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Club Honours

Isthmian League South Central Division Play-off Semi-finalists:
2023

Isthmian League Division One North Champions:
2003

Isthmian League Division Two Runners-up:
2000

Isthmian League Division Three Promotion:
1997

Isthmian League Cup Winners:
2002

Isthmian Charity Shield Winners:
2002

Isthmian Associate Members Trophy Winners:
1993, 2000

Middlesex Senior Cup Winners:
2007, 2016

Middlesex Senior Cup Finalists:
2000, 2002

Middlesex Senior Cup Semi-finalists:
1992, 1997, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2022

Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Finalists:
1994, 2003, 2005, 2012,2023

Middlesex Intermediate Cup Winners:
1979

Middlesex Junior Cup Winners:
1938

Middlesex Junior Cup Finalists:
1935, 1936

London Spartan League Premier Division Champions:
1992

London Spartan League Premier Division Runners-up:
1990

London Spartan League Cup Winners:
1990, 1992

Hellenic League Division One Champions:
1979

Hellenic League Premier Division Cup Finalist:
1982

Hellenic League Division One Cup Winners:
1979

Middlesex League Premier Division Champions:
1978

Middlesex League Premier Division Runners-up:
1972, 1977

Middlesex League Challenge Cup Winners:
1975, 1977, 1978

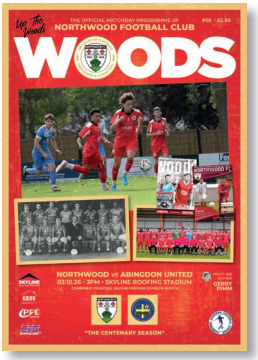
Harrow, Wembley & District League Champions:
1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1948, 1949

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Kayne Connor on the ball against Maidenhead Town

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Ian Barry

Woods Chairman **Ian Barry** welcomes you to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for our game against Abingdon United.



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored clubhouse for this afternoon's Combined Counties League Premier Division North fixture today. We extend that welcome to all our visitors from Abingdon United FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here.

The Woods Youth teams are into their seasons now and we are delighted to have the first of their teams coming down to the stadium as mascots today. We welcome the Under-10s Blue team this afternoon and hope that the players and their coaches and parents all enjoy the experience.

Football, eh!!!

Just when we thought we were stabilising the ship, the great football Gods gave us another kick and brought us crashing down to earth again! Four points in the previous two games were deserved and needed, but we reverted back to the previous NFC and were pretty awful at Wokingham last weekend. We weren't the only 'awful' in that game as the pitch and the Referee gave it a good run for their money too, as both were as bad as I've seen for many a year.

Hopefully we will have moved on quickly, this time away at Hilltop, who we were due to visit on Wednesday night (after these notes had to go to print) in what looked to be a tough game for sure.

It seems a while since we've been at home, so I'm looking forward to a good run of home games, where we can hopefully regain momentum.

The football world has seen Manchester City allegedly being charged with 114 rule breaks, which has come as a shock to many. I've followed this case for a while now and whilst an appeal is imminent, the potential repercussions are massive! Very interesting this one. If anything is to be learnt, we should never be in a position where charges go back over 10 years and definitely need to set time frames for these cases to be investigated and finalised; we could be in a position whereby they win the league this season and then what?

Much hard work carries on behind the scenes to improve our own current squad while staying within very much different financial conditions, so let's hope we can achieve our short-term goals and then move forward.

After today's league game we turn our attention back to the FA Vase next Saturday so please make sure you get down to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for that one against our Sussex opponents.

In the meantime, enjoy the game today and get behind the lads.

Up The Woods!

Ian

Woods Outlook

Club Secretary, **Alan Evans**, brings us all the latest news from around the club.

Welcome to Abingdon United

After a couple of weeks out on the road, a warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for this afternoon's Combined Counties Premier Division North fixture as we take on Abingdon United FC who are making their first visit here to Northwood since an FA Trophy tie back in 2009; close to seventeen years ago. This is covered elsewhere in today's matchday programme.

Our visitors had their first-ever season in the Combined Counties League last season, finishing in a creditable twelfth place having historically played Hellenic League football for much of their history. They did have seven years at Step 4, playing in the Southern League Division One South West following promotion from the Hellenic Premier and enjoyed their highest ever finish of eleventh at that level back in 2007.

The Oxfordshire side have recovered well from a poor start to the new campaign which saw them lose their first four games, three of them in the League and also at home to Risborough Rangers in the FA Cup. They defeated Rushden & Higham in the FA Vase and followed that with a 3-1 success over Thatcham Town to notch their first three points. A 7-1 thrashing at Kidlington was another set back but they then recorded back-to-back home wins over North Greenford and North Leigh before a creditable 4-4 draw at Wallingford & Crowmarsh, coming back from being 3-0 down after 51 minutes and 4-3 down deep into stoppage-time. This remains



the only point they have picked up on their travels though. Step 6 side Spartans Youth ended their FA Vase run though, 8-7 on penalties after a 2-2 draw but United maintained their excellent home record with a 6-1 defeat of Amersham Town. Last Saturday a trip to unbeaten Broadfields United ended in a 2-0 defeat.

As to the last visit of Abingdon United in a league competition, to what was then known as Northwood Park, we have to go back to 1984 and the end of our own spell in the Hellenic League. It ended all-square at 2-2 with Bobby Bennett scoring both of the Woods' goals.

No Match Sponsor for this afternoon's fixture but I'm delighted to say that the Match Ball has been kindly sponsored by Gerry Pimm, following his success in a recent 50/50 half-time draw!

As always, we are looking to have a match ball sponsor for all our games this season so please see the grid elsewhere in this article and if there's a date you fancy, please let me know. It's a cost of £50 for each match and is a great help to the club towards the costs of the match balls which we actually have to pay for this season. None of our next three home games are currently taken.

Club News

In our last previous programme editorial, we were still running with the interim management team of Jamie Barry, Mark Chandler, Matt Kaye, Karl Scott and Saj Vigneswaran but an appointment had been made and we were delighted to welcome Scott Patmore to the Woods as our new manager, taking over the reins from our home game against Rayners Lane. Scott has been joined by coaches Connor Kilker and Matt See while Saj Vigneswaran has agreed to stay on along with club physio Gus Payne as the new team who will be looking to

put things right on the field. There have already been ups and downs in the first four matches since then (at the time of writing) with an away game at Hilltop also scheduled to have been played on Wednesday night but fingers crossed that, with time, we can start to climb the table.

League News

That first match at home to Rayners Lane proved very much a battle with so many new players introduced to the starting line-up but did see us pick up a point with a 0-0 draw here at the Skyline. That was followed by a narrow 1-0 victory away at North Leigh, thanks to a goal from Arnold Mengi.

Last Saturday, that unbeaten league run came to a disappointing end as we were well beaten 4-1 away at Wokingham Town as the Woods failed to adapt to a very poor pitch surface which the home side were much more used to and comfortable playing on. Hopefully we will have been able to bounce back quickly at Hilltop in midweek.

Cup News

Our FA Vase journey continues thanks to the 3-1 victory over Step 6 side Maidenhead Town three weeks ago. All our goals came in an excellent first-half performance with goals from Zack Ingham-Wright, Dan Vincent and Lucas Da Silva Luz. Our visitors threatened to make a comeback with a goal soon after the restart but we managed to snuff out that threat as the second-half wore on and booked our place in the first round proper. The draw has given us another home fixture, which takes place next Saturday, against Southern Combination League (the old Sussex League) Premier side Midhurst & Easebourne. Our opponents recorded a 5-2 away win at Step 6 Wessex League side Whitchurch United in the last round with former Bournemouth, Ipswich, Portsmouth and Swindon prolific striker Brett Pitman scoring four of them. However, straight after that success the club have changed management and the whole playing squad, cancelling their next two matches while reorganising things. They are now back with a new manager and an almost completely new squad, losing their first two matches so far, 0-3 and 0-6, the latter to the League leaders Eastbourne United.

The Woods will go into the game though with several new squad players missing as they will be cup-tied having previously appeared for either AFC Welwyn or Broadfields United.

We did bow out of the Middlesex Senior Cup at the first hurdle, losing 4-1 to Harrow Borough at Earlsmead on probably our last ever visit to the ground which is currently being sold off with Harrow likely to be vacating at the end of this season. The home side were always in control after netting the first goal and our late consolation came from Lucas Da Silva Luz.

In two weeks' time, we do start our campaign in the Combined Counties League Premier Division Cup as we host a first-round game against Premier South side Redhill. The Surrey side are currently third in the table behind leaders Fleet Town and second-placed Knaphill so appear to be in good form. The last time Redhill visited Northwood was back in our London Spartan League days; March 1988 saw us draw 1-1 with Colin Dennison scoring the Woods goal. The winners of this tie will be away to Tadley Calleva in the Second Round.

Player News

As you can imagine, there have been a whole host of players both in and out over the last few weeks so please turn to the Player Sponsor pages later in today's programme for profiles of some of these in more detail. We were extremely grateful to Spartan South Midlands League side AFC Welwyn for allowing a number of players to move to Northwood along with the new manager. These are defenders Kevin Mustali and Johnny Wilson (who has been named the Woods skipper), midfielder Jonathan Moura and wide attackers Mark Osei and Ilyas Khader, while goalkeeper Lewis Everett has also signed as back-up to new number one Finn Rushton. Finn has arrived from Broadfields United and kept two clean sheets in his first two appearances.

Former Rayners Lane defender Adeyemi Adewale also arrived but suffered what could be a long-term injury at North Leigh and we wish him a speedy recovery. Midfielder Arnold Mengi has most recently been playing for West Essex FC, George Eldridge is on

Match & Match Ball Sponsors - Season 2026/27

Date	Opponents	Match Sponsor	Match Ball Sponsor
Holyport	**Sat 1st August**	-	Gerry Pimm
Hutton (FA Cup)	**Sat 8th August**	Shamira Hamirani	Sean Moore
Burnham	**Tue 11th August**	-	Colin Seal
Broadfields United	**Sat 29th August**	-	Graham Mann
Harefield United	**Mon 31st August**	Dennis Goulding	Dennis Goulding
Maidenhead Town (FA Vase)	**Sat 12th September**	Shamira Hamirani	Shamira Hamirani
Rayners Lane	**Tue 15th September**	-	Alan Evans
Abingdon United	**Sat 3rd October**	-	Gerry Pimm
Midhurst & Easebourne	**Sat 10th October**		
Redhill (League Cup)	**Sat 17th October**		
Penn & Tylers Green	**Tue 20th October**		
Kidlington	**Sat 31st October**	Graham Mann	
Easington Sports	**Sat 14th November**		Peter & Michael Gant
Hilltop	**Sat 28th November**		
North Greenford United	**Sat 12th December**		
Reading City	**Sat 19th December**		
Wallingford & Crowmarsh	**Sat 9th January**		
North Leigh	**Sat 16th January**	Gerry Pimm	
Ardley United	**Sat 6th February**	Sean Moore	
Bedfont	**Sat 13th February**		
Thatcham Town	**Sat 6th March**		
Wokingham Town	**Sat 20th March**		
Amersham Town	**Tue 23rd March**	Peter Reynolds	

dual-registration from Leverstock Green for whom he scored against us at the end of last season! Ronny Mfinda was added to the squad for his fifth spell at the club to add some experience to the squad along with Harvie Gardiner who has also been ruled out with injury since making his debut. Ukrainian Maksym Fostyk has come in over the last couple of weeks, along with experienced defender Rafiq Bettamer and Boreham Wood U19 academy attacker Javan Campbell. Finally, at the time of writing, striker Juwon Akintunde returned to the Woods for a second spell last Saturday and scored on his debut (as he had done when he first arrived four years ago). We wish all our new arrivals a happy and successful stay here at the club.

At the same time, other players who played a part during previous games this season, will be departing and we thank them for their efforts and time during their spells.

International Duty

We have had to do without the services of two of our most regular squad members for the past couple of weeks for that rarity of international call-ups. Both Kieron Lake-Bryan and Kayne Connor have made a good impression this season and they are currently enjoying the Caribbean island of Antigua & Barbuda where they are plying their trade for fellow Caribbean country of Anguilla in four Concacaf Nations Cup matches over a period of eight days. Having trained and played warm-up matches, they opened that campaign last Saturday with a game against the hosts and both Woods players were in the starting line-up. Unfortunately, it proved a tough fixture at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and they crashed to a 5-0 defeat with all the goals coming in the first-half. Amazingly, their opponents ended the game with nine players after two Antigua players were red-carded for pulling the very long hair of Aedan Scipio in the final twenty minutes or so!

They were due to play Aruba on Tuesday night and then play each of those two opponents again, Antigua would have been on Thursday night and Aruba tomorrow. We are hopeful that both will be back for the Woods next weekend in time for the FA Vase game but well done to both for adding to their international caps tally.

Under 18's

The Under-18s made it two league wins from two with a 7-0 thumping of Tooting & Mitcham United a few weeks ago but they have not had things their own way since then, bowing out of the FA Youth Cup with a narrow 0-1 home defeat against Hayes & Yeading. With the hopes of repeating the success of last season over, the side then had a really tough game in the opening round of the Isthmian League cup to play at Kingstonian and were totally outplayed by a classy side, losing 6-0.

They had the chance to bounce back with a quick return league match at Tooting & Mitcham United on Monday night and took it fully. James King bagged his first goal of the season early and although the home side hit back quickly, four goals from top scorer Olivier Kostrycki saw the Woods home with a 5-1 win.

The U18s return to the Skyline this week with a third match against Hayes & Yeading this season, this time in the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup. It's on Wednesday night at 7.45pm and all support would be most welcome.

Photographer still needed

After the retirement of long-serving club photographer James Brown, we are still currently without an official club photographer so if we are to maintain the standard of our website, programme and social media, we still need a regular replacement that can get to matches. If you are an enthusiastic amateur with a love of photography and football and can assist, then please let us know as soon as possible as we are missing out on capturing the action at present. Our thanks go to Ali Karabacak who kindly popped down to take photos when we took on Maidenhead Town in the Vase in our last Saturday home game and we hope he can continue to make it to further home matches in the future. It is much appreciated.

Hayes & Hillingdon FC

Our tenants have maintained their unbeaten record since a shock opening day defeat, now stretched to seven matches following back-to-back narrow wins over Sporting Duet and Larkspur Rovers over the last two weekends. It leaves them sitting in third place in the Middlesex County League table, level on points with second-placed Harrow United and two points adrift of leaders Camden United who have been amongst the goals all season. Leading scorer is ex-Woods striker Matheus Santana who has bagged 18 goals in just 8 appearances to date including two hat-tricks, plus one four-goal haul and one five-goal bonanza!

Thanks for your support this afternoon and see you all again soon.

Alan

Next up at The Skyline

Today marks the start of a run of four consecutive home matches here at the Skyline. We have a couple of blank midweeks coming up at last having been kept busy throughout the season to date so our next fixture is in the FA Challenge Vase next weekend and then we play Redhill in the League Cup the following week, followed by our next league game on Tuesday 20th October when we play Penn & Tylers Green.

Wednesday 7th October 2026
Woods U18s v. Hayes & Yeading
Middlesex Senior Youth Cup
7.45pm

Saturday 10th October 2026
Woods v. Midhurst & Easebourne
FA Challenge Vase
3pm

Scott Patmore

Woods new manager, **Scott Patmore**, welcomes you to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and gives his latest thoughts...



Today I would firstly like to welcome the players, management, officials and supporters of Abingdon United to Northwood.

It has been a roller-coaster of a time for myself since being given the opportunity to manage this great football club. I thought it would be a good idea to let you know my philosophy and ambitions and also to introduce you to the new management team.

I am a highly motivated individual that tries to understand the challenges and goals associated with being manager of whatever club I am with. My track record is good with positive outcomes at both Rayners Lane and Edgware in very different circumstances so I am full of confidence as my record shows that I can achieve success at this level.

My last appointment was with AFC Welwyn which is a very interesting club, one that is now fan-owned and are dedicated to exposing to social media everything that goes on from a day-to-day basis. That would include cameras in changing rooms, dugouts and constant interviews, this is the "modern" football club and it has bought them incredible exposure.

I left the club in a fantastic position and really hope my legacy will live on strongly with the squad I built and they achieve their goal of promotion from what is a very strong league. However hard my decision was to leave that behind, my feelings since joining this incredible club have been entirely justified, the infrastructure, supporters and also the growth possibilities are endless. I see the football club in a bit of a decline over the past few years and my first job is to find some stability. Then, my aim is to build a squad who are motivated by the same goals as the supporters, to play for the badge and to be part of the new history which will get us in a position to challenge and make it back to step 4 football.

As I said, this club deserves so much more. The Chairman and the committee have got things right off the pitch and this needs to be matched on the pitch. I have brought with me my coaching staff Connor and Matt who understand how I work and I give them complete autonomy to develop my players on the training pitch. They work hard planning sessions and working on things that we see that are not at the standard we expect on a Saturday.

I am a firm believer that managers manage and coaches coach, I have also convinced Saj to stay on as I believe it is important to have an existing connection at the club and he is also a very efficient coach. My tenure started brightly with four points from my first two games but more important than the points was how we played; the heart we showed and the clean sheets that we achieved, with a home draw against Rayners Lane and a hard-fought win away to North Leigh. I feel we may have got a little carried away as both teams are in the bottom three of the league. We then went out of the County Cup to Harrow Borough and lost away to Wokingham. In truth I have learnt more about the team in defeat than the games in which we gained points.

All I ask of you, the supporters, is to give me time. Ask any gaffer and he will say that pre-season is where you build your team and I am currently having to do this in games where points are up for grabs. This is a long-term project and I am working hard to get it right as early as possible; I promise to give everything to the cause and trust me we will get there.

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Scott

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Premier Division North

Ardley United have moved clear at the top of the Premier Division North table, their 3-1 win away at Harefield United made easy by the Hares being reduced to ten men early on, four points clear of second-placed Broadfields United who remain unbeaten and have two games in hand following their 2-0 victory over today's visitors Abingdon United.

Kidlington are another side bang in form at present but were held to a 1-1 draw by Penn & Tylers Green last weekend while Burnham lost ground as they slipped to a 0-1 home defeat against Easington Sports who moved into the top half of the table.

Bedfont only just stopped Rayners Lane from picking up their first win of the season, scoring in stoppage-time to force a 2-2 draw and it was a similar story at North Greenford who had to come from behind twice to make it 2-2 against Hilltop. But it was success at the tenth time of asking for Holyport who climbed off the bottom with a solid 2-0 victory away at Thatcham Town. North Leigh ended a nine match run without scoring but still crashed to a 2-4 home defeat against Amersham Town.

There were three matches scheduled for Tuesday night as well as our own trip to Hilltop on Wednesday during midweek before the full programme of ten games today.

Upcoming Fixtures

Playing Today
Amersham Town vs Wokingham Town
Ardley United vs Thatcham Town
Broadfields United vs Bedfont
Easington Sports vs Rayners Lane
Holyport vs Burnham
Kidlington vs Hilltop
North Greenford United vs Reading City
Northwood vs Abingdon United
Penn & Tylers Green vs Harefield United
Wallington & Crowmarsh vs North Leigh

Saturday 10th October 2026
Holyport vs Rayners Lane
North Greenford United vs North Leigh
Reading City vs Abingdon United
Thatcham Town vs Hilltop
Wokingham Town vs Broadfields United

Tuesday 12th October 2026
North Greenford United vs Ardley United

Wednesday 13th October 2026
Hilltop vs Bedfont

Saturday 17th October 2026
Abingdon United vs Harefield United
Burnham vs Wokingham Town
Holyport vs Hilltop
North Greenford United vs Kidlington
North Leigh vs Thatcham Town
Reading City vs Rayners Lane

Cherry Records Combined Counties League Premier Division North
League Table

Up to and including Tuesday 29th September 2026

			Home					Away						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ardley United	11	5	0	1	21	4	4	0	1	10	3	24	27
2	Broadfields United	9	3	1	0	12	2	4	1	0	15	4	21	23
3	Burnham	12	4	0	2	9	5	3	2	1	13	7	10	23
4,	North Greenford United	10	4	1	0	14	7	2	1	2	10	6	11	20
5	Kidlington	10	3	1	1	12	5	3	1	1	8	6	9	20
6	Reading City	11	4	1	1	13	5	1	1	3	7	10	5	17
7	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	9	2	1	2	7	7	3	1	0	10	5	5	17
8	Wokingham Town	10	3	2	0	13	6	2	0	3	4	6	5	17
9	Bedfont	11	4	1	2	16	7	1	0	3	7	8	8	16
10	Easington Sports	11	2	1	2	9	8	3	0	3	5	8	-2	16
11	Hilltop	10	2	0	2	6	9	2	2	2	9	10	-4	14
12	Harefield United	10	2	1	2	11	8	1	2	2	9	10	2	12
13	Penn & Tylers Green	10	2	2	3	15	17	1	1	1	7	4	1	12
14	Abingdon United	9	4	0	1	14	8	0	0	4	1	15	-8	12
15	Amersham Town	12	0	3	3	2	15	2	1	3	12	21	-22	10
16	Thatcham Town	10	2	1	2	4	6	0	2	3	4	10	-8	9
17	**Northwood**	**10**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**6**	**7**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**18**	**-16**	**8**
18	Holyport	10	0	0	2	2	8	1	2	5	8	20	-18	5
19	Rayners Lane	9	0	1	2	3	5	0	3	3	3	12	-11	4
20	North Leigh	10	0	1	5	2	9	1	0	3	3	8	-12	4

A Century of FOOTBALL HISTORY

Part 5: Researched and written by **Ken Green**



We are now celebrating the Centenary of Northwood FC, which was founded in 1926 as Northwood United. As we are now in the club's 101st season – although no activity took place during World War II between 1940 and 1946 – in this season's matchday programmes over the coming weeks and months, we will bring you a whole host of stories covering the past century, telling of games, players, club officials, league titles, cup wins, and yes, the odd relegation.

Following a number of football clubs which had represented the town since the first known one, Northwood FC, in 1899 – and we have reviewed all these in previous editions of the programme – the summer of 1926 saw the formation of a new football club in Northwood, and 100 years later that club is still going strong....

After two seasons from 1924-1926 in which just Holy Trinity represented the town on the football field, a few people who had been involved with the two most-recent failed set-ups (Northwood and Emmanuel, Northwood) decided to form a new club, and Northwood United was launched for the 1926-27 campaign, with Leslie Faint, secretary of the previous Northwood FC, holding the same post for United. The Rev. L. Gordon M. Sheldon from Emmanuel arranged with Ruislip-Northwood Council for the use on alternate weeks (St John's Old Boys FC also played there) of the pitch at Northwood Recreation Ground, at a cost of 2s 6d per match. For the first two seasons, just friendly matches were played, apart from entering the Northwood Hospital Charity Cup, but after the second campaign, in which sixteen of the twenty-three games had been won with three draws and three defeats (including away to Sarratt in the Northwood Hospital Charity Cup), it was decided to join a league.

Northwood United were duly elected to Division Two of the Harrow & District League for 1928-29, and moved to play their home fixtures at the new Northwood Playing Fields, Dane End, which were adjacent to Haste Hill golf course, at the end of The Drive, Northwood. The pitch rent was £4 for the season; playing subs were 5s 6d per season – and players had to supply their own kit, costing about £2. Initially, Northwood United had just 15 playing members, but within weeks had formed a second eleven, which would play friendlies. The club officers appointed at the A.G.M. on 18th May 1928 were F.C. Smith of 96 Hallowell Road as hon. secretary with the assistant secretary being Leslie Faint.



Leslie Faint, co-founder of Northwood United.

Harrow & District League Division Two 1928/29

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Courtfield Athletic	26	21	2	3	98	26	44
Roxeth Institute II	26	21	1	4	119	41	43
Harrow Sheet Metal Works	26	20	1	5	89	33	41
Harrow Belmont	26	16	3	7	102	45	35
Northwood United	**26**	**16**	**4**	**6**	**90**	**56**	**36**
Pinner Gas Works	26	15	2	9	76	57	32
West Harrow United	26	12	2	12	77	66	26
Hamilton's	26	10	3	13	65	55	23
Wembley Town II	26	10	3	13	58	74	23
Wealdstone Old Boys II	26	6	3	17	52	82	15
Y M C A Wealdstone II	26	7	1	18	40	97	15
Wembley Municipal	26	6	3	17	47	101	15
Geeko II	26	5	4	17	43	93	14
Harrow Wesleyan	26	1	0	25	14	143	2

The club's first-ever league match was at Pinner Green versus Pinner Gas Works in the Harrow and District League Division 2 on Saturday 8th September 1928, and they collected their first two points with a 2-0 victory, Dick Allen scoring both goals. The first ever team to represent Northwood United was: T. Waring, F. Smith, W. Pearce; C. Ford, H. Empson, Joe Gill; J. Smith, F. Young, Dick Allen, F. Gutteridge, H. Gutteridge.

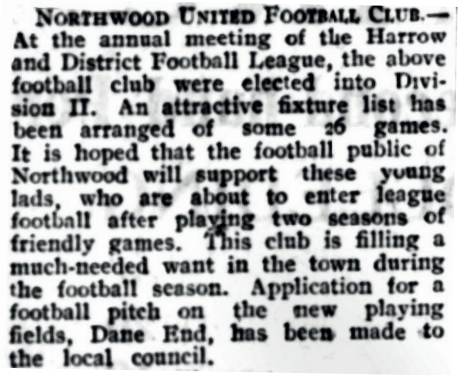
United enjoyed a good start to life, winning their first five league games; the highest defeat was 1-7 at Courtfield Athletic, the eventual divisional champions, in December. 12-0 was the club's biggest win of the campaign, away to bottom club Harrow Wesleyan, and United finished their first-ever season in fifth place in the table with 16 wins from the 26 outings.

The 1929-30 season saw Northwood United get off to a flyer, winning their opening four games, including 10-3 away to Wembley Corinthians (hat-tricks for Dick Allen and Billy Bunce) and 11-2 at Wealdstone YMCA, where Bunce scored five goals. United then lost three games out of four – however, after that, they won ten matches and drew one, to end as runners-up to Harrow Liberal and gained promotion in their second term.

Promotion was clinched with three games to play by defeating Shaftesbury Athletic 8-1 at Dane End. Billy Bunce 3, Joe Gill 3 and Fred Taylor scored, and United's team was: Alan Friend, Mott, Rackshaw, Dick Waring, Tom Bell, B. Prince, J. Smith, Joe Gill, Billy Bunce, Fred Taylor, H. Gutteridge. United also had a good run in the League Junior Cup before losing 1-3 to Pinner St Johns in the semi-final played at Harrow Weald United's ground.

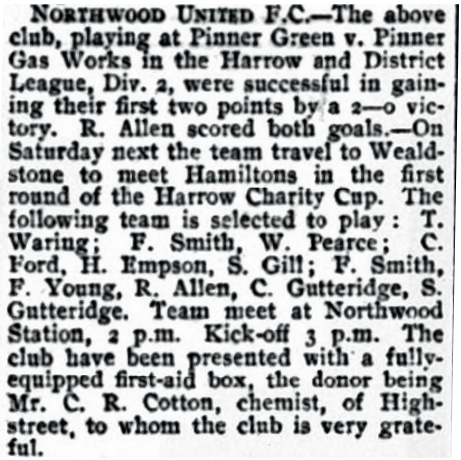
At the club's first ever official annual meeting in May 1930 the club's officials for the forthcoming year were elected, as follows: President: Lt. Cmdr. S. W. Todd; Hon. Secretary.: L H Faint; Hon. Treasurer: J. Herring; Hon. Ass. Treasurer: F. C. Smith; Team Secretary: J. White; Committee: S. Gill, E. Milton, T. Bell snr, C.W. Teasdale.

United are elected to Harrow League



NORTHWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB.—At the annual meeting of the Harrow and District Football League, the above football club were elected into Division II. An attractive fixture list has been arranged of some 26 games. It is hoped that the football public of Northwood will support these young lads, who are about to enter league football after playing two seasons of friendly games. This club is filling a much-needed want in the town during the football season. Application for a football pitch on the new playing fields, Dane End, has been made to the local council.

Northwood United's first-ever league match



NORTHWOOD UNITED F.C.—The above club, playing at Pinner Green v. Pinner Gas Works in the Harrow and District League, Div. 2, were successful in gaining their first two points by a 2—0 victory. R. Allen scored both goals.—On Saturday next the team travel to Wealdstone to meet Hamiltons in the first round of the Harrow Charity Cup. The following team is selected to play: T. Waring; F. Smith, W. Pearce; C. Ford, H. Empson, S. Gill; F. Smith, F. Young, R. Allen, C. Gutteridge, S. Gutteridge. Team meet at Northwood Station, 2 p.m. Kick-off 3 p.m. The club have been presented with a fully-equipped first-aid box, the donor being Mr. C. R. Cotton, chemist, of High-street, to whom the club is very grateful.

Yesterday TODAY



Throughout Northwood's history – which dates back one hundred years to 1926 – the club have played 14 fixtures on 3rd October; all previous matches are listed below, and I take a look at three of them in more detail. Researched and written by Ken Green

1970
Woods 1
Viking Sports 0

Northwood continued their fine run of Middlesex League results in their first season in the competition when they beat a strong Viking side, in a game played at Taylor's Meadow, Harefield, as the Northwood Rec. pitch was not yet ready. It was Viking who made the early running, but the Northwood defence gave their forwards little, and after the initial threat, it was their turn to press.

Ron Dodd swung over a high cross and Paul Byrne powered a header onto the crossbar. Northwood were now creating chances and Harvey was pushing shrewd through balls to Dave Horsford, who troubled the Viking defence. At the other end Peter Bailey, making his debut at left-back for Northwood, showed considerable promise and he appeared to have covered the departure of Dick Wickison.



1970

Match winning goalscorer - Paul Byrne



1970

Skipper Ron Dodd hit the crossbar

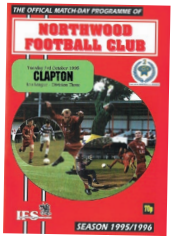
Just before half-time, skipper Dodd cut in from the left and fired in a tremendous shot. It beat the keeper but hit the underside of the bar and bounced down on the line. The ball was cleared as the final moments of the half ran out.

The second half was the opposite of the first, with Viking enjoying the majority of the play, but the Northwood defence held them confidently.

Playing with only two front runners, Northwood's attacks came in thrusts, and Byrne hit the bar for a second time. It was soon after that the vital goal came. A quick pass from Ian Harvey saw Byrne sidestep the full-back and fire home the winner from 12 yards.

Northwood: Ray Byrne, Graham Harding, Peter Bailey, Steve Pearce, Pat Madigan, Don Dibbens, Paul Byrne, Pat Roche, Ron Dodd, Dennis Godley, Dave Horsford.

1995
Woods 6
Clapton 1



Bryan Hammatt scored a hat-trick as Northwood equalled their best-ever score in the Isthmian League Division!

Rod Romain and Chris Gell went close early on, though Clapton's Tommy Williams and Paul Bunter gave the home defence a tough time.

It was Northwood, however, who went ahead when Gell crossed and defender Tony Mason, under pressure from Steve Payton, could only score in his own net.

Clapton equalised when Simon Walsh handled the ball and Bunter scored from the spot to make it 1-1.

Woods, however, went on a goal spree in the last quarter of the



1995

Hat-trick man Bryan Hammatt

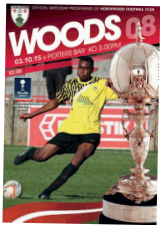
game when Tony Ponnou, back from suspension, replaced Tony Collins and a marvellous finish by Gell put them back in the lead.

Gell and Ponnou then combined well for Bryan Hammatt to make it 3-1 before Romain and Hammatt netted again to make it three goals in four minutes.

Hammatt then scored from the spot to complete his hat-trick.

Northwood: Lee Carroll, Steve Payton, Kevin Dobson, Rod Romain, Simon Walsh, Sean Glynn, John Walsh, Chris Gell, Tony Collins, Bryan Hammatt, Dave Pickstock, Sub. Tony Ponnou.

2015
Woods 1 Potters Bar 1



A last-gasp header from defender Jon Munday earned the Woods a deserved replay in this FA Trophy tie having trailed from the very first minute of the match. The visitors gained possession from kick-off, Evandro Delgado got the better of Alex Nolan, and cut the ball back to Dave Lawrence hit the ball past Berkley Laurencin to make it 1-0 after just 29 seconds.

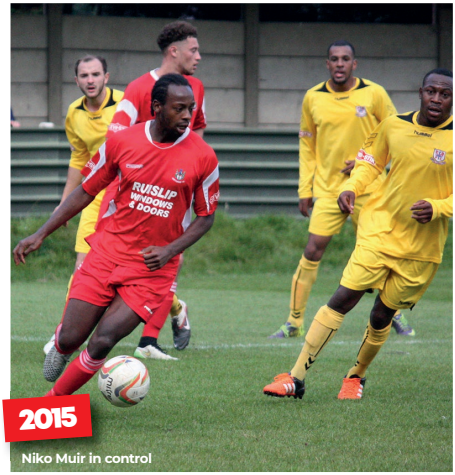
The Woods were soon on the attack looking for a quick response though and when a corner was only partly-cleared by Lawal, George Nicholas latched onto it from the edge of the box but fired just wide. Then George Nicholas hit a shot straight at goalkeeper Mike Underwood who gathered safely. But despite plenty of pressure, the Woods were getting no joy in front of goal and after 25 minute, Potters Bar went close to doubling their lead when Jerry Maja's header was kept out by Laurencin.

A few minutes later and it was back at the other end again with Muir hooking a corner back into the danger zone and this time is was Nicholas who met it with a far post header but it was the same result as the ball flew over the bar. Rob Hastings put over an excellent cross from the left which was met by a good, downward header from Max Holland at the far post but Underwood saved.

The Woods continued to press for a leveller, and Underwood saved a Murray free-kick low down and then Muir got on the end of a Hastings cross but it was cleared off the line by Connor Sullivan.

A rare attack from the visitors saw Delgado's snap-shot safely taken by Laurencin, but time was running out for the Woods as they looked to be heading out of the FA Trophy. That was until the second minute of stoppage-time as they won a final corner, and it was met by a firm header from Munday that finally beat Underwood to level things up.

Northwood: Berkley Laurencin, Alex Nolan, Andy Lomas, Mark Burgess, Jon Munday, George Nicholas, Niko Muir, James Burgess (Louis Stead), Myles Stephenson (Rob Hastings), Michael Murray, Max Holland (Joakim Ehui).



2015

Niko Muir in control

Games The Woods have played on 3rd October

Date		Competition	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att
Sat 3 Oct 1931	A	Harrow & District League Premier Division	William Geipel's	2-5	Young, Brady	
Sat 3 Oct 1936	A	Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	Wembley Institute	7-1	R Bell 4, Gutteridge, T Bell, Taylor	
Sat 3 Oct 1953	H	Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	TOKYNGTON	4-2	?	
Sat 3 Oct 1959	A	Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	Alveston	2-2	?	
Sat 3 Oct 1964	H	Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division	HEARTS OF OAK	0-2		
Sat 3 Oct 1970	H	Middlesex League	VIKING SPORTS	1-0	Byrne	
Sat 3 Oct 1981	H	Cold Shield Hellenic League Premier Division	KIDLINGTON	2-0	Heslop 2	
Sat 3 Oct 1987	A	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Beaconsfield United	1-0	Lynch	
Sat 3 Oct 1992	H	Diadora Isthmian League Division 3	LEIGHTON TOWN	1-1	Vincent	208
Tue 3 Oct 1995	H	Icis Isthmian League Division 3	CLAPTON	6-1	Hammatt 3, Gell, Romain, o.g.	72
Sat 3 Oct 1998	A	Ryman Isthmian League Division 2	Bracknell Town	2-0	Holmes, Cooper	81
Sat 3 Oct 2000	H	Ryman Isthmian League Division 1	WORTHING	2-4	Element, Yaku	205
Tue 3 Oct 2006	A	Southern League Premier Division	Maidenhead United	0-2		201
Sat 3 Oct 2015	H	FA Trophy prelim.	POTTERS BAR TOWN	1-1	Munday	92

Match Action

North Leigh *vs* Northwood

Saturday 19th September 2026, 3pm
Combined Counties League
Premier Division North

North Leigh	0
Northwood	1

Mengi 57


Arnold Mengi drills his shot for the winner at North Leigh

The Woods made it three games unbeaten and picked up their first-ever away win the Combined Counties League game at fellow strugglers North Leigh, but they had to do it the hard way, playing with ten men for over an hour.

New boss Scott Patmore, in only his second game in charge, had to cope without two players called away for international duty as Kieran Lake-Bryan and Kayne Connor started their preparation to play in four Nations League games for Anguilla. It meant that there were two more new signings in for their debut with Jonathan Moura and Ilyas Khader both included in the starting line-up. Former Woods Under-18s striker Rowan Daly also started for the first-time at a senior level.

The home side went into the match having failed to score in all of their four previous home league fixtures though only conceding five, picking up just one point in a 0-0 draw against bottom side Holyport and hadn't scored a goal in their last eight matches in all competitions.

Northwood started off kicking up the slope and after just three minutes, Mark Osei found some space in the box but slotted his shot wide of the far post. The home side hit back with a couple of efforts, one of which deflected through to Woods goalkeeper Finn Rushton but the other flew well wide.

There was a blow to the visitors' defence though when Adeyemi Adewale picked up an injury when stretching to make a tackle and limped off after just 11 minutes, to be replaced by Freddie Greenstreet who took over at left-back with Kevin Mustali switching sides.

Just two minutes later Parris Mason played an excellent ball through to Osei who beat his man but saw his shot well saved by Tom Russell in goal. Three minutes later the Woods should have been in front. Both Mason and Daly had efforts blocked but the ball ran through to Arnold Mengi in front of goal. He stabbed his effort forward from close-range but Russell managed to keep it out.

Things took a turn on 27 minutes when the referee was called over by his assistant who had spotted a misdemeanour from Daly who had kicked out at a defender and was subsequently shown a straight red card, leaving Northwood without a central forward and a man down.

The pack was reshuffled yet again with an emphasis on getting to the break without conceding perhaps and it seemed to work as North leigh were unable to find their way into the final third much, a long-range effort that flew over on 41 minutes the nearest they got.

A minute later, a good ball from Mengi found Osei out wide on the right. His cross was blocked and it almost fell to Khader but the 'keeper just managed to grab the loose ball before any shot. Half-time was approaching when Mengi went on an interesting run through the middle, riding a series of tackles and making his way into the box but he eventually lost control before he could get a shot on goal.

Rushton was finally tested by a shot from Steve Woodhouse but it was a comfortable save and it remained goalless at the interval.

HT: NORTH LEIGH 0-0 NORTHWOOD

The ten men started the second-half pretty well and Khader went close to a debut goal as he let fly with an effort on 50 minutes but Russell did well to get a fist to the shot and then collect the rebound up high. But the all-important opening goal did come Northwood's way after 57 minutes.





Ilyas Khader gets a tackle in



Johnny Wilson blocks an attacker



Mark Osei going uphill

Khader started the move with a shot which was blocked but Mason retrieved the loose ball, rolled it neatly to Mengi just outside the area and he drilled a shot into the bottom corner for his first goal for the club.

The Woods continued to press and another run and cross from Khader was just turned over the bar by a home defender with the corner causing a few problems before it was eventually cleared but North Leigh did begin to threaten and after Mason had picked up a yellow card for a foul just outside the box, Keyaan Adediran got his free-kick up and over the wall, forcing Rushton into an excellent save, fisting the ball away from danger.

Skipper Johnny Wilson skied an effort when a corner dropped to him at the far post but time was ticking on and the Woods made only their second substitution on 76 minutes when Osei was replaced with the fresh legs of Lucas Da Silva Luz. Ronny Mfinda came on for the yellow-carded Khader four minutes later.

On 83 minutes Da Silva Luz was put through on goal by a lovely ball from Moura but with a couple of teammates in support, he took the option of shooting and hit it low but wide of the far post.

It was a missed chance to put the game to bed and two minutes later the home side had an opportunity to level as Awadh Awadh got on the end of a deep cross but put his header over the bar.

The final five minutes were added to by four minutes of stoppage-time but the Woods held on strongly to their narrow advantage and ended their own run of just two points from seven league matches with this much-needed victory.

FT: NORTH LEIGH 0-1 NORTHWOOD

Words: Alan Evans
Images: Glenn Alcock

Woods Line-Up

Rushton, Adewale (Greenstreet 11), Mustali, Moura, Buamah, Wilson, Osei (Da Silva Luz 76), Mengi, Daly, Mason, Khader (Mfinda 80).

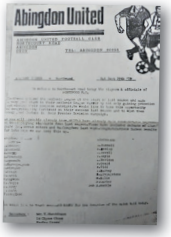
3 OF A KIND

Ken Green revisits three memorable past meetings with Abingdon United



Saturday 1st October 1979
Hellenic League Premier Division

Abingdon United 0 Northwood 2



Northwood shrugged off recent reverses in the Hellenic League Premier Division with the return of star players Steve Revell and Barry Gould to the defence. But if those two, plus Norman Heslop returning to midfield, restored cohesion to Northwood, it was Martin Ellis who converted their superiority into points, and he was unlucky that he did not finish with four goals to his credit.

The home keeper, Jones, was having a field day, but even so Ellis beat him early on, only to see the ball cleared via the heel of a prostrate defender.

Ellis was again in the thick of the action soon afterwards, but a crashing drive was turned around the post by the diving Jones.

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

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

Abingdon United were never allowed back in the match, with the visiting Woods in full control.

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

Saturday 22nd January 1983
Hellenic League Premier Division

Northwood 2 Abingdon United 0

Striker Stuart Mitchell was Northwood's ace in the pack, as they ended rejuvenated Abingdon's recent string of notable league results.

In a dour struggle that could have gone either way it was the magnificent Mitchell who turned events in Woods' favour just when it appeared that the honours were destined to be shared.

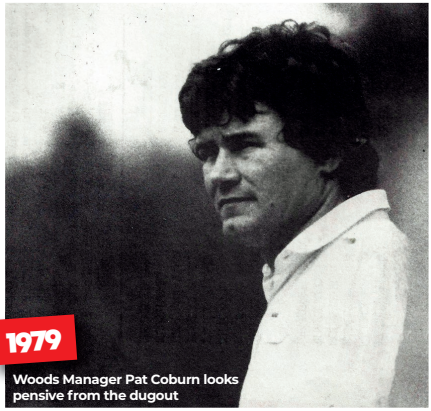
Climbing high, he superbly steered home a great header from Peter Nelmes' cross to break the deadlock, and Woods settled the issue five minutes from time when Gordon Baker forced the ball home after a blunder by the visitors' defence.



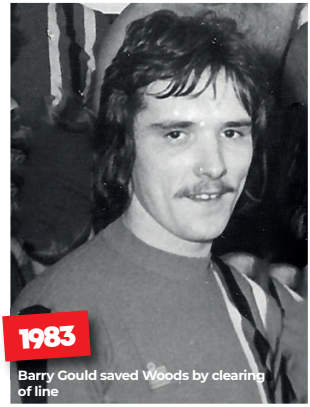
This surprising generosity had been in complete contrast to Abingdon's earlier play as they gave nothing away at the back, and had Northwood at full stretch when they went on the offensive.

John Toogood made two blinding saves, but in a goalless first half both nets had narrow escapes as Barry Gould cleared off his line at one end, before Martin Ellis's effort suffered similar treatment at the other.

Northwood: John Toogood, Peter Nelmes, Peter Lammin, Barry Gould, Norman Heslop, Stuart Mitchell, Steve Floodgate, Peter Davies, Martin Ellis, Gordon Baker, Roger Livingstone. Subs. Greg Watson & Robin Tidd.



1979
Woods Manager Pat Coburn looks pensive from the dugout



1983
Barry Gould saved Woods by clearing of line

Saturday 17th October 2009
FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

Northwood 1
Abingdon United 0



Northwood put their name in the hat for the next round after a solitary goal win over Zamaretto South & West outfit Abingdon United.

Woods were immediately on the attack as Kyle Matthews found himself with only goalkeeper Jon Beames to beat, but the Abingdon stopper stood up well and deflected the shot around the post.

The Woods maintained the early pressure and Chris Seeby combined with Scott Orphanou who turned well to create an opening for Michael Peacock, but he stabbed his shot wide of the goal.

Northwood were rewarded for their bright start by scoring the crucial goal on 11 minutes following a sweeping move. Power began the move which involved Matthews and Gary Burrell, before Orphanou fed John Christian, who blasted the ball home.

Christian went close to adding to his tally as he burst into the box once more after Power and Burrell combined well, but the shot was blocked.

Abingdon briefly threatened as James Faulkner got beyond Michael Peacock in the box, but 'keeper Mitch Swain showed a strong hand to beat the beat the shot away.

Woods were quickly back into their attacking rhythm, Seeby getting on the end of Matthews' far-post free-kick to send a downward header into the arms of Beames. And Northwood thought they had scored a second goal on 21 minutes, but Orphanou was deemed to be in an offside position as he received the ball from Sonuga.

Chances were now being created at both ends of the pitch, Swain saving well from John Mills and Faulkner whilst Christian had a shot saved by Beames before his follow-up shot was cleared off the line.

Northwood were anxious to find the second goal and they went close as Gary Burrell's outstretched leg was inches away from connecting with Figueiredo's low cross, whilst Brad Hewitt headed narrowly over from Burrell's corner.

There were further opportunities for both sides before the end, Figueiredo shooting wide and Burrell having two attempts on goal following a goalmouth melee, whilst Mills squandered another chance for Abingdon as Woods deservedly moved into the next round.

Northwood: Mitch Swain, Mark Burgess (Anthony Page), Gary Burrell, Chris Seeby, Michael Peacock, Bradley Hewitt, Scott Orphanou, John Christian, Kyle Matthews, John Sonuga (Hugo Figueiredo), Danny Power

Abingdon: Jon Beames, Jeff Brown, James Organ, Richard Pierson, Tim Franklin, Justin Merritt (Conor Hunt), Samuel Elkins (Ben Weedon), Simon Goodrham (Anaclet Odhiambo), John Mills, James Faulkner, Elliott-Osborne-Ricketts



2009

Match-winner John Christian

Follow the Woods throughout the season

Match by Match 2026/27

AUGUST			F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6
SAT 1	**Holyport**	LGE	**2-0**	129	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Santos	McNamara	Tiryaki	Greenstreet
SAT 8	**Hutton**	FACEPR	**1-1**	132	Vaughan	Lake-Bryan	Dos Santos	Smith-Kouassi	Greenstreet	Tiryaki
WED 12	Hutton	FACEPRR	**1-2**	221	Vaughan	Lake-Bryan	Dos Santos	Fofana	Sethi	Trujillo
SAT 15	Rothwell Corinthians	FAV1QR	**5-2**	65	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Dos Santos	Havard	Sethi	**Tiryaki (3)**
TUE 18	North Greenford United	LGE	**1-3**	136	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Yone	McNamara	Sethi	Rangel
SAT 22	**Burnham**	LGE	**1-2**	117	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Yone	McNamara	**Tiryaki (1)**	Buamah
SAT 29	**Broadfields United**	LGE	**1-1**	101	Mawson-Smith	Lake-Bryan	Yone	T. James	Greenstreet	Buamah
MON 31	**Harefield United**	LGE	**2-4**	195	Mawson-Smith	Horwood	Yone	T. James	Konate	Buamah
SEPTEMBER										
SAT 5	Ardley United	LGE	**0-6**	92	Mawson-Smith	Lake-Bryan	Kelly	Fofana	Georgiou	Buamah
TUE 8	Bedfont	LGE	**0-5**	48	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Kelly	Connor	Greenstreet	Buamah
SAT 12	**Maidenhead Town**	FAV2QR	**3-1**	121	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Kelly	**Vincent (1)**	Greenstreet	Georgiou
TUE 15	**Rayners Lane**	LGE	**0-0**	125	Rushton	Mustali	Lake-Bryan	Connor	Buamah	Wilson
SAT 19	North Leigh	LGE	**1-0**	47	Rushton	Adewale	Mustali	Moura	Buamah	Wilson
TUE 22	Harrow Borough	MSC	**1-4**	101	Rushton	Mustali	Greenstreet	Moura	Buamah	Wilson
SAT 26	Wokingham Town	LGE	**1-4**	148	Rushton	Mustali	Dos Santos	Mason	Buamah	Wilson
WED 30	Hilltop	LGE								
OCTOBER										
SAT 3	**Abingdon United**	LGE								
SAT 10	**Midhurst & Easebourne**	FAVR1								
SAT 17	**Redhill**	LC								
TUE 20	**Penn & Tylers Green**	LGE								
SAT 24	Thatcham Town	LGE								
SAT 31	**Kidlington**	LGE								
NOVEMBER										
SAT 7	Amersham Town	LGE								
SAT 14	**Easington Sports**	LGE								
SAT 28	**Hilltop**	LGE								
DECEMBER										
SAT 5	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	LGE								
SAT 12	**North Greenford United**	LGE								
SAT 19	**Reading City**	LGE								
MON 28	Harefield United	LGE								
JANUARY										
SAT 2	Broadfields United	LGE								
SAT 9	**Wallingford & Crowmarsh**	LGE								
SAT 16	**North Leigh**	LGE								
SAT 23	Abingdon United	LGE								
SAT 30	Rayners Lane	LGE								
FEBRUARY										
SAT 6	**Ardley United**	LGE								
SAT 13	**Bedfont**	LGE								
SAT 20	Penn & Tylers Green	LGE								
SAT 27	Burnham	LGE								
MARCH										
SAT 6	**Thatcham Town**	LGE								
SAT 13	Holyport	LGE								
SAT 20	**Wokingham Town**	LGE								
TUE 23	**Amersham Town**	LGE								
SAT 27	Kidlington	LGE								
MON 29	Reading City	LGE								
APRIL										
SAT 3	Easington Sports	LGE								

HOME GAMES IN BOLD; GOAL SCORER (1);
FIRST SUB; SECOND SUB; THIRD SUB; FOURTH SUB; FIFTH SUB;
YELLOW CARD; RED CARD







7	8	9	10	11	Used Substitutes	OG
Lombardi	Fofana	**Enver-Marum (1)**	**Bubb (1)**	Trujillo	Ingham-Wright 53; Morris 64; Rangel 85; Akandi 90+6	
Trujillo	Fofana	**Enver-Marum (1)**	Morris	Ingham-Wright	Sethi 21; Yone 46; Akandi 58; Havard 63; Stephen-Lett 86	
Lombardi	Morris	**Enver-Marum (1)**	Smith-Kouassi	Akandi	Havard 40; Jalloh 43; L. James 58; Ingham-Wright 72; Gillespie 72	
Fofana	McNamara	**Smith-Kouassi (1)**	**Ingham-Wright (1)**	Akandi	Gillespie 58; Jalloh 66; Trujillo 66; Lombardi 66; Enver-Marum 75	
Trujillo	Fofana	**Enver-Marum (1)**	Smith-Kouassi	Akandi	Gillespie 27; Lombardi 46; Jalloh 74; Tiryaki 80; Ingham-Wright 83	
Trujillo	T. James	Smith-Kouassi	Connor	Francis	Fofana 46 (Ingham-Wright 88); Greenstreet 69; Lombardi 77	
Khan	Connor	Smith-Kouassi	**Enver-Marum (1)**	Gibson	Fofana 46; Akandi 80	
Fofana (1)	Connor	Tiryiki	Enver-Marum	Khan	Greenstreet 17; Trujillo 38; **Smith-Kouassi 46 (1)**; Akandi 55; Gibson 67	
King	McNamara	Smith-Kouassi	Morris	Mason	Greenstreet 46; Connor 56; Daly 62; Da Silva Luz 69; Akandi 74	
Akandi	Morris	Smith-Kouassi	Mason	Da Silva Luz	T. James 46; Daly 66; Lombardi 86	
Naim	Connor	**Ingham-Wright (1)**	Mason	**Da Silva Luz (1)**	James 46; Akandi 60; King 70; Daly 76; Fofana 85	
Adewale	Mason	Ingham-Wright	Mengi	Osei	Eldridge 72; Mfinda 83; Naim 87	
Osei	**Mengi (1)**	Daly	Mason	Khader	Greenstreet 11; Da Silva Luiz 76; Mfinda 80	
Khader	Fofana	Ingham-Wright	Mengi	Osei	Mfinda 55; Eldridge 63; Da Silva Luiz 66 **(1)**; Fostyk 83; Havard 88	
Eldridge	Mengi	**Akintunde (1)**	Fostyk	Osei	Campbell 46; Bettamer 59; Da Silva Luiz 73; Fofana 81; Moura 87	

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Match Report

Wokingham Town *vs* Northwood

Saturday 26th September 2026, 3pm
Combined Counties League
Premier Division North

4-1

Miah 42,
Lynskey 43, 52
Peprah-Baah 62

Akintunde 37



The Woods made their first-ever visit to Lowther Road, home of Wokingham Town, who they last met in back in 1999 when both were playing Isthmian League football when their hosts were playing at a former ground.

There were a few changes to the squad that had won at North Leigh last Saturday with Rodney Dos Santos drafted in at left-back, George Eldridge and Maksym Fostyk both starting for the first time and there was a place up front for former Woods striker Juwon Akintunde, back for a second spell on dual-registration from Aylesbury United. There were two new names on the bench too with the experienced defender Rafiq Bettamer joining along with Boreham Wood U19s Academy youngster Javan Campbell.

It was clear from one look at the pitch surface that this was going to be a real battle for the three points at stake – dry, hard, bumpy and with a patchy grass covering. Our hosts had managed to avoid defeat in six of their seven previous games on the surface; that only narrowly against Step 4 side Hungerford in the FA Cup a month earlier so a tough nut to crack for sure.

And the Sumas were quickly into their stride, moving the ball forward quickly and into danger areas. After just five minutes there was a chance for Harley Oates who saw his effort pushed wide by Woods goalkeeper Finn Rushton. The resulting corner was taken short, driven into the box and after a couple of blocked shots, the ball fell to Ethan Oyedele but it was hit well over.

The Woods were struggling to make any impact, restricted to just one attack in the first half-hour when Arnold Mengi slipped a ball through to Mark Osei who moved into the box and cut inside his marker but his shot rose high over the bar.

Wokingham continued to look more likely to make a breakthrough with the Woods defending deep and Rushton was again called into action when diving to push a good low strike from Oyedele wide of the far post. Five minutes later, Sam Lynskey got his head to a corner with Rushton saving again before the loose ball was blocked again by some desperate defending.

However, after 36 minutes, Northwood were almost in front as Fostyk battled through the centre to move the ball into the area where Akintunde beat goalkeeper Jake Simpson to it and knocked it goalwards. Both Mark Osei and a home defender dived in virtually on the line, causing a dust cloud which made vision difficult but the ball stayed out and flew off for a throw-on.

Two minutes later, the Woods seemed to have got more of an idea of how to play as another quick ball played into the channel released Akintunde through on goal and he brushed off the challenge of his marker before slotting past the exposed Simpson to put the visitors in front. It proved to be a false dawn.

Wokingham's response was swift and emphatic. On 42 minutes, a run down the left produced which was touched home at the near post, given to Naz Miah and not much more than a minute later, Lynskey burst into the box on the right and slotted past Rushton to turn the scoreline on its head.

There was a change at half-time by manager Scott Patmore, introducing Campbell for Fostyk but after Osei had seen an early effort blocked for a corner, the Sumas netted a third killer goal on 53 minutes. The Woods defence was wide open as a shot was blocked on the line but Lynskey was on hand to tuck away the rebound for his second goal.

Bettamer replaced Eldridge for his debut but Wokingham then found a fourth goal after 63 minutes as a free-kick was delivered to the back-post and impressive young defender Aaron Peprah-Baah rose high to thump home a header; his fourth of the season. He went close again seven minutes later with another header from a corner but this time Rushton was able to tip it over the bar.

Woods battled on, both sides made a series of substitutions and the Sumas held on comfortably to their solid victory taking them to within sight of the play-off places.

Words Alan Evans

Woods Line-Up

Rushton,Mustali, Dos Santos, Mason, Buamah, Wilson, Eldridge (Bettamer 59), Mengi (Fofana 81), Akintunde (Da Silva Luz 73), Fostyk (Campbell 46), Osei (Moura 87m)

Woods Under 18's

League success but Cup woes for the youngsters

The Woods U18s have played four matches since our last programme notes but did have a big setback when they crashed to a 0-1 defeat at the hands of Hayes & Yeading when the two clubs met for the second time this season in the FA Youth Cup.

A week earlier, Tooting & Mitcham United had been dispatched 7-0 in an Isthmian League fixture so all had been well but the game against Hayes & Yeading was never so smooth. The visitors battled their way to a narrow 1-0 victory so dreams of matching last season's long run in the competition came to an end. Incredibly, this ended a run of 13 successive victories in all competitions here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium which dated back to March 2025.

The following week, we had to make the long journey to South Park FC for a really difficult League Cup first round tie against Kingstonian, the side who beat the Woods in the Champions Cup Semi-Final last season. But while that was a close-run contest, this one saw the K's romp to a 6-0 victory so again our interest in the competition has come to an early end.

This week, it was another Monday night match, a quick return against Tooting & Mitcham United and the Woods managed to bounce back well with a 5-1 victory which keeps them at the top of the table. James King netted early, his first of the season, but we then conceded our first league goal of the season soon after. It didn't stay level for long though as Olivier Kostrycki netted a first-half hat-trick to put Northwood 4-1 ahead at the break. He took his personal tally to four early in the second-half to complete the scoring.

This coming week we have a third contest against Hayes & Yeading United, this time in the opening round of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup. It's on Wednesday night, 7th October at 7.45pm so please try to get along to the game if you can and give the lads plenty of support.

Once again, it is our intention to have all the U18s players sponsored for the season so if you can help out with that, please let us know. It's just £30 per player (and management). Remember that all NFC Season Ticket holders get free admission to the Isthmian Youth games here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

Fixtures & Results 2026/27

AUGUST			
Wed 26	**Hayes & Yeading United**	LGE	**3-0**
		Kostrycki 2, Heaven	
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 2	Everett Rovers	FAY	**5-1**
		Gunasekera, Gooch, Harrison, Brooks, Clark	
Wed 9	**Tooting & Mitcham United**	LGE	**7-0**
		Gardner 2, Kostrycki 2, Haire 3	
Wed 16	**Hayes & Yeading United**	FAY	**0-1**
Mon 21	Kingstonian	IYC	**0-6**
Mon 28	Tooting & Mitcham United	LGE	**5-1**
		King, Kostrycki 4	
OCTOBER			
Wed 21	**Hayes & Yeading United**	MXY	
Wed 21	**Aldershot Town**	LGE	
Wed 28	Sutton United	LGE	
NOVEMBER			
Wed 4	**Camberley Town**	LGE	
Mon 9	Hayes & Yeading United (at Burnham)	LGE	
Wed 18	**Ascot United**	LGE	
Mon 23	Tooting & Mitcham United	LGE	
Mon 30	Walton & Hersham	LGE	
DECEMBER			
Mon 14	Aldershot Town (at Bracknell Town)	LGE	
JANUARY			
Thu 7	Woking (at Knaphill)	LGE	
Thu 14	Camberley Town	LGE	
Wed 20	**Woking**	LGE	
Wed 27	**Walton & Hersham**	LGE	
FEBRUARY			
Tue 2	Ascot United	LGE	
Wed 17	**Sutton United**	LGE	

FAY = FA Youth Cup; **IYC** = Isthmian Youth League Cup; **MXY** = Middlesex Youth Cup

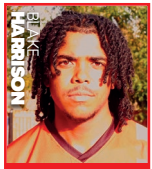
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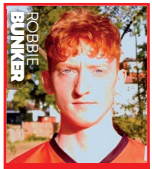

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Isthmian Youth League

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	**Northwood**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**15**	**1**	**14**	**9**
2	Aldershot Town	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
3	Camberley Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4	Walton & Hersham	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
5	Hayes & Yeading	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
6	Ascot United	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
7	Woking	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
8	Sutton United	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
9	Tooting & Mitcham	3	0	0	3	1	14	-13	0

Match Action

Northwood vs Maidenhead Town

Saturday 12th September 2026, 3pm
FA Challenge Vase
Second Round Qualifying

Northwood FC	3	*Ingham-Wright 6* *Vincent 21* *Da Silva Luz 44*
Maidenhead Town FC	1	*McKenzie 49*



Parris Masonon the ball

After two heavy league defeats over the previous week, the Woods went into this FA Vase fixture looking for improvement and following the arrival of new manager Scott Patmore who was conducting a watching brief while the interim management was led by Mark Chandler for this cup-tie.

Two new players were introduced into the starting line-up, Dan Vincent for his third spell at the club while Shakeel Naim returned for his first game since 2021. Zack Ingham-Wright replaced Reon Smith-Kouassi up front.

The visitors were playing their first-ever FA Vase fixture having been promoted from Step 7 football at the end of last season and had made a solid start to life in Division One of the Combined Counties League so everything pointed to an interesting and competitive fixture. And so, it proved.

There was an early chance for Northwood as Vincent knocked in a cross which Ingham-Wright stabbed goalwards but goalkeeper Alex Collie got down to save. Not so good for Collie just two minutes later when a bouncing ball caught him outside the area, unable to clear and Ingham-Wright raced through to knock home the opening goal.

It was a pretty open game though and the Woods were finding plenty of space in the final third with a couple of shots blocked by the Maidenhead defence. But a second goal came on 21 minutes as a foul wide of the box on the left saw Vincent take full advantage, curling a right-foot shot over the wall and in at the near post.

The visitors looked dangerous on the break though and forced goalkeeper Kacper Orlowski into a save on 27 minutes with a low shot from Ryan Hennessy; Michael Kelly completing the clearance from the loose ball.

Ingham-Wright tested Collie again from distance on 31 minutes but the keeper was equal to It and then the Stags went very close to pulling a goal back three minutes later. Jack McKenzie got the better of Freddie Greenstreet on the right and knocked in a cross which was flicked goalwards by Harry Combe. Orlowski pushed it away and Lucas Georgiou did well to block the follow-up shot.

Back at the other end, Collie did well to tip a fierce effort from Kieron Lake-Bryan over the top but Maidenhead kept battling away and Orlowski had to save a decent header from a free-kick before another shot whistled just wide. Naim got on the end of a wayward shot from Ingham-Wright and looked likely to score but he was denied by Collie.

But the Woods were to grab an important third goal just before the half-time break as Kelly played the ball across the six-yard box from wide on the left and a shot from Lucas Da Silva Luz was enough to beat the diving Collie despite him getting hands to the ball.

HT: NORTHWOOD 3-0 MAIDENHEAD TOWN

The ten men started the second-half pretty well and Khader went close to a debut goal as he let fly with an effort on 50 minutes but Russell did well to get a fist to the shot and then collect the rebound up high. But the all-important opening goal did come Northwood's way after 57 minutes. Khader started the move with a shot which was blocked but Mason retrieved the loose ball, rolled it neatly to Mengi just outside the area and he drilled a shot into the





Lucas Da Silva Luz jumps for joy after scoring



Dan Vincent's free-kick is on its way to the back of the net



James King picks out Zach Ingham-Wright



Lucas Da Silva Luz on the run

bottom corner for his first goal for the club.

The interval certainly did the visitors good as they started the second period much more on the front foot. They went close early and then pulled a goal back straight away through McKenzie and three minutes later a big scramble in the goalmouth might have brought another.

The danger signs were clearly there but the Woods tried to hit back with a looping header from Ingham-Wright easy for Collie to pluck out of the air and then the Woods striker was denied again with another effort from outside the box.

Orlowski continued to deal with anything thrown at him as the visitors continued to push forward positively and time began to tick away and substitutions broke up play. And those replacements combined to almost bring a fourth Woods goal on 80 minutes as Rowan Daly slipped a ball to Nathan Akandi and his shot flashed across goal and wide.

Two further subs were involved five minutes later when James King set up Amara Fofana and his clever strike came back off the crossbar with the 'keeper nowhere. Five additional minutes of additional time brought no further goalmouth action and Northwood held on to the victory and a place in the next round of the competition. The watching Patmore will have been pleased that the side had managed to secure the win and the club's thanks go to the interim management team that had overseen the process of appointing a new manager.

FT: NORTHWOOD 3-1 MAIDENHEAD TOWN

Words: Alan Evans
Images: Ali Karabacak

Woods Line-Up

Orlowski, Lake-Bryan (James 83), Kelly, Vincent (Fofana 85), Greenstreet, Georgiou, Naim (King 70m), Connor, Ingham-Wright (Daly 76), Mason (James 46m), Da Silva Luz (Nathan Akandi).

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WOODS ROLL CALL 2026/27

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	2026/27 SEASON										WOODS CAREER						
	League				Cup				Total		League		Cups		Overall		
Player	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Woods Debut
Amara Fofana	4	3	7	1	4	1	5	0	12	1	7	1	5	0	12	1	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Kieron Lake-Bryan	7	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	11	0	12	0	4	0	16	0	*Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26*
Freddie Greenstreet	3	4	7	0	3	0	3	0	10	0	7	0	3	0	10	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
*Nathaniel Akandi	2	4	6	0	2	2	4	0	10	0	6	0	4	0	10	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Lewis Buamah	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	0	9	0	8	0	1	0	9	0	*Burnham (H) Aug '26*
*Reon Smith-Kouassi	5	1	6	1	3	0	3	1	9	2	6	1	3	1	9	2	*Hutton (H) Aug '26*
Zack Ingham-Wright	1	3	4	0	4	1	5	2	9	2	4	0	5	2	9	2	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Kayne Connor	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	*Burnham (H) Aug '26*
*Liam Enver-Marum	4	0	4	3	2	1	3	2	7	5	4	3	3	2	7	5	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Brandon Trujillo	3	1	4	0	2	1	3	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
**Parris Mason	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	5	0	4	1	9	1	*Enfield Town (H) Feb '23*
*Mustafa Tiryaki	3	1	4	1	2	0	2	3	6	4	4	1	2	3	6	4	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Lucas Da Silva Luz	1	3	4	0	1	1	2	2	6	2	4	0	2	2	6	2	*Ardley United (A) Sept '26*
**Kacper Orlowski	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	6	0	4	0	2	0	6	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
*Luca Lombardi	1	3	4	0	1	1	2	0	6	0	4	0	2	0	6	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Mehdi Yone	4	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	*Hutton (H) Aug '26*
Pierce McNamara	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
*Tolu James	3	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	*Burnham (H) Aug '26*
Rodney Dos Santos	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Arnold Mengi	3	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	4	1	3	1	1	0	4	1	*Rayners Lane (H) Sept '26*
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Kevin Mustali	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	*Rayners Lane (H) Sept '26*
Mark Osei	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	*Rayners Lane (H) Sept '26*
Rowan Daly	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	6	0	2	0	8	0	*Southall (A) Nov '25*
Alex Sethi	1	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	*Hutton (H) Aug '26*
Josh Havard	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	*Hutton (H) Aug '26*
Charlie Mawson-Smith	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	*Broadfields United (H) Aug '26*
Michael Kelly	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	8	0	2	0	10	0	*Beaconsfield Town (H) Aug. '24*
George Eldridge	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	*Rayners Lane (H) Sept '26*
Jonathan Moura	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	*North Leigh (A) Sept '26*
Ronny Mfinda	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	14	0	2	0	16	0	*Bracknell Town (A) Dec '19*
Armani Morris	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
David Gillespie	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	*Hutton (A) Aug '26*
Yayah Jalloh	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	*Hutton (A) Aug '26*
**Archie Morris	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	*Ardley United (A) Sept '26*
*Abdullah Khan	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	*Broadfields United (H) Aug '26*
Adeyemi Adewale	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	*Rayners Lane (H) Sept '26*
*Tommy Gibson	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	*Broadfields United (H) Aug '26*
Chris Rangel	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	*Holyport (H) Aug '26*
Ilyas Khader	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	*North Leigh (A) Sept '26*
James King	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	*Ardley United (A) Sept '26*
Lucas Georgiou	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	*Ardley United (A) Sept '26*
Maksym Fostyk	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	*Harrow Borough (A) Sept '26*
Shakeel Naim	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	10	5	6	2	16	7	*Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21*
Noah Vaughan	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	*Hutton (H) Aug '26*
**Bradley Bubb	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	*AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25*
**Juwon Akintunde	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	5	3	1	20	6	*Merstham (H) Oct '22*
**Khalil Francis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*Burnham (H) Aug '26*
*Kenzo Konate	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*Harefield United (H) Aug '26*
*Luke Horwood	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*Harefield United (H) Aug '26*
Harvie Gardiner	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*Rayners Lane (H) Sept '26*
Javan Campbell	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*Wokingham Town (A) Sept '26*
Rafiq Bettamer	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*Wokingham Town (A) Sept '26*
Dan Vincent	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	14	2	2	2	16	4	*Brentford "B" Oct. '24*
*Craig Stephen-Lett	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	*Hutton (H) Aug '26*
Louis James	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	*Hutton (A) Aug '26*

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The club was formed in 1946 when a group of ex-servicemen decided that the town could support two football clubs. The first meeting to form the club was held in the local Anchor Public House on the bank of the River Thames. The new club joined Division 1 of the North Berks League for the 1946/47 season and whilst being relegated, they went on to win the league's Charity Shield at their first attempt.

In 1953/54 the club were North Berks champions and were also cup finalists. However, it had set its sights on higher things and five years later entered Division One of the Hellenic League. During the 1965/66 season, they won the Division One Challenge Cup, and the following season were the cup finalists.

Following promotion to the Premier Division in 1976/77, the club struggled and was relegated to Division One after four seasons. With a more ambitious approach, the club bounced straight back into the Premier League where it remained for 24 straight seasons, winning the Division One Cup in the same promotion year. Senior status followed in 1985 allowing the club to be eligible for entry into the FA Vase, County Senior Cup and, in 1989, the FA Cup.

The 50th Anniversary of the club, and the most successful season to date was during the 1996/97 season, which saw Abingdon United win the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy, Hellenic Floodlit Cup, and finishing runners-up in the Hellenic Premier Division. Away from the pitch the club improved its catering facilities, added a function room, a covered stand and ground floodlighting to support its now capacity of 2,000 people.

The following season saw success come to the Northcourt again, with United retaining the B&B Senior Trophy, winning the Hellenic Reserve Championship and the Allied Counties Youth League.

The 2006/07 season saw the club gain promotion to the Southern League, whilst again improving its facilities by adding new changing

Key Man
CONOR McGRATH



saw Abingdon United compete in the Southern League, but with increasing financial pressures, the club volunteered to return to the Hellenic League Premier Division for the 2013/2014 season.

After a first-team restructure, which saw a priority towards home grown young players, the club were relegated to Hellenic Division One in 2015/16. However, the club immediately returned to the Premier, securing second place promotion in the 96th minute of the final game. After a solid thirteenth-place finish in 2016/17, the following season ended bottom and with relegation.

Two Covid interrupted seasons came with the Hellenic League being abandoned in 2019/20 and arrival of current Chairman Alan Midwinter, who alongside the committee stabilised the club. The club tragically lost first team player Jack Badger following his passing in September 2024 but the local community rallied to break the clubs record attendance with 1,567 attending the Challenge Cup match with Wantage Town. The two clubs met again in April 2025 in the Hellenic Division One play-off final. Once more a new record attendance of 1,621 was set and Abingdon secured promotion to the Premier Division again with a 2-0 win. The club were then placed in the Combined Counties Premier North for the first time in history for the 2025/26 season and they are now looking to build on a respectable twelfth place.

AT THE HELM



Jules McCalmon

Former Abingdon United player Julian McCalmon was appointed United's First Team Manager in September 2025.

Julian (aka Jules) played at Abingdon United for a number of years and has spent the last decade in non-league football management, assisting and managing at step 4 & 5.

The club were delighted when the 50-year-old agreed to remain as boss for the 2026/27 season having led United to a solid return to Step 5 in his first season with the club with a twelfth place finish in the Premier Division North last term.



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Peter Reynolds

Ivorian, Amara is a 23-year-old central midfielder who has been playing in France for AS Ararat Issy in the French League De Paris.



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20-year-old goalkeeper who has joined us on dual-registration from Uxbridge. Was with Bromley and Dulwich Hamet academies as a youngster and has also played for Binfield and Sutton Common Rovers.



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Gerry Pimm

19-year-old defender who has been with Hampton & Richmond Borough and Woking Academies and had short loan spells with Corinthian Casuals and Molesey last season.



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Josh comes into first-team contention having made 30 appearances in midfield for the successful Under-18s. Only just turned 18, further progress would be great to see.



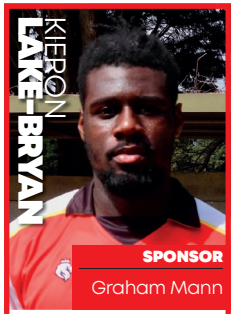
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Imposing striker, now 26, who arrives at the Woods having previously played at Egham Town, Cockfosters, Burnham, Belstone and Welwyn Garden City.



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24-year-old left- back who arrives having played last season at Fleet Town and Risborough Rangers. Other clubs include Hastings United, Knaphill, Camberley Town and Horsham YMCA.



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Graham Mann

22-year-old defender who has represented Anguilla as an International, joined Northwood from Dorking Wanderers in March 2026 having previously played for Edgware & Kingsbury.



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22-year-old striker who arrived at the Woods in July 2026. Was with Walton & Hersham as a youngster. Previous clubs include Epsom & Ewell, Abbey Rangers, AFC Royal Holloway, Deportivo Galicia, Tooting Bec and Tooting & Mitcham United.



FINN RUSHTON

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23-year-old goalkeeper who arrived from Broadfields United in September 2026. Finn started out in the Wingate & Finchley before joining Potters Bar Town and playing plenty of games at Step 3. He has also played for Marlow, Enfield, Barking and Buckhurst Hill.



KEVIN MUSTALI

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Arriving from AFC Welwyn in September 2026, the 28-year-old is an experienced and versatile player who can play in several positions. He can list New Salamis and St. Pantelimon amongst his former clubs, where he enjoyed plenty of success.



LEWIS BUAMAH

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Young defender, 17, who arrived in September 2026 on dual-registration from Egham Town having also been involved at AFC Croydon Athletic. He played in the Blackburn Rovers Academy having previously been with Sutton Common Rovers.



JOHNNY WILSON

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Colin Seal

Experienced defender who joined from AFC Welwyn in September 2026 and takes over as club captain. The 34-year-old will provide a steadying influence and has previously played for Rayners Lane over several seasons and Broadfields United.



PARRIS MASON

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29-year-old midfielder who joined for a second spell in September 2026 on dual-registration from Harrow Borough. He was previously with Woods in February 2023 and has also played at Hampton & Richmond Borough, Molesey as well as a spell in Norway for Honefoss BK.



KAYNE CONNOR

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22-year-old midfielder who has over ten caps for Anguilla. He played in the Caribbean country for Roaring Lions and has also had spells with Chalfont St. Peter, Burnham and North Greenford United.



JONATHAN MOURA

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Experienced, 26-year-old midfielder, Jon moved to Northwood from AFC Welwyn in September 2026 having previously played at Edgware & Kingsbury. The Brazilian also had a very successful spell at St. Pantelimon.



MARK OSEI

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Available

Young attacking winger who has arrived at Northwood from AFC Welwyn having previously been with Edgware & Kingsbury. Only 21 with plenty of pace and skill.



ARNOLD MENGI

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Experienced 25-year-old attacking midfielder who joined from West Essex in September 2026. He has also played for Romford, White Ensign, Witham Town and Basildon United as well as Walthamstow and, last season, Haringey Borough.



ILLYAS KHADER

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Young and skilful, 18-year-old winger who arrived in September 2026 from AFC Welwyn along with new manager Scott Patmore having also played for him at Rayners Lane and at Burnham. Bags of potential and can play anywhere across the front line.



JUWON AKINTUNDE

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31-year-old striker who joined for a second spell in September 2026 from Aylesbury United following a first spell at Woods in 2022. Other clubs include Harrow Borough, Chalfont St Peter, Portland Phoenix (USA), Royston Town, Thame United, Flackwell Heath and Windsor & Eton amongst others.



LUCAS DASILVALUZ

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Lucas is a tricky winger, just 20, who joined the Woods in September 2026 having seen previous service at Hayes & Yeading, Edgware & Kingsbury and Croxley Green.

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