Woods match between two sides packed with Northwood players from recent years. It's a Ben Bukowski XI v Den Quigley XI face-off and players taking part include Andrew McCorkell, Harry Gallagher, Andy Lomas, Keagan Cole, Alex Witham, Micah Jackson, Dan Williams, Sydney Ibie, Godlove Oppong, Jack Smith and Niko Muir amongst many others. Everyting kicks-off around 11am.

We could do with a few extra volunteers for this particular day, especially to deal with parking and stewarding, so if you're up for it, please let us know as it would be a big help.

Just an advance mention also of our Northwood FC Golf Day and Dinner which both are being staged at Northwood Golf Club, just down the road. This is on Thursday 30th July with the Golf in the afternoon and the Centenary Dinner in the evening. There is some great entertainment lined up for the dinner and tickets are available now on the Centenary website – www.northwoodfc100.co.uk so it would be great if you could all join us for this extra special occasion.

## LEAGUE NEWS

AMost of the key finishing positions have now been decided in our own division, especially at the foot of the table where the Woods find themselves relegated and likely to finish in 20th place, only ahead of Rayners Lane and AFC Dunstable. We could still catch fourth from bottom Enfield, who have also been relegated, but only if we get at least four points from our final two matches and the E's don't win either of theirs. At the top, Champions Leighton could make it to 100 points with one more win and congratulations to them and former Woods players Dan Hosier, Kyal Williams, Sydney Ibie and Godlove Oppong for their contributions to that success, alongside our former U18s Manager and first-team coach Ryan Young who has done really well with the Reds. Hitchin Town, Biggleswade and Biggleswade Town will all be part of the play-offs and it is Thame United who are in the final qualifying spot at the moment but with two games left against sides above them in the table, it could allow the young guns of Hertford Town, or even Ware into end of season knockout.

After today, the Woods face one final game to end our current run of nineteen years of Step 4 football and that is away to Leverstock Green next Saturday afternoon. Like ourselves, our opponents enjoyed a great late run to avoid relegation in 2025 but they have managed to kick on this time around and ten wins in their last

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Opponents	Date	Match Sponsor	Match Ball Sponsor
Egham Town	Saturday 2nd August	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>
Hadley	Tuesday 12th August	-	<b>Dennis Goulding</b>
Hanworth Villa	Saturday 23rd August	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>Peter Reynolds</b>
Rayners Lane	Monday 25th August	<b>Colin Seal</b>	<b>Alan Evans</b>
Beckenham Town	Saturday 6th September	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>Graham Mann</b>
Biggleswade Town	Saturday 27th September	-	<b>Ian Barry</b>
Marlow	Tuesday 30th September	-	<b>Dennis Goulding</b>
Enfield	Saturday 4th October	-	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>
Leighton Town	Saturday 11th October	<b>Sean Moore</b>	<b>Peter Reynolds</b>
Leverstock Green	Saturday 18th October	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Peter Gant</b>
Ware	Saturday 1st November	-	<b>Michael &amp; Peter Gant</b>
Southall	Tuesday 4th November	-	<b>Alan Evans</b>
London Lions	Tuesday 11th November	-	<b>Ken Green &amp; Sandy Young</b>
AFC Dunstable	Saturday 15th November	-	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>
Aylesbury United	Saturday 29th November	<b>Shamira/Byrne Family</b>	<b>Sean Moore</b>
Stotford	Saturday 13th December	<b>Graham Mann</b>	<b>Alan Evans</b>
Hertford Town	Saturday 20th December	-	<b>Dennis Goulding</b>
Milton Keynes Irish	Saturday 14th February	<b>Peter Reynolds</b>	<b>Dennis Goulding</b>
Beaconsfield Town	Tuesday 3rd March	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>John Bridges</b>
Flackwell Heath	Tuesday 10th March	<b>The Byrne Family</b>	<b>Jim Taylor</b>
Broadfields United	Tuesday 17th March	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>Sean Moore</b>
Barton Rovers	Saturday 21st March	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Michael Gant</b>
Welwyn Garden City	Tuesday 31st March	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>
Thame United	Friday 3rd April	<b>Shamira Hamirani</b>	<b>Gerry Pimm</b>
Biggleswade	Saturday 11th April	<b>Dennis Goulding/DNA Dons FC</b>	<b>Peter Reynolds</b>
Hitchin Town	Saturday 18th April	<b>Michael Payne</b>	<b>Graham Mann</b>

# WOODS OUTLOOK

fifteen matches has seen them climb to a position just below mid-table. We hope some of you can join us there.

## UNDER-18S

These notes are written before the results of the Under-18s two games this week are known so we can only hope that they have managed to pick up more points from their games away at Farnham Town and also at home to Badshot Lea last night.

Even all six points wouldn't be enough though to secure the West Division title so they will go into their final three matches with more still to do whatever has happened in the last few days.

On Monday night, they play away to Camberley Town who remain third but can no longer reach the summit and then there is likely to be a huge game on Wednesday night, 22nd April, when we play hosts to our only rivals Hampton & Richmond Borough who have managed to keep the pressure on us over the last few weeks with a series of victories. Please get down to the Skyline for this game and show your support for the side who have enjoyed an excellent season for sure.



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## ANOTHER SEASON COMES TO AN END...

As usual, I must take the time to thank everyone who has contributed towards the production of the club's printed programme, starting with the fact that this is made possible by the kind donation of one of our key supporters who covers any possible losses that we have so may thanks to them.

The production is certainly made easier by the many contributors – Ken Green with his historic articles, Ian Barry with a Chairmans viewpoint, John Joyce with news from the Commercial side of things and latterly Liz Joyce with news from the Centenary Season plans. We have had a variety of pieces from management throughout the year from Jack Smith and Jon-Jo Bates early on, through to Dennis Quigley and recently Tommy Cooney. It's all very much appreciated. The whole thing is then put together superbly by Terry Brumpton at JJ Sports Promotions and delivered in good time to be available at each home fixture. Sales this season haven't been great sadly but I do appreciate everyone's time and effort in getting an attractive and very readable programme together each time.

## NEXT UP AT THE SKYLINE

With the first-team's final league match away at Leverstock Green next Saturday, it is just the Under-18s with games still to come to finish the season (before the Centenary fixtures in early May). They are away at Camberley Town on Monday night but then there's this one.

**Wednesday 22nd April**

**Under-18s v Hampton & RB  
Isthmian Youth League – 7.45pm**

**Sunday 3rd May**

**Woods Legends v Woods Stars – Kick-Off at 2pm**

**Monday 4th May**

**Woods All-Stars Game – Ben v Den – starts at 12.15pm  
followed by Northwood Youth Showcase Matches at 1.45pm  
and then Celebrity Charity Match at 3.15pm  
– Tickets in advance – see pages 34 and 35 in today's programme.**

Thanks for your support this afternoon once again and throughout the past season. See you all again in July/August.

**Alan**

## PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL



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#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leighton Town	40	18	2	0	57	13	12	5	3	47	24	67	97
2	Hitchin Town	39	14	3	3	49	17	12	5	2	48	15	65	86
3	Biggleswade	40	10	6	4	49	28	15	2	3	45	20	46	83
4	Biggleswade Town	40	10	6	4	49	27	13	3	4	53	28	47	78
5	Thame United	40	11	3	6	41	32	12	2	6	55	32	32	74
6	Hertford Town	40	13	1	6	58	31	9	4	7	43	28	42	71
7	Ware	40	11	4	5	49	21	10	2	8	35	35	28	69
8	Welwyn Garden City	40	8	8	4	32	25	8	7	5	35	28	14	63
9	Barton Rovers	40	11	3	6	35	28	7	6	7	39	42	4	63
10	Hadley	40	8	2	10	37	40	9	7	4	40	27	10	60
11	Beaconsfield Town	40	7	6	7	39	37	9	4	7	36	34	4	58
12	Milton Keynes Irish	40	9	2	9	42	49	8	2	10	26	35	-16	55
13	Marlow	40	11	1	9	44	35	6	1	13	26	50	-15	53
14	Leverstock Green	40	9	6	5	37	29	4	7	9	33	37	4	52
15	Flackwell Heath	40	7	5	8	38	29	7	3	10	31	29	11	50
16	Aylesbury United	40	7	5	8	34	30	6	1	13	36	44	-4	45
17	Stotfold	40	8	1	11	30	29	6	2	12	31	46	-14	45
18	London Lions	39	7	4	8	34	45	6	1	13	27	42	-26	44
(R)	Enfield	40	4	2	14	26	49	5	3	12	23	51	-51	32
(R)	<b>Northwood</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>28</b>
(R)	Rayners Lane	40	1	2	17	14	56	4	3	13	23	58	-77	20
(R)	AFC Dunstable	40	1	4	16	11	68	1	1	18	13	80	-124	11

Up to & including Tuesday 14th April 2026





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# FROM THE DUGOUT

WITH MANAGER  
TOMMY COONEY

## Good afternoon, everyone.

Firstly, welcome to our visitors Hitchin Town, who are having a fantastic season for me the best team I have watched play all season since coming into the division six weeks ago.

We know that today will be a very tough task but like last week against Biggleswade, we have shown that we can compete with the top sides on our day. I was incredibly frustrated to walk away with no points last week because we gifted three goals to Biggleswade. We looked so in control and solid so to then concede really poor goals it really deflated me as I wanted to finish the season strongly which, of course, we still can.

It's been good to welcome in some of the U18s players into the squad in the last few games.

As a manager I don't care where you come from and if you're good enough, you'll play and Aidan has showed that in the last two matches. I think he's been exceptional and hopefully will be a big player for us next season. Freddie has probably been player of the year so it shows you the quality we have coming through and by the time this is published I hope Jamie and the team have taken more steps towards winning the league!

Looking ahead to the 2026/27 season, plans have already begun with five pre-season friendlies already arranged with Stevenage visiting us for before the season starts. Playing at Step 5, the season will begin earlier and I imagine that will be the last week of July. It will be an overhaul and there will be some big changes both culturally and on the pitch.

I couldn't bring in the environment I wanted this season due to timing but in the summer it's a clean slate and I will run things the way I want it run, you will see a fast, fit



aggressive team next season and they will all compete and run hard for you all.

Finally, as this will be my last programme notes this season, I'd like to wish you all a good summer and again thank you for the genuine support this season it's been humbling.

I'm going to be staying till late today to try and get around and thank as many of you as possible.

Until then get behind the team and let's give it our best shot today.

**Up The Woods!**

**Tommy**

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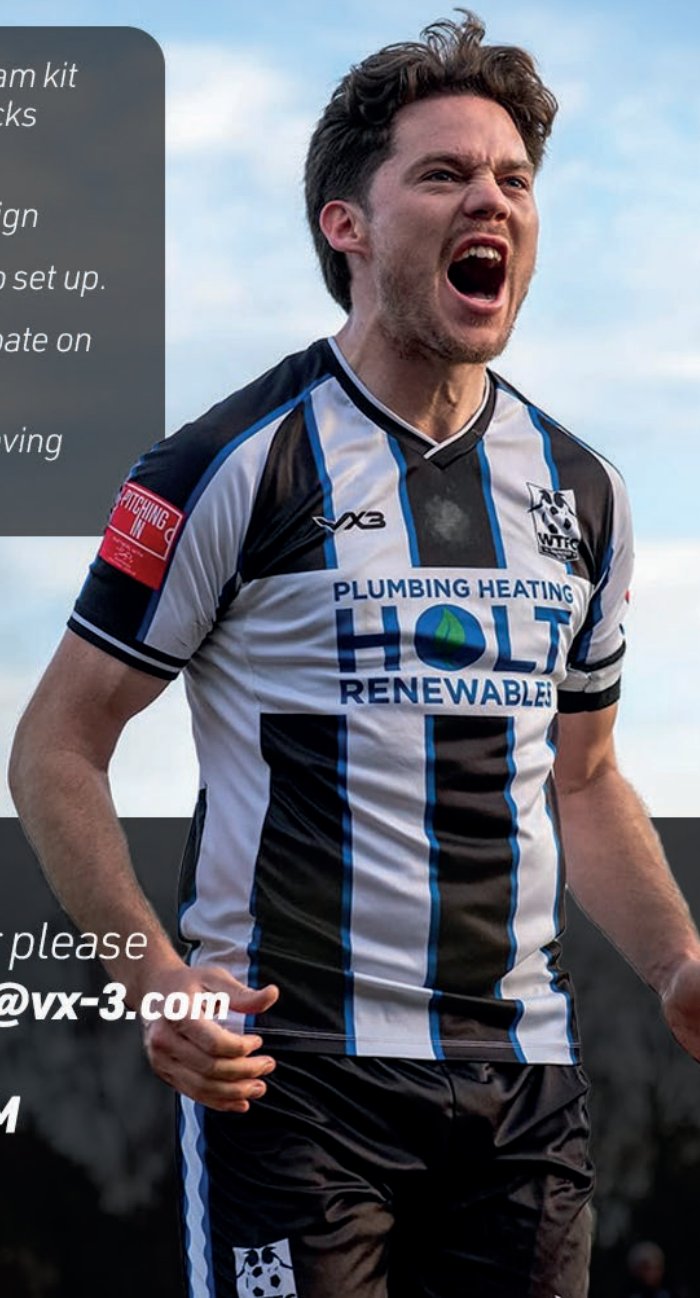
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# THE SEASON ENDS BUT THE FOOTBALL CONTINUES...



**As the regular season draws to a close, there's still plenty of football to look forward to at Northwood FC over the coming weeks. Our centenary year is all about bringing people together, past, present and future, and these upcoming events are a big part of that, while also raising vital funds for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity.**

We kick things off on Sunday 3rd May (2pm) with a very special Woods Legends Match. This will see players from across the last 50 years pull on a Northwood shirt once again. For many, it will be the first time they've shared a pitch in years, so alongside the football, it promises to be an afternoon full of memories, stories and plenty of laughs. We'd love to see familiar faces in the crowd too, supporters who have followed the club over the years and shared those moments with them.

The following day, Bank Holiday Monday 4th May, is one of the standout dates in our centenary calendar—the Celebrity Charity Football Match (3.15pm kick-off). Before the main event, we'll have a competitive clash between players from the past five seasons, managed by former bosses Ben Bukowski and Dennis Quigley. Expect a good standard of football mixed with a few light-hearted moments.

Between matches, our youth section will take centre stage, with games on the main pitch giving some of our young players a real taste of what it's like to play in a senior setting. With over 30 youth teams at the club, it's a great opportunity to showcase the strength of the next generation coming through at Northwood.

We also wanted to shine a light on our successful U18s setup. On Sunday 17th May, we're planning a fun and

slightly different afternoon, as both U18s squads take on their management teams, and even some brave parents. It should be entertaining to see whether experience can match youth and energy, and no doubt there will be plenty of competitive spirit on display.

Then on Wednesday 20th May, the two U18s teams will play each other in what promises to be a memorable occasion. Both sides have had excellent seasons, and with many players moving on to university, semi-professional football or new challenges, this match is about celebrating their time at the club. It will also be a chance to say thank you to some of the managers who have played such an important role in their development. It should be a proud and emotional evening for players, families and coaches alike.

And that's not all. The events, continues into the summer, alongside our wider centenary celebrations. On Sunday 5th July, we host WoodsFest100, a big community day at Northwood Recreation Ground, and later in the month, on Thursday 30th July, our Golf Day and Centenary Dinner at Northwood Golf Club, will round off the celebrations in style.

These events are about more than just football, they're about community, connection and supporting a fantastic local cause. We hope as many of you as possible will come down, enjoy the atmosphere and be part of what promises to be a memorable few months at the club.

For full details, visit [www.northwoodfc100.co.uk](http://www.northwoodfc100.co.uk).



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# CENTENARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

April – June 2026

## Northwood 100 Fitness Challenge

A community-wide fitness challenge for adults and children across three months.

- **Children:** 100 laps over three months to mark 100 years of the club
- **Adults:** 100km over three months, with the final distance completed at Northwood100 Fest



**Sunday 3 May 2026 | 2:00pm**

## Northwood FC Legends Match

A celebratory match featuring former players and club legends.

**Monday 4 May 2026 | From 12.00 p.m.**

## Celebrity Football Match – 3.00pm kick-off

90-minute celebrity match at 3.00pm. Short exhibition matches and youth displays on the pitch before the main game.

**Sunday 17 May 2026 | From 12.00 p.m.**

## Managers & Coaches v Northwood U18s – Youth Section

Managers & Coaches v Northwood U18s club team.

**Wednesday 20 May 2026 | From 6 p.m.**

## U18s Mixed Match

An inclusive mixed U18s fixture highlighting youth participation and development.

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# CENTENARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



**Sunday 5 July 2026** | 10:00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

## **Northwood100 Fest – Family Fun Run & Community Day**

A flagship centenary community event featuring the final stage of the Northwood 100 Challenge, live music, family activities, community stalls, food village, and club/youth displays.



**Thursday 30 July 2026:** 12.30p.m. Tee Off, 7 p.m. Dinner

## **Centenary Golf Day & Dinner**

Northwood Golf Club

**Sunday 2 August 2026**

## **Best of the Legends v England Veterans Non League Side**

2.p.m. Kick-off.

**Friday 25 September 2026** | 7.00 p.m.

## **Comedy Night**

An evening of live comedy in support of the centenary charity partner.

**Saturday 24 October 2026** | 7.30 p.m.

## **Race Night**

A fun club race night with recorded races and friendly betting.



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# 3 OF A KIND

MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH HITCHIN TOWN

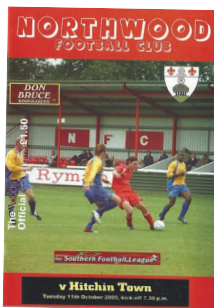
BY KEN GREEN



## TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2005 SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

### NORTHWOOD 0 HITCHIN TOWN 0

Northwood ended their losing sequence of three consecutive defeats to give Colin Payne his first point as Woods manager. But Canaries skipper Josh Sozzo almost capitalised on hesitation between Woods keeper Dean Lindsay and Evans before Matt Baldry's header sailed narrowly wide after Jim Duffy's initial effort had been blocked.



However, Northwood were almost gifted a goal as Leon Townley narrowly avoided heading into his own net following Leigh Harrington's free-kick into the danger area. And it was Watford loanee Harrington who created Woods' next opening, delivering the perfect cross for Dean Clark, whose header flew the wrong side of the upright.

Northwood finished the half strongly, Kirkland seeing a shot blocked after good work from Peter Dean, then the Woods striker saw his chip sail wide of the goal after Evans' defence splitting pass.



2005 - Loanee Leigh Harrington sends over a cross

Woods continued to keep up the pressure after the break but Kirkland's shot flew wide of the upright Matt Ruby almost got on the end of Clark's far post cross, and both Evans and Kirkland went close with headers.

But Hitchin's rearguard stood firm and they created a chance of their own, Harrington clearing Stuart Hammond's header off the line. As the game moved into the closing stage Lindsay had to be alert to deny Hitchin's Ryan Jenner and Leeyon Phelan, before Demetriou was denied by Canaries' Wilmot in stoppage time.

But Woods were almost made to pay for their profligacy as Evans had to perform a last ditch tackle on Phelan to deny the Canaries an undeserving win deep into stoppage time.

**Northwood:** Dean Lindsay, Ryan Kirkland, Leigh Harrington, Matt Ruby, Lee Evans, Shayne Demetriou, Gavin Hart, Harry Howell, Richard Gell, Peter Dean, Dean Clark.

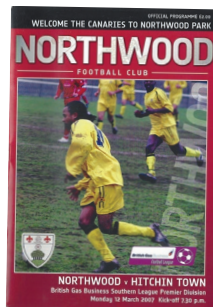
## MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2007 SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

### NORTHWOOD 2 HITCHIN TOWN 0

Northwood gave an early indication of their resolve as they created a couple of early opportunities, the lively Damon Ming being not far away with a low 25-yard drive, whilst Peter Dean tested visiting keeper Rob Beckwith with a snapshot from the edge of the box.

And Woods were rewarded for their endeavours when they took the lead on 17 minutes. Ming was the catalyst as he provided a neat through-ball for Harry Hunt, who ran clear of the Hitchin defence before coolly slotting the ball beyond the advancing Beckwith.

Woods continued to threaten the visitors' goal, Hunt almost capping a jinking run with a goal but his shot was blocked before Beckwith clawed away Ming's follow-up header. However, Hitchin gradually awoke from their slumber and began to put the home





**MARCH 2007** - Harry Hunt gave Woods a 17th minute lead

defence under a spell of pressure, Daniel French off target with a couple of efforts whilst Ryan Charles was unable keep down his shot on the turn.

The Woods enjoyed the perfect start to the second half, extending their lead on 48 minutes. Danny Murphy sent in Dwane Williams, who swivelled before shooting beyond Beckwith for 2-0.

Northwood should have added further goals, Ming being denied by a double save by Beckwith, whilst Hunt had only the keeper to beat but his attempted lob was off target.

At the other end, Hitchin were asking their own questions of a Woods defence which was being well marshalled by Messrs Shipperley and Hogan, a flicked shot from Carl Williams and a shot across the face of goal from Standen causing concern for the hosts.

**Northwood:** Mikhael Jaimez-Ruiz, Lee Holland (Nick Pearce), Danny Murphy, Terry Hogan, James Shipperley, Wayne Carter (Joe Sparrowhawk), Dwane Williams, Elliott Buchanan, Harry Hunt (Jerome Hall), Peter Dean, Damon Ming

**Hitchin Town:** Rob Beckwith, Matt Childs, Mark Duckett, Ryan Frater, Scott Cretton (Glen Lamacraft), David Deeney, Carl Williams, Martin Standen, Ryan Charles, Gavin Jaggard, Daniel French

## **SATURDAY 17TH APRIL 2007 SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**

### **HITCHIN TOWN 1 NORTHWOOD 0**

Northwood suffered their second reverse in four days as a controversial penalty condemned them to defeat and almost certain relegation from the Premier Division. Hitchin were on the attack from the off with Ryan Charles sending a shot into the arms of Fishenden. But after Danny Murphy and Ryan Tackley went close for Woods, the hosts gradually pinned Northwood back. Jon Stevenson wasn't far away with a 25-yard free-kick, whilst Martin Standen flashed a shot across the face of goal following a quick break.

Northwood's best moments continued to come from set pieces, Tackley testing home keeper Michael Parkin with a long range free-kick, whilst Bradley Hewitt's header from Murphy's corner was almost touched home by Wayne Carter. However, Hitchin finished the half strongly with a succession of attacks.

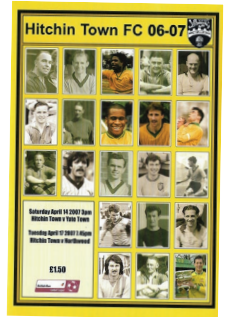
Fishenden saved well from Standen before Carl Williams, Glen Lamacraft and Stevenson all had opportunities to open the scoring for Hitchin.

And the hosts were on the attack immediately after the break with Lance Gentle-King and Ryan Charles being afforded free headers, but were unable to make the breakthrough. However, the deadlock was finally broken as Hitchin were awarded a penalty after Terry Hogan was harshly penalised for a challenge on the diving Mark Duckett, Standen making no mistake with the 75th minute spot-kick.

The Woods rallied well, Hunt rattling the crossbar from close range after Hitchin failed to clear a Murphy corner, whilst Julienne twice went close with strikes from the edge of the box. However, they were unable to break down the determined Hitchin defence, Hunt having the last chance to retrieve a point in the final minute as he broke clear only to be let down by a poor touch.

**Hitchin Town:** Michael Parkin, David Deeney, Adam Scanlon, Lance Gentle-King, Ryan Frater, Glen Lamacraft, Carl Williams, Jon Stevenson, Martin Standen, Ryan Charles, Mark Duckett

**Northwood:** Bill Fishenden, Terry Hogan (James Shipperley), Ryan Tackley, Bradley Hewitt, Perry Norman, Wayne Carter, Danny Julienne, Harry Hunt, Peter Dean, Elliott Buchanan, Danny Murphy



**APRIL 2007** - Ryan Tackley's free-kick tested keeper

# YESTERDAY TODAY 18.04

**THROUGHOUT NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY – WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926 – THE CLUB HAVE PLAYED 22 FIXTURES ON 18TH APRIL; ALL PREVIOUS GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I TAKE A LOOK AT THREE OF THEM IN MORE DETAIL. BY KEN GREEN.**



## 1979

### FELTHAM RESERVES 1 WOODS 2

Northwood won the Middlesex Intermediate Cup for the first time and they came from a goal behind to do it in a pulsating final that produced many thrills and football of the highest quality. It was cut and thrust for 20 minutes until Feltham snatched the lead in their first serious break with a header by Beard. The setback clearly started the Woods, and they immediately retaliated with a series of attacks that threatened the Feltham lead.



Feltham keeper Andy Pape became the only man between Northwood and an equaliser, and he made tremendous saves from Roger Livingstone, Ian Harvey and Martin Ellis as Northwood pressed forward.

The pattern continued in the second half. Harvey beat the keeper with a low header, but saw the ball hacked off the line by a defender. Just as it looked as though little would go for the Woods they struck out of the blue. Another attack was smothered by Feltham, and the ball came out to the Woods skipper Alan Merison 30 yards from goal, and he let fly from way out. Pape dived bravely, but the power of the shot carried the ball home.



1979 - Victorious Woods show off their county cup

However, the Woods then lost their way and Feltham came back into the game and extra time arrived. Nigel Franklin almost put the Woods ahead but lost out only feet from goal, and both Steve Revell and Robin Tidd went close with headers. A further save from Pape denied Ellis, before the all-important goal arrived.

Martin O'Donnell lifted a free-kick into the box, where Ellis headed on, and Livingstone nudged a header beyond the brave keeper. Feltham came back at Northwood, but the Woods back four stood firm to grasp the Middlesex Intermediate Cup.

**Northwood:** Dave Russell, Peter Carter, Steve Revell, Martin O'Donnell, Alan Merison, Robin Tidd, John Powell, Ian Harvey, Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, Steve Floodgate. Subs. Norman Heslop & Nigel Franklin.

## 1996

### WOODS 3 HAREFIELD UNITED 1

Pacy striker Paul Halbert proved too hot to handle for the Harefield defence with two goals as Northwood took the Icis League Division Three derby day honours. The 22-year-old recent signing made it six goals in six games for the Woods since his move from Hemel Hempstead.

Halbert set up the opener midway through the first half when his cross was headed home by strike partner Gavin MacPherson.

The Woods doubled their lead just before the break when Halbert reacted first after Chris Gell's superb 25-yarder came back of the bar, turned his marker and fired in from ten yards.



1996 - Gavin MacPherson netted first goal

Hares pulled one back before the interval, Tim Atkins striking a 25-yard shot over Woods keeper Rick Murphy.

The Woods could only add one more goal in the second half when Halbert raced in on goal and rifled the ball high into the net from an acute angle.

**Northwood:** Rick Murphy, John Carter, Vladimir Lazic, Sean Glynn, Simon Walsh, Colin Robinson, Andre Delisser, Paul Webb, Chris Gell, Terry Benning, Paul Halbert, Gavin MacPherson. Subs: Kevin Dobson

# 2015

## WOODS 1 GREAT WAKERING ROVERS 0

Northwood maintained their place in the last Ryman North play-off spot with a narrow win over their Essex visitors, as they took the lead as early as the fifth minute. Danny Power's deep cross picked out Eugene Ofori, who sent a sweetly struck half-volley beyond goalkeeper Louis Green. Woods went in search of further goals with John Christian and Mark Burgess going close.



2009 - Eugene Ofori's winning goal came in 5th minute

Rovers were enjoying their fair share of possession, and Johnson had a chance but Woods were soon on the attack again when Ursell created a chance for Gary Senior who dragged his shot across the face of goal. The home side were indebted to goalkeeper Mitch Swain when he produced a smart save to deny Johnson as Rovers continued to threaten an equaliser.

After the break, chances continued to be created at both ends, Fox sending a long range shot narrowly over the Northwood bar, before Christian was unable to get enough purchase on a header from Ursell's

cross. Senior and Burrell both wasted decent chances as Woods sought the elusive second goal, and it nearly arrived following a sweeping move involving Brown, Page and Senior, the latter's shot flying the wrong side of the upright.

Northwood pushed hard for the clinching goal in the closing stages, Page, Matthews and Burrell all threatening, with the latter having a shot parried onto the post by Green, before the Rovers' custodian saved another Burrell effort.

**Northwood:** Mitch Swain, Danny Power (Anthony Page), Ryan Tackley, Mark Burgess, Chris Seeby, Brad Hewitt, Rob Ursell (Kyle Matthews), Gary Burrell, Eugene Ofori (Danny Brown), Garry Senior, John Christian.

## GAMES THE WOODS HAVE PLAYED ON 18TH APRIL

Date	Competition	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att
Sat 18 Apr 1931	A Harrow & District League Division 1	<b>Courtfield A C</b>	2-4	Gill, Taylor	
Sat 18 Apr 1936	A Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>Sudbury</b>	6-2	R Bell 2, Taylor 2, Gutteridge, T Bell	
Mon 18 Apr 1938	H Northwood Hospital Cup final	<b>Eastcote</b>	2-0*	?	
Mon 18 Apr 1949	H Northwood Hospital Cup final	<b>Ruislip Manor</b>	3-7	Bainbridge, Bell pen. Jones	
Tue 18 Apr 1950	A Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>Harrow Weald Athletic</b>	2-0	Smith 2	
Sat 18 Apr 1953	H Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>Alperton O B</b>	1-1	?	
Mon 18 Apr 1955	A Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>Harrow Weald United</b>	3-1	?	
Sat 18 Apr 1959	H Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>Ivanhoe</b>	3-0	?	
Sat 18 Apr 1964	H Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>South Ruislip</b>	3-1	?	
Mon 18 Apr 1966	H Harrow, Wembley & District League Senior Division	<b>Springfield</b>	2-2	?	
Sat 18 Apr 1970	H Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	<b>Stedfast</b>	3-3	Senior, Byrne, Gould	
Tue 18 Apr 1978	H Middlesex League	<b>Hanwell Town</b>	3-1	Ellis 2, Cooper	
Wed 18 Apr 1979	N Middlesex Intermediate Cup final	<b>Feltham Reserves</b>	2-1	Livingstone, Merison	
Sat 18 Apr 1992	H London-Spartan League Premier Division	<b>Brimsdown Rovers</b>	2-1	Patmore, Blackman	
Thur 18 Apr 1996	H Icis League Division 3	<b>Harefield United</b>	3-1	Halbert 2, MacPherson	74
Sat 18 Apr 1998	H Ryman League Division 2	<b>Canvey Island</b>	1-2	Welsh	212
Wed 18 Apr 2001	H Ryman League Division 1	<b>Barton Rovers</b>	1-0	Hale	90
Sat 18 Apr 2009	H Ryman League Division 1N	<b>Great Waking Rovers</b>	1-0	Ofori	132
Sat 18 Apr 2015	H Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central	<b>Aylesbury</b>	0-0		99
Wed 18 Apr 2018	H Evo Stik League South, East Division	<b>Cambridge City</b>	2-3	Chingoka, Kouassi	108
Tue 18 Apr 2023	H Middlesex Charity Cup SF	<b>Fc Deportivo Galicia</b>	3-0	Helmore 2, Chendlik	77
Thu 18 Apr 2024	A Pitching-In Isthmian League Division 15C	<b>Binfield</b>	3-6	Anokye-Boadi 3	125



# WOODS MATCH BY MATCH

AUGUST			F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Sat 2	<b>EGHAM TOWN</b>	H	FACEPR	<b>0-1</b>	204	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sat 9	<b>AFC DUNSTABLE</b>	A	LGE	<b>2-2</b>	108	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	<b>Miskin 1</b>	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Tue 12	<b>HADLEY</b>	H	LGE	<b>0-2</b>	147	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sat 23	<b>HANWORTH VILLA</b>	H	FATPR	<b>3-1</b>	110	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	McGovern	M. Folarin	Empson	Baruwa
Mon 25	<b>RAYNERS LANE</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-4</b>	173	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	Sharifi	Miskin	<b>Empson 1</b>	Stewart
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>											
Sat 6	<b>BECKENHAM TOWN</b>	H	1QR	<b>0-1</b>	138	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sun 14	<b>AYLESBURY UNITED</b>	A	LGE	<b>2-2</b>	203	Morris	Sharifi	Miskin	<b>M. Folarin 1</b>	Empson	Stewart
Sat 20	<b>HERTFORD TOWN</b>	A	LGE	<b>2-1</b>	218	Morris	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Torsiello	Baruwa
Tue 23	<b>EDGWARE &amp; KINGSBURY</b>	A	MSCI	<b>2-1</b>	43	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	McKenna	Torsiello	Empson	Smith
Sat 27	<b>BIGGLESWADE TOWN</b>	H	LGE	<b>1-4</b>	122	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	Torsiello	Mankumbani	Baruwa
Tue 30	<b>MARLOW</b>	H	LGE	<b>1-2</b>	102	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Smith
<b>OCTOBER</b>											
Sat 4	<b>ENFIELD FC</b>	H	LGE	<b>0-2</b>	109	Al Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Smith
Sat 11	<b>LEIGHTON TOWN</b>	H	LGE	<b>0-5</b>	184	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Bates
Sat 18	<b>LEVERSTOCK GREEN</b>	H	LGE	<b>1-1</b>	115	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Stewart
Sat 25	<b>HITCHIN TOWN</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-1</b>	632	Al Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Stewart
Tue 28	<b>MILTON KEYNES IRISH</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-1</b>	205	Al Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Stewart
<b>NOVEMBER</b>											
Sat 1	<b>WARE</b>	H	LGE	<b>1-1</b>	133	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Rowe
Tue 4	<b>SOUTHALL</b>	H	MSCQF	<b>0-0*</b>	77	Al Droubi	Atkinson	McKenna	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Stewart
Sat 8	<b>WELWYN GARDEN CITY</b>	A	LGE	<b>2-2</b>	122	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	<b>Cuthbert 1</b>	Rowe
Tue 11	<b>LONDON LIONS</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-5</b>	121	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	<b>Cuthbert 1</b>	Rowe
Sat 15	<b>AFC DUNSTABLE</b>	H	LGE	<b>3-1</b>	185	McCorkell	Baruwa	McKenna	Cuthbert	Mankumbani	Vincent 1
Tue 18	<b>FLACKWELL HEATH</b>	A	LGE	<b>2-2</b>	105	Al Droubi	Baruwa	McKenna	Cuthbert	Mankumbani	Vincent 1
Sat 22	<b>BARTON ROVERS</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-3</b>	201	Burrows	Baruwa	McKenna	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Tue 25	<b>HADLEY</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-1</b>	101	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Sat 29	<b>AYLESBURY UNITED</b>	H	LGE	<b>0-2</b>	161	Al Droubi	Baruwa	McKenna	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
<b>DECEMBER</b>											
Sat 6	<b>THAME UNITED</b>	A	LGE	<b>3-6</b>	98	McCorkell	Baruwa	McKenna	M. Folarin	<b>Mankumbani 1</b>	Vincent
Sat 13	<b>STOTFOLD</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-0</b>	130	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Sat 20	<b>HERTFORD TOWN</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-2</b>	156	Al Droubi	McKenna	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Ford
Sat 27	<b>RAYNERS LANE</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-0</b>	101	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Ford
<b>JANUARY</b>											
Sat 10	<b>BIGGLESWADE</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-3</b>	132	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Ford
Sat 17	<b>ENFIELD FC</b>	A	LGE	<b>0-1</b>	85	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Sat 24	<b>MARLOW</b>	A	LGE	<b>0-2</b>	174	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	Cuthbert	Udeh	Vincent
<b>FEBRUARY</b>											
Sat 14	<b>MILTON KEYNES IRISH</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-3</b>	137	Mussilhy	Baruwa	Miskin	Vincent	Cann	Mankumbani
Sat 21	<b>WARE</b>	A	LGE	<b>0-4</b>	194	Bonfield	Baruwa	Miskin	Vincent	Folarin	Cann
<b>MARCH</b>											
Tue 3	<b>BEACONSFIELD TOWN</b>	H	LGE	<b>1-3</b>	102	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Mbele	Mankumbani	Osei-Bonsu
Sat 7	<b>LONDON LIONS</b>	A	LGE	<b>1-1</b>	100	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Robbmond	Cuthbert	Osei-Bonsu
Tue 10	<b>FLACKWELL HEATH</b>	H	LGE	<b>0-3</b>	116	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Robbmond	Cuthbert	Osei-Bonsu
Sat 14	<b>BIGGLESWADE TOWN</b>	A	LGE	<b>0-5</b>	102	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Robbmond	Cuthbert	Osei-Bonsu
Tue 17	<b>BROADFIELDS UNITED</b>	H	MSCSF	<b>1-2</b>	58	Cruz	McKenna	Miskin	Seisay	Mankumbani	Osei-Bonsu
Sat 21	<b>BARTON ROVERS</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-5</b>	164	Mussilhy	Alidor-Hamilton	Cuthbert	Mbele	<b>Seisay 2</b>	Osei-Bonsu
Tue 24	<b>LEIGHTON TOWN</b>	A	LGE	<b>0-2</b>	470	Cruz	Miskin	Mankumbani	Mbele	Seisay	Osei-Bonsu
Sat 28	<b>STOTFOLD</b>	A	LGE	<b>3-1</b>	137	Sinclair	Balfour-Brown	Mankumbani	Diaby	Seisay	Osei-Bonsu
Tue 31	<b>WELWYN GARDEN CITY</b>	H	LGE	<b>2-2</b>	103	Sinclair	Balfour-Brown	Miskin	Diaby	Seisay	Osei-Bonsu
<b>APRIL</b>											
Fri 3	<b>THAME UNITED</b>	H	LGE	<b>0-3</b>	132	Sinclair	Balfour-Brown	Mankumbani	Diaby	Seisay	Osei-Bonsu
Mon 6	<b>BEACONSFIELD TOWN</b>	A	LGE	<b>4-4</b>	93	Cruz	Osei-Bonsu	Miskin	Cooney	Tarrant	Mankumbani
Sat 11	<b>BIGGLESWADE FC</b>	H	LGE	<b>1-3</b>	166	Cruz	Osei-Bonsu	Miskin	Mbele	Tarrant	Seisay
Sat 18	<b>HITCHIN TOWN</b>	H	LGE								
Sat 25	<b>LEVERSTOCK GREEN</b>	A	LGE								



WOODS SCORE SHOWN FIRST; **GOAL SCORER (1)**;  
**FIRST SUB**; **SECOND SUB**; **THIRD SUB**; **FOURTH SUB**; **FIFTH SUB**; **YELLOW CARD**; **RED CARD**

\* Northwood lost 3-4 on penalties.



7	8	9	10	11	Used Substitutes	OG
Price-Placid	Baruwa	Kearney	Totesaut	Lewis-Thomas	Clarke-Rowe, Bates, Ford, Kennedy, Otote	
Price-Placid	Baruwa	Kearney	Totesaut 1	Otote	Ellis (67), Kennedy (67), Torsiello (71), Bates (62)	
Price-Placid	Baruwa	Kearney	Totesaut	Otote	Ellis (61), Ford (61), Bates (72), Torsiello (72)	
Price-Placid	Bates	Kearney 1	Kennedy 1	Bouchareb 1	Otote (74), Torsiello (75), Ellis (81), Totesaut (72) 1, Smith (90)	
Otote	Clarke-Rowe	Totesaut 1	Kennedy	Bouchareb	Torsiello (30), Baruwa (46), Price-Placid (46), McKenna (66), Smith (90)	
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McKenna	Baruwa	Totesaut	Otote	Williams 1	Price-Placid (46), Bouchareb (79), Kennedy (89)	
Ellis	Stewart	Williams 1	Bates	Bouchareb	Price-Placid (55), Otote 1 (60), Ford (64), Empson (84),	
Price-Placid	Ford 1	Kearney	Totesaut 1	Kennedy	Bouchareb (33), Mankumbani (67), Baruwa (84)	
Ellis	Stewart	Williams	Totesaut	McKenna	Price-Placid 1 (14), Smith (46), Atkinson (62), Kearney (73), Ford (73)	
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Price-Placid	Stewart	Kearney	Baruwa	Williams	Atkinson (56), Bouchareb (71), Totesaut (77), Ford (90)	
McKenna	Stewart	Williams	Ford	Bouchareb	Smith (64), Kearney (64), Kennedy (67), Talia (89)	
Price-Placid 1	Rowe	Totesaut	Bates	Williams	Sharifi (79), Kennedy (79), Bouchareb (80)	
Price-Placid	Baruwa	Totesaut	Ford 1	Smith-Jones	Williams (54), Bates (80), McKenna (88), Otote (90)	
Rowe	Baruwa	Totesaut	Ford	Williams 1	Otote (61), Smith-Jones (61), Bates (81)	
McKenna	Stewart	Williams	Bates	Otote 1	Ford (68), Price-Placid (79), Totesaut (81)	
Price-Placid	Rowe	Totesaut	Ford	Otote	Baruwa (52), Bouchareb (64), Bates (67), Daly (79)	
Price-Placid	Stewart	Williams 1	Ford	Otote	McKenna (54), Bouchareb (67), Totesaut (89), Atkinson (89), Sharifi (73)	
McKenna	Stewart	Williams 2	Ford	Otote	Totesaut (46), Bates (58), Bouchareb (70), Sharifi (70), Atkinson (85)	
Atkinson	Stewart	Williams 1	Bates 1	Otote	Daly (68), Ford (68), Sharifi (87)	
Price-Placid	Stewart	Williams 1	Bates	Otote	Totesaut (71), Ford (84), Bouchareb (84)	
Williams	Stewart	Totesaut	Ford	Otote 1	Bouchareb (73), Atkinson (77)	
Price-Placid	Stewart	Williams	Ford 1	McKenna	Atkinson (59), Totesaut (72), Bates (74)	
Price-Placid	Stewart	Williams	Rowe	Otote	Ford (70), Bates (70), Mankumbani (82), Daly (84)	
Ford	Stewart	Williams 1	Bates 1	Otote	Bouchareb (58), Bombelenga (58), Tarrant (71), Daly (71)	
Bombelenga 1	Stewart	Williams 1	Bates	Ford	Otote (78), Kennedy (86)	
Bombelenga	Stewart	Williams 1	Bates	Bouchareb 1	Otote (65), Mfinda (82), Kennedy (71),	
Bombelenga	Stewart	Williams	Bates 1	Bouchareb	Otote (62), Mfinda (68), Kennedy (73), Torsiello (90)	
Atkinson	Stewart	Williams	Bates	Otote 1	Vincent (46), Udeh (71), Mfinda (71)	
Atkinson	Stewart	Williams	Ford	Otote	Bates (68), Mfinda (79), Mankumbani (82), Udeh (90)	
Ford	Stewart	Williams	Bates	Miskin	Otote (46), Atkinson (71), Mfinda (71), McKenna (85), Kennedy (85)	
Ndukuba 1	Stewart	Williams 1	Ford	Otote	Bombelenga (64), McCorkell (67), Pass (84)	
Pass	Stewart	Williams	McCorkell	Otote	Bombelenga (65), Atkinson (78), Ellis (78), Croucher (83)	
Otote	Ford	Bangura 1	Domi	Tormey	Pass (38), Marquis (67), Lake-Bryan (79)	
Ipanga	Mbele	Bangura 1	Domi	Otote	Nzang (53), Lake-Bryan (59), McKenna (74), Ford (79)	
Otote	Mbele	Bangura	Cole	Ipanga	Lake-Bryan (55), Ford (55), Ali (55), Nzong (55)	
Otote	Seisay	Bangura	Mbele	Ipanga	Ali (46), Amu (46), Ford (46), Lake-Bryan (63), Mankumbani (63)	
Bangura	Mbele	Ali	Ford	Bombalenga	Alidor-Hamilton 1 (37), Amu (37), Coulibaly (90)	
Bangura	Patrick	Amu	Ford	Anderson	Miezou (58), Miskin (66), Scholtz (76), Mankumbani (78)	
Bangura	Patrick	Amu	Miezou	Anderson	Diaby (55), Ford (71), Ali (84), Tormey (104)	
Bangura 3	Patrick	Anderson	Mbele	Ford	Miskin (46), Miezou (70), Ali (83), Tormey (93)	
Bangura	Patrick	Miezou	Mbele	Ford 1	Amu (46), Cooney (46), Ali (62), Tormey (67)	
Bangura	Patrick	Anderson	Mbele	Ford	Miskin (46), Lake-Bryan (54) >> Cooney (72), Amu (55), Miezou (64)	
Bangura 1	Patrick	Amu 1	Anderson	Mbele	Ford 1 (46), Ali (67), Balfour-Brown (67), Diaby (77), Miezou 1 (88)	
Ford 1	Patrick	Amu	Anderson	Ouardi	Kelly (62), Diaby (76), Matthew (90), Mankumbani (90)	





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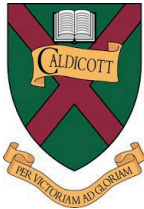


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# JAMIE BARRY

## A FAREWELL MESSAGE

**As the curtain comes down on another season here at Northwood Football Club, it also marks the end of my journey with our Under 18s, a journey that has spanned nearly four unforgettable years and created memories that will stay with me for a lifetime.**

When I first arrived alongside Ryan Young and Marc Harding, we set out with ambition and a clear vision. To win both the league title and the Champions Cup in the season I joined was a fantastic achievement and laid the foundations for what this group could become.

Following Ryan and Marc's departure, I was honoured to step into the role of manager. To go unbeaten in the league and secure another league title was remarkable in itself, but the manner in which we did it made it truly unforgettable.

Herry Ford's last-minute goal against Tring, scored with what was near enough the final kick of the game, is something that will live on for years to come. To see that moment shared across Sky Sports and beyond wasn't just recognition for the goal, it was recognition of the spirit and togetherness of the group. It meant everything to the players, their families and the club.

Over the past few seasons, I've been fortunate to work with some fantastic people who I call friends for life. I'd like to thank my previous management team from last season, Matt Kaye, Mark Smyth, Mark Chandler, Kevin Lawrence, Mark Fox & Craig Wright for their contributions and commitment to me.

This season I've been supported by my brother Matt Kaye as my Assistant Manager along with Karl Scott as Head Coach, Billy Allen stepping up from player to coach, something I've been incredibly proud to see and Craig Wright as my Physio.

This season has been another special one. To win the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup, the clubs first in 18 years, is a huge achievement and testament to the hard work and quality within this group.

We are sitting at the top of the Isthmian Under 18s League and this reflects the consistency and determination the players have shown all year. As I write this, the season isn't quite finished but hopefully there is still more to celebrate in the weeks ahead.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude to a number of people who have supported me along the way.

To my dad, **Ian Barry**, thank you for trusting me with the role. I know it's never easy and I've always been aware of the challenges that come with being Chairmans son, but everything I've achieved here has come through hard work, learning and a desire to prove myself, your guidance has been the main reason for this.

To **Alan Evans**, our club secretary, quite simply the best in non-league football, thank you for your patience, your



support and for keeping everything running as it should be behind the scenes. I apologise for the number of cards and fines I have picked up along the way!

To **John Joyce**, whose work on social media has given our players moments they'll cherish forever, your dedication doesn't go unnoticed.

To **Gus Payne**, who has stepped in time and time again to support me when needed, your help has been invaluable.

Finally, to the players, parents and the supporters, thank you. Together, we've built something special. The environment, spirit and togetherness around this group is something I'm so incredibly proud of, I hope it's something that will continue long after I've gone.

I wish Tommy all the best for next season in the first team and I'm sure he will bring the smiles back to Northwood Football Club, I hope to see a lot of my players stick around and become legends at the club.

As I step away from football for a period, it's simply to spend more time with my family, my fiancé Georgie and my Son, Tommy, who have supported me throughout and sacrificed so much along the way.

Northwood Football Club will always hold a special place in my heart. I leave here with pride, gratitude and memories that will last me a lifetime.

**Thank you for everything.**  
**Jamie Barry**



# UNDER 18'S

## WOODS TOPPLE CAMBERLEY - WILL THEY HAVE PROGRESSED THIS WEEK?

**At home to third-placed Camberley Town last Wednesday week, the Woods made it twelve wins from thirteen league games in a hard-fought and narrow 2-1 success against tough opposition, strengthening their position at the top of the table but with a huge two weeks still ahead of them. The lads had to do it the hard way too, falling behind to a penalty awarded in the first-half after what looked like a clash of heads.**

The visitors couldn't quite hold on after the break though as Aiden Swaby levelled with a fine finish and then Josh Havard hit a screamer to win the match. However, our lead at the top was again reduced to just one point on Monday night when Hampton & RB defeated Camberley Town 3-2 in stoppage-time which now rules out Camberley from the title race.

Over the last few days and after these notes had to go to print, the Under-18s faced two matches in three days so their squad depth will have certainly been tested further. On Wednesday night they were scheduled to travel to play Farnham Town and then just last night, the side took on Badshot Lea here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium; a game rescheduled from when our opponents were unable to field a side.

Hopefully, our leading position will have been boosted by a couple of positive results but if not, then this week could decide things as we travel to Camberley Town on Monday night in the return match before we play the first of two back-to-back matches against closest rivals Hampton & Richmond Borough. The first of these is here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium this Wednesday night, 22nd April at 7.45pm and all support would be very welcome and deserving of a side that has provided plenty of entertainment throughout the season.

The final fixture is away to Hampton & RB the following Monday night, 27th April (being played at Bedford Sports FC) and could again be crucial so make a note of the date. If the Woods are successful at winning the West Division title, they would then qualify for the Champions Cup Semi-Finals. There are



no dates set for this yet but would be during the week following the Bank Holiday Monday (so from Tuesday 4th May) so it could be a matter of watching out on social media for fixture details. Tonbridge Angels (beaten finalists last season) are likely to win the East Division, Kingstonian, Uxbridge; Kingstonian won the Central Division on Monday night, while it's looks to be a battle in the South Division between holders for the past two seasons Worthing and Burgess Hill Town.

### TOP APPEARANCES:

**25** - Rowan Daly, Tobi Faleye, Josh Havard, James King, Royd Pullem, Aidan Tarrant.

**24** - Matt Burrows, Riley Loveday.

**23** - Freddie Ford.

### TOP SCORERS:

**14**-Rowan Daly.

**11**-Aiden Swaby.

**9**-Aidan Tarrant.

**8**-Freddie Ford.



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## FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

Date	Opposition	F-A
<b>August</b>		
Wed 20	Fleet Town	LYL 4-1 H Atkinson 2, Wright, Daly
<b>September</b>		
Wed 3	Tring Athletic	FAY 4-0 Pullem 2, Ford, H Atkinson
Mon 8	Bedfont Sports	IVC 5-0 Faleye, Kelly, Pullen, Wright, Daly
Wed 17	Hayes & Yeading United	FAY 2-0 Pullem, Daly
<b>October</b>		
Thu 2	Kings Langley	FAY 11-1 Ford (Woods won 3-2 on pens)
Fri 17	Eastbourne Borough	FAY 0-0 (Woods lost 5-6 on pens)
Tue 21	Broadfields United	MXV 4-1 Faleye, Tarrant, Daly, Ford
Wed 29	Maidenhead United	LYL 4-2 Swaby 3, Daly
<b>November</b>		
Wed 5	Farnham Town	IVC 3-0 Daly, Ford 2
Wed 12	Ascot United	LYL 3-1 Daly 2, Ford
Wed 17	Bedfont Sports	MXV 4-2 Wright, Havard, Daly, Swaby
Thu 27	Aldershot Town	LYL 3-1 Pullem, H Atkinson 2
<b>December</b>		
Wed 3	Farnham Town	LYL 5-0 King, Tarrant 2, Havard, Swaby
Wed 10	Walton & Hersham	IVC 3-1 Ford, Daly, Havard
Mon 15	Badshot Lea	LYL 4-2 Tarrant 2, Daly 2
<b>January</b>		
Wed 7	Hampton & RB (QF)	IVC 4-2 Boardman, Tarrant, Faleye, King
Tue 20	Bracknell Town	LYL 0-1
Wed 28	Edgware & Kingsbury (SF)	MXV 1-0 Loveday
<b>February</b>		
Mon 9	AFC Whyteleafe (SF)	IVC 2-3 H Atkinson, Ford
Tue 24	Ascot United	LYL 5-2 Wright, Faleye, Swaby 2, Pullem
<b>March</b>		
Wed 4	Fleet Town	LYL 6-0 Gardner 2, King 2, Loveday 2
Mon 16	Aldershot Town	LYL 4-1 Swaby 2, Tarrant, Havard
Wed 18	Maidenhead United	LYL 2-0 Daly, Ouardi
Thu 26	Hampton & RB (Final)	MXV 4-0 Swaby, Tarrant 2, Daly
<b>April</b>		
Wed 1	Bracknell Town	LYL 3-1 Ouardi 2, Faleye
Wed 8	Camberley Town	LYL 2-1 Swaby, Havard
Wed 15	Farnham Town	IVL
Fri 17	Badshot Lea	IVL
Mon 20	Camberley Town	IVL
Wed 22	Hampton & RB	IVL
Mon 27	Hampton & RB	IVL (At Bedfont Sports FC)

## ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Northwood	13	12	0	1	45	13	32	36
2 Hampton & RB	15	11	2	2	47	28	19	35
3 Camberley Town	15	8	3	4	32	22	10	27
4 Badshot Lea	13	5	2	6	37	25	12	20
5 Bracknell Town	15	6	2	7	32	28	4	20
6 Farnham Town	14	6	0	8	19	30	-11	18
7 Maidenhead United	13	5	2	6	25	29	-4	17
8 Ascot United	15	5	2	8	28	47	-19	17
9 Aldershot Town	15	3	4	8	32	33	-1	13
10 Fleet Town	12	0	1	11	8	50	-42	1

IVL = Isthmian Youth League; FAY = FA Youth Cup; IVC = Isthmian Youth League Cup; MXV = Middlesex Youth Cup



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# HITCHIN TOWN



**The first Hitchin FC was formed in 1865. The club took part in the first FA Cup in 1871-72, and reached the quarter finals of the competition, losing to eventual finalists Royal Engineers. That first Hitchin club, a struggling professional outfit, folded in 1911, debt-ridden and the victims of a fire at their ground.**

It was not until 1928 that Hitchin Town FC was formed, and it was at this point that the nickname, "The Canaries", was established. Hitchin Town gained admission to the Spartan League. The 1930s were a golden age for Hitchin Town. The club won the AFA Senior Cup in 1932, beating Derbyshire Amateurs in the final and in 1935, they won the Spartan League Premier Division. The club entered the Athenian League in 1939, but after two league games and a Herts Charity Cup tie, WW2 intervened.

Hitchin struggled in the aftermath

of World War Two in the Athenian League, not recovering until the mid-1950s. In 1956 a record crowd of 7,878 watched Hitchin Town beat Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 in the FA Amateur Cup.

At the end of the 1962-63 season, the Canaries moved into the Isthmian League. This move was not an easy one for the club, and the early years were a constant struggle. But in 1968-69, Hitchin finished runners-up in the Isthmian League and a year later, won the London Senior Cup, beating St.Albans 4-2 in the final. Hitchin stayed in the Isthmian League until 2004, when as a result of a reorganization they transferred to the Southern League. They won the Southern League Cup in 2006, and despite relegation in 2009, they won promotion back to the Premier Division in 2012, and in 2015-16 and 2016-17, they enjoyed their best-ever seasons in the Southern League, reaching the play-offs on

both occasions but missing out on promotions through defeat in the semi-final and then the final. The team also won the Herts Senior Cup in both seasons.

The seasons between 2017-18 and 2022-23, with or without curtailments, saw league finishes of between 10th and 18th.

It should be noted though during recent years, the Canaries have had a little more success in Cup competitions. A second Southern League Cup success came the way of the Canaries in 2017-18, along with the Herts Charity Cup, which was retained in the 2018-19 season. But the highlight of this season was in the FA Cup, where the Canaries reached the First Round Proper for the first time in 23 years before bowing out at home to Solihull Moors in front of a crowd of 3,148, the highest attendance at Top Field for over 40 years.



Season 2022-23 proved to be, in relative terms, quite successful for the Canaries. The team finished in a very creditable 12th position. The team also reached the Hertfordshire Senior Cup final, where they lost narrowly to Berkhamsted on penalties.

The 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons are best forgotten. After a really bright start, the 2023-24 season ended with relegation on the last day of the season. The season also saw the departure of long-serving manager Mark Burke after 11 years at the helm.

The 2024/25 season's preparations saw new manager Brett Donnelly building for life at Step 4 and the task of a swift return to Step 3 when out of the blue on Tuesday 28th May 2024, Hitchin Town were handed a reprieve from relegation. That meant an eleventh hour total rebuild of the squad for Brett, and a completely new squad was assembled for the 2024/25 season.

A poor start reaped eight points in the first 13 League games, including two consecutive games where five goals were conceded, resulting in Brett being relieved of his duties

as manager late in October. Coach Michael Jones, having served a brief term as Interim Manager in which the team won two games and drew one, was appointed Manager. However, survival was always going to be a tough uphill battle, and after a 13 year stay in the Premier Division, the Canaries were relegated in 21st place to Division 1 Central.

So the Canaries have regarded the 2025/26 campaign as a complete "reset". What remains to be seen is if the successful campaign so far can ultimately result in promotion back to Step 3.

# MEET SOME KEY CANARIES



## TYLER MCGREGOR

23-year-old goalkeeper recently signed on loan from Real Bedford, for whom he featured as part of their promotion winning team last season.

## GK CHARLIE BRIGGS

An experienced defender, 28-year-old Charlie joined from Biggleswade Town where he was captain and helped to secure promotion for them to Step 3 in 2023/24. Previous clubs include Stotfold Town, Berkhamsted and Biggleswade United.

## DEF TOBY SYME

Former Norwich City academy defender, Toby rejoined the Canaries for a second spell in 2022/23 after being at Kings Langley and Harpenden Town. Established himself at centre back and now has over 150 appearances for then club.

## DEF





### CIAREN JONES

MID

Ciaren started his career playing for Luton U18s before a move to Norwich City's U23 side. Ciaren joined Brackley Town in the National League North at the start of the 2022/23 season but spent most of the season back at Hitchin on loan before rejoining Town permanently for the 2023/24 season. He is now club captain and surpassed 150 appearances.

### STEPHEN GLEESON

MID

Vastly experienced former Republic of Ireland international midfielder, capped four times by his country who featured for the likes of MK Dons, Birmingham City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Ipswich Town at Football League level, before moving north of the border to spend two seasons at Aberdeen. He joined the Canaries in November 2021. In 2023/24 Stephen moved into a player/assistant manager role, supporting Michael Jones in leading the group.



### LEWIS FRANKLIN

MID

22-year-old joined at the start of the 2024-25 season from Stotfold. Prior to this he played for Welwyn Garden City and Baldock Town. He was also a member of the Hitchin academy setup and is now one of the coaches for Hitchin Town Community FC. Lewis has quickly become a favourite since joining the first team and in 2024/25 secured both the Supporters and Managers Player of the Year awards. Originally a defender but has converted to an attacking midfielder.

### TAYLOR RHINEY

FWD

An experienced striker who joined the Canaries from Barton Rovers on the eve of the 2025/26 campaign. In 2024/25 Taylor scored 28 goals from 51 games for Rovers. His record at previous clubs is just as impressive, scoring 123 goals in his 231 career appearances before joining the Canaries. His previous clubs include Biggleswade United and AFC Dunstable.



## MANAGER MICHAEL JONES



### Michael is one of the youngest managers in football.

He started to coach as a teenager, after his playing career was curtailed by a serious ACL injury and started taking his FA coaching badges at age 16.

After coaching in youth team football, he progressed to coaching roles at Watford, Biggleswade Town, Stotfold, and Burnley. His first roles in management were as Assistant Manager at Harpenden Town, and then manager at Bedford FC, achieving several promotions in these roles.

In 2020, Michael joined Hitchin Town as Head of the Academy programme and also became a member of the first team coaching staff.

He moved up to be interim manager in September 2024, when the Canaries manager at the time, Brett Donnelly, was sacked. Michael quickly got results to improve and was given the manager's job on a permanent basis a few months later. He has introduced a much-improved brand of football at Top Field and has got the Canaries flying high in the league this season.

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## MATCH ACTION

# WOODS SLIP TO ANOTHER FRUSTRATING LATE LOSS

**NORTHWOOD VS BIGGLESWADE FC**  
**SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2026**  
**PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION ONE CENTRAL – ATT 166**



Ford 37'

Marsh 66', 90+5' (pen), Akinbusoye 87'

already inevitable, the Woods went into this game with no pressure but their in-form visitors Biggleswade were still looking to add to their five-match winning run and pick up another three points to maintain their push for a home game in the play-off semi-finals.

With top scorer Alie Bangura serving a one-match suspension, there were a couple of changes to the side that had picked up a creditable 4-4 draw at Beaconsfield on Easter Monday as in came Hamid Seisay, Freddie Ford and his Under-18s teammate Bilal Sajid Ouardi for his debut. Aidan Tarrant kept his place in the centre of the defence and there were also places on the bench for two further players from the successful under-18s side in Chase Matthew and Michael Kelly.

It was Northwood who made the better start to the match and they went close after just five minutes when Arel Amu backheeled a Freddie Ford corner at the near-post and it needed a block on the line by Ethan Kessel to prevent an early goal.

FC forced a couple of corners and from one of those, Woods goalkeeper Dani Cruz had to punch clear a looping header but the home side continued to press and after thirteen minutes, a recycled free-kick saw Tarrant head down for Sajid Ouardi who saw his left-foot volley well blocked.

Biggleswade rarely threatened in the first-half, restricted to another header which Cruz blocked before the ball was cleared and after thirty three minutes, Ford burst through from midfield and set up Tahjae Anderson for a strike that never looked strong enough to test goalkeeper George Rose.

On thirty five minutes, the visitors were awarded a free-kick in a dangerous position a few yards outside the box and Kessel lifted his shot over the defensive wall but it curled wide of the goal and the diving Cruz.

### **37 MINUTES 1-0 FREDDIE FORD**

Just two minutes later, Northwood took the lead with a well-worked goal as Ford was played through and he chipped the keeper for a neat finish, the 17-year-old's sixth goal of the season for the first-team.



Andrew Osei-Bonsu

FC forced another couple of corners as the half drew to a close but the Woods continued to defend well and were still in front at the break.

### **HT: NORTHWOOD 1-0 BIGGLESWADE FC**

No changes made for the start of the second-half and things continued in much the same way.

It was Northwood who had the first chance of the second period as Sajid Ouardi did well on the right and knocked in a cross which Ford met with a good header but it was just over the bar.

### **66 MINUTES 1-1 ALEX MARSH**

Just two minutes later, Akinbusoye cut in from the right, a cross wasn't cleared and ran loose in the box and it was Alex Marsh that knocked it in from close-range to level the scores.

The Woods tried to rally with Seth Patrick getting his head on the end of a Mack Miskin cross five minutes later but Rose claimed it comfortably and it was generally Biggleswade that were enjoying the better of the attacking play.

Time was running out for the visitors though and the Northwood defence appeared to be coping okay, especially in defending a series of corners.



The Woods with U8s Mascots

**87 MINUTES 1-2 TEMI AKINBUSOYE**

There was eighty seven minutes on the clock when FC bagged the goal that would win them the game though as Akinbusoye again cut in from the right, battling past a couple of half-hearted challenges and firing past Cruz in goal.

**90+5 MINUTES 1-3 ALEX MARSH (PEN)**

There was no response from the downhearted Woods and after a couple of efforts had gone close for the visitors, in the final minute of stoppage-time Akinbusoye was felled in the box and Alex Marsh scored from the spot to give the final scoreline a flattering look.

The result was enough to secure a play-off spot for FC, who should now go on to cement third-place, though a runners-up spot is still not out of reach.

Northwood will be disappointed to have slipped to another late defeat.

**FT: NORTHWOOD 1-3 BIGGLESWADE FC**

**NORTHWOOD LINE-UP**

Cruz, Osei-Bonsu, Miskin (Mankumbani 90), Mbele (Matthew 90), Tarrant, Seisay, Ford, Patrick, Amu, Anderson (Kelly 62), Ouardi (Diaby 76).

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Bilal Sajid Ouardi on debut



Seth Patrick



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## Welcome to my final Commercial Corner of the 2025/26 season!

It only seems two minutes since we started our first pre-season game away at Hillingdon Borough FC. It's not a season I'll miss I must admit! Really sad to hear about Hillingdon though who are resigning from the league and the club will not be continuing. I'm looking forward to the last few U18s games though and hopefully we can clinch the Isthmian Youth League West title soon which would give us entry into the Champions trophy.

This week I've been actively seeking out new sponsors and volunteers. We usually tend to bring on some new companies throughout the summer so we'll see if this is the case this year. Discussions with our shirt sponsors are positive so far and I will start to make contact with the rest of our existing partners next week. Any sponsor supporting us for 2026-27 will be announced on social media.

On Monday we put up a request online for new volunteers which we really need, especially for the Centenary events. If you are interested helping on Monday 4th May at the Celebrity match please contact me on 07766 135243. We are also looking for help on match days.

Our wonderful group of volunteers have been out this week getting the ground ready for the first events. There were lots of bits of maintenance and cleaning to do. I can now add toilet scrubbing to my lists of tasks done at the club!

Today we welcome **Fauna Vets Ltd** for their VIP hospitality day. Fauna are one of our Premium Tier Sponsors and we look forward to seeing owners Priya and Punit. Their independent Veterinary surgery is based

on Green Lane in the centre of Northwood and gets such fantastic feedback from our own supporters and online. They are sponsoring the game today too and are also Instagram Matchday Sponsors.

Our social media "Sponsors Of The Week" are SM London Construction Ltd



It's now about looking ahead to celebrating the Centenary with all the events we have planned and just a final word to thank all at the club for their efforts again this season. I'm sure the stellar work will continue with hopefully a bit more success on the field!

Well, until next season, Up The Woods!

**John**



# ROLL CALL 2025/26



Player	2025/26 SEASON										WOODS CAREER							Woods Debut
	League				Cup				Total		League		Cups		Overall			
	XI	Sub	Total	Goals	XI	Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals		
Freddie Ford	21	14	35	5	3	2	5	1	40	6	37	4	5	1	42	6	Kings Langley (H) April '25	
* Ademide Baruwa	27	1	28	0	3	2	5	0	33	0	28	0	5	0	33	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25	
Mack Miskin	26	3	29	1	3	0	3	0	32	1	40	1	6	0	46	1	Ware (A) Nov '19	
* Carl Stewart	29	0	29	0	3	0	3	0	32	0	124	3	26	1	150	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
* Osaretin Otote	20	7	27	4	1	3	4	0	31	4	37	7	13	1	50	8	Binfield (A) April '23	
Bryan Mankumbani	21	5	26	1	2	1	3	0	28	1	26	1	3	0	29	1	Edgware & Kingsbury (A) Sept '25	
* Dan Williams	25	1	26	13	1	0	1	0	27	13	68	30	12	4	80	34	Merstham (A) Feb '23	
* Manny Folarin	23	0	23	1	4	0	4	0	27	1	49	2	5	0	54	2	Thame United (A) Nov '24	
Hafed Al-Droubi	22	0	22	0	5	0	5	0	27	0	41	0	11	1	52	1	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20	
** Jon-Jo Bates	12	8	20	3	2	2	4	0	24	3	59	8	6	0	65	8	Leighton Town (A) Mar '13	
** Devonte Totesaut	9	7	16	2	4	1	5	1	21	3	35	6	8	2	43	8	Westfield (A) Sept. '20	
* Gabe Cuthbert	20	0	20	1	0	0	0	0	20	1	20	1	0	0	20	1	Hitchin Town (A) Oct. '25	
Harry McKenna	12	5	17	0	3	0	3	0	20	0	72	0	10	0	82	0	Thatcham Town (A) Oct. '23	
* Reece Price-Placid	10	5	15	2	5	0	5	0	20	2	15	2	5	0	20	2	Egham Town (H) Aug '25	
Henry Atkinson	5	8	13	2	4	0	4	0	17	0	13	0	4	0	17	0	Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25	
* Hicham Bouchareb	5	8	13	1	2	3	1	16	2	13	1	3	1	16	2	Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25		
* Nasir Sharifi	9	4	13	0	1	0	1	0	14	0	13	0	1	0	14	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25	
** Jamie Kennedy	1	9	10	0	2	2	4	1	14	1	10	0	4	1	14	1	Egham Town (H) Aug '25	
* Dan Vincent	11	1	12	2	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	2	1	1	15	3	Brentford B (H) Oct. '24	
Andrew Osei-Bonsu	11	0	11	0	1	0	1	0	12	0	11	0	1	0	12	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
Richie Mbele	11	0	11	0	1	0	1	0	12	0	11	0	1	0	12	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
Alie Bangura	10	0	10	6	1	0	1	0	11	6	10	6	1	0	11	6	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
* Dylan Kearney	4	2	6	0	3	1	4	1	10	1	7	0	3	1	10	1	Egham Town (H) Aug '25	
* Chama Torsiello	2	4	6	0	1	2	3	0	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25	
* Jack Empson	4	1	5	1	4	0	4	0	9	1	38	1	7	0	45	1	Ashford Town (Midx) (H) Aug '24	
Hamid Seisay	7	0	7	2	1	0	1	0	8	2	7	2	1	0	8	2	Biggleswade Town (A) March '26	
Arel Arnu	4	3	7	2	0	1	1	0	8	2	7	2	1	0	8	2	Biggleswade Town (A) March '26	
Seth Patrick	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	Barton Rovers (H) March '26	
Stephane Bombelenga	3	3	6	1	1	0	1	0	7	1	6	1	1	0	7	1	Thame United (A) Dec. '25	
** Omar Rowe	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	10	0	1	0	11	0	Ware (H) March '25	
Mohammed Diaby	3	3	6	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	Broadfields United (H) March '26	
Jordan Ellis	2	4	6	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25	
Mohamed Ali	0	6	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	Flackwell Heath (H) March '26	
** Jack Smith	2	3	5	0	1	1	2	0	7	0	34	2	12	0	46	2	Burnham (A) Nov. '13	
Hanza Miezou	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	6	1	0	0	6	1	Barton Rovers (H) March '26	
Tahja Anderson	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	Barton Rovers (H) March '26	
* Solomon Alidor-Hamilton	5	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	6	1	5	0	1	1	6	1	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
Kieron Lake-Bryan	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
Ronny Mfinda	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	12	0	1	0	13	0	Bracknell Town (A) Dec. '19	
* Ryan Kelly	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
Sakeel Balfour Brown	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Stotfold (A) March '26	
Nathan Tormey	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
Dani Cruz	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	Broadfields United (H) March '26	
Rowan Daly	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	Southall (A) Nov. '25	
* Gabriel Ipanga	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	2	0	0	9	2	Aylesbury United (H) August '24	
* Seb Robbmond	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	London Lions (A) March '26	
Olly Sinclair	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Stotfold (A) March '26	
Aidan Tarrant	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	Kidlington (A) March '25	
* Louis Udeh	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Biggleswade (A) Jan '26	
** Frankie Pass	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26	
Tommy Cooney	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Welwyn Garden City (H) March '26	
* Ethan Cann	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26	
* Sam Morris	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Aylesbury United (A) Sept. '25	
** Kai Mussilhy	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26	
Andrew McCorkell	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	66	0	18	0	84	0	Uxbridge (A) Sept. '17	
Revin Domi	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) March '26	
* Harry McCorkell	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	27	2	6	0	33	2	Corinthian Casuals (H) Aug '23	
** Rahzir Smith-Jones	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Hitchin Town (A) Oct. '25	
* Claudio Nzang	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	London Lions (A) March '26	
Rico Clarke-Rowe	1	0	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	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Barton Rovers (A) April '25	
** Ezra Ndukuba	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26	
* Matt Burrows	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Barton Rovers (A) Nov. '25	
** Keagan Cole	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	7	11	0	56	7	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	
Alfie Bonfield	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Enfield Town (A) October '19	
Bilal Sajid Ouardi	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Biggleswade (H) April '26	
* Lewis Croucher	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Ware (A) February '26	
** Brandon Talla	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Leighton Town (H) Oct. '25	
** Javon Marguis	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26	
Chase Matthew	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Biggleswade (H) April '26	
Michael Kelly	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Aug '24	
Phoenix Scholtz	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Barton Rovers (H) March '26	
Kush Lewis-Thomas	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25	



# CELEBRITY FOOTBALL COMES TO NORTHWOOD



**Northwood FC's centenary celebrations continue in style on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May, as we host a fantastic afternoon of football, entertainment and community spirit – all in support of Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity.**

We are delighted to be working with Sellebrity Soccer, led by former Northwood player Kevin Cooper, to bring a star-studded celebrity match to the club. Kick-off for the main event is at 3.15pm, and it promises to be a fun-filled occasion for all ages – not just football fans.

A host of well-known names from TV, sport and social media will be pulling on their boots, including Calum Best, Jake Wood, Dwayne Chambers, Dean Gaffney and Dan Osborne. They will be joined by familiar faces from shows such as Love Island, Married at First Sight and The Apprentice, with more names set to be announced in the coming weeks.

But the day is about far more than just the celebrity match. Proceedings begin earlier with a special game kicking off at 12.15pm, featuring Northwood players from the past five years including many from the play off achieving team of 2022/2023. With over 30 former players confirmed, it promises to be a fantastic reunion – and a competitive one too.

Adding an extra edge to the occasion, former managers Ben Bukowski and Dennis Quigley (pictured right) will return to the dugout to select and lead their squads. Expect plenty of familiar faces, plenty of banter, and no shortage of quality on show.

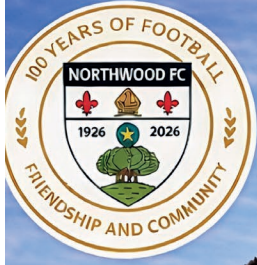
Ahead of the main event, we are also proud to showcase the future of the club, with some of our youth teams taking to the pitch for mini matches. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the strength of our football family – past, present and future – all in one place.

This is shaping up to be a brilliant, family-friendly afternoon, bringing the community together during our centenary year.

Whether you come to see former favourites, enjoy the celebrity action, or simply soak up the atmosphere, your support will help raise vital funds for an incredible cause.

Tickets are available now via Eventbrite – don't miss it.





# CELEBRITY CHARITY MATCH

## MONDAY 4TH MAY

DOORS OPEN: 12:00PM • KICK-OFF: 3:00PM

### MATCH SCHEDULE

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- 3.15 – Celebrity Football Match

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Mohammed Diaby



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Cole Butler  
Josh Caldicott-Stevens  
Callum Nicholson  
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