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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

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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH NORTHWOOD FC CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



Good afternoon and welcome to The Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium. We welcome our friends and visitors from Chertsey Town FC and I trust you will enjoy your short stay here despite the fact that we are currently unable to offer our usual hospitality service.

Starting with the football; disappointment and joy with defeat at Burnham in the FA Cup and a win here in the FA Trophy.

Burnham I need to put to the back of my mind and try to look forward and also trust Rob to implement the necessary changes to make us stronger and more competitive; essential in this division.

Basildon, last Saturday was better and we created many chances, despite going behind and it showed character to keep going and come back and even better to win on penalties again! The 'Haff' is a great 'keeper and he showed his worth in the shootouts as well as the guys with the 'bottle' to step up and take one of course.

We then stuttered a bit against FC Romania in the League but showed good character to win 1-0 and it was great to see the return of Reece Yorke in defence to give us added strength in that area. Hopefully we can build on that and keep ourselves in the top half of the table.

Those home games saw us implement the new laws around Covid and whilst the vast majority of people totally respected what we are doing and how difficult it is and has been to implement this way of life, it wasn't without one

or two moaning and one in particular being abusive to one of our helpful volunteers; I will make it clear to everyone that this behaviour will not be tolerated and if seen and identified, you will be asked to leave. We are no different to a pub or restaurant at present. You have to wear a mask when moving around the clubhouse and any food or drink orders have to be by way of table service. If you are unable to sit down, then the clubhouse is full and you will sadly have to leave.

We all work tremendously hard here and are trying to make the best of an awful situation, so if we are a bit slower to deliver a drink or portion of chips, please bear with us: it's no fun for us either. For those who do understand and are patient, thank you. We are all thinking on our feet and making changes as best we can to keep everyone safe in these difficult times.

Today, let's hope that we had a good result on Tuesday night away at South Park and that we can build on that with more league points this afternoon against Chertsey Town but they are both tough opponents and we will need to be on top of our game for sure.

Enjoy the game

Up the Woods!

Ian

ROB'S REPORT

THE THOUGHTS OF WOOD'S MANAGER, ROB URSELL

Good afternoon and welcome to our support which has been so strong in our home games so far.

We all really appreciate this and hope that it can continue to build as we progress this season.

After a poor start to the league season at Westfield and an even worse effort at Burnham in the FA Cup, I thought the FA Trophy game with Basildon was far closer to the type of performance we are looking for.

We created a lot more, and the response to going behind against the run of play was a big improvement. We need to make sure we consistently carry that desire to attack and create, and don't fall into the trap of just wanting to play safe when we are level or behind in a game.

In player news, we are really happy to welcome Reece Yorke back to the club on dual registration from Chesham United who play in the Southern League Premier Division at Step 3.

Reece's presence on the field will help us to deal with the high balls that most teams love to hit, and also gives us a chance to score from set pieces with his heading ability. However, he can also pass the ball well which suits us well and I think he sees playing for us as a chance to show that part of his game a bit more.

He made his second debut against FC Romania and made a huge difference to our back-line. While we faltered a bit in front of goal, it is important that we improve defensively to allow us to keep clean sheets, especially at home and we picked up our first league points with a 1-0 success.

Having had the home game against Ashford Town (Middlesex) postponed and with these notes being prepared prior to our long midweek trip to South Park, we now move on today's tough game against Chertsey Town and I welcome Kevin, Steve and their management team. They are one of the best sides in the division but it is really important we get ourselves going in the league with a consistently good performance. We then have the rearranged game against Ashford on Tuesday night before next Saturday's FA Trophy game and I hope we can count on your continued support for these matches.

I hope you enjoy the efforts of the boys.

Urse



Kappa





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE CURFEWS

Welcome to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for today's Pitching-In Isthmian League fixture against our friends from Chertsey Town Football Club. It's been a great run of success for the Surrey side over the last few years from the appointment of former Woods Manager Dave Anderson to the Combined Counties League promotion, a superb and memorable FA Vase triumph and then, last season under the new fledgling management of Kevin Maclaren, a play-off challenging fourth place in the table when the campaign was ended prematurely. Our own games against The Curfews proved pretty disastrous. At Alwyns Lane, we were thrashed 8-2 and this ended the management rein of Scott Dash while the home fixture was the one taken by caretaker managers John Nolan and Dave Lawrence, stepping up for the game from the Under-18s after the dismissal of Jamie Leacock the week before and we were beaten 4-1. To illustrate how bad our season was, no less than 27 different players took part for Northwood in those two games (only Charlie Hayford played in both) and not one of them is still with the club. Compare this with our opponents who had eleven of the squad that played here in February still in their side last Saturday.

It was last Saturday that Chertsey lost their first game of the season but it was a tough fixture away at Isthmian Premier side Haringey Borough and they only went down 2-0 with the second coming late in the game when pressing for an equaliser. They had a notable 1-0 win over Uxbridge in their only League fixture to date despite playing most of the game with ten men following a sending off for regular goalkeeper Nick Jupp early on and having an outfield player in goal. On Tuesday they had a huge capacity crowd of 400 for their home game against promotion-favourites Bracknell Town and it went all the way to the wire before the Robins grabbed a 2-1 victory.

THE PAST WEEKS

Our two home games over the last week proved successful and also entertaining. Our FA Trophy fixture against Basildon United saw us fall behind against the run of play having missed a penalty and seen both the post and bar deny us goals in the first-half. But the boys stuck to the task and Jaden Sharman popped up with a late equaliser and then, for the second time this season, we proved deadly in the lottery of the penalty shoot-out while goalkeeper Hafeed Al-Droubi showed his worth once again with two saves from four kick from the visitors. We now meet Heybridge Swifts in the next round next Saturday.

The following Tuesday night we finally played our first home game in the Pitching-In Isthmian League against FC Romania and should have been out of sight in the first thirty minutes. Plenty of chances missed but this time the penalty awarded after just ten minutes was emphatically smashed home by Devonte Totesaut for his first goal for the club. However, we lost our way a bit in the second-half as the Wolves pushed extra men forward and it took a pretty solid rearguard action, buoyed by the return to the club of former Woods defender Reece Yorke, to keep us ahead.

Al-Droubi was again dominant between the sticks and thoroughly deserved his clean sheet in a 1-0 success.

Last Saturday, the constant heavy rain caused the postponement of our home game against Ashford Town (Middlesex) which was a real disappointment. It eventually stopped and by 4pm the pitch had recovered but would have been just too late to risk getting the game on. We have rearranged the match for this Tuesday night, 13th October so we will re-use the same programme as it is still pretty much in date.

Finally, on Tuesday night we travelled to South Park with plenty of injuries, unavailability and a suspension meaning we had to cobble together a squad. The first-half went pretty well with Richard Ward scoring his first goal for the club and, after the home side levelled soon after, Devonte Totesaut netted his first goal from open play to see the Woods lead 2-1 at half-time. Unfortunately, things didn't go so well in the second-half and South Park levelled on the hour, put us plenty of pressure afterwards and eventually netted what proved to be the winner after 83 minutes so we still await our first away success of any kind this season.

COVID ARRANGEMENTS & TICKETING

We are in your hands as to how the season progresses safely. The Club appointed John Joyce as our designated Covid-19 officer and we have put systems in place to ensure that we meet the requirements to safely stage games under the current restrictions which limits our capacity to 400.

This includes:

- A one-way system in the Clubhouse on match-days – please enter via the middle doors as usual but leave via the fire door in what would usually be a Boardroom (being used as a clubhouse extension); please use this room too to help with social distancing. Do not stand at the bar.
- It is sitting-only in the clubhouse and all food and drink orders should be texting via the numbers on each table (please remember to add your table number). There is a separate number for the bar and the kitchen.
- Temperature Checks before entering Clubhouse and/or Stadium.
- Advance Tickets available for all home games (To ease access points and avoid use of cash).
- Track & Trace – You will need to check in to the clubhouse and/or the stadium by way of the NHS Track & Trace APP so please download this and register in advance.
- Programmes are also available via the website for pre-purchase and collection rather than cash on the day.
- Some seats in the stand are sectioned off to assist with social distancing.

NEW STADIUM & PROGRAMME SPONSORS

With many Companies struggling from a lack of operating profits this year, the already tough job of finding sponsors was made even more difficult and when we heard we might need a new Stadium Sponsor

to replace Acre & Tweed, it was a little worrying. However, we were delighted to announce that we secured a deal for Northwood Park to now be known as the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium and our grateful thanks goes to partners Nigel Hutchinson and Jim Fitzgerald for agreeing to come on board. As part of the arrangement, they are also the sponsors of our Match-Day Programme and their branding will also appear on various pieces of club clothing.

KIT SPONSORS

One Sponsorship we were delighted to hear was continuing was our arrangement with the Fecher family at Northwood Paper Supplies and their brand name of Rhino will still appear on the first-team shirts, both home and away, this season.

MAIN STAND SPONSORS

Finally, for now, we are also pleased to be able to secure a sponsorship for the main stand, named The Byrne Stand in 2019 after the tireless service that the five Byrne brothers had put into Northwood FC over many decades. That stand will now be sponsored by Braverman Kitchens and our thanks go to Charles Braverman for his kind gesture.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

It was just as last season was brought to a sudden end that we were about to complete the planned ground improvements that we managed to get 70% funding for through the Football Stadium Improvement Fund. We are pleased to say that everything we planned for has now been completed and everyone who donated to help contribute towards the additional costs of the project has now been honoured with this board (pictured) just inside the new entrance. We can't thank you all enough for helping us to make these important improvements. We also now have a new kitchen area inside the clubhouse which is fit for purpose. It's not the end of our plans as we want to erect a solid metal fence around the ground to improve security and our toilet block and refreshment kiosk are badly in need of replacement. We are hoping that we will be successful this year in our application for Chrysalis Funding through the local authority. More on this when we hear later in the season. In the meantime, please bear with us and we will have Dave and his mobile refreshment van in place for each game this season until we are able to move forward.

AND THE LEAGUE HAVE NEW SPONSORS TOO

The newly-named "Trident League" – the three-pronged unity of the Isthmian, Southern and Northern Premier Leagues – were also shocked in the summer when they were told by their sponsors "Bet Victor" that they were exercising their right to a break clause in their two-year contract and pulling the sponsorship of our competitions. It's a difficult task to bring in new sponsorship at this time but just over a week ago the three Leagues got together to announce a new partnership with a large organisation called GVC who, amongst other things, own Ladbrokes and Coral Bookmakers. However, on this occasion, there will be no promotion of the betting side of the company but instead it is a promotion of a Community Trust that will be used to fund Community Projects at each and every one of the member clubs under the Brand name of PITCHING-IN. We will now be playing in the PITCHING-IN Isthmian League with the other two leagues similarly named. No more details are known at this time but we welcome this much-needed new sponsorship at this time.

TOP VALUE SEASON TICKETS

When we first launched our cut-price Season Ticket deal we had around 100 people take it up. That number has slipped a bit over the five years since then but we've targeted three figures again this season with our newly-refurbished stadium and we are already well on the way to that target. Those that have ordered and paid for a Season Ticket should be able to collect them at any of our home games. If you haven't bought yours yet, it's just

£45.00 for all 19 home League games this season (its £10 each game if you don't) and you can either, complete an application form here at the club and pay by Cash or pay online via the website at www.northwoodfc.com. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who kindly added a donation to their payment for a season ticket which helped raise some much-needed funds in the summer.

A WORK OF ART – THE WOODS WALL

For those that missed it on Social Media, we are commissioning a work of art that will be enhance the new entrance to the ground which will be based on the newly-sponsored "Byrne Stand – as sponsored by Braverman Kitchens" which could have YOUR picture imposed into it, cheering on the Woods. It can either be your own photo or one in memory of someone and if you can send us a nice clear image, it will appear in the Stand. There is a small minimum donation of just £10.00 and you can do this either with cash to me or pay on-line via the website. We are hoping to get the Wall up sooner rather than later so please don't delay.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS

Many of our new squad have already been snapped up but it would be good to have a full house as early as possible into the new season. See the sponsorship page elsewhere in today's programme for who is available and you can either pay by cash or online via the website.

CHANGE OF UNDER-18 MANAGEMENT

As covered elsewhere in today's programme, John Nolan left his role in the summer after one season in the role and we thank him for his efforts in progressing that young side. We have managed to bring in new blood to take the reins of our Isthmian Youth League side with former Woods player Paul Masters taking over as Manager and he has brought in Darren Rowe, another ex-Northwood man, as his assistant. They were thrown in at the deep end with an away tie at Windsor in the FA Youth Cup after just a couple of weeks in the job and unfortunately were narrowly defeated. Their first League game was this Wednesday night, 30th September, away at Hayes & Yeading United but these notes had to be prepared just prior to that match taking place. Their first home game is in two weeks' time.

NEW GROUNDSHARERS (AGAIN)

The issues with COVID has been the given reason for the decision of London Samurai Rovers for not returning for a second season of ground-sharing here at Northwood FC but with the facilities we have on offer here, it was no surprise that we found a replacement team to play here on the Saturday's when the first-team are away. Our new groundshare is with Spartans Youth FC who currently play their Saturday senior football in the Surrey Elite Intermediate League at Step 7 (the same level as LSR) and our agreement is for two seasons. The club is based in Brentford and they have been playing at Boston Manor in previous years so this will be a big change for them. They kicked-off their season last Saturday at home to Staines Lammas and unfortunately went down to a 2-1 defeat. They then won 3-1 at NPL last Saturday but with the Woods playing a series of home games on Saturday's at present, the next home game will not be until Saturday 24th October.

FIXTURES AT THE FENTON CIVIL ENGINEERING STADIUM

Two more home games are scheduled for here at Northwood this week with the rearranged League game against Ashford Town (Middlesex) on Tuesday night followed by next Saturday's FA Trophy clash with Isthmian North Division side Heybridge Swifts for which advance tickets are available online. We hope you can join us for both.

Tuesday 13th October

Northwood v Ashford Town (Middx) - 7.45pm

Saturday 17th October

Northwood v Heybridge Swifts - Buildbase FA Trophy - 3pm

Saturday 24th October

Spartans Youth v Battersea Ironside - 3pm

Enjoy the game this afternoon and see you all again soon!

WELCOME TO

CHERTSEY TOWN



A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHERTSEY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB...



Organised football was evident in Chertsey well over a century ago but county affiliation did not take place immediately. The official founding of the club took place in 1890 when matches were played in the West Surrey League. The first success came in 1897 when the Surrey Junior Cup was secured.

A one year gap took place before football resumed in the same competition which eventually became the East and West Surrey League. A further halt in football took place during the Great War but soon after, in 1919, the club joined the Surrey Intermediate League where it stayed, uneventfully, until 1939 and a further break. An invitation to become founder members of the Surrey Senior League was not taken up in 1923 but membership was later assumed, on attaining senior status in 1946.

The club has played at various locations within the parish (Willow Walk, Free Prae Road, Staines Lane and Chilsey Green) before settling down at the present home in 1926. The suffix 'Town' was added to its title some 24 years later. The ground was donated by Sir Edward Stern as a football ground to the 'premier club in the parish'. Next door, a similar trust provides facilities for Chertsey Cricket Club. The main stand was constructed in the mid fifties; the original clubhouse added in 1960 and the first covered enclosure was built some three years later. Cover behind each goal was added in 1994 and 2010 respectively.

Although Chertsey gained membership of the Surrey Senior League immediately after the second world war, it was not until the 1959/60 season that success came with the league championship. This was repeated twice in the next three years,

a halcyon period when the League Cup was also won on three occasions. Due to the static nature of amateur football in those days, the club could not progress to the preferred Corinthian League so, in 1963, it was controversially decided to turn professional and enter the Metropolitan League. Although an entertaining three years were then enjoyed, the cost was too much to bear and a return to the lower levels of the Greater London League for one season occurred before a further shift to the Spartan League was made in 1967.

Indifferent results then dogged the club for almost two decades. This situation was briefly relieved in 1974/75 when the club were league and league cup runners up to an up an coming Farnborough Town. Meanwhile, the fabric of the club was being built up behind the scenes and despite lack of prominence on the park, movement was made via the London Spartan (1975/76) and Athenian leagues through to the Isthmian family with a place in Division Two South in 1984. Instant relegation to the Combined Counties League was suffered but a rejuvenated side won promotion back to Isthmian ranks within the year whilst winning the League Cup on the way.

The club was rewarded with good league positions but further promotion denied at first. The worst season after returning to the Isthmians came when the two Division Twos were split in 1991 and a place in the new Division Three had to suffice. This position was quickly rectified with a runner's up slot the next season. The club also reached the quarter finals of the F.A. Vase, emulating a similar performance in 1987/88. One year later, 102 points and a runner's up promotion place to Division One was nailed. The League Cup was also secured together with the Carlsberg Trophy in the same campaign along with the League Charity Shield and the Isthmian 'Team of the Season' trophy.

Only one campaign was required in Division One before further promotion, to the Premier Division. The first season at that level was one of consolidation but the second was more difficult. A late rally was experienced, but was insufficient to avoid the drop to Division One. Two subsequent Division One campaigns were

comfortable but the third proved too difficult after a very poor first half of the season.

Relatively respectable positions were attained for the next two seasons and then a return to Division One, taking a place in the revised south section in the Isthmian re-organisation. The side was not able to compete at this level and relegation to Division Two was suffered in 2003. With the dissolution of the division, the club was allocated to Combined Counties League in 2006. Promotionally hopeful situations were created regularly over the five terms in that competition.

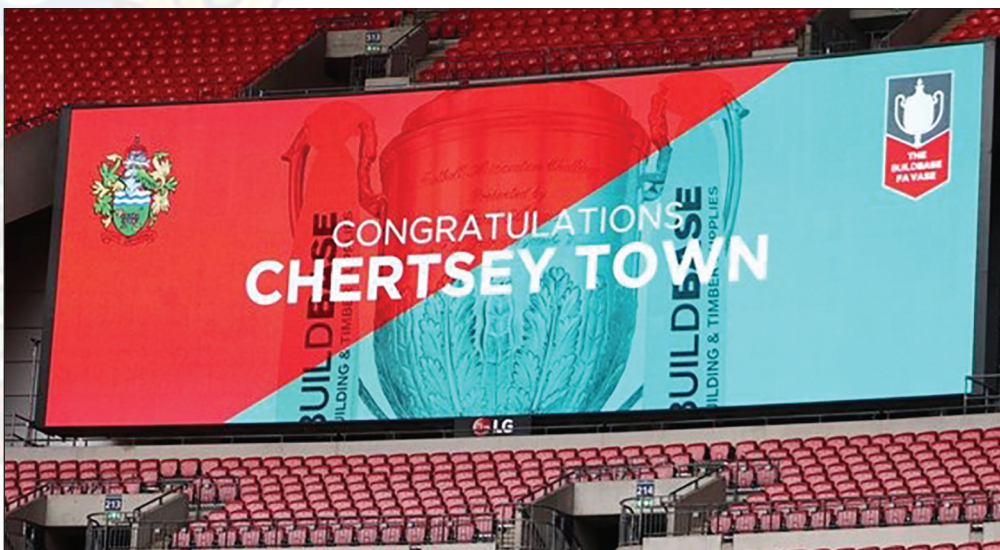
Finishing as runners up in 2011 was enough to secure promotion to Division One Central of the Southern League. Unspectacular, but safe, performances were achieved for two seasons but relegation was suffered in 2014, and with it a return to the Combined Counties League where four modest seasons prevailed.

A massive change occurred in the 2018/19 season that resulted in the league championship being secured with 13 points to spare. This led to promotion back to the Isthmian ranks and a place in the South Central Division. However, more memorable, was winning the FA Vase after turning over the score in the final to beat Cray Valley 3-1. The combination of these two feats has made the 2018/19 the most successful season ever for the club.

Dave Anderson was the team manager who masterminded this success but stood down at the end of the campaign. Team captain Kevin Maclaren has since taken charge. The chairman's role is held by Mark Turner. The club, a Charter Standard member, also has a comprehensive junior section of boys at all ages.

Chertsey Town's nickname, the 'Curfews' is derived from a locally famous bell that hangs in the nearby St. Peters Church. The bell has rung out the evening curfew, now ceremoniously of course, for over five hundred years.

The pictures in our visitors article today are all from their recent Buildbase FA Vase success at Wembley Stadium





WELCOME TO

CHERTSEY TOWN

PLAYER PROFILES 2020-21...



GARRY ABISOGUN (23)

An attacker who signed in the 2020 close season. Was with Woking's first team squad but moved, last term, to Cobham, then Redhill.

JAKE BAXTER (31)

An experienced striker signed in September 2018 from Hartley Wintney. Was also a prolific marksman at Tooting & Mitcham United. Previously at Fulham academy and Cove.

DANNY BENNELL (37)

Joined towards the end of the 2017/18 season. A centre back who played in the FA Vase semi final with Hillingdon Borough. Has also been with North Greenford United and Hanwell Town

ANDY CROSSLEY (27)

A wide attacker who rejoined at the start of the 2018/19 season after a short spell at Westfield. Made his Chertsey Town first team debut in August 2009 as a 16 year old. Re-signed in

November 2014 after playing at Farnborough, Egham Town and Godalming Town. Has now made well over 300 appearances for the club.

SCOTT DAY (32)

Signed in the 2019 close season for the defence. Although one year was spent at Farnborough, the previous seven seasons had been with Whyteleafe

OLIVER DUFFY (26)

A defending midfield player who joined in the 2019 close season. He sustained a bad injury in his first game for Chertsey Town and was out for the whole of the 2019/20 season. Was previously at Hanwell Town, completing over 200 appearances.

ETHAN ETUKUDO (18)

A real find from last season's Under 18 side, but then began to break into the first team towards the end of the season. Plays in an attacking role.



LEWIS GALLIFENT (20)

A goalkeeper who joined in March 2018 and was previously with Hampton & Richmond Borough's youth team. Firmly established in the squad but education constraints stop games on a regular basis. Is dual registered with Colliers Wood United.

JONATHAN HIPPOLYTE (26)

A striker who joined just after the start of last season. Came out of Maidenhead United's youth set up and has since had a plethora of clubs from Conference level to Step 4. Was latterly with Metropolitan Police.

SAM HURRELL (32)

A midfield signing in October 2019 from Cobham. Started with the Chelsea youth set up where he won the first 'Football Icon' on television but then moved on in 2007 to a number of clubs including St Albans City and Welling United. Was also joint manager at Hillingdon Borough for a spell.

LEWIS JACKSON (27)

A 2018 close season signing from Cobham. Plays centrally in the midfield or more usually at full back. Has since been a full regular and will break a century of appearance with the club this term.

NICK JUPP (30)

A goalkeeper signed at the start of last season after what turned into a temporary retirement having played regularly for Harrow Borough. Has also been with Shepsted Dynamo, Aldershot Town, Barnet and St Albans City. Is the current club's committee as their player of the year.

ASHLEY LODGE (30)

Joined to join the midfield in January 2020 from Staines Town where in previously he had won the Player Of The Season award on four occasions. Between times he had played for Egham Town, Ashford Town and Hayes & Yeading.

CASEY MACLAREN (33)

A defender who signed in the summer of 2018 after a season with Hampton & Richmond Borough. Was previously at Hendon where he made over 300 first team appearances.

KEVIN MACLAREN (31)

Signed for The Curfews for the midfield in March 2018 from Kingstonian, but started that term at Tooting & Mitcham United. Has also enjoyed extended stays with AFC Wimbledon and Hendon. Was club captain in the 2018/19, but is now the club's manager.

SAM MURPHY (31)

Played 184 times for Hendon from where he came in the 2018 close season. Played previously at Edgware Town and Aldershot Town. Was part of Cambridge United's Academy for many years. Plays in the midfield.

QUINCY ROWE (32)

Powerful midfield attacker who joined in December 2018. Previous club was Tooting & Mitcham United but was considering retirement. Has also played many games with Staines Town, AFC Wimbledon and Harrow Borough.

ANTONIO SIMEONE (31)

Transferred from Tooting & Mitcham Utd for his defending skills in February 2020, he has also played for a number of Surrey based clubs including Carshalton Athletic, Godalming Town and Walton & Hersham.

BRYAN TAYLOR (24)

A surprise signing for the forward line in August 2019 having played all his football career in local football. Made an immediate impact after a belated trial. Is now an established squad player.

MASON WELCH-TURNER (24)

Signed for the start of the 2018/19 season from Hanwell Town. A left back who has also been with Corinthian Casuals, Woking and Hendon.

WOODS PAY THE PENALTY AS THEY CRASH OUT OF THE FA CUP



Northwood's interest in the FA Cup ended for another year after they succumbed to a solitary goal defeat by conceding a harshly awarded penalty kick early in the tie against Hellenic Premier Burnham.

BURNHAM I NORTHWOOD 0

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020

KICK-OFF 7.45PM

EMIRATES FA CUP, FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING



Manager Rob Ursell opted for a number of changes following the opening day league defeat at Westfield. Luke Jones replaced Ryan Esprit at right-back while there was a debut for Denerson Moreira on the right wing in place of Calvin Dickson. There was also a change in midfield with Diogo Da Silva coming in for Charlie Kuehn while Lucas Toti was moved forward into the central attacking role with Richard Ward slotting in behind.

Following a steady start to proceedings, the game suddenly spung into life when former Wood Ryan Tackley's free-kick from fully 35-yards crashed off the woodwork and the ensuing scramble led to Burnham

being awarded a penalty as the ball hit Jaden Sharman's slightly raised arm with the Northwood youngster's back turned. Gavin James stepped up to make no mistake with the spot-kick to give his side a 12th minute lead.

Woods spurned a couple of glorious chances to restore parity. Firstly a quick break lead to Toti finding George Issac whose blocked shot fell to Graca in a good position but he blazed his shot over the bar. And Graca had another gilt-edged opportunity after Moreira's cross was flicked on by Ward into his path but he lifted the ball over the crossbar with only goalkeeper Carl Dennison to beat.

Both keepers were called into action as play switched from end to end. Northwood keeper Hafed El-Droubi had to be at his best to keep out Joe Blount's low free-kick before Burnham's Dennison produced a full-length save to keep out Issac's 25-yard effort.

Northwood proceeded to enjoy their fair share of the ball for the remainder of the half but were being kept at an





arm's length by a hard working Burnham who restricted the visitors to shots from Jones and Issac which failed to trouble Dennison.

Woods continued in a similar vein after the break with the quality of the final ball sadly lacking and they made a change up top on 55 minutes with Richard Ward making way for Aaron Morgan who moved into the central striker's birth with Toti tucking in behind.

Both sides were struggling to make much of an impression in the final third although Northwood went close as Dennison pulled off another superb save to deflect Gracias' rasping first time shot while at the other end, a jinking run from James should have been capped with a second goal but the striker dragged his shot wide with the goal at his mercy.



Gracas made way for striker Devonte Totesaut on 70 minutes as Northwood searched for the equaliser. But Woods they were grateful for more athleticism from El-Droubi as he saved an effort from Blount before keeping out Luke Fanstone's point-blank header.

Issac made way for debutant substitute Baback Deghani and in the increasingly frantic closing stages, Northwood forced a series of corners that sadly failed to seriously threaten an equaliser.

However, with tie into the fourth minute of added time and the home crowd baying for the final whistle, Totesaut looked to be tripped in the box as he latched onto Morgan's pass but the penalty appeals were waved away and with it Woods F.A. Cup hopes as they made their customary early exit from the competition.



BUILDBASE FA TROPHY UPDATE

IT'S ANOTHER HOME TIE FOR THE WOODS...

Following our penalty shoot-out victory in the first round qualifying against Basildon United, Northwood, have been handed another home tie in the second round qualifying.

The game which will take place, two weeks today, will see us host HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS who of course play in the Pitching In Isthmian League North Division.

The Swifts have lost both of their opening league games to date but I'm sure will provide a tough test for us when the game is played in two weeks time.

The full draw for the second round qualifying is:

Pontefract Collieries vs Workington
 Prescot Cables vs Frickley Athletic
 Worksop Town vs Ramsbottom United
 Pickering Town vs Trafford
 Kendal Town vs Brighouse Town
 Marine vs Mossley
 Widnes vs Colne
 Sheffield vs Runcorn Linnets
 Dunston vs Clitheroe
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 Northwood vs Heybridge Swifts





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 Brentwood Town vs Chichester City
 Chipstead vs Three Bridges
 Uxbridge vs Waltham Abbey
 Aylesbury United vs Tilbury
 Bracknell Town vs Sevenoaks Town
 Hythe Town vs Ashford United
 Burgess Hill Town vs Ware

Above & Below: It's all over and the Woods have won the penalty shoot-out against Basildon United to progress into the second round qualifying stage of the Buildbase FA Trophy. It is the second shoot-out that we have won this season beating Slimbridge earlier in the season in the Emirates FA Cup.

Haywards Heath Town vs Welwyn Garden City
 Hanwell Town vs Aveyley
 Thame United vs Cirencester Town
 Thatcham Town vs North Leigh
 AFC Totton vs Frome Town
 Sholing vs Wantage Town
 Bideford vs Slimbridge
 Moneyfields vs Basingstoke Town
 Highworth Town vs Winchester City
 Larkhall Athletic vs Barnstaple Town
 Kidlington vs Didcot Town
 Willand Rovers vs Bristol Manor Farm
 Mangotsfield United vs Cinderford Town

In all sixty one ties are due to be played with the winners set to receive £ 3000.00 from the prize fund while each losing team will receive £ 775.00



THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME



Here we go again. This week, Boris Johnson urged people to go back to the cinemas following the sad decision of Cineworld to temporarily close its 127 theatres across the UK, affecting 45,000 jobs.

It comes at the end of a damning week for the film industry with the launch of the forthcoming James Bond film No Time To Die being put back to 2021.

Sadly, it's an all-too familiar story in these strange Covid times, bearing a striking comparison to the football industry, which too has been left to pick up the pieces from the effects of the global pandemic.

So, the question remains then Boris, if you are pleading with people to go back to watching films in the cinema - a small, enclosed arena with very little room for manoeuvre or ventilation - then why can't fans return to football in a much larger, outdoor, socially-distanced environment?

Last Saturday, 15 Vue Cinemas - Cineworld's main market rival - showed live Premier League matches, well

attended by fans. How can you watch football in a cinema but not an open-air stadium? That's madness.

Quite frankly, I'm amazed - and mightily relieved - that more proud, well-established football clubs haven't fallen foul to these testing Covid times and credit for that lies with the people who work tirelessly - usually without financial reward - to keep our clubs alive. But, with a second Coronavirus wave threatening to kick in and tougher restrictions gradually being put in place, there comes a point when something has to give, as Cineworld have shown.

Last week's £10m Government bailout to the National League at least papers over the cracks for a few months but, at the time of writing this, clubs are still waiting for news of their reimbursements almost a week on and with their season already underway.

Indeed, poor communication throughout has been a huge issue during this uncertain summer and that's something that needs to be addressed in any future Covid post mortem.

Personally, I'm still dismayed by a lack of assistance, and greed sometimes, of the mega-rich Premier League and its member clubs during this crisis.

No fewer than six players in Gareth Southgate's England squad for this week's friendly with Wales and Nations League games against Belgium and Denmark boast a Non-League background. Doesn't that show that football at this level is impacting higher up the Pyramid?

In the week when Macclesfield Town were wound up by the High Court for debts totalling £500,000, Chelsea were spending £22 million for a replacement goalkeeper.

A couple of weeks later, Arsenal then opted to severely damage their once proud community ties by dumping its much-loved mascot Gunnersaurus - for the sake of £120-a-week - before then spending £45 million on Thomas Partey.

Obviously, I'm not suggesting bailouts of those proportions but what a gesture it would be from the 20 Premier League clubs if they put aside, say, £1 million each, to strengthen their community ties when it is needed most and keep their local clubs alive?

Cineworld's demise is a worrying turn of events for the entertainment industry, of which sport plays a significant part.

Agreed, Boris, let us support our cinemas, theatres and music venues - socially distanced, of course - but how about including football stadiums in that too?



WOODS UP AND RUNNING

Northwood got their Isthmian South Central season up and running with a narrow victory in their first league game at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium.



NORTHWOOD 1 FC ROMANIA 0

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2020
KICK-OFF 7.45PM
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Northwood got their Isthmian South Central season up and running with a narrow victory in their first league game at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium.

There were a couple of changes from the team that started against Basildon United in the FA Trophy, Calvin Dickson replacing Baback Dehghani in the right wing-back birth while there was a first start for Reece Yorke on his return to the club on a dual registration arrangement with Chesham United as the central defender fitted seamlessly into the Woods back three.

Northwood took the game to Romania from the off with Devonte Totesaut shooting narrowly wide following a sweeping move involving Denerson Moreira and Jaden Sharman before the latter was involved again as his deep cross was pulled back by Dickson into the path of George Isaac whose shot rebounded off the upright.

Woods maintained their early attacking momentum and they were rewarded for their bright start by taking a tenth minute lead from the penalty spot after Isaac was clipped as he ran at the Wolves defence after being released by a delightful ball from Marcelo Gracas, Totesaut making no mistake from twelve yards for his first Northwood goal.

The one-way traffic continued with Romania struggling to get out of their half, Isaac's crossfield ball picking out Dickson who cut in from the flank and fired in a long range shot which flew narrowly over while Moreira tried his luck from distance with an effort which deflected wide of the target.

The visitors finally found their way into



Devonte Totesaut grabbed his first goal for Northwood scoring the winner from the penalty spot

Northwood territory and forced a corner which found the head of Izi Okiwute whose downward effort was safely gathered by Woods keeper Haf Al-Droubi. Having had a spot of defending to do, Woods were soon back on the attack with a series of slick, incisive moves which should have seen them increase their lead, Moreira having a wonderful opportunity to open his Northwood account as he was played in by Totesaut but he dragged his shot wide from a good position.

At the other end, in a rare moment of attacking cohesion for the visitors, Courtney Austin tested Al-Droubi who showed a strong hand as he kept out a low shot before Moreira had another opportunity for Northwood after more good work from Totesaut, but the shot was dragged wide once more.

The Wolves made a change at the break with Alex Rita replacing Vincent Follea and the substitution seemed to have the desired effect as the visitors forced a series of corners with Northwood struggling to regain the momentum of the first period. And Al-Droubi had to be alert as he dealt with a shot from Matthew Campbell after a strong run

from the Romania attacker.

Woods were forced into a change on 64 minutes as Charlie Kuehn replaced Diogo Da Silva in the Woods midfield after the latter failed to shake of a knock to his ankle and the hosts continued to be asked questions by a rejuvenated Romania but the experienced back three of Yorke, Dave Thomas and Ryan Phillips were dealing well with the threat.

Having played some delightful football in the opening period, Northwood's main attacking threat was now coming from the long throw of Dickson and not for the first time in the evening, a Dickson throw into the box was flicked on by Yorke and was met by Isaac but his header cleared the crossbar.

Woods made a change in attack with 20 minutes left on the clock as Totesaut made way for Aaron Morgan who was quickly into the action as he showed strength and speed to win the ball and lay off to Kuehn but his shot failed to trouble Wolves keeper Adrian Darabant.

Northwood made their final substitution, Richard Ward being introduced for Moreira, as they continued to seek a second goal to make the game safe and the Woods substitute was immediately involved as he fired in a long range shot which flew wide of the target.

Northwood were unable to increase their slender lead and they had to endure a nervous few minutes as they played out stoppage time a man short after the unfortunate Morgan received a red card for what the referee deemed 'dangerous play' as he won the ball despite there being no contact with an opponent - not quite the gift the experienced striker was expecting on his birthday!

However, Woods had displayed a solidity and resilience which, despite a disappointing second half in an attacking sense, had ensured they kept a clean sheet to bag their first points of the season and looking forward to the visit of Ashford Town on Saturday as they seek to build on this win.

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

DATE	OPPONENT	V	COMP	RES	ATT	FIRST XI					
SEPTEMBER											
SAT 12	SLIMBRIDGE	H	FACPR	1-1+	153	Al-Droubi	Jones (67)	Esprit	Carby (84)	Thomas	Dickson 1 (75)
Sat 19	Westfield	A	Lge	0-3	140	Al-Droubi	Esprit (46)	Sharman	Carby	Thomas	Dickson
Tue 22	Burnham	A	FAC1QR	0-1	237	Al-Droubi	Jones	Sharman	Carby	Thomas	Da Silva
SAT 26	BASILDON UNITED	H	FAT1QR	1-1+	111	Al-Droubi	Dehghani (56)	Sharrman1	Phillips	Thomas	Kuehn
TUE 29	FC ROMANIA	H	Lge	1-0	131	Al-Droubi	Dickson	Sharman	Phillips	Thomas	Yorke
OCTOBER											
Tue 06	South Park	A	Lge	2-3	33	Al-Droubi	Dehghani (46)	Sharman	Phillips (85)	Thomas	Brown
SAT 10	CHERTSEY TOWN	H	Lge								
TUE 13	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	Lge								
SAT 17	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	FAT2QR								
Sat 24	Waltham Abbey	A	Lge								
TUE 27	STAINES TOWN	H	Lge								
Sat 31	Uxbridge	A	Lge								
NOVEMBER											
SAT 07	WARE	H	Lge								
Sat 14	Chipstead	A	Lge								
SAT 28	HARLOW TOWN	H	Lge								
DECEMBER											
Sat 05	Hertford Town	A	Lge								
SAT 12	BEDFORD SPORTS	H	Lge								
Sat 19	Marlow	A	Lge								
Sat 26	Chalfont St Peter	A	Lge								
MON 28	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge								
JANUARY											
Sat 02	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge								
SAT 09	BARKING	H	Lge								
Sat 16	Staines Town	A	Lge								
SAT 23	WALTHAM ABBEY	H	Lge								
Sat 30	Chertsey Town	A	Lge								
FEBRUARY											
SAT 06	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge								
SAT 13	MARLOW	H	Lge								
Sat 20	Bedford Sports	A	Lge								
SAT 27	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge								
MARCH											
Sat 06	Ware	A	Lge								
SAT 13	CHIPSTEAD	H	Lge								
Sat 20	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	Lge								
SAT 27	HERTFORD TOWN	H	Lge								
APRIL											
Sat 03	Harlow Town	A	Lge								
MON 05	CHALFONT ST PETER	H	Lge								
Sat 10	Barking	A	Lge								
SAT 17	WESTFIELD	H	Lge								
Sat 24	FC Romania	A	Lge								
MAY											
SAT 01	HANWELL TOWN	H	Lge								
Mon 03	Bracknell Town	A	Lge								
SAT 08	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge								
TBA	Hanwell Town	A	Lge								



Respect



ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

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Key: Goalscorers: in **bold**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes own goal;
 FAC = Emirates FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; VT = Velocity Trophy; + Northwood won 4-2 on penalties; ++ Northwood won 4-3 on penalties

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2020-21 SEASON

										SUBSTITUTES				
Belaid	Kuehn	Ward	Graca	Isaac	Sharman (67)	Phillips (75)	Masembe (84)	Smith	Stefanoica	Totesaut	Muhemba			
Graca	Kuehn (57)	Ward (69)	Toti	Isaac	Totesaut (46)	Jones (57)	Castanho (69)	Da Silva	Phillips					
Moreira	Graca (71)	Ward (55)	Toti	Isaac (77)	Morgan (55)	Totesaut (71)	Dehghani (77)	Dickson	Kuehn	Phillips	Castanho			
Da Silva	Graca	Totesaut	Moreira (61)	Isaac (68)	Dickson (56)	Morgan (61)	Ward (68)	Castanho	Skandari					
Da Silva (64)	Graca	Totesaut 1 (69)	Moreira (77)	Isaac	Kuehn (64)	Morgan (69)	Ward (77)	Castanho	Dehghani					
Da Silva	Graca	Totesaut 1	Kuehn (78)	Ward 1	Esprit (46)	Skandari (78)	Da Costa (85)	Yildiz						

Up to 9th Oct 2020		SEASON 2020/2021										WOODS CAREER RECORD						
* = No longer with Club		ISTHMIAN LEAGUE			CUP COMPETITIONS			TOTALS		LEAGUE		CUPS		OVERALL				
Players' Name		Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Games	Goals	Lge Games	Goals	Cup Games	Goals	Total Games	Total Goals	Woods Debut
Amin	Belaid	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Daniel	Brown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	37	1	9	0	46	1	Canvey Island (H) Aug '07
Craig	Carby	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	8	0	4	0	12	0	Rugby Town (A) Mar '11
David	Castanho	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Staines Town (A) Mar '20
Andre	Da Costa	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	South Park (A) Oct '20
Diogo	Da Silva	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	Burnham (A) Sept '20
Baback	Dehghani	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	Burnham (A) Sept '20
Calvin	Dickson	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	0	2	1	4	1	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Hafed	El-Droubi	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Ryan	Esprit	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Marcelo	Graca	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	8	0	3	0	11	0	Bedfont Sports (H) Feb '20
George	Isaac	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Luke	Jones	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	6	0	2	0	8	0	Ware (H) Feb '20
Charlie	Kuehn	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	7	0	Bedfont Sports (H) Feb '20
Haluna	Masembe	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	Marlow (H) Feb '20
Denerson	Moreira	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	Burnham (A) Sept '20
Aaron	Morgan	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	Burnham (A) Sept '20
Excel	Muhemba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Ware (H) Feb '20
Ryan	Phillips	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	43	2	16	0	59	2	Aylesbury (H) Sept '12
Jaden	Sharman	3	0	3	0	2	1	3	1	6	1	8	1	3	1	11	2	Ware (H) Feb '20
Taufee	Skandari	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	South Park (A) Oct '20
Dave	Thomas	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	6	0	8	0	3	0	11	0	Ware (H) Feb '20
Devonte	Totesaut	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	0	5	2	3	2	2	0	5	2	Westfield (A) Mar '20
Lucas	Toti Ferras	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	Bedfont Sports (H) Feb '20
Richard	Ward	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	0	6	1	3	1	3	0	6	1	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Reece	Yorke	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	57	3	16	3	73	6	Beaconsfield (H) Dec '11

WOODS THROUGH TO NEXT ROUND AFTER PENALTY SHOOT-OUT



Northwood came through the drama of a penalty shoot-out for the second time in two weeks as they overcame Isthmian League North Basildon United to progress to the next round of the FA Trophy.

NORTHWOOD I BASILDON UNITED I

NORTHWOOD WIN 4-3 ON PENALTIES
SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2020
KICK-OFF 3.00PM
BUILDBASE FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING



In the first ever meeting between the two clubs, both sides went into the contest following mixed starts to the season with Woods looking to bounce back from the disappointment of their midweek F.A. Cup exit while the Bees had a new manager in place and lots of fresh faces in their line up following a busy week of recruitment.

Northwood manager Rob Ursell decided to switch to three at the back with Ryan Phillips and Charlie Kuehn playing either side of Dave Thomas with Craig Carby unavailable. Baback Dehghani was given his full debut in the right wing-back role with Jaden Sharman taking up his position on the opposite flank while Devonte Totesaut made his first start as the

fulcrum of the attack with George Isaac in support.

Woods started brightly and they spurned the opportunity to take the lead from the penalty spot on 11 minutes as the overlapping Sharman latched onto a great ball from Phillips before being upended in the Basildon box, Bees goalkeeper George Marsh equal to Isaac's firmly struck spot-kick.

Having escaped the penalty scare, Basildon threatened as Northwood conceded a free-kick in a dangerous position just outside the box but the hosts could breathe a sigh of relief as Rubens Martins Carvalho's effort was deflected wide.

Woods were soon back on the front foot with a series of slick moves, Isaac finding himself in a great position after Diogo Da Silva created the opening but hesitation from the Northwood attacker saw him crowded out by the Bees defence. And another incisive move ended with Sharman trying his luck with a right foot shot which flew narrowly over following a neat lay-off from Totesaut.

But it was the visitors who opened the scoring on the 30 minute mark as the unfortunate Phillips attempted to shepherd a ball into the box back to Hafed El-Droubi, Carvalho nipping in to slide the ball beyond the Woods goalkeeper.





Northwood responded well to the setback as they proceeded to hit the Basildon woodwork twice in quick succession. Firstly, Marcelo Gracas saw his long-range curling shot deflect off the upright before a sweeping move involving Gracas and Denerson Moreira led to Totesaut firing in a rasping shot which crashed off the underside of the crossbar with Sharman first to the rebound but unable to convert. Woods continued to press with Da Silva the next to try his luck with a low shot which was deflected for a corner. But the hosts had some defending to do as El-Droubi gathered efforts from Ben Brookes and Tyrone Baker. However, Northwood went close again as Isaac headed over from an enticing Phillips free-kick to close an entertaining opening period. Northwood were quickly into their stride after the break with Dehghani's cross finding Isaac whose shot was deflected behind before Thomas headed narrowly over as the Woods skipper latched onto a Phillips corner. Northwood made a change on the hour-mark as Calvin Dickson replaced Dehghani on the right flank and the substitute was quickly into the action as he got to the by-line, his pull-back finding Moreira whose shot was charged down by the Basildon defence. Woods utilised both their remaining substitutes as striker Aoron Morgan and Richard Ward were introduced for



Moreira and Isaac respectively with the hosts still looking for the elusive equaliser. But Basildon could have put the tie beyond Northwood as Samuel Jeremiah found himself clear on goal but the Bees number nine dragged his shot wide. Northwood looked to make the most of their reprieve and Da Silva almost got on the end of Morgan's header to the far post following a Phillip's corner. But Woods were not to be denied as Phillip's floated cross found Ward whose low shot rebounded off the post into the path off Sharman who lashed the ball home for the equaliser on 85 minutes.

With the threat of penalties looming, there were further chances for Woods in a rousing finish, Morgan and Totesaut having bites of the cherry in a goalmouth scramble, Dickson curling an effort narrowly wide before almost finding the stretching Ward with an enticing ball into the six yard box. But it was Basildon who had the last opportunity as Jeremiah was denied by El-Droubi.

And the Northwood stopper took that form into the shoot-out, as he had done a couple of weeks earlier in the F.A. Cup, saving two penalties including the first and fifth Basildon effort after Dickson, Kuehn, Totesaut and Thomas had converted, to win the tie for Woods and give them a much needed boost ahead of Tuesday's important league game against FC Romania.



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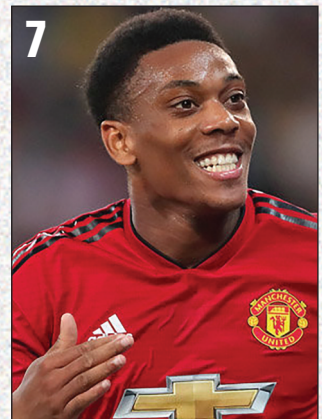


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LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

1. From which club did Manchester City sign defender, Ruben Dias, in a record deal recently?
2. Who played in goal for Liverpool in their 7-2 defeat at Aston Villa?
3. Which former World Footballer of the Year is President of Liberia?
4. Upon leaving Southampton in 1989, which north-east club did madcap goalkeeper, John Burridge, join?
5. Which top-flight English club scored a record 120 League goals in the calendar year in 1931?
6. Third division Spanish side Atletico Astorga once modelled their green home kit on which fictional character?
7. Who was sent off in Manchester United's recent 6-1 home defeat at the hands of Tottenham Hotspur?
8. Which was the first all-seater stadium in England?
9. What was the name of the mascot for the 1990 World Cup Finals in Italy?
10. Name the only two teams to have a 100% record in The Championship after the opening four League games of the 2020/21 season?



ANSWERS...
 1. Benfica, 2. Adrian, 3. George Weah, 4. Newcastle United, 5. Aston Villa, 6. The Incredible Hulk, 7. Anthony Martial, 8. Highfield Road then home of Coventry City, 9. Ciao, 10. Bristol City and Reading

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WOODS UNDER 18s

WAKE-UP CALL FOR YOUNG WOODS

The Under-18s had a bit of a wake-up call when they played their first Isthmian Youth League game of the season away at Hayes & Yeading United just over a week ago.

Due to the rain, the match was switched to be played on the home side's 3G pitch, never the greatest of venues and even worse with the rain pouring down throughout but the side got off to a solid start with Aaron Finnigan hitting the crossbar with a fine shot after 10 minutes and then latching on to a ball from Dylan Arruda

to set up Charlie Amasanti who fired home the opening goal.

But Hayes & Yeading possessed a pretty pacy front three who were to cause plenty of problems throughout the match and two goals inside three minutes midway through the first-half meant that the home side led 2-1 at half-time.

That was as good as it got for the Woods though. Younger brother of former Woods attacker Louis Bircham, Harvey Sells – who has been

on the bench for the first-team already this season – notched four second-half goals and created another as Hayes ran out 7-1 winners.

That's not to say that the Woods didn't have a couple of good chances of their own in the second-half but sadly they weren't taken to lift the gloom.

Team: Patrick Woulfe, Musa Arbi, Dylan Arruda, Finley Reid (Flynn Duncan), Ben Brown, James Fitzgerald, Sean Gowen, James Mangan (Teddy Ruddick), Charlie Amasanti (Liam Lavery), Dan Kershaw, Aaron Finnigan. Other Subs. Ryan Hopping.

Manager Paul Masters will be looking to strengthen in certain areas with a few additions to the squad and they arranged a friendly for this past week prior to their first home game here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium against Hampton & Richmond Borough this Thursday night, 15th October.

NFC U-18s FIXTURES 2020-21 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	V	COMP	RES	SCORER(S)
Mon 7 Sep	Windsor	A	FAYC Prem	1-2	Kershaw
Wed 30 Sep	Hayes & Yeading United	A	IYL	1-7	Amasanti
Thu 15 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	H	IYL		
Mon 26 Oct	Aldershot Town	A	IYL		
Thu 5 Nov	UXBRIDGE	H	IYL		
Mon 9 Nov	Bedfont Sports	A	IYL		
Wed 18 Nov	Bracknell Town	A	IYL		
Thu 26 Nov	WEALDSTONE	H	IYL		
Wed 2 Dec	Marlow	A	IYL		
Thu 10 Dec	CAMBERLEY TOWN	H	IYL		
Thu 17 Dec	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	H	IYL		
Wed 13 Jan	Hampton & Richmond Borough	A	IYL		
Thu 21 Jan	ALDERSHOT TOWN	H	IYL		
Mon 25 Jan	Uxbridge	A	IYL		
Thu 4 Feb	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	IYL		
Thu 11 Feb	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	IYL		
Wed 17 Feb	Wealdstone	A	IYL		
Thu 25 Feb	MARLOW	H	IYL		
Mon 1 Mar	Camberley Town	A	IYL		

Key: IYL - Isthmian Youth League; FAYC - FA Youth Cup



MEET THE WOODS

PLAYER PROFILES 2020-21 SEASON



HAFED AL-DROUBI - GOALKEEPER

Hafed is a 25-year-old goalkeeper who was born in Jordan and was in Turkey for Besiktas at Under-19 level. In the UK he was at Fulham and Luton Town before playing at a variety of clubs including Banbury United, Sutton United and in Gibraltar with Manchester 62. He then played for Chesham United before making well over 50 appearances for Harrow Borough and then having a brief stay with Beaconsfield Town. He joins the Woods as their number one keeper for the new season.



CHARLIE KUEHN - DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

27-year-old experienced defender or midfielder player who has been a regular futsal and mini-football player in recent years including for the Great Britain representative team. Has also had spells with Hendon, Ware and Beaconsfield.



RYAN PHILLIPS - DEFENDER

Left-back Ryan originally made his Woods debut in 2012 after spells at Hillingdon Borough and Hanwell Town and is the son of former Woods midfielder Greg Phillips. Now 28, he made just over 50 appearances before moving to Beaconsfield and has since also seen service at Burnham, Uxbridge, Egham Town, Chalfont St Peter, Chesham United and Broadfields United.



CRAIG CARBY - DEFENDER

38-year-old Craig who re-joined in March 2020, has had two previous short spells with the Woods while on dual-registration with Hendon where he enjoyed several seasons. The vastly-experienced defender has also played for Brook House, Windsor & Eton, St Albans City, Boreham Wood, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Chalfont St Peter and Aylesbury.



JADEN SHARMAN - DEFENDER

Jaden is a left-back who has joined Northwood in February 2020 having been playing for Raymers Lane Under-18s and quickly established his place in the side. Looks to have a promising season ahead of him.



HALUNA MASEMBE - DEFENDER

Haluna is a 25-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in February 2020 from Molesey. He started out at Egham Town and has since played for Godalming Town, Hanwell Town and AFC Hayes.



DAVE THOMAS - DEFENDER

Vastly-experienced 31-year-old left-sided defender who joined the Woods in February 2020 from Hanwell Town and is the Club Captain. He moved to Hanwell in the summer after long service with Uxbridge where he has made over 400 appearances for the Reds. He also had a short spell with Chalfont St Peter.



RAY BORGES DE OLIVEIRA - DEFENDER

Strong utility player, Ray has joined the Woods from St Panteleimon in the summer of 2020. The 26-year-old Brazilian-born player for home country clubs Rio Verde, Atibaia and Sinop before coming to the UK and starting out with AEK London



MARCELO GRACA - MIDFIELDER

Experienced 30-year-old Futsal player and coach who joined the Woods in February 2020 as a player-coach. Portuguese-born Marcelo last played the 11-a-side game a few years ago with Dorking FC.



RYAN ESPRIT - MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

Ryan is an experienced 29-year-old versatile player full of determination who has joined the Woods from Hanworth Villa. He has also had previous experience at Bedford Sports, Farnham Town, Spelthorne Sports and Tooting Bec in recent seasons.



BABACK DEHGHANI - MIDFIELDER

Dutch-born youngster who has joined the Woods in September 2020 having previously played for Woodford Town while his youth football was played at Bristol Central Youth FC. At 22, he looks a promising recruit.



DIOGO DA SILVA - MIDFIELDER

Another of the club's Portuguese Futsal players, at Baku United, Sussex and for England, who has joined the Woods in the summer of 2020. At 25, Diogo has previous experience of 11-a-side at Chatham Town.

**LUKE JONES - MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER**

Luke joined the Woods from Chalfont St Peter in February 2020. The 22-year-old has previously played for Sun Sports and Oxhey Jets.

**DEVONTE TOTESAUT - MIDFIELDER**

Devonte signed for the Woods in September 2020 having impressed in pre-season. He has been well-travelled having started out in the MK Dons Academy and having a stint in the USA. He also played for Boreham Wood and Enfield Town while having spells at AFC Bourmouth Under-21s, FC Brunos Magpies in Gibraltar and since then at London Tigers, Walton & Hersham and Chesham United.

**ANDRE DA COSTA - WINGER**

29-year-old experienced wide player who has joined the Woods from Southall in the summer of 2020. Andre started out in the youth ranks at AFC Bourmouth and then played in Cyprus before joining Dulwich Hamlet, Macclesfield Town, Worlington, St Albans City, Bishop's Stortford, Kingstonian, Hendon, Metropolitan Police and Beaconsfield.

**CALVIN DICKSON - MIDFIELDER**

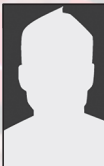
27-year-old midfielder who joined the Woods in September 2020 having last played 11-a-side football some six years ago with Ashby Ivanhoe. Prior to that he played for Loughborough Dynamo and has since carved out an excellent futsal career with Pro-Futsal London, London Helvecia and has also represented England.

**EXCELLENCE MUHEMBA - FORWARD**

Excel is a 20-year-old forward who has already gained plenty of experience with spells at Wingate & Finchley and Harrow Borough this season. Excel signed for the Woods in February 2020 and gives some extra pace to the front line.

**LUCAS TOTI - ATTACKING MIDFIELDER**

Lucas is a top-class Brazilian-born Futsal player who joined the Woods in February 2020. The 28-year-old playmaker has adapted well to the 11-a-side game for the club and is set to play a leading role.

**AARON MORGAN - ATTACKER**

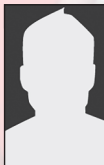
Experienced and hard-working forward who joins the Woods in the summer of 2020 to add to their attacking options. Now 30, Aaron started out at Hillingdon Borough before making over 120 appearances for Hendon over two spells. Has also played for East Thurrock United, Kingstonian, North Greenford and, in more recent years, Egham Town, Beaconsfield Town and Chertsey Town.

**LEON SMITH - ATTACKER**

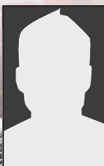
Vastly-experienced, strong and pacy striker who scored over 100 goals for Wingate & Finchley after joining them in 2009. He then moved to Hendon and continued in that goalscoring vein. Now 35, Leon has joined the Woods after short spells with Egham Town, Metropolitan Police and Chertsey Town.

**GEORGE ISAAC - ATTACKER**

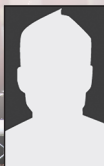
George originally came through the ranks at Hayes & Yeading Youth where he was Under-18s top scorer for two years in succession. In recent times he has played representative games for the GB Mini-Football side while also appearing for FC Assyria. Age 27, he has been looking sharp in pre-season having joined in the summer and should be a great asset to the side.

**DAVID CASTANHO - WINGER**

Experienced, attacking midfielder who joined the Woods in March 2020 from East Grinstead United. The 27-year-old made just one appearance before the season was cancelled but re-signed for the club in September 2020. Previously with Tooting & Mitcham United, Walton & Hersham and has also played in Gibraltar for Glacis United FC.

**TAUFEER SKANDARI - ATTACKING MIDFIELDER**

21-year-old Afghanistan-born midfielder who played for Windsor as a youngster and then went to Turkey to play for top side Bursaspor's Under-21 side. Returned in the summer and following International Clearance, signed for the Woods in September 2020.

**RICHARD WARD - ATTACKER**

The 29-year-old arrived at Northwood in September 2020, playing competitive 11-a-side football for the first time for many years since a spell with Chester Le-Street. Another to have graced top level on the Futsal circuit having represented England more than 50 times as well as playing for top clubs in the Country including Manchester, Sheffield and London Helvecia.



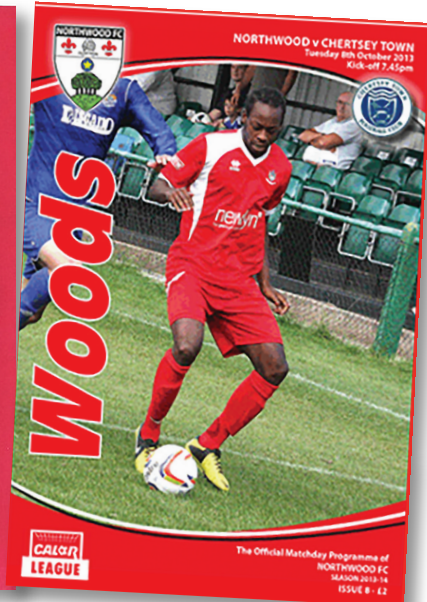
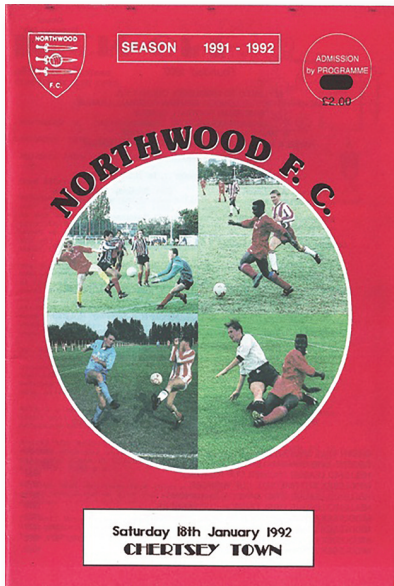
The Club appointed former Woods player Rob Ursell as their new manager in February 2020 and he brought in Jordan Berry as his assistant. The coaching team is completed by Richard Elderfield, Gabriel Smith and Aaron Morgan while Niki Jayakody is the Club's Sports Therapist.

BRIEF ENCOUNTER

PLAYED; 9 - WON; 3 - DRAWN; 0 - LOST; 7 - GOALS SCORED; 23 GOALS AGAINST 27

There have been 50 goals scored in only nine previous matches between the two clubs so pretty entertaining!

Last season's 8-2 thrashing at Chertsey Town provided the death knell of Manager Scott Dash here at Northwood having also lost 1-6 at home to Waltham Abbey just a few days earlier. It is still painfully fresh in the mind of any Northwood supporters that were there that day. Centre-half Sacha M'Baye had actually headed the Woods in front that Tuesday evening but after Jake Baxter levelled soon after, the shaky defence then conceded four more in sixteen first-half minutes through Sam Murphy, Baxter again and then Jonathan Hippolyte got in on the act with two. Lubo Guentchev and Lewis Driver added more after the break and even though Alex Witham notched a penalty with ten minutes to go, Chertsey showed no mercy by adding an eighth goal when substitute Driver headed in his second. It



was the most goals conceded in a match by Northwood since April 1975 – some 44 years earlier – when Viking Sports pulled off a 9-2 victory at Cheshunt Avenue in a Middlesex League game.

But we don't want to concentrate too much on that disastrous evening in leafy Surrey so let's flash back to the 8th October 2013 - almost seven years ago today – when Chertsey Town came to Northwood Park struggling themselves at the bottom of the

then Southern League Central Division table. The Woods had been going through a bad run of their own having lost six of their last seven games and had only scored six goals in their previous nine league fixtures. They had also crashed out of the FA Trophy a few days earlier, losing 2-3 to neighbours AFC Hayes.

Manager Mark Burgess had been forced into one change, bringing himself back into the defence in place of twin brother James who was suspended.

The two teams were as follows:
Northwood: Jake Knight, Ramil Sheriff, Ryan Phillips (Rashaun Raphael), Mark Burgess, Steve Brown, George Nicholas, Joakim Ehui (Sonny Bailey-Aird), Craig White, Niko Muir, Dave Lawrence, Reece Grant (Oliver Sprague).

Chertsey Town: Garry Aulsbery, Joe Green, Anson Cousins, Ryan Blake, Tom McGarry, David Johnston, Tom O'Reagan, Tom Betts (Jordan Wain), Matt Reece, John Pomroy, Andy White (Danny Sharp).



It was an open game from the start with goalkeeper Jake Knight (pictured above - who for information is nowadays a goalkeeping coach for Lyn 1896 FC in Norway, where he has been for much of his career since 2013) forced to tip over an early long-range effort. But the opening goal came on 16 minutes when Niko Muir's accurate centre was powerfully headed home by Steve Brown. Five minutes later, Reece Grant,

a current Dagenham & Redbridge striker but then on loan from Wealdstone, showed good pace to burst down the left and beat Garry Aulsbery with a cracking strike at the near-post. After just 25 minutes the Woods added a third when Ryan Phillips got down the left and knocked in a cross which presented Muir with a simple tap-in.

Chertsey were not without chances of their own though and Knight kept out an effort from Tom O'Reagan before the Curfews did pull one back on 34 minutes as ace striker John Pomroy knocked in an Andy White cross. The response was good too though as Muir turned sharply on a Brown knock-down to make it 4-1 and then Dave Lawrence got in on the act with a fifth before half-time.

The Woods ability from the penalty-spot at this time was well documented having been successful just three times in twelve attempts but when Craig White was bundled over on 54 minutes, Muir (pictured top right) made it thirteenth time lucky when he completed his hat-trick. At 6-1 it should have been game over but Chertsey got back into it when the impressive O'Reagan lobbed Knight and then substitute Jordan Wain stabbed home during a goalmouth scramble. Suddenly it was 6-3 with twenty minutes still to play. Thankfully, that was as far as it got with Brown heading in a Lawrence corner for his second of the game and



then Muir setting up George Nicholas for an eighth and final goal on 83 minutes.

It was the first time that the Woods had notched more than seven in a League match since the 12-1 thrashing of Beckton United in April 1992 and the first time as many as eight had been scored in any match since Clapton were beaten 8-0 in the FA Cup match back in 1999.

The Woods won the return game that season 2-0 at Always Lane thanks to goals from Jerome Federico and Niko Muir in the first-half though the previous season Chertsey Town had won both games 3-2.

Our very first meeting was in a Fourth Round FA Vase tie back in 1992 in January 1992 with Chertsey an Isthmian League side while the Woods were still in the London Spartan League. Class told eventually with the Curfews winning 4-1 thanks to two goals from renowned striker Peter Skerritt while former Vase winner Park Sweales also notched. Paul Rogan netted the Northwood goal.

ON THIS DAY

10 OCTOBER THROUGH THE YEARS

Ken Green looks back at what was happening with the Woods on 10th October in years gone by...

Saturday 10th October 1935

NORTHWOOD WIN

NORTHWOOD UNITED 3 CRYPTO 1

A fair-sized crowd turned up to watch Northwood United's first home Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division game of the season against Crypto at Northwood Recreation Ground. A decent game was witnessed, but it was evident that both teams were unable to play their normal game on the small pitch.

After 18 minutes play, Bob Bell (pictured) opened the scoring for the home side. Crypto tried their hardest to bring the scores level, and a bad mistake by their inside-right when a goal appeared certain seemed to take the sting out of them for a while.

Joe Gill got United's second goal, he beating a back and heading past the advancing keeper. Play for a period was round Crypto's goal, and over-excitement from United's forwards saw gilt-edged chances missed.

Crossing over with a two-goal lead, United for a while had to play hard to keep out the Crypto forwards. The latter's efforts were at last rewarded, for during an attack, a home defender had the misfortune to put through his own goal.

The reverse put more fire into United's forwards and Gill got a third, and they held onto the lead until the final whistle.

Saturday 10th October 1970

IAN HARVEY KEEPS WOOD ON WINNING TRAIL

HAM 2 NORTHWOOD 3

Northwood continued their fine run of Middlesex League results when they overcame a powerful Ham side at Richmond. This was Northwood's fourth consecutive win and has put them well up in the League table, a position they could hardly have expected at the beginning of the season, their first in the league.

Ian Harvey added the title striker to that of midfield schemer, when he slammed home two goals for the Woods. Northwood started well, with the forwards making position quickly and the Woods' defence holding tight under the firm rein of Don Dibbens (pictured).

The visitors went ahead when Harvey beat two men, rode a

tackle and crossed to Paul Byrne, who headed neatly past the keeper. After the goal Ham fought back and a battle for supremacy in midfield resulted, with the home side coming out on top after

their inside forward equalized with a glorious power drive.

But their supremacy was short-lived, with Harvey slipping in quickly to push a rebound shot from Ron Dodd into the net. A superb save by Woods' keeper Ray Byrne prevented Ham from equalising minutes before the interval.

After the break Ham pressed forward and equalised. But a spot kick from Harvey after a Byrne shot had been handled inside the area put the result beyond doubt.

Only Harefield have overcome Northwood in six games, but the team realises they still have a dour struggle ahead if they are to hold their present league position.

Northwood: R Byrne, Harding, Madigan, Dibbens, Bailey, Godley, Harvey, Pearce, Dodd, Byrne, Horsford. **Sub:** Saunders.

Saturday 10th October 1981

WOODS DRAW FRIENDLY

BOROUGH ROAD COLLEGE 1 NORTHWOOD 1

Peter Lammin (pictured), the Middlesex League centre-half, made his debut in the Northwood colours in this friendly at Borough Road. Lammin, a first team regular with CAV at the start of the season, made the move into Hellenic League circles following a recent big split in the administration of the South Ruislip based works side.

Northwood should have built a match winning lead by half-time, instead of just leading by a goal from Alan Clarke.

Steve Cordery excelled in midfield, but missed a penalty and struck a post to allow Borough Road to snatch a draw. **Northwood:** Toogood, Milsom, Lammin, Bennett, Carter, Newman, Cordery, Boyle, James, Clarke, May. **Sub:** Coburn.

Saturday 10th October 1992

WOODS GO THIRD

THAME UNITED 0 NORTHWOOD 2

Northwood scored twice against the team with the best defensive record in the Diadora League Division Three, to move into third spot in the table.

Without Paul Canoville, Tim Vincent (both suspended), Henry Pacquette and Andy Edey (both injured), Woods brought in new signings Gursel Gulfer (from Edgware) and Sean Chinn, from Haringey.





Play went from end to end but Woods went ahead in the 27th minute when Gulfer did a one-two with Nolan. The latter's shot was saved, and Vic Schwartz was on hand to hit the ball home. Woods had a lucky escape when Thame caught out the defence, but could not cash in, and Ken Lavender saved the visitors with a great reaction save just before half-time.

Northwood's defence found itself under the cosh at the start of the second half, and Lavender had to be on top form, saving at the feet of Lonergan, and tipping over a Mott effort.

But Northwood hit back. Gulfer won a corner, which he took himself, and Schwartz rose high above the defence to head home a super goal.

Woods had other chances, but finished the game with Lavender in action again.

Northwood: Lavender, Nolan, Curran, Ventour, Holland, Rogan, Dodds, Devane, Schwartz, Gulfer, Chinn, sub. Phillips.

Saturday 10th October 2015
TWO GOALS FOR MAX HOLLAND
FLEET TOWN 1 NORTHWOOD 3

The Woods put in a much-improved attacking performance to notch their first League win for eight weeks against a Fleet Town side who had been unbeaten at home.

Niko Muir, Max Holland and Andy Lomas had good chances, then Holland set up Muir and some good movement got him a sight of goal but he fired over the bar. More of the same was needed by the Woods as the second half started and that's exactly what they served up. The half was just less than a minute old when Ehui made ground down the right and cut the ball back to Louis Stead in space who swept a shot over the stranded Pryce and in off the underside of the crossbar.

Lomas forced Pryce into a good diving save three minutes later after a long run and from the corner, also taken by Lomas, Mark Burgess flicked a near-post header goalwards and Pryce did well to react and tip the ball over the bar. This time Stead took the corner from the left and Jon Munday headed towards goal with Holland getting an important touch in front of the defender on the line and the ball bounced up into the roof of the net for a second goal on 50 minutes.

It was into stoppage-time that the Woods bagged their third goal as Muir played Holland in down the left channel and although Pryce got something on it, his shot still flew in for his second goal of the game and his fifth of the season.

Northwood: Laurencin, Vassell, Lomas, M Burgess, Munday, Nicholas, Ehui (Hastings), Brown, Stead (Murray), Muir, Holland

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London Pride in the Early 1960's

Earlier in this series, we saw how Chelsea and Arsenal were beacons of light in the gloom of general programme awfulness in the 1950's. As clubs throughout the country failed to improve their programmes when the "swinging sixties" got underway, it was London which once again provided the shining exceptions to the rule of mediocrity.

Chelsea were continued to produce an excellent programme, as they were joined by West Ham United. Both favoured a small page format, shorter than the then-standard A5 size, but larger than the mini-pocket-sized issues of the late 50's and early 60's. Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur also favoured this page size, and while their issues were amongst the best in the country, they were more predictable and short of the extra ingredient which set the Stamford Bridge and Boleyn Ground programmes above the herd.

"The Hammer" was lovingly tended by Jack Heliar, whose family printing firm had presided over the West Ham programme from its birth. Editorial was affectionate and thoughtful, and information on the club and its staff was imparted in a manner which made readers feel involved and informed. The editor's lifelong involvement with the club lent an historic perspective, both in terms of recollections, and in commentaries on the modern game. The

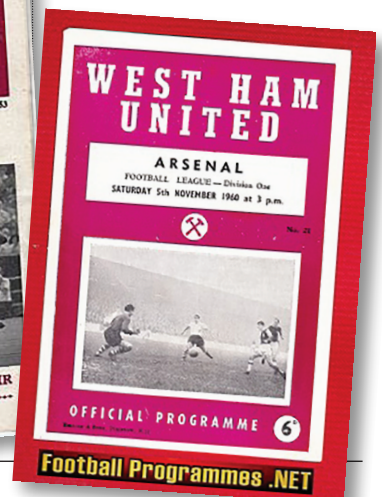
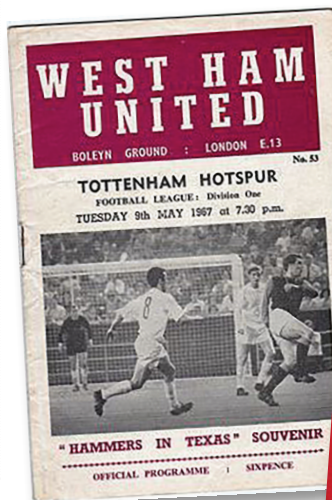
West Ham programme was no one-man band; managers, coaches, players and - in deference to the new pop society - the matchday DJ/announcer - all contributed to a lively, informative, yet exceedingly homely programme. Completely devoid of advertisements - in common with its counterparts at the major London clubs - "The Hammer" was also first to introduce full colour photographs of players.

Across the capital city, the good work of the previous two decades was being continued at Stamford Bridge. The redoubtable Albert Sewell edited a compact 20-page programme which brimmed with club information. There was good pictorial coverage of previous matches, features on past and present players, and a complete statistical and

factual account of playing affairs at first team, reserve and youth level.

Part of the attraction of these programmes, looking back some 60 years, is that each one had its own identity. Local printers, editors who were usually long-standing supporters, and content which reflected the pre-commercialised days of 1960's football, meant that no two club programmes were alike. The small-sized Chelsea, West Ham, Spurs and Arsenal programmes of the early 1960's may not take as long to read as their 1990's descendants, but they retain a charm and character that the modern emporia of colour and gloss cannot hope to reproduce.

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TABLES & FIXTURES

2020-21 SEASON



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bracknell Town	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Westfield	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Waltham Abbey	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Hanwell Town	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Tooting & Mitcham United	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Ware	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Staines Town	3	2	0	1	4	5	6
Marlow	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Ashford Town (Middx)	3	1	1	1	1	2	4
Harlow Town	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Chalfont St Peter	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
Chertsey Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Hertford Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
South Park	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
NORTHWOOD	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Chipstead	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Uxbridge	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Barking	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Bedfont Sports	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
FC Romania	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

THE STATS

TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED	26
TOTAL HOME WINS	14
TOTAL AWAY WINS	9
TOTAL SCORE DRAWS	2
TOTAL NO-SCORE DRAWS	1
TOTAL GOALS SCORED	70
TOTAL HOME GOALS SCORED	40
TOTAL AWAY GOALS SCORED	30
HIGHEST AGGREGATE	5
(Staines Town 3 Ware 2)	
(Bedfont Sports 2 Ware 3)	
(Chipstead 1 Westfield 4)	
LEADING GOALSCORERS	3
Aderi Ded, Westfield	
Darnell Goather-Braithwaite, Westfield	
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE	400
(CHERTSEY TOWN VS UXBRIDGE)	
LOWEST ATTENDANCE	33
(SOUTH PARK VS NORTHWOOD)	
AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE	3967
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	152



TODAY'S FIXTURES

PREMIER DIVISION

BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT VS HARINGEY BOROUGH
 CARSHALTON ATHLETIC VS CORINTHIAN CASUALS
 CHESHUNT VS BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
 EAST THURROCK UNITED VS MERSTHAM
 ENFIELD TOWN VS LEATHERHEAD
 FOLKESTONE INVICTA VS POTTERS BAR TOWN
 KINGSTONIAN VS HORNCURCH
 LEWES VS MARGATE
 WINGATE & FINCHLEY VS HORSHAM
 WORTHING VS BOWERS & PITSEA

NORTH DIVISION

BASILDON UNITED VS AFC SUDBURY
 BRENTWOOD TOWN VS CANVEY ISLAND
 BURY TOWN VS DEREHAM TOWN
 COGGESHALL TOWN VS CAMBRIDGE CITY
 GRAYS ATHLETIC VS ROMFORD
 HISTON VS AVELEY
 HULLBRIDGE SPORTS VS TILBURY
 MALDON & TIPTREE VS FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED
 SOHAM TOWN RANGERS VS HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS
 WITHAM TOWN VS GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

BARKING VS FC ROMANIA
 BRACKNELL TOWN VS CHALFONT ST PETER
 CHIPSTEAD VS BEDFONT SPORTS
 HANWELL TOWN VS STAINES TOWN
 HERTFORD TOWN VS HARLOW TOWN
 MARLOW VS WESTFIELD
 NORTHWOOD VS CHERTSEY TOWN
 TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED VS WALTHAM ABBEY
 WARE VS UXBRIDGE

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

ASHFORD UNITED VS EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN
 CHICHESTER CITY VS HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN
 FAVERSHAM TOWN VS SEVENDOKS TOWN
 HASTINGS UNITED VS VCD ATHLETIC
 HYTHE TOWN VS HERNE BAY
 PHOENIX SPORTS VS WHITEHAWK
 RAMSGATE VS THREE BRIDGES
 WHITSTABLE TOWN VS BURGESS HILL TOWN
 WHTYELEAFE VS CRAY VALLEY PM

PLAYING TOMORROW

PREMIER DIVISION

CRAY WANDERERS VS BISHOP'S STORTFORD

WOODS HEROES

SIX-TIMES WOODS WINNER MARTIN O'DONNELL RECALLS HIS FOOTBALL TIMES. WE TALK TO A SUCCESSFUL NORTHWOOD MAN FROM THE PAST...



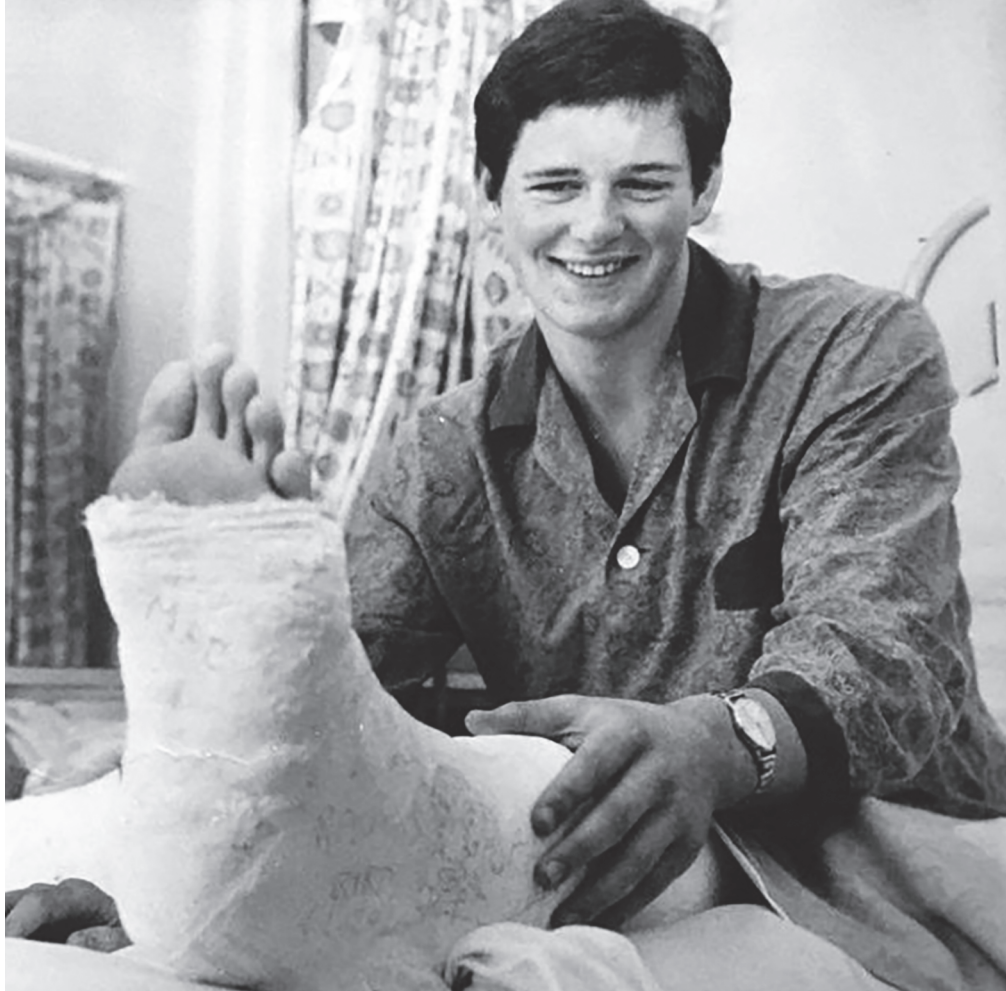
Defender Martin O'Donnell made 113 Northwood appearances between February 1976 and March 1980 – being involved in six trophy wins in that time!

We caught up with Martin recently, and he talked about his football career, including his successful years playing at Northwood.

“I left school 1965 and joined Tottenham Hotspur as an apprentice professional”, he said. “I was offered a pro contract in early 1967 however I fractured my thigh in a training session and subsequently found out I had osteomyelitis, which is a disease of the marrow of the bone which had weakened the thigh bone – hence the break.

“I was in hospital and plaster for 9 months (pictured) before the thigh healed, and on leaving hospital Spurs





were very good as they paid my salary up to the end of season 1967/68. But they released me as my leg was never going to be strong enough. In fact, my left leg was over one inch shorter than my right leg.

"I was 18 at the time and couldn't run or play any sport for about 18 months but I eventually got myself fit and joined Hayes, who were managed at the time by Eddie Gibbins an old Spurs player who contacted me via an ex Chief Scout Dick Walker.

"After two years at Hayes, then in the Athenian League, during which I played in the first team, enjoying the fact that I could play again! I was then approached to play for Walthamstow Avenue in the Isthmian League, who had some ex Spurs players in their ranks, and I spent two successful years there.

Left: The team group photo is the 1979-80 treble-winning squad.

"Next came a move to Southall, who were managed by Geoff Taylor and we were very successful; I met a lot of guys there who remain close friends. I then got married and my life changed as I joined a major cosmetic company and the role took me all over the UK and Europe, which meant very little time for regular training etc.

"At the time, I played on Sundays with a team named Langford, for whom Paddy Coburn played. He invited me to join Northwood, and the rest is history!

"I loved my time at Northwood, in particular the fans and members, such as Paul and Pat Byrne. The players were a tight group and many of them could have played at a much higher level. They were great times, and we won a few trophies!"

