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London Spartan League Premier Division runners-up: 1990 London Spartan League Cup winners: 1990, 1992 Hellenic League Division One champions: 1979 Hellenic League Premier Division Cup finalist: 1982

Hellenic League Division One Cup winners: 1979 Middlesex League Premier Division champions: 1978

Middlesex League Premier Division runners-up: 1972, 1977 Middlesex League Challenge Cup winners: 1975, 1977, 1978

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

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IAN'SINSIGH

WITH NORTHWOOD FC CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE FENTON CIVIL **ENGINEERING STADIUM** FOR TODAY'S PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FIXTURE.

We extend our welcome to our visitors from Guernsev FC and trust that they had a comfortable journey over and that they enjoy their short stay here.

Writing these notes just before the game versus Chalfont St Peter on Tuesday night, last Saturday's game here was the epitome of how far we have come in a short space of time.

When shortly after half time, we found ourselves having gone 2-0 down, we then managed to claw our way back into the game, equalised in the last minute and could then have gone on to win.

Again, the team spirit was fantastic and the belief never waned when pushing for the win

With today being the third of four consecutive home games, we are still looking to improve our home form, as today's visitors will be looking to improve their away form, having only notched up their first away win of the season recently. It should make for an interesting and hopefully entertaining contest.

Following the game today, we are holding a 'Race Nite' here, starting at around 4.30; we hope you can all attend and enjoy the fun!

Big thanks to first-team player-coach Andy Lomas for organising this, it's great to see and another step in maintaining the new found team spirit.

With our home crowds consistently on the increase at the moment, we have generated a fantastic atmosphere in the ground and with a team we can now be proud of, the rest of the season can certainly be very positive providing we continue to do the basics right and work hard throughout.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us in this 'new journey' and long may this continue.

A guick mention that on Tuesday night we get a chance to reach the County Senior Cup Final as we take on really tough opposition in National League side Barnet in our semi-final.

It would be great to see plenty of support for the lads as they look to get us in with a shot of some silverware so, please bring friends and family down for this one.

Enjoy the game tonight. Up the Woods!

lan

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DIRECT FROM THE

THE MANAGEMENT

WITH DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL, STEVE RINGROSE

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO YOU ALL AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Today we welcome Guernsey FC and I hope that they enjoy their days visit, not too much, but wish them a safe journey home.

It is nearly three months since we arrived at the club and we set out to build a squad that would be competitive, capable of helping us to climb the league table, plus establishing a group of players who enjoy playing for the club.

In addition, we will be looking very carefully at the two Middlesex Cup competitions and try to achieve some Silverware this season.

As we have documented, we have slowly built the squad to a point where we now feel that we have good competition for places all over the park and a great team spirit which has helped us climb into a mid-table position.

Whilst technically there's still much work to do, our target of ten points from every six games is currently on track and if we can achieve this average in our final ten games it could help us to get to near the fifty-point mark and a top half finish.

Whilst there has been a mixed package of results, the wins against those teams challenging at the top of the table at Basingstoke, at Uxbridge and in the home match against Marlow were particularly satisfying. Together with the Cup win here against Bedfont Sports, it indicates that we are firmly on course to achieve our ambitions.

During this coming week we play at home in the Middlesex Senior County Cup Semi-Final, and we are pleased to host Barnet FC on an evening where I am sure the atmosphere will be terrific. With your support, you could be a vital part of our 'team' cheering us on to hopefully a place in the final against the winners of the other semi-final between Brentford B FC and Hampton & Richmond Borough FC, due to be played the night before our own tie.

The following midweek we are drawn away at CB Hounslow FC in the Middlesex Charity Cup guarter final and this competition has many good memories for me.

But one in particular was in my first season in Management and I went to watch the 1988 final.

That game was played at the old Wembley Stadium. There were over 3,500 people watching that evening as Hendon defeated Wembley 2-0.

Two well-known players to our older supporters were lan Dowie and Dermot Drummy both goal scorers on the

I am sure some of you will have had your memory jogged, but it amazing now reflecting that nearly all of the players competing today would not have been born at that time nearly thirty four years ago!

While times have certainly changed, one thing I am sure is that there will be further young players who could, if they work hard enough, go on to achieve the success that those guys did.

Once again thanks for your continued support, enjoy the game, see you in the bar afterwards, hopefully to take part in the Race Night this evening.

Steve











DODSOUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

Welcome to the Green Lions

A warm welcome back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for our third home game inside the last eight days, this time for the visit of Guernsey Football Club and we extend that welcome to everyone connected with the Channel Islands club who are visiting Northwood for the second time.

It's an early kick-off for this one to allow our opponents plenty of time to relax after the game before they have to return to the airport for their evening flight and we hope that this doesn't cause any issues for our regular supporters.

Guernsey FC made a delayed start to their campaign due to Covid issues on the Island but eventually kicked-off their fixtures in early October and have been playing catch-up every since They began the season well enough with home wins over Sutton Common Rovers and then ourselves but then lost their form. They bounced back with a 6-2 thrashing of Staines Town in mid-December but were still looking for their first away win before last Saturday when they completed a "double" over Sutton Common Rovers with a 2-0 success in a game played at Tooting & Mitcham United FC. Guernsey would have been favourites to complete another "double" at Staines Town on Wednesday night (though these notes had to be prepared before the result of that one was known) and they will be hoping for another of those "doubles" today!

Our trip to the Island at the end of October saw the Woods beaten 2-0 with Charlton Gauvain and Ross Allen on target for the Green Lions and a fairly bloodless victory which was a sixth successive league defeat for Northwood. Guernsey went eight games without a win after that day.

The only previous meeting between the two sides was back in November 2014 and produced a very entertaining FA Trophy tie. Ismael Ehui put the Woods ahead in the first-half only for Marc McGrath level the scores soon after and it ended 1-1 after 90 minutes. The match went into extra-time and Dominic Heaume put the visitors ahead only for substitute Perry Dicker to score within a minute of coming on to make it all-square again. Penalties

decided the tie in the favour of the Woods by a 5-3 scoreline with only a miss from Luke Winch separating the two sides.

League and Cup News

Last Saturday we played the first of four successive home game with a visit from Tooting & Mitcham United and, certainly during the first-half, we were uncharacteristically subdued and trailed 1-0 at half-time, though playing against a strong breeze. When we then conceded a second soon after the restart, it seemed as if our unbeaten start to 2022 may be coming to an end but Micah Jackson pulled a goal back and a resurgent Woods then grabbed a valuable point with a headed goal from skipper Keagan Cole right on ninety minutes. The result marked our first home draw in the league since the August Bank Holiday of 2019 when we also played out a 2-2 draw against Bracknell Town.

Then, on Tuesday night we had a great chance to pick up more points at home to Chalfont St Peter who have been struggling and parted company with their manager after a heavy home defeat on the Saturday. That didn't go completely to plan either as the Woods were somewhat profligate in front of goal. However, Keagan Cole popped up again midway through the first-half to put us in front and we seemed good value for the narrow lead until we conceded a penalty after 68 minutes which allowed the Saints a real lifeline. Another draw then looked on the cards before Josh Helmore steered a header just inside the post on 88 minutes which just saw us squeeze home. This ended a run of six successive home defeats against Chalfont St Peter over a period of eight years where the Woods had failed to scored even one goal!

This coming Tuesday night, 15th February 2022, it's time for our Middlesex Senior Cup Semi-Final fixture at home to National League side Barnet in what is clearly a difficult tie as we look to reach the Final of this prestigious County Cup competition for the first time since 2016

As well as the Barnet semi-final, we also face a quarter-final in the Middlesex Charity Cup next month with an away tie at Combined Counties League side CB Hounslow who we will be





meeting for the first-ever time. That's scheduled for a week after the Senior Cup game, on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

Player News

Our management team strengthened the Woods squad last week with the swift signing of defender Luke Tingev following his release from Isthmian Premier side Potters Bar Town, Luke is 25 years old and comes with plenty of Step 3 experience having previously played close to 200 games for Hendon, while he also had a short spell with St Albans City having started out as a youth with MK Dons. He made his Woods debut as a late substitute against Tooting before starting on Tuesday night and we welcome Luke to Northwood, hoping for a long and successful stay with us.

One player who has left the club in recent weeks is Matteo Esposito who has signed for Burnham FC, now managed by former Woods boss Ben Murray, where he joins another former player, Leo Decabo. We thank him for his service this season and wish him well at his new club

Race Night

After today's game, starting around 4.30pm-ish, the Woods, led by Andy Lomas are staging a fund-raising Race Night so everyone is welcome to stay on here at the club and enjoy a social evening. At the time of writing, most of the races have been sponsored and the majority of horses have "owners" for the night but there will be tote betting available and food and drink available throughout. We hope you can join us.

Top Value "Half"-Season Tickets

We made available a Season Ticket for the remainder of the season at just £30. Go to the website www.northwoodfc. com and Season Tickets under the Commercial tab to pay online for yours or you can pay cash to me this afternoon if you would prefer. This offer will be removed shortly as we run out of games for it to make financial sense!

Player Sponsorships

As usual, we have been looking for sponsors for our players but for the rest of the season we have reduced the cost of this with only a few months of the season still to go. You now get a choice of either being kit sponsor at £40.00 or Tracksuit Sponsor at £30.00. Obviously with the recent turnover of players, many people's sponsored player may have moved on. If this is the case, please let us know who you would like your sponsorship passed onto from the new squad or recent recruits and we shall do that for you as we enter the second half of the season.

Youth News

Paul Masters' under-18s side drew 3-3 at Wealdstone just over a week ago, picking up a good point on the road. 15-yearold Tai Wheeler netted on his debut and two other players with first-team experience - Will Robinson and Lewis Batten scored the other Woods goals. They were due at Hampton & Richmond Borough on Wednesday but the result is not known at the time of writing. This coming Thursday night, 17th February, they entertain Marlow here at the Fenton

The Under-13s are in the Middlesex County Cup Semi-Final tomorrow against FC Starz so good luck to them while the Under-15s also reached their County Cup Semi Finals last Sunday with victory over Broadwater United on penalties after a 2-2 draw. They play Ruislip Rangers in the semi-final in Mid-March. The Under-16 could make it three teams into the last four but their quarter-final against Ruislip Rangers was postponed and is due to be replayed tomorrow. The winners of that tie will be at home to Wembley in the semi-finals.

Spartans Youth (Adult Section)

The Spartans hopes of promotion this season received another knock last Saturday as they were beaten 2-1 at AFC Royal Holloway, leaving them in fifth place in the table. Today they are away to third-placed Worcester Park while they are back here at Northwood next Saturday for anyone who can't make it to our game at Sutton Common Rovers, against AFC Walcountians.

Fixtures at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium

There are a few games coming up on the ground this week as follows:

Tuesday 15th February - Northwood v. Barnet - Middlesex Senior Cup Semi Final - 7.45pm

Thursday 17th February - Northwood U-18s v. Marlow U-18s - 7.45pm

Saturday 19th February - Spartans Youth v. AFC Walcountians - Surrey Premier League - 3pm

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

Alan





MATCH REPORT BY ROBIN PIPER





NORTHWOOD 2 TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED 2

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2022 | KICK-OFF 3.00PM

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHWOOD: Hosier, Young (More 65), Lomas, Cole, Boxer (Tingey 85), Gurteen, Jackson (Williams 77), Stacey, Helmore, Ibie, Stewart

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES Constantinou, Surmon YELLOW CARD(S) Gurteen

ATTENDANCE 191



Northwood staged a spirited second half recovery to earn a share of the spoils and extend their unbeaten run to five games in a keenly contested mid-table clash at the Fenton.

Woods took to the field with a couple of changes from the previous week's impressive win at Uxbridge, the unavailable Sam Jenkins being replaced in the right wing-back role by Ryan Young, while Micah Jackson returned to the forward line in place of Alex More who reverted to the bench

Northwood made a positive start by winning an early free-kick in a dangerous position after Sydney Ibie was impeded, Keagan Cole's deflected effort being gathered by goalkeeper Oliver Pain.

And Woods maintained the early pressure forcing a corner from which James Gurteen's flick, following Carl Stewart's delivery, just evaded Cole in the six-yard box.

The Terrors were struggling to break out of their own half as Woods continued to press and the hosts had a wonderful opportunity to open the scoring as Josh Helmore latched onto an Andy Lomas ball from deep, holding off the defender before shooting slightly off balance with Jackson available as an option, the shot being blocked.

The visitors began to settle and strung some constructive moves together, Samuel Faniyan heading over the crossbar unchallenged following Marco Figueiredo-Correta's cross.

And they opened the scoring with a little help from Northwood as possession was lost in a dangerous position allowing Mark Waters to fire in a low cross which keeper Dan Hosier failed to gather, Michael Dixon reacting guickest to convert on 24 minutes.

Tooting were buoyed by the goal and continued to a pose questions for Northwood as Nathan Daly headed narrowly wide.

But Woods finished the first period on the front foot as another Cole free-kick found the head of Teddy Stacey who headed narrowly wide before Stewart tried his luck with a shot which failed to trouble Pain.

The second half was only two minutes old when Tooting were fortuitously awarded a throw-on and broke away to extend their lead with Waters applying the finish.

And Hosier was called into action as he foiled Faniyan before the Woods stopper dealt with a Jordan Clarke a half-volley effort from the edge of the box. At the other end, Teddy Stacey tried his luck from 25-yards but his effort was gathered by Pain

Northwood managed to reduce the arrears with a wonderfully well taken goal on 62 minutes, Jackson sublimely taking down another ball over the top from Lomas before coolly rounding Pail and rolling the ball home for his fifth league goal.

Woods were forced into a change on 65 minutes as Young succumbed to a thigh injury with More his replacement.

And play continued to ebb and flow with Hosier parrying substitute Billy Brown's low shot and Boxer clearing the loose ball.

At the other end, Helmore spun smartly in the box before firing in a cross-shot which just evaded the on-rushing Ibie.

Kyal Williams made his first appearance for a couple of weeks as he replaced a tiring Jackson on 77 minutes, but the game was







almost put beyond the hosts as Dixon latched onto a misplaced pass on the edge of the Northwood box, but he dragged his shot wide of the far post.

The Woods resumed their search for the leveller and they came close as More's curling shot from just outside the box rattled the upright before being scrambled clear

New signing Luke Tingey was added to the fray with five minutes left on the clock as Tommy Boxer made way.

And with the clock ticking down and the Terrors using every trick in the book to slow down proceedings, were finally rewarded for their endeavours with a 90th minute equaliser - Cole heading in after Pain had failed to punch clear More's freekick, the assistant referee well placed to adjudge the ball had crossed the line despite vociferous appeals to the contrary from the visitors.

And Woods almost took the points in stoppage time as Tingey's long throw caused panic in the Tooting box, but Helmore just failed to connect from close range - Northwood ultimately happy with the point but Tooting letting their frustrations boil over as Jordan Clarke and Nathan Daly saw red.













ON THISDA

Looking back at how the press reported what was happening with the Woods on 12th February in years gone by

1994

Diadora League Division Three

Northwood 2 Southall 1



Northwood manager Alan Merison refused to shake hands with his opposite number Steve Hawkins after a game which ended with two of his players being taken to hospital.

Woods were understandably upset at Southall's physical

approach and the injuries to striker Eddie Coppinger (ligament), Troy McAuliffe (knee) and Gerry O'Donnell (ankle).

Southall substitute Rod Shearer was fortunate to be only booked after his foul on McAuliffe that had the full back screaming in pain. O'Donnell and Coppinger finished up in hospital. Herts referee Mr P. Hern might well have prevented a lot of what went on by sterner action earlier.

But in the end the players are responsible for their own actions. Southall had suffered just one defeat in 12 League outings, so Northwood were expecting a tough game - but not quite as physical as this!

Woods went ahead after 37 minutes when Steve Matthews' cross was bundled into his own goal by Roger Moses. The killer goal then came a couple of minutes into the, second half. Kevin Dobson put over a low cross from the left, and Lawrence Holmes at the far post did the rest (pictured).

Steve Fraser reduced the lead late on from a Shay Boyd cross after Woods had been reduced to 10 men for the last 20 minutes.

Northwood: Doyle, McAuliffe, Dobson, Brayshaw, Holland, Payton, Matthews, Coppinger, Rogan, Holmes, Randall.

2005

Ryman League Premier Division

Northwood 0 Kingstonian 1



A last minute winner consigned Northwood to their fourth successive defeat. allowed bottom side Kingstonian to complete the league double over the Woods

Northwoodcontinued to slide, and just two goals in four games had seen them fall well away from a play-off place.

The opening exchanges were fairly even as K's James Rose went close with a free header, Jean-Serge Musungu fired wide, Woods keeper Rob Bullivant pulled off a wonderful point-blank save to deny Rose after an error by skipper Luke Evans, and Martyn Lee saw his 25 yard free kick deflected narrowly wide.

At the other end McHale's low cross found Hale at the far post, but he lost his balance as he shaped to shoot, Jonny Moore was foiled by K's keeper Mark Torcaso following a sweeping move involving James Bent and Hale, before Hale (pictured) directed a header straight at the custodian from Wayne Carter's free kick.

In the second half Mark Dennison, pushed into midfield, sent a half volley over the bar before being put through by Jonny Moore only to be foiled by Torcaso. Northwood went agonisingly close to the breakthrough when Heselton's curling 30 yard free kick was heading for the top corner



until Torcaso somehow deflected it wide via the upright, but as the game entered the closing stages, it was all Kingstonian.

Mazin Ahmed's cross narrowly evaded fellow substitutes Kenny Ojukwa and Phil Ruggles, Lee was next to threaten with a long range effort, and lan Dickens headed over when well-placed. However, Kingstonian finally got their reward two minutes into stoppage time when Coke's cross sailed into the far corner.

Northwood: Bullivant, Nolan, Dennison. Smith, Evans, F Moore, J Moore, Bent, Hale (Hart), McHale (Heselton), Carter.

2011

Zamaretto League Division One Central

Northwood 1 Leighton Town 3



Northwood's hopes of ending a long losing run at home came crashing down as they surrendered their hard-fought lead in the final quarter of this game against Leighton Town.

After a bright start from the visitors which saw Phillpott immediately into action to save from Ben Gallant, Northwood took the lead with their first attacking move on 15 minutes. Miles Jones slipped a fine ball through the defence and Scott Orphanou (pictured) timed his run well to latch onto it and finishing in clinical fashion.

Leighton hit back five minutes before the interval when an overhit free-kick from Lewis McBride as kept in and played back into the middle with Tom Windsor clearing an Alex O'Brien shot off the line.

After 62 minutes, Phillpott made another stop from a McBride shot and just beat Liam Howley to the rebound but the Leighton player was injured making a challenge. The visitors immediately made a double substitution in an effort to turn the game around, and Leighton forced a corner and the ball found unmarked substitute Jamie Osborne to force the ball home from close range.

Just three minutes later the game was turned on its

head as the visitors were awarded a penalty, which Roberts stuck away and the Woods, having looked to be heading for victory, now had ten minutes to try to rescue a point. They got nowhere near it, conceding a third when McBride took advantage of poor defending to slot home.

Northwood: Phillpott, Hall, Tackley, Bent, Gill, Hatcher, Gould (Walker), Windsor (Wallace), Orphanou, Jones, Whitely

2019

Bostik League Division One Central

South Park 1 Northwood 4



This match began at a blistering pace with Woods pushing forwards, deservedly taking the lead on 21 minutes.

Trey Charles was the catalyst as he threaded a pass through to Chris Gosling, who executed a neat finish. And Northwood's impressive first half performance was rewarded with a

second goal on 35 minutes, Leigh Stevens back-heeling Charles' low cross into the path of Alex Witham, who made no mistake to open his account for the club.

Woods refused to loosen their grip and after Kyran Worrell hat rattled the South Park crossbar with a 25-vard screamer with Eacott beaten, Imran Uche added a third goal on 43 minutes as he drilled the ball home from the edge of the box following a corner.

Into the second half, and a fourth goal duly arrived on 73 minutes when Zajed Sabti fed Stevens who laid the ball off for Jabir Laraba to net.

South Parkkept pushing for a consolation and following a corner Matty Males netted with two minutes left on the clock.

Northwood: Sheldrick, Jenkins, Matos, El-Khabouche (Laraba), Uche, Pearce, Stevens, Gosling, Charles (Lucan), Witham, Worrell (Sabti)







WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

GUERNSEY FC

Guernsey Football Club was formed in 2011 to offer the island's elite footballers the opportunity to progress and test themselves on a regular basis outside of the Channel Islands.

The proposal to establish the club and seek to join the English national league pyramid system was developed by the Guernsey Football Association in an attempt to further advance development opportunities for the island's current and future players by playing at higher levels on a regular basis.

We are an independent, community amateur football club which play in the Ryman Isthmian League Division One South at Step Four on English football's non-league pyramid system.

The club is owned and run for the benefit of the local Guernsey community and it plays its home games at the Footes Lane Stadium.

The club's vision is to create, develop and maintain a sustainable, successful, financially viable, democratic football club that creates and maintains real and lasting benefits to its members and the local Guernsey community.

We are a registered charity and will remain a non-profit organisation with any financial surpluses being reinvested for the future viability of the club and hence the benefit of the local community.

The initial idea to establish Guernsev FC was developed during the 2009-10 season when Guernsey's Senior County Division One representative side enjoyed a successful run in the FA National League System Cup (for league representative sides at Step Seven on the non-league pyramid system and below, since renamed the FA Inter-League Cup), culminating in Guernsey beating the Liverpool County Premier League 5-2 in the final in May 2010.

Along the way, Guernsey defeated representative sides from the Kent County Premier League, the Northampton Premier League, the Southern Amateur League, the Hertfordshire Premier League and the Dorset Premier League.

The final was held in Guernsey in front of a crowd of over 2.500 and was the first time ever that the FA had allowed one of its competition finals to be held outside of the UK mainland.

Following a 1-0 victory over Jersey to reclaim the Muratti Vase in May 2010, the prize for winning the FA National League System Cup for this same squad of players was to represent England in the UEFA Regions Cup preliminary round in Croatia in September 2010.

This was a fantastic experience for the players and coaching and medical staff and, although Guernsey enjoyed mixed fortunes by beating Wales 3-0, drawing with hosts Croatia 1-1 and losing to group winners Turkey 3-0, it provided football at a higher standard. was very motivational and gave our players a great desire to improve further and to play more regularly at higher levels.

Over the course of the following few months, the club's founding directors, Steve Dewsnip and Mark Le Tissier, received encouragement from the Football Association, the Guernsey FA, the Combined Counties League (which we were introduced to by the FA), our former official main club sponsor Sportingbet, the island's government (the States of Guernsey) and the island's local football community to develop our plans for the new club further and were delighted when the member clubs of the Combined Counties League voted by a significant majority on 20 June 2011 to allow Guernsev FC to join Division One of their league.

Although our club is very young, football in Guernsey has a long history dating back to 1893 when the Guernsey FA was established and since then has produced several players who have graced the highest levels of the English professional game, including Bill Spurdle (Manchester City), Richard Le Flem (Nottingham Forest & England U23), Ron Farmer (Coventry City), Len Duguemin (Tottenham Hotspur) and, more recently and more famously, our former club president Matt Le Tissier (Southampton and England).

Saturday 6th August 2011 was a historic day for Guernsey FC and the island in general when the club played its inaugural game at Footes Lane against Knaphill FC in the Combined Counties League Division One.

That historic day turned into an historic season with the club winning the league title, having lost only 2 of its 34 league matches, with a 7-1 win against second-placed Bedfont Sports in





front of 2,143 supporters at Footes Lane in March 2012 and then going on to secure the double in its first season by winning the Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup following a 2-0 victory after extra-time over Premier Division side Colliers Wood United.

The 2012-13 season was a tough campaign. The Green Lions reached the semi-finals of the FA Carlsberg Vase in the club's first season in the competition, breaking its record attendance twice in the historic run.

A crowd of 4.290 was at Footes Lane for the semi-final first leg against Spennymoor Town.

The league campaign saw countless postponed fixtures due to adverse weather and the cup run.

In April, Guernsey FC played a staggering 16 games in 30 days. The May bank holiday weekend saw GFC play four games in four days and remarkably secure all 12 points to finish second in the Combined Counties Premier League and gain promotion to the Ryman Isthmian League Division One South.

The club's first season in the Ryman Isthmian Leagues was a constructive campaign and had plenty of highs.

The club finished in a respectable fourth place but lost 3-2 away to Leatherhead in the play-off semi-final.

The Green Lions also became the first team from the Channel Islands to play in the FA Cup during the 2013/14 season, when they took on Crawley Down Gatwick away on 31st August 2013. GFC won the game 3-1 and eventually went out of the competition in the 2nd qualifying round, after losing 3-2 to the Conference South's Dover Athletic.

Guernsey's second season in Ryman South was much tougher. Injuries and unavailability left the Green Lions struggling though October and November and it wasn't until just before Christmas that results picked up.

Any hopes of sneaking into the play-offs late on were dashed with a run of four defeats in five games in March.

The Green Lions eventually finished 10th in the league before many of the squad were part of the Guernsey FA gold-medal winning side at the 2015 NatWest Island Games in Jersey. Despite a couple of patches of indifferent form in the first half of the

2015-16 season, the Green Lions found themselves third in the table in the new year and equalled their Ryman South unbeaten record of nine games.

But a mixture of poor performances, injuries and bad luck led to a six-game losing run that saw our play-off challenge fade away.

However, a new crop of youngsters made an impact, with Robbie Legg becoming the club's youngest goalscorer at 16 when he netted against Whyteleafe in March.

GFC were finally drawn at home in the FA Cup against Lewes in the first qualifying round, but unfortunately a replay defeat to Phoenix Sports in the preliminary round meant they were unable to fulfil that particular goal.

We beat our points total and wins total from the previous season, but finished 13th.

The 2016-17 season was GFC's most challenging yet as they battled against relegation for the first time in their history.

It took until the end of September to secure the first victory of the campaign and bad luck hit Tony Vance's squad with several lengthy injuries and absences to key players.

They didn't manage to win a home game after Christmas, but finally ended their winless away run (that had gone on for over a year and nearly 30 matches) when they beat Chipstead in February and, ironically, it was their away results that kept them up as two more wins and a draw were enough to keep them ahead of their rivals.

There was change off the field as Mark Le Tissier took over as Chairman, but the main highlight was the FA Cup coming to Guernsey for the first time in August amidst a tremendous fanfare that included the famous trophy being displayed at Footes Lane.

Dave Rihoy's second-half brace in the first ever FA-Cup match to be contested outside the mainland secured a replay, but GFC eventually went out on penalties at Thamesmead Town.

More youngsters made an impact as Thomas Dodds went on to become a key player having only made his debut at the start of the campaign at just 17 years of age.

He went on to scoop five awards at the end-of-season gala.





FIVE IN FOCUS Meet five of Guernsey's stars **CHARLTON GAUVAIN**

MIDFIELDER

Central midfielder has been tipped as one for the future by Tony Vance.

Starting training with the club on his 16th birthday and signed ahead of a match at Footes Lane soon after.

Vance suggested that he would be integrated slowly into the squad but was called up for a trip to Walton Casuals just a couple of weeks after signing and made his debut with five minutes to go, becoming the club's youngest ever player at the time, the 70th player to represent the Green Lions and the first person born in this century to make an appearance.

He went on to make seven appearances in his first season and really caught the eye.

Spent time at Bristol City's youth academy between the ages of eight and 15. Because a regular from 2017 onwards and is a potent attacking threat with his dribbling ability and shooting.

He has a talent for the spectacular, and won the GFC Goalof-the-Season awards two years running. A goal scored from the halfway line against Ramsgate in August 2018 went viral online and was featured on Soccer AM's Non-League Goal-ofthe-Week feature

KEANU MARSH

DEFENDER

Right-back who made his debut as part of GFC's voungest-ever squad at Hythe Town in January 2016.

Has represented the island at most age levels of youth football

Injuries have prevented him having a sustained run in the team but a little bit of luck in that area could see him make the right-back spot his own.

When his older brother River made one of his appearances for the Green Lions alongside Keanu, the pair became the fourth set of brothers to represent the club after the Jason & Luke Winch, Kieran & Liam Mahon and Harry & Frank Tobin.

KIERAN MAHON

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Kieran left Guernsey at 16 to become the first Channel Islands player to join the Football CV Academy in Northampton.

It was during his time there that 'Kez' was not only named the

Academy player of the year but he also earned the accolade of being the first ever player to graduate from the academy as a full time professional when Northampton Town signed him in 2008.

Brings bite to the Guernsey midfielder with bundles of energy and sharp in the tackle.

Kieran is a regular for the island's representative side, making his debut at the Island Games in the Isle of Wight, where he impressed throughout.

He scored his first senior goal against Swedish side Gotland in the group stages, and then went on to play a prominent role in helping Guernsey secure a silver medal.

He was also part of the squad that won gold in Jersey in 2015, scoring in the final - a 3-0 win over the Isle of Man.

Suffered a horrible dislocated shoulder in December 2014 and although he has played local Priaulx League football in Guernsey for Rovers since as he bids so regain full match fitness, the injury has plagued him ever since and he did not make an appearance for the Green Lions in 2015-16

He eventually got over his injury problems and over the last two seasons has become a regular fixture in the Green Lions side again.

Unfortunately Kieran suffered another bad injury during the 2019-20 which will see him on the side lines for several months.

MATT LOARING

MIDFIELDER

A very talented, skillful and versatile attacking-minded midfielder effective both out wide and through the middle.

Matt burst onto the Guernsev scene during the 2011 International Island Games in the Isle of Wight where he played a prominent role in what was his first real taste of playing for the Guernsey senior team.

His highlight was undoubtedly scoring a fantastic solo goal in the final to take the match into extra time.

He has been a regular in representative squad since and help Guernsey to gold in Jersey in 2015.

As a junior, Matt had trials at Watford, Leeds United and Grimsby, has great close control and low centre of balance and a decent goalscoring record.

Loaring is one of the highest appearance makers for for GFC is on the verge of reaching the 300 mark. His total would be far higher if it wasn't for a handful of niggling injuries.

His goals-to-game ratio is impressive for someone who has played mainly midfield and he is fourth in the all-time list.

He has gone from a promising youngster to a key player in Tony Vance's side.











He is almost always available for those difficult midweek away trips and one of the club's best players when running with the ball at the opposition defence.

ROSS ALLEN

FORWARD

Guernsey's record goalscorer by a huge margin has an incredible goals-to-games record.

His exploits with the Green Lions have earned him non-league recognition worldwide and he has comfortably averaged more than a goal a game since the formation of GFC.

Although very much a team player, a lot of Ross' goals are individual pieces of brilliance, as his strength, speed, awareness and desire to drive at goal make him a nightmare to defend against.

Ross was named the GFC Coaches' Player of the Season 2013/14 alongside Chris Tardif and he also picked up the Fans' Player of the Season award.

He also won the Non-League Paper's Golden Boot as the top goalscorer in all non-league football that season.

Before GFC, he was nominated for the 2010 Channel Islands sports personality of the year award, making it into a shortlist of five, after finishing as top scorer for the England amateur team in the UEFA Regions Cup in Split, Croatia, in which Guernsey represented England as winners of the FA National League Systems Cup.

In 2013, he scored arguably the greatest winning goal in the 113-year history of the Muratti Vase, as his wonderful 70-yard individual run and stunning strike helped Guernsey beat Jersey 2-1, and has scored in several Muratti finals.

Returned from his second Island Games tournament in 2011 with a silver medal, playing a key role that included scoring the winner in the semi-final and the opening goal in the final defeat, and was a huge contributor as the Sarnians won gold in Jersey in 2015 and silver in Gotland in 2017.

He won the golden boot in Guernsey's first season in Ryman South with 46 league goals as the club reached the play-offs and got to the second qualifying round of their maiden voyage in the FA Cup.

A hat-trick - including a last minute penalty - against Hastings United earned a tie against Dover Athletic, then of the Conference South

Allen's brace took the Green Lions so close to a replay but his side valiantly bowed out with a 3-2 loss.

He also netted a club-record six goals in one game as the Green Lions beat Crawley Down Gatwick 11-0 in January 2014.

HIs performances saw him reportedly looked at by a number of professional clubs over the years, but he remained at GFC.

Injury restricted his appearances, and goals in 2014-15, which was a difficult season for the Green Lions, but he still managed 19 in the campaign.

The goals kept coming and he netted his 200th for the club against Dorking Wanderers in November 2015, also ending the season with the most appearances.

He decided to take a well-earned break in the middle of the 2016-17 season to go travelling, having put his life on hold for the club in its first five years, but returned in time to notch a few goals before the end of the campaign to help the side ease away from the threat of relegation.

His return as a substitute against Chatham Town saw him make an instant impact, with an assist within 30 seconds of his introduction, and a goal later on to put a stamp on the win.

A hernia operation followed in the summer, but not until he had helped a very young Guernsey squad to a bronze medal in the island games.

Allen left Guernsey in December 2017 to live in New Zealand, a country he fell in love with during his previous travels.

He signed for Team Wellington, quickly settling in and scoring goals that helped them to their domestic league title, followed by success in Oceania Champions League, where he scored in both leas of the final.

This led to qualification for the FIFA Club World Cup. Team Wellington faced Asian champions Al-Ain.

Although he didn't get onto the pitch until the latter stages of extra-time in a 3-3 draw, Allen made a name for himself on the world stage by scoring the first penalty of the resulting shootout, smashing the ball into the top corner. Unfortunately his side bowed out on spot-kicks.

After another season with Wellington, it was announced that Allen was returning to Guernsey in the summer of 2019, citing the need for a longer competitive season than the 18-game campaign in New Zealand (Wellington would also not be competing in the Champions League this time.

The news was met with great enthusiasm at home.

It took him just five minutes into the second game of his return to get back on the goal trail and he look set to be a key player for the Green Lions once again, guiding and inspiring a young team around him.





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WITH THE YOUNGSTERS

WOODS JUST MISS OUT ON AWAY WIN

WEALDSTONE 3 NORTHWOOD 3

The Woods played out an entertaining draw in the surroundings of Grosvenor Vale, home of National League side Wealdstone, twice coming back from a goal down to eventually lead, only to miss out to a late penalty.

The Stones were just one place above Northwood in the table but started like a train and could have had a few goals in the first twenty minutes but for a couple of fine saves from Christos Christofi in goal.

As it was, they only got one and this was then cancelled out by a debut strike from 15-year-old Tai Wheeler who thumped one home from just inside the box.

Wealdstone went ahead again though and it took a good strike from leading scorer Will Robinson to level things up again and then skipper Lewis Batten got on target for the second week running with a header that made it 3-2.

Having beaten the Stones back at Northwood earlier in the season, hopes raised for a "double" but that was guashed when the home side were awarded a penalty and they squared things up once more.

The Woods were due to play away at Hampton & Richmond Borough on Wednesday night but these notes had to be prepared before that result was known.

They are back here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium this coming Thursday night, 17th February against Marlow at 7.45pm and any support would be much appreciated.

Team: Christofis, Saphir, Dovie, Batten, Moneke, Debenham, Baayou, Wheeler, Robinson, Wilson, John. Subs. Vagdia, Staszewski O'Sullivan

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

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Scorer(s): Joh	nn 2, Staszewski			
Wed 1 Sep	Uxbridge	Α	FAY Cup	1-4
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Thu 9 Sep	UXBRIDGE	Н	IY Lge	1-4
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Thu 23 Sep	Camberley Town	Α	IY Lge	3-4
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Thu 7 Oct	WEALDSTONE	Н	IY Lge	2-1
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Thu 21 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	Н	IY Lge	2-4
Scorer(s): Rol	oinson, John			
Thu 28 Oct	Marlow	Α	IYLge	0-9
Thu 4 Nov	Bedfont Sports	Н	IYLge	3-3
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Wed 17 Nov	Cockfosters	Α	MCYC	6-3
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Mon 6 Dec	Uxbridge	Α	IYLge	0-13
Thu 16 Dec	CAMBERLEY TOWN	Н	IYLge	2-4
Scorer(s): Rol	oinson, John			
Mon 10 Jan	Bedfont Sports	Α	IYLGE	0-8
Thu 20 Jan	UXBRIDGE	Н	MCYCUP	1-2
Scorer (s) Rol	oinson			
Thu 27 Jan	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	Н	IYLge	3-5
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Wed 2 Feb	Wealdstone	Α	IYLGE	3-3
Scorer (s) Wh	eeler, Robinson, Batten			
Wed 9 Feb	Hampton & Richmond Borough	Α	IYLGE	
Thu 17 Feb	MARLOW	Н	IYLGE	
Mon 21 Feb	Beaconsfield Town	Α	IYLGE	
Thu 3 Mar	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	Н	IYLGE	
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KEY: IY Lge = I	sthmian Youth League; FAY Cup = FA	outh C	up; MCY Cup =	:

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LEAGUETABLE

	Р	w	D	L	F	Α	PTS
Bedfont Sports	14	11	2	1	50	10	35
Beaconsfield Town	13	7	1	5	31	4	22
Uxbridge	11	6	1	4	37	22	19
Camberley Town	10	5	2	3	24	17	17
Hayes & Yeading United	11	5	1	5	21	26	16
Hampton & Richmond Borough	11	5	0	6	25	29	15
Ashford Town (Middx)	10	4	2	4	13	20	14
Marlow	13	3	4	6	26	22	13
Wealdstone	15	2	5	8	18	37	11
Northwood	12	2	2	8	22	60	8





MATCH **REPORT** BY ALAN EVANS



NORTHWOOD 2 CHALFONT ST PETER 1

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2022



KICK-OFF 7.45PM **PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE** SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

The Woods maintained their unbeaten start to 2022 thanks to a late goal from ace striker Josh Helmore who headed home with two minutes left on the clock to see off a stubborn Chalfont St Peter side who remain seriously threatened by relegation.

There were a few changes made to the starting line-up from Saturday with Sam Jenkins, Luke Tingey and Kyal Williams replacing the injured Ryan Young plus Tommy Boxer and Micah Jackson who reverted to the subs bench.

And the Woods started brightly enough against a Saints side who had Ben Gill in interim charge after manager Aaron Steadman left the club following Saturday's 0-4 home defeat against Thatcham Town.

It was still in the first minute that Sydney Ibie was put clean through but goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell managed to block both his shot and the ricochet that followed.

A couple of minutes later Williams was presented with another great opportunity but he swept the ball over the bar

But Chalfont were making some inroads too and a neat through ball to Josh Boorn forced Dan Hosier to race out and block his shot at his feet, something he did very well.

Northwood were still shading it a little and they got their noses in front after 21 minutes as a result of Tingey's long throw into the box. James Gurteen helped it on and it fell nicely for Keagan Cole to rifle his shot past the 'keeper to put the Woods ahead.

The Saints rallied though and had a couple of efforts on goal, one of which, a free header perhaps should have hit the target, following another good cross from the impressive Boorn.

lbie was continuing to cause problems for the Saints

defence with his tricky runs down the left channel, firing a shot wide of the near post and then crossing dangerously into the box but that was unable to find a red shirt.

Cole had another effort blocked as the Woods looked for a second but they had to settle for just the one goal advantage at the break.

The thought at the start of the second-half was that Northwood still needed another goal to kill the game off and for the first fifteen minutes they launched waves of attacks

lbie saw another effort comfortably saved low down by McCorkell and then Jenkins played in Helmore who failed to get a shot in on goal before Ibie was again played through but he poked a shot well wide as the keeper closed in on him

Helmore then went close on 53 minutes but hit his angled strike wide of the far post before Panny Boxer made a fine tackle to stop a Williams run in its tracks before McCorkell made another save to keep out a Helmore effort.

The Saints finally got forward with another Boorn effort comfortably taken by Hosier but after 68 minutes Isiah Noel-Williams found space down the left side to get into the box and draw a foul from Cole which led to the Referee pointing to the penalty-spot.

It was Noel-Williams who stepped up and confidently fired home from twelve yards to bring Chalfont back into the game at 1-1.

The Woods lost a bit of their composure in the next ten minutes as they tried to get back on the front foot, several wayward passes handicapping their efforts and it was only in the last ten minutes that they started to threaten again.

Jackson and Alex More were both introduced as





substitutes and they both made some impact but when the winning goal finally came after 88 minutes it was quite a relief as Teddy Stacey recycled a half-cleared cross with a neat chip towards the six-yard box and Helmore deftly flicked a header across the keeper and inside the far post.

More went close with a shot that few past the post but in the final minute there was a real let off as a shot from substitute Harry Bailey hit the post and Brandon Kalu sliced the rebound wide of the target.

Far from convincing in the end but the Woods had

squeezed home thanks to Elmore's fifth goal in six games to date for his new side

They now move on to Saturday's third home game in eight days, this time against Guernsey.

NORTHWOOD: Hosier, Jenkins, Lomas, Cole, Tingey, Gurteen, Williams (More 80), Stacey, Helmore (Constantinou 90), Ibie (Jackson 73), Stewart.

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES Surmon, Boxer

YELLOW CARDS Jenkins, More

ATTENDANCE 134













CLASSICCLASH

In this column we look back at a previous meeting with today's visitors Guernsey. In fact, the only time the two clubs have played each other before this season came in a 2014 FA Trophy tie...

Saturday 1st November 2014 Northwood 2 Guernsey 2 (5-4 on penalties)

A terrific all-round team performance saw the Woods through to the next round of the FA Trophy at the expense of Guernsey who lost out in a penalty shoot-out.

The visitors looked bright from the start, showing plenty of early ambition but it was Northwood who recorded the first efforts on goal, going close several times. But Guernsey were almost in front on 19 minutes through Dominic Heaume, who was thwarted by Berkley Laurencin's save.

The Woods took the lead after 34 minutes with a goal out of nothing as Ismael Ehui latched onto a simple pass and then turned on a sixpence to fire home at the far post. Then, just as suddenly. Guernsey hit back with an equaliser four minutes later when a long-throw was headed on and McGrath fired in off a post to make it 1-1. The Woods looked to regain the lead before the break and Ehui and Michael Murray both went close.

The game continued at a great pace in the second half and Byfield beat two defenders before flashing another ball across the face of goal but no-one got a touch and then Andy Lomas played a fine ball through for Ismael Ehui but his first touch was just too strong and Tardif was out to thwart the danger. Joakim Ehui then beat two men to find space to stab a left-foot shot goalwards and the ball flew over the top.

Northwood still looked the most likely to take the lead and an excellent tackle from the tireless Jordan Lawal released Byfield who slipped the ball on to Ismael Ehui and he hit a powerful shot but again Tardif was behind it.

But the Green Lions were still battling and on 72 minutes another free-kick was played in by Alex Le Prevost and Heaume flicked a free header wide of the goal.

Ismael Ehui fired wide but on 81 minutes must have thought he had netted his second when meeting a superb Omar Vassell cross with a diving header which Tardif did superbly well to keep out at his near post. So, into extra time, and after 103 minutes the Woods suddenly found themselves outnumbered at the back, a couple of swift passes allowed Heaume a clear sight of goal and he fired home to put the visitors in front for the first time.

Northwood were able to bring on Nana Asamoah for the tiring Hudson just before the start of the second period of extra-time and he added more attacking options with one strike that flew into the side-netting, but it was the introduction of Perry Dicker for Lawal that had an instant effect. Within a minute, Asamoah played a quick ball through the middle and it was Dicker that raced through with a cool head to knock in his first-ever Northwood goal with his first touch

Time was running out fast but Laurencin made a superb save to keep out a flashing strike from Winch while Murray's strike from distance flashed only just over. The final whistle meant it would be penalties and the Woods fans probably expected the worst as their record from the spot hadn't been the best in recent times.

But this was a determined Northwood side and Asamoah led the way by scoring the opening kick. McGrath levelled things for the Green Lions and the successes continued with Ismael Ehui and Joakim Ehui both scoring





either side of a strike from Le Prevost. But it was the sixth penalty, fired over the bar by Winch, which gave the Woods the edge. Burgess then took responsibility to fire in the fourth and even though Heaume netted for Guernsey, it was Murray who kept his nerve to make it five out of five for Northwood and win the tie.

Northwood: Berkley Laurencin, Omar Vassell, Andy Lomas, Nick Turner, Mark Burgess, Jordan Lawal (Perry

Dicker 112m), Joakim Ehui, Will Hudson (Nana Asamoah 103m), Michael Murray, Ismael Ehui, Sam Byfield (Rob Hastings 76m)

Guernsey: Chris Tardif, Jacques Isabelle, Tom Martin, Sam Cochrane, Jamie Dodd, Kieran Mahon, Alex Le Prevost (Luke Winch 89m), Ryan Zico-Black (Danny Hale 87m), Dominic Heaume (Liam Mahon 84m)



with Jacques Isabelle



Classic 2 – Guernsey keeper Chris Tardif saves at the foot of the post





takes his penalty







By David Richardson

IT IS not often a Non-League player will turn down the opportunity to sign for a Premier League club.

During the January transfer window Lewes talent Ollie Tanner was at the centre of a potential move to Tottenham Hotspur having also received a bid from Brighton & Hove Albion.

The Isthmian League Premier club had agreed in principle a deal with Spurs but the 19-year-old made a mature and brave decision to stay in East Sussex.

Tottenham had a frustrating transfer window – even manager Antonio Conte described it as "strange" - as seven players departed and only two arrived which will have dented their top four hopes.

Some of their supporters turned their dissatisfaction towards Lewes and Tanner on social media after the Step 3 club revealed the teenager had been unable to agree personal terms.

"The subsequent level of abuse on social media he and the club received was unforgiving,"

Lewes chairman Stuart Fuller wrote in Sunday's NLP. "Whilst many of them relayed the "facts" as they believed, or made up, we kept our council knowing that the attention would soon turn to another players and another club."

Lewes have become accustomed to scouts from professional clubs coming to their matches to watch their players.

Tanner is the latest example of a youngster that has been given a chance to continue their football career – and developed – at the Dripping Pan having been tossed out of the professional game by Arsenal and then Charlton.

Lewes manager Tony Russell is doing an excellent job along with assistant Joe Vines and head of recruitment Adam Drew since taking over last summer.

It says a lot about Tanner's decision to continue playing first-team football at the seventh tier instead of in the topflight where he might have only ever played U23 matches.

"I went with him to watch a Spurs U23 game and I think it made him think about what his career path would be if he went there." Russell told the Sussex Express. "What he's ended up deciding is that going straight from Step 3 of Non-League to a Premier League club would be a step too far.

"In some ways it could be seen as a dream move but think about it: What would be his chances of getting in their first team?"

That is what some of those abusive Tottenham fans appear to have not considered.

The 15-goal Tanner will have learnt more from Russell and co while playing competitive matches than he would have done in the cosy environment of the Premier League's U23 league.

"What is certain is Ollie's time will come." added Fuller. "It may be this summer, it may be in 12 month's time but there is no doubt he will play at a higher level in the game.

"Perhaps if some of those social media abusers watched football at our level on a regular basis they would be less forgiving and more understanding that is isn't about money in the Non-League game."









TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Carshalton Athletic vs Lewes Corinthian Casuals vs Bowers & Pitsea East Thurrock United vs Margate Enfield Town vs Bishop's Stortford Hornchurch vs Folkestone Invicta Horsham vs Kingstonian Leatherhead vs Bognor Regis Town Merstham vs Worthing Potters Bar Town vs Haringev Borough Wingate & Finchley vs Cray Wanderers

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Basingstoke Town vs Ashford Town (Middx) Binfield vs Bedfont Sports Chalfont St Peter vs Westfield Chipstead vs Bracknell Town Marlow vs Staines Town

Northwood vs Guernsey

South Park vs Hanwell Town Thatcham Town vs Sutton Common Rover Tooting & Mitcham United vs Uxbridge

NORTH DIVISION

AFC Sudbury vs Grays Athletic Aveley vs Canvey Island Brentwood Town vs Coggeshall Town Bury Town vs Maldon & Tiptree Heybridge Swifts vs Hashtag United Hullbridge Sports vs Great Wakering Rovers Stowmarket Town vs Romford Tilbury vs Felixstowe & Walton United Witham Town vs Dereham Town

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Ashford United vs Sevenoaks Town Burgess Hill Town vs Ramsgate Chichester City vs Cray Valley PM Corinthian vs Lancing Fast Grinstead Town vs Whitehawk Faversham Town vs VCD Athletic Herne Bay vs Haywards Heath Town Phoenix Sports vs Whitstable Town Sittingbourne vs Hastings United Three Bridges vs Hythe Town

BUILDBASE FATROPHY FIFTH ROUND

Stockport County vs Cheshunt



PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

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Bracknell Town	25	22	1	2	63	10	67
Chertsey Town	25	15	6	4	50	32	51
Uxbridge	24	15	5	4	47	27	50
Hanwell Town	24	15	4	5	62	25	49
Basingstoke Town	23	14	5	4	49	35	47
Marlow	22	13	4	5	35	18	43
Bedfont Sports	21	12	5	4	46	29	41
Binfield	23	9	6	8	37	37	33
South Park	24	8	6	10	46	38	30
Ashford Town (Middx)	25	9	2	14	36	44	29
Northwood	25	9	2	14	34	50	29
Chipstead	24	6	7	11	37	42	25
Thatcham Town	25	6	7	12	37	47	25
Westfield	25	5	9	11	29	37	24
Tooting & Mitcham United	24	6	5	13	32	41	23
Guernsey	17	4	4	9	28	37	16
Sutton Common Rovers	23	5	1	17	25	63	16
Chalfont St Peter	23	4	2	17	21	54	14
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LEADER OF THE PACK - WITH PLAYER COACH

ANDY LOMAS



It's been just over a month now since my last turn in the 'captain's column' hotseat, and in this time we have picked up six wins and a draw.

Sixteen points out of a possible eighteen in the league, whilst also progressing past Bedfont Sports in the Middlesex Cup Quarter Final to set

up a clash with Barnet on Tuesday.

Obviously, everyone in the camp is delighted with the return over this period, especially considering the difficulty of the fixtures we faced.

A glance at the league table now looks much healthier for us than it did four weeks ago.

Whilst we know we still have plenty of work left to do to ensure our survival, it's nice to have afforded ourselves some breathing space going into the last eleven games of the league season.

The changing room is a great place to be at present.

The team spirit and togetherness has formed within the group very quickly, and that is reflected in our performances.

Last minute winners against Bedfont and Chalfont and a last-minute equaliser against Tooting only help to build the belief and spirit within the camp.

It's a thoroughly enjoyable environment to be a part of; long may it continue.

Reflecting back on the performances, I think it's fair to say that our 'better' performances have still come away from home, Basingstoke and Uxbridge in particular.

We still have a lot of work to do to improve our performances here

As a group, we have shown that we are able to go away from home against the top teams, defend resolutely and punish them on the counter attack.

But we now must show that we can dominate teams at home, play on the front foot and take the game to our opponents.

Although we have beaten Chalfont and Marlow here recently, I still feel we are yet to show our best form, let's hope we can do that today.

Lalso want to mention how much the lads are enjoying the atmosphere at the last few home games.

It's great to see attendances improving and plenty of noise being made by the 'Wood Army'.

It certainly spurs us on during the games so please keep it up!

We are hoping you will all join us in the clubhouse after the game for the Race Night, nights like this are extremely important in strengthening the bond between players/staff/supporters at a club so I hope to see you all after for a catch up.

Up The Woods! Andv









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DANIEL PURDUE

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

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DAN HOSIER

Young goalkeeper Dan joined the Woods on dual-registration from Chesham United as cover for the injured Daniel Purdue and at just 18-year-old, tall keeper has impressed and looks to have a good future ahead of him. He had previously enjoyed a short spell with Barton Rovers earlier this season and has been a student at the Education and Semi-Professional Academy.

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SAM JENKINS

Sam originally joined the club in July 2018 having previously been at Harpenden Town. He won the Managers Player of the Year award at the end of that season but joined Chesham United where he has remained ever since. Injury issues has led to a couple of dual-registered spells back at the Woods on a couple of occasions, the latest in October

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MATT SURMON

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

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ANDY LOMAS

The experienced 31-year-old left-back returned to The experienced of 1-year-old retroack returned to the Woods in a Player-Coach role in November 2021. He first arrived at Northwood Park in August 2014, following a season at Walton & Hersham where he had been Player of the Year. Prior to that he played and skippered local side Oxhey Jets. Andy was virtually ever-present over the next two seasons, making over 100 appearances, being part of the Middlesex Senio Cup success in 2016 and enjoying a clean sweep of Player of the Year awards that same year. He then moved up to join Harrow Borough, spent a few games back on loan at Northwood the following season and then moved to Potters Bar Town where he spent

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TOMMY BOXER

Vastly experienced 30-year-old central defender who has signed for the Woods for a second spell in November 2021. He had previously played a handful of games in the 2017/18 season after spells with Cockfosters. Hoddesdon Town, Hatfield Town and Potters Bar. He's much-travelled since - Mildenhall, St Neots, Biggleswade Town and St. Ives Town - and joins the Woods after a short spell with Chalfont St. Peter.

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LEWIS BATTEN

Young, 17-year-old defender who has played for the Woods Under-18s over the past two seasons and looks to have a promising future with the club with a couple of first-team appearances already under his belt.

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AARON PETCH

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

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JAMES GURTEEN

James was previously with the Woods as an 18-year-old in 2017 and made a couple of appearances but returned in October 2021 on dual-registration from Kings Langley. In the meantime, the 22-year-old central defender has also appeared for Rayners Lane, Aylesbury United, Broadfields United and Southall.

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KEAGAN COLE

Keagan arrived at Northwood in a playercoach role in November 2021 having skippered Potters Bar Town at Step 3 and after a short spell with Walthamstow FC. Prior to that he came up through the youth ranks at Hendon to become the youngest player to make over 100 appearances for Hendon.

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CARL STEWART

Former Watford youth midfielder Carl Stewart signed on a dual-registration basis from Beaconsfield Town in November 2021. Carl is a 24-year-old who was also at Udinese as a youngster and then played in Poland for Zaglebie Sosnowiec. He has also had short spells at Oxford City, Banbury United, Bedfont Sports, Wingate & Finchley and most recently. Marlow

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TEDDY STACEY

24-year-old Teddy joins us from Hadley FC. He was at Tottenham as a youth and then went to the US where he represented, ironically, Northwood College in Michigan as well as playing for Greater Lowell Rough Diamonds. He's a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield and he will be working hard to make his mark at the higher level.

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YIANNIS CONSTANTINOU

A former West Ham youth player, Yiannis is a 21-year-old attacking midfield player who joined the Woods in November 2021 for a third spell at the club. Originally signed on dual-registration with Potters Bar in 2019, he now joins on dual-registration with Egham Town. He has also played for Staines Town.

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SYDNEY IBIE

Dutch-horn striker who also injued the Woods from Potters Rar Town in November 2021, where he had made a handful of annearances both this season and at the back of last season while also baying a short snell with Reaconsfield Town. The tall forward started out at Hemel Hemnstead Town and had loan spells with Welwyn Garden City, Aylesbury United, Wantage Town and MARLOW where he netted four times in nine appearances. The 21-year-old will be looking to impress back at Step 4 with the Woods and he netted on his debut

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MATTEO ESPOSITO

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

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JOAKIM EHUI

30-year-old brother to Ismael, Joakim has also returned to Northwood for a third spell and is now fast approaching 200 appearances for the club. Born in Lille, France Joakim was also at Fulham as a youngster and has also played for St. Albans City, Harrow Borough, Harlow Town, Hayes & Yeading, Potters Bar, Avlesbury, Chalfont St. Peter and Broadfields

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MICAH JACKSON

Micah is an attacking midfielder who was recruited from Enfield Borough FC in November 2021, where he has played his football for the last three seasons. This season he had netted 8 times in 14 appearances before his transfer. Prior to that he had a short spell at Cockfosters. He will be looking to establish himself at the higher level.

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ISMAEL EHUI

Experienced striker 34-year-old Ish has reinined the Woods for a third spell some seven years after his first successful snell when he netted 14 goals in 29 appearances. French-born, Ismael played a few games for Scunthorpe United in the Football League while on loan from Fulham before playing abroad in Cyprus and Belgium, latterly for FC Montegnee. He moved to Haves & Yearling Hendon and Flackwell Heath before a second snell at Northwood and has since played for Chalfont St. Peter Potters Bar Hanwell Town, North Greenford and Broadfields United

ANDY EASTON

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RYAN YOUNG

The 26-year-old joined the Woods in November 2021 from Potters Bar Town where he has been since 2019 and brought plenty of pace to the front-line. Ryan started out in the Academy at QPR and has also played for Dunstable Town, Berkhamsted, Stotfold and Avlesbury FC.

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KYAL WILLIAMS

Kyal is a young 20-year-old attacking wide player who joined the Woods in December 2021 from Kings Langley. He had been "on loan" at near-neighbours Oxhey Jets where he banged in 12 goals in 17 appearances and now tests himself at the higher level. Kyal was at Watford Academy and also played for Hertford Town and Berkhamsted Raiders.

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ALEX MORE

Alex joined the Woods in November 2021 having been playing representative football for the RAF where he is based at Northolt. The 24-year-old left-sided midfielder or winger played for Albion Rovers in his younger days.

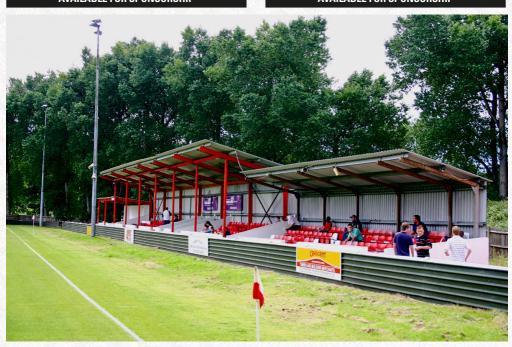
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JOSH HELMORE

Experienced forward Josh has moved to the Woods from divisional rivals Binfield FC where he had netted eight goals in sixteen league appearances this season and was in double-figures for the campaign. The 29-yearold started out with Reading City and has also played for Gloucester City, Thatcham Town, Berkhamsted and Bracknell Town.

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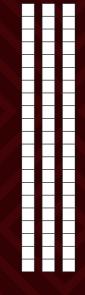
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