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WELCOME TO BINFIELD FC

From Our Chairman,
Andy Cotton



Binfield FC offer a very warm welcome to everyone for today's Isthmian South Central League fixture against Northwood FC.

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year – particularly my fellow club members, the players, Coaches, our Sponsors and all of the wonderful volunteers who give up so much of their time for the football club.

We've already played Northwood three times this season and apart from the league fixture where our visitors ran out 4-1 winners on the day, there was very little to separate the two sides other than experience, which sadly proved too much for the Moles in FA Cup.

Due to the nature of the weather at this time of year, I'm writing this hoping that we can get the game on today. Our Christmas football program has already been affected by some postponements caused by the now regular rainfall bombardment which is likely to cause fixture havoc for everyone should this continue.

Our last home game against Guernsey saw the Moles put in a very positive performance in what was our new Manager's first game in charge. Disappointed not to come away with something from the game, I was delighted to see a far more committed response from the team which is encouraging. Ross certainly has a difficult job in front of him in order to turn things around, but he's already been very busy on the recruitment front – I for one am very much looking forward to welcoming the new players into the club. I've heard a rumour that a few old faces might be coming back so watch this space.

If you are reading this note then please accept my apologies for my few words – It's a miracle that our volunteer grounds staff have got the game on.

To all the Northwood Players, Managers & Officials, we welcome you all to the ICONIC Stadium here at Binfield FC.

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BINFIELD FC HISTORY

Binfield FC first played in 1892, during the reign of Queen Victoria, making us one of the oldest Association Football clubs in the world! The team comprised young men from the local brickworks and those who worked on the land around Binfield. The club's early years were spent in the Ascot and District League, where we enjoyed many successful seasons winning the Fielden Cup for the first time in 1924 and on eleven further occasions since.

During the 2nd World War, we joined the Great Western Combination League, winning the championship in 1947.

In 1980, the club made an important decision to move from Forest Road, where facilities were shared with the cricket club, to our current site in Hill Farm Lane. Turning that field into the football ground we see today was a massive task. Thanks to an enormous amount of physical work by the members of the club the area was levelled and drained within three years. The members then set about building the club house. This progress off the field was matched on it when in 1987 and 1988 we won Division 2 and then Division 1 of the Reading and District League. In 1989, we joined the high-profile Charrington Chiltonian League, winning the Division 1 title at the first attempt.

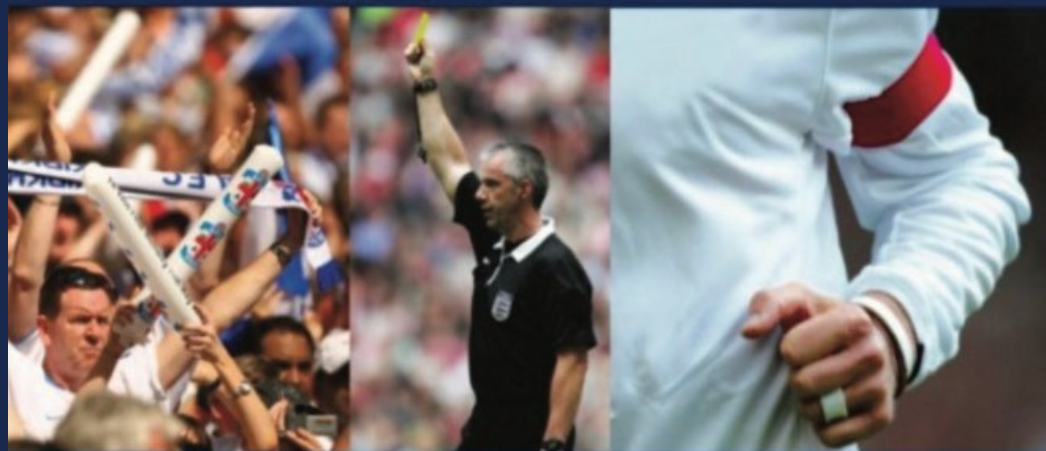
In 2001 we merged with Binfield's junior club, Binfield Forest FC, and in doing so significantly increased the member-ship, with over 20 teams playing every weekend – this season we will field 36 teams each week.

We constantly strive to improve all elements of the facilities from changing rooms to a playing surface we are extremely proud of, to benefit everyone from our Under 6s up to our 1st Team. Binfield entered the FA Vase for the first time in season 2008-09 and enjoyed three rounds, before reaching the 4th round (last 32) in 2011/12 in an incredible season of cup success. The 2011/12 team is the most successful in our history, winning both the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Trophy and the AM Print & Copy Floodlit Cup in five glorious April 2012 days. We also reached the final of the Hellenic Challenge Cup.

In the two Covid disrupted seasons, the first team were sitting in second place in the Hellenic Premier. Positions when used to calculate points per game resulted in promotion to the Isthmian League South Centre, our 1st season ever at Step 4. However the 2020/21 season will, of course, be remembered for our amazing run in the Buildbase FA Vase when playing every game behind closed doors bar one and all away from home we reached the Final at Wembley where we came up against a very good Warrington Rylands side and narrowly lost 3-2.



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THE VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT Manager - Ross Weatherstone



Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to the management, players, officials and fans of Northwood Football Club. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and wish you a safe flight and journey home after the game.

It's been a great first week working with the squad and I am looking forward to what we can do together for the remaining 22 games of the season here at Binfield FC.

As I walk into the dressing room for the game, for just the second time, what I see in front of me is an opportunity for the players to show everyone at the club that we have what it takes to keep the club in Step 4.

This for me is exciting... I want my team to develop personality and character over the coming weeks and months, where through hard work on the pitch and on the training field, together we will do whatever it takes to pick up points.

I know there will be a process to this and I am not naive to think this can happen overnight, I know we are in a tough position right now and together we a real challenge on our hands, however, that's what I see as opportunity, as when we reach our goals, it's going to feel so much better.

Over the coming weeks I will confirm who my management team will be. My plan is to have people around me that know the club and its culture, have an understanding of players that can perform at this level & in this area and will buy into the journey that the club is on.

I would like to close by wishing everyone very happy new year. With a busy January ahead, with 8 matches, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over this period.

Enjoy the game.

Rosco

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BINFIELD FC - A SHORT FILM

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022

FA CUP 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND
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Binfield FC are delighted to release our short film, highlighting our emphatic 4-0 victory over Tonbridge Angels in the 2022/23 FA Cup 2nd Qualifying round. In the film, we hear from club chairman Andy Cotton, before going behind the scenes in the changing room before the match on the 17th September 2022. During this time, you hear from then manager Carl Withers, who rallies his team ahead of the match. You also hear his half-time team talk with the scores level before you see all four goals from the historic win.

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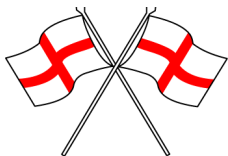
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The Moles' Season Breakdown

August	F-A	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Sat 12	Ashford Town	0-6	104	Rackley-Hayes	Drake	Winser	Bolton (35)	Lewis	Stanic-S
Fri 18	Wokingham & Em.*	2-0	604	Rackley-Hayes	Drake	Campbell	Winser	Lewis	Stanic-S
Tue 22	Badshot Lea**	0-6	104	Rackley-Hayes	Neligwa	Senussi	Harvey (62)	Jeanes	Robins
Sat 26	Chipstead	1-1	112	Rackley-Hayes	Drake (61)	Campbell	Robinson (60)	Lewis	Stanic-S
Mon 28	Northwood	1-4	224	Rackley-Hayes	Murray	Campbell	Winser	Lewis	Stanic-S
September									
Sat 2	Northwood*	2-2	127	Rackley-Hayes	Murray	Campbell	Winser	Lewis	Stanic-S
Tue 5	Northwood*	0-1	212	Rackley-Hayes	Murray	Campbell	Winser	Lewis	Stanic-S
Sun 10	Ashford United***	1-7	90	Rackley-Hayes	Murray	Campbell	Esprit	Lewis	Stanic-S
Sat 23	Hanworth Villa	0-3	110	Rackley-Hayes (78)	Drake	Jeanes	Esprit (45)	Lewis	Stanic-S
Sat 30	Southall	0-8	86	Rackley-Hayes	Murray	Marquez (56)	Noel (82)	Lewis	Stanic-S
October									
Tue 3	Chertsey Town	1-1	119	Harvey	Drake (68)	Knight (35)	Noel	Lewis	Stanic-S
Sat 7	Met. Police	1-1	95	Harvey	Drake	Campbell	Noel	Lewis	Jeanes
Tue 10	Westfield	2-7	85	Harvey	Drake	Marquez	Noel	Lewis	Campb
Sat 14	Hartley Wintney	2-5	119	Harvey	Drake	Knight	Noel (77)	Lewis	Jeanes
Sat 21	Corinthian-Casuals	0-0	208	Harvey	Drake	Campbell	Noel	Lewis	Jeanes
Tue 24	Ascot United	0-4	227	Harvey	Stanic-Stewart (86)	Campbell	Noel	Lewis	Jeanes
Sat 28	Badshot Lea	0-3	119	Rackley-Hayes	Drake (65)	Campbell	Noel	Lewis	Jeanes
November									
Sat 11	Thatcham Town	3-5	90	Rackley-Hayes	Drake (54)	Campbell	Noel (68)	Lewis	Jeanes
Sat 18	S.C.R	1-4	77	Rackley-Hayes	Stallard (83)	Campbell	Roth	Lewis	Jeanes
Sat 25	Leatherhead	0-2	98	Dillon	Noel (81)	Campbell	Roth	Lewis	Jeanes
December									
Sat 2	Marlow	1-8	158	Dillon	Drake	Campbell	Roth	Lewis	Jeanes
Sat 16	Raynes Park Vale	0-4	177	Azaze	Gatin (90)	Knight	Roth	Lewis	Jeanes
Sat 23	Guernsey	1-2	125	Azaze	Eaton	Campbell	Jeanes	Haidary (58)	Stallard
Sat 30	Chertsey Town								
January									
Mon 1	Northwood								
Sat 6	Hanworth Villa								
Tues 9	Uxbridge								
Sat 13	Ascot United								
Tues 16	South Park								
Sat 20	Met. Police								
Sat 27	Southall								
Tue 30	Westfield								
February									
Sat 3	Hartley Wintney								
Sat 10	Corinthian-Casuals								
Sat 17	South Park								
March									
Sat 2	S.C.R								
Sat 9	Thatcham Town								
Sat 16	Marlow								
Sat 23	Leatherhead								
Sat 30	Chipstead								
April									
Sat 6	Ashford Town								
Sat 13	Guernsey								
Sat 20	Raynes Park Vale								
Sat 27	Uxbridge								

Caution	Sent Off		Goal	*FA Cup	*FA Cup	**Velocity Cup	***FA Trophy	****Berks and Bucks Cup
	7	8		9	10	11	Substitutes	
Stewart	Stallard	Esprit	Chengun	Hannachi (61)	Campbell	Brady (35)	Mabukwa (61)	
Stewart	Stallard	Robinson (65)	Chengun	Whittaker (68)	Knight (51)	Hannachi (51)	Harvey (65)	Murray
on	Amiri	Esprit	Whittaker (45)	Mabukwa	Forrester (56)	Hannachi (45)	Brady (56)	Murray
Stewart	Stallard	Esprit	Chengun	Whittaker (75)	Murray	Amiri (60)	Harvey (61)	Knight
Stewart	Harvey	Robinson	Whittaker	Stallard	Knight (9)	Hannachi (9)		
Stewart	Harvey	Esprit	Chengun 2 (84)	Whittaker	Hannachi	Stallard (84)		
Stewart (93)	Harvey	Esprit	Chengun	Stallard	Hannachi	Jeanes (93)		
Stewart	Harvey (77)	Stallard	Chengun (72)	Whittaker	Hannachi (77)	Jeanes (72)	Worsfold (77)	Amiri (
Stewart	Harvey (85)	Stallard	Whittaker	Murray	Knight	Amiri (45)	Henry (78)	Brady (
Stewart	Harvey	Esprit	Bamgbose	Whittaker	Campbell	Knight (56)	Drake (82)	
Stewart	Murray	Esprit	Whittaker	Stallard	Bamgbose	Marquez (35)	Jeanes (68)	
ell	Murray	Esprit	Whittaker (79)	Stallard (67)	Bamgbose (64)	Knight (64)	Ekpenyong (67)	Kamara
	Murray	Esprit	Whittaker (79)	Ekpenyong	Bamgbose (66)	Knight (66)	Amiri (79)	
	Murray	Roth	Whittaker	Ekpenyong	Esprit	Bamgbose (77)		
	Murray	Esprit	Whittaker (80)	Ekpenyong	Bamgbose (62)	Alanezi (62)	Stallard (80)	
	Murray	Esprit	Whittaker (57)	Ekpenyong	Bamgbose (73)	Knight (57)	Stallard (73)	Worsfol
	Murray (55)	Esprit	Whittaker (22)	Ekpenyong	Knight	Bamgbose (22)	Chengun (55)	Stallard
	Bamgbose	Esprit	Oke-William	Roth	Knight (59)	Stallard (54)	Whittaker (59)	Jouali (
	Murray (68)	Jouali (77)	Oke-William	Whittaker	Esprit	Bamgbose (66)	Ekpenyong (77)	Drake
	Murray (60)	Stallard	Oke-William	Whittaker (69)	Bamgbose	Drake (60)	Jouali (69)	Alanezi
	Murray	Stallard	Oke-William	Whittaker	Esprit	Bamgbose (77)	Alanezi (77)	
	Murray	Stallard	Oke-William (5)	Whittaker (53)	Esprit	Bamgbose (5)	Drake (53)	Haidary
	Murray	Lewis	Lindo	Whittaker	Bamgbose (75)	George (58)	Drake (75)	



INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

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.

The next club to commence was Holy Trinity Northwood, again in the Harrow League, whilst in 1922 Northwood moved to the Uxbridge & District 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.

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 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).

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.

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.

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. Another three years later and Northwood found themselves in the Premier Division, having won the Division One North championship in 2003.

September 2002 saw the Woods defeat Premier Division champions Gravesend & Northfleet 4-2 to lift the Isthmian Charity Shield.

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.

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.

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.. 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.

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.



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SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
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BINFIELD 2-2 NORTHWOOD

Binfield and Northwood will commence battle for the third time in 8 days on Tuesday night after Northwood came from two goals down at the Iconic Stadium to force a replay in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Despite a tough afternoon against the same opponents on Bank Holiday Monday, the Moles started the brighter with some great link-up between Noah Chengun and Dontaye Whittaker. They had a golden opportunity to take the lead when Troy Murray found Finn Harvey down the right and his cross found Rechan Esprit but he couldn't get his shot away with the goal gaping and the chance was dealt with

They had another chance to take the lead when Zeid Hannachi found Whittaker who laid it off to Chengun but his shot was straight at the keeper.

Northwood grew into the half eventually and had a chance to take the lead when the ball found Deago Dunbar-Bonnie in the box after some swift build-up play. The Northwood full-back got his shot away but Harvey Rackley-Hayes was able to turn it behind his front post for a corner.

Binfield took the lead seven minutes into the second half when a ball over the top of the Northwood defence found Chengun who chipped the ball over Andrew McCorkell and into the back of the net. Northwood almost responded straight away when Dunbar-Bonnie put a ball straight across the six-yard box but Dan Lewis did brilliantly to turn the ball behind for a corner.

The Moles countered from that corner when Rackley-Hayes picked out Hannachi on the left who drove down the wing and found Chengun who's first-time finish into the bottom right put Binfield 2-0 up.

Northwood pulled one back straight away after a long-throw found Harry Gallagher at the back post and he was able to finish into an empty net. Then after a period of sustained pressure, a crazy 20 minutes ended with Northwood equalising. A 2-on-1 from a Northwood short corner led to Dunbar-Bonnie having a short from the edge of the box which went through Rackley-Hayes and into the back of the net.

Both sides had chances to win it in the last ten minutes. George Winsler's last-ditch challenge denied Dunbar-Bonnie and then Rechan Esprit could only hit the side netting after a great run.

So, both teams will face off again on Tuesday evening with the prize being in the draw for the Second Qualifying Round of the FA Cup.



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LEAGUE TABLE

South Central Division 2023-24

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Chertsey Town (-1)	18	13	4	1	42	15	+27	42
	2 Southall	19	13	3	3	47	21	+26	42
	3 Raynes Park Vale	18	13	3	2	36	15	+21	42
	4 Leatherhead	18	12	3	3	29	11	+18	39
	5 Marlow	16	11	1	4	45	22	+23	34
	6 Hanworth Villa	19	9	6	4	42	31	+11	33
	7 Westfield	18	9	4	5	33	27	+6	31
	8 South Park (Reigate)	18	9	3	6	34	24	+10	30
	9 Hartley Wintney	17	9	2	6	36	27	+9	29
	10 Uxbridge	19	9	2	8	37	29	+8	29
	11 Badshot Lea	16	9	2	5	29	24	+5	29
	12 Thatcham Town	19	8	3	8	29	29	0	27
	13 Ascot United	19	6	2	11	26	29	-3	20
	14 Sutton Common Rovers	20	5	5	10	29	38	-9	20
	15 Ashford Town (Middx)	18	5	4	9	22	27	-5	19
	16 Chipstead	19	5	2	12	29	45	-16	17
	17 Northwood	18	5	1	12	26	33	-7	16
	18 Metropolitan Police	18	3	5	10	20	37	-17	14
	19 Guernsey	19	3	4	12	21	38	-17	13
	20 Corinthian-Casuals	20	3	3	14	16	52	-36	12
	21 Binfield	18	0	4	14	14	68	-54	4



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We've three points between the top four, whilst Sutton Common Rovers, Uxbridge and Westfield are our big winners. Tanners and Casuals also triumph...just

Pitching In Isthmian South Central Leaders Raynes Park Vale had Southall and Chertsey Town breathing down their necks, so needed three points at Thatcham Town- but they had to be content with one, as the Kingfishers held out for an hour with ten men to earn a draw. The match, goalless when Josh Blackwood saw red just after the half hour, ended the same way- but Vale remain a point clear after Southall could also only draw and Chertsey saw their match postponed.

Second place Southall welcomed Guernsey for a match which kicked off early, aware that they could be in top spot by the time that their closest rivals took the field. The All were looking to win their sixth consecutive match, and went ahead on twenty seven minutes through Obed Kwabena, but the lead was cancelled out by Owen Wallbridge just after the hour. The Green Lions have become rather good at holding our for draws lately, and they did it again. That's four draws from five for Guernsey. Leatherhead got Fetcham Grove dried out in time for the visit of Ashford Town, and former Tanners boss Luke Tuffs. With two four-nil wins in a row under their belts the Tanners looked to be back to their best, but they needed a spot kick just before the break to win this one, Kenny Beaney with the only goal of the game-. The Tanners go third, two points behind the leaders.

Badshot Lea had been in superb form. Thirteen games in all competitions had seen only one defeat- and that on penalties- as the Baggies climbed the table- but they saw that run end as they were well beaten by Uxbridge, a second half show bringing delight to the Honeycroft faithful. Uxbridge went ahead three minutes after the break through George Moore, and twenty minutes later Bernard Mensah doubled their advantage. It took only another minute for Alex Witham to add a third goal and make sure of three points, Uxbridge up to sixth.

Corinthian-Casuals, two points above the bottom two at kick off, welcomed Hanworth Villa to Tolworth. The Villains had only one defeat from their previous ten but left King George's Field empty handed, Casuals moving up to sixteenth as an early goal from Kosher Mutra-Eribuwa proved enough for victory. Right at the end Jack Smith saw red for the hosts, but there was no time for Villa to capitalise.

Westfield welcomed Chipstead, twelfth v thirteenth. With five wins- and two defeats- from seven, Field had been in good form, whilst the Chips had lost their previous three and slipped down the table. Their problem has been at the back- only the bottom three had conceded more goals- and despite taking an early lead through Lewis Taylor on eighteen minutes, the Chips conceded three more. Jake Baxter's fourteenth of the campaign saw the hosts draw level just before the break, and six minutes later Luke Elliott put them ahead. Six minutes from time a goal from Andrew Crossley made it three-one, and three points to the hosts, who climbed to ninth. A late red card for Caleb Wright didn't dampen their day too much.

By Matt Badcock

SNOW is falling. Well, hopefully not when it comes to planning The NLP's festive editions. We will be out as usual each Sunday – Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve – with all the action and reaction from a blockbuster time of the year.

So, yes, let's hope there is no snow – and if the rain could stay away again that would be helpful.

After a couple of weeks of bad weather, postponed matches, rearranged – and, in some cases, rearranged again – Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase ties – a full fixture programme returned last Saturday.

Here are some talking points that caught our eye from then – and the days before.

HOT SHOTS

Aldershot Town booked their place in the FA Cup third round for the first time since 2012-13 – and the third time in their history.

It came with an impressive away win at Stockport County in their second round replay. Olly Scott was on hand to fire home the 88th-minute winner following a goalmouth scramble.

“The ball goes in the box, there were seven challenges – and we win every one,” boss Tommy Widdrington told us. “And that tells you that, in the 88th minute, my lads weren't happy just to see the game out and draw.

“I didn't even know who had scored at the time but I watched the game back this morning and he caught it really well – and he needed to.

“We've scored a lot of late goals this season. A few times we've been behind when we've needed them, thankfully on this occasion one goal was enough.

“The goalscorer, rightly, gets a bit more of the adulation but everyone who played is a credit to themselves.

“I asked them to be the best version of themselves that they could be. I knew we'd need to be that to be in the game, never mind win the game.”

The Shots join fellow Non-League sides Chesterfield, Eastleigh and Maidstone United in the third round, where they will take on Championship side West Bromwich Albion in the New Year.

BARE BONES

Southend United's protracted takeover continues to have a major impact. While a deal has been struck between current owner Ron Martin and the new consortium led by Justin Rees, it is yet to be completed.

And that means the on-going registration embargo stands.

That saw manager Kevin Maher only able to name one substitute against Bromley last Saturday.

So when keeper David Martin picked up an injury in the game, full-back Gus Scott-Morriss had to done the gloves.

They only lost 2-1 but you have to feel for the players and fans as they do all they can to get through. The situation needs resolving pronto!

GREENS FOR GO

The FA Trophy can get a bit of stick at times.

But anyone doubting what it means to many should read Hendon manager Lee Allinson's quotes after they set-up a fourth round date with National League Oldham Athletic.

"People don't see what goes on behind the scenes. I work closely with dad (Ian Allinson), because he's obviously the general manager, and Cyrus Cooper, the chairman, and they work so hard to get sponsorship in to make sure we have a football club.

"That's the reality of it, at the end of the day. To make sure at the start of every season, Hendon Football Club is still there. That's the most important thing.

"The stress they all go through, to give them this game, hopefully earn a bit of money, it's just a great day out for us."

WORRYING TIMES

Marske United manager Graeme Lee has admitted the Northern Premier League club will not finish the season unless they are able to raise £120,000 over the next fortnight.

After the resignation of former chairman Mark Harkin, the Seasiders saw a move to become a limited company effectively blocked by the Northern Premier League, who also postponed their last two fixtures as the situation was assessed.

A fundraising page has been set up in an attempt to secure the funds required and total currently stands at just under £16,000, a figure that was aided by a bucket collection at Middlesbrough's midweek Championship fixture against Hull City.

The first steps have been taken but there is still a long road to recovery lying ahead of the Seasiders are their supporters and the local community fight for the future of their club.

Lee explained the seriousness of the situation and gave an insight into what had provoked the course of action taken over the last two weeks.

He told the NLP: "It's not being dramatic, it's where we are, we don't have the funds to finish the season off at this point in time."

The Moles Roll Call

Player	Moles Debut	2023/24 Season										Moles' Career					
		Isthmian League				Cup				Total		League		Cups		Overall	
		Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Valentino Alanezi	Oct 23 Corinthian Casuals	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Ismail Amiri	Aug 23 Badshot Lea	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
Aymen Azaze	Dec 23 Raynes Park Vale	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jimmy Bamgbose	Sep 23 Southall	9	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	0	0	0	14	0
Flynn Bolton	Aug 23 Ashford Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Monty Brady	Aug 23 Ashford Town	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Liam Campbell	Aug 23 Ashford Town	14	0	14	0	4	0	4	0	18	0	14	0	4	0	18	0
Noah Chengun	Aug 23 Ashford Town	2	2	4	0	4	0	4	3	8	3	4	0	4	3	8	3
Harry Dillon	Nov 23 Hungerford Town	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Max Drake	Aug 23 Ashford Town	10	5	15	0	1	0	1	0	16	0	15	0	1	0	16	0
Shimron Eaton	Dec 23 Guernsey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Blesk Ekpennyong	Oct 23 Met. Police	5	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	7	1	0	0	7	1
Rechan Esprit	Aug 23 Ashford Town	15	0	15	0	4	1	5	0	20	0	15	0	5	0	20	0
Jake Fisher	Oct 22 Basingstoke Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5	0
Janaïd Forrester	Aug 23 Badshot Lea	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Shimron Gatin	Dec 23 Raynes Park Vale	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Charlie George	Dec 23 Guernsey	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ahmed Haidary	Dec 23 Raynes Park Vale	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Zeïd Hannachi	Aug 23 Ashford Town	1	1	2	0	3	2	5	0	7	0	2	0	5	0	7	0
Finn Harvey	Aug 23 Wokingham & Em.	3	1	4	0	4	1	5	0	9	0	4	0	5	0	9	0
Nicholas Harvey	Oct 23 Chetsey Town	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Thomas Henry	Sep 23 Hanworth Villa	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Connor Jeanes	Aug 23 Badshot Lea	12	1	13	1	1	2	3	0	16	1	13	1	3	0	16	1
Tarik Jouali	Nov 23 Thatcham Town	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Johnathan Kamara	Oct 23 Met. Police	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Tyrone Knight	Aug 23 Wokingham & Em.	7	5	12	0	1	1	2	0	14	0	12	0	2	0	14	0
Dan Lewis	Aug 23 Ashford Town	18	0	18	0	4	0	4	1	22	1	18	0	4	1	22	1
Ethan Lindo	Dec 23 Guernsey	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
William Mabukwa	Oct 22 Basingstoke Town	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	3	0	8	0
Harrison Marquez	Sep 23 Southall	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Troy Murray	Aug 23 Wokingham & Em.	16	0	16	0	3	2	5	0	21	0	16	0	5	0	21	0
David Neligwa	Aug 23 Badshot Lea	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tristan Noel	Sep 23 Southall	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	10	0
Manuchim Oke-William	Nov 23 Thatcham Town	5	0	5	1	1	0	1	2	6	3	5	1	1	2	6	3
Harvey Rackley-Hayes	Aug 21 Herefield United	8	0	8	0	5	0	5	0	13	0	8	0	6	0	44	0
Kieran Robinson	Aug 23 Wokingham & Em.	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
Daniel Roth	Oct 23 Hartley Wintney	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Khalid Senussi	Aug 23 Badshot Lea	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ben Stallard	Aug 23 Ashford Town	11	4	15	0	3	1	4	1	19	1	15	0	4	1	19	1
Michak Stanic-Stewart	Aug 23 Ashford Town	8	0	8	0	4	0	4	0	12	0	8	0	4	0	12	0
Dontaye Whittaker	Aug 23 Wokingham & Em.	16	1	17	6	4	0	4	0	21	6	17	6	4	0	21	6
Bradley Worsfold	Aug 23 Ashford United	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0

Club Honours:

Fielden Cup:

- 1924: Winner

Great Western Combination

- 1946/47: Champions

Reading & District League

- 1975/76 + 1987/88: Division One Champions
- 1986/87: Division Two Champions

Chiltonian League:

- 1989/90: Division One Champions
- 1995/96: Premier Division Champions

Hellenic League

- 2008/09: Division One East Champions
- 2011/12 + 2017/18: Floodlit Cup Winners

Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy

- 2011/12: Winners

Best FA Vase Performance

- 2020/21: Runners Up

January 6, 2024	Binfield	Hanworth Villa vs	3:00 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
January 9, 2024	Binfield	Binfield vs Uxbridge	7:45 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
January 12, 2024	Binfield United	Binfield vs Ascot	7:45 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
January 16, 2024	Binfield	Binfield vs South Park	7:45 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
January 20, 2024	Met Police vs	Binfield	3:00 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
January 27, 2024	Binfield	Binfield vs Southall	3:00 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
January 30, 2024	Binfield	Binfield vs Westfield	7:45 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One
February 3, 2024	Hartley Wintney FC vs Binfield		3:00 pm	Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division One



Today's Fixtures

South Central Division 2023-24

All 3pm KOs unless started:

Ascot United vs Badshot Lea

Corinthian-Casuals vs Chipstead

Hanworth Villa vs Metropolitan Police

Hartley Wintney vs Chertsey Town

South Park vs Guernsey

Thatcham Town vs Uxbridge

Westfield vs Leatherhead



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CONNOR **JEANES** ●
BEN **STALLARD** ●
TROY **MURRAY** ●
TYRONE **KNIGHT** ●
HARVEY **RACKLEY-HAYES** ●
DONTAYE **WHITTAKER** ●
AHMED **H Aidary** ●
JIMMY **BAMBOSE** ●
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