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Isthmian League Cup winners: 2002

Isthmian Charity Shield winners: 2002

Isthmian Associate Members Trophy winners:

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1992, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2010

Middlesex Senior Charity Cup finalists:

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Middlesex Junior Cup winners: 1938

Middlesex Junior Cup finalists: 1935, 1936

London Spartan League Premier Division champions:

1992

London Spartan League Premier Division runners-up:

1990

London Spartan League Cup winners: 1990, 1992

Hellenic League Division One champions: 1979

Hellenic League Premier Division Cup finalist: 1982

Hellenic League Division One Cup winners: 1979

Middlesex League Premier Division champions: 1978

Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up:

1972, 1977

Middlesex League Challenge Cup winners:

1975, 1977, 1978

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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH NORTHWOOD FC CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



Good evening and welcome to The Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for this Pitching-In Isthmian League fixture.

We welcome our visitors from Staines Town FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here at our club. Staines have recovered from their poor campaign last season with some much better results this season so it will clearly be another real test for our fledgling side this evening.

Writing these notes before the Waltham Abbey game, it has to be said that the second-half against Heybridge Swifts in the Trophy and the league game at Hanwell last Tuesday is far more where we want to be this season and full credit to the players and management for that.

Whilst it was disappointing to still go out of the FA Trophy, the drama in the second-half kept the interest going right to the end and it was fantastic to see 'Haff' pop-up with the equaliser in stoppage time; something I've never seen live is a goalkeeper scoring, especially in those circumstances.

Drawing on that spirited second-half against Heybridge was paramount when visiting Hanwell, as this has certainly produced a difficult fixture and place to go for us in recent seasons. But this time it was a toughly fought game and whilst we were under pressure in the last ten or so minutes, we thoroughly deserved our point on

the night. I'm not entirely sure how many fouls a player has to commit before being cautioned by the Referee, but one or two of our opponents got away with many more than is 'acceptable' shall we say. The constant calling over of the captain to talk to players was frustrating when it wasn't the first time and showed a lack of authority.

Waltham Abbey are top at the time of writing, so this will also have been a really tough test and we are all hoping our injury list lessens shortly to make us even more competitive in these type of games.

Non-League football at our level is certainly benefitting from the inability to watch other live football with increased attendances at many grounds – Over 200 at Hanwell Town for a midweek fixture is unheard of in recent seasons - and long may this continue. We've not quite reached that level of support as yet but hopefully the continued "no fans" situation at the top level will convert a few more to watching locally at this level of the game or 'real' football as we call it.

Keep up the great support we have seen in recent home matches.

Up The Woods!

ian

ROB'S REPORT

THE THOUGHTS OF WOOD'S MANAGER, ROB URSELL

Good evening and welcome back to our home here at Northwood after a couple of games on the road.

I don't want to make any excuses for some of the performances since the FC Romania home game but the sheer amount of injuries combined with more than a couple of other players being unavailable for a variety of reasons, has undoubtedly had a big negative impact on us. I had hoped the squad would be far more settled this season, but so far, because of all these issues, we have been far from that.

However I do believe the second half of the Heybridge Swifts FA Trophy game was the beginning of something. There was a togetherness on the pitch and the players and staff on the bench all supported those playing. The fact that we lost out in the lottery of penalties (having won twice in that way previously this season) was a blow but somehow it almost felt like a win the way we came back in that game.

That new-found togetherness continued with a good performance at Hanwell Town last Tuesday night in the League where we claimed an away point for the first time this season with a 1-1 draw.

We do still have a weakness that we have displayed since the first game against

Slimbridge in the FA Cup where we struggle to play our game when psychologically we feel we have a scoreline we seem to be happy with. We have to be more courageous in these circumstances, and take the ball under the slightly increased mental pressure, and be able to compose ourselves enough to keep it.

That is the next improvement I am looking for from the whole squad and hopefully we get a chance to practise that again tonight against Staines Town who have made an excellent improvement in their own results this season so far. After today we have a ten-day break when hopefully we can get the squad back to full fitness ready for the home game against Ware on Saturday week.

Thanks for all your support so far this season. It has been great to see the youngsters getting involved with the players and cheering them on and it is much appreciated.

Enjoy the game!

Urse



Kappa





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO THE SWANS

A warm welcome to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for tonight's Pitching-In Isthmian League fixture where we take on our friends and fellow Middlesex side Staines Town. We hope that everyone who has made the journey from one end of the County to the other enjoys their evening here at Northwood and we also wish you a safe journey home later tonight.

Staines were in a very precarious position when we met for what proved to be the last game of last season on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at Wheatshaf Park before the campaign was curtailed due to Covid restrictions. It was an eventful evening which ended in a 1-1 draw despite our opponents being reduced to eight men by the end of the match; two of them being in stoppage-time. Eric Lopes had given the Woods the lead early in the second-half but the Swans, then with ten men, forced an equaliser through Tayo Oyebola. We had already met twice before during the season here at Northwood Park. Firstly, a Velocity Trophy League Cup group game had seen Staines notch a 3-2 victory which ultimately saw them qualify from the group (with the Woods second) thanks to two goals from the impressive Che Krabbendum including the winner in a 3-2 success after Charlie Hayford had netted twice direct from free-kicks. In the League game, just a few weeks later, the Woods got some revenge with a solid 3-1 victory thanks to goals from Alex Witham, Harry Lodovica and Liam McCrohan.

This season Staines have made a much-improved start to their campaign and, at the time of writing, sit in fifth place in the table with ten points from their five games having already defeated two highly-respected teams in Ware and Hanwell Town. Tonight would appear to be a big test for the Woods.

THE PAST WEEK

Our last home game was the Buildbase FA Trophy game against Heybridge Swifts and while it ultimately ended in defeat in a penalty shoot-out by a margin of 5-4, the match certainly was an entertaining one for all fans that were here. A dreadful period of sixteen minutes midway through the first-half saw us concede three times, just after losing skipper Dave Thomas to a knee injury and the game looked dead and buried by the break. It was a much-improved performance in the second-half but if anything we looked likely to lose by more than three goals until we started to press from about the hour mark. We eventually pulled one goal back on 72 minutes when Marcello Graca netted his first for the club with an effort that deflected up and over the keeper before Devonte Totesaut fired home a second with 79 minutes gone. But it was three minutes into stoppage-time that Ryan Phillips knocked in a free-kick and goalkeeper Hafed Al-Droubi flicked a header inside the far post to level things up. It was the first time (I think) in my fifty-odd years of watching live

football that I have actually seen a goalkeeper score from open play and well worth the pain of the first-half! The hero keeper then saved two of the Swifts penalties but this time it was not quite enough as we put two efforts over the bar and had one saved so it was our opponents who scraped through 5-4. Last Tuesday night we made the short journey to play at Hanwell Town in front of a very good midweek crowd and played really well for much of the game. We conceded a very unfortunate goal to the Geordies with virtually the last kick of the first-half but in a spirited recovery, just back from injury, substitute George Isaac levelled only four minutes after coming on. A good point without a doubt. These notes had to be written prior to Saturday's visit to league leaders Waltham Abbey so let's hope that we continued with our improved performances.

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. We now have to ask you to only sit with members of your own household.
- 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.
- We are now in Tier 2 – it means we have to be even more careful if we are to be able to carry on playing football at the Stadium so please co-operate as much as possible.

PLAYERS IN AND OUT

Though we were hoping for more of a settled side this season, that hasn't quite been possible due to a number of injuries and unavailability. It means we currently have quite a big squad and a few borrowed players but we have pretty much kept our own

player profiles updated throughout and these can be found elsewhere in tonight's programme. David Castanho, Sukru Can Yildiz and Siju Odelusi have all been released in the past week after just one or two appearances for the club and we wish them luck in the future. Added to the squad have been a few familiar faces in Dan Brown (who first played for the Woods 13 years ago), Yiannis Constantinou (who was with us briefly last season) and Arash Abdollahi (who played five games in 2017/18). Michael Panford came in for his debut against Heybridge Swifts having been injured in pre-season but promptly got injured again and we hope to see him back soon. Claudio Ribeiro was added to the squad before Saturday whose last club was Aveley while Daryl Bryan-Samuels joined from Marlow.

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 a thank you board 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.

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 targeted three figures again this season with our newly-refurbished stadium and we are already well on the way to that target with 81 having taken up the offer at the time of writing. Those that have ordered and paid for a Season Ticket that haven't collected them yet – they are available from me tonight and at every home game.

If you haven't bought yours yet, it's just £45.00 for the remainder of our 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. The offer will stay in place for another month or two while it still provides good value for money.

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 online via the website. Though not in a hurry as it will be there for ever, we are hoping to get the Wall up sooner rather than later so please don't delay. We expect to be going to print shortly.

CUP GAMES

We have now exited from the two major cup competitions this season – the FA Cup and FA Trophy which means we can now look forward to the introduction shortly of some form of League Cup competition (sponsored by Velocity) and also the Middlesex Senior Cup which we have entered (it was optional this season). We already know that we have a bye on the first round of the County Cup which sees three all-Step 5 games take place. Brentford B are again in the competition this season as are top Step 3 Middlesex sides Hayes & Yeading, Hampton & Richmond, Enfield Town, Hendon and Harrow Borough. Wealdstone have opted not to take part this season. The draw for the second round is expected in a few weeks' time. No decision has been made (as far as we know) on the format for the Isthmian League Cup this season.

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.

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our new groundshare this season is with Spartans Youth FC who currently play their Saturday senior football in the Surrey Elite Intermediate League at Step 7 and our agreement is for two seasons. The club is based in Brentford and they have been playing near Gunnersbury Park in Ealing in previous years so this will be a big change for them. They kicked-off their season at home to Staines Lammas and unfortunately went down to a 2-1 defeat. They then won their next two away games but have since lost their last two – 3-0 at Guildford United and then 3-1 at Farleigh Rovers who are the current league leaders. They were back at home here on Saturday 24th October against Battersea Ironside but the result is not known at the time of writing. Unfortunately, despite the Woods being without a game next Saturday, Spartans have been given another away game so their next home fixture won't be until Saturday 14th November at the earliest.

FIXTURES AT THE FENTON CIVIL ENGINEERING STADIUM

With our away game at Uxbridge, originally scheduled for this Saturday, being cancelled due to the Reds being involved in the FA Trophy (it has been rescheduled for Tuesday 24th November), we have a short break before our next fixture which is back here against Ware.

Thursday 5th November

Northwood U-18s v Uxbridge - 7.30pm

Saturday 7th November

Northwood v Ware - 3pm

Saturday 14th & 21st November

Spartans Youth v Unknown - Surrey Elite League - 3pm

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

WELCOME TO

STAINES TOWN FC



A BRIEF HISTORY OF STAINES TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB...

LOCATION

Staines is the chief town of the borough of Spelthorne in Surrey, beside Heathrow Airport. The area has been inhabited since the earliest times: evidence of an iron-age settlement has been found on the Church Lammas at Yeoveney, and there was a wooden 'henge' at Stanwell. At the beginning of the last century it was regarded as something of a genteel resort town, on the banks of the Thames. For more than a century, the town was synonymous with the manufacture of linoleum, with other industries including car manufacture, milling, brewing and farming. For a while, Staines even had its own authentic banknotes. Nowadays, it is primarily residential, with a number of businesses related to the nearby airport. It was Britain's worst air accident that led to Staines hitting the headlines for tragic and unwanted reasons in 1972. More recently, the town has become best known in entertainment circles, through the rock band Hard-Fi, and the (fictional) Ali G. The Club was deeply saddened on the opening day of the 2011/12 season by the passing of Alan Boon, who had served as Chairman for most of the past 30 years. In 2012, the Football Club, in conjunction with other sports clubs in Staines, was in the forefront of resistance to a proposal by the local council to change the name of the town.

FORMATIONS, MERGERS, & NAMES

The origins and early history of the Club are very obscure. Football may have begun in Staines as far back as the 1870s: a team called St Peter's Institute took part in the FA Cup in 1879 although it now seems more likely that this was a different, London-based club with the same name as one in Staines. A Staines FC was definitely in the Surrey Cup soon afterwards, but 1892 is the accepted date of formation of the present Staines Town club, possibly springing from the Staines Rovers FC of a decade earlier. In 1895, "Town" merged with St Peter's Institute. Various local honours were won under the names of Staines FC and Staines Albany FC, but the

Club was badly affected by WW1, with the town's biggest factories switching to war work. Teams like Staines Projectile and Lagonda United kept Staines' football alive, and it was as Staines Lagonda, sometimes called Lagonda (Staines), that the Club re-emerged once peace was restored. In 1925, in an attempt to gain popularity, the name was changed from that of the famous car-makers to Staines Town, but this proved to be the start of a 10 year decline which ended with a cessation of activities in 1935 after failing to arrange a merger with other local clubs. The Club revived towards the end of WW2, as Staines Vale, soon reverting to Staines Town. A Thames-side location gives rise to the "Swans" nickname. On 1 November 2011, the Club became a limited company.

The Club underwent a major series of changes during the summer of 2018, beginning with the standing down of Chairman Matt Boon, bringing to a close some 30 years of his family being at the helm, to be replaced by new owners Joe Dixon – initially with Paul Jaszynski as CEO. They appointed a new manager, who recruited a new squad to compete, for the first time, in the Southern League Premier South following the latest pyramid reorganisation. There was even a new "playing logo" launched to be used alongside the Club's traditional crest. It proved a disastrous season, with a string of managerial changes and a revolving door of players, and 2019/20 continued in a similar vein until curtailed by the pandemic. Under Paul Barnes (appointed 3 games before 'lockdown'), and with the restoration of a traditional old gold kit and the abandonment of the "playing logo", Staines Town FC is hoping for greater stability from the delayed start to 2020/1.

GROUNDS

It is known that Staines Rovers began at Lord's Field near the Crooked Billet, and St Peter's Institute played

at Edgell Road. At the turn of the century, Staines probably played at The Lammas, and then moved, possibly to Shortwood Common, where Staines Iyvene FC had its home. In the heyday between the wars, they were based at Mill Mead (also called Hammonds', Wicks's, or Purser's Farm). Despite sharing it with Staines Athletic for a time in the early '30s, the Club could not pay the rent after 1935, so they sold the stand and left the ground, completing the season by playing away. Staines Vale had temporary homes at Mott's Field (Commercial Road), Staines Greyhound Stadium (Wraysbury Road), and The Broadway (Laleham, now the home of Staines Lammas FC), before the purchase of Wheatsheaf Lane in 1951. Chertsey Town's Alwyns Lane was used in 1996-8 during abortive attempts to move; eventually Wheatsheaf Lane was improved in line with league requirements. Having lobbied Spelthorne Council on and off for 20 years, planning permission for a £6½M conference and health facility was granted in April 2000, and finalised a year later. During construction, Staines played at Walton & Hersham's Stompond Lane (2001/2) and Egham Town's Runnymede Stadium (2002/3) before the return to Wheatsheaf Park on 22 February 2003. The new-look ground has staged a number of important matches, including three national cup finals (British Colleges U19s and FA Women's Premier Reserve League), three Under 17 international matches, the Isthmian League Cup, and Middlesex Senior Cup, and an FA Women's Cup Semi-Final. In 2009, it staged its first full international fixture, a Women's match between Iceland and Denmark, and from 2011 to 2017 staged FA Women's Super League and some FA Youth Cup games for Chelsea, including their first UEFA Women's Champions' League tie in October 2015. Much of the credit for these prestigious games goes to Graham Gould, who was FA Non League Groundsman of the Year in 2015, but sadly passed away on the day of Chelsea's final game at Staines at the end of May 2017.

LEAGUES

The Club played in – and won – several local leagues before joining the Great Western Suburban League in 1905. Two years later they moved into the Great Western Combination. The Projectile and Lagonda clubs competed in the London Works League and Munitions League during WW1, and in 1919 Staines Lagonda joined the Hounslow & District League. They reverted to the Great Western Suburban League after one season, and won the Middlesex Division 2 at the first attempt, to return to Division 1. Runners-up in 1924, they then moved up to the Spartan League Division 1, which became the Premier Division in

1929/30. The end of that season saw Staines relegated to Division 1, where they remained until resigning in 1935. In 1943, Staines Vale were admitted to the Middlesex Senior League, which became the Parthenon League in 1951. Two years later, the Club was a founder member of the Hellenic League, and were runners-up in 1956. Another switch came in 1958, when Spartan League membership was renewed, and the championship was lifted in 1960. After finishing 2nd in 1971, Staines Town advanced to the Athenian League, and won Division 2 with record points at the first attempt. A Division 2 runners-up spot in 1973 earned a place in the Premier Division, but this was never accepted as the Club was elected to the new Rothmans Isthmian League Division 1 (called Division 2 up to 1977). At the second attempt, Staines were champions, gaining promotion to the top division. The best placing achieved was 4th, but in 1984 the Club was demoted on a ground grading technicality. However, in 1989, Division 1 was won again, only for Premier Division status to be lost in 1993 with a first relegation for 63 years. Third place ensured a return to the Premier in 1996, but this was to last only one season. With the reorganisation of summer 2002, Staines played in Division 1 South, but by securing 6th place on the last day of season 2003/4, they gained inclusion in the Premier Division for 2004/5. Season 2007/8 saw Staines achieve their best-ever Isthmian placing, finishing runners-up to Chelmsford City: they reached the Play-Off Final, in which a first half lead over AFC Wimbledon controversially disappeared in the final 8 minutes. They were also top scorers in the division, and fielded Golden Boot winner Mark Nwokeji, who moved up to League Two club Dagenham & Redbridge in the close-season. However, completing the job in 2009, the Swans again finished as runners-up, this time comfortably so, and duly lifted the play-off trophy and with it, promotion to the Conference South. Manager Steve Cordery stood down hours after the end of Swans' third campaign at that level, and can proudly reflect on elevating the club from the Isthmian 1 (South), and two glittering cup runs. His successor was former Jamaican World Cup player Marcus Gayle, who in 2013/14 guided the Club to match its best ever finish in the Conference (South) with 8th spot. Marcus moved on after 2½ years, and was succeeded by former Brentford boss Nicky Forster, who was unable to prevent a drop back into the Isthmian League. The changes in Club ownership in summer 2018 coincided with a switch to the Southern League Premier Division South, but relegation a year later saw the Club restored to the Isthmian fold, in Division One South Central.



WELCOME TO

STAINES TOWN FC

PLAYER PROFILES 2020-21...

KAIN ADOM

Right back / right wing-back; 18+1; height 5'11". A young player who joined Staines Town in August, having been at Crystal Palace for the preceding five seasons while also studying and playing at Valenti College. He has previously played for St Andrews, and Lambeth Tigers, and has gained representative honours for Inner London and South London. Came off the bench to score a superb winner in Staines' league opener against Ware.

JOSIAH BENJAMIN

Centre back; 23; 6'. A powerful defender who joined Staines in August 2020 directly from American club San Diego 1904. Before that he played for the University of San Diego in the NCAA Leagues, being named in the "All Conferences Allstar XI" four years running, and earning a Newcomer of the Year and 2018 Coaches' Player of the Year awards. He started as a youth with AFC Wimbledon, and represented London FA at youth level, before spending 2013-15 with Hayes & Yeading United.

EXAUCÉ BIZIMA

Centre midfielder; 19; 5'8". A player of DR Congolese descent, who was with Tonbridge Angels for the second half of 2019/20, before coming to Wheatshaf Park in August 2020. During his time with the Crystal Palace Academy he was voted their U16 Player of the Year, and he was also on the books at Dulwich Hamlet.

DQUAME COPELAND

Defender, 22. A versatile 6'3" tall defender who can play in a central role or as a right-back. After starting his career with Southwark Carib and other local Sunday junior teams, and Long Lane County, he was offered trials at Crystal Palace, Stoke City, and Partick Thistle (where he declined a contract), before appearing with Bromley, Dagenham & Redbridge, and Tunbridge Wells FC. He then moved to Welsh club Conwy Borough, before signing for Morecambe. His next club was Fleet Town, but then he moved to Sweden to play for Ytterhogdals IK throughout 2018. Signed for Greenwich Borough that December, and has

since played for Bedfont Sports, Welling United, Lewes, Merstham, and most recently Ashford United, prior to signing for Staines Town on 14 February 2020. He is of Anglo-Jamaican background.

BEN COTTON

Midfield; 24+1; 5'10". Started as a youth teamer at Whyteleafe, then progressed to the youth and reserve sides at Sutton United, before his first spell with Corinthian-Casuals. Returned to Casuals last season after a stint with Guildford City, and came to Staines in August 2020.

MONTY EVERETT

Striker; 19; 6'. Began with Epsom & Ewell where he won a youth league cup, and was then picked up by the Reading Academy, and from there went on to be a junior with Sutton United. Broke in to men's football via the Under 18s at Kingstonian and Walton & Hersham, and was at Cobham last season, before his move to The Swans in July 2020. Has again joined Cobham, this time on a dual-registration arrangement, in October 2020.

TEMI EWEKA

Centre half; 21; 6'3". Temitope is a powerful defender who came to Staines in July 2020, and was quickly appointed as the team captain. He was previously playing at fellow Isthmian side VCD Athletic, where he had begun his career as a junior, while also gaining national and county honours playing for St Colomba's College. His next club was Dartford, where he did two seasons in their Academy team, helping them to lift the National League Alliance Cup, followed by a year and a half in the First Team squad. He completed the 2018/19 season at Hastings United.

OLIVER GNANDI

Central defender, 25. An imposing 6'3" tall French centre half who signed from Great Wakering Rovers in mid October 2020, having spent the previous season with Harlow Town. He started off as a junior with Wingate & Finchley, and then played for Leicester University, Cheshunt U23s, and Hoddesdon Town.

ZEID HANNACHI

Midfielder; 17; 5'10". A talented young player of English / Tunisian background, who joined Staines in August 2020. Last season, he split his time between playing men's football for Tadley Calvea of the Wessex League, and Binfield u18s in the Allied Counties League. Prior to that, his junior career was spent with White Knights FC, the Reading FC shadow squad, Woodley Zebras, and Laurel Lions.

ARIF HATTABI

Midfielder; 23; 5'8". Arif signed from Walton & Hersham in October 2019, which makes him the Club's longest serving player! He previously played for Whyteleafe in season 2018/19, and before that was with Sutton United. Earlier in his career he had a season in Gibraltar with FC Bruno's Maggies, following a series of trials with clubs such as Crystal Palace. He is 5'8" tall, of Moroccan background, and has representative honours for Westminster Schools.

FREDERICK HILL

Defender / winger; 21; 5'11". After early outings with Cobham and Sutton United, he became 'Fred Hill from Redhill', before joining Chertsey Town from The Lobsters in mid-December 2018. Last season he had a further period dual registered at Redhill, before Chertsey released him to Staines Town at the end of February 2020. An appearance for Redhill prevented him from playing in Chertsey's triumphant FA Vase run in 2019, but he was part of their Combined Counties League championship squad. He is usually played as a left-sided wing-back.

ANSU JANNEH

Central midfielder; 21; 6'3". An imposing defensive midfielder of Swedish birth, whom Paul Barnes signed in August 2020, having concluded the abandoned 2019/20 season with a handful of games at Chipstead. Started as a youth player with Lewes, and then had short spells with Hastings United and Hayward's Heath Town. Returning to Hastings United for the majority of his career, he was in their Isthmian U23 Division winning side, before

another short spell at Crowborough Athletic. At the start of last season, he had a further short spell at the Pilot Field, and one with Eastbourne Borough.

TOM JEWERS

Centre back; 26; 6'2". Thomas played his youth football at the Millwall Academy, and then at Corinthian FC, before a move to Thamesmead Town. While studying at Cardiff University, he not only played for the Uni, but also had a few run outs for CPD Pen-y-bont, and a season and a half at Pontypridd FC. He was in the Welsh Universities side which beat England, Scotland and Ireland to win the four nations championship. Returning to England, he played for Holmesdale, and was briefly registered at first Walthamstow FC and then Grays Athletic before signing for Staines at the end of August 2020.

CHE KRABBENDAM

Attacking midfielder; 20; 6'. Although born in the Netherlands of Dutch / Guinean ancestry, Che began playing football with a small Belgian club called Sint Genesies Rhodienne, from where he was snapped up by RSC Anderlecht, spending eight seasons with the famous Purple & Whites. Came to England in 2017, and played for Dover Athletic and Burgess Hill Town. He then had spells with Staines in both 2018/19 and 2019/20, finishing the latter season as second highest scorer. Released to pursue his professional career on 23 Sep 2019, and subsequently had short spells with Walton Casuals and Welling United, as well as trials at Colchester United and Bristol Rovers.

TYREKE LESLIE

Striker / winger; 22; 5'11". An Anglo-Jamaican who played for Bromley Academy and Chipstead before a short stint with Gibraltar club Bruno's Magpies in 2017. Returned home to play for Leatherhead, South Park, and, in 2019/20, Walton & Hershham. Joined Staines in August 2020, but has been playing at Tooting Bec on a dual registration.

JOSHUA LÜTHER

Right back; 23; 5'10". Josh was released from Witham Town in order to join Staines Town in early March, but more recently made 1 senior appearance on a dual registration with Hendon, and has spent time with Eastbourne Borough. Of German nationality and born in Hamburg, he has nonetheless represented Ghana at U21 level. He spent 2018 with Danish 2. Division club Ringkøbing IF, and also appeared for another Danish club, Kjellerup IF. Prior to playing in Denmark, he had started with Arlesley Town in 2014/15, going on to Bedford Town, Barton Rovers, Hadley, Aveley, and London Colney. He can also play as a right-sided midfielder.

PRINCE M'BENGUI

Attacking midfielder; 23. Prince is of Congolese background, and played junior football with both Barnet and Wycombe Wanderers. He originally joined Staines in December 2014 from Isthmian Youth League rivals Hayes & Yeading United, became the joint leading scorer in his new club's Under 18 side, as well as making his Conference debut at the end of the season. He was a key member of the Middlesex FA U18 rep side who reached the FA County Youth Cup Final, and had a 'loan' period with Tooting & Mitcham United in December 2015 / January 2016, returned to Staines for a month, and then signed for Walton & Hershham. Subsequently had short but successful spells with Hillingdon Borough and Uxbridge, and was then at Hendon, Potters Bar, Old Southall FC, and Egham Town, from where he rejoined Staines in September 2020.

SÉBASTIAN OSEI-OBENGO

Centre forward; 26; 5'9". Séb is a well-travelled forward, who was born in France of Ghanaian parentage, who had early spells in such exotic locations as SC Bastia (in Corsica, France), Europa Point (Gibraltar), and Tilbury. He was offered a contract with Dumbarton, which sadly fell through due to International Clearance considerations, and instead played for Weymouth. Next he went to Swden, where he played for Stenungsunds IF and FC Trollhättan, broken by a sport spell with Ware. He started the 2018/19 season at South Park, and followed this with a year and a half at Walton & Hershham, before coming to Staines Town in August 2020.

TAYO OYEBOLA

Striker; 28; 5'9". In February 2020, Ibitayo was Paul Barnes' first signing as manager, and quite a capture as he was leading scorer with Harlow Town. He had also had a short spell at Hartley Wintney that season, and spent most of the previous two campaigns with Molesey. He has also appeared for Chipstead, and is of English / Nigerian and Jamaican background. A feisty and hard-working player who became an instant crowd favourite at Molesey upon scoring on his debut vs Guernsey.

TYLER PINK

Left back; 16. Tyler was signed from Aldershot Town by the Staines Town Youth team on 19 January 2020, and made his senior debut just before lockdown that March. Remarkably, for a short period just before the start of the new season, he was the Club's longest serving player!

JOE RINGER

Goalkeeper; 19; 6'2". This former Hillingdon Schools and Middlesex U18 representative signed for Staines in August 2020 as first choice 'keeper, but unfortunately broke his arm in only his second pre-season outing. Having started with Rayners Lane, he

stepped up to play for Wealdstone, initially in their Youth side, and from there had loans in 2019/20 with Northwood, Southall, Enfield Town, and Broadfields United.

LUKE ROBINSON

Left winger or full-back; 21; 5'9". Luke has looked an exciting prospect since coming to Wheatsheaf Park in August 2020, after a couple of seasons with Haywards Heath Town. He was previously with Peacehaven & Telscombe, and Bognor Regis Town, and was born in Bermuda.

DE'JUANE TAYLOR-CROSSDALE

Left or right winger / striker; 25; 5'11". An Anglo-Jamaican, De'Juane (or De' juane, as he prefers) actually played a couple of friendlies for Staines in July 2016, but it was not until August 2020 that he rejoined the Club. He began with Reading, and was in their U18 side that reached the FA Youth Cup Semi-final against Fulham in 2013/14. After progressing to the U23 side he has enjoyed trials in Portugal and Cyprus, and spells at Billericay Town, Wingate & Finchley and Greenwich Borough. Following a short break from the game, he played for Harlow Town in 2019/20. His brother, Martell, is a professional with Fulham, and England Youth international.

JOE WILLIAMS

Goalkeeper; 19; 6'4". Hastily added to the squad from Bracknell Town in September 2020, following the injury to Ringer, Joseph had a spell as a contracted professional with Ross County. Other clubs have included Hellenic Leaguers Ardley United, Berkhamsted, Burnham, Binfield, Basingstoke Town, and Aylesbury Vale Dynamos.

(WASIRI) OLA WILLIAMS

Centre back; 20; 6'1". Nigerian born Ola came to Staines Town after initially starting pre-season with South Park, having played at both Sheppey United and Lordswood the previous season. He started at Bromley as an U14, and progressed to the First Team squad during a five year stint at Hayes Lane, which loans included loans with Ashford United and Sevenoaks Town.

LEE WYATT

Goalkeeper; 22; 6'6". Lee is now in his second spell with Staines Town, having been an Academy player and member of the First Team squad towards the end of the 2017/18 season. Prior to that, he had played for the FAB Academy, Reading, Meadway, Westwood Wanderers, and Woodley Town. After leaving Staines, he had trials in Thailand, and played for Binfield, Goring, Egham Town, Aylesbury United, and was at Tadley Calvea immediately prior to coming to Staines in August 2020.

WOODS HIT BACK FROM THREE GOALS DOWN BUT PAY THE PENALTY AS THEY CRASH OUT OF THE COMPETITION

Northwood staged a remarkable second-half revival to claw back a three goal deficit, but eventually came up short in their third penalty shootout of the season as their Isthmian North opponents progressed to the next round on a dramatic afternoon at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium.

NORTHWOOD 3 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS 3 SWIFTS WIN 5-4 ON PENALTIES

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2020 - KICK-OFF 3.00PM
BUILDBASE FA TROPHY SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING

Woods line up was much changed from the disappointing midweek defeat to Ashford Town with manager Rob Ursell choosing to revert to a flat back four as he handed full debuts to right-back Michael Panford and centre-back Sukru Can Yildiz who partnered Dave Thomas in the heart of defence in the absence of Reece Yorke. Midfielder Marcelo Graca returned following his recovery from injury while there was a familiar face in Yiannis Constantinou who was given the number 10 shirt following his return from Potters Bar Town. And there was a new look to the frontline as Excel Muhemba and Baback Dehghani lined up either side of Devonte Totesaut.

Northwood settled well and they created the first chance of the afternoon as a neat through-ball from Constantinou played in Muhemba but Heybridge goalkeeper Jacob Marsden got the slightest of touches to deflect the shot wide of the upright. And the Swifts lively winger Emmanuel Osei-Owusu, who was a constant threat all afternoon, had his first

opportunity as he broke clear of the Woods rear-guard but goalkeeper Hafed Al-Droubi was quickly off his line to smother the shot.

After Woods had failed to capitalise with a Constantinou free-kick on the edge of the Heybridge box which was gathered by Marsden, the visitors created a couple of chances with Thomas making a timely block to a George Craddock effort while Al-Droubi dealt with an Ernest Okoh snapshot. However, Northwood went close once more as Muhemba combined with Totesaut with the shot being blocked before Ryan Esprit shot narrowly wide.

Woods suffered a blow on 22 minutes as they lost skipper Thomas who was unable to continue after tweaking his knee, Ryan Phillips coming on to replace him in central defence. And the tie was turned on it's head as the hosts conceded three goals in 16 minutes; Osei-Owusu's header from a corner finding the net via the upright and the head of Al-Droubi before Andrew Fennell scored a brace as he punished naïve defending from Northwood.

Woods made a change before the break with Daryl Bryan-Samuels replacing Yildiz in defence and they weren't far away from reducing the arrears before the half-time break as Panford saw his header deflect wide as he latched onto a





Phillips free-kick to the far post. Experienced striker Aaron Morgan was introduced for Deghhani at the start of the second-half for his first appearance after completing his suspension for the sending-off against FC Romania and the Northwood faithful were just hoping that Woods could retrieve some pride after the first-half humiliation. And after Al-Droubi had dealt with a couple of long range efforts from Fennell and Jack Adlington-Pile, Woods began to show they might be capable of a recovery as they launched a series of attacks; Muhemba getting the better of left-back Kyan Gulliver before sending in a low cross which found Totesaut whose shot was deflected wide before Morgan linked up with Muhemba who presented the ball to Constantinou but he miscued from the edge of the box. Northwood were given a scare as Okoh shot into the side-netting but the hosts were soon back on the front foot as Morgan played in Graca whose shot unfortunately cleared the Heybridge crossbar. But Graca wasn't to be denied as he put a goal back with a deflected shot which flew over Marsden to give Woods a glimmer of hope on 73 minutes. Osei-Owusu might have put the contest to bed had he put the finishing touch to a mazy run and Northwood made Heybridge pay with more good work from the rejuvenated

Muhemba who pulled the ball back to Totesaut on the edge of the box, the latter turning smartly before sending an unerring shot beyond Marsden to bring Woods right back into the tie with 11 minutes left on the clock. The Swifts made a couple of substitutions as they looked to shore things up but with clock moving into the third minute of added time, Northwood won a free kick in front of their dugout which was sent into the box by Phillips and was met by the irrepressible Al-Droubi, up for the last gasp set-play, who directed his header into the bottom corner to send Woods fans delirious. There was still time for Northwood to almost complete the unexpected turnaround as Constantinou had a shot blocked and Panford tried to stab home the rebound, but to no avail. And after Woods had to see out the final seconds a man short after losing Muhemba to a leg injury after he came off second best in a heavy collision, it was onto penalties once again. Al Droubi showed his penalty saving prowess once more with a save after Woods had missed their first penalty before the shootout moved into sudden death. Both keepers produced another save apiece before the unfortunate Graca fired over for Woods giving Harry Norman the chance to win it for the Swifts and he duly obliged to cap an enthralling afternoon of cup football.





Our last home game saw an amazing comeback from the Woods and although it ultimately ended in disappointment, with a penalty shoot-out defeat, the game will be long remembered for an amazing goal scored by our goalkeeper Hafed Al-Droubi.

Trailing 3-2 with the clock moving into the third minute of added time, Northwood won a free kick in front of their dugout which was sent into the box by Phillips and was met by the irrepresible Al-Droubi, up for the last gasp set-play, who directed his header into the bottom corner to send Woods fans delirious.

You can see in the pictures it certainly made for some happy faces...





REMEMBERING PETE BARRY

Last Wednesday marked the fourth anniversary of the passing of Pete Barry. Pete, the father of Club Chairman Ian, who sadly passed away suddenly on 21st October 2016.

Pete's memory lives on to this day with our Garden of Reflection in his name outside the clubhouse; an area designed for our club members to sit and reflect on life and, of course, for those who have passed and are always in our thoughts.

Ian said "My Dad was such an inspiration to me and I miss him more than words can say. He was everything to me and he helped me get through many tough times at the club.

"I'm so pleased his memory is able to live on through the garden outside the club and the plaque inside the ground. I hope that I can do him proud, as he did me.

I miss him dearly."

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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

What's the best goal you've seen live? Not necessarily your favourite or one that meant the most, saw your club win something or, dare I say it, avoid relegation. But the best.

Football is subjective. One person's best goal might not be to the taste of another's. Some prefer mazy runs. Others think there's nothing better than a long range strike that crashes in off the underside of the bar.

We're fortunate we get to see more Non-League goals than we ever did. Now wonder strikes from across the country are only a few clicks away, be it on the club's website, YouTube channel or social media. Often we will see a goal just moments after the game has finished.

It used to be waiting to buy the end of season club video to re-live those moments that could have occurred months earlier. Was it quite as good as you remembered? Was it really that far out? Did the keeper really have no chance?

One that will always live long in my memory was a strike by Michael Warner for Farnborough Town against Heybridge Swifts. A headed clearance fell out of the sky to customary cries of 'SHOOT!'

Often the instruction to take aim is swiftly followed by groans as the ball sails off target, troubling parked vehicles in the car park more than the goalkeeper.

But this day, Warner's effort was a dream. Like a tracer missile the ball rocketed into the top corner. Two goalkeepers wouldn't have saved it.

It was brilliant. These days it would have gone 'viral' and been retweeted thousands of times on twitter.

Technology has certainly made our annual Goal of the Season at The NLP's National Game Awards more competitive than ever.

More and more nominations roll in each year, all worthy winners from all different levels of the game. In years gone by, these goals would be the stuff of myth and legend. Now the tangible proof is there.

SHANE BYRNE



I was fortunate enough to be at the National League North Eliminator game between Brackley Town and Gateshead a few months ago.

Fans weren't allowed in the grounds. That was a shame for loyal supporters as it is but even more so when Shane Byrne pulled a spectacular rabbit out of the hat on the stroke of half-time.

Gateshead had just gone one up deep in first-half stoppage time and looked for all the world to be heading into the break in front.

But Byrne, apparently, had other ideas. Receiving the ball from kick-off inside his own half, the midfielder hit an inch perfect ball that flew right into the top corner.

Gateshead keeper Brad James had no chance. It wasn't like he'd been caught unawares not concentrating.

It left the handful of people inside the ground open-mouthed. A wow moment. The only problem for me being, I didn't fully see it. I was taking notes down from the first goal. Who shoots direct from kick-off!!? I saw it in the air from a long way out, I saw it arrow into the net. I saw 80 per cent of it. But I didn't see the actual strike itself.

So does it count as my best goal witnessed live? It's certainly the best one I nearly saw!

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) Sharman1 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	1-3	218	Al-Droubi Esprit (57) Sharman (66) Phillips Thomas Yorke
TUE 13	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	Lge	0-2	120	Al-Droubi Jones Sharman Phillips (73) Thomas Yorke
SAT 17	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	FAT2QR	3-3+++	151	Al-Droubi 1 Panford Sharman Yildiz (41) Thomas (23) Esprit
Tue 20	Hanwell Town	A	Lge	1-1	209	Al-Droubi Phillips (71) Sharman Adcock Thomas Yorke
Sat 24	Waltham Abbey	A	Lge	1-5	142	Al-Droubi Phillips Sharman Bryan-Samuels Thomas Morgan 1
TUE 27	STAINES TOWN	H	Lge			
NOVEMBER						
SAT 07	WARE	H	Lge			
Sat 14	Chipstead	A	Lge			
Tues 24	Uxbridge	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	Bedfont 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			



Respect



ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the FA statement that there should be a zero tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination. Accordingly any form of discriminatory abuse whether it by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, sex and sexual orientation or any other form of abuse will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association." (The FA 0800 085 0508 / Kick it Out 020 7253 0162). The Isthmian League and all Member Clubs in the League are committed to promoting equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of the community.



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. +++ Heybridge win 5-4 on penalties

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2020-21 SEASON

					SUBSTITUTES						
Belaid	Kuehn	Ward	Graca	Isaac	Sharman (67)	Phillips (75)	Masembe (84)	Smith	Stefanoaica	Totesaut	Muhemba
Graca !	Kuehn (57)	Ward (69)	Toti	Isaac	Totesaut (46)	Jones (57)	Castanho (68) !	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			
Da Silva !	Odelusi 1 !	Totesaut	Skandari (57)	Ward	Yildiz (57)	Muhemba (57)	Dehghani (66)	Stuart	Panford		
Da Silva !	Odelusi	Totesaut	Esprit (55)	Ward (68)	Muhemba (55)	Dehghani (68)	Stuart (73)	Yildiz	Skandari		
Muhemba	Graca 1	Totesaut 1	Constantinou	Dehghani (46)	Phillips (23)	Bryan-Samuels (41)	Morgan (46)	Stuart	Da Costa		
Constantinou (86)	Graca	Totesaut	Morgan	Bryan-Samuels (51)	Isaac 1 (51)	Esprit (71)	Brown (86)	Da Costa			
Abdollahi (55) !	Graco	Totesaut (67)	Ribeiro (55)	Constantinou	Isaac (55)	Brown (55)	Jones (67)	Esprit			

WOODS HALT RUN OF DEFEATS

HANWELL TOWN |
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TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2 2020
KICK-OFF 7.45PM
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Northwood halted their run of three successive league defeats with a spirited performance to take a share of the spoils against their old rivals Hanwell Town at the Powerday Stadium.

Woods were looking to build on the positives from their second-half display in the Trophy tie against Heybridge but they had to do so without the injured Michael Panford and Excel Muhemba. Ryan Phillips came in at right-back while Reece Yorke returned to partner Dave Thomas in central defence, the latter having recovered sufficiently from the knee problem which hampered him on Saturday to allow him to don the Captain's armband. Chesham loanee Billy Adcock came into central midfield for his first Northwood appearance while the versatile Daryl Bryan-Samuels was given his first start on the left flank following his debut as a substitute central defender. And there was new look to the attack as Aaron Morgan stepped up to partner Devonte Totesaut.

Woods began confidently as they enjoyed plenty of the ball in the opening stages, forcing the first corner of the evening.

And they weren't far away as a Phillips free-kick fell to Yorke on the edge of the box, the latter sending a half-volley narrowly over the Hanwell crossbar. And Phillips had another free-kick which was in range of the Geordies goal but his attempt failed to trouble goalkeeper Hugo Sobte.

Northwood were forced to do some defending as top scorer Ogo Obi's shot brought the best out of keeper Hafed Al-Droubi while Thomas cleared a Andy O'Brien effort off the line. And O'Brien threatened again as he headed narrowly over from a corner.

Woods gathered themselves and with Bryan-Samuels and Yiannis Constantinou swapping flanks, they looked to reimpose themselves with Constantinou bursting into the Hanwell box but being dispossessed by Joel Jacobs whose intervention almost force dan own-goal as the ball rolled narrowly past the upright.

Gianni Crichlow was becoming more influential for the hosts and following a strong run down the Northwood left, pulled the ball across the face of goal with no black and white shirt to apply the finishing touch.

Hanwell kept up the pressure and Constantinou tracked back well to deny Toch Singh with a timely tackle in the box to concede a corner.

But having kept Hanwell at bay, Woods were undone in the final minute of the half as the hosts enjoyed a lucky break following a Sobte drop-kick, a defensive clearance rebounding into the path of Obi who took the ball forward before calmly slotting past Al-Droubi.

Hanwell threatened immediately after the break as Obi and Crichlow went close but Woods stood firm.

Northwood made a change on 52 minutes as Bryan-Samuels made way for George Isaac for his first action for a number of weeks following his hamstring strain. And the



GEORGE ISAAC came off the bench to grab the equaliser

substitution reaped immediate benefits as Isaac picked up the ball on the halfway line before avoiding a couple of challenges and combining with Morgan who returned the ball with a delightful backheel for Isaac to stroke the ball beyond Sobte for the equaliser on 52 minutes.

Hanwell looked for a response and Crichlow was looking dangerous again with a couple of threatening runs but the final product was still lacking.

Woods made another substitution on 70 minutes as Ryan Esprit replaced Phillips at right-back and the visitors had a half chance as they forced a corner, the industrious Marcelo Graca hooking his shot wide from the set play.

Obi threatened again for Hanwell as he fired over from a good position before he was denied by an offside flag as he headed into the net following a free-kick.

The hosts were stepping up the pressure as they went in search of the deciding goal and Northwood made their final substitution with Constantinou being replaced by Danny Brown as the visitors looked to stay in the contest. Woods defending was becoming increasingly desperate as they struggled to clear their lines in the face of the incessant Hanwell pressure and the Geordies had a couple of penalty shouts turned down in a frantic finale.

Northwood did manage to break the stranglehold as Totesaut had a shot charged down, but after a Hanwell free-kick rippled the side-netting, the referee's final whistle was greeted with relief by Woods who had managed to secure a richly deserved point.

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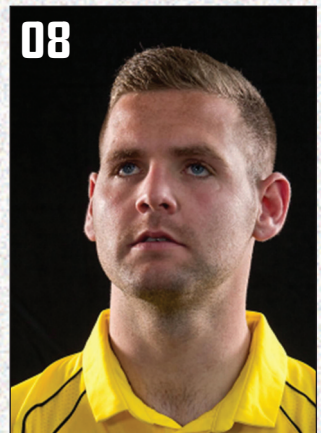
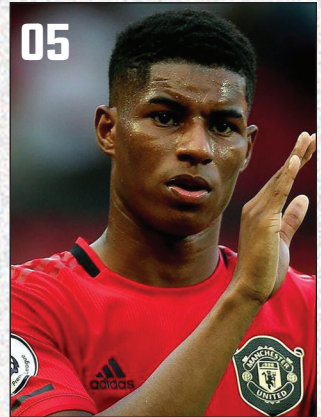
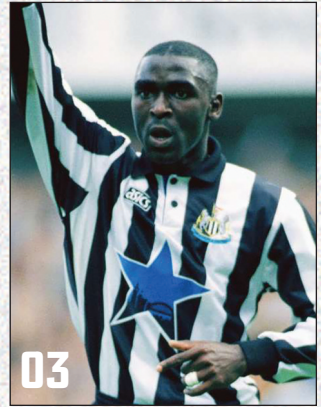


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LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

01. Who were World Cup runners-up in 1998?
02. Who finished bottom of the Premier League at the end of the 2019-20 season?
03. Which Newcastle United striker won the Golden Boot award in 1993/94?
04. In which City was the 2019 UEFA Champions League Final between Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool played?
05. Who scored the winning goal for Manchester United against PSG in the recent UEFA Champions League encounter?
06. Which famous European Cup winning club plays at the De Kuip Stadium, meaning 'The Tub'?
07. Why were green cards first shown in Serie B in 2015?
08. Which non-League club is former Football League striker, Billy Kee, now turning out for?
09. Which is the largest city in England that has not hosted top-flight football?
10. Which Cornish football club made the FA Cup first round in 1969?



ANSWERS...
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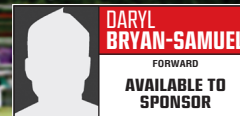
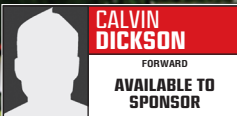
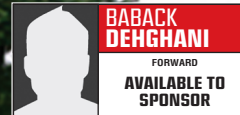
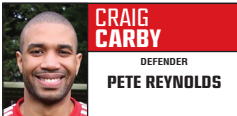
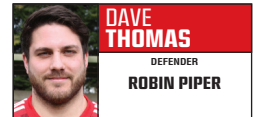
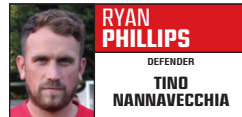
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WOODS UNDER 18s

FIRST SUCCESS FOR UNDER 18s

Paul Masters' under-18s secured all three points in their first home fixture of the season against Hampton & Richmond Borough.

Four new recruits all made their debuts for Northwood and all had an impact on the game. Hampton took a very early lead with not even a minute on the

clock as a long ball over the top caught out the back four and the visitors striker finished well into the roof of the net. The Woods went instantly looking for the equaliser and it came after 16 minutes as James Fitzgerald powerfully headed home a Dan Kershaw corner. The share of the play was fairly even with Mayvin Vigneswaran causing all sorts of problems on the left wing.

The second-half started in a very positive manner for the Woods with a lot of pressure and opportunities to take the lead. That came on the hour when Josh Moran curled in a deep free-kick, Vigneswaran looped the ball back over his shoulder and Ethan Watts was on hand to head in from close-range. They continued to push forward and were unfortunate to miss out on a few more goals but the 2-1 win was a vast improvement on the opening day defeat.

Team: Ryan Hopping, Lewis Batten, Dylan Arruda, James Mangan, James Fitzgerald, Josh Moran, Ethan Watts (Ben Brown), Finley Reid (Sean Gowen), Aaron Finnigan (Charlie Amasanti), Dan Kershaw, Mayvin Vigneswaran. The Under-18s faced another tough League clash away to Aldershot Town last night. They are at home to Uxbridge next Thursday night, 5th November 2020.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Marlow	2	1	1	0	18	2	4
Uxbridge	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
Hayes & Yeading United	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
Camberley Town	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
NORTHWOOD	2	1	0	1	3	8	3
Aldershot Town	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Bedfont Sports	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Hampton & Richmond Borough	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Wealdstone	2	0	0	2	1	22	0

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	2-1	Fitzgerald, Watts
Mon 26 Oct	Aldershot Town	A	IYL		
Thu 5 Nov	UXBRIDGE	H	IYL		
Mon 9 Nov	Ashford Town (Middx)	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		
Mon 8 Mar	Bedfont Sports	A	IYL		

Key: IYL - Isthmanian 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**

28-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**

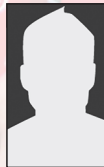
Jaden is a left-back who has joined Northwood in February 2020 having been playing for Maidenhead United Academy and then Rayners Lane Under-18s and quickly established his place in the side. Still only 18, he looks to have a promising season ahead of him.

**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.

**REECE YORKE - DEFENDER**

Vastly experienced 28-year-old defender who started out at Barnet and St. Albans before first joining the Woods in 2010. After more than 70 appearances he moved to Burnham and then Beaconsfield Sycob. Spells with Slough Town and the Metropolitan Police followed before playing for Egham Town and Beaconsfield Town. He joined Uxbridge part-way through last season and has now re-joined Northwood on a dual-registration basis with Southern Premier side Chesham United.

**MARCELO GRACA - MIDFIELDER**

Experienced 31-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 but has settled well into a regular spot in the Woods midfield.

**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 DEGHANI - 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 and has quickly adapted to his new role.

**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, Oxhey Jets and Tring Athletic and is versatile, able to cover defensive and midfield roles.

**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. The 25-year-old also played for Boreham Wood and Enfield Town while having spells at AFC Bournemouth Under-21s, FC Brunos Magpies in Gibraltar and since then at London Tigers, Walton & Hersham and Chesham United.

**ANDRE DA COSTA - WINGER**

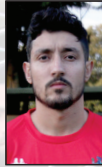
29-year-old experienced wide player who has joined the Woods from Southall in the summer of 2020. Andre started out in the youth ranks at AFC Bournemouth and then played in Cyprus before joining Dulwich Hamlet, Macclesfield Town, Worthing, St Albans City, Bishop's Stortford, Kingstonian, Hendon, Metropolitan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

**AARON MORGAN - ATTACKER**

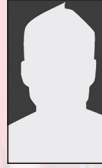
Experienced and hard-working forward who joins the Woods in the summer of 2020 to add to their attacking options. Now 31, Aaron started out at Hillingdon Borough before making over 120 appearances for Hendon over two spells. Has also played for East Thurrock United, Kingstonian, North Greenford and, in more recent years, Egham Town, Beaconsfield Town and Chertsey Town. Has recently been added to the coaching team.

**LEON SMITH - ATTACKER**

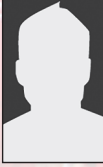
Vastly-experienced, strong and pacy striker who scored over 100 goals for Wingate & Finchley after joining them in 2009. He then moved to Hendon and continued in that goalscoring vein. Now 35, Leon has joined the Woods after short spells with Egham Town, Metropolitan Police and Chertsey Town.

**GEORGE ISAAC - ATTACKER**

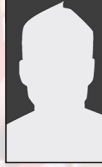
George originally came through the ranks at Hayes & Yeading Youth where he was Under-18s top scorer for two years in succession. In recent times he has played representative games for the GB Mini-Football side while also appearing for FC Assyria. Age 28, he looked sharp in pre-season having joined in the summer and should be a great asset to the side.

**DARYL BRYAN-SAMUELS - DEFENDER**

22-year-old midfielder player or defender who joined the Woods in October 2020 from Marlow. He also played for Spartans Youth last season and had previous experience with Wembley and Edgware Town.

**TAUFEER SKANDARI - ATTACKING MIDFIELDER**

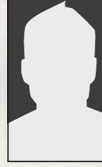
21-year-old Afghanistan-born midfielder who played for Windsor as a youngster and then went to Turkey to play for top side Bursaspor's Under-21 side. Returned in the summer and following International Clearance, signed for the Woods in September 2020.

**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.

**DENERSON MOREIRA - MIDFIELDER**

22-year-old midfield player or defender who joined the Woods in October 2020 from Marlow. He also played for Spartans Youth last season and had previous experience with Wembley and Edgware Town.

**DANIEL BROWN - MIDFIELDER**

Vastly-experienced 31-year-old midfielder, Dan made his Woods debut at just 17 back in 2007. After making nearly 50 appearances for the club he moved on to Maidenhead United where he spent six seasons before joining Wealdstone. He went on loan to Slough Town and has since played for Staines Town, Bracknell Town and Beaconsfield Town. Rejoined the Woods in October 2020.

**YIANNIS CONSTANTINOU - MIDFIELDER**

A former West Ham youth player, Yiannis had a short spell with the Woods last season while dual-registered at Potters Bar Town. The 20-year-old has recently rejoined the club and has also had a spell with Staines Town.

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.

DEVONTE TOTESAUT



For the fourth in our current series, we caught up our current top goalscorer Devonte Totesaut who raised hopes in our recent FA Trophy tie with Heybridge Swifts by scoring the second of our three goals.

Devonte, how are you finding your role as the main striker here at the Woods?

"It's really good at the moment. I like what we are trying to achieve and while we are not the finished product yet, I'm enjoying it and concentrating on learning my role alongside some excellent, experienced players who are really helping me reach my goals."

And what are those goals this season?

"I like to aim high so personally I am looking for in excess of twenty goals for the season but I'm also here to help the team and it would be great to set our sights on a high position in the table and perhaps some silverware by way of a cup success"

Absolutely, so you're 25 now, let's go back to where it started as a youth?

"Well, I was at MK Dons as a youth from the age of fifteen through to seventeen, at the same time as Dele Ali. When I wasn't taken on longer there I had a trial at Brentford and was also involved with Boreham Wood but then I went over to America and played in some trial games at an MLS Tournament. They went well and I was offered 100% scholarships at a few University teams while I also trained with Philadelphia Union FC but in the end I chose to go out to Spain and started playing for FC Bruno's Magpies in Gibraltar."

How did you find the standard there?

"It's a good place to be for the more technical footballers as you get more time on the ball and it's less physical than the football played here in the UK which is much more competitive. As I am a bit more physical anyway, I did really well there and captained the side to some reasonable success. I came back to the UK for a trial at AFC Bournemouth U-21s but went back to Gibraltar and

my form there earned me a pre-season with Marbella FC in Spain."

Sounds good – how did that work out?

"They offered me a contract but the very day before signing it at a press conference, I ruptured the tendons and ligaments in my right knee so my hoped for career in Spain came to a crashing end and I missed a whole year. It was a real blow but as always my dad Jay was there giving me good information and support so it kept me grounded and allowed me to reassess. When I came back I was getting interest from Morecambe back in the UK but then I dislocated the same knee in a trial game for them!"

That must have been a real blow. So what's happened since then?

"During that time out I pretty much had to put the idea of a professional career to the back of my mind and find some employment. When I had finally recovered from injury I decided to try to convert myself into a forward and I've had short spells with Hayes & Yeading's U-23s, London Tigers, Walton & Hersham and London Tigers without settling and now I find myself here at Northwood alongside my good friend Hafed who I have known since we were kids."

Wow - that's a really long friendship!

"Yes, we have been together several times including in America and in Gibraltar where we played for different clubs (Hafed was with Manchester 62), we were actually room-mates so even though he is at the other end of the pitch from me, it's good to have him around."

Okay, thanks for the chat Devonte and good luck with achieving your targets for the season as well as keeping the injuries at bay – fingers crossed with that one for sure.



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27 OCTOBER THROUGH THE YEARS

Ken Green looks back at what was happening with the Woods on 27th October in years gone by...

Saturday 27th October 1956

NORTHWOOD 3 BUSHEY UNITED 1

Bushey were a goal up after eight minutes in this Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division fixture at Northwood Recreation Ground, but the home side settled down to take command and equalised through D. Skinner. Ten minutes later outside-left H. Carter increased their lead with a brilliant shot from near the sideline. After repelling strong Bushey attacks, Northwood went further ahead, Skinner being the scorer after he and Bainbridge had combined well.

Saturday 27th October 1962

SOUTH HARROW 0 NORTHWOOD 1

With less than two minutes to go in this Harrow & Wembley League Senior Division game, Northwood full-back Joe Saunders (pictured) ran on to an intelligent pass from Doug Ferrier to ram home the solitary match-winning goal against South Harrow. Thus a reshuffled Northwood, who sorely missed leader Tom Ratcliffe, maintained their unbeaten record this season.



Northwood's attack was not effective against a strong South Harrow defence, and it was not until Pat Byrne moved into the forwards that they managed to make some headway. The home side was pinned on the defensive for most of the second half, but Northwood continued to waste chances, and a goal-less draw seemed inevitable until Saunders clinched the points with a 25-yard drive in the last couple of minutes.

Saturday 27th October 1979

MORRIS MOTORS 2 NORTHWOOD 3

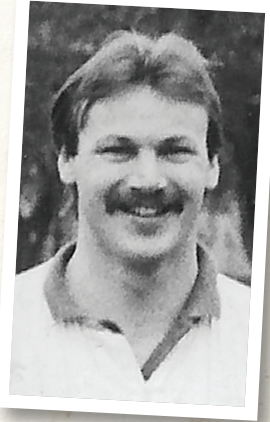
This was a Hellenic League Premier Division match full of good football and excitement, which had the crowd on edge until the end. Both goalmouths had narrow escapes before Morris took the lead in the 14th minute when White made the

most of a half chance. Five minutes from the interval Pip Boyle burst down the right and sent across a tantalising cross which Steve Revell met to send home a superb header.

The hosts went in visibly shaken, but worst followed for them within a minute of the restart. Ian Harvey flighted a free-kick to the near post, and three tall defenders stretched to meet the ball but amidst them rose Martin Ellis to send ball into the net.

But a poor bad pass allowed White to level for Morris Motors, but even this couldn't deter Northwood and 15 minutes from the end another superb header landed the points. Heslop made ground on the right and hammered in a low cross, which Roger Livingstone (pictured) dived full-length to send a delightful header that flew into the net.

Northwood: Russell, Heslop, Revell, Merison, O'Donnell, Tidd, Boyle, Harvey, Ellis, Livingstone, Wlodyka, sub: Castella.



Saturday 27th October 1984

HOUNSLOW 2 NORTHWOOD 2

Northwood lived to fight another day in this Middlesex Senior Cup tie at Hounslow when they fought back from 2-0 down to level the scores and force a replay. The hosts looked the better side in the first half, and their two-goal lead was a fair reflection of their dominance.

But Woods showed plenty of character after the break, and began to threaten Hounslow, and kept them in their own half for long periods. Peter Caines (pictured) pulled one



back for Woods 15 minutes into the half, and when the same player levelled the scores with ten minutes left it set up a frantic finish.

Northwood: May, Davies, Ryan, Lammin, Amer, Payne, James, Davies, Stagg, Bennett, Caines.

Saturday 27th October 1990
HILLINGDON BOROUGH 0 NORTHWOOD 2

Northwood triumphed in the Greene King Spartan League local derby at Hillingdon Borough to go top of the table.

Woods ran out 2-0 winners thanks to strikes from Greg Phillips and Stefan McGarrell in an entertaining match at Breakspear Road. The match began in storming fashion, and Woods took the lead when McGarrell, Peter Augustine, Tim Vincent and Jeremy Billins combined before Phillips nodded home.

After that Hillingdon matched the visitors well and almost grabbed an equaliser when Kenny Lavender's bar was hit with a 30-yard strike. But Northwood were also attacking well, and hit the woodwork themselves when Billins' shot struck the base of the post.

In the second half the game was again eventful, but tricky winger McGarrell proved the difference between the two sides but cutting inside and firing home to give Northwood a 2-0 lead.

Northwood: Lavender, Fitzgerald, Augustine, Lammin, Curran, Billins, Phillips, McCormack (Edey), Vincent, McGarrell, Blackman, sub. Nolan.

Thurrock a 1-0 interval lead. Though chances fell to Paul Rogan, Danny Buckley and Vic Schwartz before the break, Paul Curran needlessly handled in the second half and Lord converted the penalty.

Paul Canoville screwed a good chance wide, Buckley saw a good shot saved, and Rogan saw a free-kick skim a post before Thurrock counter-attacked and Lord made it 3-0 after Ken Lavender had saved his first shot. Phillips made it 3-1 before, in the last minute, Lawrence netted, despite looking yards offside.

Northwood: Lavender, Devane, Curran, Dodds, Ventnour, Holland, Rogan, Phillips, Buckley, Schwartz, Canoville. Subs. Atkins, Vincent.

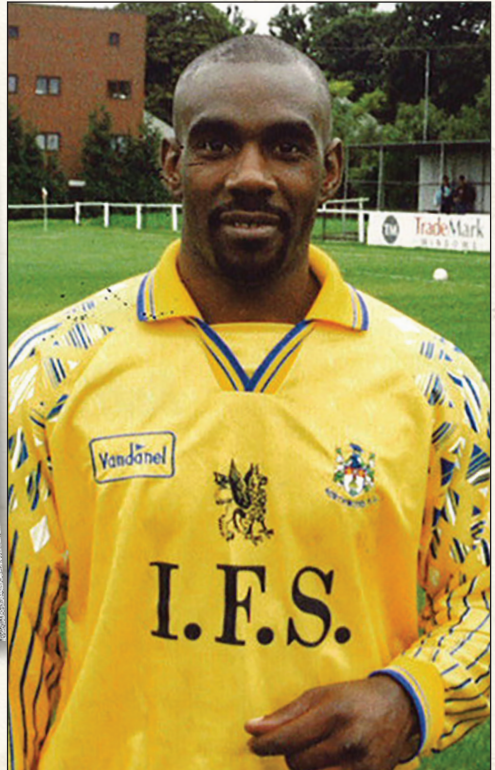
Tuesday 27th October 1998
NORTHWOOD 3 MARLOW 1

Northwood moved up to third in the Ryman League Division 2 table after a midweek home win against Marlow.

Chris Gell got them going with a 35th minute routine opener and Kevin Cooper added to the lead two minutes before the break with a great effort from the edge of the box.

Marlow pulled one back on 64 minutes. but Dave Kellman (pictured) secured the points when he bundled the ball home from close range with a minute to go.

Northwood: Carroll, Tobin, Sargent, Williams, Street, Cooper, Barnard, Gell, Sibanda, Kellman, Passmore, sub. Holmes.



Saturday 27th October 1992
EAST THURROCK 4 NORTHWOOD 1

Woods found themselves a goal down in a Diadora League Division 3 when a cross went in off Ventnour to give East

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The Modernisation of Programmes in the 1970's

The post-1966 World Cup boom beginning to fade, football entered the 1970's realising that modern marketing and commercial techniques would have to be applied to the sport to enable it to compete with the growing number of alternative pastimes and leisure pursuits. This brought about a radical transformation in the role and format of matchday programmes, coincidental with the first sponsored football tournaments.

Initially, these took the form of brand-new competitions - as opposed to sponsors attaching their names to established tournaments - and so was born the Watney Cup in England, and shortly afterwards the Dryborough Cup in Scotland. To link the countries, and Northern and southern Ireland, the Texaco Cup was established. Suddenly, more and different programmes were being made available for collectors. European ties had been added to the normal domestic staple diet in the 15 years since 1955, and now came additional tournaments and inter-country fixtures such as Wolves v Derry City, Airdrie v Ballymena United, Motherwell v Spurs and St Johnstone v Ipswich.

The brewers Watney broke new ground with programmes for their pre-season tournaments, which were in stylised form and published on behalf of the sponsors, rather than the home club. Similarly, Texaco provided a common style of outer pages for their tournament programmes, although the host club was left to its own devices in regards to internal pages.

One or two clubs, perhaps slightly pretentiously, began to call their programmes "match day magazines", and they were certainly increasing in size - and cover price. Gloss paper became widespread; print techniques improved with the move away from letterpress to litho, and so photographs became a better and more prominent feature. Colour began to creep in, spreading from the First Division down through the leagues as the decade progressed.

Coventry City, programme pioneers in the 1960's, continued to explore new avenues

in the 1970's. They took the "magazine" concept quite literally by producing a very large page-size programme, even bigger than today's brochure sized cup final issues, which featured "lifestyle" articles, loosely related to football, to complement the standard contents.

An example of this was the back page, full colour photograph of a "glamour girl", posing chastely. It is interesting to note that few, if any, clubs followed this "laddish" route, and certainly not in the last couple of decades.

To modern eyes, 1970's programmes look brief and inadequate, but contrast them to the issues of the previous decade, and you will see that clubs were beginning to pay more than lip service to modern presentation and marketing techniques.

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TABLE & FIXTURES

2020-21 SEASON



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Waltham Abbey	6	5	1	0	13	4	16
Ashford Town (Middx)	6	4	1	1	8	4	13
Tooting Mitcham United	6	4	0	2	9	3	12
Ware	6	4	0	2	14	9	12
Bracknell Town	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Chertsey Town	6	3	1	2	11	9	10
Hanwell Town	6	3	1	2	10	8	10
Staines Town	6	3	1	2	12	15	10
Bedfont Sports	5	3	0	2	10	5	9
Hertford Town	6	3	0	3	8	9	9
Marlow	6	2	2	2	12	8	8
Westfield	6	2	1	3	13	11	7
Chipstead	6	2	1	3	8	15	7
Chalfont St Peter	6	2	0	4	4	8	6
Uxbridge	5	1	2	2	11	17	5
South Park	6	1	2	3	11	17	5
Barking	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
NORTHWOOD	7	1	1	5	6	17	4
FC Romania	4	1	0	3	2	5	3
Harlow Town	6	1	0	5	5	10	3

THE STATS

TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED	57
TOTAL HOME WINS	23
TOTAL AWAY WINS	26
TOTAL SCORE DRAWS	7
TOTAL NO-SCORE DRAWS	1
TOTAL GOALS SCORED	176
TOTAL HOME GOALS SCORED	85
TOTAL AWAY GOALS SCORED	91
HIGHEST AGGREGATE	8
(Staines Town 4 - South Park 4)	
LEADING GOALSCORERS	7
(Will Clark, Marlow)	
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE	400
(Chertsey Town v Bracknell Town)	
(Tooting & Mitcham Utd v Waltham Abbey)	
(Chertsey Town v Hertford Town)	
LOWEST ATTENDANCE	33
(South Park v Northwood)	
AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE	9646
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	169



Action from last Saturday's 5-1 defeat away at league leaders Waltham Abbey



TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

PREMIER DIVISION

CORINTHIAN CASUALS VS BISHOP'S STORTFORD
HORNCHURCH VS HARINGEY BOROUGH
POTTERS BAR TOWN VS WORTHING

NORTH DIVISION

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

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) VS CHERTSEY TOWN
BARKING VS WALTHAM ABBEY
CHIPSTEAD VS SOUTH PARK
HANWELL TOWN VS FC ROMANIA
HERTFORD TOWN VS CHALFONT ST PETER
MARLOW VS UXBRIDGE
NORTHWOOD VS STAINES TOWN
TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED VS BEDFONT SPORTS
WARE VS HARLOW TOWN

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

ASHFORD UNITED VS SEVENOAKS TOWN
CHICHESTER CITY VS THREE BRIDGES
FAVERSHAM TOWN VS VCD ATHLETIC
HASTINGS UNITED VS WHITEHWAK
HYTHE TOWN VS SITTINGBOURNE
PHOENIX SPORTS VS EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN
RAMSGATE VS HERNE BAY
WHITSTABLE TOWN VS CRAY VALLEY PM
WHYTELEAFE VS BURGESS HILL TOWN

TOMORROW NIGHT

PREMIER DIVISION

CRAY WANDERERS VS MERSTHAM

NORTH DIVISION

GRAYS ATHLETIC VS GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

NORTHWOOD'S CUP FINALS OVER THE YEARS

WOODS FINAL EFFORTS IN THE SEARCH FOR SILVERWARE, WITH KEN GREEN

NORTHWOOD HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP FINAL 1933

NORTHWOOD UNITED 3 ROXETH INSTITUTE 2

(AT NORTHWOOD RECREATION GROUND)

MONDAY 17TH APRIL 1933

CLUB PROFILE 1933

Northwood FC was formed, as Northwood United, in 1926, and for the first two seasons, just friendly matches were played, but after the second campaign, in which sixteen of the twenty-three games had been won, it was decided to join a league.

Northwood United were elected to Division Two of the Harrow & District League for 1928-29, playing at the new Northwood Playing Fields, which was adjacent to Haste Hill golf course, at the end of The Drive, Northwood.

In their second year the club gained promotion, and twelve months later, further success saw them move up to the Premier Division of the Harrow & District League. At that time the club gained the use of a pitch in Northwood Recreation Ground at an annual cost of £14. 14s. including pitch marking and dressing room.

The following season, 1932-33, was one of great success for the new club, and they won three trophies, including the Premier Division title.

In our featured cup final, Northwood met Roxeth Institute, also members of the Harrow & District League, playing their home matches at Roxeth Recreation Ground in South Harrow.

On the way to the final, Northwood United had defeated Eastcote 12-1, Harrow & Wembley Postals

4-0, then Telling Sports 7-0 in the semi-final. For the final, Ruislip-Northwood Council authorised the closing of the Recreation Ground, so that admission to the game could be charged.

THE MATCH REPORT

For the final of the Northwood Hospital Charity Cup, one of the largest crowds of recent years, around nine hundred persons, gathered on the Recreation Ground on Easter Monday.

Northwood United, winning the toss, took advantage of the wind and slight slope. Roxeth opened in great style, but had to revert to the defensive, and before long Tom Bell scored for the home side with a great shot. Roxeth were not long behind before their inside-left brought the scores level, but the United returned to the attack, and Taylor soon re-established their lead.

Later Roxeth were awarded a penalty, and the Northwood keeper Wood brought off a magnificent save. Before the interval, Tom Bell put the United further ahead.

Roxeth opened the second half very strongly. The home defence held them at bay, but Roxeth then scored the second goal through a defensive mistake. With the score standing at 3-2, play became very exciting, and Roxeth tried hard for an equaliser, but Wood kept a fine goal, and brought off two magnificent saves in quick succession.

In the closing minutes Northwood made several raids, and Roxeth had bad luck when a scoring shot was turned wide. The final whistle went with the scores reading Northwood United 3, Roxeth Institute 2. Both teams played a good clean game.

The presentation of the cup took place at the conclusion, Mrs Collins, wife of the Chairman of the Hospital, being called upon by the president of the competition, Lieutenant-Commander S.W. Todd, R.N., to perform the ceremony.

Commander Todd congratulated the Northwood United on their victory, and also congratulated them on winning the Harrow League Premier Cup. Mrs Collins then presented the cup and medals, and at the conclusion the Hon. Secretary's daughter, Miss Dorothy Faint, presented her with a charming bouquet.

NORTHWOOD UNITED TEAM LINE-UP

1	W. Wood	7	Bob Bell
2	H. Branch	8	Fred Taylor
3	A. Branch	9	H. (Taffy) Bennett
4	A. Sandown	10	Tom Bell
5	H. Darvill	11	G. Ratcliffe
6	J. Young		

The team photo shows the 1932-33 Northwood United players with three trophies, Harrow, Wembley & District League Premier Division championship, League Cup and Northwood Hospital Charity Cup. Pictured below are:

Back: R. Cooper, W. Bell, C. Furness, J. Smith, C. Brill, R. Furness, Hughes
 Middle: C. Copperwaite, L. Cooper, F. Taylor, W. Woods, A. Poulter, R. Bell, L. Faint & son
 Front: F. Gristwood, H. Darvill, T. Bell, J. Brown, Empson, G. Ratcliffe



