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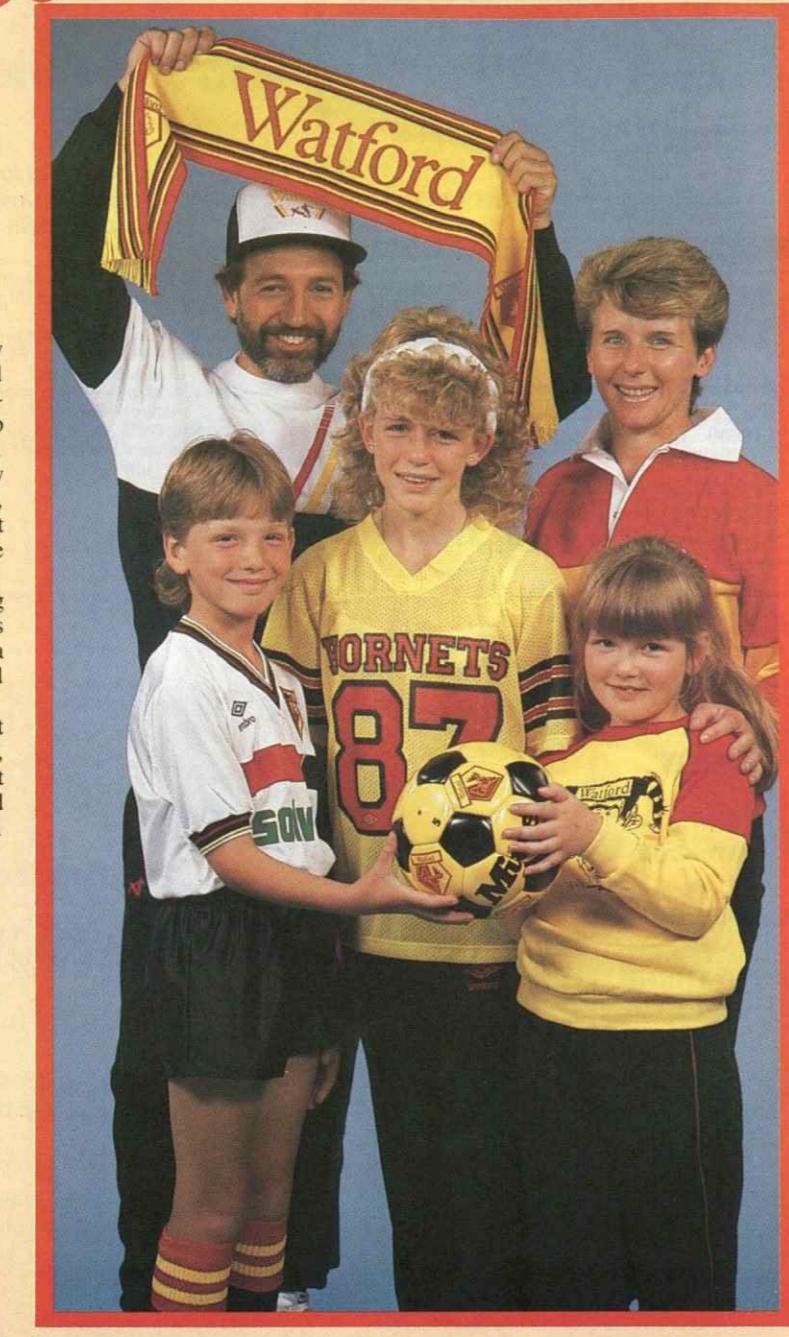
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"RUMOURS AND FACTS"

I HAVE always appreciated that all of you who have an interest in the club would like to know as much as possible as to what actually does go on in the "inside".

Of course, unless you are actually involved on a day to day basis it is impossible to have this information. Consequently, you have to rely upon what you read and hear, but if you believe everything you have read and heard in the last three weeks, I can well understand you thinking "what on earth is happening".

All I can tell you is that the newspaper that is most up to date and usually is most factually correct is the *Watford Observer*, followed closely by the local free papers.

We try to give a different type of information in our programme, and as we only print for every home game we are of course somewhat limited.

Having said that, there are still many things that have to remain confidential—even a day in football can change so many positives into a negative—and vice versa!

I am usually quite happy to release information that is authentic, but to continually speculate only produces uncertainty and rumour and our national press are experts at that!

So many rumours prevail and

they are "made", in order that they become "news".

This club tries to give you the true facts as quickly as possible, and you will get them locally rather than nationally.

This is another way of us trying to retain our own identity, and dealing with people whom we trust and who we know care for the club and its well-being, and yet at the same time retain a right and prerogative to criticise.

From time to time "outsiders" will try to upset us—then we stick together and show a united front.

Best wishes

Graham Taylor

Watford
THE FRIENDLY FOOTBALL CLUB





VIEWFINDER

"Football Friends" is here again—and the second year of this community football scheme has now been launched. Last year the scheme saw more than 600 local children take part in friendly football matches throughout the area, and based on that success this year's scheme has been extended to include the areas covered by the Dacorum Borough Council and the Three Rivers District Council. All the information on this year's "Football Friends" tournament is on these pages . . .

Presentation time after one of the Grand Finals of "Football Friends" last year.
(Photo: Watford Observer)



What is "Football Friends"?

"Football Friends" is a seven-a-side football tournament, **not** a competition, for boys and girls. Its main aim is to give local children, who may not otherwise get the chance, to play friendly football matches, away from the cut and thrust of local League football.

The spirit of the competition is summed up by the fact that irrespective of whether a participant is in a team that is knocked out in the early stages, or in the Final, he or she receives the same prizes. There is no trophy, and no winners or losers—everybody is encouraged to play for the sheer fun and pleasure of the game of football.

About this year's scheme

Because of the success of last year's scheme, and the interest generated, this year's "Football Friends" has not only been extended geographically, but the age range of participants has also been extended.

This means that this year's tournament will be split into three age groups—junior, intermediate and senior. The **Junior** age group is for boys and girls aged 9, 10 or 11 on September 1st, 1987. The **Intermediate** section is for boys and girls aged either 12 or 13 on September 1st 1987. The **Senior** age group is for boys only aged either 14 or 15 on September 1st 1987.

In the junior and intermediate age groups, all the teams must include two girls.

The geographical extension of the scheme means that children from all the following areas are eligible: Watford, Oxhey, Rickmansworth, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring—and all areas in between!

How will the tournament be run?

Round One will be on a League basis in parks within the locality of the participating teams. These games will be played on weekday evenings during June and July, and because it's not on a knock-out basis, every team is guaranteed more than one game.

Round Two will take the form of area finals, which will be played on a knock-out basis.

Round Three will consist of knock-out Finals nights, which will be held at Watford Football Club, pre-season commitments permitting.

Lastly come the **Grand Finals**, which will be held before a Watford first team fixture next season.

How do I enter a team?

Simply be filling out an application form (a list of where to pick up a form is elsewhere on these pages), and returning it to either the Watford or Hemel Hempstead Police Stations. The addresses of these Police Stations are on the entry form.

Every team must have an adult manager, and as last year, a managers' meeting will be called prior to the tournament, and a full fixture list will be distributed, and any queries answered.



Local girls bring their own skill and flair to Vicarage Road for one of the 1986 "Football Friends" Grand Finals.
(Photo: Watford Observer)

Where to pick up an entry form:

Police Stations at: Watford Central, North Watford, Oxhey, Rickmansworth, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted or Tring. Or from your Neighbourhood Officer, whose name, if you don't know it, you can get from your local Police Station.

Leisure Centres at Watford and Hemel Hempstead.

Town Halls at Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Watersmeet, Rickmansworth and at the Abbots Langley Parish Council Office.

Watford Football Club—from the Hornet Shop and the Marketing Department during the week and the Matchday Information Centre on matchdays.

The closing date for entries is **Monday, June 22nd, 1987**.

What do the participants receive?

Every "Football Friend" will be given a tournament badge and specially-struck medal, a selection of Wander Foods products (Ovaltine, drinking chocolate etc.) and a free ticket to Watford's Family Terrace for a first team match next season. There will be other free gifts as well.

**BECOME A
"FOOTBALL FRIEND"
THIS SUMMER!**

Who's behind "Football Friends"?

Apart from Watford Football Club and the Hertfordshire Constabulary, all the following organisations are involved with "Football Friends":

The **Watford Borough Council, Dacorum Borough Council, Three Rivers District Borough Council** and the **Abbots Langley Parish Council**—who have granted the use of local parks and equipment as required.

The **Watford Chamber of Commerce and Industry** and the **Dacorum Chamber of Commerce**, who have sponsored the tournament medals.

Wander Foods of Kings Langley, who have sponsored the tournament badges in addition to providing free products.

The **South-West Hertfordshire Referees' Association** and the **St. John Ambulance Brigade** who are giving freely of their time to help run the scheme.

The **Sports Council, Eastern Region**, who have also donated badges and given the organisers stationery for use in the production of fixture lists etc.

Luton Town



THE Hatters are currently enjoying their best-ever season in the First Division and look set fair to beat the club's best showing in the top flight, which dates back to the 1957-58 season, when Luton finished in eighth place.

A win tonight would obviously keep them on course for that, and Luton come to tonight's match having won two of the four

League encounters at Vicarage Road since the Hatters and the Hornets were both promoted in 1982.

The other two matches were won by Watford, and all five encounters in the First Division at Kenilworth Road have also ended in results (Luton winning three and Watford two)—so it would appear that these local derbies are usually decisive. Watford

approach tonight's match as the only side to have won at Kenilworth Road this season, so have the prospect of their first-ever Division One 'double' over the Hatters.

Key man in Luton's bid to stop that happening tonight is 'keeper **Les Sealey**, who is the cousin of Alan Sealey, who scored the goals that won West Ham the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1964.

In the no. 2 shirt will probably be **Tim Breacker**, an England under-21 international. His left-back counterpart could be 17-year-old **Richard Harvey**, while **Rob Johnson**, who has played at left-back is determined to reclaim the right-back slot. The recently suspended **Ashley Grimes** can also play at left-back. Antwerp-born **Darron McDonough** is another defender, who, like Grimes, can also play in midfield.

The centre of defence is where the powerful **Steve Foster** captained the side until a knee injury forced him out. He is replaced by **Stacey North**, a former Luton Boys' captain, who will play alongside **Mal Donaghy**, a Northern Ireland colleague of Wat-

FROM TIMES GONE BY ...



The photograph of the Luton side on the left is relatively recent, but it will stir many a Watford memory, for it is the Luton squad that won the 1981-82 Second Division championship, with Watford also promoted as runners-up. In the two League encounters that season, Luton won 4-1 at Kenilworth Road in September, while the return at Vicarage Road in February finished 1-1.

Back row: Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Stacey North, Mick Small, Clive Goodyear, Frank Bunn, Billy Kellock, Paul Walsh. **Middle row:** John Moore (Coach), Richard Money, Mike Saxby, Andy Beasley, Jake Findlay, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Lilli Fucillo, Trevor Hartley (Coach). **Front row:** David Coates (Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton, David Pleat (Manager), David Moss, Brian Stein, Radi Antic, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist).



Back row, from left: Marcus Tuite, David Preece, Mark Stein, Emeka Nwajobi, Marc North, Ricky McEvoy, Rob Johnson.
Middle row: Jim Ryan (Coach), Tim Breacker, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Stacey North, Andy Dibble (now on loan at Huddersfield), Mike Newell, John Faulkner (Coach).
Front row: Ray Harford (Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, John Moore (Manager), Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, Dave Kirby (Physiotherapist).

ford's John McClelland.

The Luton midfield revolves around the industry of Welsh international **Peter Nicholas** and the skills of **Ricky Hill**, and Luton can also now call on **Robert Wilson**, signed from Fulham earlier this season. There's also **David Preece**, previously with Walsall to consider for a midfield berth, who's now back after injury.

Up front, Luton have an array of choices, but one regular name on the teamsheet is central striker **Mick Harford**, formerly with Birmingham City. Alongside him of late have been **Brian Stein**, plucked from non-League Edgware in 1977, and **Mike Newell**, signed from Wig-

Athletic last season. Brian's younger brother **Mark Stein** has also forced himself into the first team reckoning this season, and Nigerian international **Emeka Nwajobi** is a possibility, though his first team outings have been few this season.

FORMGUIDE

An analysis of our opponents' last six results (up to 11/4/87).

Score at:	15	30	HT	60	75	FT
Main Utd. (h)	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	
Norwich (a)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
So'ton (a)	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-3	
Spurs (h)	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	3-1
Wim'don (h)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
QPR (a)	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	

Goals scored between:

1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
2	1	1	1	0	2

Goals conceded between:

1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
2	0	0	0	2	3

Conclusion: Luton's defence tends to slacken in the last 30 minutes when they concede most of their goals.

LOOK OUT FOR PETER NICHOLAS

Not a player who receives a lot of publicity, and yet midfielder Peter is undoubtedly one of the main reasons for Luton's success in recent seasons, acting as anchor-man while the more easily-seen skills of Ricky Hill and others have caught the eye. Born in Newport, Gwent, Peter's career began as a Crystal Palace apprentice, where he returned after a spell at Arsenal. But Luton backed their faith in his First Division value with a cheque for £165,000 that brought him to Kenilworth Road in January 1985. Tough-tackling, he exemplifies the competitive facet of this Luton side.

Hatters' record: Appearances: 110; Goals: 1.

HORNETS NEWS & VIEWS

Elton John and Watford—the Chairman's viewpoint

WATFORD supporters will have read many and various reports on the apparent sale of his interest in the club by Elton John, the club Chairman.

Understandably, the Chairman has chosen not to comment personally to date, especially through channels where his words can be misinterpreted. However, this programme is the only official publication issued regularly by Watford Football Club, and as such, the Chairman now has the chance to be quoted accurately and forthrightly:

"There is no truth whatsoever in the rumours that I am even thinking about relinquishing my financial interest in the club I have supported since boyhood.

"I am heartily sick of certain sections of the British press at present, who seem to have little regard for the truth—and more regard for speculation.

"It's a sign of the times in the current world of journalism when people will stoop to printing false stories. To a certain extent it's understandable, because given the amount of national newspapers we currently have, it would appear that there just isn't enough real news to go around.

"I spent considerable time, effort and expense last year in using the tenth anniversary of my taking over as Chairman of Watford to do a very long interview in the 'Watford Observer'—the main reason for which was to hammer home my continued love and financial commitment to the club.

"Nothing has changed in that respect and nothing will."

Still time to book for Thorpe Park

WE still have a few spaces left for the Junior Hornets' trip to Thorpe Park on **Sunday, April 26th**. Full details were in last Tuesday's programme v. Chelsea, or you can get them tonight from Ann Swanson in the Family Enclosure, Kevin Ryder in the Family Terrace or from the Matchday Information Centre.

FA Cup Final ticket ballot

AS in previous seasons, Watford have a limited allocation of tickets for the FA Cup Final.

The tickets are terrace tickets price £6.00. The Final, between Coventry City and Tottenham Hotspur, is on **Saturday, May 16th**, kick-off 3.00 pm.

The ballot will be split among four sets of Watford supporters.

1. Seated season ticket holders: These supporters should apply by postcard, noting their block, row and seat number.

2. Terrace season ticket holders: Again we need postcards, noting the 'patron' number in the front of your season ticket book. That's the six figure number on the **left** of your surname.

3. Supporters Club nad/or Junior Hornets' members

(who are not season ticket holders): Please apply on a postcard noting your Supporters' Club/Junior Hornets' membership number.

4. Other supporters: We need a postcard with **three** corners of page 3 of Watford's home programmes this season. Watford have now played enough home games for you to have entered Fan Appreciation Day, the Littlewoods Cup Final ticket ballot and now the FA Cup Final ticket ballot.

Postcards only will be accepted and **every application** must include your home address and a daytime telephone number.

The closing date for entries to the ballot is first post **Tuesday, May 5th** and winners of the right to buy a ticket will be informed by 'phone and/or post. Entries should be sent to: "FA Cup Final Ticket Ballot", The Ticket Office, Watford FC, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford WD1 8ER.

New Marketing Manager

WATFORD'S new Marketing Manager is Chris Childs, who joins the club today.

Chris was formerly an Account Director of Advantage International, a worldwide sports marketing consultancy who represent more than 200 top sports personalities and specialise in the creation of sports marketing campaigns.

Prior to that, Chris was Assistant Marketing Manager of the Football League, and so comes to Watford with an insight into life behind the scenes at a League club. He also comes as a Watford supporter, having been a season ticket holder and



Chris Childs, Watford's new Marketing Manager.

followed the club since the age of 10.

"Having worked for the League where I had to be impartial, it will be nice to be able to show my 'true colours' at last," says Chris.

Fan Appreciation Day—the closing date is just **NINE** days away

ON **Thursday, April 30th**, entries will close for this year's Fan Appreciation Day.

It's Watford's third Fan Appreciation Day, an event unique in British football, and the day when the club says thank you to its supporters by giving away prizes, most donated by local companies.

Here's some of the prizes that will be on offer on the day, but between now and the day, more prizes will be added.

- ★ £250 worth of decorating products of your choice from Devals D.I.Y. store—donated by Solvite.
- ★ A trip in the Pritt hot-air balloon (see photograph).
- ★ A sports bike valued at £120—donated by 13 Cycles of Oxhey.
- ★ A Kenwood Chef electric food mixer.
- ★ A Krups tea/coffee maker.
- ★ A Krups coffee percolator.
- ★ A 30-piece crockery dinner set—donated by Allied Irish Banks.
- ★ A Tower Slo Cooker—donated by Allied Irish Banks.
- ★ A Draper Tools' tool kit.
- ★ Six hospitality packages at the Henley Regatta in July.
- ★ Stage Two Disco Party.
- ★ Two Philips electric kettles—donated by Celanese.
- ★ A year's supply of stationery—donated by DRG Envelopes.
- ★ A 'designer' Umbro tracksuit.

A full list of prizes will be given in the programme on May 2nd. On the day, all the Fan Appreciation Day cards will go into a drum and the prize draw will be made at 2.40 pm on the pitch. Even if you have sent in a card, you (or someone representing you) must be at the match to qualify for a prize.

The names pulled out of the hat will be announced on the day and listed on the scoreboard, with all the winners asked to come down onto the pitch at half-time. Then, as in previous years, letters relating to the prizes will be placed face down in the centre-circle (mud permitting!) and the winners will be asked to stand next to a letter and then at the given word asked to lift it up and reveal the prize they have won.

... and a free gift at the gate

Get here in good time on the day and you will receive a complimentary gift as you enter the stadium. The gift comes with the best wishes of Watford's sponsors, Solvite.

and there's more . . .

Before the game Watford's Junior Hornets will take on the Junior Saints in a penalty competition sponsored by Watford's sponsors Solvite and Southampton's sponsors, Draper Tools.

... and more . . .

If you are a Watford season ticket holder (terrace or seat) you can bring a friend FREE to the Fan Appreciation Day match against Southampton. We're asking you to bring a friend who has not been to Vicarage Road before so they can sample the atmosphere of the 'friendly club'.



A trip in the Pritt hot-air balloon—just one of many prizes on offer to Watford supporters on Fan Appreciation Day, Saturday May 2nd.

Free entry is gained by using 'Mystery Voucher 1' in the back of your season ticket book. Simply give it to a friend and he or she can just produce it at the turnstiles on the day and gain free entry. That's easy if you're a terrace season ticket holder, but if you are a seated season ticket holder, you can either just give your 'Mystery Voucher' to a friend to stand on the terraces or claim a £3.00 discount on a seat for the Southampton match.

To claim this £3.00 discount, you must purchase the seat between tonight and Thursday, April 30th.

Last season, we invited season ticket holders to bring a woman or child free, but this year we're saying it can be anyone—but we would like you to bring someone who has not been before or does not come to Watford regularly.

Lastly, on Fan Appreciation Day you will be handed a survey questionnaire that forms part of a research project the football club is undertaking with Leicester University. The survey is designed to canvass your views on the way you are treated at Watford—so it's the golden opportunity to air your views.

That's it folks—see you on May 2nd—the earlier the better!

One to go

WATFORD'S juniors have just one game left—and could still win the S.E. Counties League title.

So if you're not travelling to watch the first team at Leicester, why not go along and give the juniors your sup-

port? They're playing away at Arsenal next Saturday, kick-off 10.30 am at Arsenal's training ground, which is the University College Sports Ground in Bell Lane, London Colney, just off Junction 22 of the M25, and then a short distance along the B556.



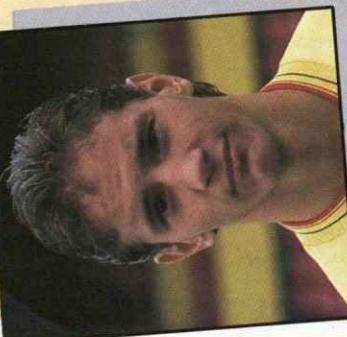
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Date of birth:	None
Age:	18
Place of birth:	London
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	12st 11lbs
Date signed for Watford:	Apprentice: April 29th, 1985/Professional: November 8th, 1986
Signed from:	Juniors

WHEN Watford scout Ken Brooks spotted David Holdsworth, a couple of promising youngsters playing for the Redbridge District side, he could have been forgiven for thinking he was seeing double—for they were David and Dean Holdsworth—twins, who are now both Watford junior professionals.

"I had a trial for West Ham,"

says David, "but I was far more



ACTION MAN

DAVID HOLDWORTH

where we lost to Brazil." Back at Watford, the youth team could still win the S.E. Counties League title. "Provided we won last Saturday at Ipswich and beat Arsenal next Saturday, we can win it, if Chelsea beat Tottenham next Saturday." See page 22 of this programme to see if the youth team are still in with a chance—this page went to press before the match against Ipswich.

F.A. CUP- SEMI-FINAL

v Tottenham Hotspur, Saturday, April 11th at Villa Park (kick-off 3.15 pm)

Score: Lost 1-4; Half-time: 0-3

Scorers: Spurs: Hodge 2 (11 and 73 mins), C. Allen (12 mins), P. Allen (34 mins); Watford: M. Allen (75 mins) Attendance: 46,151

**STOP
PRESS**

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, M. Thomas, Hodge, Gough, Mabbutt, C. Allen, P. Allen, Waddle, Hoddle, Ardiles. Subs: Claesen (no 12) for C. Allen (73 mins), Stevens (no 14) for P. Allen (89 mins).

Watford: Plumley, Sinnott, Rostrom, Richardson, Sims, McClelland, Bardsley, Blissett, Falco, Porter, Barnes. Subs: Terry (no 12) for Sinnott (half-time), M. Allen (no 13) for Sims (53 mins). **Referee:** Ray Lewis (Great Bookham)

David Pleat said: "We're through and that's what matters, but we would have liked to have beaten a full-strength Watford side."

Graham Taylor said: "I'm a football manager not a magician, and there were no more rabbits I could pull out of the hat."

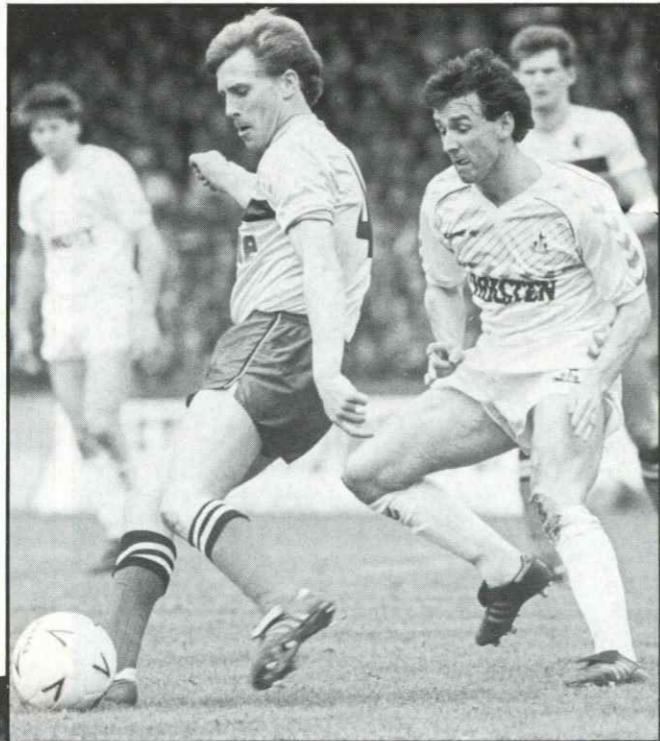
Kevin Richardson in action in his fourth FA Cup semi-final (he played in three for Everton). Spurs' Paul Allen is in close attendance. →

(Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



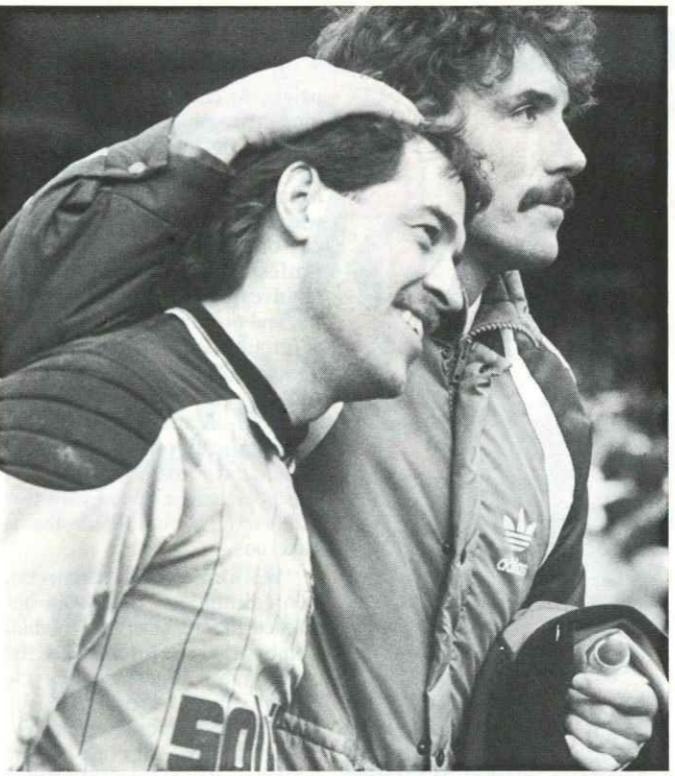
Rearguard action as Wilf Rostrom prepares to clear at Villa Park on April 11th.

(Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



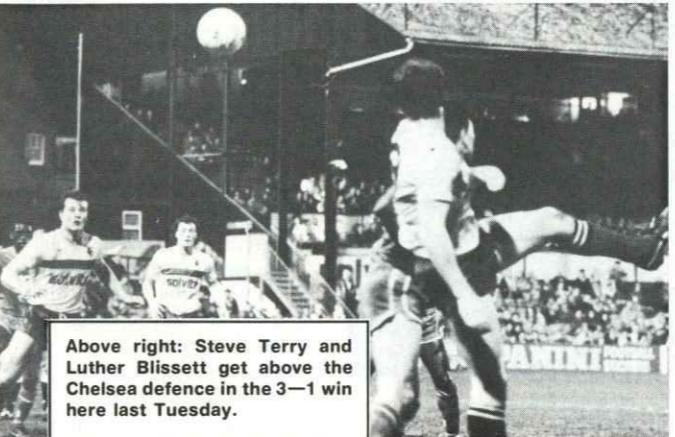
Rearguard action as Wilf Rostrom prepares to clear at Villa Park on April 11th.

(Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



The semi-final is over and Watford's regular first team 'keeper Tony Coton offers his condolences and some consolation to stand-in 'keeper Gary Plumley.

(Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



Above right: Steve Terry and Luther Blissett get above the Chelsea defence in the 3-1 win here last Tuesday.

Above: Mark Falco flicks on a near-post corner against Chelsea, which Steve Terry headed just wide.

(Photos: Watford Observer)

THE TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

v. Chelsea, Tuesday, April 14th, home

Score: Won 3-1; Half-time: 1-0

Scorers: **Watford:** Bardsley (4 mins), Porter (77 mins), Blissett (88 mins); **Chelsea:** Jones (56 mins)

Attendance: 14,108

Watford: Sherwood, Gibbs, Rostrom, Richardson, Terry, McClelland, Bardsley, Blissett, Falco, Porter, Barnes. Sub: Allen (not used).

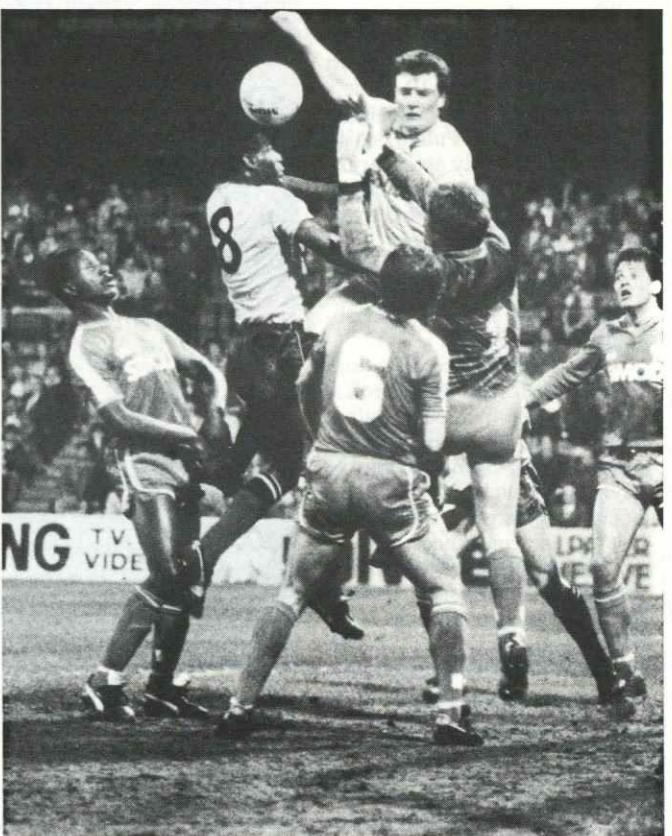
Chelsea: Godden, Clarke, Dublin, Bumstead, McLaughlin, Wood, Nevin, Hazard, Dixon, West, Jones. Sub: Wegerle for Bumstead (84 mins).

Referee: Howard Taylor (Oadby, Leics)

Graham Taylor said: "The side showed a tremendous amount of character especially after a deflected goal brought Chelsea level. What more can people want after the events of the previous 10 days?"

John Hollins: Did not attend press conference.

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



FROM a start that saw only two wins in 13 outings, Watford's reserve team have bounced back and are currently fourth in the 20 team table, as this programme went to press.

We asked **John Ward, Assistant Manager**, about the reasons behind the about-turn in the team's form.

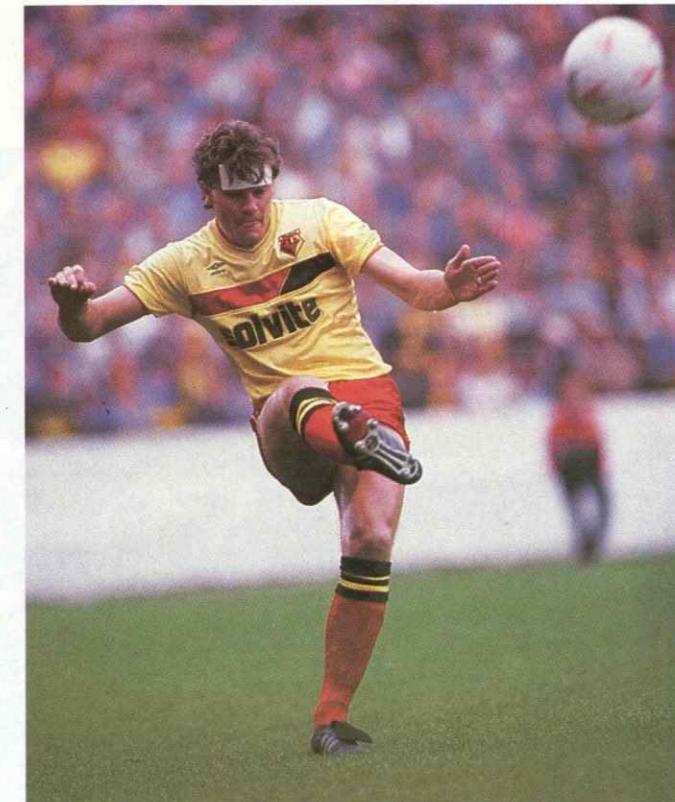
"The reserves has been a young side this season, and the younger players had to go through the rigorous pre-season training. It took its toll, and it wasn't until November that the youngsters began to show their true abilities and the side became more integrated.

"Prior to the recent defeat at Chelsea, we had won 10 consecutive games, and had only lost two of the previous 10. That's partly due to players like **Iwan Roberts** and **Chris Pullan** putting in some consistently good performances, but it's also down to some fine displays by **Steve Sherwood** in goal and **Steve Terry**, who after a long spell in the first team, came to the reserves. He was made captain and has been absolutely magnificent.

"Our attitude to reserve team football is to treat it as professionally as the first team. Before the home games, we meet at the ground at 10.45 am and stay to have a pre-match lunch—all part of ensuring the game is important to everyone concerned.

"Reserve team football is important for a number of reasons. For the younger players, it's a chance to begin to prove themselves and for the older ones, they have to show they have the professionalism and ability to step back into the first team. It's a cliché, but in football 'you never

"he's been absolutely magnificent while in the reserves," says John Ward, Assistant Manager. (Photo: Alan Cozzi)



be called upon to step up. to say 'yes' or 'no' when I'm asked if a particular player is ready and the club's, I need to be able for a run or a recall in the first

team.

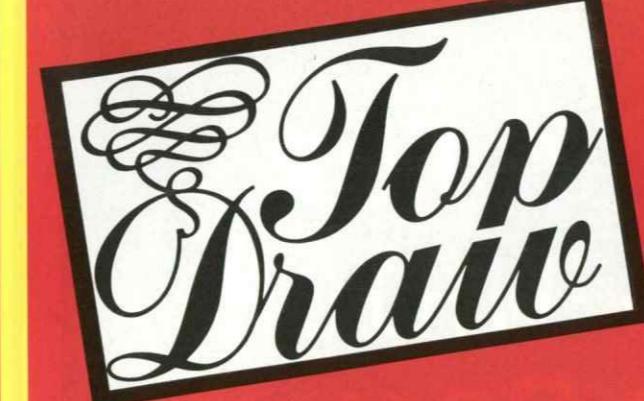
"It's one of my personal campaigns to ensure Football Combination football is taken with the seriousness it deserves. We are one of the clubs who play our home games on Saturdays whenever possible. Saturday is the day of the week around which a professional footballer's life revolves (and any footballer really), and playing midweek fixtures at grounds with poor facilities does very little for the credibility and status of the Football Combination. Teams are only too ready to call off reserve team games at the drop of a hat and last season's League ended with two club's fixtures unfulfilled—that is ludicrous.

"Watford's Vice-Chairman Geoff Smith has now been appointed President of the Football Combination and his influence has considerably tightened up the League this season. But my personal wish is for the League to be split in two, with one League for those clubs able to fulfil Saturday fixtures, and another League for those, who, for whatever reason, prefer to play in midweek.

"A Football Combination League Cup could then be introduced to make sure enough games are played. It would also give space for friendlies. To me, it all seems to make eminent sense, and when I've talked to my opposite numbers at other clubs, they agree. But come the Football Combination meetings, very few of those clubs are properly represented—and so things don't get off the ground.

"I feel very strongly about the worth of the Football Combination, but for the moment, whatever the venue, atmosphere etc., we will continue to approach every game with a very professional and positive attitude."

RESERVE



'TOP DRAW' enabled a party of 36 people to have a grand day out at the 1987 Seagram Grand National on April 4th.

Meanwhile back at the Grand National, the Watford party were able to walk the course before the race and everyone had a complimentary £10.00 bet on the race. But who was that with £2.50 each way on Maori Venture at 33-1? Yes, Mike Sullivan of course.

"It was a long day," admits Mike, now richer by £105.18p, who also had money on the third-place horse. "We left Watford at 6.45 am, everyone armed with a copy of the *Racing Post* that came with the newspaper's compliments.

"We stopped en route for breakfast and on the return journey we had a five-course meal

at the Post House Hotel, Great Barr, Birmingham. We arrived back in Watford at 12.30 am—but despite the fatigue, I'm sure everyone will say it was an experience not to be missed."

Also travelling with the party were the Marketing Department's Lynn Fleckney and Rebecca Freeman.

● For more information on 'Top Draw' and its benefits, please 'phone the Marketing Department on Watford (0923) 25761.

RECENT 'TOP DRAW' WINNERS . . .

There have been so many winners in 'Top Draw' since the scheme started last November, that we simply haven't got space to list them all. But here are the more recent winners:

Memb. No.

Week no 11: January 10 (drawn on the pitch by Watford players Neil Smillie and Nigel Gibbs)
£500—R. Liska, Hyde Terrace, Pimlico, Hemel Hempstead
£50—Oliver Phillips, Watford Observer
£25—D. R. T. Dorrell, Wynt's Road, Chorleywood
£25—Albert Wilson, The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent

Week no 12: January 17 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Roger Fleming, Ticket Office Manager—witnessed by Peter Storey, lottery courier)
£500—Cathy Taylor, Gibbs Couch, Carpenters Park
£50—Mr. E. Wright, Valley Road, Rickmansworth
£25—David Warren, Leas Drive, Iver, Bucks
£25—Russell Craig, Bengo St, Herford

Week no 13: January 24 (drawn in the Marketing Department by John Ward, Assistant Manager—witnessed by Robert Smith, Lottery Agent)
£500—Mr. A. Moore, Quicks Lane, Chorleywood
£50—Jeremy Clifford, Whitewell Avenue, Garston
£25—David Reynolds, Longdale Park, Hemel Hempstead
£25—Mr. S. King, Westminster Croft, Northants

Week no 14: February 1 (drawn on the pitch)
£500—Mr. G. Coker, Barnard Way, Hemel Hempstead
£50—Mr. Tuberfield, Furtherfield, Abbots Langley
£25—Peter Cook, Longmore Close, Maple Cross
£25—Tony Coton, Watford FC
TV—Jackie Beresford, Allendale, Hemel Hempstead
Holiday—Ray Liberty, Copwood Road, Watford

Week no 15: February 7 (drawn on the pitch by club Vice-Chairman, Geoff Smith)
£500—Linda Murray, Hadden Lane, Watford
£50—Mrs. Blaimey, St. Albans Road, Watford
£25—Peter Kendall, Kings Meadow, Kings Langley
£25—Brian Grainger, Craigwell Avenue, Radlett

Week no 16: February 14 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Watford player Worrell Sterling—witnessed by David Richardson, member of the general public)
£500—Stanley Goldhart, Rosslyn Road, Watford
£50—Lynne Sadler, St. Anthony's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead
£25—Mrs. Sears, Kings Avenue, Watford
£25—John Lowe, Hawk Hill Drive, Boxmoor

Week no 17: February 21 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Steve Harrison, Watford FC Coach)
£500—Graham Hodgson, Mill Way, Bushey
£50—John Morey, Cedar Avenue, Berkhamsted
£25—Ruth Davis, Bridgewater Road, Berkhamsted
£25—Ian Bleachley, Grosvenor Road, Berkhamsted

Week no 18: February 28 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Alan Baker, Marketing Consultant, witnessed by Linda Puddifoot, Lottery Agent)
£500—Perry Chapman, Mervy Hill Mount, Bushey
£50—Mr. E. Tobin, Garsom Way, Watford
£25—Mr. A. Gibson, Trevellance Way, Garston
£25—Andrew Morgan, Chiltern Drive, Rickmansworth
TV—Julian Collett, Catkin Close, Hemel Hempstead

Week no 19: March 7 (drawn in the Aldenham Suite by Mike Rollo, Commercial Manager of Tottenham Hotspur, witnessed by Linda Puddifoot, Lottery Agent)
£500—Mr. R. Bird, Highlands, Oxhey
£50—Clifford Baxter, Greenbank Road, Watford
£25—Keith Balaam, Camberton Road, Leighton Buzzard
£25—Edward Purcell, Hillfield Avenue, Bushey

Week no 20: March 14 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Audrey McKellar, Ticket Office Assistant, witnessed by Nick Moorhouse, Catering Manager)
£500—Roger Hudson, Fisher Close, Kings Langley
£50—Kevin Smith, Tudor Way, Rickmansworth
£25—Mr. W. Allegren, Turks Head, Hartlington Road, Hillingdon
£25—Mrs. S. Dunlop, Charnbury Lane, Hemel Hempstead

Week no 21: March 21 (drawn in the Aldenham Suite by Chas Richardson of the East Anglian Daily Times, witnessed by Martin McPheat, Top Draw member)
£500—Mr. E. Tobin, Garsom Way, Watford
£50—Clive Hopkins, Thornton Road, Potters Bar
£25—Linda Hardly, Leavesden Road, Watford
£25—David Wicks, Shenley Lane, London Colney

Week no 22: March 28 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Watford player Neil Smillie, witnessed by Watford player John Barnes)
£500—Mr. D. Cook, Mead Way, Bushey
£50—Mr. E. Ballinger, Henderson Place, Bedmond
£25—Tony Marks, Wetherill Drive, Stanmore
£25—Colin Westlake, Roman Gardens, Kings Langley
TV—Jack Mayston, Hamilton Mead, Bovingdon

Week no 23: April 4 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Watford player Steve Sims, witnessed by Roger Fleming, Ticket Office Manager)
£500—Geoffrey Gaunt, Nibthwaite Road, Harrow
£50—Mr. R. Harrop, Leaford Crescent, Watford
£25—Mr. Ashby, Park Avenue, Bushey
£25—Mr. J. Clayton, Breyge Towers, Trinity Way, Acton

Week no 24: April 11 (drawn in the Marketing Department by Joanne Taylor, witnessed by Watford players Luther Blissett and Steve Sherwood)
£500—Simon Tobias, Sagercroft Road, Thatcham, Newbury
£50—Mark Stephens, Lower Aveyfield Road, Hemel Hempstead
£25—B. Turk, Trowley Rise, Abbotts Langley
£25—Leslie Boarder, Goodrich Close, North Watford

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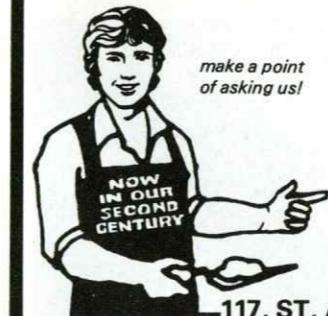
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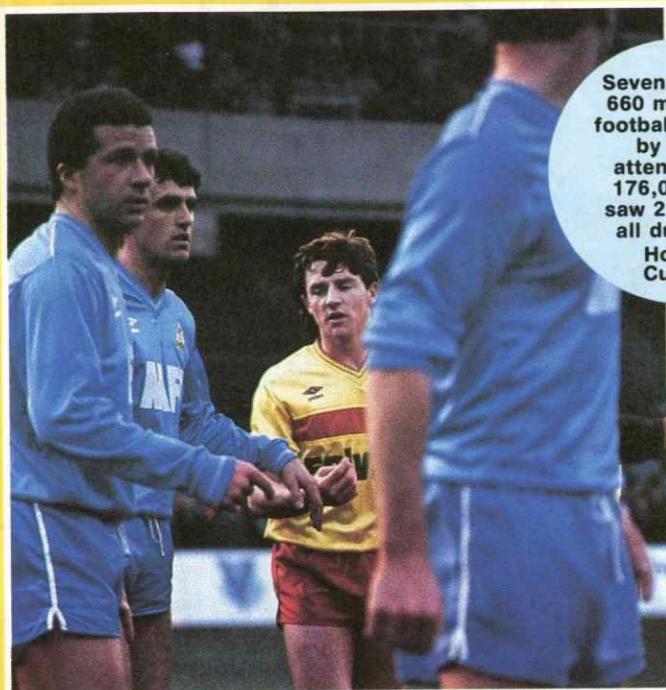
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JOY, SUSPENSE AND HEARTACHE

The pictures that tell the story of Watford's 1986-87 FA Cup run



1: Is there a way through? Gary Porter peers through the Maidstone United defence in round three. The non-Leaguers took the lead, but Watford turned the tide with quick goals either side of half-time.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



2: Armed combat in round four against Chelsea, with Luther Blissett and the Blues' Darren Wood in a tussle. Luther had the final say with the only goal of the game.

(Photo: Photosport)



3: An early strike from David Bardsley put Watford ahead at Walsall in round five, but the Saddlers fought back to earn a replay.

(Photo: Alan Cozzi)



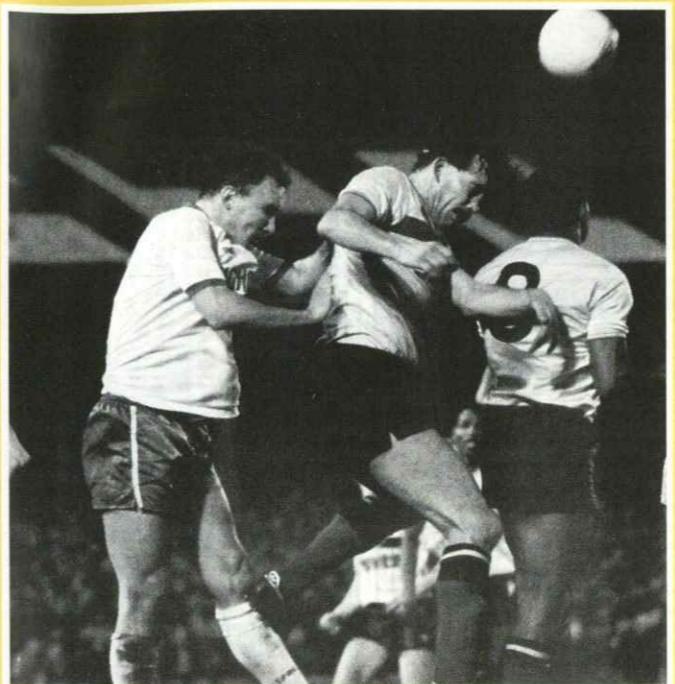
4: The replay produced one of the most memorable matches in recent times at Vicarage Road. Here, Luther Blissett makes it two apiece, but it was 3-3 at full-time and extra-time followed.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



5: Words of encouragement from Manager Graham Taylor prior to extra-time against Walsall. Watford again took the lead, but Walsall drew level and another trip to Fellows Park ensued.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



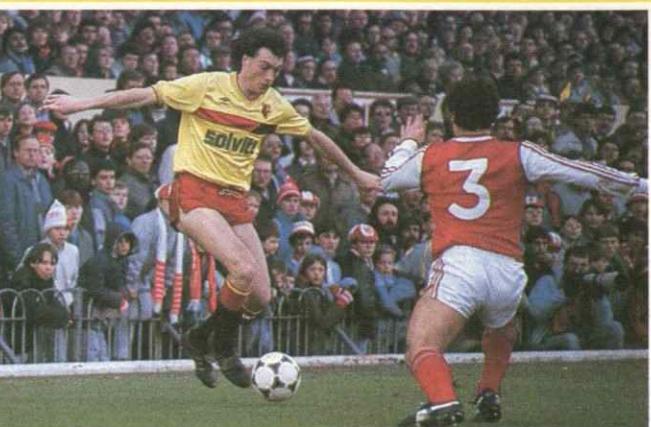
6: Steve Sims beats Trevor Christie to the ball in the second replay against Walsall. An own goal from the Saddlers' Andy Dornan saw the Hornets through to the quarter-finals.

(Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



7: The quarter-final win at Walsall owed much to some fine wing play, and here, early in the game, John Barnes gives the slip to Arsenal right-back Viv Anderson.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



8: Similarly, on the other wing, David Bardsley gave left-back Kenny Sansom a torrid time.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



9: Malcolm Allen rises to net Watford's goal in the semi-final against Spurs at Villa Park, but four Spurs' goals had already sealed victory for the North Londoners.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



10: Following a challenge with Spurs' keeper Ray Clemence, Mark Falco is down and out—and so are Watford.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)

FACTS AND FIXTURES

'Today League' Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Up to	League	L	Cup	FM	Cup	FA	Cup	Totals	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	
18/4/87													
1	Everton	37	14	3	1	45	10	9	4	6	25	17	76
2	Liverpool	38	13	3	3	39	15	8	4	7	26	22	70
3	Tottenham	36	12	3	4	33	13	7	4	6	26	23	64
4	Arsenal	38	11	5	3	28	9	7	5	7	23	19	64
5	Luton T.	37	14	4	1	27	10	3	7	8	16	27	62
6	Norwich C	38	9	9	1	26	18	6	7	6	23	30	61
7	Nottm F.	38	10	8	1	32	13	6	3	10	27	34	59
8	WATFORD	36	10	4	3	32	16	5	4	10	27	32	53
9	Coventry	36	13	2	3	32	15	2	6	10	10	24	53
10	Wim'don	37	9	4	5	26	18	6	4	9	22	28	53
11	Man Utd.	37	12	3	4	35	16	1	9	8	12	21	51
12	QPR	38	9	6	4	29	22	4	4	11	15	28	49
13	Chelsea	38	7	5	7	24	26	5	7	7	22	31	48
14	West Ham	38	9	3	7	30	27	4	6	9	19	34	48
15	So'ton	37	10	3	5	40	21	3	3	13	23	42	45
16	Sheff W.	37	8	7	4	32	21	3	4	11	16	33	44
17	Newcastle	38	9	4	6	32	26	2	6	11	12	33	43
18	Oxford U.	38	8	7	4	30	24	2	5	12	10	39	42
19	Leicester	38	9	6	4	37	21	2	1	16	14	49	40
20	Charlton	38	6	7	6	24	20	3	3	13	14	31	37
21	Aston V.	38	6	7	6	20	23	1	5	13	18	49	33
22	Man City	38	6	6	7	24	24	0	8	11	8	31	32
		(up to and including Monday, April 20th 1987)											

First Team Update

Up to	League	L	Cup	FM	Cup	FA	Cup	Totals	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
18/4/87												
Allen	1(2)	1(1)			1(3)	2	3(6)	2				
Bardsley	35	4	3	1	1	6	1	45	6			
Barnes	31	9	3	1	1	7	3	42	13			
Blissett	29	11	1	1		5	4	36	15			
Callaghan	17(3)	3	2	1	2	22(3)	3					
Coton	31	2	1		6	40						
Falco	27	12	1		7	2	35	14				
Franklin	3											
Gibbs	9(1)				3	12(1)						
Jackett	29	5	3	2	1	5	1	38	8			
McClelland	35	1	3	1	7	46	1					
Porter	16(4)	4		(1)	4(2)	20(7)	4					
Plumley					1	1						
Richardson	33	2	3	1	7	44	2					
Roberts	2(1)	1	1			3(1)	1					
Roson	35	1	3	1	7	46	2					
Sherwood	5		1			6						
Sims	19	1			7	26	1					
Sinott	5(4)	1			2	8(4)						
Smillie						1						
Sterling	12(1)	2	1			13(1)	2					
Talbot	5(2)	1	1			6(2)	1					
Terry	17	1	3	1	(1)	21(1)	1					
Own goal		1				1						
	(playing substitute in brackets)											

South East Counties League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts						
1	Spurs	29	22	4	3	85	25	48					
2	WATFORD	29	21	5	3	90	30	47					
3	Chelsea	28	18	4	6	63	29	40					
4	Arsenal	28	16	5	7	70	38	37					
5	West H	30	15	3	12	67	66	33					
6	Norwich	30	11	9	10	41	45	31					
7	Millwall	29	12	7	10	47	59	31					
8	Ports'mth	29	12	5	12	41	45	29					
9	Ipswich	28	11	5	12	54	59	27					
10	Charlton	27	9	8	10	44	42	26					
11	Gill'ham	29	7	9	13	46	60	23					
12	Orient	30	8	5	17	53	68	21					
13	Southend	28	8	4	16	34	57	20					
14	QPR	29	8	4	17	30	55	20					
15	Can'dge	28	4	7	17	31	68	15					
16	Fulham	29	4	4	21	25	75	12					
		(up to and including Sat. April 18th)											

A	Aug. 23	West Ham Utd	L 4-6	H	Dec. 23	Portsmouth (FAYC-2)	W 3-0					
A	Aug. 30	QPR	W 2-1	A	Dec. 27	Gillingham	D 0-0					
H	Sept. 3	Cambridge Utd	W 4-0	H	Jan. 3	Southend Utd	W 2-1					
H	Sept. 6	Chelsea	W 3-1	A	Jan. 10	Charlton Athletic	D 0-0					
A	Sept. 9	Tottenham	W 5-2	A	Jan. 13	Luton T. (FAYC-3)	W 3-2					
A	Sept. 13	Orient	W 2-0	H	Jan. 24	Norwich City	W 4-1					
H	Sept. 20	Arsenal (SECLC-1)	L 1-3	A	Feb. 2	Ipswich (FAYC-4)	D 1-1					
H	Sept. 25	Fulham (SJFC-1)	W 3-1	H	Feb. 7	Fulham	W 6-0					
H	Sept. 27	Gillingham	W 8-1	H	Feb. 14	Orient	W 6-3					
A	Oct. 4	Millwall	W 7-1	H	Feb. 16	Ipswich (FAYC-4R)	W 6-1					
A	Oct. 11	Portsmouth	W 3-0	H	Feb. 21	Millwall	L 1-2					
H	Oct. 18	Arsenal	W 1-0	A	Feb. 28	Norwich City	D 1-1					
H	Oct. 25	Ipswich	W 2-0	H	Mar. 11	Coventry (FAYC-5)	L 0-2					
H	Nov. 1	Portsmouth	W 3-0	H	Mar. 14	Charlton Athletic	W 5-0					
H	Nov. 8	West Ham Utd	W 5-1	A	Mar. 21	Southend United	W 5-2					
H	Nov. 15	Tottenham	L 2-3	A	Apr. 18	Ipswich Town	W 2-1					
H	Nov. 18	Cambridge	D 1-1	A	Apr. 25	Arsenal						
H	Nov. 22	Charlton	W 3-0	A	Apr. 25	QPR						
H	Nov. 29	QPR	W 4-0			Key: SECLC: South East Counties League						
A	Dec. 6	Chelsea	L 0-4			• SECLC: Southern Junior Floodlit Cup;						
A	Dec. 20	Fulham	D 1-1			○ SJFC: Southern Junior Floodlit Cup;						

Key: HSC: Herts Senior Cup.

Football Combination

P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps		
1	Chelsea	34	21	8	5	77	27	50
2	Arsenal	34	22	6	7	35	50	
3	Tottenham	31	21	7	3	76	29	49
4	WATFORD	34	18	8	8	67	38	44
5	Q							

WATFORD

1. STEVE SHERWOOD
2. NIGEL GIBBS
3. WILF ROSTRON
4. KEVIN RICHARDSON
5. STEVE TERRY
6. JOHN McCLELLAND
7. DAVID BARDSLEY
8. LUTHER BLISSETT
9. MARK FALCO
10. GARY PORTER
11. JOHN BARNES

Sub:

LUTON TOWN

1. LES SEALEY
2. TIM BREACKER
3. RICHARD HARVEY
4. PETER NICHOLAS
5. STACEY NORTH
6. MAL DONAGHY
7. RICKY HILL
8. BRIAN STEIN
9. MIKE NEWELL
10. MICK HARFORD
11. DAVID PREECE

Sub:

Half-time: _____ Full-time: _____

Attendance:

TONIGHT'S MATCH OFFICIALS:

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