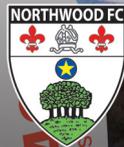


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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH NORTHWOOD FC CHAIRMAN, **IAN BARRY**



Good afternoon and welcome to The Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium for today's big game in the Buildbase FA Trophy.

We welcome all the visitors from Haywards Heath Town FC and trust they enjoy their short stay both in the Stadium and in the Clubhouse.

It's been a quite a while since we last had a good run in the Trophy and after our last couple of weeks, a victory today would go a long way to improving our current state of mind both on and off the pitch.

It is pretty evident that the results and performances in our last couple of league matches have fallen far below the expectations of everyone here at the club including our management team and, hopefully, our players. To concede so many goals two weeks in succession points to obvious issues but it will only be with a response from players throughout the current squad that we will be able to turn things around.

Amazingly it was only four weeks ago that we recorded a 5-0 victory over Staines Town so we know what the players are capable of but they certainly need to show that more consistently and fast.

There has been lots of work being carried out behind the scenes to make the necessary improvements as we approach today's FA Trophy fixture and then two further home league games that follow in the next week or so. Please get behind the team today and at those forthcoming fixtures as we look to get back to winning ways.

Unfortunately, I missed the game at Tooting & Mitcham last Saturday having tested positive for Covid myself and spending several days under the weather with the result not helping matters that's for sure! So, I've been isolating for some time and only due to venture out in the last 48 hours, providing tests allow me to do that and get back into the swing of things this week.

Thank you to all those that have sent me good wishes over the last week or so and hopefully I'll see you all around the club this afternoon.

Up the Woods!

IAN

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BEN'S BRIEF

THE THOUGHTS OF THE NORTHWOOD MANAGER **BEN MURRAY**

Our last two results have not been acceptable and we are doing our utmost to ensure that we get back to putting in hard-working performances.

Amazingly, going forward, we had more shots on target than Tooting last week and usually scoring three goals away from home would get us a result, but our defending as a unit is nowhere near the standard I expect and deservedly we came away with nothing.

Today I expect a better performance, one with the work ethic, passion and attitude that should be a given each and every week from my players.

A lot of work is going in on the training ground, good high-quality ability on show, it's about us transferring that to the matchday now. We've made a few changes to the squad in the past few weeks which I believe has improved it with some quality arrivals who have been playing

at a higher level and should help us all-round.

Another tough test awaits today in the Buildbase FA Trophy, against a Haywards Heath team whose only defeat so far was in the FA Cup. They have started the season in great form and we will be looking to match their intensity from the start today. While it is the League matches that are most important to me, the sponsorship monies available in the FA competitions are important to the club's coffers and we will be doing our best to use our home advantage for a victory this afternoon,

As ever, we need your support, we need the positivity and you the supporters are the main providers of that.

Enjoy the game and see you in the bar afterwards.

Up the Woods!

Ben

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WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH ALAN EVANS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

A warm welcome back to the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium this afternoon as we start another Buildbase FA Challenge Trophy campaign, our twenty-second in succession since we left the comfort of the FA Vase back in 2000. Our opponents this afternoon, Haywards Heath Town, are starting just their fourth season at this level but they have already enjoyed one reasonably lengthy run in the competition when, in 2019/20, they defeated Ramsgate, Bracknell Town and Aylesbury United before a 7-0 defeat at Royston Town.

Our visitors were promoted as Champions of the Southern Combination League Premier Division (formerly Sussex County) in 2018 having been runners-up a year earlier and promoted from the First Division one season before that. So, a pretty meteoric rise in a short time and the club have gone pretty well in each of their three seasons at Step 4, though of course the last two have been curtailed early.

But this season, they have found another gear completely and they are currently unbeaten in the Pitching In Isthmian League South East Division having won six and drawn one of their opening seven matches. They sit proudly at the top of the table at this early stage having only dropped points in a 1-1 draw at VCD Athletic. In the FA Cup they went out in a replay at Premier Division side Horsham by a 2-0 scoreline.

Our two clubs have never met and in fact Haywards Heath will be the first club that we have ever met in the FA Trophy from West Sussex. Only twice have we ever played an FA Trophy game against clubs from East Sussex and both have been away, losing 4-2 at Lewes but winning 2-0 at Crowborough Athletic.

Like last season, there are no replays in the Buildbase FA Trophy as we start our new campaign and also no extra-time. If the scores are level after 90 minutes this afternoon, we go straight to kicks from the penalty-spot to decide who goes through to the next stage. We hope everyone connected with our visitors enjoys their short stay with us this afternoon.

PLAYER NEWS

Another three players made Northwood debuts at home to Uxbridge. Up front Connor Cullen has joined us on dual-registration from Step 3 side Farnborough having been out of the game for a year or so. He scored in his second game for us at Tooting. Also on target in that game was midfielder William Dupray who joins us from another Step 3 side, Corinthian Casuals, having previously played at Bracknell Town. Finally, Giovanni Palmer has been on the bench for both of the last two games and has previously played at Romford and Barking. We wish all three a long and successful stay here at the club.

LEAGUE NEWS

It's been a pretty disastrous couple of weeks for the Woods in terms of league results over the last two weekends. Firstly, a home game against Uxbridge which went close to equalling our worst-ever Isthmian League result when we conceded seven goals against our Middlesex rivals. That would have equalled the 0-7 defeat we suffered against Windsor & Eton back in 1999 so we are indebted to Shakeel Morris who managed to net a consolation goal close to the end but the 7-1 defeat was still a real blow after a couple of improved performances.

Then, last Saturday we journeyed to Tooting & Mitcham United and played a game in driving wind and rain. Again, our defensive issues were exposed in an end-to-end first-half which saw us exchange goals up to half-time, leading 1-0 and then levelling at 2-2 before conceding again before the break. Connor Cullen and William Dupray scored the Northwood goals – both getting their first goals for the club in just their second games. The home side had the wind behind them in the second-half and were soon in control, scoring four more before top scorer Shakeel Morris again netted late in the game to round off a 7-3 defeat.

It was the second time in two years that we have conceded fourteen goals in just two league matches. A 1-6 home defeat against Waltham Abbey was followed by the 8-2 defeat at Chertsey Town a few days later and that led to Manager Scott Dash leaving the club.

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We have never actually conceded seven goals in two matches in succession before since becoming a senior club in 1970 but in 1974/75 we did finish our Middlesex League season with successive home defeats against Viking Sports 9-2 and then Bedfont 8-0. In between those two games amazingly the Woods won the Middlesex League Cup, beating Yeading 2-1.

Guernsey FC are scheduled to finally start their season today with a home game against Sutton Common Rovers which means that our match on Guernsey in two weeks' time should now go ahead. If any supporters are interested in flying over for what is an historic game for our club – the first overseas – then please let me know and I'll be in touch with details.

CUP COMPETITIONS

The Club have made the decision not to enter the Velocity League Cup this season (it was made voluntary) so we will not be involved in the draw which is due to be made shortly.

We will have further cup action though as we have entered both Middlesex County cup competitions. The draw for the Middlesex Senior Cup, which the Woods have won twice, has paired us at home to Uxbridge and this game will take place on Tuesday 26th October 2021 so please make a note of this additional fixture. We will also be in the Middlesex Charity Cup but have received a bye to the Second Round and that hasn't been drawn as yet.

TOP VALUE SEASON TICKETS

Season Tickets are again available to all supporters at the massively discounted price of just £45.00 which will get you entrance to all our home Isthmian League matches (usual admission price £10 for adults, £5 for concessions). For those that bought a season ticket last season, only for the season to be severely curtailed, we did make the offer of a free replacement for the new season and it is a credit to everyone of you that no-one took us up on that offer. All those that ordered their tickets prior to last week can collect them from me today but if you haven't yet done so, it's never too late as there are savings to be made during the first few months of the season. 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.

You may want to consider becoming a 1926 Member. At a cost of £145, this gets you the Season Ticket but also a Player Sponsorship of your choice plus one Match-Day Sponsorship which includes hospitality for four people pre and post-match. These are limited but there are still a few memberships available.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS

As usual, we are looking for sponsors for our players and this season you get a choice of either being kit sponsor at £60.00 or Tracksuit Sponsor at £50.00. You can do this online via the website and the squad page, or cash if you would prefer. The player pictures are included in this issue of the matchday programme today so take a look to see if your favourite player has been snapped up yet and act quickly to secure your sponsorship.

UNDER-18S

The Under-18s suffered a narrow defeat at Camberley Town a couple of weeks ago, losing by the odd goal in seven despite a late surge having been 4-1 down after an hour. Goals came from Oscar John – his fourth of the season – Will Robinson and Stanley Thompson on his debut. They were due to play at home to bottom club Wealdstone on Thursday night but the result of that game was not known at the time of writing these notes. They have no game this coming week but then play at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough on Thursday 21st October 2021 with the kick-off at 7.45pm as usual. I'm sure they would appreciate any support you can give them.

SPARTANS YOUTH (ADULT SECTION)

Our groundshare partners continue to be Spartans FC who unfortunately only managed to play two home matches in the curtailed 2020/21 campaign. They are back this season but have been plagued by bad luck in getting underway as the Woods seem to have been at home almost every Saturday so far and then last week, they were due to play Lyne FC but the game was postponed by our tenants. So, they should now finally play their first home game of the season on Saturday 23rd October, when we travel to Guernsey, taking on Battersea Ironsides who are second in the Surrey Premier League table with five wins from six games. Kick-Off is at 3pm.

FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

There is no midweek game this week but we are back here at Northwood next Saturday for another Pitching-In Isthmian League game and then follow that with another a few days later. We will be doubling up with the programme for the two games as usual.

Saturday 16th October

Northwood v Sutton Common Rovers
Isthmian League - Kick-off 3pm

Tuesday 19th October

Northwood v. Basingstoke Town
Isthmian League - Kick-off 7.45pm

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

WOODS IN THE FA TROPHY

The FA Trophy remains a fairly new competition for Northwood Football Club as we didn't have the opportunity to enter until promotion from Division Two of the Isthmian League came our way at the turn of the Century.

As members of the First Division, we became entitled to enter non-League's most prestigious cup competition - the FA Challenge Trophy - with success very hard to come by in the six seasons that followed. However, our FA Trophy history now covers twenty-one years and is detailed below.

The full record to date is as shown:

Played 45, Won 16, Drawn 8, Lost 21, Goals scored 69, Goals against 86.

Top scorers in the competition:

4-Elliott Buchanan. 3-Niko Muir, Louis Stead, Lawrence Yaku. 2-Dean Clark, Ismael Ehui, Luke Heneghan, Mark Hook, Dave Lawrence, Jermaine Osei, Michael Peacock, Garry Senior, Rob Ursell, Otis Williams, Yiadom Yeboah. Thirty-four other players have one goal apiece.

Biggest Victories:

6-3 at Dorking Wanderers in 2016
3-0 at Dartford in 2000

Biggest Defeat:

0-5 v Carshalton Athletic in 2009

THE HISTORY

2000/2001

Our very first FA Trophy tie came away against Dartford at the home of the then Purfleet FC (now Thurrock) who were the Darts landlords at the time. The Kent side were in the Southern League at the time but struggling and it seemed a good game to kick-off our life in the FA Trophy with. And so it proved. In pouring rain, the Woods notched a comfortable 3-0 victory with goals from Gavin Hart, Lawrence Yaku and Steve Hale seeing us home and into the next round. That, ironically, was against Purfleet - though here at Chestnut Avenue - with the Essex side being members of the Isthmian Premier Division. Paul Watkins was a late withdrawal, a 'flu victim, so young defender Mark Buchanan was called in for only his third start. Dave Nolan was making his 250th appearance for the Woods against a side that he had once had a loan spell with and he caused Purfleet problems from the start.



V PURFLEET

But the visitors soon took control and it needed strong defending to keep them out. In the final minute of the first-half, Lawrence Yaku floated over a cross and youngster Mark Hook ghosted in to flick home a header. Yaku was then the architect of a crucial second goal after 58 minutes, turning and sprinting away before squaring the ball for Mark Hook to sweep home his second. The Woods missed plenty more chances and when Purfleet pulled a goal back ten minutes from time, they could have proved costly. But Yaku wasn't finished and when Chris Gell's terrific strike came back off the crossbar, the Woods top scorer fired home from the rebound. At that stage no-one was to know that our next FA Trophy victory would be six years away! The draw for the Third Round could have been kinder. Away to Isthmian Premier title-favourites Canvey Island was never going to be easy and when the home side took a seventh minute lead, it was even more of an uphill struggle. However, Northwood dominated the rest of the first-half and should have scored more than once with goalkeeper Ashley Harrison in great form and Lawrence Yaku missing an open goal having done the hard work. Yaku did eventually get on the scoresheet six minutes from time but by then Canvey Island had risen to the occasion and knocked in four more for a final score of 5-1.

2001/2002

Having tasted some Trophy success, the Woods looked forward to starting their second season in the competition with a home game against Premier Division Maidenhead United. It was a tight match but for once the free-scoring Northwood strikeforce failed to find the target and a solitary Lee Channell strike was enough to see the Magpies through to the next round with a 1-0 win.

2002/2003

If the previous season's performance had been a disappointing one, the opening match in 2002 was a lot worse. Drawn at home to Tooting & Mitcham United, the Woods will have started as favourites. The previous season had seen Northwood defeat the Terrors in a two-legged League Cup semi-final on the way to winning the competition and the visitors were clearly out for revenge. But the Woods were top of Division One North and full of confidence and a successful result was expected. Tooting had other ideas and ran out comfortable 2-0 winners. That was it for another year.

2003/2004

Another year on, and Northwood's first FA Trophy tie as a Premier Division club was away to Lewes, the Sussex side looking strong favourites to win Division One South (which they did). After a bright start which saw Chris Moore net

our first Trophy goal in three years, Lewes ran away with it after the break and ended up 4-2 winners - Rene Street scored a late consolation.

2004/2005

The following season was probably the most disappointing of all our FA Trophy results over the first five years. Drawn at home to Boreham Wood, a side struggling a little in their promotion attempt from the Southern League Division One East. It never looked like being Northwood's day as the visitors raced into a two-goal lead inside fifteen minutes. Dean Clark did pull a goal back with a customary strike from the edge of the box but Boreham Wood would not be denied and they finished well to win the match 4-1.

2005/2006

Again we were given a home draw in the opening round but again it turned out to be a really difficult one as we met Ramsgate for the first-ever time. The Kent side were riding high at the top of the Ryman League Division One South and went on to win promotion to the Premier. The Woods started well enough, dominating the early stages and then taking the lead through Ryan Kirkland who fired home on the half-hour mark. The Rams hit back with an equaliser before the break though and then took control in the second-half, using the height advantage to great



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effect. A long throw led to a second goal soon after the restart and they added a killer third with twenty minutes to go. When Dean Clark headed in a Dave Nolan cross five minutes later, it did renew hopes for a late rally but as Northwood pushed forward, Ramsgate bagged a breakaway fourth just a minute from time.

2006/2007

The Woods finally broke the long sequence of defeats when they notched a narrow 1-0 victory away at Wingate & Finchley with Yiadom Yeboah scoring the all-important goal early in the first-half. Then came a home game against Winchester City and our first-ever Trophy draw, the match ending 0-0 after 90 minutes. The 4-1 victory in the replay saw us win a second game in the competition for only the second time ever, equalling our achievements in that very first season. The goals mainly came from defenders with Yiadom Yeboah, Dwane Williams, James Shipperley and Danny Murphy on target. The reward was a home game but against Conference South high-flyers Histon. The original match was postponed twice but eventually took place on a Tuesday night and the Woods made a great stab at notching their best-ever run in the competition. Having shaded the first-half it got even better

in the second and when Peter Dean smashed home the opening goal with twenty minutes to play, a giant-killing looked possible. But the visitors showed great spirit and were level soon after before scoring the winner just four minutes from time and deny Northwood a deserved replay.

2007/2008

Mitch Swain made his debut in Northwood's opening FA Trophy game in 2007, away at Sittingbourne, as the Woods triumphed 2-0 with goals from defenders Jazz Rose and Bradley Hewitt. Another away game followed, at AFC Hornchurch and the Woods, having lead through an Elliott Buchanan strike, looked like going out until Buchanan made it 2-2 with his second, direct from a free-kick. The replay produced a typical Tuesday night cup performance for the Woods as they went through 2-1 thanks to a Mitch Swain penalty save and goals from Abdul Yoki and man of the moment Elliott Buchanan. It was also Buchanan that gave the Woods a shock first minute lead at AFC Wimbledon in the third and final qualifying round. There were times that it looked as if Northwood would be capable of pulling off a big shock in front of a crowd of 1,518 but two goals in the first twenty minutes of the second-half put an end to those thoughts as the Woods went out narrowly 2-1.

2008/2009

The club seemed to have learned how to win FA Trophy games by now and they again got through two rounds in this season. A home game against Whyteleafe gave the Woods every chance of starting this campaign successfully and they managed to cruise to a 2-0 victory with both goals coming from young striker Otis Williams on his starting debut. Crowborough Athletic away was the reward with the same result – a 2-0 success – this time with Rob Ursell netting the two goals. The reward for victory was a home game against a strong Brackley Town who had also reached the First Round proper of the FA Cup. The Woods had to repel plenty of pressure from the visitors during the first-half but actually went in at half-time in front when Michael Gordon touched in a Sean Sonner throw. Brackley soon levelled after the break with a deflected shot and the tie turned on an indifferent refereeing decision as Dwane Williams was adjudged to have pushed a player in the box and Brackley took the lead from the penalty. Two goals in the final five minutes gave the visitors a flattering 4-1 success.

2009/10

And that takes us to the next season when the Woods

enjoyed their best ever run in the competition; in their tenth FA Trophy campaign. A John Christian goal earned Northwood a 1-0 home victory over Abingdon United at the first stage but then a home game against Southern Premier side Evesham United ended 0-0 giving the side a difficult away replay a few days later. But that produced a tremendous battling performance and a 2-1 victory with goals from Michael Peacock and Gary Burrell. Conference South side Basingstoke Town was next for the Woods who enjoyed home advantage again and they recovered from going a goal behind early on to win the game 2-1 with Michael Peacock again on target but the winner coming from an own-goal by the visitors goalkeeper. So, Northwood had made it to the First Round proper and were drawn away to Ryman Premier side Carshalton Athletic. Not the best of draws and when the Robins took the lead in just the second minute, things looked bleak. However, the side again showed great qualities to force their way back into the game with Eugene Ofori levelling things up before half-time and then holding out to force a replay with a 1-1 draw. Hopes were high for more success in the Tuesday night replay but this was squashed from an early stage and the Robins romped to a 5-0 victory.

V EVESHAM UNITED**2010/2011**

The Woods started the campaign with an away tie at Burnham having endured a torrid time in a series of league games which had seen the side concede fifteen goals in three consecutive losses, eleven of them at home. It meant that there were widespread changes with Manager Mark Barnham bringing in goalkeeper Mark Britt in place of Mitch Swain and giving a starting debut to seventeen-year-old Romaine Walker up front alongside winger Rodney Hicks. It was Hicks that put the Woods into a seventeenth minute lead when slotting in from a John Christian pass. Burnham were reduced to ten men just five minutes into the second-half when Ryan Bird was sent-off for a poor challenge on Anthony Page yet they still managed to equalise soon after and the 1-1 draw meant a midweek replay. It was another bad-tempered affair after Leon Osei had put Northwood into a first-half lead. Things went wrong once again in the second-half with Mark Britt being red-carded for a challenge outside his area and then Burnham levelling. Osei missed a great chance to win it and then the visitors scored a second before Danny Power picked up a second yellow card, followed by a straight red for Ryan Bird for a second successive match as his side won 2-1.

2011/12

It was a similar story in the Trophy the following season when the Woods travelled to Sittingbourne at the opening stage. A Garry Senior strike early in the second-half seemed to be enough to win the game until stoppage-time. Defender Junior Osborne injured himself committing a foul out wide and with the Woods down to ten men; the ball was pumped in and ended up in the net to force a 1-1 draw and a replay. This time Northwood found themselves 0-2 down soon after the break and then had James McCluskey sent-off for a second yellow card. But a storming comeback and goals from Garry Senior and Jonathan Constant forced extra-time. The visitors regained the lead but a goal from Romaine Walker made it 3-3 and it was heading for penalties until Sittingbourne again netted a winner in the dying stages.

2012/13

There was just one game the next season. At home to Leatherhead, and just a week after the Woods had pulled off an FA Cup shock at Chesham United, the side failed to compete at all and the visitors romped to a 4-0 success, three of the goals coming in the opening seventeen minutes of the second-half.

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2013/14

It became four years without a win in the FA Trophy the following season. Given what would be considered to be a good draw at home to neighbours AFC Hayes, hopes would have been pretty high for progress but there was an immediate setback when Lawrie Shennan put the visitors ahead. However, that only last two minutes as Niko Muir levelled the scores and just after the break, the Woods went 2-1 up through Dave Lawrence. They seemed to be cruising but when a Woods free-kick went wrong, a swift counter-attack led to Jordan Lawal making it 2-2 and then Jake Cass netted a fine goal to win it for the Brook.

2014/15

The Woods finally got another win on the board in the Preliminary Round of the Trophy in 2014 when another home game, this time against Waltham Abbey proved successful. After a competitive first 45 minutes, the Woods suddenly hit two goals in stoppage-time. Firstly, a fine solo effort from Rob Hastings and then a good finish from Ismael Ehui. Both keepers made some fine saves in the second-half but both conceded from excellent free-kicks. After the Abbey had pulled one back, it was Michael Murray who wrapped up a 3-1 win.

At the next stage, the Woods were drawn at home to Guernsey and the two sides produced an excellent tie.

Ismael Ehui put the Woods ahead but the Islanders were soon level and it ended 1-1 after 90 minutes. As Guernsey were not allowed to stage replays, extra-time and penalties had been agreed. In extra-time, Guernsey took the lead just before the end of the first period but the Woods rallied well and substitute Perry Dicker netted with his first-ever goal for the club. Penalties it was and the Woods proved expert from the spot netting their first five to win 5-3 with strikes from Nana Asamoah, Ismael Ehui, Joakim Ehui, Mark Burgess and Michael Murray.

The reward was an away tie at Wimborne Town and it was another pulsating cup-tie but with both Ismael Ehui and Nana Asamoah ruled out, the attack became less potent. The home side, in front of a good crowd, went 2-0 up before Dave Lawrence reduced the deficit with twelve minutes to go but despite a late push, the Woods could not get back on terms.

2015/16

Dave Lawrence could have returned to haunt the Woods the following season. Drawn at home to Potters Bar Town, he had moved to our visitors and then put the Scholars in front after just 29 seconds. And that lead stayed all the way through to stoppage-time when Jon Munday got his head to a corner to force a 1-1 draw. The replay was tight too but turned in the final five minutes of the first-half.



Michael Murray set up Niko Muir for the opening goal on 40 minutes and then Berkley Laurencin pulled off a fine save from a penalty given for handball three minutes later. The Woods held on to the 1-0 victory in a tight second-half.

The reward was another home game and this time against Bedford Town. The Eagles had won a league game at Northwood just two weeks earlier and they repeated that feat with a dominant performance. They were 2-0 before Niko Muir netted on 87 minutes to give the Woods some hope but Bedford bagged a third deep into stoppage-time for victory.

2016/17

This season started with arguably the Woods best-ever performance in an FA Trophy game as they came away from Dorking Wanderers, then top of Division One South of the Isthmian League as they went through the divisions, with a 6-3 victory. It was their first-half performance that won them the tie with goals from Louis Stead, Ryan Debattista and then Louis Bircham putting them 3-0 up inside half an hour, all three coming in a nine-minute spell. Dorking had pulled one back before the break but the Woods started the second-half brightly again and were awarded a penalty on 51 minutes. However, Stead saw his effort well saved. It could have seen heads fall but from the resulting corner Mark Burgess headed home to make it 4-1. Just two minutes later Stead made amends with his second of the afternoon and it was surely game over? Not quite as the Wanderers scored twice to make it 5-3 with fifteen minutes to go but then Stead completed a brilliant hat-trick to wrap up the win.

It was another good performance in the following round away at league leaders Royston Town with the Woods earning a 2-2 draw and a replay with goals from Luke Heneghan and Frankie Jones. But back at Northwood, our opponents proved too strong despite Heneghan giving the Woods an early lead and romped to a 4-1 success.

2017/18

It was another home tie for their Preliminary Round in 2017, again against an in-form side in Maldon & Tiptree. The Woods got off to a great start when, on his debut, on-loan striker Jermaine Osei put the side 1-0 up after just three minutes. Unfortunately, the visitors then bagged three goals in half an hour to swing the match around. Osei netted a second before the break to give the Woods hope but straight from the restart Maldon made it 4-2 and it was game over just five minutes later with a fifth and final goal.

2018/19

It was back to just one match and out the following season. Drawn away to Dunstable Town, the Woods bowed out with a poor performance and a 2-0 defeat.

2019/20

It was away again in 2019, this time to regular rivals Uxbridge and Alex Witham gave the Woods a fifth minute lead. Unfortunately, that was as good as it got. The home side were 2-1 up before the break and it could have been worse had goalkeeper Rob Partington not saved a penalty. Uxbridge dominated the second-half and went on to win 4-1.

2020/21

Both of last season's ties were at home, both ended in draws after 90 minutes and both went to being decided by kicks from the penalty-spot! Against Basildon United a late Jaden Sharman goal earned us a 1-1 draw and the Woods then won 4-3 on penalties.

Heybridge Swifts were our next visitors and Northwood found themselves 0-3 down at half-time. It was a storming comeback in the final seventeen minutes of the game which brought the Woods back level at 3-3. Marcelo Graca netted with a deflected shot, Devonte Totesaut then improved the situation further with twelve minutes left but it was a dramatic last-gasp header from goalkeeper Hafeed Al-Droubi that levelled things up! However, there was no heroic end to this one as the Swifts proved best from the penalty-spot with a 5-4 win.

V HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS



CLASSIC CLASH

WITH KEN GREEN

DARTFORD 0 NORTHWOOD 3

Usually, this column looks at a notable Woods match against the day's opponents. However, as Northwood have never before played Chichester City, we thought we'd review a classic FA Trophy fixture.

So, what better than Northwood's first-ever fixture in the competition! On Saturday 5th November 2000, the Woods played away to Dartford, at the time Dr Martens Southern League Division One East members - Northwood were in Ryman League Division One.

Northwood's first-ever venture into the FA Umbro Trophy proved a successful one, with Gavin Hart playing a starring role. Dartford may not have been the same side as they were in their Conference days or when they actually reached the final of the Trophy in 1974, but they were still a potential banana skin for the Woods.

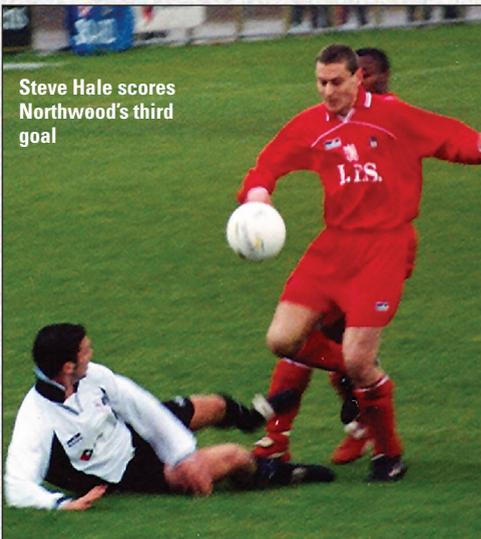
The Woods needed to dig deep and bounce back quickly from a very disappointing FA Cup fourth qualifying round

replay defeat at Grays in midweek and this rare Sunday game in the rain gave them the opportunity.

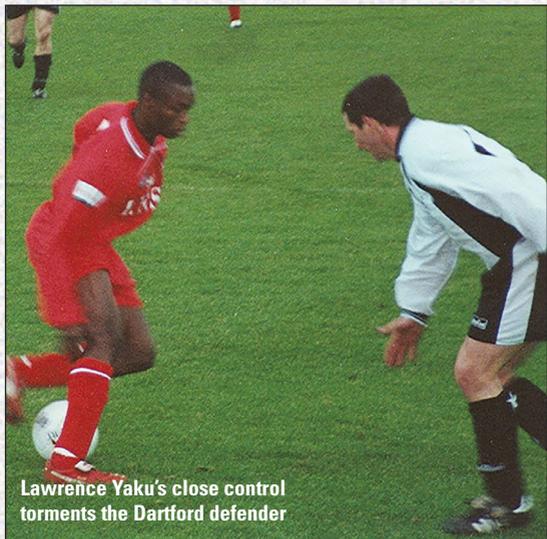
Northwood looked sharper from the start with Craig McIntosh, Chris Gell and Hart all enjoying plenty of room to roam in from midfield.

After just eight minutes, McIntosh did well to beat his marker and when his shot was pushed out by goalkeeper Steve Williams, Lawrence Yaku was onto the rebound only to see his shot come back off the old-fashioned square-post. The home side never really got into the game, with the Woods defence looking strong, and it was not until the half-hour mark that they recorded a shot on goal, Paul Riordan saving comfortably from a shot hit straight at him by Nic Barnes.

Gell and Dave Sargent both went close with shots before the Woods finally took the lead after 37 minutes. Yaku burst down the right and his cross was dummied by Steve Hale for Gavin Hart to take in his stride and drive home his first goal of the season.



Steve Hale scores Northwood's third goal



Lawrence Yaku's close control torments the Dartford defender

**The Woods go on the attack yet again**

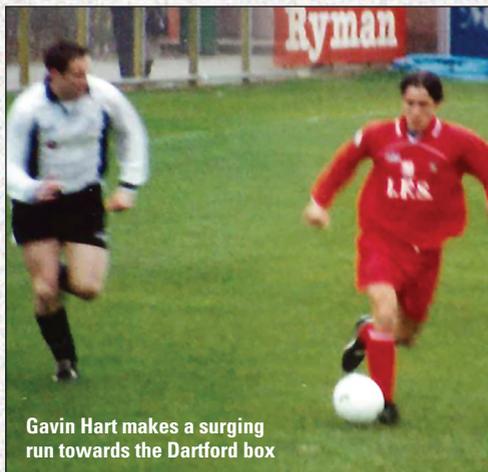
The second half was just nineteen seconds old when Gell knocked in a deep cross to the far post and Hart almost made it 2-0 as his shot across Williams hit the far post and rebounded to safety. There was still not long to wait for the second goal as it came on 55 minutes. McIntosh knocked a superb ball out wide to Hart who controlled it well and then squared for Lawrence Yaku to blast past Williams.

Just four minutes later, Gary Williams lost possession and Dartford countered quickly. The ball was played into the path of the pocket-sized but speedy Lee Guiver but Riordan made a fine save to deny the striker. Immediately the Woods surged forward, Barnes made a defensive error and Steve Hale pounced to fire in a third goal which killed off any fight left in the Dr Martens League side. It was Hale's eleventh goal in nine cup games played to date that season. It seemed only a matter of how many Northwood could rack up after that. McIntosh shot wide after being set up by Sargent and then Yaku danced through a couple of challenges only to see his shot once again come back off a post.

However, after 73 minutes a corner did cause some panic in the Woods defence with Riordan saving one effort and then Hart clearing off the line from another. Substitute Scott Fitzgerald should have scored just four minutes after coming on but slotted wide after another good ball from Hart set him up.

Dartford: Steve Williams, Tommy Adlington, Danny Evans (Dave Scott), Malcolm Porter, Luke Morrish (Stuart Nicholson), Simon Roberts, Nic Barnes (Glenn McTaggart), Lee Guiver, Chris Arnold, Lee Jones, Shane Holbrook.

Northwood: Paul Riordan, Craig McIntosh, Gary Williams, Danny Butler, Rene Street, Dave Sargent, Dave Nolan, Chris Gell, Steve Hale (Scott Fitzgerald), Lawrence Yaku, Gavin Hart.

**Gavin Hart makes a surging run towards the Dartford box**



MATCH REPORT BY ROBIN PIPER

TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED 7 NORTHWOOD 3

Saturday 2 October 2021 - Kick-off 3.00pm

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



Northwood's mood matched the miserable weather on an afternoon of driving wind and rain at Imperial Fields as they conceded seven goals for the second week running.

The Woods' defensive frailties were cruelly exposed once more with Declan Nche being employed as a makeshift central defender in the continued absence of the suspended Gradi Milenge while Matt Surmon reverted to the bench with Matteo Eposito returning to the midfield, the only change from the previous week's drubbing at the hands of Uxbridge.

But things had begun so well for Northwood as they took a sixth minute lead through Connor Cullen as he pounced on the loose ball to open his Northwood account after Tooting keeper Morgan Campbell could only parry Eposito's shot after being set up by Shakeel Morris.

However, the Terrors drew level on 11 minutes as Andrew Sesay scored with a 30-yard screamer which flew into the top corner of the Northwood net. And four minutes later, the hosts got their noses in front as Jamarie Brissett sent a looping shot from the corner of the box beyond Woods keeper Montel Joseph after possession had been squandered in the middle of the park.



Northwood threatened at the other end as Leo Decabo was thwarted by a last-ditch tackle after good work from Cullen. And Cullen was involved again as Woods restored parity on 18 minutes as the home defence failed to clear the lines from a corner, the return ball finding William Dupray who squeezed the ball inside the upright for his first goal for the club.



Woods kept up the momentum as they created a succession of chances with Decabo and Esposito going close before Morris saw his shot turned behind by Campbell after cutting in from the left.

But it was the Terrors who, against the run of play, regained the lead on 32 minutes as Dan Williams was afforded too much time and space to play in Mark Waters who applied the finish.

Northwood looked to respond once again with Pablo Velasco latching onto Esposito's pass before seeing his low shot rebound off the post while Cullen had a shot deflected over and hooked another effort over the bar from close range after Nche had headed back Esposito's far post corner.

Woods threatened immediately after the restart as Matt Ayres saw his curling shot narrowly miss the target after Velasco had created the opening. But at the other end, Joseph had to dive full length to deny Ollie Bennett.

But despite Northwood continuing to offer an attacking threat, their fate was sealed as they conceded two goals in as many minutes, Sesay scoring his second of the afternoon while Williams made it 5-2 on 54 minutes after more soft defending.

Northwood made a substitution on 63 minutes as Gio Palmer replaced Dupray but things got worse for Woods as Sesay completed his hat-trick on 66 minutes as he headed home the rebound after Joseph could only parry a shot from Waters.

Cullen made way for Sam Coles while Ryan Avery replaced Adam Cash with fifteen minutes left on the clock. But after Morris had gone close for Northwood, the Terrors added a seventh goal with ease on 78 minutes as Woods' defence failed to deal with Campbell's wind assisted goal kick, allowing Williams to complete his brace.

As he had done the previous week, Morris popped up with a consolation goal on 81 minutes after a surging run from Nche from deep within his own half. However, the goal offered little solace to a Woods team who were left to reflect on another heavy defeat, their fifth league reverse of the season, with much for manager Ben Murray to ponder as he looks to turn around Woods' disappointing start to the campaign.

Northwood: 1 Joseph, 2 Cash, 3 Velasco, 4 Dupray, 5 Linturn, 6 Nche, 7 Morris, 8 Ayres, 9 Cullen, 10 Esposito, 11 Decabo, 12 Coles (for Cullen 75m), 14 Avery (for Cash 75m), 15 Surmon, 16 Sahnoun, 17 Palmer (for Dupray 63m).

Yellow Card: Palmer; Attendance: 185





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WITH THE **YOUNGSTERS** DEFENSIVE WOES CONTINUE...

CAMBERLEY TOWN 4 NORTHWOOD 3

The Woods slipped to their third successive defeat and again it was their defensive abilities that let them down.

Camberley looked strong at Krooner Park and really took the game to the Woods in the first-half, creating plenty of chances and they took the lead after just eleven minutes.

However, the Woods showed plenty of ability in the final third too and they were level after twenty two minutes when Oscar John smashed in an equaliser.

But Camberley were given a bit of help to get back in front when they were awarded a soft penalty on three minutes and they built up a two-goal lead by half-time with a third two minutes from the break.

When the Reds notched a fourth goal on the hour it looked like it might be a matter of damage limitation but the Woods then showed great character to pull a goal back through Will Robinson, son of former first-team player Colin Robinson who made 70 appearances for the Woods between 1995 and 1998.

Substitute Stanley Robinson managed to head in a third goal with twelve minutes remaining and that set up plenty of interest in the closing stages but the home side managed to hold on to their narrow lead and take all three points.

Team: Dinulescu, Batten, Saphir (Maciaszek), Fonseca, Dunstone, John, Moneke (Thompson), Amartefio, Robinson, Achiro-Coleman, Staszewski (Freeth).

The Woods were due to play at home to Wealdstone on Thursday night but the result isn't known at the time of writing.

Their next fixture is at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough on Thursday 21st October - 7.45pm kick-off.

THE 2021/2022 FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opponents	V	Comp	F-A
Wed 25 Aug	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	IY Lge	3-2
Scorer(s): John Z, Staszewski				
Wed 1 Sep	Uxbridge	A	FAY Cup	1-4
Scorer(s): John				
Thu 9 Sep	UXBRIDGE	H	IY Lge	1-4
Scorer(s): Vignewwaran				
Thu 23 Sep	Camberley Town	A	IY Lge	3-4
Scorer(s): John, Robinson, Thompson				
Thu 7 Oct	WEALDSTONE	H	IY Lge	
Thu 21 Oct	HAMPTON & RICHMOND B	H	IY Lge	
Thu 28 Oct	Marlow	A	IY Lge	
Thu 4 Nov	Bedfont Sports	H	IY Lge	
Mon 15 Nov	Beaconsfield Town	A	IY Lge	
Wed 24 Nov	Hayes & Yeading United	A	IY Lge	
Thu 2 Dec	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	IY Lge	
Mon 6 Dec	Uxbridge	A	IY Lge	
Thu 16 Dec	CAMBERLEY TOWN	H	IY Lge	
Mon 10 Jan	Bedfont Sports	A	IY Lge	
Thu 20 Jan	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	H	IY Lge	
Thu 27 Jan	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	H	IY Lge	
Wed 2 Feb	Wealdstone	A	IY Lge	
Wed 9 Feb	Hampton & Richmond B	A	IY Lge	
Thu 17 Feb	MARLOW	H	IY Lge	

KEY: IY Lge = Isthmian Youth League; FAY Cup = FA Youth Cup;

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bedfont Sports	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Camberley Town	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Ashford Town (Middx)	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
Beaconsfield Town	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Hayes & Yeading United	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Uxbridge	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Hampton & Richmond B	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
NORTHWOOD	3	1	0	2	7	10	3
Marlow	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Wealdstone	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

DATE	OPPONENT	V	COMP	RES	ATT	FIRST XI
AUGUST						
Sat 14	Thatcham Town	A	Lge	1-1	147	Joseph Unsworth Petch Noel (63) Milenge Avery (53)
Sat 21	BURNHAM	H	FACPR	1-1	124	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn Milenge
Tue 24	Burnham	A	FACPRR	4-1	234	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn Milenge
Sat 28	BINFIELD	H	Lge	0-3	107	Joseph Avery Petch Decabo Linturn (60) Milenge
Mon 30	Hanwell Town	A	Lge	1-2	238	Joseph Avery Petch (65) Noel Linturn (77) Milenge
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 04	CHICHESTER CITY	H	FAC10R	2-3	155	Joseph Avery Petch (85) Decabo Linturn MILENGE 1
Sat 11	STAINES TOWN	H	Lge	5-0	89	Joseph CASH 1 Velasco DECABO 1 Linturn Milenge
Tue 14	Marlow	A	Lge	0-1	148	Joseph Cash Velasco Decabo Surmon Milenge
Sat 25	UXBRIDGE	H	Lge	1-7	135	Joseph Cash Velasco (65) Decabo (65) Linturn Surmon
OCTOBER						
Sat 02	Tooting & Mitcham United	A	Lge	3-7	185	Joseph Cash (75) Velasco DUPRAY 1 (63) Linturn Nche
Sat 09	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	H	FAT 2QR			
Sat 16	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	H	Lge			
Tue 19	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	H	Lge			
Sat 23	Guernsey	A	Lge			
Tue 26	UXBRIDGE	H	MSCR1			
Sat 30	BRACKNELL TOWN	H	Lge			
NOVEMBER						
Sat 06	Bedfont Sports	A	Lge			
Sat 13	SOUTH PARK	H	Lge			
Sat 20	Chipstead	A	Lge			
Sat 27	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	Lge			
DECEMBER						
Sat 04	Chertsey Town	A	Lge			
Sat 11	Binfield	A	Lge			
Sat 18	THATCHAM TOWN	H	Lge			
Mon 27	HANWELL TOWN	H	Lge			
JANUARY						
Mon 03	CHALFONT ST PETER	H	Lge			
Sat 08	Westfield	A	Lge			
Sat 15	Basingstoke Town	A	Lge			
Sat 22	MARLOW	H	Lge			
Sat 29	Uxbridge	A	Lge			
FEBRUARY						
Sat 05	TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED	H	Lge			
Sat 12	GUERNSEY	H	Lge			
Sat 19	Sutton Common Rovers	A	Lge			
Sat 26	BEDFONT SPORTS	H	Lge			
MARCH						
Sat 05	Bracknell Town	A	Lge			
Sat 12	South Park	A	Lge			
Sat 19	CHIPSTEAD	H	Lge			
Sat 26	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	Lge			
APRIL						
Sat 02	CHERTSEY TOWN	H	Lge			
Sat 09	WESTFIELD	H	Lge			
Sat 16	Chalfont St Peter	A	Lge			
Sat 23	Staines Town	A	Lge			



PLAYER

	BEN MURRAY
	MICHAEL PAYNE
	GEORGE LAVENDER
	MONTEL JOSEPH
	DENNIS GOULDING
	ARNOLD LINTURN
	MICHAEL CHELL MENSWEAR
	MICHAEL CHELL MENSWEAR
	EZEKIEL WILLIAMS
	ISMAEL EHUI
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	LEO DECABO
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Key: Goalscorers: in **bold**; **First Sub**; **Second Sub**; **Third Sub**; **Fourth Sub**; **Fifth Sub**; Yellow Card ; Red Card ; * Denotes own goal;
 FAC = Emirates FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; MSC = Middx Senior Cup; MCC = Middx Charity Cup.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2021-22 SEASON

					SUBSTITUTES						
MORRIS 1	Ayres	Chidyaisiku (46)	Esposito	Williams	I Ehui (46)	Surmon (53)	Decabo (63)	Coles	Nche		
MORRIS 1 (87)	Nche (74)	I Ehui	Ayres	Esposito	Williams (74)	Surmon (87)	Coles (87)	Unsworth	Noel		
MORRIS 1	NCHE 1	I EHUI 1 (90)	Ayres (81)	Esposito (87)	WILLIAMS 1 (81)	Surmon (87)	Coles (90)	Unsworth	Noel		
Morris	Nche	I Ehui	Ayres (75)	Esposito (64)	Coles (64)	Noel (75)	Surmon (60)	Williams	J Ehui		
Morris	Nche	I EHUI 1 (65)	Esposito	Williams	Unsworth (65)	Coles (65)	Surmon (77)	Akinode	J Ehui		
Morris	Nche	I EHUI 1 (69)	Ayres	Williams (80)	J Ehui (69)	Coles (80)	Surmon (85)	Akinode	Noel	Unsworth	Esposito
MORRIS 1 (80)	Nche	J EHUI 1 (73)	Ayres	Esposito (28)	Surmon (28)	SAHNOUN 1 (73)	Williams (80)	Coles	Petch		
Morris	Nche	J Ehui (57)	Ayres (82)	Esposito (89)	Sahnoun (57)	Petch (82)	Linturn (89)	Avery	Matthew		
MORRIS 1	Nche	Cullen (65)	Ayres	Dupray	Coles (65)	Esposito (65)	Palmer (65)	Sahnoun	Avery		
MORRIS 1	Ayres	CULLEN 1 (75)	Esposito	Decabo	Palmer (63)	Coles (75)	Avery (75)	Surmon	Sahnoun		

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ON THIS DAY WITH **KEN GREEN**

9 OCTOBER IN YEARS GONE BY...

1954

Harrow Wembley & District League Premier Division
NORTHWOOD 2
ALPERTON OLD BOYS 4

Persistent attacks by Northwood against Alperton O.B. at Northwood Recreation Ground in their first league game of the season resulted in their first goal being scored by inside-left Bobby Green (pictured) after 15 minutes. From then on reigning champions Alperton put the pressure on until they scored their first goal after 40 minutes. This goal appeared to put fresh spirit into Alperton, who kept the ball in Northwood's half and three minutes later were rewarded by another goal. They again scored, to lead 3-1 at half-time.



Play in the second half was more even, and Northwood, in one of their breakaways, were stopped from scoring by a defender handling. Green took the penalty and drove home a low hard shot. This came in the 25th minute of the second half. But Alperton soon resumed the attack, and ten minutes later scored again, through a misunderstanding in Northwood's defence.

1971

Middlesex League
RAYNERS LANE 1
NORTHWOOD 3

Northwood gained a fine win at Rayners Lane, and straight from the kick-off they went all-out on attack. New signing Paddy Coburn made an impressive debut with some forceful running up front, and he was ably supported by Barry Wanless.

With the visitors so much in command it came as no surprise when Pat Madigan nodded them ahead.

Ten minutes later, remarkable display of post-hitting and bar-rattling by Barry Gould (pictured) led to Northwood's second



goal. Gould rose to head a cross on to the bar, hammered the rebound against an upright and when the ball came out for a second time, he headed it against the crossbar again before Paddy Coburn rushed in to nod home.

The match ended as a contest when Barry Wanless caught the home side's defence flat-footed and lashed the ball in from 18 yards, and the first half ended with Northwood on the offensive. Woods relaxed in the second half, and the play lost some of its edge. Despite this, Northwood were never in any real trouble, and when Rayners Lane managed to pull one back following a defensive error, it was far too late to matter.

Northwood: Byrne; Harding, Madigan, Myers, Taylor, Harvey, Gould, Pearce, Wanless, Coburn, Senior.

1976

Middlesex League
NORTHWOOD 3
HILLINGDON B.L. 1

Martin Ellis emphasised the fact that he was the top marksman in the area when he scored two goals for Northwood in this win over old rivals Hillingdon British Legion. Woods had to come from behind for this win their first over the Legion for several years. But in the 15th minute Micky Frost proved just what a dangerous player he was when he beat Les Currell with a first time shot.



However, Northwood were playing some good football with Junior Jones, Robin Tidd and Dave King controlling the midfield, and Glyn Jones (pictured) adding extra width to the attack. It was Jones who set up the Northwood equaliser who crossed for King, who slipped the ball back for Tidd to whip home.

Northwood ran the visitors ragged in the second half, and they took the lead on the hour. Tidd and Martin Ellis worked a one-two that left Ellis free, and although his first shot was blocked by the keeper, he followed up to head home. Then five minutes from time substitute Nigel Franklin and Ellis linked for a great goal, slammed home by the latter.

Northwood: Currell; Heslop, Gould, Merison, Harman, Tidd, King, J. Jones, G. Jones, Ellis, Livingstone (Franklin).

1982
Hellenic League Premier Division
SHORTWOOD UNITED 0
NORTHWOOD 0

Stalwart Norman Heslop was the hero for Northwood on a day when they had more than their share of goalkeeping problems. With regular keeper John Toogood absent representing the RAF, Woods gambled on 16 year old Andrew Domm, but the youngster after equipping himself well had to leave the field with a knee injury early in the second half. Heslop took over between the sticks and defied all that Shortwood could muster to earn Woods a point. In fact Northwood could have snatched a surprise victory, with several good breaks narrowly going unrewarded.

Northwood: Domm, Nelmes, Heslop, Lammin, Revell, Gould, James, Davies, Livingstone, Ellis, Nicholls.

**1993**
Diadora League Division Three
NORTHWOOD 1
ROYSTON TOWN 2

After dominating from the start, Northwood took a deserved 23rd minute lead when Vic Schwartz (pictured winning a header during the game) forced home a Jason Delicata free kick. But two goalkeeper errors saw Northwood trailing 2-1 at half time. First, Rick Murphy came right out of his penalty area as Paul Dochree was put clear of the defence and the Royston



player's shot beat the keeper and rolled 20 yards into an empty net. Then, Ian Glasscock curled a corner straight into the net for winning goal.

Northwood had the better of the first half, but it became one-way traffic after the break with several shots cleared off the Royston line and two hitting the bar, in addition to a strong penalty appeal turned down. And, with visiting goalkeeper Simon Dobson in fine form, the visitors somehow clung on to victory.

Northwood: Murphy, McAuliffe, Parker, Delicata, Holland, Payton, Matthews, Crook (Pacquette), Nolan, Schwartz, Randall. Sub: Brayshaw.

1999
Ryman League Division Two
MOLESEY 0
NORTHWOOD 3

Woods deservedly romped home in this game. On 28 minutes, Nolan crossed into the box and Paul Watkins nodded the ball down for Yaku to score. Three minutes from the break, Northwood won a corner, Dave Sargent crossed for Rene Street to power a header into the roof of the net for his first goal for the club.



Riordan made a good early save after the interval to preserve the two-goal lead. Yaku then came close to a third. Nolan fed the Northwood hit-man, who twisted and turned, before being denied by a goal-line clearance. Newing then had two good efforts saved by the Molesey keeper before the third Northwood goal on 70 minutes. A Sargent corner fell to Butler, who fired a low shot into the box, where Yaku was first to react, pivoting and firing home. Yaku's goal is pictured here.

Northwood: Riordan, Williams (Sherry), Parsons (Charles), Butler, Street, Sargent, Nolan, Burgess (Dee), Newing, Yaku, Watkins.



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS...

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN

The first match to be played by a team representing Haywards Heath was in March 1888, which provided the impetus for the formation of 'Haywards Heath Juniors'.

After a brief change of name to 'Excelsior' in 1894, the club adopted the name 'Haywards Heath FC' in 1895.

Without a home ground, the club led a somewhat nomadic existence in its early days, playing most of its games away until 1895 when it was offered the use of the field in South Road which was later to become Victoria Park and the club's home venue until 1952.

Haywards Heath FC lifted its first silverware in 1900 when it won the Sussex Junior Cup and played in the Mid-Sussex League of which it was a founding member.

1901-1906 saw the club finish as runners up in the senior division in four of its first five seasons, then division 2 winners in 1911-12 after relegation in 1908.

In 1919-20 Haywards Heath were Mid-Sussex League champions without losing a game.

They won the title again in 1922-23 and went on to retain it for the next two seasons, losing only one match in each season.

In 1926 the club transferred to the Brighton, Hove & District League and, after winning the league title at the very first attempt, joined the Sussex County League the following year.

The first five seasons in the County League (1926-1932) saw the club finish in the top four but they were sadly to finish bottom of the league in the 1932-33 season.

In 1941-42, the club were winners of the Sussex Senior Cup and, after the war, were the league's Eastern Division winners of 1945-46.

A single division league was re-introduced the following year which the club won in both 1949-50 and again in 1950-51. In 1952 the club finally moved from Victoria Park to the newly finished Hanbury Stadium which enabled it to join the Metropolitan League which included the reserve sides of professional clubs such as West Ham, Tottenham, Chelsea and Arsenal.

After a promising first season finishing in fifth place, the club struggled against the professional opposition and, finishing bottom in 1960-61, elected to re-join the Sussex County League.

The Division 1 title was won in 1969-70 and the League Cup in 1972-73. The club was also runners-up in 1974-75 but were relegated at the end of the 1979-80 season.

The Division 2 Cup was won in 1983-84 and, as runners-up in 1985-86, the club again gained promotion back into the senior division.

In 1988, our centennial year, the present name of Haywards Heath Town Football Club was adopted in to reflect the 'town' status of Haywards Heath itself.

Two successive relegations in 1992 and 1993 saw the club drop into the third division where they won the Division 3 Cup in 2000-01.

The following year as Division 3 runners-up, HHTFC were promoted back to Division 2 but were again relegated after only one season.

Heath won the Division 3 Cup in 2008-09 and after finishing as runners-up in 2012-13 gained promotion back into Division 2.

On the rebranding of the Sussex County League to the Southern Combination Football League in 2015, the 2nd division was renamed Division 1 and the title was won that first season, earning Haywards Heath Town FC promotion to the Premier Division.

The club finished top of the Premier division the following season (2016-17) and were due to be promoted to the Isthmian League.

Unfortunately, promotion was denied following a nine-point deduction, due to an inadvertent off-field administrative error, which saw the championship awarded elsewhere.

The club however, responded in style by winning the Premier Division again in the 2017-18 season, this time adding the Peter Bentley League Challenge Cup.

Heath enjoyed a successful 2018-19 debut in the Isthmian League, finishing in a very respectable fifth position which qualified them for the play-offs at the first attempt.

They were eliminated by Horsham who went on to win promotion to the Premier Division.

As well as achieving the club's highest ever finishing position in the non-league football pyramid, Shaun Saunders' squad also reached the final of the Sussex RUR Cup and the semi-finals of the Sussex County Senior Cup. Our Senior Cup run included a famous away win at Crawley Town.

Last season the club appeared to be struggling at the half way stage but this was in part due to a good run in the FA Trophy. Once this distraction was

ended by Royston Town our league form looked up. Prior to our final game against Phoenix Sports we had won four in a row. The rest, is as they say history, because a few days later football was rightly suspended.

After one of the longest between season breaks for many a year, we are looking forward to playing again and hopefully challenging at the top of the table.

Hanbury Stadium has been renamed the 'Thank You NHS Stadium' in tribute to the brave NHS workers who have all performed above and beyond throughout the Covid 19 pandemic.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Haywards Heath Town	7	6	1	0	16	6	19
Cray Valley PM	7	5	1	1	20	12	16
Ramsgate	7	4	2	1	18	9	14
Ashford United	7	4	2	1	12	6	14
Herne Bay	6	4	1	1	13	4	13
Sittingbourne	7	4	1	2	15	7	13
VCD Athletic	7	3	3	1	14	6	12
Hastings United	5	3	1	1	12	7	10
Hythe Town	5	3	0	2	6	7	9
Lancing	8	3	0	5	7	16	9
Chichester City	6	2	2	2	14	9	8
Three Bridges	8	1	5	2	7	14	8
East Grinstead Town	6	2	1	3	10	11	7
Faversham Town	6	2	1	3	6	11	7
Sevenoaks Town	8	2	1	5	10	21	7
Corinthian	6	1	2	3	4	8	5
Phoenix Sports	7	1	1	5	6	14	4
Whitehawk	6	1	1	4	5	15	4
Whitstable Town	6	0	1	5	7	13	1
Burgess Hill Town	5	0	1	4	4	10	1



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SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2021 - KICK-OFF 3.00PM
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

MATCH REPORT BY
ROBIN PIPER

Northwood had an afternoon to forget as they were thrashed by near-neighbours Uxbridge who continued their impressive start to the season.

The Woods came into the game having had a free Saturday and were looking to build on the encouraging second-half performance that they produced at Marlow in their previous game.

Manager Ben Murray had made a couple of signings in the interim adding midfielder William Dupray and striker Conner Cullen to his squad and both were handed their debuts. Meanwhile, Arnie Linturn returned to partner Matt Surmon in central defence in place of the suspended Gradi Milenge.

Uxbridge were quickly into their stride with Tony Mendy serving Northwood an early warning with a curling effort which flew narrowly wide. But the experienced striker didn't have long to wait before opening his account on eight minutes after as he was allowed to get around the back of the home defence before slotting the ball beyond Montel Joseph.

Northwood responded well with a succession of incisive moves, Declan Nche seeing a shot deflected wide after a build up involving Dupray and Leo Decabo. And Nche went close again as he saw his header from Decabo's corner cleared off the line with Cullen shooting wide on the follow up.

Northwood continued to press with Shakeel Morris making a jinking run into the Uxbridge box, but his shot was blocked after taking one too many touches while Decabo ran on to Dupray's pass into the box but the final shot was charged down once again by the visitor's defence.

However, Woods had the wind taken out of their sails as Mendy doubled his tally after he expertly turned Surmon before delivering an emphatic finish to increase Uxbridge's lead on 26 minutes.

Northwood went close to conceding again as former player Mahlondo Martin saw his shot rebound off the post with Mendy having two bites of the cherry with follow up shots which were bravely blocked by Woods' right-back Adam Cash.

Uxbridge kept their foot on the gas as they looked to put the game beyond the hosts before half-time with another former Northwood man, Alex Witham, shooting over when well placed.

But the Reds weren't to be denied as they went into the break three goals to the good as Martin showed a good turn of pace, after Northwood had conceded possession, to race clear and apply the finish with 43 minutes on the clock.

Northwood needed an early goal to have any chance of a second half recovery and they went close immediately after the restart as Uxbridge keeper Tyler Tobin spilled a shot with Morris almost in as the ball ran loose. However, the contest was effectively ended as Witham extended his side's lead with ease on 51 minutes.

Shell-shocked Northwood now had only pride to play for but they were struggling to break out of their malaise and it was perhaps no surprise when they conceded a fifth goal just after the hour mark as Martin completed his brace with a near-post finish.

Woods made a triple substitution with Pablo Velasco, Cullen and Decabo making way for Matteo Esposito, Sam Coles and another debutant Gio Palmer and the hosts briefly threatened as Nche got on the end of a Coles corner but didn't get the necessary connection on his header.

And Northwood's misery continued as they conceded two further goals with substitutes Juwon Akintunde and Lenny Farhall converting on 84 and 87 minutes respectively.

With the 7-0 score line equalling Woods' heaviest Isthmian League defeat, a New Year reverse at home to Windsor and Eton back in 1999, Morris popped up in the first minute of stoppage time to convert Palmer's cross to ensure history wasn't repeated - scant consolation on a wretched afternoon for Northwood.

Northwood: 1 Joseph, 2 Cash, 3 Velasco, 4 Decabo, 5 Linturn, 6 Surmon, 7 Morris, 8 Nche, 9 Cullen, 10 Ayres, 11 Dupray, 12 Coles (for Cullen 65m), 14 Sahnoun, 15 Avery, 16 Esposito (for Decabo 65m), 17 Palmer (for Velasco 65m)

Goal: Morris; Yellow Card: Linturn; Attendance: 135

APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2021-22

Up to 8th October 2021 * = No longer with club		SEASON 2021/2022										WOODS CAREER RECORD						
		ISTHMIAN LEAGUE				CUP COMPETITIONS			TOTALS			LEAGUE		CUPS		OVERALL		
Players' Name		Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Starting	As Sub.	Total	Goals	Games	Goals	Lge Games	Goals	Cup Games	Goals	Total Games	Total Goals	Woods Debut
Ryan Avery		3	1	4	0	3	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Matt Ayres		6	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Adam Cash		4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	4	1	Staines Town (H) Sept '21
*Joe Chidyausiku		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Sam Coles		0	4	4	0	0	3	3	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Connor Cullen		2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21
Leo Decabo		5	1	6	1	3	0	3	0	9	1	6	1	3	0	9	1	Burnham (H) Aug '21
William Dupray		2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21
Ismael Ehui		2	1	3	1	3	0	3	2	6	3	28	12	7	5	35	17	Daverly Town (A) Sept '14
Joakim Ehui		2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	149	5	36	1	185	6	Slough Town (A) Aug '13
Matteo Esposito		6	1	7	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	7	0	2	0	9	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Pablo Gonzalez-Velasco		4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Staines Town (H) Sept '21
Montel Joseph		7	0	7	0	3	0	3	0	10	0	27	0	8	0	35	0	Marlow (A) Aug '16
Arnold Linturn		5	1	6	0	3	0	3	0	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	Burnham (H) Aug '21
Gradi Milenge		5	0	5	0	3	0	3	1	8	1	18	2	5	1	23	3	Bedford Town (H) Nov '16
Shakeel Morris		7	0	7	4	3	0	3	2	10	6	7	4	3	2	10	6	Thatcham Town (H) Aug '21
Declan Nche		6	0	6	0	3	0	3	1	9	1	18	0	5	1	23	1	Maldon & Tipitree (H) Oct '17
*Tristan Noel		2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Ware (H) Feb '20
Giovanni Palmer		0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Uxbridge (H) Sept '21
Aaron Petch		3	1	4	0	3	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
Mo Sahnoun		0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	Staines Town (H) Sept '21
Matt Surmon		2	4	6	0	0	3	3	0	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
*Tom Unsworth		1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21
*Ezekiel Williams		2	1	3	0	1	2	3	1	6	1	3	0	3	1	6	1	Thatcham Town (A) Aug '21

NEW KIT



THE PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL LEGENDS ECKIT BY HOPE & GLORY

Northwood Football Club is delighted to launch the Club's new first-team kit for the 2021/2022 season in honour of former Club President Pat Byrne who sadly passed away in April last year.

Pat Byrne was a true legend at Northwood FC having been with the club for 65 years in a variety of roles which included as a player, manager, benefactor, supporter and latterly Life President. He is sorely missed by everyone at the club but will certainly be remembered with this bespoke kit which has been designed with Pat at the forefront of our minds but also pays tribute to many of his favourite players and managers that he witnessed over the years.

A total of 46 other Northwood "Legends" have their names woven into this unique kit which the club hope will strike a chord with all those that have played or managed the club during Pat's long dedication to the Woods.

We are again indebted to Adam Fecher and his family as Northwood Hygiene Products have agreed to continue to sponsor the Woods for the new season under their Rhino Kitchen Towel brand. It will be the third season of this sponsorship and considering the last two seasons have been very much restricted, the Companies support could not be taken for granted. It is very much appreciated.

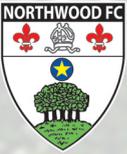
Northwood Hygiene Products have a very proud environmental heritage, and their Rhino kitchen towel brand supports Care for Wild, the largest orphan Rhino sanctuary in the world. Based in South Africa the sanctuary works closely with the local community to support their mission, which is to rescue, re-habilitate and re-release orphaned rhinos and prevent them falling victim to poachers, predators or starvation.

Furthermore, our new kit, supplied by Hope & Glory Sportswear, will be made of rPET - that is Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate - plastic bottles to you and us - which are melted down to produce a fine yarn. Each kit has been produced using approximately 16 plastic bottles and production uses considerably less Carbon, Water and Energy than usual polyester manufacture methods.

Club Chairman, Ian Barry, also paid tribute to Pat Byrne and the significance of the new kit for the coming season; "Pat, as everyone knows, was instrumental in making this club what it is today, especially during many tough times when his unconditional support helped us overcome many difficult hurdles. We will never forget him and coupled with many legends' names on the shirts, makes this a fantastic kit for us all to pay tribute to everything he stood for."

The kit is available for online and personalised purchases for everyone while we do have some unnumbered stock available here at the club in most sizes.





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PLAYER PROFILES 2021/2022 SEASON



RYAN AVERY

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



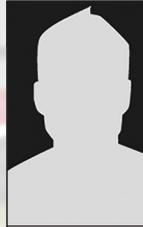
MATT AYRES

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



ANDREW BLAKE

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



ADAM CASH

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



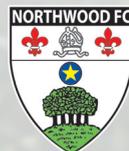
SAM COLES

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



CONNOR CULLEN

Exciting, mobile striker, now 24, who joined the Woods in September 2021 from Farnborough on a dual-registration basis as he looks to regain his fitness after a year living abroad. He came up through the ranks with

**LEO DECABO**

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

**MATTEO ESPOSITO**

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

**JOAKIM EHUI**

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

Potters Bar, Aylesbury, Chalfont St. Peter and Broadfields United.

**WILLIAM DUPRAY**

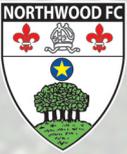
Young midfielder player who can also play at the back, William signed for the Woods in September 2021 from Corinthian Casuals. The 22-year-old has previously played at Bracknell Town having started out at Scunthorpe United and since moved to Cambridge City, Chalfont St. Peter, Welwyn Garden City, Wingate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

**ISMAEL EHUI**

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

**JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ VELASCO**

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



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PLAYER PROFILES 2021/2022 SEASON



MONTEL JOSEPH

24-year-old goalkeeper who has returned to the club for a third spell. He originally signed in 2016 from Boreham Wood having been released by Bristol City. He impressed in that spell which ended when Montel went off to the Caribbean to represent Trinidad & Tobago as an

International. He also played on the Island for Central FC. He played one game in 2017/18 for the Woods but has since been playing for Wembley and Barking.



ARNOLD LINTURN

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



GRADI MILENGE

It's five years since Gradi played fifteen games for the Woods as a central defender when on dual-registration from Hendon. The 24-year-old was with Brentford as a youth and had previously appeared for Farnborough and Grays Athletic. Since then, Gradi, who was born

in the DR Congo, has gained experience with Bedford Town, London Colney, Staines Town, Walton Casuals and Biggleswade Town from where he joins Northwood for a second spell.



SHAKEEL MORRIS

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



SAMI NABBAD

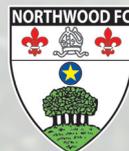
Young 20-year-old goalkeeper who was at AFC Wimbledon as a youngster and has also been on the books at Hayes & Yeading United and Walton Casuals. He joins the Woods in the summer of 2021 to make a play for the number one position.



DECLAN NCHE

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

Heybridge Swifts.

**TIMOTHY OBISANYA**

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

**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).

**MO SAHNOUN**

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

**GIOVANNI PALMER****ABZ SAHNOUN**

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

**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.

