

Canon League Division One

Watford v. Luton Town

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5 Steve Smith, Crawley	27	7 0-1
6 WFC Supporters' Club	28	7 4-1
7 Alpine Press	26	5 2-1
8 Compusec Word Processing	27	5 2-1
9 The Baldwin Family	28	5 2-1
10 Bean Advertising	31	5 3-1
11 WFC Dev. Fund	28	4 3-1
12 Roy of the Rovers	29	4 2-2
13 Watford Travel Club	30	4 2-0
14 The Healy Family	25	3 3-1
15 Wishbone Print	26	3 2-0
16 George Wiggs, Building Contractors	27	3 1-1
Spring Grove	27	3 1-1
18 Televised Sport International	29	3 2-2
19 Bugle Books	33	3 4-3
20 Dave & Martin	33	2 2-2

Correct Forecasts: Manchester United 4 Watford 1—None.

Contestants have to forecast the results of Watford's Canon League matches. Three points for a correct forecast (i.e. Watford 3 Notts County 1), one point for half a correct forecast (i.e. Watford 2 Notts County 1). Where points are equal goal difference between the forecast and the actual score for each team will count as one minus mark for each goal (i.e. Watford 1 (2 minus marks) Notts County 0 (1 minus mark) = total score of 0 points and 3 minus marks.



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Saturday, December 3, 1983

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Canon League Division One

Nottingham Forest

Saturday, December 10, 1983

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



Canon League Division One

Wolverhampton Wanderers

Molyneux

Saturday, 3 December, 1983

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

• Coaches depart 11.00 a.m. from Cardiff
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A ROSY FUTURE

AS we are now in the bottom three of the First Division, I think it is appropriate that I mention one or two things.

Whilst I would have liked to be at the top of the League and also expecting to win major trophies, it simply is not possible at present because we do not have enough resources.

We cannot go the whole way without "stopping for a breather"—the club is simply not equipped to do that! We have always wanted to be in the top echelons of League football—and that is where we are.

We have to rebuild and I am hoping to have the same support and patience as before as we watch the team reshape, regenerate and grow in its skills, stature and strength in depth.

We shall survive—although we'll sail close to the wind on occasions—and I am sure we will be in a position to go for the big ones on a more regular basis next time. There is much that is new and exciting in this fresh batch of players.

No one is going to give us "our glory"—we shall have to fight every inch of the way for it—but be confident we shall do it!



All of us will often recall the old days—some days of not so long ago—but these are the new ones so come and watch and support this new team. Don't be pessimistic. After all, we all wanted to go IV, III, II, I—and we did it.

What we have done—is done! Now there is more to do—and I can see a rosy future—it's just a case of getting down to it!

Best wishes,

Graham Taylor

Watford



ACTION REPLAY

WATFORD'S First Division game provided plenty of goalmouth highlights. The Leicester City game also featured a few incidents down "the wrong end" but until City gained an equaliser from a last-minute penalty, there was plenty to cheer about.

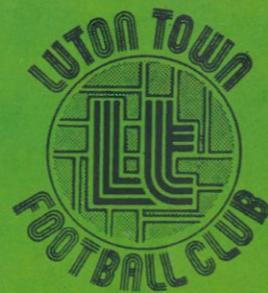
Nigel Callaghan started off the threesome with a headed goal from John Barnes free kick (above) and although City equalised,

Ian Richardson was on hand to convert George Reilly's flick on and head the Hornets back in front (right top).

Again City equalised but Richardson popped up again to run onto Callaghan's through pass and steer the ball past Mark Wallington for a celebration, which, unfortunately for Watford, was short-lived. *Watford Observer pictures*



Introducing
our
visitors
The
HATTERS



**ATTENTION
FOCUSSED ON
MILTON KEYNES**

LUTON TOWN are enjoying vastly different fortunes to those which they experienced last season. But you would hardly know it. All the attention which has been focussed on the Hatters, has concentrated more on the proposed and controversial move to Milton Keynes.

There have been demonstrations at every home match, messages and banners flown overhead plus public meetings and petitions. While the move to Milton Keynes looks certain, chairman Dennis Mortimer has offered the club to the town of Luton for £5m. With Vauxhall heading a consortium which has already had one take-over bid declined, who knows what the future of Luton will be.

But while 18,000 people signed a petition pleading the case for keeping the Hatters in Luton, the average attendance remains round the 11,000 mark.

On the playing front Luton have lost away to Arsenal 2-1,

Manchester United 2-0, Forest 1-0, Liverpool 6-0 and won at Leicester 3-0, Everton 1-0 and QPR 1-0. At home they have beaten Sunderland 4-1, Villa 1-0 and drawn with Norwich 2-2 and Birmingham 1-1.

Their only new signing is 25-year-old **Les Sealey** who joined them from Coventry for £80,000 in June replacing **Jake Findlay**, who

has recently returned from a loan spell with Barnsley.

Otherwise it is much as before at Kenilworth Road with the Hatters sticking to their attacking policy with greater success than last season when they narrowly escaped relegation.

Luton have had their share of injury problems however. **David Moss**, the penalty ace, should be

back today after recovering from a pelvic strain while **Trevor Aylott** has been out with an ankle injury and **Brian Horton**, struggling with a back injury.

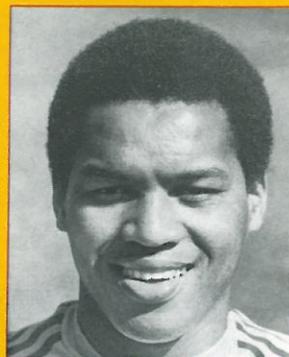
These injuries have enabled youngsters such as full-back **Mitchell Thomas** to return to the first Division scene while 18-year-old **Rob Johnson** has been operating in midfield and **Gary Parker** has had a couple of outings on the left wing.

One of the main contributions towards the Luton improvement is the form of **Paul Elliott**, the former Charlton centre-half who manager David Pleat tips as a future England prospect.

The remainder of the Luton squad include: **Raddy Antic** Luton's first continental signing; **Mal Donaghy** one of David Pleat's first signings; **Brian Horton** made captain after coming from Brighton; **Kirk Stephens** signed from Pleat's old club Nuneaton; **Ricky Hill**, snapped from under the noses of West Ham; hard working **Wayne Turner**; Lincoln-born **Clive Goodyear**; England Under-21 star **Paul Walsh**; Goalscoring striker **Frank Bunn**; former Scunthorpe, Fulham and Liverpool player **Richard Money**; bargain signing from Mansfield **Mike Saxby**; and former local schoolboy **Ray Daniel**.

DANGER MAN

BRIAN STEIN



Was playing for Edgware Town when Luton persuaded him to try his luck as a full-time professional in October 1977. Within a month he made his first team debut against Manchester City in the Football League Cup. Since then he has never looked back scoring some fine goals and causing problems with his fast and accurate dribbling. Missed nearly half of last season after breaking a bone in his foot against Manchester City. Was substitute for England against Wales.

Last season at Kenilworth Road. Luton Town beat seven sides: Aston Villa 2-1; Birmingham 3-1; Brighton 5-0; Manchester City 3-1; Notts County 5-3; Swansea 3-1; Watford 1-0. **They drew at home to seven teams:** Arsenal 1-1; Ipswich 1-1; Manchester United 1-1; Southampton 3-3; Stoke City 0-0; Tottenham 1-1; West Bromwich Albion 0-0. **The seven clubs they lost at home to were:** Coventry 1-2; Everton 1-5; Liverpool 1-3; Norwich 0-1; Nottingham Forest 0-2; Sunderland 1-3; West Ham United 0-2. **Away from home the sides they beat were:** Birmingham 2-3; Brighton 2-4; Manchester City 0-1; Nottingham Forest 0-1; West Ham United 2-3. **They drew away to six teams:** Liverpool 3-3; Notts County 1-1; Southampton 2-2; Stoke City 4-4; Sunderland 1-1; Tottenham 2-2. **They lost 10 games away from home against:** Arsenal 4-1; Aston Villa 4-1; Coventry City

4-2; Everton 5-0; Ipswich 3-0; Manchester United 3-0; Norwich 1-0; Swansea 2-0; Watford 5-2; West Bromwich Albion 1-0. **Appearances 1982-83:** R. Antic 11, T. Aylott 12, F. Bunn 3, R. Daniel 1, M. Donaghy 40, P. Elliott 13, J. Findlay 26, P. Fuccillo 8, D. Geddis 4, A. Godden 12, C. Goodyear 34, R. Hill 42, B. Horton 40, A. Judge 4, W. Kellock 2, R. Money 31, D. Moss 39, G. Parker 1, B. Stein 20, K. Stephens 40, M. Thomas 4, W. Turner

29, P. Walsh 41, M. Watts 1, S. White 4. **League goalscorers**—Stein 15, Walsh 13, Hill 9, Moss 9, Horton 4, Donaghy 3, Aylott 2, Goodyear 2, Antic 1, Turner 1, Opponents 4.

Average Home League attendance 1982-83—13,477. **Record attendance**—30,069 v. Blackpool (FA Cup) 6th round, March 1959.

LUTON TOWN'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

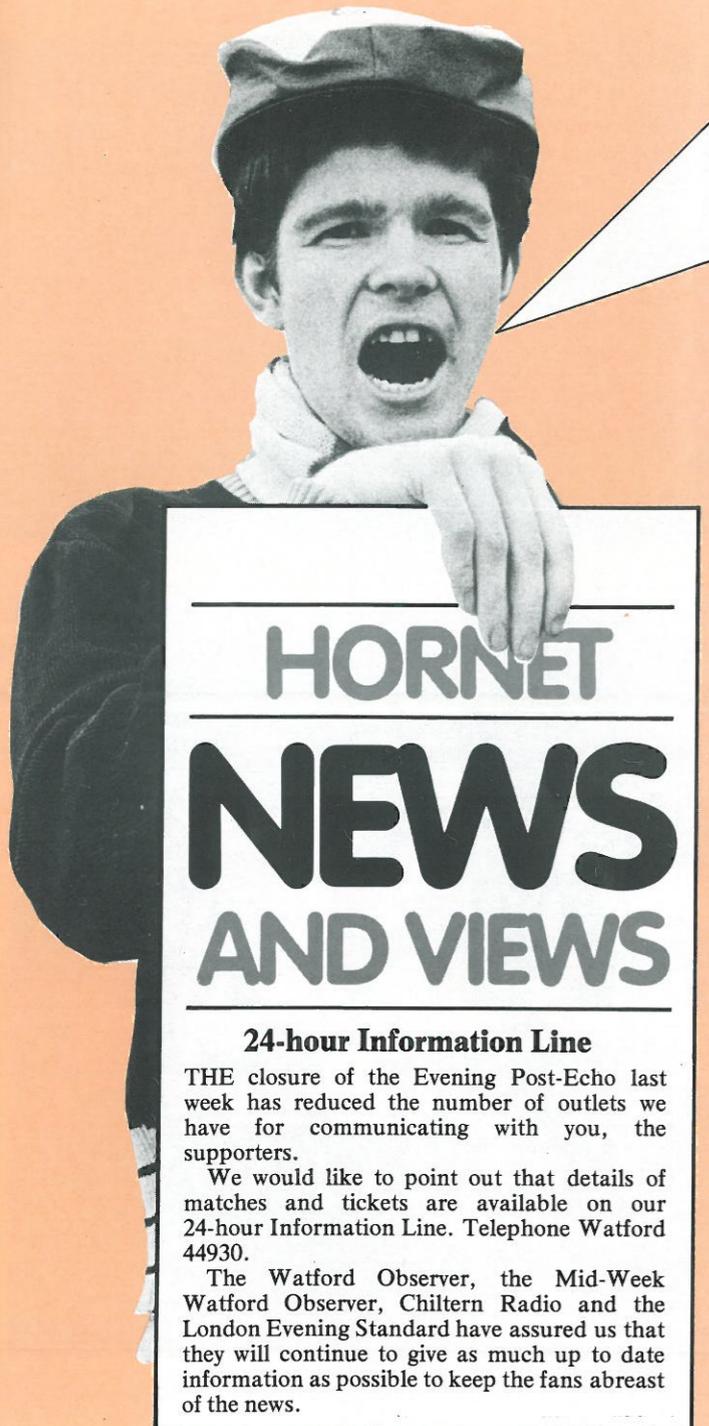
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1979-80 Season	2	42	9	10	2	36	17	7	7	7	30	28	49	6	1	3	
1980-81 Season	2	42	10	6	5	35	23	8	6	7	26	23	48	5	1	4	
1981-82 Season	2	42	16	3	2	48	19	9	10	2	38	27	88	1	2	4	
1982-83 Season	1	42	7	7	7	34	33	5	6	10	31	51	49	18	4	4	

WE'VE MET BEFORE

Div	Season	Home	Away
1	82-83	5-2	0-1
2	81-82	1-1	1-4
2	80-81	0-1	0-1
2	79-80	0-1	0-1
3	71-72	2-1	0-0
3	70-71	0-1	0-1
3	68-69	1-0	1-2
3	64-65	4-2	2-0



Back row: Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Ray Daniel, Tim Breacker, Andy Beasley, Stacey North, Mitchell Thomas, Gary Parker, Mark Watts. Middle row: John Moore, Richard Money, Clive Goodyear, Les Sealey, Paul Elliott, Mike Saxby, Jake Findlay, Trevor Aylott, Frank Bunn, Trevor Hartley. Front row: David Coates, Kirk Stephens, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, David Moss, David Pleat, Brian Horton, Raddy Antic, Brian Stein, Paul Walsh, John Sheridan.



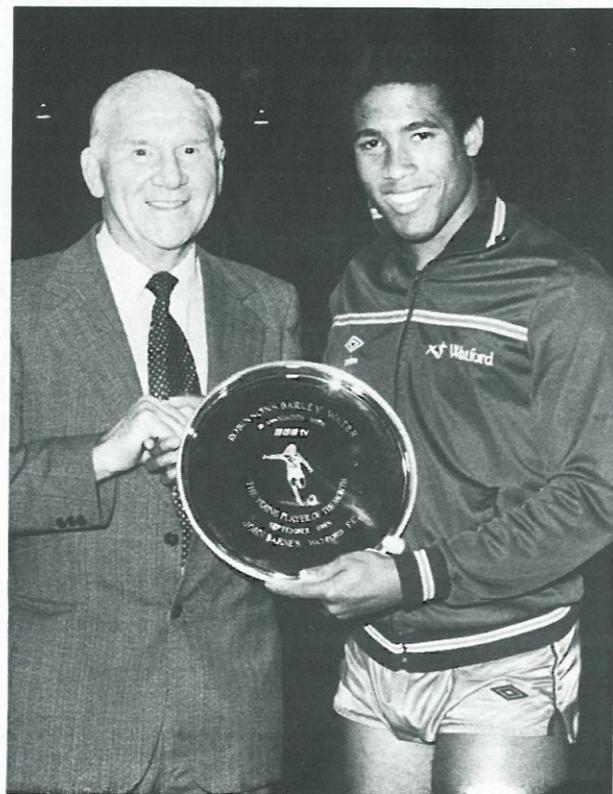
HORNET NEWS AND VIEWS

24-hour Information Line

THE closure of the Evening Post-Echo last week has reduced the number of outlets we have for communicating with you, the supporters.

We would like to point out that details of matches and tickets are available on our 24-hour Information Line. Telephone Watford 44930.

The Watford Observer, the Mid-Week Watford Observer, Chiltern Radio and the London Evening Standard have assured us that they will continue to give as much up to date information as possible to keep the fans abreast of the news.



Congratulations John

CONGRATULATIONS to John Barnes who added to his England appearances in Luxembourg last week. And congratulations to John after being voted Young Player of the Month for September.

John was presented with the Robinson's Barley Water Award, which is run in conjunction with BBC TV, by former "Spurs double" manager Bill Nicholson.

Why Derick?

OUR feature on Derick Williams has prompted some to ask why his name is spelt with an "i".

Now Derick aims for his name to be better known via first team football.

"I know it is harder for

goalkeepers to make it at their own club. I've never modelled myself on anyone particular because I never thought as a youngster that I would turn professional.

"But Alan Hodgkinson has done wonders. I'm a late developer and he's brought me along. He along with my schoolteacher Kevin Shields and the staff at Watford have made this youth international business possible. Owe them a lot and I aim to keep improving."



Robert bags the prize

EVERY time a lottery agent sells 100 tickets, he or she receives a voucher to go onto the grand quarterly draw.

The first name out of the drum drawn by Paul Atkinson was that of Robert Smith—a staunch Watford fan who doesn't miss a match, home or away. Robert's prize was a set of luggage, "It'll come in handy for the trip to Czechoslovakia," he said.

The same first prize for Bingo tickets went to Mrs. May Wright who operates the Watford Lottery kiosk in Charter Place. Christmas spirits were won by Mrs. Margaret Gould (lottery) and John Marriott (bingo). Third prize of tea services went to Mrs. Doreen Clarke (lottery) and Mrs. Myrtle Barket (bingo).

If you would be interested in selling lottery tickets to your friends and workmates, telephone Mike Sullivan on Watford 25761.

Pictured above from left to right are: Promotions Manager, Mike Sullivan, Paul Atkinson, and Russell Lamford and Madeline Thomas from the Commercial Office.



First year at the shop

CELEBRATING his first year at the Hornet Shop and preparing for the pre-Christmas rush, is 17-year-old Dave Dunham. He came to the shop in the Vicarage Road precinct via the Post Office.

"I just completed my first year with Watford last week," says Dave who is sales assistant to manager Tony Marks. Dave has been a "life-long" Watford supporter. "I started off when they were going down to the Fourth Division," he says.

Thinking of a Christmas present? Then why not pay a trip to the club shop in the Vicarage Road precinct where Dave and Tony will be happy to offer a few suggestions.

Programme Fair

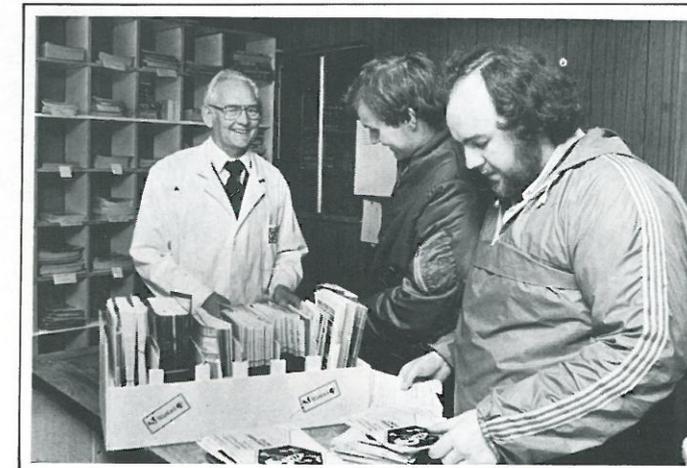
WALTHAMSTOW Avenue FC are to hold their seventh annual Programme Fair on Sunday, December 4. Doors open at 10.30 am until 2.00 pm.

Admission is 25p with refreshments available. Thirteen well-known programme dealers from London and the south will be displaying their stock. The ground is easily accessible via the Victoria Line (Blackhorse Road station) or London Transport buses 58 and 123.

New programme hut opened

THERE is a new extension to the Hornet Shop, which is open on match days at the top of Occupation Road. The Portakabin is open to sell old programmes both before and after matches.

So if you have a few holes in your collection of Watford and other club programmes then pop into the Programme Hut and Bill Mainwood (pictured left below) will gladly try and help you remedy that shortage.



Cally's Disco

JUNIOR Hornets will be entertained by Nigel Callaghan at "Cally's Disco" on November 26.

The disco takes place at the Main Hall, Holywell Community Centre, Tolpits Lane, Watford from 6 until 10 p.m. Admission is 50p; lighting by Stage 2.

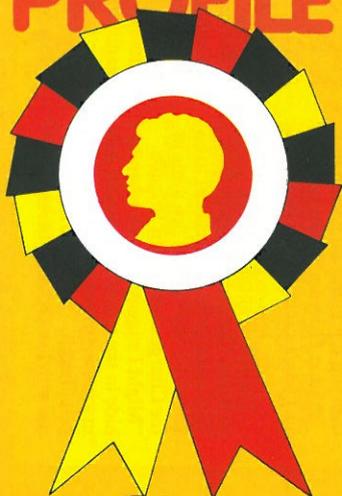
Welcome David



A welcome for 19-year-old David Bardsley. The England Youth international right back joins us from Blackpool in exchange for a fee which will ultimately cost the club £150,000. May his time at Watford be both successful and enjoyable.



PLAYER PROFILE



Nigel Callaghan

TEENAGE winger, then England Under-21 international. That's Nigel Callaghan the flank man and key figure in Watford's bold attacking approach to the First Division.

In fact you'd be excused for thinking that Nigel Callaghan has been a winger all of his playing life, honing those crosses and corner kicks over a number of years. But in fact Nigel has been a midfielder since he was old enough to kick a ball.

Born in Singapore he arrived in Watford via Plymouth and Tenby at the age of six years old. His father Tom, who served in the RAF before switching to the Town Hall, became an avid Watford fan while son Nigel made his presence felt on the football fields of St Catherine's and St Michael's, Garston.

"I was captain of both my school teams and operated from the centre of midfield," recalls Nigel. "I used to go and watch Watford. I remember Mickey Walker, Stewart Scullion, Tom Walley and Duncan Welbourne. I was a ball boy one year and you used to be able to join in the kick around with Keith Eddy, Colin Franks and Walter Lees before the match.

"But if there was a chance to play in a match, I preferred to do that than watch Watford. I had this feeling that I might make it professionally and eventually I was picked up and joined the juniors' squad. But I had umpteen problems. The school and Tom had to come to an arrangement that I could play and train with the Juniors so many days, and the school for the rest.

"Well it meant that sometimes I was available for the Juniors but Tom was reluctant to change a winning team. Eventually Tom Walley and Bertie Mee had to tell me that they couldn't sign me on as an apprentice because they hadn't

seen enough of me.

"Dave Butler had kept recommending me and when Tom saw me play in a County match, he brought me back to Watford. At the time I had my sights set on a higher team such as Manchester City. Southampton too were interested but my dad wanted me to join Watford and Tom sold the club to me.

"But all that time I was a midfielder player. Although I was small, I could always strike the ball relatively well. I used to take the goal kicks and get a size four ball to the halfway line in my junior school days.

"Yet being small, gave me my chance in a way. When they played me in the Football Combination, they put me out on the wing because I was small. And really it opened up a career for me. I've been a winger ever since.

"Mind you I enjoy playing midfield because you are very involved there. I like that. But, if you get the service, it's great to be a winger."



SITUATIONS VACANT

<p>NHS</p> <p>On November 1st, 1983, Wing Commander Cliffe Pretzman, R.F.C., formerly of 33, The Dover, service at Barham on Tuesday, November 1st, 1983, at 11.30 a.m. No Letters please. No but donations if desired to the Society.</p> <p>On November 2nd, 1983, Edward Owen Figuls Price, N., (retired), aged 81. Much of Sally and Charles, and of the Crematorium, on November 8th, 1983, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers only, and Chatman. Tel: 01827 22222.</p> <p>On November 2nd, 1983, peacefully in his 97th year, Doris and her husband, Edward.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WANTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS</p> <p>Many vacancies now available at First Division Football Club for men (or women) aged between 18 and 80 and prepared to work on Saturday. Some playing experience desirable but preference will be given to those with two arms and two legs in good working order! Apply in writing in the first instance to: G. Taylor, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford</p> <p style="text-align: right;">★ Fourteen ★ Chaley ★ Stud...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BEYOND RELIGION . . .</p> <p>. . . or any set form of belief, real knowledge is universal, and common to all traditions. BESHARA is concerned only with this universal, unifying truth.</p>
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GRAHAM TAYLOR'S advertisement for players certainly prompted a deluge of applications, excerpts from which we reproduce below.

Explains the Watford manager: "We have had a huge pile of mail. We are a happy club and we don't mind having a laugh at our own situation. Instead of trotting out the same excuses for our mixed bag of results—namely eight first team players injured—I thought we could best say it all in an advertisement which poked fun at ourselves. If you cannot laugh at yourself on occasions in this game then you might as well pack it in."

And as Graham Taylor says, the post bag was certainly a large one.

The oldest applicant was **Graham Clark of Highfield Way, Rickmansworth**, who claims to be 159-years-old but lost two arms in the Charge of the Light Brigade. "Might I suggest a tactic whereby I hide in the opposition penalty area in a brown paper bag so as not to be penalised . . . and the wingers ply me with low crosses whereupon I

leap out the bag and nod the ball in the net.

"I must point out that I do already work on a North Sea oil rig (having cheated at the medical) so would only be available every other fortnight."

Sheila Mallett stresses that she is prepared to bring her own binoculars if she gets the job. Sheila of Dunstable adds: "Salary? May I suggest free bus passes for a year and payment of all my NHS prescription charges."

Tracey Wright of Marlborough Road, Watford writes: "I have my own kit and live nearby so I would not need luncheon vouchers. Am willing to learn. I have played hockey . . . is football anything like that? I've got my own mascot too—a long-haired hamster called Luther."

Retired welding company sales manager **Mr. Chambury of Luton** claims that having taken up painting in his retirement he is suitable for consideration. "I can readily identify colours and would have no difficulty in passing the ball to the correct colour but owing to loss of hair I could not guarantee

to head the ball to well as it would skid off my scalp." He adds: "Having been used to working 90 hours a week I would be confident of giving 100 per cent effort for 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon."

He too has a Luton address but his PS reads "Congratulations and good luck with your attractive football."



Graham Taylor's secretary, **Shirley Evans**, looks ruefully at the large pile of letters in reply to the advertisement.

Terry Orme from Leicestershire points out that not only are his limbs sound but he has a pair of hands. "That means I could keep goal for you. (I passed Gordon Banks in the car the other day). The even better news is that being a Leicester supporter I won't be too demoralised if I let a few in, in my first match."

Mr. W. J. Stallwood of Chalfont St. Peter feels that he left the game too early. He packed up trying to be a professional when Neil McBain, the Watford manager, "stopped paying the £1 a match for reserve appearances back in the 1930's."

Mrs. Winnie Brady of Shakespear Street, Watford offered to bring along her Raleigh Shopper bike on condition she could play in goal. "Imagine the confusion among the opposing players when confronted by a mobile goalkeeper . . . with a bike bell."

Wren Helen McKenna volunteers her friend Joanna for the vacancy. "You do state that playing experience is desirable—do you mean football or is the fact that she is always playing Elton John records enough? I'm afraid I can't lie—I'm afraid she was once described as brash and unrefined too."

Wolverhampton fan Marilyn Hayward volunteers her husband who is 50-years-old. "He could cross a leather ball with a lace holes facing inwards—giving his centre-forward a clean strike at the ball," she writes.

Some thought you need special qualifications to be a footballer. **Pam and Carol Cobbett of Milton Keynes** wrote: "My qualifications are a third class referee's exam pass; four years in two hockey teams and mum's qualifications include being an energetic dinner lady and a tawny owl in the Brownies."

Valerie Austin of High Road, Leavesden claims that she has scored more goals and saved more goals than any player in the world. She has also given more advice to referees than anyone else, she says. Where did she gain all this

experience. "I have played football on the terrace at Vicarage Road since I was a 13-year-old convent schoolgirl. My only worry is if you have a kit for a 40-inch bust, 40 inch waist and 44 inch hips."

Among the more unusual applicants was "Sheba," a three-and-half-year-old dog, who is currently "fed up with her present job at a dance school." What is a dog doing at a dance school you may ask. Well Sheba's agent, **Mr. Hennings of St. James' Road, Watford** explains: "She's a collieographer."

"Sheba" he claims has modelled herself on Nigel Callaghan. "Her specialities include dribbling (and drooling) and passing (mostly wind). Her only fault is a slight tendency to foul in the penalty area. She's not worried about wages as long as there's a good win Bone-us on offer."

The ban on alcohol seemed to worry a few. Ninety-eight-year-old **Brighton pensioner Tom Chilton** complained that Brighton turned him down and a chance to play in Watford's goal "would really shake Mike Bramble" the Brighton chairman. "I am pretty nippy if you allow me a couple of tots of scotch," he points out.

Youngest applicant was **Andrew James Ross Finnie of Stashun Rode, Kings Langley** who wrote: I woz born on wedssi in shrodlis. My dadi sez yoo lik yung plairs am I to yung? Well done in bulgagarya."

On the subject of spoof illiteracy we liked the letter from **Alf Arwin of Kenton**. He writes:

"Dear Grayum, I was told off yore offer in the times noosepaper. I am 53 yeers old and short, fat and gray aired—but can run at least 28 yds, also I ave fantastik accelerashun over 4 yds. Also ass I am sumwot efty, I ood corse problems fore the oppersishun so per'aps yoo cood yoosse me in yore fourwood line! Also I play in still-capp boots so if yore teem dont gett too neer me there wood be no trouble wivaksidents and yore trayner woodent ave too treet my feet! Also as I can kik a borl very poufly in a strait line four at least 15 yds yoo

cood leeve me "up feeld" ore the time!

I ope that yoo will poot mee on yore wating list four players for the foocher.

PEE ESS. Tell yore guvner that I am sooperb at polishing pianers !!! Fank yoo agane."



Sheba—models herself on Nigel Callaghan—speedy with excellent ball control.

Of course a few fans could not help but stress the injury situation. **Richard Reed from Tonbridge** enclosed a curriculum vitae which admitted: "Last touched a football when one sailed into the terraces." His list of injuries included a cartilage operation in 1980, damage to an Elton John LP in 1982 and a "nose bleed in District Primary School Cup 1969."

Mrs. V. Hawley of Watford offered her services. "If I'm not suitable to play football how about help with the rubbing down."

Indeed some of the ladies were very forthcoming in their offers. Watford's players still chuckle over a letter, received from one lady applicant, which was full of double entendres and is at present residing on the dressing room notice board.

Richard Wood of Bedford volunteered his father who is in his seventies: "His approach to the game has always been exemplary and can be summed up by his motto—No beer, no cigarettes, no women . . . not until half-time anyway."



Sheba—models herself on Nigel Callaghan—speedy with excellent ball control.

There was a poem of comfort for Graham Taylor from **North Wembley's Denis Doherty**:

Remember the Ode to a Football Manager. Then as you walk towards the Gate and climb that final mile, St. Peter will be standing there; he'll greet you with a smile, Come in, come in he'll say to you, chuckling with heavenly mirth, Heaven is the place for football managers, You've had your hell on earth.

Writes Fin McDonell of Leverstock Green: "I won't be captain—not being available during the day, let some other lame leg do that. Usually I'm up by 12 on Saturday following the Friday night binge, so I can easily get to the ground by a quarter to three. You need only send directions once as I'm very quick in finding my way to a place on second and subsequent visits. Just let me know what's what and I'll give the boys the pep talk."

I'm glad you said Saturdays only—I can't make those mid-week games against those forerigners. I had to deposit my passport with Inspector Smith—a small misunderstanding.

"I would be invaluable to you off the field as well. Following my spells as chief tactician with Northampton following their debut in the First Division. I know you won't mind me saying it but you have a bit to learn about football—taking a team from the fourth to the first is all right in its own way but it doesn't mean you know how to manage a football team, does it? That's all right—we all have to learn."

"Don't worry about the money—we can settle immediately for £50,000 a year. I'm not one of those greedy blokes you read about always looking for more once they have signed the contract. Of course, the match fee will have to be dealt with separately."

Clive Burrige of Elstree volunteers a number of friends but excludes himself because: "At present I am having trouble with the screw threads on my left arm and right leg, but once they bed down I will be knocking on your door!!

"In closing may I make a plea to the current team to increase the number of points obtained as I have a small wager on the points difference between the Hornets and Spurs which is rapidly turning into a large wager."

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Another senior citizen applied. **James Moron of Deal, Kent points out:** "I am 74 but reasonably fit except for persistent high blood pressure and a necessary daily dose of digitalis for breathlessness in running a bath.

Perhaps I should mention, too, that I had a cartilage operation in 1949, with the arthritis they threatened now beginning to make itself felt; that, a year later, I broke a leg at Craven Cottage (by being knocked down in the rush to get out) from which I still have a slight limp; and that I wear glasses all the time (which possibly gave rise to the classic: 'He's not one of the best headers in the game'.) However, I can offer you 60 years of experience in football. In 1923 they said: 'Promising'. I look forward to your offer. If, though, you are not that desperate I will understand—and hope that you will do well without me.

And then there is **B. R. Barnes of Portsmouth.** "Although like myself my friend has only one leg and one arm, we feel that joined we are undoubtedly the best twin central defenders in the business. Also I would hasten to add—THE CHEAPEST, as together we would play for only one wage plus we have the added bonus for you of blend of youth and experience, as I am 43 years of age and my friend 21 years. The only drawback I can foresee is the supply of kit, as I have big feet and long arms whereas my friend hasn't."



The new Watford team from left to right: Back row—Carol Cobbett (36, potential captain, previous experience Tawny Owl in the Brownies), Fin McDonnell (41, goalkeeper, previous experience hurling and Gaelic football), Valerie Austin (43, 40in, 40in, 44in), Joyce Bishop (59, best position 'right outside'). Centre row—Violet Hawley (halfway between 18 and 80, willing to help with rubbing down and giving kiss of life), Denis Doherty (49, 'good at Subbuteo'), Pam Cobbett (17, Carol's daughter, 3rd class refereeing exam), Helen McKenna and Jo Trim (23 and 24, very experienced at playing Elton John records). Front row—Tracey Wright (21, no playing experience but has own kit), Tim Hennings, manager of Sheba Hennings (3½, good at dribbling and drooling), Pauline Hennings (manager's wife), William Stallwood (75, played for Watford in the 1920s), Andrew Finnie (2 weeks, apprentice), Mum and Dad Finnie.

Then there is **Trevor Bailey of Luton.** "I would preferably like a position which would not entail too much running about as I smoke quite heavily and I am prone to knock back a pint or two.

"I am 26 years of age and my football experience is as follows: 1972-1973 Shove Penny Football Champion—Room 6, Chells School, Stevenage, and in the same year I had a good success in Subbuteo finishing second in a league with school friends."

Watford supporter **Brian Denton of Sherwoods Road, Watford** writes: "Dear Graham, Your advertisement in today's Times for fit players between the ages of 18 and 80 fools no-one. It is clearly an attempt by you to divert attention from the fact that you are fielding players still at primary school. It is just a matter of time

before the authorities catch up with you!

I fear that the inclusion of players of pensionable age will not alter your culpability, although it may well endear you to the Equal Opportunities Board. Moreover it is now obvious that the motive behind your marathon run in aid of the Family Enclosure was just to provide a centre for the recruitment of under age players."

Joyce Bishop of Hempstead Road, Watford waxed lyrical: "I am a female aged 59 To play for Watford would be fine I have two arms and legs in good condition 'Right outside' would be my best position. Compared to the speed of Nigel Cally I would look a right Aunt Sally I've learnt the game, to dribble and score

For I've been watching Watford since 1954.

In a Hornets shirt I'd feel 10ft tall I'd work like mad to try and get the ball With Barnes & Co I'd try to do the same They're all a credit to the game.

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Others could not resist a chance of a jibe. **Mr. K. Walker of Woodford Road, Watford** pointed out that having watched Watford for over 60 years, he knows "enough of how not to play football to qualify for one of your vacancies."

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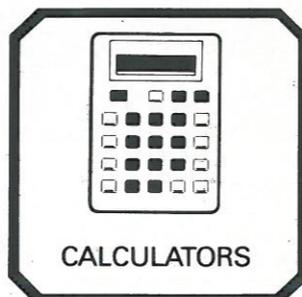
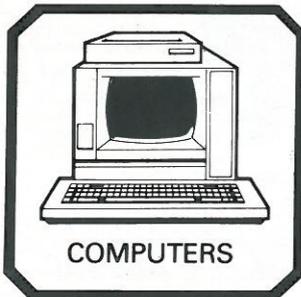
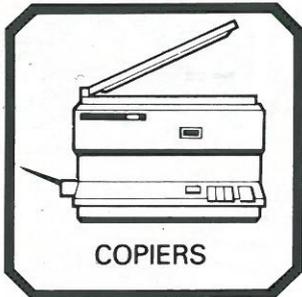
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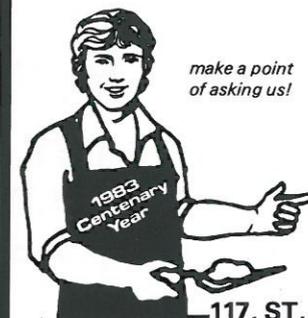
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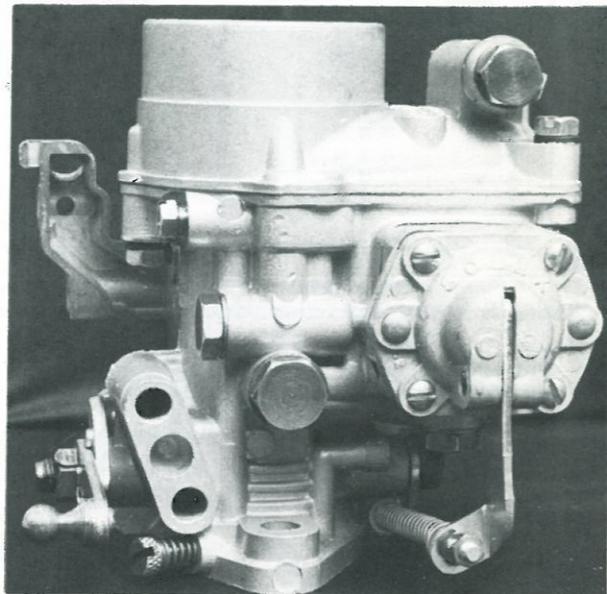
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Canon League Division One table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Liverpool	14	5	1	1	14	3	4	2	1	10	5	30
2 West Ham	14	5	1	1	18	7	4	1	2	8	4	29
3 Manchester Utd.	14	6	0	2	18	6	3	2	1	9	9	29
4 Tottenham	14	2	2	2	7	8	5	2	1	17	11	25
5 Coventry City	14	3	1	2	8	7	4	2	2	12	11	24
6 Aston Villa	14	6	1	1	14	11	1	2	3	7	9	24
7 Queens Park R.	14	4	1	2	10	5	3	1	3	12	7	23
8 Nottingham F.	14	5	2	1	17	8	2	0	4	7	11	23
9 Southampton	13	5	1	1	9	4	2	1	3	5	6	23
10 Luton Town	14	4	2	1	17	9	3	0	4	6	11	23
11 Arsenal	14	4	0	4	14	11	3	0	3	12	7	21
12 Ipswich Town	14	4	1	2	15	7	2	1	4	10	11	20
13 Norwich City	15	4	1	3	14	11	1	4	2	7	9	20
14 West Bromwich A.	14	4	1	1	8	3	2	1	5	10	17	20
15 Birmingham City	14	4	0	2	7	4	1	3	4	7	13	18
16 Sunderland	14	3	2	3	10	9	2	1	3	5	10	18
17 Everton	14	3	2	2	4	3	2	1	4	5	12	18
18 Stoke City	14	2	1	3	8	11	0	4	4	6	14	11
19 Notts County	14	1	2	3	4	10	2	0	6	9	14	11
20 Watford	14	1	3	3	13	15	1	1	5	6	13	10
21 Leicester City	14	1	2	3	5	13	0	2	6	8	17	7
22 Wolves	14	0	4	4	6	15	0	6	2	19	4	

League table as 20 November, 1983

First team appearances and goalscorers

	League		UEFA Cup		Milk Cup		FA Cup	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Barnes	13	5	5		2	1		
Bolton	7(1)		3		1			
Callaghan	14	4	5	1	2			
Franklin	9		3		1			
Gibbs			1					
Gilligan	3(2)		3(1)	2	1	1		
Jackett	8		4		2			
Jobson	9(2)	2	4(1)		2			
Johnson	2		1(1)		1			
Johnston	1							
Lohman	7	2	1					
Palmer	9	1	4		2			
Patching	1							
Price			1					
Rice	5		(1)					
Richardson	3(1)	2	4	3	1(1)			
Rostron	14	1	5	3	2			
Reilly	9	1			1			
Sherwood	13		5		1			
Sims	7		3(1)		1	1		
Sinnott	7							
Steele	1				1			
Sterling	1							
Taylor	4		1					
Terry	7	1	2(1)		1			
Own goal	1							

Travel to Wolverhampton



M1 northbound to Junction 19, M6 to Junction 10, A454 to Wolverhampton. Turn right on ring Road to Waterloo Road, turn right—ground on right.

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FACT FINDER



Watford Observer Shootout

PARKGATE RANGERS meet St. Meryl in the *Watford Observer's* half-time American Shootout competition this afternoon.

Parkgate Rangers: Steve Cummings, Gary Butt, Liam Golden, Justin Stughfield, Neil Potter, Darren Sherwin.

St. Meryl: David Marsh, Steve Pearce, Paul Foster, Andy Burrows, Ian Smithson, John Goodman, Richard Bryant, Graham Cassidy.

Division One leading scorers

12—Rush (Liverpool).

10—Woodcock (Arsenal), Swindlehurst (West Ham), Archibald (Tottenham).

9—Withe (Aston Villa), Stapleton (Manchester United), Mariner (Ipswich).

8—Stainrod (QPR).

6—Stein (Luton), Gates (Ipswich), Davenport (Nottingham Forest).

5—Robinson (Liverpool), Robson (Manchester United), Christie (Notts Co), Walsh (Nottingham Forest), West (Sunderland), Barnes (Watford), Regis (West Bromwich A.).

4—Sunderland (Arsenal), Harford (Birmingham), Lineker and Lynex (Leicester), Moss (Luton), Muhren (Manchester United), Bertschin (Norwich), Allen (QPR), Moran (Southampton), Rowell (Sunderland), Falco (Tottenham), Cottee (West Ham), Callaghan (Watford).

WATFORD

AUGUST

27 Coventry 2-3 15,533
30 Ipswich 2-2 15,388

SEPTEMBER

3 Birmingham 0-2 11,931
6 Q.P.R. 1-1 17,111
10 Notts Co 3-1 12,896
14 Kaiserslautern (UEFA C1 2L) 1-3 19,966
17 Stoke 4-0 12,691
24 Tottenham 2-3 21,056
28 Kaiserslautern (UEFA C1 2L) 3-0 21,457

OCTOBER

1 West Brom 0-2 14,456
5 Huddersfield (Milk Cup 2 2L) 1-2 10,631
15 Norwich 1-3 12,745
19 Levski Spartak Sofia (UEFA 2L) 1-1 16,139
22 Everton 0-1 13,571
25 Huddersfield (Milk Cup 2 2L) 2-2 13,006
28 West Ham 0-0 14,539

NOVEMBER

2 Levski Spartak Sofia (UEFA 2L) 3-1 160,000
5 Leicester 3-3 14,487
12 Sunderland 0-3 15,407
19 Manchester U. 1-4 43,111
23 Sparta Prague (UEFA C3 1L) 2-3 15,590

DECEMBER

3 Wolves
7 Sparta Prague (UEFA C3 2L)
10 Nottingham F.
17 Arsenal
26 Aston Villa
27 Southampton
31 Birmingham

JANUARY 1984

2 Tottenham
7 FA Cup 3
14 Coventry
21 Stoke
28 Liverpool FAC4
FEBRUARY
4 West Brom
11 Notts Co
18 West H. FAC5
25 Everton

MARCH

3 Leicester
7 UEFA C4 1L
10 Sun'land FAC6
17 Q.P.R.
21 UEFA C4 2L
24 Ipswich MCF
31 Liverpool

APRIL

7 Norwich
14 Manchester U.
21 Aston Villa
24 Southampton
28 Luton
MAY
5 Wolves
7 Nottingham F.
12 Arsenal

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Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims*	Bolton	Callaghan	Gilligan	Terry	Lohman	Barnes1	Jobson1	
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Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Patching*	Terry	Franklin	Callaghan	Barnes	Reilly	Jackett	Lohman	Jobson	
Q.P.R.	Palmer	Jackett	Jobson	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan	Barnes1	Reilly	Lohman	Rostron	Gilligan	
Notts Co	Palmer1	Jackett	Jobson	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan	Barnes1	Reilly1	Lohman*	Rostron	Gilligan	
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Stoke	Palmer	Jackett	Jobson1	Terry	Franklin	Callaghan	Barnes2	Reilly	Lohman1	Rostron	Gilligan	
Tottenham	Palmer	Sinnott	Jobson	Terry	Jackett	Callaghan1	Barnes	Reilly*	Lohman	Rostron1	Gilligan	
Kaiserslautern (UEFA C1 2L)	Palmer	Rostron	Jobson	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Richardson2	Gilligan	Jackett	Barnes		
West Brom	Palmer	Sinnott	Jobson	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Barnes	Gilligan*	Jackett	Rostron	Richardson	
Huddersfield (Milk Cup 2 2L)	Palmer	Rostron	Jobson	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Richardson	Reilly	Jackett	Barnes1	Johnson	
Norwich	Rice	Sinnott	Jobson	Terry1	Jackett	Callaghan	Barnes	Reilly	Rostron	Johnson*	Bolton	
Levski Spartak Sofia (UEFA 2L)	Palmer	Rostron1	Jobson	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Barnes*	Gilligan	Jackett	Richardson*	Sims/Johnson	
Everton	Palmer	Sinnott	Jobson	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Johnson	Gilligan	Jackett	Rostron	Sterling	
Huddersfield (Milk Cup 2 2L)	Palmer	Rostron	Jobson	Sims1	Franklin	Callaghan	Barnes	Gilligan1	Jackett*	Johnson	Richardson	
West Ham	Palmer	Sinnott	Jobson	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan	Richardson	Barnes	Bolton	Rostron	Paris	
Levski Spartak Sofia (UEFA 2L)	Palmer	Price	Jobson	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan1	Richardson1	Barnes	Bolton	Rostron1		
Leicester	Palmer	Sinnott	Bolton	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan1	Richardson2	Reilly	Rostron	Barnes	Jobson	
Sunderland	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan	Richardson	Reilly	Bolton	Barnes	Price	
Manchester U.	Palmer	Sinnott	Taylor	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan1	Johnston	Barnes	Rostron	Jobson	Richardson	
Sparta Prague (UEFA C3 1L)	Gibbs	Rostron1	Taylor	Sims	Franklin	Callaghan	Richardson	Barnes	Jackett*	Johnson*	Jobson/Gilligan1	
Luton Town												
Wolves												
Sparta Prague (UEFA C3 2L)												
Nottingham F.												
Arsenal												
Aston Villa												
Southampton												
Birmingham												
Tottenham												
FA Cup 3												
Coventry												
Stoke												
Liverpool FAC4												
West Brom												
Notts Co												
West H. FAC5												
Everton												
Leicester												
UEFA C4 1L												
Sun'land FAC6												
Q.P.R.												
UEFA C4 2L												
Ipswich MCF												
Liverpool												
Norwich												
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Nottingham F.												
Arsenal												

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*denotes substituted player

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Division One attendance table

Team	Lowest	Highest	Total	Average
Manchester United	41,013 v. Luton Town	56,121 v. Liverpool	361,170	45,146
Tottenham	29,125 v. Everton	45,032 v. Liverpool	207,847	34,641
Liverpool	26,331 v. Southampton	40,875 v. Everton	220,831	31,547
Arsenal	20,290 v. Coventry City	42,704 v. Manchester United	242,279	30,310
Aston Villa	18,887 v. Norwich City	39,318 v. Birmingham City	191,298	23,912
West Ham United	18,958 v. Norwich City	32,555 v. Liverpool	156,863	22,409
Queens Park Rangers	12,929 v. Sunderland	27,140 v. Liverpool	132,723	18,960
Ipswich Town	14,944 v. Leicester	26,185 v. Tottenham	130,209	18,601
Southampton	15,029 v. Notts County	20,674 v. Manchester United	126,156	18,022
Everton	13,571 v. Watford	22,658 v. Stoke City	119,186	17,026
Birmingham City	11,931 v. Watford	26,604 v. Coventry City	99,650	16,608
Nottingham Forest	13,855 v. Wolves	26,658 v. Notts County	131,352	16,419
Norwich City	13,368 v. West Brom	23,859 v. Liverpool	131,038	16,380
Sunderland	11,612 v. Coventry City	26,826 v. Manchester United	128,473	16,059
Stoke City	11,837 v. Coventry City	23,704 v. Manchester United	92,967	15,494
Watford	12,745 v. Norwich City	21,056 v. Tottenham	107,851	15,407
Wolverhampton W.	11,419 v. Coventry City	26,249 v. Liverpool	121,470	15,184
West Bromwich Albion	10,821 v. Notts County	20,224 v. Birmingham City	87,667	14,611
Leicester City	10,215 v. Stoke City	23,012 v. Manchester United	86,485	14,414
Luton Town	10,846 v. Sunderland	17,275 v. Tottenham	86,438	12,348
Coventry City	10,492 v. Ipswich Town	13,441 v. West Brom	71,509	11,918
Notts County	7,684 v. Stoke City	11,031 v. Birmingham City	53,786	8,964

Watford

(1) 1

- 1 Steve Sherwood
- 2 ~~Charlie Palmer~~ BARDSLEY
- 3 Lee Sinnott PRICE
- 4 Les Taylor REILLY
- 5 Steve Sims
- 6 Paul Franklin
- 7 Nigel Callaghan
- 8 Maurice Johnston
- 9 John Barnes
- 10 Wilf Rostron
- 11 Richard Jobson

Sub. PORTER

Luton Town

(1) 2

- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Kirk Stephens
- 3 Wayne Turner
- 4 Brian Horton
- 5 Paul Elliott
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Paul Walsh
- 10 Trevor Aylott
- 11 ~~David Moss~~ BUNN

Sub. ANTON

Today's match officials

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)

Linesmen: P. E. Alcock (Redhill) (Red Flag)

N. S. Butler (East Molesey) (Yellow Flag)

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