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IAN'S INSIGHT

WITH WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY



Good afternoon and welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for today's Pitching In Isthmian League game. We extend our welcome to our visitors from Corinthian-Casuals FC and trust they enjoy their time here.

Firstly, I wanted to once again express all of our condolences to Dave Kelly on the very sad loss of his wife, Kim and all of our thoughts are with Dave and his family.

We also lost our long-term supporter, Derek Green, father of our Vice Chairman, Ken and we extend our love, thoughts and prayers to Ken and his family on their loss. Whist Derek hadn't been well enough to attend our games for a while, he always wanted to know how we were doing and he will be sorely missed by us all.

In addition to the sad news (and I hope he won't mind me saying this) Dave Gahan, a very long-term home and away supporter of the Woods, has also been diagnosed with a serious illness and we hope Dave is

able to continue to come to as many games as possible whilst he bravely battles his ailments.

Last season was a resounding success here and a reflection, finally, of all the hard work that goes on here. A massive well done to the staff, players, managers and everybody connected with the club as we made great strides forward in so many ways on and off the pitch.

The facilities you now see here don't happen by accident and all the work throughout the summer, carried out by so many, is testament to what you now see. A big thanks goes to you all; be as proud as I am of how far we have come.

A massive thanks to all of our sponsors, without whom we wouldn't be where we are, is also in order and as you look around the stadium today, please note the new sponsor's boards around and there are many more to follow shortly.

In this programme you will see all of our sponsors listed and if you

are able to give them any business, please do so, as it's important these relationships work both ways.

I will mention them more in the next few programmes and wanted to thank them for their support of our club; paying special attention to Dan of C & G Scaffolding who has kindly sponsored our first team home shirts (due to arrive shortly) and our clubhouse and to Steve Revell of Skyline Roofing for his continued Stadium Sponsorship. Thanks to you all.

Beyond the scenes, also a special mention to Alan who continues to compile this magnificent, award-winning publication and to John Joyce who works tirelessly to obtain more sponsorship and develop all of our relationships.

Today, we welcome our new Woods U7's, coached by Alex, who are today's mascots/ball boys so we hope they all enjoy their day with us.

Enjoy the match. Up the Woods!
Ian

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DIRECT FROM THE MANAGEMENT

WITH WOODS MANAGER, BEN BUKOWSKI

Good afternoon, Woods fans!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the break and has rested up ready for another season! Pre-season has come and gone, the work all starts again today.

On the pitch we have been happy with the majority of performances and the hard work during training. The schedule has been busy and demanding on the players, I feel we are in a good place to start our campaign.

Behind the scenes, the work for this season started at the final whistle of our cup final last year. The end to a fantastic season gave us the belief and commitment to begin improving what we already have to ensure this season is another successful one.

Unfortunately, as expected, with the season just gone, our players were rightly sought after. I am delighted to have kept the majority of our squad that has been together for some time now. I would like to give

my thanks to the players that have moved on to other clubs and wish them all the best.

Whilst some have moved on, you will also see we have made some additions to the squad. The summer was full of recruitment activity in areas we felt were needed the most. I am sure you can see the quality we have bought into the football club, along with the characters as well.

We have also made additions to our management team as you will have been made aware. We welcome Jacob Cook and Dennis Quigley to the football club, who will be joining as our first team coaches. I am very excited about working with them both, the commitment and work ethic they have shown already shows what an asset to the club they will be.

We also have welcomed Mitchell Smith to the club as first team physio. Mitchell will work alongside

Elizabeth treating injuries and putting the players through rehab work. I would like to give my thanks to departing physio Dan Daggett who was a key member of our time from the moment we came into the football club.

I would like to thank everyone behind the scenes who has worked hard during pre-season to ensure this one has the foundations to be a great one. Welcome to the new sponsors and welcome back to the existing sponsors. You are all joining a great club where your support is appreciated by all.

I hope we can continue to do everyone proud and keep moving in a positive direction. The first game is here, please get behind us!

Up the Woods!

Ben





WOODS OUTLOOK

WITH CLUB SECRETARY, ALAN EVANS



Welcome to the Casuals

Having completed our pre-season campaign of nine matches against a variety of standards of clubs, today we can finally turn our attention to the matter in hand – the opening day of another new season in the Pitching In Isthmian League.

And here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium, we are delighted to welcome old friends from our London Spartan League days in Corinthian-Casuals, whose four-year stint at Step 3 came to an end when they were relegated from the Premier Division back in April.

It is the first time since those Spartan days that we have played against our opponents in League football, dating back to 14th March 1992 when we notched a narrow 3-2 win over the Casuals here at Northwood thanks to goals from Garfield Blackman, Micky Devane and Greg Phillips. We also met in the London Spartan League Cup Final at the end of that season, winning 2-1 at Hanwell Town and that match is covered elsewhere in today's matchday programme along with the details of our only meeting since then. That came in the Isthmian League Cup of 2008/09 on a freezing December night when the Woods managed a 4-1 victory.

Our opponents will be hoping to leave their form from last season behind them as they tackle life back at Step 4 this afternoon. They only

had Brightlingsea Regent below them in the Premier Division table and were thirteen points adrift of the safety of 20th place which was occupied by Kingstonian who we met last weekend.

This afternoon we plan to hold a minute's applause in memory of two people that we have lost during the summer. Vice-Chairman Ken Green's father Derek passed away back in June while our volunteer Dave Kelly lost his wife Kim just last month. May both Rest in Peace.

We are joined for the game today by the Northwood Youth Under-7s, pictured here, who will be our guests as Mascots & Ball-Boys this afternoon. We hope they have a great afternoon!

Woods just miss out on honours

Our last home game of last season produced a very enjoyable 3-1 win over Marlow and, as a result of other games played on that date, it meant that the Woods would have to play away to runners-up Walton & Hersham in the Play-Off semi-final four days later. Having already met three times previously during the season and losing narrowly by one goal on each occasion, it was always going to be a really close and tough game and that was exactly what it produced. Having taken an early lead through a Josh Helmore strike, the side battled really hard. The Swans had a crowd of over a

thousand behind them and they levelled things up just before the half-hour stage with a good header from a corner. It stayed level through most of the second-half but then a scramble to clear a loose ball in the box led to a penalty being awarded to the home side and once they got their noses in front, they stayed there in the closing-stages. Walton went on to beat Hanworth Villa in the Play-Off Final a few days later and take a place at Step 3 that the side's performances throughout the season deserved.

A week later, the side had a chance to pick up some silverware in the Final of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup where we met Broadfields United at Uxbridge. It was the club's fifth final in the competition having lost all previous four finals. Up against Step 5 opposition, hopes were certainly high but our opponents weren't seeing things that way and they took a first-half lead which they then held onto to win the tournament. A disappointing end to what had been a very enjoyable season for sure.

Management Group

We are delighted that the squad will still be managed day-to-day by the group of Ben Bukowski and Keagan Cole under Steve Ringrose's overseeing role of Director of Football. Ben becomes Manager and Keagan Assistant Manager and they



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have added two new faces to their coaching team with former Hemel Hempstead, Billericay Town and Wealdstone midfielder Jacob Cook and ex-Ickenham FC boss Dennis Quigley strengthening the team. We welcome both to the Woods along with our new first-team physio Mitch Elliott-Smith who still have Elizabeth Brooks working alongside him. Our thanks go to the departing Dan Daggett for his excellent service over the last couple of years.

Cup Draws

Our finishing position in Division One Central of the Isthmian League last season meant that we didn't have to be in the draw for the Extra Preliminary Round of the Emirates FA Challenge Cup this season so while many of our fellow divisional adversaries played in the prestigious competition last weekend, the Woods were not one of them. However, we do now enter at the Preliminary Round stage next Saturday, on Saturday 19th August and will play away to Essex Senior League side Buckhurst Hill following their 2-1 extra-time victory at Brantham Athletic on Tuesday night." In the Isuzu FA Challenge Trophy, the Woods have been given a really tough opening fixture in the First Qualifying Round, away to South East Division side Ramsgate. The Kent coast side finished runners-up to Chatham Town last season, losing only two league matches at home but then lost on penalties in their own Play-Off semi-final to Hythe Town (who, in turn, lost to Whitehawk in the Final). Their average crowd was over 700 so they are certainly a well-supported side and we go there on Saturday 9th September. The winners will be at home to either Uxbridge or another Isthmian South-East side Sevenoaks Town in the Second Qualifying Round.

In the Isthmian League Cup, we have a bye to round two where we will play at home to the winners of Thatcham Town v Marlow. We also have a bye in the Middlesex Senior Cup to the Second Round but that hasn't been

drawn as yet. The Club have not entered the Middlesex Charity Cup this season.

League News

There was a bit of excitement during the summer as the new constitution for the South Central Division of the Isthmian League produced a couple of real surprises. Firstly, Marlow were moved sideways to the Southern League (when there were many thinking it might be us making that move) but also there was the inclusion of a Metropolitan Police side that had asked for voluntary relegation having finished eighth in the Southern Premier South last season. Subsequently, Marlow appealed their transfer and were successful so the Blues are back in our division. At a late hour, the Woods were asked if the club wished to take Marlow's place in the Southern League but it was decided to stay where we are and our division will now run with 21 clubs. It does mean a couple of blank Saturday's and we have our first one soon, in just two weeks' time, on Saturday 26th August plus also on Easter Saturday 2024. Other newcomers to our division are today's visitors Corinthian-Casuals and the promoted trio of Vase winners Ascot United, Raynes Park Vale and Badshot Lea. We lose relegated Tooting & Mitcham United and Bedfont Sports plus Merstham who were transferred over to the South East Division.

Uxbridge are laying their new 3G pitch (and building a new stand etc.) over the next couple of months so will be playing home games at Slough Town's ground. This will include our own visit at the end of September. Southall are now ground-sharing the 3G at Burnham and these will join Ascot, South Park and Sutton Common Rovers with artificial surfaces this season.

Under-18s

Our midweek Under-18s made the difficult decision to leave the Isthmian Youth League in the

summer and, after a 13-year gap, will play their football in the Allied Counties Youth League this season. Placed in the East Division, we will have more local opponents such as Beaconsfield Town, Brook House, Chalfont St Peter, Harefield United, Hillingdon Borough, Rayners Lane and Wembley.

In the FA Youth Cup, we have been drawn at home to Tring Athletic in the Extra Preliminary Round. This game will be staged here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium this Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 7.45pm so please make every effort to come down and show your support for this one.

We don't currently have a date for the opening League fixture.

Spartans FC

Our tenants are back for a second season of Combined Counties League Division One (Step 6) football and were quickly in action here at the Skyline last Tuesday against London Samurai Rovers. They follow that this coming Tuesday night against Molesey (who they also meet away today)!

At the Skyline...

Next Fixtures at the Skyline Roofing Stadium

Tuesday 15th August

Spartans Youth v. Molesey
CCL Division One - 7.45pm

Wednesday 16th August

Woods U18s v. Tring Athletic
FA Youth Cup - 7.45pm

Tuesday 22nd August

Spartans Youth v. London Colney
CCL Division One - 7.45pm

Monday 28th August

Woods v. Binfield
Isthmian League - 3pm

Enjoy the games, thanks for your support, and see you all again soon.





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FROM THE TRAINING PITCH

WITH ASSISTANT MANAGER
KEAGAN COLE



Welcome back, Woods fans!

It feels good to be back in amongst competitive fixtures and back home around you guys. Thank you for all the hard work you have put in during the off season behind the scenes, around the ground and in the clubhouse.

Following a review since our arrival in November 2021 we are well aware of the positives we have had together as a squad in both seasons but also aware of those things which we need to improve on moving into the upcoming season and have targeted those going forward.

We are delighted to add both Jacob Cook and Dennis Quigley into our coaching staff who have already made a massive impact on the training pitch and have added plenty of fresh ideas across the board. Also, a big welcome to Mitchell Elliott-Smith who has joined the team as physio.

This programme article will now be produced by one of the coaching team and will probably alternate

between myself, Jacob and Dennis, perhaps even Mitch to give you all a wide-ranging view of everything we try to cover in training and games both before and during matchdays. Hopefully that will give you all plenty of insight into our preparation here at the club.

I hope you have enjoyed our pre-season performances and have managed to introduce yourselves to our new signings.

We have demanded a lot during the off season in both training sessions and on the matchday pitch... plenty of new ideas and a fresh young group ready to attack the challenges ahead.

Today is the day where our competitive 2023/24 season begins and we are determined to make sure that we each give 100% week by week.

We hope you guys enjoy the game this afternoon and keep up the noise and support as usual.

Up the Woods!

Keags x



YESTERDAY: TODAY

THIS IS ONLY THE FOURTH OCCASION IN THEIR HISTORY, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926, THAT NORTHWOOD HAVE PLAYED A COMPETITIVE FIXTURE ON 12TH AUGUST. OVER THE YEARS THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN A SMATTERING OF PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES, AND ALL 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.
Wed 12 Aug 1970	A	Pre-Season Friendly	Harrow Borough Res	W4-2	Dodd, Byrne, Millward, P Roche	
Sat 12 Aug 1972	A	Pre-Season Friendly	Rayners Lane	W2-1	Chick, Millward	
Tue 12 Aug 1975	A	Pre-Season Friendly	Hemel Hempstead Res	L1-2	T Roche	
Sat 12 Aug 1978	A	Pre-Season Friendly	Marlow Res	W1-0	Ellis	
Tue 12 Aug 1985	H	Pre-Season Friendly	Hemel Hempstead	W2-0		
Sat 12 Aug 1989	A	London-Spartan League Premier Division	Thamesmead Town	W5-2	Blackman 3, Pacquette, Edey	
Sat 12 Aug 1996	H	Pre-Season Friendly	Ford United	D1-1	Hutchinson	
Wed 12 Aug 1998	H	Pre-Season Friendly	Watford Reserves	L0-3		
Mon 12 Aug 2002	A	Pre-Season Friendly	Harefield United	W4-3	Porter 2, Fitzgerald, Craft	
Sat 12 Aug 2006	H	Pre-Season Friendly	Hendon	W3-0	Dean 2, Hanley	
Tue 12 Aug 2014	A	Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central	Kettering Town	L0-5		594
Sat 12 Aug 2017	A	Evo Stik League South, East Division	Hartley Wintney	L0-2		135

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Harrow Borough Res. Woods

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Middlesex League Northwood proved far too strong for the Athenian League club's reserve side in a pre-season warm-up game at Earlsmead. Harrow were kept under constant pressure before a defensive error allowed Ron Dodd (pictured) to nip and give Northwood the lead.

Northwood's well drilled defence gave nothing away and successfully exploited the offside trap. The Harrow forwards seldom reached the penalty area until a free-kick for a tackle by Dibbens gave Harrow's right-half the equaliser.

In the second period Northwood took complete control, and when Horsford won a corner Byrne volleyed home the flag kick. A third goal came when Horsford was fouled and Millward scored from the penalty spot and a fourth followed after Pearce, having a great game, sent Roche away to beat two men and shoot home.

Northwood might have added two more before Harrow pulled one back in the dying minutes, but they can be satisfied with their display.

Northwood:

Ray Byrne, Graham Harding, Dick Wickison, Steve Pearce, Pat Madigan, Don Dibbens, Paul Byrne, Pat Roche, Ronnie Dodd, Pete Millward, Dave Horsford.



Ron Dodd



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Marlow Res. Woods

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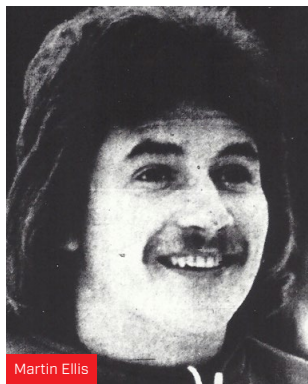
Northwood made it three wins out of three in their pre-season games with this win, and they started well enough and took the hosts by surprise with some neat and precise football, but when the goal their superiority warranted didn't come, the Woods began to fade.

The match was being fought out in midfield once the defences had taken the upper hand, but the closest shaves came around the Marlow goal. Two penetrative runs by Martin Ellis (pictured) resulted in goal-line clearances.

Northwood eventually broke the deadlock five minutes before the interval, when they were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box and when Ian Harvey rolled the ball into the path of Ellis, the striker hammered home an unstoppable drive.

After the interval the visitors took a firmer grip on the game, although they lost possession too easily. The woodwork robbed Northwood on two occasions, and Ellis sent two headers close to the target.

Norman Heslop became prominent in attack as the Woods defence easily thwarted the hosts spasmodic raids, but despite his efforts and a clear superiority Northwood were unable to add to their lead.



Martin Ellis



Action from the game in 2017

2017

Hartley Wintney Woods

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Northwood with new boss Simon Lane in charge began their new league season against newly-promoted Hartley Wintney, who had just won two successive Combined Counties League titles and confident in their working practice on their own sloping pitch.

The home side could not have had a better start. They quickly won possession, knocked the ball forward for skipper Sam Argent to chest the ball down to debut strike partner Paul Hodges who neatly chipped Voss for the shock opening goal. The time; just 47 seconds into the new season. It allowed Hartley Wintney to settle very quickly and the Woods struggled to get any sort of attack flowing. Control of the ball was lost in midfield and Hodges raced for goal but this time his shot flashed wide as the Row looked to threaten again.

Hartley went two-up after 37 minutes when Woods failed to stop a cross from the right wing and when Dean Stow fired the ball across goal,

Argent deflected the ball past Voss for a second goal. Five minutes later Northwood recorded their first real effort on goal as Harry Newman battled through the centre and stabbed a right-footed shot which was only just wide of the post.

After the break the Woods did start to see more of the ball but it had still been the home side who had gone closest in the early stages as Stow fed Argent but the striker's chip went wide of the target.

But the closest that Northwood would come to a goal came near the end when Newman produced a perfect cross to the far post that was met by Williams who headed down well only to be denied by the post.

Northwood:

Harry Voss, Pat Kelly, Pat Adamson, Lewis Hobbs, Brad Hewitt, Marcus Rose (Hakim Nyariki), Michael Osei, Wilson Chingoka (Antonio Walker), Meshach Williams, Tayshan Hayden-Smith, Harry Newman.



MATCH ACTION

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

TUESDAY 01 AUGUST 2023



Woods

Gallagher (4'), Otote (5'), Triallist (77')

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Dagenham & Redbridge

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Woods stepped up their pre-season preparations with an impressive win over their National League opponents in the first game back on home turf.

There was a return to the Skyline for former fan's favourite Sydney Ibie following his switch to the Daggers midway through last season and he was quickly into the action with a trademark run into the box which was snuffed out by the home defence.

GOAL ALERT

1-0 Harry Gallagher (4mins)

But it was Northwood who opened the scoring on four minutes as Harry Gallagher latched onto Jack Smith's

floated freekick to send a stooping header beyond goalkeeper Josh Strizovic.

GOAL ALERT

2-0 Osaretin Otote (5mins)

And Woods struck again a minute later as Kofi Anokye-Boadi surged towards the Dagger's box before squaring to Osaretin Otote who swept the ball home.

Dagenham responded with Woods 'keeper Andrew McCorkell palming away an effort from Ibie after Frankie Franz had created the opening. And the visitors kept up the pressure as Franz lifted a shot wide of the upright before the lively Aaron Blair tested

McCorkell with a curling shot which was pushed away for a corner.

Having held firm, Northwood finished an entertaining opening half on the front foot; a slick move involving Teddy Stacey and Dan Williams culminating in Strizovic keeping out an Otote snapshot before Woods were awarded a penalty for handball on the cusp of halftime - Williams' under-hit spot-kick easily dealt with by Strizovic.

HALF TIME

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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE**

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Dagenham came out strongly after the break with Blair firing in



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a succession of shots – McCorkell saving well either side of a shot which was deflected wide and a dipping effort which narrowly cleared the crossbar.

Both sides made a number of changes as the contest progressed, but Woods maintained a good tempo and their slick, incisive play continued to ask questions of the Daggers' defence.

And the hosts went close to increasing their lead as Deago Dunbar-Bonnie's pinpoint freekick into the box found the head of Stacey whose low header was gathered by Strizovic.

GOAL ALERT **3-0 Triallist (77mins)**

Following another raft of substitutions, Northwood deservedly added a third goal on 77 minutes – as a triallist striker applied the finish after great work from the Anokye-Boadi.

The Daggers continued to offer a threat mainly through Blair who had another opportunity as he dragged a shot wide when well placed. But Woods threatened to increase their lead as another strong run and cross from Anokye-Boadi led to Otote chesting the ball into the arms of Strizovic.

And with the clock ticking down, Anokye-Boadi almost capped a good night's work with a goal that his performance deserved, but he was sadly denied by an offside flag.

Isthmian Premier Kingstonian next up for Woods in their final warm up match on Saturday as former manager Simon Lane brings his charges to the Skyline.

FULL TIME **NORTHWOOD** **DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE**

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Words: Robin Piper
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WOODS AWARDS EVENING 2023

At the end of the last campaign, it was time for the awards to be given out and during a splendid evening at the clubhouse, sponsored by Dan Campbell of C & G Scaffolding, they were certainly shared around.

Current Dagenham & Redbridge forward **Sydney Ibie** managed to hold on to the Golden Boot, despite not being around in the final six months of the season, with Josh Helmore only one goal short of picking up his second top scorer award in two years. However, it was defender **Harry Gallagher** who picked up the Goal of the Season award for his thumping finish that won the home league game against Uxbridge.

It was skipper **Luke Tingey** who won the Managers' Player of the Year trophy after consistently solid performances throughout the season but he was just beaten to the Supporters' voted Player of the Year award by fellow defender **James Gurteen**.

Finally, ever-present goalkeeper **Andrew McCorkell** was the grateful recipient of the much-coveted Players' Player of the Year award. He was also voted in as the top goalkeeper of the Isthmian Central Divisional team of the year by the managers of each club in the division; a great accolade.

The Under-18s side also had their awards presented with skipper

Joe Reade enjoying great success by winning the Managers' Player of the Year and sharing the Players' Player of the Year award with striker **Oscar John Fabjan Toci** took home the Golden Boot having netted 18 goals during the campaign.

The Club awards were also presented with our Match Day announcer **Sean Moore** picking up the Clubman Trophy while youngster **Kingston Hall** was named Supporter of the Year and **Shamira Hamirani** claimed the Chairman's award.

Photos of the evening, taken as ever by James Brown show plenty of happy faces!



James Gurteen was the Supporter's choice for POY; presented by Sponsor Dan Campbell of C&G





Andrew McCorkell picks up the Players' POY from Keagan Cole



The Managers' POY trophy is presented to Luke Tingey



Shamira Hamirani is presented with the Chairman's award

MATCH ACTION

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

SATURDAY 05 AUGUST 2023



Woods

Otote (33'), Tingey (69')

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Kingstonian

Collins (36', 78', 79'), Gaather-Braithwaite (89')

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Northwood completed their pre-season programme with a useful workout against Isthmian Premier Division side Kingstonian.

The K's, under the management of former Woods boss Simon Lane, were the first to show as former Hanwell striker Tom Collins latched onto a neat through ball before lifting the ball over the advancing Andrew McCorkell but over the crossbar.

Northwood were getting into some promising positions with Dan Williams having a shot deflected into the Kingstonian goalkeeper's arms before Osaretin Otote fired in a shot which ricocheted behind for a corner.

At the other end, Iker Leon went close on a couple of occasions – stretching at the far post as he looked to get on the end of a Collins header before he found himself beyond a flat home defence but pulled his shot wide.

But the Woods continued to create chances of their own as Williams turned smartly before testing the K's keeper with a low shot.

GOAL ALERT 1-0
Osaretin Otote (33mins)

And it was Northwood who opened the scoring on 33 minutes as Teddy Stacey fed Otote who turned smartly before finishing with aplomb for his fifth goal of pre-season.

GOAL ALERT 1-1
Tom Collins (36mins)

However, Woods' lead was short-lived as Luke Tingey was adjudged to have illegally impeded Collins in the box who picked himself up to send McCorkell the wrong way from the penalty spot to level matters on 36 minutes.

HALF TIME
NORTHWOOD 1
DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE 1

Northwood made a positive start to the second period with Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway going close with a header after Stacey combined well with Kofi Anokye-Boadi, Jack



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Woods Final Pre-Season Record

This game completed the programme of nine pre-season matches:

Played **9** Won **5** Drawn **1** Lost **3**

Goals Scored **25**

Goals Conceded **15**

Goalscorers

- 5** Osaretin Otote
- 3** Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway
Harry Gallagher
Dan Williams
- 2** Kofi Anokye-Boadi
Jack Smith
Godlove Oppong
- 1** Curtis Brown
Luke Tingey
Carl Stewart

Smith sending a freekick narrowly over and Williams shooting narrowly wide. But Kingstonian had a great chance to put their noses in front as the Woods defence was caught out by a long ball over the top but Eddie Dsane found the side-netting with only McCorkell to beat. And the same player thought he had given his team the lead as he converted from close range but was denied by an offside flag.

GOAL ALERT 2-1 Luke Tingey (69mins)

Both sides made several substitutions and one of the Northwood replacements, left-back Luke Brophy, sent over a corner

which was recycled by Stacey as he played the ball across to Tingey whose low shot nestled inside the near post to restore the hosts lead on 69 minutes.

GOAL ALERTS 2-2 GOAL ALERTS 2-3 Tom Collins (78 & 79 mins)

Both sides continued to tinker with the roll on / roll off substitutions and the changes seemed to benefit the K's as Collins took advantage of some uncertain defending to grab himself a couple of goals to put the visitors in front with 12 minutes left on the clock.

Woods threatened to restore parity as Tingey's lofted cross picked out

Gallagher in the six-yard box but the latter had strayed into an offside position as he looked to sweep the ball home.

GOAL ALERT 2-4 Darnell Goather-Braithwaite (89mins)

And Kingstonian put a slightly distorted slant on proceedings as Darnell Goather-Braithwaite completed the scoring with a fourth goal for the visitors in the final minute.

FULL TIME NORTHWOOD DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Words: Robin Piper

Images: James Brown

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THE WOODS FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023/24

August	F-A	Att	Starting XI	2	3	4	5
Sat 12	 Corinthian-Casuals	H					
Sat 19	 Buckhurst Hill	(PR) A					
Mon 28	 Binfield	H					
September							
Sat 2	 Hanworth Villa	A					
Sat 9	 Ramsgate	(10) A					
Sat 16	 Leatherhead	A					
Sat 23	 Ashford Town (Middx)	H					
Sat 30	 Uxbridge	A					
October							
Sat 7	 Westfield	H					
Tue 10	 Marlow	H					
Sat 14	 Raynes Park Vale	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					



WOODS SCORE SHOWN FIRST Goalscorer in Bold 1;
Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3 / Sub 4 / Sub 5;
Yellow Card / Red Card



6 7 8 9 10 11 06 Used Substitutes





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THE WOODS ROLLCALL

2022/23

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
Juwon Akintunde	Merstham (H) Oct 22	10	6	16	4	3	0	3	1	19	5	16	4	3	1	19	5
Ric Alexander-Greenaway	Ashford Town (A) Mar 22	32	3	35	4	8	0	8	2	43	6	36	4	8	2	44	6
James Budden	Godalming Town (H) Dec 15	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	61	7	12	0	73	7
Gareth Chendlik	Hanworth Villa (H) Jan 23	16	3	19	3	2	1	3	1	22	4	19	3	3	1	22	4
Shane Cococorel	Kings Langley (H) Dec 15	11	0	11	3	3	0	3	0	14	3	14	3	3	0	17	3
Keagan Cole	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	11	5	16	1	3	4	7	0	23	1	38	7	11	0	49	7
Sandro Costa Dias Fernandes	Walton & Hersham (A) Oct 22	6	3	9	0	1	2	3	0	12	0	9	0	3	0	12	0
Harry Gallagher	Tooting & MU (H) Aug 22	13	6	19	3	4	3	7	0	26	3	19	3	7	0	26	3
Tristan Goodridge	Wealdstone (H) Feb 23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
James Gurteen	Uxbridge (A) Sep 17	30	2	32	3	7	0	7	0	39	3	60	3	11	1	71	4
Nebay Haile*	Rushden & Diamonds (A) Nov 17	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	17	0
Josh Helmore	Bedford Sports (H) Jan 22	20	16	36	7	7	2	9	4	45	11	53	16	13	5	66	21
Ronan Hutchins*	South Park Reigate (H) Aug 22	11	6	17	2	3	2	5	1	22	3	17	2	5	1	22	3
Sydney Ibie*	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	17	0	17	10	4	0	4	2	21	12	40	17	5	2	45	19
Micah Jackson	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	20	7	27	3	2	3	5	1	32	4	39	8	6	3	45	11
Sam Jenkins	Kings Langley (H) Sept 18	15	2	17	0	4	2	6	0	23	0	59	3	17	0	76	3
Romario Jonas	South Park Reigate (H) Aug 22	9	2	11	0	4	1	5	0	16	0	11	0	5	0	16	0
Rahim Jude-Boyd	South Park Reigate (H) Aug 22	0	10	10	0	2	2	4	0	14	0	10	0	4	0	14	0
Brandon Kalu	Tooting & MU (H) Aug 22	10	8	18	0	3	1	4	0	22	0	18	0	4	0	22	0
Andy Lomas	Kettering Town (A) Aug 14	29	1	30	1	10	1	11	0	41	1	135	2	38	1	173	3
Parris Mason	Enfield Town (H) Feb 23	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	3	1	0	0	3	1	3	1
Andrew McCorkell	Uxbridge (A) Sept 17	39	0	39	0	11	0	11	0	50	0	41	0	11	0	52	0
George Nicholas	Aylesbury (A) Jan 13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	92	11	25	4	117	15
Osaretin Otote	Binfield (A) Apr 23	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	0	7	0	5	0	2	0	7	0
Junior Paiva	Thatcham Town (H) Oct 22	8	8	16	0	3	0	3	0	19	0	16	0	3	0	19	0
Ergys Pepaj	South Park Reigate (H) Aug 22	6	2	8	1	3	2	5	0	13	1	8	1	5	0	13	1
Joe Reade	Ashford Town (Mx) (H) Oct 22	0	2	2	0	0	4	4	0	6	0	2	0	4	0	6	0
Tom Reid	St. Pantaleimon (H) March 23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jack Smith	Thatcham Town (A) March 23	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0
Teddy Stacey	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	13	4	17	0	5	0	5	0	22	0	35	3	8	1	43	4
Carl Stewart	Chipstead (A) Nov 21	35	4	39	0	7	3	10	0	49	0	61	1	14	0	75	1
Lindell Stewart*	Wembley (H) Nov 21	2	2	4	0	1	2	3	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	8	0
Jake Tabor*	Sutton Common Rovers (H) Sep 22	13	3	16	2	1	1	2	0	18	2	16	2	2	0	18	2
David Taylor	Moneyfields (A) Dec 17	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	6	0	2	0	8	0
Luke Tingey	Tooting & MU (H) Feb 22	39	0	39	3	9	0	9	0	48	3	51	3	12	0	63	3
Fabjan Toci	St. Pantaleimon (H) March 23	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Dan Williams	Merstham (A) Feb 23	10	0	10	3	2	0	2	1	12	4	10	3	2	1	12	4



ISTHMIAN OPENING DAY HOME GAMES



The Woods first entered the Isthmian League back in 1992 having been promoted from the London Spartan League, as it was named then. Starting in Division Three, the club had to achieve three promotions to make it to the Premier Division due to the lop-sided state of the non-League Pyramid in those days. Now there is just one step to bridge the gap to the Premier level. Anyway, this is Northwood's 22nd season in the Isthmian League – we have also spent ten years as members of the Southern League due to boundary changes!

So, here is a look back at the opening home fixtures in our Isthmian League seasons as we start another home campaign this afternoon. It is the third successive year we have started our league season here at home.

The full record is as follows:

**Played 21 Won 12 Drawn 3 Lost 6
Goals Scored 40 Goals Against 32
Points 39**

All in all, we've made a pretty good start to our Isthmian League seasons over the years but it didn't get off to a winning start as the 1992/93 season ended in a 1-1 draw against Royston Town with Vic Schwartz netting the Woods goal in front of a crowd of 126. Our first opening home game victory came a year later though when Leighton Town were beaten 2-0 thanks to a double-strike by Martin Randall and the crowd was improved too with 148 people through the gate.

The Woods biggest victory for an opening Isthmian League home game

came in 2008 when a big crowd of 201 witnessed a stunning 4-0 victory over Enfield Town. Defender Brad Hewitt netted twice for the only time in his career and there was one each for John Christian and Terry Davies.

That wasn't the biggest attendance at a first home Isthmian game for a season though. In fact, there have been two recorded crowds of over 300. In 2000, the Woods drew 2-2 with Bedford Town in front of 308 people with Rene Street and Lawrence Yaku on target. But that was surpassed in our first year as an Isthmian Premier club three years later. Aylesbury United were our opponents, the game ended in a 1-1 draw and Chris Moore netted the Northwood goal witnessed by a bumper crowd of 345.

The average crowd for the twenty-one matches to date has been 163 (though two years ago v Binfield it produced an attendance as low as 107) so it will be interesting to see what the crowd will be for this afternoon's fixture against a side that was relegated from the Premier Division last season back to Step 4 for the first time in five years.

While there were two instances of players scoring hat-tricks in the opening home games while we were playing in the Southern League (Scott Orphanou v Bedford Town in 2010 and Michael Murray v Arlesey Town in 2015), there has only been one player to have bagged three times in the Isthmian League opening home matches and that was fairly recently. In 2018, Tooting & Mitcham United led 3-1 until close to the end but then

James Ewington, having opened the scoring, netted twice more before Carl Pearce bagged a stoppage-time winner in a thrilling 4-3 success.

While the Binfield attendance in 2021 was disappointing, the actual lowest attendance at home on the opening day came early on in 1995, the only time it has dipped below three figures, as just 96 people saw a 4-1 thrashing of Kingsbury Town. There was only 10 more the following season as Lewes were also defeated 4-1 with Paul Halbert netting two.

There have been just six defeats in those twenty-one years. The first was in 1998 when we were beaten 3-2 by Hertford Town and just a year later Ford United recorded an emphatic 3-0 win here at Northwood Park. Our second Premier Division season saw us start with a 3-1 defeat against Tonbridge Angels, Dean Papali scoring for the Woods while Canvey Island notched a 2-0 success in 2007. There have been just two losses since then came and both of them were fairly emphatic 0-3 losses, against Westfield in 2019 and to Binfield in 2021.

Last season, the first home Isthmian League game was again against Tooting & Mitcham United and the visitors took a third minute lead only for two Sydney Ibie goals put the Woods in front by half-time. The Terrors levelled soon after the restart but Ronan Hutchins headed the winner on 53 minutes and it ended 3-2.

THREE OF A KIND

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

Monday 29th August 1988
Greene King Spartan League

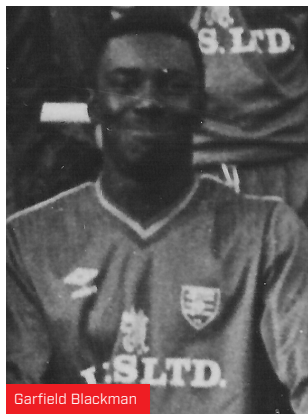
Northwood **Corinthian-Casuals**

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A good Bank Holiday crowd were treated to a Greene King Spartan League goal feast by Woods, with Garfield Blackman (pictured) notching a fine hat-trick.

Casuals' resistance was to be admired, and only a single goal by Henry Pacquette separated the two sides for the first hour.

The home side dominated the last 20 minutes and the floodgates opened up as Woods created chance after chance, which the forwards clinically put away. Goals from Henry Pacquette and Neil Lane rounded off a very efficient performance.



Garfield Blackman

Northwood:

John Toogood, Jez Riley, Tony Rich (Richard Doyle), Mick Freeman, Steve Revell, Bob Wright, Malcolm Bennett, Darren Colwill, Neil Lane, Henry Pacquette Garfield Blackman

Saturday 8th May 1992
Spartan League Cup Final

Corinthian-Casuals **Northwood**

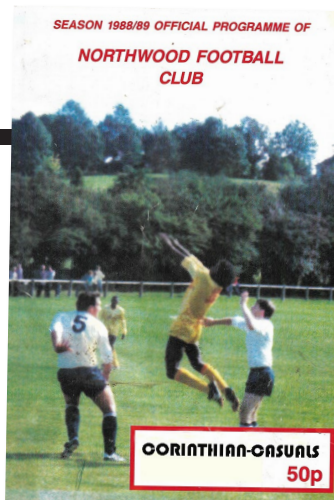
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Goalkeeper Ken Lavender saved a twice-taken penalty as Northwood ended the season by adding the Spartan League Cup to the Premier Division championship at Hanwell Town's ground.

The drama started when, with Woods leading 2-1 in the second half, Ron John was penalised for handball. Though Casuals' Martin Clark netted, the penalty had to be taken again as a forward had encroached into the area. This time, Lavender dived full length to make a tremendous save and, though Casuals had other chances before the final whistle, Woods were able to hold on.

Woods created the early chances when a Tim Vincent effort was cleared off the line and Warren Patmore went close. And they went ahead in the 15th minute after Nolan, put through by a superb 30-yard ball from Vincent, had his shot cleared off the line for a corner, but Garfield Blackman headed home Paul Curran's flag kick.

Casuals almost equalised when



they hit a post, and Lavender made a superb reflex save when the ball rebounded to a forward. Meanwhile, at the other end, a Rob Holland effort from another Curran corner crashed off the bar. Lavender had little chance midway through the second half when, from a short corner, the ball was floated over for Stuart Johnson to head home.

Casuals were having their best spell of the game but, against the run of play, substitute Andy Edey won a corner, which the defence failed to clear, and Vincent rifled the ball into the top of the net. Then came the penalty save drama as Woods held on to win.

Northwood:

Ken Lavender, Scott Singleton, Paul Curran (Andy Edey), Ronnie John, Rob Holland, Jeremy Billins, Paul Rogan, Tim Vincent, Warren Patmore, Dave Nolan, Garfield Blackman





Tuesday 2nd December 2008
Isthmian League Cup

Northwood
Corinthian-Casuals

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Kick-off in this tie was delayed due to the late arrival of the Casuals' team and the visitors were still finding their feet when Northwood opened the scoring on 10 minutes, Otis Williams punishing sloppy defending by taking the ball around keeper Colin Harris and converting into an empty net.

Northwood kept up the pressure and they deservedly extended their lead on 25 minutes as Purdue steered the ball home from Ryan Tackley's low free-kick for his first senior goal in Northwood colours.

Woods were now playing with real verve as John Christian played in Walters whose shot flew narrowly over the target. In a rare Casuals' attack Eseosa Omeregje pulled his shot wide of the far post after a quick break.

However, it was Woods who scored again on 36 minutes, Otis Williams grabbing his second goal of the evening as he shot beyond Harris following good work from Figueiredo.

The Casuals stuck to their guns and they managed a consolation goal after 69 minutes as Sam Robinson fired the ball home after good work from substitute Joe Nwoko. The visitors went close to reducing the arrears further as Omeregje dragged

his shot wide before Tom Jelly tested Pearce with a low drive. But it wasn't to be for the Casuals as Northwood eased comfortably into the next round.

Northwood:

Mitch Swain (Rob Pearce), Lee Holland, Ryan Tackley, Mark Burgess, Elliott Gibbs, John Christian, Laurie Walters, Scott Purdue (Anthony Page), Otis Williams, Dwane Williams (Danny Brown), Hugo Figueiredo

Corinthian-Casuals:

Colin Harris (Aaran Burton), Carlos Talbot, Abdou Bojang (Bryon Brown), Daniel Sintim, Chris Horwood, Ryan Hughes (Joe Nwoko), Sam Robinson, Kane Sargent, Joe McNerny, Eseosa Omeregje, Tom Jelly

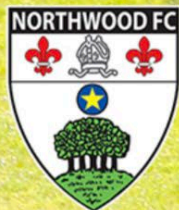


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TODAY IN THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

At long, last, here we are the opening day of another brand new football season and this is the time where football fans up and down the country dream that this year is their year!

We have some cracking games taking place this afternoon as we can see by taking a look at the full fixture list across the Pitching In Isthmian League.

Thirty eight matches will be played out today meaning seventy six of our clubs will be in action.

At the moment all of our dreams are in tact but how many will be left in tatters come near enough 6pm this evening?

We shall soon find out!

A REMINDER OF HOW IT FINISHED LAST SEASON

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Basingstoke Town (C)	38	29	2	7	89	37	89
2 Walton & Hersham (P)	38	28	3	7	102	41	87
3 Marlow	38	19	10	9	64	45	67
4 Hanworth Villa	38	19	9	10	58	50	66
5 NORTHWOOD	38	20	3	15	54	45	63
6 Binfield	38	16	9	13	63	51	57
7 Leatherhead	38	16	9	13	47	45	57
8 Chertsey Town	38	16	8	14	67	52	56
9 South Park (Reigate)	38	16	7	15	50	61	55
10 Southall	38	13	13	12	50	48	52
11 Chipstead	38	14	9	15	52	54	51
12 Westfield	38	12	13	13	54	50	49
13 Thatcham Town	38	12	12	14	56	57	48
14 Uxbridge	38	11	11	16	53	55	44
15 Guernsey	38	10	10	18	42	73	40
16 Ashford Town (Middx)	38	11	5	22	46	91	38
17 Sutton Common Rovers	38	10	7	21	45	71	37
18 Merstham	38	7	15	16	43	66	36
19 Bedfont Sports (R)	38	7	14	17	50	62	35
20 Tooting & Mitcham United (R)	38	5	9	24	34	65	24



PREMIER

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

SOUTH CENTRAL

Ashford Town (Middx) v Binfield
Badshot Lea v South Park (Reigate)
Chertsey Town v Hanworth Villa
Chipstead v Hartley Wintney
Guernsey v Westfield
Leatherhead v Southall
Marlow v Thatcham Town
Met Police v Sutton Common Rovers
Northwood v Corinthian-Casuals
Raynes Park Vale v Ascot United

NORTH

Basildon United vs Lowestoft Town
Bury Town vs Brentwood Town
East Thurrock United vs Wroxham
Enfield vs Grays Athletic
Gorleston vs New Salamis
Ipswich Wanderers vs Walthamstow
Maldon & Tiptree vs Felixstowe & Walton United
Stowmarket Town vs Heybridge Swifts
Witham Town vs Redbridge

SOUTH EAST

Broadbridge Heath vs Sheppey United
Herne Bay vs Burgess Hill Town
Hythe Town vs East Grinstead Town
Lancing vs Merstham
Phoenix Sports vs Chichester City
Sevenoaks Town vs Ramsgate
Sittingbourne vs Cray Valley PM
Three Bridges vs Horndean

PLAYING SUNDAY

Erith & Belvedere vs Ashford United
Littlehampton Town vs Beckenham Town



INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS...

CORINTHIAN -CASUALS



WITH THE AMATEURS—by Norman Ackland



CORINTHIAN-CASUALS: Back row—Robinson, Howland, Seem, with, Ray, Welch, St. Paul (seated). Front row—Harris, Foster, Jupp, Simkin, Joske, Rendle.

Corinthian-Casuals Football Club was formed in 1939 following the merger of the two great amateur sides bearing those names.

The Corinthians were founded in 1882. N.L. "Pa" Jackson, who was then Assistant Honorary Secretary of the Football Association, aimed to develop a club side capable of bolstering England's national team and challenging Scotland at international level. A meeting was held at Jackson's offices in London's Paternoster Row and thus was the club born. The name 'Corinthian' came from a suggestion by England international, H.A. Swepstone, which was accepted.

In the recently published history of the club, "Play Up Corinth," author Rob Cavallini explains "the most likely explanation for this choice... is the word's long forgotten meaning - 'man of fashion and pleasure,' which captures the whole essence of the playing membership and their sporting ideology."

The Casuals were formed in 1883 by a group of old boys from England's prominent public schools and rapidly became a strong force in the amateur game, providing Corinthians with many of their first team players. In 1905 they became founding members of the Isthmian League, won the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and the FA Amateur Cup in 1936.

The newly amalgamated Corinthian-Casuals Football Club had played only one game before World War II broke out and the league was suspended. Remarkably, the team made the decision to tour France in the spring of 1940 as part of a Red Cross party, however they were forced to return home in haste when the German offensive was launched on May 10th.

Come the recommencement of football in 1945, the new club proudly took Casuals' old place in the Isthmian League, where it would remain for another 39 years. It was decided that they would wear the famous

Corinthian-Casuals —trustees of tradition

Corinthian-Casuals, who have a background more glorious than that of any other amateur club in the world, have been enjoying their most successful season since 1939, winning the FA Amateur Cup Final in 2002. The progress of the club since the competition in which your own article, in 1985, one of those marked each Sunday, they held their own in the competition. The club has won the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and the FA Amateur Cup in 1936. The club has won the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and the FA Amateur Cup in 1936. The club has won the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and the FA Amateur Cup in 1936.

WHO'S WHO LEN SPOKES

A 1985-86 season was one of the most successful in the history of the Isthmian League. The club has won the FA Amateur Cup Final in 2002. The progress of the club since the competition in which your own article, in 1985, one of those marked each Sunday, they held their own in the competition. The club has won the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and the FA Amateur Cup in 1936. The club has won the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and the FA Amateur Cup in 1936.



chocolate and pink colours of the Casuals for their home matches, and Corinthian white away. In 1954, the club beat Epsom 2-0 to win the Surrey Senior Cup. Two years later in 1956, they reached the FA Amateur Cup Final, drawing 1-1 with Bishop Auckland at a packed Wembley Stadium. However the legendary north-eastern club won the replay at Middlesbrough 4-1. A year later, another good run in the FA Amateur Cup saw Corinthian-Casuals reach the semi-final where they eventually succumbed to Wycombe Wanderers at Highbury.



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After this high point, the club slipped into a long decline, a rare moment of success seeing them reach the FA Cup 1st Round in 1965/66, where Watford won 5-1.

The 1973/74 season was a historic milestone; heralding the FA's decision to abolish official 'Amateur' status. As if in empathy with the end of the amateur era, Corinthian-Casuals steadfastly refused to accept the new 'semi-professionalism' and were relegated, for the first time in their history, into Isthmian Division 2. Further relegation followed after a third bottom finish in four years.

Then, in 1984, new ground-sharing rules summarily introduced by the Isthmian League saw the club thrown out of the league after 65 years of continuous membership (and in spite of a 5th place finish!) simply because the club's long nomadic history meant it shared a ground and thus did not have one of its own (imagine that today!!). Ironically, the year this occurred was the club's best in quite a while. Casuals reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup, holding Bristol City to a goalless draw at Champion Hill, before losing 4-0 in the replay. The club also made it to the 5th Round of the FA Vase, the replacement competition for the FA Amateur Cup.

SOCRATES & CORINTHIANS

In 1988, Corinthian-Casuals were invited to Brazil by Sao Paulo Athletic Club (SPAC) to help celebrate their centenary. SPAC had been the club of former Corinthian Charles Miller, the man credited with introducing football to Brazil. It was Corinthian's visit to

Sao Paulo for a game against SPAC during their Brazilian tour in 1910 that had led to the formation of Sport Club Corinthians Paulista.

To celebrate the club's first tour of Brazil since the First World War, Corinthian-Casuals also played a Corinthians Paulista XI in a match at the majestic Pacembeu Stadium, which was billed as "a father and son reunion" which the sons duly won 1-0. The goal was scored by none other than Brazilian legend Socrates, who played much of the second half for the visitors in the famous Chocolate and Pink. It is a tribute to the historic significance of this event that Corinthians Paulista and Brazil legends Rivelino and Wladimir also played in the match. A YouTube video of the game, which was televised live in Brazil on Globo TV can be found at the bottom of this page.

THE SPARTAN LEAGUE YEARS

1988 was a truly historic year as the club, in addition to touring Brazil, finally secured its first ever home ground, taking over the lease at King George's Field from the crippled Tolworth FC. A colossal effort from the club's members helped to transform the ground - installing turnstiles, terracing and seating, as well as completing the construction of the clubhouse.

A runners-up berth in 1993 and winning the League Cup in 1995 were the highlights of the Spartan League era, before the club switched to the Combined Counties League in 1996. This was a greatly improved experience. In the first season, a

runners-up spot was achieved to at last win a place back in the Isthmian League. In 2000/01, a 5th place finish - the team's best finish for many years - saw them miss promotion by a meagre three points.

In May, the club toured Brazil again, winning the Sao Paulo

Athletic Invitation Cup. Victories were achieved over Paulistano and Sao Paulo AC, though SC Corinthians Paulista's U21's inflicted a 2-0 defeat.

The next season saw the reorganisation of the Isthmian League, with a top six finish guaranteeing a place in the new Division 1 South. Despite being in the running for much of the season, a late slump saw the Corinthian-Casuals slip to finish in 10th place. However, thanks to some astute thinking, the ground had been improved anyway, gaining a "Grade B" award. Thus, due to circumstances elsewhere, the promotion places sank to as low as 11th and the club got to play its highest level of football since 1978.

RETURN TO THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Season 2006/07 saw regime change, Brian Adamson was appointed as new manager and hopes were lifted towards an improvement in fortunes.

The season was certainly a tale of two halves, with the club eventually finishing second from bottom with more points (34) than they had achieved since 2004/05.

The team were very young, the majority without Isthmian level experience, and needed to gain that experience quickly. Up until December, it looked like the team would never get above 10 points. But they played exciting football, all with a speed and passion that had not been seen for several years at the Tolworth ground. With the arrival of the New Year, fortunes changed and the team produced a run of seven games without defeat.

Mixed fortunes continued, right up to the final game and they needed to beat Leatherhead to get off the bottom of the table to be in with any hope of avoiding relegation. The 3-1 victory achieved just that, thanks also to the merger of Hayes & Yeading.

In 2008 the club enjoyed the momentous honour of celebrating 125 years of football with a commemorative match at Wembley Stadium.



The 2010/11 season was the most memorable for many years as the club lifted the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time in 57 years when Leatherhead were defeated 2-0 in the final at Gander Green Lane. This triumph was a fitting tribute to Brian Adamson who stood down as manager at the end of the season to be replaced by Matt Howard.

In 2015 Corinthian-Casuals returned to Brazil to take on SC Corinthians Paulista's First XI for the first time in an historic match organised to celebrate the opening of the Brazilian club's brand new stadium Arena Corinthians. Predictably, the Sao Paulo team came out on top, winning 3-0, but Casuals were welcomed as heroes by the locals in a truly memorable tour which was superbly documented in the BT Sports film 'Brothers In Football'.

A NEW ERA

James Bracken's arrival as Manager at the start of the 2015/16 season heralded the start of an exciting new era at Corinthian-Casuals and the club only missed out on a spot in the

play-offs due to a controversial points deduction. However, the following season saw the club reach the play-off Final, drawing 0-0 at Dorking Wanderers only to be cruelly denied promotion following a penalty shoot-out. Despite that disappointment, James led Corinth to their second consecutive play-off Final in 2017/18. Sadly, the team were to fall at the last hurdle, losing the Final in yet another penalty shoot-out.

However, Thurrock's resignation from the League, Corinthian-Casuals

earned promotion to Step 3 as the losing Finalist.

Casuals entered the Isthmian Premier Division 2018/19 season with excitement and anticipation and successfully retained their position in the League. The 2021-22 season would be James' last as he moved on to challenges new.

Corinthian-Casuals Football Club continues to take great pride in our rich and glorious history, as well as in our present day standing as England's highest ranked amateur club.



Former Corinthian-Casuals President, Jimmy Hill OBE

The Manager Andy Gray

Following the departure of Justin Fevrier in March 2023, Corinthian-Casuals legend Andy Gray was appointed Manager and will take over the helm from interim Manager Brian Adamson at the start of this campaign.

Gray, who played as a winger and a midfielder in a playing career that took him to the very top of English football, started out in the senior game with Corinthian-Casuals in January 1983, at the age of 18. Under the guidance of legendary manager Billy Smith, he played a starring role in their run to the FA Cup first round proper the following season, when they bowed out to Bristol City after a replay. Among his Casuals teammates at the time was Alan Pardew and the pair reunited



again at Crystal Palace and all the way. He was a goalscoring hero for the Eagles as they overcame Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final in 1990, to set up a date at Wembley. He also represented Aston Villa, QPR and Tottenham in the top flight.

In 1991, he earned an England cap under Graham Taylor, playing

against Poland in a qualifier for Euro 92. In the latter years of his career, after a season with CA Marbella, he played in a Scottish Cup Final with Falkirk, before finishing his career with spells at Bury and Millwall. To this day, Gray remains the last Corinthian-Casuals player to represent the full England team.



MEET THE PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS

KEVIN MANUEL

Young Keeper who has already played in the Conference South with Tonbridge Angels. Vocal, Agile with great distribution.

DEFENDERS

TRAVIS PRESCOT

21-year-old, combative Centre-Half who developed at Tooting & Mitcham United Academy and finished last season with CB Hounslow United.

OSCAR WALTON

Another 21-year-old, left back who has impressed throughout the Pre-Season campaign. Strong and capable player who has a bright future in the game.

HENRY MACPHERSON-PETERMANN

Quick and strong Centre-Half, only 20, who has impressed in the Pre-Season. Last season played for Wiltshire side Marlborough Town.

TYREESE HESLOP

Composed 20-year-old full-back who has developed with Dulwich Hamlet U21s, Cray Wanderers U23s, Chipstead, Holmesdale and Welling.

SEAN AGUN

Experienced, 25-year-old utility player with an excellent engine and an abundance of positive energy. Key character in the squad and returns from last season.

DEFENDERS

FRANCIS QUARM

Highly experienced defensive midfielder who has played for Dulwich Hamlet, Maidenhead United, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Woking, Tooting & Mitcham United, Chipstead and Molesey. Vital ingredient in this squad.

JONATHAN KAMARA

Powerful central midfield player who has lots of presence. Former Clubs include New Salamis, Waltham Abbey and Canvey Island amongst others.

DYLAN CASCOE

Experienced and skilful attacking well-travelled midfielder with an eye for goal. Has played for Leatherhead, Walton Casuals, Chipstead, Pro in the USA with Atlanta Silverbacks, Harrow Borough, Aylesbury, Molesey, Westfield and East Grinstead Town.

ELLIOT CANNON

Energetic 21-year-old midfielder with an eye for goal. Developed with Cobham & Dulwich Hamlet U21s, Westfield U23s, Camberley Town and Sheerwater.

BLAKE FROUD

Young, all action midfielder who developed with Cray Valley PM U23 and scored on his senior debut with CB Hounslow United. Still only 20.

FORWARDS

REECE DEAKIN

Skilful 26-year-old forward who started out at Crystal Palace and then played for Cray Wanderers, Conwy Borough and Airbus UK Broughton before signing Professional forms with Morecombe. Last season he finished the season with Merstham.

JASON KAATE

Young 'Fox in the Box' with a bright future. Only 21, Jason started at Crawley Town Development and has also played for Meridian VP, Croydon, Redhill and CB Hounslow United. Scored 2 goals in the pre-season campaign.

STUART MORTIMER

Powerful young forward who has joined the club from Arlesey Town. Was a youth at Brentford and also played for Leatherhead U-23s.

JUBRIL ADAMSON

Experienced 28-year-old forward who helped Epsom & Ewell gain promotion last season, as well as playing for Croydon, Salisbury and Leighton Town.

DONNEL MOORE

Another flying winger who has spent time at Carshalton Athletic U23s.



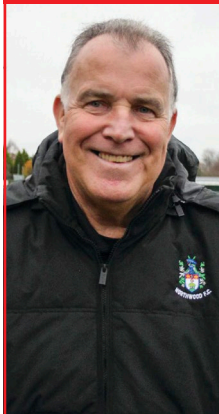
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Keagan Cole



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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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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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. He has made some impressive performances in pre-season.

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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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Osaretin Otote



Young attacking wide player who joined the Woods from Waltham Abbey in February 2023 to add some pace to the forward-line. Previously at Barking, Osa is still only 21 and as a youth played for the likes of the Huddersfield Town Academy. He will be looking to make an impact as he returns for the new season.

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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, has impressed in pre-season with a couple of direct free-kicks and will be looking to make an impact in the new campaign.

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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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Deago Dunbar-Bonnie



Only 20, Deago is a left-back who was 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 currently dual-registered with Harrow Borough.

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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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CORINTHIAN -CASUALS

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- **Oscar Walton**
- **Henry MacPherson-Petermann**
- **Tyreese Heslop**
- **Sean Agun**
- **Francis Quarm**
- **Jonathan Kamara**
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