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# IAN'S INSIGHT

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

**Welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored Clubhouse for the game this afternoon against Leverstock Green FC we trust they will enjoy their short stay here.**

I wrote in my last notes about my disappointment in the previous two defeats we had endured and regrettably we have since suffered another reversal here at the hands of a strong Leighton Town side.

Our record here is pretty poor and I do struggle to think why this may be. Football at this level is strange in that you can be great at home one season and poor the next; you can't blame it on hostile crowds or intimidating atmospheres like you can at the higher levels. One thing is for sure; we need to up our game and soon as what we have produced so far this season hasn't been good enough.

In life, you have to keep certain standards and for me, one of them is about whatever task you do, you do it to the very best of your ability. You do it with passion. I show that, perhaps sometimes not in the 'right' way, but I show it. When decisions need making here, I carry that out. It may divide opinion, but that's my role. We all have roles here and have to ask ourselves if we are giving it our best.

To keep this club going is bloody hard work; early mornings, late nights, conversations, shopping trips, staffing, functions and so on... all of this to give us the football we crave. I am demanding the same in all aspects of our club and then and only then, can we sit back and maybe enjoy ourselves. We live in hope.

I'm ending my notes early today in that hope they can be more positive next time around. Sorry to spread some doom and gloom but it's how I feel, but, as we all know, one win can change all that.....

We give a great deal in our fantastic clubhouse and it's certainly one of the busier ones I see, so thanks to all for supporting us this way. It means a lot.

Let's hope we enjoy the day and put that famous smile back on my face!

**Up The Woods!**

**ian**





# WOODS OUTLOOK

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

## WELCOME TO THE GREEN

A warm welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for another Pitching In Southern League fixture, this time against Leverstock Green who arrive in fine form. We hope everyone connected with the Reds enjoys their afternoon here at the club and we wish you a safe journey home later this evening.

Like ourselves, Leverstock Green, under the management of former Woods defender Fergus Moore, had a tremendous finish to last season, their first at Step 4, winning five of their last six matches to avoid relegation by just one point. The Greens have not rested on their laurels and, prior to their game at Hertford Town on Tuesday night, had lost just two of ten League matches.

Six of their games have ended all-square though, including their last five matches and amongst those have been 1-1 draws away at top sides Flackwell Heath and Welwyn Garden City. They also held Leighton Town to a 2-2 draw in a home match. Their victories to date were back-to-back at the end of August, 3-2 away at Stotfold and then 2-1 against Thame United. Both losses have been against sides in and around the play-off places, 1-2 at home to Barton Rovers and 5-3 at Biggleswade Town having led 2-0 and 3-2 during the first-half.

Cup results have not been so successful, losing 0-1 at home against Step 5 side Ilford in the FA Cup on the opening day of the season and 2-0 at Isthmian North club Lowestoft Town in the FA Trophy.

Last season was the first time that our two clubs have met in competitive football and it was our opponents that enjoyed the better of the two encounters. The game here at the Skyline was just over a year ago and is covered in more detail elsewhere in today's programme. Both sides were looking for their first win of the season and it ended 2-2. Giuseppe Delgaudio netted both goals for the Green while Gabriel Ipanga-Mbambo scored twice for the Woods. The return came on a Tuesday night at the beginning of April and was one of those games that Leverstock Green won to avoid relegation, taking all three points with a 1-0 success thanks to a Callum Neal header on 54 minutes.

We are ever-grateful to our sponsors and this afternoon's fixture has been kindly sponsored by Gerry Pimm as part of his 1926 Membership package and we hope both he and his guests enjoy the Boardroom hospitality on offer. We do also have Match Ball donors with Michael & Peter Gant kindly sponsoring which is much appreciated. As last year, we'd love to fill in all the spaces for Match Ball sponsors throughout the year so if

you can help, please take a look at the grid elsewhere in today's programme and let me know which game you would like.

## LEAGUE NEWS

Last Saturday proved another tough day at the office for the Woods as unbeaten Leighton Town romped to a 5-0 victory here at the Skyline. Former Woods striker Godlove Oppong netted twice and ex-Northwood goalkeeper Dan Hosier comfortably kept a clean-sheet as our opponents proved far too strong. They didn't need help from the match officials but got it for the third of the five goals as they somehow failed to spot Hafed Al-Droubi being pushed over the line when catching a cross above his head. Our run of form at home has now stretched to six successive league defeats to start the season with and needs to be halted now. The Leighton game was our worst league result since a 1-7 home defeat against Uxbridge back in September 2021. After today, we then have to defend our current unbeaten away record with a tough game at Hitchin Town next Saturday, followed by a midweek fixture at Milton Keynes Irish. Any support at these games would be very welcome.

## CUP NEWS

Well, Tuesday night's Senior Cup fixture at Hanworth Villa was a bit different. Just the night before, an email dropped into my in-box showing that our opponents had written to the County advising them that they wished to withdraw from the competition due to wanting to rest players. They were not alone in having withdrawal symptoms as Bedfont Sports had done the same a short time before this and their home game against Hanwell Town was also awarded to their opponents.

So, the Woods are now through to the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup and we await the draw being made. The next round is scheduled for week-commencing 3rd November so just after our next home game against Ware.

There was a time that the Senior Cup was considered to be a prestigious competition for clubs in the County, religiously fought for by the might of Middlesex. Nowadays, with Brentford, Barnet and QPR entering but playing younger age-group teams, many clubs tend to rest players for the early rounds and our top-ranked non-League side, Wealdstone, didn't even enter which seems a bit of a shame.

The Woods have won the Senior Cup twice, the last being ten years ago when we defeated Enfield Town 2-0 in the 2015-26 final.



# PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL



| #  | Team                | P        | W        | D        | L        | F        | A         | W        | D        | L        | F        | A        | GD         | PTS      |
|----|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| 1  | Leighton Town       | 8        | 4        | 0        | 0        | 12       | 3         | 3        | 1        | 0        | 12       | 3        | 18         | 22       |
| 2  | Ware                | 9        | 3        | 0        | 1        | 12       | 6         | 4        | 0        | 1        | 15       | 9        | 12         | 21       |
| 3  | Biggleswade FC      | 10       | 1        | 2        | 0        | 4        | 2         | 5        | 1        | 1        | 14       | 7        | 9          | 21       |
| 4  | Biggleswade Town    | 10       | 2        | 3        | 0        | 9        | 6         | 3        | 1        | 1        | 16       | 8        | 11         | 19       |
| 5  | Hertford Town       | 9        | 3        | 0        | 2        | 9        | 7         | 3        | 0        | 1        | 9        | 3        | 8          | 18       |
| 6  | Hitchin Town        | 9        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 5        | 6         | 3        | 1        | 0        | 9        | 2        | 6          | 17       |
| 7  | Hadley              | 9        | 2        | 1        | 1        | 9        | 8         | 2        | 3        | 0        | 8        | 5        | 4          | 16       |
| 8  | Beaconsfield Town   | 10       | 2        | 2        | 1        | 8        | 5         | 2        | 2        | 1        | 8        | 8        | 3          | 16       |
| 9  | Barton Rovers       | 10       | 3        | 1        | 1        | 9        | 6         | 1        | 3        | 1        | 5        | 6        | 2          | 16       |
| 10 | Welwyn Garden City  | 10       | 1        | 1        | 3        | 4        | 7         | 3        | 1        | 1        | 9        | 6        | 0          | 14       |
| 11 | Thame United        | 9        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 10       | 7         | 1        | 0        | 3        | 8        | 8        | 3          | 13       |
| 12 | Flackwell Heath     | 6        | 2        | 2        | 0        | 9        | 3         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 3        | 1        | 8          | 12       |
| 13 | Leverstock Green    | 10       | 1        | 2        | 1        | 6        | 6         | 1        | 3        | 2        | 9        | 12       | -3         | 11       |
| 14 | Stotfold            | 9        | 3        | 0        | 2        | 11       | 8         | 0        | 0        | 4        | 7        | 13       | -3         | 9        |
| 15 | Aylesbury United    | 8        | 0        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 8         | 2        | 0        | 1        | 7        | 4        | -1         | 8        |
| 16 | Enfield             | 7        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 5        | 9         | 1        | 1        | 2        | 4        | 5        | -5         | 7        |
| 17 | AFC Dunstable       | 9        | 0        | 3        | 1        | 5        | 6         | 1        | 1        | 3        | 6        | 12       | -7         | 7        |
| 18 | London Lions        | 9        | 2        | 0        | 2        | 9        | 11        | 0        | 0        | 5        | 2        | 10       | -10        | 6        |
| 19 | Milton Keynes Irish | 9        | 1        | 0        | 4        | 9        | 15        | 1        | 0        | 3        | 4        | 9        | -11        | 6        |
| 20 | Marlow              | 9        | 1        | 0        | 3        | 8        | 10        | 1        | 0        | 4        | 2        | 13       | -13        | 6        |
| 21 | <b>Northwood</b>    | <b>9</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>-14</b> | <b>5</b> |
| 22 | Rayners Lane        | 8        | 0        | 0        | 4        | 2        | 10        | 1        | 0        | 3        | 5        | 14       | -17        | 3        |

The Woods have also entered the Middlesex Charity Cup this season, which is scheduled to start in November or early December, but the draw hasn't been made as yet at the time of writing.

## PLAYER UPDATES

There was a new face in the squad last Saturday as young defender Brandon Talla was on the substitutes bench having joined the Woods from Wealdstone's Academy where he has played for the U23s. Brandon previously played last season for SL Benfica, helping them to the Middlesex County League title and promotion. Welcome to the Woods Brandon.

Jon-Jo Bates returned last Saturday after a couple of weeks out with a knock but injuries continue to plague the squad this season with Harry McCorkell, Chama Torsiello, Romario Jonas and Kush Lewis-Thomas all out with variable lengths of long-term absence and they were joined last week by Osa Otote, Reece Price-Placid, Nasir Sharifi and Devonte Totesaut. Hopefully, we can get some of these back on the field to help the cause soon.

Goalkeeper, Sam Morris's loan spell from Watford FC came to an end last Saturday having played in two matches undefeated for the Woods, our draw at Aylesbury United and the win at Hertford Town. He looks a promising keeper and we thank him for his excellent service.

## SEASON TICKETS & 1926 MEMBERSHIPS

This is our eleventh year of offering a super saver Season Ticket and they have been available for purchase since early June. The cost this year is just £75.00 to cover our remaining 15 Southern League home fixtures (just £5.00 per game) so make sure you get your order in soon. You can pay today and get access to all future league matches. See the clubs' website [www.northwoodfc.com](http://www.northwoodfc.com) for the link to pay online or provide me with cash. Note that the Season Ticket also includes access to all of our remaining Under-18s Isthmian Youth League fixtures so even better value for money.

Also available, and very popular, is the Club's 1926 Membership that not only brings you a Season Ticket as above but also includes one Player Sponsorship (usually £60) and a VIP Match Day in the Boardroom for 4 people. A real bargain at only £179.00 and again there is a link from the website.

## UNDER-18S

Last night, the U18s were scheduled to travel to Eastbourne Borough and play their third and final qualifying round fixture in the FA Youth Cup so let's hope that they gave a good account of themselves whatever the result. Success would have put the winners of the tie as one of 35 non-League teams playing in the first-round proper draw alongside 45 Football League sides. Fingers crossed!

This coming week, the U18s start their Middlesex





# WOODS OUTLOOK

Senior Youth Cup campaign with an away game at Broadfields United on Tuesday night, 21st October. It's a 7.45pm kick-off at Tithe Farm where they share the facilities with Rayners Lane FC.

We are down to play at home to league leaders Maidenhead United the following week (which would only be cancelled if we were to be successful in the game at Eastbourne) with our Isthmian Youth League Cup game at home to Farnham Town now rearranged for the following Wednesday night, 5th November.

We have reintroduced the Player Sponsor page for the Under-18s, you can find that elsewhere in today's programme and it's just £30.00 for the season and there are plenty still available so if you are a regular at their matches, perhaps you'd like to sponsor your favourite Woods U18 player?

## 6 RISING BALLERS NEWS

Results have not gone the way of our tenants in the last couple of weeks when back-to-back Monday night fixtures have resulted in losses to Clapton Community (0-5 in the London Senior Trophy) and then 0-5 against play-off challengers Bedfont.

With the Woods away next Saturday you would have thought that the Rising Ballers would have a home Saturday game but no, they are back at the Skyline on the Monday night again, this time against fellow strugglers Langley. Looking ahead, when the Woods are away at Welwyn Garden City on the 8th November, RB will play at home in a 'derby' fixture against Oxhey Jets!

## MERCHANDISE

In partnership with one of our new sponsors, Flame, we are 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 last week but a limited number available), bobble hats, scarves and pens at present, bucket hats were added with dog bowls also making an appearance! More items will be added shortly. Wear your colours – the colder weather is definitely with us!

## VOLUNTEERING

We have a great working group of volunteers here at the club who all work very hard to keep the club functioning and the ground spick and span throughout the season. But we could always do with a bit of extra

help, both on matchdays or during the week around the stadium or the clubhouse. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to get involved, then please let us know. We have been delighted to welcome Ross Jones to the club as a volunteer videographer in the last couple of weeks and he has already improved our socials with regular updates on YouTube, Instagram and Tik-Tok during that time. The aim is to build the number of followers and subscribers on those accounts and channels so please ensure you take a look, like and subscribe where you can. If interested in helping us out in any way, please speak to either Chairman Ian Barry or Commercial Manager John Joyce and get onboard if you can.

## NEXT UP AT THE SKYLINE

Nothing this midweek and after a couple of away games, we return to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for the visit of high-flying Ware in two weeks' time.

### Monday 27th October

#### Rising Ballers v Langley

Combined Counties League - 7.45pm

### Wednesday 29th October

#### U18s v Maidenhead United

Isthmian Youth League - 7.45pm (Provisional)

### Saturday 1st November

#### Woods v. Ware

Southern League Division One Central - 3pm

Thank you for your support today and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. **Alan**

## MATCH & MATCH BALL SPONSORS

| Opponents           | Date              | Match Sponsor        | Match Ball Sponsor   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Egham Town          | Saturday 2nd Aug  | Shamira Hamirani     | Gerry Pimm           |
| Hadley              | Tuesday 12th Aug  | -                    | Dennis Goulding      |
| Hanworth Villa      | Saturday 23rd Aug | Shamira Hamirani     | Peter Reynolds       |
| Rayners Lane        | Monday 25th Aug   | Colin Seal           | Alan Evans           |
| Beckenham Town      | Saturday 6th Sep  | Shamira Hamirani     | Graham Mann          |
| Biggleswade Town    | Saturday 27th Sep | -                    | Ian Barry            |
| Marlow              | Tuesday 30th Sep  | -                    | Dennis Goulding      |
| Enfield             | Saturday 4th Oct  | -                    | Gerry Pimm           |
| Leighton Town       | Saturday 11th Oct | Sean Moore           | Peter Reynolds       |
| Leverstock Green    | Saturday 18th Oct | Gerry Pimm           | Michael & Peter Gant |
| Ware                | Saturday 1st Nov  | -                    | Michael & Peter Gant |
| London Lions        | Tuesday 11th Nov  |                      |                      |
| AFC Dunstable       | Saturday 15th Nov |                      |                      |
| Aylesbury United    | Saturday 29th Nov | Shamira/Byrne Family |                      |
| Stotfold            | Saturday 13th Dec | Graham Mann          |                      |
| Hertford Town       | Saturday 20th Dec |                      |                      |
| Beaconsfield Town   | Saturday 3rd Jan  |                      |                      |
| Flackwell Heath     | Saturday 31st Jan |                      |                      |
| Milton Keynes Irish | Saturday 14th Feb | Peter Reynolds       |                      |
| Welwyn Garden City  | Saturday 28th Feb |                      |                      |
| Barton Rovers       | Saturday 21st Mar |                      |                      |
| Thame United        | Friday 3rd Apr    |                      |                      |
| Biggleswade         | Saturday 11th Apr | Dennis Goulding      |                      |
| Hitchin Town        | Saturday 18th Apr |                      |                      |



# FROM THE DUGOUT

WITH ASSISTANT MANAGER,  
DENNIS QUIGLEY

**Good afternoon, Woods fans!**

**Welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and a special welcome to the management from our opponents this week, Leverstock Green FC, led by Fergus Moore.**

Last Saturday was a result we certainly don't want to be on the receiving end of again this season. I have to give credit to Leighton Town as they're a very well organised and strong outfit and you can see why they're at the top end of the table.

For us, I felt the team selected and the way we set up tactically was definitely the right one but in a first-half where both teams were having chances, we find ourselves having a possible equaliser blocked on the line and then Leighton going up the other end and scoring in a matter of minutes.

These are exactly the fine margins we're working on to change our recent run of bad form. Even at 0-2 down, I believed we were still in the game but unfortunately, I got to witness first hand one of the worst refereeing decisions at any level of football let alone ours but as Mourinho once said, I prefer not to speak because if I speak, I'm in trouble!

Of course, then at 0-3, it's a mountain to climb and all guns blazing which left us a bit more exposed at the back for the counter-attack and a more emphatic scoreline going against us, but I'd rather lose going for it than sit back and see out a defeat.

Being at home for so many games in recent weeks we certainly saw it going differently in terms of results. Our plan to shake this form and get points on the board is simple and without giving too much away the message is clear. Get back to basics, enjoy defending and get our attackers firing.

At this point of the season there's definitely a lot still to play for. Three points gets us moving up a few places, six points gets us sitting around mid-table. In my opinion, the league table won't really take shape until Christmas time and by then we're going to make sure it's not a conversation of how are we going to move up the table but it will be more how did you do that.

Brandon Talia has joined us and we're excited at the potential shown in his short time with us so far. There are also a few possible recruits that we've spoken to in recent weeks and it's looking very positive from the conversations we've had. We're certainly very optimistic there may be a few welcome additions in the next week.



Our visitors today have started the season very well. Without giving away too many details, like every game, we have a plan to execute this afternoon. It's time to turn our home ground back into a fortress and make it difficult for teams to visit.

As always, I wish Leverstock Green a safe journey to and from the game and my best wishes for the season ahead.

**Up The Woods!**

**Den**



# MATCH ACTION

# WOODS FALL TO A HEAVY HOME DEFEAT

**NORTHWOOD VS LEIGHTON TOWN**  
**SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025**  
**KICK-OFF 3.00PM**  
**PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
**PREMIER DIVISION CENTRAL**



Oppong 20, 65 Farruch 45, Al-Droubi og 52, Christie 85

Unbeaten Leighton Town proved too strong for the Woods on a pleasantly sunny Saturday afternoon at the Skyline Roofing Stadium, romping to a victory which was Northwood's worst loss in four years.

Jon-Jo Bates, Harry McKenna, Freddie Ford and Hicham Bouchareb were all brought into the starting line-up with Henry Atkinson, Dylan Kearney and Jack Smith all reverting to the bench while Reece Price-Placid was missing after picking up a knock the previous week. New signing Brandon Talla, a young defender recruited from Wealdstone Academy, was given a place in the bench alongside Jamie Kennedy with Devonte Totesaut, Osa Otote and Nasir Sharifi all rules out.

The visitors arrived with former Woods goalkeeper Dan Hosier back from injury to start alongside two other ex-Woods in Kyal Williams and Godlove Oppong while top scorer Sydney Ibie, who left Northwood for Dagenham & Redbridge just two years ago, was on the bench resting a knock suffered a week earlier.

Leighton looked strong from the start and had their first opportunity on 14 minutes when Oppong got his head to a cross from the right but Hafed Al-Droubi did well to react quickly and palm it over the bar.

## 20 MINUTES: 0-1 GODLOVE OPPONG

But he could do nothing to deny the former Woods striker six minutes later when a cross from Lewis Thorpe was set up by Williams to allow Oppong to fire cleanly into the far corner.

Northwood tried to hit back almost immediately when Dan Williams tried his luck from distance with a powerful strike but Hosier was well positioned to claim it above his head. The Woods continued to press with Williams linking up with Bouchareb to force a corner but that came to nothing.

The visitors were still looking dangerous but it was the Woods who looked likely to level after 41 minutes when a cross from Mack Miskin was cleared to Bates who



Bryan Mankumbani

jinked into the box and looked all set to score but an excellent defensive block denied him.

## 45 MINUTES: 0-2 LEO FARRUCH

The home side were made to pay just before the break as Leighton notched an important second goal. Oppong turned provider this time with a cross to the far post where Leo Farruch guided a shot back across goal and inside the far post.

## HT: NORTHWOOD 0-2 LEIGHTON TOWN

## 52 MINUTES: 0-3 HAFED AL-DROUBI (OG)

Already with a difficult second-half ahead of them, Al-Droubi had to tip over an inswinging corner early on before being a victim of a shocking decision from the match officials which gifted Leighton a third goal on 52 minutes. A deep cross from the left from Tolu Kunming was collected up high by Al-Droubi but BJ Christie clearly pushed him over the line with two arms only for a "goal" to be awarded.

## 65 MINUTES: 0-4 GODLOVE OPPONG

Changes were made to both personnel and formation with Smith and Kearney replacing Ford and Bouchareb but it only got worse almost immediately when Oppong found acres of space to receive a ball from Christie and slot home his second.

Jamie Kennedy replaced an injured Carl Stewart on sixty seven minutes and the Woods did start to create a little more in the closing stages starting with Kearney setting up Williams for a shot but that flew wide of the target.

But Leighton continued to threaten too. A Farruch free-kick went just over the bar on 79 minutes and five minutes later a quick break saw Rio DaSilva set up Charlie Pattison for a chance but Al-Droubi made a great save to deny him.

**86 MINUTES: 0-5 BJ CHRISTIE**

There was still time for the visitors to grab a fifth goal on 86 minutes as the errant Christie, a recent recruit from Berkhamsted, netted from close-range for his first Leighton goal.

Talla was introduced for the five minutes of stoppage-time and it was Northwood who had the last effort on goal when Ademide Baruwa finally tested Hosier but he was more that equal to it and the final whistle cued celebrations amongst the large travelling contingent of Leighton fans.

**FT: NORTHWOOD 0-5 LEIGHTON TOWN**

After extending their home league record to six defeats in six games, the Woods will need to up their game when Leverstock Green come to visit at the Skyline next Saturday.

**NORTHWOOD LINE-UP**

Al-Droubi, Baruwa, Miskin, Folarin, Mankumbani, Bates (Talla 89m), McKenna, Stewart (Kennedy 67m), Williams, Ford (Smith 64m), Bouchareb (Kearney 63m).

**Attendance:** 184

**Words:** Alan Evans

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# 3 OF A KIND

**MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS  
LEVERSTOCK GREEN. BY KEN GREEN**

## **SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2012 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY LEVERSTOCK GREEN 2 NORTHWOOD 3**

The Woods had never met Leverstock Green before and the home side were in a rebuilding phase having had a recent change of management and many players but they looked well-organised and had a bit of pace about them in good areas.

Adamson Ajayi's pace caused problems for the home side and almost scored twice, but the Woods were almost caught out as a long ball down the slope sailed over Brad Hewitt's head and Paul Inslley was through on goal, but James Reading made the save. The Woods, having ridden their luck a bit, took the lead when a good ball from Lee Grant released Ajayi and he made space to drive the ball past the



**2012** Adamson Ajayi put the Woods ahead

keeper and in off the post.

The Woods' shooting got more accurate after the break with Ajayi denied by the keeper and then substitute Garry Senior hitting the post within the first few minutes, but Fraser also shot well over before the

Woods doubled the lead on the hour. A free-kick was pumped in by Reece Yorke, Senior laid it off neatly and Hawkins rifled in from eight yards.

After 64 minutes, Leverstock were gifted a goal when Akin knocked a ball into his own path with his hand and then ran on to score with handball claims falling on the deaf ears of the officials despite being seen by virtually all of the spectators. But two minutes later the two-goal cushion was restored when Walker made a rare attacking run, exchanging passes with Senior and then going past a defender before crashing a shot past the keeper. At the end a long ball saw Jon Davies run through and he battled past Grant to fire home a second goal for Leverstock.

**Northwood:** James Reading, Scott Raper (Danny McDonnell 60m), Ronanye Marsh-Brown, Lee Grant, Reece Yorke, Brad Hewitt (Garry Senior 46m), James Fraser, Dean Worman, Adamson Ajayi, Oliver Hawkins, Romaine Walker

## **SATURDAY 29TH JULY 2017 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY LEVERSTOCK GREEN 0 NORTHWOOD 10**

The Woods enjoyed a dominant performance at Spartan South Midlands side Leverstock Green which ended in a comprehensive 10-0 victory.

Pat Adamson was prominent early on and had seen one effort cleared off the line before being set up to slot in the opening goal after 17 minutes. A penalty just two minutes later enabled a trialist to double that lead and then the same player added a third after just 25 minutes.

Three minutes later Jamie Doolan's strike took a deflection to wrong foot the keeper for a fourth but the Woods midfielder would have been even happier with his second goal which dropped in the top corner from 35 yards.

The home side, who were due to start their season with an FA Cup tie at Edgware Town seven days later,



**2017** - Jamie Doolan hit a 35-yard goal



**2012** Oliver Hawkins celebrates scoring





2017 - Second half hat-trick from Harry Newman

had rested some of their more established players in the first half but they came on for the second period. These included former Woods striker Dave Lawrence. And they did have an effect, although Harry Newman netted a sixth Northwood goal ten minutes into the second half.

Levy had kept it to that score for a long period, without really threatening Raven Constable in the Northwood goal but there was more to come in the final fifteen minutes. The introduction of fresh legs made a difference with Jack McDonnell setting up Ryan Debattista for the seventh, scoring with a crisp strike from 20 yards. Then McDonnell was tripped in the box and Newman knocked in the spot-kick.

McDonnell was wrestled to the ground again soon after and was allowed to take the penalty himself, slotting home the ninth goal, while Newman completed his second half hat-trick when converting a McDonnell cross.

**Northwood:** Raven Constable, Pat Kelly, Pat Adamson, Marcus Rose, Brad Hewitt, James Gurteen, Jamie Doolan, Trialist A, Trialist B, Tayshan Hayden-Smith, Harry Newman. Subs. Lewis Hobbs, Ryan Debattista, Jack McDonnell, Wilson Chingoka, Trialist C, Trialist D, Cameron Lytle

## SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024 SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL NORTHWOOD 2 LEVERSTOCK GREEN 2

The Woods started quite brightly in the corresponding game last year, with Godlove Oppong quickly into the action, threatening twice without being able to get a decisive finish. The visitors gradually settled into the game, and had a headed goal ruled out by an offside flag.

There was a lucky rebound that put Stefanoaica in down the right after 21 minutes and he squared the ball to Mooney but again he slotted over the bar as the Green threatened to break the Woods defences. Northwood hit back with another good run from Oppong, cutting in from the left and firing goalwards.

It was the Woods who finished the half strongly, with Oppong and Prince Mbengui going close. Finally, after 59 minutes Northwood took the lead when Mbengui set up Gabi Ipanga-Mbambo to net Woods' first home goal of the season.

However, the lead only lasted three minutes as Mooney put over a pinpoint cross which found Delgaudio unmarked and he headed neatly into the corner to give Ryan Hopping no chance.

Back came the Woods again six minutes later when Ipanga-Mbambo got into the box and lifted a shot over the oncoming Bonfield into the corner for his second goal. But on 83 minutes Stefanoaica sent in a the deep cross and Delgaudio's header beat Hopping for the leveller.

Northwood went closest to winning the match in stoppage-time when Gbolahan cut a ball back to Yahaya Kamara and his shot looked destined for the far corner until a deflection took it wide.

**Northwood:** Ryan Hopping, Harry McKenna, Jack Young, Jack Smith, Jeremy Stewart, Jack Empson, Prince Mbengui (Kojo Cyimah), Yahara Kamara, Ade Gbolahan, Godlove Oppong (Archie James), Gabi Ipanga-Mbambo (Michael Kelly)



2024 - Ade Gbolahan gets away from the defender



# YESTERDAY TODAY 18.10

**THROUGHOUT NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY - WHICH GOES BACK 99 YEARS TO 1926 - THE CLUB HAVE PLAYED 15 FIXTURES ON 18TH OCTOBER; ALL PREVIOUS GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I REVIEW THREE OF THEM HERE.**

**BY KEN GREEN**



## 2008

### CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC C WOODS 2

Northwood successfully negotiated a potentially difficult trip to the Ryman League Crows, and they were quickly into their stride and Otis Williams went close from a Rob Ursell corner. However, the opening goal wasn't long in coming as Abdul Yoki got to

the by-line before pulling the ball back to Ursell, whose shot was too strong for Crows' goalkeeper Mark Oldroyd to give Woods a 12th minute lead. Woods pressed quickly again, but Crowborough were looking dangerous on the break with their direct style of play, and Mitch Swain saved from Clarke after a sweeping move. Chances were being created at both ends as an entertaining opening half ebbed and flowed.

The Northwood defence were tested after the break as the Crows looked to get back in the tie, Gedling and Clarke both shooting wide, whilst the visitors were always a threat on the break with Williams going close. Woods wrapped up the tie on 79



minutes when Williams played the ball through to Ursell, who was able to stroke the ball home to confirm Woods' passage to the next round.

**Northwood:** Mitch Swain, Danny Power, Danny Murphy, Richard Orlu, Mark Burgess (Eric Gbio), John Christian, Danny Brown, Anthony Page, Otis Williams, Abdul Yoki, Rob Ursell (James Linehan).

## 2014

### WOODS 3 WALTHAM ABBEY 1

The Woods notched their first FA Trophy success for five years as two quick goals on the stroke of half-time gave them the advantage against Ryman North side Waltham Abbey. It was the visitors who made the better start to the tie, and Harry Elmes and Joe Kizzi both went close early on. There was a brief respite for the Woods but Joakim Ehui's shot was too direct at goalkeeper Ronnie Yates who held it comfortably. Then Rob Hastings' ball saw Michael Murray hit a drive that was bound for the top corner until Yates got across to push the ball away and he also saved Ismael Ehui's follow-up effort.



The game seemed to heading for a goalless first half, but in the last minute of normal time, Berkeley Laurencin knocked a ball wide to Hastings on the right. He showed a great turn of pace and a bit of tricky footwork that got him past his marker, into the box and he finished with a fine strike across the keeper. It was an ideal time to score but it got even better less than two minutes later as the visitors defence were caught square by a simple through-ball and Ismael Ehui raced through to chip on the oncoming keeper for a second goal.

Waltham Abbey didn't create much after the break but on 61 minutes, John Docker stepped up to take a free-kick and rifled a shot into the top corner to



**2008 - Two-goal Rob Ursell goes on a run**



2014 - Rob Hastings fires home Woods' opener

reduce the arrears.

Back came Northwood with Omar Vassell knocking in a good cross and Ismael Ehui doing well to set up his brother

by Allen while visiting keeper Andrew McCorkell was on hand to deny substitute Max Blackmore as the Swans quickly countered. Northwood kept up the momentum and forced the hosts into defending a series of Luke Tingey throws into their box with James Gurteen's header which flew narrowly over the back post, the closest the visitors came to breaking the deadlock.

However, it was the hosts who scored what proved to be the winner on 81 minutes, Woods carelessly squandering possession in the Walton half, allowing the homesters to break quickly with Adeyemi firing a low shot through the legs of Gurteen which nestled in the far corner of the Northwood net.

Northwood had one last chance to force a penalty shoot-out as they won a corner deep into added time and with everyone up including McCorkell, the ball found its way to Sandro whose snatched shot flew well wide of the target as the referee called an end to proceedings.

**Northwood:** Andrew McCorkell, Brandon Kalu, Andy Lomas, Ergys Pepaj (Sam Jenkins), Luke Tingey, James Gurteen, Ronan Hutchins (Josh Helmore), Rahim Jude-Boyd, Juwon Akintunde (Joe Reade), Jake Tabor (Sandro Costa), Carl Stewart.

## 2022

### WALTON & HERSHAM 1 WOODS 0

The Swans were quickly into their stride in this League Cup tie, launching a series of swift, incisive moves with both Joshua Millo and Arsen Ujkaj going close. But Woods repelled the early danger and began to make an impression themselves - Jude Boyd exchanging passes with Akintunde but unable to apply the finish in the six-yard box with the ball slightly behind him before the two combined again with Akintunde's shot deflecting off the upright.

Northwood continued to take the game to the Swans with the overlapping Kalu sending over a deep cross which found Tabor at the far post, but the latter was unable to gather to fashion a strike on goal. And another swift counter from Woods produced a free-kick on the edge of the home box, Andy Lomas seeing effort deflect onto the crossbar before Pepaj's half-volley attempt flew narrowly wide.

After the interval Woods quickly worked a good position with Jude-Boyd's firm shot being dealt with



2022 - Juwon Akintunde is challenged by Walton defender

## GAMES THE WOODS HAVE PLAYED ON THE 18TH OCTOBER

| Date            | Competition                                    | Opponents                | F-A  | Scorers                       | Att |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Sat 18 Oct 1930 | H Harrow & District League Division One        | Wealdstone Joinery Works | 4-2  | Bunce 3, King                 |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1947 | H Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division     | Thrusters                | 10-0 | ?                             |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1952 | H Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division     | Parkfield                | 2-0  | ?                             |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1958 | A Harrow & Wembley League Senior Cup round 1   | South Ruislip            | 4-3  | Searle, Ratcliffe, H Carter 2 |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1969 | A Middlesex Junior Cup round 1                 | Ealing Rovers            | 6-1  | Millward 4, Gould 2           |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1975 | A Middlesex League                             | Barnes                   | 3-0  | Cooper 2, Heslop              |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1980 | H Cold Shield Hellenic League Premier Division | Hazells (Aylesbury)      | 0-1  |                               |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1986 | A Spartan League Premier Division              | Pennant                  | 0-2  |                               |     |
| Tue 18 Oct 1988 | A Middlesex Charity Cup round 2                | Clapton                  | 1-2* | Colwill                       |     |
| Wed 18 Oct 1989 | A London-Spartan League Premier Division       | Edgware Town             | 2-2  | D'Cruz, Pacquette             |     |
| Sat 18 Oct 1997 | A Ryman League Division 2                      | Hungerford Town          | 3-1  | Gell 2, Ripley                | 80  |
| Sat 18 Oct 2003 | A Ryman League Premier Division                | Bishops Stortford        | 0-6  |                               | 304 |
| Sat 18 Oct 2008 | A FA Trophy 1Q round                           | Crowborough Athletic     | 2-0  | Ursell 2                      | 87  |
| Sat 18 Oct 2014 | H FA Trophy prelim. round                      | Waltham Abbey            | 3-1  | Hastings, I Ehui, Murray      | 64  |
| Tue 18 Oct 2022 | A Isthmian League Cup round 1                  | Walton & Hersham         | 0-1  |                               | 122 |



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# 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 |
| SEPTEMBER |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| 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   |
| OCTOBER   |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| 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    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 25    | HITCHIN TOWN        | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Tue 28    | MILTON KEYNES IRISH | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| NOVEMBER  |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 1     | WARE                | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 8     | WELWYN GARDEN CITY  | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Tue 11    | LONDON LIONS        | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 15    | AFC DUNSTABLE       | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Tue 18    | FLACKWELL HEATH     | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 22    | BARTON ROVERS       | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Tue 25    | HADLEY              | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 29    | AYLESBURY UNITED    | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| DECEMBER  |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 6     | THAME UNITED        | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 13    | STOTFOLD            | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 20    | HERTFORD TOWN       | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 27    | RAYNERS LANE        | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| JANUARY   |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 3     | BEACONSFIELD TOWN   | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 10    | BIGGLESWADE         | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 17    | ENFIELD FC          | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 24    | MARLOW              | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 31    | FLACKWELL HEATH     | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| FEBRUARY  |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 7     | LEIGHTON TOWN       | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 14    | MILTON KEYNES IRISH | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 21    | Ware                | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 28    | WELWYN GARDEN CITY  | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| MARCH     |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 7     | LONDON LIONS        | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 14    | BIGGLESWADE TOWN    | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 21    | BARTON ROVERS       | H | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| Sat 28    | STOTFOLD            | A | LGE    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| APRIL     |                     |   |        |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |
| 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    |     |     |           |          |          |              |            |         |

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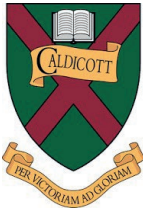


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Welcome once again to Commercial Corner. This will be my last update for about a month as we've got a run of three away games coming up. Let's hope we manage to get something from today's match after a pretty awful run of form especially at home.

Good luck to Jamie Barry and the U18s who would have played their FA Youth cup game at Eastbourne Borough FC last night. We decided to make a trip of it and take in the sights of Eastbourne. Hopefully we witnessed a famous victory!

Our Sponsor Of The Week feature finally started with a slick video presentation from stadium sponsors Skyline Roofing Centres Ltd and they will sponsor the Instagram footage for today's game. Skyline have been long standing sponsors of the Woods. They've been supplying roofing materials to London and the surrounding areas for over 45 years and are one of the leading stockists of all major roofing materials. With 12 branches you can be assured of reliability, quality and great customer service.

We can't mention Skyline without talking about owner Steve Revell (pictured below) who made 244 appearances for the club. Steve joined in 1978 and was part of the team which won the Hellenic League Division One title and was even player-manager for the 1986-87 season! A true Woods legend and it's great to still have him involved with the club.



Merchandise sales continue to do well and the shirts have proved popular since coming back into stock. Hopefully we can have some new bits in soon to freshen the range up. It was certainly a challenge to man the stand at the Enfield game due to the gale force winds. Hope we didn't lose anything! Next season is the club's centenary and there are lots of ideas for sparkling new gear.

Please follow us on TikTok if you can. Content is updated regularly now and we're up to nearly 1500 followers in a short space of time. There's always great footage on Instagram too and Ross has been increasing engagement especially with one particularly dubious refereeing decision from the Leighton game!

Anyway until next time, Up the Woods! **John**

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VISITING THE SKYLINE STADIUM

# LEVERSTOCK GREEN



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**Leverstock Green Football Club was formed around 1895. The first match reports appeared on January 4th 1896 in the Advertiser and gave an account of a match against Hemel Hempstead Rovers.**

The first competitive fixtures were reported during season 1908/1909 when the Club competed in Division Three of the West Herts League. Other clubs competing in the league at that time were: Abbots Langley, Bovington, Boxmoor, Bushey Heath, Hagden Lane, Kings Langley and Potten End.

The Club ground in Pancake Lane originally formed part of the Gorhambury Estate, Lord Verulam making the ground available for the youth of the area and his estate workers to enjoy a game of ball. Clearly Lord Verulam was an early enthusiast, providing timber-built changing rooms, which have been progressively replaced since the 1960's by the existing brick built clubhouse and changing rooms.

On the death of the Lord, certain parcels of land, including that on which the Football Club stood, fell to the Crown in lieu of death duties and is administered on its behalf by the Commission for New Towns, who have remained the Club's landlords since that time, despite two unsuccessful attempts by the Club to buy the freehold.

The club remained members of the West Herts League until 1954 when it broadened its horizons and successfully applied to join the Herts County League.

By the mid 1970's the Club started to move forward with a new clubhouse, post & rail and the installation of training lights.

The playing side of the club also improved and in 1979 the club won Division One of the Herts County League and were promoted to the Premier Division the highest standard the Club had achieved in 80 years.

In 1991 the Club were accepted into the South Midlands League and had two highly successful seasons in the Premier Division before being forced to drop into the Senior Division, as floodlights were then not available. In 1996 the club finished in runners-up position and the following season were the divisional champions but could not be promoted because floodlights had still not received approval from the Council.

Premier Division status was eventually regained in 2003, and the club spent 21 straight seasons in the division before promotion to Step Four in 2024. The club's highest finish in the Premier Division has been 4th, in seasons 2010/11 and 2023/24, with top six finishes also being recorded in 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2008/09.

Season 2010/11 also saw the club's best ever run in the FA Vase, with wins over Welwyn Garden City, Enfield, Hullbridge Sports, Tunbridge Wells and Bemerton

Heath Harlequins before defeat in the Fifth Round against Rye United. The club has twice reached the Third Round of the FA Vase, in seasons 2006/07 and 2018/19.

Leverstock Green entered the FA Cup for the first time in 2004, and the club's best performance has been reaching the Second Round Qualifying, which was achieved in 2014/15, where we were beaten by Staines Town, and in 2018/19 where we were beaten by Dorking Wanderers.

County honours were won in 2006/07 and 2010/11 as the Herts Charity Shield was lifted, and the club were beaten finalists in the Herts Charity Cup in 2011/12. After finishing runners-up four times over the previous 12 years, The West Herts FA St Mary's Cup was finally lifted for the first time in 2017/18 with victory over Berkhamsted in the final at Vauxhall Road.

Between 2005 and 2015 the club ran a successful Ladies' Team, which rose from the Beds and Herts League into the Eastern Region Women's League, reaching the Premier Division in 2013.

The under-18 side competes in the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League. The team finished runners-up in their division in seasons 2010/11 and 2014/15, and in 2015/16 they reached the final of both the Brian Hitchings Cup and the Colwyn Cup, losing in both finals to Luton Town Cedars.

Many players have made the step up from under-18 level to first team level, and those who have gone on to play much higher up the non-league pyramid include Charlie Gorman (Eastbourne Borough), Luke Warner-Eley (Royston Town, St Albans City) and Jonathan Lacey (Hemel Hempstead Town) who also represented the England non-league side in the Falklands while a Leverstock Green player.

The Pancake Lane ground has seen many improvements due to ever more stringent ground grading requirements. In 2007 the Peter Metcalfe changing rooms were built at a cost of £90,000. 2008 saw the refurbishment of the clubhouse to include new toilets and a new hospitality suite. In 2009 the

concrete walkway was completed to cover three sides of the ground and a seated stand accommodating 113 spectators was installed.

Season 2018/19 was one of turmoil and sadness, as long-serving fixture secretary Graham Smart passed away suddenly only weeks after taking on the role of interim chairman. A season which promised so much at the start ended with the club only securing Premier Division safety on the final day.

Emma Smart took over as chairman for season 2019/20, and with a new management team and a new spirit of optimism the club was on course for a safe mid-table finish before the season was brought to a premature end by Covid-19.

The management team of Matt Harding and Mick Vipond continued into the 2020/21 season, which again came to a premature end.

For season 2021/22, a new management team of Fergus Moore, Scott McGleish and Paul Marks was appointed. Fergus and Scott continued through season 2022/23 and won their first silverware for the club with a 1-0 win over Tring Athletic in the final of the West Herts St Mary's Cup.

Fergus and Scott were joined by former Under-18 manager Ross Bargent for season 2023/24, and the club also started a Development Team, playing in the Herts Senior County League Premier Division.

2023/24 proved to be an incredibly successful season for the club, as a fourth-place finish secured a place in the end-of-season playoffs, and victories over Harpenden Town and FC Romania saw the club promoted to Step Four for the first time in their history.

In addition the SSML Challenge Trophy was won for the first time to complete a unique double.

The club's first season in the Southern League Division One Central proved to be a tough challenge and a steep learning curve. After 30 games Leverstock had just two wins and 18 points, but a miraculous run of 7 wins from the last 10 games culminated in a last-day escape from relegation with a 3-1 win at AFC Dunstable. Along with the necessary ground grading



## THE MANAGER FERGUS MOORE

Has had a distinguished career of over 30 years in non-league football. Most notably as a player for Wealdstone for many years, and as player-manager at Edgware Town, still turning out when approaching the age of 50. Fergus joined the club as manager in the summer of 2021 and has turned the club's fortunes around.

improvements, which included two new stands and a toilet block, the club is now looking forward to a second season at Step Four.

Four club stalwarts have received awards from the Football Association and the Herts FA for 50 years service to football.

The first was Jim Matthews, affectionately known as "Macca", who passed away at the age of 90 in 2006.

The second was Bill Dawes in 2014, and the third was long-serving club secretary Brian Barter in 2019. Brian stood down from his role as secretary in 2020, having twice been honoured with awards from the Spartan South Midlands League.

The fourth was Tony Smart, who now holds the role of Treasurer.

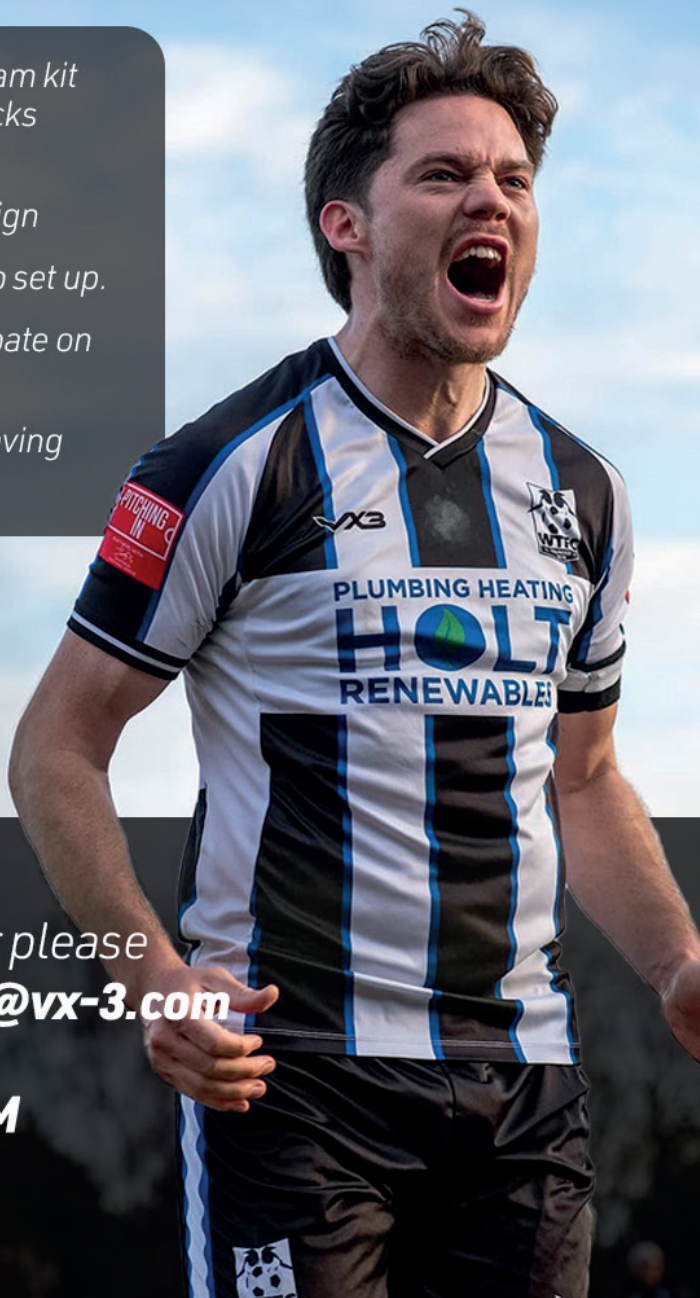




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# MEET THE GREEN



Harry Way

## **HARRY WAY** (Goalkeeper, 23)

Signed in the summer having previously played in the USA for the University of New Hampshire.

## **RIO BEACH** (Defender, 26)

Now into his fifth season with the club, having been one of the players to move over from Edgware Town when Fergus Moore took over as manager. A skilful defender and winger and has won the Supporters' Player of the Year award.

## **TOMMY BOXER** (Defender, 34)

Experienced central defender with previous experience at Cockfosters, Northwood and St Neots Town.

## **JOSH DOOLEY** (Defender, 23)

Now into his third season with the club, having joined from Harpenden Town in 2023.

## **MATT FORKIN** (Defender, 25)

Centre-back who joined in the summer from Chipperfield Corinthians.

## **THOMAS GEORGIU** (Defender, 19)

Signed on a month-long youth loan from Watford FC Academy.

## **JOHN GYABAAB** (Midfield, 25)

Played a couple of games for us last season on a dual reg from Colney Heath and has now joined the club. Known as "Kante" on the field.

## **CALLUM NEAL** (Defender, 27)

Into his third season with the club having joined in summer 2023 from Harefield United. Impressed in both previous seasons with his defensive skills and a knack for scoring crucial goals.



Josh Dooley

## **RYAN CARRUTHERS** (Midfield, 27)

Another to join from Edgware Town in summer 2021, and another who has been a huge success. Consistent and reliable for four seasons.

## **NAT CONNOLLY** (Midfield, 23)

Joined in summer 2023 from Tottenham, and had no trouble stepping up two levels. His tenacity in midfield brought him quickly to everyone's attention, and he finally scored his first goal for the club towards the end of the season. His second season brought him the Supporters' Player of the Year award.

## **DAN CASEY** (Defender, 27)

Another of the players to join the club in the summer.

## **JUSTIN DASS** (Midfield, 23)

Joined the club in August, with previous experience with Marlow, Aylesbury United and Yaxley.

## **OLIVER GLIMAS** (Midfield, 19)

Joined the club in August, having played last season with Belstone.

## **ETHAN MOONEY** (Midfield, 27)

Another player entering his fifth season with the club having joined from Edgware Town. A speedy winger who scores and creates goals, one of which was the crucial goal that clinched survival in the final game of last season.

## **KAI NEMOTO** (Midfield, 26)

Kai is a Japanese national, and a dynamic midfielder who has impressed in pre-season games. Has played professionally in Finland with Korsnas FF.



Juan Pablo Velasco

## **ALDO PETAGINE** (Midfield, 20)

Energetic young midfielder who joined in the summer having previously played for Caddington and Baldock Town.

## **DAN PETT** (Midfield, 31)

Another of the players to join in summer 2021, and another reliable and dynamic presence in midfield. Previous clubs include Edgware Town, Northwood and Hoddesdon Town.

## **JUAN PABLO VELASCO** (Midfield, 26)

Skilful attacking midfielder who joined in the summer. Hails from Colombia and has played for Deportivo Lugo in Spain and Pirin Blagoevgrad in Bulgaria. Since coming to England has played for Edgware & Kingsbury, Beaconsfield Town and Northwood.

## **JOE MCCARTHY** (Forward, 23)

Promising forward who joined towards the end of last season from Bovingdon.

## **IKER NOGUERA LEON** (Forward, 20)

Signed on the eve of the season, a forward who hails from Spain and came up through the ranks at Kingstonian. Has also played for Beaconsfield Town, Risborough Rangers, Cockfosters, Three Bridges and Windsor FC.

## **JOEL ONU** (Forward, 25)

Powerful forward who joined in the summer. Previous clubs include Sheerwater and Epsom & Ewell.

## **JEFFREY SEKYERE** (Forward, 21)

Initially joined the club on loan from Wealdstone towards the end of last season. Rejoined on loan again on the eve of the season.



# UNDER 18'S

**The Woods were away at National League South Eastbourne Borough U18s last night in the third qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup and obviously the result isn't known at the time of writing these notes so we can only hope that the side managed to get a result in what was clearly going to be a tough fixture.**

In the meantime, Ken Green spoke to the side's manager Jamie Barry, ahead of the 200-mile round-trip prior to the game and here's the interview:

"We'll be travelling down on the coach in the afternoon ahead of the evening kick-off, and the lads are really looking forward to it."

"It's been some journey to get here. We started off against Tring Athletic in the preliminary round, a side that actually knocked us out a couple of seasons ago, so we knew it would be a tough one. But the boys were excellent that night. We looked comfortable throughout and came away with a solid 4-0 win, which was a great start and a real credit to the players."

"Next up was Hayes & Yeading United in the first qualifying round. I didn't know much about them other than they've got a strong academy setup, and they'd actually taken one of our lads, Stanley Geraghty, for that game. So, we knew they had talent on and off the pitch. It was a tough battle, a tight 1-0 for most of it, but we stayed patient and got a second late on through Rowan Daly to seal a 2-0 win. A proper gritty performance and one to be proud of."

"That set up a second round qualifying tie away at Kings Langley, who we also met last year and that one went to penalties too! This time, they went 1-0 up, which was actually the first goal we had conceded from open play in five games this season. The lads reacted brilliantly, though: we got back into it after a bit of controversy, a clear handball on the line that only resulted in a yellow card. Up stepped Freddie Ford, who saw his penalty saved but reacted quickest to slot in the rebound for 1-1.

"It stayed level through to full-time and once again it went to a shoot-out. To be honest, it wasn't our best display overall, a bit scrappy, not quite at our best but when you don't play well and still find a way to win, it says a lot about the group. Massive credit to Matthew Burrows in goal who pulled off some big saves and deservedly took the man of the match award.

"That win booked our place in the third round qualifying away at Eastbourne Borough. It's going to be a great challenge against a well-run National League South academy side who've started their season strongly. That said, they haven't finished too high up the table in recent years, so I genuinely think we've got every chance to go there, put in a performance, and make the first round proper – which has been my goal from day one.

"On a personal note, this club means absolutely everything to me. Everyone knows that my dad is the chairman, and I'll be honest, when I took the job there were a few question

marks and a bit of pressure on me to prove myself. But I think the results over the last two seasons have spoken for themselves.

"The work ethic on and off the pitch is brilliant, and there's a real togetherness throughout the club. My son spends a lot of time growing up around the club as well as I did in my younger years, my brother is my assistant manager, and even for the lads, it feels like family. Which is how I've always felt around the club and this fills me with pride on a weekly basis.

## FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

| Date             | Opposition                        | F-A                                                |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August</b>    |                                   |                                                    |
| <b>Wed 20</b>    | <b>Fleet Town</b>                 | IVL <b>4-1</b> H Atkinson 2, Wright, Daly          |
| <b>September</b> |                                   |                                                    |
| <b>Wed 3</b>     | <b>Tring Athletic</b>             | FAY <b>4-0</b> Pullen 2, Ford, H Atkinson          |
| Mon 8            | Bedfont Sports                    | IVC <b>5-0</b> Faleys, Kelly, Pullen, Wright, Daly |
| <b>Wed 17</b>    | <b>Hayes &amp; Yeading United</b> | FAY <b>2-0</b> Pullen, Daly                        |
| <b>October</b>   |                                   |                                                    |
| Thu 2            | Kings Langley                     | FAY <b>1-1</b> Ford (Woods won 3-2 on pens)        |
| Fri 17           | Eastbourne Borough                | FAY                                                |
| Tue 21           | Broadfields United                | MXV                                                |
| <b>Wed 29</b>    | <b>Maidenhead United</b>          | IVL                                                |
| <b>November</b>  |                                   |                                                    |
| <b>Wed 5</b>     | <b>Farnham Town</b>               | IVC                                                |
| <b>Wed 12</b>    | <b>Ascot United</b>               | IVL                                                |
| <b>Wed 19</b>    | <b>Camberley Town</b>             | IVL                                                |
| Thu 27           | Aldershot Town                    | IVL (At Badshot Lea FC)                            |
| <b>December</b>  |                                   |                                                    |
| <b>Wed 3</b>     | <b>Farnham Town</b>               | IVL                                                |
| <b>Wed 10</b>    | <b>Bracknell Town</b>             | IVL                                                |
| Mon 15           | Badshot Lea                       | IVL                                                |
| Mon 22           | Camberley Town                    | IVL                                                |
| <b>January</b>   |                                   |                                                    |
| Wed 7            | Maidenhead United                 | IVL                                                |
| <b>Wed 14</b>    | <b>Camberley Town</b>             | IVL                                                |
| Tue 20           | Bracknell Town                    | IVL                                                |
| Wed 28           | Farnham Town                      | IVL                                                |
| <b>February</b>  |                                   |                                                    |
| <b>Wed 4</b>     | <b>Hampton &amp; RB</b>           | IVL                                                |
| <b>Wed 18</b>    | <b>Aldershot Town</b>             | IVL                                                |
| Tues 24          | Ascot United                      | IVL                                                |
| <b>March</b>     |                                   |                                                    |
| Wed 4            | Fleet Town                        | IVL                                                |
| <b>Wed 11</b>    | <b>Badshot Lea</b>                | IVL                                                |
| <b>TBA</b>       | <b>Hampton &amp; RB</b>           | IVL                                                |

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

## ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

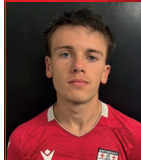
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| 2 Hampton & RB      | 2        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 9        | 5        | 4        | 3        |
| <b>3 Northwood</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> |
| 4 Bracknell Town    | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 2        | 3        |
| 5 Ascot United      | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 2        | 0        | 1        |
| 6 Badshot Lea       | 2        | 0        | 1        | 2        | 4        | 5        | -1       | 1        |
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| 10 Farnham Town     | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 2        | -2       | 0        |



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## HAFED AL-DROUBI



Experienced goalkeeper who joined the Woods for a second spell in November 2024 on dual registration from Walthamstov. The 30-year-old Jordanian-born keeper played at Besiktas in Turkey and Luton Town as a youngster. He has played for Chesham United, Harrow Borough, Beaconsfield Town, Potters Bar Town and Hendon amongst others as well as for the England six-a-side international team. Left to help Berkhamsted to play-off promotion success but is now back for a third spell at the Woods.

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## ANDREW MCCORKELL



Experienced goalkeeper who first had a spell with the Woods in 2017 after release from MK Dons where he picked up representative honours for Northern Ireland U19s. He had already made appearances for Hendon and Chesham United. In more recent years he has had spells with Beaconsfield, Hayes & Yeading, Chalfont St Peter and Bedford Sports before joining the Woods in 2022. Ever-present and voted in the League's team of the season, he then returned to Northwood after a brief spell at Uxbridge before joining Harrow Borough in 2024.

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## MANNY FOLARIN



Experienced, 33-year-old defender who switched from Rayners Lane to Northwood in November 2024. Previous clubs include Tilbury, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Hayes & Yeading, Berkhamsted, Braintree Town, Eastbourne Borough and Loughton Town. Had a great season with the Woods, winning the Managers' Player of the Year award and has been named Skipper for the new season.

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## ROMARIO JONAS



27-year-old defender who joined the Woods 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 Hanwell side that won promotion through the play-offs in May 2022. Injuries plagued his next couple of seasons with just a few appearances here and at Harefield but he's back to play a big part.

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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 27-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, Bedford Sports, Wingate & Finchley and Marlow. He won the coveted Players' Player of the Year award in 2022 and was virtually ever-present in the Woods midfield, with over 100 appearances before spending a season at Harrow Borough, returning in July 2025.

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## HARRY MCCORKELL



Harry returns to the Woods for a second spell in the summer of 2025 having had a year with Harrow Borough where he was named as Players' and Managers' Player of the Year. Now 26, Harry had previously had six seasons at Harefield United and a great year with North Greenford. He will now look to take a big role in the centre of midfield to add to his 32 appearances in 2023/24.

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## ADEMIDE BARUWA



A new arrival at the Woods in the summer of 2025, Adz joins the club from Leverstock Green where he has been a mainstay of their midfield over the past couple of seasons, clocking up over 70 appearances. Prior to this the 25-year-old has played for CB Hounslow, North Greenford United and Belstone.

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## RICCARDO CLARKE-ROWE



Rico joins the Woods in the summer of 2025 having been out of the game for a while since spells with Broadfields United and Amersham Town. Now 23, he will be working hard to establish his place in the new squad.

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## JORDAN ELLIS



30-year-old wide player, Jordan has been out of the game for around 18 months having been badly injured in a play-off fixture at the end of several seasons with Hanworth Villa. He will be looking to get back to both fitness and sharpness in pre-season.

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## JACK EMPSON



Jack is a 21-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in 2024 having played for AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Aylesbury United previously. He played in the US with South Bend Lions and then for Kettering Town as a youth. He also enjoyed a good spell with Aylesbury Vale three seasons ago and had a solid first season with the Woods, returning for a second year at the club.

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## DYLAN KEARNEY



An experienced striker with an excellent goalscoring record, 27-year-old Dylan joined the Woods in summer 2025 having returned from serious injury with games at Flackwell Heath last season. He has had previous spells with the likes of Uxbridge, Wealdstone, Harrow Borough, Sutton United, Dulwich Hamlet, Hayes & Yeading, Hendon, Wingate & Finchley and Beaconsfield.

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## KUSHON LEWIS-THOMAS



A new signing for the Woods in the summer of 2025, Kush is a 21-year-old attacker who can play up front or on the left. He enjoyed an excellent season with Langley FC back in 2022/23 with over 20 goals for the Step 6 side but hasn't been playing in recent years. With plenty of pace and creativity, Kush will be looking to get back to enjoying his football with the Woods this season.

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## DEVONTE TOTESAUT



Striker who returned to the Woods in February 2025 having had a previous spell in the Covid-hit 2020-21 season where he made 11 appearances and scored three goals. After a few years out of the game he returned to play for Yaxley and AFC Peterborough earlier last season. Now 30, previous clubs include Chesham United and Brunos Magpies in Gibraltar, amongst others.

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## BRIAN MCGOVERN



Brian joins the first-team squad after a superb season in the Woods Under-18s and having made an impressive first-team debut at the end of that season at Barton Rovers. The 18-year-old also gained experience playing for Oxhey Jets and has a bright future ahead of him.

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## HARRY MCKENNA



Woods Young Player of the Year in 2024, having impressed throughout since joining from Aldershot Town's Development side in October 2023. He returned to the Woods for a second season and had clocked up over 60 appearances before a dislocated shoulder ruled him out for the rest of the season in early March. Back for a third season, Harry can play anywhere on the right.

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## MACK MISKIN



Left-back Mack originally joined the Woods back in 2019 having previously played for Staines Town. He made 14 appearances and the 24-year-old returns to the club in July 2025 from Harrow Borough having also played for Hanwell Town and Braintree Town while having loan spells at Saffron Walden Town, Brightlingsea Regent and Marlow.

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## REECE PRICE-PLACID



Vastly experienced winger who started out at Woking and Carshalton Athletic. He had a few games with Lancing last season but has been missing for much of the last two years with injury issues. Previously he was part of a Whitehawk squad that won promotion from Step 4 in 2023 and the 29-year-old has also played for East Grinstead, Hayes & Yeading, Harlow Town and Basildon United.

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## NASIR SHARIFI



Young 19-year-old who joins Northwood after several seasons at Harrow Borough in both the Under-18s and Under-23 side where he was captain. He made a few first-team appearances for Boro at the end of last season and the full-back looks to have plenty of potential for the Woods.

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## HICHAM BOUCHAREB



Hicham is a 22-year-old tricky, wide player who started out with Hampton & Richmond Borough and then played in development sides at Basildon United, Beaconsfield Town and Rising Ballers. Joins the Woods after a couple of years out of the game.

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## JAMIE KENNEDY



Young midfielder who arrived at the Woods in the summer of 2025 having played for Harrow Borough, both U23 and around a dozen first-team matches last season, winning the Young Player of the Year Award. Only 19, his previous youth experience was at Brentford.

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## OSARETIN OTOTE



23-year-old pacy winger, Osa has returned for a second spell at the club having originally signed in February 2023. He hit the headlines with a hat-trick early the following season against Corinthian-Casuals but the former Huddersfield Town youth then left and has since travelled around with spells at Enfield Town, Sutton Common Rovers, Frenford, Met Police and Sevenoaks Town.

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## DAN WILLIAMS



Dan has returned to Northwood for a third spell at the club in September 2025. He was the Woods Golden Boot winner in 2023-24 but left to join Harrow Borough and then moved on in January to help Bedford Sports to promotion from the Combined Counties League. The 28-year-old striker has also played for Chalfont St Peter, Tooting & Mitcham United and Uxbridge.

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## CHAMA TORSIELLO



Young, 20-year-old defender who has joined the Woods in July 2025 from Essex Senior League side Buckhurst Hill having previously played for Harrow Borough's Under-23 side and Spartans Youth when they played here at Northwood. He will be looking to make the step up to Step 4 football this season and has earned that chance with some solid performances in pre-season.

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# MANAGEMENT TEAM

**JON-JO BATES**



**Joint Manager**

Experienced attacking midfielder, now 33, who came out of retirement in January 2025 for a second spell at Northwood, over a decade after the first. After playing as teenager at Bedford Town, he joined Dagenham & Redbridge on professional terms, then played at Harrow Borough and Hampton & Richmond Borough before his first spell with the Woods. Other clubs since then have included Maidenhead United, Chesham United, Uxbridge, Beaconsfield and Egham Town. Took over as Joint Manager in March 2025.

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**JACK SMITH**



**Joint Manager**

Experienced Midfielder who originally joined the Woods in March 2023 from St Panteleimon having also been registered with Chesham United. The 28-year-old came through the youth ranks at Wealdstone but then played for Corinthian-Casuals and Ashford Town (Middx) before returning in August 2024 from Risborough Rangers. Took over as Joint Manager of the club in March 2025.

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|                     | League         |     |       |       | Cup |     |       |       | Total        | League |      | Cups  |      | Overall |     | Woods Debut |                                                                                    |
|                     | Xi             | Sub | Total | Goals | Xi  | Sub | Total | Goals | Apps         | Goals  | Apps | Goals | Apps | Goals   |     |             |                                                                                    |
| Ademide Baruwa      | 8              | 1   | 9     | 0     | 3   | 1   | 4     | 0     | 13           | 0      | 9    | 0     | 4    | 0       | 13  | 0           | Egham Town (H) Aug '25                                                             |
| Reece Price-Placid  | 4              | 4   | 8     | 1     | 4   | 0   | 4     | 0     | 12           | 1      | 8    | 1     | 4    | 0       | 12  | 1           | Egham Town (H) Aug '25                                                             |
| Carl Stewart        | 9              | 0   | 9     | 0     | 2   | 0   | 2     | 0     | 11           | 0      | 104  | 3     | 25   | 1       | 129 | 4           | Chipstead (A) Nov '21                                                              |
| Mack Miskin         | 9              | 0   | 9     | 1     | 2   | 0   | 2     | 0     | 11           | 1      | 20   | 1     | 5    | 0       | 25  | 1           | Ware (A) Nov '19                                                                   |
| Devonte Totesaut    | 5              | 2   | 7     | 2     | 3   | 1   | 4     | 1     | 11           | 3      | 26   | 6     | 7    | 2       | 33  | 8           | Westfield (A) Sept '20                                                             |
| Hafed Al-Droubi     | 7              | 0   | 7     | 0     | 4   | 0   | 4     | 0     | 11           | 0      | 26   | 0     | 10   | 1       | 36  | 1           | Simbridge (H) Sept '20                                                             |
| Manny Folarin       | 7              | 0   | 7     | 1     | 3   | 0   | 3     | 0     | 10           | 1      | 33   | 2     | 4    | 0       | 37  | 2           | Thame United (A) Nov '24                                                           |
| Dylan Kearney       | 4              | 2   | 6     | 0     | 3   | 1   | 4     | 1     | 10           | 1      | 7    | 0     | 3    | 1       | 10  | 1           | Egham Town (H) Aug '25                                                             |
| Freddie Ford        | 1              | 5   | 6     | 0     | 1   | 2   | 3     | 1     | 9            | 1      | 8    | 0     | 3    | 1       | 11  | 1           | Kings Langley (H) April '25                                                        |
| Jack Empson *       | 4              | 1   | 5     | 1     | 4   | 0   | 4     | 0     | 9            | 1      | 38   | 1     | 7    | 0       | 45  | 1           | Ashford Town (Middx) (H) Aug '24                                                   |
| Nasir Shaifi        | 7              | 0   | 7     | 0     | 1   | 0   | 1     | 0     | 8            | 0      | 7    | 0     | 1    | 0       | 8   | 0           | Egham Town (H) Aug '25                                                             |
| Chama Torsiello     | 2              | 3   | 5     | 0     | 1   | 2   | 3     | 0     | 8            | 0      | 5    | 0     | 3    | 0       | 8   | 0           | AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25                                                          |
| Osaretin Otote      | 4              | 1   | 5     | 1     | 0   | 3   | 3     | 0     | 8            | 1      | 15   | 4     | 12   | 1       | 27  | 5           | Binfield (A) April '23                                                             |
| Jamie Kennedy       | 1              | 3   | 4     | 0     | 2   | 2   | 4     | 1     | 8            | 1      | 4    | 0     | 4    | 1       | 8   | 1           | Egham Town (H) Aug '25                                                             |
| Dan Williams        | 6              | 0   | 6     | 3     | 1   | 0   | 1     | 0     | 7            | 3      | 48   | 20    | 12   | 4       | 60  | 24          | Merstham (A) Feb '23                                                               |
| Hicham Bouchareb    | 3              | 2   | 5     | 0     | 1   | 1   | 2     | 1     | 7            | 1      | 5    | 0     | 2    | 1       | 7   | 1           | Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25                                                         |
| Jack Smith          | 2              | 3   | 5     | 0     | 1   | 1   | 2     | 0     | 7            | 0      | 34   | 2     | 12   | 0       | 46  | 2           | Burnham (A) Nov '13                                                                |
| Henry Atkinson      | 2              | 2   | 4     | 0     | 3   | 0   | 3     | 0     | 7            | 0      | 4    | 0     | 3    | 0       | 7   | 0           | Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25                                                         |
| Jon-Jo Bates        | 2              | 2   | 4     | 0     | 2   | 1   | 3     | 0     | 7            | 0      | 43   | 5     | 5    | 0       | 48  | 5           | Leighton Town (A) Mar '13                                                          |
| Jordan Ellis        | 2              | 3   | 5     | 0     | 0   | 1   | 1     | 0     | 6            | 0      | 5    | 0     | 1    | 0       | 6   | 0           | AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25                                                          |
| Bryan Mankumbani    | 4              | 0   | 4     | 0     | 0   | 1   | 1     | 0     | 5            | 0      | 4    | 0     | 1    | 0       | 5   | 0           | Edgware & Kingsbury (A) Sept '25                                                   |
| Harry McKenna       | 3              | 1   | 4     | 0     | 1   | 0   | 1     | 0     | 5            | 0      | 59   | 0     | 8    | 0       | 67  | 0           | Thatcham Town (A) Oct '23                                                          |
| Sam Morris *        | 2              | 0   | 2     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 2            | 0      | 2    | 0     | 0    | 0       | 2   | 0           | Aylesbury United (A) Sept '25                                                      |
| Brian McGovern      | 0              | 1   | 1     | 0     | 1   | 0   | 1     | 0     | 2            | 0      | 2    | 0     | 1    | 0       | 3   | 0           | Barton Rovers (A) April '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                                                             |
| Brandon Talla       | 0              | 1   | 1     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 1            | 0      | 1    | 0     | 0    | 0       | 1   | 0           | Leighton Town (H) Oct '25                                                          |
| Kush Lewis-Thomas   | 0              | 0   | 0     | 0     | 1   | 0   | 1     | 0     | 1            | 0      | 0    | 0     | 1    | 0       | 1   | 0           | Egham Town (H) Aug '25                                                             |
| Aidan Tarrant       | 0              | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0            | 0      | 2    | 0     | 0    | 0       | 2   | 0           | Kidlington (A) March '25                                                           |
| Andrew McCorkell    | 0              | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0            | 0      | 64   | 0     | 18   | 0       | 82  | 0           | Uxbridge (A) Sept '17                                                              |
| Harry McCorkell     | 0              | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0            | 0      | 25   | 2     | 6    | 0       | 31  | 2           | Corinthian Casuals (H) Aug '23                                                     |
| Michael Kelly       | 0              | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0            | 0      | 3    | 0     | 1    | 0       | 4   | 0           | Beaconsfield Town (H) Aug '24                                                      |
| Romario Jonas       | 0              | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0            | 0      | 28   | 2     | 10   | 0       | 38  | 2           | South Park Reigate (H) Aug '22                                                     |





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