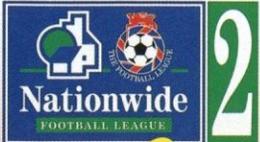




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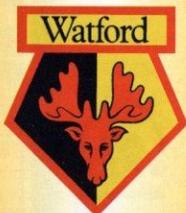
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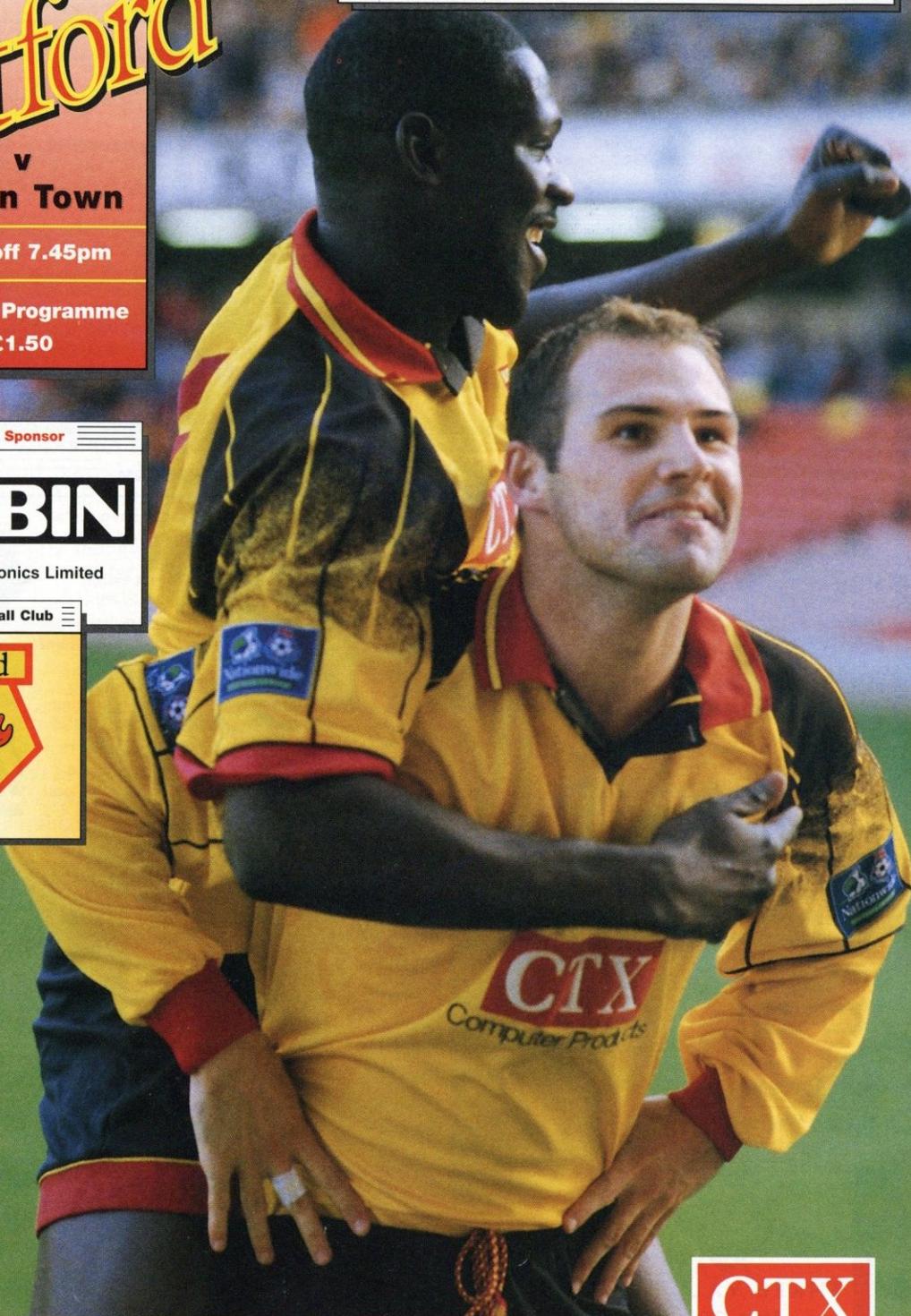


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**Visiting today**

- LOCAL rivals Luton were relegated last season after propping up Division one, with Watford suffering the same fate just one place above them.
- This is the first season since 1969-70 that Luton have not started in the top two divisions.
- Luton's main problem last season was scoring goals with only 40 in the League – the lowest total in the First Division.
- The Hatters' moment of glory was in their thrilling 3-2 victory against Arsenal in the League Cup in 1988. They lost to Nottingham Forest in the final the following season.
- Local derbies last season produced a 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road and a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road. Luton were the last winners of a derby clash with a 4-2 win at Vicarage Road on September 17 1994.



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*One thing's been constant in the last 10 years...*

**The Manager**

**KENNY JACKETT**



**A** LOT has changed in the last 10 years – but one thing has remained constant. We haven't beaten Luton here in a local derby since the 1986/87 season.

Even then I missed that game through injury, although my assistant Luther Blissett was in the line-up. But I played in many local derbies, including our various FA Cup battles, so I do have first-hand knowledge of what the matches mean to both sets of supporters and players.

Among the derby matches, like the ones in Merseyside, Manchester, London and the north-east, our own Herts v. Beds encounter can get overlooked. But for all those involved in tonight's match the passion and will-to-win is just as intense as the more high-profile derbies.

The atmosphere in both dressing rooms before kick-off will have that extra edge to it – but it is important that none of us forget that ultimately this is a football match. It's being played for the enjoyment of players and spectators alike. I hope we all approach it with that attitude, with the true spirit of competition being the added – and special – ingredient.

Apart from wanting to record our first home local derby victory for a decade, we have other reasons we getting three points under our belts tonight:

Firstly, I'm beginning to regret mentioning in these notes last month against Peterborough that it was odd we hadn't drawn a game to that point. Including that game we've now drawn five of our last eight League matches, so we want to break that mould and get back to winning ways.

Secondly, you may have seen me quoted last week as saying that including last Saturday's

game at Blackpool, this current run of three games would be a yardstick for our season. We came through the first hurdle with a hard-earned point, so we are looking to capitalise on home advantage tonight and against the League leaders Brentford on Saturday.

But thirdly – and arguably the most important reason for a win tonight – is to really kick-start our home season. We have an excellent away record, but a quick glance at the table shows that it's our home form that's prevented us from being right at the top.

With your vociferous backing tonight, the main aim is to go into Saturday's game on the back of a famous win.

*Best wishes  
Ken  
Jackett*

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# 21 and under

● Richard Flash, signed on a free transfer from Wolves in the summer, has been a regular reserves' scorer for us this term.



Richard Flash put the home side two goals ahead when, following a corner, he netted from an oblique angle before the interval.

Watson hammered in a riposte from Bournemouth early in the second half but again the Hornets enjoyed a two-goal cushion when Andy Johnson broke through from the left to chip the keeper and make it 4-2.

Watson netted his third to pull the reserves back to 4-3, seconds before the end of the game.

**WATFORD:** Chamberlain; Rooney, Robinson, Talboys, Foster, Ward, Flash, C. Johnson, A. Johnson, Easton, Flatts. Substitutes: Belgrave for Foster after 74 mins; Grieves and Jones not used.

## YOUTH TEAM

**South East Counties League**  
**Watford 2-1 Gillingham**  
**Saturday October 12 1996**

THIS was a particularly rewarding victory because their opponents, Gillingham, had

been unbeaten until this encounter. "We created a number of chances and stuck at it well. Once we had moved into a two-goal lead, the only way Gillingham were going to get back was if we lost our discipline," said Kelly. "It was a decent competitive performance overall and the only black spot was that Andy Johnson picked up a knee-ligament injury. That

## REPORTS REPORTS...

### RESERVES

**Avon Insurance Combination**  
**Watford 4-3 AFC Bournemouth**  
**Wednesday October 9 1996**

WATFORD reserves balanced the books with another victory, taking their season's record to won two, lost two. Despite the 4-3 scoreline, their victory over AFC Bournemouth at Chesham was easier than it might appear.

"I said that it would be a struggle this season because of the age of the players involved. It may still be a struggle but winning breeds confidence and we have chalked up three successive victories, one in the League Cup," said director of youth football Bobby Downes.

"We are working hard with the players and we have got a bit of spirit in the team. I don't know what went on last season but using 76 players in the Combination and finishing bottom, is likely to erode spirit. That is being rebuilt."

Downes also had a word of praise for Clint Easton, who has played in a variety of positions. "He has done very well," he said.

The reserves were guilty of being "a touch naive" when leading 4-2 towards the end of the game in which they twice lost a two-goal lead.

Bournemouth's Mark Watson scored a hat-trick but finished on the losing side as Watford deservedly ran out on top.

The match signalled the competitive return of Colin Foster and the reserves also had former Arsenal winger, Mark Flatts, on trial. However it was Foster, with a neatly-played ball who sent Andy Johnson away to score the first.

Watson equalised for the visitors after 18 minutes but Alec Chamberlain denied them the chance of taking lead when he saved a somewhat harshly-awarded penalty by John O'Neill.

The Hornets regained the lead when Steve Talboys gained possession and slipped Easton in for a fine finish.

was disappointing because Andy has done well." Gillingham made it hard for Watford, "in the right way" with a very competitive performance. "They were very well organised," said Kelly.

Before he was injured, Andy Johnson helped to set up the first, firing in a shot, which was blocked and Grant Cornock followed up successfully.

When young Mark Boyce was brought down Mark Jones duly scored from the spot.

Gillingham pulled a goal back late in the exchanges but never seriously threatened again, in no small way due to the performances of Colin Pluck and Darren Ward at the heart of the defence.

**WATFORD:** Rogers; Cave, Robinson, C Johnson, Pluck, Ward, Jones, Grieves, Cornock, A Johnson, Perpetuini. Substitutes: Boyce for A Johnson after 70 mins; Reid and Panayi not used

## RESERVES

**Friendly match**  
**Basingstoke 3-3 Watford**  
**Wednesday October 16 1996**

WITHOUT an Avon Insurance Combination fixture, the reserves had a friendly at Basingstoke, drawing 3-3 after twice being behind.

"The pitch was a little bumpy but that cannot excuse the fact that we were not too impressive in the first half. We needed to be more direct on that surface," said assistant-manager Luther Blissett.

"We improved after a chat at half time." Blissett and the players were none too impressed with the decision to allow the first Basingstoke goal, which they felt was clearly offside but they were back on terms when Colin Foster flicked on a corner and Colin Pluck nodded home.

Then, after Basingstoke had regained the lead, Richard Flash broke clear onto

a through ball to equalise a second time. The Reserves were ahead for the first time when Steve Talboys pulled the ball back for Vince Cave to meet it with a half-volley into the net but the home side levelled the scores before the final whistle.

**WATFORD:** Rogers; Belgrave, Cave, Jones, Rooney, Foster, Flash, Talboys, Dixon, Simpson, Grieves. Substitutes: Pluck for Jones and C Johnson for Simpson after 45 mins; Magrone for Dixon after 70 mins.

## YOUTH TEAM

**SE Counties League Cup**  
**Second Round**  
**Watford 3-2 Portsmouth**  
**Saturday October 19 1996**

THE chances of recording a seventh successive victory looked extremely bleak for Watford Juniors when they trailed 2-0 to Portsmouth in the South-East Counties League Cup at Woodside last week.

Having won through the first round against Brighton, the youth team had been caught by two soft goals.

As if to typify a poor first half, the juniors found themselves a goal down when an errant cross drifted into their net. Having created little without being under pressure themselves, they started the second half in slightly brighter vein but then conceded a second to a set-piece.

"Give the lads credit, they rolled their sleeves up with 15 minutes to go and pulled the fat out of the fire," said youth team boss Rob Kelly.

"We finished the winners 3-2 but it was a victory for spirit and enthusiasm. Even at 2-0 down, they never gave up. That is what cup football is all about."

The magnificent comeback also underlines the value of practising set-pieces and Kelly had been taking them through their free kicks and reactions to corners, during the week.

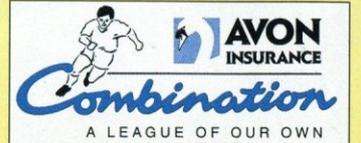
Tommy Smith headed in the first and Paul Robinson nodded home two more to complete a hat-trick of headers and turn the game literally, on its head.

Chris Johnson, twice, and David Perpetuini were the providers with well-flighted free kicks.

"We did well considering we had a few first-year boys in the team, who have not played regularly," said Kelly. "Other players had travelled with the first team which is what youth development is all about."

**WATFORD:** Rogers; Panayi, Cave, C Johnson, Pluck, Robinson, Jones, Boyce, Smith, Grieves, Perpetuini. Substitutes: Reid for Panayi after 75 mins; Langston and Maynard not used.

## League Tables



### AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Tottenham H.	4	4	0	14	3	12	
2. Ipswich Town	4	3	1	0	11	2	10
3. Portsmouth	5	3	0	2	7	6	9
4. Chelsea	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
5. Arsenal	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
6. Wimbledon	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
7. Millwall	4	2	0	2	11	8	6
8. QPR	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
9. Swindon Town	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
10. Cardiff City	4	1	3	0	5	4	6
11. Luton Town	4	2	0	2	5	4	6
12. <b>WATFORD</b>	4	2	0	2	7	12	6
13. Bristol City	4	1	1	2	8	7	4
14. Swansea City	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
15. Oxford United	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
16. West Ham United	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
17. Norwich City	4	0	3	1	5	6	3
18. AFC Bournemouth	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
19. Brighton & H.A.	4	0	2	2	9	12	2
20. Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
21. Crystal Palace	4	0	1	3	1	10	1
22. Bristol Rovers	4	0	1	3	2	13	1
23. Charlton Athletic	3	0	0	3	3	13	0

(Up to and including October 19 1996)

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Gillingham	9	4	4	1	15	11	12
2. Millwall	9	6	0	3	23	20	12
3. Norwich City	8	5	1	2	23	12	11
4. Ipswich Town	9	5	1	3	21	17	11
5. West Ham United	8	4	2	2	19	10	10
6. Arsenal	8	4	2	2	13	6	10
7. <b>WATFORD</b>	7	5	0	2	18	12	10
8. Chelsea	9	4	2	3	16	18	10
9. Tottenham H.	7	3	1	3	14	8	7
10. Charlton Ath.	9	3	1	5	15	18	7
11. Queens Park R.	8	3	1	4	12	15	7
12. Fulham	9	3	1	5	12	18	7
13. Portsmouth	8	3	0	5	11	18	6
14. Cambridge United	8	1	2	5	8	17	4
15. Southend United	9	1	2	6	15	25	4
16. Leyton Orient	7	1	2	4	10	20	4

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## Reserve team fixtures and results

### AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

Thu Aug 29	Arsenal (KO: 2.00pm)	.....	A	L	0-3
Wed Sep 4	Ipswich Town	.....	A	L	1-5
Wed Sep 11	Charlton Athletic (LC)	.....	H	D	1-1
Wed Sep 18	Brighton & H.A.	.....	H	W	2-1
Mon Sep 30	Tottenham Hotspur (LC)	.....	A	W	2-1
Wed Oct 9	AFC Bournemouth	.....	H	W	4-3
Wed Oct 23	Bristol Rovers	.....	A	D	1-1
Wed Nov 6	Southampton	.....	A		
Mon Nov 25	Norwich City	.....	H		
Wed Nov 27	Baldock Town (HSC2)	.....	A		
Wed Dec 4	QPR (LC)	.....	H		
Mon Dec 9	Chelsea (KO: 7.00pm)	.....	A		
Tue Dec 17	Millwall	.....	H		
Tue Jan 7	West Ham United	.....	A		
Tue Jan 14	Watford (KO: 2.00pm)	.....	H		
Wed Jan 29	Wimbledon (KO: 2.00pm)	.....	A		
Tue Feb 4	Portsmouth	.....	H		
Wed Feb 12	Bristol City	.....	A		
Tue Feb 18	Millwall (LC) (KO: 2.00pm)	.....	A		
Tue Feb 25	Swindon Town	.....	H		
Mon Mar 10	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	A		
Tue Mar 18	Charlton Athletic	.....	H		
Wed Mar 26	Luton Town (KO: 2.00pm)	.....	A		
Tue Apr 8	Oxford United	.....	H		
Tue Apr 15	Crystal Pal. (KO: 2.00pm)	.....	A		
Tue Apr 22	Swansea City	.....	H		
Tue Apr 29	Cardiff City	.....	H		

### AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION LEAGUE CUP GROUPS:

Group 1	Group 2
Bristol City	AFC Bournemouth
Bristol Rovers	Brighton & H.A.
Cardiff City	Crystal Palace
Oxford United	Portsmouth
Swansea City	Southampton
Swindon Town	Wimbledon

Group 3	Group 4
Arsenal	Charlton Athletic
Ipswich Town	Millwall
Luton Town	QPR
Norwich City	Tottenham Hotspur
West Ham Utd	WATFORD

All matches kick-off at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.  
LC = Avon Insurance Combination League Cup  
HSC = Herts Senior Cup

● All Watford home games in the Avon Insurance Combination will be played at Chesham United FC, The Meadow, Amy Lane, Chesham.

## Youth team fixtures and results

### S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sat Aug 17	Portsmouth	.....	A	W	4-1
Sat Aug 24	Millwall	.....	A	L	2-3
Sat Sep 7	Charlton Athletic	.....	H	L	0-4
Mon Sep 9	Southampton (SJFC 1)	.....	H	W	3-1
Sat Sep 14	Brighton & H.A. (SECLC 1)	.....	H	W	6-2
Sat Sep 21	Arsenal	.....	A	W	1-0
Sat Sep 28	Southend United	.....	H	W	5-3
Sat Oct 5	Ipswich Town	.....	H	W	4-0
Sat Oct 12	Gillingham	.....	H	W	2-1
Sat Oct 19	Portsmouth (SECLC 2)	.....	H	W	3-2
Sat Oct 26	West Ham United	.....	A	L	0-3
Mon Oct 28	Ipswich Town (SJFC 2)	.....	A	(7.30pm)	
Sat Nov 2	Norwich City	.....	H		
Sat Nov 9	Leyton Orient	.....	A		
Sat Nov 16	Cambridge United	.....	H		
Sat Nov 23	Southampton (SECLC 3)	.....	H		
Sat Nov 30	Chelsea	.....	A		

Sat Dec 7	Fulham	.....	H		
Sat Dec 14	QPR (kick-off: 10.45am)	.....	A		
Sat Dec 21	Portsmouth	.....	H		
Sat Jan 4	QPR	.....	H		
Sat Jan 11	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	H		
Sat Jan 18	Charlton Athletic	.....	A		
Sat Jan 25	Arsenal	.....	H		
Sat Feb 1	Millwall	.....	H		
Sat Feb 8	Southend United	.....	A		
Sat Feb 15	Ipswich Town	.....	A		
Sat Feb 22	Gillingham	.....	A		
Sat Mar 1	West Ham United	.....	H		
Sat Mar 8	Norwich City	.....	A		
Sat Mar 15	Cambridge United	.....	H		
Sat Mar 22	Leyton Orient	.....	A		
Sat Apr 5	Chelsea	.....	H		
Sat Apr 12	Fulham	.....	A		

To be arranged: Tottenham Hotspur (a), Leighton Town (a) FAYC1

● SECLC = South East Counties League Cup  
● SJFC = Southern Junior Floodlit Cup  
● Watford youth team home games are played at the Woodside Leisure Centre, Horseshoe Lane, Garston, except for home ties in the FA Youth Cup and Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, which will be played at the Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford.

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## What's happening

### Injuries

**MISSING** on Saturday but back in the squad tonight will be striker **Wayne Andrews**. He missed an outing at **Blackpool** after suffering a 'dead leg' in training on Friday.

It meant a first inclusion in the senior squad for youth trainee defender **Paul Robinson**.

Striker **David Connolly** remains doubtful tonight with his thigh strain injury, but it's hoped he'll return to the

squad for Saturday's game against **Brentford**.

Meanwhile midfielder **Craig Ramage** started a two-week rehabilitation course yesterday following his cartilage operation. Striker **Kevin Phillips** has completed half his stay in plaster after his foot operation and fellow forward **Nathan Lowndes** will also be out a further three or four weeks after breaking a one in his foot.

Our continued best wishes go to midfielder **Gary Porter**, as he recovers from his broken leg.

### FA Cup draw

AS you'll have seen over the weekend, we have been drawn away to **Northampton Town** in the first round of the **FA Cup**.

The match will be played on **Saturday November 16** and it will be 'all-ticket'. Watford anticipate having approximately 1,300 tickets for the tie. As we went to press, we awaited ticket details from our opponents. These will appear in next Saturday's programme, on the Hotline and via the usual media channels.

The match will also see the Hornets' first appearance at the Cobblers' newly-built Sixfields Stadium.

Apart from ourselves and **Barnet**, there will quite a presence from Hertfordshire on the day. **Stevenage Borough**, **St. Albans City** and **Boreham Wood** will also be in action. Sadly, **Hitchin** missed out - going down 2-1 to **Wisbech** last Saturday.

### Two in

Watford have signed 24-year-old wide player **Mark Flatts** on a one-month contract.

"He can play wide on either wing, so gives us other options to consider," says manager **Kenny Jackett**.

Mark was last registered with **Arsenal**, but has had loan spells at several other clubs.

Meanwhile left-sided midfielder **Paul Underwood** has been taken on trial by the club. He is currently with **Enfield Town**.

### One out

Midfielder **Richard Johnson** will be unavailable for this Saturday's home game with **Brentford**.

He has received a one-match ban due to his dismissal late in the game at **Bury** 10 days ago, following two bookable offences.

### Windscreens' wiper

THERE'S no place for **Watford** in the first round of the **Auto Windscreens Shield** - we have been given a bye.

It means we go straight through to the last 16 of the southern section of the competition (the last 32 nationally).

The provisional date for the second round of the **Auto Windscreen Shield** is **Tuesday January 7** or **Wednesday January 8** 1997.

## Birthday girl

AN especially warm welcome this evening to **Gwen Jordan**, who celebrated her 85th birthday last Thursday.

Gwen has been coming to Watford for nigh-on 40 years and has been a season ticket holder for at least the last 20.

"I originally stood in front of the old Shrodells Stand, but these days I sit in the Main Stand," she says. "It was my late son **Howard** who first got me interested in the club. We've always lived in **Beaconsfield**, and he used to watch **Wycombe** when they were a non-League club. He wanted

to come and watch the nearest professional club and persuaded his dad to take him. But my husband wasn't really interested in football so I started taking him - and soon got hooked myself."

Since then Gwen has seen the all ups and downs at Vicarage Road - and elsewhere. "I still maintain **Andy Gray** punched **Everton's** second goal into the net in the **1984 FA Cup Final**," she says. "Who knows what could have happened if that hadn't gone in?"

"I used to go to all the Watford games - home and away - but now I'm only coming to the home games on doctor's orders after the car accident I was involved in a couple of years ago.

"I'm normally brought to the home games by **Norman Ollis** - but if he's not around then either **Robert Smith** or **Tony Bouchard** bring me. It's really marvellous of them to look after me."

So now she's not travelling away

with Watford, she watches her local club on alternative Saturdays - **Beaconsfield** in the **London Spartan Premier Division**.

"One of our former apprentices **Robert Wignall** plays for them, and **Nigel Callaghan** played last year. And a certain **James Blissett** (**Luther's** younger brother) plays for the reserves."

Last question Gwen - who's been your favourite Watford player over the years?

"It was **Ross Jenkins** - I kept in touch with him long after he'd left the club. But now it's undoubtedly **Kevin Miller**."

You'll enjoy the centre pages of this programme then Gwen - and in the meantime many congratulations from all of us for your birthday.

● *Is Gwen the most senior Watford fan still regularly attending games? If you know of someone else who could claim that title, please drop a line to the programme editor at the club address with all the details.*



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In addition to the above benefits, shirt sponsors are listed in the centre spread of every programme, while kit sponsors have their own page, which appears periodically throughout the campaign.

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## A lot of bottle...

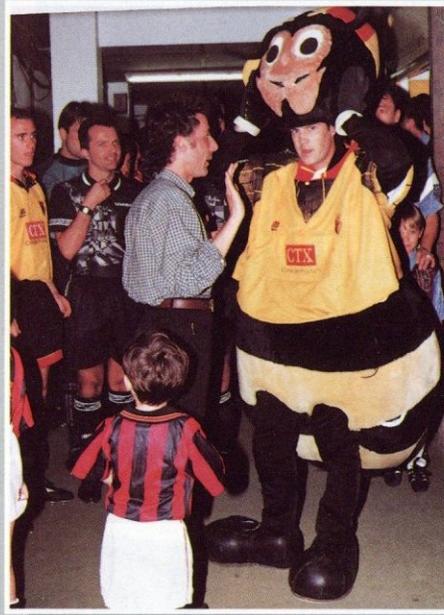
is going to the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw. The draw was made by David Bloom (second from left) and Barry Beck (second from right) of matchball sponsors Dial-a-Phone on Saturday October 12, at the game against Wrexham.

Graham Taylor and Harry the Hornet – who never likes to miss a photo opportunity – joined them on the pitch.



(Pic: Martin Wölmarm)

## Reading



● Birthday wishes to Tony Thompson, our Rookery End Stand matchday steward, who was 50 earlier this month. Tony has been a loyal Watford supporter for 37 years and has seen over 600 matches.

Tony has also been a supporter of our Top Draw competition since its inception and we hope he has a lot of luck with that in the future too.

And our best wishes also go to Oliver Dcroze, a Hornets' fan all the way from Marlborough in Wiltshire, who recently turned 18.

Please note: As with tonight's game, the away supporters for the Brentford match will be allotted the Rookery End Stand when they visit us this Saturday, November 2.

DID you see last season's Watford away strip featured on 'Neighbours' last Tuesday? No, it wasn't your imagination. There were a number of separate sightings which put the truth of it beyond any doubt; the truth being that a lot of Watford supporters are not ashamed to admit they watch 'Neighbours'. And why should they be?

Stephen Paul of Golders Green and Mike Herman from Kenton were two at least who weren't afraid to stand up and be counted as both Hornets' and soap fans. And thanks to the Watford fan out in Oz for the free publicity.

## When Harry met Harry...

EVERYONE was a little concerned that the two sparky personalities might clash in an unsavoury manner. But actually they got on famously and TV presenter Johnny Vaughn – the Harry in the suit – had nothing but admiration for the real Harry Hornet, Dave White – on the left.

Johnny spent a day with Dave at the training ground, being put through his paces before Johnny actually became Harry for the first half of the Burnley game on October 15.

The purpose of the 'switch' was for a feature which will appear in Johnny Vaughn's new Channel 4 chat show to be screened in the new year. The show will be called 'Here's Johnny'.

(Pic: Martin Wölmarm)

## Impressive against Preston

With all the flak – and bodies – flying around the Preston goalmouth earlier this month, it must have been a statistician's nightmare trying to keep a tally of shots. However, we have been reliably informed that there were some 30 shots from the Watford strike force and 16 of them were on target.

When asked neither Oli Phillips of the Watford Observer nor our own Luther Blissett could remember a game in recent years when there had been more.

Kenny Jackett, in his meeting with the press after the Preston game, was of the opinion that: "We could go out and play the same style of football next week and score five or six."

We haven't had five or six yet, but we'll forgive the lads if they make up for it with a hatful against the Hatters!

● Watford Events, the social fundraisers for the club, are keen to hear what Hornets' supporters think about the functions organised so far this season. If you have attended an event such as the Quiz Night or Golf Day or if you have ideas about how they could be improved (or raise more money!) then please call us or write to us at the club and let us know what you think. If you haven't heard about Watford Events and are interested in finding out about future occasions, just ask for a brochure when you call.

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## LUTON TOWN

Luton Town FC was formed in 1886 as a fusion of local sides Wanderers and Excelsior. Early games were played on a friendly basis - apart from the annual excursion into the FA Cup.

As better players were attracted into the area through the growth of industry, Luton became the first professional club in the south in 1891.

Entering the Southern League in 1900 they stayed there until entering Division Three South of the Football League in 1920, at the same time as Watford.

In the 1935/36 season **Joe Payne** scored 10 goals in a record 12-0 win against Bristol Rovers, and followed that up with a record 55 goals the next season when Town won promotion to Division Two.

In 1955 they were promoted to the First Division and made their first Wembley appearance in 1959, losing to Nottingham Forest 2-1 in the FA Cup final.

After tumbling down to Division Four within six years of their Wembley appearance, Luton slowly climbed their way back up to the top flight.

They had to wait nearly 30 years for their first Wembley triumph - in the famous 3-2 victory against Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup in 1988, which was followed by a 2-1 defeat to Nottingham Forest the following year.

Relegation last season has led to Luton's first venture outside the top two divisions since 1970, but promising recent form suggests they could bounce straight back up.

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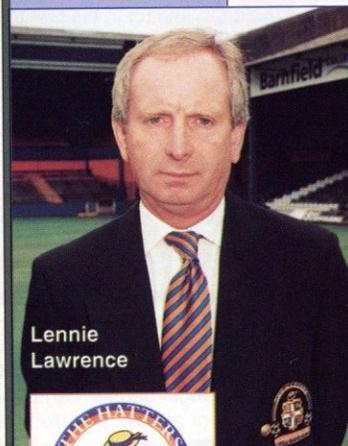
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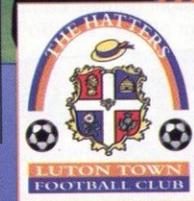
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Lennie Lawrence



**NOT** even the renowned survival instincts of Lennie Lawrence could prevent our local rivals Luton from dropping out of the First Division last season.

But five months in which to rescue a side already rock-bottom of the table, with only four wins from 22 League games, was always going to represent an uphill battle for their new manager. And so it proved. Despite a marked improvement in form Luton, like us, slipped down a division.

The first couple of weeks of the 1996/97 campaign were little better for Lawrence's team. However, in the last month or so, the Hatters have suddenly made a mockery of those early setbacks, embarking on a sequence that has produced only one defeat in 15 and none in nine before Saturday's home clash with Bournemouth.

Three successive wins in October helped restore the confidence further and inspire a superb 1-1 draw against Premiership high-fliers Wimbledon this time last week in the Coca-Cola League Cup.

With fluent passing, accomplished defending and a cracking goal from Ceri Hughes, Luton were unfortunate not to have caused a major upset - but at least the battling display emphasised all the qualities associated

with Lawrence's previous clubs.

Afterwards, the Kenilworth boss paid tribute to the defensive qualities that held firm against a previously buoyant Wimbledon attack, saying: "To be fair we are pretty good at the back, certainly one of the best defensive units in the Second Division.

"Wimbledon thought that we wouldn't be able to cope with the ball into the box but in some way that helped because we are good in the air. We try to keep distance between the back four and the keeper to stop attackers getting round the back of us.

"I've told the players we have to get our feet back on the ground now because while a Cup run is nice, getting three points in our forthcoming League matches is what matters. It might even help them to a better way of life in the future."

In contrast to his non-League playing career with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton, Lawrence, after coaching spells at Plymouth and Lincoln, proved his ability in the manager's hot seat when he took over at Charlton in 1982.

Within four years, he had secured their promotion to the top flight after a 29-year absence and managed to keep them there with three successive seasons of 'Houdini-like' acts before eventually going back down in 1991.

Lawrence, though, was snapped up by Middlesbrough and took them into the Premiership too. Unfortunately they went straight back down and Lawrence, replaced by Bryan Robson, joined Bradford City. He left by mutual consent to take over Luton in December 1995.

### Recent Hatters' managers:

John Moore	1986-87
Ray Harford	1987-90
Jim Ryan	1990-91
David Pleat	1991-95
Terry Westley	1995

### Our previous 22 meetings at a glance:

Season	Home	Away
1971/72	W 2-1	L 0-3
1982-83	W 5-2	L 0-1
1983-84	L 1-2	W 2-1
1984-85	W 3-0	L 2-3
1985-86	L 1-2	L 2-3
1986-87	W 2-0	W 2-0
1987-88	L 0-1	L 1-2
1992-93	D 0-0	L 0-2
1993-94	D 2-2	L 1-2
1994-95	L 2-4	D 1-1
1995-96	D 1-1	D 0-0

\* Watford scores given first in each case.

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**LUTON** have put last season's nightmare behind them and, after a cautious start to life in Division Two, are on the up. Having put an end to last season's goal-scoring problems, the Hatters' fine form has seen them gather 11 out of the last 15 points on offer. They were last beaten on their League travels on August 27.

**N GOAL** for Town is ex-West Ham keeper Ian Feuer who joined them in December 1995 when fellow American Jurgen Sommer left the Hatters for QPR. The towering 6' 7" stopper was voted Luton's Player of the Year for the 1995/96 season.

Meanwhile England under-21 keeper Kelvin Davis waits in the wings after a string of promising performances before Feuer's arrival last season.

In front of him is a solid defence led by club captain Steve Davis. The 28-year-old made over 160 appearances for Burnley before joining Luton in the summer of 1995. He will be keen to lead Luton to promotion

after two seasons of consecutive relegation - with Burnley and the Hatters respectively.

Julian James celebrated his testimonial at Luton with a 4-2 pre-season victory against West Ham. The hard-working right back joined Luton as a trainee and was introduced to First Division football in 1988. He is a former England under-21 international.

Partnering Davis in the centre of defence is Marvin Johnson who moved alongside veteran Trevor Peake in the heart of the Luton defence in 1994. He did not miss a game that season and his good form has kept out Darren Patterson this term.

Midfield workhorse Gary Waddock joined Town in a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994. The 34-year-old started his career with QPR and made an FA Cup Final appearance against Spurs in 1982.

Ceri Hughes is the Welshman who can turn a game for the Hatters. The midfielder was plagued by suspension and injury last season but has stayed at Luton despite pre-season trials with Crystal Palace.

Alongside Hughes is Graham Alexander, the former Scunthorpe midfielder who was previous manager Terry Westley's first signing in July 1995.

**Key midfielder**

Tony Thorpe has developed into one of Luton's key players after joining Town at the start of the 1992/93 season.

The 22-year-old struggled to make an impact in his first three campaigns but after 33 appearances and 7 goals last term, he is finally beginning to fulfil his potential in Division Two.

He made a goal-scoring debut against Newcastle United in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994, and scored a goal in each of Luton's opening three games this season.

David Oldfield has just returned from injury and, after a fine goal-scoring start to the season with four goals in eight games, can play midfield or attack.



Bontcho Guentchev

Looking on from the subs' bench is Paul McLaren, 21-year-old midfielder who made his first team debut as a 19-year-old at the end of the 1994 season.

Striker Paul Showler has recently hit the headlines with his

**Hatters**



Luton Town FC 1996/97

**Back row (from left):** Stuart Douglas, Jamie Woodsford, Sean Evers, Kim Grant, Paul McLaren, Darren Patterson, Gary Simpson, John Taylor Ben Chenery, Bontcho Guentchev, Graham Alexander, Matthew Upson, Robert Kean, Chris Willmott.

**Third row:** Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physiotherapist), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), David Oldfield, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Aaron Skelton, Andrew Fotiadis, John Moore (Youth Team coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Les Shannon (Chief Scout).

**Seated:** Julian James, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis (Club Captain), Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock (Team Captain), Dwight Marshall, Richard Harvey.

**Front row:** Liam George, Gary Doherty, Jimmy Cox, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Terry Sweeney, Matthew Spring, Andre Scarlett, Andrew Smith, Ian Jones.

goalscoring form, netting a brace against Peterborough. Signed for £50,000 in August, he rejoined his former Bradford boss Lennie Lawrence at Kenilworth Road.

Andrew Fotiadis is the youngest player in the Luton squad and the 18-year-old striker only finished his 'A' Levels during the summer. Now concentrating on his football career he scored his first goal for Luton with a spectacular lob against Walsall on October 5.

Bulgarian international Bontcho Guentchev offers a skilful option to Lennie Lawrence's forward line. But the 31-year-old former Ipswich and Barcelona striker has just lost his

place to Showler.



Kim Grant

**Key Forward**

Kim Grant was signed from Charlton in March 1996 for £250,000 and scored on his debut against Ipswich in a 2-1 home defeat.

He was selected for the Ghanaian national squad in the summer of 1996, and has played against Egypt, Denmark and South Africa since.

A hard-working striker with a dangerous shot, he has scored four times this season and will be hoping to qualify for the 1998 World Cup with his national side.

**They played for both clubs**

DESPITE the fact that Watford share more player links with their local rivals than with any other club, nobody has been transferred from Vicarage Road to Kenilworth Road since full back Joe Johnson (for £75) in 1924. In the subsequent 72 years, however, no fewer than 13 players have moved in the opposite direction. The 13 include that resolute defender Alan Garner, a major contributor to two successive Graham Taylor promotions, as well as Mike Keen, who became Watford's manager whilst still on the playing staff, and Watford-born Ken Stockley, who was in Luton's wartime first team at 16, after having captained Watford Schools. He 'came home' in 1948.

Back around the turn of the century, Billy Lindsay captained both clubs in turn, having previously also skippered Newcastle United when they made their first ever appearance in the First Division. A colleague of Lindsay's on both sides of the Beds/Herts border was winger Roland Brown, a Luton man who had three spells with his local club and also had a straw-hat-making business in the town.

Paul Wilkinson achieved a unique distinction by representing both clubs as a loan player last season, and another to have made his mark as Welsh midfielder Peter Nicholas. He had two-and-a-half seasons at Kenilworth Road, and later, as a Watford player, set a national record (since beaten) by winning his 73rd full cap.

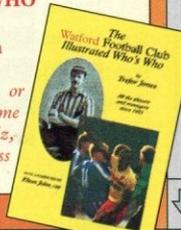
The long list of players includes only two goalkeepers, one of them being Alec Chamberlain, the only goalie in Watford's history to date with a 100% first team record of clean sheets.

• Trefor Jones

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Who is the only English full international to have played for both clubs?

Write your answer on a postcard or sealed envelope, together with your name and address, and send it to: A-Z Quiz, Programme Editor, at the club address (on page 2).



Closing date: Thursday November 14.





### Kevin Miller

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**W**HEN he joined Watford from Birmingham two years ago, goalkeeper Kevin Miller knew he was joining a club with an excellent pedigree between the posts – one that stretches back to the 'Skilly' Williams around WW1 days.

But he made an immediate impression at Vicarage Road, being voted Player of the Season at the end of his first season with the club.

Since then his form has kept him in the number one slot and this season that means ahead of the more experienced Alec Chamberlain, signed from Sunderland in July.

Now that he's well into his third season with the Hornets and transfer speculation seems to have died down, does Kevin feel settled?

"Yes, I'm enjoying it, it's been good. It's a lovely club, lovely set-up and the people make you feel really welcome."

And does he feel pressure to keep clean sheets with Chamberlain waiting in the wings?

"Everybody's under pressure. Everybody's fighting for places, which you need because people can get complacent if they've got a regular place."

Kevin dismisses any talk of serious rivalry between himself and Alec pointing out that

they are good friends and actually travel to the training ground together. They train both with the rest of the players and alone, during two special sessions a week with Peter Bonetti, honing the new skills which modern keepers need. Last year Peter was asked to come in just once a week but now manager Kenny Jackett believes it's important for the keepers to get more intensive training to bolster confidence and quicken reactions – especially to cope with situations such as getting the ball away quickly from a hurried backpass.

"Pitches at the moment are good and you've really just got to concentrate and kick through the ball," notes Kevin. "If I've got time I will try and pick a person out, but to be honest I'd rather get the ball away and get myself set again as quickly as I can."

With the club's recent history of injury problems still a major factor in the squad, Kevin has found himself keeping goal with a lot of recent youth team players in front of him. With more seasoned players like Craig Ramage and Gary Porter out of contention, and teenagers such as Wayne Andrews and Gifton Noel-Williams becoming prominent, does Kevin feel like an old hand at 27?

"Well, I think a lot of us do now, there's a lot of young lads coming through. The thing is at a club like Watford, especially with all the recent injuries, the young players have to make an impression. The club is rightly proud of its youth system."

So where does Kevin see himself in 20 years? Will he be like Peter Shilton; 47 and still a goalkeeper?

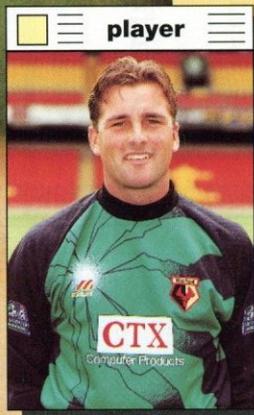
"Not really, no. Housekeeper, maybe, but not goalkeeper."

With Watford maintaining a fairly solid defensive line this season, Kevin has had fewer opportunities to shine but he still has the undying affection of the supporters. The 'Miller homage' is religiously paid each time he strolls down to the Vicarage Road End and although he keeps his mind focused on the pitch in front of him, there's sometimes a hint of a smile that tells the fans he's heard them.

Kevin has certainly proven himself as far as the Hornets' faithful are concerned – but he still has personal goals and has a realistic optimism about what he can achieve with Watford.

"Obviously we'd like to get promotion, whether we go up as champions or second. We'd like to win the championship, do it in style, but the main goal is to get promotion and everybody is geared up for that."

Meanwhile, you can bet Kevin's immediate goal is to ensure his goal is unbreached tonight.



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**statistics**

Date of birth:	15.03.69
Place of birth:	Falmouth
Signed from:	Birmingham City
Date signed:	05.08.94
Watford appearances, goals (in brackets):	116
Previous clubs, appearances, goals:	(Newquay), Exeter City 200, Birmingham City 30
International appearances:	None
Playing position:	Goalkeeper

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**Matches which mattered**

*A game which still stands in the memory still stands as our highest-ever home attendance, as Paul Levene reports:*

**FA Cup Fourth Round Replay  
WATFORD 0-2 MANCHESTER UTD  
February 3 1969**

**W**ATFORD, at the time challenging for promotion from Division Three, had pulled off a remarkable result holding European Cup winners Manchester United to a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford in the fourth round of the FA Cup in the 1968-69 season.

The replay took place at Vicarage Road on the first Monday evening in February 1969 in front of a club record attendance of 34,099, with a game against Birmingham City in round five the reward for the winners. If Watford were to progress, however, they would have to make do without injured defender **Brian Garvey**. He was replaced by **Tom Walley**, moving

from midfield to bolster the backline.

Although 'United enjoyed a promising start to the game, the Hornets were more than capable of competing with their illustrious visitors and both **Terry Garbett** and **Dixie Hale** had early chances to test **Alex Stepney**. **Stewart Scullion** also carved an opportunity to emulate his goal in the first match, but on this occasion his effort went over the bar.

Just when it seemed that 'United might be on the receiving end of another shock, **Denis Law** pounced to put his side ahead with half an hour gone. **George Best** set up the chance, combining with **Brian Kidd**, and eventually crossing for **Law** to rise and head the ball home at the far post.

After **Matt Busby's** side had taken the lead, Watford continued to cause problems for the 'United defence and **Rodney Green** did have the ball in the net in the second period, but was penalised for his challenge on **Stepney**. Many present felt that it was a perfectly legitimate goal, but history dictates that referee **Handley** was to disallow the effort.

Other chances to equalise came and went, but the best opportunity for the Hornets, arrived with ten minutes left, and fell to full-back **Duncan Welbourne**. **Welbourne** created the initial danger with his ball into the area and both **Green** and **Barry Endean** attempted to head goalwards. The United defence, joined by **Bobby Charlton** in order to relieve the pressure, only cleared the ball as far as **Welbourne**, whose shot beat **Stepney** and agonisingly rattled against the bar.

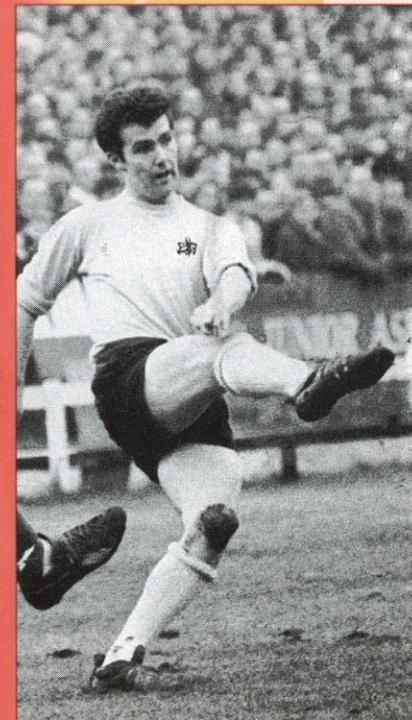
Perhaps that last effort summed up Watford's luck on the night, as with 87 minutes on the clock that

man **Law** appeared again to put the result beyond doubt. The canny **Scot** controlled a weak clearance from **Johnny Williams** before volleying past **Mike Walker** in the Watford goal and send 'United to the midlands in round five.

**Teams:**

**Watford:** Walker, Welbourne, Williams, Hale, Eddy, Walley, Scullion, Garbett, Green, Endean, Owen Sub: Lees.

**Manchester United:** Stepney, Fitzpatrick, Dunne, Crerand, James, Stiles, Morgan, Kidd, Charlton, Law, Best Sub: Sadler.



*Duncan Welbourne – played a key role in our Cup encounters with the Red Devils 27 years ago.*

**Beginnings**

**BOOTS**

"THE modern football boot differs from the old-fashioned boot in that it is lighter, stronger, and more durable." It could have been written today, but in fact that statement was made in 1905 by William Shillcock, a leading manufacturer – from whose Birmingham shop, incidentally, the FA Cup was stolen 10 years earlier.

Today's boot is hardly worth the name, bearing more resemblance to a ballet shoe than to the ankle-covering clodhoppers of Mr Shillcock's day – and indeed, of much more recent times. The lightweight, streamlined footwear worn by present-day players is scientifically designed to meet the requirements of athletes to whom speed and freedom of movement are essential.

Until very recently, 'Law, IV – Players' Equipment' included no fewer than 383 words on the subject of bars and studs on the soles of boots. Now they are not even mentioned, the whole question of safety being covered by a single sentence: "A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player." • *By Trefor Jones*



# Pictures..... Pictures

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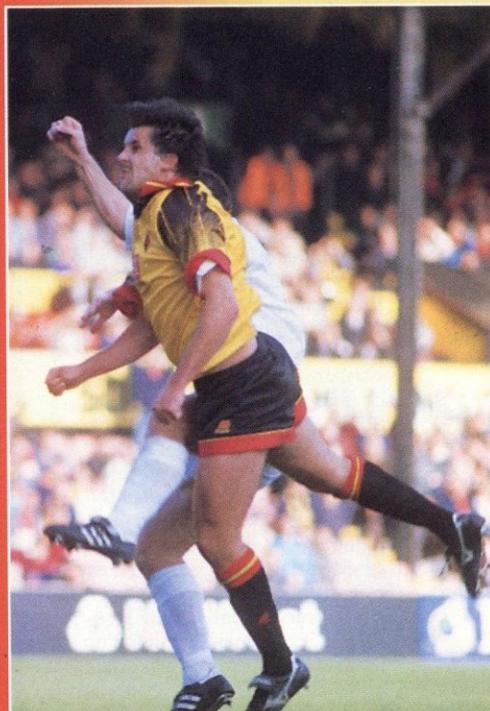
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It's a Wrexham-White world as Devon ventures alone into opposition territory here 17 days ago.



Left: A push on Penrice leads to a penalty award, after we had gone a goal behind.

Above: "Speak up a bit - I can't hear you," successful spot-kicker Tommy Mooney could be saying. "Who's behind me?" See the front cover for the next frame in this sequence.

### Behind the scoreline:

● Our 1 -1 draw against Wrexham ended a run of four wins and four clean sheets against the Welsh club, and was the first home game this season in which both sides scored.

● Keith Millen made his 100th League and cup appearance for Watford, and Gifton Noel-Williams became the youngest player ever to represent the club in a competitive match at home.

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Very late in the game and 16-year-old Gifton Noel-Williams aims to become the club's youngest-ever goalscorer...



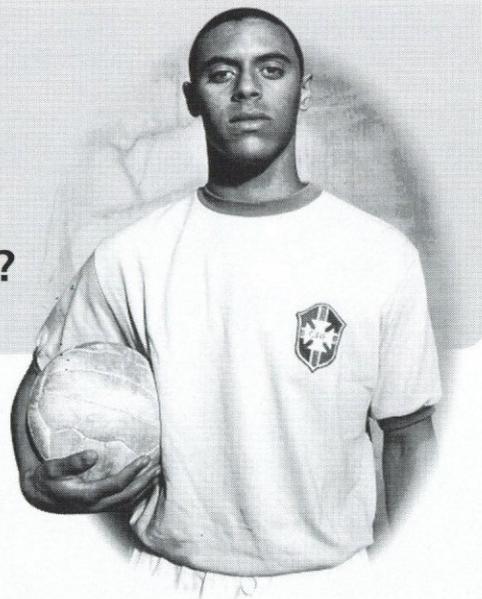
...but although his aim was true, the keeper parried his effort and Tommy Mooney put the rebound over the bar. So the 1-1 deadlock remained unbroken.

All pics: Martin Wolmark

● The spot-kick enabled Tommy Mooney to take his goal tally for the season to five and reinforce his position as top scorer. Of the last 12 penalties we had been awarded, 11 had been at Vicarage Road.

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by Nick London

Among those who follow Watford on their away travels are members of the media - mostly from local climes. Among them is **Nick London**, who covers the Hornets for **BBC Three Counties Radio**. Quite apart from the perils encountered by fans en route to other clubs, **Nick tonight relives problems radio men can face.**

Just send your travel stories to: 'Travellers' Tales', c/o the Programme Editor, Watford FC, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford WD1 8ER (max. 400 words).

for a report the journalist next to me queried "What was that disallowed for?"

"Must have been for pushing." I swiftly bluffed.

By the time I went on air all record of Mooney's effort had been scrubbed from my notebook! It taught me a lesson. Always look to the referee for confirmation! I thought they had taken the kick-off quickly.

I was lucky. Not so fortunate was the chap who has gone down in BBC history following events at an Oldham Athletic game a while back. Soon after the start the Latics netted and the man in question went through the routine of writing himself a note and informing the studio. While his head was down the visitors restarted the game and immediately equalised. Listeners to his radio station soon heard details of the home team's goal - but the absence of many travelling fans and the noise they would have made meant that the reporter knew nothing about the goal for their opponents.

After a while the sports producer learnt of the equaliser from the studio computer. "The screen is showing one-all - has there been another goal?"

"No, it's still one-nil to Oldham" came the reply.

Ten minutes elapsed. The screen was displaying both scorer and time of an equalising goal.

Studio: "Are you sure it's one-nil?"

Reporter: "Who's at this game?"

And so it went on. And on. Finally the patience of our man in the Press Box was wearing thin. In an effort to silence the producer he asks along the line of journalists: "Lads, it's still one-nil here isn't it?...ah...mmm...there seems to have been a second goal!"

So, Hornets fans - wherever you travel, in numbers large or small, cheer Watford goals **loudly** - I might just be looking at my notebook and you could make the difference between a draw and a win!

If your Travellers' Tale appears here, you can claim **FREE** travel on official club transport to any one of the next four away games after your tale is published. Simply take the programme into the club's Ticket Office with some form of identification and we'll book you on the coach.

## Travelling Division Two teams - Results & Fixtures 1996/97

Fixture dates are italicised (e.g. 28.11 is 28th November), results are in bold.	Blackpool	Bournemouth	Brentford	Bristol City	Bristol Rovers	Burnley	Bury	Chesterfield	Crewe	Gillingham	Luton	Millwall	Notts County	Peterborough	Plymouth	Preston	Rotherham	Shrewsbury	Stockport	Walsall	Watford	Wrexham	Wycombe	York	
Blackpool		9.11	4.1	22.3	26.4	26.12	12.4	0-1	18.1	2-0	11.1	25.1	23.11	8.1	3.12	15.3	31.3	1-1	22.2	2-1	26.10	3-3	0-0	21.12	
Bournemouth	1-2		19.11	29.10	26.12	15.2	2.11	8.3	0-1	12.4	30.11	14.12	0-1	1-2	1-0	4.1	11.1	1.3	1.4	0-1	1-2	26.4	2-1	22.3	
Brentford	1-1	22.2		18.1	25.1	15.3	29.3	28.12	19.4	2-0	3-2	26.10	3.12	3.5	3-2	21.12	4-2	5.4	9.11	1-1	8.1	23.11	1.1	3-3	
Bristol City	0-1	25.1	1-2		15.12	11.1	5.4	12.4	22.2	29.3	5-0	9.11	26.10	23.11	26.4	2-1	4.1	26.12	8.1	4-1	3.12	8.3	3-0	2-0	
Bristol Rovers	0-0	3-2	29.10	15.3		19.11	30.11	2-0	2-0	2.11	15.2	28.12	20.4	1-0	1.1	23.3	3.5	1.2	1-1	1.3	0-1	31.3	21.12	18.1	
Burnley	2-0	23.11	14.12	2-3	22.2		18.1	1.1	9.11	28.12	29.3	5.4	1-0	8.3	26.10	25.1	19.4	1-3	5-2	2-1	3.5	3.12	2-1	8.1	
Bury	1-0	8.1	1-1	4-0	26.10	1-0		22.3	26.12	15.3	0-0	3.5	22.2	19.4	23.11	3.12	3-1	4.1	21.12	11.1	1-1	25.1	31.3	9.11	
Chesterfield	29.3	21.12	0-2	1-1	11.1	0-0	1-2		1-0	1-2	5.4	4.1	19.4	3.5	3.12	22.2	9.11	26.12	2-1	25.1	1-0	23.11	8.1	15.3	26.10
Crewe	3-2	28.12	2-0	19.11	12.4	1.2	2-0	26.4		1.3	15.3	1.1	20.12	22.3	3-0	31.3	29.10	30.11	1-0	15.2	0-2	3-1	2.11	0-1	
Gillingham	19.4	1-1	31.3	3-2	8.1	1-0	14.12	0-1	3.12		26.12	2-3	1-0	22.2	25.1	26.10	3-1	3.5	11.1	4.1	8.3	9.11	22.3	23.11	
Luton	1-0	26.10	22.3	1.4	23.11	1-2	1.1	0-1	14.12	2-1		8.3	9.11	3-0	8.1	22.2	1-0	19.4	3.5	3-1	25.1	18.1	28.12	3.12	
Millwall	30.10	15.3	30.11	1.2	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	26.4	18.12		4.1	26.12	12.4	11.1	15.2	20.11	3-4	2.11	22.3	1-1	1.3	2.4	
Notts County	15.2	1.1	1.3	30.11	1-1	26.4	19.11	0-0	8.3	18.1	1.2	1-2		31.3	28.12	2-1	14.12	2.11	22.3	29.10	2-3	0-0	12.4	0-1	
Peterborough	2.11	5.4	0-1	15.2	29.3	20.12	1-2	1.3	2-2	19.11	26.4	3-3	1-3		18.1	12.4	30.11	29.10	15.3	1.2	1.1	28.12	6-3	2-2	
Plymouth	1.3	3.5	26.12	0-0	0-1	30.11	15.2	19.11	11.1	29.10	2.11	0-0	0-0	1-1		2-1	8.3	14.12	4.1	19.4	31.3	22.3	1.2	2-1	
Preston	13.12	0-1	8.3	28.12	0-0	29.10	1.3	1.2	2-1	30.11	19.11	2-1	2-1	29.3	3-4	5.4		2.11	19.4	3.5	18.1	1.1	15.2	1-0	
Rotherham	1-2	1-0	11.4	2-2	0-0	1-0	28.12	0-1	25.1	1.1	5.4	23.11	15.3	26.10	21.12	8.1		1-2	3.12	29.3	9.11	22.2	18.1	26.4	
Shrewsbury	1.1	3.12	0-3	1-0	9.11	1.4	1-1	18.1	26.10	1-2	0-3	22.2	8.1	25.1	15.3	26.4	22.3		23.11	21.12	1-0	12.4	1-1	28.12	
Stockport	19.11	0-1	1.2	2.11	5.4	12.4	8.3	29.10	29.3	2-1	1-1	18.1	0-0	14.12	3-1	1-0	15.2		30.11	28.12	0-2	26.4	1.1	2-1	
Walsall	28.12	18.1	26.4	1.1	3.12	22.3	3-1	1.4	23.11	1-0	12.4	8.1	25.1	9.11	0-1	1-0	1-1	8.3	26.10		14.12	0-1	2-2	22.2	
Watford	30.11	29.3	2.11	1.3	4.1	2-2	26.4	15.2	5.4	21.12	29.10	0-2	26.12	0-0	0-2	1-0	1.2	11.1	1-0	15.3		1-1	19.11	12.4	
Wrexham	3.5	2-0	15.2	21.12	1-0	1.3	29.10	2.11	4.1	1.2	1.10	28.3	11.1	1-1	4-4	1-0	19.11	2-1	26.12	5.4	19.4		30.11	15.3	
Wycombe	5.4	19.4	0-1	3.5	8.3	4.1	0-1	14.12	8.1	1-1	0-1	3.12	1-0	11.1	9.11	23.11	4-2	29.3	0-2	26.12	22.2	26.10		25.1	
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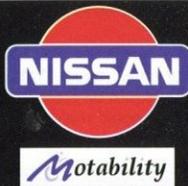


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## Fireworks all round

**W**ATFORD v. Luton derby matches often produce fireworks of their own, but as Guy Fawkes' night approaches, our Football in the Community Scheme has formulated fireworks plans of its own.

That's because we've linked up with the **Watford Round Table** who have been preparing an explosive show of their own in the form of an evening of fun and fireworks. As you'll read below, we'll be offering a prize to the local school who builds the best guy for the event.

So get ready for **Saturday November 2**, when the sparks will start flying from **6pm** onwards at **Cassiobury Park Watford** – shortly after our home encounter with current League leaders **Brentford**. The fireworks will be released by **Kimbolton Pyrotechnics** who were responsible for the magnificent **VE Day** display over the Thames.

Entry to the evening's entertainment at the park – as with entry to the Junior Design a Guy competition – is completely **free**.

The Junior 'Design a Guy' competition offers youngsters the chance to **win** an array of attractive prizes including a **TV and video**, a **computer with colour monitor and printer** and many **cash prizes**. In the schools' section of the competition, there's an opportunity to win a special school trip to Vicarage Road for a look behind-the-scenes before

watching Watford's home fixture versus **Gillingham** on **Saturday December 21** – not a bad early Christmas present!

This prize is not only for the lucky winner but also for 89 of his/her school friends and his/her 10 favourite teachers!

This must surely entitle the winner the honour of being 'school pet' for the rest of their academic years. So get your guys along to Cassiobury Park this Saturday night. Here's how the evening plans out:

**6.00 – 6.45pm:**  
Guys received for competition

**7.00pm:**  
Bonfire lit

**7.00 – 7.15pm:**  
Guy competition judged by the Mayor of Watford

**7.15 – 7.35pm:**  
Sky Riders act (High Wire Motor Cycle Display)

**7.45 – 8.05pm:**  
Fireworks display

Enjoy tonight's match and see you all back at Vicarage Road this Saturday for another important fixture!

Best wishes

**KIRK  
WHEELER**



This evening's pictures show the children who took part in the **Watford Reebok 5s** tournament on the pitch prior to our match against **Wrexham** on **Saturday October 12**. Pictured are the **Watford under-11s** who received their medals from Hornets' assistant manager **Luther Blissett**. Well done to all those who took part in what was a very enjoyable competition.  
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### Child's play

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**G**ood evening and welcome to all the Junior Hornets and Junior Hatters at tonight's game. This game is the most eagerly-awaited in both Watford's and Luton's fixture list (in addition to the reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road of course).

As a newcomer to Watford this season, this will be my first Herts v. Beds derby, so just like you I'm looking forward to the special atmosphere only local derbies can produce.

#### LOOKING BACK

This season it seems like we never stop travelling. Last Saturday was no different. This time it was north to Blackpool to see the Golden Boys take on the Tangerine Boys. Once again the Junior Hornets were in attendance and in full voice, I might add. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who travelled with us and made it such a wonderful day out.

Off the record, I don't think the Blackpool Tower and Golden Mile knew what had hit them after the Junior Hornets had finished sightseeing!

Last week also saw the Junior Hornets out on their half-term trip to Watford's 'Amazone' to turn their hand to the game of Laser Quest, and let me tell you, we have a budding selection of sharpshooters among us tonight.

The number one JH marksman is



Junior Hornets' membership has many benefits - not least the chance to meet new friends on matchdays. See the foot of this page for membership details.

Karl Simmons who finished first in both games. It was a quite amazing display as he managed to target everyone at least once and take hardly any hits himself. Anyway, well done to all those who took part and, who knows, we may do it again in the future and maybe next time I won't be victimised by certain members - hey, Sinead!

#### HOTTEST TICKETS IN TOWN!

By now most Junior Hornets members will have received a letter inviting them to come along and take the opportunity to ask Graham Taylor and other special guests all those burning questions you have.

Over the past few days I have had umpteen 'phone calls and letters asking for tickets for the evening, which is certainly one not to be missed.

This is an 'all-ticket' event - and only 50 places are available. So please don't turn up on the night without a ticket.

For the lucky ones who do get a ticket, the event will be held in the Family Room on Monday

- Away trips
- Soccer schools
- Players
- Junior Hornets
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#### POST BOX

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● Stuart & Katie Piepenstock  
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**TRAVEL**

**On Club transport:**  
Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 10am, returning at approximately 8.30pm

**Cost:**  
£12.00. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

**Private transport – mileage:**  
Watford to Rotherham approximately 155 miles.

**Suggested route:**  
Follow the M1 northbound to Junction 33, and turn right at the end of the slip road onto Rotherway. Turn left at the first roundabout, right at the second, go straight over the third and left at the fourth. The ground is approximately 500 yards on the left. The journey from the motorway should take approximately seven minutes.

**CHESTERFIELD v WATFORD**

Nationwide Football League Division Two  
Recreation Ground, Saltergate, Chesterfield  
(Tel: 01246 209765)  
Saturday, November 23, 1996  
Kick-off: 3.00pm  
TICKET DETAILS/PRICES

**Terrace:**  
£8.00 (no concessions). Payable at the turnstiles on the day. Enter via turnstiles in Cross Street. The visitors' terrace is not covered.

**Seats:**  
£9.00 (no concessions). Payable at the turnstiles on the day. Enter via turnstiles in Cross Street. The visitors' seating is covered.

**Disabled Supporters:**  
Contact the Chesterfield FC Main Office on 01246 209765.

**TRAVEL**

**On Club transport:**  
Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 10.30am, returning at approximately 8.00pm.

**Cost:**  
£10.50. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

**Private transport – mileage:**  
Watford to Chesterfield, approximately 140 miles.

**Suggested route:**  
Travel north on M1 and exit at Junction 29. Follow dual carriageway (signposted for Chesterfield) for approximately 3 miles, then take 2nd exit at roundabout (towards town centre). Turn left at the next roundabout (Markham Road) and take the 4th exit at the next roundabout (Rutland Road). Turn right at traffic lights and immediately left into St Margaret's Drive.

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Latest ticket & travel details  
Calls cost 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute all other times



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**Today's other matches**

Peterborough v Shrewsbury  
Plymouth v Gillingham  
Preston v Burnley  
Stockport v Chesterfield  
Wrexham v Bury  
York v Wycombe

*Playing tomorrow evening:*  
Millwall v Blackpool

Bournemouth v Bristol City  
Bristol Rovers v Brentford  
Crewe v Rotherham  
Notts County v Walsall

**Nationwide Football League Division Two**

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Brentford	15	4	4	0	17	11	5	1	1	10	4	32
2. Millwall	15	5	1	1	13	7	3	3	2	13	11	28
3. Bury	15	5	3	0	13	4	3	1	3	7	9	28
4. Chesterfield	15	4	2	2	8	6	4	1	2	5	4	27
5. Luton Town	14	6	0	2	13	5	2	2	2	7	9	26
6. WATFORD	15	2	3	2	5	7	5	2	1	12	7	26
7. Wrexham	14	4	2	0	11	6	2	5	1	9	8	25
8. Crewe Alexandra	15	6	0	2	14	6	2	1	4	5	9	25
9. Bristol City	15	6	0	2	21	5	1	3	3	8	13	24
10. Burnley	15	6	0	2	17	11	1	2	4	5	8	23
11. Stockport County	15	3	2	2	7	6	3	2	3	12	13	22
12. Bristol Rovers	15	4	2	1	9	4	1	4	3	5	8	21
13. Gillingham	15	4	2	2	12	9	1	1	5	5	11	18
14. Blackpool	15	2	4	1	9	7	2	2	4	6	9	18
15. Plymouth Argyle	15	2	4	1	5	4	2	1	5	11	16	17
16. York City	15	2	2	3	10	11	2	2	4	8	12	16
17. Walsall	15	3	3	2	9	7	1	1	5	6	13	16
18. Shrewsbury Town	15	2	2	4	5	11	2	2	3	9	9	16
19. AFC Bournemouth	15	2	0	5	5	8	3	1	4	7	10	16
20. Peterborough United	15	1	3	3	15	16	2	3	3	8	12	15
21. Preston North End	15	4	1	2	10	8	0	1	7	4	11	14
22. Notts County	15	1	3	3	6	8	2	2	4	4	8	14
23. Rotherham United	15	3	2	3	8	7	0	1	6	8	18	12
24. Wycombe Wanderers	15	2	2	4	6	8	0	3	4	8	16	11

(Up to and including October 26 1996)

**First Team Appearances/Goals - 1996/97**

Up to & inc.	League		C-C Cup		FA Cup		Totals		WFC Totals	
	Ap	Gls	Ap	Gls	Ap	Gls	Ap	Gls	Ap	Gls
26.10.96										
Wayne Andrews	10(2)	3	3	1			13(2)	4	13(3)	4
Darren Bazeley	15		3				18		139(50)	15
Kevin Belgrave										
Alec Chamberlain	1						1		1	
David Connolly	3(1)	1	1				4	1	12(1)	9
Clint Easton										
Richard Flash										
Colin Foster									78	8
Nigel Gibbs	12(2)		4				16(2)		360(9)	5
Chris Johnson	1						1		1	0
Richard Johnson	10(2)	1	2				12(2)	1	90(23)	6
Nathan Lowndes	0(3)		0(1)				0(4)		0(4)	0
Dominic Ludden	13		3				16		27(4)	0
Keith Millen	15		3				18		103(1)	2
Kevin Miller	14		4				18		115	1
Tommy Mooney	14(1)	6	4				18(1)	6	104(6)	19
Gifton Noel-Williams	1(2)		0(1)				1(3)		1(3)	0
Robert Page	11(1)		4				15(1)		40(6)	0
Steve Palmer	15	1	4				19	1	56	2
Gary Penrice	5(4)	1	2(1)				7(5)	1	57(10)	21
Kevin Phillips									45(2)	21
Gary Porter	6	2	1				8	1	429(42)	56
Craig Ramage	2(1)		1(1)				3(2)		106(6)	26
Mark Rooney										
Colin Simpson									0(1)	0
Steve Talboys	2(1)		0(1)				2(1)		2(2)	0
Devon White	15	3	4				19	3	28	7
Own goals: 0										



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	Res	Pos	Att
<b>August</b>			
Sat 17 AFC Bournemouth	W 2-1	5	7,368
Tue 20 Walsall (CCLC 1, 1)	L 0-1	-	2,659
Sat 24 Millwall	L 0-2	13	9,495
Tue 27 Plymouth Argyle	L 0-2	17	7,349
Sat 31 Crewe Alexandra	W 2-0	11	3,655
<b>September</b>			
Tue 3 Walsall (CCLC 1, 2)	W 2-0	-	5,325
Sat 7 Stockport County	W 1-0	6	7,208
Tue 10 Notts County	W 3-2	3	3,660
Sat 14 Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	2	6,276
Tue 17 Sunderland (CCLC 2, 1)	L 0-2	-	9,136
Sat 21 Peterborough United	D 0-0	3	12,007
Tue 24 Sunderland (CCLC 2, 2)	L 0-1	-	10,659
Sat 28 Shrewsbury Town	L 0-1	6	3,655
<b>October</b>			
Tue 1 Preston North End	W 1-0	3	6,434
Sat 5 York City	W 2-1	2	5,232
Sat 12 Wrexham	D 1-1	3	8,441
Tue 15 Burnley	D 2-2	3	6,450
Sat 19 Bury	D 1-1	4	4,092
Sat 26 Blackpool	D 1-1	6	6,072
Tue 29 Luton Town (Kick-off: 7.45pm)			
<b>November</b>			
Sat 2 Brentford			
Sat 9 Rotherham United			
Sat 16 FA Cup-Sponsored by Littlewoods Pools, 1st round			
Tue 19 Wycombe Wanderers (Kick-off: 7.45pm)			
Sat 23 Chesterfield			
Sat 30 Blackpool			
<b>December</b>			
Tue 3 Bristol City (Kick-off: 7.45pm)			
Sat 7 FA Cup-Sponsored by Littlewoods Pools, 2nd round			
Weds 11 Auto Windscreens Shield, 1st round			
Sat 14 Walsall			
Sat 21 Gillingham			
Thu 26 Notts County (Kick-off: 12noon)			
Sat 28 Stockport County			
<b>January</b>			
Wed 1 Peterborough United (Kick-off: 3.00pm)			
Sat 4 Bristol Rovers (FAC 3)			
Wed 8 Auto Windscreens Shield, 2nd round			
Sat 11 Shrewsbury Town			
Sat 18 Preston North End			
Sat 25 Luton Town (FAC 4)			
Wed 29 Auto Windscreens Shield, area quarter-final			
<b>February</b>			
Sat 1 Rotherham United			
Sat 8 Brentford			
Sat 15 Chesterfield (FAC 5)			
Wed 19 Auto Windscreens Shield, area semi-final			
Sat 22 Wycombe Wanderers			
<b>March</b>			
Sat 1 Bristol City			
Sat 8 Gillingham (FAC 6)			
Wed 12 Auto Windscreens Shield, area final, 1st leg			
Sat 15 Walsall			
Wed 19 Auto Windscreens Shield, area final, 2nd leg			
Sat 22 Millwall			
Sat 29 AFC Bournemouth			
Mon 31 Plymouth Argyle (Kick-off: 3.00pm)			
<b>April</b>			
Sat 5 Crewe Alexandra			
Sun 6 Coca-Cola League Cup Final			
Sat 12 York City (FA Cup semi-final)			
Sat 19 Wrexham (AWS Final)			
Sat 26 Bury			
Sat 3 Burnley			
<b>May</b>			
Sat 17 FA Cup-Sponsored by Littlewoods Pools, Final			

				Match facts and figures																
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
<b>August</b>				Miller	Bazeley	Mooney	Palmer	Millen	Page	Talboys	Connolly1*	White1	Ramage1*	R. Johnson	Gibbs*	Ludden	Andrews*			
Sat 17	AFC Bournemouth	W 2-1	5	7,368	Miller	Bazeley	Mooney	Palmer	Millen	Page	Gibbs	Connolly	White	Ramage*	R. Johnson	Talboys	Ludden	Penrice*		
Tue 20	Walsall (CCLC 1, 1)	L 0-1	-	2,659	Miller	Bazeley	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Talboys*	Connolly*	White	Ramage	R. Johnson	Gibbs*	Mooney	Penrice*		
Sat 24	Millwall	L 0-2	13	9,495	Miller	Page	Porter	Palmer	Millen	C. Johnson	Bazeley	Andrews	White	R. Johnson	Mooney	Gibbs	Lowndes	Penrice		
Tue 27	Plymouth Argyle	L 0-2	17	7,349	Chamberlain	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer1	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews	White	Porter	Mooney1	C. Johnson	Lowndes	Talboys		
Sat 31	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-0	11	3,655																
<b>September</b>				Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews1*	White	Porter1	Mooney	R. Johnson	Chamberlain	Lowndes*			
Tue 3	Walsall (CCLC 1, 2)	W 2-0	-	5,325	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews*	White	Porter	Mooney1(p)	R. Johnson	Chamberlain	Lowndes*		
Sat 7	Stockport County	W 1-0	6	7,208	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews1	White	Porter	Mooney2	R. Johnson	Ramage	Lowndes		
Tue 10	Notts County	W 3-2	3	3,660	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews	White1	Porter*	Mooney	R. Johnson*	Penrice	Ramage		
Sat 14	Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	2	6,276	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Penrice	Andrews*	White	Porter	Mooney	R. Johnson	Chamberlain	Ramage*		
Tue 17	Sunderland (CCLC 2, 1)	L 0-2	-	9,136	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Bazeley*	Andrews*	White*	Porter	Mooney	R. Johnson*	Penrice	Ramage*		
Sat 21	Peterborough United	D 0-0	3	12,007	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	Palmer	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews	White*	Porter	Mooney	R. Johnson*	Penrice	Ramage*		
Tue 24	Sunderland (CCLC 2, 2)	L 0-1	-	10,659	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Palmer	Page	Bazeley*	Andrews*	White	Penrice	Mooney	Talboys*	Ward	Noel-Williams*		
Sat 28	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-1	6	3,655	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Palmer	Bazeley	Noel-Williams*	White*	Penrice	Mooney	Talboys*	Ward	Connolly*		
<b>October</b>				Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Palmer	Bazeley	Connolly*	White1	Penrice	Mooney	Talboys	Ward	Andrews*			
Tue 1	Preston North End	W 1-0	3	6,434	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Palmer	Bazeley	Andrews1	White	Penrice1*	Mooney	Page*	Chamberlain	Noel-Williams		
Sat 5	York City	W 2-1	2	5,232	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Palmer	Bazeley	Andrews*	White	Penrice	Mooney1(p)	Page	Chamberlain	Noel-Williams*		
Sat 12	Wrexham	D 1-1	3	8,441	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Palmer	Bazeley	Andrews*	White	Penrice	Mooney1(p)	Page	Chamberlain	Noel-Williams*		
Tue 15	Burnley	D 2-2	3	6,450	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson1	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews1	White*	Palmer	Mooney	Ward	Easton	Noel-Williams*		
Sat 19	Bury	D 1-1	4	4,092	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Andrews1*	White	Palmer	Mooney	Penrice*	Easton	Noel-Williams*		
Sat 26	Blackpool	D 1-1	6	6,072	Miller	Gibbs	Ludden	R. Johnson	Millen	Page	Bazeley	Penrice	White	Palmer	Mooney1	Robinson	Ward	Noel-Williams		
Tue 29	Luton Town (Kick-off: 7.45pm)																			
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### Today's teams

Kevin MILLER	1	Ian FEUER
Nigel GIBBS	2	Julian JAMES
Dominic LUDDEN	3	Mitchell THOMAS
Richard JOHNSON	4	Gary WADDOCK
Keith MILLEN	5	Aaron SKELTON
Robert PAGE	6	Marvin JOHNSON
Darren BAZELEY	7	Ceri HUGHES
Gary PENRICE	8	Graham ALEXANDER
Devon WHITE	9	David OLDFIELD
Steve PALMER	10	Tony THORPE
Tommy MOONEY	11	Paul SHOWLER
	12	
	13	
	14	

### Future Matches

#### NEXT AT VICARAGE ROAD:

Saturday, November 2, 1996

Nationwide Football League  
Division Two

**WATFORD v BRENTFORD**

Kick-off: 3.00pm

Tuesday, November 19, 1996

Nationwide Football League  
Division Two

**WATFORD v  
WYCOMBE WANDERERS**

Kick-off: 7.45pm

Saturday, November 30, 1996

Nationwide Football League  
Division Two

**WATFORD v BLACKPOOL**

Kick-off: 3.00pm

### Officials

#### REFEREE:

TREVOR WEST (Kingston-upon-Hull).

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### Ruth



### Today's Mascots

A warm welcome to our three Watford mascots this evening, **Ruth Lloyd** and brother and sister, **Henry and Bethany Irving**.

**Ruth** (left) is seven years old and lives in Croxley Green, where she attends Malvern Way School. She is a season ticket holder here at Watford and her favourite Hornet is **Kevin Miller** ( see the centre of tonight's programme, Ruth!).

We seem to recall Ruth was once the 'Youngest Junior Hornet', having been signed up when only a few minutes' old!

**Henry** (top right) and **Bethany** (bottom right) are aged seven and five respectively and they are third-generation Watford supporters. They live in Haywards Heath and attend Cumnor House School. Henry plays as a forward for Cuckfield Cosmos FC, and Bethany hopes to join in the near future (she's currently too young!). Henry's favourite Hornet is **David Connolly**, while Bethany holds equal affection for all the players.

### Henry



### Bethany

