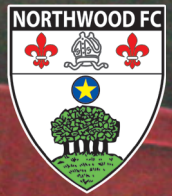


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THE OFFICIAL NORTHWOOD MATCHDAY PROGRAMME 2017-18



EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, EAST

versus **BEDFORD TOWN**

Saturday 24th February 2018

Kick-off 3.00 pm

UP FRONT

VICE-CHAIRMAN & EDITOR



KEN GREEN

Welcome back to Northwood Park this afternoon, and we are pleased to see all our supporters new and old, and also extend our welcome all connected with Bedford Town FC; we trust they enjoy their stay with us and have a safe journey home later.

Bedford are currently just above mid-table in the current reckonings and no doubt have an eye on getting into the end-of-season play-offs, though they are currently eight points adrift of the top six. Which is considerably closer than where we find the very inconsistent Woods...

Despite having no less than five players ruled out through injury, we gave a dogged performance to take a deserved point when the sides met at Bedford back in October. The game ended goal-less, with both defences generally in command and there were few chances at either end, though Jermaine Osei had a couple of opportunities in the first period, and Evans Kouassi and Arash Abdollahi went close after the break, but I think we were fairly happy with the draw.

Not so happy, though, with Tuesday evening's point, when second-bottom club Barton Rovers held us to a 1-1 draw here at Chestnut Avenue. There were two more debutants in the Northwood side, keeper Ashley Harris appearing more than ten years after his last Northwood appearance, with Ned Clarke coming into the attack. Evans Kouassi fired the Woods ahead on 37 minutes, but we couldn't hold onto the advantage and Rovers levelled in the 58th minute.

Thanks for your support here this afternoon; this really is appreciated by us all. Next Saturday, the Woods are on their travels with a Southern League trip to Aylesbury United, whilst we are back at Chestnut Avenue on Tuesday week, 20th February, with a re-arranged game against a Barton Rovers outfit who have surprisingly struggled this season after reaching the play-off final last time around. Kick-off is at 7.45 p.m.; we hope to see you then!

Ken

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CLUB HONOURS

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, 1993, 1997,
1999, 2006, 2008, 2010
Middlesex Senior Charity Cup finalists: 1994, 2003, 2005, 2012
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 finalists: 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



CHAIRMAN

IAN BARRY

Good afternoon and welcome to Chestnut Avenue for today's Evo-Stik League fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Bedford Town FC and trust you enjoy your short stay here.

I'm not sure where to start when writing these notes, as I'm bang in the middle of an extremely busy period for the club; our friends from Bosch are here no less than four times in just over a week, where we cater for and look after no less than 125 of their staff, with two funeral receptions and a home game for both us and London Tigers sandwiched in between.

When I decided to refurbish the club, I genuinely hadn't anticipated the work I would end up doing here; it's quite relentless and leaves me little time to do anything else. Someone has to order stock, arrange staff, arrange events through to the night itself, deal with sponsors etc., and so much more besides.

I've asked countless times for help, to little avail. Not sure how long this can continue in all honesty, so again I ask you all to have a think if you can help, as I'm tired.

I saw a sign at a club we visited earlier in the season with the words "before you criticise, have you volunteered?"

Next Wednesday, we are hosting a funeral reception for Harry Rice, who sadly passed away, aged 17, in a tragic incident in Hayes

recently. Harry was a massive football fan and player himself, recently transferring from Farnborough to Basingstoke. Our thoughts and prayers are with Harry's devastated family at this horrendous time.

If anyone can help me on Wednesday by putting up some gazebos, please let me know today if you can. We will do all we are able for Harry's family on Wednesday and in the future.

The football needs to lift my mood, as that's why I got involved here in the first place. Let's hope this happens today! No more excuses.

Enjoy the game.

Up the Woods!

Jan

**" Before you criticise,
have you volunteered? "**



CLUB MATTERS



ALAN EVANS

Minutes Silence

There will be a minutes silence prior to this afternoon's game in memory of the three young boys who were killed when a car crashed into them in Hayes back on 26th January 2018 while they were walking to a birthday party. The youngsters were 16-year-olds George Wilkinson and Josh McGuinness plus 17-year-old Harry



Rice. Harry was a youth footballer who had been with Farnborough and had recently transferred to join up with Basingstoke Town. His funeral takes place on Wednesday this week and family and friends are meeting here @ theWoods clubhouse afterwards.

Player News

There has still been plenty of comings and goings, keeping me busy with registrations and loan forms to both league and the FA in recent weeks. We have now registered no less than 77 different players this season and it's hard to keep track of them all sometimes!

However, a few new players have come into the squad in the last few games. Two youngsters have joined on Work Experience terms from National League side Leyton Orient. Midfielder

Charley Barker is 19 and has just completed a several month with Isthmian Premier side Wingate & Finchley and is a third-year scholar with the Orient, possessing a squad number (32). He is joined by teammate Andrew Camilo-Tayaca, an 18-year old defender who is a second-year scholar. Both have settled in well in the last couple of games.

Another youngster who has made a couple of substitute appearances recently is more home-grown. Femi Azeez is still only sixteen but has been impressing all season for our Under-18s and has not looked out of place, especially when he came on against Chalfont St. Peter.

Defender Hamilton Bunga is 22 years old but has recently played for Thurrock, Kingstonian, Ware, Arlesey Town and Royston Town before joining the Woods. Another youngster, striker Ned Clarke signed on a month's loan for the Woods earlier this week from Wingate & Finchley where he has been a regular goalscorer for their Under-23 side. He has just had a similar loan spell at Hanwell Town and is another 18-year-old.

With Xavi Comas unavailable on Tuesday night, we brought in our tenth goalkeeper of the season in 32-year-old Ashley Harris who was playing for Haringey Borough earlier in the season, playing in their FA Trophy fixture against Leyton Orient. Ashley is not completely new to Northwood as he played the first three games of our 2007/08 season more than a decade ago.

Finally, we were delighted to secure the services of central defender Sam Tring on a month's loan from Evo-Stik South Premier side Kings Langley and he has been particularly impressive in the last few matches. Sam is 20-years-old and had

previously played for Luton Town Cedars before joining Kings Langley and has made over 30 appearances for the Hertfordshire club.

Some players have also left the club. Goalkeeper Brendan Hazlett, who did really well for the Woods before going away for Christmas, has re-joined Beaconsfield Town. Matt Nolan, who made one appearance in goal for our game at Hayes & Yeading, has joined up with former boss Simon Lane at Egham Town while left-back Romelle Alomenu has returned to Royston Town this week. Lewis Ochoa is currently in Australia while Michael Buckley has decided to take a break from football for a while. Kojo Gyimah is currently on dual-registration playing for Cockfosters.

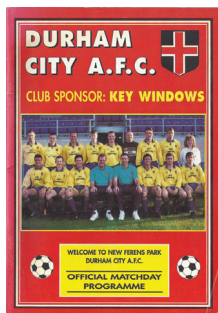
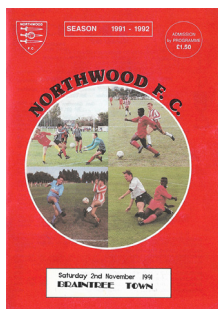
Lastly, it was good to see Pat Adamson back on his feet at the last couple of home matches. It's been three months since Pat suffered his broken leg at AFC Rushden & Diamonds following his excellent start to the season and he is now on the road to recovery.

The good news is that Jake is hoping to have a more settled side for the rest of the season!

FA Vase Memories

For those older Northwood fans, the FA Vase always conjures up fond memories of victories past at Sudbury Town, AFC Sudbury, at home to Braintree Town and of course away at Durham City. It's been a long time since we played in the Vase – 1999/2000 when we were beaten 2-0 at Chippenham Town; who went on to lose in the final – but the latest competition has now reached the quarter-final stage and for once there is a fair bit of local-ish involvement.

It has three Hellenic League clubs in the last eight, an excellent feat and rare for our area to be so well represented. Bracknell Town, whose side includes one-time Northwood striker Adam Cornell, Thatcham Town and Windsor who have Kieran Knight and Riccardo Cannon; both former Northwood



forwards up front (alongside the evergreen Barry Hayles) have all made it into the quarter-finals. They also have a third ex-Northwood player in their ranks in George Gould who appeared for the Woods in the Steve Hale era.

And they were joined by Spartan South Midlands League side Leighton Town a week later after they won their rescheduled fifth round match 5-4 away at Wolverhampton Sporting, who had been the last remaining Step 6 club in the competition. The quarter-finals, which take place today sees Windsor travel to Northern League side Stockton Town; Western Leaguers Melksham Town take on Thatcham Town while Bracknell Town are at home to another Northern League club Marske United. Finally, Leighton Town have home advantage against North West Counties League club 1874 Northwich. None of the sides left in the tournament have ever reached a Vase final before.

Mention should also be made today of our neighbours from Wealdstone who are away to the lowest-ranked side in Billericay Town this afternoon in the quarter-finals of the Buildbase FA Trophy.

Other Hidden tables

We may all get to see where we currently sit in the East Division table but there are always other tables available which give a different perspective of how we at Northwood FC are doing!

The current attendance table, published by the Evo-Stik League, shows the league based on average attendances and after a series of disappointing crowds for our last few home matches, the Woods have dropped to thirteenth place in that one with an average of 110 at present. Our top league attendance so far was 243 while the lowest crowd is now just 71. As they do in the League table, AFC Rushden & Diamonds lead the way with attendances too, currently averaging 486; some 250 more than our visitors today, Bedford Town in second place. Chalfont St. Peter are currently the lowest supported with an average of just 79 despite their recent good form.

The League also produce a far-play table each week which takes into consideration cautions & dismissals throughout the season and the Woods are currently 4th best in that table while today's visitors Bedford Town are not far behind in 9th place, some twenty-six points worse off. New leaders now are Cambridge City ahead of Aylesbury United and Hanwell Town who are just four points better off than the



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Finally, we can also view the "Respect Awards" table, sponsored by the Football Factory. Points can be picked up in each game for behaviour of Club officials & team benches, Dressing Rooms and Hospitality shown to Officials while at the club while deductions are made for dissent cautions or dismissals due to Foul & Abusive language.

There is a new leader in this one as Aylesbury United have gone ahead of Barton Rovers though the Ducks have played more home games where more points are scored. We have risen slightly to sixteenth place having played a few home games less than most other sides where the majority of points can be gained while Bedford Town are ninth.

Programme goes Digital ONLY

We are well into the season so you should be aware by now that if you are reading these notes in the programme, you are almost certainly reading it on your phone, tablet or on a PC screen as from the new season we are no longer producing a paper version.

The League changed their rules this season to state that the need to produce a programme for each match no longer had to be a printed version and for lots of reasons, we made the decision to end it. It is a change that has been strange for both Ken Green and myself as between us we have produced virtually every printed Northwood programme since Ken first started them in the 1970s. We hope that the quality of the programme has remained much the same though and to download it is now free so savings all round. It also makes it more available to everyone.

We have already had a massive increase in downloads of people reading the programme. You can either download it in a format that is easy to read or to print it out yourself at home should that be your preference. We hope you will embrace the change and enjoy it. However, we are aware that some people would prefer it to remain a printed edition and indeed, we even received an offer from one of our loyal and regular supporters to cover the losses that the club makes when producing a printed version. So, we will consider it further over the rest of the season but please let us know what you think, either in person at a game or by email to the club email address enquiries@northwoodfc.com

Under 18s – First away win for two years

The Under-18s have been back in action in recent weeks with a string of three matches. They were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw by bottom club Ashford Town (Middlesex) but then made up for that by notching their first away win in the Sportswik Isthmian Youth League for two years when they came from behind to win 4-3 at Staines Town. They were 2-0 down early on levelled things up before half-time with goals from Anthony Amankwa and Morgan Whittick. Staines then regained the lead only for Stanley Anum to make it 3-3 and then Aaron Feeny grabbed the late winner.

On Wednesday night they attempted to follow that up in a tough away game at Wealdstone but crashed to their equal heaviest defeat of the season, losing 6-1. They are scheduled to play away at Hampton & Richmond Borough this coming Wednesday night, 28th February 2018. They are not due back here until just before Easter.

Meanwhile, last Sunday, a similar Under 17s side made it through to the Final of the Middlesex County Sunday Under 18s Youth Cup with a 5-3 victory over Headstone Manor. Connor Maher netted a hat-trick and there was one each for Femi Azeez and Kyran Worrell. The final will take place on Thursday 26th April at a venue and against opponents yet to be decided but will be one of Harefield United U18s, Ruislip Rangers U18s, Acton & Ealing Whistlers U17s or Conquest U18s.

Groundshare – London Tigers FC

The Tigers recently ended a run of five successive defeats with a much-needed 2-1 win away at Biggleswade to move them away from the wrong end of the table. Providing the freeze doesn't hit us too much this week, they are due to be at home on Tuesday night, 27th February against London Colney with the kick-off at 7.45p.m. so why not pop down for that one. Northwood season ticket holders get admission for half-price. They are also at home to Hadley on Saturday, 3rd March.

Alan



WELCOME TO BEDFORD TOWN



Bedford Town FC was founded in 1908 and in the early years they played in the United Counties League and its predecessors, the Northampton League and Northampton Alliance. In 1945, the Eagles moved to the Southern League but achieved little during the first seasons. However, it was not until season 1955-56 that the Eagles started on the first of their great cup runs which would see them achieve national fame with a number of fine wins over league opposition including Watford, Norwich, Newcastle United, Exeter, Brighton and Oxford. But possibly their greatest achievement was to draw 2-2 with Arsenal at Highbury watched by a crowd of over 55,000.

The last game for the club was against Nuneaton Borough in May 1982, the end coming after 74 years when the owners of the ground in Queens Park exercised their right to terminate the lease and when plans to build a new stadium failed the club was wound up. A group of Eagles supporters met to start a campaign to re-form Bedford Town FC, which was elected to the South Midlands League, winning the Division One title in 1992-93 and the Premier a year later, gaining promotion to the Isthmian League Division Three.

A third-place finish in their first season in the league saw them promoted to Division Two,

and in 1999 they were champions, earning promotion to Division One, and after finishing as runners-up in 2000-01, were promoted to the Premier Division. The following season saw their first appearance in the FA Cup first round since reforming and resulted in a 2-1 replay defeat at Peterborough United.

After finishing fifteenth in 2003-04 Bedford entered the play-offs for the final positions in the newly created Conference North and South. They beat Hitchin Town 3-1 in the semi-finals, but lost the final 5-4 to St Albans City, and the club was transferred to the Southern League Premier Division instead of promotion. A fifth-place finish in 2005-06 saw them qualify for the play-offs. Following a 1-0 win at Bath City in the semi-finals, they beat Chippenham Town 3-2 in the final to earn promotion to the Conference South. However, they lasted only one season, finishing bottom of the division, and were relegated back to the Southern League. The 2013-14 season saw them finish second-bottom of the Premier Division, resulting in relegation to Division One Central. The last two seasons have seen the Eagles finish in 14th and then 8th.

This season started with a disappointing defeat at Uxbridge but wins against Aylesbury United and Swaffham Town in the FA Cup meant the

Eagles finished August on a high. The Eagles spent most of the autumn in mid-table and manager Jon Taylor continued to add to his squad. At the start of 2018, former Histon coach and St Ives Assistant Manager Jack Cassidy was brought into the management team.

The Players

KYLE FORSTER - GOALKEEPER

Kyle signed for the Eagles in August 2017, joining from Kings Langley. An experienced Southern League keeper, Kyle made 133 appearances for Barton Rovers between 2012 and 2017.

JOSH BONAITI - GOALKEEPER

Josh signed for the Eagles this season. The 18 year old was on Kettering Town's books last term, and has also featured for Brackley Town and Buckingham Town.

PAUL COOPER - DEFENDER

Paul is now in his second stint at the Eagles. A former Player Of The Season, he played 122 times for Bedford between 2012 and 2015. He is a versatile defender who loves getting forward down the wing.

DEVANTE STANLEY - DEFENDER

Devante joined the Eagles in February 2016. He has previous experience with AFC Kempston Rovers and spent the majority of his youth career at Luton Town.

JAMIE-JARDINE LOFTHOUSE-SMITH - DEFENDER

Jamie joined the club in November 2016 from Aylesbury FC. He is a versatile defender who can play both left back or left central defence; he has also played at Marlow and spent four years playing in America.

MATT CLIFFORD - DEFENDER

A defender with the ability to overlap, primarily a left sided player, Matt can provide telling crosses into the danger areas. Previously with Biggleswade Town and Potters Bar Town.

DEAN DUMMETT - DEFENDER

Dean joined the Eagles in August 2017, having had a successful trial throughout pre-season. He is a local lad, and has been with St Neots Town and Crawley Green previously.

MAYO BALOGUN - MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

Mayowa plays mainly in defence, but can fit in anywhere down the left. His previous clubs

include Hemel Hempstead Town, Edgware, and Hendon, and last season he played for Kings Langley.

JAMES PETERS - MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

James is 23 years old and joined the Eagles in the Summer 2015, and quickly went on to establish himself at the heart of the defence and in January 2016 was awarded the captain's armband. James won Supporters Club player of the year in 2016 and is a fans' favourite. He has previous experience with Barton Rovers and St Ives Town, and was Jon Taylor's first signing for the 2016/17 season.

TOMMY HULL - MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

Tommy joined the club for the second time in August 2016, originally signing in summer 2015 and was captain, before moving on to Royston Town in January 2016. He has previous experience with Barton Rovers and Kettering Town.

OLLIE SWAIN - DEFENDER

Ollie is another young and promising defender. The teenager signed for the Eagles in June 2016 having impressed during preseason. He has previous experience with AFC Kempston Rovers and Bedford FC.

CALLUM DONNELLY - MIDFIELDER

Callum signed for the Eagles in December 2017, making his debut against Uxbridge. Callum joined from Hitchin Town, where he made over 300 appearances; his previous clubs include Cambridge City and Boreham Wood.

ASHTON GRANT - MIDFIELDER

Ashton joined the Eagles in the summer 2017. He is a promising young player who has previous experience with Barton Rovers.

RYAN AUGER - MIDFIELDER

Signed on New Year's Eve 2016, Ryan is a 23 year old midfielder who was at Southend United from the age of 12 years old. He signed a 2 year scholarship with the club before graduating to a one year professional deal in June 2013. After leaving Southend, he moved to Bishops Stortford and then Histon.

GEORGE BRINKMAN - MIDFIELDER

26 year old George joined the Eagles in the close season; his previous clubs include Tring Athletic, Barton Rovers, Dunstable Town, Royston Town, Stotfold and Hitchin Town.

DYLAN GITTENS - MIDFIELDER

Signed in the close season, this is the second time Dylan has been at the Eyrie, having also played at Arlesley Town.





JOSHUA OYIBO - MIDFIELDER

Signed in August 2017, Joshua played for AFC Wimbledon as a scholar. He has been at Ware for the past 2½ seasons, clocking up 78 appearances.

OMAR NASERI - WINGER

Signed in January 2017, Omar is an 18 year old attacking left sided player and has played for the club's youth set up throughout his teenage years. He was also on schoolboy forms for a season with MK Dons and attracted interest from Stevenage and Reading.

DAVID MANU - MIDFIELDER/ATTACKER

David joined the club in October 2017, making his debut in the 1-0 FA Trophy win at VCD Athletic.

DAVID MOLI - MIDFIELDER/ATTACKER

David is in his third spell at the club. The forward has experience with Wolves and Liverpool before going into non-League.

MICHAEL GYASI - MIDFIELDER/ATTACKER

Michael signed for the Eagles in November 2017. As a youngster, Michael was on the books of Chelsea, and this season has had trials, including at Swansea City.

LEE ROACHE - ATTACKER

Lee is an experienced attacking player who experience with Barnet, Cambridge City, Histon, Thurrock, Braintree, Dunstable Town and Bishops Stortford. He made his debut for the Eagles against Northwood on 13th August 2016. Lee was top scorer for the Eagles last season, hitting the back of the net 21 times in 31 games.

JEMALE MCKENZIE-LOWE - ATTACKER/DEFENDER

Jemale is an exciting young player who has been playing in the Southern League for a

number of seasons. Despite only being 21, he has previously gained promotion with Dunstable Town, and also was at Luton Town and Brentford.

BRADLEY WOODS-GARNES - STRIKER

Joined Bedford in the close season. Bradley's former clubs include Bishop's Stortford, Lowestoft Town, Canvey Island, Sutton United, and Dartford.

JOEL NORRIS - STRIKER

Joel joined Bedford for the second time after scoring 76 goals for Welwyn Garden City over two seasons. He has also played for Cambridge City.

JON TAYLOR - MANAGER

Jon took the manager's job in September 2015 after the sudden departure of the previous manager, Dan Kennoy. Jon has a wealth of experience across non-League, having managed at Arlesey Town, St Neots Town and Hereford United.

JACK CASSIDY - JOINT ASSISTANT MANAGER

Jack arrived at the Eyrie in January 2018. He is well a well-respected coach in non-League, having been at Histon and St Ives previously. In 2016, he helped St Ives to promotion, and has been a supporter of the Eagles since he was a teenager.

GIL OCTAVE - JOINT ASSISTANT MANAGER

Gil came to the Eyrie at the of last season to help Jon, and provided excellent assistance in the dugout during their unbeaten run.

BRIAN MAPLEY - GOALKEEPING COACH

Brian originally joined the club in the spring of 2014, before joining Rugby Town, but returned to the Eyrie in November 2015.



FIRST MEETING

Tuesday 23rd August 1994

WOODS ARE EASY PREY FOR EAGLES

NORTHWOOD 0 BEDFORD TOWN 1

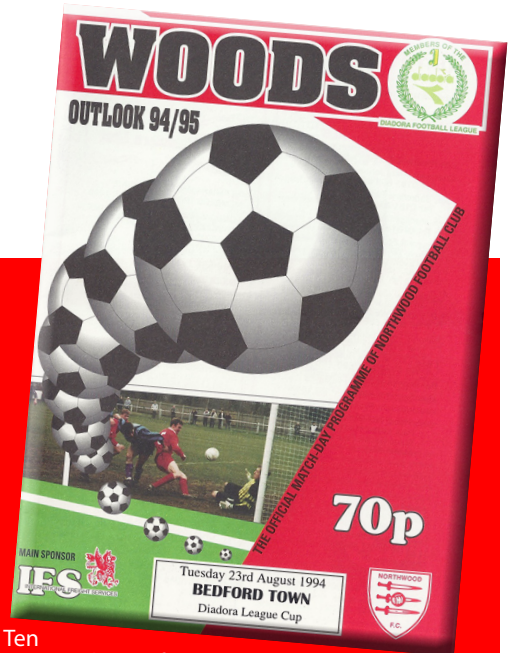
Northwood literally never got off the ground in this Diadora League Cup clash against Bedford Town, whose side was packed with height and they played to their strengths throughout, pumping in high balls from all angles. It was in midfield that the Woods failed to gain an edge, with Peter Davey, Tony Ponnou and Richard Hylton all failing to make any impression, while the full-backs, when they did penetrate down the flanks, failed to deliver any telling crosses.

After a slow start, the first chance of the game fell to Ponnou after 20 minutes when he should have taken full advantage of a defensive error but had his wayward shot deflected for a corner. Kevin Beckles, who replaced the unavailable Paul Henderson in goal, made his first of a number of important saves after 28 minutes when he held a shot from Jason Reed.

Bedford continued to hold the upper hand for most of the first half but Woods' central defenders stood firm under pressure and apart from one poor shot from Jamie Hunter, which he blasted over, Bedford were well contained until the end of the 45 minutes.

A long-range effort from Colin Young tested Beckles just five minutes into the second half, but the Woods keeper punched the ball over the bar and three minutes later a rare Northwood attack almost brought about a goal. Davey picked out Kevin Dobson down the left flank and this time an accurate cross saw Lawrence Holmes knock the ball down and Darren Morris let fly with a shot which was tipped just over the bar by Bedford keeper Martin Baker.

The inevitable goal came after 61 minutes and a scrappy one it was. We failed to clear from a corner and as the ball hobbled around, Jason Reed stabbed a shot towards goal and it took a deflection which gave Beckles no chance to recover.



Ten minutes later a free-kick seemed goalbound after Beckles missed his attempted clearance but it hit the inside of the post and the ball was scrambled off the goal-line by some frantic defending. Hylton had a shot which went just wide a minute later following good work by Ponnou and Dobson but the Woods never really looked likely to grab an equaliser and it was Bedford who went closer, Beckles saving well from a Jamie Hawthorn header after 78 minutes.

Paul Sloley came on for the final ten minutes, replacing Morris, and his pace gave the visitors defence something to think about but it was too little too late and Bedford booked their place in the next round and a visit from Premier Division side Dulwich Hamlet.

Northwood: Kevin Beckles, Andy Dale, Kevin Dobson, Rod Romain, Simon Walsh, Steve Payton, Peter Davey, Tony Ponnou, Richard Hylton, Lawrence Holmes, Darren Morris (Paul Sloley).

Bedford Town: Martin Baker, Colin Young, Michael Goode, Cashin, Jamie Hawthorn, Rob Johnson, Jamie Hunter, Olney, Jason Reed, Lee Bearman, Martin Lewis.



NORTHWOOD 1



BARTON ROVERS 1

TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

NORTHWOOD PARK

Northwood's recent barren spell continued as they shared the points with Barton Rovers who belied their lowly league position with a spirited second-half performance at Chestnut Avenue, *writes Robin Piper*. There were a couple of changes to the team which lost at Marlow, goalkeeper Ashley Harris returning to Northwood as stand-in for Xavi Comas, while there was a debut in attack for Ned Clarke who replaced Dernell Wynter following his arrival from Hanwell Town.

The Woods were quickly into their strides, Evans Kouassi trying his luck from distance before Harry Newman drew a save from visiting keeper Matt Finlay with a close-range shot. And the early pressure persisted as Tom Gilbey went close with an inventive volley from the edge of the box which flew narrowly over the Barton crossbar.

The visitors gradually began to settle and they spurned a golden opportunity to take the lead as Sam Oyineran shot wide from close in before Harris was called into action to deal with a long-range effort from Ben Sawyer. However, it was the Woods who went ahead on 37 minutes when a slick move ended with Kouassi applying the finishing touch for his fifth league goal of the season.

Northwood continued to enjoy the majority of the play, with Charley Barker pulling the strings in midfield. But despite their dominance, Woods were struggling to create clear-cut chances, with Chingoka's shot from outside the box comfortably dealt with by Finlay. And it was Barton who finished the first period on the front foot as Oyineran flashed a shot across the face of goal before Harris produced a smart save to divert Paul Andrew's header over the bar.

The second half was slow to warm up before Kouassi livened up proceedings with a shot from the edge of the box which was well saved by Finlay. But Rovers were visibly growing more confident and they deservedly drew level on 58 minutes as Harris was left flat-footed by Jack Keating's low drive from outside the box.

Paolo Montella was introduced for Clarke on the hour as Woods looked to freshen up their attack and the substitute was quickly into the action as his low cross found Kouassi, whose snap-shot was turned away by Finlay. At the other end, Harris dealt with a speculative strike from Hugh Alban-Jones.

Harry Newman made way for Hakim Nyariki while Declan Nche replaced a tiring Chingoka, but Northwood were struggling to make any real impression. And it was the visitors with former Wood Romaine Walker on as substitute, who were looking more threatening as Alban-Jones shot wide when well placed before Andrew Phillips found himself with only Harris to beat but he scuffed his shot and the chance was gone.

Despite their efforts, Woods were growing increasingly ineffective in the final third and the contest gradually petered with both sides settling for a share of the spoils.

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MATCH REVIEW





MARLOW 1

SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2018



NORTHWOOD 0

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

OAK TREE ROAD

Northwood endured a frustrating afternoon as they went down to a solitary goal defeat at Marlow despite dominating for long periods and creating a host of chances, *writes Robin Piper.*

There was a new look to the Woods starting line-up, with Under 18s manager Richard Elderfield taking charge in the absence of Jake Heracleous. There were debuts for on-loan Leyton Orient pair Andrew Camilo Tajeco and Charley Barker at left-back and in central midfield respectively, while there was a return for Dernell Wynter in attack to replace the injured Jermaine Osei. Northwood also had to make do without the services of Tyler Hatherly following his departure to Welwyn Garden City.

Woods once again began by switching Mesach Williams and Harry Newman to opposite flanks with the latter starting in the less familiar right-wing role. And there were early chances at both ends as Northwood goalkeeper Xavi Comas easily gathered Jay Welch's shot while Evans Kouassi lobbed effort fell narrowly wide of the Marlow goal.

But the crucial strike wasn't long in coming as Curtis Chapple was allowed to cut in from the left flank and despatch a low shot inside the near post to give Marlow the lead on five minutes. Undeterred, Northwood looked for a quick response and they should have done better as both Kouassi and Williams squandered good openings when well placed. With Barker settling well in midfield and Newman finding space on the right flank, Woods continued to press with the latter testing Marlow keeper Simon Grant with a cross-shot.

However, the hosts went close to extending their lead as Lee Barney was through on goal but he was denied by a brave save from Comas who gathered the ball at the feet of the Marlow striker.

Williams and Newman switched flanks to revert to their more familiar positions as the visitors continued to ask all the questions but to no avail as Wynter and Kouassi both wasted gilt-edged chances while Isaac Olorunfemi was denied by Grant. At the other end, in a rare Marlow attack, Comas was quickly off his line to deny the on-rushing Kelvin Bossman.

The second period began in a similar vein with Woods making most of the running but sadly without an end product. Wynter turned provider for Newman who was unable to get his shot on target before the former latched onto a Williams through-ball but his effort was smothered by Grant.

Kouassi was the next to create an opening for Northwood as his trickery left Wynter one on one with Grant but not for the first time, the desire for an extra touch when an early shot might have been better, saw the opportunity missed.

Despite a scare for Woods when Chris Ovenden saw his close range shot blocked by Comas, the attacking impetus continued to be exerted by the visitors. Newman was looking increasingly dangerous the left flank but sadly there was no end product while Barker latched onto a floated pass from Wilson Chingoka but his deft volley sailed narrowly wide of the upright.

Wynter made way for substitute Hakim Nyariki with twenty minutes left on the clock as Woods kept pushing for an equaliser, another Newman cross flashing across the face of goal before Kouassi was denied once again by Grant.

Northwood utilised all their substitutes in a desperate attempt to gain the reward that their performance warranted. Barker and Kouassi made way for fresh legs in the shape of Femi Azeez and Hamilton Bunga but the closing stages followed a familiar pattern, Olorunfemi sending in a low cross in stoppage time which sadly evaded the waiting red shirts.

That was the last chance as the referee called time on proceedings to leave Northwood pondering on what might have been and to reflect on their second successive defeat.

MATCH REVIEW





Meet The 2018

PAT ADAMSON

Pat joined the Woods for the new season following his release from Leyton Orient where he was a regular on the left flank for their Under-18 side. Only 18, he had a loan spell with Isthmian side Soham Town Rangers last season and was establishing himself well in senior football before suffering a broken leg in November.

ROMELLE ALOMENU

Romelle has joined from Southern Premier side Royston Town where he progressed through their youth set-up to make several appearances this season at just 18. A left-sided defender, Romelle joined up with Northwood in December 2017 looking to build on his senior experience.

TOMMY BOXER

An experienced defender, now 26 who was recruited by the Woods in August 2017 on dual-registration from Potters Bar Town. Has also played for Cockfosters.

MICHAEL BUCKLEY

Long-serving Hanwell Town midfielder who signed for Northwood in September 2017 having previously played for Simon Lane at Wingate & Finchley. Now 26, he also played for AFC Hayes.

HAMILTON BUNGA

Tall defender, recruited in February 2018 from Royston Town where he had a short spell. The 22-year-old has been well travelled having also had short spells with Arlesey Town, Kingstonian, Thurrock, East Grinstead, Ware and Barkingside amongst others.

WILSON CHINGOKA

A former Wingate & Finchley youngster, Wilson has just turned 19 and played last season for the successful Herts County side AFC Oaklands where he starred in a midfield role.

XAVI COMAS

Experienced Spanish-born goalkeeper, now 29 who joined the Woods in December 2017 following a brief spell with Hayes & Yeading. Started the season at Hanwell Town having previously played at Kings Langley, Hemel Hempstead and a series of Spanish clubs; CD Canillas, Gramanet, Masnou, and Cornell.

JAMIE DOOLAN

Jamie is a product of the club's youth structure having progressed through the Under-18s and reserves to earn a place in the first-team squad last season. A versatile player who usually operates in midfield, Jamie is now 20 and will be looking to establish himself in the squad for the new campaign. He is currently on dual-registration loan at Rayners Lane.



TOM GILBEY

Young left-sided defender who has joined the club on dual-registration from Staines Town who he joined in the summer. Played for Maidenhead United as a youngster and then for clubs in the North of England while at University in Durham.



Woods Squad

KOJO GYIMAH

Kojo is a 19-year-old former Stevenage Borough and Wycombe Wanderers academy forward who joined in the summer and will be looking to establish himself in the Woods new side this season.

NEBAY HAILE

Young attacking player who has joined the Woods in November 2017 on dual-registration



from Staines Town to gain some senior experience. He was part of the Middlesex County side that won the FA County Youth Cup in 2017.

TYLER HATHERLY

Tyler is an experienced 30-year-old midfielder who has signed for Northwood from Hertford Town where he had enjoyed several successful seasons, in January 2018. Prior to that he played for Wodson Park, had a long spell with Hoddesdon and a short stay with Potters Bar.

BRAD HEWITT

Now 30, central defender Brad returns to Chestnut Avenue for his third spell at the club which he originally joined from Boreham Wood back in October 2006. He has just topped 200 appearances for the Woods having since also played for Hemel Hempstead, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Slough Town, Hendon, Biggleswade Town and Dunstable Town.

EVANS KOUASSI

Experienced 28-year-old attacking wide player who joined the Woods last summer having played at Bishop's Stortford last season. Has also had spells with Billericay Town, Chelmsford City, Concord Rangers and Hayes & Yeading amongst others. Signed for Wealdstone in November 2017 but is now regaining fitness with a spell back at Northwood.

TOM MCDONNELL

22-year-old central midfielder who signed for the Woods having been playing in America for Chivas Florida Under-23s. Has previous experience at Eton Manor and Bishop's Stortford.

MARK MCLEOD

Experienced midfielder who has joined the Woods in January 2018 on dual-registration from Harrow Borough. The 31-year-old was born in Sunderland and played in the Football League for Darlington as well as loan spells with Harrogate Town, Durham City and Workington. He played for Newcastle Blue Star and Sunderland RCA before moving south and playing for Walton & Hersham and Chipstead before joining Harrow last summer.

PAOLO MONTELLA

Young midfield player who joined the Woods in December 2017 from London Colney having previously played at Ware. The 19-year-old will be hoping to gain more experience in the second half of the season.

DECLAN NCHE

18-year-old bustling midfielder who joined the Woods in October 2017 from Brentwood Town where he had been a regular in their Development side.



2018 Woods Squad

HARRY NEWMAN

A left-sided midfielder player, 28-year-old Harry has been a regular for Harrow Borough in the Isthmian Premier for the past two seasons having joined them in 2015 following spells with Harefield United, Hanwell Town and Australian side Clifton Hill.

HAKIM NYARIKI

Hakim is a former member of the successful Wingate & Finchley Under-18 side who joined the Woods this summer after a spell with Barnet. Still only 18, Hakim will be looking to earn a regular place in the match-day squad.

LEWIS OCHOA

Experienced 26-year-old midfielder who joined the Woods from Hanwell Town in October 2017 following a year with Harrow Borough. Started out with Brentford and has also seen service at Maidenhead United and Chalfont St Peter amongst others.

ONEIL ODOFIN

Tall defender who started out at Torquay United and has had spells with Whitehawk and Shoreham this season but the 21-year-old joined the Woods in January 2018.

ISAAC OLORUNFEMI

19-year-old defender who joined the Woods in October 2017 having previously played for Maidenhead United youth as well as having short loan spells with Aylesbury and Chalfont St. Peter.

JERMAINE OSEI

Young striker who joined the Woods in October 2017 on dual-registration with Wealdstone and was an instant hit with two goals on his debut. The 22-year-old previously played at Enfield Town and Bishop's Stortford as well as briefly at Hampton & Richmond Borough and Margate.

LEO PEDRO

Striker who joined Hendon from Bedfont & Feltham in the summer and at 22 has joined the Woods on dual registration in October 2017 to get some senior game time.

GEORGE ROBINSON

Young left-back who was drafted in from AFC Oaklands in September 2017 and at 20 had

impressed with his hard-work and attitude.

MARCUS ROSE

Experienced 27-year-old central defender who was with Arsenal and Barnet as a youth. He joined Maidenhead United in 2010 and played there for a couple of seasons while also appearing on loan at Beaconsfield and Harrow Borough. Marcus has spent the last two seasons playing for Ware.

JOE RUSSELL

Youngster recently recruited to the Northwood squad having had previous experience at Ware. The 18-year-old has also represented Hertfordshire at Under 18 level.

DAVID TAYLOR

Experienced midfielder who played for North Greenford United for several seasons before moving to Harrow Borough in 2016. Spent the summer playing in Australia before returning recently and signing on dual-registration with the Woods in December 2017.

SAM TRING

20-year-old central defender who joined the Woods on a month's loan from Kings Langley in February 2018 having made around 20 Premier Division appearances for the Kings. He joined them last summer from Luton Town Cedars.

MESHACH WILLIAMS

Pacy, 26-year-old forward who has been amongst the goals in pre-season having joined the Woods in the summer from Cockfosters. He has also played for Hatfield, Hoddesdon, Hanwell and Broxbourne as well as a spell with Wingate & Finchley in the Isthmian Premier.

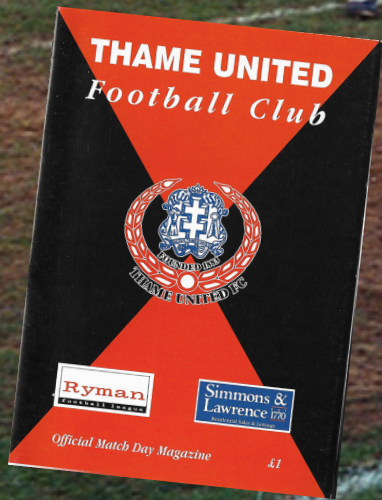
DERNELL WYNTER

Speedy striker who joined the Woods in January 2018 on dual-registration from St. Albans City having joined from Braintree Town. Previously enjoyed two good seasons with Enfield Town.

JAKE HERACLEOUS – INTERIM MANAGER

Highly-respected coach Jake has been working most recently at Bishop's Stortford but has also shown his skills with academies at Arsenal and Brentford, amongst others. He is currently acting as Interim Manager following the departure of the previous manager.

ON THIS DAY 2001



On this day in 2001, the Woods turned in a great performance to win 2-1 away to Ryman League Division 1 leaders Thame United, who had won 12 of their previous 14 home games. The home side took a first half lead, but Northwood quickly hit back to level two minutes later, Andy Cook, Dave Nolan and Gavin Hart were involved in the move that gave Andy Cook a simple tap-in. And on 70 minutes the winner arrived when a Lawrence Yaku header ran loose and skipper Gary Williams was quick enough to drill it into the net – our photo shows him celebrating!
Northwood: Paul Riordan, Andy Cook, Gary Williams, Mark Hook, Mark Buchanan, Dave Sargent, Dave Nolan, Gavin Hart, Scott Fitzgerald, Lawrence Yaku, Danny Yeoman.



NORTHWOOD 0



CHALFONT ST PETER 2

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2018

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH

NORTHWOOD PARK

Northwood suffered their first defeat under the stewardship of Jake Heracleous as their five match unbeaten run came to an end by conceding two late goals against in-form Chalfont St. Peter, *writes Robin Piper*. There were a couple of changes following the energy sapping encounter at Ashford, Tom Gilbey and Tyler Hatherly returning to the starting line-up with Joe Russell and Hakim Nyariki dropping to the bench.

The Saints arrived at Chestnut Avenue looking for a sixth league win on the spin and they were quickly on the front foot as their pacy attack featuring ex Woods Mahlondo Martin and Max Holland tested the home defence with Jake Cass trying his luck with a number of long range efforts.

The visitors proceeded to lay siege to the Northwood goal and goalkeeper Xavi Comas denied both Jack Mullan and George Fenton before the lively Cass scooped a close range shot over the crossbar.

Having stood firm against a barrage of Chalfont attacks, Woods finally found some attacking momentum, Sam Tring seeing his shot deflected for a corner before Evans Kouassi and Harry Newman combined to present Jermaine Osei with a glorious chance to take the lead, but was he denied by an instinctive, point-blank save from goalkeeper Carl Dennison.

But it was only a brief interlude as the Saints regained the initiative with Northwood conceding possession and a series of free-kicks. And Woods were indebted to Comas as he produced a perfectly timed save at the feet of Victor Osobu to deny the Chalfont striker.

However, Woods created an opening on the stroke of half-time as Meshach Williams burst into the visitor's box but his shot was blocked by Saints' defence.

The second period began with Cass once again trying his luck from distance but the radar continued to be askew as the stalemate persisted.

Northwood introduced 16 year-old Femi Azeez for his debut as a replacement for Osei, the latter struggling with his troublesome hamstring, while Russell replaced Hamilton Bunga in central defence. The visitors also made a change as former Woods striker Rob Hastings replaced Holland as their side continued to offer a greater threat, Cass spurning another couple of opportunities.

However, Northwood then proceeded to enjoy their best spell of the match as Azeez saw his shot saved by Dennison before the Saints' stopper parried a fierce Kouassi shot onto the crossbar.

Newman made way for substitute Nebay Haile as Woods continued to ask questions of the visitors' defence, Wilson Chingoka heading over from a Kouassi cross while a Williams header was narrowly wide from Haile's hanging cross. And Williams was in the thick of it moments later as Northwood had their penalty appeals turned down after a clash of legs as the Woods striker looked to execute a shot on goal.

Former Woods midfielder Louis Stead entered the fray for the closing minutes and he went close with a free-kick from the edge of the box with four minutes left on the clock. But the deadlock was finally broken a minute later in controversial circumstances as Cass appeared to push away his opponent before striding forward and delivering a low shot beyond Comas.

At the other end, Chingoka saw his half volley clear the Chalfont crossbar, but the seal was put on Northwood's disappointment as Hastings robbed Comas to roll the ball into an empty net in the fourth minute of added time to ensure another win for the Saints.

MATCH REVIEW



TALKING POINT

From *THE NON LEAGUE PAPER'S*

ADAM ELLIS

The term 'qualifying round' seems far-flung from the current stage of the FA Cup, as it enters into the sixth round proper.

Of the 737 teams to have played in the competition this season, only ten remain with replays set to narrow that number down to eight.

In a season memorable for teams like Whitchurch Alport, who played in the extra-preliminary round for the first time, the headlines for the next few days after Manchester City's shock loss to Wigan Athletic look set to be dominated by Sergio Aguero's clash with a pitch invader.

The Argentinian claims the altercation was triggered by the invader spitting at him. Now if this is the case, how will the issue be dealt with when you consider Cleethorpes Town were deducted 12 points for fielding an ineligible player for seven Evo-Stik South fixtures?

I recently wrote about how the FA put up with the ugly tasks of operating a sport while the Premier League lives a *carte blanche* lifestyle. But when it comes to punishment and upholding the game's reputation, balance sheets have no relevance and it simply comes down to one question: do the punishments fit the severity of the infringement?

Almost three years ago, the FA fined Aston Villa £200,000 for a pitch invasion that overshadowed an FA Cup tie, with supporters

'jostling' with West Bromwich Albion players. There are photos of the Villa Park pitch being blacked out by the sheer number of home fans on the grass.

Have you ever walked to the away end before a match and seen home supporters be searched on their way into a stadium? I can't say I have.

The scope for society viewing such instances as 'despicable' really are not far away from becoming instances of 'horror' when a player gets hurt.

In my view, pitch encroachments are the most serious incidents that can occur in football. A chance for a controlled environment to turn into the unknown. Certainly, far more serious than a club mishandling the registration paperwork for a new signing or loan.

But would I be saying that if the FA took the measure of throwing a team out of the FA Cup rather than rely solely on fines and the courts to issue football banning orders?





Northwood F.C. Six-a-side tournaments 2018

Saturday 12th May - Under 10's, 11's, 12's

Sunday 13th May - Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 13's

We are pleased to announce that we will again be holding our 6-a-side tournament at Northwood FC in our stadium at Chestnut Avenue, Northwood HA6 1HR.

U7's, U8's and U9's will be competitive with trophies for the winners and runners up only. All players involved will receive a medal.

U10's to U13's will be competitive with cup and plate finalists receiving trophies.

The cost to enter will be £35 per team before March 31st, any entries after this date will be £40. There is free parking on the field outside the stadium which we would like you to use as parking is very restricted on the road, with a £2 entry fee for all adults entering the stadium. You are advised to book early as there are only 10 spaces for each group, with a maximum of 8 players per team.

Full registration details and match schedules will be provided upon sign up. In addition to enjoying lots of good football in our stadium, there will be a BBQ and a licensed bar. Our tournament is always over-subscribed so please respond quickly to avoid disappointment.

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Woods Roll Call 2017-18

including 19.2.18	League apps	League sub	Cups apps	Cups sub	Total apps	League goals	Cup goals	Total goals	Northwood career apps	career goals	Y	R
Arash Abdullahi	2	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Pat Adamson	8	1	2	0	11	1	0	1	11	1	0	0
Romelle Alomenu	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Jean-Paul Antwi	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mohammed Ayoub	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Femi Azeez	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Charley Barker	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tommy Boxer	4	0	1	1	6	1	0	1	6	1	0	0
Michael Buckley	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
Hamilton Bunga	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Andrew Camilo Tajeco	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Wilson Chingoka	18	8	2	2	30	6	0	6	30	6	6	0
Ned Clarke	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Xavi Comas	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Brandon Daly	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tayo Davies-Coker	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Jamie Doolan	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tom Gilbey	11	0	0	0	11	1	0	1	11	1	0	0
James Gurteen	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kojo Gyimah	0	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Nebay Haile	1	8	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Louis Hall	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Matt Hall	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Ashley Harris	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Tyler Hatherly	5	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
Tayshan Hayden-Smith	21	1	4	0	26	2	0	2	26	2	0	0
Brendan Hazlett	12	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Brad Hewitt	18	0	3	0	21	0	0	0	21	22	1	0
Lewis Hobbs	22	0	3	0	25	0	0	0	25	0	2	0
Montel Joseph	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
Pat Kelly	8	1	2	1	12	0	0	0	12	0	1	0
Evans Kouassi	19	1	4	0	24	5	1	6	24	6	1	0
Borja Loeches-Teixeira	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
George Lutaaya	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mahlondo Martin	13	7	2	0	22	8	0	8	22	8	1	0
Andrew McCorkell	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Jack McDonnell	4	3	1	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	1	0
Tom McDonnell	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
Mark McLeod	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Paulo Montella	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Declan Nche	1	5	1	1	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Harry Newman	25	0	1	0	26	4	0	4	26	4	0	0
Matt Nolan	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hakim Nyariki	2	6	1	1	10	0	0	0	10	0	1	0
Lewis Ochoa	15	0	2	0	17	1	0	1	17	1	3	0
Issac Olorunfemi	14	5	1	0	20	1	0	1	20	1	1	0
Jermaine Osei	14	0	1	0	15	8	2	10	15	10	1	0
Michael Osei	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Leonardo Pedro	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
George Robinson	6	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	1	0
Marcus Rose	5	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	3	1
Joe Russell	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
David Taylor	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Jay Thorne	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sam Tring	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Harry Voss	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Antonio Walker	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Matt Walsh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Meshach Williams	14	2	1	1	18	4	0	4	18	4	1	0
Dernel Wynter	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0



Alan Evans looks back at Northwood events of a decade ago

PHOTOS by JAMES BROWN

Today we continue with our popular feature where we look back to events here at Northwood Park from exactly a decade ago. This has meant a review of our first season back at Step 4 of non-League following the first-ever relegation in the senior club's history as we succumbed to the drop in our second season of Southern Premier Division football having been transferred across following two years of Isthmian Premier competition.

After a slow start to the season, there had been an upsurge in fortunes as we passed halfway. Firstly a series of solid home wins was followed by a brilliant FA Trophy replay win over Isthmian Premier side AFC Hornchurch and then the first away league win of the season, a 3-1 success at league leaders AFC Sudbury with 18-year-old Elliott Buchanan netting his first Northwood hat-trick, taking his tally to six goals in three



games and into double figures for the season; the boy was getting noticed.

The FA Trophy run finally came to an end with a narrow 2-1 defeat at AFC Wimbledon in front of a crowd of over 1,500 where the Woods, through Buchanan, had caused a real scare with the opening goal in the very first minute and a thirteen match unbeaten run also saw them rise to a mid-table position before that run came to an end with a 4-2 defeat at top-of-the-table Dartford. In early February 2007, having led twice in front of a huge crowd of 1,118.

The departure of the promising Buchanan

to Conference title challengers Stevenage Borough had left the Woods weaker up front but next up was a midweek away game against lowly Potters Bar Town. There was a new signing to replace Buchanan in the experienced striker Phil Turner from Chesham United and he was put straight into the starting line-up with Adrian Abramian left on the bench. Brad Hewitt was out with an ongoing hamstring problem but Adam Theo returned to central defence after a two-match suspension.

And Turner made the ideal start to his Northwood career when he opened the scoring after just nine minutes, latching onto James Fisher's through-ball before lobbing the stranded Ashlee Jones in the Potters Bar goal. Both sides were struggling to play their football though in tricky wet and windy conditions but there was plenty of endeavour on both sides. Danny Murphy's injury woes continued as he limped off on 33 minutes. The Woods reshuffled their defence and then conceded an equaliser before the break with a rare Mitch Swain mistake as he spilled a header from Sam Adejokan and Darryl Wilson tapped in for a simple equaliser after 39 minutes.

The hosts had chances to take the lead early in the second half but having survived that early pressure the Woods upped their game with



Abdul Yoki and Ryan Tackley forcing Jones into a couple of saves but the home 'keeper then was at fault as he allowed Dwane Williams' shot to slip from his grasp to allow Northwood back in front after 58 minutes. More chances were missed as the Woods failed to put the game to bed and then Bar stormed back late on but

TEN YEARS AFTER

were also guilty of some glaring missed efforts while Swain made a flying save to keep out an effort to ensure his side took all three points.

At the weekend, it was back to Northwood Park for the visit of Waltham Abbey and Northwood were looking to extend an unbeaten home record that now dated back to early November. Browsing through the programme for the match we learned that the Under-18s had reached the final of the Middlesex County Youth Cup Final with a 4-1 win over Edgware Town. Tyrone Durrant netted twice while there was a goal apiece for Jack Bennett and Nick Glenday. Bennett had also been one of three Northwood players who had played in the Middlesex County Representative side who had won 3-0 at the Liverpool FA to reach the semi-final of the FA County Youth Cup, the other two being Jamie Tompkins and Aryan Taj. All three would make



first-team appearances for the Woods though none would really fulfil their potential.

There were, as usual, a couple of changes to the side. Brad Hewitt returned to partner Adam Theo in the centre of defence while Ryan Tackley moved to left-back to cover the injured Danny Murphy. Dwain Williams came in for winger Abdul Yoki who was missing through illness.

And it was Williams who almost gave Northwood the perfect start as he curled a shot from the edge of the box but saw it rebound back off a post. Yet it was Waltham Abbey who then opened the scoring after they were gifted a goal on 13 minutes as Marc Sontag's cross was left by al and sundry for it to sneak inside the

far post.

They had a couple of close efforts but the Woods were generally struggling to find their usual rhythm and looked lethargic. But then they woke up towards the end of the half. Michael Gordon rattled the crossbar before Hewitt headed a Tackley cross back across goal and James Fisher fired home an equaliser. Hewitt then missed a golden opportunity to put the Woods in front before the break as he headed



over unchallenged after latching onto Tackley's corner.

Colin Payne made an attacking change at the break with striker Adrian Abramian replacing midfielder Dwain Williams and the Woods gradually upped their tempo with Phil Turner seeing a strike cannon back off the crossbar once again. Abbey never looked likely to get their noses in front again as the Woods enjoyed plenty of possession but in the end they had to settle for a disappointing 1-1 draw.

By the time Northwood travelled to Aveley a week later, Brad Hewitt had reported ill, James Fisher had taken an offer to join Conference South side St. Albans City while Adrian Abramian had picked up a massive 35-day suspension for a sending-off in Sunday football. In came young 19-year-old striker Matt Baxter on a month's loan from Ashford Town (Middlesex). A 0-0 draw turned out to be a good result against an in-form side and extended the Woods run to just one defeat in fifteen matches.

We will have more from everything Ten Years After in our next programme.



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ROUND-UP



TODAY'S FIXTURES

AFC Dunstable v Uxbridge
 Arlesey Town v Aylesbury United
 Aylesbury v Moneyfields
 Barton Rovers v Marlow
 Chalfont St Peter v Hartley Wintney
 Egham Town v AFC Rushden & D.
 Fleet Town v Hanwell Town
 Hayes & Yeading v Ashford Town
 Kempston Rovers v Beaconsfield T.
 Northwood v Bedford Town
 Thame United v Cambridge City

On Tuesday evening Hartley Wintney beat Marlow 3-0, taking a 25th minute lead through Jake Baxter. Former QPR striker Rowan Vine added a second on the hour-mark and Adam Everiss made the points safe a minute from time, moving Hartley into third place in the table.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds defeated Chalfont St Peter 1-0 on Saturday in front of a crowd of just under 600, Tom Lorraine heading home the winner after 34 minutes. Beaconsfield Town beat Fleet Town 2-0 at Holloways Park. Wes Daly gave the hosts a 10th minute lead, but they couldn't relax until Tre Mitford's second a minute into stoppage time at the end of the game.

The top two hold a six-point lead over third-placed Hayes & Yeading United, with only five points separating them from seventh-placed Cambridge City in the race for the play-offs. Hayes stretched that advantage after beating Cambridge 2-0 at St Ives, thanks to goals in the final 19 minutes from Scott Donnelly and Toby Little.

Hartley Wintney inflicted a 4-1 defeat on rock-bottom Arlesey Town, who took the lead on the hour-mark through Billy Lannon. Paul Hodges equalised within four minutes and added a second on 75 minutes, with Adam Everiss and Jack French making the scoreline rather flattering on the home side with two more in the final five minutes.

AFC Dunstable drew 1-1 at Moneyfields, levelling three minutes from time through Jermaine Hall after Marley Ridge had put the Moneys in front on 48 minutes. Biggest winners of the day were Ashford Town, who hammered Kempston Rovers 7-1. Jack Beadle netted a hat-trick, James Cottee a brace and Alex Fisher and Romario Jonas singles in the rout – Jake Newman having levelled for the Walnut Boys.

Aylesbury United enjoyed a good 4-0 win against Egham Town at the Meadow, racing into a 3-0 interval lead through Jeanmal Prosper, Jack Wood and Greg Williams, with Ben Seaton adding the fourth 10 minutes from time.

Hanwell Town moved up to fourth-bottom after beating second-bottom Barton Rovers 4-1 at home, thanks to a Joe Chandiram brace sandwiched by Mergin Qarri and Harvey Killeen – Andrew Phillips replying. Luke Maguire and Kevin Warner scored after 22 and 32 minutes respectively for Uxbridge after Harry Scott had given Aylesbury FC an 11th minute lead.

And a penalty by veteran striker Paul Benson after 63 minutes sealed Bedford Town's victory at the New Eyrie against Thame United.

Including 23.2.18		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Rushden & D.	28	20	6	2	65	15	66	
Beaconsfield	29	20	3	6	58	33	63	
Hartley Wintney	29	19	3	7	70	35	60	
Hayes & Yeading	29	18	3	8	71	38	57	
AFC Dunstable	30	16	8	6	55	27	56	
Chalfont St Peter	31	16	6	9	41	30	54	
Cambridge City	28	16	4	8	69	40	52	
Moneyfields	30	13	8	9	57	47	47	
Bedford Town	30	14	4	12	42	40	46	
Kempston	30	13	6	11	53	56	45	
Thame United	27	13	3	11	47	42	42	
Ashford Town	31	12	5	14	69	53	41	
Uxbridge	29	12	4	13	48	59	40	
Marlow	29	10	6	13	43	52	36	
Northwood	30	8	10	12	42	49	34	
Aylesbury	31	10	4	17	30	57	34	
Egham Town	29	9	6	14	38	63	33	
Aylesbury	29	8	5	16	32	51	29	
Hanwell Town	27	7	3	17	31	48	24	
Fleet Town	30	5	8	17	29	65	23	
Barton Rovers	30	4	8	18	25	61	20	
Arlesey Town	30	1	5	24	25	79	8	



Fixtures/Results 2017

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Gate	Lge. pos.				
AUGUST									
Sat 12	Hartley Wintney	Away	L 0-2	135	19	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Tue 15	MONEYFIELDS	HOME	D 1-1	103	18	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Sat 19	Swindon Supermarine (FAC)	Away	L 0-1	132	-	Ayoub	Kelly	Adamson	Hobbs
Sat 26	Arlesey Town	Away	W 3-1	87	12	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Boxer
Mon 28	HAYES & YEADING UTD	HOME	W 2-0	243	9	Voss	Kelly	Adamson	Hewitt
SEPTEMBER									
Sat 9	Cambridge City	Away	L 0-1	145	13	Joseph	Kelly	Adamson	Hewitt
Tue 12	EGHAM TOWN (BFBC)	HOME	L 1-3	52	-	Loeches-Teixeira	J McDonnell	Adamson	Hewitt
Sat 16	EGHAM TOWN	HOME	L 0-1	96	14	Daly	J McDonnell	Antwi	Hewitt
Sat 23	Uxbridge	Away	L 1-2	90	16	McCorkell	Kelly	J McDonnell	Buckley
Tue 26	ASHFORD TOWN	HOME	L 1-7	89	17	McCorkell	Kelly	Robinson	Buckley
Sat 30	MARLOW	HOME	L 1-2	106	18	Hazlett	Kelly	Robinson	Buckley
OCTOBER									
Sat 7	MALDON & TIPTREE (FAT)	HOME	L 2-5	97	-	Hazlett	Kelly	Robinson	Ochoa
Sat 14	Bedford Town	Away	D 0-0	174	18	Hazlett	Ochoa	Robinson	Hewitt
Tue 17	AFC Hayes (MSC1)	Away	L 0-3	39	-	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Robinson	Hewitt
Sat 21	AYLESBURY UNITED	HOME	W 3-0	194	16	Hazlett	Ochoa	Robinson	Buckley
Tue 24	Hanwell Town	Away	W 3-1	121	15	Hazlett	Ochoa	Robinson	Buckley
Sat 28	FLEET TOWN	HOME	W 2-1	74	12	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Robinson	Buckley
NOVEMBER									
Sat 4	KEMPSTON ROVERS	HOME	W 3-0	131	11	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Adamson	Buckley
Sat 11	Barton Rovers	Away	D 1-1	101	12	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Adamson	Buckley
Sat 18	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	Away	L 0-4	451	13	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Adamson	Buckley
Sat 25	AYLESBURY	HOME	L 0-1	85	13	Hazlett	Ochoa	Gilbey	Buckley
Tue 28	Thame United	Away	D 3-3	68	13	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Haile	Buckley
DECEMBER									
Sat 2	Beaconsfield Town	Away	D 2-2	85	13	Hazlett	Ochoa	Gilbey	Buckley
Sat 16	Moneyfields	Away	L 0-2	74	16	Hazlett	Olorunfemi	Alomenu	Hayden-Smith
Sat 23	HARTLEY WINTNEY	HOME	W 3-1	96	15	Comas	Olorunfemi	Gilbey	Taylor
Tue 26	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	L 2-4	172	16	Nolan	Olorunfemi	Gilbey	Taylor
JANUARY									
Sat 6	Egham Town	Away	D 2-2	101	15	Comas	Ochoa	Hall	Taylor
Tue 9	AFC DUNSTABLE	HOME	D 2-2	71	15	Comas	Chingoka	Gilbey	McLeod
Sat 13	ARLESEY TOWN	HOME	W 3-1	79	14	Comas	Chingoka	Gilbey	Taylor
Sat 27	Kempston Rovers	Away	D 1-1	71	16	Comas	Olorunfemi	Gilbey	Chingoka
FEBRUARY									
Sat 3	Ashford Town	Away	D 2-2	93	14	Comas	Olorunfemi	Tring	Chingoka
Tue 6	CHALFONT ST PETER	HOME	L 0-2	91	15	Comas	Williams	Newman	Kouassi
Sat 17	Marlow	Away	L 0-1	164	16	Comas	Olorunfemi	Camilo Tajeco	Chingoka
Tue 20	BARTON ROVERS	HOME	D 1-1	82	15	Harris	Olorunfemi	Camilo	Chingoka
Sat 24	BEDFORD TOWN	HOME							
MARCH									
Sat 3	Aylesbury United	Away							
Tue 6	UXBRIDGE	HOME							
Sat 10	HANWELL TOWN	HOME							
Sat 17	AFC Dunstable	Away							
Sat 24	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	HOME							
Sat 31	CAMBRIDGE CITY	HOME							
APRIL									
Mon 2	Chalfont St Peter	Away							
Sat 7	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAM.	HOME							
Sat 14	Fleet Town	Away							
Sat 21	THAME UNITED	HOME							
Sat 28	Aylesbury	Away							

Key: goalscorer ① own goal + sub 1 sub 2 sub 3 yellow card red card

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S
Hewitt	Rose	M Osei	Chingoka	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Nyariki	Walker	-
Hewitt	Rose	M Osei	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Nyariki	Walker	-
Hewitt	Rose	Nyariki	Kouassi	Hayden-Smith	Walker	Martin	Thorne	Chingoka	-
Hewitt	Hobbs	Hayden-Smith	Kouassi	Williams	Abdollahi	Martin	Chingoka	Nyariki	J McDonnell
Boxer	Hobbs	Chingoka	Kouassi	Williams	Abdollahi	Hayden-Smith	J McDonnell	Hall	Nyariki
Hobbs	Boxer	Kousassi	J McDonnell	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Martin	Gyiamah	Chingoka	Antwi
Hobbs	Chingoka	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Martin	Boxer	Kelly	Nyariki
Hobbs	T McDonnell	Chingoka	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Martin	Kelly	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Gurteen	Doolan	-
Rose	Hobbs	T McDonnell	Kouassi	Williams	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Martin	Doolan	Chingoka
Davies-Coker	Hobbs	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	Walsh	Kouassi	Newman	Rose	Williams	Martin
Davies-Coker	Hobbs	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Williams	Nche	Abdollahi
Boxer	Pedro	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Olorunfemi	Williams	Nche	Abdollahi
Boxer	Nche	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	Pedro	Kouassi	Abdollahi	Gyimah	Chingoka	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Chingoka	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Martin	Olorunfemi	Nche
Rose	Hewitt	Nche	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Martin	Olorunfemi	Gurteen
Rose	Hewitt	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Martin	Chingoka	Adamson
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Kouassi	Chingoka	Gyimah
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Kouassi	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Hayden-Smith	Chingoka	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Kouassi	Martin	Robinson	Chingoka	Haile
Hobbs	Hewitt	Martin	Lutaaya	J Osei	Hayden-Smith	Newman	Chingoka	Olorunfemi	-
Hobbs	Ochoa	Chingoka	Lutaaya	Martin	Hayden-Smith	Gilbey	Gyimah	-	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Hayden-Smith	Chingoka	Newman	Martin	Olorunfemi	Alomenu	Haile	Nche
Hobbs	Hewitt	Ochoa	Chingoka	Martin	Taylor	Newman	Montella	Nche	Gyimah
Hobbs	Ochoa	Hayden-Smith	Chingoka	Alomenu	Martin	Newman	Montella	Gyimah	-
Hobbs	Hewitt	Hayden-Smith	Ochoa	Alomenu	Martin	Newman	Montella	Haile	J McDonnell
Hobbs	Chingoka	Hatherly	J McDonnell	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Olorunfemi	Alomenu	Haile
Hall	Hobbs	Taylor	Hatherly	J Osei	Martin	Newman	Olorunfemi	Haile	-
Hall	Hobbs	Williams	Hatherly	J Osei	Wynter	Newman	Olorunfemi	Montella	Haile
Russell	Nyariki	Williams	Hatherly	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Montella	Haile	-
Bunga	Russell	Williams	Nyariki	J Osei	Kouassi	Newman	Hatherly	Haile	Montella
Bunga	Tring	Olorunfemi	Hatherly	J Osei	Chingoka	Gilbey	Azeez	Russell	Haile
Gilbey	Tring	Williams	Barker	Wynter	Kouassi	Newman	Bunga	Azeez	Nyariki
Gilbey	Tring	Williams	Barker	Clarke	Kouassi	Newman	Montella	Nyariki	Nche

The Squads



NORTHWOOD

Interim Manager:
Jake Heracleous
Physio: Dan Daggett

Kit: All red

- XAVI **COMAS**
- ASHLEY **HARRIS**
- ISAAC **OLORUNFEMI**
- PAT **ADAMSON**
- JOE **RUSSELL**
- TOM **GILBEY**
- ANDREW **CAMILO-TAYACA**
- WILSON **CHINGOKA**
- BRAD **HEWITT**
- CHARLEY **BARKER**
- HAKIM **NYARIKI**
- MESHACH **WILLIAMS**
- JERMAINE **OSEI**
- KOJO **GYIMAH**
- HARRY **NEWMAN**
- PAULO **MONTELLA**
- EVANS **KOUASSI**
- DECLAN **NCHE**
- NEBAY **HAILE**
- ROMELLE **ALOMENU**
- NEWD **CLARKE**
- DAVID **TAYLOR**
- FEMI **HAZEEZ**
- HAMILTON **BUNGA**
- SAM **TRING**



BEDFORD TOWN

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Asst. Manager: Jack Cassidy
& Gil Octave

Kit: All yellow

- KYLE **FORSTER**
- JOSH **BONAITI**
- PAUL **COOPER**
- DEVANTE **STANLEY**
- JAMIE-JARDINE **LOFHOUSE-SMITH**
- MATT **CLIFFORD**
- DEAN **DUMMETT**
- MAYO **BALOGUN**
- JAMES **PETERS**
- TOMMY **HULL**
- OLLIE **SWAIN**
- CALLUM **DONNELLY**
- ASHTON **GRANT**
- RYAN **AUGER**
- GEORGE **BRINKMAN**
- DYLAN **GITTENS**
- JOSHUA **OYIBO**
- OMAR **NASERI**
- DAVID **MANU**
- DAVID **MOLI**
- MICHAEL **GYASI**
- LEE **ROACHE**
- JEMALE **MCKENZIE-LOWE**
- BRADLEY **WOODS-GARNESS**
- JOEL **NORRIS**

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ASSISTANT: Hossain Tavakkoli

