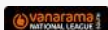
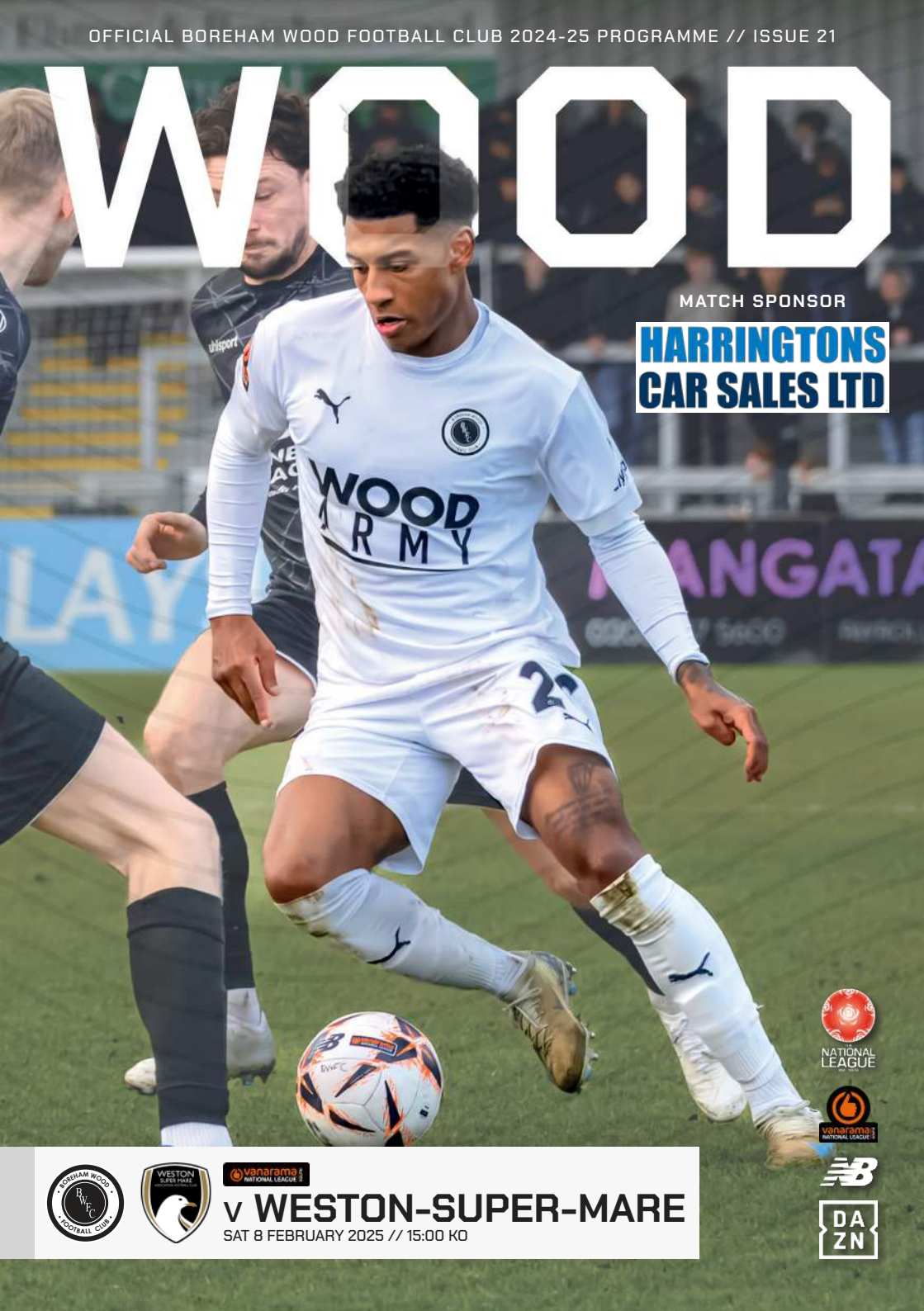


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DANNY HUNTER

Today we welcome the Directors, Manager, players and supporters of Weston-Super-Mare to the Mangata Pay UK Stadium. May I wish them a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.

Well, after a very good last three months the wheels slightly came off over the last two weeks, as we lost our 14 game unbeaten league and cup run, had two quick defeats in four days, went out of the FA Trophy down at Aldershot 2-0, before beating Hemel Hempstead 4-3 in a league humdinger on Monday night.

When things are going well, experience tells you not to get ahead of yourself but sometimes what you know you should do, and what you actually do, are two very different things.

In truth, we've had a nasty little wobble and been given a reminder about what failure might look like. As such it's now important to take heed of this wobble, look to improve our ranks slightly once again and try to begin another unbeaten run. Hence us getting the late win at an improved Hemel Hempstead on Monday night was vital at it

means we are now tentatively "back on the horse" and ready to go again.

Suspensions and injuries can damage you in most seasons. However, those absences do allow players who have been patiently waiting in the wings to stake their claim for a starting spot and that can often be very healthy for the wider squad.

Some squad players will come in, take their chance and never look back and some will come in, do alright, but not really cement their place. Others will come in and not remotely take their chance and fall further down the pecking order - that in simple terms is how football selection works and they, my friends, are the rules of the game.

If I'm honest I expected our pocket rocket Erico Sousa to be a much bigger miss than he has been thus far after his injury against Leyton Orient in the FA Cup, but In

truth we've coped far better without Erico than I could ever have thought possible.

Josh Hare is another recent casualty, as he picked up a second concussion against Chippenham Town here two weeks ago and it's an opportunity for someone to stake a claim for his shirt as he won't be available until next Saturday at the very earliest.

Skipper Jack Payne is another who picked up an injury three weeks ago down at Welling Utd. Jack is still another two or three weeks away and he has proved to be a far bigger loss than I had imagined.

On top of that we now need to cope with not only these injuries but Chris Bush's suspension over the next three games and I genuinely hope we will, as our squad has real depth and has been put together to cope with these types of setbacks.

For me it's now down to Luke, Ricko, the backroom staff and dressing room to stay focused, driven, disciplined and ensure we have enough about us to ride out what has been a very tricky period in our season and stay amongst the title challengers.

On a more positive note, we have not rested on our laurels. We remained proactive in the transfer market and signed an 'old friend' of ours in ex-skipper and central defender Callum Reynolds.

The deal, trust me, was a long time in the making, but getting a player of Cal's experience, character and ability from Bromley where he was playing regularly in the EFL, is a real coup for us and it was great news for Luke, the dressing room, you supporters and the club as a whole, especially at this time of the season.

When we last won promotion into the National League, it was Callum who proudly led us there as Captain and who lifted the Play Off Trophy. When he left us a year later (on very good terms I might add) we were still in the National League. Now

Callum has returned to hopefully play his part in our next promotion, having had lots of play-off and cup experiences elsewhere, including going to Wembley last season and winning promotion to the EFL with Bromley - welcome back Cal.

Today you'll all be very happy that my programme notes are not at all lengthy but I'll end by saying sometimes in football you can beat yourself up over a few losses and overthink things. You can over analyse the world and sometimes then fail to recognise what your strengths are or give credit to how good your squad actually is, and how good your back room staff, manager, sporting director and club structures are.

In my opinion greatness awaits if we can seize the day, and for me we're possibly now only a player signing, a return from injury for one or two and a return from suspension away from being ready for the run in. Trust me, one bad week must not be allowed to define our season and if we keep united, driven, and keep our focus on good habits, then good things will follow.

Anyway, back to today, we will meet a very good Weston-Super-Mare team, who we know will work hard, be well organised and will be very difficult to beat.

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

Take care.

Danny



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LIKE GARD



Good Afternoon, firstly I would like to welcome Scott Bartlett, his Staff and Players to The Mangata Pay Uk Stadium for today's National South fixture.

It's nice to return to home comforts, especially having to travel away for our last three fixtures.

It's been a mixed ten days, with us recording back to back defeats in the league and exiting the FA Trophy last Saturday.

The response on Monday evening against local rivals Hemel Hempstead was exactly what was required, can I find fault in the game and the way in which we conceded the goals - 100% but for us to stop the losing streak and to start what I hope is another impressive unbeaten run was paramount.

Also big positives were the goals being shared around the side, which is showing we are creating and have many ways of scoring especially from restarts which is something we have addressed and now we are seeing the fruits of our labour.

Our goals for tally in the league is very healthy and that hasn't always been something you'd marry up with my managerial style.

I'm a manager that has always set up sides that are resilient and have a structure that bases our game on being well drilled and keeping clean sheets.

In our recent fixtures that most definitely hasn't been the case and it's now for myself and the staff to really double down on our work on the grass to get back to being defensively strong without taking too much away from our attacking play.

The caveat of being more solid can't be at the detriment of us scoring and getting that balance is going to be key, I want us to be an attacking side creating chances yet be organised on the breakdown.

The work has gone into the group and we have spoken to individuals and units about what needs to improve and how we have to progress to get back to being resolute and keeping clean sheets.

We are midway through a hectic period where we still have a Saturday - Tuesday - Saturday to contend with and for us to achieve what we want come the end of the season we will have to have a very good week in football and that starts with a positive performance this afternoon.

We know the oppositions strength and how they look to hurt you, but we will have to play with an intensity and tempo that allows for us to get our game going and really start to emphasise ourselves over longer periods of the match.

Get right behind the boys and be loud and proud and give us that extra energy to get all 3 points today.

Look forward to seeing you all

Enjoy the game

Luke



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Manager: Scott BARTLETT

Following a playing career that included spells with Salisbury, Weston, Bath City and Forest Green Rovers, Scott spent a spell in charge of the Seagulls during the 2016-2017 season before moving full-time as Head of Academy at Forest Green. Following his departure from the Green, he returned to the Optima Stadium in the summer of 2019 and oversaw Weston's successful 2022/2023 Southern Premier South win and promotion back to the Vanarama National League South.

ONES TO WATCH



Emlyn LEWIS

Born: Aberystwyth, Wales - 14 June 1996

Position: Defender

Powerful centre-back, Emlyn Lewis spent the 10 years prior to joining the Seagulls with the Cardiff Met side, making countless appearances as they gained promotion to the Welsh top flight and became a stable side in the Cymru Leagues. The 28-year-old has also been capped four times by Wales C, captaining them on two occasions. Signing for Weston in May 2024, he has since become captain for Scott Bartlett's side.



Morgan LEWIS

Born: Cardiff, Wales - 21 September 2004

Position: Defender

Formerly a youngster at Cardiff City, Lewis joined Mousehole at the age of 18 for the 2023-2024 season. Transitioning from centre-back to left-back, the teenager, at the time, put in some impressive performances that led to his move to the Optima Stadium in the summer of last year. Lewis had a spell on loan at Taunton Town between August and January, but is now back. The youngster will no doubt be looking to prove himself.



Luke COULSON

Born: St Helens - 6 March 1994

Position: Winger

Weston's star man kicked off his playing career in the youth ranks of Manchester City and Cardiff City before getting his first experience of senior football with Oxford City, going on to feature for Eastleigh, Barnet and Ebbsfleet United before signing for Bromley in 2018. The experienced winger then moved on to Dartford in the summer of 2022, where he remained until signing for the Seagulls in May of last year.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

WESTON-S-MARE

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** selects ten post-war Weston-super Mare 'Classic Campaigns'

1961/62

Weston-Super-Mare reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in their history in 1961/62. The Seagulls beat Westbury United 5-3, Glastonbury 3-0 after a 1-1 draw, Minehead 1-0 and Southern League opponents Cheltenham Town 1-0 to reach the FA Cup first round. They drew 0-0 at local rivals Bridgwater Town but lost 1-0 in the replay watched by a record 2,500 crowd at Langford Road. Weston were unlucky to have an effort disallowed for marginal offside and Bridgwater snatched a late winner. They finished mid-table in the Western League despite having the fourth-best defensive record, drawing 11 of their 38 matches.

1976/77

Weston-Super-Mare finished Western League Premier Division runners-up in 1976/77. The Western League was split into two divisions for the first time since 1960. Kim Book's side won 18 of their 34 Western League games and lost only four times. Gaining 66 points, it was the club's highest-ever position at that time, finishing 14 points behind runaway champions Falmouth Town who won the title for the third successive season. Weston had the compensation of winning both the Western League Cup and Merit Cup for the first time. Record appearance holder Harry Thomas and fellow stalwart Peter Fryer were important figures during this period.

1991/92

Weston-Super-Mare won the Western League Premier Division title for the first time in 1991/92. John Ellener's side won 30 of their 40 games and were the highest scorers with 110 goals. They trounced Ottery St Mary 7-1 and Chard Town 6-1

at Woodspring Park, also winning 7-2 at Frome Town and scoring five goals at Bristol Manor Farm and Chippenham Town. Gaining 98 points, they finished nine points ahead of runners-up Clevedon Town. The Seagulls beat Melksham Town 5-0, Frome Town 3-0, Bridport 3-1 and Exmouth Town 1-0 to reach the Western League Cup semi-finals before losing 1-0 at Torrington. Paul Elson was top scorer with 24 goals.

1993/94

Weston-Super-Mare reached the FA Cup first round proper for the second time in 1993/94. The Seagulls made a club record ten-match unbeaten start before losing 4-1 to VS Rugby. They beat Welton Rovers 6-1, Shortwood United 3-1, Taunton Town 4-2, Tiverton Town 2-0 after a 0-0 draw and Newport IOW 2-0 to reach the FA Cup first round. Goals by Paul Elson and Jon Bowering gave Weston a 2-2 draw at Woking. They lost 1-0 in the replay watched by 2,350 at Woodspring Park. A crowd of 1,260 watched the local derby against Clevedon Town. The Seagulls narrowly missed promotion, finishing third in the Southern League Midland Division.

2002/03

Weston-Super-Mare won promotion to the Southern League Premier Division in 2002/03. Frank Gregan's side began with a 2-1 defeat at home to Solihull Borough but soared to the top of the Southern League Western Division with seven straight wins including a 5-1 demolition of Taunton Town. The Seagulls triumphed 5-3 at Evesham United and Danny O'Hagan grabbed a hat-trick in their 4-1 victory at home to Atherstone United. A 16 match unbeaten run maintained their challenge and they clinched promotion as runners-up with a 1-0 win at

Clevedon Town with three games remaining. Jody Bevan was top scorer as they won 26 of their 42 games.

2003/04

Weston-Super-Mare reached the FA Cup second round for the first time in 2003/04. The Seagulls defeated Dorchester Town 4-1, Chesham United 2-1 after a 1-1 draw and Welling United 3-2 to reach the FA Cup first round. Skipper Billy Clark's early goal secured a 1-0 victory at Farnborough Town. Frank Gregan's side lost 4-1 at Northampton Town in the second round. Marc McGregor was top scorer and Stuart Slater was 'Player of the Year' as Weston-Super-Mare also reached the FA Trophy fourth round for only the second time. They finished tenth in the Southern League Premier Division, clinching a place in the newly-formed Conference South.

2012/13

Weston-Super-Mare narrowly failed to qualify for the Conference South play-offs in 2012/13. Craig Laird's side won just one of their opening eight games before soaring with four straight wins, including a 5-2 victory at home to Basingstoke Town. The Seagulls dropped only two points in five matches over the Christmas period and Kayne McLaggon grabbed a hat-trick in their 3-1 win at play-off rivals Sutton United. They lost just once in 11 matches during the closing weeks and were in fourth place before two defeats in their final three games saw them finish seventh with 67 points. Ross Steam was top scorer as they finished in their highest-ever position.

2014/15

Weston-Super-Mare reached the FA Cup first round proper again in 2014/15. They beat Banbury United 3-0, Flackwell Heath 4-1 and Witham Town 2-1 in the FA Cup to reach the first round. Liam Monelle scored a late consolation goal as they lost 4-1 to Doncaster Rovers in front of a record 2,949 crowd at Woodspring Stadium. Manager Mickey Bell was replaced by director of football Ryan Northmore at the end of November with the Seagulls lying bottom of the Conference South. They soared clear of relegation danger with just

three defeats in 15 games, with Jamie Lucas netting a hat-trick in their 4-3 win at Bishop's Cleeve at the end of February.

2021/22

Weston-Super-Mare qualified for the Southern League Premier South Division play-offs in 2021/22. Scott Bartlett's side won 23 of their 42 Southern League games and boasted the second-best defensive record. Gaining 78 points, they pipped Chesham United to qualify for the play-offs in fifth place but lost 2-1 at Hayes & Yeading in the semi-finals, with Joshua Thomas grabbing a late consolation goal. The Seagulls hammered Taunton Town 5-1 at Woodspring Stadium in the FA Cup second qualifying round but lost 1-0 at Dorking Wanderers in the next round. They also won 3-2 at home to Taunton in the FA Trophy third qualifying round.



2022/23

Weston-Super-Mare won the Southern League Premier South Division title in 2022/23. They made a ten-match unbeaten start, including a 7-0 victory at home to Harrow Borough. The run ended with a 3-1 defeat at home to Chesham United but they won all except one of their next 11 matches, including a 5-1 win in the return match at Harrow. The Seagulls spent much of the season battling with Truro City for the top spot, then survived a late challenge from Bracknell Town. They clinched the title with a 4-1 win at home to Hendon in their penultimate match. Winning 28 of their 42 games, they gained 93 points, finishing three points above runners-up Bracknell.

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WESTON-S-MARE



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Wood earned a point in a hard-fought contest against a well-drilled Weston-super-Mare side.

The first half was scrappy, with Wood often second-best. Reuben Reid nearly punished a defensive mix-up early on, while Junior Dixon's deflected effort almost wrong-footed Weston keeper Max Harris. The hosts had the better chances, with Sam Pearson and Jacob Cane going close, while Charlie O'Connell headed narrowly wide for Wood.

Luke Garrard made changes at half-time, but Weston remained on top. Reid and Kwesi Appiah missed good chances before Wood finally gained momentum. A stunning Tom Whelan free-kick was brilliantly saved by Harris, and Wood pressed for a winner. Whelan struck the bar before missing another chance, while Jayden Richardson failed to convert a late cross. Despite late pressure, Wood couldn't find a breakthrough and had to settle for a draw.



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TUES 20	AWAY	19:45	DORKING WANDERERS	NLS	2-2	1,274	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
SAT 24	HOME	15:00	WEYMOUTH	NLS	3-0	701	ASHMORE	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	WHELAN	MARSH
MON 26	AWAY	15:00	SALISBURY	NLS	1-2	1,109	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	AGBONTOHOMA	WHELAN
SAT 31	HOME	15:00	MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS	1-1	909	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN ▼
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MON 2	HOME	19:45	WORTHING	NLS	1-2	715	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA
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SAT 14	AWAY	15:00	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	FAC	1-0	773	ASHMORE	COXE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
SAT 21	HOME	15:00	WELLING UNITED	NLS	6-0	803	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
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SAT 5	AWAY	15:00	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	702	ASHMORE	COXE ▼	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH
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TUE 10	HOME	15:00	ST ALBANS CITY	NLS	3-0	1,308	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
SAT 14	HOME	15:00	CHESHAM UNITED	NLS	3-0	643	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	WHELAN ▼
SAT 21	HOME	15:00	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS	1-1	717	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN
THURS 26	AWAY	15:00	ENFIELD TOWN	NLS	2-0	1,092	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN ▼
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WEDS 1	HOME	15:00	SLOUGH TOWN	NLS	5-1	855	ASHMORE	PAYNE	BUSH	WHELAN	NDLOVU ▼
SAT 4	AWAY	15:00	WEYMOUTH	FAT	2-1	624	ASHMORE	BUSH	AGBONTOHOMA	SAGAF ▼	NDLOVU
TUE 14	AWAY	19:45	WORMLEY ROVERS	HSC	1-4	94	BUSSE	MORLEY	ILESANMI ▼	MAFUTA	ISAAC ▼
SAT 18	AWAY	15:00	WELLING UNITED	NLS	1-0	836	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	PAYNE ▼	BUSH	WHELAN
TUE 21	HOME	15:00	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	3-1	612	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
SAT 25	HOME	15:00	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-4	889	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
TUES 28	AWAY	19:45	WORTHING	NLS	1-2	1,565	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
FEBRUARY											
SAT 1	AWAY	15:00	ALDERSHOT TOWN	FAT	0-2	1,647	ASHMORE	ILESANMI ▼	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
MON 3	AWAY	19:45	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	4-3	681	ASHMORE	ILESANMI	BUSH	WHELAN	BENTON ▼
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MATCH ACTION



2

Barnham [62'], Corbett [76']



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1 February 2025 // 15:00 // ISUZU FA Trophy

Wood exited the FA Trophy in the Fifth Round after a 2-0 defeat to Aldershot Town, with second-half goals from Josh Barham and Kai Corbett sealing the hosts' place in the Quarter-Finals.

Aldershot started brightly, creating early chances through Luca Woodhouse, Tyler Frost, and Josh Barrett, while Wood's best first-half effort saw Tom Whelan test Marcus Dewhurst. The deadlock was broken on 62 minutes when Corbett set up Barham, whose deflected shot beat Nathan Ashmore.

Wood nearly equalised when Matt Rush forced a save, but Aldershot doubled their lead on 77 minutes as Corbett's brilliant strike found the bottom corner. The second goal ended the contest, and despite late efforts from Chris Bush and Junior Dixon, Luke Garrard's men couldn't respond. With their cup run over, they now turn their focus to the league.





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MATCH ACTION



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Barzey [15', 82'], Lynch [55']



4

Ilesanmi [3'], Appiah [27'], Whelan [44'],
Matt Rush [87']

21 January 2025 // 19:45 // National League South

Matt Rush's late goal secured a dramatic win for the Wood in a thrilling Hertfordshire derby at Hemel Hempstead, after surrendering a two-goal lead.

Wood started fast, taking the lead in the third minute through Femi Ilesanmi's header before Brandon Barzey equalised. Kwesi Appiah restored the lead on 26 minutes, and Tom Whelan's superb free kick made it 3-1 before half-time.

Hemel fought back after the break, with Oliver Lynch reducing the deficit on 55 minutes. Barzey then levelled with a stunning 20-yard strike in the 81st minute before Wood responded six minutes later when Appiah's saved shot fell to Rush, who slotted home to spark jubilant celebrations. Despite late pressure, Wood held on for a vital three points.





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OPENING 2025/26 ACADEMY TRIAL DATES CONFIRMED!

BW PASE Academy are delighted to announce our opening Academy Trials for the 2025/26 season, taking place on Monday 17 February and Thursday 20 February respectively.

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Our offer includes great education provision, top quality coaching, with three to four sessions a week from Monday to Friday and competitive games scheduled on Wednesdays. Our full-time staff feature numerous A and B licensed coaches, a full-time Goalkeeping Coach, Strength and Conditioning Coaches, full-time Medical Staff and Analysts plus brilliant advice from the first team manager, players and staff.

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LEAGUE NEWS



JEPHCOTT RETURNS

Luke Jephcott is eager to help Truro City's promotion push after rejoining the club on loan from Newport County until the end of the season.

The 25-year-old striker, who previously scored eight goals in 18 games for Truro in 2019-20, returns to the Duchy after spells with Plymouth Argyle, Swindon Town, and St Johnstone. "I'm happy to be back and closer to home," said Jephcott. "I know the club and the lads, so I can't wait to get going. I want to help push for promotion, score goals, and enjoy my football again."



WINGS THRASHED BY TERRAS

Welling United suffered a heavy 5-1 defeat at bottom-side Weymouth, collapsing after an early disallowed goal from James Alabi.

Brooklyn Genesini's stunning strike put Weymouth ahead on 20 minutes before Jake McCarthy doubled the lead. Alabi pulled one back for Welling before half-time, but the Wings struggled to break through. Substitute Josh McQuoid made it 3-1 after the break, capitalising on a free-kick spill.

McCarthy's penalty and a second long-range screamer from Genesini sealed Welling's misery. Manager Rod Stringer will hope for reinforcements ahead of a crucial home clash with St Albans City.



SEAMAN SINKS GULLS

Charlie Seaman's 76th-minute strike secured Maidstone a vital 1-0 win over Torquay.

The Stones dominated early, with Sol Wanjau-Smith denied by James Hamon before Reiss Greenidge and Seaman both went close. Torquay threatened through Cody Cooke and Omar Mussa, but Alexis Andre Jr kept them at bay.

Maidstone hit the bar through Tayt Trusty before Aaron Blair's cross narrowly evaded onrushing teammates. Andre Jr later produced a superb save from Dan Hayfield's long-range effort. Seaman finally broke the deadlock, firing into the bottom corner. Maidstone held firm to move level on points with leaders Dorking.

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1	DORKING WANDERERS	16	8	5	3	15	8	3	4	31	16	8	7	64	41	23	56
2	BOREHAM WOOD	15	9	4	2	14	7	3	4	29	16	7	6	54	29	25	55
3	MAIDSTONE UNITED	15	7	4	4	15	8	6	1	30	15	10	5	46	25	21	55
4	WORTHING	13	8	4	1	15	8	3	4	28	16	7	5	44	35	9	55
5	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	15	8	7	0	15	7	3	5	30	15	10	5	37	28	9	55
6	TORQUAY UNITED	15	9	5	1	14	5	5	4	29	14	10	5	42	27	15	52
7	TRURO CITY	15	9	3	3	14	5	5	4	29	14	8	7	40	27	13	50
8	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	15	5	6	4	15	8	3	4	30	13	9	8	44	37	7	48
9	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	15	7	4	4	14	5	5	4	29	12	9	8	42	31	11	45
10	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	15	9	3	3	15	2	8	5	30	11	11	8	39	36	3	44
11	FARNBOROUGH	15	10	2	3	14	2	3	9	29	12	5	12	38	40	-2	41
12	CHESHAM UNITED	14	6	2	6	15	4	7	4	29	10	9	10	40	43	-3	39
13	CHELMSFORD CITY	15	6	6	3	15	3	5	7	30	9	11	10	45	42	3	38
14	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	14	4	2	8	15	7	3	5	29	11	5	13	40	39	1	38
15	SLOUGH TOWN	15	6	6	3	15	3	3	9	30	9	9	12	48	50	-2	36
16	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	14	5	4	5	15	5	1	9	29	10	5	14	41	53	-12	35
17	HORNCHURCH	14	5	5	4	14	3	5	6	28	8	10	10	30	32	-2	34
18	BATH CITY	15	7	3	5	14	2	4	8	29	9	7	13	26	33	-7	34
19	SALISBURY	15	5	5	5	13	2	6	5	28	7	11	10	34	36	-2	32
20	WELLING UNITED	15	6	1	8	15	3	2	10	30	9	3	18	34	56	-22	30
21	ENFIELD TOWN	14	4	2	8	15	2	3	10	29	6	5	18	28	58	-30	23
22	ST ALBANS CITY	13	2	5	6	15	1	7	7	28	3	12	13	27	43	-16	21
23	AVELEY	14	4	4	6	15	1	1	13	29	5	5	19	31	53	-22	20
24	WEYMOUTH	15	1	6	8	15	2	4	9	30	3	10	17	23	43	-20	19

FIXTURES

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

AVELEY V ENFIELD TOWN
 BATH CITY V HORNCHURCH
 BOREHAM WOOD V WESTON-SUPER-MARE
 CHESHAM UNITED V WEYMOUTH
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 TORQUAY UNITED V EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
 WELLING UNITED V ST ALBANS CITY

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

CHELMSFORD CITY V HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

CHIPPENHAM TOWN V CHESHAM UNITED
 DORKING WANDERERS V TONBRIDGE ANGELS
 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH V HAMPTON & RICHMOND
 ENFIELD TOWN V WELLING UNITED
 HORNCHURCH V BOREHAM WOOD
 MAIDSTONE UNITED V AVELEY
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FORM, GOAL SCORERS & ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

NATIONAL SOUTH

FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES

POS.	TEAM	FORM	F	A	PTS
1	WORTHING	W D W W W W	10	5	16
2	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	W D W D W W	7	2	14
3	DORKING WANDERERS	W L W W W D	13	8	13
4	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	W W L W W D	11	7	13
5	BOREHAM WOOD	W W W L L W	15	11	12
6	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	L W W W D L	12	7	10
7	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	W D L L W W	12	8	10
8	MAIDSTONE UNITED	W L W L D W	7	4	10
9	BATH CITY	W L D D D W	5	4	9
10	TORQUAY UNITED	W W D D L L	7	6	8
11	SALISBURY	D D W D D D	3	2	8
12	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	L D W L W D	8	9	8
13	TRURO CITY	L W D W L D	4	6	8
14	ENFIELD TOWN	L W L D D W	6	9	8
15	CHESHAM UNITED	D W D D D L	8	7	7
16	ST ALBANS CITY	W L D D D D	5	5	7
17	CHELMSFORD CITY	W D L D D L	7	8	6
18	WELLING UNITED	W L L L W L	10	14	6
19	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	L L W D L D	7	10	5
20	WEYMOUTH	L L L D L W	8	9	4
21	FARNBOROUGH	L L D L L W	3	6	4
22	AVELEY	L D L W L L	5	10	4
23	HORNCHURCH	D L L L D D	6	9	3
24	SLOUGH TOWN	L D D L L L	6	15	2

AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE

POS.	TEAM	AVE
1	TORQUAY UNITED	3,581
2	MAIDSTONE UNITED	2,309
3	TRURO CITY	1,708
4	WORTHING	1,515
5	ST ALBANS CITY	1,487
6	DORKING WANDERERS	1,470
7	BATH CITY	1,221
8	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	1,112
9	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	1,038
10	FARNBOROUGH	1,026
11	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	984
12	WEYMOUTH	915
13	CHESHAM UNITED	880
14	SLOUGH TOWN	874
15	ENFIELD TOWN	868
16	SALISBURY	863
17	CHELMSFORD CITY	834
18	BOREHAM WOOD	784
19	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	751
20	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	742
21	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	738
22	HORNCHURCH	684
23	WELLING UNITED	625
24	AVELEY	509



GOALSCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
KWESI APPIAH	Boreham Wood	20
TYLER HARVEY	Truro City	15
AARON BLAIR	Maidstone United	13
LUKE COULSON	Weston-super-Mare	13
ALFIE RUTHERFORD	Dorking Wanderers	12
OSMAN FOYO	Chelmsford City	12
GEORGE ALEXANDER	Eastbourne Borough	12
CODY COOKE	Torquay United	11

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
SAM YOUNGS	Enfield Town	11
DANNY CASHMAN	Worthing	10
JAZE KABIA	Truro City	10
JASON PRIOR	Dorking Wanderers	10
MAURO VILHETE	Hampton & Richmond	10
JAMES ROBERTS	Hampton & Richmond	9
SALVI SPASOV	Slough Town	9
CHARLIE CARTER	Dorking Wanderers	8

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PUT FOOTBALL FIRST

NATIONAL LEAGUE LAUNCHES 3UP CAMPAIGN

- ALL 72 CLUBS UNITE IN PLEA TO THE EFL -

All 72 football clubs in the National League today took the unprecedented step of supporting a letter to the English Football League (EFL) Board requesting a vote to create three promotion places into their league. Specifically, the National League is calling for an amendment to the regulations to allow “two-up” to become “three-up” in line with the rest of the football pyramid. They are asking for this change in time for the forthcoming 2025-26 season.

This marks the start of a new, nationwide 3UP campaign which has been launched by the National League to help secure the future of the English football pyramid for generations to come. At present the National League is the only ‘Step’ in the higher echelons of the football pyramid that doesn’t have at least three promotion places.

During an Extraordinary General Meeting of National League clubs last week (Thursday 30 January 2025) senior representatives from across the three divisions (National League, National League North and National League South) unanimously agreed to collectively approach the EFL and launch a campaign

that will Put Football First. The EFL alone has the ability to facilitate this change, and the National League hopes that they will respond to 3UP by scheduling a vote of their clubs at their Annual General Meeting in June this year.

It was also decided by all 72 National League clubs that the timing is right for the game to Put Football First and it has to be immediate, given that 2025 is the year that the Independent Football Regulator (IFR) is scheduled to come into force. Whilst the IFR’s scope does not cover promotion and relegation matters, its overall remit does encompass the National League and EFL.

National League Chair Jack Pearce MBE said: “This Summer, the Independent Football Regulator is scheduled to be introduced. Their overall stated objectives include providing financial sustainability, economic resilience and preserving the heritage of the sport. “In terms of heritage, National League clubs are at the heart of towns and cities across the whole country. The majority of these clubs are over a century old and part of the fabric of their communities. An extra promotion place for

these Clubs into the EFL would create an invaluable aspiration for all these clubs and supporters - plus clubs in the leagues below. We simply can't wait any longer for parity within the game.

"As well as increased financial stability, 3UP would mean a fluid football pyramid where teams can win promotion from the bottom to the top fairly. It will give more opportunity to clubs relegated from EFL League 2 to 'bounce back'. We have consulted with the leagues below ours in Step 3 who are also supportive of this change - as their clubs could benefit from this change in the long term.

"We have been consistently told that the EFL support our 3UP position in principle but are reluctant to progress any changes whilst they are consulting with the IFR and Premier League (PL) regards their own redistribution of football income.

"However, we believe the 3UP campaign goal is vital to the overall health of the game and the government's objectives - therefore it should be as high on the agenda as any other matter this year. Otherwise, the National League's needs are being overlooked during the IFR process, not least because the specific issues between the EFL and PL could potentially take years to reach a conclusion.

"Whilst we recognise and respect the EFL's verbal support for the National League on three promotions, our clubs have now made it abundantly clear that they see no reason for a further delay on the official process. Rick Parry, the EFL Chair, has often said that 'the EFL should look down as well as up' so we'd now like that to actually happen."

National League CEO Mark Ives added:

"Since the Football Conference was formed in 1979, our clubs have seldom come together in such a unanimous way as they have done on this issue.

"The National League has had two promotional places since 2003, which have helped transform the fortunes of countless local football clubs

and enabled fairytale stories such as Luton Town's ascent from the National League - through the football pyramid - into the Premier League in 2023.

"Promotions have benefitted the vast majority of our clubs during this 21-year period, but a third spot - bringing the National League into line with the rest of the game - would be completely transformative.

"The National League currently has 15 clubs that are former EFL clubs. These 15 clubs, along with the other clubs in the league, are being disadvantaged by this unfair structure. They are being prevented promotion on sporting merit that they would otherwise deserve and benefit from under 3UP.

"Alongside the National League Trust, the EFL in the Community programme has done great work over many years making positive contributions across the country. We see 3UP as an obvious next step to inspire these communities. A new independent fiscal study has recently been commissioned which will underline the financial and social benefits to the clubs and their communities - should the National League gain three promotions. So, 3UP isn't just an important matter for our clubs but for the communities in which they serve.

"We are privileged to work together in the best football structure in the world and together we have the opportunity to make it even better. We are grateful to Rick Parry and the EFL for 'looking down as well as up' and hope they will now turn those words into action and support 3UP, so it passes the vote at their AGM this Summer."



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
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