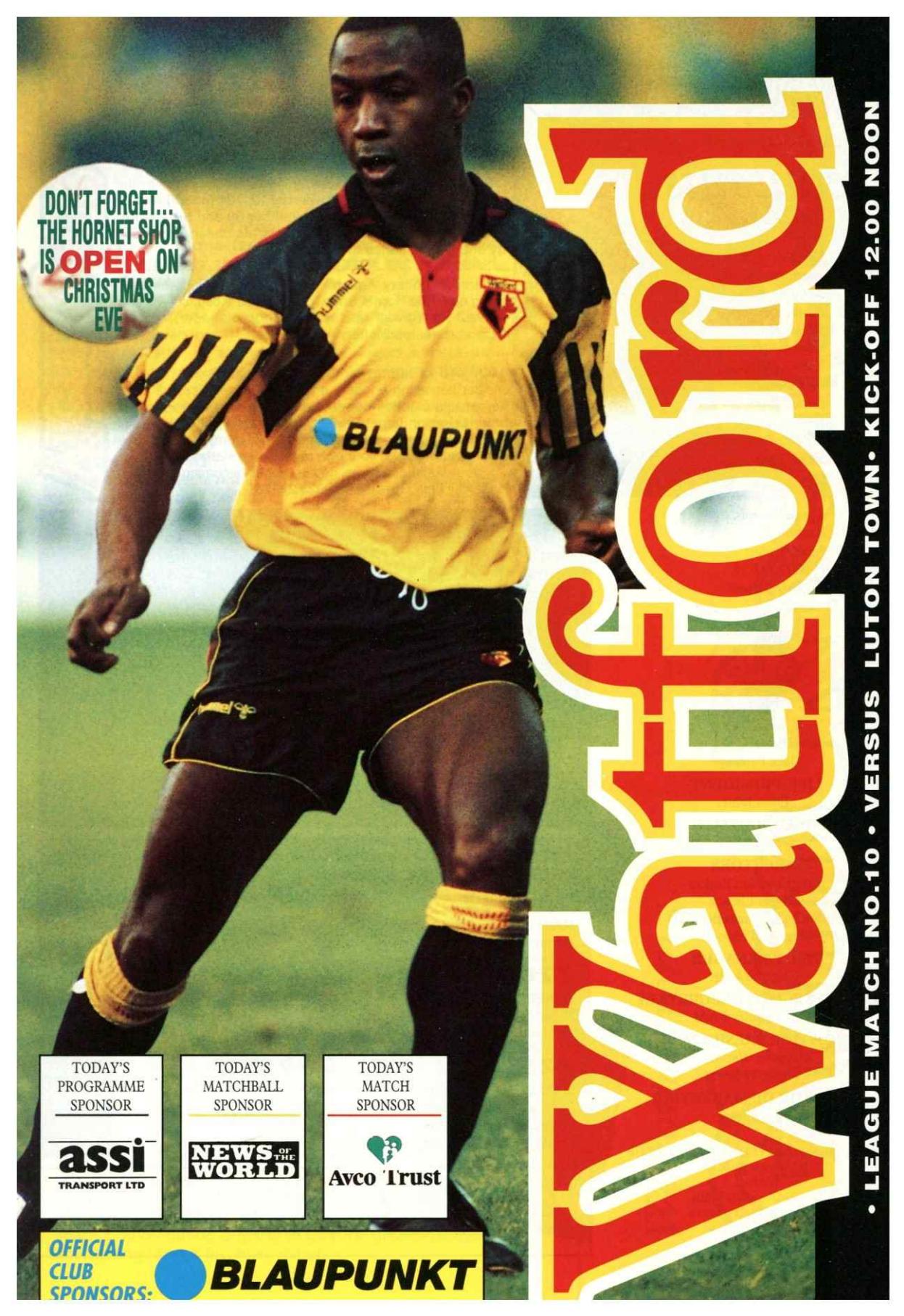


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Everyone connected with Watford FC was deeply saddened to learn of the very sudden death of one of our former stewards, Tim Parker. He joined Watford as an assistant in the Matchday Information Centre in 1986 and later went on to become steward for the Executive Box Areas.

Tim tragically passed away, after suffering a brain haemorrhage on Monday November 22. His funeral was at West Herts Crematorium on November 30 and his friends at Vicarage Road will all greatly miss his cheerful personality and terrific sense of humour.



Attention all Lottery Agents! Watford's lottery operation is moving up to the Hornet Shop, on Vicarage Road, so you can now visit Ian Sewell (the Hornet Shop manager), who is pleased to offer a full lottery service.



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If you would like more details about becoming an agent, please call Lisa Goward on 0923 225761.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

First Division strugglers Peterborough United are our Christmas Holiday visitors at Vicarage Road on December 28. A recent run of six games without a win sent the Posh tumbling to the bottom of the table and they were still looking for their first away win of the season, as we moved into the holiday period.

Even their proven goalscorer Tony Philliskirk has been struggling. He was top-scorer but with a total that is low by his standards of just six goals.

A dramatic dip in form, late last season cost the Posh a place in the play-offs. This season's campaign seems geared more towards survival and three points will be vital to both sides. For our own part, Watford will wish to end a run of three wins in each of Peterborough's last three visits here.

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"I know it's frustrating, but this team needs you to get behind it"

Our recent run of poor results is frustrating to everyone connected with Watford - and I realise that arguably the most frustrated set of people are yourselves, the supporters.

From a period where something exciting happened at Vicarage Road for many seasons, the last six years have been something of a vacuum - I appreciate that, especially having played at Newcastle, where the club had 25 years without success. Only now are they seeing some reward, around the side moulded by Kevin Keegan.

He can be judged on that side, and I would like to be judged on a side built by Glenn Roeder. I feel we are four quality, senior players short, and a year too young all round, of having a side that could challenge in this division.

At present, the recent results have to be taken in context - over the last six weeks, we have had up to 15 of the 27 professionals at the club unavailable. That's meant we have had to play youngsters in the first team, who to be frank, do not have the experience yet to play a sustained part at that level. That said, every one of the players who has pulled on a Watford shirt during the current period has given their all - but there is simply no substitute for experience. On the positive side, we had to play a non-contract player, Mark Watson, in the side. He's now earned a full-time contract - and will prove to be an excellent purchase for Watford.

Ultimately, whether it's me saying it, or the England manager, the game is about players. We can get them in the right frame of mind, but on the field, our control is severely limited. So when you're putting 19/20 year-old players against 'men' on a regular basis, you cannot expect to win, unless you're fielding four or five international prodigies.

I said at the recent AGM 'don't judge me now, judge me on the team Glenn Roeder builds'. As I said in these notes a few weeks ago, it's very difficult for me to enter the transfer market, but I fully intend to construct a side to represent me and you in the best possible light.

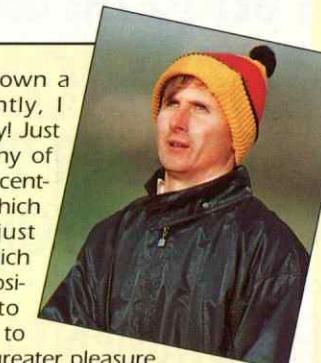
In the meantime, our team needs you to get behind it. You can be worth a goal start to us, so I urge you to encourage, cheer, and get the ball in the net!

Best wishes to you and your families over Christmas.

Glenn Roeder

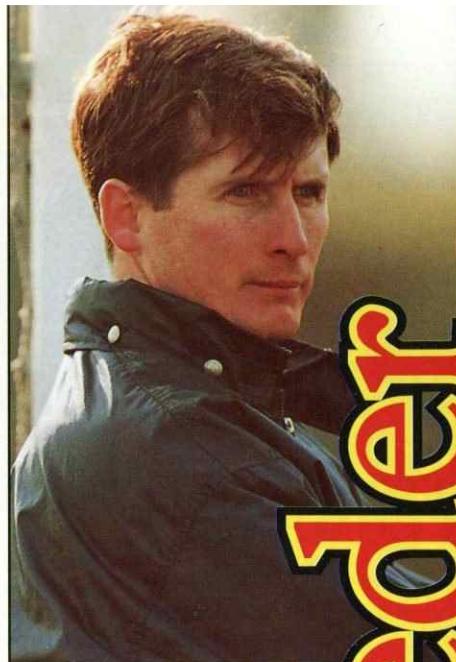
P.S.

If heads have been down a bit at the club recently, I have found the remedy! Just go and spend 15 minutes in the company of John White, our young winger who has recently suffered a second serious knee injury, which will keep him out for a year - having just returned from another bad knee injury, which also kept him out for a year. John is so positive and cheerful, he is an inspiration to everyone at Watford. I know he's going to make it, and nothing is going to give me greater pleasure than giving him his first-team debut.



Welcome from...

Glenn Roeder



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To accompany you, the
Miller & Dickinson (Watford)
band will be providing the
music, and various local school
bands will be adding their voices
to ours.

Watford manager **Glenn
Roeder** will also be playing a
part in the event, which has
been organised by club chaplain
Ken Sykes.

So kick-off your Christmas at
Watford tomorrow night and give
it to that festive spirit.



OUR last home game, against Crystal Palace, saw the launch of the new club sponsorship - with the name of car hi-fi makers **Blaupunkt** now adorning the Hornets shirts.

Seen in the picture above welcoming the deal, worth in excess of £250,000 to the club, is our mascot Harry Hornet, flanked by various club and **Blaupunkt** officials and directors. Members of the Junior Hornets show off the new Blaupunkt-imprinted club shirts.

The agreement was announced the Friday before the **Palace** game at a press conference in the club's Elton John Suite. Seen alongside making the announcement is director of marketing **Brian Blower**. With Brian are Blaupunkt executives, and to his left Hornets' boss **Glenn**

Roeder, who's checking out the **Blaupunkt** products!

• **Blaupunkt at no extra charge!** If you have a club shirt and want the name Blaupunkt imprinted on it, the club will do the necessary at no extra charge. As we went to press, the Hornet Shop was awaiting delivery of the imprinting equipment. To check if it's in, please enquire at the Shop (Tel: 0923-220847)



FESTIVE KICK-OFFS

Here's a rundown of the dates and kick-off times for the Hornets' Christmas and New Year fixtures. On Bank Holiday Monday, **December 27**, we travel to **Leicester City** for a game which kicks-off at **11.30am**. The following day (also a Bank Holiday), **Tuesday December 28**, we return to Vicarage Road for the visit of **Peterborough United**, kick-off **3.00pm**.

New Year's Day (Saturday) puts the Hornets back on the road, this time to **Tranmere Rovers**, kick-off **3.00pm**. The final game of a busy festive programme brings **Nottingham Forest** to Watford on **Monday January 3**, for another afternoon kick-off at **3.00pm**.

Full ticket and travel information for both away games mentioned above are given on page 29 of this programme

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Date	Hornet Shop	Administration/ Marketing Dept.	Ticket Office
Friday December 24 (Christmas Eve)	9.00am - 5.00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday December 27 (away to Leicester)	CLOSED	CLOSED	8.30am - 9.00am Coach ticket collections only
Tuesday December 28 (home to Peterborough)	Open from: 10.30am	Open from: 9.30am	Usual Matchday opening hours
Wednesday December 29	NORMAL WEEKDAY OPENING HOURS		
Thursday December 30	NORMAL WEEKDAY OPENING HOURS		
Friday December 31 (New Year's Eve)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday January 1 1994 (away to Tranmere)	CLOSED	CLOSED	9.00am - 9.30am Coach ticket collections only
Sunday January 2	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday January 3 (home to Nottm Forest)	NORMAL MATCHDAY OPENING HOURS (All offices open from 9.00am)		
Tuesday January 4	NORMAL WEEKDAY OPENING HOURS (9.00am - 5.00pm)		

PLAYER ROUND-UP

LOAN RANGER: After our last programme went to press, 21-year-old **QPR** defender **Alan McCarthy** joined the Hornets on a month's loan. We are reliably informed that his mother used to make the half-time teas for the Watford team!

PAUL MOVES ON: The one-month loan period of **Notts County** midfielder **Paul Harding** ended recently - he has now moved on to **Birmingham City** for a further one month's loan.

MARK SIGNS: Canadian international defender **Mark Watson** has earned himself a full-time contract at Vicarage Road after impressing in recent displays. The voting for Canadian Player of the Year has just happened, and Mark was in the running. We wait to hear where Mark finished in the awards.

• We now have an award-winning photographer on the club's books! Ernie Jones, who takes the club's team shots, is also a wildlife photographer, and recently won a Highly-Commended accolade in the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. It means his study of a brown hare is now on show at the Natural History Museum in London, at a special exhibition, which is on until the end of January.

CUP TIE TICKETS

TICKETS for our FA Cup third round tie at **West Ham** on **Saturday January 8** went on sale at the Watford ticket office last Thursday - but may now all have gone.

That's because we were granted an allocation of just 679 seat tickets - in line with the Hammers' policy towards all visiting clubs.

The policy, supported by the FA, has been dictated by the safety and segregation problems at Upton Park due to redevelopment work.

Because of the limited number of tickets, they initially went on sale to **season ticket holders** only, as communicated through the local media. Remaining seats can be purchased by season ticket holders **after** today's game, but you must produce 'Voucher D' from your season ticket books.

Please note - only one ticket per person.

Any unsold tickets will go on general sale to Watford supporters at the ticket office from **9.00 am** next **Tuesday** week, **December 28**.

Postal applications are currently being accepted from season ticket holders, subject to availability, but no telephone bookings can be made.

Seat ticket prices for the West Ham tie are: £15.00 and £13.00 (adults); juniors/senior citizens: £8.00.

The Buzz news from the Hornets' nest

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YESTERDAY WAS OUR BIG DAY OUT



Firstly, you'll be reading these programme notes the day after we have had our 'Football in the Community' day out which involved three hours of football fun, a trip to the Pizza Hut in Edgware, and then onto Lea Valley Ice Rink to see *Sleeping Beauty on Ice*.

We took 45 children to see this and four adults and I hope that each and everyone of you had a great time.

I would also like to say a very big 'thank you' to **Watford's vice-presidents club** who have kindly donated a £100.00 cheque to the 'Football in the Community' fund.

This cheque will go some way to paying for the coach which was needed to take the children on their day out, so once again, thank you very much vice-presidents.

Don't forget we are also holding an introduction to sport day at **Bushey Meads School** on **Wednesday, December 29**, and there are still some places available for this. So if you are interested, not only in football but also in a range of other sports, please contact me at the club and I will give you details.

Have a great Christmas—I hope you all get the things you want from Santa.

Looking forward to your continued support.

Enjoy the game.

Best wishes,

Jimmy Gilligan

Iwould be interested to know whether the Football League computer will be on the Christmas Card list of either ourselves or Luton this year, having decided the two sides were to meet on day one at Kenilworth Road and the weekend before Christmas here. The debate about when local derbies should be staged is one that will last for years, I assume, but equally so will the debate over Christmas fixtures.

The lads have the prospect of a 'Boxing Day' game at Leicester with an 11.30am start; although the Bank Holiday actually falls on December 27, so it's not so bad. However, may I wish them a very happy New Year, to be spent in a hotel on the costa del Tranmere! David Pleat probably will not be happy about me reminding him of the year Luton had to play at Sunderland on New Year's Eve. The computer has a lot to answer for.

Seriously though, I have to admit to a certain amount of admiration for David Pleat - you have to respect a man who has stuck by his principles, no matter what.

Football in the

Community

We are delighted to be broadcasting today's game and, of course, Chiltern Radio Supergold will be at all the Holiday fixtures, if you cannot go.

Above all let's hope this Christmas and New Year bring tidings of comfort and joy to all and a stocking full of points to Glenn and the lads.

Happy Christmas to everyone from all of us at Supergold Sport.

Best wishes,
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With a new name on the Watford shirts, the time had come for a new team photograph. But taking a team shot during the season means injuries and illness take their toll on those who can appear in the picture. That's why Nigel Gibbs, Jason Drysdale, Andy Hessenthaler, Alex Inglethorpe, John White and Robert Page are missing from the line-up, along with, inevitably, physio Billy Hails. We all hope they'll soon be the picture of health!

Back row, from left: John McDermott (youth development officer), Kevin Slinn, Julian Alsford, Barry Ashby, Paul Wilkerson, Jason Solomon, Alan McCarthy (on loan from QPR), Darren Bazeley.

Middle row, from left: Stuart Murdoch (reserve team coach), Lee Nogan, Gerard Lavin, Ken Charlery, Simon Sheppard, Perry Suckling, Roger Willis, Paul Furlong, James Meara, (Keith Waugh, youth team coach).

Front row, from left: Craig McIntosh, Mark Watson, Keith Dublin, David Holdsworth, Glenn Roeder (manager), Kenny Jackett (assistant manager), Gary Porter, Bruce Dyer, Daniel Nwaokolo, Richard Johnson.

Trophy on ground: Evening Standard London 5-a-side trophy.

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ALL THE LATEST 'TOP DRAW' RESULTS

A quick rundown of recent top prize-winners in Top Draw:

Week no. 4

November 27 1993

£500	K. Shults, Watford	1088
£100	S. Bird, St. Albans	1879
£50	A. Payton, Carpenters Park	1496

One week's free membership of the Sebastian Coe Health Club and £20 voucher for Inspirations Beauty Salon: A. Hay, Padstow

VIP Day Out for TWO at Watford Football Club: P. Kendall, Kings Langley

1175

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Week no. 5

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£500	Ms S. Triggs, Watford	0939
£100	R. Hansard, Bedmond	0693
£50	A. Cutts, Bushey	1506

One week's free membership of the Sebastian Coe Health Club and £20 voucher for Inspirations Beauty Salon:

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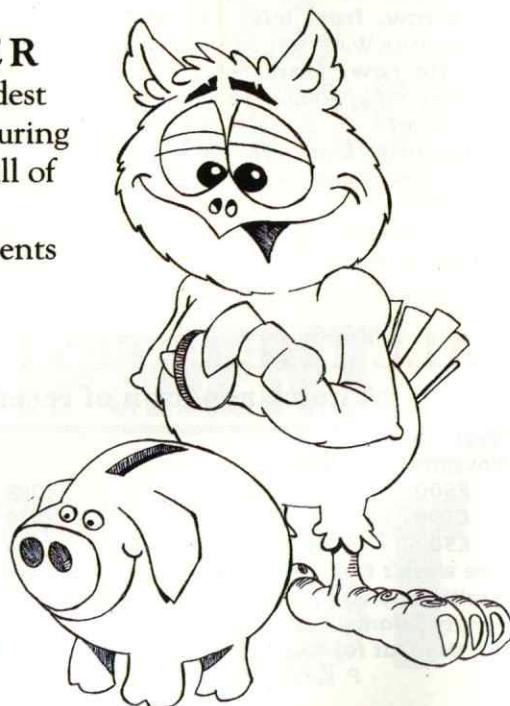
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Junior Hornets news

Christmas party

The **Junior Hornets and Family Enclosure Christmas Party** is nearing and with over 250 children attending, it promises to be one of the biggest and best parties of the year.

Glenn Roeder and the players will all be there, along with **Professor Starlite** and guests.

Remember the fun begins at **4.00pm** at the **Watford Girls' Grammar School**.

Christmas Fun Day

Just over a week ago, on **Saturday December 11**, the Junior Hornets spent the day at Vicarage Road, taking part in a whole host of activities. During the morning the most popular attractions were pool, snooker and table tennis; while everyone eagerly entered a number of competitions and the high-point of the afternoon, a big Treasure Hunt around the stadium.

A big thank-you to **Helen** and **Chemane** who helped to supervise the Junior Hornets throughout the day.

Away travel

Our last away trip was to **Stoke City**, where the Junior Hornets played in friendly matches against the Junior Potters in the morning. All the matches were very close, with our younger Junior Hornet sides enjoying slightly more success than our older ones.

Results aside, everyone enjoyed the day and we would like to thank **Sam and Louis Compton**, who gave the Junior Hornets an ideal Christmas present for our future away trips - a quizbook!

Football training

Our weekly Junior Hornet football training sessions finished this week (Thursday December 16) for the Christmas break. It will start again on **Thursday January 6 1994**, at the **Woodside Leisure Centre**, from **4.30pm** to **5.30pm**. See you there!!

Happy birthday

Many happy returns to the following Junior Hornets who celebrate their Birthdays during the Christmas Holidays: **Simon Nash, Eloise Irving, Zafer Karadah, Mark Franzen, Francesca Inglese, Jenny Cherrill, Russell Upwood, Joshua Fernandez, Benjamin Baginsky, Tarik Winelle, Keith Holland, Hannah Kaim-Caudle, Claire Roissetter, Nicholas Heley, Charlotte Baginsky, Daniel Pepper, Bethany Irving, Stephen Murphy, Gary Thackham and Craig Smith.**

And finally

I would just like to thank **Liz, Lucy, Gemma, Michelle, Gary, Andy** and everyone else who has helped with the Junior Hornets so far this season. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
Best wishes, **David Toon**.

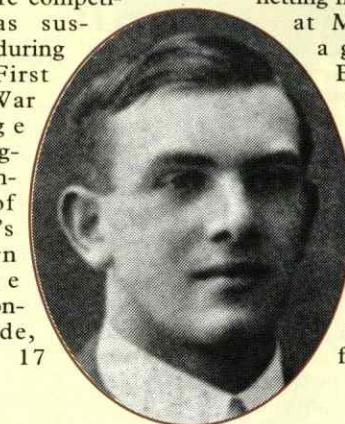
G E O R G E Edmonds was born in Hertford on April 4th 1893 and joined Watford in 1912 making a goalscoring debut for Watford in April 1913 in a 2-1 Southern League defeat at Crystal Palace.

In the last League season before competition was suspended during the First World War George was a regular member of Watford's Southern League side, scoring 17

resumed after the Great War George played in 36 League games scoring 19 goals as Watford finished as Southern League Runners-up in the club's last non-League season.

Edmonds' goalscoring feats led to a transfer to Wolves in the Summer of 1920 and he made his debut against Fulham on August 20th of that year, netting his first goal at Molineux against Barnsley in October.

He appeared in the 1921 FA Cup Final v Spurs with former Watford col-



HORNETS' HEROES

GEORGE EDMONDS

PAUL LEVENE FOCUSES ON FAMOUS EX-WATFORD MEN WHO HAVE INFLUENCED PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN TODAY'S TEAMS

goals in 35 League appearances. During that season Edmonds made a match-winning contribution to an Easter local derby win at Kenilworth Road against the Hatters. Fred Gregory put Watford ahead from Edmonds' pass and the centre forward put the game beyond the Bedfordshire side with a second decisive strike to gain revenge for a 4-2 defeat at Cassio Road three days earlier.

When competition

league Val Gregory, while the Spurs side included another ex-teammate Arthur Grimsdell. He played for Wolves until 1923 scoring regularly for the Midlands side and that September moved on to Fulham. He failed to appear for the Craven Cottage first team and subsequently moved into non-League football before retiring in 1929. George was living in a nursing home on the Isle of Wight well into his nineties.



Darran Gould scored a goal in each of the featured matches on this page. (Pic: Martin Wolmark)

"We created lots of chances and our overall play was very good. It can only help to encourage our lads, knowing that they've outplayed a very good Ipswich side for long periods of the match. I was delighted with the team performance, particularly in the second half."

The visitors took an undeserved lead with a 28th-minute strike, following a throw-in on the left. However the expected equaliser wasn't long in coming, after the break. Just six minutes into the second half, good work by **Colin Simpson** saw him beat two defenders and cut the ball back from the by-line to set up **Darran Gould** with a close-range shot.

The following week's trip to **Millwall** brought a hatful of goals but no points for the Hornets, going down 3-4.

"A high-scoring game, but we didn't play as well as we had done the previous week," says Keith. "We scored three good goals to go in at half-time leading 3-2, having conceded two from corner-kicks; the second resulting in a penalty for Millwall."

Having gone a goal down, Watford hit back quickly through **Scott Walters**, who scored from just outside the box. Millwall's lead was restored following the penalty award, but again the young Hornets levelled when **David Connolly** beat the keeper with a well-worked goal.

Darran Gould then put Watford ahead for the first time, when he curled a shot into the net.

"At half-time I took off **Colin Simpson**, to rest him for Monday night's FA Youth Cup game, and brought on **Matt Vier**," adds Keith. "Unfortunately, we just weren't up to scratch in the second half and kept giving away possession too often."

A Lions equaliser came midway through the second half, but the killer blow was their winner, scored with virtually the last kick of the game.

Goalkeeper **Trevor Kuntz** has joined Watford on trainee forms, having impressed during his loan-spell with the Hornets earlier this season. Like senior defender **Mark Watson**, Trevor is also Canadian.

v. **Ipswich Town** (home), Saturday, November 27.

Drew: 1-1. Scorer: Gould.
Team: Kuntz, D. Grime, N. Grime, Calderhead, Fitzgerald, Marshall, Carter, Connolly, Simpson, Allen, Gould. Subs: Pearl for Marshall (50 mins), Sargent not used.

v. **Millwall** (away), Saturday, December 4.
Lost: 3-4. Scorers: Walters, Connolly, Gould.
Team: Kuntz, D. Grime, N. Grime, Calderhead, Fitzgerald, Allen, Simpson, Connolly, Walters, Carter, Gould. Subs: Vier for Simpson (45 mins), Marshall not used.

THE YOUTH TEAM'S RECENT MATCH AT HOME TO IPSWICH TOWN BROUGHT ONE POINT MUCH PRAISE FROM THEIR LAGER.

"We were really pleased with our display, it was probably one of the best of the season," says youth team manager **Keith Waugh**. "If it hadn't been for Ipswich keeper, we would have had five or six goals. He pulled off some terrific saves to keep his side in the game."

FIXTURES

	Result
West Ham United	A L 0-4
Tottenham Hotspur	A L 0-1
Chelsea	A L 1-4
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Gillingham	H L 2-3
Arsenal	H L 3-6
SECLC 1	BYE
Chelsea SJFC 1	A D 1-1
Leyton Orient	H W 4-0
Chelsea (SJFC 1)	H L 1-5
R	
Queens Park Rangers	A L 1-3
Fulham	H W 2-0
Swindon SECLC 2	A L 0-1
Cambridge United	A W 2-1
ER	
Norwich City	H W 3-0
Ipswich Town	A L 2-5
Southend United	H W 4-2
Ipswich Town	H D 1-1
IER	
Millwall	A L 3-4
Aston Villa (FAYC 2)	H L 1-3
Millwall	H L 4-1
Portsmouth	A
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West Ham United	H
Tottenham Hotspur	H
Chelsea	H
Gillingham	A
Arsenal	A
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Young Hornets

Catching up with the Youth Team

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For the record
Division One Data

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE: 26,721 Nottingham Forest v Notts County
LOWEST ATTENDANCE: 4,065 Oxford United v Barnsley
BEST SUPPORTED CLUB: Nottingham Forest (average 21,898)
WORST SUPPORTED CLUB: Grimsby (average 5,690)
TOP SCORERS: Steve Bull (Wolves) 12, Chris Armstrong (C. Palace) 11, Bob Taylor (W.B.A.) 11, Stan Collymore (Nottm. For.) 10, Andy Hunt (W.B.A.) 10, Clive Mendonca (Grimsby) 10, David Speedie (Leicester) 10, Wayne Allison (Bristol City) 9, John McGinlay (Bolton) 9, John Hendrie (Middlesbrough) 8, Garry Nelson (Charlton) 8, Mark Stein (Ex-Stoke) 8.
BIGGEST WINS: Home -Southend 6 Oxford 1, Derby 5 Sunderland 0, Luton 5 Barnsley 0.
Away-Derby 0 Wolves 4.
BEST MATCH SCORES: Wayne Allison (Bristol City) 3 v Birmingham; Chris Armstrong (Crystal P.) 3 v Portsmouth, Steve Bull (Wolves) 3 v Derby, Kerry Dixon (Luton) 3 v Stoke, Jon Goodman (Millwall) 3 v Watford, Gary McSwegan (Notts Co) 3 v Derby, Tommy Mooney (Southend) 3 v Oxford, Tony Philliskirk (Peterborough) 3 v Oxford, Gary Porter (Watford) 3 v Bolton, Alex Rae (Millwall) 3 v Notts County, John Salako (Crystal Palace) 3 v Stoke.
LEADING PENALTY TAKER: Steve Thompson (Leicester) 5.
LONGEST RUN SINCE LAST DEFEAT: Wolves 11.
LONGEST RUN SINCE LAST WIN: Watford 8.
(Statistics up to and including Saturday December 11)

First Footing

A round-up of news from Division One

Tranmere returned to the top of the table with a 1-0 win at Luton, where John Aldridge tipped the scales with his 12th goal of the season in all matches. The Republic of Ireland international, now recovered from injury, has been back to something like his old form with his sixth goal in as many games.

But **Tranmere's** manager **John King** admitted that **Luton** had more of the play. It was their now-familiar problem of lack of bite in front of goal that cost them the game. Visiting keeper **Eric Nixon** had only one shot to save and he did well to tip a 25-yard drive from **David Preece** over the bar.

Alex Rae scored his first hat-trick for **Millwall**, all of his goals coming within the space of 17 minutes, as the Lions won 3-1 at **Notts County**. It was **Rae's** best individual performance since scoring four times in **Falkirk's** 6-0 victory over **Albion Rovers** in September 1989.

Barry Fry has now managed three clubs in ten months, during which time he saw one of them win promotion and another saved from relegation. He left **Barnet** last April, as they were poised to win promotion to the Second Division, to take over a **Southend** side that looked bound for relegation to that same section.

He saved the Shrimpers from the drop and has now taken on another huge challenge at **Birmingham**. **Mr Fry**, who paid off the final six months of his

Southend contract personally, will earn £100,000 per year with the Blues - with a bonus of £300,000 if he leads them into the Premiership next May!

That looks almost impossible following their 1-2 defeat at **Palace** last Saturday. It was the Blues' sixth consecutive League defeat and left them 18 points short of the second-placed club, which must be their target if they are to get automatic promotion.

Mr Fry has been succeeded at **Southend** by former England winger and Watford's former assistant manager **Peter Taylor**, who has given up a safe job in the insurance business to take on the challenge he has relished ever since he finished playing.

"I began my career here at **Southend** and it has been my dream to become manager here," admitted the man who made history by winning four England caps as a Third Division player, after moving to **Crystal Palace** in 1973. He later played for **Tottenham**, **Orient**, **Oldham**, **Maidstone** and **Exeter**.

Mr Taylor did not get off to the best of starts. **Southend** were beaten 0-3 at home by **West Brom**.

Two more goals from **David Speedie**, taking his tally to 11, helped to put **Leicester City** back on promotion course, following a run of five League matches without a win. **Julian Joachim** also scored in a 3-0 win over **Bristol City**.

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Luton have been pulling away from the First Division's relegation zone, largely due to outstanding home form.

The Hatters defeated leaders **Charlton Athletic** by 1-0 at Kenilworth Road, then thrashed **Stoke City** 6-2. But away form has continued to disappoint. Their only away win so far came at **Oxford United** (1-0) in October. Though the Hatters have collected other away points from **Middlesbrough** (0-0) and **Birmingham City** (1-1); all their other away matches have ended in defeat.

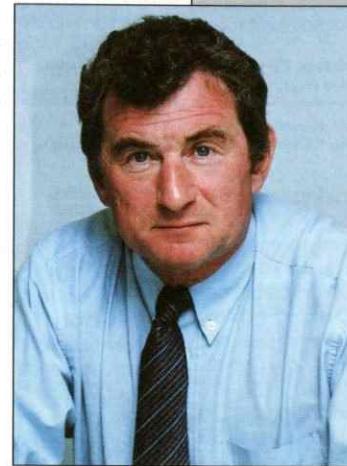
Luton were beaten in League encounters at **Portsmouth** (0-1), **Tranmere Rovers** (1-4), **Derby County** (1-2), **Sunderland** (0-2), **Crystal Palace** (2-3), **Southend United** (1-2) and **Charlton Athletic** (0-1).

The Hatters also went down at **Cambridge United** (0-1) in the **Coca-Cola Cup** and here at Vicarage Road in the **Anglo-Italian Cup**. Goals from **Bruce Dyer** and **Alex Inglethorpe** gave us a 2-1 victory back in August.

Financial problems have forced Luton to sell many of their best players in recent seasons and it is not easy to replace such successful goalscorers as **Roy Wegerle**, **Iain Dowie**, **Mick Harford** and **Phil Gray**, last season's top-scorer with 20 goals.

So Mr Pleat has turned to inexperienced players in an area where experience, really, is the key factor. **John Hartson** and **Martin Williams** were given runs in attack, and the Luton manager also signed **Paul Dickov** on loan from **Arsenal**, but in the end it was his most experienced striker who came up trumps.

Former England forward **Kerry Dixon**, signed on a free transfer from **Southampton**, has been back to his old form with a flurry of goals – including a hat-trick against **Stoke**.

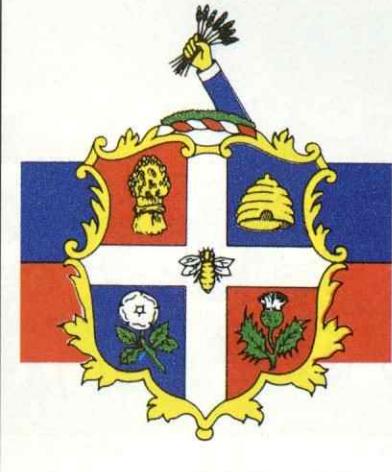


BOSSMAN DAVID PLEAT

It was at Kenilworth Road that Mr Pleat made his name both as player and manager. His playing days began at Nottingham Forest, later moving to Luton in 1964. In 1967 he was transferred to Shrewsbury Town and subsequently played for Exeter City and Peterborough United, before retiring in 1971.

In 1974 he returned to Luton as reserve team coach, after a spell in charge at non-League Nuneaton Borough. He was promoted to first-team coach in 1977 and appointed manager in 1978, in succession to Harry Haslam. Four years later, Mr Pleat guided the Hatters into Division One – promoted alongside Watford.

In 1986 he joined Tottenham Hotspur, leading them to an FA Cup Final appearance, before moving to Leicester City in December 1987. His third spell at Luton commenced in June 1991, following his departure from Filbert Street in January of that year.



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CROW, FROM LEFT: Tony Thorpe, Jamie Campbell, Juergen Sommer, Andy Petterson, nton, Paul Telfer..

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IT ROW: Jason Rees, Ian Benjamin, Trevor Peake (Captain), David Pleat (Manager), David e, Martin Williams, Richard Harvey.

QUADFILE

e for selection are...

GKKEEPERS

URGEN SOMMER: Born in New and joined the Hatters as a th trainee. Made his League at while on loan with Brighton & Albion, two seasons ago. Also ed to Torquay United last sea

Made his Luton debut in this ion's opening League game nst the Hornets.

Y PETTERSON: Australian keeper who first came to Luton rial from the Australian Institute port. Offered a contract at the of the 1988/89 season. Went loan to Swindon Town and ch Town before making his jde debut on the opening day of season. Had brief taste of ier League action whilst on loan i second time at Ipswich last sea

Blues' FA Cup-winning side in 1987. Joined the Hatters in 1991 in a £100,000 deal. Looks set to pass the 500-mark in senior outings.

JOHN DREYER: Served his apprenticeship with Oxford United, having previously played for non-League Wallingford Town. Spent loan spells with Torquay United and Fulham, before making his Oxford debut in 1985/86. Signed for Luton in 1988 for £140,000.

MARVIN JOHNSON: Wembley-born 25-year-old former Luton apprentice. Made his League debut in 1988 and quickly earned a regular place in the Hatters' defence. He has now recorded well over 100 League outings for Luton.

MIDFIELD

PAUL TELFER: A former Scotland under-21 international who hails from Edinburgh. Joined Luton as a youth trainee, making his debut during the 1990/91 season. A versatile midfielder who can also operate at right-back.

DAVID PREECE: Served his apprenticeship with Walsall and notched more than 100 League appearances for the Midlands side, before signing for Luton in 1984. Played in two League Cup finals for the Hatters and is a former England 'B' international.

CERI HUGHES: Welshman, born in Pontypridd and another product of the Town's youth scheme. Rose

through the ranks to make his senior debut in 1990. Welsh international at youth, under-21 and senior levels.

SCOTT OAKES: Leicester-born mid-fielder who served his traineeship with his hometown club. Found his opportunities limited at Filbert Street, but has established a firm place in Luton's first team, since his move in 1991. An England under-21 international.

JASON REES: A former youth trainee at Kenilworth Road, who made his League debut on New Year's Day in 1990. Capped by Wales at under-21, 'B' and full international levels.

SCOTT HOUGHTON: A summer signing from Tottenham Hotspur. Another Hertfordshire-born Hatter - originally from Hitchin. A former Spurs youth trainee, who gained League experience during loan periods with Ipswich Town, Gillingham and Charlton Athletic.

FORWARDS

KERRY DIXON: Recently signed from Southampton, after several months on loan at Kenilworth Road. Luton-born former Tottenham apprentice who went on to be top-scorer at Reading and later Chelsea. Recently scored a hat-trick in Luton's 6-2 victory over Stoke. A former England international.

IAN BENJAMIN: Signed from Southend United last year. Former apprentice with Sheffield United and later played for West Brom, Notts County and Peterborough United. Built up his scoring reputation at Northampton, Cambridge, Chester, and Exeter, before his move to Roots Hall.

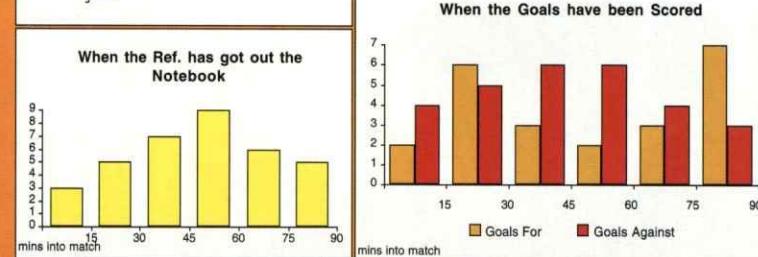
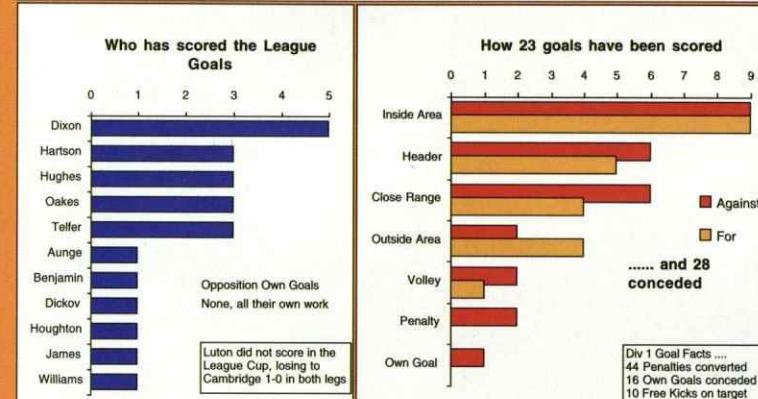
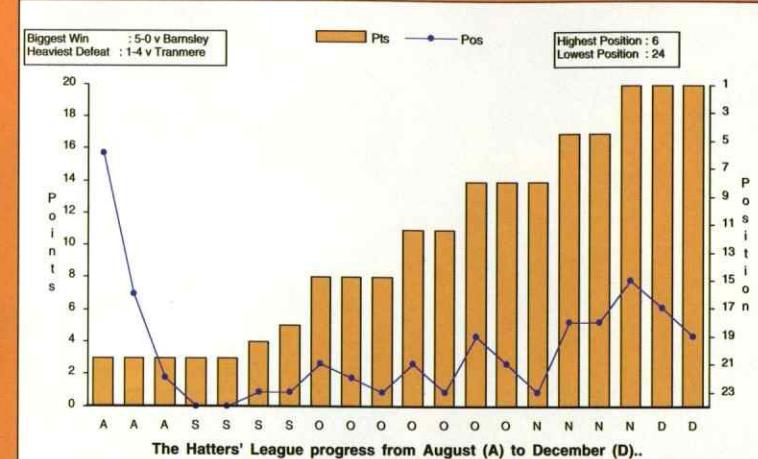
MARTIN WILLIAMS: Luton-born former youth player with Leicester City. Earned himself a regular slot in the Hatters' first team towards the end of last season. Made his senior debut in March 1992 and later spent a loan spell in Finland.

JAMIE CAMPBELL: Another player to have progressed from the trainee ranks at Kenilworth Road. Signed professional forms in July 1990 and played his first senior game in a Zenith Data Systems Cup tie two seasons ago.

PAUL DICKOV: Currently at Kenilworth Road on loan from Arsenal. A former trainee at Highbury who made his League debut for the Gunners last season. Has been capped by Scotland at schoolboy, youth and under-21 levels.

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Luton Town's Season so Far



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Passing Back

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

While our local rivals can justly claim that it is more than six years since we scored against Luton in a League match at Vicarage Road, it should be remembered that between 1988 and 1992 we did not meet in League competition.

Our last League victory here came in April 1987, when Worrell Sterling and John Barnes were our marksmen in a 2-0 defeat of the Hatters. For John Barnes it proved to be his last strike for the Hornets, before his departure to Liverpool in the summer.

The 1986/87 season saw Watford record an all too rare League 'double' over the Hatters; our first since the 1964/65 season. The April victory had been preceded by another 2-0 win, at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day 1986, thanks to goals from Gary Porter and Kevin Richardson.

However, we have not fared so well since, having picked up just one League point from five subsequent League games - this from a goalless draw at Vicarage Road last season.

Our opening day clash this season resulted in a hard-fought 2-1 victory for Luton. Paul Furlong scoring the Hornets' reply to earlier goals from Paul Telfer and Kerry Dixon.

LEAGUE SUMMARY

The neighbouring League fixtures between Watford and Luton Town stretch back as far as 1920. The summary of results currently looks like this:

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
Home	32	17	5	10	48	33
Away	33	6	6	21	37	60
TOTALS	65	23	11	31	85	93

so far has been the introduction into the first team of 18-year-old right winger Bruce Dyer - although it was somebody else's misfortune that gave him his break.

"Darren Bazeley's knee injury in the first game of the season gave me my chance," he recalls. "I thought before the season that I'd have a chance of getting in the team at some point - but not as early.

"But I've got confidence in my

ability, and that has undoubtedly helped me - as has all the work I've done with Kenny Jackett over the years.

"The crowd have been very supportive too, and when I get the ball, the cheers I've had have given me an extra boost."

Another boost for Bruce and the team has been his five goals thus far. "I was hoping that if I got a run in the side this season, I'd get five goals by the end of the campaign - to get them before Christmas has been very welcome."

So what now for Bruce and Watford before the end of the season?

"I'd hope we can turn the tide, get up the table, get in the play-offs and get promoted," he says. "People are writing us off and that's very dangerous. I know what this team is capable of - so stick with us!"

Q & A

Bruce's answers to 10 questions we're putting to every Watford player this season:

1. Who's the best footballer you've ever seen?

A: Pele.

2. Why?

A: Because of his ability and the amount of World Cups he played in - the game's top competition.

3. Who's your favourite non-football sporting personality?

A: Tessa Sanderson.

4. Why?

A: Partly because I know her - I'm great friends with her nephew, Ian Evans. But also because she won the top accolade in her sport - an Olympic gold medal.

5. Do you play other sports?

A: A little bit of pool and table tennis.

6. Which football team did you support as a boy?

A: I followed two teams - Spurs and West Ham.

7. If you could choose any other profession, except the one you're in, what would you like to be?

A: A professional disc jockey.

8. What would you have become if you hadn't been a professional footballer?

A: I'd have gone all out to become a disc jockey, as above - either in clubs or on radio.

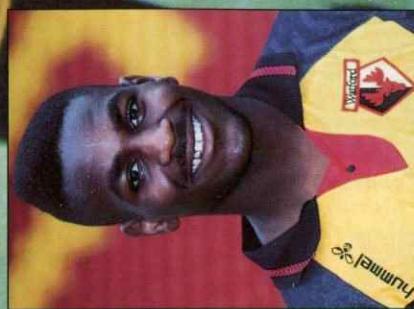
9. What's been your biggest disappointment so far in football?

A: To be honest, I haven't had any.

10. What advice would you give a young boy wanting to become a professional footballer?

A: Knuckle down, train hard, listen

and have confidence in your ability.



Bruce Dyer

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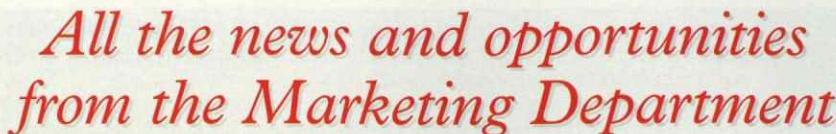


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Treatment Table

It seems this space may soon have to be extended, as will physio **Billy Hails'** treatment room! As this programme went to press, Watford had no fewer than 12 professionals and three trainees sidelined.

Barry Ashby is making very good progress, from a thigh strain he sustained in training. He's now cycling and jogging his way back to fitness. **Darren Bazeley** is another Hornet regularly seen getting on his bike and his knee has recovered sufficiently for him to resume training with the rest of the squad (the five who aren't injured!!), as has **Jason Drysdale**. **Nigel Gibbs** has progressed to running in his recovery programme. **Alex Inglethorpe** has seen a specialist and will be undergoing a scan to his lower abdomen. Meanwhile **John White's** injured knee remains in plaster, but **Robert Page** had his stitches removed last week and made a start on rehabilitation work earlier this week.

Perry Suckling might well be glad to see the back of 1993. Having recovered from a broken wrist, he suffered a nasty shoulder injury, during the Hornets' recent reserve team game at **Arsenal**. He's expected to be out of action for a couple of weeks. **James Meara** has exchanged his plaster cast for a more slimline version, as his broken arm heals. The new cast should come off in two weeks.

Moving into the trainee camp, **Terry Birch** is still resting under specialist instructions and will have his thigh injury re-assessed in a few weeks' time. **Matt Vier** has similar problems to **Alex Inglethorpe** and young 'keeper **Lee Ward** had sustained a hand injury in training, which could require an x-ray.

Despite the result, one Watford man who was all smiles after the recent visit of **Crystal Palace** was winger **Bruce Dyer**.

The game was our first following the sponsorship agreement completed with international car hi-fi manufacturers **Blaupunkt**. As well as adding their company name to the Hornets' famous yellow shirts, Watford's new club sponsors also provided the Man of the Match award of a brand new car stereo radio/cassette player.

For **Bruce**, winner of the award, it couldn't have been better timed, for he had unfortunately had his own car radio stolen just recently! He's pictured here, gratefully receiving his prize from **Mike Browne**, national sales manager for **Blaupunkt**.

If you like the look of Bruce's radio, you can now find a range of top **Blaupunkt** equipment available to buy at the **Hornet Shop** (see page 21).

With only four Ticket Office opening days left before Christmas the rush is now on to get that season ticket one of your loved ones has always wanted. With guaranteed, **reduced cost**, entry to the Hornets' remaining 12 League games (as from December 28, v. Peterborough United) and up to two FA Cup ties at home - should we reach **Wembley** (you never know!!), season ticket holders will also have first option on **FA Cup Final** tickets.

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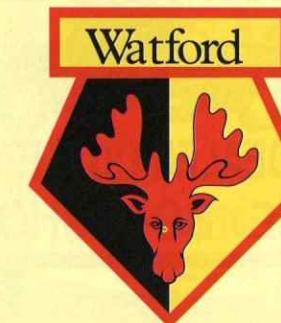
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How much do you remember about Watford in the 1979-80 season?

- When QPR beat Watford 2-1 at Vicarage Road in a Division Two clash in October 1979 who scored Rangers' winner?
- Which ex-Hornet scored a League goal for Orient at Vicarage Road in February 1980?
- Which Watford player made a goalscoring debut at Preston in December 1979?
- Against which side did Kenny Jackett and Nigel Callaghan make their full League debuts?
- Who won the Second Division title in Watford's first season back in the division in 1979-80?
- Which former Watford Chairman died in October 1979?
- Which Nottingham Forest player did Graham Taylor unsuccessfully try to sign in September 1979?
- What appeared in the Rookery End goalmouth in September 1979?
- Which two players moved from Brighton to Watford in 1979-80?
- Wilf Rostron won goal of the season in 1979-80 against which club?
- Dennis Booth moved on to which club at the end of the 1979-80 season?

LUTON TOWN

Can you solve these Hatters' posers from the clues below?

- How many of Phil Gray's goals for the Hatters last season were from the spot?
- Lee Maddison scored an own goal for Luton last season. Who does he play for?
- Who is the only man to have managed both Watford and Luton?
- How many League games did the Hatters go without conceding a goal last season?
- Which First Division club under their previous name inflicted on Luton their record defeat?
- Which was Town's first ever season in the old First Division?
- Which Hull-born player holds the record as Luton's most prolific League goalscorer of all time?
- Who played more games for the Hatters, Ron or Paul Fletcher?
- Lars Elstrup signed for Luton from which club in 1989?
- Which other club went down with the Hatters to Division Two in 1960?
- Which current Division One side were Luton's first ever League opponents in 1897?



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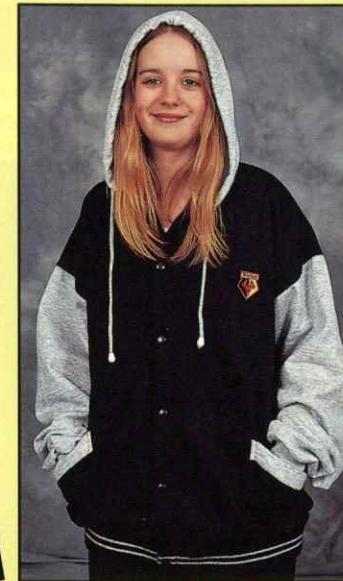
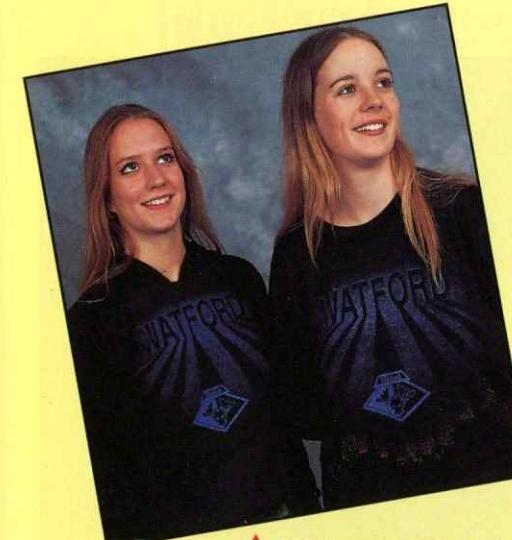
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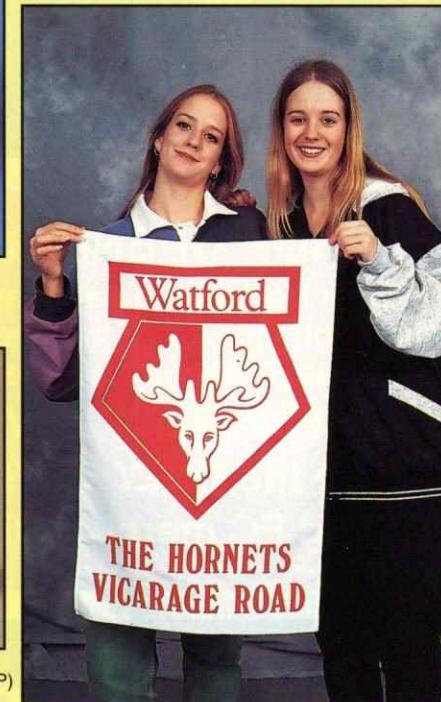


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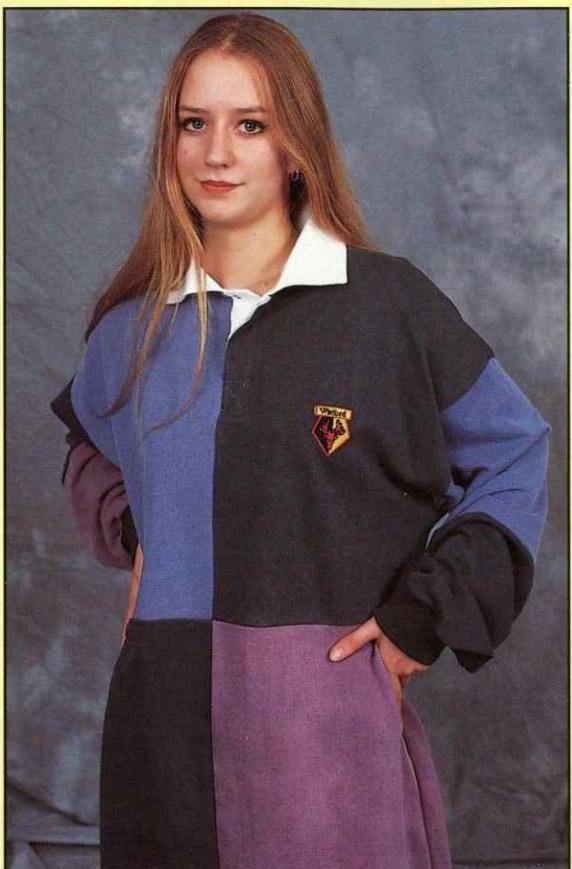
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**SORROW AT
STOKE CITY**

by Watford Supporter

GAIL BYRNES

My first thoughts when perusing the new fixture list, way back in July, were not as you might expect, when do we play 'them' but when our mighty Hornets would travel to Bolton and Stoke - the only two grounds in this season's First Division I had yet to visit.

And so it was that I looked forward to my first-ever trip to the Victoria Ground. My usual scan of the Friday night **Evening Standard** guide to the London clubs' matches (and Watford's!) brought a certain amount of shock and amusement. While the analysis detailed our lamented injury/illness/suspension list and how poor our recent results were, the actual result prediction read: "Watford to win at last". Surely some mistake here. Even under normal circumstances, I tend to take the usual Hornets' view of media predictions and feel far happier when we're expected to fail. Reading this, let's face it, slightly ridiculous prediction gave me a very uneasy feeling!

Arriving at the Potteries, we were made to feel most welcome. The club coach was shown where to park and then charged for the privilege and the happy band of intrepid Hornets fans left to run the gauntlet of a pot-holed, water-filled 'car park' (I use the term in the loosest possible sense). One ambitious programme seller, obviously eager to make a fast and sizeable profit (the whole of **the** Watford supporters coach) was ready at the coach door, before we'd even disembarked.

A happy discovery, possibly unique to Stoke, was made during our ritual hunt for food, prior to the game. Walking around the Victoria Ground, we passed the usual succession of burger vans, but as if in a desert of greasy burgers and hot-dogs, this little oasis dared to offer a

wonderful alternative of either roast beef or pork in a bun, plus apple sauce or stuffing. A whole new football-supporting experience and one we thoroughly enjoyed (Watford caterers take note!).

The Victoria Ground itself was pleasant enough; at least we were kept dry. The Hornets' side had a very makeshift appearance and once again I felt compelled to question the wisdom of the **Evening Standard** comment.

Early concerns looked to have been ill-founded, however, when **Bruce Dyer** cashed in on a poor back-pass to send a looping shot over the oncoming 'keeper. The incident seemed to switch to slow-motion as we watched, willing the ball to just slip delicately into the net but instead it rolled wide. From my viewpoint, at the opposite end, I couldn't help thinking that if **Ken Charley**, following in, had put on a burst of speed and slid in to meet the ball, he might have connected.

There was only one further highlight for Watford's jaded supporters. Midway through the first half, **Richard Johnson** ran full-frontally into his opposite number; the pair tumbling like a felled tree. An amusing collision, which rapidly became hilarious for the Hornets' fans, as the referee **Mr Lloyd** waved 'play on'. In light of the numerous questionable decisions given against our players, it was nice to get one back - even if the furious City fans didn't quite appreciate the irony!

Watford should take some credit for a hard-working first-half, but City's second-half goals had a touch of inevitability about them. The second, a superb strike by **Regis**, deserved to be on the winning side.

So Watford moved on, defeated but not broken (we hope). Surely things can only get bettercan't they?

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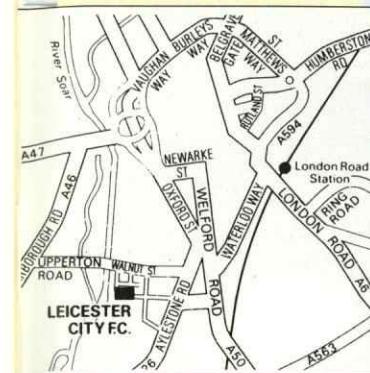
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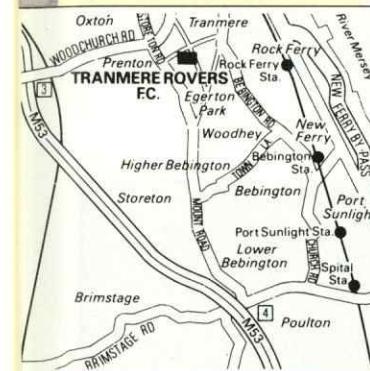


How to get there

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LEICESTER CITY V WATFORD

Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
Filbert Street, Leicester
Monday, December 28, 1993
Kick-off: 11.30am

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES

Seats: £10.00 (no concessions), payable on the day.

Terrace: £7.50 (no concessions), payable at the turnstiles on the day.

TRAVEL

On club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 9.00am, returning at approximately 3.30pm.

Cost:

£9.50 Adult; £9.00 Child/Senior Citizen. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport - Mileage: Watford to Leicester approximately 100 miles.

Suggested route:

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TRANMERE R. V WATFORD

Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
Prenton Park, Birkenhead
Saturday, January 1, 1994
Kick-off: 3.00pm

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES

Seats: £9.00 (no concessions), can be purchased on the day or booked in advance from the Tranmere Rovers Ticket Office, quoting credit card number. Telephone: 051 609 0137. Seats are covered.

Terrace:

£6.50 (no concessions), payable at the turnstiles on the day. Please use turnstiles at the Bebington Kop End. The terrace is uncovered.

TRAVEL

On club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 9.30am, returning at approximately 8.45pm.

Cost:

£13.50 Adult; £13.00 Child/Senior Citizen. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport - Mileage: Watford to Birkenhead approximately 210 miles.

Suggested route:

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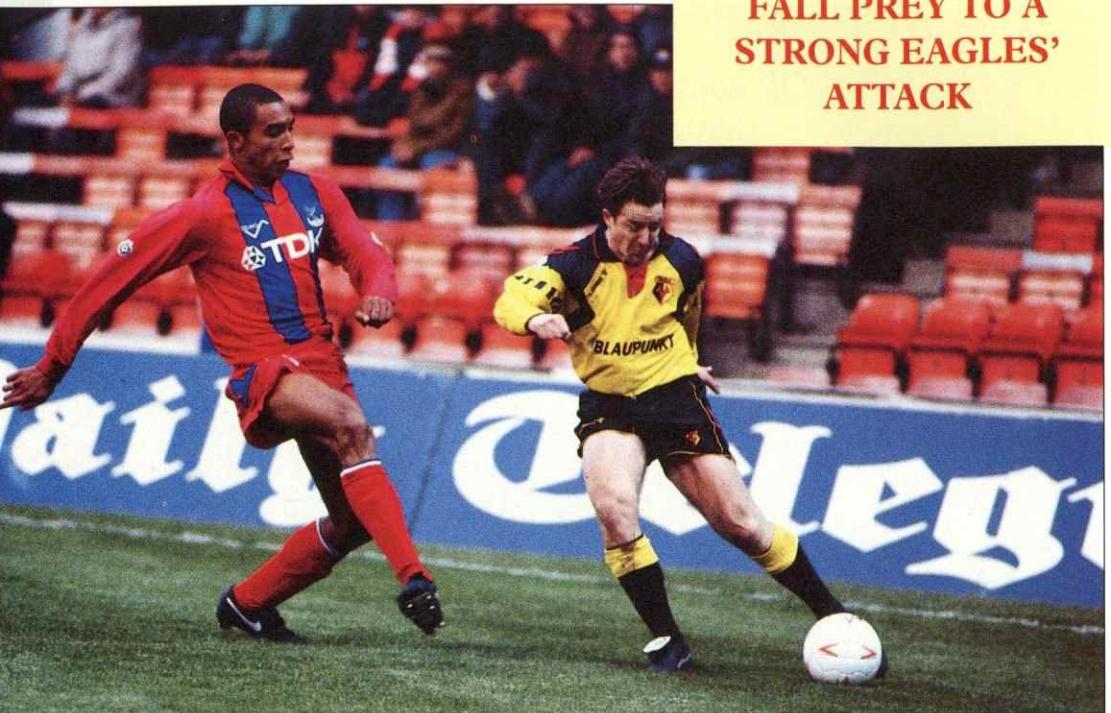
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WEAKENED HORNETS FALL PREY TO A STRONG EAGLES' ATTACK



Gary Porter twists his way past Chris Armstrong, in our televised clash with Crystal Palace here three weeks ago.



Harry Willis beats Welsh international Eric Young, but his shot didn't find the net.



Second-half substitute Lee Nogan broke free to score the Hornets' 87th-minute goal.



▲ Bruce Dyer goes full-stretch to pull the Hornets back into the game.



▲ One of two early Watford free-kicks but it was Palace who took the lead just before the interval.
[All pics: Martin Wolmark]

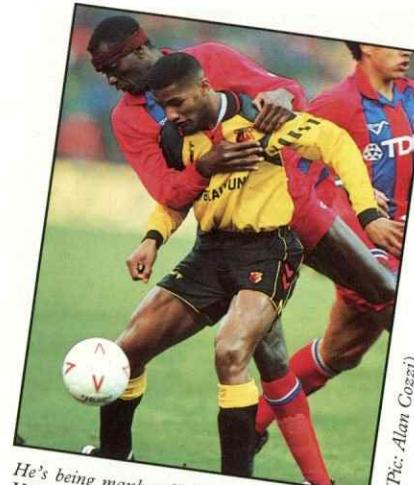
'UART EFFECTS ON HE GAME OF A 100 CHANCES'

WET and windy day in north London is not everyone's idea of an evening out, but anyone who went to the Arsenal v. Watford reserve game 11 days ago was definitely entertained.

ended 4-3 to the Gunners, but was a game of a 1,000 chances," reserve team coach **Stuart doch**. "Both sides continually had openings, and for an hour held our own, and had a 2-1 lead. We fell away for about 20 minutes before reviving ourselves right at the end of the match.

Ken Charlery put us ahead after great skill by **Kevin Slinn** to into the box and the ball across, **Wayne Parry** levelled it up before reak.

On the basis of chances, we



(Pic: Alan Cozzetti)

He's being manhandled here by Palace's Eric Young, but Harry Willis bounced back to net our second in the 4-3 reserves' defeat at Highbury 11 days ago.

could have been 3-0 up in the first half hour, but equally, they had some good opportunities.

"After the break, they came at us for the first 10 minutes, but we broke away, with **Martin Carter** getting free to cross for **Harry Willis** to restore our lead.

"Out of nothing in the 70th minute Kevin Campbell found the top corner to equalise and to be fair, they then seized the initiative and scored two more, the second from the penalty spot. In the interim, **Perry Suckling** had been on the receiving end of a bad challenge, when he went down, only to collect a boot in the face.

"Ten minutes from time **Julian Alsford** grabbed one back following a corner, but we left Highbury without a point, although having put in a sterling performance which deserved more.

"On the plus side, young **David Connolly** tested Andy Linighan on a few occasions, taking him on and getting shots on target.

"On the curio side, we had our Football in the Community officer and youth development officer on the bench, in the shapes of **Jimmy Gilligan** and **John McDermott**. Injuries necessitated us calling on them, and they both got on in the latter stages of the game.

"Overall, we've played well in recent games, and it's important that we don't start to 'accept' that we're not going to win games. A few of the injured should be back among us soon, and the aim is to start collecting points and getting off the foot of the table."

Team: Suckling, McIntosh, Nwaokolo, Willis, Alsford, Dublin, Connolly, Slinn, Charlery, Carter, Lee. Subs: Gilligan for Connolly (70 mins), McDermott for Lee (80 mins).

FIXTURES

	Result
Ipswich Town	A 0-1
Bristol City	A 3-4
BER	
Luton Town	H 1-5
Chelsea	A 0-4
Millwall	H 2-4
Charlton Athletic	A 1-0
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Bristol Rovers	A 2-3
Arsenal	H 3-4
Luton Town	A 4-2
Cheshunt (HSC-1)	A 2-1
IER	
Bristol City	H 1-1
Brighton & H.A.	A 0-0
Wimbledon	H 1-1
Bristol Rovers	H
ER	
Arsenal	A 3-4
Chelsea	H
Millwall (ko 2.00pm)	A
Brighton & H.A.	H
Y	
Crystal Palace	H
West Ham United	H
Portsmouth (ko 2.00pm)	A
Swindon	A
Norwich City	H
RY	
West Ham United (ko 2.00pm)	A
Southampton	H
Oxford United	A
Norwich City	A
Tottenham Hotspur	H
Southampton	A
Ipswich Town	H
Portsmouth	H
Tottenham Hotspur (ko 2.00pm)	A
Swindon	H
Queens Park Rangers	H
Wimbledon	A
QPR (ko 7.00pm)	A
Oxford United	H

arranged: Crystal Palace (away), Charlton Ath. (home),

way, HSC-2).

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llwall	21	6	3	1	18	10	4	3	4	12	16	36	36	Armstrong 11
icester City	20	6	3	1	22	10	4	2	4	9	8	35	35	Rae 7, Goodman 6
outhend Utd	20	5	3	2	17	9	5	1	4	17	16	34	34	Speedie 10, Thompson 5
smouth	21	6	2	2	16	9	3	5	3	14	19	34	34	Angell 6, Mooney 5
oke City	20	7	0	3	16	10	3	3	4	16	22	33	33	Stein 8, Regis 5
erby Co	19	7	0	2	21	13	2	3	5	10	19	30	30	Penbridge 7
ristol City	21	5	3	2	14	8	3	3	5	11	16	30	30	Allison 9, Baird 5
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otts Co.	20	7	1	2	19	11	1	1	8	8	23	26	26	McSwegan 7, Draper 6
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(Up to and including December 12, 1993)

PLAYING THIS WEEKEND IN DIVISION ONE

Playing today:		Played yesterday:	
wall v. Stoke City	.....	Birmingham C. v. Charlton Ath.	.....
nt Forest v. Southend Utd	.....	Bolton Wdrs v. Grimsby Town	.....
erborough Utd v. Leicester C. ...	.....	Bristol City v. Wolves	.....
anmere Rov. v. Crystal Palace....	.....	Middlesbrough v. Notts County	.....
st Bromwich A. v. Barnsley.....	.....	Portsmouth v. Oxford United	.....
Sunderland v. Derby County	.....	

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES/GOALS

3	League		CC Cup		A-I Cup		FA Cup		Totals		Watford	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
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13	4	4	1	1			18	5	65	27		
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	Res	Pos	Att
AUGUST			
Sat 14 Luton Town	L	1-2	— 9,149
Tues 17 Brentford (CCLC1, 1)	D	2-2	— 4,297
Sat 21 Barnsley	L	0-2	23 5,937
Sat 24 Brentford (CCLC1, 2)	W	3-1	— 4,937
Sat 28 Oxford United	W	3-2	20 5,139
Tue 31 Luton Town (An-Ital Prel)	W	2-1	— 2,854
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 4 Charlton Athletic	D	2-2	20 6,925
Tue 7 Wolverhampton W.	W	1-0	11 7,870
Sat 11 Grimsby Town	D	2-2	10 4,783
Wed 15 Southend Utd (An-Ital Prel)	L	0-3	— 1,881
Sat 18 Notts County	W	3-1	8 6,959
Sat 25 Sunderland	D	1-1	7 7,894
OCTOBER			
Sat 2 Millwall	L	1-4	9 7,707
Wed 6 Millwall (CCLC2, 2)	L	3-4et	— 5,381
Sun 10 Middlesbrough	W	2-0	8 7,582
Sat 16 Birmingham City	L	0-1	11 12,823
Sat 23 Bolton Wanderers	W	4-3	8 7,492
Sat 30 West Bromwich Albion	L	1-4	10 15,299
NOVEMBER			
Wed 3 Southend United	L	0-2	14 4,584
Sat 6 Stoke City	L	1-3	14 7,767
Sat 20 Bristol City	D	1-1	17 6,045
Sun 28 Crystal Palace	L	1-3	20 7,485
DECEMBER			
Sat 4 Stoke City	L	0-2	22 13,465
Tue 7 Portsmouth	L	0-2	22 8,242
Sat 11 Wolverhampton W.	L	0-2	23 17,460
Sun 19 Luton Town			
Mon 27 Leicester City (ko 11.30am)			
Tue 28 Peterborough Utd (ko 3.00pm)			
JANUARY			
Sat 1 Tranmere Rovers			
Mon 3 Nottm Forest (ko 3.00pm)			
Sat 8 West Ham Utd (FAC Rd3)			
Wed 12 Derby County			
Sat 15 Birmingham City			
Sat 22 Middlesbrough			
Sat 29 FA Cup Rd4			
FEBRUARY			
Sat 5 Bolton Wanderers			
Sat 12 West Bromwich Albion			
Sat 19 Derby Co. (FA Cup Rd5)			
Tue 22 Barnsley			
Sat 26 Charlton Athletic			
MARCH			
Sat 5 Oxford United			
Sat 12 Notts County (FA Cup Rd6)			
Tue 15 Grimsby Town			
Sat 19 Sunderland			
Sat 26 Millwall			
Sun 27 Coca-Cola Cup Final			
Wed 30 Nottingham Forest			
APRIL			
Sat 2 Leicester City			
Tue 5 Peterborough United			
Sat 9 Tranmere R. (FA Cup SF)			
Sat 16 Southend United			
Sat 23 Bristol City			
Sat 30 Portsmouth			
MAY			
Sat 7 Crystal Palace			
Sat 14 FA Cup Final			

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	16	10	4	2	31	14 34
Southampton	17	8	5	4	28	27 29
Tottenham Hotspur	17	8	4	5	36	22 28
Swindon Town	14	8	1	5	20	16 25
Arsenal	17	7	4	6	33	31 25
Norwich City	16	6	6	4	28	24 24

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29	PAUL DICKOV
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Tuesday December 28

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WATFORD v PETERBOROUGH UTD

Kick-off: 3.00pm

Thursday December 30

Neville Ovenden Football Combination
WATFORD res. v BRIGHTON res.

Kick-off: 7.30pm

Monday January 3 1994

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WATFORD v NOTTINGHAM FOREST

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TODAY'S MASCOT

A very warm Watford welcome to this afternoon's mascot, five-year-old William Martin. He lives in Watford and at present he's attending Orchard Infant and Junior School. When he's at home, William enjoys colouring and playing computer games, as well as the odd game of football in the local park with his uncle Charles and cousin Natalie! William is following in a line of mascots in his family, as his brother and sister have also helped to lead out the Hornets. The Martins have been supporting Watford for around 17 years and no doubt, William (and his brother and sister) will keep that going for a lot longer! We wish William and his family a very enjoyable afternoon at Vicarage Road and a Happy Christmas.



Matchday Officials Today's Teams

LINESMEN: D.C. Madgwick (Aylesbury, Bucks - yellow flag),
 S.G. Tomlin (Lewes, East Sussex - red/yellow flag).

REFEREE: VIC CALLOW (Solihull, West Midlands)