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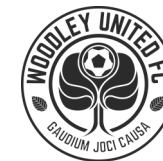
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WELCOME

Good afternoon a warm welcome to you and the players, officials and supporters of Langley for today's UHlsport Hellenic League Division One match.

This welcome is also extended to the match Matt Langdon, Adel Abdel-Rasoul and Chris Plant.

Langley is managed by Jock Mowat who both played and managed at Woodley Town and he is particularly welcome to Rivermoor Stadium.

This is the third meeting between the two teams this season and the first occasion they have ever met at Rivermoor. Woodley won 4-2 in the Bluefin Sports Hellenic Challenge cup in August with Langley winning the league fixture 4-3 in October. With both teams in need of match points I'm sure they will settle for just one goal if it secured a much needed win.

United has progressed to the third round of the Bluefin Sports Hellenic Supplementary cup following last Saturday's win at Chalfont Wasps which brought an end to an eight game losing streak. Coincidentally our previous win was against AFC Aldermaston who we visit this coming Tuesday (17th) in the round of sixteen of the Bluefin Sports Hellenic Supplementary cup.

The win at Chalfont saw five debutants, four of who were promoted from the Royals together with Craig McCreeth who has agreed to take over goal keeping duties following Adam Thomson's decision to stop playing.

All being well we should see a return of Ryan Alexander to the first team today provided his transfer from AFC Aldermaston was completed in time by yesterday's 3 pm registration deadline.

Following the club recently being presented with Wokingham Borough Sports Council's Services to the Community club award, Woodley United is one of three nominations for Get Berkshire Active's Community Club award. Further details on how people can vote for the nominees will be released by Get Berkshire Active in due course.

This is our last home game before Christmas therefore, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At the time of writing we next play at Rivermoor on Saturday 18th January 2020 when AFC Aldermaston visits us in the league. Before then we go to Abingdon Town on Saturday 21st December and Marlow United on Saturday 28th December for our last game of 2019.

Enjoy the game.

Mark



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TODAY'S TEAMS

Uhlsport Hellenic Football League
Division One - East

Saturday 14th December 2019

Kick Off 3.00 pm

WOODLEY UNITED

*(Sky blue shirts & socks,
Grey shorts)*

Craig McCreeth	1
Leo Richardson	2
Pele Hagger	3
Harry Hawkins	4
Ryan Alexander	5
Jamaal Whight	6
Freddie Barron	7
Sam Wood	8
Max Laschok	9
Ben Anderson	10
Lamin Ceesay	11
Joe Sissons	12
Toby Briggs	14
Ben Poynter	15
Max Swift	16
Danny Blatchford	17

Jamie Williams **Manager**
Rachael Laws **Asst Manager**
Adam Barnard **Asst Manager**

Referee: Matt Langdon

LANGLEY

*(Red / White striped shirts,
Blue shorts, Red socks)*

Harry Cushen
Liridon Daka
Joe Watts
Richard Cannon
Luke Paris
Conrad Joseph
Kamil Zielinski
Daniel Sharp
Ben White
Levi Thackeray
Chris Johnson
Dan Watkiss
John Rennemo
Jake Dawes
Karol Derewemko
Jake Chaplin

Jock Mowat

Assistant Referees: Adel Abdel-Rasoul
& Chris Plant

CLUB HISTORY

Woodley United FC was formed in 2011 as a result of four Woodley based football clubs and Berks & Bucks FA recognising that the provision of women's and girls' football in the town would be better provided by one club dedicated to this purpose rather than the existing clubs each having one female team to satisfy FA Charter Standard needs but no player progression policy.



During its time as a female club, Woodley United FC saw success on and off the pitch. This included coaching in schools, supporting the Woodley Community Carnival inter school tournaments, being presented the Wokingham Borough Sports Council annual award for Service to Sport in and the Community in 2014, winning four Berks & Bucks FA County cups and the Southern Region Women's Football League league cup.

Such were the benefits of working together that two of the town's oldest clubs, Woodley Town FC and Woodley Hammers FC in conjunction with Woodley United FC saw greater opportunities for the provision of local football if the clubs were to amalgamate. As such a "One Woodley" steering group was created in April 2014 and has overseen proceedings so that from 2015 – 16 the three clubs have been playing under the Woodley United FC name.

The objective of the club is to "offer everyone in our community the opportunity to play, develop and grow through football, regardless of race, gender, age or ability" and in so doing provide community based football that is the envy of the footballing world." To help with this objective the club is a FA Charter Standard Community Club.

The FA's National Clubs' Manager Mick Backie stated "The vision, ambition and purpose of the One Woodley project is an inspirational football model that places the players and its community at its core."

The club provides football from mini-kickers (pre-school), youth through to adult (male & female) and veterans and has gone on to further be presented the Wokingham Borough Sports Council annual award for Service to Sport in and the Community in 2015, 2017 and 2019. The club also has players of Reading FC Women's team, coach and manager the men's Saturday Step 7 Reserve side.

This season sees the men's 1st team play in UHlsport Hellenic League Division One East, the ladies team competing in the Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's Football League (Tier 5 of FA Women's football pyramid) and the Veterans playing in the Hellenic Veterans Premier Division following their Division One league title and league cup success last year.

For more information about Woodley United FC follow the link to www.woodleyunitedfc.co.uk



WOODLEY UNITED FC NEWS

As we come to the end of the 2010s a look back in time shows that our last game of the noughties was an away 3-1 win at Holyport on East Saturday 12th December 2009. All the goals came in the second half with our current u16 manager Eden Peters scoring two and Luke Williams (now AFC Aldermaston) the other. Among those playing for Woodley that day is current Veterans' captain Jim Nightingale.

This was to be our last game for six weeks, the next outing being 23rd January 2010, due to snow and frozen pitches disrupting the fixture programme.

The Veterans' are in action tomorrow (10.30 am ko) when they host Abingdon Town in the Berks & Bucks FA Veterans cup at Bulmershe Pavilion. Also at the Pavilion with a 2 pm ko are the ladies who welcome Wycombe Wanderers in a Southern Region Women's Football League Premier division match. This will be the team's final game of 2019 with their next outing being on Sunday 5h January 2020 with a league trip to Winchester City Flyers.

Our u11 Spitfires are enjoying an excellent season and remain unbeaten in Berkshire Youth Development League. The teams last outing on 7th December 2019 saw them proudly wear their new kit for the first time.



Woodley United u11 Spitfires

A reminder that you can keep up to date with Woodley United FC news via our website www.woodleyunitedfc.co.uk and social media outlets Twitter @WoodleyUtdFC and Facebook WoodleyUtdFC

TABLE & FIXTURES

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Risborough Rangers	13	11	2	0	27	35
2	Abingdon United	15	9	4	2	13	31
3	Milton United	17	9	2	6	9	29
4	Marlow United	14	8	2	4	14	26
5	Wokingham & Emmbrook	12	8	1	3	24	25
6	Holyport	12	7	4	1	16	25
7	Didcot Town Dev'	16	7	2	7	0	23
8	Long Crendon	13	7	1	5	7	22
9	Penn & Tylers Green	13	6	2	5	15	20
10	Chalvey Sports	17	6	2	9	-9	20
11	AFC Aldermaston	15	4	6	5	-3	18
12	Kidlington Dev'	14	5	2	7	-3	17
13	Wallingford Town	13	4	3	6	5	15
14	Thame Rangers	15	3	6	6	-6	15
15	Langley	16	3	2	11	-34	11
16	Abingdon Town	14	2	0	12	-49	6
17	Woodley United	13	1	1	11	-26	4

MEET THE TEAM

Woodley United

	Adam Thomson Goal Keeper First season with the club. Former Hayes and Yeading keeper who is a good shot stopper with a safe pair of hands. Also had a spell with Fackwell Heath.		Conor Clarke Defence Teenager who has progressed through the club's youth section to break into the first team this season. Comfortable at right back or centre back.
	Joe Sissons Defence A strong defender who improved last season helped by being a regular in the team. Without doubt has the talent to improve further.		Pele Hagger Defence Talented left back in his third season with the club who likes to get forward and join in with the attacking play. Big things expected of him this term.
	Luke Axton-Hall Defence Strong centre back who is good in the air. Comfortable with the ball and likes to play it out from the back. Has had spells at Bracknell, Finchampstead and Alton.		Max Swift Defence Central defender who joined the club from Finchampstead in the summer and looking to break into the team and make the step up to the Hellenic league this season.
	Jon Malone Defence Versatile player who returns for second spell at the club. Likes to overlap when playing at full back, equally at home in the middle of the park. Past clubs include Finchampstead, Ascot United and Sandhurst Town.		Adam Barnard Midfield Vocal central midfielder who is strong in the tackle. Great work rate and a real team player. Previously played at Finchampstead and Sandhurst Town.
	Sam Guze Midfield One of the club's longest serving players who broke into the first team on a regular basis last season. Has good vision and ability to pass the ball while also being able to play in a number of positions.		Freddie Barron Midfield Previously at Sandhurst Town and Finchampstead. Can play central midfield, on the wing and is comfortable at right back. Direct player with excellent workrate. Good with ball at his feet and likes to run at players.
	Harry Hawkins Midfield University of Reading student who joined the club in October 2018 winning manager and players' player of the year awards. Talented midfielder with an eye for a defence splitting pass.		Teddy Thomas Midfield In his fourth season with the club, Teddy has skilful feet and a quick turn of pace that he uses to good effect on the wings and to score some spectacular goals.
	Harry Swabey Midfield Strong, aggressive player who can play up top or on the right wing. Chips in with goals and is quick. Last club was Finchampstead and also played at Bracknell.		Sam Wood Midfield Tough tackling player who joined Woodley part way through last season from Eversley & California. Has the potential to be a major part of the team's midfield.
	Danny Blatchford Midfield Experienced Hellenic midfielder player who is returning to football this season following a long term injury. Previously with Finchampstead and Penn & Tylers.		Antonio Moreno Midfield Spanish midfielder who joined the club in November 2018. A skilful player who is equally happy in the centre of the park or on the wing.
	Ben Anderson Forward Another product of the club's youth system. Ben is a strong forward whose pace causes opponents problems.		Max Laschok Forward Tenacious forward who harnes defences and finished the team's leading scorer in his first season at this level having joined part way into the campaign.
	Toby Briggs Forward Toby is a big strong forward who is excellent with his back to goal. Has a good touch and quick feet and improves with each season.		Jamie Williams Manager Appointed Manager of the team in November 2019. Previously managed the club's Reserve side and worked with a number of our youth teams.

HOME TEAM	Abingdon Town	Abingdon United	AFC Aldermaston	Chalvey Sports	Didcot Town Development	Holyport	Kidlington Development	Langley	Long Crendon	Marlow United	Milton United	Penn & Tylers Green	Risborough Rangers	Thame Rangers	Wallingford Town	Wokingham & Emmbrook	Woodley United
Abingdon Town		1 - 5	Jan 4	1 - 6	Feb 29	0 - 5	Feb 1	2 - 0	1 - 4	Feb 22	1 - 9	P - P	Mar 14	P - P	Mar 28	Apr 4	Dec 21
Abingdon United	Dec 28		2 - 2	Jan 18	3 - 2	Apr 4	2 - 1	Apr 11	2 - 1	Feb 29	Feb 1	Mar 14	1 - 1	4 - 0	2 - 1	Dec 14	2 - 1
AFC Aldermaston	2 - 1	Jan 11		3 - 1	Mar 14	Dec 28	Feb 15	Feb 29	Apr 4	P - P	4 - 5	3 - 2	Mar 28	0 - 0	Dec 14	Dec 21	1 - 1
Chalvey Sports	Jan 11	0 - 2	Jan 25		1 - 3	3 - 3	2 - 1	2 - 3	Feb 29	Mar 14	-	0 - 5	0 - 4	Dec 14	1 - 0	Dec 28	3 - 2
Didcot Town Development	3 - 2	Mar 7	1 - 0	Mar 21		Feb 22	0 - 1	4 - 2	2 - 0	Jan 4	2 - 2	1 - 3	Jan 25	2 - 2	Feb 8	P - P	3 - 0
Holyport	Dec 14	Dec 21	2 - 1	Jan 4	4 - 0		Jan 25	7 - 4	Feb 1	Feb 15	Jan 18	Feb 29	P - P	Mar 14	P - P	Mar 28	3 - 0
Kidlington Development	3 - 0	-	5 - 6	-	Dec 14	2 - 2		Apr 4	Mar 21	3 - 1	Mar 7	Dec 21	Dec 28	3 - 4	Jan 11	0 - 3	-
Langley	4 - 1	Feb 22	2 - 2	Mar 7	Dec 28	Feb 8	1 - 3		0 - 5	0 - 5	Mar 21	0 - 5	Jan 14	3 - 3	Jan 25	1 - 6	4 - 3
Long Crendon	Feb 8	Feb 15	-	5 - 3	Dec 21	P - P	Feb 11	-		Jan 7	1 - 2	2 - 1	0 - 1	Jan 11	Jan 21	2 - 1	-
Marlow United	5 - 0	Feb 4	Apr 4	1 - 1	3 - 1	4 - 1	-	-	3 - 1		2 - 4	Jan 11	1 - 1	Jan 25	2 - 0	Feb 8	Dec 28
Milton United	Jan 25	2 - 0	Feb 8	0 - 1	1 - 3	2 - 4	3 - 1	7 - 0	2 - 2	Mar 28	Dec 14	0 - 6	Dec 28	1 - 0	Jan 11	Mar 14	
Penn & Tylers Green	Mar 7	4 - 4	Mar 21	Mar 28	-	2 - 2	1 - 2	-	TBC	1 - 2	3 - 2		TBC	Feb 8	Jan 7	1 - 2	Jan 25
Risborough Rangers	P - P	2 - 1	3 - 0	3 - 1	3 - 1	Mar 7	4 - 1	2 - 0	Jan 4	Jan 18	Dec 21	Feb 1		2 - 0	Feb 22	P - P	Feb 8
Thame Rangers	Mar 21	Mar 28	2 - 2	1 - 0	Feb 1	0 - 0	Jan 4	Jan 18	1 - 2	0 - 2	2 - 3	1 - 2	Feb 15		1 - 1	Mar 7	4 - 1
Wallingford Town	6 - 0	1 - 2	1 - 1	Dec 21	3 - 2	Mar 21	1 - 1	2 - 1	1 - 2	Feb 1	Jan 4	Jan 18	Apr 4	Feb 29		Feb 11	Mar 7
Wokingham & Emmbrook	4 - 0	0 - 0	2 - 0	1 - 2	Feb 15	2 - 3	Jan 18	Feb 1	Jan 25	3 - 0	5 - 1	Feb 22	Feb 29	P - P	Mar 14		Mar 21
Woodley United	1 - 2	-	Jan 18	Feb 1	-	-	-	Dec 14	Mar 28	4 - 3	Feb 29	0 - 6	1 - 2	Feb 22	0 - 2	1 - 6	

These two programme pages are usually reserved for club and player information about our match day opponents. Sadly Langley FC has not supplied us with this detail.

Therefore, this is an opportunity to take a look at our time in the 2010s the highlight of which was the merger of Woodley Hammers, Woodley Town and Woodley United Ladies to form Woodley United in 2015. Without doubt a success story which has seen football in Woodley go from strength to strength. It is pleasing that during this time long term sponsors KJ Smith, Richard Lloyd Funeral Service and Red Rose Indian Restaurant have continued on their journey with the club.

Last Monday (9th) a mixture of managers (ranging from mini kickers, girls through to youth and adults) and board members enjoyed an evening at Red Rose.



Christmas 2019 n the Red Rose

2014 saw the club entered into a ground share to use Rivermoor Stadium and with this the opportunity to enter into national FA competitions. We have competed in the FA Vase since our appearance on 6th September 2014 when we defeated at home Combined Counties League members Badshot Lea 3-0. September 2018 saw us exit to eventual winners Chertsey Town.

We have twice played in the FA cup but sadly on each occasion have fallen at the first hurdle. Our debut was at home to Hellenic Premier Division side Tuffley Rovers on 5th August 2017 when we went down 2-1 with Danny Horscroft having the honour of scoring the club's first goal in the competition.

Danny was one of one hundred and thirty seven players to have their names appear on the match ball used in that season's final. A replica of the ball is on display at our Bulmershe Pavilion club house.

TEAM PHOTOS

Woodley United v Wokingham & Emmbrook



Toby Briggs leading the Woodley United attack



Woodley United defending in numbers

These and cover photo courtesy of Peter Toft

LAST MATCH

Chalfont Wasps 0 (0) v Woodley United 2 (1)
Ben Anderson
Danny Blatchford

Ullsport Hellenic League Bluefin Sports Supplementary Cup Round 2 – 7th December 2019

Jamie Williams reign as first team manager got off to the best possible start when Ben Anderson, a player Williams has coached since the age of fourteen, fired past Wasps' Daniel Brion forty seconds after United kicked off.

The lead could have been doubled after three minutes play when Anderson passed to debutant Dylan Chaffin who rounded Brion only to see Brion recover and parry the goal bound shot away for a corner.

With the visitors in the ascendancy they continued to carve out chances that saw Harry Hawkins put a free kick straight at Brion, Brion do well to stop a low cut back cross from Lamin Ceesay and a Pele Hagger free kick headed clear for a corner all in the opening quarter hour.

Gradually Chalfont found a way into the game with James Auger and Nigel Mpofu dangerous in attack but it was Woodley who were guilty of wasting chances with Ceesay lobbing both Brion and the crossbar when one on one and Hawkins pass to Anderson seeing the forward blaze over the cross bar.

Wasps best chance came four minutes from half time when Joe Sissons committed a foul on the edge of the Woodley penalty area and the subsequent free kick put over the Woodley cross bar.

The second half start in explosive manner with Anderson again having a chance straight from the kick off and Luke Axton-Hall having to block a Wasps shot. Chalfont committed men forward after the break with Auger dangerous and seeing Craig McCreeth save one shot and another go wide while a Wasps free kick saw the resultant header given off side.

Substitute Danny Blatchford was introduced into play on seventy seven minutes and two minutes later he double the lead with a low drive following a good run by Toby Briggs and cross from the right wing.

Woodley now progress into the third round where they visit AFC Aldermaston on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

McCreeth, Richardson, Hagger, Wood (Swaine), Sissons, Axton-Hall, Briggs, Hawkins, Chaffin, Anderson (Blatchford), Ceesay



Woodley United FC lighting up the Wembley Arch in May 2018

Our most successful season was 2016-17 when the team finished runners up on goal difference to champions Penn & Tylers Green to gain promotion to the Premier Division and play Step 5 football for the first time in the club's history. Sadly our time in the Premier division was short lived and we were relegated after one season.

Our first Premier Division goal was scored by Ian Davies at home to Binfield.

2016-17 season also saw the Berks & Bucks Intermediate cup won as the team came from a goal behind to defeat Marlow United 2-1 with Josh Drew scoring the winner after Horscroft had equalised.



Woodley United FC celebrating BBFA Intermediate Cup win

