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Conference South Play-off Winners: 2014/15

Isthmian Football League Premier Division Play-off Winners: 2009/10

Premier Division Runners-up: 1997/98

Division One Champions: 1994/95, 2000/01

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Second Round: 1996/97, 1997/98, 2017/18

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FA Challenge Trophy Semi-finalists: 2005/06

Charity Cup Winners: 1980/81, 1983/84, 1988/89, 1989/90

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THE CHAIRMAN

DANNY HUNTER

Tonight, we welcome the Directors, Management, Players and Supporters of St Albans City to the LV Bet Stadium, Meadow Park. We hope they enjoy their stay with us and have a safe, short journey home later.

Well, this evening's eagerly awaited FA Cup derby match has finally arrived and for me it promises to be an occasion that I could only ever have dreamt about when I first walked through the doors at Meadow Park way back in 1999.

Our opponents tonight are, of course, historically our biggest rivals and, after Barnet FC, are possibly our nearest footballing neighbours in regards to location. They also have after Luke Garrard, our most celebrated manager in Mr Ian Allinson at the helm, and it's no surprise he has St Albans City going great guns in the National League South, and in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy.

Since the FA Cup draw, we have as you would expect had the Saints watched numerous times and we know they fancy themselves, we know they are full of confidence, we know they are very talented and, with around 1,400 fans here tonight, I'm sure their support base will be in full voice and their players will respond to that.

In truth our dressing room's confidence is also high and we are also going well in both the league and cup. So, our dressing room has I suppose an identical mindset to our Hertfordshire counterparts and, as I've stated since this exciting draw was made, "to the victor the spoils".

Thankfully the talking can now stop, the players can now focus on the job in hand and do their talking on the pitch. Our supporters can now take their places and hopefully sing their hearts out and I just hope when the singing is over it's the 'Wood Army' who are in wonderland, and it's our town who own the bragging rights - but as I've already said "to the victor the spoils".

It's amazing really, how a small non-league local derby between two small clubs, has in truth captivated the imagination of not only a town but a city, whilst it also feels like the county of Hertfordshire and quite possibly even the National Press and the TV sports broadcasters, also now have more than a passing interest.

In truth when the draw was made and our name was quickly followed out of the hat by our friends at St Albans City, I was probably one of the very few who actually did not want it. Why? Because I know Ian Allinson so well and didn't want to play against him. Why? Because we've recently beaten them pretty comfortably in both the FA Cup at Clarence

Park a few years back and then again in a Herts Senior Cup final here at Meadow Park. Also, because I do know Ian so well, I know his teams can be unpredictable and he'll have the Saints players and supporters seeing this as a 'free' hit with no pressure.

He knows he has a real chance to knock out a club that both he and his owners in truth dislike, he also knows especially with home advantage that we will be seen as clear favourites tonight and he knows as a club, that both his dressing room and his club have everything to gain and absolutely nothing to lose.

However, my feelings have changed completely on that and I now look at this evening's game, as a real opportunity to show our rivals "up the road" and all of our other non-league rivals in Hertfordshire, just how far we've quietly come as a football club in my twenty-three seasons here as Chairman at Meadow Park. Indeed, how much our ground, our facilities and our infrastructure have grown and received consistent investment over those years.

If I may, I'd like to journey back in time to the start of my reign at BWFC, that began in the 1999/2000 season. Looking back, St Albans City were then Chaired by Lee Harding and Chesham United were under the Chairmanship of a guy called David Pembroke. In truth it was a difficult season for me personally and both those clubs took the points off us in the last two games that season to relegate us. The owners also made it clear that they took great personal delight in relegating us and I suppose they were well within their rights to celebrate, having relegated a young upstart owner in me and a rival football club - so who can blame them?

That relegation though, very quickly taught me as a young owner/chairman a very big lesson, in that the football club I had purchased and the structure I'd inherited, meant we just could not compete with clubs of their size and I would need to rethink the clubs' existing business model which was completely reliant on a function suite, bar, and a small decrepit sand based old astro-pitch.

So, after looking at things more closely, and thankfully getting promoted the following season, I decided in 2002 to bring all of my film industry experience to the table. That

relegation though, and subsequent promotion a year later, plus the lack of help from some pretty experienced owners and Chairmen when sought, told me exactly how those rival club owners and their fans perhaps viewed me, how they viewed our supporters and how they viewed our little football club.

I was still a very young Chairman at the time and in hindsight some of those people were knowingly a bit cruel and would often play mind games in the local press and be belittling at league meetings - but I suppose local rivalry in football is exactly that, and I quickly learned that if you cannot face the heat you should very quickly get out of the kitchen. That was way back in 1999 to around 2002 and when I look at how things are now in regards to Twitter, trial by public opinion, the rise in social media and the additional personal public scrutiny, things could certainly have been far worse back then.

Social media for someone like myself is not something I have ever allowed myself to get involved in, possibly because after so many years' experience behind me that is most definitely a defence mechanism and a self-preservation choice I perhaps subconsciously, made a long time ago. I do though genuinely fear for the mental health of young club owners, young club Chairmen, young managers and all players going forward, as the court of public opinion is often cruel, unfair and based on knee-jerk reactions.

What film and football experience has taught me, is that there are so many ways to run a company or a non-league football club and there are so many different models to explore and possibly follow. My advice to anyone would be to base your decisions on your instinct, your client/support base, your location and if it applies to your communities wants and needs, then listen to them as they know their minds, and one hat doesn't fit all.

An example of that would be when I first arrived here at Boreham Wood in 1999. At that time, we sat amongst a lot of good local clubs, all were possibly seen as much bigger clubs than us, including our biggest rival at the time in St Albans City, who were closely followed by the Chesham United's, Enfield's, Bishop Stortford's, Hendon's, and even the Aylesbury United's of this world.

In truth I felt a little out of my depth, perhaps

even a tad inferior as I had been born in a post war pre fab with an outside toilet and bathroom. I had shown very little interest in education and I had left school early at 15, so my social skills and social graces on arriving in football, were perhaps cruder than they should have been haha, and white middle class male owners and supporters often looked down their noses at me.

However I learnt very early that social barriers are there to be broken, so after taking on and successfully completing a very boring mechanical engineering apprenticeship, I got a chance to work at the famous Pinewood Studios and through hard work, I worked my way up within the film industry to become a Head of Department by my late twenties. So, by the time I'd bought the football club in 1999, I had done okay for myself financially, and I like to think I'd even become a well-respected Property Master within the British film industry.

That was to prove an incredible background in how to build a sustainable football club - so to the many film technicians in the crowd and in the BWFC end tonight, including Pinewood 'Wood', Shepperton 'Wood', Leavesden 'Wood', Longcross 'Wood' and Elstree Studios 'Wood' - thank you all for your kind support, your text messages and your best wishes.

I found that because I had been subconsciously film trained and had run my Prop crews, department and companies on simple communication and business lines, and because I'd got used to dealing with big personalities, changes of mind and I understood the importance of pre-planning, working to a budget, dealing with other people's budgets and dealing with an ever-changing film schedule, I could deal comfortably with the football world.

Film pressure included delivering successful bottom lines, dealing with Director's and Actor's demands, dealing with Production Designers wants and needs, while Associated Producers would often have zero tolerance to departments going over budget, and so we would work through and solve issues and problems with Production Managers, Set Dressers and Construction Managers etc.

As a result of all that, solving certain non-league football nonsense came quite easy to me. If you then add in 16-hour days, often

aligned to 7-day weeks as the norm, then in hindsight I just got lucky, as the industry I had worked in had helped to prepare me for the football industry, which is also based on planning, budgets, partnerships, collaborations and working with people with real talent.

So, my arrival at Meadow Park in 1999, meant I'd entered into the madness that was non-league football back then and though I really did listen intently to many of the supposedly experienced Club Chairmen, especially those who presided over our rival clubs I've mentioned earlier, I just never seemed to connect with any of them, nor ever really understood their vision or their reasons for owning a club.

They quickly isolated me with the other Chairmen and League Committee, they collectively treated me like an outsider not to be trusted. They also made it very clear how they felt about me to others within their own Boardrooms and I went from being a well-liked and respected Head of Department within the British Film Industry, to being a boy put on their naughty step, and only they would control when I could come off that step. The truth was, I was just a young guy desperately trying to do some good for his home town by saving the football club that his father once proudly managed.

When I look back on their treatment of me, especially the ostracising over a number of my formative years in football, though it was lonely, I learned how to deal with it. I told myself it was simply a case of a few old, middle class white males bullying someone simply because they could. At the time, I don't think they ever knew that they had seriously affected my mental health but we've all now moved on and I can look back and laugh at their antics, but still steer well clear of those types of people.

As such, I watched from afar but with great interest, on how the likes of Lee Harding at St Albans, Tony Lazarou at Enfield, Bill Carroll at Aylesbury United, David Pembroke at Chesham United and certain others, continued to build their clubs, as it was so alien to me and the business lines I had been taught while working in the film industry.

The business model I chose was based on complete transparency, infrastructure and facility builds, facing the reality of a small

budget and accepting we had a small fan base, it of course meant there would be short to mid-term pain, pain, pain and if I got it wrong it could even mean the end of the club. The short and mid-term pain quickly came and after two relegations, two promotions and a relegation reprieve, we were quite rightly labelled as a yo-yo club until around 2007/08.

All the while, I was still losing money and putting in new planning applications, I had also founded, funded and created a new, ultimately successful, sports education company, which created a 16 to 18 year old academy expansion based on social inclusion, that dealt with poverty, dealt with hunger, dealt with social issues, bursaries, student travel and dealt with social deprivation and I feel because we put the pupil before the pound note, we quickly became the biggest sports education programme of its kind in the UK, and I'm extremely proud of that.

By then I had full time staff onsite and a very loyal and talented staff base to call upon, so I went looking for more long-term ground-share and education partners, improved leases. I targeted those who I felt would be more patient with me as I knew it would still take me at least another decade to build the sort of structures that included full time catering, fully operational study suites, three training pitches, 6 dressing rooms and three new stands that I hoped would sustain us.

Each year though as I watched, we went past our local rivals and I quietly smiled to myself, as my club was still being called tinpot and my fans were still being abused for being working class or from socially deprived backgrounds, and it made me even more determined to give my Town and the Wood Army a club it could be proud of and tonight I hope is that night.

I'm still determined through personal investment, through my year-on-year club investment and careful planning to continue to cultivate the great relationship I have with my local Council, its Officers and its Councillors, as that has helped build trust, historical respect and progress. Yes, of course we still argue haha but don't all strong marriages? However, on both sides of the political aisle, we still work hard at finding and creating the opportunities for the greater good of our community and especially in those areas we serve that are more socially disadvantaged than others.

That will always mean dealing with setbacks, mean having lots of patience on both sides but it means the club and the Council still share a vision and my vision has always been more than shared by my incredible architect Mr Paul Beech, who is such an important cog in my collaboration with Hertsmere Borough Council, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and our friends at both Arsenal and the Football Foundation.

The success we've had in recent years, has been led by many of our long-standing sponsors like Barnet and Southgate College, Mark Dawe, Alan Swan, David Byrne, Nick Godslove, Lars Smith, Gary Boniface, Barkers Estates, Citygate, Pioneer, Griggs Homes, Harringtons Cars amongst others and we are also now indebted to LV Bet for their Stadium Sponsorship which will again be invested into our Community programme.

In truth, it's perhaps those long-term structures built with our Council, Education and Football partners that have best sustained us. It's been I feel the long-standing collaborations and partnerships that have led to our stadium investment and ground improvements, with three new stands either built or refurbished that most definitely changed people's mindsets and then our ambitions.

Those structures were built over a number of years on top of patient player recruitment, while we carefully managed our budgets. If you then add in periodical promotions, plus a few play off attempts and regular player development and sales, all that resulted in a new training pitch being built twice over, resulted in new staff offices being built, in new floodlights being upgraded/installed, plus new dug outs being built, a new club shop dropped in, an incredible million-pound pitch (pitch of the year) completed with a state-of-the-art irrigation system and then incredible mowers and machinery purchased to maintain things correctly.

You will tonight in these programme notes, get a preview of the new planning application that have landed at the Council offices and on the planner's desk two weeks ago, (please see Visuals).



Aerial view of main club car park entrance illustrating relocated and widened vehicle entrance, new pedestrian pathway, proposed broadcast compound and new home fan zone



View from the south end of Meadow Park showing potential new 'Clock End', extended East Stand, new away fan zone and proposed new Academy building, as well as Hertsmere Borough Council's rejuvenation of Meadow Park

These works will I hope begin in May 2022 but that will be dependent on the Council Planners, the Football Foundation, Arsenal FC, plus BWFC, the PASE Academy and of course my investment.

Suddenly all those years of pain, all that hard work, all the teams effort, the tears and the sleepless nights, have incredibly resulted in what is now almost a sustainable club and infrastructure - a community football club that can now compete at the very top level of non-league football. That's not tinpot, that's incredible and has been carefully and painstakingly built from the bottom up and it's taken me and my loyal staff nearly a quarter of a century to build.

To think that tonight's full house was guaranteed a full 10 days before this evenings game kicks off, was only ever a pipe dream for me back in 1999. So, to feel the excitement, to feel the love and to feel the pride that I've experienced from our town to its little football club, makes me so incredibly humble, so hugely grateful and for that I must thank so many of my loyal friends, my incredibly hard-working family and, of course, my loyal staff who've all helped me every step of the way.

A full house hasn't ever been seen in Boreham Wood, other than the local bingo hall, and it's only taken me 23 seasons to achieve one haha, but no matter, we've actually done it. As such a full house, our current league position and our progress both on and off the field, has possibly made the long and often difficult journey worth it and who knows if tonight's FA Cup game goes our way, tonight could perhaps be

the greatest night we'll ever share or witness. I know that whatever happens next, we've achieved more than I could have ever hoped for and my faith tells me that God really does love a trier.

To the Wood Army I hope our journey together still has a way to go, whether we win or lose tonight's FA Cup tie, but whether that's going to be with me who knows what the future holds? The future though is, I feel, bright for our amazing little club, so let's enjoy this incredible period in our history, let's continue to lock horns with the likes of Notts County, Grimsby Town, Wrexham, Chesterfield, Stockport County and Southend United amongst others and let's see where it takes us.

I now apologise for boring you all senseless with my quick journey down memory lane but because it's St Albans City who are coming to our Town, I know that when the teams walk out for tonight's FA Cup derby game, that the pride I'll feel, the memories I hold and the people I will be remembering who are no longer with us, will make this evening one of the greatest nights of my life, while I know my old Dad will be settling down to watch this one.

Finally, whoever you support, let's hope for an open, attacking game and may the best team win.

Take care, stay safe.

Danny

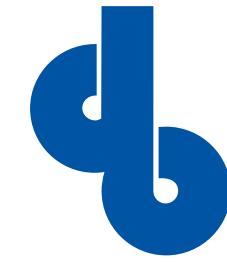
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Good evening. Firstly, I would like to welcome Ian Allinson and his players and staff to the LV Bet Stadium Meadow Park for our Emirates FA Cup second round tie.

Ian needs no introduction, having been a very successful Manager at Boreham Wood FC for a large period of time. Having played for "Gaffer" before becoming his assistant, I have some very fond memories of my time under him and alongside him.

We have been through loads throughout the later stages of his management at the Wood, with promotions and FA Cup runs, that have allowed for us to be where we are today.

The promotion final against Kingstonian in 2010 back when we were fighting to get out the Ryman Premier was a huge turning point in my opinion. We entered the Conference South as an unknown and it was extremely rude awakening. We were fortunate enough to find our feet and build year-on-year, before progressing to become an extremely competitive National League South side.

The best memory for me though must be the National South play-off final against Whitehawk. Just writing these notes brings the hair on the back of my neck up on end. That day was truly special, I can visualise that day minute-by-minute and when the final whistle blew, we achieved the unthinkable.

I respect Ian hugely, and between himself and the Chairman I can't thank them enough for being given the opportunity to assist him. I learnt loads under Ian's guidance and have memories I will take to the grave.

Tonight though it's about writing my history at this Football Club, about giving the players, staff and supporters memories they will carry throughout their lives. These players have been truly immense this season and I've stressed that, but tonight is more than just another game.

For us to have the opportunity of back-to-back Emirates FA Cup third round cup ties would be something special, after achieving that feat for the first time in our history last season when we welcomed

Millwall of the Championship to Meadow Park.

I'm not foolish though, I've warned the group how difficult it will be this evening, just watching St Albans take on Forest Green Rovers on the box proves that. I've watched them and they possess some real quality.

Notably Shaun Jeffers who is on fire currently and will want to bite the hand that once fed him, as well as Mitchell Weiss who I believe is a real talented individual, and then add the experience of Tom Bender, Johnny Goddard and David Noble, and believe me St Albans will be right up for the task this evening.

They come here with the same ambitions as us, to win a local derby, to send their fans home with local bragging rights and to dream the unthinkable of walking out at the Emirates, Old Trafford or even Anfield...

So we need to ensure we do what we have been doing, and that's working smarter and harder than any opposition we face.

We know where St Albans' threats are, but we also know where we feel we can exploit them and that's exactly what we will be looking to do this evening.

They will play at their maximum so we must raise our level too, and that's what's been echoed all week. We have a real focus and understanding in the dressing of what's expected, and I believe if we deliver on the game plan then we can be victorious.

So, I ask you all to be loud and proud. Drag us through this tie, as trust me tonight you most definitely will be our 12th man.

Let's all make history!

Regards



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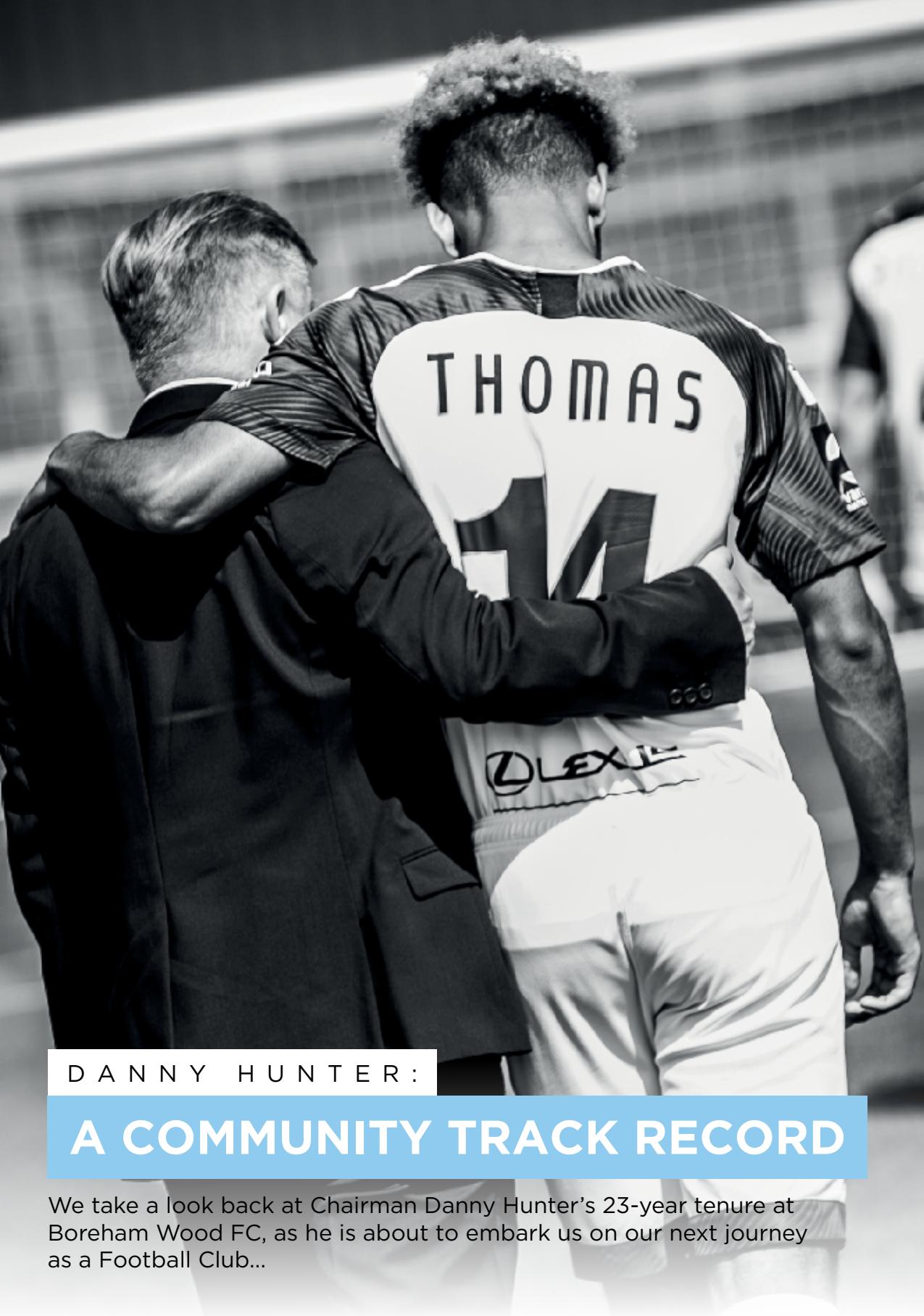


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DANNY HUNTER:

A COMMUNITY TRACK RECORD

We take a look back at Chairman Danny Hunter's 23-year tenure at Boreham Wood FC, as he is about to embark us on our next journey as a Football Club...



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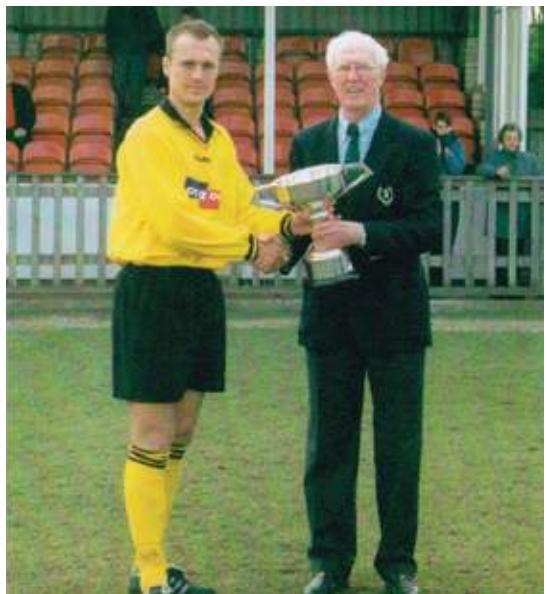
1999

AUGUST

On 19th August 1999, local film-man Danny Hunter, who worked as a Prop Master within the British film industry acquires Boreham Wood FC from then-Chairman Phil Wallace. Upon inheriting the Club, the facilities were deteriorating and required significant investment.







2001

APRIL

Following relegation from the Ryman Premier Division in Danny Hunter's first ever season at Meadow Park, our then new-Chairman moved quickly to assemble a management team and squad in order to bounce straight back. In came Ex-Spurs and Glasgow Rangers player Graham Roberts as Manager, who put together a title winning side comprised of Wood greats such as Micky Engwell, Lee Harvey, Younes Nabil, Gary Wotton, John Lawford, amongst others...



CHAMPIONS!



2002

SEPTEMBER

After an unsuccessful attempt to start the Boreham Wood PASE (Programme for Sporting and Academic Excellence) Scheme in 2001, as a visionary and pioneer in this sector, Danny Hunter eventually launched his now renowned BW PASE Academy in collaboration with Bedford College.

2002

NOVEMBER

Wood travelled to the South coast to take on then-Nationwide Division Three side Torquay United in Danny's first FA Cup 1st Round Proper appearance as Chairman. Unfortunately, Wood would succumb to a 5-0 defeat at the hands of the Gulls, but it was undoubtedly a fantastic community day out for hundreds of Wood fans.



HOW THE BWFC CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS GROWN...



2003

NOVEMBER

Wood returned to the FA Cup 1st Round Proper again in 2003, this time being drawn away to 1953 FA Cup winners Blackpool. Wood again tasted defeat in the 1st Round Proper, this time round losing 4-0, and the long wait to secure our first ever victory over a Football league side would continue...

2004

AUGUST

The new astro pitch and changing room facilities were opened by Arsenal FC's legendary Manager Arsene Wenger and then-Vice Chairman David Dein as Boreham Wood welcomed a youthful Arsenal XI to Meadow Park to celebrate the new and improved facilities.

03-04

WINTER

After years of campaigning, canvassing and lobbying, even when Danny's vision for this facility seemed unlikely to come to fruition after an initial deferred planning decision, planning consent was granted for the resurfacing and enlargement of our all-weather football training pitch, replacement and improvement of floodlights and construction of a new changing room block at Meadow Park.



05-06

SEASON

Undeniably this season was the most successful under Danny Hunter's progressive Chairmanship to that point and was in truth the beginning of Wood's insurgency up the Non-League pyramid. Following relegation from the Ryman Premier Division in 2003, Wood competed at step 4 of Non-League football whilst solid foundations were laid at Meadow Park to ensure the yo-yo'ing between step 3 and 4 that had preceded us would come to an end. The 2005/06 season is one that will go down in Wood history as the beginning of our ascent within the Non-League landscape.

Wood went onto win the Southern League Division One East title, but most notably we reached the FA Trophy semi-final, giant killing the likes of Gravesend & Northfleet and Crawley Town of the then-Nationwide Conference, before eventually succumbing to Woking across at two-legged semi-final. To this day, we remain the lowest ranked side ever to advance to this stage of the competition.



2007

JULY

Planning consent granted for four single storey prefabricated buildings for use in association with the BW PASE Academy.



09-10

SEASON

Following a fourth-place finish in the Ryman Premier Division, Wood qualified for the end of season play-offs, our first ever play-off involvement. A 1-0 semi-final victory away to Aveley set up a home play-off final against Kingstonian.

With over 2,000 Wood fans in attendance at Meadow Park, goals from Ryan Moran and Dwayne Clarke meant

Wood were triumphant, taking our place within the coveted Conference South for the first time in our history.



2009

JULY

Planning consent granted for continued use of four single storey prefabricated buildings for use in association with the BW PASE Academy.



T H E

CONFERENCE SOUTH

E R A

2012

NOVEMBER

After a 10-year hiatus from the FA Cup 1st Round Proper, Wood welcomed Brentford to Meadow Park. Despite a great start to the game, including hitting the woodwork twice, Brentford's fitness and quality was eventually too much for the Wood, losing 2-0 despite a valiant effort. Our wait to beat a Football League side in competitive play continues...



2012

NOVEMBER

Following the discovery that the inherited covered West Stand terrace structure contained asbestos, although stable, our Chairman moved quickly to replace the modest terrace with a new West Stand, with planning consent granted in November 2012. Planning consent was later granted to increase the new West Stand's capacity from 726 to 871 to fall in line with ground grading capacity requirements at National League level.





2013

NOVEMBER

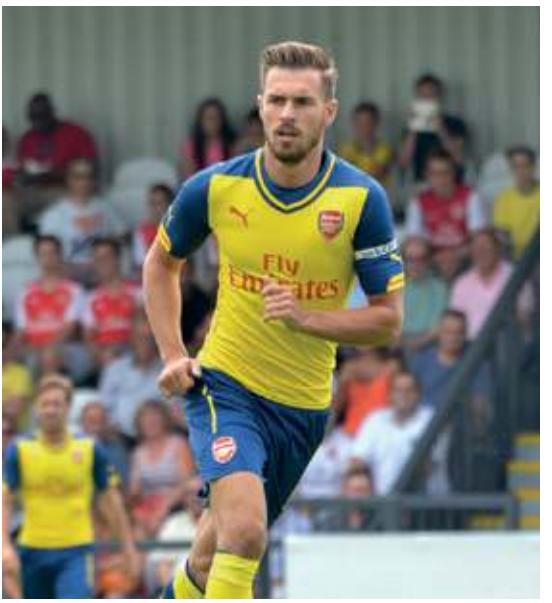
Just as we did a decade previously, Wood reached the 1st Round Proper in back-to-back seasons as the magic of the FA Cup returned to Meadow Park in 2013. Following a 0-0 draw against Carlisle United in the original fixture at Meadow Park on 9th November, Wood travelled to Cumbria 10 days later in a replay at Brunton Park, coming agonisingly close to securing that illusive victory over a Football League side. Then-player, now Gaffer, Luke Garrard put Wood ahead from the penalty spot, but later excruciatingly missed a second spot kick just minutes after his first. Wood would come back to rue this missed opportunity to double their lead. Two goals in the last 10 minutes for the Cumbrians gave them victory, as Wood came unbearably close to earning their first ever Football League scalp in our 65-year existence.

2014

JULY

Following year-on-year pre-season friendly fixtures against Arsenal, our special friends again visited in July 2014, this time to commemorate the opening of our new West Stand. As he did in 2004, when opening our new astro and changing room facility, Arsene Wenger took centre stage alongside our great friends and supporters from the local council and sponsors, to conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of our marvellous new stand within our Meadow Park home. In front of a bumper 4,000 Meadow Park crowd, an Arsenal XI including the likes of Aaron Ramsey, Wojciech Szczesny, Nacho Monreal, Yaya Sanogo, Kieran Gibbs, Hector Bellerin, Mathieu Flamini and Abou Diaby ran out 2-0 winners against a strong Wood side, ahead of what would be a historic 2014/15 campaign...





14-15

SEASON

After steady year-on-year progress since winning promotion to the National League South via the Ryman Premier League play-offs in 2010, Wood were quietly confident that they had National League South title credentials going into the 2014/15 season. A dressing room expertly assembled by legendary then-Wood Manager Ian Allinson with the financial support of longstanding Chairman Danny Hunter didn't disappoint, despite narrowly falling short of pre-season ambitions, finishing the campaign in 2nd position, before embarking on a memorable play-off campaign.

A semi-final double header against Havant & Waterlooville saw Wood advance, winning the tie 4-2 on aggregate, setting up the National League South play-off final at Meadow Park against big spenders Whitehawk, who dispatched Basingstoke Town in their semi-final match up. With over 2,000 fans in attendance at Meadow Park, Wood took a deserved lead via a Lee Angol free kick before being pegged back by a Sam Deering spot kick in the 80th minute to force extra time.

Attention then turned to Angol's striker partner Junior Morais who unleashed a devastating strike from outside the box that nestled into the bottom corner of the Hawks goal to re-establish Wood's 1-goal advantage, clinching Wood's promotion to the National League and their place at Non-League's top table for the first time in the Club's 67-year history. A feat Wood Chairman Danny Hunter couldn't have even contemplated 15-years previously when walking through the door at his home town Club in 1999.







Conference South

		Pld	Pts	GD
C	Bromley	40	77	+33
P	B'ham Wood	40	75	+31
3	Basingstoke	40	73	+24
4	Whitehawk	40	72	+15
5	Havant & W	40	70	+20
6	Gosport	40	67	+23
7	Concord	40	65	+16
8	Ebbsfleet	40	60	+19
9	Hemel H	40	60	+4



WHAT A DAY! AND HISTORY WAS MADE...

WE DID IT! WE ENJOYED IT! AND WE'VE NEVER LOOKED BACK...





THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

ERA

15-16

SEASON

In a season that saw the most monumental underdog victory in football history, when Leicester City overcome unsurmountable odds to win the Premier League, it could be argued that little Boreham Wood's National League survival could rival the achievement of our top-flight counterparts. Written off as relegation certainties across the Non-League landscape in our first ever season at National League level. Bottom of the league at Christmas, the pundit's predictions were in truth pretty spot on.

However, in an act of divine intervention, Chairman Danny Hunter made an overnight decision to transition our First Team from part-time evening training to full-time daytime training, a move that was the catalyst to improve results. After winning back-to-back-to-back for the first time all season, Wood went into the final game of the season away to Welling United to give us a chance of survival on the last day of the campaign. A comprehensive victory in front of around 500 travelling fans led to amazing scenes post-match as Wood fans, players, management and directors alike couldn't quite believe that little Boreham Wood had pulled off the great escape, maintaining their seat at Non-League's top table against all odds.

2015

MAY

Planning consent granted for retention of existing prefabricated buildings, plus the addition of two further prefabricated buildings for use in association with the BW PASE Academy. Planning consent was later granted for the erection of new compound perimeter fence to surround prefabricated building enclosure.





2016 NOVEMBER

In Luke Garrard's first full season at the helm, Wood went the closest we have ever gone to beating a Football League side in competitive play. Wood welcomed 1894

FA Cup winners and the world's oldest professional football club Notts County for our FA Cup 1st Round Proper match up. Wood dominated large portions of the game and goals from Morgan Ferrier and Angelo Balanta gave Wood a 2-0 lead going into the dying embers of the game. However, two Adam Campbell goals agonisingly restored parity and set up a 1st Round replay at Notts County's Meadow Lane, which Wood eventually lost 2-0 despite their efforts.

2017 SUMMER

Over the summer of 2017, our Meadow Park home witnessed significant facilities upgrades, which transformed not only the aesthetic of the Club but the mentality across staff and players alike. Front of house, 13-years after the original 3G astro surface was laid in 2004, a new upgraded surface was put down, with surrounding facilities improved too, with a new and improved fencing system, new portable goals and new and improved car park layout.

Within the Stadium, world leading pitch construction specialists Hewitt Sportsturf laid a DESSO grassmaster surface at Meadow Park, a grass/artificial hybrid playing surface seen across the globe's leading Club's such as Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, Paris Saint Germain, Real Madrid and many more... Associated improvements included the installation of an irrigation system, improved floodlight system and new dugouts.





2017

JULY

In typical fashion, as he did in 2004 and 2014, when opening our new astro and changing room facility and West Stand respectively, Arsene Wenger took centre stage alongside Arsenal Chief Executive Ivan Gazidas and longstanding Club Secretary David Miles, to conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of our marvellous new DESSO grassmaster pitch within our Meadow Park home.



17-18

SEASON

Undoubtedly the single most successful season in Boreham Wood FC's history. In just our third season at National League level, Wood mounted a promotion push throughout the season, reached the National League play-offs after securing a 4th place finish advancing to the play-off final at Wembley Stadium and finally beat a Football League side in a 1st Round Proper giant killing.

As Meadow Park experienced a face lift with multiple improvements across the site, so did our First Team squad, incoming Tom Champion, Kane Smith, Dean Wells, Jamie Turley, Keiran Murtagh, Morgan Ferrier (mid-season acquisition from Dagenham & Redbridge), joining a strong core of skipper Mark Ricketts, David Stephens, Grant Smith, Bruno Andrade, Ricky Shakes, Angelo Balanta and Danny Woodards, as Luke Garrard assembled the strongest squad ever seen at Meadow Park.

A solid start to the season was boosted as Wood advanced to the 1st Round Proper, pulling a home tie against Blackpool out of the hat, replicating our 1st Round opponents 14-years previously when the Tangerines dispatched of the Wood, then of the Ryman Division One North, comprehensively.

On 4th November 2017, Wood welcomed Gary Bowyer's League Two Blackpool to Meadow Park looking to make history. After a first half stalemate, Danny Philliskirk begged Wood back with the game's opening goal in the 62nd minute. However, an inspired double substitution from Gaffer Luke Garrard turned the game on its head, with Blair Turgott and Dan Holman being dispatched immediately after Blackpool's opener. After smart play down the right flank, Kane Smith pulled the ball back from the Tangerines by line for an oncoming Turgott, who timed his run to perfection to smash his shot into the

roof of the net to level the scoring. With 2 minutes left to play in regulation, a Bruno Andrade corner was met by the head of Keiran Murtagh, who's front post header was sneaking in at the far post, but Dan Holman made sure, stabbing the ball in on the line to give Wood the win.

As the final whistle was blown, the Club's twitter account wrote, "It's taken us 70 years, but we've finally beaten a Football League side." After 5 previous attempts under Danny Hunter's Chairmanship, the Club had finally defeated a Football League outfit for the first time in its history. Unfortunately, the Club's next milestone, to reach the 3rd Round Proper wasn't meant to be, as despite a bright start against Coventry City at the Ricoh Arena in the 2nd Round Proper, including a number of gilt-edge chances, the Sky Blues were victorious 2-0 on the day, meaning Wood would have to wait to make their first ever appearance in the 3rd Round of the famous FA Cup.

If our victory over Blackpool wasn't enough to put the 2017/18 season into the history books, what would unfold post-Christmas most definitely would ensure the 2017/18 campaign would go down as the most successful season in the Club's history.

A season-long play-off push saw Wood finish in the coveted top 7, in 4th place to be exact, meaning we would host 7th place AFC Fylde in the play-off eliminator match at Meadow Park. A devastatingly fast start by the Wood saw us score twice within the opening half an hour via headed goals Jamie Turley and talisman Bruno Andrade. Lewis Montrose halved Wood's advantage before half time, but despite Wood's Bruno Andrade missing a late second half penalty, we held onto to set up a play-off semi-final against 3rd place Sutton United at Gander Green Lane.

Just 3-days after our eliminator victory over AFC Fylde, Wood travelled to South London to take on Sutton United at Gander Green Lane. Full of optimism, but realistic in our prospects of getting a result given the omissions from our line-up with Kane Smith (ACL tear), Jamie

Turley (broken jaw) and Morgan Ferrier (hamstring tear), all falling foul of our gruelling eliminator match just 3 days previous. Despite this, Wood overcome all odds to defeat the U's 3-2 with goals coming from Angelo Balanta, Scott Doe and Watford loanee Michael Folivi to book our place at Wembley Stadium for the very first time in our history, just a single victory away from reaching the promised land, the English Football League.

On 12th May 2018, Wood walked up Wembley Way for the first time ever, something that seemed an unimageable possibility when local man Danny Hunter took over the Club back in August 1999, 19 years previous. The walk up Wembley Way had been poetic and majestic to the Chairman ever since he did the exact walk with his own Father, former-Wood legendary Manager Mickey Hunter, to watch his beloved England take on Bulgaria at the old Wembley Stadium in 1968 for an international friendly. This time he walked up Wembley way to the new stadium alongside his son Billy Hunter, with his family, friends, Club, Town and Community behind the Wood. However, despite a Liam Ridיהugh sending off within the first minute of the game, Bruno Andrade cancelling out Andy Cook's 6th minute opener just before half time and dominating proceedings from start-to-finish, it wasn't meant to be as Tranmere's James Norwood delivered the ultimate sucker punch, scoring an 81st minute winner to give the Rover's victory. Our time will come again...



WOOD V S .

BLACKPOOL

FA CUP 1ST ROUND 04.11.18







WOOD VS.

AFC FYLDE

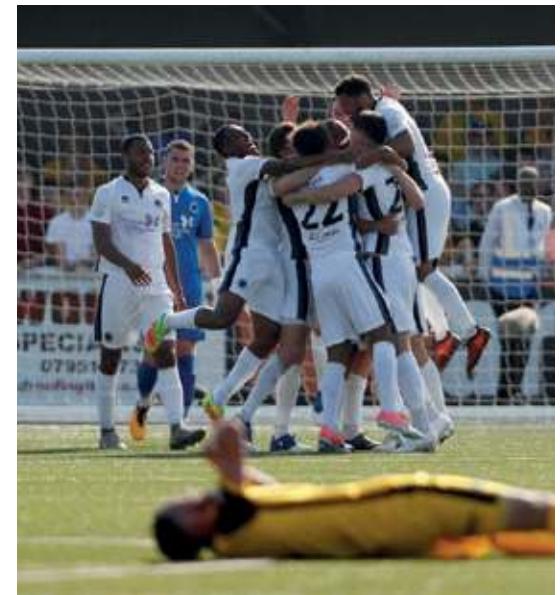
PLAYOFF ELIMINATOR 03.05.18



WOOD VS.

SUTTON UNITED

PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL 06.05.18

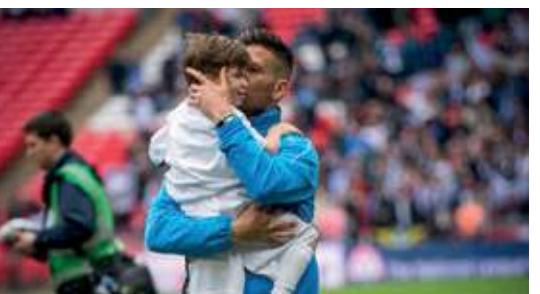


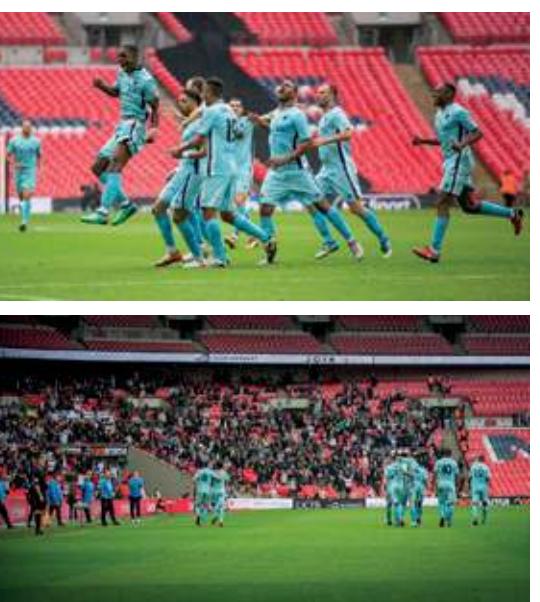


WOOD VS.

TRANMERE ROVERS

PLAYOFF FINAL 12.05.18





2018

FEBRUARY

Planning consent granted for demolition of the existing North terrace and the replacement with covered stand and new associated facilities such as toilets, catering outlets and club shop.



PROGRESS IS MADE,
YET AGAIN...

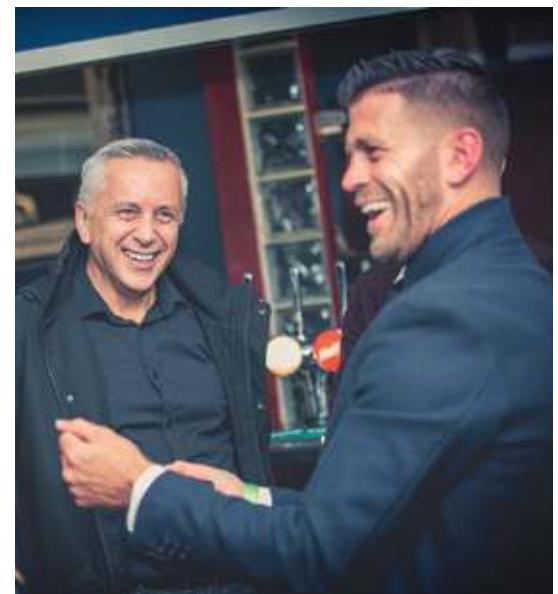


2019

AUGUST

Following planning approval for a new North Stand at Meadow Park, Danny Hunter moved quickly to instruct and start construction on his latest Stadium improvement, which was completed over the summer of 2019 and opened by England Lionesses boss Phil Neville when Meadow Park held a showcase friendly between Arsenal Women and then-Women's Champions League finalists FC Barcelona on the 14th August 2019. It was a fantastic event, shared with friends, partners and collaborators such as Hertsmere Borough Council, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Barnet & Southgate College, GBE Installations, the Football Foundation, the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, the Premier League, the National League, Civils Construction and Property Solutions, Reid Steel, amongst others...

In addition to the opening of Meadow Park's brand-new North Bank, a summer home team changing room overhaul and renovation was also recognised and used for the very first time.







19-20

PANDEMIC SEASON

As the Meadow Park facility improvements did in 2014/15 with the construction of our new West grandstand and in 2017/18 with our new training facility, DESSO grassmaster playing surface and associated Stadium improvements, which changed the mentality of the Club front top-to-bottom and resulted in huge success on the pitch, the magnificent facility improvements witnessed over the summer of 2019 seemingly had the same affect. An outstanding season, which was sadly curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, saw Wood finish in 5th position under a points per game calculation, meaning for the second time in three seasons, Boreham Wood would participate in the National League play-offs.

A 5th place finish set up an eliminator match against 6th position, FC Halifax Town. After trailing at half time from a defensive error, Wood came out of the 2nd half break in blistering fashion equalising via Kane Smith before Matt Rhead scoring the winner, both goals assisted by our very own Sorba Thomas, setting up a semi-final tie against 2nd place play-off favourites Harrogate Town, with a place at Wembley for the second time in three seasons up for grabs. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts Harrogate were the better side on the day, defeating Wood 1-0.



20-21

PANDEMIC
SEASON

In what was a disappointing season in the National League, finishing in an underwhelming 14th position, the Club made history by reaching the 3rd Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time it's history. Victories over Wimborne Town, Southend United and Canvey Island set up a 3rd Round tie against Championship side Millwall at Meadow Park. Despite defeat at the hands of the Lions, the Wood held their heads high knowing another record in Club history had been broken in what can only be described as the golden generation in our Club's rich history.



WOOD V.S.

SOUTHEND
UNITED

FA CUP 1ST ROUND 07.11.20





WOOD VS.

CANVEY ISLAND

FA CUP 2ND ROUND 30.11.20



WOOD VS.

MILLWALL

FA CUP 3RD ROUND 09.01.21





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NEW

FUTURE?



VIEW FROM

MAIN CLUB ENTRANCE



VIEW FROM

BROOK RD CAR PARK



VIEW OF

NEW ACADEMY BUILDING



VIEW FROM

NORTH WEST CORNER



VIEW FROM

REAR OF ACADEMY BUILDING



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NATIONAL LEAGUE 2021/22

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PT
1	Chesterfield	17	10	6	1	35	15	20	36
2	Boreham Wood	17	10	5	2	26	13	13	35
3	FC Halifax Town	17	10	3	4	28	16	12	33
4	Grimsby Town	17	10	2	5	29	17	12	32
5	Notts County	18	9	5	4	29	21	8	32
6	Bromley	17	9	4	4	31	20	11	31
7	Wrexham	18	8	6	4	33	20	13	30
8	Stockport County	17	9	3	5	28	20	8	30
9	Solihull Moors	17	8	5	4	22	20	2	29
10	Yeovil Town	17	8	4	5	19	15	4	28
11	Dagenham & Redbridge	18	8	2	8	34	24	10	26
12	Altrincham	17	7	3	7	31	26	5	24
13	Woking	17	8	0	9	30	26	4	24
14	Eastleigh	16	7	3	6	21	21	0	24
15	Barnet	17	6	4	7	21	30	-9	22
16	Wealdstone	17	5	6	6	17	25	-8	21
17	Torquay United	17	5	3	9	24	30	-6	18
18	Aldershot Town	17	5	1	11	18	30	-12	16
19	Weymouth	17	4	3	10	20	35	-15	15
20	Maidenhead United	15	4	2	9	18	30	-12	14
21	Southend United	16	4	2	10	13	25	-12	14
22	King's Lynn Town	17	2	2	13	15	37	-22	8
23	Dover Athletic	17	0	4	13	14	40	-26	-8



2ND ROUND

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER cont.

Rotherham United v Stockport County
Carlisle United v Shrewsbury Town
Ipswich Town v Barrow
Portsmouth v Harrogate Town

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Rochdale v Plymouth Argyle
Colchester United v Wigan Athletic
Kidderminster Harriers v FC Halifax Town
Salford City v Chesterfield

MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Boreham Wood v St Albans City

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

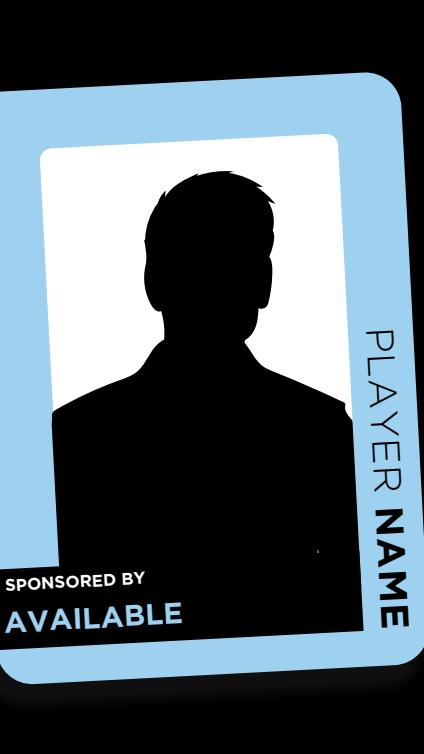
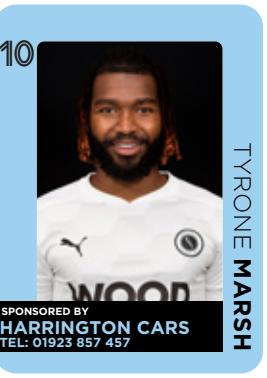
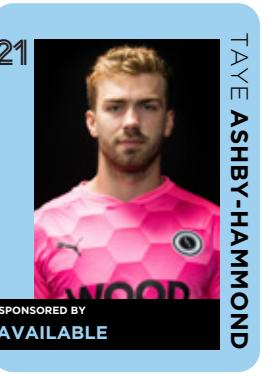
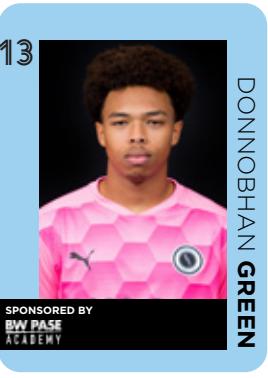
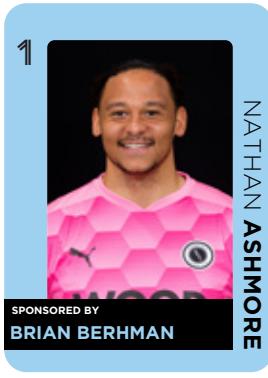
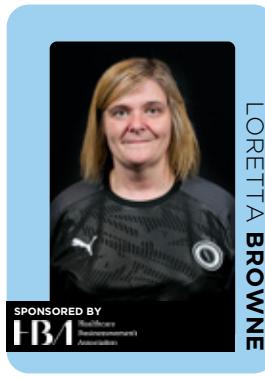
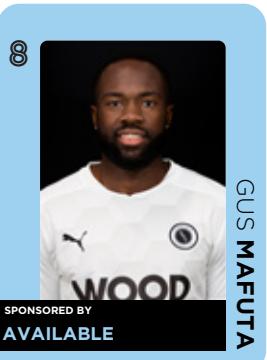
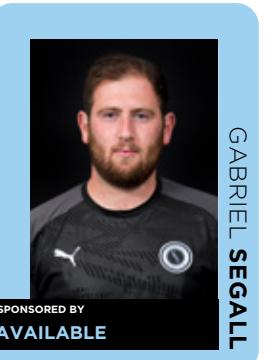
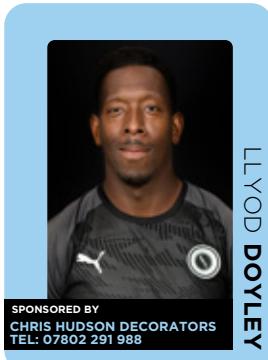
Gateshead v Charlton Athletic

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Yeovil Town v Stevenage
Bristol Rovers v Sutton United
Burton Albion v Port Vale
Buxton v Morecambe
Lincoln City v Hartlepool United
AFC Wimbledon v Cheltenham Town
Leyton Orient v Tranmere Rovers
Cambridge United v Exeter City
Doncaster Rovers v Mansfield Town
Walsall v Swindon Town

PLAYERS & STAFF

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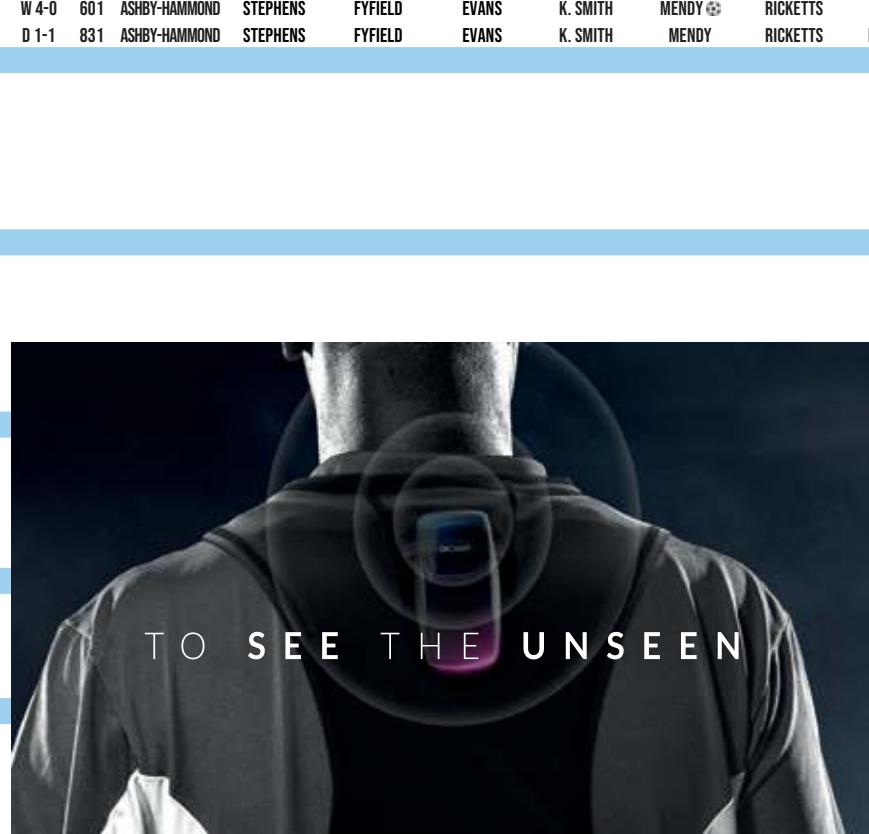
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FIXTURES 2021/22

BKD - BEHIND
CLOSED DOORS GOAL SCORED
SUBSTITUTION

DATE	OPPONENT	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT	ATT	STARTING 11												SUBSTITUTES					
AUGUST																							
SAT 21	WEYMOUTH		NL	A	W 2-0	1195	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	MAFUTA	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	RAYMOND	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
SAT 28	ALDERSHOT TOWN		NL	H	W 1-0	602	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	JALLOW	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
MON 30	DOVER ATHLETIC		NL	A	W 1-0	1517	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	JALLOW	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
SEPTEMBER																							
SAT 4	STOCKPORT COUNTY		NL	H	D 0-0	782	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	CLIFTON	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
SAT 11	BROMLEY		NL	A	W 3-2	1311	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	CLIFTON	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
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SAT 18	SOLIHULL MOORS		NL	A	L 1-3	1021	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	MAFUTA	STEPHENS	CLIFTON	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
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SAT 9	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE		NL	H	W 2-0	1111	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	MAFUTA	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	CLIFTON	C. SMITH	MUNNS	
SAT 16	BARNET	FA CUP	A	W 1-0	1615	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	MAFUTA	REES	RAYMOND	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	STEPHENS	CLIFTON	C. SMITH	MUNNS	RICKETTS	
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TUE 26	KING'S LYNN TOWN		NL	A	W 1-0	1160	ASHBY-HAMMOND	ILESANMI	FYFIELD	STEPHENS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	MAFUTA	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	RAYMOND	CLIFTON	OLUWABORI	MUNNS	
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SAT 20	MAIDENHEAD UNITED		NL	H	W 4-0	601	ASHBY-HAMMOND	STEPHENS	FYFIELD	EVANS	K. SMITH	MENDY	RICKETTS	REES	MAFUTA	MARSH	BODEN	GREEN	RAYMOND	CLIFTON	LEWIS	OLUWABORI	
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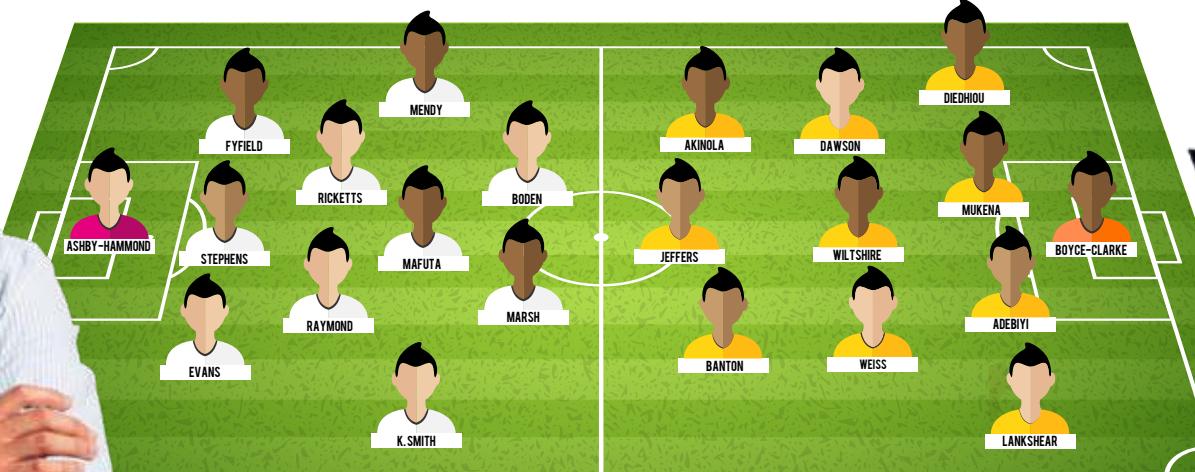


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LAST TIME OUT

**BOREHAM WOOD 1
NOTTS COUNTY 1**

23/11/2021 | LV Bet Stadium Meadow Park
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**0 TONBRIDGE ANGELS
0 ST ALBANS CITY**

30/11/2021 | Longmead Stadium
Vanarama National League South



RECENT FORM



W 1-0

**KING'S LYNN
TOWN**

NATIONAL LEAGUE
26/10/2021 | AWAY



W 1-0

**SOUTHEND
UNITED**

NATIONAL LEAGUE
30/10/2021 | HOME



W 2-0

**EASTLEIGH
FC**

FA CUP 1ST ROUND
6/11/2021 | HOME



D 1-1

**ALTRINCHAM
FC**

NATIONAL LEAGUE
13/11/2021 | AWAY



W 4-0

**MAIDENHEAD
UNITED**

NATIONAL LEAGUE
20/11/2021 | HOME



W 2-1

**EASTBOURNE
BOROUGH**

NATIONAL LEAGUE (S)
9/10/2021 | HOME



W 3-2

**FOREST GREEN
ROVERS**

FA CUP 1ST ROUND
16/10/2021 | HOME



L 4-3

**DULWICH
HAMLET**

NATIONAL LEAGUE (S)
19/10/2021 | HOME



L 3-1

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (S)
23/10/2021 | HOME



W 4-1

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26/10/2021 | AWAY

LAST TIME WE MET

**BOREHAM WOOD
ST ALBANS CITY**

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2019
HERTS SENIOR CUP FINAL
LV BET STADIUM MEADOW PARK

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Ralston Gabriel's winner was enough to secure silverware for the Wood as they lifted the Herts Senior Cup. The hosts put plenty of pressure on the St Albans City defence right from the off, and thought they had taken the lead when former Saints man Gabriel put the ball in the back of the net with a fine header midway through the first half, but the assistant referee's flag deemed the striker offside.

Saints goalkeeper Dean Snedker would prove a real thorn in the side of Gabriel throughout, and the clinical edge was lacking as the hosts struggled to make their dominance count. However, an opportunity in the second half arose after St Albans were caught on the counter where Shakes won the ball up for the Wood and fed Kane Smith out wide down the right-hand side, who put it on

a plate for Gabriel to tap home against his old side and give Boreham Wood the lead. From here on out, it was a simple task of seeing out the win. There was enough time for one last chance for the Saints in the dying embers of the game, but moments later referee Dave Rock blew his whistle to confirm Boreham Wood as the champions of Hertfordshire.

THE OPPPOSITION ST ALBANS CITY



THE GAFFER IAN ALLINSON

Former Wood manager Ian Allinson has had a distinguished career in football, both as a player and as a manager. Having begun his career with Colchester United, he made his debut during the 1974/75 season and was named as the club's Young Player of the Year before being rewarded with his first professional contract. He would play a crucial role in Colchester's promotion-winning side of 1976/77, securing the U's promotion with the winner in a match against Bradford City. 69 goals in over 300 appearances would catch the attention of clubs higher up the football pyramid, and he joined English giants Arsenal in the summer of 1983.

Under manager George Graham, Allinson enjoyed a successful four years with the Gunners, helping them reach the 1987 League Cup final with a goal and an assist against rivals Tottenham Hotspur in the semi-final, with the Gunners going on to win the League Cup that season.

A lack of opportunities signalled the end of his time at Highbury, and he went on to enjoy spells with Stoke City, Luton Town and a return to Colchester, before becoming player-manager at Baldock Town after retiring with them in 1989.

He would go on to take charge of Stotfold, Barton Rovers and Harlow Town, before the first of two spells with Boreham Wood. Having initially joined for the 2004/05 season, his return in 2008 would cement his name in Wood folklore, as he guided them from the Isthmian League Premier Division to the Conference Premier, as well as reaching the FA Cup First Round on two occasions. He would depart after seven years midway through the 2015/16 season and joined St Albans City in 2016, remaining with the Saints ever since.

THE STAND OUTS



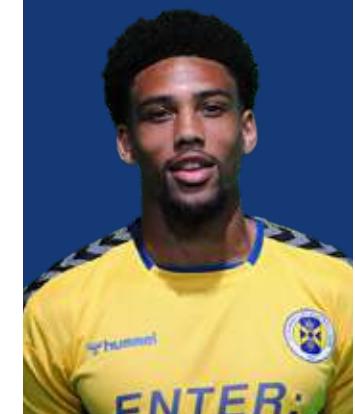
THE DESTROYER
TOM BENDER

A Wales youth international, Tom Bender began his career at Colchester United where he graduated through the club's academy, becoming the second youngest player ever to represent the club at 16 years and 243 days when he made his debut in 2009. Loan spells with Accrington Stanley and Chelmsford City brought valuable experience before signing for Championship side Millwall in 2013. A brief stint saw him turn out primarily for the development squad, and he left after just a season having previously gone out on loan to Welling United. A further 16 appearances for Dartford followed but he was released after just half-a-season, soon arriving at Conference Premier side Forest Green Rovers on a deal until the end of the 2014/15 season. After helping them reach the play-offs, he was offered a six-month contract ahead of the 2015/16 season but left the following November to join St Albans City on loan, subsequently joining them permanently. He has gone on to play over 200 times for the Saints, and has been rewarded for his performances being named the 2016/17 Supporters' Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season, as well as the 2017/18 Young Player of the Season.



THE PLAYMAKER
DAVID NOBLE

Football League veteran David Noble is still going strong at the age of 39. Having come through the Arsenal Academy, he made his first senior appearances while on loan at Watford under the management of former Juventus and Chelsea striker Gianluca Vialli. A permanent departure from the Gunners was confirmed in February 2003 when a move to recently relegated West Ham United was announced, having never played a senior game for Arsenal. A deal until the end of the season was agreed but he found chances limited, joining Non-League club Boston United on a loan deal that would be made permanent the following summer. Two years with the Pilgrims proved far more fruitful, and he earned a move into League One with Bristol City in January 2006. He scored the two goals that sent the Robins back into the Championship before being released at the end of 2008/09 after a loan spell with Yeovil Town, and went onto enjoy spells with Exeter City, Rotherham United, Cheltenham Town on loan, Oldham Athletic, and a return to Exeter initially on loan. A return to Non-League followed in 2016 with St Albans City, and he has gone on to make over 100 appearances with the Clarence Park outfit.



THE FINISHER
SHAUN JEFFERS

Former Wood man Shaun Jeffers has impressed in attack since joining St Albans in 2020. A Coventry City Academy product, he made just a handful of appearances during his stay with the Sky Blues and left for Peterborough United in the summer of 2013, after loan spells with Cheltenham Town, Cambridge United and Tamworth. He continued to struggle for opportunities and joined Newport County, where he endured similar. He continued to bounce around with loan spells at Brackley Town and Woking, as well as a move to Yeovil Town, before arriving at Chelmsford City ahead of the 2016/17 season. He enjoyed a hugely positive campaign, with his 21 goals helping the club reach the play-off final. This saw him earn a move up a tier, and he was part of the Wood team that enjoyed a historic 2017/18 campaign. A loan spell away from Meadow Park with Hampton & Richmond Borough preceded permanent returns to Brackley Town and Chelmsford City, before arriving at St Albans City in the 2020 off-season. He has scored 32 goals in 41 games for the Saints, and an electric start to the current campaign saw him net six times in October with him being awarded the National League South Player of the Month award.

MATCH REPORT



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BOREHAM WOOD
Marsh (64')



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NOTTS COUNTY
Rodrigues (31')

DATE 23/11/2021
LV BET STADIUM MEADOW PARK
NATIONAL LEAGUE



WOOD GET THE POINT

It was a deserved point for Boreham Wood in a well-contested encounter against a very good Notts County side. A first half goal from Ruben Rodrigues was cancelled out in the second period by Tyrone Marsh.

Luke Garrard made one change from Boreham Wood's emphatic victory over Maidenhead United on Saturday with Frankie Raymond coming in for the injured Josh Rees. New signing James Comley took his place on the bench.

In a quiet first half, the visitors started the game very much on the front foot and enjoyed a lot of early possession, but Boreham Wood quickly got a foothold in the game and started to pin County in their own half. Tyrone Marsh had a chance on fourteen minutes, but his tame shot was easily gathered by goalkeeper Sam Slocombe. County then went up the other end and it was only some excellent defending from Jacob Mendy that prevented Frank Vincent from having a shot on goal. Jamal Fyfield and Scott Boden then both had good chances to open the scoring. On thirty-one minutes, it was the visitors who

took the lead with their first foray into the Wood half for some time. From a pinpoint Callum Roberts free kick, Ruben Rodrigues produced a bullet header that gave Taye Ashby-Hammond absolutely no chance as it flew into the corner of his net. The goal spurred the visitors into life, and they started to dominate possession again. For the rest of the first period, it looked more likely County would add to their lead, but Wood held out till the interval.

If Luke Garrard has strong words with his side at half time, it had the desired effect. There was just more energy from the hosts and more purpose on the ball in the second period. Tyrone Marsh quickly clipped the County crossbar with a mishit cross. It was the introduction of Dennon Lewis on sixty-two minutes that really swung the match Boreham Wood's way. With the former Wealdstone man causing havoc down the left hand side, it opened up the Notts County defence. Very quickly, Wood equalised. Some excellent play by Lewis as well as some good footwork from Mark Ricketts created a chance for Marsh who finished well past Slocombe in the County goal on sixty-four minutes. The next period

of the match was played very much in the visitors' half but as the match entered its final stages, County looked dangerous on the break. The final period was an interesting end to end battle where it looked like either side could snatch all three points. However, when referee Lewis Smith blew the final whistle, it was clear that a draw was the right result in a match between two excellent sides.

It was a very good point for Luke Garrard's men, especially given the scoreline at half time and the mixed first half performance. There were many outstanding performances among the Wood side. David Stephens was a colossus at the back and the ageless Mark Ricketts was controlling the midfield, but Tyrone Marsh was the standout player. His work rate was immense, especially when he dropped deeper following Lewis's introduction. Also, his goal salvaged a well-deserved point for Boreham Wood to maintain their unbeaten home record.

BOREHAM WOOD

Ashby-Hammond, Evans, Stephens, Fyfield, Mendy Mendy, K Smith, Ricketts, Raymond, Mafuta (Lewis 62), Boden (Clifton 87), Marsh.

Unused Subs: Green, Comley, C Smith.

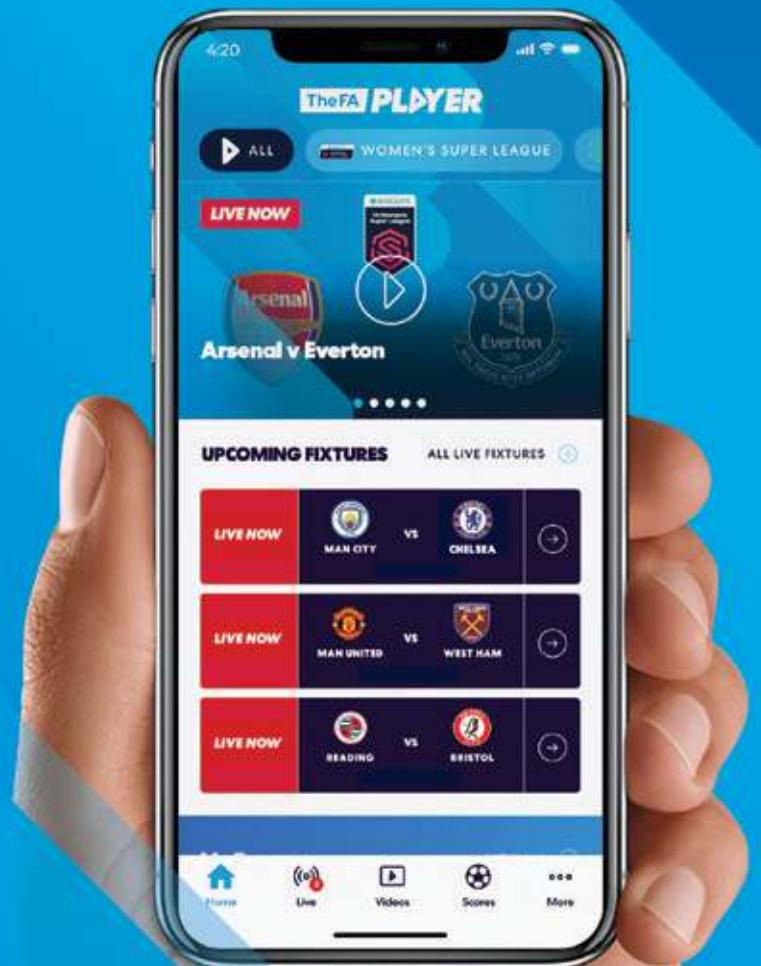
NOTTS COUNTY

Slocombe, Cameron, Lacey, Brindley, Taylor, Kelly-Evans, Palmer, Roberts (Mitchell 68), Vincent, Rodrigues, Wootton.

Unused Subs: Brooks, Chicksen, Francis, Sam.

Match report written by Brett Lewis (Non-League Paper & Wood Army member).





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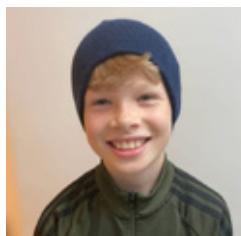
REGGIE DEKANSKI

Age
7

Favourite Team
Arsenal

Favourite Player
Nathan Ashmore

Score Prediction
5-1 to The Wood



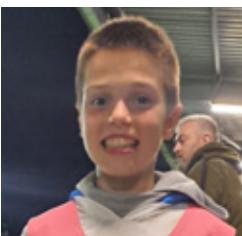
JAKE YARD

Age
10

Favourite Team
Liverpool

Favourite Player
Connor Smith

Score Prediction
2-1 to The Wood



LUKE HARPER

Age
10

Favourite Team
Spurs & Boreham Wood

Favourite Player
Connor Smith

Score Prediction
2-1 to The Wood



LOUIS MARCUS

Age
11

Favourite Team
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Tyrone Marsh

Score Prediction
3-2 to Boreham Wood

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MATCH REPORT



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BOREHAM WOOD
Boden (18', 46'), Rees (24'), Mendy (79')



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MAIDENHEAD UNITED

DATE 20/11/2021
LV BET STADIUM MEADOW PARK
NATIONAL LEAGUE



EMPHATIC WOOD THRASH MAIDENHEAD

It was an emphatic win for Boreham Wood at LV Bet Stadium, Meadow Park against Alan Devonshire's Maidenhead United. A brace from Scott Boden and further goals from Jacob Mendy Mendy and Josh Rees ensured Boreham Wood's sixth win in eight home matches in the Vanarama National League this season.

Wood came out of the blocks quickly and Tyrone Marsh's header was spilt by goalkeeper James Holden into the path of Will Evans after two minutes, but his effort was cleared off the line. A few minutes later, Maidenhead's Josh Kelly fired over from a difficult angle. The home side took the lead on eighteen minutes when Scott Boden finished well at the back post when unmarked from a corner. Boreham Wood might have added to their lead four minutes later when following a similar Josh Rees corner and with the Magpies defence at sixes and sevens, Tyrone Marsh shot straight at Holden. However, they made no mistake on twenty-four minutes when an outstanding pass from Marsh picked out Scott Boden

who in turn played in Josh Rees who finished with aplomb to double Boreham Wood's lead. Ten minutes later Boreham Wood keeper Taye Ashby-Hammond saved well from a Nathan Blissett header.

As soon as the second half started, Boreham Wood added a third. A Kane Smith cross picked out Boden who finished emphatically at the far post for his second of the match. On fifty-two minutes Wood should have scored again when another Josh Rees corner there was a goalmouth scramble and Marsh couldn't quite connect with his shot. Minutes later, Marsh had another chance to score but was denied by Holden in the Maidenhead goal when one on one. The visitors had some rare pressure soon afterwards and forced a succession of corners, but the Wood defence held firm. Boreham Wood then created a good chance on seventy-five minutes when Kane Smith played in Josh Rees who hit a well struck shot into the side netting. Four minutes later Boreham Wood did add a fourth when Jacob Mendy Mendy hit a shot from thirty yards out that

took a wicked deflected before beating Holden in the Maidenhead goal. The last ten minutes were uneventful as Boreham Wood looked composed and Maidenhead offered very little in terms of a response.

To think that Boreham Wood lost 4-1 in the same fixture at the end of last season, just shows how far Luke Garrard's men have come in a few short months. There is no doubt that the impact new signings such as Will Evans, Jacob Mendy Mendy, Josh Rees and Scott Boden continues to be a positive one. Following Kabs untimely exit, Boden has made the centre forward slot his own and his goals and intelligent centre forward play has made him a firm fans favourite at the LV Bet Stadium, Meadow Park.

BOREHAM WOOD

Ashby-Hammond, Evans, Stephens, Fyfield, Mendy Mendy, K Smith, Ricketts, Rees, Mafuta (Raymond 76), Boden (Boden 70), Marsh (Lewis 80).

Unused Subs: Green, Oluwabori.

MAIDENHEAD UNITED

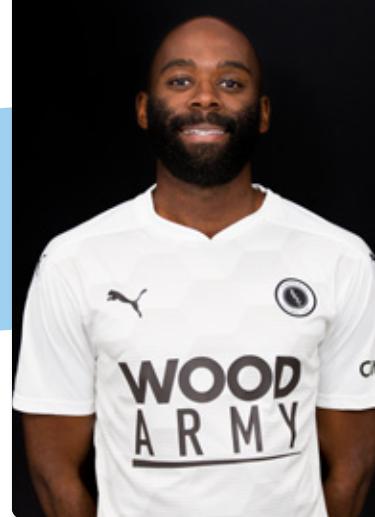
Holden, Sendles-White, Clerima, Massey, Well, Burley (Donnellan 55), Ferdinand, Mingi (Adams 76), Smith (Sparkes 55), Blissett, Kelly.

Unused Subs: Parry, Acquah.

*Match report written by Brett Lewis
(Non-League Paper & Wood Army member).*

Jamal Fyfield's ULTIMATE 5-A-SIDE

Rules are simple! 4 players you've played with and 1 player you've played against!



G - TAYE ASHBY-HAMMOND

It must be Taye... He has hands like velvet. He is such a calming influence, I've only played with him in recent weeks at Boreham Wood but he's made an instant impression. Oh, and he also smells amazing haha!

D - FEMI ILESANMI

I have played with Fem for a few years now and he is so consistent and very, very reliable. He has absolutely everything you want in a defender; strength, pace, bravness, composure, the list goes on... Personally, one of the most inspiring people I know, too!

M - GUS MAFUTA

Gus is an all-rounder. He can defend but he can score goals, important ones too. He also has such a high understanding of the game and is a pleasure to play with. I played against Gus when he was at Salford City and Hartlepool United, and trust me he is certainly one of those players you want on your team rather than playing against them.

M - ANDRE BOUCAUD

I played against Andre and he is a Non-League/inner city legend. He could do things with the ball that didn't make sense haha. He has a great range of passing and was so strong on the ball. He could genuinely make the impossible happen.

F - KABONGO TSHIMANGA

I played against Charlie Austin I couldn't pick any one else could I really, could I? Kabby is deadly. I have played with Kabs at Boreham Wood, and now against him since he has joined Chesterfield, and he is a cold blooded assassin. All he knows is goals! He was born to put the ball in the back of the net. I am convinced he will play in the Premier league one day!



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- 16 James Comley
- 17 Jacob Mendy Mendy
- 18 Connor Smith
- 19 Kane Smith
- 21 Taye Ashby-Hammond



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