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A View From The Dugout

Matty

Good afternoon and welcome to the Meadowbank for today's game against Cirencester Development.

Over the bank holiday we played two games losing one but winning the other. Saturdays defeat to Littleton was a frustrating afternoon. We took the lead with a really good goal and for large periods felt in control of the game. Littleton worked their way back into the game with a couple of set pieces we failed to clear and whilst we pushed hard for the equaliser we couldn't quite break them down and conceded late in the game to take it away from us.

Mondays trip to Moreton Rangers was a good afternoon for us. It was probably one of the strongest squads we'd been able to get together so far and having plenty of options really helped us.

We dominated the first half but it took until 50 minutes for us to break them down and then go on to score 2 more in quick succession to give us a comfortable lead. We saw out the last 30 min with 10 due to a red card. We were delighted to see out the game the way we did and it was a real squad effort.

Hopefully we can take the confidence from that game and look for another positive performance today against what will be a young talented side with lots of quality.

We wish everyone a great afternoon and safe travels home.

Thanks for the support as always.

Matty

Up The Wood !

THE TEAMS TODAY

SHORTWOOD UNITED

MANAGER: MATTY BLYTHE

ASSISTANT MANAGER: NEIL LONG

COACH: JOSH LOVERIDGE

COLOURS: RED & WHITE

From

Cirencester Development

MANAGER: Dan Gough

ASSISTANT MANAGER: Alan Lloyd

PHYSIO: Dan Roberts

COLOUR: WHITE

Dan Brabham - (GK)	1	Sam Lawrence
Joe Tryner - (C)	2	Tyler Jesson
Alex Barrett	3	Kyle Chambers
Jacob Waddingto	4	Reegan
Max Harper - Emerson	6	Messenger
Jacob Nowell	7	Ben Dodd
Declan Earwacker	8	Camron Storie
Josh Beadle	9	Harry Rule
Lee Bowles	10	Romayne Thomas
Fin Byrnes	11	Jake Allen
Louis Peyton	12	Max Lloyd
Chalmers Phin	13	Felipe Dias
Charley Hobbs	14	Jay Cant
Kieran Marks	15	Josh Lewis
Luke Soule	16	Ryan Outram
Lewis Fogg	17	Joe Rachael
Rendijs Kalnins	18	Essa Sabally
Toby Colliver	19	

Referee: Luke Peacock Assistants: Jacob Perkins & Andy Davies



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Moreton Rangers 1 Shortwood 3

This game was all but decided in a crazy 7 minute spell straight after the break which saw Wood score 3 goals sandwiched together with a sending off for Lennon Lewis. In truth Wood should have been out of sight by the break but with the score goalless there was always a chance that Rangers might take a chance. There was no controversy after Saturday and referee Graham McNulty called the red card correctly.

This was a good Wood performance but the man of the match award went to Fin Blythe who had an outstanding game – strong in the challenge and excellent going forward.

Wood had an early chance after a good interchange between Soule and Bowles but the ball took a horrible bobble and Hobbs' shot sailed over. Rangers also had an early chance when Mark Magee ran through but Tryner saved the day with a fine tackle as Magee was about to shoot. Soule had a shot blocked and Beadle had a shot headed off the line. Soule had a shot fade just the wrong side of the post and then Lewis smacked the bar from 25 yards for the second game running. More chances came but Wood could not score that elusive goal.

That all changed quickly after the break. After 47 minutes Lewis and Bowles played a quick one-two and Lewis ran through to shoot past Curzon. Almost straight from the restart a great through ball from Beadle found Soule who rarely misses opportunities like that and his cool finish doubled the lead. After 49 minutes Lewis received a straight red card for a lunging challenge but any fears Wood had were quickly allayed when Wood scored their third after 52 minutes. Fin Blythe made space down the left and his fine cross was smacked home by the waiting Soule.

Things calmed down after that and the game became more even but Moreton reduced the arrears after 70 minutes. A corner was met at the near post by Mark Magee and the ball cannoned in off a defender on the line. Fogg hit a shot inches over and Soule forced Curzon into a fine save while at the other end Parsons hit the Wood post. With 14 minutes to go Beadle was hit by a tackle that looked equally as bad as the Red card for Lewis but this went unpunished - such is the way of things at the moment.

Wood comfortably saw the remaining minutes out and picked up a thoroughly deserved second win.

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Shortwood 1 Littleton 3

A Wood side already down to the bare bones suffered another blow when Alex Barrett was forced to withdraw before kick-off through injury and his replacement Declan Earwacker limped off just before the hour. Wood gave a debut to Cheltenham Town loanee Jake Parsisson in goal and the young keeper had a good afternoon making several saves.

In truth a draw was the very least Wood deserved from this game – the third killer goal arriving in the last minute and the first half was mired in controversy with Wood being on the wrong end of decisions that left them with a deep sense of injustice.

Things started brightly enough with both sides pushing forward at every opportunity and Littleton striker Dan Elwell, who caused problems throughout, forced Parsisson into an early save. Wood had a strong appeal for a penalty for hand ball from a Marks cross waved away and man of the match Beadle shot over. Beadle had a fine afternoon and he seemed to be everywhere and his passing was excellent. Dinanga, for the visitors, and Lennon Lewis both went close before Wood took the lead after 29 minutes. Soule picked up the ball, ran at the defence and shot into the corner from 25 yards. Littleton were level 3 minutes later – Elwell appeared to control the ball with his hand before slipping the ball through to Barnes who scored. Again Wood's strong protests were waved away. Worse was to come –

Waddington was shoved into the wall surround and the ball rolled away for a corner. No free kick came. Wood's defending from the corner was poor and Barnes had space at the far post to score. Almost immediately Wood thought they had levelled. Lewis picked up a loose ball off a defender and fired home but the goal was ruled out as Soule was adjudged to be in an offside position and moved towards the ball. Wood's consternation was understandable and complete.

Wood were in control for long periods of the second half and Littleton became more reliant on breakaways. It was enthralling and thankfully free from controversy. Bowles almost put Soule in Elwell fired a good chance wide, and Marks hit a shot too close to the visitor's keeper, Behan. After 66 minutes the luckless Lewis smacked the bar from distance and Soule had a shot deflected wide. Lewis then forced Behan into a fine parrying save. With 10 minutes to go Elwell broke free but dallied too long and Parsisson was able to whip the ball from him.

Finally in the last minute Wood were caught out by a ball over the top and McQuaide ran through and scored easily to give the score line a very harsh look. Wood will play a lot worse than this and win and can take a lot of positives from their performance.

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THE HISTORY OF SHORTWOOD UNITED

Shortwood United Football Club was formed in 1900 and since then have played at 4 different grounds, Nailsworth Playing Field, Table Land, Wallow Green and finally at our current ground, Meadowbank.

The club has been at Meadowbank since 1972, and includes an all weather training area opened by the late Ted Croker. Gradual improvements over the years culminated in a major enhancement in 2009 to meet ground grading criteria for any future promotions.

League football was commenced in the Stroud League where following continued success during the 1970s promotion was gained to the Northern Senior and then the Gloucestershire County League. Promotion to the Hellenic league was achieved in 1981 only to be relegated in our first season but finishing runners up the following year ensured promotion straight back. In 1983 we won the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy and in the following year won the Hellenic League. It was a further six years until success was realised again when the treble of League winners, GFA Trophy and Stroud Charity Cup was completed.

2007/08 season started a resurgence in Shortwood's fortunes in finishing 5th in the league and winning the supplementary cup, defeating Ardley 4-2 in the final. The subsequent season pushed our success even further when following a good run in the FA Cup and semi finalists in the League Cup, we pressed the eventual Champions Hungerford to the final day of the season where we lost out on goal difference after amassing 99 pts and scoring 99 goals. Shortwood's fine form continued into the next season when they again finished second in the league to Almondsbury, and runners up in the GFA Trophy again to Almondsbury, had good FA Cup and Vase runs and reached the final of the Floodlit cup. Having lost the away leg 3-0 to Reading Town they produced one of the most exciting comebacks and entertaining matches ever seen at Meadowbank where the score remained at 0-0 till the 67th minute when the deadlock was broken and Shortwood ran out 5-0 winners (AET).

Shortwood's league campaign in 2011 was a disappointment by their own high standards, but more silverware was added in the shape of the GFA Trophy after a 1-0 win over Tuffley Rovers in the final.

2011-12 season, however, was pivotal in the Club's history! Not only did they reach the quarter final of the FA Vase, they also reached the final of the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup and the GFA Trophy Final. Most important was their league position where they finished 2nd by 1 point behind Oxford City Nomads. With Nomad's not applying for promotion, and with Shortwood filling all the relevant criteria, they were promoted to the Southern League for the first time in their history!

2012-13 season was again a successful one. Following a disappointing early exit from the FA cup the club had a good run in the FA Trophy including a magnificent away victory at premier league side Weymouth on the way. In their first season in the Southern League they finished a creditable eighth position. The league season was also highly successful with a sixth placed finish, one point outside the play-off positions.

2013-14 season saw Shortwood progress further in the FA Cup than ever before! Early wins over Egham and Aylesbury put them up against Conference South outfit Dorchester and a 1-0 away win, and a further 1-0 win at Didcot put them into uncharted waters of the fourth qualifying round where they drew Conference side Aldershot at Meadowbank. A late, but deserved, equaliser gave them a replay and a heroic 2-1 win sparked wild celebrations. A home draw pitted Shortwood against League 1 side Port Vale in front of a record crowd of 1,247 plus a live television audience courtesy of **BT Sport**. Shortwood bowed out – but with the plaudits their cup run earned ringing in their ears.

2014-15 failed to reach the heights of the previous season with many players moving on to higher things but for most of the season a play-off place looked possible until a decline in form towards the end of the season resulted in an 11th place finish.

2015-16 continued Shortwood's continued stability in the Southern League as they finished the season 7th in the table with 78 points and the end of the season saw the end of an era as joint Manager John Evans retired after 20 seasons involvement with Shortwood – and the club moved forward with Alex Sykes now in sole charge.

2016-17 Was a strange season with the Wood exiting the FA Cup and the FA Trophy at the first hurdle and showing inconsistent league form but despite that they managed to finish a more than respectable 9th.

Paul 'Des' Meredith took over the management reins at the start of season 2017-18.

2017-18 The club had an excellent run in the FA Trophy and produced some excellent results in the league interspersed with some heavy defeats but this was only to be expected with a very young side – but throughout the year they strived to play football the Shortwood way. After Christmas Shortwood faced a difficult dilemma. The ever increasing demands of the FA around ground gradings and the loss of their major sponsor left the club with no choice but to resign from the Southern League and they applied to the FA to be placed in the Toolstation Western League and they were successful in that application. Des Meredith did not feel that he could carry on with a complete rebuild of the side and departed and the club moved on with Jason Scrivens and Joey Tustain taking the helm. They did a tremendous job getting a squad together in next to no time in almost impossible circumstances. Shortwood finished bottom of the Toolstation Premier in 2018-19 and we were relegated and moved to the Hellenic Div 1 West, but the future is more optimistic than for a very long time. Shortwood's two youth sides enjoyed an incredibly successful season and with the reintroduction of a Development side for season

2019 / 20 the club is rebuilding and giving young local players a complete chance to progress. Mat Blythe was added as joint manager with Jason Scrivens, and Simon Blythe was added as 1st team Coach. While Chris Hicks and Shane Mathews took the reins of the Development side.

The COVID pandemic saw the cancellation of the season 2019 20 in March 2020 with the first team lying in a healthy 4th place in the league and the development team beginning to show some late form. During the enforced break Mat Blythe became sole first team manager, while Jason Scrivens took the reins of the now Shortwood Reserves side with Will Dunn coming as Coach.

20-21 was also curtailed and hardly ever got going. Shortwood have retained most of last season's squad and have added a few exciting additions. They have also strengthened the Management team with Neil Long coming in as number two and Josh Loveridge as 1st Team Coach. Rich Cullimore has taken the reins as Reserve team manager. With the club also starting an Under 18 side in the floodlit league this season Jason Scrivens moves up as Director of Football overseeing the whole club. In these turbulent times the club moves on with hope for an exciting season for both its senior sides and the flourishing youth set up.

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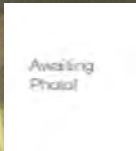


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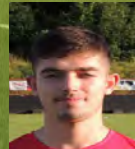
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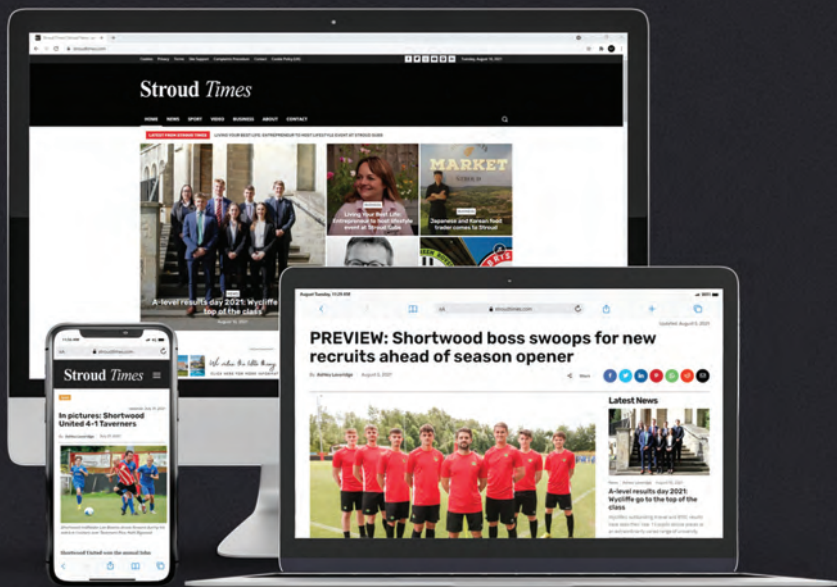
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7	Clanfield 85	8	4	3	1	6	15
8	Cheltenham Saracens	7	3	2	2	4	11
9	Bourton Rovers	7	3	1	3	-3	10
10	Wellington	9	3	0	6	-2	9
11	Stonehouse Town	8	3	0	5	-9	9
12	Shortwood United	8	2	2	4	-5	8
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