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IAN'S INSIGHT

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

Good evening and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored Clubhouse for our two Pitching In Southern League matches this week, firstly up against London Lions FC and then against AFC Dunstable at the weekend. I trust the former will enjoy their first-ever visit here and that our other opponents will do likewise.

Starting with the football recently; an unprecedented five consecutive league draws sees us making slight progress in the table, but conceding late goals been our nemesis in certain games. We have made significant strides for sure and we can't lose sight of that, but errors have cost us goals and poor finishing at the other end have also brought issues, in our quest for this elusive win of late.

This is clearly a big week for us. With two home games, we must build on our progress naturally and start picking up more points (and importantly, wins) here at the Skyline where we have been struggling for some time. I have confidence that this will come.

This last week has seen the club very busy both on and off the field, hosting games last Saturday week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and again on Saturday (followed by a member's 21st birthday party in the clubhouse). This was in addition to our friends from the AA being in on Friday having their regular meet plus also thirteen girl's school teams playing on the park pitches on Thursday.

With another seven Youth games here tomorrow (last Sunday) and then games again on Monday, Tuesday (today) and Wednesday plus the AA again during the day today, it's certainly been 'full on' and hard work!

When I made the decision in 2014 to refurbish this clubhouse, this is how I envisaged it being; maybe not the effect it's had on me perhaps, but I did believe that we could get busy and have the club operating to this level. "Believe and achieve" as my good friend and our ex-Manager Gordon Boateng wrote. Great guy, sorely missed.

Enjoy the two games this week.

Up The Woods!

Ian



WOODS OUTLOOK

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

WELCOME TO THE LIONS & THE OD'S

Welcome back once again to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for another double-issue matchday programme which covers a further two home games over a five-day period. That starts tonight with a first-ever visit from London Lions FC and is followed at the weekend when AFC Dunstable pay us a visit for the first "return" fixture of the season having staged the opening day match which ended in a 2-2 draw. We hope that everyone connected with both of our visiting teams enjoys their stay with us and we wish you all a safe journey back afterwards.

London Lions were promoted from the Spartan South Midlands League at the end of last season by way of the play-offs having finished fourth in the table despite losing ten matches during the campaign of 34 games. They won the semi-final against Cockfosters on penalties and then repeated that feat in a final against fifth-placed Wormley Rovers. They had enjoyed Step 6 success when previously winning the Combined Counties League first division in 2022 and were Herts Counties League Champions (Step 7) back in 2017 so it's been a good decade for the club.

Our visitors made a slowish start to their first experience of Step 4 football with defeats in the opening rounds of both FA competitions – 3-1 at Hertford Town in the FA Cup and 0-3 at home to Isthmian North side Tilbury in the FA Trophy; but they did recover from a 4-0 loss at Flackwell Heath by thrashing Rayners Lane 5-1 at Rowley Lane to notch their first points. Goals were hard to come by after that until then gaining revenge over Hertford Town in a home league match by beating them at the end of September by a 2-0 scoreline. They have continued to struggle for points away from home having picked up just one point from seven matches – a creditable 2-2 draw at Biggleswade just last week. But on their own ground they have defeated Aylesbury United 4-1 and AFC Dunstable 2-1 which has given them twelve home points from eight matches; a pretty good return. On Saturday they crashed 0-4 at home to an improving Marlow side.

We meet for the first-ever time this evening and we look forward to the return game in early March on what by all accounts is an excellent and well looked after grass surface.

It's three months since we started the league season with an away game at AFC Dunstable, on another excellent grass pitch! The home side had moved into a 2-0 lead during the first-half with goals from Thomas Blennerhasset and Tali Jallow but the Woods forced their way back into the match after the break with Devonte Totesaut scoring and then equalised with

almost the last kick of the game when the recently departed Mack Miskin scored direct from a free-kick. Our opponents won at Welwyn Garden City immediately after that but also lost to Tilbury in the FA Cup. They hit further good form in September in the FA Trophy with an excellent 1-0 victory at Maldon & Tiptree being followed by a 3-1 success at Enfield. That earned them a home tie against Isthmian Premier side Folkestone Invicta, where they exited with a 1-3 defeat. League form has eluded them since that period though with just one win – a 2-0 success at home to Aylesbury United – in their last thirteen matches (at the time of writing). Their 3-1 defeat at Hertford Town last Saturday was a fourth successive reverse but they would have been looking to bounce back on Tuesday night at home to Biggleswade Town.

The corresponding fixture last season was played just after Christmas 2024 and saw the Woods record a narrow 1-0 victory thanks to an early Troy Perez-Duah penalty.

We have no match sponsor for the two matches this week but we do have Match Ball donors with Ken Green and Sandy Young kindly sponsoring the ball for the historic London Lions visit while Gerry Pimm has stepped up to be sponsor for our match against AFC Dunstable. We thank all our match ball sponsors this season as it is much appreciated and helps a great deal as a fund-raiser. 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 as all our remaining games are available and let me know which game you would like. The cost is £50.

LEAGUE NEWS

Two more League games and two more draws since our last programme notes means that we have now created a club record of FIVE successive league draws for the first-ever time. There had been four previous occurrences of having drawn four in a row; the last in 2015 and the first being way back in 1973.

Against Ware, we played some excellent football in the first-half and led early when Osa Otote fired home. Sadly, we weren't able to add to that score despite dominating much of the first-half and then we sat back a little too much after the break which allowed Ware to get back level and we had to settle for a point once again.

On Saturday, we went to Welwyn Garden City and maintained our unbeaten away record this season with yet another draw, this time 2-2. The home side led after just two minutes but young defender Gabe Cuthbert headed an equaliser just two minutes later with his first goal for the club and Dan Williams hit an excellent

PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL



#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leighton Town	14	5	2	0	17	5	6	1	0	20	6	26	36
2	Hertford Town	14	4	0	3	15	11	5	1	1	16	7	13	28
3	Hitchin Town	14	3	2	2	8	8	5	2	0	17	4	13	28
4	Barton Rovers	14	4	2	1	15	8	3	3	1	11	7	11	26
5	Biggleswade	13	2	3	0	9	6	5	2	1	16	9	10	26
6	Ware	14	3	1	2	15	11	5	1	2	19	17	6	26
7	Hadley	13	4	1	2	21	17	3	3	0	11	6	9	25
8	Biggleswade Town	14	2	3	2	11	10	4	1	2	20	10	11	22
9	Beaconsfield Town	14	2	3	2	12	10	3	3	1	13	10	5	21
10	Welwyn Garden City	14	3	1	3	7	8	3	2	2	12	10	1	21
11	Thame United	13	3	1	3	11	15	3	0	3	11	9	-2	19
12	Stotfold	14	4	0	3	15	9	2	0	5	13	20	-1	18
13	Milton Keynes Irish	13	2	1	4	14	19	3	0	3	11	11	-5	16
14	Flackwell Heath	12	2	2	3	12	10	2	1	2	7	5	4	15
15	Leverstock Green	14	1	3	2	9	10	1	4	3	11	15	-5	13
16	London Lions	14	4	0	3	17	18	0	1	6	7	16	-10	13
17	Marlow	13	3	0	3	13	13	1	1	5	5	19	-14	13
18	Aylesbury United	13	0	2	4	4	11	3	0	4	12	17	-12	11
19	AFC Dunstable	14	1	3	3	7	11	1	1	5	7	15	-12	10
20	Northwood	13	0	2	6	6	21	1	4	0	8	7	-14	9
21	Enfield	13	1	1	5	10	19	1	1	4	8	11	-12	8
22	Rayners Lane	12	1	0	5	3	12	1	1	4	7	20	-22	7

Up to & including 8th November 2025

second to lead at the break. The second-half was interrupted by two red cards almost immediately, one almost immediately after the other. Sadly, our captain Manny Folarin was the first of those, our first red card of the season and shown for an off-field indiscretion! From the restart, Welwyn's just introduced substitute followed him to the changing-rooms for a heavy challenge. We missed chances to wrap up the game on several occasions and then succumbed to an 84th minute goal which squared things up once more.

CUP NEWS

We also drew our Middlesex Senior Cup quarter-final last week against Isthmian side Southall. It wasn't the greatest of games for sure and it ended in a 0-0 draw after ninety minutes, our first goalless match since a league game at Metropolitan Police back in April 2024 and the first here at the Skyline since a 0-0 against

Binfield back in March 2023! Being a cup game, this of course went to the penalty shoot-out and it was our visitors who came out on top, winning 4-3 after their 'keeper made saves from two of our kicks.

We had news of the forthcoming Middlesex Charity Cup recently and it's surprising that we find ourselves already into the semi-finals as only five teams have entered the competition this season!

North Greenford United take on Uxbridge in the only first round match and the winners of that tie will join ourselves, Hanwell Town and Broadfields United (who have won the competition for the last two years) in the last four.

News of that draw when we have it but the game is unlikely to be played until the New Year. The Woods have still never won the competition having been beaten in the final on five occasions between 1994 and 2023 so perhaps this is our year!





Rowan Daly made his debut in our County Cup game against Southall last week

PLAYER UPDATES

Two players will be suspended for our game against AFC Dunstable on Saturday with Manny Folarin and Omar Rowe both ruled out after cards last weekend.

A further Under-18 player made his debut in our County Cup game against Southall last week when Rowan Daly came off the bench. He was ruled out with injury for Saturday's match at Welwyn but is likely to be involved when he back to fitness. It's great to see players from the in-form youngsters being promoted to show their talent in the first-team with Freddie Ford and Henry Atkinson also involved regularly so far.

UNDER-18S

More success for the Under-18s side recently as they beat leaders Maidenhead United 4-2 in the Isthmian Youth League and then followed up that with a 3-0 win over Farnham Town in the League Cup. They are back in action, again here at the Skyline, tomorrow night (12th November) with another League fixture against Ascot United and any support would be much appreciated. They are certainly worth a watch so come on down.

Next week, the Woods face another trip to play Bedford Sports in the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup on Monday 17th November following their 4-1 win at Broadfields United when goals three late goals secured the victory. The other three ties are:

Edgware & Kingsbury v Enfield Borough; Hanworth Villa v Hanwell Town and Uxbridge v Hampton & Richmond Borough.

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?

RIISING BALLERS NEWS

Our tenants fell to a 0-2 defeat against local neighbours Oxhey Jets on Saturday. Former Woods goalkeeper Berkley Laurencin came out of retirement to captain the home side. They were due to be at home yet again last night (Monday) against fellow strugglers Staines & Lammas, one of just three sides below them in the league table. They are back here at the Skyline next Monday, 17th November with Spartans Youth the visitors.



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 a few weeks ago but a limited number available), bobble hats, scarves and pens at present, bucket hats were added with dog bowls also making an appearance! We've recent taken delivery of some new winter padded coats so if you fancy an early Christmas present, go for it! Scarves also available - 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 few weeks and he has already greatly 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 -



someone to do X Updates on home matchdays would be good, please speak to either Chairman Ian Barry or Commercial Manager John Joyce and get onboard if you can.

NEXT UP AT THE SKYLINE

After these two games, the Woods travel to play a series of away matches, firstly at Flackwell Heath on Tuesday 18th November. We follow that with a visit to high-flying Barton Rovers on Saturday 22nd and then go to Hadley for a midweek match on Tuesday 25th. If you can get along to any of these matches, your support would be very much appreciated.

Wednesday 12th November

Under-18s v Ascot United

Isthmian Youth League – 7.45pm

Monday 17th November

Rising Ballers v Spartans Youth

Combined Counties League – 7.45pm

Saturday 22nd November

Rising Ballers v Brook House

Combined Counties League – 3pm

Saturday 29th November

Woods v Aylesbury United

Southern League Division One Central - 3pm

Thank you for your support over these two matches and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Alan

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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	
Stotfold	Saturday 13th December	Graham Mann	
Hertford Town	Saturday 20th December		
Beaconsfield Town	Saturday 3rd January		
Flackwell Heath	Saturday 31st January		
Milton Keynes Irish	Saturday 14th February	Peter Reynolds	
Welwyn Garden City	Saturday 28th February		
Barton Rovers	Saturday 21st March		
Thame United	Friday 3rd April		
Biggleswade	Saturday 11th April	Dennis Goulding	
Hitchin Town	Saturday 18th April		



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FROM THE DUGOUT

WITH ASSISTANT MANAGER
DENNIS QUIGLEY

Hello, Woods fans!

Welcome back to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and a special welcome to the management from our two sets of opponents this week, firstly London Lions FC, led by Andrew Landesberg and then AFC Dunstable FC, with James Townsend heading up their group.

Looking back over the last two weeks, while it's been good to have continued our unbeaten run, it's also frustrating that we've been unable to convert any of this into three-pointers.

We've created plenty of chances and not converted them which has ultimately cost us either three points from games or a place in the next round in respect of the Cup-tie.

While I was away for the game against Ware, the feedback I received and by also watching the game back on the Veo, it seemed to me that we should have come away with three points from this game.

The Southall game, I do believe we could and should have won inside the ninety minutes but ended up losing on penalties which is always tough to take. But, the hardest of all was at Welwyn Garden City at the weekend where I felt we did enough to have to record a much-needed win. The response to going 1-0 down so early was phenomenal and we fully deserved our 2-1 lead at the break. Even after the three minutes of madness, with two red cards, I still felt we'd get all three points, but unfortunately the problem in recent times of not creating chances came back to bite us. On this occasion, we created a massive number of chances but just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net.

All three games do show us that we're moving in the right direction and when that win is finally secured, I do feel that we're going to really kick on and become a force that can be talked about throughout the league.

We do need to start winning matches though and it's up to us to galvanise what we have in the squad and get them both confident and firing in the final third more frequently so we can put games to bed. Currently we are defending solidly and we transition well but need to be more clinical in front of goal.

There's been a few standout performers for me in the last few weeks. Gabe Cuthbert is a stand-out week in, week out and at 17 years old he's playing like a veteran of the game. The sky is the limit for the youngster. Carl Stewart is in fine form now and playing with such confidence and energy, he's a game changer and one player I will consistently push to start every game. Reece Price Placid has the ability to flip a game on its head and is also growing in confidence from playing regularly. They are the three standouts for me at the moment but that keeps changing and it can only be a positive that



we have players finding form, consistency and more importantly unity!

These two matches this week are key as it's now that the season really takes shape. Both games are against teams around us in the league but more importantly they're games at home. We want to and have to make our home ground more of a fortress. It's great that we're doing well away from home but if we combine that with wins at home the momentum will pick up and we will find ourselves moving up the league in a rapid fashion.

We were pleased to see Romario Jonas take part in his first training session and also a pre-match warm up on Saturday after a lengthy absence. It's a massive boost for the squad not only in terms of ability but what he brings to the squad on a personality level. He's a great character and can make a difference but we also have to be sensible. Two serious injuries to the same knee means we have to take precautions and we can't rush him. We will take it week by week, monitor him accordingly and take it from there.

Enjoy the two games this week. Plenty of positive support would be a great help.

Up The Woods!

Dennis

MATCH ACTION

DRAW SPECIALISTS

WOODS DO IT AGAIN!

HITCHIN TOWN VS WARE
SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025
KICK-OFF 3.00PM
PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION CENTRAL



Otote 12

Beckles-Richards 56

Northwood played out their fourth successive drawn game, all of them 1-1, equalling a record sequence from almost ten years ago, but are still in search of their first home league win after being pegged back by third-placed Ware.

After back-to-back draws away at Hitchin Town and MK Irish, hopes were high for further improvement for being back at the Skyline Roofing Stadium. There was an enforced change with the departure of left-back Mack Miskin who took up an offer following an approach to join Hayes & Yeading with Bryan Mankumbani taking over the role. Harry McKenna and Osa Otote both started for the first time for a few weeks while Jon-Jo Bates also came in as the midfield was reshuffled. QPR loanee Gabe Cuthbert made his home debut.

Ware, who had seen a seven-match unbeaten run ended by Hitchin Town in midweek, were able to strengthen by welcoming Gucci Soulyaback to the club after a spell with Step 3 side Cheshunt while the experienced Jay Rolfe returned to the starting line-up after injury.

It was the Woods who made the better start to the first-half and after just six minutes, Dan Williams broke down the left to hit a fierce strike to the near post which Ware goalkeeper Ben Nightingale just managed to palm away. Four minutes later, Osa Otote managed to get a ball across the area from the right and Williams was onto it again but the angle was tight and he only found the side-netting.

12 MINUTES: 1-0 OSA OTOTE

Ware briefly went close when Finlay Titchmarsh's long-range strike hit the crossbar but the home side's pressure paid off on twelve minutes though when Otote found space to let fly with a low, right-footed shot that arrowed into the bottom corner, in off the post, giving Nightingale no chance.

Northwood were defending solidly and looking dangerous in attack with Ware restricted to one effort on goal though self-inflicted as Hafed Al-Droubi saved



from a Manny Folarin sliced clearance, pushing the ball onto the bar before it was headed clear.

The Woods then almost doubled their lead after twenty two minutes when awarded a free-kick centrally about twenty five yards out. McKenna was the new designated taker in Miskin's absence and his curling effort saw Nightingale dive to his right to just tip the ball onto the inside of the post. The ball spun back across the face of the goal and inches wide of the other post before going off for a corner.

Northwood continued to impress. Nightingale tipped away a dangerous inswinging corner from Carl Stewart and then Otote tried his luck from distance again but this time it was comfortably held by the 'keeper.

Ware's only real forage into the Woods danger-area was also from an inswinging corner with Al-Droubi pushing the ball away and when Reece Beckles-Richards seized on the loose ball, Mankumbani headed it clear.

HT: NORTHWOOD 1-0 WARE

It needed more of the same from Northwood as the second-half began and they again started positively with several forays down both flanks seeing crosses fired across by Ademide Baruwa, Bates and Williams but with no-one to provide the required touch.

56 MINUTES: 1-1 REECE BECKLES-RICHARDS

But, as the rain started to fall, Ware did manage to find a goal on fifty six minutes to get back in the game. The tricky Theo Ofori had been kept quiet by Mankumbani



Reece Price-Placid strike is pushed wide by Ware keeper

but this time his shuffle saw the ball rebound fortunately into the path of Soulya who had made a good run into the box. His shot was well saved by Al-Droubi's legs but the ball bounced kindly to Beckles-Richards who stabbed it home from a few yards to take his tally to double-figures for the season.

The Woods continued to work hard in midfield with Omar Rowe outstanding and created opportunities with a Stewart corner being well cleared by a punch from Nightingale and after Freddie Ford had replaced the tiring Bates, Williams got on the end of a McKenna free-kick but steered his header wide of the post with the 'keeper beaten.

The final twenty minutes were filled with a series of substitutions which broke up play.

The Woods introduced firstly Reece Price-Placid for McKenna and then, when Williams was forced off with a worrying hamstring strain, Devonte Totesaut replaced him.

On eighty two minutes, one of the visitors substitutes, Johnny Allotey knocked in a dangerous cross which evaded everyone in the box and it was the Woods who finished the stronger again. Otote hit another shot from distance which was well wide and then, just before the end of normal time, Price-Placid cut in and hit a great shot that saw Nightingale dive to push the ball wide of the far post.

Stoppage-time stretched to six minutes and Ware were given an opportunity after Rowe was denied a free-kick when fouled in the centre immediately before the visitors were given one for a similar challenge wide on the right. Thankfully, the delivery was poor and both sides had to settle for just the one point.

FT: NORTHWOOD 1-1 WARE

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

Al-Droubi, Baruwaa, Makumbani, Folarin, Cuthbert, Rowe, McKenna (Price-Placid 79m), Stewart, Williams (Totesaut 81), Bates (Ford 68m), Otote.

Attendance: 133

Words: Alan Evans Images: James Brown



Omar Rowe



Carl Stewart



Jon-Jo Bates

3 OF A KIND

MEMORABLE PAST MEETINGS WITH AFC DUNSTABLE.
BY KEN GREEN

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2012 **FA CUP SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING** **NORTHWOOD 1 AFC DUNSTABLE 1**

A replay was needed to decide who progressed through to the FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round after this heated and physical encounter finished 1-1 at a sunny Chestnut Avenue against the then Spartan South Midlands League high flyers AFC Dunstable.

The Woods were looking for an early goal to settle the nerves and they got exactly that. A short corner resulted in an exchange of passes between Walker and McCluskey and the midfielder showed decent composure tucking the ball away neatly from inside the penalty area – 1-0 to the home side after six minutes. Then the passing football from Gary Meakin's side came to the fore as McCluskey found John Christian, and he played an inch perfect cross field pass for Ajayi, who drove over the bar.



Then the momentum shifted in an instant, when Northwood captain Reece Yorke was red-carded, and the home side were up against it. Northwood had enjoyed the majority of the play in the first half and may have felt they should have gone in further in front.

For long periods in the second period, Northwood were under the cosh and inevitably Dunstable forced an equalising goal. A clever through ball sliced open the Northwood defence, but full credit must go to front-man Bernard Christie, who belted an unstoppable driven shot high in to the net that left the goalkeeper with no chance.

Woods could have won the game when the referee pointed to the spot for a foul on Bellotti, but Dunstable goalkeeper Leggett guessed correctly to divert Christian's poor spot kick away, and in the end, a replay was required.

Northwood: James Reading, Adamson Ajayi, Ryan Phillips, Lee Grant, Reece Yorke, Scott Raper, John Christian, Craig White, Oliver Hawkins (Spencer Bellotti), James McCluskey (Jack Hutchinson), Romaine Walker (Danny McDonnell)

AFC Dunstable: Jam Leggett, Wayne Mills, Luke Little, Danny Ryan, James Baldry, Steve Hawes (Dale Turney), Jason Blackett, Gareth Harnaman, Bernard Christie, Graham Clark, Lee Burgoyne.

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2016 **EVO STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE** **DIVISION ONE CENTRAL** **AFC DUNSTABLE 3 NORTHWOOD 1**

The Woods started this game well and in the very first minute Myles Stephenson made good ground on the left, battling past Courtney Massay to send over a good cross which was blocked for a corner by Terry Griffiths as Ryan Debuttista looked to get the decisive touch, the Louis Stead and James Budden went close.

The home side had hardly threatened on attack but they had worked their way into the game and they stole the lead on 32 minutes when a long-ball forward out of his own half by Griffiths was met by Bernard Christie, who either timed his run superbly or was well offside – he applied a great finish into



2012 - Ryan Phillips drives in a cross



2016 - James Burgess drives the ball towards the AFC box

the roof of the net with no defender near him. But Northwood raised their game again and in the final minute of the first half Julian Smith did well down the right and whipped in a fierce drive towards the far post which Ryan Debattista managed to head past Perks for the equaliser. On 63 minutes some good work by Christie out wide saw him hit a cross deep to the far post where substitute Jack Waldren met it but steered a header the wrong side of the upright. If that had been a warning for the Northwood defence, they didn't heed it as AFC Dunstable were back in front a minute later with a fine solo effort from Jermaine Hall.

But the home side wrapped up the points after 84 minutes from a corner which swung in and a downward header bounced up into the net with the goal credited to Humbert.

AFC Dunstable: Richard Perks, Courtney Massay, James Bishop, Terry Griffiths, Stefan Bailey, Brandon Carney (Kyrán McGhan-George), Ollie Cox, Roy Byron (Jack Waldren), Jermaine Hall (Joe Hankin), Josh Humbert, Bernard Christie

Northwood: Montel Joseph, Alex Nolan (Simeon Owen), Julian Smith, Filipe Anjos, James Budden, Louis Stead (Frankie Jones), Louis Bircham, James Burgess, Ryan Debattista (Luke Heneghan), Myles Stephenson, Callum Wright

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2019 EVO STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST AFC DUNSTABLE 2 NORTHWOOD 0

Northwood lost to AFC Dunstable at a wintery Creasey Park, although the visitors seemed to adapt quicker to the icy conditions

underfoot, the pitch having passed a pre-match inspection, and their neat, incisive approach play created an early opening for Evans Kouassi but his shot was comfortably dealt with by goalkeeper Jamie Head.

Dunstable's strike partnership of Jermaine Hall and Bernard Christie has terrorised many a defence this season and the pair combined well to create the host's first chance of the afternoon but Northwood keeper Xavi Comas was equal to Hall's shot. Christie then tried his luck from distance but his shot failed to trouble Comas.

But Nathan Frater's speculative chip from the edge of the box deceived Comas to give Dunstable the lead on 26 minutes.

Northwood began the second period in a positive fashion, with good work from Dickson once again creating an opening for Osei but his shot failed to trouble Head before the Dunstable keeper saved smartly from Kouassi. And Osei was involved once more as he tried his luck from distance but his effort flew the wrong side of the upright. But Woods conceded control as conditions worsened, and Christie despatched a shot into the bottom corner after Woods failed to clear their lines to give the hosts a two goal winning margin in the 79th minute.

AFC Dunstable: Jamie Head, Brett Longden, Newman Carney, Ryan Frater, Bill Morgan, Terry Griffiths, Chris Tavernier, Louis Bircham (Olaleye), Bernard Christie (Sam McClelland), Jermaine Hall (Drew Roberts), Nathan Frater.

Northwood: Xavi Comas, Andrew Camilo-Tayaca, Keir Dickson, Wilson Chingoka, Tom Gilbey, Sam Tring, Meshach Williams, Lewis Hobbs, Jermaine Osei (Femi Azeez), Evans Kouassi, Sam Oyeniran (Paolo Montella).



2019 - Woods defend a corner on the snowy pitch

YESTERDAY TODAY 11.11

THROUGHOUT NORTHWOOD'S HISTORY - WHICH GOES BACK 99 YEARS TO 1926 - THE CLUB HAVE PLAYED 13 FIXTURES ON 11TH NOVEMBER; ALL PREVIOUS GAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, AND I REVIEW THREE OF THEM HERE.

BY KEN GREEN



1978

RIVET SPORTS 0 WOODS 5

Northwood chalked up their seventh consecutive victory to maintain their top spot in the Hellenic League First Division in Aylesbury against Rivet Sports. With Roger Livingstone hammering a hat-trick, Northwood hit their 44th goal in the previous 11 games.

Woods were without the injured Alan Merison and Steve Floodgate, with manager Paddy Coburn on the bench, but got off to a flying start when Norman Heslop headed home a Robin Tidd corner after two minutes.

Northwood's defence was rarely tested in a one-sided contest, and a burst of scoring mid-way through the first half killed off any chance of a Rivets revival.

Livingstone side-footed the second goal after good work by Martin Ellis, and minutes later the same player made it 3-0, with Ellis again setting up the chance after beating the goalkeeper to a through ball.

Livingstone then completed a genuine hat-trick when he raced onto a through ball, and crashed his shot home.

Ellis then competed the scoring after the break when, having returned from injury, he lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper's head.

These days, Rivet Sports play in the Aylesbury & District League division one.

Northwood: Dave Russell, Norman Heslop, Steve Revell, Phil Castella, Martin O'Donnell, Peter Carter, Ian Harvey, Robin Tidd, Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, John Powell. Sub: Paddy Coburn.



1978 Roger Livingstone completed genuine hat-trick



1989 - Tim Vincent pressures the Eltham defender

1989

WOODS 6 ELTHAM TOWN 4

Northwood picked up only their second win in eight games - but did it in a 10 goal thriller by beating Eltham 6-4 in the Greene King Spartan League Cup.

Woods' twin strike force of Garfield Blackman and Henry Pacquette scored two each, with a Steve Pattison penalty and a last minute Micky Devlin effort completing the total.

But despite come flowing football, Northwood still looked dodgy at the back, and to concede four goals at home can hardly have pleased manager Alan Merison.

They led 3-2 at half-time but Eltham gave the home



1989 - Two-goal Henry Pacquette

side a shock by pulling back to 3-3 and then taking the lead.

In the end it was a penalty which turned the tide when Tim Vincent was brought down in the area and Pattison squeezed the ball home from the spot.

Micky Devlin finally gave the scoreline an emphatic look by latching onto a rebound In the last minute to make it six.

Northwood: Ken Lavender, Mick Devlin, Steve Pattison, Larry Wilson, Phil D'Cruz, Steve Whitehead, Greg Phillips, Malcolm Bennett, Tim Vincent, Henry Pacquette, Garfield Blackman.

2023

CHIPSTEAD 1 WOODS 3

The Woods notched their first league win since the August Bank Holiday Monday with this hard-working performance that brought all three points back from Chipstead. It also ended a long-run of nine away league games without a win that stretched back to early March, having picked up only two draws during that time.

Northwood started brightly and they probably should have taken the lead in just the second minute. Some good work and quick feet from Reece Cameron saw him cut the ball back to Harry McCorkell and his prod at goal almost beat Harrison Firth, the goalkeeper just keeping it out and holding on right on the goal line at the second attempt.

The visitors continued to press and Harry Gallagher struck a free-kick well and Firth dived to his left to save but could only push it out, and Cameron was onto it quickly and clipped the ball inside the near post and the Woods were in front.

Chipstead hadn't really threatened up to this stage but they almost hit back immediately as Daniel Berry did well down the right to knock in an inviting cross but Brad Wilson steered his header over the top. There could have been a further goal for Northwood after 38 minutes as Stewart played a neat ball across to McKenna who sent over a cross which was destined for Dan Williams until Lewis Taylor made a superb interception to halt the move.

With a half-time lead to build on, the Woods had to defend as the Chips pushed to get back into the game and young keeper Roraigh Browne



2023 - Dan Williams is closely marked

made a neat save at his near post to deny Berry on 54 minutes. Just a minute later, Northwood doubled their lead when Kofi Anokye-Boadi and Deago Dunbar-Bonnie combined to send Williams through to lift his shot over the oncoming Firth for a clinical finish.

However, within five minutes the Chips broke away three on one and they made no mistake with Taylor able to fire into an empty net at the end of the move. The home side pushed strongly to tale something from the game, but a minute into stoppage-time substitute Godlove Oppong raced onto a through-ball from Carl Stewart, and he went round the keeper before walking the ball into an empty net.

Northwood: Roraigh Browne, Teddy Stacey, Deago Dunbar Bonnie, Carl Stewart, Romario Jonas, Harry Gallagher, Harry McKenna, Harry McCorkell, Dan Williams (Godlove Oppong), Reece Cameron, Kofi Anokye-Boadi



2023 - Reece Cameron puts the Woods ahead

GAMES THE WOODS HAVE PLAYED ON THE 11TH NOVEMBER

Date	Competition	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att
Sat 11 Nov 1933	H Middlesex Junior Cup round 3	Ardath Sports	9-3	R Bell 4, Taylor 2, Ratcliffe 2, Poulter	
Sat 11 Nov 1950	A Harrow & Wembley League Senior Cup round 2	Grosvenor	5-0	Green 2, Skinner 2, Day	
Sat 11 Nov 1961	H Harrow & Wembley League Premier Division	Northwick Park	5-3	?	
Sat 11 Nov 1967	H Middlesex Junior Cup round 3	Victoria	3-5*	Godley, P Byrne, Rogers	
Sat 11 Nov 1972	A Middlesex League	Hanwell Town	0-3		
Sat 11 Nov 1978	A Morratt Hellenic League Division 1	Rivet Sports	5-0	Livingstone 3, Ellis, Heslop	
Sat 11 Nov 1989	H London-Spartan League Cup round1	Eltham Town	6-4	Blackman 2, Pacquette, Pattison, Vincent, Devlin	
Sat 11 Nov 2000	H Ryman League Division 1	Romford	2-0	Hale 2	222
Tue 11 Nov 2003	A Ryman League Premier Division	Basingstoke Town	0-2		227
Sat 11 Nov 2006	H Southern League Premier Division	Banbury United	1-2	Nicholls	156
Tue 11 Nov 2014	H Middlesex Senior Cup round 2	Harrow Borough	0-7		65
Sat 11 Nov 2017	A Evo Stik League South, East Division	Barton Rovers	1-1	J Osei	101
Sat 11 Nov 2023	A Pitching-In Isthmian League Division 1 SC	Chipstead	3-1	Cameron, Williams, Opong	129



VISITING THE SKYLINE STADIUM

LONDON LIONS



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In the summer of 1995, the players and officials of Maccabi Association London (MAL) decided that they had reached the limits of Sunday football and that a new challenge was required.

The Hertfordshire Senior County League was a popular choice, and the club made its debut in the 95/96 season under a new name of MALEX. Four years later the club had made many friends but had narrowly missed out on promotion from Division 1 in each season.

During the summer of 1999, the club revised its management structure, and decided to change its name to London Maccabi Lions, whilst retaining its all-Jewish status.

Under the management team of Bobby Fisher and Adam Solomons the 1st team lost only three league games that season as they won the Division 1 and reached the semi-finals of the Aubrey Cup.

The club grew into one of the strongest teams in the Premier League but had to wait to land its first major honour in 2007 when Lions beat Metropolitan Police to lift the Herts Centenary Trophy.

This was supplemented by the Reserves who were also promoted as champions, in 2002, and made it to three Herts Reserve Cup finals, winning one in 09/10.

After a decade in the Herts Premier, in 2009/10 now under the stewardship of Tony Gold and Steve Grenfell, Lions won the Herts Senior County League for the first time in the club's history, winning promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League in the process.

The following season – the club's first in the South Midlands Division One – they added a second Herts Centenary Trophy beating Letchworth Garden City Eagles 3-2 in the final.



**MANAGER
ANDY
LANDESBURG**



Lions were able to go one better in 2012/13, winning the South Midlands Division One title and promotion to the heights of the South Midlands Premier Division.

The club also made their debut in the FA Cup, winning 4-0 against Clapton. Now, just one league away from semi-professional football, it was a tall order for a team missing a number of players who had departed following promotion, and so 2013/14 saw Lions suffer their first ever relegation at the end of a difficult season.

Having steadied the ship, the club decided to return to the Herts Senior County League for 2015/16 in order to rebuild.

Seeking to promote a new generation under manager Andy Landesberg, there was immediate reward by winning the Anagram Records Trophy at the end of their first season, with most of the starting XI having come through the club's massive youth set up.

We then achieved an unprecedented treble in winning the league, Centenary Trophy and, for the first time, the Aubrey Cup.

The club was welcomed back to Spartan South Midlands League where we have won further honours in the shape of the Division One Cup (2018), Herts Centenary Trophy (2019) and Spring Cup (2021) while threatening to get promotion to the

Premier Division before Covid struck.

The club was re-assigned to the Combined Counties League Division One in the summer of 2021 and we are again targeting promotion to the next step, as well as representing the community with pride.

The club was promoted to step 5 in 2021/2022 season and then last season, on a sun-drenched May Bank Holiday Monday at Rowley Lane, London Lions made history in front of a passionate home crowd, overcoming Wormley Rovers on penalties in a tense and thrilling Spartan South Midlands Premier Division play-off final to secure a first-ever promotion to Step 4 of the FA pyramid.



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	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
NOVEMBER											
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								
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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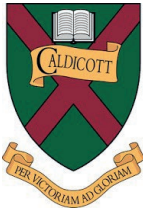


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Welcome once again to Commercial Corner. There really isn't that much to update you all on since the programme from last Tuesday but here goes!

This week's Sponsor Of The Week is Premium Sponsors Lamertons Opticians who have been Woods sponsors for four seasons now.

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I first met owner Richard Kennedy when I popped in for an eye test during the covid period and I was wearing a Woods branded facemask (yes, even then we didn't miss an opportunity to sell merchandise!) and Richard asked what my involvement was with the club. At the time I was only really known as the man who scanned people's foreheads before games but Richard took an interest in potentially supporting the club and became sponsors on the back of the away shirt for the 2020-21 season and has been Premium Tier Sponsors ever since.

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Lamertons are our Instagram matchday footage sponsors for both games this week so there will be plenty of features online about them. You may have seen the U18s highlights online from Tuesdays win over Farnham Town FC. Special mention to Rowan Daly who scored a superb goal with shouts of Maradona from the sidelines. Not sure who from!



Just a reminder that we now have winter branded coats in stock and also the popular mugs.

Until next time, up the Woods!

John



UNDER 18'S

WOODS BOUNCE BACK FROM FA CUP EXIT

It was great to see the Under-18s not dwell too much on the disappointment of the defeat on penalties down on the south coast at Eastbourne Borough when they won 4-1 at Broadfields United in the Senior Youth Cup and then again when they returned to League action against leaders Maidenhead United a couple of weeks ago.

The visitors had a 100% record from three previous matches and looked strong opposition during a hard-fought first-half. Though the Woods had enjoyed the better of the first-half, the match swung on a rather harsh referee decision to show a red card to a Magpies midfielder just before the break. It was a late challenge on Freddie Ford but the sending-off was a surprise to all.

Manager Jamie Barry chose the start of the second-half to introduce new signing Aidan Swaby to the game as a substitute and his pace up front made a significant impact against the ten-men, netting the opening goal of the game on 52 minutes. Rowan Daly popped up with a crucial second on 70 minutes and then Swaby notched a second after 79 minutes. The visitors then showed great spirit to bag two goals in quick succession which made for a few nervous minutes before Swaby broke away to complete a debut hat-trick. The lads have closed the gap at the top and are back in Isthmian League action this week with another home game against Ascot United – on Wednesday night, 12th November. Any support would be most welcome.

Last week, they played at home to fellow West Division side Farnham Town in the Second Round of the Isthmian Youth League Cup, hoping for further progress after their excellent 5-0 victory at Bedfont Sports earlier in the season.

Newcomer Swaby was cup-tied, goalkeeper Matt Burrows was required by Broadfields United to play in their Middlesex Senior Cup fixture against QPR while several injury issues meant it there were several starting debuts for the Woods.

Goalkeeper Owen Miall-Smith did well to keep a clean sheet on debut as the Woods secured a comfortable 3-0 victory. Rowan Daly scored a superb individual goal to open the scoring and Freddie Ford, who had played a full game for the first-team the previous night, came on as a substitute to score two in the final twenty minutes. We now play at home to either Walton & Hersham or Fleet Town in the next round.

The draw has also been made for the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup and the Woods will be revisiting Bedfont Sports once again next Monday, 17th November with kick-off at 7.30pm.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

Date	Opposition	I-YL	F-A
August			
Wed 20	Fleet Town	IVL	4-1 H Atkinson 2, Wright, Daly
September			
Wed 3	Tring Athletic	FAY	4-0 Pullen 2, Ford, H Atkinson
Mon 8	Bedfont Sports	IVC	5-0 Faleye, Kelly, Pullen, Wright, Daly
Wed 17	Hayes & Yeading United	FAY	2-0 Pullen, Daly
October			
Thu 2	Kings Langley	FAY	1-1 Ford (Woods won 3-2 on pens)
Fri 17	Eastbourne Borough	FAY	0-0 (Woods lost 5-6 on pens)
Tue 21	Broadfields United	MXV	4-1 Faleye, Tarrant, Daly, Ford
Wed 29	Maidenhead United	IVL	4-2 Swaby 3, Daly
November			
Wed 5	Farnham Town	IVC	3-0 Daly, Ford 2
Wed 12	Ascot United	IVL	
Wed 17	Bedfont Sports	MXV	
Thu 27	Aldershot Town	IVL	(At Badshot Lea FC)
December			
Wed 3	Farnham Town	IVL	
Wed 10	Bracknell Town	IVL	
Mon 15	Badshot Lea	IVL	
Mon 22	Camberley Town	IVL	
January			
Wed 7	Maidenhead United	IVL	
Wed 14	Camberley Town	IVL	
Tue 20	Bracknell Town	IVL	
Wed 28	Farnham Town	IVL	
February			
Wed 4	Hampton & RB	IVL	
Wed 18	Aldershot Town	IVL	
Tues 24	Ascot United	IVL	
March			
Wed 4	Fleet Town	IVL	
Wed 11	Badshot Lea	IVL	
Wed 23	Hampton & RB	IVL	(At Bedfont Sports FC)

ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Maidenhead United	4	3	0	1	12	9	3	9
2 Northwood	2	2	0	0	8	3	5	6
3 Aldershot Town	3	1	1	1	8	5	3	4
4 Badshot Lea	3	1	1	1	8	7	1	4
5 Hampton & RB	2	1	0	1	9	5	4	3
6 Bracknell Town	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
7 Ascot United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
8 Fleet Town	4	0	1	3	4	18	-14	1
9 Camberley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Farnham Town	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

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



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AFC DUNSTABLE



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AFC Dunstable started life as Old Dunstablians Football Club in 1981, the name originating from an organisation formed in 1888 for old boys from Dunstable Grammar School. The most famous member of the club is Hollywood actor Gary Cooper, who attended the school in the early 1900's.

When the Grammar School closed and Manshead School opened they took over the mantle, but the old boys club was in decline. In 1981 the head teacher was asked if he could re-launch the name, hence the football club was born.

The club started in the Dunstable Alliance Football League for a couple of seasons then moved onto the Luton District and South Bedfordshire League in 1983. Still playing at Manshead School with the 1st team and reserves, success was limited with the 1st team runners up twice in Division One and runners up in the William Pease Cup. While in the Luton League though the 1st team did land the Bedfordshire

Junior Cup in 1989/90 season.

With the club using Dunstable Town Cricket Club as their social base, the cricket club was looking to move to a larger site in Totternhoe and when the new club was opened in 1994, a football pitch was accommodated, so the football club moved there too.

An improvement in facilities gave the club a chance to apply to join the South Midlands League in 1995. Accepted into Division One the club struggled, as they flirted with being relegated straight back to the Luton League in the first 2 seasons. Going through new managers every season, they finally started to gain some consolidation and in season 2001/02 the team finished 4th in the league and won the Division One Cup. The following season they just missed out of the title, which was now named Division Two. They finally clinched the title the next season and were runners up in the Division Two Cup. Ground Grading issues were starting to stop the team progressing as two ground sharing

agreements were turned down by the league.

This was now the start of a trophy laden period, as the Division Two title was secured and back-to-back Bedfordshire Senior Trophy's plus the Division Two Cup was won again.

In 2003/04 the club decided to launch its youth policy. The club then made the decision to change its name to AFC Dunstable so not to get confused with the local rugby club.

The club kept the name The OD's, as their nickname. The youth setup was awarded the Charter Standard in 2005/06. The next big step was to become a Development Club and a great deal of work saw the club achieve this in 2007. Next up was a goal to become a FA Charter Standard Community Club and 2008 saw the club achieve this. In that time the club has been awarded the Development Club Of The Year in 2008 and the Community Club Of The Year in 2009.

The Bedfordshire Football

Association approached the club to become partners in the new Creasey Park Community Football Centre in 2008 and this gave them the chance to move the 1st team to Creasey Park and apply for promotion to Division One for the start of the 2009/10 season, which was accepted. The team finished a very creditable 5th in its first season at the higher level.

History was made in the 2010/11 season, as the team was accepted to participate in the FA Vase. A fine run through to the Second Round Proper was achieved as well as finishing runners up in the league - so gaining promotion to the Premier Division also winning the SSMFL Division One Cup.

Now with the team in the SSMFL Premier Division and entered in the FA Cup for the 2011/12 season, they finished third in the league. In the 2012/13 season the team consolidated in the Premier Division and finished a respectable eighth. Their run in the FA Cup saw them get through 3 rounds eventually going out to Northwood after a replay.

The team were being managed by the most successful pair in the club's history; Alex Butler and Dermot Butler, but they decided to step down after nine years at the helm halfway through 2013/14 season. This left the team in disarray, which saw many stalwarts of the team leave.

The club decided to appoint Steve Heath as manager and the club went on a rebuilding exercise. 2014/15 saw the team secure third place in the SSMFL Premier Division. They also equalled their best run in the FA Vase getting to the Third Round.

2015/16 was a stellar season. Before clinching the SSMFL Premier Division title, they progressed through two rounds of the FA Cup before going out to Ryman Premier leaders Leiston in the 1st Qualifying Round. The FA Vase was a great ride as the team made it to the Fourth Round proper. Unfortunately, they drew phoenix club Salisbury who had competed in the Conference Premier only two seasons previous.

The 2016/17 season saw them compete in the Southern League Central Division. They spent nearly all season in the play-off places but just missed out. The team did however

win the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

After only their 2nd season at step 4, 2017/18 saw them top the table at the start of the season. They occupied a play-off place all season, which in the end saw them finish 5th.

2018/19 season was probably the most challenging as they stuttered at the start of the season. At Christmas they were flirting with relegation but turned the corner and went on a decent run that saw them looking at an outside chance of a play-off spot, but they fell away and finished 10th.

Following the disrupted 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons the 2021/22 season proved to be another record-breaking one for the OD's. Progressing the furthest they ever had in the FA Cup; AFC were knocked-out at home by step 3 Peterborough Sports in the Third Qualifying Round. The cup run was accompanied by an excellent performance in the league. Finishing third in the table, the OD's hosted Ware FC in the play-off semi-final but lost on penalties after the match had finished goalless.

The 2022/23 season proved to be the end of an era on and off the pitch. The team started well and were in and around the play-off spots until Christmas. The team found form hard to come by after that and finished 13th.

Chairman Simon Bullard announced in February 2023 that he was to step down from his role and Steve Heath announced weeks later that he was to leave at the end of the season. New custodians for the club were chosen in the shape of Varsity Nine, a sports management company



MANAGER
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TOWNSEND

that specialises in delivering services for high performing players and student athletes. New managers were announced, with Joe Oxley and James Townsend taking on the men's first team lead at the end of the season.

Last season 2024-2025 saw the club revert back to being committee run with Varsity Nine stepping aside. James Townsend (JT) was appointed First team manager with Joe Oxley moving over to be Director of Football. A momentous evening at Kenilworth Road in April saw the club win the Beds F.A. Senior Cup for only the second time with a 3-2 victory over Barton Rovers.



MATCH ACTION

WOODS UNBEATEN AWAY

RECORD CONTINUES

MILTON KEYNES IRISH VS NORTHWOOD
TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2025
KICK-OFF 7.45PM
PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION CENTRAL



Spence 27



Williams 79

The Woods made it five league games unbeaten away from home but once again had to settle for a point apiece from this first-ever fixture against the Spartan South Midlands League Champions Milton Keynes Irish.

Following on from Saturday's hard-fought draw at play-off hopefuls Hitchin Town, the Woods made two changes to the starting line-up with Omar Rowe replacing the injured Reece Price-Placid, while Dan Williams returned, swapped with Rahzir Smith-Jones who was on the bench.

The home side came into the game having won two games in succession having scored nine goals, including a brilliant 5-2 success at Hadley so were full of confidence from the start of this contest.

27 MINUTES: 1-0 NASON SPENCE

It was a pretty even start to the game with both sides competitive in the midfield area and working hard but neither managed to penetrate in the final third with both defences looking on top until the Irish took the lead after twenty seven minutes. Freddie Ford conceded a free-kick for a rash challenge on Terry Shrieves, centrally just outside the box. Two players stood ready to have a go from the free-kick but it was skipper Mason Spence who took charge and deftly lifted the ball over the wall and inside the right-hand post.

Milton Keynes could have been two goals to the good just six minutes later and Spence was heavily involved again as he moved forward via three attempted forward passes, the latter of which was returned by Clinton Zawe onto his head but Woods goalkeeper Hafed Al-Droubi produced a great reflex save, pushing the ball over.

In a half of very few attacking moves, it took until the forty second minute for the Woods to finally create a chance themselves as Carl Stewart threaded a great ball through the Irish defence to put Williams in with a chance and though the Woods striker reached it first with his favoured left-foot, his powerful shot lacked accuracy and flew over the target.



HT: MILTON KEYNES IRISH 1-0 NORTHWOOD

Northwood, though defending well, clearly needed to do more in attack when the second-half restarted and Freddie Ford tried his luck from distance early on but that was wide of the far post. A minute later, Williams did well on the left to send over a dangerous cross but neither Devonte Totesaut or Rowe could get on the end of it and the ball was cleared.

The home side still threatened occasionally with Shrieves latching onto a loose ball from a tackle but firing an effort over the bar before the Woods rang the changes with Osa Otote replacing Totesaut and then Smith-Jones coming on for Ford.

Milton Keynes almost doubled their advantage though on seventy minutes as their own two substitutes combined with Kyle Boyce knocking in an excellent cross to the far post with Harry Coleman stretching to connect but the ball hit the outside of the post.

79 MINUTES: 1-1 DAN WILLIAMS

It was after seventy nine minutes that the Woods managed to get back on level terms as Ademide Baruwa battled well down the left to get a cross in from the left and Williams met it with a first-time strike that flew past goalkeeper Tom Ladyman at his near-post.

Al-Droubi had to save a header high above his head a few minutes later but the closing stages brought very little excitement for the spectators and the game tailed off, despite five minutes of added time, without either side looking likely to find a winner.

FT: MILTON KEYNES IRISH 1-1 NORTHWOOD

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

Al-Droubi, Sharifi (Bates 81), Miskin, Folarin, Cuthbert, Stewart, Rowe, Baruwa, Totesaut (Otote 61), Ford (Smith-Jones 68), Williams.

Attendance: 205

Words: Alan Evans

MATCH ACTION

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT

HEARTACHE FOR WOODS

NORTHWOOD VS SOUTHALL
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025
KICK-OFF 7.45PM
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP
QUARTER-FINAL



Southall won 4-3 on penalties

The Woods suffered defeat on penalties to Isthmian League side Southall on Tuesday night under the lights at the Skyline Roofing Stadium after the two sides played out a goalless draw in the ninety minutes.

Both sides made several changes to their starting line-ups from their weekend games. The Woods were missing cup-tied Gabe Cuthbert and the injured Dan Williams, while Southall gave starting debuts to Aldershot Town goalkeeper Alex Walder and Vladislav Karuchuk.

There was certainly a slow start to the game with neither side threatening much in the final third in the opening twenty minutes.

An early cross from Reece Price-Placid had the goalkeeper worried but it flew over the bar while Osa Otote twice picked up a ball from Freddie Ford just inside the box but couldn't get a shot off on either occasion.

On twenty one minutes, the Woods were awarded a free-kick about twenty five yards out centrally and Harry McKenna managed to get his shot on target but it was at Walder who held on comfortably. Otherwise, both defences were well on top.

On the half-hour, Price-Placid was played in down the right but his early shot flew across goal and well wide of the target while Southall were similarly wasteful with any chances they created as the half progressed. Hafeed Al-Droubi hadn't really been threatened, though Makaël Scott did manage to get a shot in from the left on thirty nine minutes but it was too weak to trouble the Woods' keeper.

Half-time was approaching when Omar Rowe surged forward from midfield, exchanging passes before firing a shot which was just wide and Otote also tried his luck from distance but it was no real surprise that the break arrived without a goal.

There was little change at the start of the second-half though and ten minutes in, the visitors rang the changes, bringing on four of their more experienced players in an effort to turn things their way.

Northwood responded with a couple of their own as Ademide Baruwa replaced Carl Stewart while Otote made way for Hicham Bouchareb.

After sixty five minutes, the 'All went close when one-time Woods midfielder James McCluskey let fly with an excellent strike from outside the area and Al-Droubi pulled off a great save to deny him and a minute later they probably should have scored when substitute Daniel Roberts volleyed wide from close-range. Henry Atkinson limped off soon after, replaced by Jon-Jo Bates with Baruwa dropping to right-back as the Woods tried to get their shape back.

Al-Droubi had to be alert to tip a looping header from another substitute Brendan Matthew over the bar when Roberts got in a good chip across from the right and another of the visitor's newcomers, Bright Siaw caused a few issues with some tricky runs too.

The Woods final move was to bring on Under-18's forward Rowan Daly for a first-team debut on seventy nine minutes, replacing the ineffective Devonte Totesaut and he almost made an instant impact when getting in an angled shot from the right which flashed across the face of goal and wide of the far post, though a square ball to the onrushing Bouchareb would have been the better option.

Bates got in the final effort on goal just before the final whistle but his low shot lacked the power to beat Walder who saved easily.

So, it went to penalties with the Woods first to go and it was Al-Droubi who stepped up to fire in the opening spot-kick. Roberts levelled for Southall and then Price-Placid and Mitch Gough both netted to make it 2-2.

Walder then made a name for himself by flying to his right and saving really well from Bates before Al-Droubi kept out Matthew's effort in similar fashion.

The all-important kick came next as McKenna saw his strike again saved by the Southall debutant; it proved decisive. McCluskey scored to keep the pressure on and although Bouchareb tucked his kick away, it meant that Ryan Hope could win the game with his penalty and he coolly sent Al-Droubi the wrong way.

Southall move into the semi-finals of a competition they last won in 1955 and last reached the final back in 1986 so have a great opportunity to create some new history.

NORTHWOOD LINE-UP

Al-Droubi, Atkinson (Bates 70), McKenna, Folarin, Mankumbani, Stewart (Baruwa 54), Price-Placid, Rowe, Totesaut (Daly 84), Ford, Otote (Bouchareb 66).

Attendance: 77

Words: Alan Evans

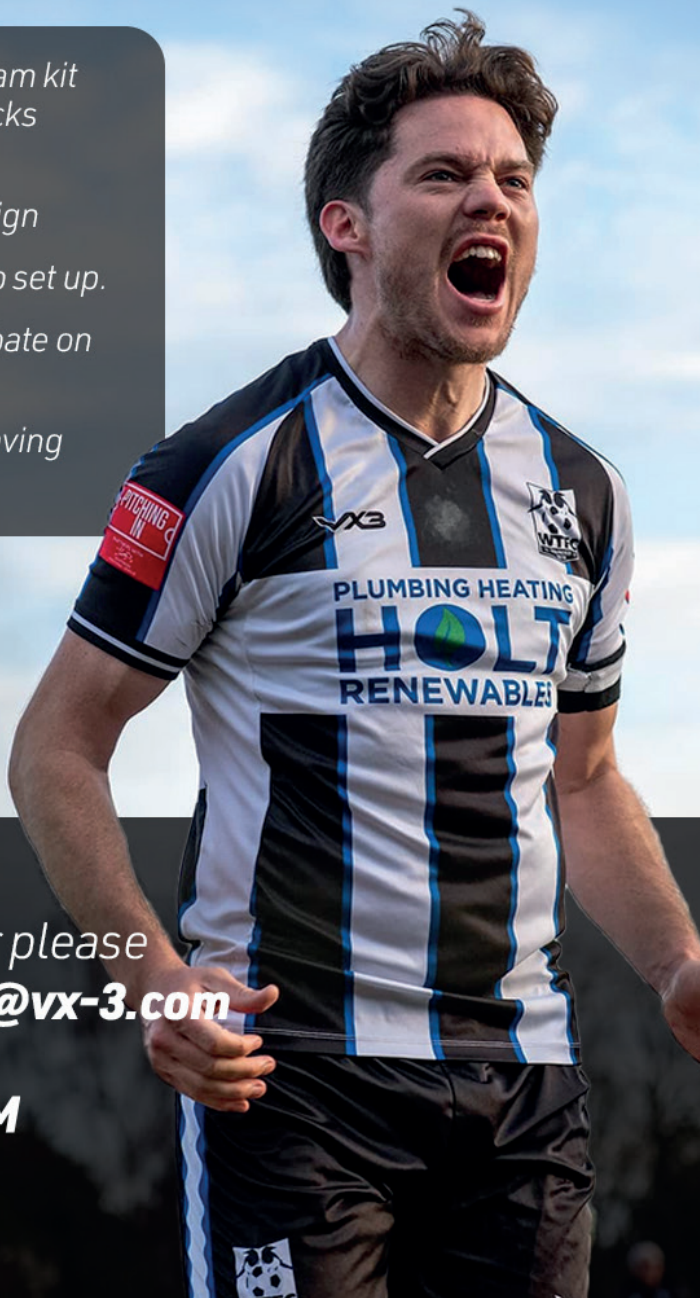




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**HAFED
AL-DROUBI**



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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BRYAN MANKUMBARI



23-year-old defender who played at Welling United as a youth but arrived at the Woods in September 2025 having previously played in Jamaica for Montego Bay and Treasure Beach and in Croatia for NK Sokadjia.

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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 Clackwell 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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FREDDIE FORD



Promising young attacking midfielder player, only 17, who has been impressing for the Woods Under-18s side since March 2024. He's in double figures for the youth side and has already scored a couple of times for the first team.

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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. Parteleimon 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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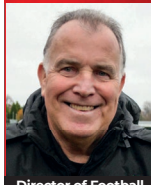
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2025/26 SEASON

WOODS CAREER



Player	League				Cup				Total		League		Cups		Overall		Woods Debut
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Ademide Baruwa	13	1	14	0	3	2	5	0	19	0	14	0	5	0	19	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Carl Stewart	14	0	14	0	3	0	3	0	17	0	109	3	26	1	135	4	Chipstead (A) Nov '21
Devonte Totesaut	8	4	12	2	4	1	5	1	17	3	31	6	8	2	39	8	Westfield (A) Sept. '20
Reece Price-Placid	7	5	12	2	5	0	5	0	17	2	12	2	5	0	17	2	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Hafed Al-Droubi	12	0	12	0	5	0	5	0	17	0	31	0	11	1	42	1	Slimbridge (H) Sept '20
Manny Folarin	12	0	12	1	4	0	4	0	16	1	38	2	5	0	43	2	Thame United (A) Nov '24
* Mack Miskin	12	0	12	1	2	0	2	0	14	1	23	1	5	0	28	1	Ware (A) Nov '19
Freddie Ford	4	6	10	1	2	2	4	1	14	2	12	1	4	1	16	2	Kings Langley (H) April '25
Osaretin Ototo	6	3	9	2	1	3	4	0	13	2	19	5	13	1	32	6	Binfield (A) April '23
Dan Williams	10	1	11	5	1	0	1	0	12	5	53	22	12	4	65	26	Merstham (A) Feb '23
Nasir Sharifi	9	2	11	0	1	0	1	0	12	0	11	0	1	0	12	0	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Jon-Jo Bates	4	4	8	0	2	2	4	0	12	0	47	5	6	0	53	5	Leighton Town (A) Mar. '13
Hicham Bouchareb	3	4	7	0	1	2	3	1	10	1	7	0	3	1	10	1	Hanworth Villa (H) Aug '25
Dylan Kearney	4	2	6	0	3	1	4	1	10	1	7	0	3	1	10	1	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Bryan Mankumbani	7	0	7	0	1	1	2	0	9	0	7	0	2	0	9	0	Edgware & Kingsbury (A) Sept '25
Harry McKenna	4	3	7	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	62	0	9	0	71	0	Thatcham Town (A) Oct '23
* Jack Empson	4	1	5	1	4	0	4	0	9	1	38	1	7	0	45	1	Ashford Town (Middx) (H) Aug '24
Jamie Kennedy	1	4	5	0	2	2	4	1	9	1	5	0	4	1	9	1	Egham Town (H) Aug '25
Henry Atkinson	2	3	5	0	4	0	4	0	9	0	5	0	4	0	9	0	Hanworth Villa (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
Jack Smith	2	3	5	0	1	1	2	0	7	0	34	2	12	0	46	2	Burnham (A) Nov. '13
Jordan Ellis	2	3	5	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	6	0	AFC Dunstable (A) Aug '25
Omar Rowe	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	8	0	1	0	9	0	Ware (H) March '25
Gabe Cuthbert	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	4	1	Hitchin Town (A) Oct. '25
* Sam Morris	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Aylesbury United (A) Sept. '25
Rahzir Smith-Jones	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Hitchin Town (A) Oct. '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
Rowan Daly	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Southall (A) Nov. '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

* No longer at club





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