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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



Good afternoon and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored clubhouse for today's Pitching In Isthmian League fixture. We welcome our visitors from Ashford Town (Middx) FC and hope they enjoy their time here.

It all seems like a bit of a whirlwind at the moment, having got back home well after 1am following our dramatic exit from the FA Cup last night (Tuesday)! It will certainly feel like 'what could have been' as both games could have gone either way but with eleven goals over the two games, finally it wasn't to be. We wish Cray Valley PM every success in the next round.

It seems rather strange having played only two league games so far as we enter the final week of September! We certainly have a tough run of games now and will be looking to get back to winning ways here today, as our form hasn't been so good on the road. With Andy Mac being suspended for three games starting today, it will also be slightly tougher for us as he has kept us in games and his presence will be missed. Hopefully he will learn his lesson and be back in the fold soon.

A big thanks to all those who have helped get our ground in its best ever

condition; it's been very hard work but extremely worthwhile and we can be very proud of what we have achieved. Thank you all from me.

In closing, one of our own had the mishap of breaking his shoulder last Saturday evening and we all wish John Perkins a speedy recovery.

One of the things I now do on a match day when we have mascots / ballboys, is a stadium tour for our younger Woods, where they get to really feel the match day experience, right from the changing rooms, walking around the whole ground and learning some interesting NFC

facts and warming up with and then walking out with our players. It's a great feature we now offer, but one comment from a parent last week certainly brought a tear to my eye and I have added this below;

"My 6-year-old joined his older brother as a mascot today and went on the tour. As I put him to bed he told me all about Pat Byrne and what a wonderful man he was.

Very touching".

Sums Pat up beautifully. We miss him.

Enjoy the game today.

Up the Woods!
Ian



DIRECT FROM THE MANAGEMENT

WITH WOODS MANAGER, BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon, Woods fans!

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to getting back into league action today.

Over the last week we have been involved in probably one of the most competitive FA Cup ties I have been involved in. Both the home game and the away replay had everything you expect from this kind of fixture.

With obvious disappointment surrounding the camp, I want to give credit to the players for their commitment and desire shown towards both games. Having to come from behind numerous times and going toe-to-toe with an excellent Cray Valley team, shows the quality this team has. A difficult away game on a Tuesday night showed for me how dedicated this group are to the cause and although the result wasn't to be, no one can fault their effort.

It seems an age since we have had the chance to earn points in our

league campaign, I think sitting ninth with just two wins from two shows how tight the league is already shaping up to be. Our focus will now turn to the run of league games we have where our remit will stay the same and our targets will be closely monitored.

An Ashford side come to us today having been a thorn in our side last year. I want to give a warm welcome to Luke Tuffs and his staff; an excellent manager and I am sure his side will provide difficult opposition for us in today's game.

On the injury front we are hoping Curtis Brown can be available for selection within the next two weeks, he has been working extremely hard and is eager to get on the pitch and show you fans what he can bring to the table. Thursday's session gave us a chance to assess the walking wounded after the FA Cup battle and get the players in the right shape for the upcoming games.

A big thank you to the fans that have continuously supported us throughout the start of the season. It does not go unnoticed and we urge you to keep it up. I hope you are enjoying the post-match interviews with our very own Sean Moore; these are providing good insight and reflection which I hope I am giving back.

Our aim is to build now on the league start we have made, hoping to mirror last season's start to the campaign. Keep the support up, and we will continue to give you everything.

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS



Welcome to the Tangerines

A warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium as we finally get back to Pitching In Isthmian League competition for the visit of our friends from Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC who we hope will enjoy their stay with us this afternoon. Amazingly, this is our first League game since the August Bank Holiday Monday, though the start of a run of three inside eight days. This will include our first away league games later this week at other fellow Middlesex clubs, Hanworth Villa and Uxbridge.

Ashford Town (Middx) had a disappointing campaign in 2022/23, finishing just one place and one point clear of the two relegation play-off spots. They made a summer change of management, replacing Paul McCarthy with former manager Luke Tufts and he is now building a new squad for the Tangerines. Our visitors started the season really well with a 1-0 FA Cup win at Uckfield Town being followed by a 6-0 thrashing of Binfield on the opening day. Since then, things have not gone so well, losing 1-0 at Step 5 side Redhill in the FA Cup and 2-1 at Sittingbourne in the FA Trophy. In the League, they have picked up points from home games against Southall and Chipstead so remain unbeaten at the Robert Parker Stadium but they've lost both away games, 2-0 at Thatcham Town and 1-0 at Hartley Wintney on Tuesday night.

Despite their position last season, the Tangerines did okay over five

matches against the Woods during the campaign. They won 3-1 here in an FA Cup replay, following a 2-2 draw and also won their home league game 2-1. Northwood won a Middlesex Senior Cup clash 1-0 and then also won here in the League return by a 3-1 scoreline with goals from Gareth Chendlik and Dan Williams 2.

Cup News

Two hard-fought contests against Isthmian South-East side Cray Valley Paper Mills over the past week finally went against the Woods in Tuesday night's replay as the South-East London side scraped home with a 4-3 extra-time victory. It earns Cray an away game against Isthmian Premier side Carshalton Athletic in the third qualifying round and we wish them the best of luck.

Last Saturday, with home advantage was probably our best opportunity to win the game and despite coming from behind twice thanks to goals from Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway and Dan Williams we couldn't find the winner on the day. It meant a difficult journey to Eltham on a Tuesday night in windy conditions and on a sloping pitch but the team showed they were up for the battle as they again came back from a goal behind to lead 2-1 after an hour; Harry Gallagher bagging both goals. It was still looking possible until ten minutes from time when Cray Valley, always an attacking threat, scored twice in three minutes to snatch the lead back. Still we showed great character by forcing extra-time when Luke Tingey stabbed

home a corner to make it 3-3. The home side found what proved to be the winner but the Woods almost levelled again when Riccardo headed against the crossbar from close-range. If that had gone in, who knows what would have happened. It's been a memorable five game run in the FA Cup this season for sure.

Having also exited the FA Trophy recently, it just leaves the Velocity Isthmian League Cup, where we await the third-round draw, and the Middlesex Senior Cup; second round also not drawn yet, for us to compete in later in the season.

League News

As stated earlier, we are now back into league action for a while and following today's game we go on the road for a couple of away matches. They are local though so support would be welcome. On Tuesday night we go to Hanworth Villa, beaten finalists in the play-offs last season and now the sole representatives of the South-Central in the FA Cup, with an away tie at Isthmian Premier side Horsham coming up for them next Saturday. Hopefully, they will be a bit distracted by that when we visit the Ranch on Tuesday night!

After that, we play at old foes Uxbridge next weekend. We've not heard any official confirmation as yet but assume the match will be played on the artificial surface at Slough Town FC, which Uxbridge are using at the moment while their own new pitch and other ground/clubhouse improvements are being



installed. There was some mention of perhaps being the first game back at Honeycroft though so please keep an eye on the socials for confirmation.

Player News

Both Teddy Stacey and Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway did reach the 50 appearances milestone in the home game against Cray Valley last weekend, Riccardo celebrating his with a goal. Well done to both and here's to many more.

Godlove Oppong made his first start for the Woods in the Cup games but did limp off on Tuesday following a foul that somehow wasn't worthy of a yellow card while Ben Crowder's introduction as a substitute in extra-time lasted only two minutes before he was also injured in a collision. We hope both will be fit for today. Dan Williams went off on the Saturday and was rested to the bench in the replay but he did play for an hour as a substitute and seemed to come through okay.

Curtis Brown, who was injured during pre-season, is thought to be only a couple of weeks away from a return as he's been working hard on his rehabilitation. Archie Coulter, who only started one game, at Buckhurst Hill in the FA Cup, has left to get more game time elsewhere and we wish him well.

Finally, we miss goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell this afternoon (and for the other two league matches this week) as he starts a three-match ban following his red card after the final whistle last Saturday afternoon. At the time of writing, the management team are considering their options for how to replace him.

Club News

The Club's Annual Community Day is back this season with our next home game against Westfield on Saturday 7th October being chosen for a day which is designated "Pay what you Can" and will see all the players and parents of Northwood Youth being invited down to the club.



Harry Gallagher (left) scored our first two goals in Tuesday night's 4-3 Emirates FA Cup defeat at Cray Valley PM while goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell (right) misses today's game as he starts the first of a three game suspension following his recent sending-off.

The new home kit, sponsored by C&G Scaffolding arrived and was worn for the first-time in the FA Cup replay against Binfield. We do have a limited number available for purchase in all sizes at a cost of £40.00 if you are interested. The away kit, which will be sponsored by Wenzel's the Baker, is currently being prepared by our kit partners Hope & Glory but won't arrive for a few weeks yet.

We are also thankful to Dan Campbell of C&G for erecting our new camera platform between the dugouts which is ideal for siting our new Veo camera which has in turn been sponsored by CK Rail and we are grateful to them for assisting with this equipment which helps with our planning and training sessions.

Under-18s

The Under-18s made a cracking start to the Allied Counties League campaign last Monday night when they notched a 5-1 victory at Hillingdon Borough. Sarin Thapa netted 2 while there was one each for Alex Grant, Jeremy Scholz and Jamie Dwyer. They finally get their first home league game this Wednesday 27th September when they take on Wembley and I'm sure they would appreciate any support.

Spartans FC

Our tenants are still a bit up and down with their results at the moment. On

Tuesday night they played British Airways in a Combined Counties League game and were beaten 2-1 by a side that were just above them in the table. Spartans remain in fifteenth place having won three, drawn two and lost six of their opening eleven matches. They are back in action here at the Skyline this Tuesday night when they take on Premier South side Balham in the League Cup and then next Saturday, they are back in league action against lowly Bagshot.

At the Skyline...

Next Fixtures here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium

Tuesday 26th September

Spartans v. Balham

CCL League Cup – 7:45pm

Wednesday 27th September

Woods U18s v. Wembley

Allied Counties League – 7:45pm

Saturday 30th September

Spartans v. Bagshot

CCL Division One – 3pm

Saturday 7th October

Woods v. Westfield

Isthmian League – 3pm

Enjoy the game this afternoon, thanks for your support, and see you all again soon.

Alan



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FROM THE TRAINING PITCH

WITH FIRST TEAM COACH,
JACOB COOK



A tough pill to swallow.....

Following Tuesday night, I think the only word we can use to describe the feeling is gutted.

Hats off to every player though, who battled from the very start to the finish. Also, a massive shout out to those didn't make the pitch but were constantly shouting from the bench to encourage the team. I think we can all agree that it made a massive difference and those that came down from our fan base also had a massive part to play. So, thank you!

Looking back across the Saturday and Tuesday matches, it's great to see Godlove back in action. As we have seen already, we know what the boy is capable of and as a collective adds another serious attacking threat into the mix that we already have. It gives our management meetings a bit more of a headache with who to play for the right reasons, which is what we love to have!!

Being defeated in such a great cup

competition, was always going to be a tough one to take. As a coaching team we have devised a game plan and picked apart the things that need to be improved. Collectively, we have now gone into Thursday's training session to implement and get things right for today!

We felt that Thursday was also the right time to use big Den and get the iPad out and go through clips to really pinpoint the messages we want to relay before putting things into practise. This also makes it difficult for anyone to hide and gives the boys an opportunity to speak up and have their input.

Alongside these areas of improvement, there were still lots of positives to take away from the previous two games. Across both matches, I feel there's been some great individual performances which have not gone unnoticed. The biggest credit to us, is we have shown that not only can we dictate how teams play, forcing them to make mistakes

and punishing them, but we have also shown that we have the ability to get the ball down and create chances from penetration through build up between the lines. Having this versatile style of play gives us great confidence, going into the next league games, that we will find a way to win.

Looking at today, it's back to league action! Back to our home ground and back in the arms of our fans! I really can't wait for this one, we know how Ashford set up following last season. We have looked into how they have shaped up in the last fixtures, but more importantly today is about us. We know what we are capable of and we look to keep our so far excellent home record!!

As always, we look at our fans to raise the roof and get us going and in response, we hope to give back a performance to watch!!

Up the Woods!

Cookie



YESTERDAY: TODAY

THIS IS THE 13TH OCCASION IN THEIR HISTORY, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926, THAT NORTHWOOD HAVE PLAYED A COMPETITIVE FIXTURE ON 23RD SEPTEMBER. ALL PREVIOUS TWELVE GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I TAKE A LOOK AT THREE OF THEM IN MORE DETAIL.

BY KEN GREEN



Date	@	Competition	Opponents	Res.	Goalscorers	Att.
Sat 23 Sep 1933	A	Harrow & District League Premier Division	Roxeth Institute	W 3-2	R Bell 2, Taylor	
Sat 23 Sep 1967	H	Middlesex Intermediate Cup	Hanwell Town	L 0-1		
Sat 23 Sep 1972	H	Middlesex League	Bell Punch (Victoria)	D 2-2	Harvey, Stone	
Sat 23 Sep 1978	A	Hellenic League Division 1	Dowty-Staverton	L 0-1		
Tue 23 Sep 1986	H	FA Vase Preliminary Round replay	Haringey Borough	L 1-4	Revell	
Sat 23 Sep 1989	A	Middlesex Senior Cup Prelim Round 1	Rayners Lane	W 2-1	Vincent, Abell o.g.	80
Sat 23 Sep 1995	H	Iciss League Division 3	Lewes	L 1-2	Gell	83
Wed 23 Sep 2000	A	Ryman League Division 1	Staines Town	L 1-3	Yaku	182
Tue 23 Sep 2003	A	Ryman League Premier Division	Hendon	D 1-1	Sargent	236
Sat 23 Sep 2006	A	Southern League Premier Division	Gloucester City	D 3-3	Shipperley, Nicholls 2	303
Tue 23 Sep 2008	A	Ryman League Division 1 North	Wingate & Finchley	D 1-1	Sonner	70
Sat 23 Sep 2017	A	Evo Stik League South, East Division	Uxbridge	L 1-2	Williams	90

1978

Dowty-Staverton Woods

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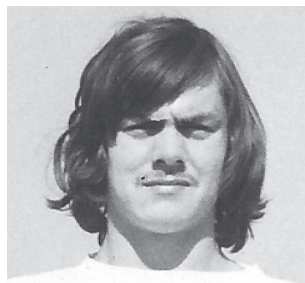
Northwood had only themselves to blame for becoming the first team in the season to lose to lowly Dowty Staverton.

For they were in control for 98 per cent of this Hellenic League game, but returned home empty handed, as they missed a penalty and a number of other chances.

Gary Cooper had several good chances, only to be thwarted by the home keeper, whilst Martin Ellis and the other strikers were unable to find the net.

Northwood even failed to score from a penalty after Norman Heslop had been brought down – Ian Harvey slotting the ball wide of the goal.

Then, as Northwood pushed more and more players forward, Dowty-



Norman Heslop

Staverton broke away in the 85th minute and Allen hammered home a low shot.

Northwood:

Dave Russell, Norman Heslop, Mick Luck, John Powell, Martin O'Donnell, Steve Revell, Robin Tidd, Ian Harvey, Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, Gary Cooper (Pat Coburn).

1989

Rayners Lane Woods

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Northwood hit the woodwork twice in addition to grabbing two goals as they deservedly moved into the next round of the Middlesex Senior Cup. It was a typical exciting cup local derby with plenty of talking points and early on Northwood's Greg Phillips hit a post



before the home team's Mills hit a cracking free kick just over.

Steve Whitehead headed against the bar with Micky Devlin just failing so put away the rebound before Northwood went ahead after 15 minutes. A long throw from Roy Oatway caused confusion in the penalty area, and Paul Abell headed over his own goalkeeper to score.

Lane soon counter-attacked, and midfielders Howard and Meany caused some uncomfortable moments, and the home side equalised early in the second half when Stuart Howard's delicate chip went in off the woodwork.

But Woods kept going, and a ball from Roy Oatway found Bennett wide out on the wing and his run and cross was not cleared, allowing Tim Vincent to score. Garfield Blackman could have increased the lead but, with only the goalkeeper to beat, mishit his shot and then the keeper made a great save from Devlin low down on his right.

Northwood:

Ken Lavender, Roy Oatway, Lee Randall, Larry Wilson, Phil D'Cruz, Steve Whitehead, Mick Devlin, Greg Phillips, Tim Vincent, Henry Pacquette (Malcolm Bennett), Garfield Blackman

1995

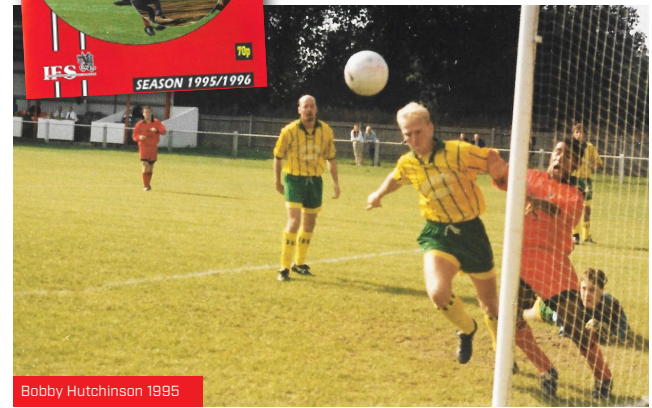
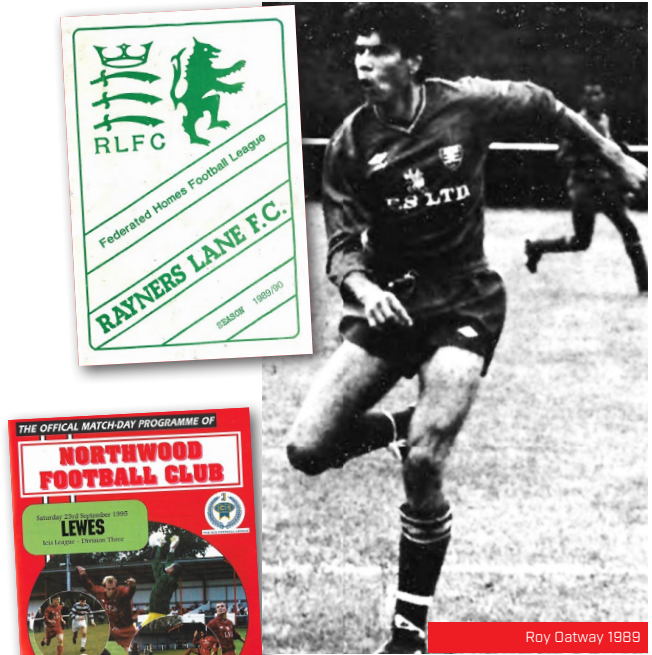
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Lewes**

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Northwood gave a first team debut to Deniz Ombesh, promoted from the reserves, but, despite the return also of Rod Romain, turned in a patchy and disjointed performance to fall to defeat.

The absence of Tony Ponnou (suspended), Laurence Holmes and Matt Allen (both injured) could not be used an excuse, as Northwood found themselves trailing after only five minutes, when Ricky West headed home from a corner.

Bryan Hammatt and Dave Pickstock both had shots saved at the other end as Kevin Dobson caused the visitors all sorts of problems with his runs and crosses from the wing.



Bobby Hutchinson 1995

Chris Gell then shot wide and Woods found themselves 2-0 after 30 minutes, and again the goal came from a corner. West's shot was blocked, but Stafford Browne reacted more sharply than anyone else to beat Lee Brown in goal from close range. Pickstock, with a header, and Bryan Hammatt went close for Woods, and the second half saw them up the tempo.

But though Dobson put over some excellent crosses, the home side could only find the net once, when a Payton header was only parried by the keeper and Gell was on hand to blast the ball home.

Northwood:

Lee Brown, Steve Payton, Kevin Dobson, Deniz Ombesh (Tony Collins), Rod Romain, Sean Glynn, John Walsh, Chris Gell, Bobby Hutchinson (Paul Masters), Bryan Hammatt, Dave Pickstock.

MATCH ACTION

EMIRATES FA CUP - SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING
SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023

ATT 159



Woods

Alexander-Greenaway 7', Williams 58'

2



Cray Valley PM

Lisbie 5', Parker 22'

2



Ric Alexander-Greenaway scores an equaliser

The Woods first game at this stage of the FA Cup for eight years ended with honours even at the Skyline Roofing Stadium as Northwood had to come from a goal down twice to ultimately force a draw and a replay on Tuesday night.

There was just one change to the starting line-up that had been well-beaten at Ramsgate in the FA Trophy a week earlier with young striker Godlove Oppong brought in for his first start of the season in place of Harry McCorkell with the midfield places being shuffled.

Our visitors, who were still unbeaten this season, were missing their main goalkeeper Sam Freeman having picked up a one-match ban after a handball offence in the Trophy a week earlier. They brought in experienced keeper Max Ovdenden as his replacement, a former Miller who was with Haringey Borough at Step 3 last season.

GOAL ALERT
0-1 Kyrell Lisbie (5 mins)

There was a blistering start to the game as the impressive speed-merchant Kyrell

Lisbie was central and unmarked when an approach down the right was not cleared and it fell kindly for Lisbie to fire into the corner and past Teddy Stacey on the line with just five minutes on the clock.

GOAL ALERT
1-1 Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway (7 mins)

But the Woods hit back almost immediately as some neat football played around the box led to a clinical pass which put Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway into the box and he finished clinically inside the far post.

There had been just seven minutes gone and both sides had looked good in attack but Cray began to get a hold in the midfield area and the ball out to Lisbie was causing many problems for the Woods defence.

GOAL ALERT
1-2 Freddie Parker (22 mins)

It was from such a ball that the Millers went back in front after twenty two minutes as a crossfield pass saw Lisbie race down the left. He had time to look

up and send over a cross which was met by Freddie Parker and he diverted it into the net with either a chest or an arm, dependant on your view.

On thirty five minutes, Andrew McCorkell kept the Woods in the tie when he managed to get a strong hand on an accurate shot from Black which was arrowing towards the top corner.

Cray Valley had had the upper hand for sure in the first-half and the Woods needed to get more of a grip in midfield if they were to stay in the competition.

HALF TIME
NORTHWOOD 1
CRAY VALLEY PM 2

And that they did gradually.

After 57 minutes, Oppong and Osa Ootote combined well on the right flank to get into a dangerous position and the visitors were happy to concede a corner.

GOAL ALERT
2-2 Dan Williams (58 mins)

The Woods continued to push and they were rewarded a minutes later when



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Luke Tingey gets his head to a corner



Starting debut for Godlove Oppong



a neat through-ball presented Dan Williams with a chance. He shrugged off the attention of his marker to move into the box and fired past Ovenden to level things up at 2-2.

Northwood had a great chance to get their noses in front on the hour. Harry Gallagher hit the target from a direct free-kick and although Ovenden saved, he couldn't hold it. Otote was first to the loose ball but the 'keeper just managed to recover to block his shot and although Kofi Anokye-Boadi looked a possible to get the rebound this time it was a Cray defender who managed to hook it away.

Lisbie was still a constant thorn on the left. He saw one effort fly well wide and then a shot to the near-post was well saved by McCorkell while another break was thwarted by the Woods 'keeper, grabbing the ball off his foot. In between those strikes, Anokye-Boadi had an

opportunity at the other end but shot well over.

After seventy one minutes, Opong hit a shot that had power but was straight at Ovenden who saved comfortably and then the Woods were hit by an injury to Williams, the goalscorer being replaced by Sam Jenkins.

The Millers best chance of winning the tie came after eighty minutes minutes and it was no surprise that it was Lisbie again who streaked ahead of the Woods defence. He looked likely to score until Alexander-Greenaway managed to get back and put in a great block tackle with McCorkell then keeping out the less potent strike.

Northwood's last opportunity came just after the announcement of four additional minutes of stoppage-time with the award of another free-kick twenty five yards from goal. Again, it was

Gallagher who struck it, again it was on target but this time Ovenden got behind it well and saved.

When the whistle went to signal a replay was necessary, a game which had seen just one yellow card, suddenly flared up into a brief spell of unrest. The result, a yellow card for the instigator, Cray skipper Arthur Lee but red cards for the two players who got too far involved - the Woods Andrew McCorkell and the Millers Jensen Grant.

FULL TIME
NORTHWOOD
CRAY VALLEY PM

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WOODS LINE-UP

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UNUSED SUBS Brophy, Jonas, Smith, Messer.

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MATCH ACTION

EMIRATES FA CUP - SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING REPLAY
TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

ATT 132



Cray Valley PM

Vigor 7', Black 80', Gayle 82', Coombes 99'

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Woods

Gallagher 34', 60', Tingey 84'

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After Extra Time



Harry Gallagher levels things up in the first half

Northwood's FA Cup dreams were ended for another year after a further 120 minutes were needed to settle this epic tie with the Millers finally prevailing on a pulsating night of cup football at the Artie Stadium.

There was one change to Woods' starting eleven with Dan Williams having to settle for a place on the bench having failed to recover sufficiently from the injury he suffered in the first game. Sam Jenkins slotting in behind central striker Godlove Oppong.

Northwood were quickly into their stride as Oppong's slide-rule pass almost played in Kofi Anokye-Boadi for an early chance but he was crowded out by the home defence.

GOAL ALERT

1-0 Matthew Vigor (7 mins)

And the hosts were soon on the attack in a familiar vein as a long ball from Clement Asiedu set Matthew Vigor free down the left channel with the latter dispatching the ball into the opposite corner of the net to give his side a seventh minute lead.

The Millers threatened to increase their advantage as Kyrell Lisbie was denied by

the legs of Northwood 'keeper Andrew McCorkell. But having recovered from the early setback, Woods began to piece some useful moves together with the lively Anokye-Boadi having a header from Teddy Stacey's deep cross cleared away in the six-yard box before Jenkins latched onto quickly taken free-kick only to be denied by a smart save from goalkeeper Sam Freeman.

Northwood's bright spell continued as Oppong began a move, combining with Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway before getting on the end of Deago Dunbar-Bonnie's hanging cross with his header dropping narrowly wide of the upright.

GOAL ALERT

1-1 Harry Gallagher (34 mins)

And Woods levelled matters after they won an indirect free-kick on the edge of the box, Dunbar-Bonnie rolling the ball to Harry Gallagher who's sweetly struck shot arrowed beyond Freeman with 34 minutes on the clock.

HALF TIME

**CRAY VALLEY PM 1
NORTHWOOD 1**

The visitors had some more defending to do immediately after the restart as the pacy Lisbie surged into the Northwood box but was denied by another fine save from McCorkell.

Woods were forced into a change on 52 minutes as the unfortunate Oppong succumbed to the ankle injury he suffered in the first-half after being on the receiving end of a poor challenge that went unpunished with Williams his replacement. And the substitute was quickly into the action as he drew a save from Freeman.

The Millers remained a constant threat with their direct approach with Freddie Parker spurning a golden opportunity as he mishit a close-range shot after being set up by Lisbie.

GOAL ALERT

1-2 Harry Gallagher (60 mins)

However, it was Northwood who put their noses in front for the first time in the tie as Gallagher continued his goalscoring run with his second of the evening as he headed home from Dunbar-Bonnie's far post corner on the hour mark.

The hosts responded by putting



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Northwood under a spell of sustained pressure, McCorkell performing more heroics to keep out efforts from Parker and Jensen Grant while the pair were both off target with a couple more attempts.

GOAL ALERT

2-2 Sonny Black (80 mins)

The Millers' onslaught continued as Parker was foiled again by McCorkell on another couple of occasions. However, the pressure finally told on 80 minutes as Sonny Black headed home a deep cross to restore parity.

GOAL ALERT

3-2 Denzel Gayle (82 mins)

Having hauled themselves back into the contest, the hosts smelt blood and they delivered what felt like a killer blow for Woods as the visitors conceded a third goal on 82 minutes as Denzel Gayle converted from close range.

GOAL ALERT

3-3 Luke Tingey (84 mins)

But Northwood hadn't read the script as they exposed the Millers' vulnerability to the set-piece once more with an equalising strike on 84 minutes as Luke Tingey forced the ball home at the far

post following Dunbar-Bonnie's corner.

Woods made their second substitution as Luke Brophy replaced Osaretin Otote on the left flank with extra-time looming. However, the Millers could have finished things off as loose ball out from defence let in Parker who fired into the side-netting while McCorkell kept out an effort from Black. At the other end, the hosts successfully defended a couple of corners and a Tingey throw which meant the tie moved into extra-time.

FULL TIME

CRAY VALLEY PM
NORTHWOOD

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The Millers were looking the more likely in the opening period of the extra period as Vigor shot weakly when well placed before Lisbie spurned a glorious opportunity to settle the tie, blazing over having taken the ball beyond McCorkell.

GOAL ALERT

4-3 Adam Coombes (99 mins)

However, the hosts were not to be denied as the Woods were caught out by another ball over the top with substitute Adam Coombes delivering an emphatic finish on 99 minutes.

Northwood dusted themselves down and went agonisingly close as Anokye-Boadi's delivery bounced off the crossbar with Alexander-Greenaway arriving at the far post only to see his header rebound off the woodwork.

Jenkins made way for Ben Crowder in the second period of extra-time with the substitute himself having to be replaced by Jack Smith as he immediately suffered an injury. But there was to be no happy ending for brave Woods as they looked to take the tie to penalties with the contest petering out with no further chances at either end.

AFTER EXTRA TIME

CRAY VALLEY PM
NORTHWOOD

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP

With most of the Step 4 clubs now out of the FA Cup, and many out of the FA Trophy, now is the time that they will be looking to get back to the bread and butter of Isthmian League competition but at the same time, a lot of Premier Division sides will switch their focus on success in the FA competitions that they will now or soon start competing in.

Last Saturday, most of the Isthmian Premier sides were involved in the FA Cup with just two matches played in the League. One saw Cheshunt climb away from the bottom four with a 3-1 victory over Bognor Regis Town who they now join on seven points. Nmandi Nwakuchu, who had a superb season with promoted AFC Sudbury last season, has recently turned up with Cheshunt and bagged what I think is his first-ever hat-trick at Step 3 to secure the three points for the Ambers. The Cheshunt side

still includes ex-Woods defender Enock Ekongo.

The only other game played saw lowly Potters Bar Town play league leaders Chatham Town and the Scholars picked up their first point of the season with a hard-fought 0-0 draw. Only relegated Concord Rangers remain below them in the table though. With the Premier side not involved in the FA Trophy until the next round, there is a full programme of league fixtures this afternoon.

There were a handful of Step 4 Isthmian sides involved in the FA Cup last weekend, including the Woods. Hanworth Villa managed to take advantage of playing a Step 5 side in Knaphill by winning 1-0 and getting through to the next round where they will meet the winners of Tuesday's replay between Marlow and Horsham who drew 2-2 last Saturday. Southall went close but went down 1-2 at home to Step 3

strugglers Hampton & Richmond Borough with the Beavers scoring a last-minute winner. Sheppey United went through, beating Burgess Hill Town 3-0 while Ramsgate drew 2-2 at Premier side Cray Wanderers and will have replayed on Wednesday night. Witham Town went down 1-5 at home to Hornchurch.

Taking a look at the North Division for the first time this season, Walthamstow joined Lowestoft Town at the top of the table with a narrow 1-0 win over Maldon & Tiptree who are still looking for their first win of the season having parted company with manager Peter Taylor a few weeks ago. Bottom side Ipswich Wanderers, promoted last season, were beaten 1-0 at Brentwood Town having already changed their manager while New Salamis, who have former Woods defender Tommy Boxer as joint manager, are also in the bottom two and still looking for

Sutton Common Rovers equalled their best ever Isthmian South Central win on Saturday, easing to victory over Corinthian-Casuals 5-0



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their first win. Much-travelled ex-Woods midfielder Wilson Chingoka recently joined them and Micah Jackson left the Woods to sign for them in the summer. Heybridge Swifts, beaten in the play-offs last season, and Brightlingsea Regent, who were relegated both still have maximum points from their three games played so far.

East Thurrock United, although reportedly resigned from the League, are yet to have their record expunged.

In the South East Division, goals flowed freely last weekend with Phoenix Sports winning 5-3 at unbeaten Ashford United (who had thrashed Binfield 7-1 in the FA Trophy a week earlier) while Chichester City smashed also previously unbeaten Hythe

United 5-0 and Broadbridge Heath won 4-0 away at Beckenham Town to notch their first win.

Merstham were switched from our own South-Central Division in the summer to play in the South-East, having only stayed at Step 4 via a win in the relegation/promotion play-off match. They lost manager Peter Adeyemi back to previous club Carshalton Athletic as well and have struggled to settle in their new division. A 0-1 home defeat against Sittingbourne last Saturday leaves the club one off the bottom with just one point from their opening four matches.

Tresor Difika was Three Bridges Man of the Match in their 2-1 local derby away win at East Grinstead Town in the South East Division.



PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Chatham Town	7	5	1	1	14	10	4	16
2 Hornchurch	6	4	2	0	16	6	10	14
3 Carshalton Athletic	6	4	2	0	15	6	9	14
4 Enfield Town	6	4	2	0	12	4	8	14
5 Hastings United	6	4	2	0	11	3	8	14
6 Horsham	6	4	0	2	11	8	3	12
7 Billericay Town	5	4	0	1	7	4	3	12
8 Whitehawk	6	3	2	1	12	8	4	11
9 Lewes	6	3	2	1	12	10	2	11
10 Folkestone Invicta	6	3	1	2	12	6	6	10
11 Wingate & Finchley	6	3	1	2	9	13	-4	10
12 Margate	6	3	0	3	8	11	-3	9
13 Hashtag United	6	1	4	1	8	8	0	7
14 Bognor Regis Town	7	1	4	2	12	13	-1	7
15 Cheshunt	7	2	1	4	7	8	-1	7
16 Canvey Island	6	2	0	4	10	14	-4	6
17 Dulwich Hamlet	5	1	1	3	11	13	-2	4
18 Kingstonian	6	1	1	4	8	12	-4	4
19 Cray Wanderers	6	1	0	5	6	11	-5	3
20 Haringey Borough	6	0	1	5	5	11	-6	1
21 Potters Bar Town	7	0	1	6	3	16	-13	1
22 Concord Rangers	6	0	0	6	3	17	-14	0

NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Chatham Town	7	5	1	1	14	10	4	16
2 Hornchurch	6	4	2	0	16	6	10	14
3 Carshalton Athletic	6	4	2	0	15	6	9	14
4 Enfield Town	6	4	2	0	12	4	8	14
5 Hastings United	6	4	2	0	11	3	8	14
6 Horsham	6	4	0	2	11	8	3	12
7 Billericay Town	5	4	0	1	7	4	3	12
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10 Folkestone Invicta	6	3	1	2	12	6	6	10
11 Wingate & Finchley	6	3	1	2	9	13	-4	10
12 Margate	6	3	0	3	8	11	-3	9
13 Hashtag United	6	1	4	1	8	8	0	7
14 Bognor Regis Town	7	1	4	2	12	13	-1	7
15 Cheshunt	7	2	1	4	7	8	-1	7
16 Canvey Island	6	2	0	4	10	14	-4	6
17 Dulwich Hamlet	5	1	1	3	11	13	-2	4
18 Kingstonian	6	1	1	4	8	12	-4	4
19 Cray Wanderers	6	1	0	5	6	11	-5	3
20 Haringey Borough	6	0	1	5	5	11	-6	1

SOUTH EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Three Bridges	5	3	2	0	13	9	4	11
2 Chichester City	4	3	1	0	11	0	11	10
3 Cray Valley PM	3	2	1	0	12	6	6	7
4 Sittingbourne	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
5 Sevenoaks Town	3	2	0	1	9	5	4	6
6 Ramsgate	3	2	0	1	8	5	3	6
7 Hythe Town	3	2	0	1	6	5	1	6
8 Ashford United	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
9 Sheppey United	3	1	2	0	8	4	4	5
10 Broadbridge Heath	4	1	2	1	8	7	1	5
11 Herne Bay	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
12 Burgess Hill Town	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
13 Littlehampton Town	3	1	1	1	3	6	-3	4
14 Phoenix Sports	5	1	1	3	9	18	-9	4
15 Erith & Belvedere	3	1	0	2	3	3	-1	3
16 Lancing	3	1	0	2	1	4	-3	3
17 Beckenham Town	4	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
18 Horndean	3	0	2	1	3	6	-3	2
19 Merstham	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1
20 East Grinstead Town	4	0	0	4	3	12	-9	0



THE WOODS FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

August		F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Sat 12	Corinthian-Casuals	H	4-0	158	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 19	Buckhurst Hill (PR)	A	1-0	133	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Mon 28	Binfield	H	4-1	224	A. McCorkell	Stacey 1	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher 1
September										
Sat 2	Binfield (1QR)	A	2-2	127	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie 1	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher 1
Tue 5	Binfield (1QR-R)	H	1-0	212	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Brophy	Stewart 1	Tingey	Gallagher
Sat 9	Ramsgate (1Q)	A	0-3	416	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Tue 12	Marlow (R2)	H	2-1	115	Messer	Tierney	Brophy	H. McCorkell	Tingey	Jonas
Sat 16	Cray Valley (PM) (2QR)	H	2-2	159	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey	Gallagher
Tue 19	Cray Valley (PM) (2QR-R)	A	3-4*	132	A. McCorkell	Stacey	Dunbar-Bonnie	Stewart	Tingey 1	Gallagher 2
Sat 23	Ashford Town (Middx)	H								
Tue 26	Hanworth Villa	A								
Sat 30	Uxbridge	A								
October										
Sat 7	Westfield	H								
Tue 10	Marlow	H								
Sat 14	Raynes Park Vale	A								
Tue 17	Leatherhead	A								
Sat 21	Chertsey Town	H								
Sat 28	Thatcham Town	A								
November										
Sat 4	Sutton Common Rovers	H								
Sat 11	Chipstead	A								
Sat 18	Metropolitan Police	H								
Sat 25	Hartley Wintney	A								
December										
Sat 2	Badshot Lea	H								
Sat 9	Ascot United	A								
Sat 16	Guernsey	H								
Sat 23	South Park Reigate	A								
Tue 26	Southall	H								
Sat 30	Hanworth Villa	H								
January										
Mon 1	Binfield	A								
Sat 6	Ashford Town (Middx)	A								
Sat 13	Leatherhead	H								
Sat 20	Westfield	A								
Sat 27	Uxbridge	H								
Sat 3	Marlow	A								
February										
Sat 3	Raynes Park Vale	H								
Sat 10	Chertsey Town	A								
Sat 17	Thatcham Town	H								
Sat 24	Sutton Common Rovers	A								
March										
Sat 2	Metropolitan Police	A								
Sat 9	Chipstead	H								
Sat 16	Badshot Lea	A								
Sat 23	Hartley Wintney	H								
April										
Mon 1	Southall	A								
Sat 6	Corinthian-Casuals	A								
Sat 13	South Park Reigate	H								
Sun 21	Guernsey	A								
Sat 27	Ascot United	H								



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Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3 / Sub 4 / Sub 5;

■ Yellow Card / ■ Red Card / * After Extra Time



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7	8	9	10	11	Used Substitutes
Otote 3	Alexander-Greenaway ■	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Crowder (72); Jenkins (77); H. McCorkell (90)
Otote	Coulter	Williams 1	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Newman (80); H. McCorkell (77); Jenkins (90)
Otote	H. McCorkell ■	Williams 1 ■	Smith	Anokye-Boadi 1	Jenkins (80); Newman (72); Crowder (84)
Jenkins	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	Smith	Anokye-Boadi	Otote (63); Brophy (63)
Dunbar-Bonnie	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	Otote	Anokye-Boadi ■	Newman (78); Jenkins (84) ■
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway	Williams	H. McCorkell	Anokye-Boadi	Jonas (11); Jenkins (58); Brophy (69)
Otote 1	Jenkins	Newman 1	Smith ■	Crowder	Alexander-Greenaway (62); Dunbar-Bonnie (62); Oppong (70) ■; Anokye-Boadi (81)
Otote	Alexander-Greenaway 1	Williams 1	Opong	Anokye-Boadi	Jenkins (72); Newman (90); H. McCorkell (90)
Otote ■	Alexander-Greenaway	Jenkins ■	Opong	Anokye-Boadi	Williams (53); Brophy (85); Crowder (111) > Smith (115)

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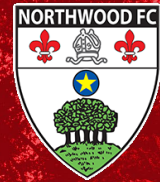
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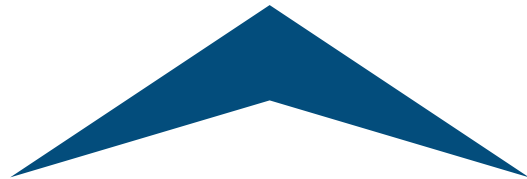
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THE WOODS ROLL CALL 2023/24



Player	Woods Debut	2022/23 Season										Woods Career					
		Isthmian League				Cup				Total		League		Cups		Overall	
		Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Ric Alexander-Greenaway	Ashford Town (A) Mar '22	1	0	1	0	5	1	6	1	7	1	37	4	14	3	51	7
Kofi Anokye-Boadi	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	2	0	2	1	6	1	7	0	9	1	2	1	7	0	9	0
Luke Brophy	Binfield (A) Sep '23	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	0
Keagan Cole	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	7	11	0	49	7
Archie Coulter	Buckhurst Hill (A) Aug '23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ben Crowder	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
Deago Dunbar-Bonnie	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	2	0	2	0	6	1	7	1	9	1	2	0	7	1	9	1
Harry Gallagher	Tooting & MU (H) Aug '22	2	0	2	1	6	0	6	3	8	4	21	4	13	3	34	7
Sam Jenkins	Kings Langley (H) Sep '18	0	2	2	0	3	4	7	0	9	0	61	3	24	0	85	3
Romario Jonas	South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	11	0	7	0	18	0
Andrew McCorkell	Uxbridge (A) Sep '17	2	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	8	0	43	0	17	0	60	0
Harry McCorkell	Corinthian-Casuals (H) Aug '23	1	1	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	0	2	0	4	0	6	0
Matt Messer	Marlow (H) Sep '23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jaden Newman	Buckhurst Hill (A) Aug '23	0	1	1	0	1	3	4	1	5	1	1	0	4	1	5	1
Godlove Oppong	Marlow (H) Sep '23	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Osaretin Otote	Binfield (A) Apr '23	2	0	2	3	6	1	7	1	9	4	7	3	9	1	16	4
Jack Smith	Thatcham Town (A) Mar '23	2	0	2	0	3	1	4	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	10	0
Teddy Stacey	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	2	0	2	1	6	0	6	0	8	1	37	4	14	1	51	5
Carl Stewart	Chipstead (A) Nov '21	2	0	2	0	6	0	6	1	8	1	63	1	20	1	83	2
Mikey Tierney	Marlow (H) Sep '23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Luke Tingey	Tooting & MU (H) Feb '22	2	0	2	0	7	0	7	1	9	1	53	3	19	1	72	4
Dan Williams	Merstham (A) Feb '23	2	0	2	2	5	1	6	2	8	4	12	5	8	3	20	8

MOST APPEARANCES

85

SAM JENKINS



TOP SCORERS

8

DAN WILLIAMS



UNDER 18S



LEAGUE CAMPAIGN BEGINS WITH EMPHATIC VICTORY

The Woods Under-18s started their Allied Counties Youth league campaign last Monday week at Hillingdon Borough and made it a successful opening game with an emphatic 5-1 victory.

After the home side had started quickly, Northwood grabbed an eighth minute lead when Sarin Thapa flicked in a cross at the near-post. They then took control of the game when Alex Grant took advantage of a defensive error.

Jeremy Scholz scored a superb third, exchanging passes with Thapa and Tom Reid before burying a shot past the keeper to make it 3-0 at the break.

After the interval, Thapa notched his second of the game within a few minutes and although the match hit a bit of a lull with substitutions made from both sides, the Woods bagged a fifth late on with a cracking strike from substitute Jamie Dwyer.

The only downside came in stoppage-time as Hillingdon spoiled the clean sheet with a consolation goal and then Harrison Clemow picked up a second yellow card so was dismissed to leave the Woods with ten men.

Team: Matteo Chianca, Keelan Sweeney, Jeremy Scholz, Jayden Williams, Liam Osborne, Ethan Bradford, Ben Crowder, Tom Reid, Alex Grant, James Payne, Sarin Thapa.

Subs: Londin Latifi, Jamie Dwyer, Fabjan Toci, Harrison Clemow.

The side play their first home game in the Allied Counties this Wednesday 27th September when they take on Wembley here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium and I'm sure they would appreciate any support.

ALLIED COUNTIES LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Beaconsfield Town	1	1	0	0	7	0	3	7
2 Northwood	1	1	0	0	5	1	3	4
3 Rayners Lane	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
4 Wembley	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
5 Harefield United	2	0	1	1	2	4	0	-2
6 Hillingdon Borough	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	-4
7 Chalfont St Peter	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	-7



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

Date	Opposition	@	Comp	Res	Scorers
July					
Mon 24	Dunstable Town	N	Friendly	6-1	Dwyer, Grant 2, Osborne 2, Crowder
Thu 27	Leverstock Green	A	Friendly	2-1	Osborne, Crowder
August					
Thu 10	Walton & Hersham	N	Friendly	3-4	Caselli 3
Wed 16	Tring Athletic	H	FAY	2-5	Scholz, Toci
Thu 31	Kings Langley	A	Friendly	2-4	Williams, Reid
September					
Mon 11	Hillingdon Borough	A	ACYL	5-1	Thapa 2, Grant, Scholz, Dwyer
Wed 27	Wembley	H	ACYL		
October					
Wed 11	Chalfont St Peter	H	ACYL		
Wed 18	Chalfont St Peter	A	ACYL		
Wed 25	Beaconsfield Town	H	ACYL		
November					
Wed 8	Harefield United	H	ACYL		
Thu 23	Harefield United	A	ACYL		
December					
Wed 13	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		
January					
Tue 9	Beaconsfield Town	A	ACYL		
Wed 17	Hillingdon Borough	H	ACYL		
Wed 24	Wembley	A	ACYL		
Tue 30	Rayners Lane	H	ACYL		
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THREE OF A KIND



KEN GREEN LOOKS AT MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Saturday 14th December 1974
Middx Intermediate Cup Third Round

Ashford Town 1
Northwood 2

The first meeting between the clubs came in 1974, and the Woods hit the woodwork as early as the second minute when Harry Stone broke free on the right and lashed a 15-yard drive against the bar with the goalkeeper well beaten.

Nigel Franklin, with his speed and control lead the assaults on the home goal and it was only a flurry of dubious tackles that prevented him from scoring.

Northwood finally took the lead in the 15th minute with a fine goal. Ken Harland split the defence with a Crossfield ball, Franklin helped it



Jeff Roberts

on and Jeff Roberts burst through on the left to unleash a tremendous 25-yarder which rocketed into the net.

The Woods kept up the pressure but the nearest they came to increasing their lead before half-time was when Barry Gould volleyed inches wide. They finally went further ahead in the 75th minute when Franklin, having been brought down, brilliantly floated in the resultant free-kick over the defensive wall and into the top corner of the net.

Two minutes from time, the hosts pulled a goal back when the centre-forward headed in following a corner, but Northwood went through to a quarter-final meeting with Southall reserves.

Northwood: Richard Kessell, Ken Harland, Geoff Mills, Barry Gould, Clive Hester, Jeff Roberts, Harry Stone, Robin Tidd, Don Dibbens, Nigel Franklin, Tony Roche.

Saturday 12th October 2013
Southern League Division One Central

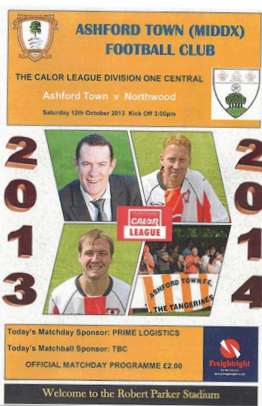
Ashford Town (Middx) 0
Northwood 3

The Woods were dominated the early stages and both Lee Grant and Joakim Ehui had notched off-target efforts before the opening goal arrived after 20 minutes. There was good approach work from the midfield and when Dave Lawrence received it out wide he knocked in a delicious cross which saw Craig White fly in to score from close-range. Ashford had little to offer in reply and Lawrence saw a crisp strike to the near-post kept out by McCarthy.

Ashford's chance of a comeback was hit in the final minute of the first half, when Paul McCarthy blocked Lawrence just outside the box, and after consulting the linesman, the referee dismissed the keeper. From



Harry Stone



the free-kick, Oliver Sprague neatly floated the ball over the wall and into the unguarded half of the net.

After 89 minutes McLeish powered his way forward but delayed his shot too long and Tobin blocked. The ball ran loose and Sheriff put the rebound wide of the target. But Northwood were not to be denied a third and Lawrence slipped a great ball inside to Phillips who ran on and squared for Ehui to knock in his first goal for the club.

Ashford: Paul McCarthy, Jim Mann (Tom Brunton), Qaseem Sotonwa, Russell Canderton, Harry Driver, Jamie Connor, Joe Lynch, Perry Luckins (Robbie Sitch), Mark Gallagher (Tyler Tobin), Joe Hughes, Cyril Ocansey

Northwood: Jake Knight, Ramil Sheriff, Oliver Sprague (Ryan Phillips), Mark Burgess, Steve Brown, George Nicholas (Jon-Jo Bates), Joakim Ehui, Craig White, Niko Muir, Dave Lawrence, Reece Grant (Aaron McLeish)



Oliver Sprague

Saturday 26th March 2022 Pitching-In Isthmian League Division One South Central

Ashford Town (Middx) Northwood

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On a dry bumpy surface, Northwood were quickly into their stride, forcing an early corner. Although the Tangerines were able to clear the early danger, the opening goal wasn't long in coming as Sydney Ibie capitalised on a lapse in the home defence to fire in a shot from the edge of the box, which took a slight deflection off Ben Geraghty before nestling inside the far upright, giving Woods the lead with four minutes on the clock

Having survived a penalty shout, Northwood extended their lead when Luke Tingey's throw into the box finding found its way to Sydney Ibie, who sent the ball for Josh Helmore to gleefully lash home on 25 minutes.

But Woods let the hosts back into the game on 57 minutes when they failed to clear their lines with Dan Brown's shot being parried by Daniel Purdue and into the path of Ethan Hellyer who swept the ball home. Encouraged by the goal, Ashford appeared to move up a couple of gears, but Northwood held on for the win.

Ashford: Alfie McNally, Ben Geraghty, Alex Duffy, George Spiers, Dale Burnham, Clyde Obdo, Connor Holland (David Pitt), Wayne Ridgley, Daniel Brown (Ayodeji Owoeye), Kain Adom, Ethan Hellyer

Northwood: Daniel Purdue, Ryan Young, Andy Lomas, Keagan Cole, Luke Tingey, James Gurteen (Jesse Boateng), Kyal Williams (Will Robinson), Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway, Josh Helmore, Sydney Ibie (Matt Surmon), Carl Stewart



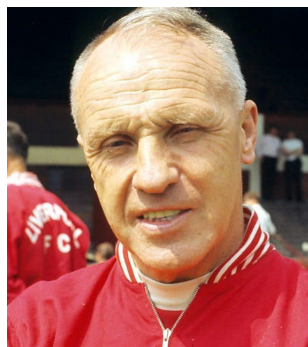
Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway on the ball

HALF TIME TEASERS



TEST YOUR FOOTBALLING KNOWLEDGE WITH OUR TEN QUESTIONS BELOW!

- 1 Which European Player of the Year, who never played in a World Cup, said; "I spent a lot of my money on booze, birds and fast cars – the rest I just squandered"?
- 2 Which commentator said; "Some people are on the pitch!"?
- 3 Who in the boot room said this: "Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that."?
- 4 Which Welsh striker said "I couldn't settle in Italy – it was like living in a foreign country"?
- 5 Which club was the first to win the FA Cup at the Millennium Stadium?
- 6 When Newcastle lost to Arsenal in the 1998 FA Cup Final, they fielded a player who had also appeared in the cup final 14 years previously. Who was he?
- 7 In the 1991 FA Cup Final between Spurs and Forest, Paul Gascoigne severely broke his leg in a late challenge on which player?
- 8 True or false: the first FA Cup Final was played at Wembley?
- 9 Which Wimbledon player scored the only goal as they remarkably beat Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup Final?
- 10 For the 1990 FA Cup Final replay with Crystal Palace, Manchester United changed their goalkeeper (after the first game ended 3-3). Name either starting Manchester United 'keepers.



ANSWERS: 1. George Best, 2. Kenneth Wolstenholme, in the last minute of extra time of the 1966 World Cup Final just as Geoff Hurst is about to complete his hat-trick, 3. Bill Shankly, 4. Ian Rush, 5. Liverpool, with a 2-1 win over Arsenal in 2001, 6. John Barnes, 7. Gary Charles, 8. False, it was played at the Kennington Oval in 1872, Wembley held its first final in 1923, 9. Lawrie Sanchez, 10. Jim Leighton and Les Sealey.



TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Once again cup fixtures disrupt the league programme this afternoon with the next round of the Isuzu FA Trophy taking place.

There are some league games being played, though, and here are the full list of games in both league and FA Trophy.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE 2023/24

#	Team	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Raynes Park Vale	4	2	0	0	6	4	2	0	0	6	1	7	12
2	Leatherhead	4	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	1	3	10
3	Uxbridge	4	1	0	1	4	3	2	0	0	7	1	7	9
4	Sutton Common Rovers	5	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	1	10	6	4	9
5	South Park (Reigate)	5	0	0	2	1	5	3	0	0	7	1	2	9
6	Chipstead	4	2	0	0	10	3	0	2	0	2	2	7	8
7	Chertsey Town	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	2	3	1	7
8	Marlow	3	1	0	1	6	2	1	0	0	4	1	7	6
9	Northwood	2	2	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	6
10	Ascot United	4	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	3	3	3	6
11	Thatcham Town	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	6
12	Hartley Wintney	4	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	2	3	8	-1	6
13	Badshot Lea	5	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	1	5	4	-4	6
14	Ashford Town	5	1	2	0	7	1	0	0	2	0	3	3	5
15	Southall	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	4
16	Guernsey	5	1	0	2	4	5	0	0	2	1	6	-6	3
17	Corinthian Casuals	5	1	0	2	3	10	0	0	2	1	8	-14	3
18	Westfield	4	0	1	1	0	5	0	1	1	1	3	-7	2
19	Hanworth Villa	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	3	-3	1
20	Met Police	4	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	2	3	7	-8	1
21	Binfield	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	10	-9	1

As of Tuesday 19th September 2023



TODAY'S LEAGUE FIXTURES

PREMIER

Bognor Regis Town vs Kingstorian
Carvey Island vs Margate
Chatham Town vs Lewes
Cray Wanderers vs Cheshunt
Dulwich Hamlet vs Concord Rangers
Enfield Town vs Carshalton Athletic
Folkestone Invicta vs Whitehawk
Haringey Borough vs Hornchurch
Hashtag United vs Wingate & Finchley
Hastings United vs Potters Bar Town
Horsham vs Billericay Town

SOUTH CENTRAL

Binfield vs Hanworth Villa
Chipstead vs Raynes Park Vale
Northwood vs Ashford Town (Middx)

SOUTH EAST

Horndean vs Herne Bay

THE ISUZU FA TROPHY SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING



(Games involving Isthmian League clubs only)

AFC Dunstable vs Brightonsea Regent
Ascot United vs Lancing
Badshot Lea vs Sutton Common Rovers
Basildon United vs Lowestoft Town
Bowers & Pitsea vs Bedford Town
Bury Town vs Walthamstow
Chertsey Town vs Hythe Town
Cray Valley PM vs Hartley Wintney
Felixstowe & Walton Utd vs Hertford Town
Metropolitan Police vs Ashford United
Ramsgate vs Sevenoaks Town
Sheppey United vs Sittingbourne
South Park (Reigate) vs Three Bridges
Southall vs Leatherhead
Waltham Abbey vs Heybridge Swifts
Westfield vs Marlow
Witham Town vs Redbridge



INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS...

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)



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For many years, it was assumed that Ashford Town Football Club was formed in 1964. However, subsequent research indicated the club was formed in 1958 as Ashford Albion and first competed in the Hounslow & District League.

Albion won two consecutive promotions to reach the Premier Division of the Hounslow League and were still competing at this level when the club changed its name to Ashford Town in 1964. It was at this time that the club adopted its distinctive Tangerine & White colours. The club endured a difficult first campaign as the Town club and withdrew from the Premier Division, assuming the Reserve Team's place in Division Two. Having rebuilt the club with a very

young team, Ashford Town rapidly advanced back through the divisions of the Hounslow & District League, absorbing Staines Youth Club on the way. Several individuals from that era have remained with the Club and now form the backbone of the Committee.

The Club was elected to the Surrey Intermediate League (Western) in 1967 and promoted at the end of their first season. The Ash Trees were League Cup finalists in 1970-71 and League runners-up in 1972-73. In 1974-75, Ashford enjoyed their best season under the management of ex-Fulham player Frank Reid, winning the League by three points from perennial contenders Merrow.

Although the championship eluded the Club in following seasons, it

usually finished in the top four and prior to season 1982-83 an invitation was extended by Surrey County FA to become founder members of the Surrey County Premier League. The invitation was readily accepted and Ashford played their first match in the new league on 4 September 1982, drawing 0-0 away to Farleigh Rovers.

Almost from its foundation, the Club had aspirations to acquire its own ground and after one or two disappointments, this was achieved in August 1985, when a long lease was signed with Spelthorne Borough Council, enabling the Club to move to its present home at Short Lane, Stanwell. From what was nothing more than a field, the facilities were quickly developed, with the first match at Short Lane taking place in February



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1986, following two postponements for snow.

The Club now possesses a modern clubhouse and bar, kitchen facilities and boardroom. Floodlights were erected in September 1995, whilst the pitch is railed all round and partly walled, with standing covered accommodation, plus a purpose built 150-seater stand, built in 1998. An additional 100 seats were installed on the opposite side of the ground to this stand in 2006, after the club won promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division.

For both geographical and historical reasons, Ashford affiliate to both Middlesex and Surrey FAs and in 1989-90, their last season as an Intermediate Club, they reached the final of both Counties' Premier Cup competitions, beating Farnham Town in the Surrey version but losing to Willesden Hawkeye in the Middlesex final. Runners-up spot in the League was also secured and with it the opportunity to enter senior football, as members of the Combined Counties League, senior status having been granted in May 1990. It was at this point that the club changed its name to Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC, to avoid confusion with the Kent club of the same name.

During its ten year membership of the Combined Counties League, the Club never finished below sixth place, and after finishing 3rd and 2nd in seasons 1992-93 and 93-94, it went on to win the League Championship for four successive seasons. It was a relative disappointment to only come 4th in 1998-99, even though the Club won the League Cup but a 5th championship in just six seasons was secured in 99-00, along with the Middlesex Charity Cup, the first ever senior county cup honour. With the ground up to the required standard, Ashford took their place in the Isthmian League for season 2000-01 and by finishing in third place, secured promotion to Division Two at the first attempt.

The first season in Division Two did not the Club making sufficient progress

and after a series of indifferent results, long serving manager Dave Kent left the Club on 28 March 2002. His replacement was Nathan Wharf, a long-serving former player, who stepped up from Reserve Team management.

Further major improvements were made to the ground to enable the Club to be granted a B-grade and to take its place in the newly regionalised Division One of the Isthmian League. A poor start saw the Club in the bottom echelons of the table but a number of new signings saw a significant improvement and a 17th place finish, which was an excellent performance after winning just one of the opening 16 league matches.

Further progress was made in 2003-04 as the Club finished 12th in Division 1 South. In the close season prior to 2004-05, the pitch was completely relaid to include both irrigation and drainage systems, at a cost of around £50,000, mostly financed by the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

The Club embarked upon new adventures in season 2004-05 in the Southern League for the first time, having been transferred over as a result of a restructure of the National League System. The Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was reached for the first time and Mark Butler, renowned goal scorer in his day with Aldershot Town, Staines Town and others was promoted from Assistant Manager to Manager following the resignation of Nathan Wharf in December 2004. The play-offs were



reached but resulted in a narrow defeat at Evesham United.

In 2005-06, Ashford went one better, finishing second in Division One West of the Southern League, to secure promotion to Step 3. This brought about a return to the Isthmian League for season 2006-07 and saw Ashford competing at their highest ever level. The season brought consolidation of the new status with the added bonus of reaching and winning the Westview (League) Cup Final when Ashford triumphed 4-1 over Dover Athletic.

Ashford built on this success, rallying from the foot of the table in November 2007 to narrowly miss a place in the promotion play-offs at the end of the 2007-08 season, a campaign which saw all of the club's senior sides challenge for honours. The senior side reached the Final of the Southern Combination Cup, the Reserves reached the Finals of both the Middlesex Premier and Surrey Premier Cups, while the Under-18 squad, led by club Mick Snowden were champions of the Southern Youth League.



The 2008-09 season saw Ashford begin the campaign winning their opening six matches to top the table. Mark Butler's side followed this up with a fantastic FA Cup run which saw them come agonisingly close to eliminating Forest Green Rovers in the Fourth Qualifying Round at Short Lane. Ashford endured a difficult winter, which saw them flirt with relegation, before a late resurgence saw the side safely into mid-table. The cup competitions added much adventure to the season, as Ashford followed up their exploits in the FA Cup with runs to the semi-finals of both the Middlesex Senior and Isthmian League Cups and end their campaign by defeating Conference Premier outfit Woking 3-2 to win the Surrey Senior Cup.

The 2009-10 season saw Ashford make a reasonable start to the campaign, but the Ash Trees were shocked when manager Mark Butler tendered his resignation on Friday 23rd October, in order to take up the Manager's role at Margate, who were struggling at the foot of the table. Ashford appointed former Leicester City and Bradford City midfielder Jamie Lawrence as his replacement, and the Jamaican international immediately led his new charges on a twelve-match unbeaten run. However, issues off the pitch were causing problems for the club and a number of players, including leading goalscorer Byron Harrison left for Carshalton Athletic. Ashford found scoring a problem after Harrison left and a dreadful run of form saw them go from the fringe of the play-off zone to battling relegation. Ashford went into their final match knowing a win would almost guarantee survival, while a draw would see them finish fourth from bottom – technically a relegation place, but certain to receive a reprieve owing to the demise of various other clubs. Sadly, a heavy defeat for Ashford, coupled with wins for Carshalton and Margate saw the latter two clubs survive.

During the summer of 2010, the club were initially placed in the Central Division of the Southern League but were then offered the chance

to remain at Step Three of the non-league pyramid. However, as this offer was as a direct replacement for defunct Southern League side Merthyr Tydfil, the decision was made that the vast increase in travelling would be too great a burden for the club and they elected to remain in the Central Division. During this time, Bob Parker stepped down from his role as Chairman after twenty-eight years in the role. The club's home ground was renamed the Robert Parker Stadium in honour of Bob, who is now President.

The club entered a new era in the Central Division of the Southern League with Jamie Lawrence at the helm and with a mixture of established local players and new faces but the season was a challenging one. The club played some sparkling football at times and enjoyed an exciting run in the FA Trophy, reaching the Last 32 in the competition before losing at home to Dartford. However, League form was patchy and the club finished 16th. One bright spark was the club winning the Southern Combination Cup, defeating Hanworth Villa 1-0 in the Final.

Jamie Lawrence resigned as Manager in June 2011 and the club immediately appointed his assistant, Paul Burgess, to take the helm after more than 21 years at the club, including 683 First Team appearances.

Despite having little time to do it and few resources at his disposal, "Burgo" assembled a young and exciting team. Although any hopes of a tilt at the promotion play-offs were dashed by a dreadful run where the club failed to win at home for four months, Ashford finished the season strongly, winning two Cup Finals in 48 hours. In the Middlesex Charity Cup Final, the Ash Trees were 3-0 down to Northwood after 48 minutes before substitute Kofi Lockhart-Adams scored four times to put his team ahead. The game finished 4-4, with Ashford winning the penalty shoot-out 4-2.

Two days later, Ashford defeated Badshot Lea 3-1 to add the Aldershot Senior Cup to the cabinet, aided by a fine performance from Paul McCarthy, who had saved two penalties in the

first Final. A memorable season was capped by the club being named winners of the Southern League Fair Play Award.

The 2012-13 campaign saw Ashford reach the Final of the Middlesex Senior Cup against Staines Town. However, Ashford were unable to claim the trophy, eventually falling to a 2-0 defeat. At the end of that season, assistant manager Steve Battams left the club. Youth Team Manager Ben Murray, who had been coaching at Ashford since his teens and won an FA Community Award, was promoted into the senior management team.

An awful start to the 2013-14 season saw the Ash Trees cut adrift at the foot of the Southern League Central Division and Paul Burgess was relieved of his duties after an 8-1 defeat at Dunstable Town. Ben Murray was appointed Manager and although results did not improve initially, performances and discipline did. A rally during the final months of the campaign offered hope of a remarkable 'great escape', although relegation was confirmed at North Greenford United.

As a result, Ashford returned to the Combined Counties League and their first campaign back in the competition saw Ashford finish third, while their second saw Town claim promotion.

The club's return to Step 4 was earned after Ashford finished second in the League, thanks to a remarkable end-of-season run which saw the Ash Trees finish the season with 96 points. This was 10 points behind the Champions, Hartley Wintney, but as 'The Row' did not then have the requisite facilities to play at Step 4, they could not go up.

Ashford's reward was a third brief spell in the Southern League. A good start to the 2016-17 season allayed any fears that a return to the Central Division would see a repeat of the club's previous struggles, while a genuine highlight of the campaign was a third triumph in the Middlesex Charity Cup. The Final saw Ashford defeat Wealdstone of the National League to claim the magnificent trophy.



For 2017-18, what had been the Central Division of the Southern League became the East Division and Ashford achieved a mid-table finish. A new reorganisation of the National League System saw the club move back into the Isthmian League as members of the South Central Division for 2018-19. The 2018-19 season was another mid table finish with us also through to the Final of the Middlesex Charity Cup although just losing out to Uxbridge. Ben Murray then decided to stand down after his 6 year tenure as first

team manager. The board and team were grateful for the results and hard work he had put in over the years. Up Stepped Russell Canderton to take the reins (having played nearly 700 games for the club).

After the null and void season of 2019-20 due to the Covid pandemic, Ashford remained in the Isthmian League (South Central Division) for the 2021-22 campaign and despite going through three managers managed to finish mid table after a slow start.

For 2022-23, previous goalkeeper Paul McCarthy took the helm after seeing the Tangerines safely through the latter part of the previous season. Another difficult season saw them avoid the relegation playoff thanks to other results on the final day. During the off-season many changes were made around the club, notably in bringing back former manager Luke Tuffs. With a brand new setup, and squad, plus many positive changes off the field, there is a great buzz around the club for this campaign.

LAST TIME OUT

Tuesday 19th September 2023
v Hartley Wintney (A) LO-1



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DEFENCE



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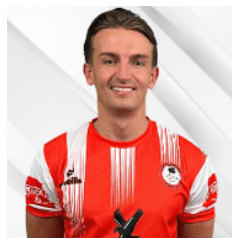
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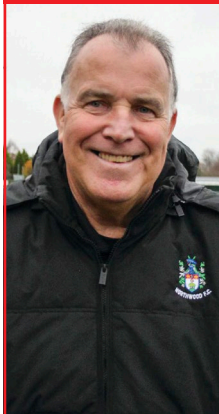
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Keagan Cole



Keagan arrived at Northwood in a player-coach 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. Just turned 24 and an inspirational skipper who picked up the Supporters Player of the Year award in 2022. Now installed as Assistant Manager.

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Luke Tingey



Luke is an experienced 26-year-old defender who joined the Woods in February 2022 from Isthmian Premier side Potters Bar Town. He started off at the MK Dons Youth Academy and then went on to notch almost 200 games at Step 3 for Hendon FC. He also had a short spell with St Albans City. Made skipper during an almost ever-present 2022-23 season, he won the Managers' Player of the Year award and is back from another term.

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Luke Brophy



21-year-old full-back, Luke joined the Woods in the summer of 2023 from Hayes & Yeading where he was part of their side that won the Middlesex Senior Cup. Luke had spells at both Westfield and Binfield on dual-registration last season and played against the Woods.

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Curtis Brown



Curtis is a powerful, young 19-year-old forward who has joined the Woods in the summer of 2023 from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. He previously featured at Risborough Rangers but came to notice with a barrage of goals playing for Winslow United.

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Kofi Anokye-Boadi



Kofi moved to Northwood in July 2023 having played for both Chipstead and Bedfont Sports last season. The attacking midfielder started as a youth at Barnet and at 23 will be looking to establish himself with the Woods.

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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 26-year-old who was also at Udinese as a youngster and then played in Poland for Zagłębie Sosnowiec. He has also had short spells at Oxford City, Banbury United, Bedfont Sports, Wingate & Finchley and most recently, Marlow. He won the coveted Players' Player of the Year award in 2022 and has been virtually ever-present in the Woods midfield, clocking up over 75 appearances.

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Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway



The 23-year-old midfielder joined the Woods on a dual-registration basis from Southern Premier side Hendon in March 2022 but only played one game. Ric had previously played at Chalfont St Peter for two seasons, being named Player of the Year in 2019/20. He signed on permanently for the 2022/23 season and played a huge part in bolstering the midfield area.

Now starting a second season, Ric is just short of 50 appearances and has also been amongst the goals.

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Harry Gallagher



Harry came late to Saturday non-League football having only started playing in 2021-22 with Broadfields United having trained with Northwood for much of 2022. The 25-year-old has registered with the Woods for the last season and continued to develop, also bagging the bonus of scoring Goal of the Season. He returns for a second year.

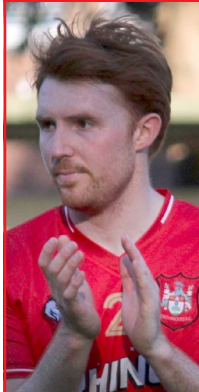
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Sam Jenkins



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 stayed for three years, though with injury issues. He came to the Woods on dual-registration several times but returned permanently for 2022. Now approaching 75 appearances for the club, he's back for another year.

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Romario Jonas



Romario is a 25-year-old defender who joined on dual-registration with Harwell Town in July 2022. He made his name with some impressive performances at Ashford Town (Middx) and earned a move to Step 3 side Hendon where he made almost 50 appearances over two seasons. He has had short spells with Bracknell Town and Chalfont St Peter but was then part of the successful Harwell side that won promotion through the play-offs back in May 2022.

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Andrew McCorkell



Experienced 25-year-old goalkeeper who had a short spell with the Woods back in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative honours in Northern Ireland's U19s. He had already made appearances at Hendon and Chesham United. In recent years he has had spells with Beaconsfield, Hayes & Yeading, Chalfont St Peter and, most recently, Bedford Sports before joining in 2022. He was ever-present during that first season.

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Sean Moore

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Godlove Oppong



The 19-year-old striker has been on the management's radar for quite some time and they finally got him on board in the summer of 2023 having enjoyed a couple of good years with Tring Athletic in the Spartan South Midlands League. Prior to that he played for Dunstable Town. He will be looking to take that further step up the levels with the Woods this season.

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Teddy Stacey



26-year-old Teddy joined us from Hadley FC. He was at Tottenham as a youth and then went to the US where he represented 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 enjoyed a fine first season at the higher level, taking the Managers' Player of the Year award. Missed the first half of last season but is now approaching 50 appearances for Woods and returns for a third term.

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Dan Williams



Dan is a 26-year-old striker who came through the successful Hendon U23 side and then made a huge impact at Chalfont St Peter with plenty of goals. He then moved to Tooting & Mitcham and Bedford Sports in 2021/22 before joining Uxbridge in the summer of 2022. From there he has joined the Woods in February 2023 and had a good introduction before picking up an injury. Dan will be hoping to build on that as he returns for the new campaign.

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Osaretin Ototo



Young attacking wide player who joined the Woods from Waltham Abbey in February 2023. Previously at Barking, Osa is still only 21 and as a youth played for the likes of the Huddersfield Town Academy.

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Jack Smith



Midfielder who joined the Woods in March 2023 from St Panteleimon having also been registered with Chesham United. The 26-year-old who came through the youth ranks at Wealdstone.

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Matt Messer



Young, 22-year-old goalkeeper has signed for the Woods as cover for the established McCorkell and will be looking to progress during the season. He joins from Holmer Green where he featured 25 times during the last campaign.

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Deago Dunbar-Bonnie



Only 20, Deago is a left-back who has with Stoke City and Leyton Orient as a youth. He had spells with Maldon & Tiptree and Hullbridge Sports upon his release from the O's and last season played for Kings Langley while also dual-registering with Oxhey Jets. He is dual-registered with Harrow Borough.

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Harry McCorkell



24-year-old midfielder who joins the Woods from North Greenford United where he scored 10 goals in 44 games last season. Prior to that Harry enjoyed six seasons with Harefield United, making over 100 appearances and he now teams up with his older brother as he looks to make the step up.

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Ben Crowder



17 year-old winger. Ben is in his second season with the Woods Under-18s and has been called up to the first-team squad, making his debut as a substitute against Corinthian-Casuals on the opening day. Lots of potential.

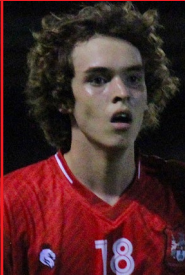
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Archie Coulter



Archie is part of the Aldershot Town Development squad and has joined the Woods in August 2023 having previously played for the Shots Under-23 side. He made his Woods debut in the FA Cup at Buckhurst Hill and, at only 19, he will be looking to gain more experience of senior football.

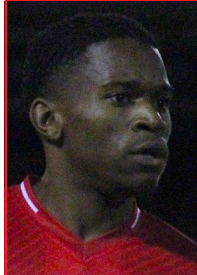
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Jaden Newman



Young attacking prospect, Jaden impressed in pre-season with a couple of goals and has been added to the Woods squad. The 19-year-old was with Wembley last season having been at Harefield as a youth.

Player Sponsor

Robin Piper

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MATCHDAY SQUADS



NORTHWOOD

Colours: Red

Manager: **Ben Bukowski**

Assistant: **Keagan Cole**

- **Andrew McCorkell**
- **Matt Messer**
- **Teddy Stacey**
- **Sam Jenkins**
- **Deago Dunbar-Bonnie**
- **Luke Brophy**
- **Luke Tingey**
- **Romario Jonas**
- **Harry McCorkell**
- **Carl Stewart**
- **Kofi Anokye-Boadi**
- **Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway**
- **Jack Smith**
- **Godlove Oppong**
- **Dan Williams**
- **Osaretin Otote**
- **Curtis Brown**
- **Archie Coulter**
- **Ben Crowder**
- **Jaden Newman**



ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

Colours: Blue & White Stripes

Manager: **Luke Tuffs**

Assistant: **Carl Taylor**

- **Toby Mawer**
- **Jack Arnold**
- **Will Hellestoe**
- **Nathan Rogers**
- **Ross McKernan**
- **Alex Stingelin**
- **Aaron Goode**
- **Jake Eales**
- **Scott Day**
- **Sam Humphreys**
- **Qasim Khan**
- **Ed McCrea**
- **Ben Holder**
- **Ahkeem Belford**
- **Harry Woodward**
- **Morgan Cooper**
- **Carlos Bain**
- **Ben Peden**
- **Michael Campbell**
- **George Spiers**

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Daniel Baines

Assistants:

Steven Marr
& Adam Mills

NEXT UP HOME

WESTFIELD

Saturday 7th October 2023

Kick-Off 3pm

Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division

NEXT UP AWAY

HANWORTH VILLA

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Kick-Off 7.45pm

Pitching In Isthmian League
South Central Division



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