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Perm three from eight

AS the season now enters the second-half, with the winter months hopefully being something of the past, so we shall now really begin to recognise the serious challengers for promotion.

It is interesting to try to work out who will be the final contenders for those three positions. Everyone has their opinions—and quite rightly so.

It seems to me to be a “perm any three from eight”! with Luton being most people’s choice for one of the three.

Even as a football manager, who am I to predict any result? It’s usually the so-called experts who get it wrong—mainly because they get too involved!

So I am going to keep my selection to myself. But, although I am not a betting man, I am prepared to admit I have got a small wager on one club in particular—at the best, it will win the Championship and, at the worst, it will give me money one hell of a run!

Good old days

I recently talked to a supporter who spoke at length of “the goold old days” at Watford. It seemed to me that it was a period of time when the club didn’t win anything—were never in fear of either promotion or relegation.

As he said, Saturdays then meant a happy band of 5-6,000 supporters who could have a good moan and groan. One never expected more and consequently never got more. You could argue with visiting supporters and yet not a hair was raised—let alone the thought of violence! How things have changed!

How can you compare then to now? It is all so different—and yet the constant thread remains—the loyalty to the club and team.

Yes, things are different now, and will never be the same again, but as long as that loyalty exists in our supporters, and the standard of behaviour is acceptable, Watford Football Club will continue to have a backbone irrespective of which division it is in.

Graham Taylor



HORNETS' NEST

Carnation winners

FIFTEEN people won prizes in the lucky programme draw on February 6. Carnation Foods Ltd., who sponsored Watford's match against Chelsea have given the following prizes.

1st—Hamper of 12 bottles of "Golden State" Californian wine: No. 4015. 2nd—Half a case of wine: No. 6229. 3rd—2 bottles of sparkling wine: No. 3430. Runners-up—Hot Chocolate Mix mugs and Hot Chocolate Mix Packs: Nos. 3250, 6023, 6617, 8442, 5235, 8216, 7236, 6431, 7411, 8003, 5497.

The first prize went to Martin Gibbons



HORNETS' NEST

of South Oxhey and was presented on the pitch at half-time by Carnation's Sales Director Mr. Ron Brown. All the other prizes may be collected from the Commercial Office at any time up to the end of February. So check your Chelsea programme to see if you were a winner.

Man of the Match

CARNATION FOODS "Man of the Match" against Chelsea was Wilf Rostron (below with Mr. Ron Brown from Carnation) who made a fine job of standing in for Keith Pritchett in the No. 3 shirt. Wilf was voted best player by the Watford team and was able to celebrate with a hamper of "Golden State" Californian wine.

HORNETS' NEST

Watford Observer "Shootout"

THERE will be two "Shootouts" this afternoon due to the heavy postponement of games over the Christmas period.

At 2.30 p.m. the Gadeside Rangers (Paul Freeman, Brian Ashby, Matt Catlin, Tony Price, Tony Parks and Cliff Powell) take on Sellotape FC (David Hauff, Mark Jones, Stewart O'Donnell, Jeff Hudson, Russell Agonbar and Danny Head).

The winners will then play Outspan Dynamo at half time. The Outspan side is John Smith, Phillip Bandy, Edward Dukes, Mike Baker, Paul Miller and Andy Poupard.

New coach service

GOOD news for Watford fans in the Slough-Windsor area! As from March 6 when Watford play Cambridge United, Windsorian coaches will be running a regular service to all home matches from Windsor to Watford. Return fares will be £1.90 for adults and £1.30 for children, ground tickets at £1.80 and West Stand Enclosure seats at £2.50 will also be on sale for those who like the security of having their tickets in advance. Tickets will be on sale at all Windsorian offices in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire and also at Slough Bus Station.

Pick-up times will be as follows:—Windsorian Offices, Alma Road, Windsor 1.00 p.m. (evening games 5.45 p.m.); Slough Bus Station, Wellington Road lay-by 1.15 p.m. (6.00 p.m.). The coaches will drop off and pick-up by Shrodells Hospital so this is real door-to-door service for those who have to make the awkward journey by public transport from the south-west.

HORNETS' NEST

Happy honeymoon!

TWO people taking advantage of the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel's Soccer Stopover this weekend are honeymooners Paul and Lynn Freeman. Paul, who is a Chief Technician in the RAF, has always been a Watford fan and has followed his favourite team from where ever he has been stationed in the country. Currently he has to travel to matches from Sussex but will shortly be transferred to Lincolnshire so the journey to Watford will be a fast run down the M1. As an 81 Club member, he never misses a home match and that's one of the reasons the happy couple decided to get married yesterday, a Friday rather than today and miss the local derby against Luton.

Leeds lead the way

TODAY's Family Enclosure sponsors are the Leeds Permanent Building Society, Watford.

League Cup Final tickets

WATFORD fans are being given the chance to obtain tickets for the League Cup Final on Saturday, March 13. If you're interested in obtaining a ticket please follow the instructions below.

Season ticket holders should send details of their block, row and seat number on a postcard addressed to the Ticket Office Manager, Watford FC, Vicarage Road, Watford, Hertfordshire.

Non-season ticket holders will also have a chance to obtain a ticket—limited to one per person—providing they have six different vouchers from Watford programmes this season. These should be attached to a postcard on which the sender must put his name and address. Place the postcard in an envelope and send it to the above address.

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Supporters' Club members also have an opportunity to obtain a ticket. Applicants should write their name, address and membership number on a postcard and send it to George Pearce, 37 The Crescent, Watford, Hertfordshire.

We will then hold two draws and the successful applicants will be notified. Their names will also appear in the Cambridge programme on March 6.

The tickets are for the terraces and cost £3.50 each, but we do not require any cash with your application.

Poster winner

LUCKY Nicholas Loveday of Chalfont St. Peter has won himself a leather Watford football autographed by the Watford players. Nicholas's name was the first one drawn from the hat in the cartoon poster competition announced in the West Ham programme.



VIDEO SHOWS

Highlights of Watford home matches this season

Special half-term film shows at 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Monday, February 22nd, Tuesday, February 23rd, Wednesday, February 24th, Thursday, February 25th. Directors' Suites, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford. Tickets, 20p each, will be on sale in advance only, from the Commercial Office, Occupation Road.

Very important: Only Junior Hornets are eligible for tickets i.e. Season ticket holders aged under 16 on August 22nd, 1981 or holders of the Junior Hornet Identity Card.

HORNETS' NEST

Meet the players

THE Watford players will be serving in the Hornet Shop during half-term so don't miss this opportunity to go and meet your favourite stars. The shop will open from 9.00 to 5.30 on Monday as well as the rest of next week.

Monday, 22 February: 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Pat Rice and Kenny Jackett. 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Ross Jenkins and Keith Pritchett.

Tuesday, 23 February: 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Steve Sherwood and Ian Bolton. 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Nigel Callaghan and Jan Lohman.

Wednesday, 24 February: 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Les Taylor and Luther Blissett. 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Steve Terry and John Barnes.

Thursday, 25 February: 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Steve Sims and Wilf Rostron. 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Charlie Palmer and Martin Patching.

Star Family Football

WATFORD joins the *Daily Star* Family Football Club Scheme today. Readers of the *Daily Star* can join the club for £1 for two members plus 50p for every additional member and can then use vouchers which appear in the paper to claim reduced admission prices at their local football club.

Readers who join in the Watford area will be able to use their membership cards to obtain reduced rate entry into the West Stand enclosure. For every adult Family Football Club member who pays the £2.50 entrance, the club will let a child in free with the appropriate voucher from the *Daily Star*.



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Luton



IF Luton get into Division One at the end of the season, which looks extremely likely, it will definitely be a case of third time lucky.

For the past two years "The Hatters" have looked all set for promotion only to falter in the final stages. In season 1979-80, they led the Division for many weeks but their challenge crumbled in the dying months. Last season though they appeared to have timed their run to perfection but a disastrous home defeat by Oldham in late April put paid to any ambitions of Division One football.

With these set-backs in mind, manager David Pleat bought Brian Horton from Brighton during the summer. The former Seagulls captain had led the south coast club from the Third Division to the First and if any person could lead Luton into football's promised land it was him.

His driving displays from midfield had an immediate effect on the team and under his captaincy they have led the Second Division for much of the season.

These are certainly good times for the Kenilworth Road club. But seven years ago, like Bristol City recently, they looked all set to call it a day. The sale though of their star player, Peter Anderson (now manager of Millwall), to Belgian club Antwerp for £70,000 kept the club afloat.

Every cloud has a silver lining as the Bedfordshire outfit has discovered and those dark unsettling days in the mid 'seventies are now firmly in the past.

Pleat has slowly built up a squad of players that is the envy of many clubs in the country. Quite a few of his rising

youngsters have come up through the youth ranks and he has carefully groomed them to compete with style.

Being on a tight budget has also tested Pleat's skill in the transfer market and nearly all his buys have proved successful. Men such as David Moss, Kirk Stevens and Jake Findlay have more than repaid the initial fees they were bought for. In fact, there is a growing army of knowledgeable people who believe that Findlay should be included in the Scottish squad that goes to Spain for the World Cup finals this summer.

His philosophy on buying footballers is simple, he says: "I would be wary of paying anything like £1 million for a player. I prefer to pick up younger players from lower divisions. Kids are happy to join more successful clubs and earn some more money.

"Obviously, there are times when it pays to sign an older player for a short term. He can do a good job and help develop the talent of younger players."

Town made history at the beginning of the season when they became the first League side to win a match on Omniturf—QPR's artificial playing surface at Loftus Road. Other outstanding results followed such as their 6—0 defeat of Grimsby and their 2—1 victory over Leicester at Filbert Street.

Last season a Vicarage Road crowd of 16,939 saw the Hornets get beaten 1—0.



DAVID PLEAT
Manager

Born Nottingham. Forward who began his playing career with Nottingham Forest in 1962. Made six League appearances before moving on to Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and finally Peterborough. Won England schoolboy and youth caps before retiring in 1970. Went into management with Southern League Nuneaton Borough before becoming a coach at Luton. Appointed manager at Kenilworth Road in January 1978.

This season he says: "We are not so pure and beautiful to watch as we were two years ago. But we look more solid, more determined and more difficult to beat. The players realise we are ready to do something."

THE MEN ON THE PARK

FIVE-YEAR FACTS					
	1980-81	1979-80	1978-79	1977-78	1976-77
	Div 2	Div 2	Div 2	Div 2	Div 2
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12	LEAGUE CUP—3rd round	LEAGUE CUP—1st round	LEAGUE CUP—5th round	LEAGUE CUP—3rd round	LEAGUE CUP—2nd round
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The men from Kenilworth Road

GOALKEEPER

JAKE FINDLAY. Born Blairgowrie. Scottish 'keeper who has been the club's first-choice for three seasons. Signed from Aston Villa (14 League games) for £100,000 in November 1978 and reckoned to be one of the best goalies in the Second Division.

DEFENDERS

KIRK STEVENS. Born Coventry. Full-back signed in June 1978 from manager David Pleat's former club, non-League Nuneaton Borough, for £5,000 and in his first season (1978-79) won Luton's "Player of the Year" award. Approaching his 150th League appearance for the Hatters.

MARK AIZLEWOOD. Born Newport. Welsh Youth and Under-21 international who was bought from Newport for £50,000 in April 1978. Fully recovered from a badly cut head he sustained while walking through a plate glass window following Luton's 2-1 win at QPR on September 1, in which he scored.

MAL DONAGHY. Born Belfast. Northern Ireland left-back who has won eight caps and looks likely to play in the World Cup finals in Spain this summer. Likes to push forward from the back and has scored a number of valuable goals this season.

CLIVE GOODYEAR. Born Lincoln. Young defender who made his debut in April 1980 against Wrexham (Luton won 2-0). Played five League games last

season and looks like being given an extended run in the side this year.

MIDFIELDERS

RICKY HILL. Born London. Right-sided midfielder player who made his debut at the age of 17 in February 1976. Spotted by manager David Pleat (then Luton coach) playing schoolboy football in North London. Former England Youth captain.

'LIL' FUCCILLO. Born Bedford. A talented player whose career has been interrupted by serious injuries. In December 1978 he broke a leg in a game against Brighton and after starting a comeback broke it for the second time during a practice match. Played only five League games last season but has had more outings this season. Son of Italian parents.

BRIAN HORTON. Born Hednesford. Luton's experienced captain who was bought from Brighton for £100,000 last August. Was turned down as a youngster by Walsall and then went part-time with non-League Hednesford. Got into League football with Port Vale and in March 1976 joined Brighton for £30,000. Led the Seagulls from the Third Division to the First in 1979.

RADDY ANTIC. Born Yugoslavia. Yugoslavian international (five caps) who was signed from Spanish club Real Zaragoza for £50,000 in June 1980. While at Zaragoza he was voted Spain's "Best Foreign Player" and "Best Defender" two years in succession. Has also played for Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) and



Back row (l to r): Robert Johnson, Wayne Turner, Clive Goodyear, Michael Small, Frankie Bunn, Godfrey Ingram, Seamus Heath, Neil Madden. Third row (l to r): John Moore (Coach), Steve White, Mal Donaghy, Jake Findlay, Mike Saxby, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Pasquale Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (Coach). Second row (l to r): David Coates (Coach), Kirk Stevens, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, David Pleat (Manager), Raddy Antic, David Moss, Brian Stein, Dr. Berry, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist). Front row (l to r): Alan Lane, Barry Popplewell, Tim Breacker, Mitchell Thomas, Paul Keys, Andy Beasley, Stacey North, Mark Thomas, David Owen, Raymond Daniel, Raymond Brammer.

Fenerbahce (Turkey). Can also operate as a sweeper.

FORWARDS

DAVID MOSS. Born Witney. Left winger who was signed from Swindon for £90,000 in May 1978. Was Luton's leading scorer for the next two seasons—13 in 1978/79 and 24 in 1979/80. Scored 16 last season (second to Stein) and spent the summer playing for Tampa Bay Rowdies (NASL). An expert penalty taker.

BRIAN STEIN. Born South Africa. Fast, attacking player who was working as a

health authority clerk and playing part-time for Edgware Town before he signed for Luton in October 1977, making his League debut within a month of joining "The Hatters". Top scorer last season with 18 goals.

STEVE WHITE. Born Chipping Sodbury. Striker who was signed from Bristol Rovers for £175,000 in December 1979. He has taken time to settle at Kenilworth Road but this season has started producing the goods on a regular basis. Has a good understanding with winger David Moss.

WE'VE MET BEFORE				
Div	Season	Home	Away	
2	81/82		1-4	
2	80/81	0-1	0-1	
2	79/80	0-1	0-1	
2	71/72	2-1	0-0	
2	70/71	0-1	0-1	

ACTION SHOTS

Watford v. Chelsea, February 6, 1982.

Watford v. Leicester City, February 13, 1982.

One-armed bandit: Luther Blissett nearly hits the jackpot against Leicester. (Top right) Scrambled legs: John Barnes and Luther Blissett put Chelsea's defence under pressure. (Bottom right) Down at heel: Gerry Armstrong goes round Chelsea's goalkeeper.

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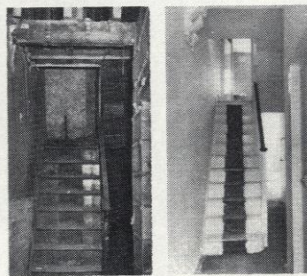
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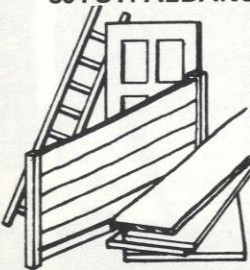
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The FA's ruling over Chelsea

AS all our supporters know by now, the Football Association have decided to lift the ban on the allocation of tickets to the Chelsea club for their away games. Wrexham, Bolton Wanderers and ourselves were the three clubs directly involved with the problem of organising the all-ticket fixtures which were imposed upon us. This Club's report to the Football Association highlighted the immense problems that the ban caused, and in particular the tremendous inconvenience to loyal Watford supporters. We would once again like to emphasise the correct decision that the police took on the day whereby over 3,000 visiting supporters were admitted to the visitors end of the Stadium without tickets.

If the ban was intended to keep Chelsea supporters away from our ground, then it failed, but the Football Association maintained that the imposition of the ban has restrained the Chelsea supporters and that violence has been kept to a minimum at those three games, and who can argue with that? However, we have estimated the cost to this Club exceeds £10,000 in lost revenue.

The system whereby the allocation of tickets was restricted to Watford supporters worked well in the main, but as I have already said many times, no system produces perfection, and we would again apologise to those of our supporters who were unable, by one means or another, to obtain a ticket for the game. I am pleased to say that close on 14,000 of our own supporters did obtain tickets and saw the match in reasonable comfort.

We live in troubled times and football is no exception with the recession biting hard with some clubs finding it extremely difficult to continue. The Bristol City situation highlighted the massive financial problems that are besetting clubs, and they are not alone in their fight for survival at Football League level.

Underneath the Football League struc-

ture, are the reserve leagues and only this week Bristol City and Hereford United have had to withdraw teams from this competition, in an effort to cut back the numbers of players on their staff, purely from a financial point of view.

Whilst on the topic of the Football Combination, we have suffered like most clubs, following the recent spell of bad weather. Our pitch is as good as it can be but unfortunately there have been occasions where second team games have had to be postponed.

The last two instances relate to our Football Combination game on 30 January against Chelsea and 13 February against Bristol Rovers. On both these occasions the club felt that the pitch was fit enough to play the games, but due to heavy overnight rain in both cases, the referee was summoned on Saturday morning, and he immediately called the games off. Our problem here is that we have no means of notifying our supporters on a Saturday morning that the game is postponed, and we apologise again to those people who follow the team religiously, and come along in all weathers to see the games.

May I add that we are totally in the hands of the referee from Saturday morning onwards, and his decision is final.

Looking forward to next season, we are investigating the possibilities of improving the stadium by adding additional seats in an area which at the moment is a void. I am relating to the section of the ground which is on the north side of the Main Stand, and serves the Club as a "shooting box" for training purposes. It is our intention to build up this area, and to implement additional seating accommodation for the beginning of next season. Unfortunately, it will have to remain uncovered, but at least it will give us more seats in an area which at the present is only sparsely populated by standing supporters.



Eddie Plumley

It may mean that we have to re-locate the refreshment kiosk that is there at present, serving on the one side the Family Enclosure and on the other the North East Terrace. However, supporters can be reassured that refreshment facilities will be reinstated for these areas.

With this year's League Cup Final being played on Saturday, 13 March, the Club have made arrangements for supporters to enter into a ballot for tickets, if they are unable to make the journey to Norwich. Full details are in today's Hornets Nest, and again we will be asking for programme vouchers in this instance.

Finally, can I once again welcome the B.B.C's "Match of the Day" team to Vicarage Road. Lately, we seem to have been on TV more often than Coronation Street—but we are not complaining!

Enjoy the game.

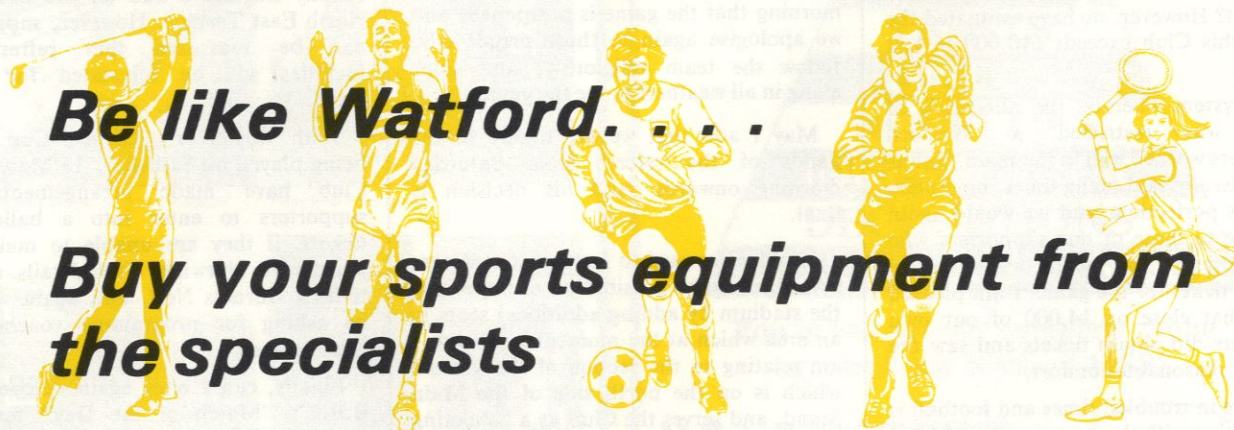
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THE winter freeze-up badly affected the reserves who played their first competitive match since Christmas against St. Albans in the Herts Senior Cup in late January.

Sam Ellis says: "It was a real slog of a game but we came through it OK. Martin Patching played his first match for the reserves since badly injuring his knee at Wimbledon last February and he did well but obviously will need a few more outings to become match fit after such a long lay off."

January 23 v. St. Albans (HSC) (a) 3—1.
 Team: Steele, Palmer, Henderson, Patching, Sims, Franklin, Train, Poskett, Gilligan, Cassidy, Johnson. Sub: McCarthy. Scorers: Charlie Palmer, Jimmy Gilligan and Dave Johnson.

Three days later the team travelled to Swindon and won a hard contest 2—1.

"There was a real gale blowing that day," Sam recalls, "and it made it difficult for us to play attractive football.

"They had quite a few youngsters in the side who saw the game as a chance to make their reputations playing against some of our experienced professionals. A lot of sides see a match against us as a Cup-tie because of the first team's

success and ourselves not doing too badly in the Combination."

January 26 v. Swindon (a) 2—1.
 Team: Steele, Henderson, Price, Train, Sims, Franklin, Patching, Poskett, Gilligan, Rostron, Johnson. Sub: Richardson. Scorers: Malcolm Poskett and Dave Johnson.

At the beginning of February the reserves took on Reading at Elm Park and two goals from Malcolm Poskett was enough to give the Hornets a win.

Wilf Rostron played at left-back. "He did well just as we expected him to. We had no doubts about him because we know he's a very adaptable footballer."

Since that game the former Sunderland man has gone to perform in the same position for the first team.

"Goalkeeper Lloyd Scott, who is on trial from Orient, also put on a very competent display," says Sam.

February 3 v. Reading (a) 2—1.
 Team: Scott, Palmer, Rostron, Train, Sims, Franklin, Patching, Poskett, Gilligan, Cassidy, Johnson. Sub: Richardson. Scorer: Malcolm Poskett (2).

The side then travelled to Crystal Palace and a Dave Johnson goal was enough to win the game.

"It was a good match against a Palace side containing many players with First Division experience."

February 6 v. Crystal Palace (a) 1—0.
 Team: Steele, Palmer, Henderson, Patching, Sims, Franklin, Train, Cassidy, Gilligan, Poskett, Johnson. Sub: Richardson. Scorer: Dave Johnson.

A few days later the reserves fought out a 0—0 draw with Cheshunt in the Herts Senior Cup at Vicarage Road and, at the time of going to press, a replay date had yet to be arranged.

February 10 v. Cheshunt (HSC) (h) 0—0.
 Team: Scott, Palmer, Price, Patching, Hull, Franklin, Sterling, Richardson, Gilligan, Cassidy, Johnson. Sub: Williams.

JUNIORS

APART from one set-back against Ipswich the youth team have been in fine form. Bertie Mee, who keeps a close eye on the youngsters, says: "They have performed very well. Earlier in the season we lost 3—1 to Chelsea yet last Saturday beat them 2—1 so I think we're progressing along the right lines. The 3—0 win over Southampton that took us through to the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup was well deserved and I hope a lot of people turn up at Vicarage Road on March 1 for our game against Middlesbrough. If we win, history will be made as we've never gone that far in the competition before."

January 2 v. Orient (h) 4—1.
 Team: Potts, Devereux, Gibbs, Williams, Hull, Franklin, Codner, Richardson, Gilligan, Cassidy, Johnson. Subs: Price and Dyer. Scorers: Neil Williams, Jimmy Gilligan, Dave Johnson and Francis Cassidy.

January 23 v. Gillingham (a) 4—1.
 Team: Potts, Gibbs, Price, Williams, Hull, Noonan, Sterling, Codner, Elliott, Richardson, Dyer. Subs: Candlish and Halsey. Scorers: Dennis Elliott (3) and Neil Williams.

January 30 v. Ipswich (a) 1—4.
 Team: Marment, Price, Williams, Hull, Franklin, Sterling, Richardson, Gilligan, Cassidy, Johnson. Subs: Elliott and Devereux. Scorer: Ian Richardson.

February 2 v. Southampton (FAYC) (h) 3—0.
 Team: Potts, Gibbs, Price, Williams, Hull, Franklin, Richardson, Sterling, Gilligan, Cassidy, Johnson. Sub: Harvey. Scorers: Dave Johnson, Ian Richardson and Worrell Sterling.

February 13 v. Chelsea (h) 2—1
 Team: Potts, Gibbs, Halsey, Williams, Noonan, Candlish, Sterling, Elliott, Harvey, McCarthy, Codner. Subs: Strange and Johnson. Scorers: Neil Williams and Gerald McCarthy.



AUGUST															
29	Newcastle United	1-0	19,244	Sherwood	Rice	Henderson	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan 1	Blissett	Armstrong	Jackett	Poskett	Rostron
SEPTEMBER															
1	Grimsby Town	0-2	11,276	Sherwood	Rice	Henderson	Taylor*	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong	Jackett	Poskett	Rostron
5	Oldham Athletic	1-1	9,018	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong 1	Jackett	Poskett*	Barnes
12	Chelsea	3-1	20,036	Sherwood	Rice	Jackett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan 1	Jenkins	Armstrong 1	Rostron 1	Barnes	Poskett
19	Rotherham Utd	1-0	10,693	Sherwood	Rice	Jackett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Jenkins	Armstrong 1	Rostron	Barnes	Poskett
22	Wrexham	1-0	3,911	Sherwood	Rice	Jackett	Taylor 1	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Jenkins	Armstrong	Blissett	Barnes	Rostron
26	Luton Town	1-4	12,836	Sherwood	Rice	Jackett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton 1	Callaghan	Jenkins*	Armstrong	Blissett	Barnes	Poskett
OCTOBER															
3	Barnsley	3-1	10,828	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Poskett*1	Blissett	Jackett 1	Barnes 1	Gilligan
6	Grimsby (LC2) (11)	0-1	7,202	Sherwood	Henderson	Pritchett	Taylor	Sims*	Bolton	Callaghan	Poskett	Blissett	Jackett	Barnes	Gilligan
10	Orient	3-0	10,136	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry 1	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong	Jackett	Barnes 2	Gilligan
17	Cambridge Utd	2-1	7,239	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 2	Jenkins	Jackett	Barnes	Poskett
24	Norwich City	3-0	14,463	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton 1	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Jenkins*	Jackett	Barnes 1	Rostron
27	Grimsby (LC2) (2L)	3-1	13,213	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Jenkins 2	Jackett	Barnes	Armstrong
31	Shrewsbury Town	2-0	5,672	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett*	Jenkins 1	Jackett	Barnes 1	Armstrong
NOVEMBER															
7	Bolton Wanderers	0-2	7,066	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins*	Jackett	Barnes	Armstrong
10	Lincoln City (LC3)	2-2	12,198	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Armstrong*	Jackett 1	Barnes	Rostron
14	Cardiff City	0-0	13,907	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett*	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins	Jackett	Barnes	Rostron
21	Blackburn Rovers	3-2	11,822	Sherwood	Henderson	Jackett 1	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins 2	Rostron	Barnes*	Armstrong
25	Lincoln City (LC3 replay)	3-2	8,773	Sherwood	Henderson	Pritchett 1	Taylor	Terry 1	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong	Jackett	Rostron 1	Poskett
28	Sheffield Wed.	1-3	15,990	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong 1	Jackett	Rostron*	Poskett
DECEMBER															
1	Q.P.R. (LC4)	4-1	18,276	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor 2	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Jenkins	Jackett	Barnes*	Armstrong 1
5	Charlton Athletic	2-2	12,186	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor 1	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins	Jackett	Lohman 1	Armstrong
8	Burnley (Group Cup)	1-2	2,689	Steele	Palmer	Pritchett*	Taylor	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Armstrong	Rostron	Lohman*	Franklin/Johnson
12	Leicester City	1-1	10,330	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins*1	Jackett	Lohman	Armstrong
JANUARY 1982															
2	Man. Utd. (FAC3)	1-0	26,104	Sherwood	Rice*	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins	Barnes	Lohman 1	Armstrong
9	Oldham Athletic	1-1	7,409	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins 1	Barnes	Lohman*	Armstrong
16	Newcastle United	2-3	12,333	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry 1	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins 1	Barnes	Lohman*	Armstrong
18	Ipswich (LC5)	1-2	20,811	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan*	Blissett	Jenkins	Armstrong	Barnes 1	Train
23	West Ham (FAC4)	2-0	27,004	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett	Blissett	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan 1	Armstrong 1	Jenkins	Lohman	Barnes	Rostron
26	Derby County	6-1	12,684	Sherwood	Rice	Pritchett*	Taylor	Terry	Bolton 1	Blissett 1	Armstrong 2	Jenkins	Lohman	Barnes 1	Callaghan 1
30	Rotherham United	2-1	8,189	Sherwood	Rice	Henderson	Taylor	Terry	Bolton 1	Blissett	Armstrong	Jenkins	Lohman*	Barnes 1	Callaghan
FEBRUARY															
6	Chelsea	1-0	17,368	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Blissett 1	Armstrong	Jenkins	Lohman	Barnes	Callaghan
9	Barnsley	0-0	17,070	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Blissett	Armstrong*	Jenkins	Lohman	Barnes	Callaghan
13	Leicester (FAC5)	0-2	27,991	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Blissett	Armstrong*	Jenkins	Lohman	Barnes	Callaghan
20	Luton Town														
27	Orient														
MARCH															
6	Cambridge Utd (6)														
9	Queens Park R.														
13	Norwich (LC Final)														
16	Grimsby Town														
20	Shrewsbury Town														
27	Bolton Wanderers														
APRIL															
3	Cardiff City (SF)														
9	Crystal Palace														
12	Queens Park R.														
17	Blackburn Rovers														
24	Sheffield Wed.														
MAY															
1	Charlton Athletic														
4	Wrexham														
8	Leicester City														
15	Derby County														
22	FA Cup Final														

Statistics

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SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Luton Town	22	8	0	2	26	11	7	4	1	23	13	49
2 WATFORD	24	7	3	2	25	12	6	3	3	15	14	45
3 Oldham Ath.	26	6	7	1	21	14	5	2	5	15	14	42
4 Sheffield Wed.	24	5	4	2	19	17	7	1	5	15	16	41
5 Blackburn	26	6	2	4	11	7	4	7	3	19	17	39
6 Barnsley	24	7	3	1	17	4	4	2	7	19	20	38
7 Queens Park R.	24	8	3	2	17	6	3	2	6	12	15	38
8 Newcastle Utd.	23	9	2	1	21	7	2	1	8	11	17	36
9 Chelsea	23	6	3	2	19	13	4	3	5	14	18	36
10 Charlton Ath.	27	7	3	3	21	14	2	6	6	15	24	36
11 Rotherham Utd.	24	8	1	3	24	12	2	2	8	9	22	33
12 Norwich City	24	7	3	3	22	13	2	1	8	9	22	31
13 Cambridge Utd.	24	7	1	4	17	11	2	2	8	10	19	30
14 Leicester City	21	4	4	2	12	8	3	4	4	16	15	29
15 Derby County	25	6	4	2	19	13	2	1	10	14	32	29
16 Orient	24	4	4	4	13	14	4	0	8	8	15	28
17 Shrewsbury T.	21	6	2	3	17	13	1	3	6	5	17	26
18 Crystal Palace	21	6	1	4	13	9	1	3	6	3	9	25
19 Bolton Wand.	24	6	2	5	15	18	1	2	8	4	17	25
20 Cardiff City	23	5	1	6	14	18	2	2	7	10	17	24
21 Wrexham	22	3	0	8	9	16	2	4	5	12	17	19
22 Grimsby Town	20	1	4	5	13	17	3	2	5	9	18	18

League table as 15 February, 1982

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	League		FL Cup		FA Cup	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Armstrong..	13(7)	6	3(2)	1	2(1)	1
Barnes.....	18(1)	7	5	1	3	
Blissett	22	5	6	3	3	
Bolton	24	4	6		3	
Callaghan...	20(4)	3	6		2(1)	1
Gilligan J. ...	(2)		(1)			
Henderson..	4		2			
Jackett.....	18	2	5	1		
Jenkins	18	6	3	2	3	
Lohman	8	1			3	1
Poskett	4(5)	1	1(1)			
Pritchett	14		6	1	2	
Rice	23		4		3	
Rostron	6(5)	1	1(1)	1	1(1)	
Sherwood ...	24		6		3	
Sims	10		2			
Terry	14	2	4	1	3	
Taylor	24	2	6	2	2	
Train			(1)			

Subs. in brackets

DIVISION TWO FIXTURES

Bolton Wanderers
Rotherham United.....
Cambridge United
Oldham Athletic
Cardiff City.....
Barnsley.....
Charlton Athletic
Wrexham
Leicester City
Blackburn Rovers.....
Norwich City
Chelsea.....
Queens Park R.
Derby County.....
Sheffield Wednesday
Grimsby Town.....
Shrewsbury Town.....
Newcastle United

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Steve Sims leads Watford out of defence and into attack.

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Charlie Palmer

WHEN you are a young player climbing football's tough ladder to the top few things are more appreciated than the advice of senior professionals.

Charlie Palmer, Watford's 18-year-old reserve right-back, is fortunate to have someone such as Pat Rice to turn to.

"He's very good to me," says Charlie, "and I've learnt so much from him. Last season I was always pretty quiet on the field but now, after seeing Pat in action, I'm constantly shouting to keep all the lads on their toes—it also helps my concentration.

"This year I'm far less likely to commit myself in the tackle and everyone has encouraged me to do more attacking. In the past I was reluctant to go forward because I believe most young defenders want to make doubly certain that they won't be caught out at the back.

"I suppose Pat in a way has taken me under his wing and I really appreciate it. At the players Christmas party at the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel I had a long chat with him about the game which was a great help to me. He's always more than willing to pass on tips that will aid me in the future."

Those tips seem to be working as Charlie has turned in some outstanding performances in the Combination side and was rewarded by gaining a first team place for the Group Cup match at Burnley last December.

"It was a tremendous thrill to be in the side and I thought I played pretty well, but we lost the match and that's the only thing that counts.

"I think the quality of the Combination has improved my game as we play against top class teams, often containing many First Division footballers every week.

IN FOCUS

"Being able to play on a Saturday is also a big bonus because it just has that sort of football feel about it."

As a boy Charlie supported Leeds United and a possible meeting with the Elland Road side—containing his hero Eddie Gray—next season would be a dream come true for the talented defender.

"That would be fantastic," he says with a big grin. He soon comes down to earth and adds: "But that's a long way off as both the club and myself have a lot to do before we can achieve First Division football."

In his spare time Charlie likes to read and listen to records. He also enjoys a game of table tennis against Paul Franklin.

"We're good friends," he says, "but often our relationship is tested when he beats me!"

Before signing for the Hornets he seemed all set to become an apprentice motor mechanic but the opportunity fell through. Their loss looks very likely to be Watford's gain.

IN SHORT . . .

Birthday: July 10

Height: 5ft 11in.

Weight: 12st 2lb.

Previous League clubs: None

Favourite away ground: Villa Park

Favourite other sports: Squash and table tennis.

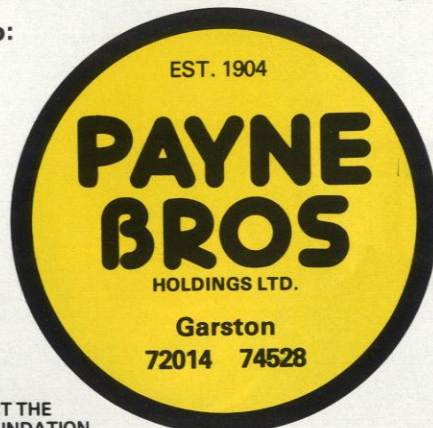
(Left) Charlie has a rare break during a reserve match; (right) he tries his luck with a lottery ticket in the Commercial Office.



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Linesmen: D. G. King (Brighton) (*Red Flag*)
K. A. Ryman (Stratford-upon-Avon) (*Yellow Flag*)

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Watford Away

Football League Division Two
Saturday, 27 February, 1982. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Orient

THE O's have had a turbulent season but finally some light is beginning to appear at the end of the tunnel. At the start of the football year manager Jimmy Bloomfield resigned to be replaced by Paul Went, but he did not last long. In came Ken Knighton, the former Sunderland boss, and gradually he is leading them away from the relegation zone.

The Brisbane Road side are very tight at the back, often playing with a sweeper. Their strong defence has also been boosted by the recent arrival of Keith Osgood from Derby.

Last season at Orient the game ended 1—1, Luther Blissett scoring.

TRAVEL CLUB

ORIENT: Coaches leave Vicarage Road at 12.30 p.m. Adults £2.00 and Under 16s/senior citizens £1.50. Seat tickets are available at the Ticket Office.

Football Combination

January 1982
16 Swindon Town..... P
23 St. Albans (HSC) ...3—1
30 Chelsea..... P
February
3 Reading2—1
6 Crystal Palace1—0
9 Cheshunt (HSC)0—0
13 Bristol Rovers..... P
16 Fulham0—3
20 Luton Town.....
24 Oxford United
27 Norwich City.....
March
6 Orient.....
20 Southampton.....
27 Tottenham Hotspur
April
3 Birmingham City ...

South East Counties

January 1982
2 Orient.....4—1
16 Portsmouth..... P
23 Gillingham.....4—1
30 Ipswich Town1—4
February
2 Southampton
(FAYC).....3—0
13 Chelsea2—1
20 Orient.....
27 Portsmouth
March
1 Middlesbrough
(FAYC).....
6 Queens Park R.....
13 Southend United ...
20 Tottenham Hotspur
27 West Ham United ..

Watford at Home

Football League Division Two
Saturday, 6 March, 1982. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Cambridge Utd.

CAMBRIDGE are one of the hardest working sides in the Second Division and most teams realise that a match against them will always be a tough one.

Watford's Luther Blissett has fond memories of Cambridge as he scored his 50th League goal against them last October.

Last season at Vicarage Road the game ended 0—0.

Football League Division Two
Tuesday, 9 March, 1982. Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Queens Park R.

RANGERS will be out to avenge the 4—1 defeat they suffered at Vicarage Road in the League Cup last December. The side, made up mainly of former Crystal Palace players, are one of the most attractive in the country and almost unbeatable at Loftus Road. Away from home however, they are vulnerable.

Last season at Vicarage Road the match finished 1—1, John Ward scoring for the Hornets.

Football Combination
Wednesday, 24 February, 1982. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Oxford United

Football Combination
Saturday, 27 February, 1982. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Norwich City

FA Youth Cup (Quarter-final)
Monday, 1 March, 1982. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Middlesbrough

Watford



- 1 Steve Sherwood
- 2 Pat Rice
- 3 Wilf Rostron
- 4 Les Taylor
- 5 Steve Terry
- 6 Ian Bolton
- 7 Luther Blissett
- 8 Gerry Armstrong
- 9 Ross Jenkins
- 10 Jan Lohman
- 11 John Barnes
- Sub.

Luton



- 1 Jake Findlay
- 2 Kirk Stevens
- 3 Mark Aizlewood
- 4 Brian Horton
- 5 Clive Goodyear
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Steve White
- 10 Lil Fuccillo
- 11 David Moss
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