

# ABINGDON UNITED WFC VS WOODLEY UNITED LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB.

SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 2pm Kick off THE NORTHCOURT ABINGDON



FREE ADMISSION



### **WELCOME TO THE NORTHCOURT FROM THORPY**

#### Welcome back to The Northcourt

Firstly would like to welcome the coaches, players and supporters of Woodley United LFC to Abingdon United.

It's been a difficult month or so after losing away at Bournemouth and exiting the FA Cup to Leyton Orient we have had two weeks with no games but on the positive side it's allowed us to get some players back fit and now everyone is back training.

We knew stepping up into this division it would be competitive games each week and this week is no different but we prepare properly and look forward to every new challenge.

Most of the sponsors boards are up at the ground now and would like to say a massive well done to Adam Wood for the work getting it sorted and also to John Blackmore, We are all volunteers and all of these things take time to get sorted. Enjoy the game **Thorpy** 

### **CAPTAINS LOG: ABBIE SMITH**

#### LONG BREAK BETWEEN GAMES

It feels like forever since we've played a game even though it's only been two Sundays. Any team likes to have a continuous run of games but some of us ran the Oxford Half marathon so one of the games got rescheduled. We had a lot of players at training this week which was such a buzz, everyone wants to get back to it!

#### FA CUP EXIT

FA cup was a hard one to take when we lost against Leyton Orient. We started off so well but unfortunately it just wasn't our day. The run we had in the FA cup was a real buzz. Good luck to all the teams still in it.



#### THE LEAGUE AS IT STANDS

We are currently sat 4th in the league with only playing three games. There is a long way to go. overall we are happy and comfortable with our start in this higher division.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURE

We don't know a lot about Woodley United and if we didn't it wouldn't change the way we prep every Sunday. Of course our main aim is to get them all important three points.

### **WOODLEY UNITED LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB**



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

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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 and 2017. 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 www.woodleyunitedfc.co.uk





### **#AUWFC OUT OF FA CUP**

An early Molly Lygo strike not enough for Abingdon

### AUWFC 1 – LEYTON ORIENT 4 (FA Cup 2nd qualifying)

Ex-Hurricaine Lorenzo didn't reach or effect Sunday's game from going ahead as #AUWFC welcomed Leyton Orient to the Northcourt.

The visitors, arriving in the senior men's team coach, have been going very well in their division however would have been shocked to see Nell Boxall's perfectly timed pass make it's way to Molly Lygo who cut inside her defender and in very similar fashion to her goal against Bournemouth last week launched a shot outside the area which found the top corner of the far post to make it 1-0 after just eight minutes.

Abingdon's first 20 minutes was branded by manager, James Thorpe, as the best he has ever seen this side play and the impressive play and pressure showed as Leyton Orient's Demi Brown saw herself cautioned for a heavy tackle on Kiera Isaac after just twenty minutes. The resulting free kick eventually made it's way to Rosie McCabe who's shot went just wide. The visitors started to up the pressure and gain back possession of the ball and their persistence was rewarded as a corner kick was delivered from the left hand side before the ball was seen lingering in the air/wind which eventually saw United's keeper faced with three O's players of which one of them scrambled the equaliser into the net, 1-1.

The visitors tails were up, as shots followed by Egele Trezzi, Sophie Le Marchand and top scorer Otesha Charles however some great work from Kirby kept them temporarily at bay. Charles was believed to be in an offside position missed by the officials before she set Le Marchand up on the 40th to slot past Kirby to make it 1-2. Much to the home crowd's dismay.

Four minutes later the impressive Charles was pestering again before earning her side a corner which was superbly delivered by Hayley Barton and the striker headered accurately to guide Orient to a 3-1 lead at half-time. One change at half-time for Thorpe's side as Suzie Maton entered the field of play for her debut for United in place of Kelly Talbot.

The visitors started where they left off as Lisa Holmback nearly extended the lead within one minute as the Abingdon defence were caught chasing before the shot went out for a goal kick.

The ever energetic Charles was becoming a thorn in the Abingdon defence's side as she had three more shots within the space of five minutes.

Lygo's slightly wide shot was responded to by an Orient goal as the resulting goal kick was played through the thirds before Otesha Charles found herself in front of goal, this time converting to make it 4-1.

United attempted to apply more pressure with efforts from captain Abbie Smith, Lygo and Boxall forcing saves from the O's keeper. With thirty minutes remaining Abingdon were left wondering if a second goal was ever going to happen. Amy Pipe entered the field in place for Heather Young just after the hour mark and it wasn't long before the winger found herself enough space to shoot but again Naomi Ogunde in the Orient goal came off better.

The last throw of the dice for Thorpy saw Sadie Timbs replace goalscorer Molly Lygo and she assisted Kiera Isaac who's shot was narrowly wide with ten minutes remaining.

There wasn't a huge amount of action to follow but some clever game management from Orient's Francesca Ali who had been dominating the midfield most of the game with her silky turns and flair throughout combined with the experience of her teammates that can be found at the level of the game Leyton Orient are.

The final whistle blew which saw Abingdon United's cup run which has seen some difficult ties come to an end. Despite the visitors progressing to the next round, James Thorpe can take the positive that eventhough the scoreline was 4-1 the difference in quality between the two sides was not too distant.

## **#AUWFC FIXTURES AND RESULTS**

#### LATEST RESULTS

20/10/19	Abingdon United	P - P	Moneyfields
13/10/19	Oxford City	P - P	Abingdon United
06/10/19	Abingdon United	1 - 4	Leyton Orient
29/09/19	Bournemouth	2 - 1	Abingdon United
22/09/19	Abingdon United	2 - 1	Aylesford
15/09/19	Abingdon United	5 - 0	Warsash Wasps
08/09/19	Warsash Wasps	1 - 6	Abingdon United
01/09/19	Abingdon United	7 - 0	Brentford

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#### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

03/11/19	Abingdon United
10/11/19	Moneyfields
17/11/19	Abingdon United

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### **WOODLEY UNITED LADIES** FIXTURES AND RESULTS

#### LATEST RESULTS

20/10/19	Woodley United	1 - 3	Maidenhead United Dev	BBFA
13/10/19	Woodley United	P - P	Winchester City Flyers	Prem
06/10/19	Newbury	3 - 1	Woodley United	Prem
29/09/19	Woodley United	2 - 6	Moneyfields	LCUP

#### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

03/11/19 Ascot United 10/11/19 Woodley United Woodley United Warsash Wasps

### GETTING TO KNOW TEE KOUDOUA IN 10 QUICK QUESTIONS.....



#### FOOTBALL

Favourite Team? Arsenal

Favourite Player? Still the legend Henry

#### PERSONAL

What is one thing you will never do again? Let Gina KT tape my legs

What is your favourite family tradition? Christmas Eve with my niece and morning with my mum and brother

How many pillows do you sleep with? two

Aside from necessities, what one thing could you not go a day without? Coffee.

What was your first job? Behind the tills at Vue cinema

#### TEAMMATES

Which player is the tough nut? Kelly

Who is the main changing room DJ? Depends whether we are feeling overly ghetto or not but Kizz, Biff or Abbie

100m race, who finishes on the podium? Kizz



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### ABINGDON UNITED WFC

Colours: Yellow and Blue

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