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Winners: 2018–19

**Combined Counties League Division One Cup:**

Runners-up: 2008–09

**Middlesex County League Premier Division**

**Cup:** Runners-up: 2007–08

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Winners: 2016–17; Runners up: 2018–19

**Surrey Premier Cup:**


Runners-up: 2009–10

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**Sutton Common**  
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**Vs**



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**Isthmian League**  
**South Central Division**

**Northwood FC**

## WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman,

Wishing you a warm SCR welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports centre for this afternoon Isthmian South Central fixture.

We would like to welcome the players, committee and supporters of Northwood FC, we hope they enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

We would also like to welcome today's match officials, referee Mr Chris Williams and his assistants, Mr Daniel Trout and Mr Philip Jones, again we trust they enjoy their brief stay with us this afternoon.



# WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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Today's opponents come to us currently sitting top of the pile, with 34 points from 17 games and are a point clear of second placed Marlow and two points clear of third placed Basingstoke Town, although they have played more games than anyone in the division, aside from ourselves.

They started the campaign in stunning style, with six straight wins, and although they have had mixed results of late (three defeats in their last five matches—against Uxbridge 1-0; Marlow 3-0 and South Park 2-0; they have picked up wins against Leatherhead 3-1 and Guernsey 2-1), they still top the table and are obviously going to be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

This is actually our first reverse fixture of the season, having made the trip to The Skyline Stadium back in September. That day saw Northwood dominate for long periods and establish a two goal lead through a Bert Lloyd own goal and a Josh Helmore strike.

We showed more in the last 20 minutes, pulled one back through Francis Mam-polo but couldn't quite force an equaliser.

Our recent form in the league has been poor, and we continued that last week-end when we turned in a disappointing and somewhat punchless performance against Westfield. First half goals from Troy Walters and Isaac Charles doing the damage.

We also lost Bert Lloyd to a hamstring injury in first half stoppage time, adding to our injury woes.

A much changed side travelled to Egham Town for a Surrey Senior Cup tie, with players needing to have been registered by the first postponed game and several players having moved on since that game, we were down to the bare bones (throwing in injuries and unavailabilities). Unfortunately a penalty mid-way through the first half put us on the back foot and once Matt Tanton was sent off early in the second half we were further up against it. Two late goals sealed our fate and we crashed out 3-0.

The Under 23's were also involved in County Cup action during the week, and they were well beaten by AFA Premier leaders Dorkinians 4-0.

Next weekend we head off to another must win game when we visit struggling Merstham, before hosting Leatherhead on the 21st December in the Fourth Round of the Velocity Cup.

Don't forget, the England v France World Cup Quarter Final will be live on the big screen this evening, so why not stick around and watch the game with a beer and your mates.

Enough from me, enjoy the game and get home safely.

**Briggers**



# TODAY'S OPPONENTS

## NORTHWOOD FC

**FORMED: 1926**

**NICKNAME:**  
**The Woods**

### RECENT YEARS:

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.



Mark Burgess had successful full seasons in charge, surpassing expectations by finishing ninth, tenth and then seventh respectively.

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. They now start the new season of 2022/23 with hopes of the club's strongest hopes of success for some time.

Scan the QR code for full history.





## SELECTED HONOURS:

Isthmian League  
Division One North Champions: 2002–03

Spartan League  
Premier Division Champions: 1991–92  
London Spartan League Cup  
winners : 1991–92

Hellenic League  
Division One Champions: 1978–79

Harrow, Wembley & District League  
Premier Division Champions: 1932–33,  
1933–34, 1934–35, 1935–36, 1936–37,  
1947–48, 1948–49

Middlesex Senior Cup  
Winners: 2006–07, 2015–16

Middlesex Intermediate Cup  
Winners: 1978–79

Vandanel Associate Members Trophy  
Winners: 1999–00

## DID YOU KNOW:

Television and radio presenter Fearnie Cotton was born in Northwood.

On 4 July 1948 a Scandinavian Airlines Douglas DC-6 on a flight from Amsterdam to RAF Northolt collided with an RAF Avro York coming from Malta over Northwood. Both aircraft crashed, killing all 39 people on both aircraft.

## THE GROUND:

The stadium was officially opened in 1978, and has a capacity of 3,075 with approximately 250 seats.

Significant work and investment has been made at the stadium in recent years, with the refurbishment of the clubhouse facilities, the refurbishment and renaming of the main stand as the 'Byrne Stand' and, in 2022, the official opening of a new stand (the Pat Byrne Memorial Stand, named in memory of the late club life president of Northwood FC, Pat Byrne) to the side of the dugouts.



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# SPOT THE BALL



Action from the recent Isthmian league fixture against Westfield, and Kevin Diomande takes on the Westfield defender, but where is the ball...

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# FROM THE GAFFER



Darren Salmon gives his views on what's been going on this week.

GB: It's been a disappointing week with defeats against both Westfield and Egham Town, how are you managing to keep morale high?

DS: Hi G, yes obviously that's always the challenge for management, but the belief in the group is there from me and my team so hopefully the lads understand that form (good or bad) is temporary and doesn't define us / them.

GB: Westfield was a poor performance, we looked nervy and toothless going forward, but with players like Connor French and Tyler Cox that shouldn't be the case. Can you put your finger on what's going wrong?

DS: I think you just have pal, when you are in a rut every mistake feels way bigger and players need to grasp that mistakes at this level are expected and how not to dwell on them but move on and control the controllables.

GB: We bowed out of the county cup at Step 5 Egham Town which was disappointing, but there were mitigating circumstances, injuries, unavailabilities and ineligible players. Given we looked strong on the original date, this must have been frustrating.

DS: Honestly G it makes a farce of the competition that a 5 week delay resulted in us playing a side we simply didn't recognise with so many changes against a settled Egham side, it was always going to be a challenge

GB: You have started to include Liam Holden in the squad, how good is it to have someone with his experience, and a real clubman back in the fold.

DS: SCR love a Holden, but he knows if he is to stay it must be on merit, hopefully he can impart some experience on a very young group.

GB: Finally, the league leaders are in town today, we pushed them towards the end of the game over at their place, what kind of game are you expecting today and can the lads finally get back to form?

DS: At present everything feels tough, but it's frustrating as we have shown we can go toe to toe with the seasoned step 4 clubs so fingers crossed the lads start to buy in — Enjoy the game pal cheers



# MATCH REPORT:

## ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)



Ashford Town (Middx)	
1	Fred Chapman
2	Matthew Kellett-Smith
3	Clyde Ondo
4	Chad Goulter
5	Dale Burnham
6	Olukayode Osu
7	Danyaal Iqbal
8	Prince Mben...
9	Tomasz Siemieniczuk
10	Luke Maguire
11	Lindell Stewart
12	Razy Nadeem
14	Ikpemwinoghena Yaku...
16	Wayne Ridgley
19	Daniel Brown
20	Alfie McMaster

Saturday 26th November 2022	
Ashford Town (Middx)	2
Prince Mbengui (47' pen) Prince Mbengui (67' pen)	
Sutton Common Rovers	1
Bertie Lloyd (61')	
Isthmian League - South Central Division Attendance: 67 Kick-off: 3pm Referee: James Keane Venue: The Robert Parker Stadium	
Info	Videos

Match Information	
Full-time: Ashford Town (Middx) 2-1 Sutton Common Rovers	
Half-time: Ashford Town (Middx) 0-0 Sutton Common Rovers	
47'	Endurance Johnson cautioned
47'	Prince Mbengui scores (pen)
61'	Bertie Lloyd scores
64'	Kyron Richards replaced Lee Flavin
65'	Daniel Brown replaced Tomasz Siemieniczuk

Sutton Common Rovers	
1	Endurance Johnson
2	Kevin Diomande
3	Rhamar Garrett-Do...
4	Matthew Surmon
5	Bertie Lloyd
6	Zak Brown
7	Tyler Cox
8	Shawn Lyle
1	Shawn Lyle
10	Courtney Swaby
11	Tyrese Sutherland
12	Kelvin Manuel Mabango
14	Michael Mullings
15	Daniel Uzor
16	Kyron Richards
17	Liam Holden

Ashford start on the front foot, pressing at pace, with an early onslaught from Clyde Ondo, Chad Goulter, Lindell Stewart and Luke Maguire. Awkward for Rovers, but Courtney Swaby's block gives him the chance for a blistering run toward the Ashford penalty area, only to be brought down for a free kick. Lyle places the kick just to the left of the post.

Rovers forced several free kicks which came too nothing. Luke Maguire picks up a loose ball from one attempt, and has a free run into Rovers' half, only to be denied by Matt Surmon with a great block.

On 20minutes, a foul on Lee Flavin gives Rovers an opportunity – the kick taken quickly by Flavin to allow Swaby to gain ground down our left, playing in Cox, whose sumptuous cross is ably defended by Ashford, but results in a corner to Rovers. Swaby takes, again headed out by the Ashford defence giving Danyaal Iqbal opportunity to break, but the ever-reliable Bertie Lloyd intercepts to deny a nailed-on opportunity.

Continued pressure from Rovers around the 40minute mark, with great combination between Sutherland, Flavin and Garrett-Douglas, Flavin setting up Sutherland for a shot, again just over the bar.

A short quick corner from Ashford, floated in the box and picked out of the air by Johnson, who rolls out to Zak Brown delivering a great ball to Swaby, who passes inside to Surmon, the shot failing to trouble their keeper. 0-0 at half time.



The second half Ashford kicked off with real intent, the ball immediately launched into Rovers' penalty area. Lloyd poised to head clear, but Johnson shouts and our central defender leaves the ball for his keeper to claim. With the ball a little too far from reach, the incoming challenge from Ashford's Maguire clashes mid-air with Johnson. Only one outcome – a penalty to Ashford and a yellow card for Johnson. Prince Mbengui steps up to convert for 1-0

On 60minutes a Swaby free-kick lofted into the Ashford penalty area fell nicely for Diomande, who was only able to smash his shot into the legs of defenders crowding the box. Another chance not converted. Shortly afterward an Ashford free kick from 30yards out, sees Chad Goulter curl the ball round the Rovers' wall and was claimed well by Johnson. His clearance was scrambled away, but only as far as Garrett-Douglas, his cross found Shawn Lyle, his shot deflected behind for a corner. Taken by Swaby, a great delivery curled in toward Ashford's near post, causing Chapman to parry the ball straight to Lloyd, whose fast reaction slotted the ball home from waist height. All square at the Robert Parker Stadium.

With the goal, Rovers up their game, with good work from Sutherland on our right hand side, finds Cox in the penalty area, who loses his man to the right and shoots on the turn, forcing a fine save from Chapman.

67minutes now, and great work from Iqbal on Ashford's right, passed out to Brown, the cross into the box inviting a foul by Diomande, albeit the merest of touches, gifting Ashford's 2nd penalty. Again, Mbengui steps up to convert high to Johnson's left for 2-1.

A quick free kick from Lloyd sends Diomande down our right, his shot turned round the post by Chapman. Swaby sends in a high corner swinging dangerously under the bar, but Chapman was equal to it and managed to keep it out.

After a substitution for Ashford, Wayne Ridgley replacing Iqbal at 70minutes, the following period saw many surges forward by Rovers, with good link up play between Garrett-Douglas, Cox and Swaby. The desire to pull level was there, but the finishing was not.

Things were getting a bit fraught for Rovers at this point, with a great deal of frustration creeping into our game. A yellow card for Garrett-Douglas on 84minutes for expressing his feelings a little too vehemently.

Further substitutions at 86minutes included Razy Nadeem replacing Mbengui for Ashford, and 2minutes later Rovers' Surmon replaced by Liam Holden.

A late scare from Ashford, as Ridgley and Matthew Kellet-Smith link up on the right, the cross floated over to Daniel Brown, who headed over Johnson against the post. A yellow card was then issued to Ridgley for bringing down Gerrett-Douglas. From Swaby's clever free kick, short to Liam Holden, giving him time to float the ball beautifully over the defence onto Cox's right foot, who swept it across the goal, just brushing the post – on any other day that would have counted.

On reflection there was some good football at either end in this game, but too many squandered chances for Rovers.

**Thanks to Jon Tanton for the match report. Full version on the site (scan the QR code on the previous page)**



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# MATCH REPORT:

## WESTFIELD

### Sutton Common Rovers

1	Endurance Johnson
2	Zak Brown
3	Kevin Diomande
4	Matthew Surmon
5	Bertie Lloyd 
6	Hugo Odogwu-Atkins...
7	Tyrese Sutherland
8	Shawn Lyle
9	Connor French 
10	Kyron Richards
11	Tyler Cox 
12	Chibukem Nzeh 
14	Matthew Tanton
15	Kelvin Manuel Mabango
16	Brian Testolin 
17	Lee Flavin 

Saturday 3rd December 2022

### Sutton Common Rovers

0



### Westfield

2



Troy Walters (12')

Isaac Charles (45')

Isthmian League - South Central Division

Attendance: 56

Kick-off: 3pm

Info








Videos

### Match Information

Full-time: Sutton Common Rovers 0-2 Westfield

Half-time: Sutton Common Rovers 0-2 Westfield

### Westfield

1	Sonny Wheeler
2	David Amate 
3	Harry Carter
4	Isaac Charles 
5	Luke Elliott
6	Niran Butler 
7	Darnell Goather-Brait...
8	Emmanuel Adebisi
9	Troy Walters 
10	Andrew Crossley
11	Didi Ndombe 
12	Jonathan Sanchez
14	Tristan Abdeen-Goodri...
15	Luke Brophy 
16	Jacob Breckon 
17	Jack Knight

Rovers slumped to a hugely disappointing defeat against Westfield in a scrappy encounter last weekend, when two first half goals gave the visitors all three points.

We had the first chance of the game, when good work by Kevin Diomande saw him link up with Connor French but his shot was blocked. Back at the other end and a chance for Westfield ended with Troy Walters sprawled on the floor, a regular occurrence throughout the game it has to be said.

Westfield struck on ten minutes, Hugo Odogwu-Atkinson was caught in possession on the edge of our area and the low cross by Darnell Goather-Braithwaite found Walters who had a simple tap in. Westfield continued to dominate possession and created another chance on 15 minutes but Didi Ndombe fired his effort well over the bar.

Truth be told it was a hugely scrappy encounter with very little quality on show from either side. Westfield continued to have the better of things and midway through the half, after we had only half cleared a corner, Walters fired a shot high over the crossbar.

On the half hour we finally started to put Westfield under some pressure, pinning them back in their half, but without really creating much in the way of clear cut chances. Walters went down cheaply just after the half hour, for the umpteenth time, but again the official was wise to the antics and play continued.

The scores should have been level on 35 minutes, neat link up between Kyrion Richards and Connor French set Lyle free in the area but he was denied by a smothering save by Sonny Wheeler. Tyrese Sutherland was then left in a heap on the floor after a poor challenge by Luke Elliott.

Westfield increased their lead on the stroke of half time, a corner was swung in from the left, Bertie Lloyd was injured in the process of trying to clear, and Isaac Charles saw the ball ricochet off him and into the net to give Westfield a 2-0 lead at the break.

Lyle saw a shot deflected wide early in the second half, and a spell of Rovers pressure saw Richards fire an effort just wide of the left hand post.

Niran Butler found Ndombe on the hour and from his low cross, Goather-Braithwaite saw his effort go just wide. Shortly after and Goather-Braithwaite fired another effort just wide of the left hand post.

It should have been 2-1 with fifteen minutes remaining, when substitute Brian Testolin capitalised on some indecision in the Westfield backline, only to be denied by a superb challenge by Elliott, from the loose ball another substitute, Lee Flavin, fired an effort goalwards, only to see Charles come from nowhere to divert the ball wide. You guessed then it wasn't to be Rovers day.

Luke Brophy fired an effort through a crowd, bringing a decent save out of Endurance Johnson, and Elliott volleyed an effort from a corner off for a throw in, and that was pretty much it.

A dire performance and one that leaves Rovers looking over their shoulders at the pack below.



# MATCH PICS: WESTFIELD



Top:  
Hugo Odogwu-Atkinson battles with Westfield forwards;

Inset:  
Zac Brown and Kevin Diomande;

Below:  
Tyrese Sutherland denied by a great claim from the Westfield keeper























# Rovers Round-Up (Fixtures & Results)



DATE	COMP	H/A	OPPONENTS	H/T	F/T	SCORER(S)	ATT
2022							
6th Aug	FAC EP	A	Fisher	0	0 0	0	168
10th Aug	FAC EP Rep	H	FISHER	0	0 0	1	114
13th Aug	ILSC	A	Chipstead	3	2 4	3 Lyle 2 (1p), Lloyd, Richards	115
27th AUG	ILSC	H	CHERTSEY TOWN	0	1 0	5	78
29th Aug	ILSC	A	Marlow	2	0 2	1 Halsey 2	190
3rd Sep	ILSC	H	GUERNSEY	0	0 0	1	68
10th Sep	FAT	A	East Thurrock Utd	0	0 1	3 Diomande	185
21st Sep	ILSC	H	BEDFONT SPORTS	0	1 0	3	64
24th Apr	ILSC	A	Northwood	0	2 1	2 Mampolo	162
1st Oct	ILSC	H	SOUTHALL	1	1 1	1 Lyle (p)	47
4th Oct	ILSC	A	Binfield	1	2 2	3 Dougan, OG	104
8th Oct	ILSC	A	South Park (Reigate)	0	0 0	1	137
15th Oct	ILSC	A	Thatcham Town	1	0 2	1 OG, Lyle	116
18th Oct	VT R2	A	Three Bridges	1	1 2	2 Dougan, Surmon (SCR win 4-3 on pens)	65
22nd Oct	ILSC	H	TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD	2	0 3	0	96
5th Nov	ILSC	A	Basingstoke Town	1	1 1	2 Surmon	402
12th Nov	ILSC	H	WALTON & HERSHAM	1	0 1	0 Lyle (p)	114
15th Nov	SCC	A	Abbey Rangers	4	2 4	4 Sutherland, Baker, Tanga, Uzor (SCR 9-8 on pens)	122
19th Nov	ILSC	A	Hanworth Villa	1	2 1	3 Halsey	122
23rd Nov	ILSC	H	UXBRIDGE	0	1 0	2	81
26th Nov	ILSC	A	Ashford Town (Middx)	0	0 1	2 Lloyd	67
29th Nov	VT R3	A	Binfield	0	0 1	0 Sutherland	92
3rd Dec	ILSC	H	WESTFIELD	0	2 0	2	56
6th Dec	SSC	A	Egham Town	0	1 0	3	
10th Dec	ILSC	H	NORTHWOOD				
17th Dec	ILSC	A	Merstham				
TBC	VT R4	H	LEATHERHEAD				
27th Dec	ILSC	H	MARLOW				
2023							
2nd Jan	ILSC	A	Leatherhead				
7th Jan	ILSC	H	CHIPSTEAD				
14th Jan	ILSC	A	Guernsey				
21st Jan	ILSC	H	BASINGSTOKE TOWN				
28th Jan	ILSC	A	Walton & Hersham				
4th Feb	ILSC	A	Hanworth Villa				
11th Feb	ILSC	A	Uxbridge				
15th Feb	ILSC	A	Bedfont Sports				
18th Feb	ILSC	H	SOUTH PARK (REIGATE)				
25th Feb	ILSC	A	Southall				
4th Mar	ILSC	H	BINFIELD				
11th Mar	ILSC	H	THATCHAM TOWN				
18th Mar	ILSC	A	Tooting & Mitcham Utd				
25th Mar	ILSC	A	Chertsey Town				
1st Apr	ILSC	H	MERSTHAM				
10th Apr	ILSC	H	LEATHERHEAD				
15th Apr	ILSC	A	Westfield				
22nd Apr	ILSC	H	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)				



# LEAGUE TABLE (as at 6.12)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Northwood	17	11	1	5	27	19	+8	34
	2 Marlow	16	10	3	3	30	14	+16	33
	3 Basingstoke Town	16	10	2	4	39	17	+22	32
	4 Walton & Hersham	16	10	0	6	35	24	+11	30
	5 Westfield	16	8	4	4	25	13	+12	28
	6 South Park	16	9	1	6	19	19	0	28
	7 Binfield	15	8	3	4	30	18	+12	27
	8 Southall	16	7	6	3	24	16	+8	27
	9 Chertsey Town	16	7	5	4	32	18	+14	26
	10 Hanworth Villa	16	6	6	4	24	25	-1	24
	11 Chipstead	16	6	4	6	24	24	0	22
	12 Uxbridge	15	6	3	6	19	16	+3	21
	13 Ashford Town (Middx)	15	6	1	8	16	33	-17	19
	14 Leatherhead	16	4	4	8	15	25	-10	16
	15 Sutton Common Rovers	17	5	1	11	19	32	-13	16
	16 Thatcham Town	15	3	4	8	20	25	-5	13
	17 Bedfont Sports	16	2	6	8	13	24	-11	12
	18 Tooting & Mitcham United	15	2	5	8	15	28	-13	11
	19 Guernsey	15	2	5	8	9	29	-20	11
	20 Merstham	16	1	6	9	14	30	-16	9

# CAREER RECORDS

2022/23 Season						Career	
	Appearances		GOALS	CARDS			
	APP	SUB		YC	RC		
LLOYD, Bertie	21	0	2	2	0	21	2
GARRETT-DOUGLAS, Rhamar	19	2	0	5	1	21	0
ODOGWU-ATKINSON, Hugo	19	0	0	6	0	19	0
JOHNSON, Endurance	18	0	0	1	0	18	0
SURMON, Matt	17	5	2	1	0	22	2
RICHARDS, Kyron	17	4	2	2	0	21	2
LYLE, Shawn	16	3	5	4	0	73	19
HALSEY, Tony	15	1	3	5	0	27	7
SWABY, Courtney	15	1	0	3	0	16	0
DIOMANDE, Kevin	14	2	1	8	0	16	1
COX, Tyler	13	3	0	0	0	16	0
AKMEL, Stephane	6	3	0	1	0	13	0
SONGOLO, Kevin	6	1	0	3	0	7	0
TANTON, Matt	5	2	0	1	1	157	5
SUTHERLAND, Tyrese	4	2	2	0	0	6	2
NZEH, Franklin	3	2	0	0	0	5	0
FLAVIN, Lee	3	2	0	0	0	5	0
HOLDEN, Liam	3	1	0	0	0	364	106
TESTOLIN, Brian	2	6	0	0	0	8	0
UZOR, Tobe	2	3	0	1	0	12	0
STEDMAN-HOYTE, Ryan	2	1	0	0	0	5	0
CREED, Ollie	2	1	0	0	0	3	0
BROWN, Zac	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
BAKER, George	1	2	1	1	0	11	2
FRENCH, Connor	1	0	0	0	0	10	5
HUNT, Aaron	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
MABANGO, Kelvin	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
DEMBELE, Balai	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OWOEYE, Deji	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
OWUSU, George	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
MAMPOLO, Francis	0	3	1	0	0	3	1
COULIBALY, Abdoulaye	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
GUEST, Luke	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
ERNE, John	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Stats only include players still with the club



# LATEST RESULTS

## Saturday 3rd December

### **Isthmian South Central**

Basingstoke Town 8-0 Guernsey

Bedfont Sports 0-0 Hanworth Villa

Chipstead 1-1 Binfield

Leatherhead 1-1 Tooting & Mitcham United

Merstham 1-1 Chertsey Town

Northwood 0-2 South Park

Southall 3-2 Walton & Hersham

**Sutton Common Rovers** 0-2 Westfield

Thatcham Town 1-0 Ashford Town (Middx)

Uxbridge 0-1 Marlow

## Tuesday 6th December

### **Surrey Senior Cup**

Egham Town 3-0 **Sutton Common Rovers**

Horley Town 3-3 Leatherhead (L win 4-3 on pens)

# TODAYS FIXTURES

Bedfont Sports v Merstham

Binfield v Uxbridge

Hanworth Villa v Leatherhead

South Park v Marlow

Southall v Basingstoke Town (1pm ko)

Sutton Common Rovers v Northwood

Thatcham Town v Chipstead

Tooting & Mitcham United v Chertsey Town

Walton & Hersham v Guernsey (1pm ko)

Westfield v Ashford Town (Middx)

By Matt Badcock

THIS isn't exactly breaking news but Jude Bellingham is really good at football. In fact, it's quite scary how good he is. Aged just 19, he has spent the last few weeks in Qatar stamping his mark on the world stage as one of England's stand-out performers in their run to the World Cup quarter-finals. Having set up the first in England's 3-0 win over Senegal, his drive and class also produced the second. Winning the ball back, galloping up the pitch, holding off his man, picking the optimum time to release a perfectly weighted ball into the path of Phil Foden.

While the country enthuses over the Borussia Dortmund midfielder, surely a future England captain, it's been tempting to lean over mid-game and say, 'Yeah, but did you hear about his dad?'. Goal machine doesn't do Mark Bellingham justice. Born in Southend, he netted his first goal for East Thurrock against Hordham YMCA way back in August 1994. In 2016, by then a sergeant in West Midlands Police, he knocked in his 700th for Paget Rangers in Midland League Division Two.

"I've started to score a lot more tap-ins and the range is getting a lot shorter" Bellingham told The NLP back at the time. "The 700th was a free-kick which isn't regular for me at all, anything outside the box for me is abnormal! I needed 38 goals last season but got to 36 and then was banned for the last game because of a red card – my first ever sending-off. I was thinking over the summer whether it was the right time to go out, but with just two needed to reach 700, it felt like there was a bit of unfinished business. It's out of the way now so I can chill out. I'll play as much as I can for Paget, who have been great with me, and hopefully score a few more!"

To get there he had prolific spells with the likes of Stourbridge, Leamington, Sutton Coldfield, Bromsgrove Rovers and Halesowen Town and reckoned his 700 haul came in 850 games. I had the pleasure of speaking to Mark many times over the years as he racked up goal after goal, usually playing down his own qualities each time.

"I've managed my ability well, I've always said I'm not that great a player and although I'm still scoring, I am playing at Step 7!" he said. "Most of the 700 were from not very far out so I think I owe my team-mates over the years a lot more than they owe me."

You don't score that many goals without possessing those priceless attributes that help stick the ball in the back of the net. Of course his job in the police no doubt gave him a sense of perspective, but perhaps it's no surprise when we see the maturity Jude shows in front of the camera the influence his parents had on him and younger brother Jobe, who is also making his mark at Birmingham City.

As Jude told The FA in an interview last year: "When you go and watch him play every week in Non-League, you know it's not the Premier League or anything, but seeing the way that he played and the atmosphere, it made me fall in love with football so he was probably my first hero. "After the first few times of going, I'd start to pay a bit more attention to the games and stuff, the atmosphere and he's scoring goals so you see him celebrating and stuff like that - you want that to be me."

It certainly is now. I dug up the old interview with Bellingham senior from his 700th goal this week and the sign off to asking how much longer he would carry on is fitting.

"I'm 40 now so I think this season will probably be my last," he said. "I'm playing veterans' football a bit more on Sundays and my eldest son is now playing for Birmingham U16s – maybe it's time to finally step away."

Bellingham junior is certainly making that decision worth it

# The Untold Game

## 'The Disgrace of Gijon'

'We will dedicate our seventh goal to our wives, and the eighth to our dogs,' announced the West Germany side as they went into the 1982 World Cup. They had won the competition eight years previously, on home ground, and although hadn't made the same impact in Argentina, were hopeful of adding a third World Cup to their tally back on European soil. Jupp Derwall's side cruise through qualifying unbeaten, scoring 33 goals, and boasted some of the stars of the age, chief among them Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. The group contained nothing to fear: Chile, who had claimed the final South American qualification place, and a decent but lacking Austria side. First up, though, were first-time qualifiers and plucky upstarts from Africa.

'If we don't beat Algeria,' quipped Derwall to the press, 'we'll take the next train home.' Algeria, though, were no untested minnows. The North African side were well drilled and played a quick passing game that was a match for anybody. Earlier in 1982 they had gone to the semi-finals of the African Nations Cup before losing to eventual winners Ghana, but they had their sights set on the biggest stage of all.

They went into the World Cup hoping for a good showing, and maybe to pick up a win in their final game against Chile, which was expected to be meaningless.

It was unexpected, then, when Algeria proved quite the match for the Germans in the first half of their opening game. Quite apart from their pre-match predictions of eight goal victories, their crisp passing of the African side had them on the back foot, and West Germany had to hold on until the break to go in goalless. Derwall got into his side at half time and demanded improvement, but it didn't help. On 54 minutes Rabah Madjer reacted to a Harald Schumacher save and fired home. Algeria's first World Cup goal. That spurred West Germany into life, and they reacted. On 67 minutes Rummenigge equalised from close range. But the complacency set in immediately, and right from kick off Algeria passed around the European side to restore their lead. This time they held on, and secured one of the biggest upsets in World Cup history.

West Germany kicked it up a gear in the second game of the tournament, beating Chile 4-1 to go level on points with Algeria, who lost a tighter than expected game (or perhaps not, after the first result) against Austria. The two European sides faced off in the final game, while Algeria needed to beat Chile to keep their hopes alive.

The Africans did just that, surviving a scare in their final game to win 3-2, but having to wait 24 hours for West Germany and Austria to play.



With the benefit of hindsight, FIFA changed this arrangement so that the final group games are now played together, but that didn't help Algeria. Somebody worked out that a 1-0 West Germany win would see both them and Austria through, so that's what they ensured would happen.



The game had the atmosphere of a dead-rubber, and it only got worse as time went on. Horst Hrubesch scored the goal that the West Germans needed on the tenth minute, and then both sides just... stopped. No more attacking, no more chances, just some very polite passing to see the game out. The spectacle got more farcical as time went on, until the final whistle. Algeria were out (post game celebrations below)

It's called the Scandal of Gijon in Algeria. For the final thirty minutes, one commentator told his viewers to turn their televisions off and refused to speak until the final whistle. Algeria cried foul, and FIFA did nothing. Germany fans bombarded the team hotel with water bombs out of shame. But Austria's representative Hans Tschak wasn't just unapologetic, he was downright outrageous. 'If 10,000 'son's of the desert'... want to trigger a scandal because of this is just shows they have too few schools' he said. 'Some Sheikh comes out of an oasis, is allowed to get a sniff of World Cup air after 300 years, and thinks he's entitled to open his gob.' It was an embarrassing end to the group for all involved.

Algeria's appeal was rejected, without much explanation, but after the scandal at the 1978 World Cup, where Argentina had won 6-0 in their final group game because their rivals had played earlier, they did take the opportunity to change the format slightly. For forty years since that tournament, final group games are played at the same time to try to limit the advantage. West Germany went all the way to the final, but Algeria will always have been robbed by the Disgrace of Gijon.

**Enjoy the game.**

**Martyn Green, The Untold Game (Find more at [TheUntoldGame.co.uk](http://TheUntoldGame.co.uk) and on social media, @TheUntoldGame)**



# ISTHMIAN ROUND UP

## Woods Lead Cut To One- Whilst Stoke Hit EIGHT!

**Northwood are now only one point ahead of Marlow, who won again, whilst Basingstoke went goal crazy. It's our Pitching In Isthmian South Central round up.**

Our leaders, **NORTHWOOD**, lost heavily at second place Marlow last time out- and another defeat has cut their lead at the top to just one point. All of the significant action came in the last quarter of an hour, Brendon Murphy-McVey giving **SOUTH PARK** the lead, Noe Vendrells making quite sure with a second in added time right at the end. The Sparks find themselves outside the top five only on goal difference.

**MARLOW** headed to West London to face **UXBRIDGE**. They had only one defeat from seven, and now it's one defeat from eight- and they find themselves only a point behind the leaders with a game in hand after Toby Raggett got the only goal of the game. It came in the third minute, so we do hope that none of the spectators arrived late!

**WALTON & HERSHAM** have been generally excellent at home- but sadly for Swans fans they were away, where they have been far more vulnerable. They were vulnerable once more, losing to **SOUTHALL** the west Londoners getting revenge for two defeats at the hands of the Swans this season despite twice falling behind. Eddie Simon put the visitors ahead just before the break, and although Louis Stead quickly equalised from the spot Palace Francis almost immediately made it advantage to the visitors once more. The leveller came sixteen minutes from time, Anthony O'Connor restoring parity for a second time- and three minutes later Alabi Azeez Temitayo delivered a Southall winner. The Swans are fourth, their hosts are seventh- only a point outside of the top five.

**BASINGSTOKE TOWN** had won five of their previous six, and looked impressive in doing so- but they delivered their performance of the season so far as **GUERNSEY** came to call. The Green Lions had been better on the road than at home, but any thoughts they had of victory were quickly undone, as Town were three up by half time, Ben Cook, Brody Peart and James Clark with the goals. Clark made it four shortly after the restart, an own goal brought up number five, and then Bradley Wilson took over, scoring a fourteen minute hat trick to take the tally to EIGHT. Stoke are third, only two points from the summit with a game in hand- and the best goal difference in the division.

**BINFIELD** had won three of their previous four and climbed into the top five, but they couldn't get another victory against **CHIPSTEAD**. The Chips, five games unbeaten, took the lead just before the break, Thomas Smith with the goal, but the leveller arrived with twenty one minutes to go and both sides had to settle for a point. Liam Gavin got the equaliser.

**CHERTSEY TOWN** saw their four match unbeaten run come to an end at Chipstead last time out- and they travelled to face a **MERSTHAM** side who were buoyed by their first victory. The Curfews went ahead with only sixteen minutes to go, Sam Murphy with the goal, but just before the end Charlie Greenwood earned his side a point from the spot.

**WESTFIELD** had lost their way a little of late, with only two points from their previous twelve- but the Woking side travelled to **SUTTON COMMON ROVERS** and put things right, climbing back into the top five. The goals came in the first half, Troy Walters with the opener on twelve minutes and Isaac Charles with the second just before they all trooped off for an isotonic energy drink and a bowl of Haribo (other overly-sugared treats are available).

**BEDFONT SPORTS** played host to **HANWORTH VILLA**, and neither side managed a goal. That wasn't the whole story, however, as the Villains spent most of the match without a keeper, Tom Bender taking over in goal after an injury to Terry Buss.

**LEATHERHEAD** welcomed **TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD**, and both sides had to settle for a point. The Terrors must have thought they had all three, as despite Kynan Kirlew-Wright's red card they went ahead just after the hour, Jake Rose with the goal. The ten men just failed to hold out, the equaliser coming in the very last minute, Dave Tarpey earning the Tanners a point.

Finally, **ASHFORD TOWN** travelled to **THATCHAM TOWN**. The Tangerines had a nine point advantage over their hosts at start of play, but that was cut to six as the Kingfishers got the only goal of the game in the thirteenth minute. It came from the spot, Cameron Rohaet-Brown converting, and it lifted the Kingfishers out of the bottom four.

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On Tuesday night both ourselves and Leatherhead were involved in county cup action, against Step 5 opposition. Our result has been mentioned (and that's all it will be) in the editorial, but what about **LEATHERHEAD**.

Well the Swans visited **HORLEY TOWN**, and played out a thrilling 3-3 draw, with Leatherhead eventually winning 4-3 on penalties, as a side note, our U18 keeper for the last two seasons, Toby McKimm came on as a late sub for the Swans and saved twice in the shoot out.

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# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF:**

## **SUTTON COMMON ROVERS**

**FORMED: 1978**

**NICKNAME:**  
**THE COMMONERS**

### **JUST A S...T SUNDAY SIDE**

Ah, the cry from the Eastbourne Town fans back in the day as they romped to a 2-0 lead in the Vase, before we struck back to win 3-2.

Well, truth be told that's where it all started back in 1978, when INRAD FC took to the field, the club being founded by current Chairman Alan Salmon. Not long after Centre 21 came about following a sponsorship deal with a local youth centre.

Once players left having reached 21, a new name came about: Sutton Common Rovers FC, which quickly abbreviated to SCR followed by whichever public house sponsored the team.

Seasons followed in the Leatherhead & District, Mitcham & District, and Croydon & District Sunday league, with varying degrees of success before Darren Salmon took the plunge and moved the team into Saturday football.

### **SATURDAY SUCCESS**

The 2004/5 season saw that Saturday move. After a couple of seasons in the Surrey South East Combination and the Middlesex County League we took our place in the Combined Counties League for the 2008/09 season.

Darren made the bold statement that he wanted to be an Isthmian side within five seasons. Well, it took a bit longer but we eventually got there.

Our time in the CCL was full of ups and downs. Missing out on promotion in our opening season on goal difference, by 1 goal (as it turned out a missed penalty against Dorking in our penultimate game was key as it meant they had a 1 goal better goal difference than us).

Promotion followed the next season, and two seasons in the Premier culminated with relegation back to Division 1 in 2011/12. We bounced back up immediately, but then spent three seasons struggling in the Premier division before a change in fortunes in 2016/17 saw a mid-table finish.

It was all upwards after that, missing out on promotion with 3rd and 2nd finishes by one place in consecutive seasons. However, we finished top on PPG after two abandoned seasons to finally move to the Isthmian League.

## IT'S A FAMILY THING

As said, chairman Alan Salmon founded the side back in 1978, and his boys, Darren and Justin, both played for the club once they were old enough.

Darren progressed to First Team manager, in around 2000 while we were still a Sunday side, something he has continued to the present day.

Justin has since been co-manager of the First team with Darren and reserve team manager, all alongside managing the Sunday sides. He is now the club secretary.

We were also ahead of the game in terms of getting ladies involved in the club. Alan's daughter Tracy joined the fun when the SCR Colts were formed and quickly established herself behind the tea bar counter.

For good measure her other half Mark became youth secretary, a role that he held until the start of this season.

Throw into that that all Alan's grandchildren (Sam: #forever7, forever missed; Tyler, Reece and Blake, and Ethan) all played for the club, with Blake and Reece now involved on matchdays. As you see, we are truly a family club.



## CUP GLORY (ish)

We have a proud cup-fighting tradition, often getting the better of higher ranked sides.

It's not all been glory though as we suffered heartbreak twice in finals, losing 1-0 to Staines Lammas in the CCL Division 1 final in the 2008/09 season, and the following year we lost to Sutton Utd Reserves in the Surrey Premier Cup Final, 8-7 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

The 2016/17 season saw the club secure it's first Saturday trophy with a 4-1 win over Camberley Town in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup.

Semi final defeats followed the next season in the Southern Combination Cup and the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup, which saw a heart-breaking 97th minute goal against Worcester Park to lose 3-2.

In 2018/19 we reached two cup finals, with defeat after extra time against Walton Casuals 4-2 in the Southern Combination Cup. The club finally secured the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup. An 84th minute strike by Matt Farrell securing a 1-0 win over CB Hounslow Utd.

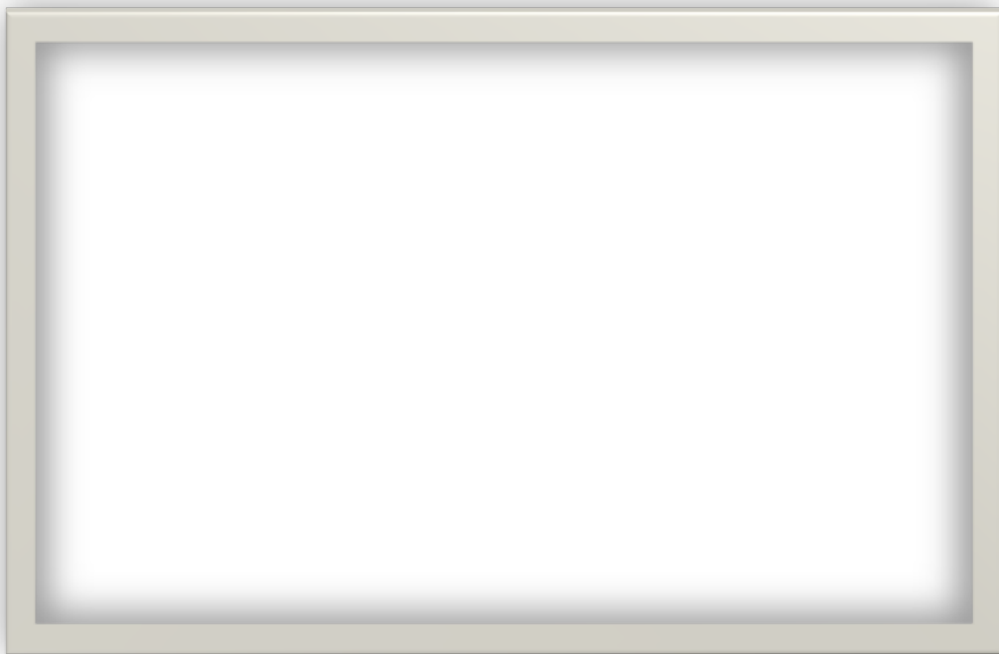
There has been some success in the FA Vase, with the 5th Round reached in the 2019/20 season, but it ended in disappointment away at Western League Bitton AFC when we lost 2-1.

The FA Cup has been hit and miss with exits in the Extra-Preliminary Round before the 2021/22 season saw us reach the 2nd Qualifying Round for the first time.

# SPOT THE BALL ANSWER



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