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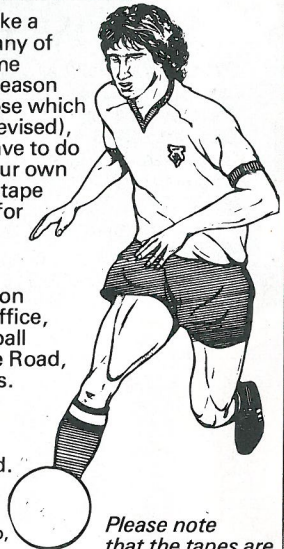
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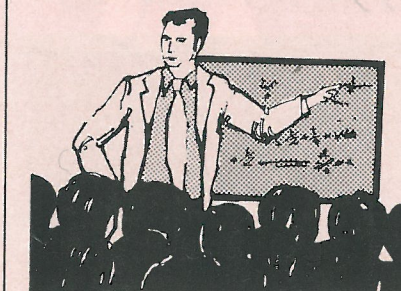
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## BACK TO STRENGTH

SLOWLY our injured players have recovered and the squad of players has consequently grown in strength.

Dependent on this situation continuing, I now have options available to me by choice rather than by necessity.

At this level of the game where players are usually operating to the "edge of their limits", injuries inevitably occur and set back the "gelling" of a team which is so essential to trying to achieve regular consistency.

I feel we have a number of players with great potential, but they have to get some experience from somewhere and in that respect our injuries in the first half of the season have helped.

It enabled some youngsters to have a go and although our results were very inconsistent, I remain convinced that the overall strength of my squad has improved.

As with other clubs, we shall always have a number of injured players week by week, and consequently I have to create a "strength in depth" so that those injured will be replaced with similar players so that the overall team performance is not jeopardised.

All of this takes time, especially as we have tried to create this from within the club along with buying young players who have a future in the game.

I hope that you have witnessed recently



how more solid the team looks, and to how well for instance Jimmy Gilligan performed against Aston Villa in comparison to some of his early season games.

Patience is a virtue—and the youngsters have to be given it.

Injuries can sometimes be an asset in the long term—strange as that may sound—because they can help to bring about the ongoing process that is necessary for a team to develop.

I hope that this is what has happened to us this season and as I have said previously, I look to our fortunes to show a marked improvement before the middle of May.

Best wishes

*Graham Taylor*

# Watford





# ACTION REPLAY

IT was a successful holiday period for the Hornets with nine points gathered from a possible 12 to lift Watford up the First Division table.

Yet there were thrills and spills and near misses in all the holiday games. For Jimmy Gilligan, there was a happy return to the first team against Aston Villa on Boxing Day (above) when he scored two goals. His second goal came from David Bardsley's cross with Mo Johnston following up just in case.

Later against Aston Villa, Johnston was thwarted in his bid to get on the scoresheet

when he sent a header just wide of the post (top left). But in the match with Birmingham City, the 20-year-old scored the only goal of the game yet was always on the look out for a second (top right).

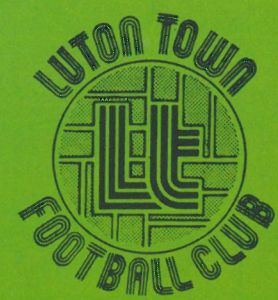
At Tottenham, in the final game of the holiday period, Johnston nabbed two goals in the 3-2 win and was always in the thick of the goalmouth action. Ray Clemence could afford no slip-ups as he made this save with Johnston in close attendance (bottom right).

*Watford Observer pictures.*





# Introducing our visitors The HATTERS



## LUTON — A MORE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

LUTON TOWN were being tipped as title contenders in the media after they soared up the First Division following a victory over the Hornets in late September.

But the Hatters have lost their way since then, starting with a 4—2 home defeat at the hands of rivals Coventry City.

Luton then bounced back with a 4—2 win at Stoke and followed this with a 2—0 victory at home to West Bromwich Albion and a 3—0 victory at Meadow Lane at the expense of Notts County.

That game opened the Christmas programme but it all went sour for Luton who then suffered an unfortunate home defeat at the hands of West Ham, were beaten 2—0 at Sunderland and then lost 3—2 at home to Forest.

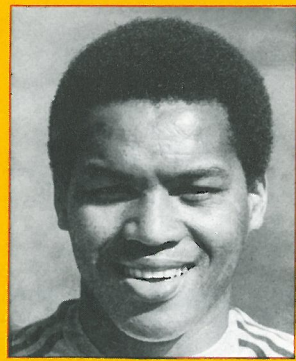
Four defeats in five home games has caused them to drop to ninth place instead of strengthening their bid for a place in Europe. But there is still a long way to go and Luton must be encouraged by their first

half to the season.

Luton are experiencing much improved fortunes on the previous campaign when they fought and won the battle against relegation and a swift return to Division Two, on the very last day of the season.

Since the two teams last met, Luton signed 24-year-old **Emeka Nwajoliba** from Dulwich Hamlet.

## 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.

At a reported £5,000 fee the Nigerian with a degree in pharmacy, looks a bargain signing.

Hatters' manager David Pleat said of the signing: "I see in this lad the same sort of potential as I did when I signed Brian Stein".

During the autumn, Luton experienced their fair share of injuries but at the time of writing

**David Moss** is still not fit after suffering a pelvic strain, is the only long term problem.

**Trevor Aylott** was only just ruled out for the game at Kenilworth Road after recovering from an ankle injury and **Brian Horton** shook off a back problem to play against Watford in the League clash at Vicarage Road earlier in the season.

On Saturday the two teams drew 2—2 in the FA Cup Third Round tie at Kenilworth Road—the tenth meeting between the clubs in the past five seasons.

Luton commenced the season losing at Arsenal 2—1 before winning at Leicester 3—0 and beating Sunderland 4—1 at Luton. A 2—2 home draw with Norwich, a 2—0 defeat at Old Trafford and a 4—0 home win over Wolves put the Hatters in a good, early position. Luton then lost to Forest (a) 1—0; beat Villa (h) 1—0; defeated Everton (a) 1—0 and beat Southampton (h) 3—1; lost to Liverpool (a) 6—0; beat QPR (a) 1—0 before drawing at home to Birmingham 1—1. A 4—2 home defeat by Tottenham came next before the 2—1 victory at Vicarage Road.

**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	HOME										AWAY				Round			
	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	L/C	FAC		
1978-79 Season	2	42	11	5	5	46	24	2	5	14	14	33	36	18	5	3		
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

## Replay arrangements

In the event of the two teams drawing tonight after extra time, the replay will take place on the night of Monday, 16 January.

The venue will be a neutral ground unless the two managers decide otherwise or agree to toss a coin to decide. In this event an announcement will be made over the tannoy system after tonight's match.



## Telly for Millie

THERE was a boost for pensioner Millie Wheeler at the Watford Pools and Lottery Agents' party over Christmas. Millie, who lives in Winton Drive, Croxley Green, won a colour TV and is pictured with it at the presentation along with a group of Watford players.



## Congratulations Bertie

WATFORD director Bertie Mee was awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours list, "for services to football". Watford's board and management were quick to toast Bertie with champagne in the boardroom after the victory over Birmingham City. From left to right: vice-chairman Geoff Smith, secretary Eddie Plumley, Bertie Mee, directors Muir Stratford and Jim Harrowell, and manager Graham Taylor.

*Watford Observer photo.*

## Mo nets Percy £100

PERCY STRATFORD had hardly taken his seat at Watford's match versus Nottingham Forest when he found himself £100 richer. For Maurice "Mo" Johnston's goal scored in three minutes 57 seconds was the exact time on one of Percy's Golden Goal tickets.



Percy, who is the landlord at the Western Inn, Rickmansworth, was of course asked if that meant free drinks all round but he just laughed at that one.

Golden Goals tickets cost 20p each and are on sale before every match from sellers around the ground.

## Guests for the day

WATFORD fan Peter Harvey had "The experience of a lifetime" on December 10 when he and his friend Gerald Chalkley were invited to spend the matchday with Graham Taylor and the players. This was Peter's thank you from the club for collecting the most money towards Graham Taylor's London Marathon run earlier in the year. Peter raised £520 which went towards the building of the family Terrace.

"Graham and his staff were wonderful" enthused Peter "They took us everywhere. We watched the morning training, had lunch with the players, were in the dressing room before and after the match, on the bench during the game and even went to the press conference afterwards."



## Five thousand sold

FORMER *Evening Echo* sportswriter Geoff Sweet and freelance photographer Graham Burton passed a landmark over Christmas. They sold their 5,000th copy of the book "Watford—a tale of the unexpected". They celebrated with a presentation of leather-bound copies of the book to afford's management. Pictured from left to right: Caroline Gillies, Mike Sullivan, Eddie Plumley, Bertie Mee, Graham Burton and Geoff Sweet.

"I must say you get a very different view of the game at ground level. Everything is a lot faster and I can now see why players can't always get to a ball you'd expect them to get to. Being on the bench, too, I learnt a few new words!"



## Hat-trick "bubbly"

BEFORE setting off for Wolves from the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel, Mo Johnston was promised half a bottle of champagne if he scored a goal. The promise was made by the Ladbroke manager Brian Levy.

"I'll give you a bottle if you score two and a case if you hit a hat-trick," Brian promised and in pretty short order, Mo was back claiming his prize.







## PLAYER PROFILE



### Steve Sims

STEVE SIMS has been earning some star ratings with his recent performances and Graham Taylor has been full of praise for the big centre-half.

"Steve is jumping better than ever," says the Watford boss who counted the number five among his many injury problems during the autumn.

But Steve cannot quite put his finger on the reason why it has all come together for him in recent weeks. "There used to be a time when I felt I was playing well or was on top of my game all the time. I don't know why I should hit form recently. These things seem to go in waves..." says Steve.

"Mind you, I've played against some big target men recently and I always enjoy them. I liked the battle with Peter Withe. It is not just a physical battle. You have to try and out-think him as well. It's a

battle of wits and it is very stimulating.

"Then there was another big target man in Birmingham's Harford followed by Spurs, who I always enjoy playing against.

"But it seems that the strikers are getting younger and younger. I feel almost a senior citizen at 26. When I started out the centre-forwards would give you a hard time. They would try and upset you with a few comments but that seems to have gone out of the game to some degree. Mind you I try and make the odd remark myself. At Tottenham, when we were 2-0 up and they were hitting the long balls down the middle, I did make a few sarcastic remarks about cultured play. We all did but it was only matey banter. You know the sort of thing—'See you are playing it short again Glenn' when he hit those long balls.

"But a few years ago there were more comments along the lines of 'I'm going to sort you out'. That was aimed at upsetting you and making you lose your

concentration. Perhaps because I'm more experienced, they don't waste their breath."

As a centre-half in a team which has struggled to recapture last season's form, Steve has seen a few goals go in the wrong end this season.

"I do honestly feel that we have been made to pay for almost every mistake and every bad break. I know it seems like that when you are looking to find your form, but I do feel we have been particularly unfortunate.

"Look at Sparta Prague. I think that last minute tackle in the home tie was the only one I missed out on in the whole game, but no sooner had I got up, then the ball was in the back of the net.

"Mind you they were a good side. I enjoyed the whole European experience. It was good to go to those different countries and play in front of different crowds. I even enjoyed playing in Prague on that icy surface. It was an experience but, of course, the night in Sofia was the greatest."



# BEHIND THE SCENES

## Another Public Inquiry



EARLIER this month, immediately following the result of the club's appeal, another Public Inquiry was held. This time the club were appealing against the proposed alterations to the Watford Borough Council's District Plan.

The District Plan was drawn up in 1981 and listed the things the Council wished to do in the locality. On the plan there was a list of "badly sited users" which generally referred to industry.

### Policy change

But now the council wish to change the policy and include a broader list of "badly sited activities" which can range from a social club to practically anything non-industrial.

Watford FC objected to this pointing out that there was no money or land resources to relocate badly sited users, let alone badly sited activities.

The second point made by the club is that they are not a badly sited activity. It was again stressed that the club is well sited near the railway halt and is within walking distance for many Watford supporters. The club provides more car parking facilities than many other activities and the ground is within easy access of the town centre car parks which are available for anyone.

### Rejection

Furthermore, the police are satisfied with the arrangements at Watford and so, it was claimed, is everyone else.

The club also contended that the position of the ground did not cause significant or intolerable nuisance and that West Watford was full of parked cars on non-football days.

It was argued that the club is not a commercial user in ordinary planning terms such as warehouses, offices, shops and factories. It consisted largely of a ground used on average for just a few hours a fortnight.

The club's legal representatives urged the Inspector to reject the proposed alteration to the district Plan and recommend that Watford FC should not be designated as a badly-sited activity.

The reason the club decided to contest this issue, which has no affect on the recent planning appeal victory, is that by being on the list of badly sited activities, it would constitute a planning blight. It would give the Council unreasonable and unwarranted reasons to refuse subsequent planning applications.

The findings of this inquiry are expected to be made public in February.

### Richard Hanney— the man in charge

WATFORD'S legal work has escalated with the recent appeals and public inquiries. And that has meant more work for the club solicitor 32-year-old Richard Hanney.

He has been giving legal advice to the club for the past three or four years and is a partner with the well-established general practice of Matthew Arnold and Baldwin of Station Road, Watford.

The late Matthew Arnold incidentally founded the firm and was joined by Allan Baldwin who has now retired.

"People tend to think that there are three solicitors, Matthew plus Arnold and Baldwin," said Richard who, like the club chairman Elton John was born in Pinner.

Richard went to Haileybury Junior School in Windsor and then on to public school at All Saint's Bloxham, near Banbury.

"That was in the Cotswolds. I'm a great lover of walking and the country," says Richard, who joined Matthew Arnold and Baldwin in 1969 for articles.

### Old fan

A keen sports lover, he played football and rugby for his school and was also a Watford supporter.

"I saw my first game back in 1958 when Holton and Uphill were around. I always rated George Harris very highly but I really became a regular supporter in the Bill McGarry days.

### Away games

"I remember the forward line of Spelman, MacAnearney, Livesey, Oliver and Harris.

"Then there was Dennis Bond and the Ken Furphy days and I continued to watch from the terraces and the stands through the not so happy times under George Kirby and Mike Keen.

"I also used to enjoy going to away games and watching the London teams. They all support Watford at the firm. Most of them are season ticket holders."

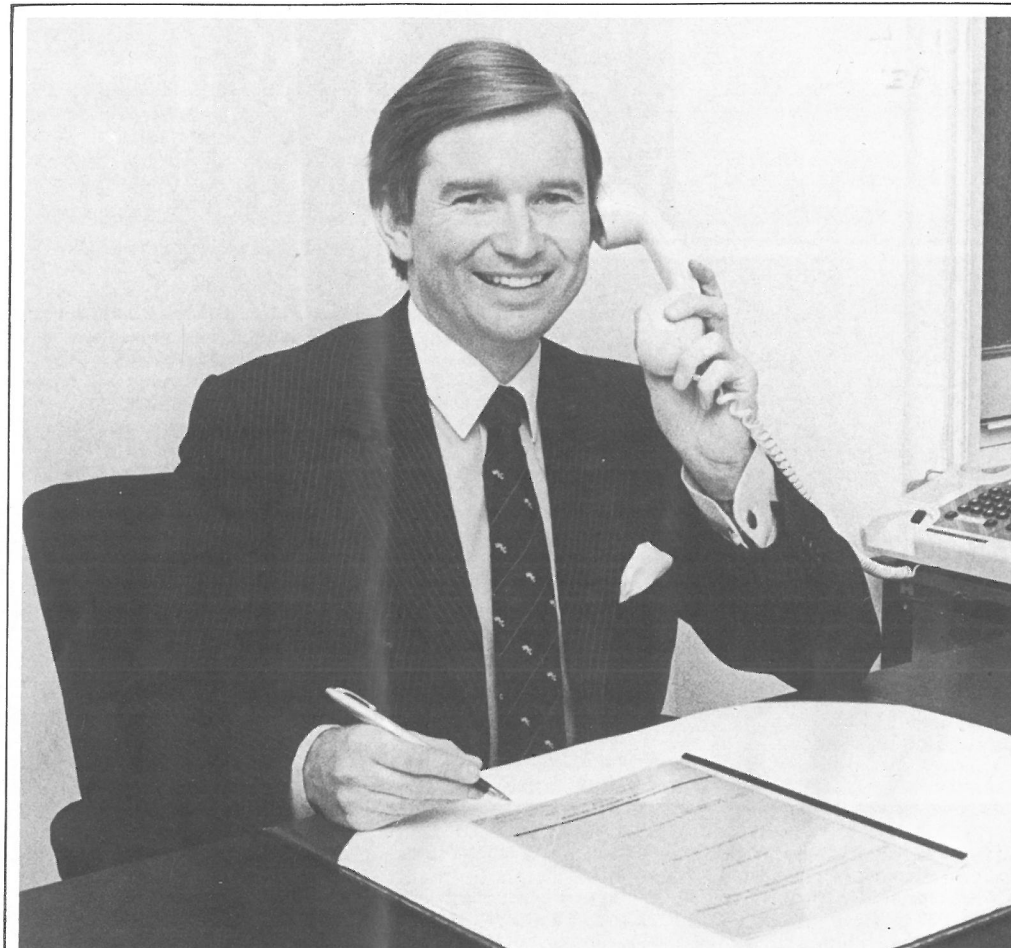
While articulated he spent a spell with a London firm to gain High Court experience, passed his exams in 1972 and qualified in March 1974. He was admitted to the Roll by Lord Denning whose signed portrait adorns his office wall.

### So proud

Richard became a partner in 1976 and gained one at the same time—his wife Susie. The couple who live "out in the country" in Chalfont St. Giles have three children, Nicholas (5), Caroline (3), and Michael who is eight months old.

While a solicitor works long hours, Richard still finds time for watching football, playing squash and swimming.

"I enjoy the theatre, walking and photography but I'm a family man," says Richard who was extremely pleased when he was



*Richard Hanney . . . led our legal challenge.*

asked to act as solicitor for the club he has followed from an early age.

"It gives me particular pride to act for the club and I'm greatly encouraged by the support I've received from shareholders, directors, management and all the supporters," says Richard who found the planning inquiry carried much responsibility.

It was his idea to make a snap poll among supporters, asking them to sign the petition on the eve of the inquiry.

### Sought advice

"On that appalling day of the Norwich match, 10,000 took the trouble to pause in the rain and sign. It was very good to feel the supporters were behind us. Since we won, I have received many messages of congratulations from fellow lawyers and supporters alike.

"Of course the club's appeal was well-known throughout the football world and I sought the advice of

many clubs who had experienced similar problems. I even contacted Bobby Robson, the England manager on one point," he recalls.

Richard engaged Queens Counsel David Widdicombe and the two worked closely throughout.

But of course there is more to being a club solicitor than the once-in-a-while public inquiry. For instance Richard prepared the documentation involved in the transfers of Luther Blissett and Gerry Armstrong to the continent.

"That involved international and continental laws as well as those applicable to the English legal system. In fact I was going on holiday to Majorca with the family when the Gerry Armstrong deal cropped up. Eddie Plumley flew out on the same plane and my young lad still thinks he is going to see Mr. Plumley whenever we go to the airport, as if Eddie is there permanently."

And of course there are a number of other aspects of legal work for the club. There is assisting at the club's annual meeting on matters relating to the stadium and shop.

### Fund raising

"In my spare time I'm a director of the Watford FC Development Fund, assisting the club in its fund-raising activities.

"I've also gone on the three trips into Europe with my wife who attends most home games.

"We handle the club's licensing applications and of course players need the occasional legal advice on moving house etc.

"Solicitors for other clubs were helpful during the time leading up to the public inquiry and I've since been able to pass on some help to another club which is having similar problems.

### No precedent

"The law is a learning process and I am sure it has been an advantage to have been asked to act as solicitor at a relatively young age. The club has grown and expanded and so too has the legal involvement.

"It was good to be in on the ground floor so to speak. One had to learn fast. There was no precedent for a number of things and most we had to tackle for the first time.

"I don't handle it all, but we have various specialists within the partnership to turn to."



# IN RESERVE

WATFORD Reserves and Juniors had a two-week Christmas break from competitive action and it was a good opportunity to take stock of the progress made by the two squads.

Says Reserve team coach John Ward: "Along with the first team the Reserves have gone through a period of change. The injuries to the first team squad have naturally had repercussions for the reserves and in that respect I am pleased as I can be that we are above the halfway mark.

"Naturally we are looking to finish in the top half of the table and a winning reserve side is what we are looking for. But obviously it serves as a basis for future first teamers. And youngsters like Gary Porter and Nigel Gibbs have come through this season to be involved at first team level.

"Now that most of the injury problems have cleared up, the reserve team line-up looks like our UEFA Cup side. The younger players have had that experience and are better for it. We are looking for that to stand us in good stead



Dennis Bailey

in the second half of the campaign."

Tom Walley and Steve Harrison have been involved in friendly youth matches over the holiday period, looking for future juniors.

"We've picked up ever so well in the South East Counties League but we are disappointed with the

cup defeats," says Juniors' boss Tom Walley.

"Things are beginning to gell again and we have a few boys coming through but in a sense the club's progress has made the job harder. Now we are looking for youngsters with the potential to be

among the top apprentices in the country.

"We are competing for the top youngsters with the top clubs and my aim has to be to provide five or so players for the first team within the next few years and have a fresh group coming up behind."

In the Juniors' last game before Christmas, Dennis Bailey was outstanding in a 4-2 win over Cambridge United.

Fifteen-year-old Australian, **Jason Polak** nodded home Bailey's cross for the first goal; then **Malcolm Allen** headed the second from Bailey's pass after good work by Chris Pullan and Darren White and **Allen** scored the third from the spot after being pulled down.

Pullan pushed the ball through for **Richard Sendall** to race clear and chip the ball past the keeper for the fourth.

**Ian Richardson** was back on target for the Reserves scoring both goals in their 2-0 win over Southampton. Jimmy Gilligan nodded down a Francis Cassidy cross for Richardson to score the first and Paul Atkinson provided the centre for **Richardson's** second.

Another highlight in the game was a fine save by Eric Steele to deny the visitors' Steve Moran.

Reserves	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
DECEMBER													
17 Southampton	2—0	Steele	Rice	Gibbs	Taylor	Terry	Paris	Sterling	Richardson2	Gilligan	Cassidy	Atkinson	Ward
19 Chelsea	2—1	Steele	Gibbs	Sinnott1	Taylor	Terry	Franklin	Sterling	Richardson	Gilligan1	Porter	Atkinson	Williams, M
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### Contact made

Sir, You may remember me writing to you asking for Lennie Graham to contact me well I'm pleased to say that he did. On the 27 September, after seeing Hull City beat Wimbledon I decided to go and watch Watford the next day, which was also my birthday, well here it comes. I really enjoyed the game versus Spurs, but I was amazed by the friendly Watford fans. I went in the pub just across the road from Watfords' kop (may I point out that I was wearing my Hull City shirt). I didn't receive any threats, I even ended up in the Supporters' Club before the game and afterwards, I spoke to a lot of people and most were interested to know that Dennis Booth is still at Hull and playing well. I only wish that it was possible to go to other grounds and receive such warm friendship.

I am 24 and looking for female pen friends among Watford

supporters. I hope that we meet in the First Division in two years time, the way that we are playing I think it's quite possible. I wish Watford every success for the remainder of the season.  
Yours sincerely,  
**Dave Sykes,**  
312 Beverly Road, Hull, North Humberside.



### Necktie collector

Sir, My name is Ron van Anrooy and I live in Lelystad, Holland, one of the new towns in the new reclaimed land of Holland. I am a supporter of your English football and a collector of ties of football clubs, I've got them already of for instance West Ham United, Ipswich, Brighton, Torquay United. I've been in Britain three times for my holidays and when I am in the neighbourhood of a football stadium I always try to buy a necktie of the club.

On Saturday 15 October, 1983 I read an article about "the Hornets" in a Dutch newspaper called "Het Parool" written by Rob Fleur. In the text I could find your name as the one who rules the Marketing Office of the football club. Now I want to ask you, if you would like to send me a necktie of "the Hornets", and perhaps some stickers.

If you want to be so kind to send the parcel cash on delivery, then all costs are for my own account. Thanking you in advance for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,  
**Ron van Adrooy,**  
Lelystad, Holland.

ED. A Hornet Shop price list has been sent but anyone interested in exchanging ties with Ron should write direct.

### New born fan



Sir, How about this one for the programme from a loyal fan. I hope you will appreciate this photograph taken of myself, my wife and my son taken within one hour of his birth at 4.30 a.m. I think that he may be the youngest Watford supporter you have ever had. The midwife was

standing on a chair in the delivery room to take this picture.

I have been a supporter for the last 20 years having lived in Uxbridge until I married and moved away from the area and I have followed their progress very closely.

My son at three weeks old now wears a Watford Babygro and I have even persuaded my mother-in-law to knit him a red, yellow and black hat to wear when he goes out in his pram.

Yours sincerely,  
**John E. Coles,**  
The Fox Inn, Farthinghoe, nr. Brackley, Northants.

WE will be giving a prize to the best letters received this season so, if you have any news or views on Watford and their fans, write to the Programme Editor, Watford FC, Vicarage Road, Watford and let us know.

### Wanted—1950 programme

Sir, I am wondering if it is possible that someone has for sale a programme for the first match I saw at Vicarage Road.

It was in the spring of 1950 v. Notts County. I can only recollect that Watford had a 2—0 win and that a certain Tommy Lawton did not play. Perhaps they would care to contact me.

It was in the days after, when I was able to cycle, that boys were admitted for a shilling, having parked their bikes in The Orchard at the Vicarage Road end for 3d.

Incidentally, the recent article referring to Mr. Rollitt's predecessor as secretary, reminds me that Mr. John Dennis, my father-in-law, having been out of the area for a number of years, is now back in Croxley Green and a Main Stand season ticket holder.  
Yours sincerely,

**C. J. Young,**  
Church Lane, Sarratt.

### Want a Polish pen pal!

Sir, Perhaps you know, my name is Woitek Kozlowski. I am writing to you five times but I have from you only autographs all yours players. Thank you very much. I would be your fans and write to you with happy informations about Watford FC. Therefore I am applying with ask to you. I am imploring you for sending me one of addresses fans of Watford FC. If exist a problem please send me one match-day programme. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,  
**Woitek Kozlowski,**  
ul: Zeromskiego 28 59-900  
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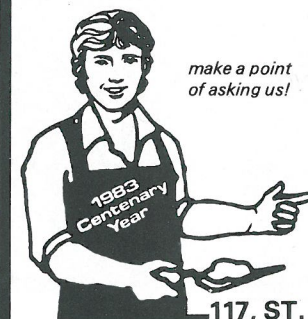
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WATFORD'S first League Cup excursion in 1960-61 lasted a mere 90 minutes, going down 5-2 at home to Derby County. (Derby players bonus for the win was £4!)

Watford, fielding several reserves, took the lead after three minutes through Johnny Fairbrother, but Buxton equalised after 26 minutes for Derby. One minute later Hall put the Rams in front, but Cliff Holton levelled for Watford in the 43rd minute.

After the break an unfortunate

own goal from Andy Porter and efforts from Hutchinson and Cargill sealed Derby's victory.

## Maximum wage of £20

THE programme for the 1960-61 season showed little change from the previous season's format. Once again printed on coarse orange paper, the 16 page edition sold at 6d. After a season's absence the team photograph returned to the programme cover.

When Halifax visited in September it was stated that whilst the first team were in the top five of Division Three, players would receive the then maximum wage of £20 a week. (Due to the efforts of one Jimmy Hill this top wage limit was soon to be abolished.) The same programme joined the debate as to whether soccer should appear on television. The club apparently was willing to see it only as a 12 month experiment!

That season saw the inception of the League Cup competition.

Watford's first League Cup programme was for the tie against Derby County at Vicarage Road. It was the only "normal size" programme produced in the early years of the cup. The editorial had the sad duty of recording the death of Director Jack Brock, but on a happier note the same issue showed that of the 12 "London" clubs, Watford were top of the league for attendance increases. 109,977 people had watched Watford in the first two months of the season, 35,048 more than in the corresponding period of 1959-60.

In October Dennis Uphill left to join Crystal Palace and was replaced by little Tommy Harmer welcomed in the Colchester issue. Tommy was from Spurs, having played over 200 games for them since signing in 1948. After two seasons at Watford he joined Chelsea in September 1962.

Finally, the editorial for Hull's visit announced the start of a fund for a new, more powerful set of floodlights. Regular progress reports on the raising of money for the project were given in the programme.

## WATFORD'S No. 1 FAN—VIC RIJRODE



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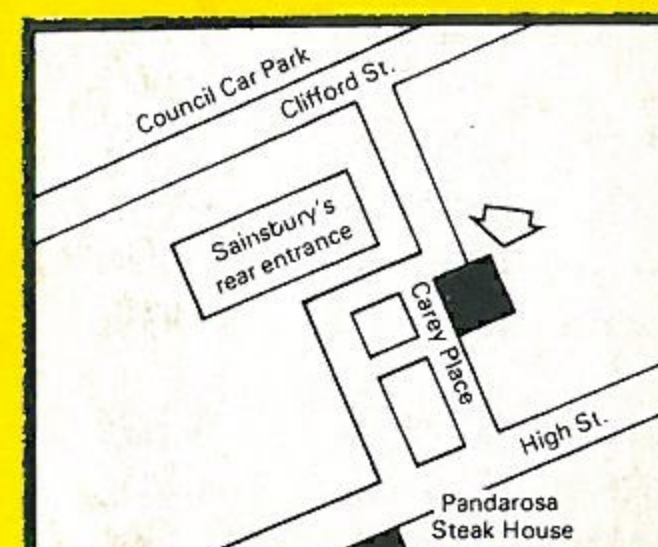
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