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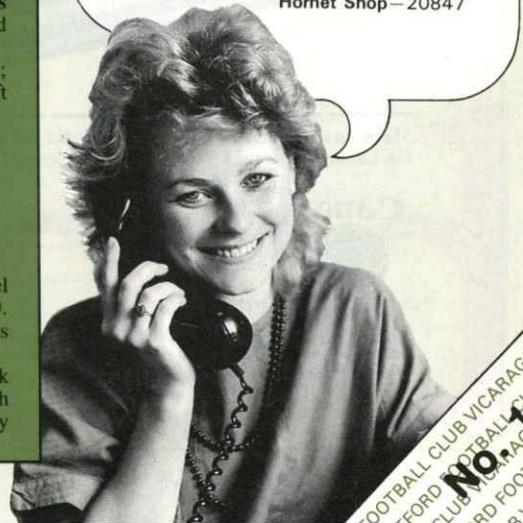
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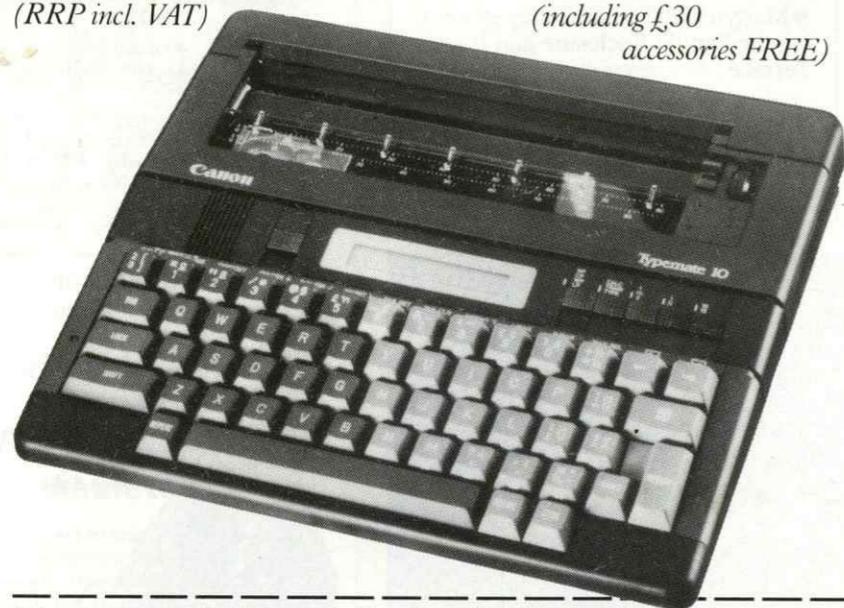


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"THERE IS NO EASY WAY"

I am sure that I do not need to explain the problems that face us all in the economic, financial and industrial fields of life—well, let me tell you that it is no different in the football world.

We have to pay our way and in our thirst for success we still have to avoid taking out more than we put in.

Even the Chairman will tell you that in his competitive world he has to work hard to stay at the top. There is no automatic right to be successful.

Bearing in mind some of the comments attributed to me recently, I want to reassure everyone that I am no less committed to working for the continued success of Watford both on and off the field than the day I first joined the club in 1977.

Of course it doesn't get easier—in fact it seems to get harder day by day at the moment!—but as I have said on a number of occasions the easy path usually leads nowhere.

No, I firmly believe that

through all the ups and downs; the good and bad times, our continued success and existence depends totally upon those who want to work for and play for Watford.

The club must always be put first—both by employees and supporters—if you want it to win and be successful. It does not come any other way.

There simply is no easy way and do not expect it to be so. We all have to MAKE our dreams come true.

We have come a long way together and as far as possible I have tried to keep you "in the picture" as to how I feel.

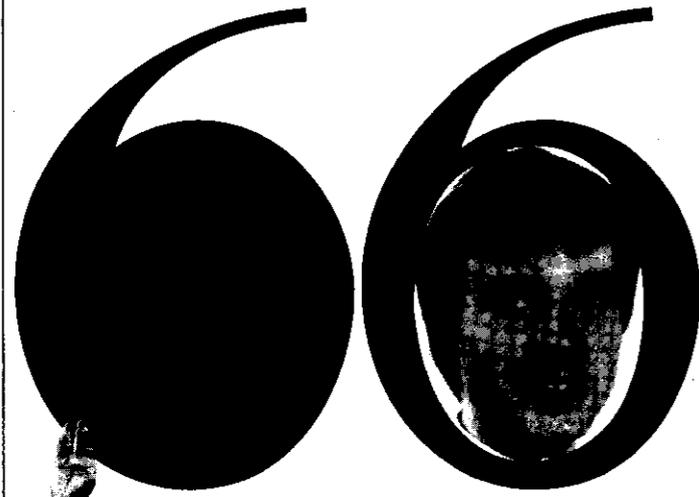
No football team can stand still because it generates its own success and has to maintain an "ongoing process" to reach the time when it can prove itself or otherwise. There will always be setbacks and difficulties—many seen as well as a number unforeseen—but in the end it has to win much more than it loses to have made all of the effort worthwhile.



I have always been in the business of totally committing myself to having a successful club—in all departments—that commitment has not changed—and it never will.
Best wishes

Graham Taylor

Watford



NEWFINDER



THE West German side beaten by Italy in the 1982 World Cup Final are best remembered for their route to the Final. After their first match in Spain ended, astonishingly, in defeat by unfancied Algeria, it took a highly dubious single-goal victory over Austria to see them through to the tournament's second stage. Algeria protested, not without justification, that the result has been fixed. The incident bears repetition because of similar allegations from Rumania following the recent goalless draw between England and Northern Ireland at Wembley; the precious point they gained that night was sufficient to see the Irish through to Mexico at the Rumanians' expense.

Yet anyone who witnessed England's siege of the Irish goal at that match would dismiss such speculation as nonsense. The Irish earned their ticket to Mexico with a plucky defensive display and some inspired goalkeeping from their veteran former Watford 'keeper Pat Jennings. England's finishing was indifferent—but bearing in mind that Bobby Robson's selection plans for Mexico are far from settled, no-one could

Hoping to be Mexico bound is Watford's John Barnes. He's seen here evading Rumania's Ladislav Boloni in the 0-0 draw in Bucharest last May. You could say John's taken a load off Boloni!

(Photo: Bob Thomas Sports Photography)

Another Watford player in action, but in rather unhappy circumstances. Mark Hateley's shot threads past John McClelland in England's 1-0 win in Belfast last February.

(Photo: Bob Thomas Sports Photography)

be faulted for effort.

So with two of the four home international sides already Mexico-bound, and only one hurdle left for Scotland to clear, the UK will be well represented in the Finals once again—in contrast to 1974 and 1978, when the Scots were the only British side to make it.

Inevitably, much will be expected of Bobby Robson's side—despite the fact that next year marks the 20th anniversary of England's only World Cup success, when the Final was held at Wembley in 1966. In many ways, that triumph was counter-productive for the domestic game; certainly, it raised public expectations too high. Sir Alf Ramsey's outstanding 1970 team were unlucky to lose to West Germany in Leon, but Ramsey's failure to qualify in 1974 and the similar shortcomings of the Revie/Greenwood side in 1978 brought English football to its lowest-ever point internationally. Fortunately, Ron Greenwood's spell in charge restored a sense of dignity to the national team: and his achievement in qualifying for Spain was all the greater for the fact that his was the first English side to

qualify for the finals on merit since 1962.

When taking over from Greenwood, Bobby Robson inherited a capable, workmanlike England side that only just missed out on a semi-final place in Spain. Several senior players seemed unlikely to fit in with his long-term plans, however—of course, Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking have now retired from the game, while Mick Mills and Steve Coppell are now in charge at Stoke and Crystal Palace respectively. Of the others, Shilton, Robson, Sansom and Butcher must surely be first-choice in their respective positions; Ray Wilkins, who played against Northern Ireland, is undoubtedly in the reckoning still, but may lose out to Peter Reid once Everton's midfield general regains full fitness. The Arsenal strikers Paul Mariner and Tony Woodcock have served England well in the past, but, as with Sampdoria's Trevor Francis, will find it difficult to warrant a place alongside younger men such as Gary Lineker, Mark Hateley and Chris Waddle.

England skipper Bryan Robson clashes with Finland's Pasi Rautiainen during England's 5-0 Wembley win in October.

(Photo: Bob Thomas Sports Photography)

With Terry Butcher partnered by West Ham's talented but injury-prone Alvin Martin, it can be argued that England have a more solid centre-back partnership than the alternative Fenwick/Wright combination. A midfield comprising Bryan Robson, Peter Reid and the vastly-improved Glenn Hoddle would be intensely competitive and inventive enough to feed Lineker and Hateley, with Waddle, John Barnes or Trevor Steven playing wide. Add Peter Shilton in goal, Sansom and Everton's Gary Stevens at full-back and you have a balanced, talented team which



compares favourably alongside the very best in Europe. And bearing in mind that host nation Mexico are unlikely winners and that Brazil, who won there in 1970, are currently fielding a far inferior international eleven, there is every chance that a European nation may lift the trophy in South America for the first time ever.

As for Northern Ireland, only weeks ago it seemed impossible that they would qualify—yet they've made it, with that dramatic victory in Bucharest and a backs-to-the-wall defensive display at Wembley. Their second successive appearance in the

Gary Lineker is held in check here by Turkish defender Abdul Kerim. But Lineker got away often enough to net a hat-trick in the 5-0 win last month.

(Photo: Bob Thomas Sports Photography)

Finals will add a dash of romance to the proceedings, all the more so following their exhilarating performances in Spain, where former Watford striker Gerry Armstrong played such a prominent role. The side's defensive qualities are obvious—as are its shortcomings in going forward. Much will depend on the form of Norman Whiteside and veteran midfield stars Martin O'Neill and Sammy McIlroy, while the return of John McClelland will strengthen the defence.

The outcome of Scotland's two-leg play-off with Australia was still undecided as this programme went to press, although they hold a 2-0 first leg lead, but with players of the calibre of Graham Souness, Gordon Strachan and Kenny Dalglish, the Scots should not only brush aside the Australian challenge, but make a significant impact in Mexico as

well. The highly impressive track records of Aberdeen and Dundee United in Europe prove that the Scots can handle top quality opposition at club level—and there's a healthy proportion of home-based talent in the national side. Certainly there is no-one better qualified than Alex Ferguson to



It was 0-0 at Wembley ten days ago, but a fiercely competitive match, as this duel between N. Ireland's Ian Stewart and England's Ray Wilkins shows.

(Photo: Bob Thomas Sports Photography)

succeed the late Jock Stein and lead the Scots in Mexico.

England's success in 1966 had an invigorating effect on the domestic game and, for the following six seasons, reversed the long-term downward trend in League attendance. If the England side—and Scotland, and Northern Ireland—can recapture public imagination in Mexico then the long-term implications for League football can only be good.



WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN

TODAY is the sixth occasion Watford and Luton have lined up against each other this year. The previous five meetings include a twice replayed FA Cup fifth round FA Cup-tie in March, a League fixture and a friendly earlier this season to celebrate Luton's centenary. These five fix-

tures have seen three draws and a win for each side, so it's a fair assessment to say that the sides are evenly matched, a description reflected in current League positions, with the Hatters 11th and the Hornets 12th. Luton's League form has been steady of late, for they've only

lost twice in their last eight matches, and one of those defeats was a creditable 3-2 defeat at Liverpool. Recent wins have included a 7-0 demolition job on Southampton, a match in which Brian Stein grabbed a hat-trick, and two weeks ago Luton travelled to Spurs and took away all three points after a 3-1 win. Last Saturday, however, they slipped up with a somewhat surprising 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Coventry City.

However, the Hatters have bowed out of the Milk Cup, with a 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Cup holders Norwich City in round three.

In goal that night, as he has been since later September was **Les Sealey**, previously with Coventry City. Sealey has displaced **Andy Dibble**, who cost a tribunal-set £125,000 from Cardiff City at the start of last season.



The above Trade Card was issued by Lamberts of Norwich in 1958. It was one of a series of 25 cards that depicted football club badges and colours of the time.

At right-back the uncompromising **Tim Breacker** has been the regular choice this term, although **Rob Johnson** has made a couple of outings at no. 2. Johnson has twice been currently struck down by knee ligament injuries and is now hoping to climb back into the first team scene.

Johnson has also played once in the centre of defence, but that is the usual preserve of skipper **Steve Foster**, a colleague of Watford's Neil Smillie who the two were at Brighton. Alongside Foster is the cultured **Mal Donaghy**, a Northern Ireland international with more than 20 caps.

Luton have central defensive cover in the forms of **Paul Elliott**, apparently unsettled at the club, and **Stacey North**, a long throw specialist.

At left back **Mitchell Thomas** is the first choice and has recently returned to the side after a suspension following a sending off

lock was broken in the 26th minute when **Mitchell Thomas** brought down **Luther Blissett** in the Luton penalty area. Blissett promptly slammed the penalty home. Luton came close with an angled effort from **Mick Harford** seven minutes later, but Watford ended the half with a Callaghan header that looped just over.

A more confident Watford took the second half initiative, culminating in a fine goal 15 minutes from time. **Tony Coton** punted upfield to **Blissett** who released **Nigel Callaghan**, who sent a vicious 25-yard drive into the

net. A minute from time **Luther Blissett** took his season's goal tally to 22 when he scored from close in after a one-two between **Jimmy Gilligan** and **John Barnes**.

Watford: Coton, Bardsley, Rostron, Taylor, Terry, McClelland, Callaghan, Blissett, Gilligan, Jackett, Barnes. Sub: Porter (not used).

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Parker, Preece. Sub: Nwajiobi for Parker (84 mins).

Ref: T. Spencer (Salisbury).

OUR LAST LEAGUE ENCOUNTER

Watford v. Luton
March 19th, 1985
Score: Won 3-0
Scorers: Blissett 2 (1 pen), Callaghan
Attendance: 14,411

THIS win was doubly welcome for the Hornets. First, because it gained some revenge for the FA Cup defeat by Luton 10 days earlier. Secondly, it gave Watford some breathing space out of the relegation zone while putting Luton temporarily in the bottom three.

Few chances were created early on, but the dead-

Back row, from left: Mark Stein, Rob Johnson, Ricky McEvoy, Stacey North, Mark North, Ray Daniel, David Preece, Marcus Tuite. Middle row: John Moore, Emeka Nwajiobi, Tim Breacker, Les Sealey, Paul Elliott, Andy Dibble, Mick Harford, Mitchell Thomas, John Faulkner. Front row: Trevor Hartley, Gary Parker, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, David Pleat (Manager), Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, John Sheridan. Seated on grass: Ian Scott, Gary Cobb, John Kennedy, Aaron Tighe, Richard Harvey, Paul Lewis, Matthew Bowden, Duncan Berry, Marvin Johnson, Sean Farrell.



at Oxford. During his absence **Rob Johnson** plugged the gap, although **Ashley Grimes** is another possible deputy in any left-sided position.

Looking at Luton's midfield brings Welsh cap **Peter Nicholas** to mind. Nicholas, formerly of Arsenal and C. Palace, plays on the right of midfield, with the elegant **Ricky Hill** filling the central role. A Hatter since schooldays, Hill scored the goal that put Luton one up against Everton in last season's FA semi-final.

On the left of midfield and/or attack is **David Preece**, a former Walsall teammate of **Lee Sinnott's**. Preece joined Luton in a

deal that also took **Steve Elliott** to Walsall. Another midfield option is **Ray Daniel**, a product of Luton's youth side, as is **Gary Parker**, still only 20 years old.

Up front, the line is led by the rangy **Mick Harford**, who cost a club record £250,000 from Birmingham City 12 months ago. Feeding off Harford is **Brian Stein**, who was signed from non-League Edgware in 1977. Also plucked from the non-League game was **Emeka Nwajiobi**, who is a Nigerian international.

Understudy up front is **Mark North**, a player who started his career as a goalkeeper but who successfully made the transition outfield.

LOOK OUT FOR



EMEKA NWAJIOBI

University graduate **Emeka** will long be remembered by **Watford** fans. For he scored the 76th minute goal that brought **Luton** back into contention in last season's **Watford v. Luton FA Cup fifth round replay**. Striker **Emeka** came into professional football relatively late and at the age of 26 is still a few games short of 50 full appearances. But he's certainly not short on skill and pace and has only missed one game this season. Luton record: Appearances: 43 + 10 as sub; Goals: 14.



(Photo: Martin Dalton)

ACTION PROFILE



COLIN WEST

AFTER scoring 13 goals in 19 games since joining Watford in March, Colin recently hit a lean patch. Could he pinpoint any reasons for this?

"Goalscoring goes in patches, but away from home we weren't playing particularly well and so we weren't creating many chances," says Colin. "But before I scored recently against Newcastle, I had had two goals disallowed—one at Everton when John Barnes was apparently off-side and at home to Manchester City, when the referee blew up for pushing."

"Scoring against Newcastle was very gratifying for several reasons. Firstly, because they were the old rivals of my previous club, Sunderland, and also because it was nice to score against George Reilly's side. Not just because I replaced him at Watford, but also because George and I have got a friendly bet on as to who will score the most

goals this season."

But who are the toughest defenders Colin has faced this season?

"The two who come to mind are Kevin Ratcliffe of Everton and Johnny Metgod of Nottingham Forest. Metgod doesn't normally play at the back but he was very effective there when we played them."

But getting back to goals, which Watford goal has given Colin the most satisfaction?

"My third against WBA in August," he says. "It gave me my first hat-trick in senior football."



LOOKING BACK . . .

Here's Colin at the age of 11 in the football strip of his junior school.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: November 13, 1962

Age: 23

Place of birth: Wallsend, Tyneside

Height: 6' 1½"

Weight: 14st 0lbs

Date signed for Watford: March 28, 1985

Signed from: Sunderland

Transfer fee: £115,000

First team appearances: (goals in brackets): League:

28 (14); Milk Cup: 2 + 1;

Total: 30 + 1 (14)

Goals: 14

First appeared for

Watford: v. QPR (Div 1),

March 30, 1985

International appearances:

None

Other clubs (appearances,

goals): Sunderland (100 + 19

as sub, 28)

Playing position: Striker

ACTION REPLAY

◀ John Barnes gets behind the Villa defence to wing in a first half cross in the 1-1 draw.

(Photo: Andrew Wright, Watford Review)

▶ Nigel Callaghan takes on Villa's Tony Dorigo in the second period.

(Photo: Andrew Wright, Watford Review)

▼ Brian Talbot, far left, fires in a left-foot half-volley to make it one apiece. (Photo: Watford Observer)

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LEAGUE

Canon League Division One
v. Aston Villa, Saturday, November 9th, home
Score: Drew 1-1; Half-time: 0-1
Scorers: Watford: Talbot (48 mins); Villa: Gray (41 mins)
Attendance: 14,085
Watford: Coton, Gibbs, Rostron, Talbot, Terry, Sinnott, Callaghan, Blissett, West, Jackett, Barnes. Sub: Smillie for Blissett (71 mins).
Villa: Spink, Williams, Dorigo, Evans, Glover, Gibson, Daley, Stainrod, Gray, Hodge, Walters. Sub: Bradley (not used).
Ref: J. Martin (Hants)

Herts FA Centenary Match

v. Herts FA XI, Tuesday, November 12th, home
Score: Won 4-0; Half-time 2-0
Scorer: Allen 4
Attendance: 383
Watford: Sherwood, Bardsley, Rostron, Talbot, Franklin, Sinnott, Sterling, Allen, Blissett, Lohman, Porter. Subs: Coton for Sherwood, Smillie for Sterling, Roberts for Blissett (all 70 mins)
Herts FA: Markwick, Paradise, K. Thomas, Garrinni, Hull, Fountain, Harthill, Lindsay, Hardy, Newbury, M. Thomas. Subs: Dockery for Fountain (40 mins), Driver for Harthill (half-time), Blight for Lindsay (70 mins), Cardines for M. Thomas (80 mins), Luff (not used).

N.B. Watford scores are given first in scorelines on these pages and teams are reproduced in 1-12 order.



▲ Debut boy Malcolm Allen takes a tumble at West Ham.

(Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



◀ David Bardsley, making his first appearance for the first team this season, makes a probing run forward, but his progress is hindered by the Hammers' Steve Walford.

(Photo: Watford Observer)

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LEAGUE

v. West Ham United, Saturday, November 16th, away
Score: Lost 1-2; Half-time: 0-10
Scorers: West Ham: McAvennie (27 mins), Ward (55); Watford: Sterling (66 mins)
Attendance: 21,490
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Walford, Gale, Martin, Devonshire, Ward, McAvennie, Dickens, Cottee, Orr. Sub: Parris (not used)
Watford: Coton, Bardsley, Rostron, Talbot, Terry, Sinnott, Sterling, Allen, Barnes, Jackett, Porter. Sub: Smillie for Porter (75 mins)
Ref: H. Taylor (Leics.)

JUNIOR PLAYBACK

South East Counties League
v. West Ham Utd, Saturday, November 9th, home
Score: Drew 4-4; Half-time: 2-2
Scorers: Watford: Bearman 2, Sherwood, O'Brien (og); West Ham: Mayes 3 (1 pen), Walker
Attendance: 35 (est)
Watford: Griffith, Evans, Lowe, Sherwood, D. G. Holdsworth, Walters, Bearman, Doherty, Davies, Thorne.

Football Combination
v. Ipswich Town, Tuesday, November 5th, away
Score: Won 1-0; Half-time: 0-0
Scorer: Allen
Attendance: 228
Ipswich: Hallworth, O'Donnell, Crane, Humes, Steggles, Butcher, Stockwell, Rimmer, Gorman, Parkin, Cleghorn. Sub: Sankey for Butcher (84 mins)
Watford: S. Sherwood, Bardsley, T. Sherwood, Taylor, D. G. Holdsworth, Powell, Sterling, Allen, Roberts, Porter, Smillie. Sub: Thorne (not used).

v. Queens Park Rangers, Saturday, November 9th, away
Score: Won 3-1; Half-time: 2-0
Scorers: QPR: Rosenior; Watford: Allen 2, Porter
QPR: Hucker, Munde, Channing, Davis, Rosenior, Kerlake, Scott, Cooper, Carter, Peacock, Westley. Sub: Costello (not used).
Watford: Sherwood, Bardsley, Pullan,

ACTION IN RESERVE

Taylor, Powell, Franklin, Sterling, Allen, Roberts, Lohman, Porter. Sub: Andrews (not used).

v. Luton Town, Saturday, November 16th, home
Score: Lost 1-4; Half-time: 1-3
Scorers: Watford: Callaghan; Luton Town: Daniel (pen), M. North, Oldfield, Cobb
Attendance: 1,053
Watford: S. Sherwood, Gibbs, Pullan, Taylor, Baker, Franklin, Callaghan, Richardson, Blissett, Lohman, Thorne. Sub: T. Sherwood for Thorne (25 mins).
Luton: Dibble, Johnson, Grimes, McEvoy, Elliott, S. North, Oldfield, Stein, M. North, Daniel, Cobb. Sub: Black (not used).

Dixon. Subs: Eaton for Dixon (half-time), Das for Evans (60 mins)
West Ham: Lake, Walker, Sprain, Rose, Wheelband, O'Brien, Ince, Livett, Dolan, Dutton, Mayes. Subs: Cummins for O'Brien (64 mins), Dhafur for Rose (half-time)

South East Counties League Cup (Second Round)
v. Chelsea, Saturday, November 16th, away
Score: Drew: 0-0
Attendance: 34 (est)
Chelsea: Fridge, Hall, Graham, Cundy, Bodley, McCarthy, Chann, Dodds, Feltham, Morris, O'Boyle. Sub: Burn (not used), no second sub.
Watford: Griffith, Barden, Andrews, Sherwood, Roberts, D. C. Holdsworth, Bearman, Doherty, Davies, Potter, Dixon. Subs: Evans for Pot-

ter (42 mins), Richardson for Dixon (50 mins)

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup (Second Round Replay)
v. Brighton, Monday, November 18th, home
Score: Lost: 1-3; Half-time: 1-1
Scorers: Watford: Roberts; Brighton: Smith, Massimo, Gipp
Watford: Griffith, Barden, Pullan, Sherwood, D. G. Holdsworth, Walters, Doherty, D. C. Holdsworth, Roberts, Thorne, Andrews. Subs: Bearman for Andrews, Davies for Doherty (both 60 mins).
Brighton: Wood, Edwards, Spinks, Dobinson, Newman, Lovell, Smith, Palmer, Massimo, Gipp, Carter. Subs: Arscott, Adamson (not used).

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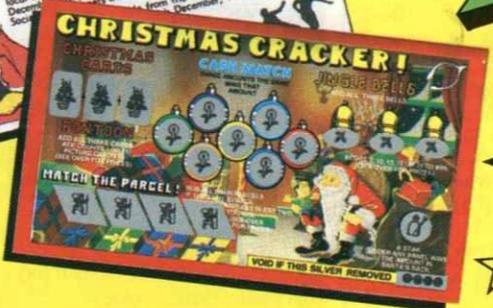
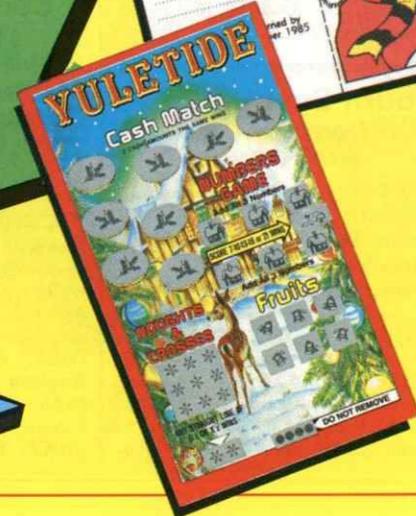
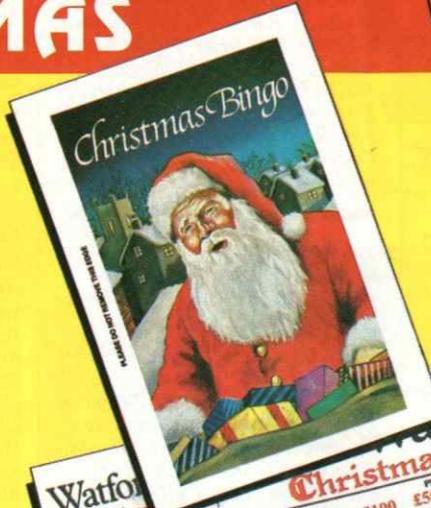
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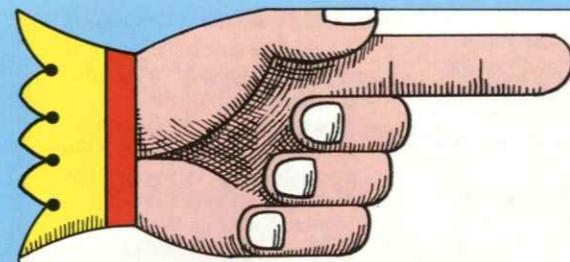
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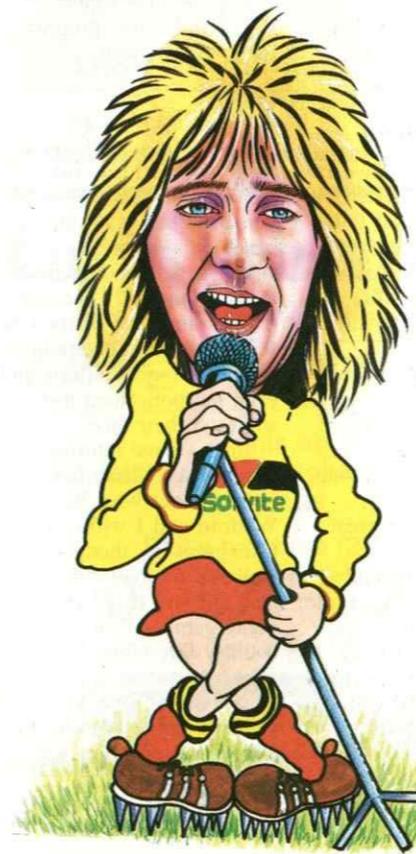
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TALENT SPOT

All the "Talent Spot" answers are on page 22 of this programme.



2. MAGIC SQUARE

Put a difference number in each square so that if you add up a set of three horizontally, vertically or diagonally, the answer will be 15.

a	b	c
d	5	e
f	g	h



1. Were Watford and Luton members of the 1941 London League?

3.

Spot the difference. See how many differences you can find in the two adjacent pictures.



4.

In 1974 world famous pop star Rod Stewart played for Watford Football Club here at Vicarage Road. True or false?



5. If a player in an inside position takes a shot at goal and it is going wide until it hits the referee and deflects into goal what should the referee do?

**FIRST
CLASS**

Lost and found

I found laying in Harwoods Road a cap with three Watford badges from different eras on my way home from the match against Oxford on Saturday October 26th. I am sure as a supporter that someone would be pleased to have this returned.

The owner can contact me at my home address and I will be more than happy to arrange for their cap to be returned.

M. G. Surridge,
58 Wick Avenue,
Wheatthamsted, Herts.

Pen pal wanted

We have received the following request for a pen pal:

Marek Kukuta,
78-600 Waycz, Skt Pocz 68
Poland
(Young boy from Poland who would like to correspond with Watford supporters).

Your letters are welcomed and should be addressed to:
"First Class Mail"
Watford FC,
Vicarage Road Stadium,
Watford WD1 8ER.

A winning run

I am a loyal fan and I am a season ticket holder. I recently looked through an old programme and I found out that out of the 17 Watford matches I have been to I have a record of never seeing Watford lose, but the recent match against QPR on October 29th, I saw Watford go down 1-0 and ended my winning sequence.

It as a very sad night for me and my record of never seeing Watford lose had ended.

Russell Kingsnorth,
Bletchley, Milton Keynes
●So Russell had seen 17 matches without seeing Watford lose. Can you beat that record run? If so, please write to The Programme Editor at the address on this page.

Keeping in touch

Could you please get me in touch with another Junior Hornet, who is around 13, and goes to watch Watford regularly? Could you also tell me if there is any other way to keep in touch with Watford, since I live so far away?

Conor Guinan,
Church Street, Ferbane,
Co. Offaly, Eire.
●Please contact Conor direct if you want to be his Junior Hornet pen pal. When we replied to Conor we

suggested he take out a postal subscription to the programme to keep in touch with events at Vicarage Road. If you have a friend or relative who follows Watford from afar why not suggest they take out a postal subscription to the programme? At this time of year it could make an ideal Christmas present. For full details, phone the Marketing Department on Watford (0923) 25761.

Want to swop?

I am an Ipswich supporter and I have 60 or so Ipswich programmes covering the "glory years" of the "Town between 1978-82 which I

would like to exchange for a similar number of Watford programmes. All the programmes are either mint or very good condition. I am also interested in exchanging home programmes on a regular basis, as Watford have been my "second team" since the Division Four days when I saw them lose to a dubious Micky Packer penalty at Colchester in the mid 70's. Anyone interested should contact me by post at the address below.

Mark Marrable,
20a Gippeswyk Avenue,
Ipswich, Suffolk IP2 9AD
P.S. I can also supply Colchester home programmes on a regular basis.

A JP writes

I was at the match between Watford and Manchester City earlier this month and felt I must write to you to express my feelings at the enjoyment I got from a wonderful afternoon of First Division soccer.

The game was good, the atmosphere was good and the sun was out all afternoon. I could see very much indeed just how Watford are trying to get that great family feeling back into our great game of soccer.

Other soccer clubs and soccer crowds will learn a lot by visiting Watford, a real community club, birthday wishes over the scoreboard, bands and penalty shoot outs, there's just no time for anyone to think about anything else but what's happening on the pitch. A free programme if you sit in

the main stand, a great gesture. Not a dirty shout from the Watford crowd, it took me back many years when football was safe to watch as a family.

Many, many congratulations to the Manager, Directors, players and staff of the Club for a first class entertaining value for money afternoon, even the policemen had a smile on their face.

Since I have returned to Manchester I have told many people about what happens at Watford and I will continue to express my thoughts of a well run football club. May I also tell you that I get to many games all over the country throughout a season as a Manchester football administrator who sits on the Council of the Manchester Football Association.

A. J. Grafton,
Justice of the Peace
Gorton, Manchester.

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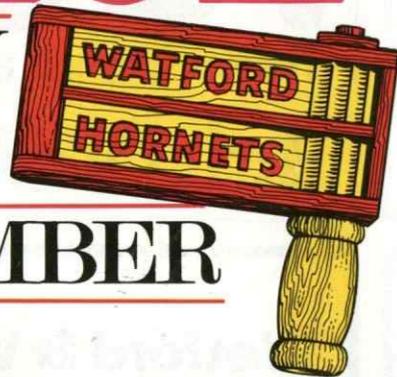
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1974-75



THERE was the usual flush of optimism in August 1974. The Hornets had made a fair showing the previous season; the downhill slide had been arrested and there were thoughts about a return to Division Two.

After all, there were many signs of happier days. The GRA were expecting to move into Vicarage Road, paying a high rental and contemplating the building of a stand-restaurant extension. And Elton John had joined the Board and donated the proceeds of a Vicarage Road pop concert to the Club.

Manager Mike Keen had signed Bobby Downes from Rochdale, and former Luton pivot Ken Goodeve was set to team up with another ex-Hatter, Alan Garner. Downes was mistakenly signed as a left-back but it soon transpired that he was happier as a midfielder man on the left side.

We did not know that then, so there was the general belief that the new signings had strengthened a defence behind a front line that had already proved itself a handful in Division Three.

Opposition Managers tipped the

Hornets for promotion while the bookies reckoned Watford would just miss out. Personally, I rated the promotion chances as being high but we were all to be proved very wrong.

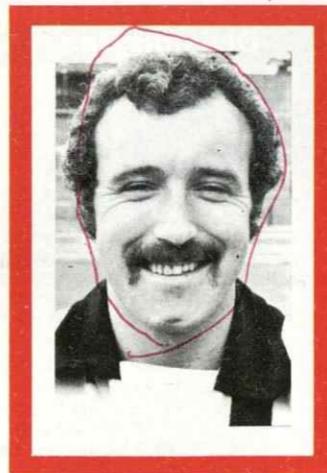
First came the announcement of a £42,000 loss on the previous campaign; then the arrival of a new Director, Vic Lewis, and the GRA, who revealed they would neither be paying as much as anticipated nor building any extensions at Vicarage Road. Watford's Directors were soon to attend the greyhound concern's creditors' meeting.

The season however had one high spot; a magnificent game at home to Preston that August, which, together with a later five-goal win over Doncaster one Vicarage Road night, must have been the best examples of all that Mike Keen strived for and seldom achieved as Manager.

Watford line-up for the 1974-75 season. Tipped for promotion, they were unfortunately relegated—but how many can you name from 11 years ago? (Photo: Watford Observer)



In the "history" pages of this season's programme, we take a random look back at particular seasons in Watford's past, also featuring other events in the world at the same time. Today we continue, with Oliver Phillips, Sports Editor of the Watford Observer looking at 1974-75.



Pat Morrissey—a front-runner who left for Aldershot in 1974-75. (Photo: Watford Observer)

But the early promise was soon dissipated. Watford sold Billy Jennings for £110,000 that September to West Ham.

Jennings, who did not number among the bravest or most industrious strikers, could be replaced by a courageous workhorse without any loss in momentum, it was argued.

Watford tried this for several months and found that the courage and industry were not enough because replacements for Jennings were unable to score goals in any numbers.

Keen, having played some of his final games as a centre-half, had found a certain opponent a handful and somehow ascribed the fact to the prowess of the striker rather than to his own declining athleticism. He tried to sign this striker without immediate success.

Soon after Jennings was sold, Pat Morrissey left for Aldershot, leaving the Club bereft of a player with the proven ability to get more than a dozen goals a season.

Yet even in dark days, there are a few silver linings. Keen signed

Roger Joslyn and Alan Mayes, who, together with the already-secured Garner and Downes, were to become leading players in happier days.

However Watford faded into mediocrity that season and the relegation threat grew like a gradual cancer. Keen quit as player and finally got his man—the striker he had so long fancied; Brian Greenhalgh.

The signing was not a success. There was talk of Tom Walley returning and there was a badly broken leg for Laurie Craker—an injury which limited his future football horizons.

Suddenly it was a fight to the death and one sad night at home to Walsall, the Hornets bade farewell to Division Three.

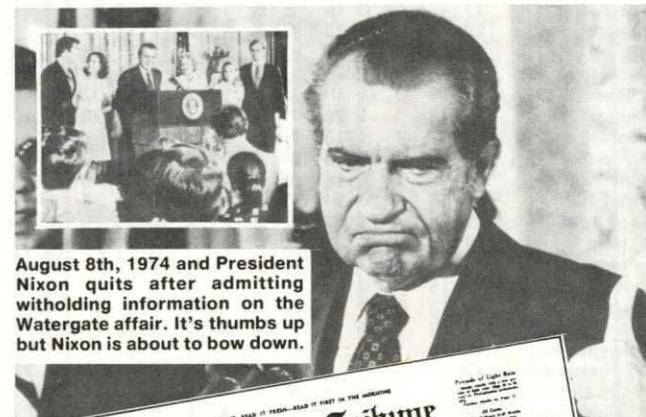
Chairman Jim Bonser stressed that he would not resign; Keen offered Ross Jenkins up on the transfer list for £15,000 and all the blame for the debacle was heaped on the head of coach Duggie Woodfield, as Watford became probably the first club to be relegated and sack their coach as a result.

One wonders how the crowd that night against Walsall would have reacted had they known that the club, moving heaven and earth to avoid the drop, had, for one of a handful of time in the club's history, made a profit. Relegated and in profit!

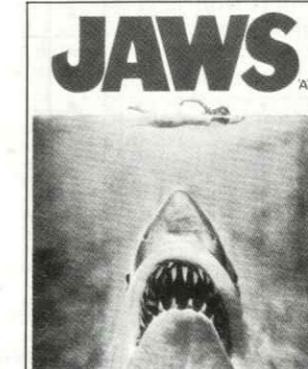
The one hopeful factor was a statement by Director Elton John. "I intend to become more involved," he said, but he was unable to find a way for a further two years.

Final record:
P W D L F A Pts
46 10 17 19 52 75 37
League position: 23rd

Elsewhere in the world...



August 8th, 1974 and President Nixon quits after admitting withholding information on the Watergate affair. It's thumbs up but Nixon is about to bow down.



Poster for Jaws, a film about a killer shark, 1975.

April 1975 and the Vietnam War finally ends as Saigon surrenders to the "communist" Vietcong. America had pulled out two years previously from a war that began in 1946 and cost 50,000 American lives.

BYGONE HITS:
THE 1974-75 season began with Carl Douglas' "King Fu Fighting" at the top of the charts. Before Christmas, David Essex made it to the top with "Gonna Make You A Star", while the Yuletide no. 1 was "Lonely This Christmas" by Mud. The New Year saw Status Quo in the top slot with "Down Down", and in March Telly Savalas talked his way to the top with "If". Next at no. 1 was "Bye Bye Baby" by the Bay City Rollers, which chart-topped for six weeks.

WATFORD

1. Tony Coton
2. David Bardsley
3. Wilf Rostron
4. Brian Talbot
5. Steve Terry
6. Lee Sinnott
7. Worrell Sterling
8. Malcolm Allen
9. John Barnes
10. Kenny Jackett
11. Gary Porter

Sub: *SPILLIE*

LUTON TOWN

1. Les Sealey
2. Tim Breacker
3. Mitchell Thomas
4. Mal Donaghy
5. Steve Foster
6. Peter Nicholas
7. Ricky Hill
8. Brian Stein
9. Mick Harford
10. Emeka Nwajobi
11. David Preece

Sub: *DANIEL*

Half-time:

Full-time:

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Gilbert Naphine (Leices)

Linesmen: G. Butland (Chelmsford—red flag)

N. P. Leslie (Worthing—yellow flag)

Reserve Official: B. R. Carter

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