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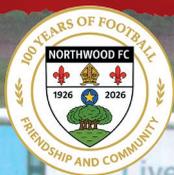
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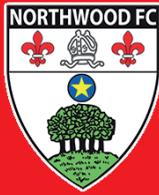
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Hellenic League Premier Division Cup finalist:	1982
Hellenic League Division One Cup winners:	1979
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# IAN'S INSIGHT

**WOODS CHAIRMAN, IAN BARRY, WELCOMES YOU  
ALL TO THE SKYLINE ROOFING STADIUM.**

Good evening, afternoon and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored Clubhouse for firstly our Middlesex Charity Cup and secondly our Pitching In Southern League matches. We welcome our opponents from both Broadfields United FC and Barton Rovers FC, both good friends of ours and we trust they both enjoy their short stay here.

I write on Mother's Day, following the heavy defeat at Biggleswade Town, which I was unable to attend, but also after what seems a while since I penned new notes due to the playing of many games that had previously fallen foul of the weather.

Obviously, a fair bit has happened in recent weeks and it seemed we got an immediate response to Tommy coming in as Manager here against Beaconsfield Town, but while the performance was better, yet another disputed penalty just before half-time (a familiar theme) put us on the back foot. Then fitness and switching off at the back, saw us fall to defeat.

We then went to London Lions and were very good all game and deserved more than the point we came away with. Normal service was resumed back here against a very good Flackwell Heath side who were better than us all over the pitch. So, we are where we are now. No-one here is happy about the situation we find ourselves in, but we keep fighting and hope for some decent results, starting today. Anything less and we know the outcome.

I have had time to reflect on the season that has brought many challenges to us and of course, the decisions I have made. Every one of them has been



what I thought is in the best interest of the club and I can naturally be critical of myself, which I am. In our 100th year, it's hard to accept. We fight on.

I express my disappointment at the personnel who I have felt let us down by walking out and using the change of Manager as a convenient excuse; people have and football has changed and not for the better.

One final push this season and I hope we can come out in numbers to make it happen!

**Up The Woods!**

ian

# WOODS OUTLOOK

**CLUB SECRETARY,  
ALAN EVANS,  
BRINGS US ALL  
THE LATEST NEWS  
FROM AROUND  
THE CLUB.**



## WELCOME TO THE FIGHTING COCKS & THE ROVERS

A warm welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for the two home games that we face in quick succession this week. Firstly, we take a break from our struggles in Southern League competition to take on our neighbours Broadfields United in the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup competition and we follow that on Saturday with the visit of Barton Rovers on our return to League action.

We meet the Fighting Cocks for only the second time in our history in competitive matches with the other fixture being the 2023 Final of the same competition. We went into that game as big favourites but Broadfields proved deserved 1-0 winners on the night to win the competition for the first time. They have made the Charity Cup their own recently as they also won the Final last season with a similar victory over Southall who they also met in the Final of the Middlesex Senior Cup last week, though were beaten 4-0 as the 'All triumphed to win the Senior Cup for the first time in 70 years.

Our visitors are renowned as a cup team since they were established in senior football, like Northwood back in the 1970s, winning the Middlesex Intermediate and Premier Cup competitions in their early years. However, they have also had a great season in the Combined Counties League too and currently sit in second place in the table, six points behind leaders Burnham but with three games in hand and although there are a few teams with further games in hand to them, they have created a great chance of making the play-offs and we wish them well in those endeavours.

Our visit to Barton Rovers back in November ended in a 3-1 defeat with the Woods having led 1-0 at half-time through Osa Otote. Unfortunately, two goals in two minutes for Alfie Warman and Albie Hall around the hour mark turned the game around and top scorer Hall added a third in stoppage-time to secure the three

points which kept the Rovers well inside the top three. Their play-off hopes have taken a bit of a knock since then though with just four wins from their last ten games, including a 1-2 home defeat at the hands of play-off rivals Biggleswade FC last Saturday. They are now seven points adrift of the play-off places with eight games to play and they are scheduled to play away at leaders Leighton Town on Tuesday night with a positive result needed to make a late push.

The corresponding game last season was eventually played in late March, after three previous postponements, and ended in a 1-1 draw. It was the first game in charge for Jack Smith and Jon-Jo Bates and with a goal from Troy Perez-Duah, it raised hopes of avoiding the drop. Can today's game do the same? It looks a tall order.

We welcome everyone connected with both of our visitors this week and hope they enjoy their stay at the Skyline Stadium and also wish you all a safe journey home after the match.

We are grateful once again to Shamira Hamirani who has kindly sponsored both of these two matches and we thank her for her continued and unwavering support of the club. Our Match Ball sponsor for the Broadfields United game is our PA announcer Sean Moore who promises he will give out the winning ticket number of the 50/50 draw more promptly this evening!

We are also grateful to Michael and Peter Gant for their Match Ball sponsorship against Barton Rovers. You will recall that Michael had a medical incident here at the ground during our match against London Lions back in November last year and we were delighted to see him return to health and come back to watch the Woods in recent weeks. We thank both brothers for their continued support of the club. We just need one more Ball Sponsor this season to complete the full grid so I'd be delighted to hear from someone this week!

Finally, we also welcome Tai Wheeler, Dante Myers and

their Under-7s team who are providing our mascots for the Saturday afternoon match against Barton Rovers. It's always great to have some of our youth players around on a matchday.

## NORTHWOOD FC CENTENARY LAUNCH

The club's Centenary Year was launched last month and we are now fast approaching the first events which are covered elsewhere in this programme. On the football side, we have two ex-Northwood sides playing against each other before a social meet-up on Sunday 3rd May at 2pm and then, the following day we are visited by Sellebrity Soccer, run by one-time Woods midfielder Kevin Cooper, for some entertainment for all the family. Tickets are on sale now and are limited so get yours soon. Prior to this match, there are also a couple of showcase matches which feature some Northwood Youth teams and also an All-Star Woods match between sides packed with Northwood players from recent years. Everything kicks-off around 11am.

## LEAGUE NEWS

Things have not gone our way since the creditable 1-1 draw that we achieved away at London Lions in a game that could easily have been a winning one. A midweek home game against Flackwell Heath did carry some expectations of a possible victory but our visitors had other ideas and played to a high level throughout. We battled hard and held it to 0-0 at the break but then were hit by a couple of quick goals in the second-half

and they scored late on too to record a deserved 3-0 win.

Then, on Saturday, we made the tough trip to play play-off certainties Biggleswade Town. Relegated last season, the Waders have been amongst the favourites throughout the campaign and recorded a 4-1 success here at the Skyline way back in September. They grabbed an early goal at the weekend but we again kept them at bay for the majority of the first-half before conceding two almost identical goals in the final five minutes before the half-time whistle. We were never really able to get back into the game and Biggleswade Town followed the 8-1 victory they had recorded against whipping boys AFC Dunstable the previous week with a 5-0 defeat of the Woods.

## CUP NEWS

It's a weird season for the Middlesex Charity Cup which received only five applications.

With Uxbridge beating North Greenford United 5-0 in the only quarter-final played, the draw for the semi-finals was made with the following result:

### Uxbridge v. Hanwell Town Northwood v. Broadfields United

So, the Woods play Broadfields United tonight and our visitors are defending Champions having followed that 2023 win over ourselves with another in 2025, beating Southall 1-0. The Woods are still yet to win the Charity Cup having reached the final on five occasions and lost the lot including that game against Broadfields

## MATCH & MATCH BALL SPONSORS - SEASON 2025/26

Opponents	Date	Match Sponsor	Match Ball Sponsor
Egham Town	Saturday 2nd August	Shamira Hamirani	Gerry Pimm
Hadley	Tuesday 12th August	-	Dennis Goulding
Hanworth Villa	Saturday 23rd August	Shamira Hamirani	Peter Reynolds
Rayners Lane	Monday 25th August	Colin Seal	Alan Evans
Beckenham Town	Saturday 6th September	Shamira Hamirani	Graham Mann
Biggleswade Town	Saturday 27th September	-	Ian Barry
Marlow	Tuesday 30th September	-	Dennis Goulding
Enfield	Saturday 4th October	-	Gerry Pimm
Leighton Town	Saturday 11th October	Sean Moore	Peter Reynolds
Leverstock Green	Saturday 18th October	Gerry Pimm	Michael & Peter Gant
Ware	Saturday 1st November	-	Michael & Peter Gant
Southall	Tuesday 4th November	-	Alan Evans
London Lions	Tuesday 11th November	-	Ken Green & Sandy Young
AFC Dunstable	Saturday 15th November	-	Gerry Pimm
Aylesbury United	Saturday 29th November	Shamira/Byrne Family	Sean Moore
Stotfold	Saturday 13th December	Graham Mann	Alan Evans
Hertford Town	Saturday 20th December	-	Dennis Goulding
Milton Keynes Irish	Saturday 14th February	Peter Reynolds	Dennis Goulding
Beaconsfield Town	Tuesday 3rd March	Shamira Hamirani	John Bridges
Flackwell Heath	Tuesday 10th March	The Byrne Family	Jim Taylor
Broadfields United	Tuesday 17th March	Shamira Hamirani	Sean Moore
Barton Rovers	Saturday 21st March	Shamira Hamirani	Peter & Michael Gant
Welwyn Garden City	Tuesday 31st March	Gerry Pimm	Gerry Pimm
Thame United	Friday 3rd April	Shamira Hamirani	Gerry Pimm
Biggleswade	Saturday 11th April	Dennis Goulding	
Hitchin Town	Saturday 18th April	Michael Payne	Graham Mann

# WOODS OUTLOOK

United three years ago. The first was in 1994, beaten 4-0 by Staines Town and we were favourites when we lost 2-0 to Feltham in 2003. Two years later we lost 2-1 to Yeading and we should have won it in 2012 when we led Ashford Town (Middx) 3-0 only to draw 4-4 and lose on penalties. Perhaps this will be our year!

## PLAYER UPDATES

As you will know, there has been a whole host of arrivals and departures that were covered in our last programme. A couple more new faces have signed in the last week. Experienced striker Arel Amu made his debut as a substitute on Saturday while Hamid Seisay started his first game having served a suspension since his transfer from Stotfold. The game against Flackwell Heath also saw a debut for Mohamed Ali, a striker who has joined us from Hilltop FC, while former Assistant Manager Keagan Cole also made a surprise appearance in the game.

Two players have been allowed to return to their loaning clubs – Claudio Nzang to Leyton Orient and Tyler Notley to Watford, the latter without making an appearance. We have also lost the services of MK Dons midfielder Revin Domi who had impressed in his first two appearances as he's picked up an injury which is likely to rule him out for the rest of the season. It's registration deadline day next Thursday (26th March) so it will be interesting to see if there are any more recruits before then.

Congratulations to Osa Otote who made his 50th appearance for the club at Biggleswade Town on Saturday. His eight goals during that time of course included the hat-trick he scored during his first spell at the club in a 4-0 victory over Corinthian Casuals in August 2023.

The Roll Call carried elsewhere in the programme has expanded considerably and due to the large number of departures, I have also made the decision to leave out the Player Sponsors for this issue of the programme. If we get a new supply of photos of all our recent recruits, then I will try to get it back in, along with updated player profiles, for our next issue and swap over the player sponsors. Over to you James Brown!

## UNDER-18S

The Under-18s were very disappointed to miss out on the chance of playing last week at home to Badshot Lea when our visitors cancelled their visit at 24 hours' notice due to a player shortage through injuries. It now means we probably need to play twice in a week for the fourth time this season when it's rearranged as the League are insisting that a new date is found. We start that run of a flurry of fixtures this week as we were scheduled to play at home to Aldershot Town last night (Monday) and then follow that with a trip to Maidenhead United tomorrow night (Wednesday 18th March). Next week is a huge week as we play a League game away at Hampton & Richmond Borough

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on Monday 23rd March (at Bedfont Sports) and then repeat that same fixture three days later in the Final of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup (also at Bedfont Sports) on Thursday 26th March. It's a game that the U18s really deserve your support and I was delighted to hear that the first-team are planning to attend the game to show them their support. I hope you do too. Advance tickets are available at £8 for adults and £4 for concessions; £2 more on the day so check out the links from Middlesex and Northwood social media accounts. Under-16s are free.

## RISING BALLERS NEWS

Rising Ballers have been able to catch up on their home fixtures recently – four in quick succession – but unfortunately they have only picked up one point, from their 0-0 draw against Spelthorne Sports on Saturday. They are back here this week for another two home games, taking on Staines & Lammas on Monday (23rd) and then Hillingdon Borough on Wednesday night (25th). Their final two home matches are scheduled over the Easter weekend.

## MERCHANDISE

In partnership with one of our new sponsors, Flame, we have been delighted to be able to offer lots of new items in our range of merchandise which have been

on sale at all of our home games this season. The range includes caps, hoodies, replica shirts (restocked but a limited number available), bobble hats, mugs, scarves and pens. Bucket hats were added along with dog bowls also making an appearance! Scarves also available of course - Wear your colours!

## NEXT UP AT THE SKYLINE

The Woods travel to League leaders Leighton Town on Tuesday night, 24th March for a rearranged fixture and then we are away again next Saturday at Stotfold before we return here for the rescheduled game against Welwyn Garden City on the following Tuesday.

**Monday 23rd March 2026**

**Rising Ballers v. Staines & Lammas**  
CCL Division One – 7.45pm

**Wednesday 25th March 2026**

**Rising Ballers v. Hillingdon Borough**  
CCL Division One – 7.45pm

**Tuesday 31st March 2026**

**Woods v Welwyn Garden City**  
Southern League Division One Central – 7.45pm

Thank you for your support once again this evening and afternoon and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

**Alan**

# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL



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#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leighton Town	33	14	2	0	44	11	10	5	2	37	22	48	79
2	Hitchin Town	33	11	3	3	40	16	11	4	1	47	14	57	73
3	Biggleswade Town	34	8	6	4	46	26	12	2	2	44	17	47	68
4	Biggleswade	34	7	6	4	29	25	12	2	3	35	18	21	65
5	Hertford Town	34	12	0	6	52	28	8	3	5	37	22	39	63
6	Thame United	33	9	2	5	36	29	11	1	5	46	25	28	63
7	Ware	35	8	4	5	35	20	10	1	7	32	29	18	59
8	Barton Rovers	34	11	2	5	33	23	5	6	5	28	32	6	56
9	Beaconsfield Town	35	7	5	5	35	27	8	4	6	32	32	8	54
10	Welwyn Garden City	32	6	5	4	22	19	8	5	4	31	21	13	52
11	Hadley	33	7	2	8	33	33	7	6	3	30	22	8	50
12	Milton Keynes Irish	35	7	2	9	36	48	8	2	7	26	26	-12	49
13	Flackwell Heath	35	7	5	7	37	26	6	3	7	28	22	17	47
14	Stotfold	34	8	1	9	29	24	5	1	10	28	39	-6	41
15	Marlow	35	8	1	8	33	34	5	1	12	21	41	-21	41
16	London Lions	33	7	3	6	32	39	5	1	11	24	36	-19	40
17	Leverstock Green	34	6	5	5	29	27	2	7	9	22	37	-13	36
18	Aylesbury United	34	6	4	6	27	22	4	1	13	23	41	-13	35
19	Enfield	34	3	2	12	22	42	5	1	11	21	46	-45	27
<b>20</b>	<b>Northwood</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>23</b>
21	Rayners Lane	35	1	2	15	12	41	3	3	11	20	50	-59	17
22	AFC Dunstable	32	1	3	12	10	46	1	1	15	13	60	-83	10

Up to & including Saturday 14th March 2026





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# FROM THE DUGOUT

**WITH MANAGER  
TOMMY COONEY**

**Hello, Woods fans!**

**Welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for our home games this week against Broadfields United and their management team of Sunny and Ryan, followed by the visit of Barton Rovers with Chris Robson in charge of the Bedfordshire club.**

I've now been in the job for three weeks and truth be told it's been tough losing a whole new squad and trying to build a brand-new group in around ten days is very difficult.

Usually, teams have six weeks in pre-season to work on things and even after that, it still takes teams more time to gel. So, trying to do that in mid-March is very, very tough.

None of us expected that so many of the last squad would leave, but now we can reflect after playing four games. Even though we sit here having picked up only one point during that run of fixtures, we think we had two really positive performances, one poor game and one perhaps average but certainly beaten by the better team in Biggleswade Town.

All I can ask for from this group is to keep working hard for the badge and give me an absolute maximum effort and apart from against Flackwell Heath they have done that. We now look ahead to the next two Southern League matches, which on paper, judging by the current league table, couldn't be much tougher!

Before that, tonight's game provides an opportunity to try make it through to a County Cup Final and have a final to look forward to, so I really hope we can get a result against an in-form Step 5 side to give the fans a day out for a Cup Final at the end of what has been a really tough season all of you.



As always, thanks for your amazing support since I've arrived. We are all working to turn things around and will continue to do so over the last six weeks of the season.

Just to mention that the Under-18s, who have such a great season so far, are in the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup Final next week, on Thursday 26th March, against Hampton & Richmond Borough at Bedfont Sports FC and I'm arranging for as many of the squad as possible to get over to the game that night to cheer the lads on. It should be a great game.

**Up The Woods!**

**Tommy**

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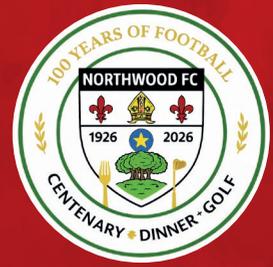
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# NORTHWOOD FC CENTENARY GOLF DAY & DINNER



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**As part of our Centenary Year celebrations, Northwood Football Club is delighted to be hosting a special Centenary Golf Day & Dinner, bringing together supporters, sponsors, former players and friends of the club for what promises to be a memorable day.**

The event will take place at the beautiful Northwood Golf Club, with registration from 12.00pm and the golf getting underway at 12.30pm. The day will see teams of four take to the course for what we hope will be a relaxed but competitive afternoon of golf in fantastic surroundings.

Players taking part in the golf will need to bring their own golf clubs, and teams can be made up of friends, colleagues or fellow supporters who simply want to enjoy a great day out while supporting the club's centenary celebrations.

Participants can choose to take part in just the golf, or extend the day by joining us afterwards for the Centenary Dinner. The evening is very much aimed at those connected with the club, past and present players, volunteers, supporters and sponsors, and will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old teammates and friends while celebrating 100 years of Northwood Football Club.

As well as a 3 course dinner, we are incredibly fortunate to have secured some fantastic entertainment for the evening. Matt Forde will be joining us after dinner, one of the UK's leading comedians and host of the hugely popular Rock 'n' Roll Football show on Absolute Radio.

Matt is also well known for his podcasts and stand-up tours, and has appeared regularly on programmes such as Have I Got News For You, Mock the Week and The Royal Variety Performance. His sharp wit and brilliant storytelling will ensure the evening is full of laughter and entertainment.

Alongside celebrating the club's centenary, the event also plays an important role in our fundraising efforts this year. All profits from the Golf Day & Dinner will go to Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity, with a particular focus on supporting the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre, which provides vital emotional, practical and wellbeing support for people living with cancer and their families across our local community.

Prices for the Golf Day and the Golf Day & Dinner package can be found on our website.

If you would like to be part of what promises to be a fantastic day and evening celebrating the club's history, friendships and community spirit, please visit:

[www.northwoodfc100.co.uk](http://www.northwoodfc100.co.uk)

We hope many of you will join us on what should be a brilliant occasion marking 100 years of football, friendship and community at Northwood FC.

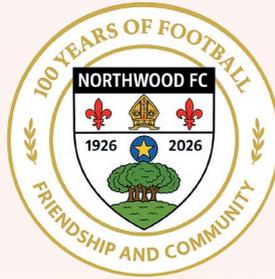
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# CENTENARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

April – June 2026

## Northwood 100 Fitness Challenge

A community-wide fitness challenge for adults and children across three months.

- **Children:** 100 laps over three months to mark 100 years of the club
- **Adults:** 100km over three months, with the final distance completed at Northwood100 Fest



**Sunday 3 May 2026 | 2:00pm**

## Northwood FC Legends Match

A celebratory match featuring former players and club legends.

**Monday 4 May 2026 | From 12.00 p.m.**

## Celebrity Football Match – 3.00pm kick-off

90-minute celebrity match at 3.00pm. Short exhibition matches and youth displays on the pitch before the main game.

**Sunday 17 May 2026 | From 12.00 p.m.**

## Managers & Coaches v Northwood U18s – Youth Section

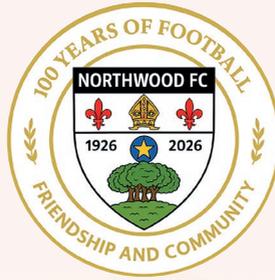
Managers & Coaches v Northwood U18s club team.

**Wednesday 20 May 2026 | From 6 p.m.**

## U18s Mixed Match

An inclusive mixed U18s fixture highlighting youth participation and development.

For more details, please visit [www.northwoodfc100.co.uk](http://www.northwoodfc100.co.uk)



# CENTENARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



**Sunday 5 July 2026** | 10:00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

## **Northwood100 Fest – Family Fun Run & Community Day**

A flagship centenary community event featuring the final stage of the Northwood 100 Challenge, live music, family activities, community stalls, food village, and club/youth displays.



**Thursday 30 July 2026:** 12.30p.m. Tee Off, 7 p.m. Dinner

## **Centenary Golf Day & Dinner**

Northwood Golf Club

**Sunday 2 August 2026**

## **Best of the Legends v England Veterans Non League Side**

2.p.m. Kick-off.

**Friday 25 September 2026** | 7.00 p.m.

## **Comedy Night**

An evening of live comedy in support of the centenary charity partner.

**Saturday 24 October 2026** | 7.30 p.m.

## **Race Night**

A fun club race night with recorded races and friendly betting.



**For more details, please visit [www.northwoodfc100.co.uk](http://www.northwoodfc100.co.uk)**

# 3 OF A KIND

MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS  
**BARTON ROVERS**

## THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 1993 ISTHMIAN ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TROPHY FINAL

### BARTON ROVERS 1 NORTHWOOD 3

Northwood lifted the Isthmian Associate Members Trophy by beating higher division Barton Rovers at Chesham United's ground.

The Woods created many chances in the first half, and it was remarkable that Barton's goal remained intact.

Finally, on 63 minutes

Troy McAuliffe threaded a pass through to Paul Rogan, whose cross found Vic Schwartz, who shot home. Northwood continued to press without scoring further then in the final minute of added time, Barton got in a cross in from the right, which was met superbly by Graham Golds, who headed firmly past Lavender and the scores were level, scarcely deserved by Rovers.



So it was extra time, but within a minute, the Woods were back in front when Tim Vincent was hacked down just outside the area by Bill Goodyear and from the free-kick, Rogan flighted over a superb ball which saw skipper Rob Holland leap high to head into the net.

In the second period of extra time Northwood made sure of victory when a long ball out of defence from Holland picked out Frank Omere, and he raced past Goodyear before beating Bozier with a perfectly placed shot into the corner on 108 minutes.

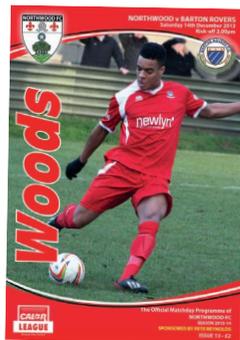
**Barton Rovers:** Lee Bozier, Colin McGill, Dennis Foster, Danny Turner, Bill Goodyear, Graham Golds, Stuart Endacott (Richard King), Brian Lalor, Frank Geddes, Paul Olney, Steve Merrick (Gary Bambrick).

**Northwood:** Ken Lavender, Troy McAuliffe, John Parsons, Ronnie John, Rob Holland, Steve Sailsman, Paul Rogan, Tim Vincent, Tim Ventour (Dave Nolan), Vic Schwartz, Frank Omere. Sub. Henry Pacquette.

## SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2013 EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL NORTHWOOD 2 BARTON ROVERS 1

Third-placed Barton arrived at Chestnut Avenue having enjoyed one of their best starts to a season for many years and had even flirted with the top of the table at times. After a slow start to the game, the visitors started to enjoy plenty of possession and Joe Reynolds and Bobby Dance had good chances for them.

But on 28 minutes, Joakim Ehui fired in a shot which keeper Kyle Forster could not hold onto, and his diving save and Karl Oliyide reacted quickly to lift a shot into the roof of the net. Woods almost gifted Barton an equaliser on 39 minutes as Mark Burgess's attempted clearance of a Paul Andrews header hit Hall and rebounded only just wide of the post. But Northwood increased their lead just before the break when Dave Lawrence was given too much room some 20 yards from goal and he fired home for a fine solo effort.



1993 - Rob Holland & Vic Schwartz in aerial battle



2013 - Karl Oliyide on the ball

There was still time for Rovers to have a goal chalked out for offside, but they did finally get on the scoresheet after 61 minutes when Ricky Case took full advantage of a defensive slip to race into the box and neatly chip the ball past Danny McNicholas.

**Northwood:** Danny McNicholas, James Duncan, Oliver Sprague, Mark Burgess, Steve Brown, James Burgess, Joakim Ehui, Craig White, Niko Muir, Dave Lawrence, Karl Oliyide (Michael Murray)

**Barton Rovers:** Kyle Forster, Niran Vaughan (Bilal Hassan), Liam McDevitt, Peter Gatti, Paul Andrews, Joe Reynolds, Ricky Case, Luke Knight, Bobby Dance (Stevie Thomas), Jermaine Hall, Rhys Hoenes (Keshi Anderson)

**SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2016**  
**EVO STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION ONE CENTRAL**  
**NORTHWOOD 2 BARTON ROVERS 0**

The visitors had plenty of possession at the start of this match and forced a few corners from which they threatened. Charlie Smith delivered one to the near post that James Burgess missed when

attempting to clear and the ball was chested wide of the post by Michael Malcolm. Another corner was half-cleared but Tom Smith tried his luck with an acrobatic overhead-kick but the ball was well wide of the target.

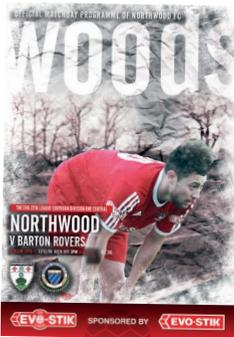
Having not forced goalkeeper Tom Coulton into a save by this stage, the Woods then had a goal disallowed as Bircham received a good ball on the left and fired home only for an offside flag to rule it out. That did kickstart the Woods, though, and they took the lead on 29 minutes. It wasn't the best of ball that found Ryan Debattista outside the box but he swivelled and struck it superbly well with Coulton unable to keep it out of the top corner.

It was 64 minutes that Barton perhaps sensed it wasn't to be their day as Elliot Bailey skipped a tackle from James Budden to get in on goal but Joseph saved well from both his initial shot to the near post and the follow-up.

Nine minutes later a sweeping move saw Louis Bircham play a ball wide to Joakim Ehui and he slipped it through perfectly for Campbell-Young who finished coolly for his first Northwood goal.

**Northwood:** Montel Joseph, Alex Nolan, Callum Wright, Mark Burgess, James Budden, Luke Heneghan (Myles Stephenson), Channing Campbell-Young, James Burgess, Ryan Debattista, Louis Bircham, Joakim Ehui (Fabian Brown)

**Barton Rovers:** Tom Coulton, Howie Hall, Charlie Smith, Lee Close (Kay Bola), Steve Gentle, Tom Smith, Jack Keating, Luke Knight, Elliot Bailey (Jamie Small), Michael Malcolm, Jimmy Hartley (Byron Bubb)



2016 - Channing Campbell-Young bursts through



# YESTERDAY TODAY 21.03

**THROUGHOUT NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY – WHICH DATES BACK TO 1926 – THERE HAVE BEEN 14 FIXTURES ON 21ST MARCH; ALL PREVIOUS GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I TAKE A LOOK AT THREE OF THEM IN MORE DETAIL. BY KEN GREEN**



## 1970

### HARROW ST MARY'S 1 WOODS 5

Northwood marched on to the final of the Harrow and Wembley Senior Cup for the first time in three attempts after putting away old rivals Harrow St Mary.

Ronnie Dodd took advantage of a defensive slip to put

Northwood ahead but good defensive work by St Mary prevented any further score in the first half.

St Mary remained undaunted, but Northwood were in no mood to give anything away and within the next ten minutes they had the game sewn up with two goals from Dave Sanders.

Paul Byrne headed a fine fourth goal before St Mary hit back, but Dave Horsford sealed it with a perfect goal from 30 yards.

On the same afternoon, Northwood Reserves took the bite out of Hanwell Town "A" to win 3-0 with goals from Tony Roche, Pat Roche and Kevin Swallow.

#### **Northwood:**

Ray Byrne, Graham Harding, Dick Wickison, Barry Gould, Pat Madigan, Don Dibbens, Dave Sanders, Dave Horsford, Paul Byrne, Pete Millward, Dennis Godley



1970 - Paul Byrne scored a fine headed goal

## 1998

### WITHAM TOWN 1 WOODS 2

Two goals in the first eight minutes put Woods on the road to victory at Witham. Daryl Pelton's long wind-assisted goal-kick after five minutes saw Paul Halbert take full advantage with a first time shot past home keeper Chris Kriehn.

Three minutes later a well executed short corner resulted in Terry Hibbert's cross being headed home with some style by Gary Williams.

Woods dominated the first half and Andy Sherry, Halbert (twice) and Tony Sibanda all went close to extending their lead.

The second half was an anti-climax with Woods creating fewer chances against the elements. Pelton dealt confidently with everything the home side put together until he was beaten by a penalty with 15 minutes left. Dave Walters brought down Lee Guiver in the box and Jim Devlin scored from the spot.

In the latter stages, Andy Reader and Halbert could have increased Northwood's lead.

**Northwood:** Daryl Pelton, Steve Tobin, Dave Sargent, Gary Williams, Dave Walters, Keith Welsh, Terry Hibbert, Chris Gell, Paul Halbert, Tony Sibanda (Lawrence Holmes), Andy Sherry (Andy Reader). Sub: Kevin Dobson.



1998 - Paul Halbert gives Woods a 5th minute lead



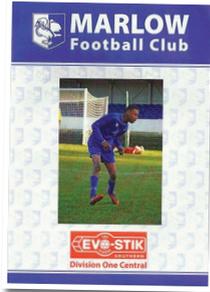
1998 - Paul Halbert gives Woods a 5th minute lead



2015 - Perry Dicker takes the play to Marlow

## 2015 MARLOW 0 WOODS 2

Northwood dominated the early stages with some excellent approach play and additional attacking prowess than in recent weeks. Andy Lomas was enjoying new found freedom to get forward more and Ismael Ehui led the line strongly but still without threatening an effort on goal until they were gifted a chance on 17 minutes. It came from defender Dan Hicks, who misdirected a back-pass and allowed Ismael Ehui a run on goal. The Woods forward took the ball past goalkeeper Oneal Garnes and angled a shot into the empty net.



Two minutes later, Murray sent an inviting ball across the six-yard box but somehow three Northwood players failed to get the required touch as it flashed wide of the far post. Marlow rallied and began to look for an equaliser with Barney's good run being followed by a shot that flew well wide. On 27 minutes Devontae Romeo's attacking run saw him create a few problems and he set up Barney for another shot which, despite taking a deflection, was still gathered comfortably by goalkeeper Berkley Laurencin.

It was just a minute later that the Blues should have been level as an error from James Burgess allowed the ball to be played to Jordace Holder-Spooner in plenty of space but he crashed his shot well wide of the post. Marlow continued to shade the closing stages and Laurencin had to be alert again to save a snapshot from Jahson Downes after Barney had been tackled in the box.

Just a minute after the restart Lomas threaded a good ball through for Nana Asamoah who sped into the box but then placed his shot wide of the far post with just Garnes to beat. At the other end a rare mistake by Laurencin as he attempted to clear saw the industrious Barney cut the ball back into the danger-zone but it was safely cleared.

After 52 minutes Hicks almost made amends for his first half error with a powerful header for a corner but Laurencin pushed the ball over the bar to keep the Woods in front and from there the Northwood defence grew stronger.

Time was running out for the home side when substitute Dave Lawrence made a run into the box and was bundled over by the challenge of Hicks, with a penalty being the result. Number one choice from twelve yards, Murray was off the field by this time so Ismael Ehui stepped up and made no mistake with his second of the game and his thirteenth goal of the season.

**Northwood:** Berkley Laurencin, James Burgess, Andy Lomas, Mark Burgess, Steve Brown, Perry Dicker, Joakim Ehui, Jordan Lawal, Ismael Ehui, Michael Murray (Dave Lawrence), Nana Asamoah (Rob Hastings)

## GAMES THE WOODS HAVE PLAYED ON 21ST MARCH

Date	Competition	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att
Sat 21 Mar 1931	H Harrow & District League Division 1	<b>Roxeth Institute II</b>	<b>8-1</b>	Gill 3, Bunce 2, Taylor, T Bell, Hall	
Sat 21 Mar 1936	A Harrow, Wembley & District League Senior Cup SF	<b>Tellings Sports</b>	<b>4-0</b>	R Bell 3, Gill	
Sat 21 Mar 1959	A Harrow, Wembley & District League Senior Cup SF	<b>Hanwell Town</b>	<b>1-4</b>	?	
Sat 21 Mar 1970	H Harrow, Wembley & District League Senior Cup SF	<b>Harrow St Mary</b>	<b>1-5</b>	Dodd, Sanders 2, Byrne, Horsford	
Sat 21 Mar 1981	A Cold Shield Hellenic League Premier Division	<b>Abingdon Town</b>	<b>1-3</b>	Heslop	
Sat 21 Mar 1987	H Spartan League Premier Division	<b>Redhill</b>	<b>0-1</b>		
Sat 21 Mar 1992	A London-Spartan League Premier Division	<b>Beckton United</b>	<b>4-0</b>	Patmore 2, Devane, o.g.	
Tue 21 Mar 1995	A Diadora Isthmian League Division 3	<b>Canvey Island</b>	<b>1-1</b>	Page	367
Sat 21 Mar 1998	A Ryman League Division 2	<b>Witham Town</b>	<b>2-1</b>	Halbert, Williams	63
Tue 21 Mar 2000	A Ryman League Division 2	<b>Cheshunt</b>	<b>3-2</b>	Street, McIntosh, Gell	38
Thur 21 Mar 2002	H Middlesex Charity Cup round 1	<b>Wealdstone</b>	<b>1-3</b>	Moore	117
Sat 21 Mar 2009	H Ryman League Division 1N	<b>Concord Rangers</b>	<b>0-3</b>		172
Sat 21 Mar 2015	A Evo Stik Southern League Division 1C	<b>Marlow</b>	<b>2-0</b>	I Ehui 2	92
Wed 21 Mar 2018	A Evo Stik Southern League South, East Division	<b>Aylesbury United</b>	<b>0-2</b>		89



# WOODS MATCH BY MATCH

AUGUST				F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sat 2	EGHAM TOWN	H	FACEPR	0-1	204	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sat 9	AFC DUNSTABLE	A	LGE	2-2	108	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin 1	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Tue 12	HADLEY	H	LGE	0-2	147	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sat 23	HANWORTH VILLA	H	FATPR	3-1	110	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	McGovern	M. Folarin	Empson	Baruwa
Mon 25	RAYNERS LANE	H	LGE	2-4	173	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	Sharifi	Miskin	Empson 1	Stewart
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>											
Sat 6	BECKENHAM TOWN	H	1QR	0-1	138	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	Miskin	M. Folarin	Empson	Stewart
Sun 14	AYLESBURY UNITED	A	LGE	2-2	203	Morris	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin 1	Empson	Stewart
Sat 20	HERTFORD TOWN	A	LGE	2-1	218	Morris	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Torsiello	Baruwa
Tue 23	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	A	MSCI	2-1	43	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	McKenna	Torsiello	Empson	Smith
Sat 27	BIGGLESWADE TOWN	H	LGE	1-4	122	Al-Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	Torsiello	Mankumbani	Baruwa
Tue 30	MARLOW	H	LGE	1-2	102	Al-Droubi	Atkinson	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Smith
<b>OCTOBER</b>											
Sat 4	ENFIELD FC	H	LGE	0-2	109	Al Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Smith
Sat 11	LEIGHTON TOWN	H	LGE	0-5	184	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Bates
Sat 18	LEVERSTOCK GREEN	H	LGE	1-1	115	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Stewart
Sat 25	HITCHIN TOWN	A	LGE	1-1	632	Al Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Stewart
Tue 28	MILTON KEYNES IRISH	A	LGE	1-1	205	Al Droubi	Sharifi	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Stewart
<b>NOVEMBER</b>											
Sat 1	WARE	H	LGE	1-1	133	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Rowe
Tue 4	SOUTHALL	H	MSCQF	0-0*	77	Al Droubi	Atkinson	McKenna	M. Folarin	Mankumbani	Stewart
Sat 8	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	A	LGE	2-2	122	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert 1	Rowe
Tue 11	LONDON LIONS	H	LGE	2-5	121	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Rowe
Sat 15	AFC DUNSTABLE	H	LGE	3-1	185	McCorkell	Baruwa	McKenna	Cuthbert	Mankumbani	Vincent 1
Tue 18	FLACKWELL HEATH	A	LGE	2-2	105	Al Droubi	Baruwa	McKenna	Cuthbert	Mankumbani	Vincent 1
Sat 22	BARTON ROVERS	A	LGE	1-3	201	Burrows	Baruwa	McKenna	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Tue 25	HADLEY	A	LGE	1-1	101	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Sat 29	AYLESBURY UNITED	H	LGE	0-2	161	Al Droubi	Baruwa	McKenna	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
<b>DECEMBER</b>											
Sat 6	THAME UNITED	A	LGE	3-6	98	McCorkell	Baruwa	McKenna	M. Folarin	Mankumbani 1	Vincent
Sat 13	STOTFOLD	H	LGE	2-0	130	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Sat 20	HERTFORD TOWN	H	LGE	2-2	156	Al Droubi	McKenna	Mankumbani	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Ford
Sat 27	RAYNERS LANE	A	LGE	1-0	101	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Ford
<b>JANUARY</b>											
Sat 10	BIGGLESWADE	A	LGE	1-3	132	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Ford
Sat 17	ENFIELD FC	A	LGE	0-1	85	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Miskin	M. Folarin	Cuthbert	Vincent
Sat 24	MARLOW	A	LGE	0-2	174	Al Droubi	Baruwa	Mankumbani	Cuthbert	Udeh	Vincent
<b>FEBRUARY</b>											
Sat 14	MILTON KEYNES IRISH	H	LGE	2-3	137	Mussilhy	Baruwa	Miskin	Vincent	Cann	Mankumbani
Sat 21	WARE	A	LGE	0-4	194	Bonfield	Baruwa	Miskin	Vincent	Folarin	Cann
<b>MARCH</b>											
Tue 3	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	H	LGE	1-3	102	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Mbele	Mankumbani	Osei-Bonsu
Sat 7	LONDON LIONS	A	LGE	1-1	100	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Robbmond	Cuthbert	Osei-Bonsu
Tue 10	FLACKWELL HEATH	H	LGE	0-3	116	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Robbmond	Cuthbert	Osei-Bonsu
Sat 14	BIGGLESWADE TOWN	A	LGE	0-5	102	Kelly	Alidor-Hamilton	Miskin	Robbmond	Cuthbert	Osei-Bonsu
Tue 17	BROADFIELDS UNITED	H	MSCSF								
Sat 21	BARTON ROVERS	H	LGE								
Tue 24	LEIGHTON TOWN	A	LGE								
Sat 28	STOTFOLD	A	LGE								
Tue 31	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	H	LGE								
<b>APRIL</b>											
Fri 3	THAME UNITED	H	LGE								
Mon 6	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	A	LGE								
Sat 11	BIGGLESWADE	H	LGE								
Sat 18	HITCHIN TOWN	H	LGE								
Sat 25	LEVERSTOCK GREEN	A	LGE								

WOODS SCORE SHOWN FIRST; **GOAL SCORER (1)**;  
**FIRST SUB**; **SECOND SUB**; **THIRD SUB**; **FOURTH SUB**; **FIFTH SUB**; **YELLOW CARD**; **RED CARD**

\* Northwood lost 3-4 on penalties.



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Price-Placid	Bates	Kearney 1	Kennedy 1	Bouchareb 1	Otote (74), Torsiello (75), Ellis (81), Totesaut (72) 1, Smith (90)	
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McKenna	Stewart	Williams	Ford	Bouchareb	Smith (64), Kearney (64), Kennedy (67), Talla (89)	
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Price-Placid	Rowe	Totesaut	Ford	Otote	Baruwa (52), Bouchareb (64), Bates (67), Daly (79)	
Price-Placid	Stewart	Williams 1	Ford	Otote	McKenna (54), Bouchareb (67), Totesaut (89), Atkinson (89), Sharifi (73)	
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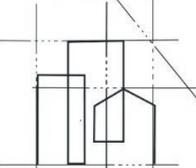


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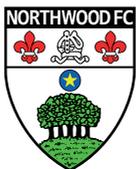


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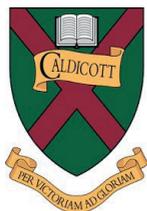


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## Welcome to another edition of Commercial Corner!

Things are really moving at pace with the Centenary celebrations and we've just announced the Northwood All Stars Game which will precede the Celebrity Charity match on Bank Monday 4th May (12.15pm kick off) and the managers and players will be announced over the coming weeks and will feature some from the play-off team from the 2022-23 season.

I attended the Uxbridge FC event last Sunday (also run by Sellebrity Soccer) and it really was a fantastic family day out. With the introduction of an extra game plus some youth team matches in between, it really should be a memorable occasion for the club.

You can buy tickets on [Evenbrite.co.uk](https://www.evenbrite.co.uk) and there is a link on our new website [www.northwoodfc100.co.uk](https://www.northwoodfc100.co.uk). Please tell your friends and family about the event as it would be good to have a bumper crowd that day!

You may have noticed our new Screwfix advertising board up behind the goals towards the clubhouse end of the ground and all our aluminium die bond boards are produced by our Club Tier sponsor LMB Signs Ltd who are based in Watford.

LMB are a long standing partner of the club and have supplied these boards for a number of years.

The print quality is second to none and you only have to look at the perimeter fence in the stadium, to see how much work they have done for us in the last few seasons.

Myself and Ian went to visit them before Christmas and David Halliday and his team made us feel welcome as always.

LMB Signs was founded in 2016 (previously trading as Signs Express Watford) and specialise in full indoor and outdoor signage, vehicle graphics, promotional and digital signage.



Clubhouse and Media Stand Sponsors C&G Scaffolding Ltd are our social media "Sponsor of the week" and will be also be Instagram Matchday Sponsors for the two games against Broadfields United FC and Barton Rovers FC

Talking of the clubhouse, I was recently shown how to upload videos and images to the digital display board so you may have seen new ones popping up including Centenary posters and Sponsors logos.

Our merchandise stand will also be open this Saturday and we're soon hoping to have a couple of new Centenary items produced to sell. More details to follow.

Anyway until next time - Up the Woods!

**John**



# WOODS ROLL CALL



Player	2025/26 SEASON								WOODS CAREER						Woods Debut		
	League			Cup			Total		League		Cups		Overall				
	XI	Sub	Total	Goals	XI	Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	
* Ademide Baruwa	27	1	28	0	3	2	5	0	33	0	28	0	5	0	33	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
* Carl Stewart	29	0	29	0	3	0	3	0	32	0	124	3	26	1	150	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Freddie Ford	16	12	28	2	2	2	4	1	32	3	30	2	4	1	34	3	Kings Langley (H) Apr '25
Osaretin Ototo	20	7	27	4	1	3	4	0	31	4	37	7	13	1	50	8	Binfield (A) Apr '23
* Dan Williams	25	1	26	13	1	0	1	0	27	13	68	30	12	4	80	34	Merstham (A) Feb '23
* Manny Folarin	23	0	23	1	4	0	4	0	27	1	49	2	5	0	54	2	Thame United (A) Nov '24
Hafed Al-Droubi	22	0	22	0	5	0	5	0	27	0	41	0	11	1	52	1	Slimbridge (H) Sep '20
Mack Miskin	22	0	22	1	2	0	2	0	24	1	33	1	5	0	38	1	Ware (A) Nov '19
** Jon-Jo Bates	12	8	20	3	2	2	4	0	24	3	59	8	6	0	65	8	Leighton Town (A) Mar '13
Bryan Mankumbani	17	3	20	1	1	1	2	0	22	1	20	1	2	0	22	1	Edgware & Kingsbury (A) Sep '25
** Devonte Totesaut	9	7	16	2	4	1	5	1	21	3	35	6	8	2	43	8	Westfield (A) Sep '20
* Reece Price-Placid	10	5	15	2	5	0	5	0	20	2	15	2	5	0	20	2	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Gabe Cuthbert	19	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	19	1	19	1	0	0	19	1	Hitchin Town (A) Oct. '25
Harry McKenna	12	5	17	0	2	0	2	0	19	0	72	0	9	0	81	0	Thatcham Town (A) Oct. '23
Henry Atkinson	5	8	13	0	4	0	4	0	17	0	13	0	4	0	17	0	Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25
Hicham Bouchareb	5	8	13	1	1	2	3	1	16	2	13	1	3	1	16	2	Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25
* Nasir Sharifi	9	4	13	0	1	0	1	0	14	0	13	0	1	0	14	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
** Jamie Kennedy	1	9	10	0	2	2	4	1	14	1	10	0	4	1	14	1	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
* Dan Vincent	11	1	12	2	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	2	1	1	15	3	Brenford B (H) Oct. '24
* Dylan Kearney	4	2	6	0	3	1	4	1	10	1	7	0	3	1	10	1	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
* Chama Torstello	2	4	6	0	1	2	3	0	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25
* Jack Empson	4	1	5	1	4	0	4	0	9	1	38	1	7	0	45	1	Ashford Town (Midx) (H) Aug '24
** Omar Rowe	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	10	0	1	0	11	0	Ware (H) Mar '25
Jordan Ellis	2	4	6	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25
** Jack Smith	2	3	5	0	1	1	2	0	7	0	34	2	12	0	46	2	Burnham (A) Nov '13
Stephane Bombelenga	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	6	1	0	0	6	1	Thame United (A) Dec '25
Ronny Mfinda	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	12	0	1	0	13	0	Bracknell Town (A) Dec '19
Alie Bangura	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	2	0	0	4	2	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Andrew Osei-Bonsu	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Kieron Lake-Bryan	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Richie Mbele	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Ryan Kelly	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Solomon Alidor-Hamilton	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Rowan Daly	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	Southall (A) Nov '25
* Louis Udeh	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Biggleswade (A) Jan '26
** Frankie Pass	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26
Gabriel Ipanga	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	2	0	0	9	2	Aylesbury United (H) Aug '24
Seb Robbemond	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	London Lions (A) Mar '26
* Ethan Cann	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26
* Harry McCorkell	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	27	2	6	0	33	2	Corinthian Casuals (H) Aug '23
* Sam Morris	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Aylesbury United (A) Sep '25
** Razhriy Smith-Jones	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Hitchin Town (A) Oct '25
Andrew McCorkell	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	66	0	18	0	84	0	Uxbridge (A) Sep '17
Claudio Nzang	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	London Lions (A) Mar '26
Mohamed Ali	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Flackwell Heath (H) Mar '26
Revin Domi	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
** Brian McGovern	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Barton Rovers (A) Apr '25
Rico Clarke-Rowe	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
** Ezra Ndokuba	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26
* Matt Burrows	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Barton Rovers (A) Nov '25
** Brandon Talla	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Leighton Town (H) Oct '25
** Javon Marquis	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
** Kai Mussilhy	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Milton Keynes Irish (H) Feb '26
** Keagan Cole	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	7	11	0	56	7	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Aidan Tarrant	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	Kidlington (A) March '25
Alfie Bonfield	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	Enfield Town (A) October '19
Arel Amu	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Biggleswade Town (A) Mar '26
Hamid Seisay	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Biggleswade Town (A) Mar '26
Nathan Tormey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Beaconsfield Town (H) Mar '26
Kush Lewis-Thomas	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25

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## FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

Date	Opposition	FA
<b>August</b>		
Wed 20	Fleet Town	IVL 4-1 H Atkinson 2, Wright, Daly
<b>September</b>		
Wed 3	Tring Athletic	FAY 4-0 Pullem 2, Ford, H Atkinson
Mon 8	Bedfont Sports	IVC 5-0 Faleyé, Kelly, Pullem, Wright, Daly
Wed 17	Hayes & Yeading United	FAY 2-0 Pullem, Daly
<b>October</b>		
Thu 2	Kings Langley	FAY 1-1 Ford (Woods won 3:2 on pens)
Fri 7	Eastbourne Borough	FAY 0-0 (Woods lost 5:6 on pens)
Tue 21	Broadfields United	MXV 4-1 Faleyé, Tarrant, Daly, Ford
Wed 29	Maidenhead United	IVL 4-2 Swaby 3, Daly
<b>November</b>		
Wed 5	Farnham Town	IVC 3-0 Daly, Ford 2
Wed 12	Ascot United	IVL 3-1 Daly 2, Ford
Wed 17	Bedfont Sports	MXV 4-2 Wright, Havard, Daly, Swaby
Thu 27	Aldershot Town	IVL 3-1 Pullem, H Atkinson 2
<b>December</b>		
Wed 3	Farnham Town	IVL 5-0 King, Tarrant 2, Havard, Swaby
Wed 10	Walton & Hersham	IVC 3-1 Ford, Daly, Havard
Mon 15	Badshot Lea	IVL 4-2 Tarrant 2, Daly 2
<b>January</b>		
Wed 7	Hampton & RB (QF)	IVC 4-2 Boardman, Tarrant, Faleyé, King
Tue 20	Bracknell Town	IVL 0-1
Wed 28	Edgware & Kingsbury (SF)	MXV 1-0 Loveday
<b>February</b>		
Mon 9	AFC Whyteleafe (SF)	IVC 2-3 H Atkinson, Ford
Tue 24	Ascot United	IVL 5-2 Wright, Faleyé, Swaby 2, Pullem
<b>March</b>		
Wed 4	Fleet Town	IVL 6-0 Gardner 2, King 2, Loveday 2
Mon 16	Aldershot Town	IVL
Wed 18	Maidenhead United	IVL
Mon 23	Hampton & RB	IVL (At Bedfont Sports FC)
Thu 26	Hampton & RB (Final)	MXV (At Bedfont Sports FC)
<b>April</b>		
Wed 1	Bracknell Town	IVL
Wed 8	Camberley Town	IVL
Wed 15	Farnham Town	IVL
Mon 20	Camberley Town	IVL
Wed 22	Hampton & RB	IVL
TBA	Badshot Lea	IVL

## ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Northwood	9	8	0	1	34	10	24	24
2 Hampton & RB	11	7	2	2	33	21	12	23
3 Camberley Town	9	5	2	2	20	13	7	17
4 Bracknell Town	12	5	2	5	23	20	3	17
5 Maidenhead United	12	5	2	5	25	27	-2	17
6 Ascot United	11	4	2	5	21	29	-8	14
7 Farnham Town	10	4	0	6	14	25	-11	12
8 Badshot Lea	10	3	2	5	25	22	3	11
9 Aldershot Town	11	2	3	6	20	22	-2	9
10 Fleet Town	7	0	1	6	5	31	-26	1

IVL = Isthmian Youth League; FAY = FA Youth Cup; IVC = Isthmian Youth League Cup; MXV = Middlesex Youth Cup



VISITING THE SKYLINE STADIUM

# BROADFIELDS UNITED



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**Broadfields United Football Club was formed in 1993 with the club's home ground being Broadfields Sports and Social Club in Headstone Lane, Harrow. By the following year the club was running ten sides, eight of which were playing on a Saturday in the Southern Olympian League. By the conclusion of the 1994/95 season five of these teams had won their respective divisions, with another two finishing as runners up.**

The 1995/96 season was the first in which the club participated in the Middlesex County Football League and the season ended with silverware with the first team winning the Presidents Cup which was contested at Harrow Borough FC. The next season again saw cause for celebration as the first team won the Division One title by six points thus clinching promotion to the Premier Division for the first time.

The 2014/15 season was arguably

the most important and successful for the club as it saw the first team, which continued to be led by Ryan Duffy and Chris Webster, finally win promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League Division One after years of blood, sweat and tears. A magnificent end to the season saw the side win 8 of their final ten league games, with just one loss which came to eventual champions Hillingdon FC.

The club secured promotion on the final day of the season in a nail biting finale against Cricklewood Wanderers, a game in which the winners would gain promotion to the SSML's Division One. An injury time Sam Horan winner, saw the club finally clinch promotion.

This season also saw the reserve side rebranded as Broadfields FC and move to the Hertfordshire County League Division One under the continued leadership of Webster and Pearce. The team managed a credible mid-table finish whilst also

narrowly losing in two semi-finals.

The end of the season also saw the club say farewell to James Brophy, who became the first player from Broadfields United FC to move into the professional game, signing a contract with League One side Swindon Town FC.

The 2015/16 season was the clubs first season in SSML football and so the management sought out the assistance of former Northwood FC and North Greenford United FC manager Mark Barnham joined by Robbie Pearce who moved up to the position of First Team coach. The season started off slowly with us struggling to find our feet in the league, only picking up 11 points from our opening 10 league fixtures. The side also struggled in the cups that we entered, with the exception of the League Cup, in which we reached the semi-finals before losing to eventual winners Crawley Green. The side managed to turn their fortunes around in the league and finished

a credible 11th place on 49 points. A good achievement considering the season was being used as a learning curve.

The 2016/17 season will live long in the memory for the players and management of both our Saturday sides for all the right reasons. The First team, led by Mark Barnham, Ryan Duffy and Liam Bird, managed to clinch a memorable 4-1 victory over local rivals Hillingdon Borough to clinch the Middlesex Premier Cup for the first time in the final played at Northwood FC.

Building on the success of the previous season, the 2017/18 will go down as the greatest in the club's history to date. A cup double for the first team was topped off by confirmation that we had secured FA Cup qualification for the first time in our history.

Despite a slow start to the campaign the side managed to position themselves in a respectable league position midway through the season. Come the end of the season and, in a month where we played 12 matches, we managed to clinch 4th place in the league, our highest league finish to date.

During this period we contested two cup finals. First up we faced landlords Harefield United in the Middlesex Premier Cup at Harrow Borough. It was tight contest which saw us narrowly run out 1-0 winners, seeing out the last half an hour of the match with 9 men after some very questionable decisions by the officials. Even the opposition couldn't believe what was unfolding before their eyes.

Next up and just four days later we were competing in another final, this time up against fellow SSML Division One side Risborough Rangers, facing off for the Spartan League Challenge Trophy at Colney Heath.

This in itself was a great achievement for both clubs as it was the first time the final had been contested by two teams both sitting outside the Premier Division for over twenty years. Just when we expected the game to be played out much like the final a few days previous the boys obviously hadn't read the script, racing ahead to a two goal lead inside 10 minutes, Connor Spinks and

Sam O'Neill with the goals.

Although the game had settled down, we missed some big chances and failed to put the game to bed before halftime.

The second half saw a more attack minded Risborough find an opening and the game looked in the balance with Risborough gaining momentum and possession. All these nerves

were quickly put to bed when Dene Gardner pounced on a misjudged ball by the keeper for one of the easiest chances he has ever had restoring the two-goal cushion and the boys seeing out the game 3-1.

The end of the season also saw two departures of the management team, Mark Barnham who has taken a step back and now involved behind the scenes and physio Steve Hoare.

The end of the 2018/19 season saw the first team achieve their main aim as promotion was secured. A tally of 94 points saw us finish behind runaway leaders, Harefield United, but guaranteed us a place as one of the top 9 teams from the 19 leagues at Step 6 and thus achieving promotion to Step 5 for the very first time. It was a long season which saw us play in our first ever FA Cup game, beating Banstead Athletic 3-0 in a memorable Extra Preliminary round tie. Unfortunately in the next round we went down 4-1 to AFC Uckfield Town but nonetheless it was a great experience for the club to appear in the oldest cup competition in the world.

At the start of the 2022/23 season, we were moved into the Combined Counties League Premier North Division and were optimistic of the chances in the league. The new placement did mean that a handful of players departed and a rebuild

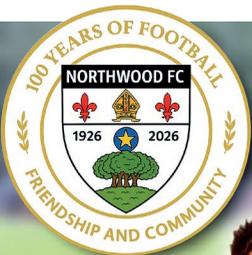


Manager Sunny Tailor

was necessary due to many of our 'old boys' sadly not being able to keep the commitment up with many now having young families and other priorities. This meant that the side struggled to find any form of real consistency with players chopping and changing but there were still a few good performances. Sadly, the struggles were too much and a slump after Christmas saw us take just 5 points from a possible 30 and a slump down the league ensued. Ryan Duffy and Sunny Tailor took control of the side in March and were joined by Billy Brooks and Steve Hoare and with the aim of keeping the side in the league and remarkably a 12th place league finish was achieved by the end of the campaign that saw us go unbeaten in our last 7 games.

Even more impressively though was the lifting of silverware with the boys lifting the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup trophy for the first time thanks to a Jordan Greaves goal in the final against our friends from Northwood in the game played at Uxbridge FC.

This season the team are riding high in the Combined Counties League Premier Division North and before the kick-off of last Saturday's game at Harefield United they were sitting in third place in the table, nine points behind leaders, Burnham but having three games in hand.



# CELEBRITY CHARITY MATCH

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## MATCH ACTION

# WOODS LOSE TO THREE SECOND HALF GOALS

**NORTHWOOD VS FLACKWELL HEATH  
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2026  
PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
DIVISION ONE CENTRAL - ATT 116**

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Shakespeare 50, Mepham 53,  
Roberts 83

Northwood went into this game with renewed hopes of picking up the points required to close the ever-increasing gap from relegation safety but were unable to match a Flackwell Heath side that performed to a high-energy level throughout and were deserved winners.

There was just one enforced change to the starting line-up that had picked up a point at the weekend with Revin Domi ruled out with injury and there was a surprise appearance for former Woods assistant manager Keagan Cole who was drafted in to cover from Hendon having been dual-registered all-season. Another new recruit, striker Mohamed Ali, an arrival from Hilltop, took a place on the bench.

The Heathens included a recent signing, former Woods striker Lindell Stewart, up front in their line-up as they looked to improve their mid-table position in the table.

There was a cagey start to the game with a Stewart header being comfortably taken by Woods goalkeeper Ryan Kelly the first effort on goal, followed a couple of minutes later with a similar effort from Cole looping up for Flackwell's Henry Upstell to collect similarly.

After eleven minutes, Kelly had to be alert to keep out a good strike, while at the other end Seb Robbemond missed out on a chance to go for goal as the half continued to progress slowly but with the visitors in control.

It was after twenty four minutes that the Woods created an opportunity but Cole slipped inside the box and the chance was gone. Four minutes later, the Heathens created a great opportunity to take the lead but Sean McGuinness put his effort wide.

The visitors continued to press and attack with directness that Northwood found difficult to deal with at times and Neilon Pascall got through and beat Kelly with a shot that also went wide of the far post and on forty minutes Stewart converted a ball in from the right but it was ruled out for a tight offside decision with the half coming to an end still goalless.



Eyes on the ball for Keagan Cole

**HT: NORTHWOOD 0-0 FLACKWELL HEATH**

**50 MINUTES 0-1 JACK SHAKESPEARE**

It took Flackwell Heath just five minutes into the second-half to grab the goal that their dominance had deserved with Eli Grant cutting in from out wide and finding the dangerous Jack Shakespeare who created a bit of space before firing a shot into the bottom corner from just outside the box.

**50 MINUTES 0-2 HARRY MEPHAM**

Just three minutes later that lead was doubled as Harry Mephram swung in a corner from the right and Kelly was only able to help the ball over the line as he looked to turn it over the bar.

The reaction from management was instant as the Woods made four substitutions inside three minutes. Firstly, on came Kieron Lake-Bryan and Mohamed Ali to replace Sol Alidor-Hamilton and Osa Otote. Then Gabriel Ipanga and Cole were replaced by Claudio Nzang and Freddie Ford.

And there was almost an instant response when Ali picked up the ball just outside the box and turned into the box to hit a rasping shot that was turned away by Upstell for a corner.

Sadly, after that, the visitors maintained their grip on proceedings. Lewis Patrick sliced an opportunity well wide before Ben Stallard went close as he curled a shot wide of the left-hand post after seventy eight minutes.

**83 MINUTES 0-3 MATT ROBERTS**

A third goal seemed likely though and it arrived on



Richie Mbele battles for possession

eighty three minutes when substitute Matt Roberts was given too much space and he neatly fired a shot in at the far post to complete a comprehensive victory for the Heathens.

The defeat still leaves the Woods nine points adrift of Aylesbury United who sit just outside the bottom four having played just one game more. Northwood now travel to play third-placed Biggleswade Town on Saturday hoping that their better away form can be sustained.

**FT: NORTHWOOD 0-3 FLACKWELL HEATH**

**NORTHWOOD LINE-UP**

Kelly, Alidor-Hamilton (Lake-Bryan 53), Miskin, Robbmond, Cuthbert, Osei-Bonsu, Otote (Ali 53), Mbele, Bangura, Cole (Ford 55), Ipanga (Nzang 55m).

**Unused Sub:** Mankumbani

**Words:** Alan Evans **Images:** James Brown



Keagan Cole



Gabriel Ipanga on the run



Mohamed Ali on debut



VISITING THE SKYLINE STADIUM

# BARTON ROVERS



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**The club's home is in Barton-le-Clay, a village of some 5,000 people just north of Luton. Formed in 1898, the team played inter-village football for the first 50 years until 1946 when it reformed and joined the Luton & District League.**

Progress was swift, and in 1954, the club was accepted into the South Midlands League. The team enjoyed only limited success until 1964, when former Leicester City and Luton Town defender Barry Reed joined as manager. Under his guidance, the club was promoted to the Premier Division in 1964/65 and was never out of the top three until leaving the league in 1979. They dominated, winning the title eight seasons out of nine, and famously made a clean sweep in their final season, securing the Premier Division title, the Senior Section Challenge Trophy, the Reserve Division title, and the Reserve Section Challenge Trophy—an achievement that remains unmatched to this day.

The club made its FA Vase debut in 1976, reaching the quarterfinals before losing to Farnborough Town. The following year, they went one step further with a semi-final appearance against Sheffield. The ultimate pinnacle was reached in 1978, with a massive crowd of 16,391 watching the Final at Wembley. The Rovers unfortunately lost 2-1 to Blue Star of Newcastle but cemented their place in local football history.

In 1979, the club was elected to the Isthmian League, finishing a credible 8th in their first season. This was improved to fourth in both 1980/81 and 1981/82, a period that also saw another strong Vase run. At the end of the 1982/83 season, Barry Reed retired, having led the club to its highest-ever position of 3rd and fulfilling his dream of seeing Barton Rovers play in the First-Round proper of the FA Cup, a feat achieved in 1980. A transitional period followed in the mid-'80s, as three different

managers guided the team through what became a period of mid-table obscurity. In the 1990/91 season, Rovers qualified for the new Division Two. This marked the final game for manager Mick Huckle, who retired after five years to become General Manager.

The 1991/92 season was unspectacular, with Ray Brandon and Tony Dumigan taking turns in charge before Brian Williams was appointed in May 1992. His success was limited to cup competitions, but the team had its best FA Vase run in seven years and reached the final of the Isthmian Associate Members Trophy for the first time in the club's history. Despite a 3-1 extra-time defeat, it was a moment that galvanized the club.

May 1993 saw the appointment of Gordon Taylor, who guided the Rovers to 4th place in his first season. Building on this, he steered the team to a runner-up finish in 1994/95. This

was a remarkable success story, especially after the club's financial position became precarious at Christmas, forcing a difficult decision to cut the playing budget to zero. The loyalty of manager Gordon Taylor and the squad was incredible. They responded by playing their best football of the season, sweeping to nine straight victories to secure promotion to the Isthmian League First Division for the first time in 16 seasons.

Their first season in Division One was a struggle, but lessons were learned, and by December, the team had pulled clear of the danger zone. They also reached both county cup finals, winning the Premier Cup 1-0 on aggregate against Bedford Town.

The 1996/97 season saw Barton briefly top the Division One table, but a winless run led to Gordon Taylor's resignation. Former manager Mick Huckle took over temporarily before the club appointed Gordon Brown as their new manager. Despite a challenging start, a vital 2-1 win in February 1997 broke a 13-game winless streak. The team pulled away from the danger zone and, just like the previous season, ended with silverware, winning the Anglia TV 5-a-side Championship.

Gordon Brown's second season, 1997/98, saw the team achieve a new record finish of 16th. They also had their best FA Cup run in 17 years and secured the Bedfordshire Senior Cup with a 4-0 victory over Potton United before Brown departed to coach in the US.

In April 1998, on Brown's recommendation, former Arsenal and Luton Town player Ian Allinson was appointed manager. He led the team to a new positional high of 15th and a memorable season of three cup finals. The team retained the Bedfordshire Senior Cup and won the South Midlands Floodlight Cup for the first time, narrowly missing out on a cup treble by losing the Hinchingsbrooke Cup Final.

The 1999/2000 season started brightly, with the Rovers in third place by Christmas. However, two festive defeats led to Ian Allinson's shock resignation. Assistant Ian Donnelly took over, guiding the club to a new highest-ever league finish

of 12th. The club then endured a turbulent period with a succession of managers, including Noel Blackwell and Alan Biley, before Dick Newman took charge and rebuilt the team following relegation.

Newman's tenure focused on bringing in young players from the youth academy. This young side finished 14th and won the Hinchingsbrooke Cup for the first time with a 2-0 victory over Yaxley. Dick Newman resigned after the season, but the club quickly secured the return of former manager Ian Allinson for his second spell.

The 2002/03 season was a period of consolidation. Promising young striker Drew Roberts came through the youth side, scoring great goals before moving on to Bedford Town. Allinson continued to mold the side on a tight budget but decided to leave for Boreham Wood in January. Former players Gordon Guile and Graham Golds were appointed as joint players/managers. Guile later stepped down due to work commitments, and former manager Gordon Taylor was once again brought in, with club stalwart Tony McNally as player-coach.

The team consolidated its league position, and after a season that saw top goal scorer Paul Barnes depart for AFC Wimbledon, the club won the Hinchingsbrooke Cup for a second time. Manager Gordon Taylor then regretfully resigned, and the club appointed youth team manager Kevin Thoburn as General Manager, with Neil Rodney as coach.

Following Kevin Thoburn's departure, Gary Fitzgerald took charge for his first full season in 2007/08 as the youngest manager in Rovers' history. He brought stability to the club, finishing in a comfortable mid-table position. Fitzgerald continued to build a young, vibrant squad over his four seasons in charge. The 2009/10 season was a struggle against relegation, but the team fought hard and enjoyed a great FA Trophy run. Fitzgerald departed after an unconvincing start to the 2010/11 season and was replaced by Dan Kennoy.

The former player, just 30 years old, assembled a squad that finished a solid 12th in the newly created

Southern League Central division. He also oversaw the reintroduction of the Reserve Team. Kennoy stayed on, guiding the side to a respectable mid-table finish in 2012/13 and winning the North Beds Charity Cup.

The 2013/14 season was arguably the club's best in years, as they flirted with the play-offs all season, finishing 6th—the club's highest-ever league position—and securing a second consecutive North Beds Charity Cup.

Following Kennoy's decision to stand down, former players Richard Wilmot and Wes Byrne took the reins for the 2014/15 season. They led the team to a play-off final and lifted the Beds Senior Cup with a 4-0 victory. The 2015/16 season saw another new management team, but the club still managed to retain the Beds FA Senior Cup. Former player Jimmy Gray took over for the 2016/17 promotion chase but lost in the play-off final. Mark Boyce took the hot seat for the start of the 2017/18 season before being replaced by ex-Dunstable Town manager Tony Fontanelle.

After a difficult start to the 2022/23 season, Fontanelle and his team were replaced by the joint management duo of Leon Cashman and Jermaine Hall. They managed to keep the club afloat with an inter-step play-off victory. Although Leon Cashman parted ways with the club, Jermaine Hall remained in charge for two more seasons. In his first full season as solo manager, he led the team to a respectable mid-table finish and an impressive FA Cup run. He then took his team a step further, reaching the league play-off semi-final and the Beds Senior Cup Final, though they fell short in both ties. His shock resignation led to Assistant Chris Robson stepping up to the manager's role, where he now navigates his first season in charge.

The legacy of these managers and players is what has shaped Barton Rovers into the club you see today. From humble village beginnings to Wembley finals and historic league finishes, the club's history is a testament to the dedication of everyone involved. Today, we continue this journey together, building on the foundation of those who came before us.

## MATCH ACTION

# WOODS PICK UP FIRST LEAGUE POINT OF 2026

**LONDON LIONS VS NORTHWOOD  
SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026  
PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
DIVISION ONE CENTRAL**



Barnett 21



Bangura 50

The Woods finally picked up their first league point of 2026 with this draw at London Lions but there was a feeling afterwards that they probably should have picked up all three having dominated for long periods of the match and that allowed the home side to end a run of three successive defeats.

After impressing in defeat against Beaconsfield Town in midweek, Tommy Cooney's new-look side included three more new faces in midfielder Seb Robbmond, on dual-registration from Newark & Sherwood United and Claudio Nzang, loaned from Leyton Orient while there was a return to the club for Gabriel Ipanga who made a handful of appearances for the club last season.

It was the Woods who started much the better and there was only two minutes on the clock when the Lions defence failed to clear several times and eventually a good ball in from Ipanga was brought down by Alie Bangura but a block rebounded luckily to goalkeeper Nathan Bloohn.

A minute later, Osa Otote made inroad down the other flank and went for goal but his shot was comfortable for Bloohn to keep out, he also saved from Bangura again soon after and the home keeper came to his sides rescue again on seven minutes as he blocked another effort when Otote raced into the box having won the ball on the halfway line.

It wasn't totally one-way though as Woods goalkeeper Ryan Kelly was also called upon to keep out a good strike from Max Kyte just before that and on eighteen minutes, he also had to push away a long-range effort from Max Davis.

Back came Northwood through Otote, cutting in from the left and setting up Revin Domi for a shot which took a deflection off a defender and looped up and over for a corner. Nothing came of that but almost immediately a great ball from Andrew Osei-Bonsu picked out the run of Bangura but Bloohn was out quickly to just avert the danger.

### **21 MINUTES 1-0 BEN BARNETT**

Despite that dominance, it was London Lions who grabbed the lead when Ben Barnett was given far too



Seb Robbmond leaps high

much space outside the area and he was able to arrow a shot inside Kelly's left-hand post for a neat finish.

It was still the Woods who dominated proceedings though. Domi wasn't far wide of the near-post with a strike from the right-side of the penalty area and then Otote got success on the outside of his marker and cut the ball back invitingly but that was cleared.

Ipanga tried his luck from distance on thirty five minutes but it flew over the bar and then more good work from Otote saw him set up Mack Miskin who swept the ball goalwards but it was again deflected over the top. Miskin swung in the resulting corner and it gave Sol Alidor-Hamilton with a free header at the back post but he steered it wide of the target.

### **HT: LONDON LIONS 1-0 NORTHWOOD**

### **52 MINUTES 2-0 EZRA NDUKUBA**

So, the Lions still found themselves a goal ahead at the break but the Woods finally got a breakthrough five minutes into the second-half when Ipanga swung in a deep cross from the right and Bangura showed great positional sense to cushion a header back across goal and inside the first-half with Bloohn left a spectator.

Nzang replaced Otote three minutes later for his debut and then Domi went close once more with a shot that



Revin Domi's shot is blocked

again showed the Lions were willing to defend well with another block that deflected wide. Alidor-Hamilton picked up a knock and had to be replaced by Kieron Lake-Bryan on the hour and the home side had a good effort on goal three minutes later when Ben Bellman saw his excellent header from a corner tipped over acrobatically by Kelly.

The Woods still pushed to try to get ahead in the game and after seventy minutes Bangura went close again when he robbed Barnett just outside the box and tried to curl an effort past Bloohn but the 'keeper was equal to it diving and putting out a strong hand which pushed the shot wide.

Northwood rolled the dice with a couple more attacking substitutions, Harry McKenna and Freddie Ford replacing Ipanga and an injured Domi but it failed to produce any real chances in the final fifteen minutes. It was the Lions who almost grabbed the win after eighty seven minutes when they broke quickly down the right and a cross picked out Zak Jackson whose effort rose and came back off the crossbar before it was cleared. It would have been a real steal.

**FT: LONDON LIONS 1-1 NORTHWOOD**

**NORTHWOOD LINE-UP**

Kelly, Alidor-Hamilton (Lake-Bryan 59), Miskin, Robbmond, Cuthbert, Osei-Bonsu, Ipanga (McKenna 74), Mbele, Bangura, Domi (Ford 79), Otote (Nzanga 53).

**Unused Sub:** Mankumbani

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Osa Otote goes for goal



Alle Bangura's header levels the scores





## NORTHWOOD



**MANAGER**  
Tommy Cooney

Ryan Kelly  
Andrew McCorkell  
Solomon Alidor-Hamilton  
Kieron Lake-Bryan  
Mack Miskin  
Bryan Mankumbani  
Gabe Cuthbert  
Andrew Osei-Bonsu  
Aidan Tarrant  
Seb Robbmond  
Henry Atkinson  
Hamid Seisay  
Freddie Ford  
Richie Mbele  
Alie Bangura  
Arel Amu  
Gabriel Ipanga  
Mohamed Ali  
Nathan Tormey  
Stephane Bombelenga



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Dillon Gordon  
Mohamed Konte  
Marley Anderson-Richards  
Louis Udeh  
Dickson Owusu  
Arif Bala  
Rayyan Adam  
Gabriel Piorkowski  
David Levy  
Noah Kelo  
Kean Graver  
Lord Mansoh  
Jordy Mumbiny  
Michael Panford  
Abdirahman Mohamed  
David Barbakadze



## BARTON ROVERS



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Murphy Culklin  
Ashton Grant  
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Kai Phelan  
Michael Buckmaster  
Lewis Lynn  
Alfie Warman  
George Joyce  
Jadell Brown-Bleau  
Albie Hall  
Rawn Seale  
Joshua Clarke-Anderson  
Dion Miftari  
Connor Bernhardt  
Mason Watkins  
Marcus Gouldbourne  
Zack White

### MATCH OFFICIALS v BROADFIELDS UNITED

**REFEREE**  
Joe Alborough

**ASSISTANTS**  
Pavel Krastev  
Lawrence Asare

### MATCH OFFICIALS v BARTON ROVERS

**REFEREE**  
Joseph Karram

**ASSISTANTS**  
Andy Tooley  
Jake Martin

### NEXT HOME GAME

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PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
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