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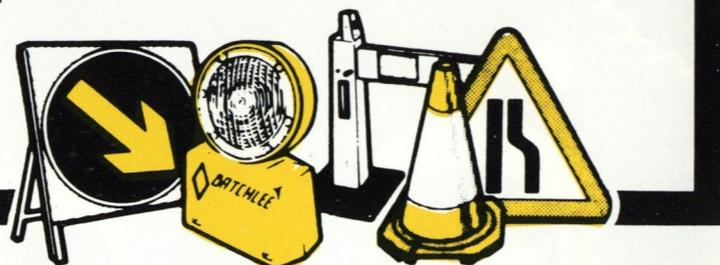
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# GRAHAM TAYLOR



Our football, particularly over the last six weeks has been of a standard which should have seen us in the top half of the table. We shouldn't have lost at Burnley, we should have won at Fulham, and we should have beaten Sunderland. But the truth of the matter is that we didn't. It's no good being dominant unless you make it pay, and it's that final act which we have been falling down on.

Against Sunderland we had the conditions against us in the first half, and we had to make sure that we didn't have a mountain to climb when we started the second half. That we did, and we certainly used the conditions extremely well.

Today we are faced with our first "derby game" for some time, and the fact that it is Boxing Day makes it that little bit more exciting. What I would like to point out is that while everyone connected with both clubs is out to win, the spirit that exists between the sides is very good indeed.

We don't want people falling out and causing trouble. Both David Pleat and myself expect whole-hearted support and healthy rivalry between our supporters, but don't get carried away by it all, particularly at this special time of the year.

BECAUSE of the Christmas printing deadlines I am having to write these notes before our match at Preston so I cannot comment on the result or performance. Nevertheless our game against Sunderland did highlight the fact that we are so close to being a good Second Division side.

We did so much right, contending not only with the opposition but the conditions which were far from ideal. We were far ahead of Sunderland in our play, but once again that final percentage which should complete our game was missing.

In closing today may I wish every one of our supporters, and our friends from Luton a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

## GREETINGS from the HORNETS!

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# WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN

LOCAL derby meetings between Watford and Luton have always provided something of a centrepiece for the supporters of each side to go into verbal warfare and descend upon each other's ground in their massed thousands. Indeed even in those way-back days when both clubs met in the Southern League the rivalry was just as intense. Nothing will have changed today when the club's meet for the 45th League clash between the sides.

While Watford have been striving to maintain some sort of consistent form to establish themselves back in the Second Division, Bedfordshire neighbours Luton have been taking teams by surprise as they battle away in the upper echelons of the League table.

### Magnificent start

After finishing last season in a lowly 18th position, the club's performances this time round have been nothing short of a revelation. And what's more their magnificent start to the campaign finally got through to the people that matter most—the supporters. Club ticket sales are reported to be on the up, while their away support has been growing with each winning performance.

Much of the reason for their success this time has been the scoring activities of winger David Moss, who started this month with 13 goals to his credit—many of them from the penalty spot—and that's as many as he hit all last term when he ended up as the "Hatters" leading marksman, despite missing a third of the campaign through injury.

Moss, who played for Swindon for nine years, scoring 60 goals in over 200 outings, cost Luton £110,000 when he moved from Wiltshire in the summer of 1978—and that figure is looking every inch a real bargain buy with every goal he scores.

When David Pleat took over from Harry Haslam as the Kenilworth Road chief in spring 1978, he became one of the youngest managers in the game. It also meant that the wheel had gone full circle for him—Pleat had played for the club for 10 years before injury cut short a promising career.

Having struggled last term, there were several eyebrows raised when there wasn't a flood of transfer activity at Kenilworth Road during the summer. The two major additions to the squad this season have been centre back Mick Saxby who left Mansfield Town for a £200,000 fee—the highest the club have ever paid out—during the summer, and Tony Grealish, Orient's Eire international midfielder player who cost the Hatters another £150,000.

On the outward trail, striker Steve Taylor made the reverse journey to Mansfield for £75,000, while the much travelled Alan Birchenall continued on his trip around as many clubs you can pack into a career, by joining Blackburn Rovers after a brief stay at Luton.

### Change in fortunes

The side, then, is little changed from last season, so why the dramatic change in fortunes? One of the reasons can certainly be put down to Moss's increased goal output, but there is a more basic reason than that. A team is

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only as good as it's defence, and in this direction Luton can certainly point to one of the best in the Division. Kirk Stephens, Mal Donaghy, Saxby and new skipper Paul Price have formed the Luton rearguard all season, and with Jake Findlay doing his job well in goal, there are few sides who have been able to penetrate Luton's last line too often this season.

One of the most effective positional changes to have taken place at Kenilworth Road in recent months involves Price. He started out his life with the club as a full back, but then switched to the centre of the defence when Paul Futchter moved to Manchester City, and hasn't looked back since. And what's more he has been given the added responsibility of leading the team this year, a position he clearly relishes. "I enjoy the captaincy and I think the responsibility of my job has given my game an extra edge. Setting an example to other players helps me and, in turn, helps others" he says.

### Effective

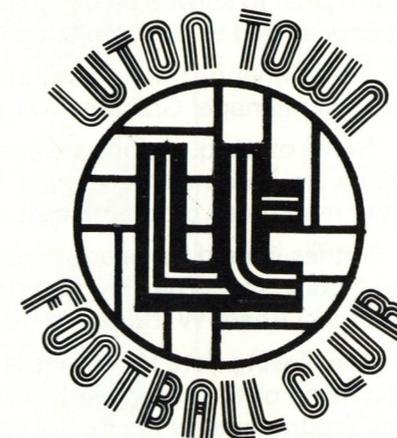
Certainly his performances have proved that, and so effective has he been alongside Saxby that Welsh national boss Mike Smith recently called him up into the full Welsh squad.

There were many disappointed managers all over the country when Luton nipped in to pick up defender Donaghy for a bargain fee of £15,000 from Larne two summers ago. He was already a Northern Ireland under-21 cap, and he soon settled into his new surrounds and progressed into the full national squad by the end of the season.

The other regular full back, Kirk Stephens has made a remarkable rise to first class soccer. He joined Luton in the summer of 1978, from non-league Nuneaton Borough, went straight into the first team, and proved so popular that by the end of the campaign had

been voted "Player of the Year". So far this season he has done little to suggest that the award was wrongly bestowed.

The tigerish, bearded Grealish has certainly added some bite and aggression to Luton's midfield this campaign, but alongside him he has two very fine players in the creative Alan West, and the exciting Ricky Hill.



by Andy Knowles

West was one of the many young stars to emerge through the famous Burnley "youth academy", and progressed to be an England under-23 international, before joining the Hatters in 1973 for a then record fee of £100,000 and going on to be one of the club's most consistent and stylish players.

Ricky Hill had established himself in the Luton side by the time he was 17, and his delicate ball control and explosive shooting earned him an England youth cap in 1976.

The regular striking trio this term has been Moss, Bob Hatton and Brian Stein, and although the scoring achievements of Moss may have outshone his two partners' hard grafting, there is no denying the effectiveness of the three as a unit.

Hatton is one of the most experienced strikers in the country and had already long before proved that he could score goals at any level before making Luton his seventh club when he joined them from Blackpool before the start of last season, for £50,000. He hit 11 League goals for the Hatters last season, taking his career tally to 156 before the start of this campaign.

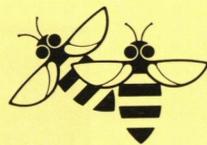
The progress of Stein reads like something out of a boys comic. He was a Local Health Authority clerk in North London, playing non-league soccer for Edgware Town when he was spotted two years ago. Within a month of joining Luton he had made his League debut and has rapidly established himself, scoring 14 League and Cup goals last year.

### Winning side

Other players currently in Luton's first team squad but unable to disturb a winning side are defender Mark Aizlewood, a £50,000 buy from Newport County, who is being kept out by Donaghy's form, and striker "Lil" Fuccillo, who is still recovering from a broken leg.

Youth and experience is the blend manager Pleat and his assistant Ken Gutteridge see as being the best blend to put Luton back in Division One—where they last lived five years ago—and on the evidence of the first half of the season there can be few folk around who doubt their choice.

One thing is for certain there are plenty of men around at Kenilworth Road these days who are determined to crush the theory that the only thing to have come out of Luton in recent years is a certain Eric Morecambe.



# HARRY HORNETS' ...



WHAT do you know about Watford Football Club, the players and staff? Just to show a bit of Christmas spirit we have devised a special quiz designed to test your knowledge of the club and its history.

The winner of the quiz will receive a football autographed by the players, manager Graham Taylor and Chairman Elton John.

Some of the questions are easy, some a little more difficult, whilst some are designed to see just how closely you have been reading your match-day programmes this season.

Entries should be clearly marked "Harry Hornets Christmas Quiz" and sent to: The Programme Editor, Watford Football Club, Vicarage Road, Watford, Hertfordshire.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, January 9th, 1980 and the name of the lucky winner, and the answers, will be published in our programme for the Bristol Rovers' game on January 19th.

There's plenty of time for you to do your research—and put your thinking caps on!

- How many managers have Watford had since the last war, and who are they?
- Which Watford player celebrated his 100th game in style, last season, by scoring one of the goals that beat Hull City, and ensured our promotion to Division Two?
- Ross Jenkins became the first Watford player to score three hat-tricks in a season since 1959-60. In that season this Watford player hit four hat-tricks. Who was he?
- Which current Watford players are nicknamed:
  - Hadleigh
  - Bam bam
  - Fred
  - Captain Webb?
- Which current Watford player is the son of a former speedway star?

- Brian Pollard (pictured) prepares to face the bowling—but what other sport does "Polly" play in his spare time?



# CHRISTMAS QUIZ



- Who is this mystery player?



- Who are these current Watford players?
  - LET THIS BLUSTER
  - SHOOT IN BEND
  - THE SLICK SEALS
  - OVERTHROW
- Which four Watford players became film award winners this year, and why?
- How many goals did Ross Jenkins score last season (in all competitions)?
- Which current Watford players have:
  - a labrador called Jason
  - a basset hound called Wellington?
- Which current Watford player's father was a northern club comedian in his spare time?
- How many performances did Watford Chairman Elton John make on his recent American tour?

- Who scored Manchester United's goal in our 2-1 League Cup win at Old Trafford last season?
- How many times did Luther Blissett score twice in a League game last season?
- Which other clubs has Bobby Downes played for?
- How many penalties did Watford score last season—and who scored them?
- What is Watford's record victory?
- What clubs did Graham Taylor play for?
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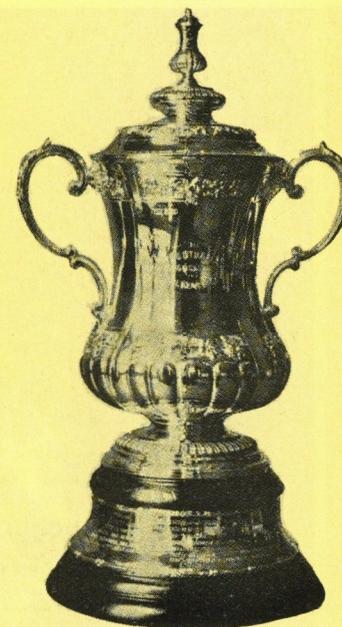
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## FLASHBACK

IN the late 1890's Watford players were chased down the road to Luton Station by angry Luton players and supporters. At West Herts' Cassio Road days, the Luton v Watford home and return matches were regular features either at Easter or Christmas and in the Southern League, the matches between the local rivals invariably constituted the biggest gates "round the ropes".

Traditionally, the Watford v Luton fixtures always evoke the most interest but the fact remains that the two clubs have met each other in League competition, far fewer times than they have avoided each other. From 1920, when both

teams founded the new Division 3 South, the two clubs met every year without interruption until 1937. Since then the two clubs have been in the same division for only five seasons.

After that break in 1937, it was 27 years before the clubs met again. Then we won 2-0 in the home game in 1963-64 and many will remember the disappointment of defeat 2-1 at the end of the campaign when 19,799 travelled to see us bid for promotion to Division Two.

Many more will remember the three clashes we had with Luton in the 1968-69 season—bowing out 3-0 in the

League Cup, winning the League match at home 1-0 with a Roy Low goal and then the finale when we had already sewn up promotion. The first match was postponed, the second abandoned and the third ended with Barry Endean and Tom Walley sent off in a 2-1 defeat.

Luton did the double over us the following year, incidentally Mike Keen scored for Luton in the 1-0 victory at Watford, but we took three from four in our last season in Division Two, nine years ago.

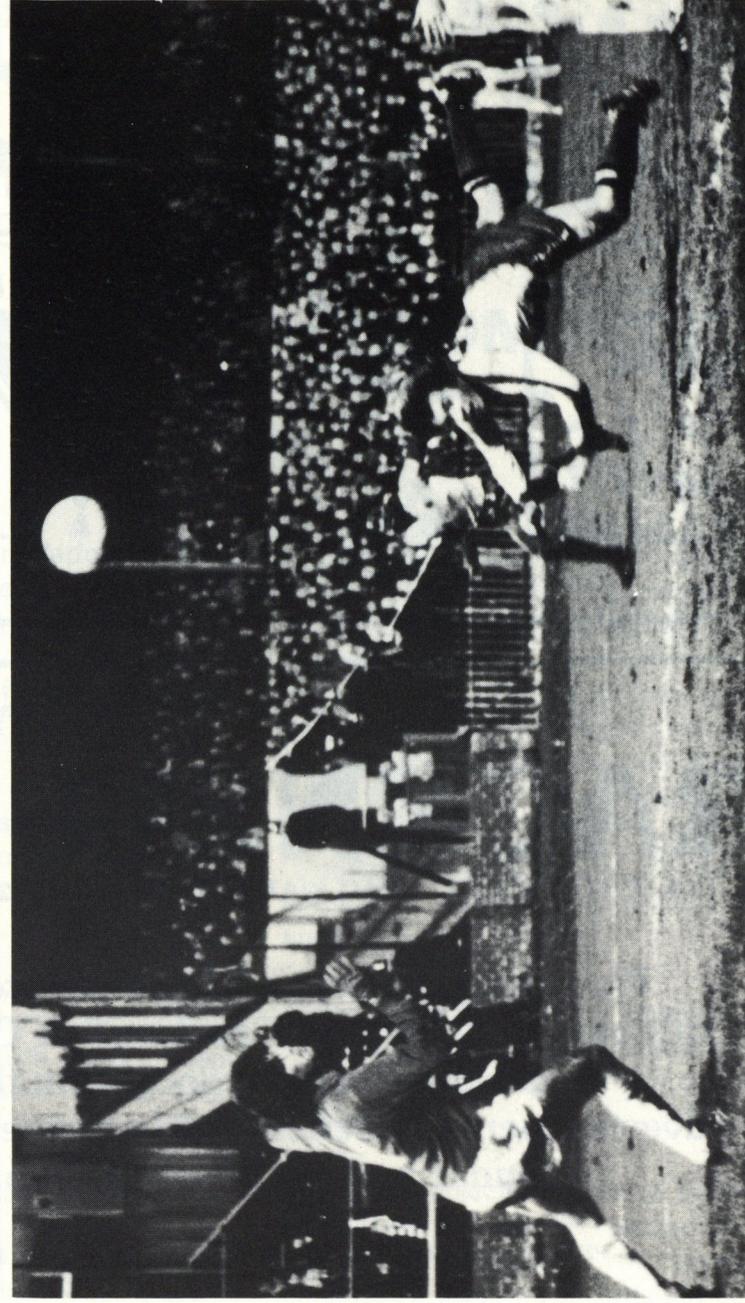
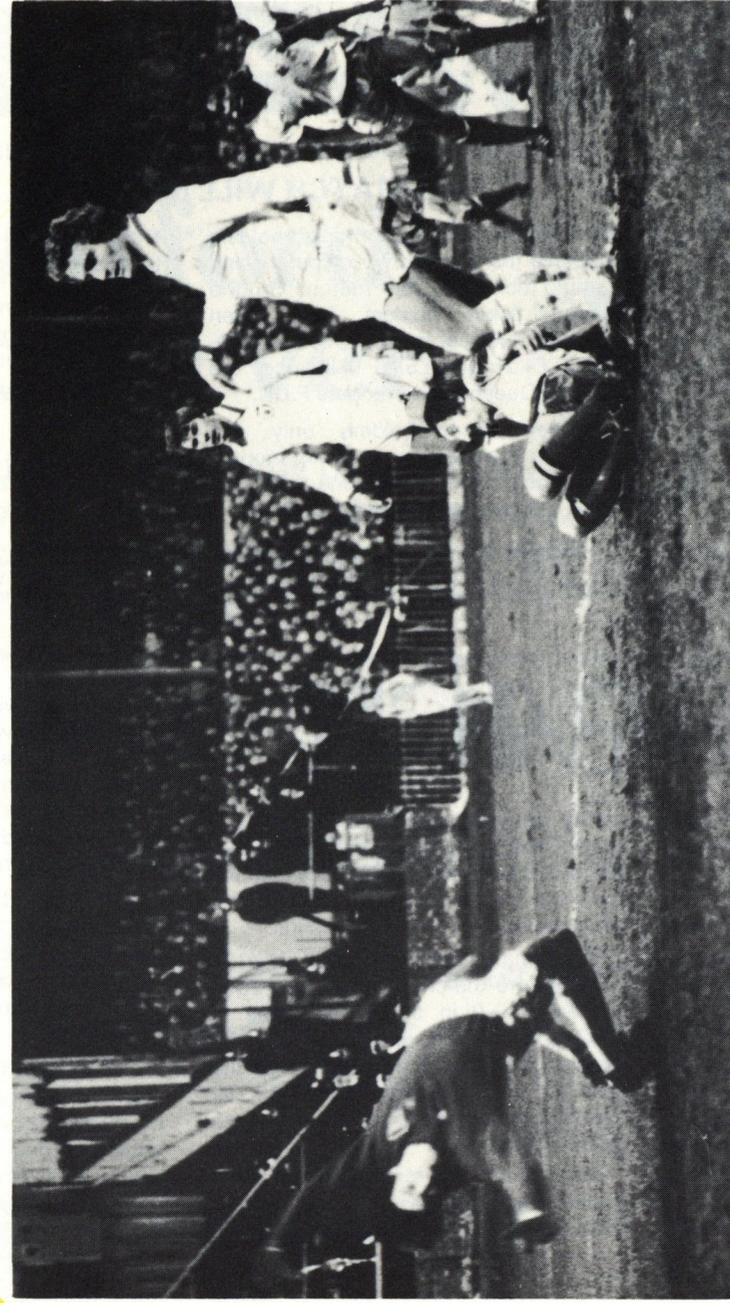
Consolation for the Luton fans is the fact that they have done the double five times over us while we have done the double on only three occasions. So we have a little leeway to catch up on that score and there is no time like the present.

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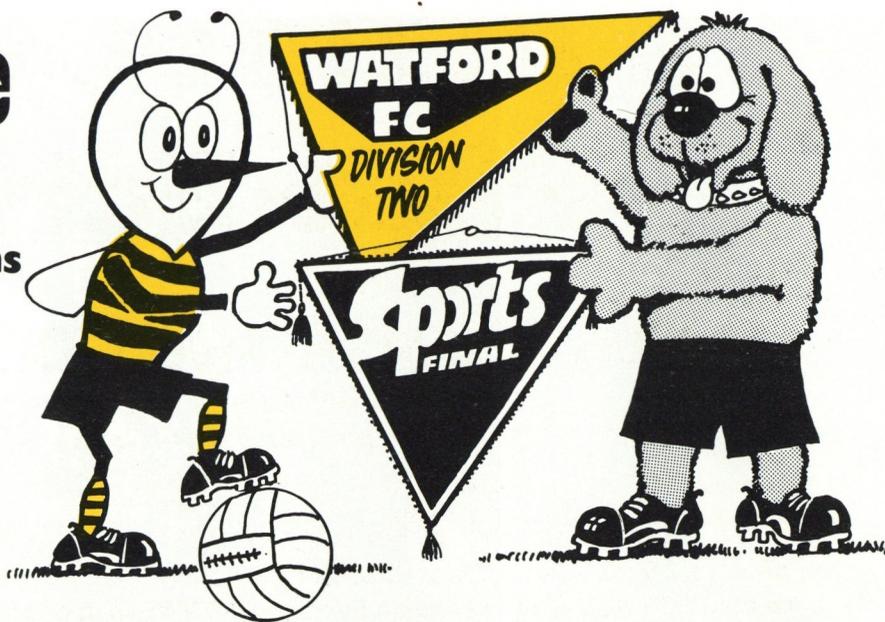
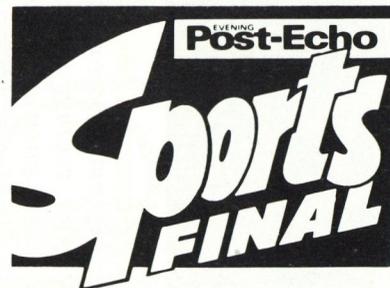
# ACTION



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*He's had to wait long enough for this moment so we make no excuse for letting Dennis Booth wallow in his moment of glory after scoring our goal against Sunderland in our last home match — his first in 97 games since joining Watford (top two pictures). Below, one that didn't count — Keith Mercer's flying header.*

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Because we are so closely in touch with the clubs and their activities we are keenly aware of their importance to the community and of their contribution to the local scene both on and off the pitch.

The two sides not only enjoy and benefit from the friendly rivalry between them but have good personal relationships, which was clearly demonstrated when the two teams were entertained at the Evening Post-Echo offices recently. It is a relationship which they hope, and believe, will be reflected in their fans.

It is for all these reasons that we are pleased to be sponsors of the match here today. It seems

to us a natural combination—as we are sure it will seem to all our readers—whether supporters of the home team or the visitors.

The host side have ambitious plans for their ground, as already reported in your Post-Echo. In the words of their famous chairman, Elton John, they aim to “cater for the whole family”.

“Football grounds should be places for the community with sporting facilities, restaurants, entertainment”, he said.

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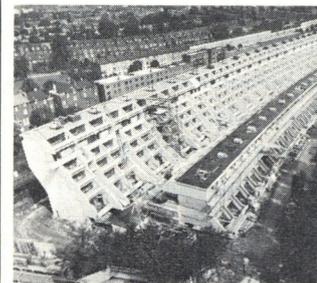
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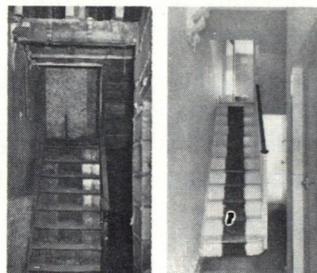
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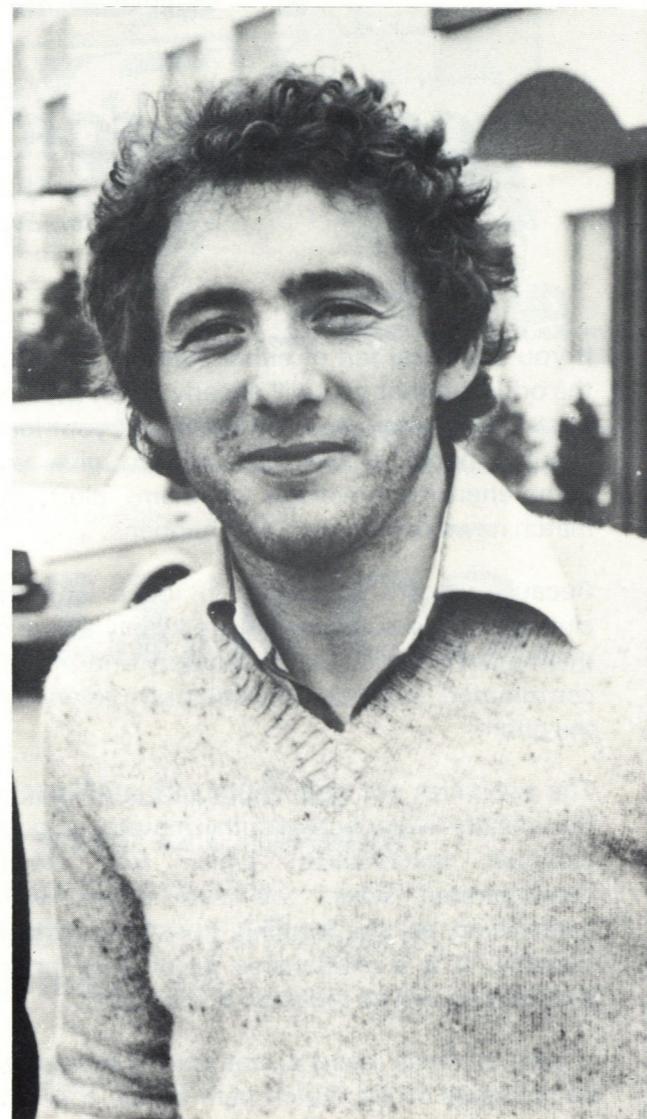


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# PLAYER PROFILE ■ ■ ■



CHRISTMAS away from home is never desirable at the best of times, but when it means you are forced to spend it away from your wife and daughter, cooped up in a hotel, then the festive spirit is even harder to conjure up.

Yet this is the position Wilf Rostron finds himself in at the moment. "I suppose my wife, Jill and our one-year-old daughter, Jill, could have come down from the north-east to spend Christmas in the hotel with me, but it wouldn't have been much fun for them because I would have had to go away Christmas afternoon" says Wilf.

"No, it is better for them to stay up north and enjoy Christmas with Jill's family and my family. I just hoped to have been able to see them for a couple of days over the period."

### Very impressed

Not that Geordie Wilf has any complaints about joining Watford—"I've been very impressed by everyone and everything at the club since I arrived" he says—but like any footballer recently transferred he finds the separation from loved ones the biggest bug-bear.

"Hopefully that will all be changed next month, when we are hoping to move into a house in the area, then I'll be really happy and contented."

Certainly Wilf has shown few signs of being "homesick" since arriving from Sunderland two months ago, although he's not quite as happy with his form as some might expect. "I've been struggling a bit for fitness" he says frankly, "I don't think the Watford fans have seen the best of me yet."

The move to Watford took Wilf by surprise. "I knew nothing about it until I

was told that Mr. Taylor would like to see me. I was very impressed by him, and it was very obvious just how ambitious he is for the club to do well, and now I have been here for a couple of months I can see that really the club is trying to catch up with the team. I'm glad to be part of such an ambitious club."

Wilf arrived at Vicarage Road with the reputation of being something of a useful goalscorer, but before the start of the Christmas programme he was still searching for his first goal in Watford's colours. "I've had chances to score but

term, but it wasn't only as a striker or midfield player in which he turned out for the Rokerites—but also as full back.

"I had a couple of games at left back, ironically when Micky Henderson got sent off! But really I don't mind where I play as long as I am involved in the game all the time, and I suppose in that sense midfield is the position I am best suited to."



so far I haven't managed to put one of them in. But one of the reasons I got a few at Sunderland was that I played up front for most of last season" he explains. Wilf, in fact, hit 12 goals last

This afternoon's match won't be the first "local derby" 23-year-old Wilf has played in this season; he took part in the titanic Cup battle between Sunderland and Newcastle in which both legs ended 2-2, before Sunderland triumphed 10-9 on penalties. "Those were real corkers of games, and if today's approaches anything like them, then the fans are in for a treat" promises Wilf.

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## DIVISION TWO FOCUS



TWO years of negotiations and discussions between ourselves and the local authorities in regard to the future of our stadium, provided an item for the agenda of the 17th December Watford Borough Council meeting. At the time of going to press, no official verdict has been notified to us.

In the 18 months that I have been working on the future development of the club, we've negotiated with several commercial companies who have offered to provide the revenue we needed to build a new stadium—in return for a retail outlet situation—we asked the local authorities to provide the site.

In this way we were, and still are, looking more to linking ourselves with the community. We want to build a centre in Watford where people can spend their leisure time.

Our ideas, understandably in the current financial climate which is affecting local authority spending, may have been curtailed by the decision reached. Nevertheless the authorities have asked us to provide a blueprint of our requirements in developing the Vicarage Road stadium, but with no commercial retail outlets i.e. no shopping centre as we had previously envisaged. We are now restricted to furthering our interests towards an entertainment centre and conference link, and if supporters can imagine it, our "dream" is for something like the Wembley centre and indoor arena all in one.

There is a national need for these type of facilities and if we can go ahead and develop upon the lines we envisage then I think in six to seven years time we could have a stadium complex the envy of most other clubs.

As the old year passes—and what a year of change and development is has been at Vicarage Road—these thoughts make the 1980's sound positively exciting.

Eddie Plumley

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## CAPTAINS CORNER



FIRST let me start this week by wishing all our fans a very happy Christmas; certainly we'll be aiming to make it a happy one for all of you with a nice win over our neighbours, Luton Town today.

Talking of Luton, they've been something of a surprise team this season haven't they? I've only seen them on television, and they impressed me. They've obviously had a marvellous season so far—particularly when you remember how they ended up last season.

I've known all about David Moss from his Swindon days, and at that time there was always a feeling that he could produce something special, and certainly his goalscoring record this season proves that point.

Manager David Pleat has also bought very well. His signings has made his team into a more than useful Second Division side, and I am sure he should receive due appreciation for his efforts.

Certainly I think Luton will be there or thereabouts when it comes to honours at the end of the season, but as to whether they are my favourites for promotion, I think I will wait until after today's game before deciding!

The side who have surprised me most this season are Leicester City. They are basically a young side, and although they have beaten us twice they never stamped any real authority over us, but they have kept getting the results, and scoring goals.

Queens Park Rangers were a side everyone expected to do well, considering the number of class players in their side, and I don't think they will disappoint the punters. Birmingham are a difficult side to make out; they blow hot and cold and obviously a lot depends on Archie Gemmill and whether Frank Worthington fits in.

I fancy Wrexham to be the "surprise" team to watch out for over the second half of the season, but if I have to stick my neck out at this stage of the season then my three for promotion are: Newcastle, QPR and West Ham.

Dennis Booth

# 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 SUB.

AUGUST																		
11	Colchester Utd (FLC)	0-2	4,638	Rankin	Stirk	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Garner	Joslyn	Blissett	Jenkins	Bolton	Downes*	Mercer			
14	<b>Colchester Utd (FLC)</b>	2-1	<b>10,051</b>	Sherwood	Stirk	Harrison	Booth*	Sims	Garner	Joslyn	Blissett	Jenkins	Bolton 2	Downes	Pollard			
18	Leicester City	0-2	15,772	Sherwood	How	Harrison	Joslyn	Sims	Bolton	Pollard	Blissett	Jenkins	Train	Mercer	Ward			
21	<b>Swansea City</b>	0-0	<b>15,276</b>	Sherwood	How	Harrison	Joslyn	Sims	Bolton	Pollard	Blissett	Jenkins	Train	Mercer	Garner			
25	Cambridge United	2-2	7,606	Sherwood	How	Harrison	Joslyn*	Sims	Bolton	Pollard	Blissett 1	Jenkins 1	Train	Mercer	Booth			

SEPTEMBER																		
1	<b>West Ham United</b>	2-0	<b>23,632</b>	Rankin	How	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Bolton	Joslyn*	Blissett 2	Jenkins	Train	Downes	Mercer			
8	Bristol Rovers	1-1	7,625	Rankin	How	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Garner	Joslyn	Blissett	Jenkins 1	Train	Downes	Mercer			
15	<b>Cardiff City</b>	1-1	<b>13,741</b>	Rankin	How	Harrison	Booth	Bolton	Garner	Joslyn	Blissett	Jenkins	Train 1	Downes	Mercer			
22	Chelsea	0-2	21,480	Rankin	How	Harrison	Booth	Bolton	Garner	Joslyn*	Blissett	Jenkins	Train	Downes	Ward			
29	Charlton Athletic	2-1	13,598	Rankin	How	Harrison	Joslyn	Sims	Bolton 1	Blissett	Ward	Jenkins 1	Train	Cassells*	Mercer			

OCTOBER																		
6	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	1-2	<b>22,341</b>	Rankin	How	Harrison	Joslyn	Bolton	Garner	Blissett	Mercer 1	Jenkins	Train	Downes*	Cassells			
9	Swansea City	0-1	15,185	Rankin	How*	Harrison	Joslyn	Bolton	Garner	Blissett	Mercer	Jenkins	Train	Cassells	Booth			
13	Orient	0-1	7,506	Rankin	Booth	Harrison	Joslyn*	Bolton	Garner	Pollard	Blissett	Mercer	Train	Cassells	Pritchett			
20	<b>Newcastle United</b>	2-0	<b>17,524</b>	Rankin	How	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Bolton	Cassells	Blissett 1	Mercer 1	Train	Rostron	Ward			
27	Wrexham	0-3	9,442	Rankin	How	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Garner	Cassells	Blissett	Mercer*	Train	Rostron	Ward			

NOVEMBER																		
3	<b>Leicester City</b>	1-3	<b>14,743</b>	Steele	How	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Garner	Pollard 1	Blissett	Mercer	Train	Rostron	Ward			
10	Shrewsbury Town	0-1	8,150	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Bolton	Pollard	Blissett	Ward	Train	Rostron	Cassells			
17	<b>Birmingham City</b>	1-0	<b>14,378</b>	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Bolton	Pollard	Blissett	Ward 1	Train	Rostron	Cassells			
24	Fulham	0-0	10,126	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Bolton	Pollard	Blissett	Ward*	Train	Rostron	Pritchett			

DECEMBER																		
1	<b>Notts County</b>	2-1	<b>12,170</b>	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Booth	Sims	Bolton 1	Pollard	Blissett 1	Mercer	Train	Rostron	Ward			
8	Burnley	0-1	8,559	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Booth	Bolton	Garner	Pollard*	Blissett	Mercer	Train	Rostron	Pritchett			
15	<b>Sunderland</b>	1-1	<b>13,965</b>	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Booth 1	Bolton	Garner	Downes	Blissett	Mercer	Train	Rostron	Ward			
21	Preston North End																	
26	<b>Luton T (12 noon)</b>																	
29	<b>Cambridge United</b>																	

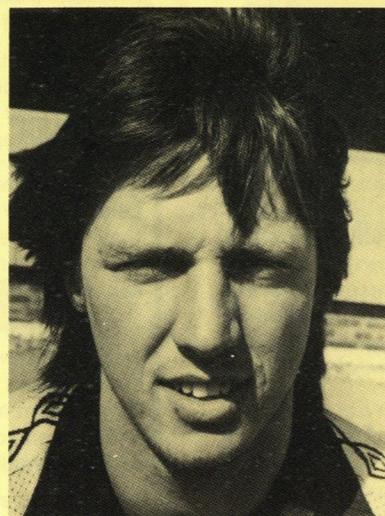
JANUARY 1980	
1	Oldham Athletic
5	F.A. Cup 3
12	West Ham United
19	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>
26	F.A. Cup 4

FEBRUARY	
2	Cardiff City
9	<b>Chelsea</b>
16	Charlton Athletic (5)
23	Orient

MARCH	
1	Newcastle United
8	<b>Wrexham (6)</b>
14	Queens Park Rangers
22	<b>Shrewsbury Town</b>
29	Birmingham City

APRIL	
5	Luton Town
7	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>
9	<b>Preston North End</b>
12	Notts Co (SF)
19	<b>Fulham</b>
26	Sunderland

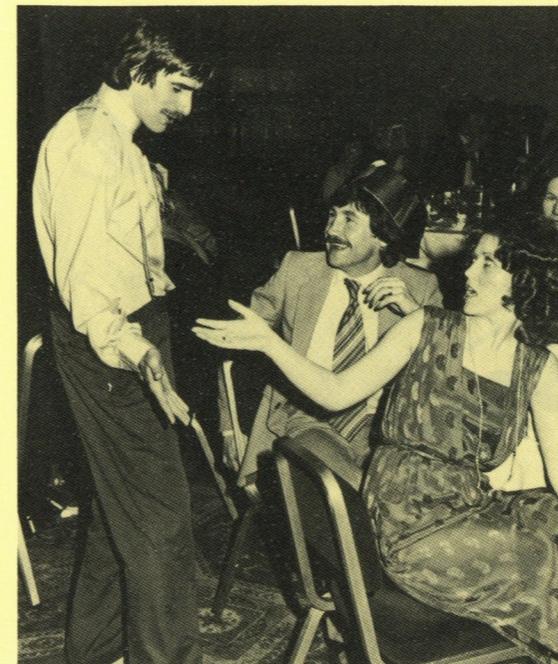
MAY	
3	<b>Burnley</b>
10	F.A. Cup Final



## Welcome

ANOTHER new face at the Club is 21-year-old Martin Patching, who has joined us from Wolves. The young midfielder player was at Molineux five years, making 79 first team appearances—including six in the First Division—and scored 10 goals. Martin arrives at Vicarage Road with the reputation of being "an old fashioned wing half" with a preference for moving forward and attacking the goal from the edge of the penalty area. We all hope Martin has a long and successful career with the Hornets.

# STATISTICS



Steve Harrison explains to Bobby Downes and his wife what the best dressed footballer wear at the Clubs Christmas Party.

## MID-WEEK LEAGUE

AUG	28	Aldershot	2-0
SEPT	11	Northampton Town	2-0
	19	Charlton Athletic	4-2
	25	Brighton & Hove	3-1
OCT	10	<b>Southend United</b>	5-1
	15	Charlton Athletic	1-1
	24	<b>Millwall</b>	2-0
NOV	7	<b>Wimbledon</b>	4-3
	13	Southend United	1-1
	27	Brentford	1-0
DEC	5	<b>Northampton Town</b>	4-1
	19	<b>Brentford</b>	
JAN	9	<b>Gillingham</b>	
1980	15	Wimbledon (LC)	
	30	<b>Portsmouth</b>	
FEB	12	Cambridge United	
	27	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove A</b>	
MAR	12	Gillingham	
	19	Portsmouth	
	26	<b>Cambridge United</b>	
	31	Peterborough Utd	
APRIL	8	Millwall	

To be arranged:  
Peterborough Utd; Aldershot; Wimbledon

## S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP

Portsmouth	1-0
Crystal Palace	1-1
Crystal Palace (replay)	0-0
Crystal Palace (2nd replay)	2-0

## S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

AUG	18	Charlton	1-2
	25	<b>Orient</b>	4-1
SEPT	8	<b>Millwall</b>	0-2
	15	<b>Chelsea</b>	0-1
	29	Gillingham	2-1
OCT	6	<b>Arsenal</b>	2-1
	13	Norwich	1-1
	20	<b>Charlton</b>	1-2
NOV	3	<b>Tottenham</b>	1-0
	10	West Ham	3-1
	24	Southend	2-0
DEC	8	Tottenham	2-2
	15	<b>Queens Park R</b>	3-0
	29	<b>Gillingham</b>	
JAN	5	<b>Queens Park R</b>	
1980	12	<b>West Ham</b>	
	26	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	
FEB	2	<b>Ipswich</b>	
	9	Millwall	
	16	Portsmouth	
	23	Arsenal	
MARCH	1	<b>Portsmouth</b>	
	8	Ipswich	
	15	Chelsea	
	22	<b>Southend</b>	
	29	Fulham	
APRIL	12	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	
	19	<b>Fulham</b>	
	26	Orient	

To be arranged: Norwich

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- A Arsenal v Tottenham
- B Queen's Park R v Orient
- C West Ham Utd v Birmingham



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## MATCH OFFICIALS

**Mark P. Scott** (Nottingham). Started refereeing in 1965. Joined the Football League in 1975 via the East Midland and North Midland Leagues. In 1978 he lined a UEFA Cup match and refereed FA Vase semi-final in 1979. He is interested in all sports, enjoys swimming and keeps fit for refereeing by running and weight training. Played cricket and football at County level whilst at school.

Linesmen: J. A. Moules (Ongar) (*Red Flag*)  
M. G. Richardson (Chislehurst) (*Yellow Flag*)

## MASCOTS

**Katy Perkins** (7), 4 High Elms Close, Northwood, Middx.  
**Claire-Louise Bennett** (7), 156 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green.

## NEXT AWAY MATCH

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  - 11 WILF ROSTRON
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