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Division One

LUTON TOWN

Saturday, December 12th, 1987. K-O 3.00 pm

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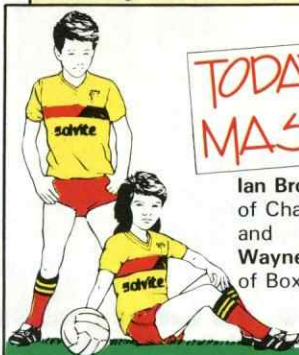
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GUESS THE GOALS LEAGUE

	Pts	Goal Diff	Today's F'cast
1 Crockett & Tubbs	10	24	3-1
2 The All-sorts	10	28	1-0
3 The Park Home Centre	9	21	2-1
4 Decor Tiles	8	26	1-0
5 Lord Snood	9	27	0-1
6 WFC Development Fund	9	28	3-1
7 Sportsman	9	29	3-0
8 Taylorplan Town CC	8	23	2-0
9 DRG Envelopes	8	34	3-1
10 BPCA/ Studio in the Street	7	32	1-1
11 Mailmen	7	34	3-1
12 Fan-tastic	7	40	3-1
13 Parker Engineering	6	24	2-2
14 Dot's Lot	5	29	3-1
15 Geepee's	5	30	4-1
16 Singing in the Rain	4	24	1-0
17 Opsec Design & Assembly Services	4	30	3-0
18 Watford College Advertising Courses	4	35	0-1
19 National Westminster Bank	3	32	2-2
20 Watford Supporters Club	2	29	2-0

Scoring System
i.e. Final Score Watford 2 Arsenal 1.
Three points are awarded for a totally correct forecast of score and result (i.e. Your forecast Watford 2 Arsenal 1—score 3 points).
One point for a correct result forecast only (i.e. Your forecast Watford 3 Arsenal 1—score 1 point).
No points for an incorrect result forecast (i.e. Your forecast Watford 1 Arsenal 2—Score 0 points).
Where forecasts are wrong, goal difference points will be added for the difference between your forecast and the number of goals scored by each team (i.e. Watford 4 (+2) Arsenal 0 (+1)—goal difference 3, Watford 1 (+1) Arsenal 1 (+0)—goal difference 1.

WISHBONE PRINT



TODAY'S MASCOTS

Ian Brown
of Chalfont St. Peter
and
Wayne Silk
of Boxmoor

VIDEO CLUB

WE have altered the "Video Club" system for the coming season. From now on, all videos of games will be sold from the Hornet Shop. We are no longer going to take in tapes, but instead we'll supply and sell the complete tape. Each video will cost £17.50 and as we go through the season we'll list in this space the videos that the Hornet Shop have in stock. All the videos come complete with a commentary, and VHS and Betamax tapes are available. The Hornet Shop will also accept 'phone credit card orders for videos, but if the video is to be posted a postage and packing charge of £1.00 will be added. Hornet Shop tel: Watford (0923) 220847.

78 goals in 90 minutes—and that's not counting the action replays!

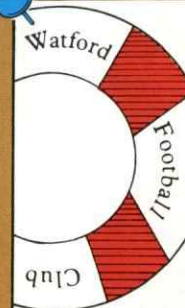
The club highlights video tape of the 1986/87 season is now available from the Hornet Shop. It features every goal scored at Vicarage Road last season (including the opponents), with an action replay of all Watford's goals. Price: £17.50. Also now available: Watford v. Wimbledon (1-0, Aug. 15th), v. Tottenham (1-1, Aug. 29th), v. Portsmouth (0-0, Sept. 19th), Darlington (8-0, Oct. 6th, Littlewoods Cup).

PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT

Today we present . . .

THE R.A.F POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Coming soon . . .
Saturday, December 26th
Watford v Sheffield Wednesday
BOB TAYLOR'S MARCHING BAND



SPARE OUR SEATS

An average of 25 seats get broken at every match because people use them as stepping stones in their impatience to leave the ground after a match. So please help the club and don't tread on the seats. They are intended for bottoms not feet!

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Sep perfs: 2.20 (not Sun), 5.15, 8.05
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WINNERS FROM
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1st goal 18 mins 47 secs £100.00
2nd goal 88 mins 30 secs £50.00

Lucky numbers
Autographed football—1148. Two seats for a Watford home match—0732 and 2561. Watford Pen—0202, 1527, 2135, 0931 and 1940. Bottle of Wine—2056, 0933 and 2147.



FRONT COVER SHOT:
A Hornets' quartet in line for a corner.
(Photo: Martin Wolmark)



HELLO!

Here are the club numbers. If 'phoning from outside Watford, please use the code 0923 before each number.
Newsline—(24-hour ticket and information)—35133
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Harry's Game



EVER since I first watched football on television or went through my first turnstile the "man in black" has always got it in the neck. Referees are loved by winners, argued with by losers. There are no half measures whenever they come into conversations.

But the hysteria recently in my opinion has gone completely over the top. I admit giving my tuppence worth over the years and I've seen some poor officials. They could also point out that they have refereed some poor players, managed by a poor manager.

My only real complaint is the inconsistency shown throughout the country; one referee allowing play to continue (i.e. giving advantage to a player even though he has a colleague offside) and another blowing up.

That said, I think we still have the best of officials in the world and they could only improve if managers, players and officials could get together and thrash out the grey areas that spark the anger.

Some stick is justified, most isn't, and what most people forget is that referees are only human and prone to mistakes like the rest of us. A summit meeting of all concerned could, I'm sure, go a long way to stop the squabbles. It wouldn't end it because referee baiting has almost become part of our sporting folklore.

Two referees we've come close to in recent weeks earn full marks from me. Joe Worrall in particular had an excellent match during our 2-0 win over Arsenal. His handing of several tricky situations was perfect, a model for others.

The game itself was also one to savour considering the pre-match publicity. The players responded with the team spirit I have always

felt was here and there were also moments of individual skill I shall remember for a long time.

Derby was equally pleasing, with again the match official (this time Ken Walmsley) having another solid game. Press reports have somewhat been slanted against Watford, but I thought we played reasonably well, and Peter Shilton performed with some saves that bordered on the brilliant. He made at least four saves that would have beaten many other 'keepers. We also hit a post, to which he also got a touch.

Again, in view of the pre-match politics, it was another meritorious performance from a squad that is at least beginning to believe in itself.

This attitude was taken with us to Manchester where we competed in the Soccer Six. Some of you might have seen us on TV. What you didn't hear was the bellowing for our opponents Manchester United. At times I felt I was the only one cheering for Watford.

We eventually lost on a sudden death penalty shoot-out but we had some fun on the way and beat Oxford and drew with Newcastle en route to the play-off.

This is our last match before we go on a two week break as part of the League's reduction programme. I hope to take the lads away and also fit in a match.

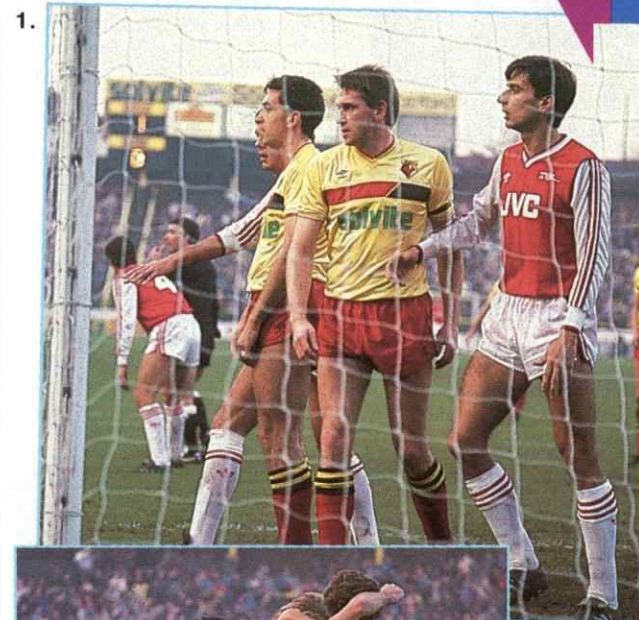
The Football Association have sent out cards this year with Watford fans pictured on the cover, a gesture that epitomises all that's marvellous with this club and soccer. I've met some super people since arriving here and know the FA have chosen well for their message of goodwill.

Have a very merry Christmas. Take care. Enjoy the game.

GUNNERS GUNNED DOWN HERE TWO WEEKS AGO

1. Corner to the Hornets, and up come Mark Morris and John McClelland, with Alan Smith tracking back to his own goal line. 2. Kenny Jackett breaks the offside trap, and goes on to put John Lukic the wrong way—and Watford are 1-0 up in the 18th minute. 3. Celebration huddle—Kenny is in there somewhere! 4. Malcolm Allen goes close in the second half, with Luther Blissett looking on. Luther made it 2-0 just before the end, and the Gunners have now not scored at Watford for the last three seasons. (Photos: Martin Wolmark)

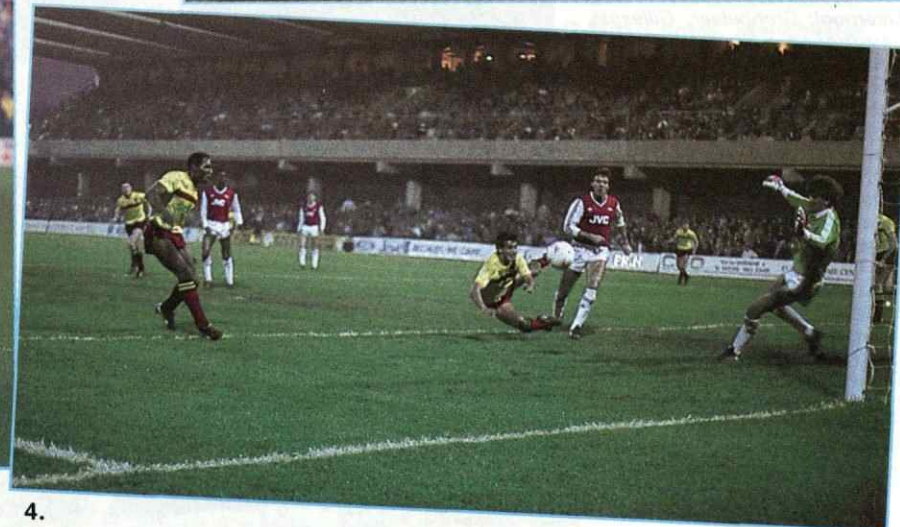
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in Colour **LOOK BACK**



v. Arsenal, Saturday, November 28th, home
Score: Won 2-0; Half-time: 1-0

Scorers: Jackett (18 mins), Blissett (88 mins).

Attendance: 19,598

Watford: Coton, Chivers, Rostron, Jackett, Morris, McClelland, Blissett, Allen, Senior, Porter, Hodges. Subs: Sterling for Allen (86 mins), Holdsworth (not used).

Arsenal: Lukic, Thomas, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Groves, Richardson. Subs: Hayes for Richardson (64 mins), Winterburn (not used).

Ref: Joe Worrall (Warrington).

Dave Bassett said: "We had a bit of luck here and there, but our spirit made this our best performance of the season."

George Graham said: "We had 90 per cent of the play, but couldn't finish it off."

Above: Tim Sherwood turns back at Anfield, but 'Pool' keeper Bruce Grobbelaar has the ball safely in his clutches.

(Photo: Watford Observer)

Below: Watford's Trevor Senior and Mark Morris are airborne against Arsenal, while the Gunners' Tony Adams is grounded.

(Photo: Colorsport)



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v. Liverpool, Tuesday, November 24th, away

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

Scorers: McMahon (54 mins), Houghton (64 mins), Aldridge (68 mins), Barnes (71 mins)
Attendance: 32,396

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Gillespie, Lawrenson, Nicol, Whelan, Hansen, Beardsley, Aldridge, Houghton, Barnes, McMahon. Subs: Spackman for Gillespie, Walsh for Aldridge (80 mins).

Watford: Coton, Chivers, Jackett, Morris, McClelland, Blissett, Allen, Senior, Porter, Hodges. Subs: Rostron for Sherwood (75 mins), Sterling for Senior (79 mins).

Ref: Michael Peck (Kendal)

Kenny Dalglish said: "It was a game of two halves and the second was Liverpool's."

Dave Bassett said: "It was a pity for us that half-time arrived. Liverpool stepped up a gear and the first goal gave them confidence while ours diminished by the minute."



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

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v. Derby County, Saturday, December 5th, away

Score: Drew 1-1; Half-time: 0-1

Scorers: Derby: Wright (27 mins); Watford: Hodges (46 mins).

Attendance: 14,516

Derby: Shilton, Maclaren, Forsyth, Williams, Wright, Blades, Callaghan, Garner, Gee, Gregory, Cross. Subs: Penney for Gee (88 mins), Lewis for Gregory (80 mins).

Watford: Coton, Chivers, Jackett, Pullan, Morris, McClelland, Blissett, Allen, Senior, Porter, Hodges. Subs: Agana for Hodges (88 mins), Sherwood (not used).

Ref: Ken Walmsley (Blackpool)
Arthur Cox: Did not attend press conference.

Dave Bassett said: "The only reason we didn't win was Peter Shilton. He was the reason for the 1-1 draw and not a 4-1 win. We had five good chances and could only get one past him."

Guinness "Soccer Six" Tournament

G-Mex Centre, Manchester v. Newcastle

Score: Drew 2-2

Scorers: Watford: Porter, Allen

v. Oxford United

Score: Won 4-0

Scorers: Watford: Gibbs, Hodges, Hetherston, Allen

Play-off

v. Manchester United

Score: Drew 1-1

Scorer: Watford: Gibbs

Lost on penalty shoot-out.

Watford squad from: Coton, Chivers, Gibbs, Sherwood, Jackett, Hodges, Porter, Allen, Sterling, Hetherston.

FRIENDLY

Clive Walker Testimonial v. Northampton Town, Monday, November 30th, away
Score: Lost 2-3; Half-time: 2-0

Scorers: Northampton: Culpin (52, 59 mins), Hill (69 mins); Watford: Allen (41 mins), Senior (45 mins)

Attendance: 1,879

Northampton: Gleasure, Reed,

Chard, Donald, Wilcox, McPherson, Hill, McGoldrick, Gilbert, Morley, Longhurst. Subs: Cuplin for Longhurst, Logan for Chard (half-time), Bunce for Hill (74 mins).

Watford: Coton, Chivers, Rostron, Pullan, Terry, McClelland, Blissett, Allen, Senior, Porter, Hodges. Subs: Gibbs for Chivers, D. G. Holdsworth for McClelland, Sterling for Allen, Sherwood for Hodges (half-time), D. C. Holdsworth for Blissett (62 mins).
Ref: Brian Hill (Kettering).

Above: Trevor Senior leads over the hurdle presented by Derby's Mark Wright at the Baseball Ground last week. (Photo: Mick Young, Watford Review)



Luton Town

UNTIL they came a cropper at home to Norwich last Saturday, Luton had recorded six straight wins, but they are only four points ahead of Watford—a gap that represents six First Division places.

However, two of those wins were in the Littlewoods Cup, where successive wins over Coventry and Ipswich have set up a home quarter-final tie against

Bradford City—a match which will be played at Kenilworth Road, with Luton granting tickets to visiting Bradford supporters.

Running through the Luton squad, the 'keeper will be **Les Sealey**, born in east London, but who made his name with Coventry. At right back **Tim Breacker** is the regular choice, having come up through the club's youth ranks, and his left-sided counterpart is **Ashley Grimes**, once with Manchester United, where he was usually employed as a winger.

Central defenders are **Steve Foster**, now also the club coach, and **Mal Donaghy**, who normally plays as a sweeper. Another central defender is Antwerp-born **Darron McDonough**, previously

with Oldham Athletic. He's been fielded of late as a defensive mid-field player, or what has been termed a "forward sweeper".

In midfield, £100,000 acquisition from Brighton, **Danny Wilson** plays on the right, while on the left is **Ian Allinson**, a £10,000 buy from Stoke City, whom he joined on a free transfer from Arsenal. Meanwhile, after a two-month lay-off following an operation on a calcified hamstring, **Ricky Hill** was playing substitute last Saturday, and may be fielded today.

In attack, the Hatters have major selection problems. Central striker **Mick Harford** is out with knee injury, **Emeka Nwajiobi** is out for three months after breaking an ankle last Saturday, and **Mark Stein** is suspended, having been sent off against Spurs. That leaves **Brian Stein** playing down the middle, recent signing **Micky Weir** on the left wing and possibly either **Kingsley Black** or **Gary Cobb** filling the other central striking rôle. Both are attacking mid-field players and former club apprentices. Alternatively, **Ian Allinson** could be pushed forward.

Also in the squad today will be **Rob Johnson**, who was a substitute last Saturday, and usually plays as a right back.

WHO'S WHO

Name	Position	Birthplace	Date of birth
ANDY DIBBLE	Goalkeeper	Cwmbran	8.5.65
LES SEALEY	Goalkeeper	Bethnal Green	29.9.57
IAN ALLINSON	Defender	Hitchin	1.10.57
TIM BREAKER	Defender	Bicester	2.7.69
MAL DONAGHY	Defender	Belfast	13.9.57
STEVE FOSTER	Defender	Portsmouth	24.9.57
ASHLEY GRIMES	Defender	Dublin	2.8.57
ROB JOHNSON	Defender	Bedford	22.2.62
DARRON McDONOUGH	Defender	Antwerp	7.11.62
GARY COBB	Midfield	Luton	6.8.68
RICKY HILL	Midfield	London	5.3.69
RICHARD McEVOY	Midfield	Gibraltar	6.8.67
MARK NORTH	Midfield	Ware	25.9.66
STACEY NORTH	Midfield	Luton	25.11.64
DAVID PREECE	Midfield	Bridgnorth	28.5.63
DANNY WILSON	Midfield	Prescot	6.10.65
KINGSLEY BLACK	Forward	Luton	22.6.68
MICK HARFORD	Forward	Sunderland	12.2.59
CHUKWUEMEKA NWAJIOBI	Forward	Nigeria	25.5.59
BRIAN STEIN	Forward	Capetown SA	19.10.57
MARK STEIN	Forward	Capetown SA	28.1.66
MICKY WEIR	Forward	Edinburgh	16.1.66

FORMGUIDE

The past 10 Football League results between Watford and Luton Town

Season	Comp.	Home	Away
1982-83	Div. 1	5-2	0-1
1983-84	Div. 1	1-2	2-1
1984-85	Div. 1	3-0	2-3
1985-86	Div. 1	1-2	2-3
1986-87	Div. 1	3-1	2-0

Summary: (not including Cup games)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	5	3	0	2	13	7	9
Away	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Total	10	5	0	5	21	15	15

TWO-WAY TUSSLE

Micky Weir can rightly be described as a tricky winger, and put alongside that natural pace and agility and you have a difficult man to contain. Micky was signed from Hibernian earlier in the season for a tribunal-set £200,000, having been voted Hibs' "Player of the Year" last season. He made his Luton debut at Wigan in the first leg of a second round Littlewoods Cup tie and scored the only goal in a 1-0 away win. Barring Micky's way through today will be **Gary Chivers**, who joined Watford on a free transfer from QPR earlier this term, and who was all set to join Fulham for £15,000 a few weeks ago in his search for first team football. But he and Fulham failed to agree personal terms and Gary has now made the Watford first team. Had a fine game here two weeks ago and played the pass that put Kenny Jackett through to net the Hornets' opener.

(Photo: E. A. Jones)



Gary Chivers

(Photo: Josh Levy)



Micky Weir

Back row, from left: David Preece, Emeka Nwajiobi, Richard Harvey, Stacey North, Gary Cobb, Kingsley Black, Mark Stein.
Middle row, from left: Jim Ryan (Coach), John Faulkner (Coach), Rob Johnson, Ashley Grimes, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Darron McDonough, Rob Wilson, Micky Weir, Dave Kirby (Physiotherapist).
Front Row, from left: Danny Wilson, Brian Stein, Steve Foster, Ray Harford (Manager), Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker. Not in picture: Ian Allinson (from Stoke City).



Whispers from the VICARAGE

THE SHARE TRANSFER— THE LATEST NEWS

AS this page went to press yesterday morning, it was expected that the transfer of Elton John's 93 per cent shareholding in Watford FC (lodged in his company William A. Bong) would be finally ratified early in the coming week.

When it is ratified, John Holloran, Chief Executive of BPCC will become Watford's new Chairman, and BPCC's Planning and Development Director Chris Medler will also be joining the Watford Board as a Director.

Elton John will continue to be a Director of Watford, and as he said in our last home programme, he expects to be more involved in that capacity, with more time to devote to Board matters.

You'll know doubt have been following the share transfer story in the national media, but here's a review of how events have unfolded from the Football Club's viewpoint:

Friday, November 20th: Elton John and BPCC announce that Elton John will transfer the 93 per cent shareholding he has in Watford FC (lodged in his company William A. Bong) to BPCC.

Thursday, November 26th: Following a meeting of the Football League Management Committee, they announce that they are not prepared to support the share transfer, on the basis that it is felt that for a person or organisation to have a say in more than one club is undesirable.

Thursday, November 26th: Elton John asks BPCC to continue with the share transfer "in the best interests of the town of Watford and Watford FC".

Friday, December 4th: The Football League Management Committee seek and are granted a temporary injunction stopping the share transfer going ahead before December 8th—the due

date. BPCC and Watford FC are asked to appear in the High Court on that day.

Saturday, December 5th: Robert Maxwell, Chairman of BPCC meets Philip Carter, President of the Football League—a meeting arranged by David Dein, a member of the Football League Management Committee. Robert Maxwell agrees that he and his family will dispose of their interests in Oxford United, and it's agreed the share transfer at Watford can go ahead. The League undertake to withdraw their legal action.

Monday, December 7th: Watford are advised that the legal action has not been withdrawn, writs are issued, and the Football Club are due to appear in Court the next day, along with BPCC.

Tuesday, December 8th: BPCC and Watford appear in Court, but the Football League do not defend their injunction, and the injunction lapses. BPCC and Watford are awarded costs. Contrary to some press reports, no further hearing is expected. In Court, BPCC and Watford FC understand that there will be a Football League

Management Committee meeting the following day, upon the return of the President from Dubai, where he is with his team, Everton, of whom he is Chairman.

Tuesday, December 8th: The share transfer is signed by Elton John and John Holloran of BPCC. But with Philip Carter in Dubai, BPCC and Watford agree that in his absence the transfer is conditional on the League honouring their undertaking to support the share transfer by 5.00 pm on Thursday, December 10th.

Wednesday, December 9th: No Football League Management Committee meeting is held.

Thursday, December 10th: Philip Carter asks for more time to arrange a Football League Management Committee meeting. BPCC and Watford FC agree to this and await hearing from Mr. Carter that following the meeting, to be held on

Tuesday, December 15th, the agreement between Mr. Carter and Mr. Maxwell, made the previous Saturday, is implemented, and the share transfer is therefore ratified.

Tickets over Christmas

HERE are the opening hours of Watford's Ticket Office over the Christmas and New Year periods:

Friday, December 18th: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Saturday, December 19th: Closed all day.

Monday, December 20th to Wednesday, December 22nd: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Thursday, December 24th: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Christmas Day: Closed all day.

Saturday, December 26th: Normal matchday (home to Sheffield Wednesday).

Monday, December 28th: 9.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Tuesday, December 29th to Thursday, December 31st: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Friday, January 1st, 1988: Closed, except for coach bookings for the match that day to Tottenham. See page 3 of this programme for details.

Saturday, January 2nd: Normal matchday (home to Manchester United—not "all-ticket").

The Tigers are coming!

AS you are no doubt aware, Watford have drawn Hull City, the Tigers, in the third round of the FA Cup.

The tie will be played at the Vicarage Road Stadium on **Saturday, January 9th,** kick-off 3.00 pm. It is not an "all-ticket" match, and the Watford section of the

Rookery End will be retained for Watford supporters.

Season ticket holders need to produce Cup Match ticket no. 3 to gain entry. Seat tickets for this match are on sale after today's game from the main Ticket Office—terrace admission is payable on the day.

Should the tie require a replay, it will be at Boothberry Park, Hull, on **Tuesday, January 12th,** kick-off 7.45 pm. We wait to hear whether this possible match is "all-ticket" and full ticket and travel details will therefore appear in the next two programmes.

On current form we're fourth

MERCANTILE Credit, sponsors of the Football League Centenary season, are publishing monthly "League" tables, charting clubs' current form.

The tables will be used at the end of the season to ascertain which clubs will compete in a six-a-side competition which forms part of the Centenary celebrations. More details on that in future programmes.

The latest table we have is for November—here's the top 10 places:

	Pld	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 Liverpool	6	3	0	3	10	2	12
2 Luton T.	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
3 Wimbledon	5	2	0	3	9	6	9
4 Watford	5	2	1	2	5	6	8
5 Derby Co	3	2	0	1	4	1	7
6 Everton	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
7 Arsenal	4	2	2	0	7	6	6
8 Southampton	4	2	2	0	5	4	6
9 Sheff. Wed.	3	2	1	0	4	3	6
10 Oxford Utd.	4	1	1	2	2	4	5

(up to and including Sunday, November 29th—League matches only)

The champions could hold up YOUR trophy

STUDENTS and school-children of 18 and under are to be given the opportunity to design the Barclays League Championship trophy by the sponsors.

The winner will collect a prize for himself or herself and his of her school plus the chance to appear on ITV's the "Saint & Greavsie" Show. There will be three age categories: 16-18, 12-15 and under-12s, with a winner in each category as well as an overall winner.

Entry forms which can be obtained from any of the 2,830 Barclays branches in the UK and the form give full guidelines for the competition.

Here's details of the prizes: the overall winner will receive a portable video camera and VHS video recorder, plus a visit to a top Barclays League match, the chance to see the trophy being made and to appear on the "Saint & Greavsie" Show.

The winner's school's prize will be £2,000 worth of sports or computer equipment; and the age category winners will receive £500 of sports or computer equipment. Entrants age qualification is aged 18 or under on January 31st, 1988, the closing date for entries.

● This afternoon's half-time Watford Observer Shoot-Out is between Bushey Rangers and Garston.



BARCLAYS LEAGUE



Playing today in the First Division:

Chelsea v. West Ham United
Coventry City v. Arsenal
Everton v. Derby County
Manchester United v. Oxford United
Newcastle United v. Portsmouth
Sheffield Wednesday ... v. Wimbledon
Southampton v. Liverpool

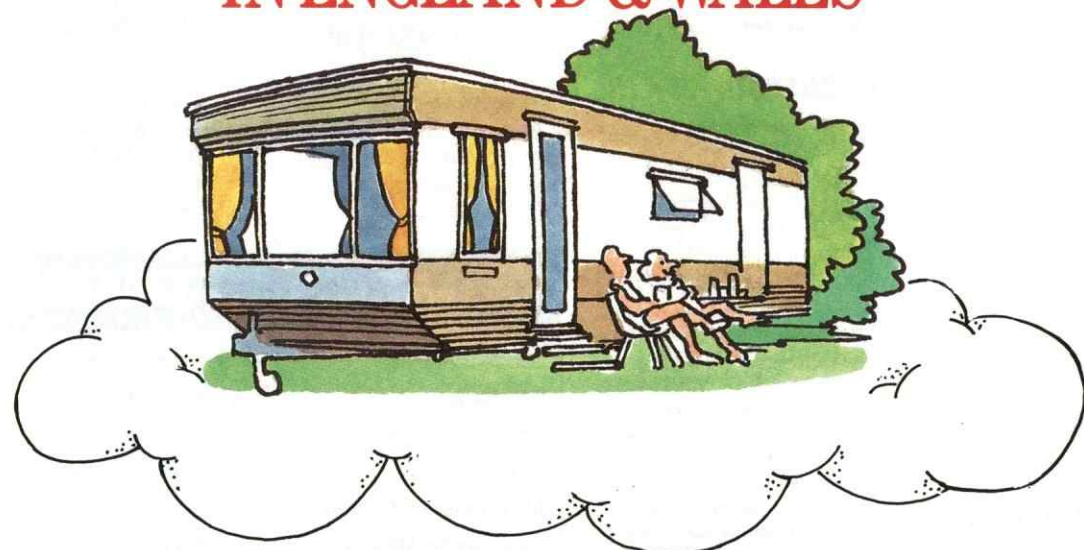
Tomorrow's games:

Nottingham Forest v. Queens Park Rangers ...
Tottenham Hotspur v. Charlton Athletic
(11.30 am kick-off)

Not playing: Norwich City

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SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION

v. Arsenal, Saturday,
November 28th, away
Score: Won 1-0; Half-time
0-0

Scorers: Agana
Attendance: 100 (est)

Arsenal: Wilmot, Campbell, Carstairs, Ball,
Scully, Morrow, Francis, Milton, Quinn,
Nicholas, Esquant. Sub: K. Campbell for
Esquant (75 mins).

Watford: Rees, Gibbs, Rumble, Terry, D.
G. Holdsworth, Pullan, Sherwood,
Hetherston, Doherty, Henry, Agana. Sub:
Powell for Henry (85 mins).

v. Luton Town, Saturday,
December 5th, home
Score: Won 4-1; Half-time:
2-1

Scorers: Watford: Sterling
(2), Henry, Hetherston;
Luton: Cobb.

Attendance: 878

Watford: Rees, Gibbs, Rumble, Terry, D.
G. Holdsworth, Powell, Hetherston, D. C.
Holdsworth, Roberts, Henry, Sterling. Sub:
Doherty for Henry (26 mins).

Luton: Dibble, Poutch, Harvey, McEvoy,
James, Johnson, Cobb, O'Brien, Oldfield,
Farrell, Tighe. Sub: McLean (not used).

Reserve Team Coach Geoff Taylor reports on recent matches: "In the top of the table clash against Arsenal, they had the better chances to score early on with shots coming from Quinn and Nicholas either being blocked or off target. Tim Sherwood did well to get himself in to three 'one-on-one' attempts on goal although he did not score. He hit the post with one and the other two were saved by Rhys Wilmot.

"We dominated the second half with Tony Agana securing the points for us with a fine long run and finishing shot just five

STRENGTH IN DEPTH

minutes from the end of the game. A good sound performance.

"For our home game against Luton Town, we had to make changes in midfield with Cliff Powell and Dean Holdsworth fitting in well. A fine run from Cliff produced our first goal with Worrell Sterling scoring on the rebound. Liburd Henry scored our second goal with a good run and a left foot finish. He then had to leave the field after a tackle with an ankle injury. (See "Team Shorts" on page 33 for injury news). Luton made the score 2-1 at half-time when they converted a penalty.

"Fifteen minutes into the second half, we made it 3-1 when Peter Hetherston converted Paul Rumble's fine corner. Worrell Sterling then scored his second of the match 10 minutes later, turning in a cross from the right.

"Mel Rees kept the score to 4-1 by saving a second Luton penalty just a few minutes from the end of the match."

v. Fulham, Tuesday,
December 8th, away
Score: Won 2-0; Half-time:
1-0

Scorers: Roberts, Doherty
Attendance: 150 (est)

Fulham: Batty, Greaves, Braithwaite,
Scott, Gale, Donovan, Hoddy, Achampong, Pike, Skinner, Caskey. Sub: Eaton (not used).

Watford: Rees, Gibbs, Rumble, Terry, D.
G. Holdsworth, Sherwood, Hetherston,
Sterling, Roberts, Doherty, Agana. Sub: D.
C. Holdsworth for Hetherston (76 mins).

Reserve Team Coach Geoff Taylor reports: "In a scrappy game away to Fulham, we ran out 2-0 winners!"

"Both our goals came in the first half. Iwan Roberts scoring the first following an error by their centre-half. Then two minutes later Neil Doherty got the second following a scrum-mage in the goalmouth, the ball hitting the crossbar and Neil scoring on the rebound.

"This was our best period with other chances falling to Iwan Roberts, Neil Doherty and Worrell Sterling.

"The second half was a non-event with play petering out at both teams 18 yard box. The strong wind and bumpy pitch did nothing to help matters."

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

v. Queens Park Rangers,
Saturday, November 28th,
away
Score: Won 1-0; Half-time:
0-0
Scorer: Thomas (penalty)

Attendance: 40 (est)

QPR: Roberts, Fleming, Joyce, Murray,
Hunt, McCarthy, Cummins, Costello,
Eaton, Lynch, Daynes. Subs: Crocker for
Daynes (76 mins), Macciocchi (not used).
Watford: James, Austin, Drysdale, Potter,
Gunn, Ashby, Richardson, Smith, Thomas,
Naylor, Wignall. Subs: Griffiths for Smith
(39 mins), Rowe (not used).

v. West Ham United, Satur-
day, December 5th, home
Score: Won 2-1; Half-time:
1-0

Scorers: Watford: Smith,
Naylor; West Ham: Harwood
Attendance: 70 (est)

Watford: James, Austin, Drysdale, Potter,
Gunn, Ashby, Richardson, Smith, Thomas,
Naylor, Wignall. Subs: Griffiths for Gunn
(half-time), Price (not used).

West Ham: Reeves, Edwards, Hyslop,
Pearson, O'Brien, Humphries, Rose, Kelly,
King, Clarke, Harwood. Subs: Moore for
Clarke (60 mins), Juby (not used).

F.A. YOUTH CUP SECOND ROUND

v. AFC Bournemouth,
Wednesday, December 3rd,
home
Score: Won 2-1; Half-time:
0-1

Scorers: Watford: Griffiths,
Wignall; Bournemouth:
Redknapp
Attendance: 332

Watford: James, Austin, Drysdale, Potter,
Towler, Ashby, Richardson, Smith,
Thomas, Naylor, Wignall. Subs: Griffiths
for Smith (54 mins), Price (not used).

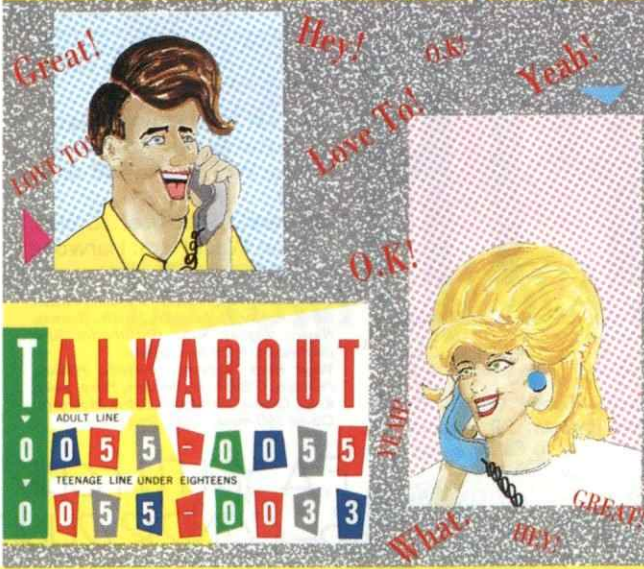
Bournemouth: Hartley, D. Holmes, Wrack,
M. Holmes, Powell, Lush, Redknapp, Mit-
chell, Piper, Flood, Woolley. Subs: Chilvers
for Mitchell (80 mins), Gray for Redknapp
(87 mins).

• After this win, Watford's youth team now face either Chelsea or West Ham in the third round of the FA Youth Cup. It's a home game, and will be played in January on a date to be announced.

Rous again

THE Rous Stand will again be opened for followers of the reserve team, when the reserves take on Portsmouth at Vicarage Road on Saturday, December 19th. Normal admission process apply.

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WE'RE TALKING FOOTBALL.

"It's worse than losing a war, a national crisis of the highest magnitude."

LORD WIGG,
after Poland had knocked out England, 1973.

"I suppose it will be an all-ticket match."

DANNY BLANCHFLOWER,
on being put into the reserves.

"There is a rat in the camp trying to throw a spanner in the works."

CHRIS CATTLIN,
Brighton manager, 1983.

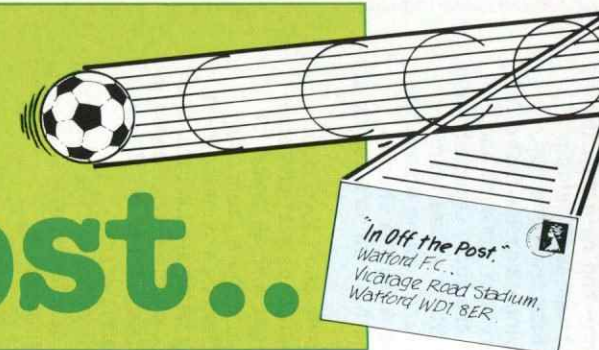
"The best team always wins. The rest is only gossip."

JIMMY SIRREL,
Notts County manager, 1985.

Source: *The Book of Football Quotations*, Peter Ball and Phil Shaw
(Stanley Paul, an imprint of Century Hutchinson Ltd).



In Off The Post..



Welsh rare-bits

I am a Wrexham supporter (suffering!) who has always followed Watford's fortunes with a lot of interest, beginning when Bill Gough was in the club shop—a very nice chap who always had time to write a few lines with the programmes he sent me.

The club has a big Welsh interest now and, if Tony Coton had not been fit to play at Maine Road on November 17th, with Mel Rees playing, there would have been five Welshmen in the Watford line-up—a record for the First Division.

Also interesting, when Malcolm Allen and Iwan Roberts both scored against Charlton Athletic on November 14th, this must have been a record—two Welsh-speaking Welshmen scoring for the same club in one match in any Division of the Football League.

At the moment, I am compiling a "Who's Who" of Welsh internationals which I hope to have published by the Association of Football Supporters when completed. It is hard work but rewarding and I thank Watford Football Club for the information that they have given.

All the best for the remainder of the season.

Gareth Davies,
St. Seiriols Close,
Holyhead, Gwynedd.

● *Yes, Mr. Davies, we do seem to have a very strong Welsh contingent at the club.*

Can anybody confirm the two records above and are there any other Welsh-connected records that Watford can claim.

An assessment of Watford's staff . . .

I have just got back from your ground and feel I have to write about your staff both on first team and reserve team matches, especially those outside and inside the Directors' and Officials' entrances. All staff here are probably the most helpful and courteous in the Football League and are respected as such gratefully by the lads who have to do vetting jobs like me.

I travel the League far and wide and it is always a pleasure to visit Watford.

John Lattimer,
Sutton Road,
Southend-on-Sea.

Pen Pal request

Andrew Payne,
65 Cranmer Street,
Long Eaton,
Nottingham NG10 1NJ.

● *This 18-year-old Nottingham Forest supporter would like to write to any female Watford supporters between the ages of 16 and 22. He hopes to exchange all the football news and souvenirs.*

Tracey Page-Smith,
11 Church End Lane,
Tilehurst, Reading,
Berks RG3 4XA.

● *This 16-year-old Reading supporter would like to have a Watford pen-pal between the ages of 16 and 19, boy or girl. If interested, please also send a photograph with your letter.*

Lost property

AT the Arsenal match on Saturday, November 28th, a children's watch was found by Neel Lakhani of Collinson Court, Edgware and handed in to the Matchday Information Centre.

It is a watch given out by British Caledonian and features a picture of Captain McCal,

together with a smart blue strap.

If you've lost this watch, please come into the Marketing Department or 'phone on Watford (0923) 30933, to pick it up.

Programme Fair

THE 9th annual Wimbledon Programme Fair is being held tomorrow in the Sydney Black Hall, Durnsford Road, just outside Wimbledon Football Club's ground. It starts at 11.30 am and finishes at 2.30 pm, admission being 20p with refreshments available.

There will be about 12 dealers present, many of them specialising in the London clubs. So, if interested, why not pop along?

Andy Watson,
Alexandra Road,
Wimbledon

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MAN IN THE MIDDLE



27
Squad Number

DAVID
HOLDSWORTH

THIS appears to be a season when a lot of younger players are going to be given a chance to show that they have a first team future at Watford.

The latest teenager to be included in the first team squad is Dean Holdsworth, twin brother of today's "Man In The Middle". "I'm very pleased for Dean," says David, older brother by 40 minutes. "He had a very bad knee injury and he's made a great recovery and this is just the kind of reward he deserves."

David and Dean formed part of the successful youth team for the past few seasons, and the current youth team is also following a successful path. How does David compare the youth team he played in with the current side? "I think we probably had more 'individual' players, but the present side is more of a team—and that will probably make them more successful."

"And of course, they've got Tom Walley running the side—and that's a great advantage."

A central defender, David is now captaining the reserve side—and he's also captained the England Youth side at various levels. "The centre of defence is an ideal place to captain from—and naturally, my current ambition is to captain Watford's first team one day."

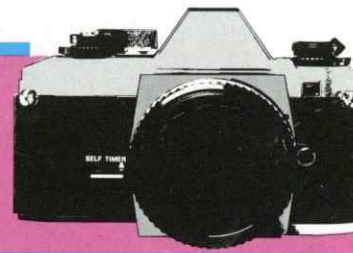
"I'm playing alongside Steve Terry in the reserves at present, and learning all the time, especially with a player of Steve's first team experience, and coming up against strikers like Arsenal's Charlie Nicholas and Niall Quinn a couple of weeks ago."

"Both Steve and I like to get forward, particularly at corners—and we've got a small wager on who will score more goals this season. So far, he's winning 2—1. Most of my goals are headers, and looking back over my two seasons in the youth team, 23 of my 24 goals were headers."

Is David heading for the senior side? That question may be answered this season.



IN FOCUS



We've spoken about the new coaches which ferry Watford supporters to away matches this season—but what's a typical day out for an away traveller? We sent Paul Levene on a roving report to Liverpool—here's his account of an "Anfield Awayday":

PLOUGHING through the dusty landscape I had visions of John Wayne riding over the horizon towards another wild west shootout.

As the dust cleared, however, I was brought back to earth as the shapes and sinews of the Cardiff Road Industrial Estate revealed themselves. Instead of the stage coach jolting over the rugged terrain, the clearing mists highlighted the contours of two motionless Club Cantabrica coaches waiting to transport the Hornets' faithful to the wild wild north-west. It was shootout time at the Anfield Corral and the tribes gathered for the journey up the M1 and M6 in search of that elusive first- ever point on Merseyside.

The club's new transport this season boasts facilities a million miles away from the nineteenth century horse-drawn variety. Each coach can lay claim to a video, hot and cold drink refreshments (there's nowt like a hot soup to warm the cockles of your heart on a cold winter evening!) and a toilet bringing to a halt the usual run of "emergency relief" stops at various service stations of previous years.

As everyone settled down with Bill Mainwood busy sorting out the seating arrangements, the video sprang into action

heralding the start of the journey. Bill runs the club's Programme Shop and also acts as a steward on away trips. Everyone synchronized watches . . . it was 14.35. By the time the Cantabrica cavalcade reached the M1 past a panoramic view of Watford, the video was in full swing portraying a very different kind of convoy, a modern "wild west" movie full of crazed American truck drivers attempting to ambush each other at every conceivable attempt. Meanwhile we were



On the road—the M1 to be exact. The Club Cantabrica coaches in full flight, complete with "in flight" entertainment in the form of videos.

progressing on schedule until we hit the traditional snarl up at the home town of today's visitors resulting in a slowing down of progress.

At Newport Pagnell a brief sortie into the service station resulted in the collection of the club doctor, Dr. Edwards. As I had commenced the journey suffering from the after effects of suspected peanut butter sandwich poisoning I was reassured that should symptoms reoccur I would be in safe hands.

By the time we had reached the M6 most fans were turning from the video to alternative entertainment. This was provided by a card school springing to life at the back and by a "trill phone" understood to go under the name of Mr. Hedges (no relation to the referee of course). Other activities in order of popularity were sleeping, reading and

guessing how many people would be availing themselves of the opportunity to make a hot drink on the journey. No mean feat!

Birmingham came and went as we sped past Villa Park combating the widely anticipated rain. Memories of Fellows Park came flooding back as we ghosted past the Walsall turnoff, but despite the myriad events off the field concerning Watford over the past few days most fans were remarkably quiet. Maybe it was due to the sense of foreboding over the impending battle of Anfield? Whatever the reason the half hour stop at Sandbach Services certainly livened everybody up (was it something they put in the tea or was it the strawberry jam in the scones?)

Refreshed and restored the great Watford debate began in earnest and was still raging as we turned on to the M57. the proposed share transfer was naturally high on the agenda closely followed by almost unanimous support given to Dave Bassett.

Speeding into Liverpool the familiar sights gave the impression that we were arriving at a second home with the coaches grinding to a halt just past Stanley Park next to a purveyor of haute burger cuisine. Enfin, it was time for the gladiators to enter the Anfield arena, but first we had to negotiate the obstacle course set by the local police horses en route to the turnstiles. Turning the corner, Anfield loomed large like some monolith monstrosity waiting to swallow its victims, small or large. Once inside the bowels of the beast it was straight to the tea bar to sample the local tea served up in what appeared to be cast-offs from the last kiddies party (or so it seemed).

Then it was the moment we had all been waiting for—time to settle down for the action, but not before bumping into the famous Birkenhead Bill, the world's number one Everton supporter! We were left to consider a battling first-half display by the Hornets followed by the Liverpool steamroller in the second half, marshalled by former Watford favourite John Barnes who nevertheless was applauded warmly



Visitors' view from the Anfield terraces.

throughout by the Watford faithful.

So it was another "pointless" return to Watford as everyone snaked their way back to the coaches. Talking of snakes, one or two of them slithered their way onto the video on the way back as we were treated to "Crocodile Dundee" no less with Mr. Hogan as usual doing his

fair share of amber nectar imbibement in the process. It certainly took everyone's mind off the result. As for the rest of the journey, after the film I'm afraid that I broke golden rule number one of the roving reporter as the land of nod got the better of me. Still at least I was dreaming of Watford goals.



The leaving of Liverpool—the return journey is about to begin.

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PROFILE

What becomes of talented American soccer players? Frank MacDonald, Watford supporter in Seattle follows the fortunes of one such player, BRENT GOULET.

TODAY in America, five million men and boys will boot a soccer ball about. Thousands of them will dream about playing professionally one day. Hundreds are good enough right now.

But unlike anywhere else in the world, they may never get the chance. American soccer players (or footballers as they're known in the UK) have nowhere to go. They find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. And there is no better example than Brent Goulet.

Brent Goulet is a young man blessed with enormous talent. He has impressive ball skills, a blistering shot and excellent pace. He is a mainstay in his national team.

But Brent Goulet also has his share of problems. He is not Argentine, he's American. His country has no Bundesliga, only semi-pro clubs and an indoor league which is more of a gimmick than a game. He's a solid professional prospect, but so, too, are several thousand other unemployed players around the world.

These are the facts of life for an aspiring American soccer player these days. This is the irony of the United States much-ballyhooed soccer boom: Finally, after turning out millions of muts, this country is producing pedigree players. Only now, there is no place to showcase their talents. The North American Soccer League is long gone. All that remains is the Major Indoor League, which makes a mockery of true sport.

But, if you are Brent Goulet, what do you do? Where do you go? What can you find?

Actually, the first problem posed to promising soccer players was when to make their move. Upon graduation from high school at age 17 or 18, he must choose to go pro or preserve his amateur status and play for a college. Most exercise the latter options.

Brent Goulet, who grew up in Seattle, never had to make a choice. When he graduated from high school, there were no professional scouts waiting on his doorstep. In fact, because of poor exam results, few colleges were interested, either. Only one coach came calling,

and so Goulet would up at little Warner Pacific College in Portland.

Almost single-handedly, Goulet made Warner Pacific a small-college powerhouse. He scored 106 goals over four 20-match seasons to set an American college record. His scoring exploits soon caught the attention of the national team coach, and by age 21 he became a regular fixture in the Team America line-up.

With such credentials, Goulet was understandably a prized commodity in the indoor player draft last spring. There, he could practically name his price. Endorsement contracts would surely follow. But Brent Goulet, facing the fork in the road, chose the less-travelled path. Refusing to settle for what he considered second-rate soccer indoors, he sought a career playing the world game.

For the past five months, Goulet has shopped his wares all over Europe. First West Germany. Then Holland, Belgium and Yugoslavia. After a brief break, he joined FC Seattle for a series of friendlies in Britain. Celtic offered him a trial. Bournemouth offered him a contract. But Goulet believed he was good enough to play in the First Division.

Goulet's agent, Englishman and former NASL veteran Mick Hoban, believes in his player's ability, but admits the odds of making it in Europe are remote. "He's shown everyone that he's good enough to play in whatever country he goes to," said Hoban. "But in England you have to be an international-class player to get a work visa issued. You have to petition the union, and that will be tough because, despite what Americans would like to believe, the US is not an established soccer nation. They say, 'Yes he's an international, but from a second-degree nation'."

Goulet knows his chances are slim. But he also knows he can score goals. He just wants a chance to play the game at the highest possible level. He wants to prove that an American can play the game. Soon he may finally get that chance.

In October, Bournemouth offered Goulet a contract, subject to him receiving a work visa. He scored in his first reserve team appearance. Once the contract is validated, he'll hope to hold down a regular first team place.

Of course, he will still be required to make sacrifices. The pay will be minimal. The food and customs a little different, and the phone bills between Britain and back home will no doubt be enormous. But that's the price an American player must pay to play first-class professional soccer.



Brent Goulet joined Bournemouth recently on a free transfer. If he lives up to his reputation and proves himself a top flight goalscorer, both Bournemouth and Goulet will reap sizeable rewards should he be transferred for a big fee.

THIS IS THE DAY

DECEMBER 12th

ON this day in Watford's history, the following happened . . .

1896—Southern League Division Two, and Watford suffer their first home defeat of the season—Uxbridge run out 1—0 winners.

1903—This season saw Watford win 18, draw two and lose none. Eighty-four years ago today Watford drew 3—3 with Fulham reserves. The season also saw controversy over Tottenham's second round FA Cup tie with Aston Villa. The Spurs crowd invaded the pitch with Villa leading 1—0, and the match was abandoned. Spurs eventually won 1—0 when the tie was re-played.

1908—Watford begin a run of seven games without a win—on this occasion a 1—1 home draw with Brighton. Watford lost to Luton twice that season—1—0 away and 3—0 at home.

1914—A 4—0 home victory over Gillingham, as Watford win the Southern League. One week later Watford bowed

out of the FA Cup in the sixth qualifying round—2—0 at Rochdale.

1931—Gainsborough are beaten 5—2 in a second round tie. The goals were scored by White (2), Lowe (2) and Barnett.

1936—Luton finish as champions of Division Three South, with Watford fourth. Fifty-one years ago today, Watford went down 2—1 at Notts County who themselves were to finish in second place.

1964—Watford finish ninth in Division Three and Luton are relegated to Division Four. Twenty-three years ago today, Watford draw 1—1 at Hull City. This was the tenth League meeting between the clubs—only one had ended with a margin of more than one goal, Watford's 4—2 home victory in season 1962-63.

1970—Luton win a Division Two match at Vicarage Road 1—0, in front of the season highest gate, 24,456. The Hatters goal was scored by Mike Keen, later to play for,

and manage the Hornets, later on in the season, Luton won by the same score at Kenilworth Road, with Malcolm MacDonald scoring.

1975—A Fourth Division fixture at Stockport County. The Hornets draw 2—2 with goals from Horsfield, and a 25 yard effort from Ross Jenkins. Stockport's goals came from Ian Lawther and George Best. Best played only three games (all at home) for Stockport, scoring twice. With Best playing, the average home attendance was 6,865 but for the remaining 20 fixtures the average was only 2,700.

Best's debut on November 28th, 1975 for County was against Swansea, and a crowd of 9,220—no home attendance since then has matched that figure. Also, since that date, on only three occasions have County been watched by more away from home—at Watford (1977-78), Portsmouth (1979-80) and Sheffield United (1981-82).

1981—The Hornets travel to Filbert Street, Leicester. Gary Lineker and Ross Jenkins score first-half goals and the game ends 1—1. Divisional leaders this day six years ago—Manchester United, Luton Town, Chesterfield and Colchester.

●Compiled by Jonathan Elliott

Also on this day . . .

1891—People have been talking about player misbehaviour recently, but on this day in 1891, Blackburn Rovers played Burnley and two players were sent off from each side early in the second half following a scuffle. Trouble continued and the entire

Blackburn side was ordered off, except for goalkeeper Herbie Arthur. The game re-started and Burnley soon scored, but Herbie quite rightly claimed it was off-side. He then took so long to take the free-kick that the referee abandoned the game.

1901—Marconi transmits the first transatlantic radio signal.

1955—Sir Christopher Cockerell patents the hovercraft—under the title "Ripplecraft".

1963—Kenya becomes independent.

Today's birthday people: (ages in brackets): US tennis player **Tracy Austin** (25); dancer/entertainer **Lionel Blair** (55); ex-world Grand Prix champion **Emerson Fittipaldi** (41); singer **Connie Francis** (51); playwright **John Osborne** (58); Ol' Blue Eyes **Frank Sinatra** (72); singer **Dionne Warwick** (47).

Hornets with birthdays around now: December 11th: **Chris Pullan** (20).



Renowned goalscorer Gary Lineker netted for Leicester City against Watford on this day in 1981. The match, at Leicester, ended 1—1. It was a Second Division fixture.

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BUZZ into the HORNET SHOP

11 HORNET SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

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 10. 'Minis'—miniature replica kit £2.99
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The Hornet Shop is always buzzing with customers, but it's never "buzzier" than at Christmas—because it's the only place to go to get the full range of official Watford merchandise and souvenirs.

From stocking-fillers to big presents, the Hornet Shop's got them all—T-shirts, scarves, hats, sweatshirts, jumpers, baby clothes, gridiron shirts, formal shirts, ties—you name it, the Hornet Shop sell it. And that goes for all the other club souvenirs, such as mugs, pens, glass tankards, photographs and posters.

And of course, the Hornet Shop is the place to go for official team kits—home and away—and the club tracksuit. The team shirts can have the club sponsor—Solvite—printed on them, so they are the genuine article.

The Hornet Shop is in the north-east corner of the stadium and is open every day from now until Christmas (except Sundays) from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. And on Christmas Eve the shop will be open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

There's also an offshoot of the Hornet Shop (Hornet Shop II) at 112/113 Watford Market. That's open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

To get a full price list, which includes a mail order form, call into the shop or write to: The Hornet Shop, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford, Herts. And please remember to include a stamped, addressed envelope. Or you can 'phone the shop during opening hours on Watford (0923) 220847.



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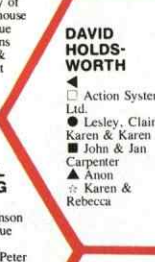
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WHO'S THE GREATEST?

Today, Oliver Phillips, Sports Editor of the Watford Observer, continues his "Who's The Greatest?" series with the second part of his assessment of Watford's inside forwards.

CHARLIE WHITE was a home-grown product, starting his football in the locality with Chesham Generals before joining Harry Kent's Southern League Watford and winning a championship medal in 1914.

After the First World War, he returned to Cassio Road and completed his Southern League career, which totalled 211 appearances.

He was gifted player, capable of making play and he took his skills with Watford into their Third Division debut.

He made a further 144 League and Cup appearances but contracted viral pneumonia and is

believed to be the only player to die while still on the club's books.

He helped with the reserves in his latter days and was also founder-member of Watford Harriers.

Bill Sheppard came from Liverpool and, as seemed to be the custom with several players in that era, moved on to Loftus Road. He was a very skilful inside forward; a ball-player although he is recalled as being 'all left foot'.

There was a distinct lack of competition for the inside-right spot in the late 1920's and 1930's



Tommy "Boy" Barnett. Until recently he held the overall club goalscoring record, but Luther Blissett now holds that. (Photo: Watford Observer)

purely because it was held down by that record-breaking legend, Tommy 'Boy' Barnett.

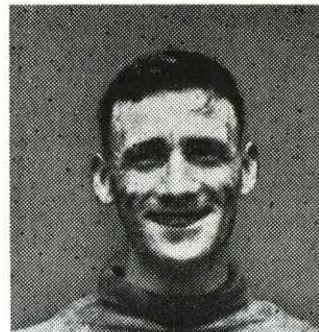
Believed to be among the first groundstaff boys in football, he was signed as a makeweight in a deal that brought abrasive centre half, Frank Barson to Vicarage Road. The former Manchester United youngster retained his boyish looks and stammer for years, but, apart from being one of the nicest, most self-effacing men you could ever wish to meet, he established himself as Vicarage Road's favourite between the wars.

He was 'all right foot' but could cross a ball as well as any wing-forward, had excellent pace and was able to make the play as well as round it off with a record aggregate number of Watford goals.

He would beat a man on the outside with great skill and, while he was almost useless when it came to heading, he was the all-round, ball-playing inside forward able to adapt to foraging as well.

Because of Barnett's tenure, **Arthur Wooliscroft**, signed from

Leicester, had little opportunity to make his mark. He was a clever ball-playing schemer and moved on to Newport after a couple of seasons.



Arthur Wooliscroft was a talented inside forward, but unfortunately for him his Watford career coincided with that of Tommy Barnett.

The inside-left berth was filled by **Willy Devan** who came from Linfield and was given a free transfer in 1938, later appearing as a non-contract player for Scammells during the War.

NOMINATIONS

Name:	Apps.	Name:	Apps.	Name:	Apps.
Barnett	434	Train	108	Lindsay	72
Bond	298	Brown (T)	108	Foster	70
Chung	243	Crisp	101	Oliver	67
Meadows	237	Evans	98	Wooliscroft	67
Walker	183	Sheppard	95	Ward (D)	66
Holton	163	Devan	95	Lohman	63
White	144	Graham	94	Swann	59
Bowie	130	Train	92	Young	42
Lowe (H)	130	McAneaney	86	Hartle	39
Franks	109	Harmer	74	Fleming	31

He was very much left-footed and was a schemer; Barnett able to adapt into a more forceful role to compensate on the other channel.

The ball-players were often smaller men and one classic example was **Tommy Brown**, signed from Portsmouth in 1949. Exceedingly skilful, he hit inspired passes over a shorter distance but was unable to hit the longer ball with any accuracy. A play-maker, he was not physically strong enough to make a big impact in the more robust lower divisions.

I have always contended that **John Barnes** and **Tommy Harmer** were the most skilful ball-players during my time, but older hands recall a player who was more talented than either. His name was **George Young** and though he made less than the 50 appearances needed to qualify for this series, former Watford winger **Taffy Davies** my predecessor, **Malcolm Waller**, name **George** as the cleverest player they ever saw at Vicarage Road.

Modern coaches would bemoan his habit of beating the same player two or three times in the space of a few seconds. He would pick up a ball by the Shrodells Stand and beat five men in a run to the Main Stand flank. He was perhaps low on end-product but high on showmanship.

A former Hibs' player, he failed to take the advice of Watford's experienced **Davies**, and attempted to make a fool of an opposition full back one afternoon.

As he was stretchered off with a broken leg later in the game, **Taffy** said to him: "I told you not to mess with this fellow."

Young was never the same when the break healed and, after a few appearances, the wizard of Vicarage Road dribble moved on to Headington.

Next, **St Albans City** provided **Johnny Meadows** who played in a number of positions. He was a lovely player, capable of great

accuracy and neatness but lacked the urgency and was too deliberate to be really effective as an inside forward. He moved back to wing half later.

Peter Walker was a player who, many thought, had everything in the **Tom Finney** mould and, like the Preston plumber, alternated between the wing and inside-forward roles. He had the talent but was neither hard nor assertive enough and never fulfilled the promise.

Les Graham was another ball-playing schemer who made nearly 100 appearances for Watford before returning to Newport. Short and stocky, he was a good Third Division inside-forward whose low centre of gravity made it very hard for defenders to dispossess him.



Tommy Harmer played for Watford in the early sixties, and possessed marvellous close control, which attracted Chelsea to purchase him.

Some thought the scheming of **Barry Hartle** was underrated

during the **Holton** era and he certainly played his part with subtlety as a foil to **Holton**, during the promotion year when the lad from Salford Boys' Club made 39 appearances before joining **Sheffield United**.

His eventual replacement was **Tommy Harmer** from **Spurs**. Under 5ft, he too suffered from the robust nature of the Third Division and the fact that his short-ball play did not counter-balance **Holton**'s longer-ball ability quite in the manner expected. Neither were ball-winners and **Harmer** suffered in comparison with the living legend of **Big Cliff**.

Nevertheless **Harmer** was graced with some mesmerising skills. True, he had neither pace nor power, but he was pure subtlety and much of his work was beyond the reading of many of his colleagues. He could hit a ball and give the impression that he still had power to determine its destination long after it left his foot and he could shuffle past faster men with a feint and superb control.

After **Harmer** moved to **Chelsea**, **Jimmy McAneaney** joined the **Hornets** from **Plymouth**. You could compare him with **Barnett**, for although he lacked the former's pace and the goal-scoring touch, he was a play-making journeyman of the old style. A neat, hard-working player who later managed **Rotherham**.

The last of the ball-playing inside forwards and the first of the

midfield architects was **Dennis Bond** a product of the youth scheme, he could shoot, hit amazingly accurate long passes with the outside of his foot and play the neatest of one-two's in support of his front men. He also had the gift of letting the ball run and beating an opponent without touching it; just feinting deftly to send him the wrong way.

His weakness was work-rate or what was seen as the lack of it. He could tackle and he could win the ball when he had a mind, and perhaps his lack of application was one of the biggest disappointments both for him, now in reflection, and those of us who felt he could and should have become a real star.



Dennis Bond—"the last of the ball-playing inside forwards." He played for Watford in the first half of the seventies. (Photo: Watford Observer)

NOW CAST YOUR VOTE...

Excluding the present squad, I think Watford's three greatest INSIDE FORWARDS were: (Please choose three from the list of nominations on this page)

Now keep this selection form and after the last part of the "Who's The Greatest?" series, we'll be giving you a deadline by which to send in your complete list. Please note we are asking you to judge players while they were at Watford—not at other clubs.

For the three supporters who get nearest to the judges' selections, there will be a pair of executive days out at Watford, plus a team shirt autographed by all the players, and £25 worth of vouchers to spend at the Hornet Shop.

JUNIOR HORNETS



Recent matches

THE Junior Hornets have made lots more friends on the football field recently, having played the Junior "U's" (Oxford United), the Junior Gunners (Arsenal) and the Junior Rams (Derby County) in recent weeks.

"Oxford's Financial Director Pat McGeogh and his secretary Mary Pope were wonderful hosts at Oxford," reports Ann Swanson, who runs the Junior Hornets. "We took an under-13s and an under-16 side, and they both won."

"Two weeks ago we played three matches against the Junior Gunners of Arsenal, winning two and drawing one. That was at the Watford Leisure Centre and last week we travelled up to Derby in the company of a Borough Council team. We took on the Junior Rams and then, as usual watched the game with our 'opponents'."

Today, the Junior Hornets have been playing the Junior Hatters of Luton and

we welcome Bev Tyler of Luton and his players—all of whom are standing on the Family Terrace. Please note that the junior supporters of other clubs are standing on the Family Terrace at our invitation—so please make them welcome.

Disco soon

THERE'S a Junior Hornets' Disco in the Aldenham Club on Wednesday, December 30th, from 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm. Entry is £1.00, but look out for more details in the next home programme—v. Sheffield Wednesday on Boxing Day.

School comes first

THIS is a very important note to all Junior Hornets' footballers.

If you play for your school, you should not be playing for the Junior Hornets, because in no way do we want to cut across the playing of school football.

Junior Hornets football is primarily aimed at those youngsters who would not normally be playing for a team.

Last reminder—oh yes it is!

THIS is a last reminder for the Junior Hornets trip to see the Christmas Pantomime "Babes In The Wood" on Wednesday, December 23rd at the London Palladium.

As we go to press, we have six places left. The trip costs £10, which includes the coach fare and ticket. It's payable on the coach which will be leaving from outside the Hornet Shop at 4.30 pm sharp on the day.

If you've already booked, please turn up—otherwise you will be charged!

The Junior Hornets is a special club for all fans under 16. For details of membership call in at the Marketing Department or 'phone Watford (0923) 53836 during office hours.

BEST WISHES

HAPPY Birthday to all those Junior Hornets listed below. Ages are in brackets, and the dates are all in December.

1st Stephen Hempenstal (16), D. Leversha (16), Martin Horwood (15), Keely Hughes (15), Marcus Jarman (15), Andrew Emanuel (14), Laurence Kiddle (13), Andrew Chambers (10), James Probett (10), John Sargent (8), Benjamin Walker (6), Darren Wearing (6). 2nd K. Harris (16), Mark Grundy (12), Andrew Stevens (12), Edward Rawlinson (11), Adam Sheridan (10). 3rd Mark Jones (14), Christopher Meager (13), Robert Dempsey (11), Barry Seymour (11), Asad Shaikh (10), Thomas Faw (6), Morgan Evans (5), Samuel Nash (4), Adam Grimshaw (2). 4th Martin Jennings (16), Matthew Rust (14), Jordi Connor (11), Martin Cottrell (11), Samuel Priestnall (10), Christopher White (10), Karim Youssef (10), Kieran Ash (9), Adrian Lapsley (9), Paul Ryan (9), Matthew King (4). 5th Stewart Simmonds (16), Daniel Young (15), Philip Stokes (14), Jonathan Howse (13), Richard Sedgwick (12), Stephen Balch (11), Atiq Ghafoor (11), Peter Roper (10), Richard Puce (8). 6th Carl Wheeler (13), Simon Weston (12), Adam Tennet (11), Philip Webb (8), Stephen Westley (7), Timothy Waddington (6), Philip Slater (1). 7th David Morton (16), Louise Cattermoul (14), Christian Elson (14), Michelle Bower (13), David Mason (13), Giles Balmforth (11), James Tarrant (11), Neil Chipperfield (10), Jonathan Cohen (10), Anthony Hamblin (10). 8th Raymond Maskell (16), Jason Brown (10), David Crisp (10), Mark Grinyer (9), James Ineson (3). 9th Joanne Loveday (14), Rovinder Kaur (12), Carlo Metcalfe (12), Nicholas Wigham (11), Matthew Butcher (10), Andrew Larmour (10). 10th Denise Anderson-Stratford (16), Matthew Homewood (15), Jonathan Poplewell (15), Adrian Skingley (15), Sarah Watson (15), Nicholas Eckland (14), Christopher (13), Nathan Denham (12), Nicola Double (11), Martin Smith (10), Liam Ahern (9), Darren Murphy (8). 11th Nicola Hannell (16), Debbie Howse (15), Simon Whitehead (15), Paul Castelete (14), Lara Sharpstone (11).

We will try as far as possible to list all Junior Hornets birthdays that fall in the football season, but we may have to miss some to ensure we keep pace with the dates of the matchday programme.

PROMOTION

Push

Will you win in the Draw?

IN four days' time the 350 prizes in this year's Christmas Draw will be drawn—with the full results sheet available from the Marketing Department on Monday, December 21st.

The deadline for all counterfoils to be returned is 5.00 pm in the Marketing Department on **Wednesday, December 16th**. If you'd like to witness the Draw and perhaps pull out some winners, please come along to the Aldenham Club at the stadium at 7.45 pm the same night.

All season ticket holders, Supporters Club members and Lottery Agents have automatically received Draw tickets to sell and if you've bought or sold tickets and would like a results sheet sent to you, please call the Marketing Department on Watford (0923) 225761, or pop your name and address into the Matchday Information Centre today.

Prizes in the Christmas Draw range from wines, spirits, Christmas hampers, right up to the top prize of £1,000.

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Week No. 2: November 14th

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Week No. 3: November 21st

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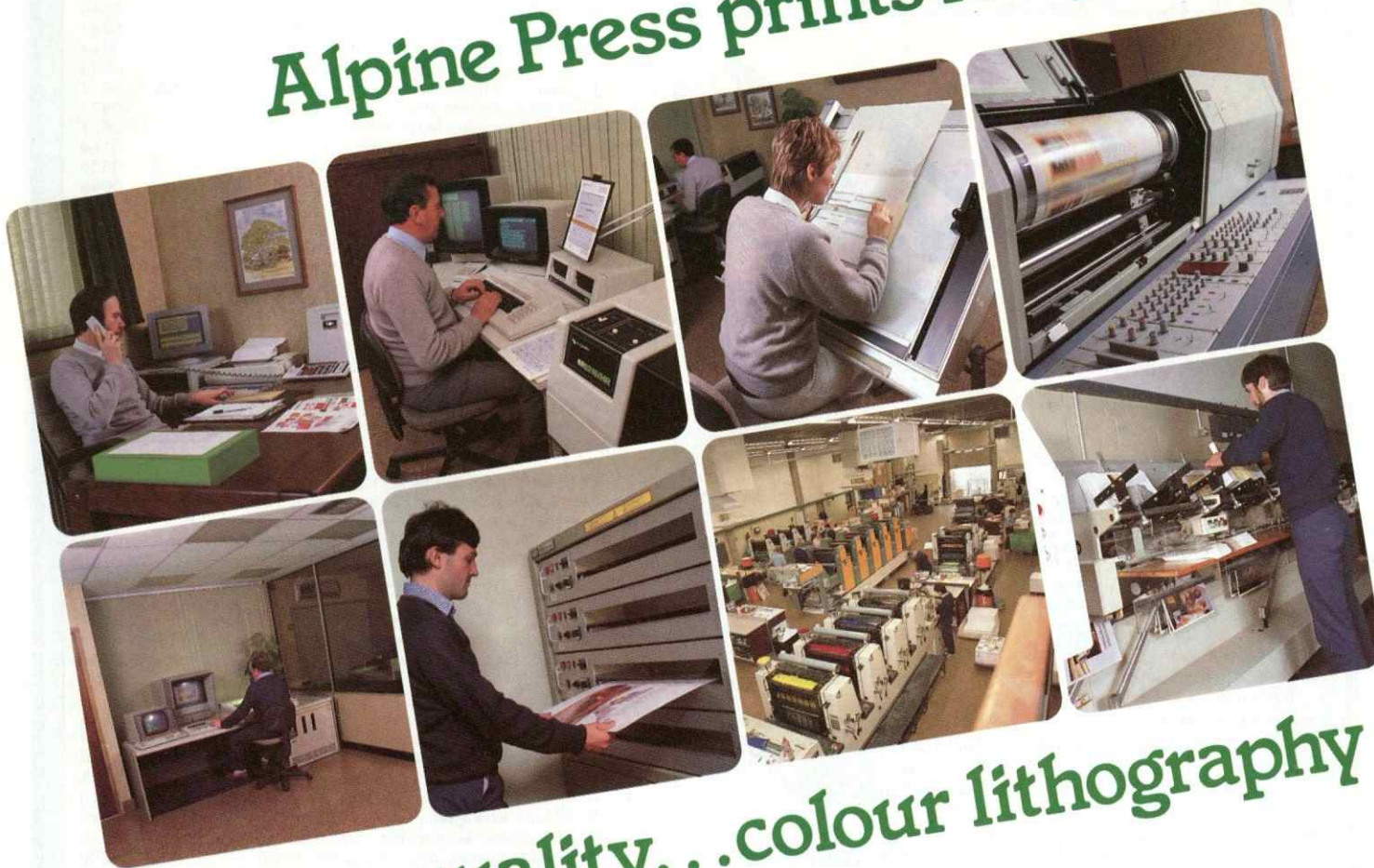
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Week No. 5: December 5th

£600 —Peter Holman, Kenilworth Drive, Croxley Green0156
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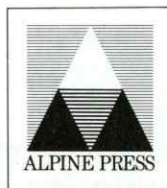
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TEAM SHORTS

Steve's future

WATFORD central defender **Steve Terry** has put in a transfer request to the club, but until he leaves, he is "100 per cent" committed to the club.

"I couldn't give any less," says Steve, "I've been with Watford 10 years this January, and I feel that it's time for me to move on, especially as I'm not in the first team."

"There comes a time in everyone's job, no matter what your profession, when you feel your career could

do with a boost by a change. I've got to that stage, and football being such a short career, I don't want to be looking back and saying 'maybe I could have done better elsewhere'.

"It would be easy for me to stay at Watford, but I know I need a new challenge."

"As supporters are aware, my wife Tanya had a heart transplant earlier this year, and is under the care of Harefield Hospital. But it's only a question of reporting in from time to time now, not necessarily in person, so wherever we move, that's no problem as any 'bloods' that Tanya has

to provide can be sent via a local hospital, plus of course, my parents are in Watford. And from our point of view, if we based our future around Harefield Hospital, we wouldn't do much."

Manager Dave Bassett notes: "I can fully understand Steve's wish for first team football, especially as he's more than 200 Watford senior appearances to his name. We've had a chat, and he knows I can't release him until a replacement is found. He's accepted that situation, as has Kenny Jackett, who has also made a transfer request."

First thoughts from Liburd

NEW striker Liburd Henry netted his first goal for Watford in the reserves 4-1 home win over Luton last Saturday.

"I should have scored a hat-trick at Arsenal the week before," he admits, "but it was great to get off the mark."

"The daily training has increased my power 100 per cent, and it took me a couple of games to run off the stiffness from all the training. But I felt sharp against Luton, generally fitter and faster."

Certainly anyone who saw his goal will testify to that as he burst past two defenders to open his Watford account.

Cliff on loan

LAST Wednesday Watford's central defender, **Cliff Powell** joined Hereford United for a one-month loan period.

Lucky under-13s

WATFORD'S under-13 schoolboy side has won its first trophy.

They beat Bushey Rangers 1-0 in a challenge match recently for a trophy donated by Edgware Double Glazing.

"We hope this will now become an annual fixture for the trophy," says **Dennis Gibbs**, the club's Maintenance Foreman, who also looks after the under-13s. "It was a good performance and I think

we have some promising players coming through. The goal was a 20-yard left-foot drive from **Kevin Durrant**, in the first-half."

Injury update

HERE'S the latest injury news from Watford Physiotherapist **Derek French**:

Wilf Rostron: "Suffered a groin strain in training and missed the trip to Derby last Saturday. He's now back in training and should be available for today's game, if selected."

Worrell Sterling: "Tweaked the medial ligaments in his right knee in the friendly at Northampton on November 23rds, but resumed training on the Friday and played for the reserves last Saturday."

Liburd Henry: "Suffered a badly bruised left ankle following a tackle against Luton reserves last Saturday. He's been receiving treatment this week—and may make it for the reserves at St. Albans next Tuesday."

Kevin Richardson: "Needed two stitches in a head cut he sustained in a collision during last week's youth team game against West Ham."

Andrew Gunn: "Youth trainee Andrew has had a niggling thigh strain and we now intend to rest him for a month to clear it up. Just in time for Christmas!"

Jason Solomon: "Like Liburd he's got a badly bruised ankle, but I expect him to have played today for the juniors against Charlton."

FACTS AND FIXTURES

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4 Nottm F.	16	4	2	1	15	4	5	2	2	17	11	31
5 Everton	18	6	2	1	17	5	2	4	3	8	7	30
6 Man Utd.	17	4	4	0	13	7	3	4	2	15	11	29
7 Chelsea	18	6	2	0	16	8	2	0	8	11	21	26
8 Wim'don	18	3	5	1	14	9	3	2	4	11	13	25
9 Derby Co	17	3	3	3	8	6	3	3	2	8	10	24
10 So'ton	18	3	2	3	11	10	3	3	4	14	16	23
11 West Ham	18	3	4	3	11	12	2	3	3	9	11	22
12 Tottenham	18	5	1	3	13	10	1	3	5	4	11	22
13 Oxford U.	18	5	1	3	17	14	1	3	5	4	14	22
14 Luton T.	17	4	3	3	15	9	2	0	5	8	12	21
15 Newcastle	17	2	2	4	7	11	3	4	2	14	15	21
16 Coventry	18	2	3	4	10	17	3	2	4	9	10	20
17 Sheff W.	18	3	1	5	11	15	2	2	5	8	18	18
18 Portsm'th	18	3	4	3	11	12	1	2	5	4	21	18
19 WATFORD	18	3	2	3	7	8	1	3	6	5	15	17
20 Norwich C	19	2	2	5	10	14	2	1	7	4	13	15
21 Charlton	18	2	3	5	8	13	0	2	6	8	17	11

(up to and including Saturday, December 5th, 1987)

First Team Update

Up to 11/12/87	League Aps	Gls	L Cup Aps	Gls	S Cup Aps	Gls	FA Cup Aps	Gls	Totals Aps	Gls
Agana	8(4)	1(1)	2						9(5)	2
Allen	7(1)	2	3	2					10(1)	4
Bardsley	4								4	
Blissett	10(2)	3	1(2)	1					11(4)	4
Chivers	8	1							9	
Coton	18	5							23	
Gibbs	14	5	2						19	2
Hetherston	1(1)	1(1)	2						2(2)	2
Hill	2(2)								2(2)	
Hodges	10	1	4	2					14	3
Jackett	13	1	3						16	1
McClelland	18	5							23	
Morris	18	5	1						23	1
Porter	17(1)	2	4(1)	2					21(2)	4
Pullan	1								1	
Roberts	8(5)	1	3(1)	1					11(6)	2
Rostron	12(3)	5							17(3)	
Senior	14(1)	1	3(1)	1					17(2)	2
Sherwood	6(2)	3							9(2)	
Sterling	5(3)	1	1(1)						6(4)	1
Terry	5	2	1						7	1

Key: Playing substitute in brackets; S Cup = Simod Cup.

South East Counties League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 WATFORD	19	15	2	2	53	17	32
2 Spurs	17	13	2	2	40	13	28
3 Arsenal	16	10	1	5	53	23	21
4 QPR	18	8	5	5	28	20	21
5 Charlton	14	8	3	3	28	20	19
6 Chelsea	16	7	4	5	36	23	18
7 West Ham	15	6	5	4	28	19	17
8 Ipswich	17	8	0	9	27	33	16
9 Portsm'th	15	7	1	7	41	30	15
10 Leyton O.	18	5	5	8	14	28	15
11 Southend	15	6	2	7	27	35	14
12 Gill'ham	17	5	4	8	24	33	14
13 Norwich	16	5	4	7	22	31	14
14 Millwall	18	5	4	9	28	41	14
15 Fulham	16	1	2	13	9	45	4
16 Cambridge	17	1	0	16	15	62	2

(up to and including Sat. December 5th)

H Aug. 15 Norwich City	W 4-1	A Nov. 28 QPR	W 1-0
H Aug. 20 QPR	L 1-2	H Dec. 2 B'mouth (FAYC-2)	W 2-1
A Aug. 22 West Ham United	W 4-0	H Dec. 5 West Ham United	W 2-1
A Aug. 29 Tottenham H.	W 2-1	H Dec. 12 Charlton Ath.	
H Sept. 1 Portsmouth	W 6-2	A Dec. 19 Fulham	
H Sept. 5 Ipswich Town	L 2-3	H Jan. 2 Tottenham H.	
A Sept. 7 Charlton Ath.	W 2-1	A Jan. 9 Portsmouth	
A Sept. 12 Millwall	D 1-1	A Jan. 16 Ipswich Town	
H Sept. 14 North'ton (SJFC-1)	W 3-2	A Jan. 23 Millwall	
A Sept. 19 L. Orient	W 2-0	A Jan. 30 Gillingham	
H Sept. 26 Gillingham	W 4-1	A Feb. 6 Southend United	
H Oct. 3 Southend Utd	W 3-1	H Feb. 13 Cambridge Utd.	
A Oct. 10 Cambridge Utd	W 5-0	H Feb. 27 Arsenal	
H Oct. 17 Fulham	W 4-0	H Mar. 12 Chelsea	
A Oct. 24 Arsenal	W 3-1	To be arranged: Portsmouth (a - SJFC-3)	
A Oct. 31 Spurs (SECLC 2)	L 1-2	Chelsea/West Ham (h - FAYC-3)	
H Nov. 7 L. Orient	W 3-0	Key: SECLC: South East Counties League	
A Nov. 14 Chelsea	D 1-1	Cup, SJFC: Southern Junior Floodlit Cup,	
H Nov. 18 Norwich (SJFC-2)	W 4-1	FAYC: FA Youth Cup.	
A Nov. 21 Norwich City	W 3-1		

S. Mirror Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 WATFORD	17	14	1	2	41	12	29
2 Tottenham	16	11	2	3	37	17	24
3 Arsenal	16	11	1	4	36	13	23
4 QPR	16	11	1	4	34	18	23
5 Norwich	15	9	3	3	36	19	21
6 So'ton	17	9	2	6	36	20	20
7 Chelsea	16	7	4	5	31	19	18
8 Portsmouth	13	8	2	3	32	23	18
9 Luton	15	8	2	5	34	26	18
10 Millwall	16	6	5	5	28	18	17
11 Ipswich	16	5	6	5	29	25	16
12 West Ham	15	7	2	6	25	24	16
13 Oxford Utd.	16	7	2	7	34	40	16
14 Charlton	16	4	4	8	17	29	12
15 Brighton	17	5	1	11	17	44	11
16 Swindon	14	4	2	6	19	35	10
17 Fulham	16	3	3	10	23	48	7
18 Bristol R.	18	2	2	14	24	47	6
19 Reading	18	2	2	14	22	51	6
20 C. Palace	16	2	1	12	9	36	5

(up to and including Wed. December 9th)

Combination Diary

A Aug. 18 QPR	W 1-0
A Aug. 28 Norwich City	W 3-2
A Sept. 2 Millwall	L 0-1
H Sept. 9 Crystal Palace	W 1-0
H Sept. 12 Tottenham H.	W 2-1
A Sept. 15 Swindon T.	W 2-0
A Sept. 22 Bristol Rovers	W 4-1
H Oct. 3 Southampton	W 2-0
A Oct. 20 Letchw'th (HSC-1)	W 4-1
H Oct. 24 Oxford United	W 4-0
A Oct. 26 Brighton	L 1-2
A Oct. 31 Reading	W 7-1
H Nov. 7 West Ham United	D 1-1
A Nov. 11 Ipswich Town	W 2-1
H Nov. 21 Charlton Athletic	W 4-1
A Nov. 28 Arsenal	W 1-0
H Dec. 5 Luton Town	W 4-1
A Dec. 8 Fulham	W 2-0
A Dec. 15 St. Albans (HSC-2)	
H Dec. 19 Portsmouth	
H Jan. 5 QPR (Tues)	
H Jan. 16 Norwich City	
A Jan. 27 Crystal Palace (Wed)	
H Jan. 30 Millwall	
H Feb. 6 Swindon Town	
A Feb. 13 Tottenham H.	
H Feb. 20 Bristol Rovers	
A Feb. 27 Southampton	
A Mar. 5 Chelsea	
H Mar. 12 Brighton & H.A.	
A Mar. 16 Oxford United (Wed)	
H Mar. 19 Reading	
H Mar. 22 Ipswich T. (Tues)	
A Apr. 2 West Ham United	
A Apr. 5 Charlton Ath. (Tues)	
H Apr. 16 Arsenal	
H Apr. 23 Fulham	
A Apr. 30 Luton Town	
A May 3 Portsmouth (Tues)	
To be arranged: Chelsea (h)	

WATFORD Res Pos Att 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Sub(s)

AUGUST

15 Wimbledon	W 1-0	15,344	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Bardsley	Blissett1*	Senior	Porter	Agana	Hill/Roberts
19 Nottingham Forest	L 0-1	14,527	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett*	Morris	McClelland	Bardsley*	Blissett	Senior	Porter	Agana	Allen • /Hill •
22 Manchester United	L 0-2	38,522	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron*	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Sterling*	Blissett	Senior	Porter	Agana	Hill • /Roberts •
29 Tottenham Hotspur	D 1-1	19,073	Coton	Gibbs	Jackett	Hill*	Morris	McClelland	Bardsley	Blissett	Senior*	Porter1	Agana	Rostron • /Roberts •

SEPTEMBER

5 Norwich City	L 0-1	19,172	Coton	Gibbs	Jackett*	Hill*	Morris	McClelland	Bardsley	Blissett	Senior	Porter	Agana	Rostron • /Roberts •
12 Sheffield Wed.	W 3-2	16,144	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Morris	Terry	McClelland	Chivers*	Roberts	Senior1*	Porter1	Sterling1	Sherwood • /Agana •
19 Portsmouth	D 0-0	13,277	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Morris*	Terry	McClelland	Chivers	Roberts	Senior	Porter	Sterling	Hetherston/Blissett •
22 Darlington (LC 2r, 1l)	W 3-0	5,005	Coton	Gibbs1	Rostron	Morris	Terry	McClelland	Chivers*	Roberts	Senior1*	Porter1	Sterling	H'ston • /Blissett •
26 Chelsea	L 0-3	16,213	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron*	Morris*	Terry	McClelland	Chivers	Roberts	Senior	Porter	Sterling	H'ston • /Blissett •

OCTOBER

3 Coventry City	L 0-1	16,111	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Morris	Terry	McClelland	Sterling	Agana	Senior*	Porter	Hodges	Roberts • /Chivers
6 Darlington (LC 2r, 2l)	W 8-0	8,186	Coton	Gibbs1	Rostron	Morris	Terry1	McClelland	Hetherston2	Blissett1	Roberts1	Porter	Hodges1	Agana1 • /Chivers
17 Southampton	L 0-1	19,133	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Morris	Terry	McClelland	Hetherston*	Blissett	Roberts	Porter*	Hodges	Jackett • /Agana •
24 Everton	L 0-2	20,280	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Agana1*	Blissett	Roberts*	Sherwood*	Hodges	Porter • /Blissett
28 Swindon (LC 3r)	D 1-1	13,833	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Agana*	Allen	Senior	Sherwood*	Hodges	Porter • /Roberts •
31 West Ham United	L 1-2	20,142	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Agana*	Allen	Senior	Porter	Hodges	Sherwood • /Roberts

NOVEMBER

3 Swindon (LC 3r replay)	W 4-2	13,378	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris1	McClelland	Sherwood	Allen1	Senior*	Porter1	Hodges1	Blissett • /Sterling
7 Queens Park Rangers	D 0-0	20,121	Coton	Gibbs	Jackett	Chivers	Morris	McClelland	Sherwood	Allen	Roberts	Porter	Hodges	Senior/Sterling
14 Charlton Athletic	W 2-1	19,120	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Sherwood	Allen1	Roberts1	Porter	Hodges	Senior/Sterling •
17 Manchester C. (LC 4r)	L 1-3	20,357	Coton	Gibbs	Rostron	Jackett	Morris	McClelland	Sherwood	Allen1	Roberts	Porter	Hodges	Senior • /Sterling •
21 Oxford United	D 1-1	7,811	Coton	Chivers	Jackett	Sherwood*	Morris	McClelland	Blissett1	Allen*	Senior*	Porter	Hodges	Rostron • /Sterling •
24 Liverpool	L 0-4	32,396	Coton	Chivers	Jackett	Sherwood*	Morris	McClelland	Blissett1	Allen*	Senior*	Porter	Hodges	Sterling • /Holdsworth
28 Arsenal	W 2-0	19,598	Coton	Chivers	Rostron	Jackett1	Morris	McClelland	Blissett1	Allen*	Senior	Porter	Hodges	Agana • /Sherwood

DECEMBER

5 Derby County	D 1-1	19,145	Coton	Chivers	Jackett	Pullan	Morris	McClelland	Blissett	Allen	Senior	Porter	Hodges1	Agana • /Sherwood
12 Luton Town														
26 Sheff. Wed. (12 noon)														
28 Portsmouth														

KEY
1 Denotes goalscorer
• Substitute used
+ Opponent own goal

* Player substituted
(p) Penalty
aet After extra time

LC: Littlewoods Challenge Cup
SC: Simod Cup
Home matches and scorers in heavy type
Watford score given first

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Team changes

1. Tony COTON
2. Gary CHIVERS
3. Kenny JACKETT
4. Chris PULLAN
5. Mark MORRIS
6. John McCLELLAND
7. Luther BLISSETT
8. Malcolm ALLEN
9. Trevor SENIOR
10. Gary PORTER
11. Glyn HODGES

Subs: no:
 no:

LUTON TOWN

Team changes

1. Les SEALEY
2. Tim BREACKER
3. Ashley GRIMES
4. Darren McDONOUGH
5. Steve FOSTER
6. Mal DONAGHY
7. Danny WILSON
8. Brian STEIN
9. Ricky HILL
10. Micky WEIR
11. Ian ALLINSON

Subs: no:
 no:

Half-time: Full-time: Att: _____

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: PETER TYLDESLEY (Stockport)

Linesmen:

P. A. Forsdick (Manning Heath, W. Sussex—red trim flag)

J. E. Clarke (Harwich—yellow trim flag)

Reserve Official: M. C. Freeman

