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# DANNY HUNTER

*Today and on Tuesday we welcome our good friends from both Luton Town and Watford to the Mangata Developments Stadium Meadow Park. May I wish their Directors, Manager, Players and Supporters a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.*

Well after an amazing end to last season, we did perhaps silence the doubters, we possibly even silenced the doubts inside of ourselves and by winning our last eight games, we managed to win promotion back to the National League at the first attempt via the play offs.

I must thank my Manager, the dressing room, the staff, the supporters, sponsors and our partners for their efforts, hard work and sheer determination to stick with us, to never give up on us and to keep going when all seemed lost at times.

Eight wins on the bounce to finish a season has never been achieved here but to do it under the most extreme

pressure when you needed it most, showed great belief, togetherness, character and an understanding of what was required to bring us the success and promotion we craved.

As we begin our preparations for a new season, so much has happened here over this summer. Incomings and out goings player wise. Staff wise there has also been some tweaks and changes in certain areas but things I must say do feel very right at present.

In terms of the Stadium and facilities, well that's been a 7 day a week project to give the place a complete facelift in almost every area and to become UEFA compliant for our Arsenal Women.

Can I take this opportunity to congratulate the Arsenal Women who incredibly beat Barcelona in Lisbon to becoming European Champions for the second time - well done Ladies and it was an honour to be there to witness possibly the greatest day in your illustrious history to date.

We have because of deadlines undertaken a mammoth task here to be ready in just six weeks for today but in that time we have completed so much including new fence lines, segregation gates, pathways, tarmacking, lighting, electrics, away fan zone, two technical areas complete with interior and exterior decorations and re paint jobs everywhere.

On top of that our amazing grounds team led by Paul Ashcroft and Jack Reed, have in just 5 weeks produced a pitch once again that would grace any game of football at any level and in my opinion it is the best it's ever been at this time of year.

Can I especially thank Ross Griggs, his team and all of my summer team of incredibly driven tradesman, who under incredible pressure time wise, worked with me seven days a week from the minute the promotion final was over to get the Stadium and facility to where it is today and I hope you all approve of the efforts, tweaks and changes made.

Today and Tuesday though is about thanking and welcoming both Luton Town and Watford for bringing their first team squads to the Developments Stadium Meadow Park and we wish them and their supporters good luck next season.

To our supporters, our community, our sponsors, our partners and our town, let me start to wrap up these notes by saying we won promotion for you and because of you but It's now time for us to get greedy and build our legacy by completing this stadium and by completing all things Meadow Park.

It's now time for us to look forward, yes of course with realism, but let us only look ahead and look to the future as we prepare for this season and beyond.

The vision, foundations and building blocks at the South End of the ground are already in place. Our new planning application to enable us to go to the football league one day is very nearly ready and trust me will land at the Council Offices within the next three weeks - so let's do this together while I'm young enough to enjoy it haha.....

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

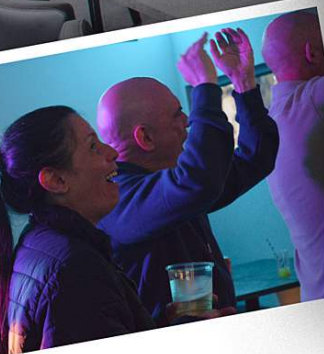
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*Danny*



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***Good Afternoon, firstly I would like to welcome the Managers, Staff and Players of Luton Town and Watford FC to to The Mangata Developments Stadium for these pre-season friendly fixtures.***

We really appreciate the fixtures, and we are all excited to test ourselves against League One and Championship opposition respectively.

Today signals the end of what felt like a gruelling 10 months and the start of what feels like a bright beginning.

I write my notes for the first time since the Play-Off Final back in May, and what a day that was. The whole place come together and showed the unity that was desired to get the much needed win.

The celebrations afterwards will live long in my memory, all the hard graft and hours of work finally paying off and getting promoted at the first time of asking was something special.

We now turn our focus to the up-and-coming season, one where we want to be competitive and maintain this current wave of confidence and belief, taking this new energy into the campaign to give us the start required in this division to be competitive.

Our off season has been one of patience, this has been a welcome feeling but one that we felt could happen due to the business we did in season last year and also getting the current squad signed on longer term contracts.

Jon Benton, Matt Rush and Callum Reynolds were all additions last year that we knew could play the division up if we were to get promoted. The signing of Abdul Abdulmalik on a longer-term contract was positive news leading into our play-off campaign.

Getting Junior Dixon agreed on a contract in the off season is like a new signing, we have not seen the best of Junior yet and at only 20 we have a real talent on our hands.

All this early business allowed for us to take a step back away from silly season and the wages being demanded as we had 14 Players of real quality in the building with the understanding of getting 6 bits of quality through the door.

The remit was simple, sign players that are hungry, driven and have the quality to improve the squad.

That allowed for myself and Charlie to really focus on a core group that we targeted, working closely together to present to them the vision and principles of myself and the club.

I feel our additions have been smart, not rushed and shows a level of understanding of what we want to achieve this Season.

Adding Joe Newton, Aaron Henry and Jeff King to the ranks will bring a real energy and quality to the group that I feel is important.

It will also bring the average age down amongst the squad, which is something we consciously feel is important.

We haven't finished in the market just yet and are actively having conversations and prepping potential signings constantly.

We have five players in with us currently looking to earn a contract, these boys are of a standard and have CVs that boast good quality and will be given an opportunity to earn a deal.

This for me shows a level of understanding of our situation and for us to have this current group together in the first week of pre-season is one I am content with.

Lastly I want to welcome Jack Payne, Dan McAteer and Ciaran Pack to the Management team. They will join myself, Ross Weare, Brandon Bevan and Cavill Costi for this season and I'm looking forward to working closely with them all.

It's a young, dynamic and energetic staff which for me is important.

And in such a short space of time together we have gone through quite a lot and them experiences will only bode well for us moving forward.

I will look forward to seeing you all over the next six weeks.

Get right behind the boys

Enjoy the game

*Luke*

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# LUTON TOWN



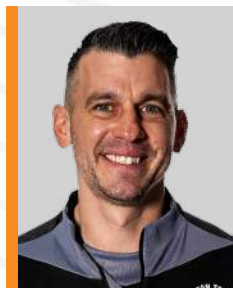
**NICKNAME**  
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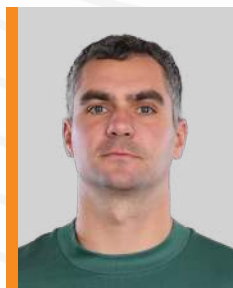
# IN THE DUGOUT



## Manager: Matt BLOOMFIELD

Matt Bloomfield, born in Felixstowe, began his playing career at Ipswich Town before joining Wycombe Wanderers in 2003. Over 19 years, he made more than 500 appearances for the club, playing across League Two, League One, and the Championship, and captaining Wycombe to promotion in 2020. After retiring in 2022, he managed Colchester United, earning League Two Manager of the Month in January 2023. He returned to Wycombe, winning back-to-back monthly awards in 2024, before becoming Luton Town manager in January of 2025.

# ONES TO WATCH

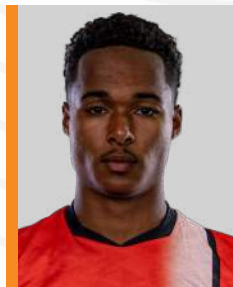


## James SHEA

**Born:** 16 June 1991

**Position:** Goalkeeper

Shea began his career at Arsenal, with loan spells at Southampton and Dagenham & Redbridge, before dropping into non-league football after his release in 2013. While training with Arsenal full-time, he re-entered the Football League with AFC Wimbledon in 2014, helping them win promotion in 2015/16. Joining Luton Town in 2017, Shea earned another promotion and won the League One Golden Glove in 2018/19. He later made his Championship and Premier League debuts, the latter in the final game of the 2023/24 season.

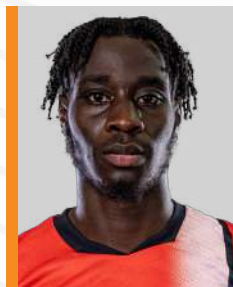


## Reuell WALTERS

**Born:** 16 December 2004

**Position:** Defender

Walters is a versatile young defender who joined the Hatters last summer after developing through Arsenal's academy. Previously with Tottenham Hotspur's youth setup, he moved to Arsenal in 2020 and signed his first professional contract in February of 2022. Comfortable at both full-back and centre-back, Walters has represented England at Under-18, Under-19, and Under-20 levels. He made his senior professional debut on the opening night of the 2024/25 season, featuring against Burnley under Rob Edwards.



## Elijah ADEBAYO

**Born:** 7 January 1998

**Position:** Forward

London-born striker Elijah Adebayo joined Luton Town from Walsall in February of 2021 after scoring 18 goals in 39 League Two starts. A former Fulham academy player, he gained experience with Cheltenham, Swindon, and Stevenage, and impressed in non-league spells with Slough Town and Bognor Regis. Adebayo scored on his first start for the Hatters and netted 17 goals in his first full Championship season. Adebayo then helped Luton win promotion, before scoring 10 Premier League goals in 2023/24, including a historic hat-trick against Brighton.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

# LUTON TOWN



1

Trialist 2 (25')



3

Clark (73', 89'), Mendes (85')

July 2021 // 15:00 // Pre-Season Friendly

**Wood put in a solid display in their first outing of the 2021/22 pre-season against, at the time, Championship side Luton Town, eventually falling to a 3-1 defeat after leading for much of the match.**

On a scorching day at Meadow Park, new signings Jacob Mendy, Connor Smith, Will Evans, Frankie Raymond, and Josh Rees all featured. Trialist Two gave Wood the lead midway through the first half, converting a cross from Mendy Mendy. Luton then threatened through Fred Onyedinda but were denied by Nathan Ashmore.

After the break, the Hatters grew stronger, especially following a complete outfield change by Nathan Jones on the hour. The fresh legs proved decisive as Jordan Clark equalised in the 73rd minute. Carlos Mendes Gomes then fired in a spectacular long-range strike five minutes from time before Clark sealed the win with his second goal in the 89th minute. Despite the loss, the match served its purpose in boosting fitness and testing shape.





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Ross  
**WEARE**

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**GC**  
Dan  
**McATEER**

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**PC**  
Brandon  
**BEVANS**

Available



**AN**  
Cavill  
**COSTI**

Available



**P**  
Ciaran  
**PACK**

Available



**KM**  
Loretta  
**BROWNE**

Available



**01**  
Nathan  
**ASHMORE**

Available



**02**  
Cameron  
**COXE**

Available



**03**  
Femi  
**ILESANMI**

Available



**04 / AM**  
Jack  
**PAYNE**

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**05**  
Chris  
**BUSH**

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**06**  
Charlie  
**O'CONNELL**

Available



**07**  
Erico  
**SOSA**

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# 2025/26



**08**  
Tom  
**WHELAN**  
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**DIXON**  
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LATEST NEWS FROM MEADOW PARK

# CLUB NEWS

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Over 500 season tickets have already been sold, and we are still six weeks away from the start of our season. All in all, things at the club have never looked better...

However, you can still help us by coming to the club before this Saturday and collecting your season tickets early as they are now ready!

Remember, all Adult season ticket holders will get 10% off their match day drink purchases in the Glass House while all under 20's down to 5-year-olds can now pick up their season tickets and free First Team shirts that are now in stock.

Additionally, your 2025/26 season ticket will get you two pre-season games 'free of charge' as part of your package.

So, come and see our new signings make their debuts, pop into the Glass House after and say hello to your favourite players, come and see all the facility improvements, stadium upgrades and enjoy a week of football that brings Luton Town, Watford and Arsenal XI to town.

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OUR VISITORS

# WATFORD



**NICKNAME**  
The Hornets

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**CAPACITY**  
22,200

**2024/25 FINISH**  
14th - EFL Championship

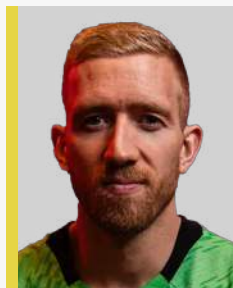
# IN THE DUGOUT



## Manager: Paulo PEZZOLANO

Paulo Pezzolano, born in Montevideo, Uruguay, began his football career with Rentistas and played for clubs across South America, Spain, and China. A prolific midfielder, he retired in 2016 and quickly transitioned to coaching, leading Torque of Uruguay to promotion. He later managed Liverpool Montevideo, Pachuca, and Cruzeiro, where he won Série B. In 2023, he coached Real Valladolid to La Liga promotion and this May, Pezzolano became head coach of the Hornets.

# ONES TO WATCH

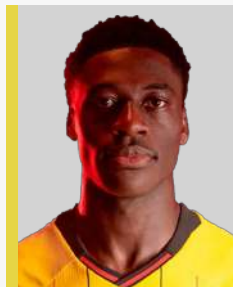


## Egil SELVIK

**Born:** 30 July 1997

**Position:** Goalkeeper

Selvik is a Norwegian shotstopper who began his professional career with FK Haugesund, where he delivered strong performances, including a clean sheet in his final match in December of 2024. After a brief stint with Serie A side Udinese in January 2025, he joined the Hornets at the start of the year. Internationally, Selvik made his senior debut for Norway in a friendly against Jordan in September of 2023 and is considered a rising talent in Norwegian football.

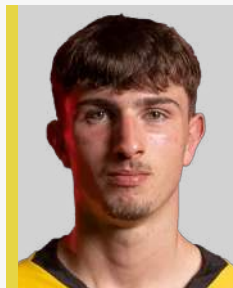


## James ABANKWAH

**Born:** 16 January 2004

**Position:** Defender

Another Irish International, Vata rose through Celtic's youth ranks and debuted for the first team in December 2022. After scoring his first senior goal during the 2023/24 Scottish Cup, he joined Watford in July of last year on a four-year deal. Eligible for multiple nations, Vata chose to represent the Republic of Ireland, starring for the U21's with a debut brace and a hat-trick in his second game. In March, he earned his first senior call-up for UEFA Nations League action.



## Rocco VATA

**Born:** 18 April 1997

**Position:** Midfield

Joining ahead of the 2020/21 season, Rutherford quickly became a fan favourite at the Wanderers. Reuniting with attacking partner Jason Prior after signing from Havant & Waterlooville, he brought National League experience and won the National League South Golden Boot with 30 goals in Marc White's side's promotion season. Despite overcoming heart and knee surgery, the forward remains both a prolific goalscorer and a key player at Meadowbank.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

# WATFORD



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Grieves (50')

July 2024 // 19:30 // Pre-Season Friendly

**The 2024/25 pre-season campaign began with a 1–0 loss to the Hornet, the first of seven friendlies ahead of the Vanarama National League South kick-off on 10 August.**

The Hornets controlled much of the game, with Tom Ince going close four times in the first half, while Nathan Ashmore kept Boreham Wood in it with a series of impressive saves. Jack Grieves put the visitors ahead five minutes after the break, poking home after Ashmore parried a James Morris shot. Watford then continued to press, with Shaq Forde and Imran Louza testing the Wood number one.

Wood had a golden chance to level from the penalty spot after a handball, but a Trialist rattled the post. Watford remained dominant, though Ashmore's heroics prevented a wider margin. Late efforts from Kwadwo Baah and Grieves were also denied. Ultimately, Watford's Championship quality shone through, but Ashmore ensured the scoreline remained respectable for the Wood.





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# MATCH ACTION



1

Clayden (47')



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18 May 2025 // 12:30 // National League South  
Promotion Final

**A stunning second-half strike from Charles Clayden sealed a 1–0 win for Wood over Maidstone United in the Promotion Final, securing a place back in the National League after just one season away.**

Luke Garrard made two changes to the side that triumphed at Torquay in the semi-final, with Jayden Richardson and Jon Benton starting. In a tense first half, both sides created chances but were denied by excellent goalkeeping, particularly from Wood's Nathan Ashmore. Two minutes after the break, Abdul Abdulmalik's clever build-up set up Clayden, who curled a superb shot beyond Alexis Andre Jr.

Despite Maidstone dominating possession after the goal, Ashmore continued to shine, pulling off key saves to preserve the lead. Wood defended resolutely in the closing stages, absorbing pressure and preventing any real threats from the visitors. While not at their most fluid, Wood's grit and Clayden's moment of magic were enough to clinch a hard-fought win and promotion back to the fifth tier.





LATEST NEWS FROM MEADOW PARK

# CLUB NEWS

## CAMERON COXE EXTENDS!

**The Club are delighted to announce that full back and fans' favourite, Cameron Coxie has extended his contract, keeping him at Meadow Park until at least the end of the 2025/26 season!**

'Coxey' initially joined on loan from EFL side Colchester United at the back end of 2022, later making his stay at Meadow Park permanent in late December of that year. Since then, the Welshman has played a significant role and is now approaching 100 appearances in a Wood shirt.

During the 2024/25 campaign, Cameron found playing opportunities difficult and would embark on a brief loan move to National League South side Salisbury but returned during the season's latter stages. The Wood number two then fought his way back into Luke Garrard's side and was instrumental in our final push for promotion back to step one.

And of course, who can forget him heading home the late equaliser against Dorking Wanderers in our Play-Off Eliminator before Femi Ilesanmi fired in our dramatic winner? We are all thrilled to have Cameron back on board for next season and we again look forward to watching him play a crucial role as we return to National League football.





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## DIXON SIGNS FROM BIRMINGHAM CITY!

Boreham Wood Football Club are delighted to confirm that Junior Dixon is here on a permanent. The young, promising striker has agreed to a deal that will keep him at Meadow Park until at least the end of the 2026/27 season, following the conclusion of his contract with Championship outfit Birmingham City.

Since arriving on loan from the Blues last summer, Junior has been ever improving, playing a crucial role in our promotion push back to the National League, netting eight times across the 2024/25 season.

Junior, in truth, wasted no time making his mark with a brilliant brace against Weymouth on his full debut. From there on, he became a key weapon in Luke Garrard's arsenal, whether in the starting eleven or coming off the bench to lead the line and turn the tide.

Among his standout moments? His winner in the FA Cup against Eastbourne Borough and a crucial equaliser away at Torquay United, dragging us back from two goals down to claim a point at Plainmoor.

Now, with our place in the National League secured and his signature on the dotted line, the stage is set for this rising star to shine even brighter in a Wood shirt. We are delighted to have Junior back on board and we look forward to watching his continued development and impact at Meadow Park.





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## **WELCOME JOE NEWTON!**

**Boreham Wood Football Club are delighted to unveil our first signing of the summer, dynamic and determined 24-year-old left back Joe Newton! Newton arrives in WD6 after a strong, two-year spell with fellow National League contenders, Solihull Moors.**

A local lad from nearby Hatfield, Newton's performances with Royston Town early on in his career earned him a move to Coventry City in 2019, where he spent two valuable years developing at under-21 level.

Newton's journey then took him to the south coast, where he became a standout performer for Havant & Waterlooville. Across two seasons, he was a key figure in the Hawks' back line, racking up 80 appearances in the National League South and showcasing his defensive prowess.

That form didn't go unnoticed. In the summer of 2023, Solihull Moors swooped in, and Newton delivered. Over the 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons, he cemented his status as a crucial part of the Moors' setup, tallying more than 70 National League appearances.

His rise reached new heights when he made three appearances in the National League Play-Offs, including the 2024 Promotion Final at Wembley. Newton played the entire 120 minutes of that dramatic showdown, but heartbreak followed as Solihull narrowly missed out on EFL promotion, falling to Bromley in a tense penalty shootout.

Now, Newton brings his National League experience to Luke Garrard's side and will no doubt be a valuable asset in our return to the summit of Non-League Football next season. We're delighted to have Joe on board and can't wait to see him apply his trade in a Wood shirt!





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## WELCOME AARON HENRY!

**Boreham Wood Football Club are thrilled to announce the signing of young, exciting midfielder Aaron Henry! The 21-year-old joins up with Luke Garrard's side as a free agent following his departure from Championship side Charlton Athletic.**

A technically gifted footballer, Henry's professional journey began at Charlton, where he made his debut at just 16-years-old in an FA Cup clash against West Bromwich Albion in January of 2020. His rise through the ranks at The Valley saw him earn a professional contract later that year, and by 2022, he had bagged his first goal for the Addicks in an EFL Cup tie against Queens Park Rangers, a moment that showcased his eye for the spectacular.

Still just 21, Henry has already accumulated valuable senior experience across the National League and EFL. His first taste of Step One football came during a loan spell with Wealdstone in early 2022, where he immediately made an impact. Amongst his standout moments was a stunning 25-yard free kick against Stockport County, the first of several set-piece specials. Notably, Henry also netted a sublime free kick against the Wood in a 2-0 victory, leaving a lasting impression in WD6.

Further spells in the EFL with Crawley Town, in the National League with Rochdale and a return to Wealdstone added to his development, with the young midfielder demonstrating composure, vision, and a creative spark when called upon. Now, following the conclusion of his time with boyhood club Charlton Athletic, Henry embarks on a new chapter, one that will see him pull on the black and white of the Wood.

Luke Garrard is quietly building a competitive squad for the long league campaign ahead, and Henry's blend of EFL pedigree, National League experience, and set-piece prowess add real firepower to the midfield engine room. We are delighted to have Aaron on board and look forward to watching him perform at the Mangata Developments Stadium Meadow Park!





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## **WELCOME JEFF KING!**

**Boreham Wood Football Club are delighted to announce the loan signing of experienced defender Jeff King from York City until January! The 29-year-old brings a wealth of experience across both the National League and EFL and is set to bolster Luke Garrard's defensive options heading into our National League return.**

A versatile and attack-minded full-back, King's senior journey began in non-league football, turning out for the likes of Altrincham, Nantwich Town and Witton Albion, before catching the eye of Bolton Wanderers. His professional debut came in the 2017/18 season, featuring in an EFL Cup clash against Premier League side West Ham United, where he played 80 minutes at the London Stadium.

Following a brief spell in the Scottish Premiership with St Mirren, King made his mark in the National League, enjoying standout campaigns with Halifax Town and Chesterfield. At Halifax, he was named Player of the Season and earned a place in the division's Team of the Year in 2020/21, an achievement he would repeat two years later at Chesterfield after a string of commanding performances.

King was instrumental in Chesterfield's title-winning 2023/24 season, offering attacking thrust from the right flank and displaying his trademark dead-ball ability, with many of his goals coming from set pieces. A true specialist from wide areas, his delivery and positional awareness have become hallmarks of his game. After his success with the Spireites, King joined Swindon Town in League Two for a short spell before making the switch to York City late last year. Now, the experienced defender links up with the Wood on loan, bringing proven quality, leadership and a winning mentality to the squad.

With over 100 appearances at National League level and professional experience in both England and Scotland, Jeff's arrival adds real pedigree and depth to the Wood back line. A proven performer at this level, his drive, versatility and set-piece threat will no doubt excite supporters. We're thrilled to welcome Jeff King to the Mangata Developments Stadium Meadow Park and look forward to seeing him in action in black and white!





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## STADIUM NAME AMENDED FROM MANGATA PAY UK STADIUM MEADOW PARK TO THE MANGATA DEVELOPMENTS STADIUM MEADOW PARK!

**Boreham Wood FC are delighted to announce the amendment of our Meadow Park stadium name. Formerly known as the Mangata Pay UK Stadium Meadow Park, it is now to be known as the Mangata Developments Stadium Meadow Park.**

The name change reflects the growing relationship between Boreham Wood FC and our main sponsor Mangata, as Mangata transitions its UK branding from Mangata Pay UK to Mangata Developments.

The Stadium rebrand is in line with Mangata's aim to broaden its horizons, while playing such a vital role in our clubs' quiet community growth, all of which aligns with Mangata's future vision for growth.

Wood Chairman Danny Hunter said "I'm delighted to continue our journey with Kenny and Mangata in all its guises, plus all of their team. As Mangata look to grow and push on with Mangata

Developments, it's our aim to help that through positive messaging. In truth, Kenny's backing last season was invaluable in terms of our progress both on and off the pitch and we're very proud to carry the new company name and branding into our stadium and beyond.

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