



NORTHWOOD FC – PLAYER PROFILES 2021/2022 SEASON

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

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

Andrew Blake – Andrew is only 22 but has gained experience from spells with Greenwich Borough, Leatherhead, Farnborough, Egham Town and Staines Town over the last few years and joined the Woods from Farnborough in the close-season.

Adam Cash – Experienced defender, now 26, who joined the Woods in September 2021 on a dual-registration basis from Hayes & Yeading. Adam suffered a bad injury and is making his steady way back to fitness. He has previously played for Harrow Borough, Wealdstone, Windsor, Margate, Slough Town and Leatherhead.

Sam Coles – Sam is an attacking midfielder, 21 years old and another to have graduated from the FAB Academy and Flackwell Heath Youth to play for Burnham and then Windsor. He signed for Northwood from the Stags in the summer of 2021.

Connor Cullen – Exciting, mobile striker, now 24, who joined the Woods in September 2021 from Farnborough on a dual-registration basis as he looks to regain his fitness after a year living abroad. He came up through the ranks with Farnborough and has plenty of experience at Step 3.

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

William Dupray – Young midfield player who can also play at the back, William signed for the Woods in September 2021 from Corinthian Casuals. The 22-year-old has previously played at Bracknell Town having started out at Scunthorpe United and since moved to Cambridge City, Chalfont St. Peter, Welwyn Garden City, Wingate & Finchley and Harlow Town.

Matteo Esposito – Matteo is a 22-year-old attacking midfield player who joined Northwood in the summer of 2021 having played for Royston Town last season. Has previously played at Cockfosters and Oxhey Jets.

Ismael Ehui – Experienced striker, 34-year-old Ish has rejoined the Woods for a third spell some seven years after his first successful spell when he netted 14 goals in 29 appearances. French-born, Ismael played a few games for Scunthorpe United in the Football League while on loan from Fulham before playing abroad in Cyprus and Belgium, latterly for FC Montegnee. He moved to Hayes &

Yeading, Hendon and Flackwell Heath before a second spell at Northwood and has since played for Chalfont St. Peter, Potters Bar, Hanwell Town, North Greenford and Broadfields United.

Joakim Ehui – 30-year-old brother to Ismael, Joakim has also returned to Northwood for a third spell and to add to over 180 appearances for the club. Born in Lille, France Joakim was also at Fulham as a youngster and has also played for St. Albans City, Harrow Borough, Harlow Town, Hayes & Yeading, Potters Bar, Aylesbury, Chalfont St. Peter and Broadfields United.

Juan Pablo Gonzalez Velasco – Pablo is a 22-year-old Colombian-born attacking full-back who was at Brentford and Tottenham as a youth before playing in Spain for CD Lugo and then Bulgaria for FC Pirin. On returning to England, he played a game for Edgware Town and has now joined the Woods, though is also dual-registered with Hendon FC.

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

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

Imani Matthews – Imani is a former Southend United Youth Academy graduate, now 23, who suffered a bad injury to halt his professional career. He has since had short spells with Hoddesdon Town, Ware, Mousehole and Welwyn Garden City but joined the Woods in October 2021 to bolster the forward line.

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

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

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

Declan Nche – Strong midfielder who returns to Northwood this summer for his second spell at the club having previously made 14 appearances in 2017/18 when he arrived from Brentwood Town. Since then, the 24-year-old has played at Hanwell Town, Egham Town, Witham Town and Heybridge Swifts.

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

Giovanni Palmer – 23-year-old attacker who signed for the Woods in September 2021 having previously played for Barking and Romford.

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

Daniel Purdue – 21-year-old goalkeeper made his debut for the Woods in October 2021 in the FA Trophy against Haywards Heath Town. The youngster came up through the ranks at Hendon and remains registered for the Southern Premier side as well as for Hampton & Richmond Borough. Also had short spells with Chalfont St Peter and Harrow Borough.

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

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

Matt Surmon – Matt is an assured central defender despite being only 21 years old and joins the club from FC Deportivo Galicia. He has also played at Ashford Town (Middx) and Windsor.