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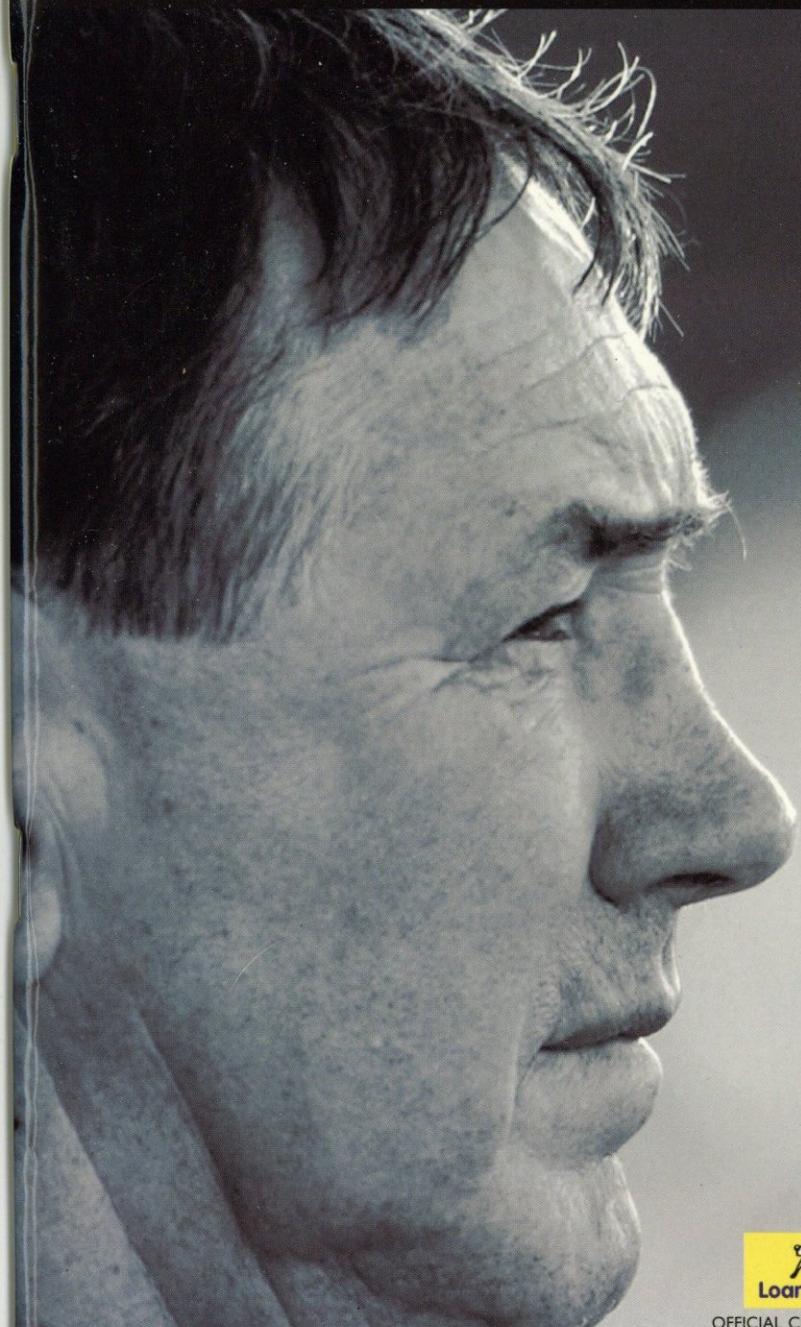
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GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE

I HOPE YOU ENJOY TODAY'S LOCAL DERBY

Welcome to Mike Newell and his Luton side. We're hoping for an exciting game against our local rivals today – one full of commitment, passion and quality to get everyone in the ground on the edge of their seats. That's what derby matches should be all about.

Everyone here is thoroughly looking forward to the challenges which lie ahead for us, starting with today's game.

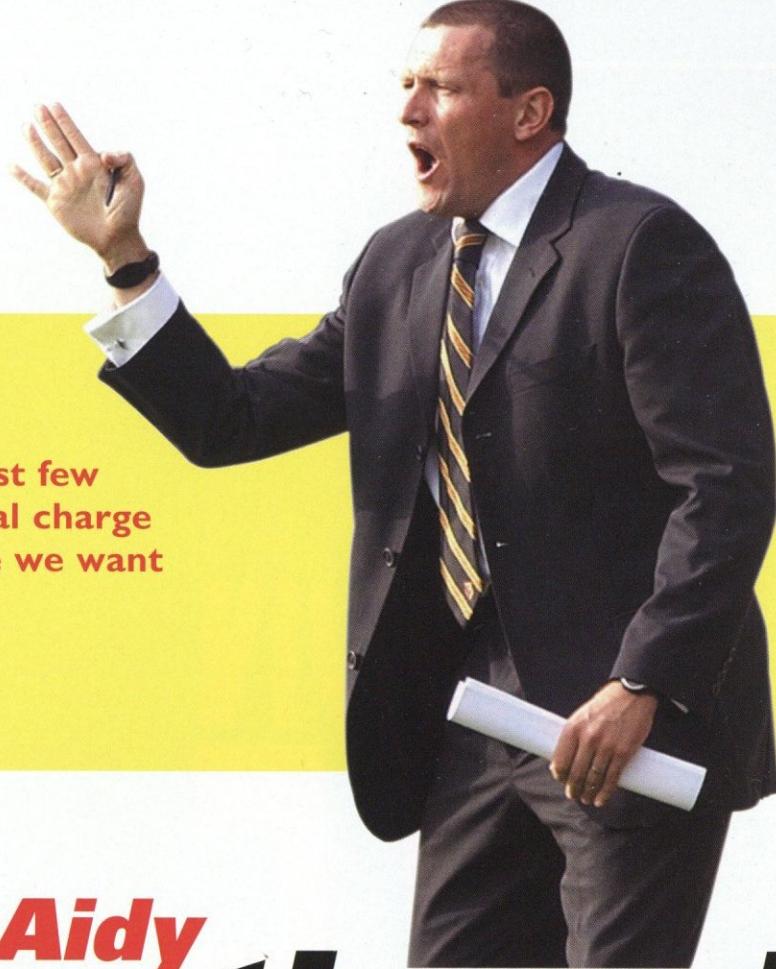
It simply isn't possible to get into the position we find ourselves in now – third place and just

a handful of points from an automatic promotion spot – without everyone pulling firmly in the same direction. But over the course of a whole season, it's where you end up in a few weeks' time that really matters.

Our progress is truly the mark of a group of people – players, staff and fans – who believe and trust in each other 100 per cent of the time.

There's five League games to go now and we've proved throughout the season that we

"I see these last few games as a final charge towards where we want to be"



Aidy Boothroyd

can beat anybody on our day. From now on, every day has to be our day.

That's why I see it is a massively positive statement of fact that it's taken until the end of March for us to lose two consecutive League matches.

I see these last few games as a final charge towards where we want to be. And you already know, from all that's gone on this season, how much more force that charge will carry if the players can count on you for every single

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FROM THE TOP

WATFORD'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM KEEP IN TOUCH.



Graham Simpson
Chairman

FOOTBALL doesn't get much better than when you are able to play an eagerly anticipated derby game at home, in front of your own fans, against your age-old rivals.

It has been a long time since we welcomed Luton Town to Vicarage Road for a league encounter – but welcome them we do.

Having been a Hornets' fan for longer than I care to remember, I can recall many blood and guts affairs against the Hatters' that have stirred the emotions for all the right reasons.

Yet sadly many of us still recall the violence that has marred some of the last few matches between the two sides.

Following advice from the police, we have today taken all the necessary steps to ensure that such a situation doesn't occur again. This includes banning alcohol in public places inside the ground and limiting the number of tickets available to travelling supporters. We have taken these steps even though they have proved to be unpopular in certain quarters.

Watford has always been, and always will be, a family-oriented club. If we had failed to heed official requests and didn't take precautionary action, we would fail in our duty to protect our reputation and, critically, not be able to ensure today's game is conducted in the safest possible environment.

But let's not blow things out of proportion. Let's remember that even though today's game is a clash between teams from towns

separated by 15 short miles, it's only a football match; and the winners, if indeed there is a winner, will only take home three points. Afterwards, regardless of the final result, there will still be an awful lot to play for.

After all, this has been a season to savour, for both clubs.

We have risen to a league position few would have thought possible at the beginning of the season. Luton, meanwhile, have made sure and steady progress under the stewardship of Mike Newell and their performance against Liverpool in the FA Cup, coming just a week after we had won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road, emphasised just what a good team they are.

So this afternoon is sure to be a cracking game.

Perhaps fittingly this is our first home game since the inaugural anniversary of Adrian's appointment as first team manager – and I would like to congratulate Adrian, and all his staff and players, for what has already been a fantastic season for all of us.

I believe this is an occasion to celebrate in the best possible manner. So let's get behind the boys this afternoon and show them just how much we care.

Best as ever,

Graham

Keith Burkinshaw

AS a manager and coach, KEITH BURKINSHAW has experienced just about everything. He has been one of the most successful bosses Spurs has ever had – and he's also been a major driving force at a clutch of other clubs at home and abroad.

Today he talks exclusively to HUGH SOUTHON about the drive and determination that has helped the Hornets bring about a major transformation in their playing fortunes so that we're now challenging for a place at the top table of English football.

SPEND half an hour talking to Keith Burkinshaw, the Golden Boys' assistant manager, and you'll soon start understanding why the club is on the up!

The 71-year-old, who has "been there and done that" at the highest level, doesn't deal in the footballing clichés beloved by so many. Instead he prefers to give an honest and sometimes downright brutal appraisal of Watford FC 2006!

Keith first met boss Aidy Boothroyd when he became his 'mentor' on management coaching courses several years back. A strong bond and mutual respect grew between them, so much so that today Keith – along with David Hockaday – is part of a three-cornered management triangle which has this season been the surprise package among the top dogs in the Championship.

"It's just wonderful to be part of this situation and be out there with all these talented young men"

But while Watford's performances have surprised the critics, our on-field success hasn't come as a shock to the laid-back Yorkshireman.

He said: "At my age it's just great to be part of such a team. But let me make this clear: Aidy is the boss. We will have arguments and kick things around. But, in the end, there is only one person who makes the final decision – and that's Aidy."

Keith laughs easily when asked him if the time has come for him to dust down the pipe, slippers and – like most other men of his age – an armchair in front of the TV watching the game that has dominated his life.

"No. No. It's just wonderful to be part of this situation and be out there with all these talented young men," he says.

"It's fabulous. Quite apart from anything else, it's keeping me young."





But the steel and resolve to do even better then quickly emerges as he declares: "We want more. I've been there at the highest level and there's nothing like it.

"You can't even begin to imagine what it's like to take part in European football until you've been involved. I want it again."

The drive and focus which marked out Keith as Tottenham Hotspur's most successful manager of the past three decades remains firmly in place.

He won the FA Cup twice as well as the UEFA Cup; and he led Spurs to a League Cup Final, finishing as runners-up. On top of all that, he also secured two fourth-placed League finishes in the old First Division. By anybody's standards this guy has proved himself to be the business.

And the great news for Hornets' fans is that he is still impacting on the game in his eighth decade on the planet!

But his Watford ambitions remain grounded: "Whatever happens this season we have to live within our budget and, should we get in the Premiership, the first season is all about survival," he says.

"If we manage that, we can push on. But we have to ensure we are strong enough

to return to the Premiership if we come down, something that many clubs haven't properly dealt with."

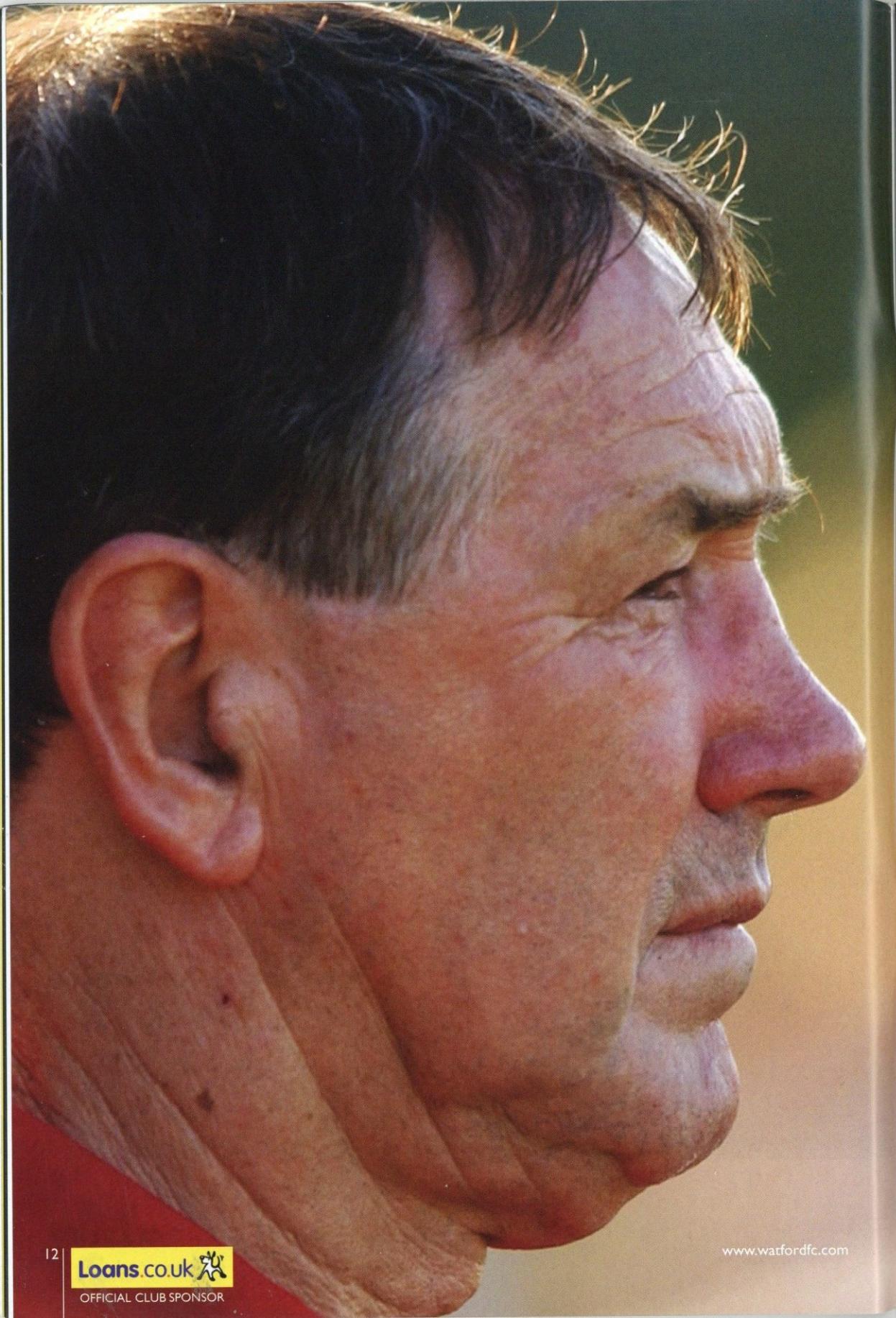
And he's aware that should the club survive and prosper there's another danger – that the big clubs will come knocking for Watford's growing army of young stars.

His brutal assessment makes you realise that it's this readiness to address the tough questions that has established a real foundation from which the team has sprung forward.

He said: "That's always going to happen. Every player has their price. That's a fact, but much depends on the individual player. Many have given in when offered fortunes by a bigger club. You have to understand that and deal with it."

More immediately on the player front, the club may have to deal with departure of Manchester United's on-loan keeper Ben Foster, who Keith singles out for special praise.

He said: "He's been terrific for us and it's been great for this club to be able to help develop him but he cost Manchester United a lot of money so we are looking around at other options in that position and have identified three or four targets."



Keith knows that it's at the other end of the pitch where there's serious pressure to get it right. And the arrival of Marlon King in the summer is now seen as a master-stroke.

Commented Keith: "Marlon's a class act. But you have to say that Aidy has got the best out of him because, at the time, a number of people were saying they weren't sure about him.

"He's done it for us and Darius Henderson alongside him has been terrific. We're delighted with them and of course all the others.

"Look at the contributions of others like Lloyd Doyley, Malky Mackay, Jay DeMerit and Al Bangura, to name but a few. We're delighted with them all."

The assistant manager will of course have a key role to play when he, the gaffer and Dave Hockaday, settle down to decide on targets for the next season – be it as a Premiership or Championship club.

But one thing is for sure: Keith will continue to take the greatest possible delight in seeing great Academy prospects arrive, along with the shrewd bargain buy who makes a huge impression.

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“My Watford allegiance was brought home to me at the recent Cardiff game. I wasn't sure how I'd react if a goal went in against a Welsh team. But I was up celebrating...”

MALCOLM'S TOTAL SUPPORT!

Born and bred in west Wales, surely there's only one sporting passion for TOTAL UK Managing Director Malcolm Jones...that's right, the Hornets!

WHEN you're brought up in Pembrokeshire, west Wales, explains TOTAL UK MD Malcolm Jones, Manchester United is the only option as a young boy kicking a football around the park.

Yet think Wales and you think of rugby. “Actually I did play football as a kid and, growing up in the 50s with the Busby Babes and the Munich air disaster, United was the team to support,” reveals the 50-something Hornets' convert, who's been instrumental with TOTAL's Watford FC relationship from its beginnings in 2000.

“But my secondary school got us all playing rugby from the age of 11 but we still managed a handful of football games a year. I used to play either left wing or in goal!”

Married with two grown-up children, Malcolm's time in the oil industry started in home town Milford Haven in 1973.

He explains: “I moved to Paris with Elf in 1991 for three years then came back to work in their Wembley offices until 2000. The merger with TOTAL brought me to the Watford offices and my first meeting with Watford Football Club.”

Malcolm got chatting to Graham Taylor at a photoshoot at TOTAL's Bourne End service station for the launch of a TOTAL-Watford FC liveried bus.

“I knew Watford had traditionally always been close to its community, getting the best out of people and punching above its weight. Talking to Graham helped me realise just how this was possible.

“I think of TOTAL and Watford as a marriage,” he says of the company's long-standing sponsorship of the club's community initiatives – now under the umbrella of Watford's Community Sports and Education Trust – not to mention its current Academy sponsorship.

“We aspire towards many of things the club does in terms of community involvement and customer focus. And my dealings with everyone at Watford Football Club have backed that up.

“We're blessed with the right type of relationship and I like to think the club know we're always there for them. We want to put something into the community and we see the club as the right vehicle for doing that.”

And as for Malcolm himself, there's no doubting the strength of his own relationship with the Golden Boys. “My Watford allegiance was brought home to me at the recent Cardiff game. I wasn't sure how I'd react if a goal went in against a Welsh team. But I was up celebrating with everyone else when Malky scored, silent when Cardiff equalised then cheering again when Marlon got the winner.”

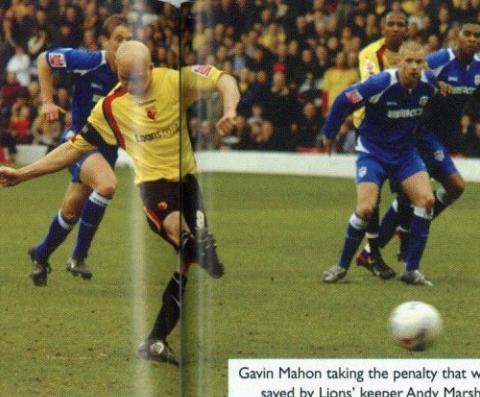
Adds Malcolm with a smile: “I've got my accommodation sorted for the Play-Off Final but I'm still hoping I won't need it.”

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Gavin Mahon taking the penalty that was saved by Lions' keeper Andy Marshall



Al Bangura and Darius Henderson rise together trying to find a way through the Millwall defence



Jay DeMerit goes airborne as he tries to put Watford in front

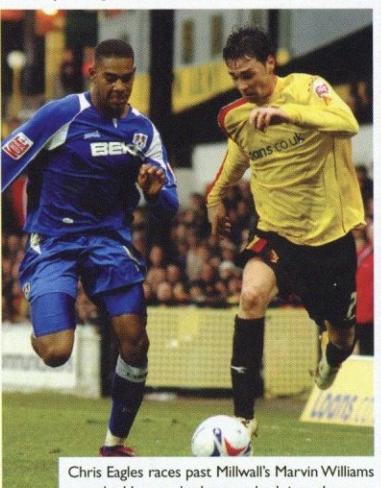
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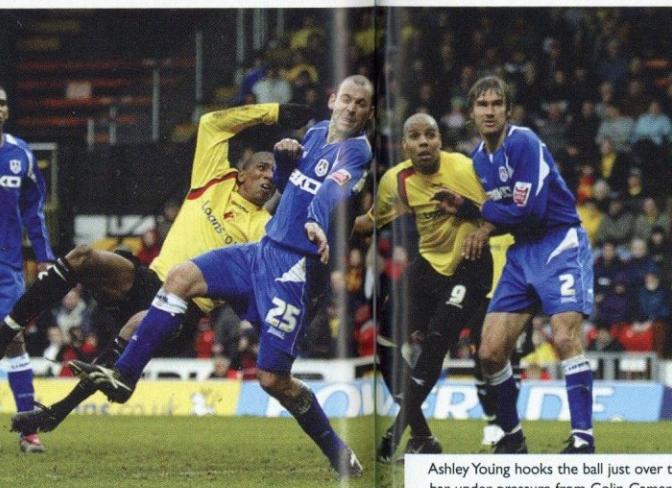
Millwall: Marshall; Lawrence, Whitbread, Robinson, Vincent; Livermore, Dunne, Cameron, Elliott; Asaba (May 84), Hayles (Williams 72).

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Chris Eagles races past Millwall's Marvin Williams as the Hornets look to get back into the game



Ashley Young hooks the ball just over the bar, under pressure from Colin Cameron

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HE air of disbelief around Vicarage Road was like nothing felt at the ground all season as struggling Millwall arrived to throw a major spanner into the spokes of the automatic promotion bandwagon.

The Londoners demonstrated that there are no such things as home bankers when top meets bottom at this time of the year.

Never has frustration seemed so intense, particularly as Gavin Mahon was denied when given the chance to push the Golden Boys into the lead from a first half spot-kick after Zak Whitbread handled a throw-in.

The Hornets had started aggressively but the penalty represented the first real attempt on goal and Mahon stood in despair as Andy Marshall went low to his right to save.

Mahon tried desperately to make amends when, from a set-piece the ball fell to him on the edge of the box but his quick half-volley found Marshall in fine form again.

The Lions showed their teeth for the first time soon afterwards when Carl Asaba was played in by Alan Dunne but slid his shot wide of the target.

The south Londoners' belief grew after the break and Dave Livermore's corner caused danger but the ball was somehow scrambled wide. With their confidence growing, the visitors took the lead on the counter-attack.

It was a cleverly-worked goal with Colin Cameron springing the off-side trap from Jamie Vincent's cross to set up Asaba who made no mistake from close range.

The Hornets were struggling to find a response but Ashley Young provided one bright spot when he produced a swirling cross which saw Marshall back-pedalling fast before turning over the top.

The visitors threw on striker Ben May with just seven minutes left and it didn't take him long to make his mark when - as the game headed into injury-time with Watford throwing men forward to chase a point - he was put clear and stabbed home to seal a shock victory.



Aidy Boothroyd's frustration is clear as the rain falls over Vicarage Road

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CRYSTAL PALACE FREEDMAN 54, STEWART OG 59, DEMERIT OG 86
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Gavin Mahon evades the tackle from Dougie Freedman as he looks to get Watford moving forward



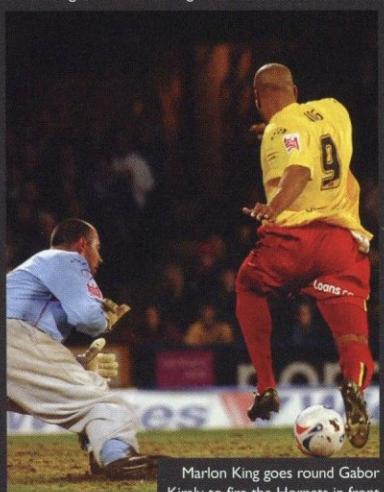
His Watford team-mates flock to join Marlon in his goal celebration

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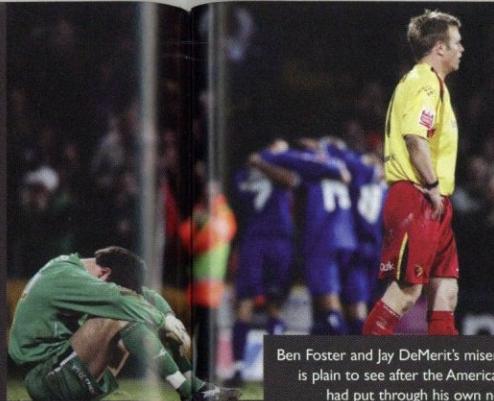
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Marlon King goes round Gabor Kiraly to fire the Hornets in front



Chris Eagles is sent flying after a challenge from Palace's Jobi McAnuff



Ben Foster and Jay DeMerit's misery is plain to see after the American had put through his own net

SUCH is the measure of Watford's consistency that this Friday night reverse at Crystal Palace was the first time Aidy Boothroyd's boys had suffered two consecutive defeats all season.

The Millwall loss looked to be a distant memory when the lively Hornets carried the battle to Palace and the headline: 'King rules over Palace' looked set to fill the back pages when Golden Boy Marlon gave the team a 28th-minute lead.

And what a goal it was after Gavin Mahon had picked him out with a peach of the pass which saw him take the ball in his stride and calmly side-step the keeper before firing home.

That put Marlon on 19 and two away from equalling Luther Blissett's 21 League goal haul in the 1984-85 season but it was to be the one high point of a desperately disappointing evening for Palace came out after the break like a team renewed.

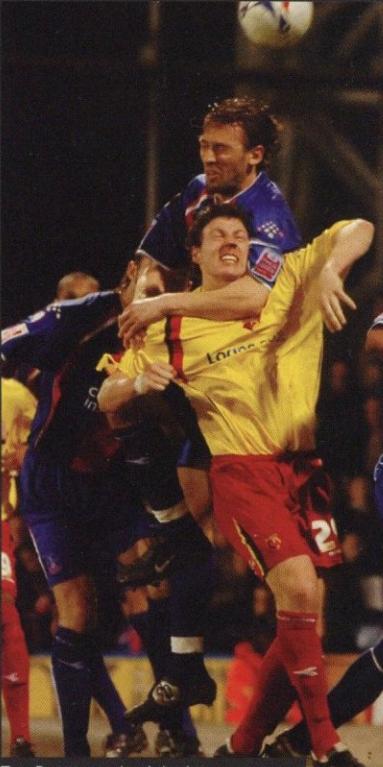
However, they suffered a massive blow four minutes into the second period when Andy Johnson suffered concussion after a clash of heads with keeper Ben Foster.

But that seemed only to inspire them and, in the 53rd minute, Jay DeMerit brought down the troublesome Jobi McAnuff inside the box. Dougie Freedman, on as sub for Johnson, saw his spot kick brilliantly saved by Foster but the ball spilled out to the Palace forward who prodded the rebound home.

Five minutes later things went from bad to worse when Jordan Stewart rose to clear a throw-in from Michael Hughes but could only send the ball looping over a helpless Foster.

Driven on by influential figures such as Malky Mackay and skipper Mahon, the Hornets rallied but could never seriously threaten the Eagles' goal and the hammer blow came four minutes from time.

McAnuff lashed in a fierce cross and the unfortunate DeMerit could do no more than deflect an attempted clearance past the stranded Foster.



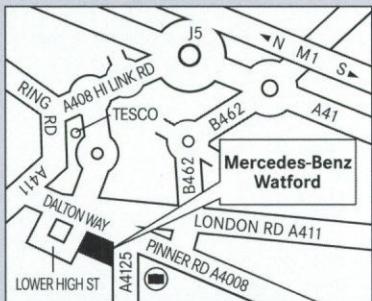
Tony Popovic uses barely legal means to get up above Darius Henderson in an aerial challenge

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EXCLUSIVE MATCH REACTION MALKY ON TRIP TO THE PALACE

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ALKY MACKAY feels there is no need for the Hornets to agonise over letting slip a 1-0 half-time lead at Crystal Palace last weekend.

Marlon King put Watford one to the good at the break but a penalty and two own-goals saw the Eagles run out 3-1 winners – a flattering scoreline, according to the Hornets' centre-half.

"We were fairly comfortable in the first half," he revealed. "There wasn't a whole load of efforts on target at either end but we were certainly

"I'm sure Palace would admit that they hardly peppered our goal with shots on the night," reflected Mackay. "Some games it's destined to go against you and, with two own-goals following a penalty, I think we can fairly say it was one of those matches for us."

"We were fairly comfortable in the first half," he revealed. "There wasn't a whole load of efforts on target at either end but we were certainly

stamping our authority on the game before the break.

"Then came the stoppage with Andy Johnson going off and they had a real go at us immediately after that. Within 10 minutes or so, we're 2-1 down and chasing the game."

Like Watford, Palace are one of the more naturally attack-minded sides in the division but Mackay didn't feel it was weight of pressure that proved the difference.

"You make your own luck during a season and we've got forced ourselves into winning positions plenty of times. Sometimes that luck goes the other way, like Jordan's own-goal – they only go in one in a hundred times, let's be honest."

"Goals change games and two quick goals for them had a big bearing on the match. But I felt we kept going, never gave up and only near the end did the game finally get put beyond us with an unlucky deflection from Jay who was in the right place to stop the danger from a cross."

Now, says the imposing Scot, it's how Watford bounce back that's key.

"All season long we've been able to reply when asked the question and we'll do it again, I've no doubt about that."

"We'll keep doing what we've been doing all season because that's what's got us to where we are in the table. We know where we want to get to and we're all focused on that, as one unit."



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THEY love to talk about football at the Rat and Parrot pub in nearby Harrogate but, for life-long Watford fan Malcolm White and fiancée Sandie Brown, a true Hornets' convert, The Vic's the only place to be on a Saturday afternoon.

Living in the North Yorkshire village of Burton Leonard, that means a 9 o'clock depart for the 250-plus miles to Watford because, understandably, the pair constantly worry about traffic problems on the M1.

"A good journey for us is four hours – but it has taken up to seven before," explains Malcolm, who was born in Bushey and lived locally until he was 25.

"I have daughters in St. Albans and Sussex so we sometimes meet up with them but otherwise it's straight down and back up again.

"We share the driving and I'm not a morning person so

Sandie always starts us off," adds Malcolm who sits in the Rookery with the partner he met having moved to north in 2004 after previously living in Sussex.

There's not much change from £100 by the time the pair are back home but that's a small concern, says Malcolm, for what they get in return.

He says: "We're both very proud to be fans of Watford – I believe we've got a fantastic club and the best supporters. Everywhere I go, my Hornets' mugs go with me and colleagues always hear about Watford and the great away support we always get.

"I have to say Wigan and Leeds even surprised me this year, the noise and the numbers."

Talking of Leeds, it's Sandie's previous affiliation but that's now a distant memory, says Malcolm. "When I met Sandie in 2003 she was a Leeds fan but not any

more – in fact she's now the most enthusiastic Watford fan I know and gets very stressed out with it all sometimes. She was absolutely gutted we lost 2-1 at Elland Road."

Having thoroughly enjoyed the Elton concert in June, Malcolm and Sandie are loving this season under Aidy.

"We're proud of the team and always display a scarf in the car," smiles Malcolm.

"Fans of other teams think we're lost going north on a Saturday night but, for us, the long journeys are much easier after a good performance and result.

"I've always loved to see attack-minded players at Watford over the years – like Barnes and Scullion. And that's what this season has been all about.

"So here's to the Premiership!" Indeed Malcolm – and here's to you and Sandie for your dedication.



Outside their house, Sandie's ready to set off on the 250-mile trek to The Vic.



With colours firmly on, Malcolm stands next to his home village sign before setting off for another long-distance labour of love.



Here's Malcolm and Sandie just next to their seats high in the Rookery Stand.



FAN OF THE DAY

TODAY'S Fan of the Day is 39-year-old Tony Grace (pictured with son Lewis), a Contracts Manager from Garston, who's supported Watford since 1974.

Why did you first start supporting Watford?

My Dad took me to my first game and I carried on following my local team.

Where do you sit in Vicarage Road?

In the Lower Rous with my son Lewis and mates Terry, Dave and Big Marc.

How old were you when you attended your first game, and can you remember what game it was?

I was eight and it was Crystal Palace away in the League Cup.

What do you recall from that game?

We lost 5-1, Pat Morrissey scored, it was midweek and we got home very late.



Marlon King

Who is your all-time favourite 'Orns player, and why?

Luther Blissett for natural scoring ability and always giving 100 per cent effort.

Who is your favourite current player, and why?

Marlon. He is the king of Vicarage Road.

Which Watford player of the past do you most wish you had seen play and why?

Cliff Holton because my dad and uncle went on about how good he was.

What is your greatest Watford moment?

Play-Off Final 1999, it was just a sea of yellow.

What is your worst Watford moment?

Losing the FA Cup semi-final against Spurs with the wine waiter in goal.

Which away ground do you most enjoy visiting and why?

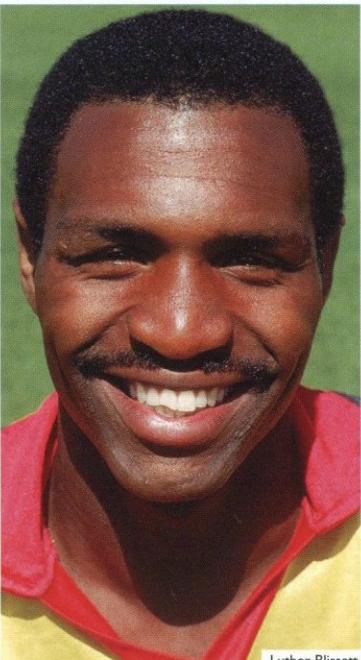
Kenilworth Road for the three easy points!

What is the funniest or strangest thing you have seen while following Watford?

Issa being tipped off the stretcher by a couple of my mates who do that job or Keith Dublin barging Steve Whittom over the wall into the Rous Stand in the early 90s.

What is your pre-match ritual?

I watch a bit of Soccer AM, take Lewis to



Luther Blissett

McDonald's then walk down Vicarage Road and into The Vic, buying my programme from the girl in the Rous.

To what extremes have you gone to support your club?

In 1988 I was a Milkman and after I finished my round I drove to Hull (not in the milk float!) to watch us play an FA Cup replay. It ended 2-2 after extra time. I got back to Watford just in time to deliver the milk again.

Which non-Watford footballer do you admire the most and why?

David Beckham - the best right foot in the country ever.

What is your greatest ambition as a Watford fan?

To see us lift the FA Cup sometime in my lifetime.

How would you persuade a neutral to support Watford?

Tell them they had a choice between Watford and Luton. Naturally, they would choose the Hornets!

What do you do when there is no football in the summer?

Watch any other sport I can get away with watching.

If you could change one thing in football, what would it be?

The off-side rule is a joke at the moment. If you're on the pitch you are interfering with play, it's as simple as that.

ALL TIME FAVOURITE WATFORD XI



David Beckham

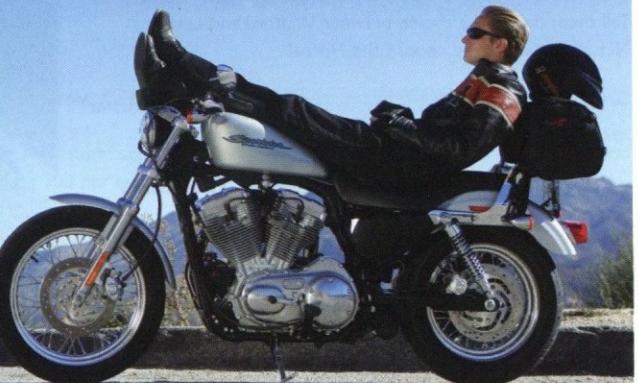
What would you like to be doing in ten years' time?

Retired in my villa in Portugal, catching a plane back to England every Saturday to see the Hornets in the Premiership.



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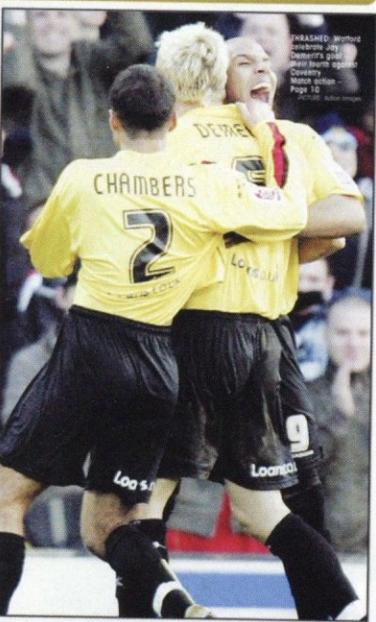
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By PETER ADAMSON
CHAMPIONSHIP - Manager Leicester City new boy Martin Allen put on a gurning show by the box for the Foxes, but he's not the only one in the front-menus for the post.

A former player at QPR, Ian Holloway, put on a gurning show by the box for the Foxes, but he's not the only one in the front-menus for the post.

It's easy to see why Allen would be in demand, given his previous efforts in their attempts to speak to

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ONE YEAR – A LONG TIME IN FOOTBALL?

Appointed just over 12 months ago, by his own admission the first year at Vicarage Road has flown by for Hornets' manager Aidy Boothroyd...

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IDY BOOTHROYD has been the manager of Watford since 29 March 2005 – but it feels like longer, such is the progress that's been made since his arrival. Yet the man himself reckons his first year in the Vicarage Road hot-seat has whizzed past.

"When you're enjoying anything, time seems to go quicker," smiled the 35-year-old this week as he reflected on his initial 12 months in office.

"It's like playing in a match when everything's going your way – time seems to fly by and that's how it's been for me here."

But it was clear to Aidy that there was no time to be wasted in making changes. He describes it himself as a revolution among the Hornets' ranks.

"I knew massive changes were needed – in personnel, attitude, everything – after my first few weeks in the job. It's that belief about who we are, what we are and what we intend to be that needed setting out straight away.

"Strategy always precedes structure and there's definitely a correct way of doing things. You've got to get

the right people on the bus – they won't always be in the right seats for a start but they've got to be with you."

Fair enough, but being pitched into a relegation battle brought its own even more immediate demands. The manager says he learnt so much so quickly from the potential disaster of leaving the Championship the wrong way.

"In adversity there's the most opportunity for growth. Losing those first three games in charge made me even more determined to turn things around, even clearer about what I needed to do."

Aidy's attack-minded approach to football is an open secret, a style welcomed by the Hornets' faithful this season.

He said: "The game's about attacking the opposition, putting them on the back foot rather than waiting for others to act.

"Even now, there's no team that can beat us apart from ourselves. That's not being arrogant, it's about having a work ethic and truly believing in what you're doing. Most people need hard evidence – seeing is believing, to coin a phrase – but I'm not like that. I suppose I'm a bit weird because I've known from day one what

we're capable of doing here."

Whatever happens in the last few weeks of this campaign, a transformation – revolution if you like – has taken place at Watford and the team continues to flourish.

"There's been a big turnover of players and staff here, but, like I said, that's what I felt needed to happen. What's important is the future of this club and that's all that matters to me right now.

"The belief among the players has grown and grown, just by keeping the messages to them consistent. And once that belief translated itself into performances and results, the belief among the fans has grown and grown about what's possible.

"That's where we are right now, constantly striving to better ourselves. And in a year's time, I will be saying exactly the same, no matter where we are."

Talking of always looking to improve, the one thing that's given Aidy the most pleasure in his first year...

"I love seeing people develop; whether that's players, football staff, office staff, everyone at the club. I want what's best for the people I work with because they deserve it."

"Losing those first three games in charge made me even more determined to turn things around..."

My First – Ten Firsts from Aidy's first year:

Day in the job:

Tuesday 29 March 2005

Match:

Burnley v Watford, 2 April 2005

Goal:

Dominic Blizzard (77mins) v Burnley, 2 April 2005

Home League Win:

v Burnley, 20 August 2005

Away League Win:

v Rotherham United, 16 April 2005

Cup Win:

v Notts County (CC1), 23 August 2005

Signing:

Jordan Stewart from Leicester City, 1 July 2005

Manager of the Month award:

February 2006

League double:

v Stoke City, 3-0 away 1-0 home

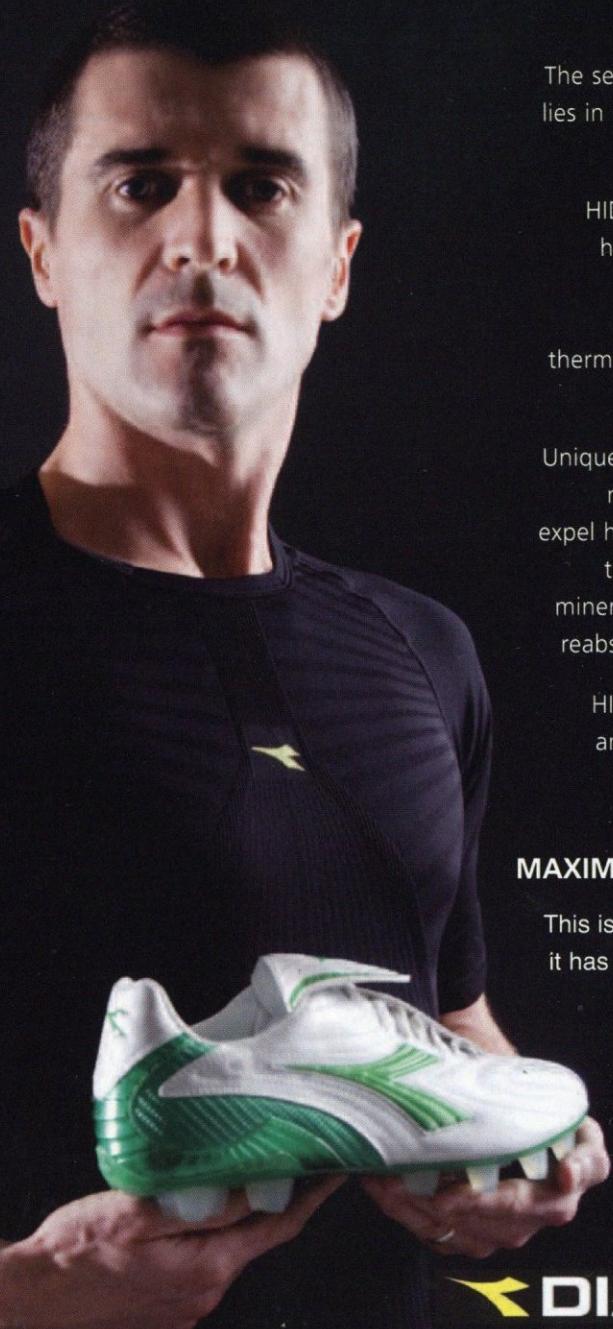
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LAST TEN MEETINGS

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04 OCT 1997	LUTON TOWN	0 - 4	WATFORD	LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
27 JAN 1997	LUTON TOWN	0 - 0	WATFORD	LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
29 OCT 1996	WATFORD	1 - 1	LUTON TOWN	LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
20 APR 1996	LUTON TOWN	0 - 0	WATFORD	LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
21 NOV 1995	WATFORD	1 - 1	LUTON TOWN	LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
26 MAR 1995	LUTON TOWN	1 - 1	WATFORD	LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
17 SEP 1994	WATFORD	2 - 4	LUTON TOWN	LEAGUE DIVISION ONE



LUTON TOWN have made a satisfactory return to the Championship after manager Mike Newell took Watford's local rivals to promotion last season and there will be few complaints over at Kenilworth Road at the progress made.

There has never – as is sometimes the case for promoted sides – been any danger of the club dicing with life in the bottom three and this has much to do with the start the Hatters made when their confidence was boosted by a first day victory over Crystal Palace, following up with another over Southampton before drawing with Leeds.

That sent expectations soaring and when they were beaten only once in the next five games, some were dreaming of a return to the big League as the manager's reputation soared.

It proved unsustainable but not until they had completed a great double over promotion hopefuls

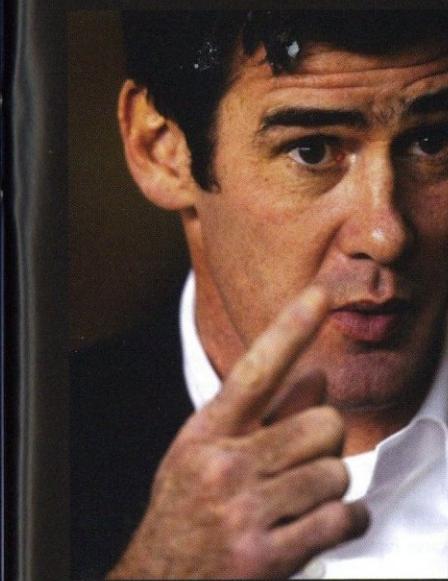
Crystal Palace although Newell continued to do his best to manage expectancy levels.

The turning point seemed to come during what many will remember as the game of the season; a 5-3 Kenilworth Road defeat at the hands of Liverpool in the FA Cup.

A little later they were on the wrong end of another five goal beating – going down 5-1 at Preston and that began a run which has seen them losing and drawing as many as they have won.

The Golden Boys will be looking for a double after winning 2-1 in the match immediately preceding the Liverpool thriller but there's nothing the visitors would like more than to upset the Hornets' automatic promotion hopes.

Hold onto your hats and get ready for a real roller-coaster match in front of a noisy Vicarage Road.



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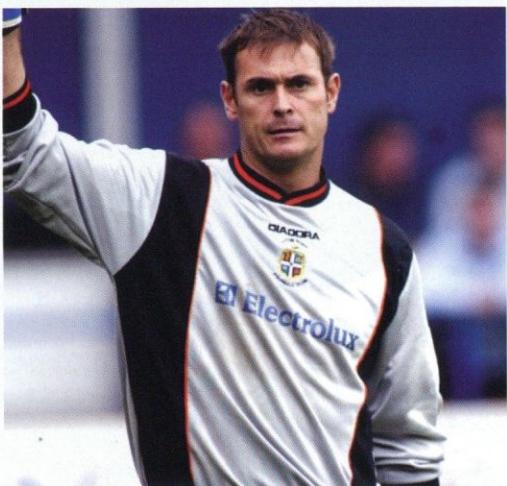
Mike Newell

QUIET man Mike Newell caused a furore in mid-season when he entered the big 'bungs' debate which has been doing the rounds for years. It seemed entirely out of character for a man whose life motto appears to have been 'silence is golden' and when choosing to break it usually has something important to say. Having guided the Hatters to promotion and achieved some notable victories, one might imagine that he would appraise the season as a reasonable success. But the former striker is not easily satisfied and showed his true nature when he was reported as declaring: "The board and fans may consider we've done well this season but it's not enough for me. I continue to look upwards."

Clearly a tough man to please, he returned from the FA where he had been helping with their bungs inquiry and knuckled down to business without another word.

Mike Newell is a focused individual who, with promotion a bygone dream, will be looking forward to making life as tough as possible for his club's local rivals.

MEET THE SQUAD

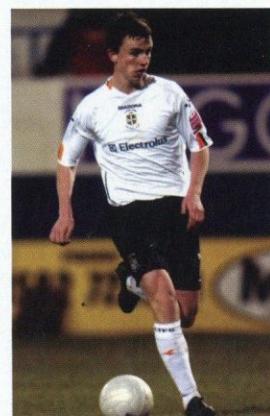


Marlon Beresford – Goalkeeper ▲

A class act who is recognised by most decent judges as one of the best in the Championship. He's adjusted to life brilliantly after being voted into League One's PFA side when the Hatters gained promotion at the end of last season. He is an imposing figure at the back and a brilliant shot-stopper who has now notched up well over 400 League appearances during a distinguished career.

Dean Brill – Goalkeeper

Born locally in Luton, this is a youngster of whom big things are expected when he finally gets his chance of an extended run in the team. He had a little taste last season and is already keeping Beresford on his toes. Dean joined the club as a kid of nine but the Hatters had to beat off fierce competition for his signature as a pro'. He's tall and commanding at 6ft 3in and never fails to make an impression when he gets a chance to shine.



Kevin Foley ◀ – Defender

A cultured operator who has adjusted quickly to life at the higher level and who always has time on the ball. He's a true Hatters success story and has now been recognised by his country, Eire, at Under-21 level. He took his first-team chance when thrown into pre-season friendly action a year ago and has never looked back.

Paul Underwood – Defender

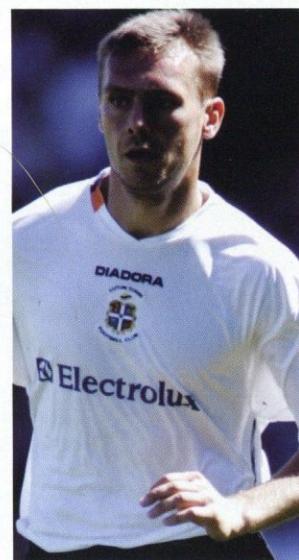
The 33-year-old arrived from Rushden & Diamonds on a free transfer but has established himself as an important part of his manager's plans. Paul's pedigree speaks for itself having become a virtual ever-present in the side since arriving from the Northants club. He's an uncompromising operator who has been key in the rise of Mike Newell's team.

Russell Perrett – Defender

Injuries have kept this tough-tackling veteran's appearances to a minimum over the last few seasons and he only returned to the team recently when he showed what the fans have been missing. The former Cardiff and Portsmouth defender will be hoping to stay around the first team for the rest of the campaign having signed a one-year deal last summer. When fully fit, he's a rock like figure at central defence.

Chris Coyne – Defender

Another who won a place in that League One PFA team and who has been a near ever-present at the heart of defence during the present campaign. Chris – an Aussie – was brought into League football by Harry Redknapp but after signing for West Ham found himself on loan at Brentford and Dundee before moving on to Kenilworth Road. His no-nonsense style has made him a real favourite with the Hatters' faithful.



Sol Davis ◀ – Defender

Another defender – left-sided – who takes no prisoners and represents a formidable challenge to the wing wizards! He was snatched away from Swindon at the end of the 2001-2002 season leaving manager Andy King a frustrated man. He hasn't looked back since arriving at Kenilworth Road and has gone on to become a highly-rated Championship performer.

Carlos Edwards – Midfielder

A dynamic Trinidad and Tobago-born attacking midfielder who has been a regular since signing from Wrexham. Manager Mike Newell rates him highly and the feeling

is clearly mutual with the player having had no hesitation in signing when the chance presented itself. He gives the midfield real pace and provides plenty of attacking options.

Ahmet Brkovic – Midfielder

The Croatian has been a diamond since arriving at the club and is on his way to becoming one of the Hatters' all time favourites. He's been at the club for four years and played a huge part in their promotion season. Blessed with pace and skill, he has six goals this season to sit alongside the 16 he scored last term.

Stephen Robinson – Midfielder

Here's the midfield workaholic who is forever breaking things up and closing players down. He's one of the squad's great unsung heroes who had no hesitation in signing a new deal when coming out of contract last term. Having been at Spurs and Preston, he adds vital experience to the team's youthful midfield and is a cool head when the pressure comes on.

Steve Howard – Striker

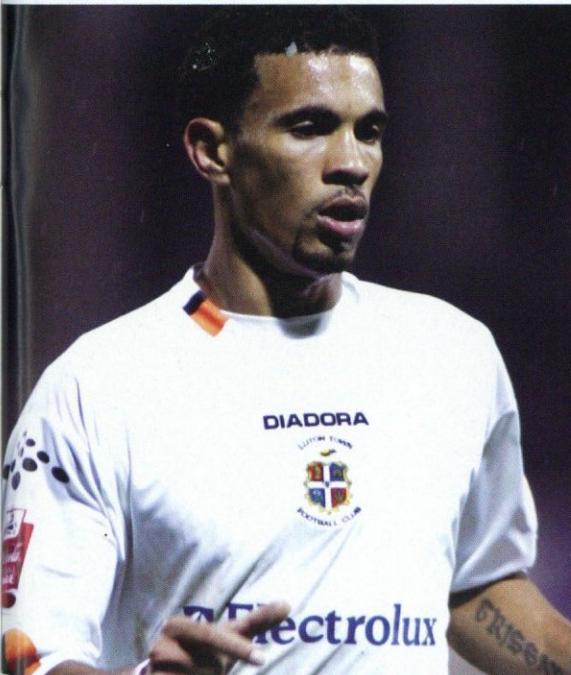
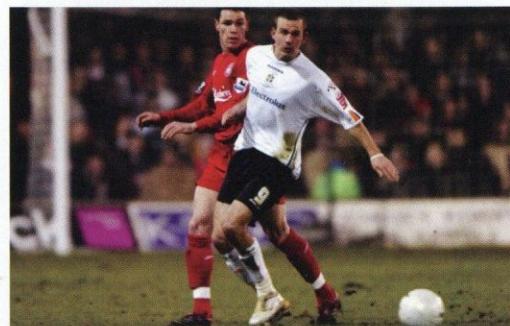
Rarely can £50,000 have been so well spent than when the Hatters signed Steve from nearby Northampton Town five seasons back. He's still a scourge of defenders having scored 22 in the promotion season and just as many at this level of football. Already among club's highest scorers of all time, he's a former Player of the Year and a real powerhouse for the Town cause.

Warren Feeney – Striker

Old-fashioned centre-forward is an overworked expression but one that can truly be attached to this Northern Ireland born striker who joined the club last season for £150,000. With nine goals to his name this season he's adjusted well to life in the Championship and is guaranteed to give any defender a real chasing.

Rowan Vine – Striker ▼

A lively front man who has already grabbed eight goals for the team this season. Mike Newell brought him in from Portsmouth on loan where he never had the chance to prove his point and had no hesitation in making the move permanent the following summer. He managed nine goals – several of them vital – and has now established himself as one of the first names on the team sheet.



ONETOWATCH

Dean Morgan – Forward

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NIPPY and exciting player who is fully capable of bringing crowds to the edge of their seats, Dean became an instant hero with the Kenilworth Road faithful when marking his debut with a wonderful 25-yard curling winner against Southampton and hasn't looked back since. He has two good feet and is as effective up front as he is in his recognised midfield role where he has produced some truly crowd-pleasing performances.

The manager plucked him away from Reading when the Championship pace-setters brought in Dave Kitson and Leroy Lita last summer. The move has clearly suited the highly talented Morgan as he showed when scoring against his former club in the 3-2 win at Kenilworth Road. Dean is one of those rare individuals who creates an instant buzz among fans when he races onto the ball and opposition defences need to pay him the utmost attention.

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WATFORD: Johnson 5, Thomas 14, Kennedy 27, 29.

Golden Boys: Chamberlain, Gibbs, Kennedy, Page, Millen, Mooney, Slater, Palmer, Johnson, Thomas, Rosenthal (Noel-Williams).

IT was a game which will forever live in the memories of those fortunate to be present - a day when after two relegations and 10 years without a win over the 'old enemy' the Hornets bit back at long, long last.

Not many of those making the trek to Kenilworth Road did so with anything approaching optimism in their hearts...more an appointment with masochism and misery.

But it didn't turn out like that and the first 30 minutes will go down as among the most extraordinary in the club's history as 10 years of despair was buried under an avalanche of goals.

Richard Johnson's opener set off terrace celebrations after he drilled a left-footed drive through a crowded penalty area but there was better to come and any fears that the team would capitulate in the face of history were soon long gone.

And it was Dai Thomas who put all fears to rest when he smashed home a second from 16 yards. But the two appetisers had barely been digested before the main meal arrived.

Peter Kennedy - on an unforgettable day - snatched a third and then a fourth within two minutes as an outpouring of joy and celebration became a near religious experience!

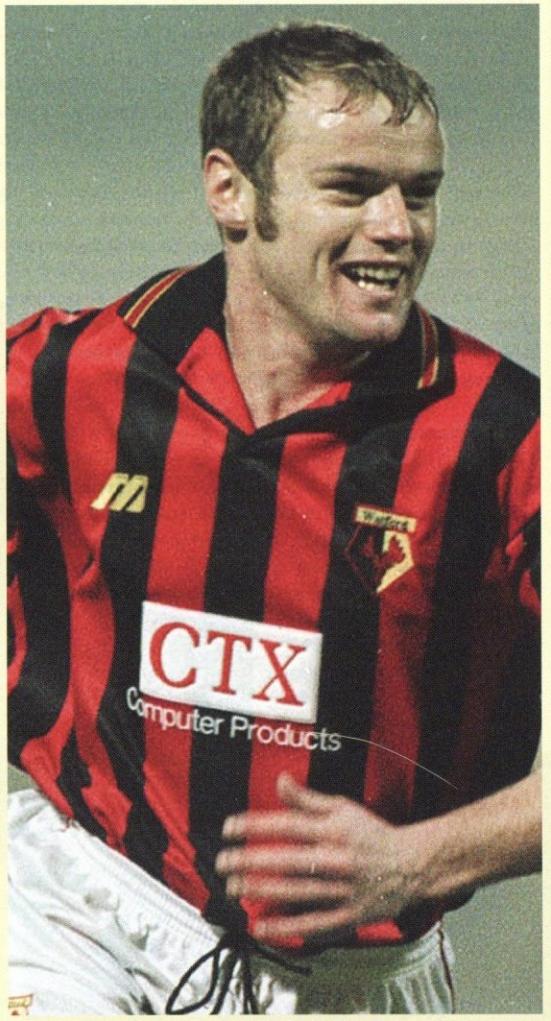
The Golden Boys controlled things from start to finish and Alec Chamberlain had barely a save to make.

The team could easily have had more such was the measure of their control, notably when a clear penalty for a foul on Ronny Rosenthal was turned down just moments before half-time.

It didn't matter. The job was done and the second half saw the team heeding manager Graham Taylor's words to show care and caution.

Nobody was worried about that and the feeling from the first half goalscoring spree continued right through the second half as an atmosphere of total unreality descended.

The job had been done - vengeance had been served and the club was back on an even keel.



This is how one fanzine put it: "To beat your local rivals is one thing. But to go there without a win of any sort over them for ten years and make them look comparatively inept is one of the greatest memories we will ever have."

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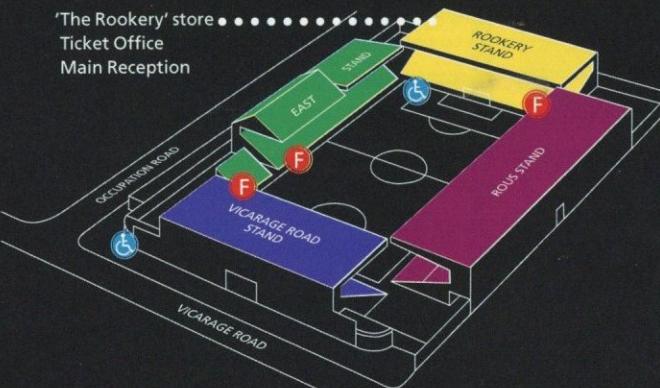
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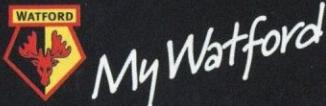


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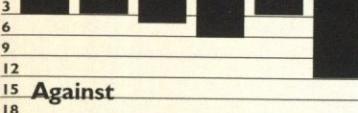
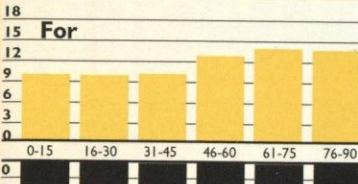
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When for & against



Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Crystal Palace	A	1-3
Millwall	H	0-2
Southampton	A	3-1
Reading	A	0-0
Derby	H	2-2
Cardiff	H	2-1

Swings

Won when Behind	3
Drawn when Behind	5
Drawn when Ahead	4
Lost when Ahead	3

Discipline

Red cards	5
Yellow cards	55
Fouls committed	615
Average per game	15

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	17
Scored from corner	6
Conc from free kick	6
Conc from corner	3

Strike ratio

Shots on target	272
Goals scored	71
% shots scored	26.1
Divisional rating	3

Top scorer

Marlon King	19
Goals Scored	38
Games Played	13
Points Won	13

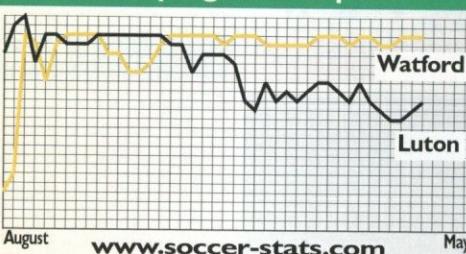
Where & how scored

Close range	25
Inside 18yd box	26
Outside 18yd box	9
Shots	30
Headers	17
Volleys	7
Penalties	4
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	2

When for & against

For	18
Against	15
For	12
Against	9
For	12

Seasonal progress comparison



Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Ipswich	H	1-0
Brighton	A	1-1
Derby	H	1-0
Leicester	H	1-2
Millwall	A	1-2
Leeds	A	1-2

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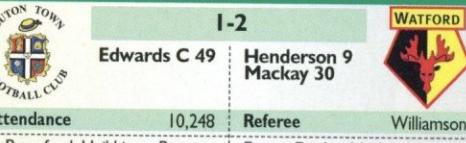
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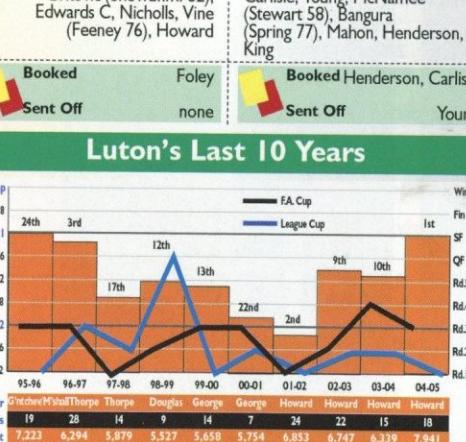
Red cards	5
Yellow cards	51
Fouls committed	580
Average per game	14.15

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	8
Scored from corner	4
Conc from free kick	10
Conc from corner	3



Luton's Last 10 Years



Strike ratio

Shots on target	251
Goals scored	60
% shots scored	23.9
Divisional rating	11

Top scorer

Steve Howard	14
Goals Scored	38
Games Played	9
Points Won	9

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FL Championship stats

Scored & conceded in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%	AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Luton	16	60	26.7	Leicester	17	54	31.5
Leeds	14	54	25.9	Luton	19	61	31.1
Crewe	12	48	25.0	Watford	15	49	30.6
Brighton	9	36	25.0	Derby	18	61	29.5
Hull	11	45	24.4	Southampton	13	47	27.7
Sheff Wed	8	33	24.2	QPR	15	56	26.8
Norwich	12	51	23.5	Wolves	9	36	25.0
Stoke	10	43	23.3	Palace	10	42	23.8
Sheff Utd	16	69	23.2	Stoke	13	55	23.6
Plymouth	8	35	22.9	Coventry	14	60	23.3
Millwall	7	31	22.6	Preston	6	28	21.4
Palace	14	63	22.2	Cardiff	10	48	20.8
Reading	19	87	21.8	Sheff Wed	10	49	20.4
Burnley	9	44	20.5	Millwall	11	54	20.4
Wolves	9	44	20.5	Brighton	12	60	20.0
Preston	10	50	20.0	Ipswich	10	56	17.9
Watford	14	71	19.7	Sheff Utd	7	42	16.7
Ipwich	9	47	19.1	Hull	8	50	16.0
Derby	9	50	18.0	Burnley	8	52	15.4
Leicester	8	46	17.4	Leicester	5	33	15.4
QPR	7	45	15.6	Norwich	4	44	8
Coventry	8	53	15.1	Sheff Wed	6	22	8
Cardiff	7	54	13.0	Stoke	4	44	8
Southampton	5	40	12.5	Burnley	3	47	7
				Wolves	3	22	5
				Reading	2	3	5

Penalties

Most scored from the spot

Player	Club	Goals
Healy	Leeds	5
Idiakéz	Derby	5
Wotton	Plymouth	5
Gudjonsson	Leicester	4
Kitson	Reading	4
O'Connor G	Burnley	4
Alexander	Preston	3
Blake	Leeds	3
McSheffrey	Coventry	3
Nicholls	Luton	3
Purse	Cardiff	3
Richards	Ipswich	3
Johnson	Palace	2
Langley	QPR	2
Miller	Wolves	2
Quashie	Southampton	2



Paul Wotton: Argyle's marksman is one of three Championship players to have netted five penalties this season.

Goalkeeping & goalscoring

Best goalkeeping ratio

Total goals conceded
Opposition shots on target
Percentage of shots saved

Best strike ratio

Total goals scored
Shots on target
Percentage of shots scored

Worst goalkeeping ratio

Total goals conceded
Opposition shots on target
Percentage of shots saved

Worst strike ratio

Total goals scored
Shots on target
Percentage of shots scored

Reading	26	202	87.1

Reading	87	255	34.1

Luton	61	181	66.3

Plymouth	35	210	16.7

Scored from set piece routines

SET PIECE FOR	CORNER	FK	TOT	SET PIECE AGT	CORNER	FK	TOT
Ipswich	11	12	23	Norwich	9	10	19
Watford	6	17	23	Millwall	11	7	18
Reading	8	14	22	Leicester	9	8	17
Derby	5	12	17	Burnley	7	9	16
Sheff Utd	11	6	17	Derby	8	8	16
Leeds	6	10	16	Sheff Wed	8	8	16
Cardiff	8	7	15	Southampton	9	7	16
QPR	8	7	15	Coventry	7	7	14
Plymouth	4	9	13	Crewe	7	7	14
Palace	5	7	12	Wolves	10	4	14
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Sheff Utd	7	42	16.7	Preston	5	6	11
Hull	8	50	16.0	Millwall	6	4	10
Burnley	8	52	15.4	Coventry	5	4	9
Leicester	5	33	15.4	Brighton	4	8	12
Norwich	4	44	8	Sheff Utd	3	6	9
Sheff Wed	6	22	8	Watford	3	6	9
Stoke	4	44	8	Brighton	3	5	8
Burnley	3	47	7	Hull	4	4	8
Leeds	2	41	7.3	Leeds	2	4	6
Plymouth	3	41	7.3	Reading	2	3	5
Southampton	4	58	6.9	Wolves	3	2	5

Direct free kicks

Most scored direct from free kick

Player	Club	Goals
Idiakéz	Derby	3
Juan	Ipswich	3
Koumas	Cardiff	3
Young	Watford	3
Currie	Ipswich	2
Higginbotham	Southampton	2
Lewis	Leeds	2
O'Connor G	Burnley	2
Quinn	Sheff Utd	2
Shorey	Reading	2
Wotton	Plymouth	2



Inigo Idiakéz has scored three direct free kicks this season.

Comebacks & throwaways

WON FROM	-3	-2	-1	TOTAL	LOST FROM	+3	+2	+1	TOTAL
Stoke	0	0	6	6	Crewe	0	0	5	5
Norwich	0	0	5	5	Hull	0	0	5	5
Sheff Utd	0	1	3	4	Watford	0	1	3	4
Ipswich	0	0	4	4	Derby	0	0	4	4
Leeds	1	0	2	3	Luton	0	0	4	4
Coventry	0	0	3	3	Southampton	1	0	2	3
Luton	0	0	3	3	Brighton	0	0	3	3
Millwall	0	0	3	3	Coventry	0	0	3	3
Watford	0	0	3	3	Sheff Utd	0	0	3	3

DRAWN FROM	-3	-2	-1	TOTAL	DRAWN FROM	+3	+2	+1	TOTAL
Derby	0	0	10	10	Ipswich	0	2	7	9
Coventry	0	1	5	6	Crewe	0	1	8	9
Leeds	0	1	5	6	Derby	0	0	8	8
Leicester	0	1	5	6	Southampton	0	0	8	8
Norwich	0	1	5	6	Brighton	0	1	6	7
Wolves	0	1	5	6	Sheff Wed	0	0	6	6
Brighton	0	0	6	6	Cardiff	0	1	4	5
Hull	0	0	6	6	Coventry	0	1	4	5
Millwall	0	0	6	6	Hull	0	1	4	5
Watford	0	1	4	5	Plymouth	0	1	4	5
Burnley	0	0	5	5	Leicester	0	0	5	5
Palace	0	0	5	5	Millwall	0	0	5	5
Ipswich	0	0	5	5	QPR	0	0	5	5
Reading	0	0	5	5					

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He is now married with four children and lives in Newbury, Berkshire. He owns a leisure company specialising in snooker clubs.

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TWO setbacks over the last couple of games really shouldn't have anybody getting overly-anxious about our end-of-season destination!

The Millwall defeat was particularly disappointing, of course, and it was tough to take the lead down at Palace and then get pegged back but that was never, ever going to be an easy game.

Our objective over the last few months has been to grab one of the two automatic promotion spots and nothing has changed. There are still 15 points up for grabs and at this stage of the season, with the roller-coaster moving faster, ups and downs coming quicker, that's an awful lot of points.

Nobody here is ready to look for the "second prize" of a Play-Off place. If it comes to that we'll accept it and be ready but we simply refuse to take our eyes off second.

Until it's mathematically impossible for us to grab that second spot we won't be thinking about anything else.

You see as things stand before today's game we have the chance to get 87 points and that sounds a very big total to me.

There's been no dip in confidence. The players here don't get involved in that sort of thinking. Any team can have a little dip

but there's no game better designed to get things going than today's against Luton.

The rivalry between the two sets of fans is intense and the match may have come at just the right time. Local pride and bragging rights are as important in this part of the world as in any other so like I say, the game has come at the right time. This is no time for the fans to allow their anxieties to get the better of them; we are still in there with a big, big chance so keep the faith everybody...everything remains possible.

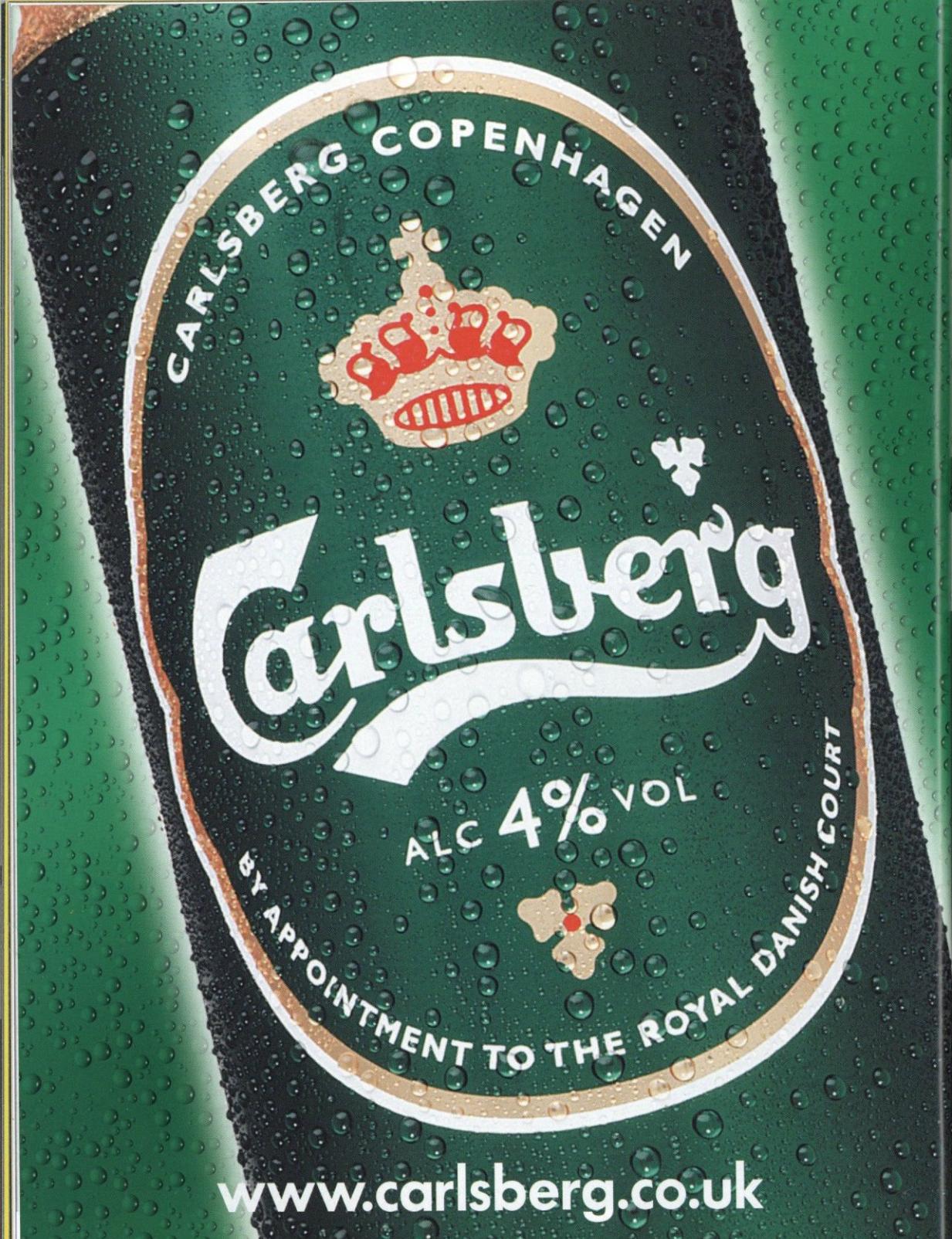
Enjoy the position this club is in. Sure, emotions look as if they are going to be stretched to the limits over the next few weeks but better than being at the other end of the table or just seeing out the season in mid-table.

A nice local derby is definitely designed to spice things up but today should be about three points and nothing else.

All I want to say is please let's ensure that the game is remembered for all the right reasons. None of us want to look back and remember it any other way.

- There's a few places left on my Golf Day which forms part of my Testimonial Season programme of events. So if you want to get involved and join us at West Herts Golf Club on 26 April, please ring Nicki Hattingh on 07780 921969.

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XLEY Junior II – Benjamin Thomas – has his first football shirt; a nicely understated England top ready for the summer, but nobody has yet purchased anything connected with Watford or Luton.

His grandad and uncle – on his mother's side – who are Kenilworth Road regulars, have threatened to, whilst his paternal grandfather is more likely to arrive with a Yorkshire cricket sweater when he meets his grandson next weekend.

Now had times not changed in the White Rose county I would have been driving Ben's mother up the M1 pretty sharpish the other Wednesday to make sure he was born inside the county boundary to be eligible to play cricket for Yorkshire. Good job times have changed, as a) his mother would have probably divorced me, and b) it was a quick delivery, and he would have been born at Woodall services.

But football-wise will he be Hatter or Hornet? Well yellow is currently the most important colour in his life – it's the colour of the milk cartons the contents of which he demolishes on a very regular basis. On the other side, he was born in Luton...

He may of course choose another team, or may not be in the least bit interested at all, but for the time being it's his first derby.

My first was in 1992, when Luton won 2-0 at Kenilworth Road on an emotional afternoon following the car accident which ended Darren Salton's career. Since then there have been many more memorable matches: Luton winning 2-1 on the opening day in 1993 as Watford finished with nine men; Kelvin Davis saving a penalty on his home debut in 1995; Watford winning 4-0 at Kenilworth Road on their way to promotion in 1997; Luton winning 4-2 at Vicarage Road when David Preece and Scott Oakes ran the show in 1994; and Watford's 2-1 win in January this year which gave us so much to talk about.

Let's hope today's game gives us as many talking points. Watford are on their way to the play-offs, but probably not automatic promotion. Luton are 99 per cent out of the play-offs, but should achieve a very creditable top 10 finish.

It was before my time, but many have drawn parallels with the potential of the Newell/Boothroyd years, with the achievements of the Pleat/Taylor era when this rivalry developed. It would be fantastic to see this derby in the top division once again.

But forget what may or may not happen in May or beyond. For 90 minutes today it's simply Watford v Luton. Ben will sleep through it all despite my excitement across the airwaves. I'm sure you won't.

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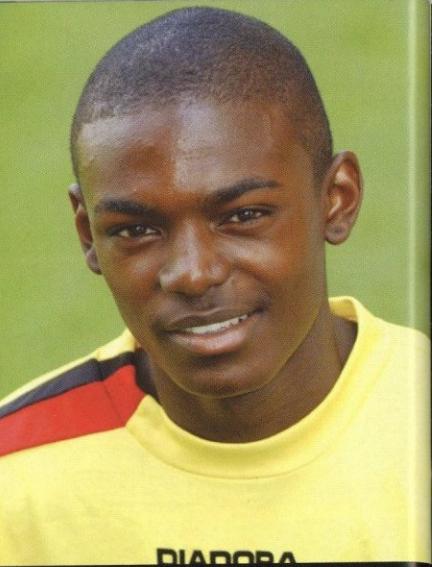
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GARY SMITH REVIEWS THE RESERVES' WIN AT PORTSMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH 1-3 WATFORD

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH, 2006, AT HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE FC

I WAS expecting a tough game with Portsmouth fielding an experienced line-up but we know, at any level, it doesn't always work out that way.

We really attacked the game very well on what was a decent pitch, which was a pleasant surprise.

We got the ball down quickly so Toumani Diagouraga and Dominic Blizzard in the middle got involved early on, setting a good tempo.

The first of Theo Robinson's hat-trick came after about 35 minutes. Dominic won the ball back and it broke for Ben Gill who worked it into the box.

Theo got across his man and hit it back across the keeper into the bottom right-hand corner.

The half-time chat was bright and positive, focusing on the need for us to show consistency in continuing to do the right things.

Having said that, Portsmouth equalised almost straight away! A cross from the deep eluded James Beasant who later said his starting position could have been better. Their left winger got in round the

back and headed into the top corner – and it looked as if our good first half might go to waste.

But credit to the young lads, they rolled their sleeves up and got back into it with a very decent second goal.

Dominic played it wide to Ryan Watts who crossed first time behind their back four. Elliott Frost got in a great strike which the goalie did well to parry but there was Theo on the spot to smash in the rebound.

With about a minute to go, Joe O'Cearuill's clearance from deep beat their back line which looked too high and a bit bedraggled by then. Theo gambled and got onto the ball bobbling in behind for a thoroughly deserved treble.

Really the goals were just confirmation of how much possession we enjoyed throughout the game. It was a very, very pleasing performance and, as I've said a number of times, some of the lads are really getting through a lot of games.

That means they need to be up for it mentally and physically and they were so great credit to them.



CLARKE CARLISLE'S
HEADED GOAL SET THE
RESERVES ON THEIR WAY
TO AN IMPRESSIVE WIN.

RESERVE TEAM ROUND UP

GARY SMITH REVIEWS THE AWAY WIN AT WEST HAM.

WEST HAM UNITED 0-3 WATFORD

TUESDAY 4 APRIL, 2006, AT DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE FC

I WAS delighted with the players' attitude towards the game and their application and commitment really shone through in both performance and result.

I've talked before about the beauty of having the experience of some first-teamers involved and, once again, those lads leading by example always has a massively positive influence on the younger players around them.

The game was full of energy from the off with lots of effective closing down from both sides, probably helped by a bobbly surface which made it hard to get the ball under control easily in one touch.

Clarke Carlisle scored our first from an Alex Campana corner after half an hour. He seemed to hang in the air for ages before powering a fantastic header home from 12 yards out.

That goal settled us down further and I thought we started to play a bit more football whenever possible.

The one negative from the night was Dominic Blizzard having to come off before half-time looking

tired. But he has been working hard in training so it's a case of getting that balance right in his recovery. We went in one up at the break with our defenders on top although I felt we could have been a bit more free-flowing going forward – it was a bit stop-start at times.

The second half started competitively but, once we'd got our second goal on the hour, that was it as a contest.

Early on we had a stranglehold without finishing our good approach play but on the hour Alex scored a fine goal, cutting inside his full-back from the right and drilling a shot into the far corner.

Ten minutes later it was 3-0 and game over. James Chambers was the provider with a great run down the right. He pulled it back to the edge of the box for Ben Gill who struck it left-footed into the bottom right-hand corner.

It was an excellent evening for us and a thoroughly professional all-round performance. We know Reserve team football is not all about the result but it's nice to see our lads performing well and enjoying that winning feeling.

WATFORD RESERVES AND ACADEMY STATS



BARCLAYS PREMIERSHIP RESERVE LEAGUE (SOUTH)

DATE OPPONENTS H/A RES. SCORE

AUG MON 08	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	A	L	1-4	LEE	OSBORNE	SIETES	HAND	GRIFITHS
AUG MON 15	FULHAM	H	L	0-1	LEE	OSBORNE	SIETES	MARIAPPA	HOMAND
AUG TUE 30	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A	L	0-2	HOAD	OSBORNE	PARKES	BARDLE	DEMERIT
SEP WED 14	LEICESTER CITY	A	L	0-2	CHAMBERLAIN	OSBORNE	O'CEARUILL	GILL	DEMERIT
SEP WED 21	CHELSEA	H	L	0-4	BEASANT	HOMAND	MARIAPPA	O'TOOLE	GRIFITHS
OCT MON 03	NORWICH CITY	A	L	0-1	SANNA	OSBORNE	SIETES	GILL	GRIFITHS
OCT MON 10	COVENTRY CITY	H	W	3-1	SANNA	OSBORNE	PARKES	GILL	GRIFITHS
OCT WED 19	SOUTHAMPTON	A	W	1-0	CHAMBERLAIN	OSBORNE	SIETES	MARIAPPA	GRIFITHS
OCT MON 31	IPSWICH TOWN	A	L	1-8	SANNA	OSBORNE	SIETES	MARIAPPA	GRIFITHS
NOV MON 07	PORTSMOUTH	H	W	1-0	CHAMBERLAIN	OSBORNE	STEWART	DIAGOURAGA	MARIAPPA
NOV WED 16	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	W	2-1	SANNA	OSBORNE	SIETES	O'TOOLE	MARIAPPA
DEC MON 05	ARSENAL	H	L	1-2	CHAMBERLAIN	OSBORNE	SIETES	DIAGOURAGA	MARIAPPA
DEC MON 19	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	L	2-5*	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE	MARIAPPA
FEB WED 08	CHELSEA	A	D	0-0	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	DIAGOURAGA	MARIAPPA
FEB MON 13	NORWICH CITY	H	L	0-2	HOAD	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
FEB TUE 28	COVENTRY CITY	A	L	0-2	MA-KALAMBAY CHAMBERS	PARKES	BANGURA	CARLISLE	
MAR MON 06	SOUTHAMPTON	H	W	2-1	BEASANT	CHAMBERS	PARKES	DIAGOURAGA	MARIAPPA
MAR MON 13	IPSWICH TOWN	H	L	0-3	BEASANT	CHAMBERS	PARKES	DIAGOURAGA	CARLISLE
MAR WED 22	PORTSMOUTH	A	W	3-1	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	DIAGOURAGA	MARIAPPA
MAR MON 27	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	L	1-3*	CHAMBERLAIN	OSBORNE	PARKES	GILL	MARIAPPA
APR TUE 04	WEST HAM UNITED	A	W	3-0	LOACH	CHAMBERS	OSBORNE	BANGURA	CARLISLE
APR THU 06	FULHAM	A	1900	MOTSPUR PARK TRAINING GROUND					
APR MON 10	ARSENAL	A	1900	BARNET FC, UNDERHILL, BARNET LANE, BARNET					
APR WED 12	WEST HAM UNITED	H	1900	BOREHAM WOOD FC, BROUHNGE ROAD					
APR WED 19	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	1900	BOREHAM WOOD FC, BROUHNGE ROAD					
APR WED 26	LEICESTER CITY	H	1900	BOREHAM WOOD FC, BROUHNGE ROAD					

FA PREMIER ACADEMY UNDER-18 LEAGUE

AUG SAT 20	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	D	0-0	HOAD	OSBORNE	HARRINGTON	PARKES	HOMAND
AUG SAT 27	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	W	2-1	HOAD	OSBORNE	PARKES	GIAMBROME	O'CEARUILL
SEP SAT 03	NORWICH CITY	H	D	1-1	HOAD	OSBORNE	PARKES	GILL	O'CEARUILL
SEP SAT 10	MILLWALL	A	W	2-1	HOAD	OSBORNE	HOMAND	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
SEP SAT 17	IPSWICH TOWN	H	W	5-0*	HOAD	HOMAND	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
SEP SAT 24	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H	L	0-2	SANNA	MCCOY	PARKES	DIAGOURAGA	O'CEARUILL
OCT SAT 01	ASTON VILLA	A	L	1-4	SANNA	MCCOY	PARKES	DIAGOURAGA	MARIAPPA
OCT SAT 08	LEICESTER CITY	A	W	1-0	SANNA	OSBORNE	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
OCT SAT 15	READING	H	L	0-1	SANNA	OSBORNE	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
NOV SAT 05	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	D	1-1	SANNA	MCCOY	PARKES	HOMAND	MARIAPPA
NOV SAT 12	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	D	1-1	SANNA	OSBORNE	PARKES	BARDLE	MARIAPPA
NOV SAT 19	BRISTOL CITY	A	L	0-1	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	FORBES	HOMAND
DEC SAT 03	COVENTRY CITY	H	D	1-1	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	OSBORNE	HOMAND
DEC SAT 10	MILTON KEYNES DONS	A	W	4-2	KIRK	BENNETT	HARRINGTON	BEACH	O'CEARUILL
DEC WED 14	MILTON KEYNES DONS	A	W	4-0	FAYC3	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE
JAN SAT 07	LEICESTER CITY	H	L	2-3	HOAD	BENNETT	MCCOY	FORBES	O'CEARUILL
JAN SAT 14	READING	A	L	0-2	HOAD	BENNETT	BEACH	FORBES	O'CEARUILL
JAN WED 18	MILLWALL	A	W	3-1	FAYC4	HOAD	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE
JAN SAT 21	CARDIFF CITY	H	W	3-2	HOAD	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
JAN MON 30	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	L	2-3A	FAYC5	HOAD	MCCOY	PARKES	FORBES
FEB SAT 04	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	A	L	0-5	BEASANT	MCCOY	PARKES	MARIAPPA	HOMAND
FEB SAT 18	BRISTOL CITY	H	D	2-2	HOAD	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
FEB SAT 25	COVENTRY CITY	A	D	0-0	HOAD	MCCOY	PARKES	O'TOOLE	O'CEARUILL
MAR SAT 04	ASTON VILLA	H	W	2-1	BEASANT	HOMAND	BARDLE	O'TOOLE	MARIAPPA
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APR SAT 08	WEST HAM UNITED	H	1030	UCL SPORTS GROUND, BELL LANE, LONDON COLNEY					
APR SAT 22	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	1100	CRYSTAL PALACE TG, BECKENHAM					
MAY TUE 02	CARDIFF CITY	A	1200	TYN Y WERN PF, U.O.F.GLAM, UPPER BOAT, PONTYPRIDD					
MAY FRI 05	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	1400	BCFC YA, WAST HILLS TG, REDHILL RD, KINGS NORTON					



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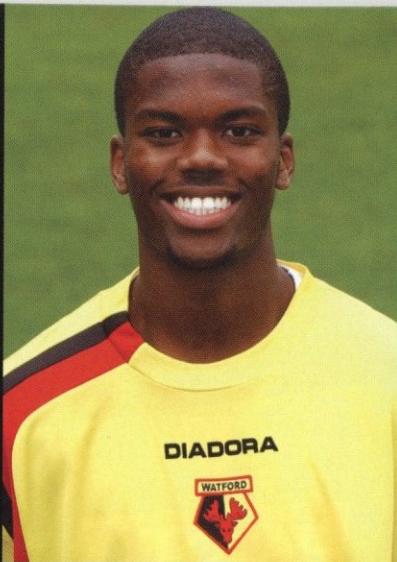


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ACADEMY REVIEW

ACADEMY COACH GARY SMITH REVIEWS THE WIN AT TRAINING GROUND NEIGHBOURS ARSENAL.

ARSENAL 0-2 WATFORD SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2006, AT ARSENAL TG, SHENLEY

TO BEAT Arsenal is always an achievement but especially so on their pitch with a relatively young side. I was delighted with the players' performance.

You always expect Arsenal to keep the ball well and they didn't disappoint on that front. But they lacked penetration and we always looked in control at the back.

In fairness, there weren't any real chances of note at either end for the best part of an hour. Both back fours looked comfortable, but ours especially so.

In fact it wasn't until the last 20 minutes when we introduced the relative experience of Joel Grant that the game changed in our favour. He became a real focal point for our attacks and rightly we looked to get him on the ball as much as possible.

Both our goals were on the counter-attack, breaking out very effectively from a spell of Arsenal possession.

The first one came with about 15 minutes left. Down the left flank, Claude Seanla found himself

with time on the ball on the left edge of the box.

He hit the ball across goal with his left foot, what looked like a cross but he assures me it was a shot. Anyway, with the help of a strong breeze, it sailed over the keeper into the far corner of the net.

Strangely the goal didn't force a change in the pattern of the game and, for all their time on the ball, we hurt Arsenal again with the killer second goal a few minutes from the end.

The ball was worked into Joel who turned and then slid in Theo Robinson who drove the ball into far corner from 15 yards.

Theo, who's a first-year scholar, has been in great goalscoring form lately. I haven't ever had cause to fault his effort but now he's adding improved technique to that application and it's showing in his finishing.

This rich vein of form he's in has come after some barren months when the shots weren't going in for him.

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ACADEMY REVIEW

ACADEMY COACH GARY SMITH REVIEWS THE AWAY WIN AT FULHAM.

FULHAM 2-3 WATFORD
SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2006, AT MOTSPUR PARK

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HIS was a game when we really turned our performance around, having been second best for the first half.

Fulham retained possession much the better and, having been on a decent run, we started complacently which was very disappointing.

As I said, Fulham were much the better side and deservedly led 1-0 at half-time. We didn't threaten them nearly enough and had problems playing under the pressure they exerted.

At half-time, I asked for more concentration on technique and for us to find a way to play round Fulham's pressing game.

The lads responded very well indeed and the second half was a complete contrast with us firmly in the ascendancy.

John-Joe O'Toole hit a terrific 25-yarder for the equaliser 20 minutes into the second half and it looked as if we'd go on from there.

But Fulham hit back to take the lead again with a penalty which did come agains the run of play.

James Beasant saved the kick but the linesman flagged to indicate James had moved early and their striker made no mistake with the re-take.

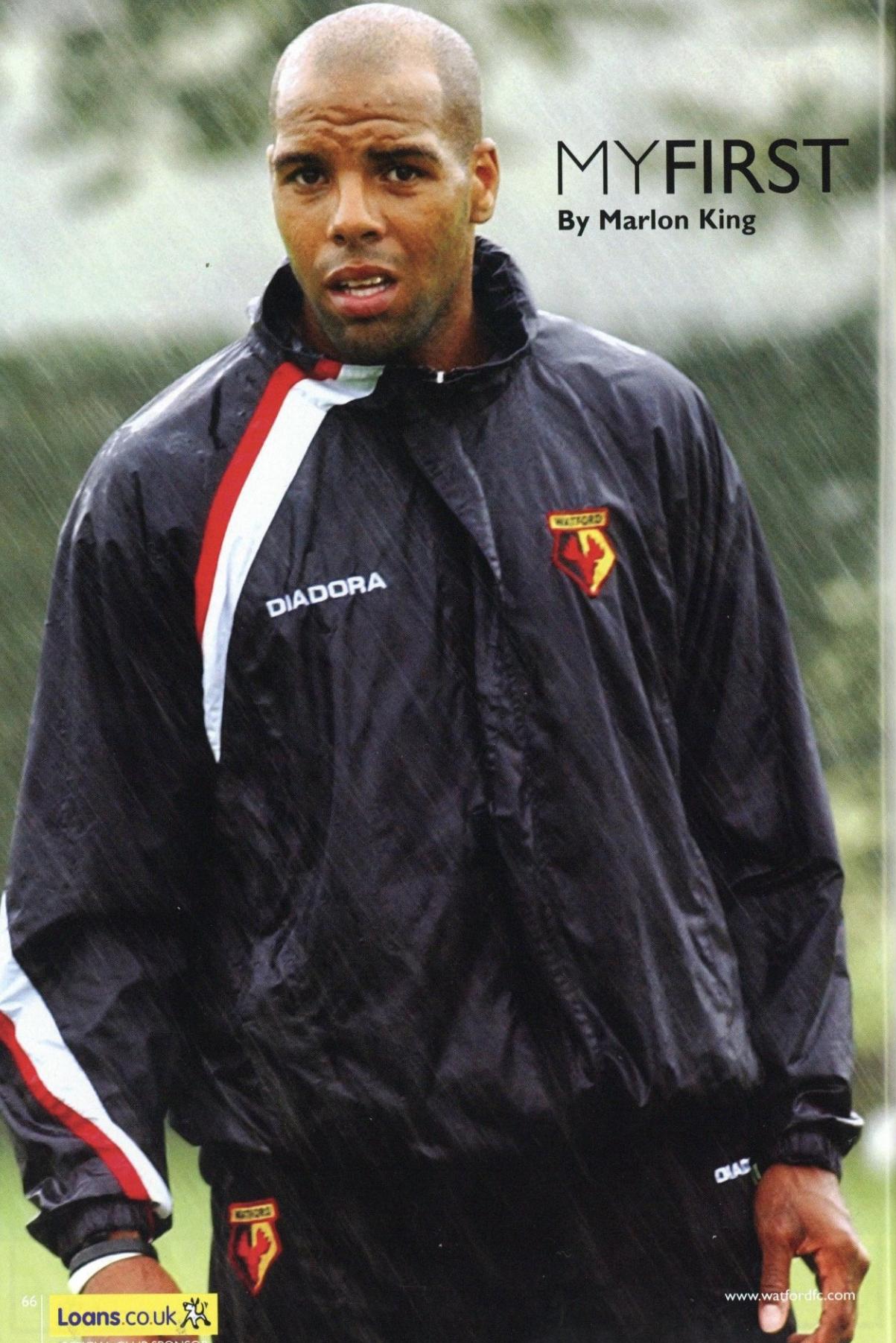
The lads looked disappointed with that but it didn't show in their play and they showed great spirit to pick up the tempo again.

We got level again eight minutes from the end when, from an Alex Campana corner, Theo Robinson headed the ball back across goal for Elliott Frost to finish from close-range.

I have to say I saw a real edge to our boys, a desire to go on and win the game after that even though they might have been forgiven for settling for a point having twice come from behind.

We got the winning goal in injury-time and it was on the counter-attack, with Alex setting Theo in. The keeper did well to save with his legs and the ball spiralled a long way into the air, bouncing towards goal.

Theo reacted well and his quick thinking meant he was racing in there with a covering defender and managed to get enough on the ball to force it over the line.



MY FIRST

By Marlon King

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My first game:

I was a late starter in the professional game and that would have come against Leyton Orient when I was at Barnet under manager John Still in the old Third Division. I remember it well; one of the biggest moments of my life and a great day. I even scored! My first game ever was for a team called Blakes United when I was about eight years old.

My first pair of boots:

They were Mitres and lasted for about six months before the first hole appeared. I loved 'em because I scored a lot of goals with them and can even remember my Dad buying them for me.

My first Sunday team:

That was Blakes United in south London. I was very young when I joined them -probably about nine - but I did well and it set my life career on course. It was football, football and more football. I'm grateful for what I learned there.

My first record:

That was the rhythm and blues number My Prerogative by Bobby Brown. I'm still into R&B but that was the one that gave me my introduction.

My first car:

That was a Ford Escort. I seem to recall that it was a G reg and I bought it for about £700 whilst I was playing for Dulwich Hamlet all those years ago.

My first extravagant purchase:

Yeah, I'd wanted a Gucci watch for a long time and when I was earning enough I decided that would be my first luxury item. That would have been about eight years ago and I guess it made me feel good at the time.

My first job:

I was a pizza delivery boy for quite a number of months and must have liked it because I stuck at it pretty well. Sadly the only perks of the job were free pizza which isn't the best when you are trying to stay at the top of your fitness levels. But no doubt the odd one probably passed my lips!

My first trophy:

I was about eleven years old and I remember I was named Players' Player of the Year for the London Boys team I'd joined. That's the one you always want because it's the other players voting.

My first holiday:

That was a good one and I remember it really well. My Dad took me and my sister to Disneyland when I was about eight years old. It was dream come true stuff because I'd wanted to go there for as long as I could remember as a kid.

My first influential manager:

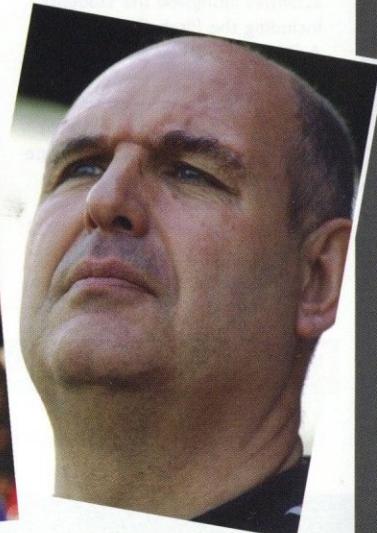
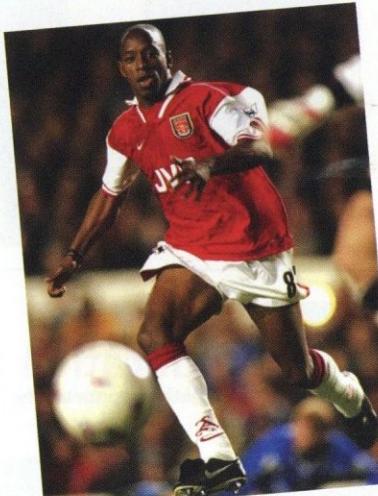
I can't recall his surname but remember him as Nick, who managed London Boys. He took things to a different level by getting us involved in European competitions. He was always encouraging and had a real input. He put a lot of stuff into me in those early years which have proved invaluable.

My first goal:

That came for Barnet in my first game against Leyton Orient when I was put through very nicely before slipping the ball past the keeper. We eventually won the game 2-1.

My first football idol:

No question about it – Ian Wright. What a player. People say Thierry Henry is a better goalscorer but he's played a lot more games than Wrighty who was always the main man for me. You have to remember I am an Arsenal supporter. I've managed to speak to Ian on a few occasions and I know his step-son Sean who's another absolutely top-class player. Yeah, Wrighty's the man.



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CLARKE SCORES WITH HHE STUDENTS!

STUDENTS and teachers from Home and Hospital Education (HHE) enjoyed an exciting informative day at Watford Football Club and Learning Centre on 16 March.

The enthusiastic students were taken on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Vicarage Road Stadium. The students happily snapped away at every opportunity, taking photographs which would be used later in the day to illustrate their Powerpoint presentation about their visit.

The highlight of the day was a great appearance by Hornet Clarke Carlisle, who very generously gave up his time to be interviewed by the students.

Clarke also participated in several activities alongside the students including the Pitch Challenge, A-Z Vicarage Road game and the Player Profile.

It should be no surprise to anyone of us that Clarke was a fantastic team player! Thanks to everyone for making it a very special day.

For further information please contact Leah or Angela on 01923 496229 or email watfordlearning@watfordfc.com.

SLF JOINS FORCES WITH TRUST

FURTHER evidence of the support for the Trust's inclusion work is demonstrated by the Safer London Foundation. The Foundation was asked to give a grant to the Trust back in September and soon after this they came on board as a funding partner. The Safer London Foundation is a registered charity and is the new charitable arm of the Metropolitan Police Service. The Foundation's main aims are to reduce crime, promote community cohesion and safety, provide education to young people and use research to promote good practice. It achieves these objectives by providing capital and revenue funding for innovative community-led crime reduction and community safety projects, helping them

to become sustainable and self sufficient. During the half-time break at the fixture against Derby County, both Tony Shepherd (Chief Executive, pictured far left) and Mark Sheeran (Operations Manager, pictured far right) of the Safer London Foundation presented a cheque for £5,875 to Rob Smith, the Trust's Football Development Manager. Chief Executive Tony Shepherd said: "The Safer London Foundation is proud to be associated with the important work being undertaken with young people by Watford FC's Community Sports and Education Trust. We hope that this donation will be the start of a long and productive partnership with Watford FC which will reduce crime and develop safer neighbourhoods."



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TRUST BOOSTED BY FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANT



WATFORD'S CSE TRUST recently received the great news that it will get £179,881 from the Football Foundation over the next four years, towards a Social Inclusion football project in Harrow.

The 'Safer Neighbourhoods Football Project' is a great example of partnership work in action. Together with the significant financial support from the Football Foundation, Total UK and Sportsmatch, the Trust has had the backing of key external agencies such as the Met Police, Safer London Foundation, Harrow Council, Middlesex FA and the national Football in the Community Scheme.

The funding secured will enable the Trust to work alongside the Safer Neighbourhood Police teams across Harrow to provide a comprehensive range of activities and opportunities to engage with and empower young people. For example, Police Constables and Police Community Support Officers will work side-by-side with Trust coaches in delivering year-round twilight football sessions at various locations across the borough.

The long-term aims of the project are to divert young people away from causing anti-social behaviour. The main

focus will be on providing positive experiences through active participation, whilst encouraging closer links between the police and young people.

There will be initiatives which promote and raise awareness around issues relating to personal and social development and with the chance of gaining coaching qualifications young people will be able to gain possible employment with the Trust.

This project has become a reality through organisations recognising the positive role football and Watford FC can play in young people's lives. The Trust will be working hard with these partners to ensure that the project makes a difference to young people's lives and the choices they make.

The Football Foundation is funded by the FA Premier League, The FA, Sport England and the Government and is the nation's largest sports charity with a £45 million budget going straight into the heart of football. It is revitalising the grass roots of the game, helping to construct modern facilities, as well as developing football as a force for social cohesion and as a vehicle for education in communities throughout the country.

Representing the partners in the project, pictured from left to right are:

Stuart Allen (Middlesex FA), Graham Willerton (Met Police), Rob Smith (WFC's CSE Trust), Roger Reade (Football in the Community), Kate Hilton (Department for Culture, Media and Sport), Errol McKenzie (Harrow Council), Graeme Cornell (Football Foundation), Dave Andrews (Safer London Foundation), Mark Ashton (Watford FC), Matt Whitton (Total UK).



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EASTER WEEK 2

Mon 10 - Thu 13 April

Time: 10am-3pm; Ages: 5-12 yrs boys and girls; Price: £40.00 for the four days or £13.00 per day.

Venues include: Ashlyns Upper School, Berkhamsted; Rickmansworth School,

Rickmansworth; Fleetville School, St. Albans; Sun Postal Sports Ground, Watford.

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04. MALKY MACKAY		
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HOME	Mick & Lyn	-
MATCH BOOTS	MATCH KIT	TRACKSUIT
TRAINING BOOTS	TRAINING KIT	TRAINING TOP A & M WHARTON

05. CLARKE CARLISLE		
HOME	Dawnee Morris	Adam Francies
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TRAINING BOOTS LEE & COLLETTE	TRAINING KIT LINDA	TRAINING TOP DANNI & TRACEY

DAVID HOCKADAY		
HOME	In memory of Sid Taylor	S & D Contracts UK Ltd
MATCH BOOTS ANDY & JAMES BURRELL	MATCH KIT WING WANGS	TRACKSUIT NIGEL & KEVIN CHANDLER
TRAINING BOOTS JASON & KATE	TRAINING KIT JOHN & KIM HIGGS	TRAINING TOP DEAN & LEE CHOULES

06. JAY DEMERIT		
HOME	James & Gemma Burrell	IN-SINK-ERATOR
MATCH BOOTS MAURICE SIMMONS	MATCH KIT JACQUE & JIM	TRACKSUIT JANE, EMMA & KATIE BOWDEN
TRAINING BOOTS IN-SINK-ERATOR	TRAINING KIT IN-SINK-ERATOR	TRAINING TOP IN-SINK-ERATOR

01. ALEC CHAMBERLAIN		
HOME	Brian & Stephen Hoffman	Steve and Liz
MATCH BOOTS JOHN PRENTICE	MATCH KIT BRIAN BALL PERIVALE	TRACKSUIT BRYAN & PAT ISLE OF MAN
TRAINING BOOTS MARTIN & ANDREW SHERIFF	TRAINING KIT IN MEMORY OF EDDIE STEEDEN	TRAINING TOP STEVE & STUART

07. CHRIS EAGLES		
HOME	Paul, Kay & Poppy	Tim & Toby Harper
MATCH BOOTS CATE & NIGEL	MATCH KIT CAROL & MARTIN HYMERS	TRACKSUIT ROB & MATTHEW YATES
TRAINING BOOTS CRAIG TANNER	TRAINING KIT COLLETTE STURGESS	TRAINING TOP STEVE, ALANA & JAKE

02. JAMES CHAMBERS		
HOME	Florida Hornets	Ian, Jeanie & Luke
MATCH BOOTS NICK & LYNN	MATCH KIT ROB, MARK & JOSEPH L'ROUS	TRACKSUIT ED LARGE
TRAINING BOOTS	TRAINING KIT BARRY, MATT & DAVID	TRAINING TOP

08. GAVIN MAHON		
HOME	Rob Watkins Hereford	Mick and Lyn
MATCH BOOTS GEOFFCHRISOXHEYHORNS	MATCH KIT IN MEMORY OF CLAIRE EVANS	TRACKSUIT PARKER-ENTERTAINMENTS.COM
TRAINING BOOTS PARKER-ENTERTAINMENTS.COM	TRAINING KIT JOHN & KIM HIGGS	TRAINING TOP NEVILLE STYLES

03. JORDAN STEWART		
HOME	Geoff Tranfield	David & Dominic Hart
MATCH BOOTS WING WANGS	MATCH KIT MARK & SCOTT PARKER	TRACKSUIT THE RIDGE'S
TRAINING BOOTS DAVE GLOSSOP	TRAINING KIT JOY ALLEN & LEO	TRAINING TOP NORMAN & COXY

09. MARLON KING		
HOME	Marc & Luke Galletly	Becks, Coxy, Laura & Lucy
MATCH BOOTS VAL & BILL MORRIS	MATCH KIT THE SAVAGES BUSHEY	TRACKSUIT CHERYL & JANE
TRAINING BOOTS LEE STURGESS	TRAINING KIT JAMES LLEWHELLIN	TRAINING TOP JO, JEFF & GAVIN SCHAFER



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12. LLOYD DOYLEY		
HOME	Steve & Susie Watts	Susie & Tim Hill
MATCH BOOTS ALISON & VAL	MATCH KIT WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES	TRACKSUIT CITYORNS.CO.UK
TRAINING BOOTS DARREN & SUSAN	TRAINING KIT JANICE & JODIE STONHILL RIVERSIDE JOINERY	TRAINING TOP

21. TOUMANI DIAGOURAGA		
HOME	David and Sylvia	Options Mail Order
MATCH BOOTS DAVID & DENISE DYKE	MATCH KIT JANICE BATCHELOR	TRACKSUIT FINCH'S & FLAHERTY'S
TRAINING BOOTS	TRAINING KIT	TRAINING TOP

14. DOMINIC BLIZZARD		
HOME	Frank & Mary	Linda Patel
MATCH BOOTS STUART STOKER HK	MATCH KIT STEPHEN GEORGE ARCH	TRACKSUIT BECKY AND SHARON
TRAINING BOOTS	TRAINING KIT ASPREY HARRIS INVESTMENT & INSURANCE 01494 773777	TRAINING TOP

22. JUNIOR OSBORNE		
HOME	Steve Sparrow	Liz and Steve
MATCH BOOTS RICK TUCKER & RICK SEAR	MATCH KIT BOOKKEEPING SERVICES	TRACKSUIT LINDA PATEL
TRAINING BOOTS	TRAINING KIT	TRAINING TOP PAM & TREVOR CHAMP

15. ASHLEY YOUNG		
HOME	IDENTITYSIGNS.CO.UK	Kay & Steve Carroll
MATCH BOOTS DAWNEE MORRIS	MATCH KIT JASON & ALEX	TRACKSUIT CHARLOTTE & VICTORIA H
TRAINING BOOTS GARY SHORT & TONY DEER	TRAINING KIT THE FINCH'S & FLAHERTY'S	TRAINING TOP CHRIS & JULIE HIGGS

23. ADRIAN MARIAPPA		
HOME	Renault Trucks London	Renault Trucks London
MATCH BOOTS MICHAEL'S UPHOLSTERY	MATCH KIT MR H ENTERTAINMENTS	TRACKSUIT JUDITH GRAHAM
TRAINING BOOTS	TRAINING KIT	TRAINING TOP WWW.MEDICALSDIRECT.COM

18. HAMEUR BOUAZZA		
HOME	Andy Yiannis	Jennor Timber
MATCH BOOTS SUE & BILL	MATCH KIT SHEILA & ALEX ASHMAN	TRACKSUIT GARY DUKE, SOLICITOR
TRAINING BOOTS ADAM FRANCIES	TRAINING KIT ADAM FRANCIES	TRAINING TOP ADAM FRANCIES

25. MATTHEW SPRING		
HOME	David & Albert Perahia	Shorty & Family
MATCH BOOTS PAULGOLDSMITH.CO.UK	MATCH KIT GRAHAM CARD & IAN LAMBERT	TRACKSUIT DAN & DAVE RIDGE
TRAINING BOOTS SUE & DEBBIE HEERAN	TRAINING KIT AUDREY ADAMS	TRAINING TOP SPENCER DAY

19. ANTHONY MCNAMEE		
HOME	Bob & Chin Mackenney	The Cheshire Doves
MATCH BOOTS NO PANICK JUST PLAY	MATCH KIT GLENN AND JACKIE	TRACKSUIT AMY AND JONNO
TRAINING BOOTS ALWAYS B CULVERHOUSE	TRAINING KIT YES FAN	TRAINING TOP EAST OSLO HORNETS

26. BEN FOSTER		
HOME	Berkhamsted Raiders YFC	Warwick Hornets
MATCH BOOTS LISA KINDER	MATCH KIT STEPHANIE & LESLEY SHERIFF	TRACKSUIT DANIEL LEWIS CLACK
TRAINING BOOTS ADAM FRANCIES	TRAINING KIT DAVID	TRAINING TOP ADAM FRANCIES

20. ALBANGURA		
HOME	Ken Willmin MAXAM FS	Mark, Tommy & Luke

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YOU 'ORNS!

MARIA'S AUSSIE SWAP

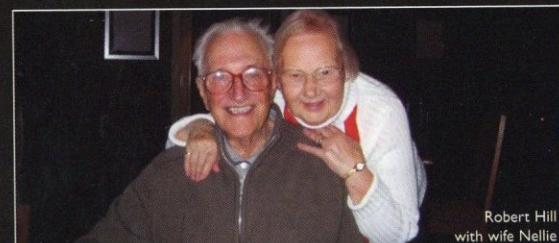


MAKING a good impression abroad, here's Hornets' fan Maria McBryde, from Watford, swapping one of our shirts with that of Canberra Deakin Football Club. Spending a night in Canberra on a trip to Australia, Maria and husband John dined at the club next to their hotel and met some of the members who knew of Watford FC. Canberra Deakin has a big Croatian influence – thus the badge on the shirt – and a lot of the coaches are ex-Croatian players. Maria swapped shirts with the President of the club, furthering the good name of the Golden Boys.

INDIAN PHIL



SPREADING the Watford word to the sub-continent, here's Phil Brown pictured on a recent trip to India. Having travelled with a Brighton-supporting mate (who took the photo), Lower Rous regular Phil is pictured outside the Hotel Ajunta in Delhi, aided by two friendly doormen, one with "a tremendous moustache" as Phil describes it.



ROBERT 'BOB' HILL 1918-2006

BOB HILL was taken to The Vic for the first time in 1931, to see Watford beat Cardiff 3-0 and he became a life-time supporter of the Blues then the Hornets. Living in Harpenden and working amongst Luton fans, Bob always enjoyed victories over our neighbours and was excited about the development of the club at this point in time.

JUNIOR HORNET JAMES!



BORN into the Watford family back on 25 January earlier this year, here's James Hurst with proud parents George and Louise, from Kings Langley. Mum and Dad are both Rookery season ticket holders although Louise, with 17 years to her name, is the longer-serving Hornet having introduced George to the fold. James weighed in at 7lb 8oz and is set to make his Vicarage Road debut at the Ipswich Town game on Easter Monday.

WELL DONE GRANDAD!



CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Day on becoming a grandad to the gorgeous Georgia, pictured here, who arrived on 12 January weighing in at 8lb 7oz. Pictured in her Watford kit, she's the little girl of Mike's daughter Carrie and loves to play football (sort of!) with her best friend and fellow Hornet Max Carter, and enjoys cuddles with grandad and Uncle Tom. Georgia can't wait for her grandad to bring her to her first Watford game when she's a bit bigger.

WELCOME SIMON

SIMON SHAKESHAFT is visiting Vicarage Road today as part of his tour of all 114 grounds in the top five levels of English football. His 'Keep Your Eye On The Ball Groundhop Challenge' is to raise awareness of testicular and other cancers suffered exclusively by males. Watford FC would like to extend a warm welcome to Simon.

GOOD LUCK DAVE

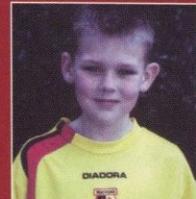
DAVE SHUTES, a season ticket holder from Hemel Hempstead in the Rookery who attends all games with son Liam, has recently undergone some major surgery and is currently recovering. Get well soon and thanks for the three points a fortnight ago, says friend Mick Sherry – a Millwall fan. Best wishes from us all at Vicarage Road too, Dave, for a speedy recovery.

WELCOME TO TODAY'S MASCOTS!

A WARM Watford welcome to all four mascots for today's local derby.

BEN SOUTHAM

Living in Kings Langley, nine-year-old Ben Southam attends Kingsway Junior School. He plays for Abbots Youth FC and also enjoys playing cricket. Ben's top Hornet is Marlon King.



JORDAN GUTTERIDGE

Jordan Gutteridge, 13, lives in Watford and attends Queens School. He plays for Borehamwood 2000 and his other hobbies include rugby and basketball. Jordan's favourite player is also Marlon King.



KIERON MEEK

Kieron Meek, who's seven, lives in Croxley Green. He enjoys walking his dog Bailey and also playing football at PowerLeague. Kieron's favourite players are Ben Foster and Gavin Mahon.



RICHIE HOOD

Supporting the Hatters today is nine year old Richie Hodd, who lives in Luton. He enjoys playing on his Playstation and playing for local team St. Josephs Greens. Kevin Foley and Paul Underwood are Richie's two favourite players.



HARRY'S 50/50 DRAW RESULTS FOR MILLWALL



Ticket 2551 wins £456 and 742 a family day out on Silverlink Trains. To claim your prize, post your winning ticket and personal contact details, in an envelope marked '50/50', to the club address.

**We hope you all have a
memorable day with us!**



Radio Hornet's Richard Short and Tim Coombs bring today's music mix to you courtesy of HMV Watford, in the heart of The Harlequin Centre.

TICKET AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOME FIXTURES



IPSWICH TOWN – ALL TICKET
Coca Cola Championship
Monday April 17, Kick Off 3.00pm
Category A fixture

Admission Prices:
Upper Rous Stand
£27 (no concessions)

Rookery, Lower Rous and East Stands
£22 Adults
£12 Over 65's / Students / Young Adults / Under 16's

Family Areas
£22 Adults
£12 Over 65's / Students / Young Adults
£5 Under 16's

On sale to:-
Tickets for this fixture will be released for **GENERAL SALE** after today's match.

TICKET OFFICE TEL: 0870 111 1881



HULL CITY – ALL TICKET
Coca Cola Championship
Sunday April 30, Kick Off 1.30pm
Category A fixture

Admission Prices:
Upper Rous Stand
£27 (no concessions)

Rookery, Lower Rous and East Stands
£22 Adults
£12 Over 65's / Students / Young Adults / Under 16's

Family Areas
£22 Adults
£12 Over 65's / Students / Young Adults
£5 Under 16's

On sale to:-

- 1) Season Ticket holders from Monday March 20
(Max 2 per person)
- 2) Watford Leisure PLC Shareholders and Adult / Junior Members from Monday March 27
(Max 2 per person)
- 3) Supporters on club database with a booking history from this season from Monday April 3
(Max 2 per person)

Details will be announced at a later date as to whether tickets for the above fixture will be released for General Sale



Why not pop to the Customer Service Desk in the Harlequin Shopping Centre next time you are buying your tickets? Situated on the Upper Mall just next to John Lewis there is no need to make a special visit to the stadium as you can pick up your tickets for any home league game while you are browsing through the vast array of shops that cater for your every need!

AWAY FIXTURES



WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

Coca Cola Championship
Friday April 14, Kick Off 5.15pm

Admission Prices:

£27.00 Adults
£14.00 Over 65's / Under 17's
£14.00 Disabled Area – PA Free of Charge

On sale to:-

Tickets for this fixture will be released for **GENERAL SALE** after today's match.

Official Coach Travel: Coaches depart from Greenhill Crescent at 1.15pm and then from Vicarage Road at 1.20pm costing £15.00. Seats must be booked in advance.

HOW TO FIND THE GROUND:

- Take M1 northbound.
- Exit M1 at J19 to join M6 northbound.
- Exit M6 at J10 to join the A454 (signed Wolverhampton).
- Follow the A454 through Willenhall for around four miles until the first ring-road roundabout.
- Take the fourth exit (signed A449 Stafford).
- Go straight on at two sets of traffic lights then, at the third set, filter right into Waterloo Road for the stadium.
- With permit parking now introduced around Molineux, street parking options are non-existent. Use pay-to-park options, including town centre car parks a short walk from the ground.

TICKET

OFFICE TEL: 0870 111 1881



QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Coca Cola Championship
Saturday April 22, Kick Off 3.00pm

Admission Prices:

£26.00 Adults
£16.00 Over 60's
£14.00 Under 16's
£17.00 Disabled Area – PA Free of Charge

Priority Two – From Thursday, 6 April to Thursday, 13 April Season ticket holders are entitled to purchase one ticket each, by quoting their Fan ID number (from season ticket books) when purchasing. If buying for others, all Fan ID numbers must be quoted.

In addition, shareholders and members are entitled to purchase one ticket each, quoting share certificate number or membership number (as appropriate) when purchasing.

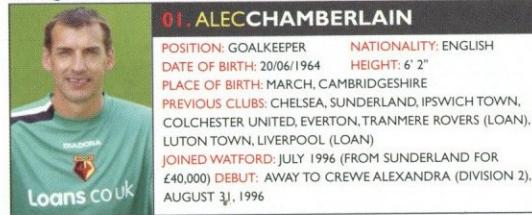
Priority Three – From Monday 17 April until Friday, 21 April Remaining tickets for this game will go on General Sale.

Official Coach Travel: Coaches depart from Greenhill Crescent at 12.45pm and then from Vicarage Road at 12.50pm costing £9.00. Seats must be booked in advance.

HOW TO FIND THE GROUND:

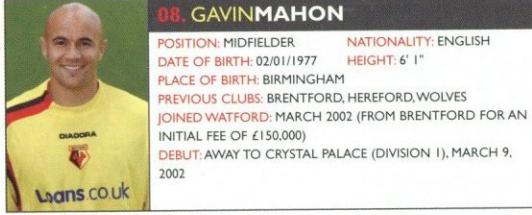
- Take M25 westbound.
- Exit M25 at J16 to join the M40 eastbound (signed London).
- Continue on the M40 which becomes the A40, staying on this road past signs for Hillingdon, Park Royal and Acton after the Hanger Lane junction.
- Just before a flyover where the A40 becomes the A40 (M), filter off left (following signs for Shepherds Bush A219).
- At traffic lights, right under the flyover and first right after the BBC building leads into South Africa road for the stadium but best street parking options are available by turning left at the lights and right into side-streets opposite Hammersmith Hospital grounds.

SQUAD DETAILS 05/06



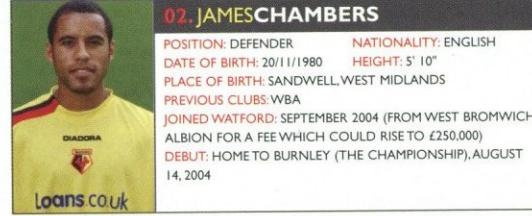
01. ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

POSITION: GOALKEEPER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 20/06/1964 HEIGHT: 6' 2"
PLACE OF BIRTH: MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: CHELSEA, SUNDERLAND, IPSWICH TOWN, COLCHESTER UNITED, EVERTON, TRANMERE ROVERS (LOAN), LUTON TOWN, LIVERPOOL (LOAN)
JOINED WATFORD: JULY 1996 (FROM SUNDERLAND FOR £40,000) DEBUT: AWAY TO CREWE ALEXANDRA (DIVISION 2), AUGUST 31, 1996



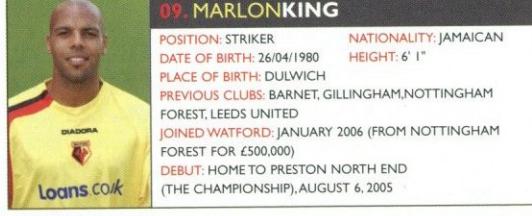
08. GAVIN MAHON

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 02/01/1977 HEIGHT: 6' 1"
PLACE OF BIRTH: BIRMINGHAM
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BRENTFORD, HEREFORD, WOLVES
JOINED WATFORD: MARCH 2002 (FROM BRENTFORD FOR AN INITIAL FEE OF £150,000)
DEBUT: AWAY TO CRYSTAL PALACE (DIVISION 1), MARCH 9, 2002



02. JAMES CHAMBERS

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 20/11/1980 HEIGHT: 5' 10"
PLACE OF BIRTH: SANDWELL, WEST MIDLANDS
PREVIOUS CLUBS: WBA
JOINED WATFORD: SEPTEMBER 2004 (FROM WEST BROMWICH ALBION FOR A FEE WHICH COULD RISE TO £250,000)
DEBUT: HOME TO BURNLEY (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 14, 2004



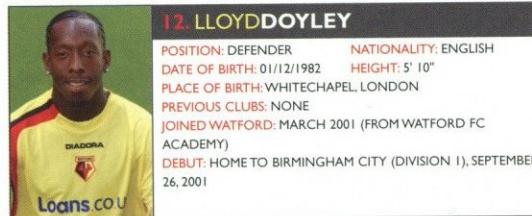
09. MARLON KING

POSITION: STRIKER NATIONALITY: JAMAICAN
DATE OF BIRTH: 26/04/1980 HEIGHT: 6' 1"
PLACE OF BIRTH: DULWICH
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BARNET, GILLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAM FOREST, LEEDS UNITED
JOINED WATFORD: JANUARY 2006 (FROM NOTTINGHAM FOREST FOR £500,000)
DEBUT: HOME TO PRESTON NORTH END (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 6, 2005



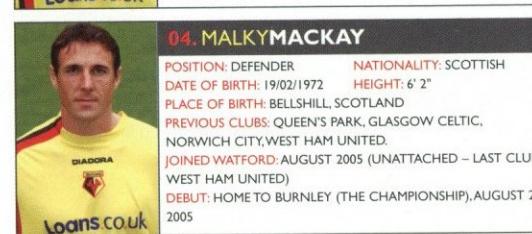
03. JORDAN STEWART

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/03/1982 HEIGHT: 6' 0"
PLACE OF BIRTH: BIRMINGHAM
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BRISTOL ROVERS, LEICESTER CITY
JOINED WATFORD: JULY 2005 (FROM LEICESTER CITY FOR £125,000)
DEBUT: HOME TO PRESTON NORTH END (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 6, 2005



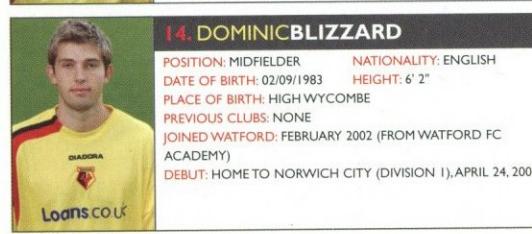
12. LLOYD DOYLEY

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 01/12/1982 HEIGHT: 5' 10"
PLACE OF BIRTH: WHITECHAPEL, LONDON
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: MARCH 2001 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO BIRMINGHAM CITY (DIVISION 1), SEPTEMBER 26, 2001



04. MICKY MACKAY

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 19/02/1972 HEIGHT: 6' 2"
PLACE OF BIRTH: BELLSHILL, SCOTLAND
PREVIOUS CLUBS: QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW CELTIC, NORWICH CITY, WEST HAM UNITED
JOINED WATFORD: AUGUST 2005 (UNATTACHED - LAST CLUB WEST HAM UNITED)
DEBUT: HOME TO BURNLEY (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 20, 2005



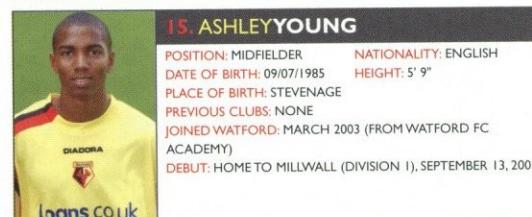
14. DOMINIC BLIZZARD

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 02/09/1983 HEIGHT: 6' 2"
PLACE OF BIRTH: HIGH WYCOMBE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: FEBRUARY 2002 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO NORWICH CITY (DIVISION 1), APRIL 24, 2004



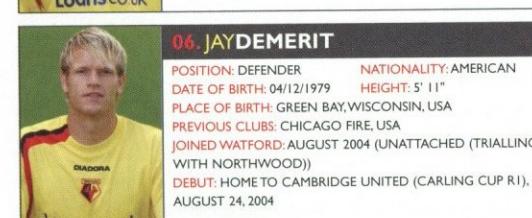
05. CLARKE CARLISLE

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 14/10/1979 HEIGHT: 6' 3"
PLACE OF BIRTH: PRESTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BLACKPOOL, QPR, LEEDS UNITED
JOINED WATFORD: AUGUST 2005 (FROM LEEDS UNITED FOR £100,000)
DEBUT: HOME TO PRESTON NORTH END (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 6, 2005



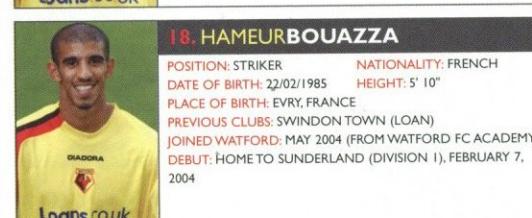
15. ASHLEY YOUNG

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 09/07/1985 HEIGHT: 5' 9"
PLACE OF BIRTH: STEVENAGE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: MARCH 2003 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO MILLWALL (DIVISION 1), SEPTEMBER 13, 2003



06. JAY DEMERIT

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: AMERICAN
DATE OF BIRTH: 04/12/1979 HEIGHT: 5' 11"
PLACE OF BIRTH: GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, USA
PREVIOUS CLUBS: CHICAGO FIRE, USA
JOINED WATFORD: AUGUST 2004 (UNATTACHED (TRIALLING WITH NORTHWOOD))
DEBUT: HOME TO CAMBRIDGE UNITED (CARLING CUP R1), AUGUST 24, 2004



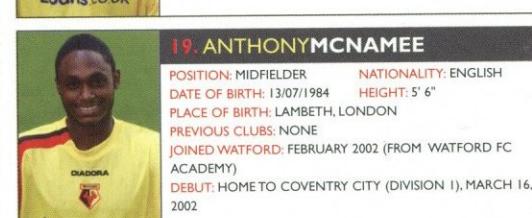
18. HAMEUR BOUAZZA

POSITION: STRIKER NATIONALITY: FRENCH
DATE OF BIRTH: 22/02/1985 HEIGHT: 5' 10"
PLACE OF BIRTH: EVRY, FRANCE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: SWINDON TOWN (LOAN)
JOINED WATFORD: MAY 2004 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO SUNDERLAND (DIVISION 1), FEBRUARY 7, 2004



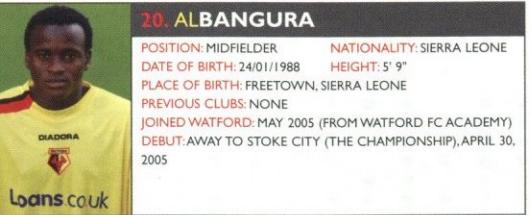
07. CHRIS EAGLES

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 19/11/1985 HEIGHT: 5' 11"
PLACE OF BIRTH: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MANCHESTER UNITED, SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (LOAN)
JOINED WATFORD: JANUARY 2006 (ON LOAN FROM MANCHESTER UNITED UNTIL END OF THE SEASON)
DEBUT: AWAY TO WIGAN ATHLETIC (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), JANUARY 22, 2005



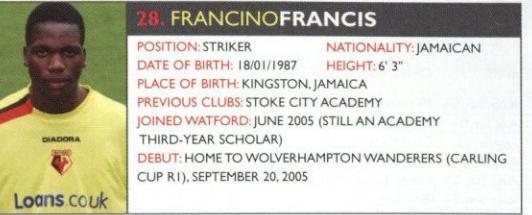
19. ANTHONY MCNAMEE

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 13/07/1984 HEIGHT: 5' 6"
PLACE OF BIRTH: LAMBETH, LONDON
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: FEBRUARY 2002 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO COVENTRY CITY (DIVISION 1), MARCH 16, 2002



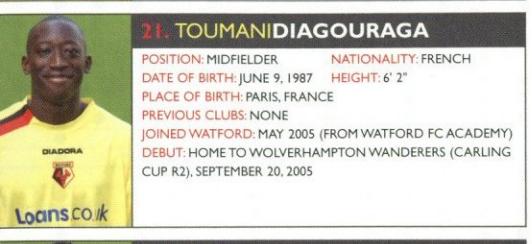
20. ALBANGURA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: SIERRA LEONE
DATE OF BIRTH: 24/01/1988 HEIGHT: 5' 9"
PLACE OF BIRTH: FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: MAY 2005 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: AWAY TO STOKE CITY (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), APRIL 30, 2005



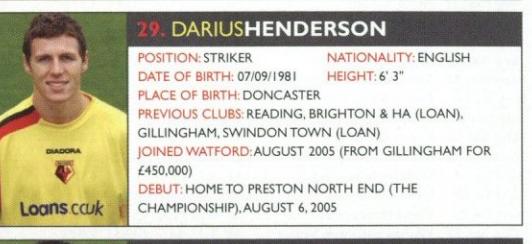
28. FRANCINO FRANCIS

POSITION: STRIKER NATIONALITY: JAMAICAN
DATE OF BIRTH: 18/01/1987 HEIGHT: 6' 3"
PLACE OF BIRTH: KINGSTON, JAMAICA
PREVIOUS CLUBS: STOKE CITY ACADEMY
JOINED WATFORD: JUNE 2005 (STILL AN ACADEMY THIRD-YEAR SCHOLAR)
DEBUT: HOME TO WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (CARLING CUP R1), SEPTEMBER 20, 2005



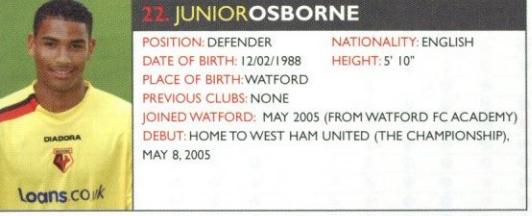
21. TOUMANI DIAGOUREGA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: FRENCH
DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 9, 1987 HEIGHT: 6' 2"
PLACE OF BIRTH: PARIS, FRANCE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: MAY 2005 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (CARLING CUP R2), SEPTEMBER 20, 2005



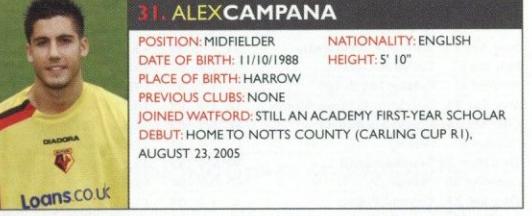
29. DARIUS HENDERSON

POSITION: STRIKER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/09/1981 HEIGHT: 6' 3"
PLACE OF BIRTH: DONCASTER
PREVIOUS CLUBS: READING, BRIGHTON & HAA (LOAN)
JOINED WATFORD: AUGUST 2005 (FROM GILLINGHAM FOR £450,000)
DEBUT: HOME TO PRESTON NORTH END (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 6, 2005



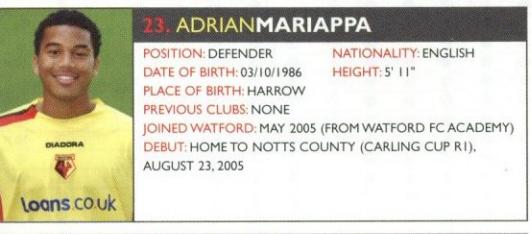
22. JUNIOR OSBORNE

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/02/1988 HEIGHT: 5' 10"
PLACE OF BIRTH: WATFORD
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: MAY 2005 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO WEST HAM UNITED (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), MAY 8, 2005



31. ALEX CAMPANA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 11/10/1988 HEIGHT: 5' 10"
PLACE OF BIRTH: HARROW
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: STILL AN ACADEMY FIRST-YEAR SCHOLAR
DEBUT: HOME TO NOTTS COUNTY (CARLING CUP R1), AUGUST 23, 2005



23. ADRIAN MARIAPPA

POSITION: DEFENDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/10/1986 HEIGHT: 5' 11"
PLACE OF BIRTH: HARROW
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: MAY 2005 (FROM WATFORD FC ACADEMY)
DEBUT: HOME TO NOTTS COUNTY (CARLING CUP R1), AUGUST 23, 2005



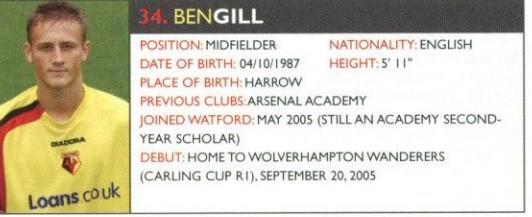
32. LES FERDINAND

POSITION: STRIKER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 18/12/1966 HEIGHT: 5' 11"
PLACE OF BIRTH: ACTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS: HAYES, BESIKTAS (TURKEY), BRENTFORD, NEWCASTLE UNITED, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, WEST HAM UNITED, LEICESTER CITY, BOLTON WANDERERS, READING
JOINED WATFORD: SEPTEMBER 2005 (ON NON-CONTRACT TERMS)
DEBUT: -



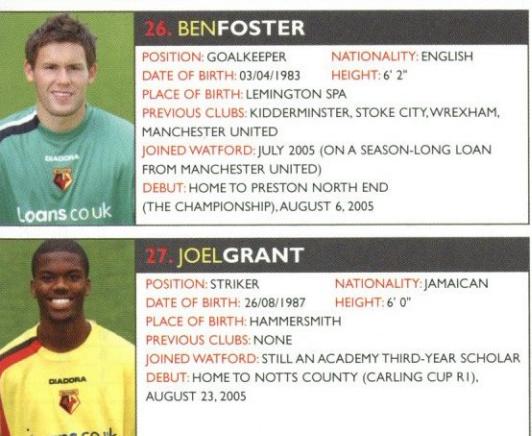
25. MATTHEW SPRING

POSITION: MIDFIELDER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 17/11/1979 HEIGHT: 6' 0"
PLACE OF BIRTH: HARLOW
PREVIOUS CLUBS: LUTON TOWN, LEEDS UNITED
JOINED WATFORD: AUGUST 2005 (FROM LEEDS UNITED FOR £150,000)
DEBUT: HOME TO BURNLEY (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 20, 2005



26. BEN FOSTER

POSITION: GOALKEEPER NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/04/1983 HEIGHT: 6' 2"
PLACE OF BIRTH: LEMINGTON SPA
PREVIOUS CLUBS: KIDDERMINSTER, STOKE CITY, WREXHAM, MANCHESTER UNITED
JOINED WATFORD: JULY 2005 (ON A SEASON-LONG LOAN FROM MANCHESTER UNITED)
DEBUT: HOME TO PRESTON NORTH END (THE CHAMPIONSHIP), AUGUST 6, 2005



27. JOEL GRANT

POSITION: STRIKER NATIONALITY: JAMAICAN
DATE OF BIRTH: 26/08/1987 HEIGHT: 6' 0"
PLACE OF BIRTH: HAMMERSMITH
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
JOINED WATFORD: STILL AN ACADEMY THIRD-YEAR SCHOLAR
DEBUT: HOME TO NOTTS COUNTY (CARLING CUP R1), AUGUST 23, 2005





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- ① GOALSCORER AND NUMBER SCORED
- SUBSTITUTE
- 22 PLAYING SUBSTITUTE AND NUMBER OF PLAYER REPLACED
- a AFTER EXTRA TIME
- * OPPONENT'S OWN GOAL
- HOME GAMES SHOWN IN **BOLD** TYPE

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE AS AT 06/04/06

TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	POINTSGD
READING	41	17	3	1	53	12	11	8	1	34	14	95 +61
SHEFF UTD	41	13	4	3	38	19	10	6	5	31	23	79 +27
WATFORD	41	10	5	5	36	22	10	7	4	35	27	72 +22
LEEDS	41	12	5	3	33	17	8	7	6	21	17	72 +20
C PALACE	41	12	5	4	35	17	8	5	7	28	25	70 +21
PRESTON	41	8	10	2	25	12	8	9	4	25	16	67 +22
WOLVES	41	8	8	4	20	15	6	9	6	24	21	59 +8
CARDIFF	41	10	7	3	30	17	6	4	11	24	31	59 +6
NORWICH	41	11	4	6	30	21	5	4	11	21	37	56 -7
LUTON	41	11	5	5	43	28	5	2	13	17	33	55 -1
IPSWICH	41	7	8	5	24	26	6	9	23	30	53	-9
COVENTRY	41	11	6	4	35	20	2	7	11	18	40	52 -7
STOKE	41	7	5	9	23	29	8	2	10	20	26	52 -12
PLYMOUTH	41	9	7	5	23	19	3	8	9	12	22	51 -6
QPR	41	7	6	8	22	23	5	7	8	23	33	49 -11
HULL CITY	41	8	6	7	23	20	4	6	10	22	30	48 -5
BURNLEY	41	10	4	6	32	21	3	5	13	12	31	48 -8
LEICESTER	41	6	9	5	26	23	5	5	11	20	31	47 -8
SOUTHAMPTON	41	7	10	4	22	17	2	9	9	18	30	46 -7
DERBY	41	7	9	4	31	24	2	9	10	19	37	45 -11
SHEFF WED	41	6	7	8	20	23	4	5	11	13	26	42 -16
MILLWALL	41	3	7	11	11	26	4	8	8	20	28	36 -23
BRIGHTON	41	4	8	8	20	25	2	9	10	16	35	35 -24
CREWE	41	5	6	9	31	37	2	7	12	17	43	34 -32

THE CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES 09/04/06

NO OTHER MATCHES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY



THE PREMIERSHIP FIXTURES 09/04/06

ASTON VILLA V WEST BROMWICH ALBION 12:00

CHELSEA V WEST HAM UNITED 12:00

LIVERPOOL V BOLTON WANDERERS 14.00

MANCHESTER UNITED V ARSENAL 16:00

MIDDLESBROUGH V NEWCASTLE UNITED

MIDDLESBROUGH V NEWCASTLE UNITED, 19.03.

NEXT UP WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS



IF DRAW kings Wolves could have turned a dozen or so of the one-pointers into victories they would be back in the Premiership.

But under boss Glenn Hoddle they are making a bold showing for the Play-Off zone with hopes high they can supply some cheer to a desperate midlands soccer scene.

With Premiership outfits Aston Villa, Birmingham and West Brom all at the wrong end of the table – and Leicester and Derby struggling for much of the Championship campaign

– Wolves have remained on a decent roll.

Their draw on opening day at Southampton set up a trend which has held them back all season until just recently when they claimed fine victories over Burnley, Hull and Cardiff City to shoot themselves back into the picture in a big way.

A team without stars, their spirit and determination is typified by near 39-year-old Paul Ince who still retains all the midfield bite of a young man.

At the back the hugely impressive Joleon Lescott has

been scouted by many of the top Premiership clubs whilst up front, 16-goal Kenny Miller and 10-goal Carl Cort have been on fire for Hoddle's outfit.

With everything still to play for, matches don't come much tougher than this but with 2-1 and 3-1 wins over them in Cup and League, the Golden Boys will be looking for a terrific treble.

And with their away form in excellent order this season, Aidy's boys will travel knowing that the sometimes fickle home fans will increase the pressure on a team forever dubbed 'The Sleeping Giants.'

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WATFORD

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02 JAMES CHAMBERS
03 JORDAN STEWART
04 MALKY MACKAY
05 CLARKE CARLISLE
06 JAY DEMERIT
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LUTON TOWN

MANAGER MIKE NEWELL

01 MARLON BERESFORD
02 KEVIN FOLEY
03 SOL DAVIS
04 CHRIS COYNE
05 RUSSELL PERRETT
06 PAUL UNDERWOOD
07 CARLOS EDWARDS
08 KEVIN NICHOLLS
09 ROWAN VINE
10 WARREN FEENEY
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18 AHMET BRKOVIC
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FINAL SCORE:
OUR SCORERS:
MY MAN OF THE MATCH:
ATTENDANCE:

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: MIKE DEAN (WIRRAL)

ASSISTANT 01: DARREN CANN
ASSISTANT 02: MARK WARREN
4TH OFFICIAL: DARREN DRYSDALE

NEXT HOME MATCH

MONDAY 17 APRIL 2006

WATFORDFC VS IPSWICH TOWN

KICK-OFF 3PM

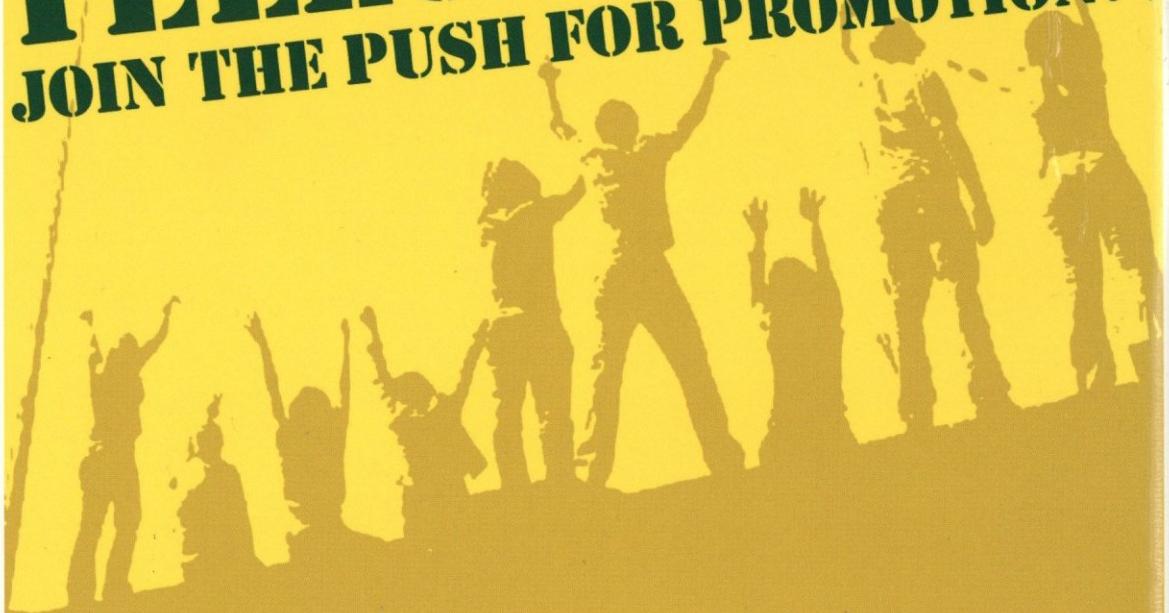
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