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THE WOODS



Red

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Last Match: Westfield A Sat 2 Dec 0-1 ISTH SC
 Next Match: South Park (Reigate) A Tue 12 Dec ISTH SC





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IN THE CHAIR



Simon Negus
Chairman

A warm welcome to Northwood for today's Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture.



A warm welcome to The Racecourse for today's Isthmian league fixture against Northwood – and a warm welcome to all of our visitors today.

With our visitors just below us in the league but also with games in hand on the four teams ahead of us, today should be a great game with lots to play for. As a club, and personally, we remain fully supportive of Jamie & the squad and know everyone is working hard to climb the league table.

Today is our members Christmas party day, so hope you all enjoy the various activities that have been arranged to start getting us in the festive mood - I'm away on holiday so will be missing out unfortunately but a massive thanks to Sam Knight for organising all the fun today. */Ed says: Simon is always away on some luxurious holiday sending us photos of sun and golden sand, but I am sure when he returns he will be buying everyone a festive drink 😊*

I hope you all enjoy the match - Up The Yellas. ~Simon

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Jamie Tompkins
First Team Manager

**Welcome to the players, officials
and supporters of Northwood.
Enjoy the game!**



Hello and welcome to the Racecourse Ground for today's Isthmian League game against Northwood.

More postponements and a win and loss since our last league game at home. This season we are learning a lot about our club, our team and players as clearly the levels within this league prove they have gone up.

What I can say is, I am working hard to ensure the team environment we have is a positive one. Any player who represents the club must have a top attitude and have a great work ethic. These are the bare minimum traits to play for this club.

Too easily in this position can players and people around the club can become negative when the reality is, it doesn't help anyone, and in all honesty, they are not welcome. I believe in our group and we will improve and be better all over the pitch to ensure we pick up wins regularly.

Looking ahead, we have a midweek game against South Park, they have a 3G pitch so we know for certain it will be on. We hope to see many of you making the trip to support the players. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the team.

So, enjoy the match, and thank you once again for being part of the continued support for our club. Let's make it a great day for football at the Racecourse Ground. ~JT



Dean Greenwood
Assistant Manager



Stuart Britton
Strength/Con. Coach



Steve Quelch
Coach



Nathan Riley
Physio

ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Northwood for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.



Good afternoon and welcome to our penultimate match at the Racecourse before the Christmas Break. Today's match is definitely one which both sides will be eyeing three points, although we've got Santa on our side at the Racecourse's festive fun day, so if enough of us sit on his knee then I'm sure they will be coming our way by 5pm! Cancellations are frustrating. The teams train and get ready for action and then the weather ruins it. Both ourselves and Hartley Wintney wanted to switch both recent 'postponed' games to our 3G within the past month but we would not get it ratified. I'm sure most of you also heard of the crazy situation at Alfreton's FA Cup tie with Walsall last weekend – called off seven minutes before kick off with the BBC cameras and commentators ready to go – another excuse to try and give Dion Dublin or Nigel Havers more midday TV airtime with a screening of Homes under the Hammer, Cash in the Attic or DIY Makeovers.

WELCOME TO THE WOODS

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YELLOWWOMEN LEAD TABLE! Ascot United Women could head into the new year in pole position in the SRWFL. However, that will depend on Oxford City - who host Bournemouth this Sunday and then host The Yellas on the following weekend!

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Ascot United	9	7	1	1	11	22
2 Bournemouth Sports	8	6	2	0	19	20
3 Woodley United	7	4	1	2	6	13
4 Eastleigh in the Community	10	4	1	5	-2	13
5 Oxford City	9	3	3	3	5	12
6 Wyclcombe Wanderers	7	3	2	2	-1	11
7 Warminster Town	10	3	2	5	-6	11
8 Winchester City Flyers	10	2	0	8	-18	6
9 Badshot Lea	8	1	0	7	-14	3

Last weekend's trip to Westfield was miserable. It was absolutely freezing and we were back down to a handful of hardy travellers. This Tuesday we have another date with the M25 and South Park Reigate – wonderful! Sadly I am away on a work trip (albeit in possession of Ferencvaros v Fiorentina Europa Conference League Tickets for Thursday 😊) so it'll be a miss for me. You'll also read and see some photos within of our mixed ability team's performance last Sunday morning, which was warming to see and an extremely proud moment for the watching relatives. Perhaps the most amusing moment was when one of our players asked the manager who they were playing in the next of their three 10-minute games. The reply came: "Bracknell, they're all against Bracknell today". Our player responded by groaning loudly and sloping off!!! Quite appropriate too! Anyway, enjoy the game today, go and see Santa, and keep your eyes on our table-topping Women's team who continue to impress. ~Neal



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Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardlev United	A	FAC KP	1-1	96	Laffin
08-Aug	Ardlev United	H	FAC XPr	2-1	141	Killeen, Matthew
12-Aug	Ravnes Park Vale	A	ISTH SC	2-3	220	Matthew, Killeen
19-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H	FAC P	5-1	137	Matthew 3, Ajaniekoko, H. Grant
26-Aug	Guernsey	H	ISTH SC	4-0	189	Matthew 2, H. Grant, McCoy
28-Aug	Badshot Lea	A	ISTH SC	1-0	178	McCormack
02-Sep	Westfield	H	FAC 10	1-0	206	McCoy
09-Sep	Horndean	A	FAT 10	3-2	110	Matthew 2, Balogun
12-Sep	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC	0-1	246	
15-Sep	Lewes	H	FAC 20	1-2	451	OG
23-Sep	Lancing	H	FAT 20	6-2	162	Matthew 4, Killeen, McCormack
26-Sep	Badshot Lea	A	LG 2	0-1	78	
30-Sep	Sutton Common Rovers	H	ISTH SC	1-1	136	H. Grant
07-Oct	Whitehawk	A	FAT 30	0-2	357	
14-Oct	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC	1-3	218	Matthew
17-Oct	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	ISTH SC	1-2	127	Matthew
21-Oct	Chinstead	A	ISTH SC	0-1	97	
24-Oct	Binfield	H	ISTH SC	4-0	227	Matthew 2, Lock, McCormack
11-Nov	Southall	H	ISTH SC	1-3	186	Lock
14-Nov	Thatcham Town	A	ISTH SC	0-2	113	
25-Nov	Marlow	H	ISTH SC	0-2	186	
28-Nov	Corinthian-Casuals	A	ISTH SC	2-1	135	Matthew, Harris
02-Dec	Westfield	A	ISTH SC	0-1	145	
09-Dec	Northwood	H	ISTH SC			
12-Dec	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC			
16-Dec	Metropolitan Police	A	ISTH SC			
23-Dec	Chertsey Town	H	ISTH SC			
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC			
30-Dec	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC			
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC			
06-Jan	Thatcham Town	H	ISTH SC			
12-Jan	Binfield	A	ISTH SC			
20-Jan	Hartley Wintney	H	ISTH SC			
27-Jan	Sutton Common Rovers	A	ISTH SC			
30-Jan	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	ISTH SC			
03-Feb	Hanworth Villa	A	ISTH SC			
10-Feb	Chipstead	H	ISTH SC			
24-Feb	Corinthian-Casuals	H	ISTH SC			
02-Mar	South Park (Reigate)	H	ISTH SC			
09-Mar	Southall	A	ISTH SC			
16-Mar	Westfield	H	ISTH SC			
23-Mar	Marlow	A	ISTH SC			
30-Mar	Guernsey	A	ISTH SC			
01-Apr	Uxbridge	H	ISTH SC			
06-Apr	Ravnes Park Vale	H	ISTH SC			
13-Apr	Chertsev Town	A	ISTH SC			
20-Apr	Metropolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			
TBA	Hartley Wintney	A	ISTH SC			

ISTH SC - Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, FAT - Isuzu FA Trophy, FAC - The Emirates FA Cup, BB - Berks&Bucks Cup, LG - Velocity League Trophy

MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

ASCOT SLIP TO LATE DEFEAT AT WESTFIELD

Yellamen lose 1-0 in chilly Woking

Saturday 2nd December 2023, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Westfield 1 - 0
Ascot United



Captain Luke Elliot scored a late winner as Westfield beat Ascot United 1-0 on Saturday afternoon. In an early kick-off, there was little to warm the spirit of the travelling faithful, who braved the freezing temperatures but saw their side fail to register a meaningful effort on target.

The first half was a poor spectacle with the home side marginally shading affairs. It was fully 21 minutes before any action of note; home defender Elliott's header striking the top of the crossbar. Jacob Breckon then had the ball in the net from Archy Taylor's cross but an offside flag had long been raised, before Taylor's next delivery just after the half-hour mark saw Danny Champion – who had played against Ascot for Corinthian Casuals four days earlier – glance wide. The Yellamen rarely threatened before forcing a 35th minute corner; Brendan Matthew's cross was hacked behind after neither Sam Balogun nor Ollie Harris could get a decisive touch.

The second half was a little better, although Harris's early volley was the best chance they would have, although sadly he couldn't keep his effort down and it dipped a couple of feet over the crossbar. At the other end, Ascot failed to pick up Andrew Crossley's cheeky free kick on the left-wing which Gary Abisogun gleefully receiving in acres of space, before hammering a left-footed effort from a tight angle that stung Hugo Sobte's palms. Westfield defended masterfully and even when Jay Welch exploited precious space before meeting Sean McCormack's 71st minute cross, his glancing header found the roof of the net. And a game that looked like it would finish goalless was settled by Elliott's header in the 81st minute; time appeared to stand still as it looped over Sobte and into the top left hand corner.

The Yellamen had long run out of steam and rash late challenges earned bookings for Josh Edwards and Harry Laffin, although this added to a growing tally and summed up the visitors' day.

Ascot United: Sobte, Lock, Ellis (Lahtinen-Kalsi 56'), Edwards, Bailey, Matthew, McCormack, Balogun, Welch (Lalustani 81') Matthew, Harris (Laffin 71'). Subs unused: Sykes, Morgan

Entertainment: 2 / Reporter's Star Man: Jordan Alves (Westfield) / Away fans (estimate): 25



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AND THEN there were three. Maybe six.

The FA Cup third round proper is fast approaching and Non-League will be represented by at least a trio of clubs — you wouldn't bet against it being more.

Maidstone United were the first to confirm their place last Saturday afternoon and it with the typical heartwarming FA Cup story of academy graduate turned hero with Bivesh Gurung's brilliant strike lighting up the Gallagher Stadium as the Stones beat League Two Barrow.

It's their first trip to third round stage of the competition since reforming in 1992 and manager George Elokobi was, almost, lost for words.

"Whatever my emotions that I've shown today are the emotions that stand with the whole of the Maidstone community."

The third round draw perhaps hasn't provided the big Premier League giant any Non-League club would be hoping for. But it has provided opportunity.

The National League South side will now host the winners of the replay between Stevenage and Port Vale, who will know a very tricky task lies ahead should they get through.

On Sunday afternoon it was the turn of Eastleigh and Chesterfield.

The latter are threatening to run away with the National League title and they've shown what a good side they are by dumping out two League One sides in the last two rounds.

After the scalp of Portsmouth came the 1-0 upset of Leyton Orient. Paul Cook's side travel to Championship club Watford next.

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There aren't many better inside National League boxes than Paul McCallum and the Eastleigh forward bagged two as Richard Hill's Spitfires beat Reading on live telly.

Like in so many dramatic upsets, the winner came deep in stoppage-time and gave the League One Royals — beset by problems off the pitch — no time to come back.

Their third round opposition is still TBC. Could we be set for a National League showdown? If Barnet, who scored a late equaliser at Newport County through Danny Collinge, click again in Tuesday's replay then they are going to cause problems for the League Two side. Bees v Spitfires would be huge in round three. We'll see.

As we will for National League North Alfreton Town. They had the disappointment last Saturday of their live TV game with Walsall being postponed just minutes before kick-off because of a frozen pitch.

They tried again on Tuesday night and shared a 0-0 draw so it's back to the League Two outfit for the right to play Southampton away.

A trip to a Championship club is also on offer for Aldershot Town when they face Stockport County again following a 2-2 draw at home — Josh Stokes, a summer signing from AFC Sudbury, continued to show why he's one of Non-League's most talked about talents with two goals.

Three in round three has a nice ring to it. But we'd prefer six. Good luck everyone! ~Matt Badcock

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Allied Counties Youth Team – next available 25/26 Season	£2,000 per season	Set of shirts with sponsor logo on Pitch-side board to sponsor's design	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Social media support
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Saturday 2nd December

Att. 238	Corinthian-Casuals	0 - 6	Chertsey Town
		⊙ Full time	
Att. 390	Leatherhead	1 - 0	Guernsey
		⊙ Full time	
Att. 158	Marlow	8 - 1	Binfield
		⊙ Full time	
Att. 136	Southall	0 - 1	Raynes Park Vale
		⊙ Full time	
⊙ 15:00	Sutton Common Rovers	1 - 2	Hanworth Villa
		⊙ Full time	
⊙ 15:00	Thatcham Town	P - P	Hartley Wintney
Att. 101	Uxbridge	2 - 1	Chipstead
		⊙ Full time	
Att. 145	Westfield	1 - 0	Ascot United
		⊙ Full time	

Saturday 9th December

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

ASCOT UNITED WARRIORS

Ascot United Warriors Mixed Ability Team played their first competitive match of the season against FC Bracknell on Sunday morning. In front of an enthusiastic Racecourse crowd, the two sides played three ten-minute matches ahead of a full-team penalty shoot-out.

In the opening game, the visitors showed their strength and rallied to victory after CJ had given The Warriors the lead with the goal of the day – a thumping left-footed drive across the 'keeper and into the right hand corner from a narrow angle; what a strike!

The second game was closer and the third even more so, but a powerful FC Bracknell held on for a trio of wins. However, Ascot had the better of a high-quality penalty shoot-out to conclude the contest – including both some fantastic strikes and equally good saves – on their way to victory.

Most importantly, the games was played in fantastic spirit with plenty of smiles, and incredible support from the Watching Saints Pavilion terrace.

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LEAGUE TABLES

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Chertsey Town	15	12	2	1	38	12	26	37
2 Raynes Park Vale	15	12	1	2	31	14	17	37
3 Leatherhead	16	11	2	3	27	10	17	35
4 Marlow	13	11	0	2	39	14	25	33
5 Southall	16	10	3	3	40	19	21	33
6 Basingstoke Town	15	9	1	5	28	23	5	28
7 Hanworth Villa	16	7	5	4	33	26	7	26
8 Hartley Wintney	14	8	1	5	32	22	10	25
9 Uxbridge	16	8	1	7	30	25	5	25
10 Westfield	14	7	2	5	26	24	2	23
11 South Park (Reigate)	14	6	2	6	22	20	2	20
12 Thatcham Town	15	6	2	7	21	24	-3	20
13 Sutton Common Rovers	16	5	2	9	27	34	-7	17
14 Chipstead	16	5	2	9	27	35	-8	17
15 Ashford Town (Middx)	15	4	3	8	17	21	-4	15
16 Ascot United	14	4	1	9	17	20	-3	13
17 Northwood	14	4	1	9	23	27	-4	13
18 Metropolitan Police	15	2	5	8	16	29	-13	11
19 Corinthian-Casuals	16	3	2	11	14	43	-29	11
20 Guernsey	17	2	4	11	18	35	-17	10
21 Binfield	16	0	4	12	13	62	-49	4

Chertsey Town 1 point deducted

Non League Pyramid (Extract)

Step 1 **National League**

Step 2 **National League South**

Step 3 **Isthmian League Premier**

Step 4 **Isthmian League South Central**

Step 5 **Combined Counties League**

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Season 2023/24		All-time	
	App	Goals	App	Goals
A Sykes	-	-	4	-
H Sobte	23	-	23	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	4	-	35	6
B Matthew	23	18	77	65
C Morgan	6	-	11	1
D Bailey	16	-	126	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	21	2	235	12
H Grant	19	3	71	10
H Laffin	11	1	163	85
H Tucker	12	-	52	3
H Killeen	14	3	14	3
J Welch	18	-	59	2
J Gater	3	-	3	-
J Ajanlekoko	18	1	73	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	16	-	16	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	6	1	26	13
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	23	-	23	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	21	3	115	21
S Balogun	15	1	30	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	14	-	89	22
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	6	-	117	2
10wn Goals	-	1	n/a	n/a
	323	36	1,575	297



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MEET THE YELLAMEN

Hugo Sobte – goalkeeper. Signed for the 23/24 campaign having previously played for Windsor FC and most recently Step 4 football with Hanwell Town. A strong all-round keeper with good distribution and is particularly comfortable with the ball at his feet.



Alex Sykes – goalkeeper. Goalkeeping coach and reliable backup. Has international experience having played for the England Futsal team. Part of the successful double-winning squad of 22/23.

Josh Edwards – defence. Signed for the 23/24 season from Thattham Town where he was player of the season in 22/23. A strong, powerful defender and excellent in 1 v 1 scenarios. Previously with Basingstoke Town.



Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi – defence. Exciting addition for the 23/24 campaign having joined us on a season-long loan from National League neighbours Aldershot Town.

Dan Bailey – defence. Experienced centre back and club captain. Previously played at a higher level with Marlow and has a FA level 2 coaching qualification. A great communicator who shows incredible commitment and leadership on the pitch. Pivotal member of our double-winning campaign in 22/23, leading the team to victory at Wembley.



George Lock – defence. A fearless right back previously with Binfield and Bracknell. Technically strong and a consistently high performer who likes to get forward and has weighed in with important goals. Has made over 200 appearances heading into the 23/24 campaign. Another FA Vase winner.

Toby Thompson – defence. A product of the Ascot United junior ranks having also captained the Allied Under 18 side. Spent part of last season at Step 5 outfit Sheerwater, helping them escape relegation.



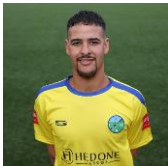
Harry Tucker – defence. Strong, commanding defender who oozes confidence on the ball and has excellent distribution. Previously with Kings Langley and Thame United. FA Vase winner.

Joe Gater – defence. Highly respected defender on the local scene having previously played Step 4 football with Bracknell Town and Binfield. Tall and physical with a strong aerial presence.



Rob Gerrard – defence. Powerful full back and technically strong. Big part of the FA Vase campaign, scoring a late equaliser in the semi-final and in the starting line-up Wembley before a head injury curtailed his afternoon. Signed from Thattham Town in November 2022.

Jay Welch – midfield. Signed in 22/23, a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield. Bundles of energy and tenacity alongside great technical ability. Massive performance in winning the FA Vase and only denied a Wembley goal by the woodwork.



Harvey Killeen – midfield. A fantastic addition for 23/24 having signed from North Greenford United, for whom he starred against us in 22/23. Works incredibly hard, pops up all over the pitch and scores bags of goals despite not being an outright attacker.

Charlie Morgan – midfield. Exciting young talent who first featured in 22/23 and will continue to improve.



MEET THE YELLAMEN

Ollie Harris – midfielder. Signed from near neighbours Binfield in 22/23 where he was a huge part of The Moles' run to the FA Vase final in 20/21. A true clubman, he was a huge part of Ascot's double-winning campaign in 22/23 despite long-term injury and will bounce back in 23/24. Exceptionally quick and talented forward with bags of tricks.



Harry Grant – midfielder. A Rolls Royce of a player and an excellent addition to the club in 22/23. Ex-professional at Gillingham, winning EFL League 2 and the FA Vase with Thatcham Town in 2017/18 before repeating the feat with Ascot United in 22/23.

Jordan Ajanlekoko – midfielder. Cultured midfielder who signed in 22/23 after Step 3 experience with Beaconsfield. Previously featured for the Yellamen on loan with 2 appearances in 17/18 and became a permanent addition for the 22/23 season. Another one of our FA Vase winning side and played ninety minutes at Wembley.



Sammy Balogun – midfielder. Signed midway through the 22/23 season and proved invaluable in midfield with some big performances, especially in the 22/23 FA Vase Semi Final. Reads the game exceptionally well. Unused substitute at Wembley.

Sean McCormack – forward. Skilful forward signed from Walton and Hersham in 21/22 and previously with Maidenhead United and Bracknell Town. Was the players' and supporters' POY in his first campaign after dazzling on the right wing. Incredible workrate and vision and tracks back to cover the defence. Another FA Vase winner.



Harry Laffin – forward. Needs little introduction. 'Laffers' is a goal-machine who returned late in the 22/23 season to add more attacking options having scored 29 goals in 30 appearances for Ascot in 21/22. Has netted over 80 goals for the club heading into 23/24 in just over 150 games.

Brendan Matthew – forward. Exceptionally quick and a proven goalscorer. Signed for the 22/23 season from Egham Town and smashed Ascot' goalscoring record with 47 goals in his first season. Subsequently won just about every award at the end-of-season presentation evening. On his day he is simply irrepresible. Another FA Vase winner.



Dan Brown – forward. Experienced striker who joins for 23/24 from Ashford Town having also featured for Wingate & Finchley.

Usman Lalustani – forward. Rejoined The Yellamen in 22/23 after featuring in 18/19 and 19/20 when he netted 11 goals from 38 appearances. Maintains high fitness levels and on his day will cause problems for any defence. An ice-cool character, he scored the winning penalty in the FA Vase Quarter Final in but was suspended for the final.



MEET THE YELLAMEN

Jamie Tompkins – manager. Highly respected throughout the club who won the league cup in his first season (18/19) and almost won the league in 20/21 only for COVID to strike. However, overseeing a league and FA Vase double in 22/23 eclipsed all that went before and he now gets the chance to have a crack at Step 4 in 23/24. Jamie is also Senior Director of Football Development at Brentford FC.



Dean Greenwood – assistant manager. Joined the coaching team in November 2022 and also has first team management experience from his spells in charge at Ashford Town (Middx) and Camberley Town. Also helped mastermind the league and FA Vase double.

Steve Quelch – coach. Many years of experience in the local game with Chalvey Sports and is a UEFA B coach, joined the club ahead of the 2019/20 season. A big character, especially during our 22/23 double-winning campaign.



Stuart Britton – strength and conditioning coach. Joining in the summer of 2021, 'Stu' joined to focus on the fitness, recovery and injury prevention and rehabilitation of the squad which was invaluable during the gruelling 22/23 league and FA Vase campaign.

Nathan Riley – physio. Joined us in 22/23 and becomes the club's main physio for 23/24. Another important member of our double-winning team.



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CLUB HISTORY - ASCOT UNITED

Ascot United as we know it, was founded in 1965 by a men's team who played their games at Sunninghill with "after match meetings" in The Wells in Cheapside village (now Mikado's). Teams played as long ago as 1928 under the name "Ascot United" but nothing to link them directly to the current club. In 1965, the club had gained permission from the Ascot Racecourse Trustees to convert the land east of coach park 10 into a football pitch. A wooden clubhouse was built, and this team went on to win many prestigious trophies in the years that followed.

Various youth teams represented Ascot United over the years up to 1988, and in 1992 the East Berks 7-a-side Association was formed by our then Chairman Keith Wicks, introducing small-sided junior games and having disbanded in 1980 the men's team also reformed. The men's senior team enjoyed early success through the East Berks League gaining continued promotions to the Senior division and winning various Cups including the Fielden Charity Cup in 1996/7. In 2001, the First Team join the Reading Senior League, were awarded FA Charter Standard status in 2004, and won the Reading Evening Post Senior Cup at the Madejski Stadium in 2006. Promotion to the Hellenic League Division 1 soon followed in 2007, before promotion to the Premier Division in 2009.

"The Yellamen" made their debut in the FA Cup in 2011 with a home tie against Wembley FC. The game attracted 1,149 people to The Racecourse on a Friday evening where the famous trophy itself was on display, and the match was streamed live on Facebook. In 2012-13 and 2015-16 we reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase twice, enjoyed two top-three finishes in the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, and won both the Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup and Perpetua Press Floodlit Cup. In 2018-19, new manager Jamie Tompkins led his side to the top of the table for long spells, and although they couldn't hang on to their lead, they would taste league cup glory once again by defeating Windsor FC 3-1.

A lateral move to the Combined Counties Premier Division for the 2019-20 season, combined with the installation of a new 3G pitch provided a platform for further development both on and off the pitch. The Yellamen were clear at the top of the league before COVID curtailed their first crack at the title before the 2021-22 season saw them reach the Bucks Senior Cup Final after defeating three sides from higher divisions, including Wycombe Wanderers in the semi-final in front of a club-record crowd of 1,267.

However, it is the 2022-23 campaign that will surely remain the club's most successful for decades to come. Tompkins' side dominated the league, taking 102 points from 38 league matches to win the title with four matches to spare. And if that wasn't enough, they achieved an incredible double by lifting the Isuzu FA Vase at Wembley in front of over 4,400 travelling Ascot United supporters and the BT Sport cameras. Impressively, they entered in the very first qualifying round before winning ten matches in a mesmerizing run; Kai Walters heading home in the 79th minute to secure a 1-0 win over the then-holders Newport Pagnell Town.

The club has also enjoyed much success at all levels particularly in the Women's and Girls Section. Our Senior Women won promotion to the Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's Football League in 2017-18 and enjoyed their best season in 2022-23 when they were runners-up but ended on a high by winning the league cup. Our Women's Phoenix side achieved back-to-back promotions from the Thames Valley League to take their place just one level below the Senior side for 2023-24, and the newly-formed Junior Premier League (U18s) also won their league title at the first attempt in 2022-23.

Ascot United has grown to become one of the largest Community football clubs in the UK with over 1,000 registered players and over 90 teams playing every weekend embracing all ages and abilities from 5 year olds through to veterans. We are also extremely proud to have a mixed-ability team representing our club, the Ascot United Warriors, who are affiliated with Special Olympics GB. The future is bright.



CLUB HISTORY - NORTHWOOD

The current club was formed in 1926, following several other outfits that had carried the town's name in earlier years, the first known, Northwood FC, being formed in September 1899, but it is not clear how long they existed. A team called Northwood Rovers played in the Harrow & District League up to the First World War, but a new Northwood FC was launched after the conflict, in September 1919, and soon Emmanuel Northwood were also competing in the Harrow & District League. The next club to commence was Holy Trinity Northwood, again in the Harrow League, whilst in 1922 Northwood moved to the Uxbridge & District League. However, having lost their first nine fixtures in the second season, Northwood found that they were unable to field a team for later games and the club folded. Around the same time, Emmanuel Northwood also withdrew from the Harrow League.

After two seasons in which just Holy Trinity represented the town on the football field, a few people who had been involved with the two failed set-ups decided to form a new club, and Northwood United was launched for the 1926-27 campaign, with Leslie Faint, secretary of the previous Northwood FC, holding the same post for United. For the first two seasons, just friendly matches were played, apart from entering the Northwood Hospital Charity Cup, but after the second campaign, in which sixteen of the twenty-three games had been won, it was decided to join a league.

Northwood United were elected to Division Two of the Harrow & District League for 1928-29, playing at Northwood Playing Fields, which was adjacent to Haste Hill golf course, at the end of The Drive, Northwood. In the team at that time were young players Joe Gill, Bob Bell and Tom Bell, who would be with the club many years later, even returning after the Second World War, and the latter also became club secretary.

In their second year the club gained promotion, and twelve months later, further success saw them move up to the Premier Division of the Harrow & District League (later renamed Harrow, Wembley & District League). At that time the club gained the use of a pitch in Northwood Recreation Ground at an annual cost of £14. 14s. including pitch marking and dressing room.

1931-32 saw the commencement of Northwood United's dominance of local junior football. Within five years of entering league football, United had become Premier Division champions, a feat they repeated for each of the next four years, followed by second and third places up to the War. The League Senior Challenge Cup was won three times during that period, and in 1938 the club won the Middlesex Junior Cup, having been losing finalists in 1935 and 1936.

After the Second World War, with the disappearance of Holy Trinity Northwood, the club dropped the "United" suffix from their title, and were Harrow & Wembley champions in consecutive years, 1948 and 1949.

After being a mid-table side in the Premier Division throughout the 'fifties, the club hit a slump in the early 'sixties, suffering a first-ever relegation in 1962, and they became something of a yo-yo side for a few years, but towards the end of the 1960s things improved. Northwood were elected into the Middlesex League in 1970, and they became runners-up at the end of their second season.

After playing in the main park since 1931, the mid-seventies saw the Woods develop an area of rough land into their present ground with suitable facilities, and further developments have been carried out regularly since.

The Woods won the Middlesex League Cup on three occasions and also the League championship in 1978, completing the Middlesex League double, and the club were subsequently elected to the Hellenic League. In the first season they were promoted to the top flight as Division One champions and Hellenic League Division One Cup winners. Northwood also lifted the Middlesex Intermediate Cup by beating Feltham 2-1 – the club's first County Cup success for forty-one years. Floodlights were erected and senior status was granted in 1981.

Due to large travelling costs, Northwood switched to play in the London Spartan League in 1984 and they were soon to become one of the competition's top clubs. After one League Cup win, a runners-up spot and two third places, the Woods completed a League and Cup double in 1992. Along with this success came considerable ground improvements, which allowed them to be promoted to the Isthmian League, Division Three.

CLUB HISTORY - NORTHWOOD

After five years at the higher level, following early success by winning the 1993 Associate Members Trophy, and several promotion challenges, Northwood made it to Division Two in 1997. Following three seasons in that division, the Woods earned further promotion when they gained the runners-up spot in 2000. They also captured the Associate Members Trophy for a second time and reached their first ever Middlesex Senior Cup final, where they went down 2-0 to GM Vauxhall Conference outfit Hayes.

Another three years later and Northwood found themselves in the Premier Division, having won the Division One North championship in 2003. They also captured the Isthmian League Cup for the first time in 2002, beating Premier Division Hampton & Richmond Borough in the final, 3-2 after extra-time, and also reached the Middlesex Senior Cup final once again, this time beaten in extra-time by Hendon.

September 2002 saw the Woods defeat Premier Division champions Gravesend & Northfleet 4-2 to lift the Isthmian Charity Shield. It proved a difficult first season in the Premier Division, but after an F.A. restructure of non-League football, Northwood remained in the division for a second season.

In 2003, Northwood received the prestigious award of Community Club status from the Football Association in recognition of the club's commitment to youth football in the area – the club have teams of all age groups playing their football within the confines of Northwood Park. Improvements have been made to the standards in recent years, and the club is hoping this will result in many youngsters developing into first-team players in the future.

Northwood faced a new challenge for the 2005-06 campaign, having been moved to the Southern League Premier Division, and although the first season in the new league was a struggle, the team avoided the drop on the final day. However, 2007 saw the Woods finish in 22nd place in the division, and relegation followed – the first time the club had faced demotion in senior football. It wasn't all doom and gloom, though, as Northwood lifted the Middlesex Senior Cup for the first time in their history by defeating Hayes, of the Conference South, on their own ground in the final.

Having been moved back to the Isthmian League for the 2007-08 campaign, and after spending three years in Division One North, Northwood were then transferred again to the Southern League Division One Central in 2010-11. Their first season was a struggle but they successfully avoided relegation after a bright finish to the campaign and in 2012, it proved much more successful, only missing out on a play-off place on the final day of the season. The following season was boosted by an FA Cup run to the third qualifying round while a forced change of manager saw the Woods have to rebuild the squad so a mid-table finish was very acceptable. Mark Burgess had successful full seasons in charge, surpassing expectations by finishing ninth, tenth and then seventh respectively. There was also success in cup competitions, reaching the League Cup semi-final in 2016 before losing on penalties to Merthyr Town and then winning the Middlesex Senior Cup for the second time in the club's history with a 2-0 victory over Ryman Premier side Enfield Town. However, 2016/17 was more of a struggle after losing most of the successful side to a higher level and relegation was only just avoided.

Since then, a series of managers have come and gone quickly and Scott Dash, who was appointed permanently in December 2018 following a successful spell as caretaker only lasted just under a year after a series of poor results saw another change and the arrival of Jamie Leacock to the role. Jamie's tenure was ended in January 2020 after a run of ten successive defeats and former player Robert Ursell was placed in charge. His time was interrupted by the Covid Pandemic and then resigned his position in April 2021. The new man to steer the Woods to a more competitive position in the Isthmian League was to be former Ashford Town (Middx) boss Ben Murray but after the club's worst start ever to a season, he was replaced in November 2021 by Director of Football Steve Ringrose and Head Coach Ben Bukowski along with Player-Coaches Andy Lomas and Keagan Cole. Their impact was instant, winning a club record eight away games in succession, a run that lifted the side to the safety of mid-table. The improvement continued in the 2022/23 season, leading the South-Central division for several months before eventually qualifying for the end-of-season play-offs for the first time in the club's history. Though they were beaten 2-1 at eventually promoted side Walton & Hersham, it had been their best season for some time.