

Swindon Town Football Club



Official Programme 6p



Watford

25th April 1972

OFFICIALS

Referee
Mr D W Smith (Stonehouse)

Linesmen
Red Flag
Mr R W Bartlett (Banbury)

Yellow Flag
Mr G D Hellier (Cardiff)

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Allen
- 2 Thomas
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Bunkell
- 5 Burrows
- 6 Butler
- 7 Moss
- 8 Hubbard
- 9 Legg
- 10 Noble
- 11 Rogers
- 12 Smart

Colours: Red and White

WATFORD

- 1 Rankin
- 2 Butler
- 3 Packer
- 4 Welbourne
- 5 Franks
- 6 Eddy
- 7 Wigg
- 8 Kenning
- 9 Jennings
- 10 Lindsay
- 11 Farley
- 12

Colours: Gold and Black



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news & views

It is with a feeling of real sadness we greet our friends from Watford this evening. Unfortunately, we are to lose them at the end of the season. Yet it was only three years ago we joined them in promotion to Division 2. The final League positions that year were as follows:

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Watford ...	46	27	10	9	74	34	64
Swindon ...	46	27	10	9	71	35	64

The results of the two clubs were almost identical, except by virtue of a slightly better goal average Watford were declared the League Champions. How quickly the cycle of fortune has changed. We have very deep feelings for the Directors of Watford, men whom many of us have known since the resumption of football after World War I. That feeling is even more sincere, because we in Swindon had the same experience in 1965 after only two seasons in Division 2. Our great hope is they will quickly return. They, like us, have embarked on various schemes to develop their ground at Vicarage Road. This setback must cause them much concern, but we are sure they will still go forward with their various buildings. Football management is one long struggle, but we know Watford will continue in their efforts, and we wish them every success.

Season 1968/69 was, of course, the year for Swindon. The League Cup was won in March, but the battle for promotion con-

tinued almost to the end of the season. When Watford, then in top position, visited the County Ground, Swindon were in second place, and both clubs had 49 points each. Most of us thought a win for Swindon was imperative, whilst others considered a draw sufficient to hold our place. As was expected the game proved to be very hard and fast, with rather a lot of big kicking. Neither team had any great advantage, but Peter Downsbrough brilliantly saved a penalty in the first half. In the last fifteen minutes Swindon maintained almost complete control, but four minutes from the end a breakaway produced a goal scored by Endean. Result: Swindon 0, Watford 1. A bitter blow to Swindon, and one which appeared to jeopardise our chances of promotion, but this as we all know proved quite false. The gate that evening was 28,898, and the teams were - Swindon: Downsbrough; Dawson, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland; Thomas, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers. Watford: Walker; Welbourne, Williams; Eddy, Lees, Walley; Scullion, Hale, Garbett, Endean, Lewis.

Last season we drew 1-1 at home on Tuesday, 1st September, 1970, and the following week we defeated Watford 4-2 in the second round of the League Cup, but the result was in doubt right to the final minute. The away fixture was the last but one of the season, resulting 2-1 in our favour.

As I sit in the New Stand, and look around the ground, I am amazed at the progress the Club has made, as I reflect on past seasons and the many difficulties.

When football restarted in 1946 the County Ground was covered with huts and concrete slabs (it had been a prisoner-of-war camp). However, with much diligence and tremendous effort the pitch was made playable, and most of the terracing and stands made reasonably safe. The reaction after the war created great interest, and gates were very high for four or five seasons (ranging between 25,000 to 30,000). With more settled conditions interest began to flag in the early fifties, although Swindon enjoyed a great Cup run in 1951/52. Gradually the whole position worsened, and at one time the Club was in great danger of closing down. Swindon Town was really saved from extinction by a few determined men. What they did for the Club will never be known, but they did it willingly and unselfishly.

Although we continued to play in the Third Division (South) many economies were carried out, especially in regard to the number of staff, and in seasons 1955/56 and 1956/57 Swindon had to seek re-election. Fortunately in 1956 the Small Lotteries Act was passed, and due in no small measure to one member of the Board, a very successful competition was organ-

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Cover photo: A defensive error by Barber and Garner allows Arthur Horsfield to get the winner for Swindon.

Playing staff of Watford Football Club



Back row (left to right): Colin Franks, Keith Eddy, Walter Lees, John Pearce, Ray Lugg.
Middle row (left to right): Roy Sinclair, Bill Jennings, John Williams, Mike Walker, Larry McGettigan, Duncan Welbourne, Mike Packer.
Front row (left to right): Charlie Woods, Jimmy Lindsay, Tom Walley, David Butler, Kenny Owen, John Farley.

our visitors

Watford



Mike Walker

Mike was signed by Watford in September 1968, having previously played with Reading, Shrewsbury and York City. On several occasions he represented Wales at Under-23 level, was in the squad for the Home Championships for last two seasons and toured New Zealand and the Far East with the Welsh party during the last close-season. He has made 131 first team appearances for Watford.

Derek Edmonds

Signed in May 1970 from Leeds United, with whom he spent five years. Derek was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and during the latter part of last season made 11 first team appearances.

Duncan Welbourne

Duncan is in his ninth season with Watford, having joined the Vicarage Road staff in November 1963 from Grimsby Town. The longest serving member of the Club, Duncan has made 353 first team appearances.

David Butler

Like John Farley, David was born in Stockton and played for Workington before being signed by Watford in November 1970. He had not missed a game from then until the end of last season.

Larry McGettigan

Born in London, Larry was apprenticed with the Club before signing as a professional in December 1970. He has yet to make his first team debut, but was included in the party which went to Czechoslovakia.

Keith Eddy

Born in Barrow, Keith played for the local club before signing for Watford in July 1966. He has made 227 first team appearances and has been on the last two close-season tours with an F.A. party.

John Farley

Born in Stockton, John played for his home town team before signing professional forms in July 1969. He made his first team debut last season and made 11 appearances in all.

Tom Walley

Tom has been with the Club since March 1967, having previously played for Arsenal. So far he has made 208 first team appearances, has represented his country as a skipper of the Welsh Under-23 team and was in the Welsh F.A. party for the Home Championships last season.

Walter Lees

Walter was signed from Kilsyth Rangers in June 1968, and has made 95 first team appearances.

Colin Franks

Colin signed professional forms at the beginning of the 1969/70 season, after being with the Club as an amateur. His first team appearances to date are 23.

Roy Sinclair

Formerly with Liverpool and Tranmere Rovers, Roy travelled south to become a Watford player in March 1969.

Terry Garbett

Formerly with Middlesbrough, Terry joined Watford in August 1966. So far he has scored 51 goals in 221 first team appearances.

Ray Lugg

Ray was also a Middlesbrough player before going to Watford in November 1969.

Bill Jennings

A former amateur with the Club, Bill signed professional forms in April 1970. He has represented England Youth at Amateur level on several occasions.

John Pearce

After serving the Club several years as an amateur, John became a part-time professional in July 1969.

Ron Wigg

Ron joined Watford in June 1970 from Ipswich and proved his worth to the Club with 17 goals in 45 first team appearances.

Charlie Woods

A junior with Newcastle United, Charlie made his debut with that Club in 1960/61. He then had service with Bournemouth, Crystal Palace and Ipswich before going to Watford in June 1970.

John Williams

John was an apprentice with Watford before signing as a professional in September 1964. So far he has made 264 first team appearances.

Michael Packer

After serving an apprenticeship with Watford, Mike became a professional in April 1968 and has so far made 34 first team appearances.

Ken Owen

Born in Bangor, Ken completed his apprenticeship and was signed by the Club as a professional in November 1970.

History of Watford Football Club

Seventy-one years ago a dream was born. It was a vision created by necessity and couched in optimism. The year was 1898 when the committee members of the West Herts and St. Mary's football clubs agreed that, with the advent of professionalism to the game, amalgamation was the only possible course.

The result was the formation of Watford F.C., and the reverses, trials and tribulations in the subsequent years were such that a fiction writer dare not attempt to conjure for fear of losing the credibility of his reader.

It is questionable whether the pioneers of the Town's team would have pressed their cause with such urgency had they known of the crisis-torn years which lay ahead. Fame, if not football glory, is an adequate assessment of Watford F.C.'s history. But for the determination of the Chairman, Mr. R. E. Thorpe, in those early

days, it is doubtful whether the Club would have survived.

It was he who was the first of many to dig deep into his own pockets until eventually the Club survived the formative years and moved into a new era as a public company.

The history of Watford F.C. is crammed full of 'new eras'. It had to be. As the Club stumbled on from one crisis or disappointment to the next, only optimism backed by finance kept the flame burning. It is easy to lose count of the times the supporters came to the aid of the Company. In the crisis during the 1914/18 war, the late twenties and early fifties public subscriptions kept the wolves from the door.

The managers have also played a prominent part. First came that old International and one time member of the 'Old Invincibles' (Preston North End) John Goodall,

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Public Relations Column



No doubt many of you will have read in the press details of the Summer Star Shows we shall be organising at the County Ground. However, for our friends who do not receive the local newspaper, the details as known at the moment are as follows.

A large stage will be erected over the seats in the old stand making the front rows of the New Stand the stalls as it were. The stage will be very effectively illuminated and amplified. The seating will allow 2,000 people to have a first-class view of the stage.

An agent has been appointed, and subject to contracts being signed, it is hoped that amongst the shows will be Dick Emery, Lulu, Blue Mink, etc. It is also quite possible that we shall also stage several wrestling bouts.

Of course, once again, we are entirely in the hands of the public as to whether this venture will be a success or not. Would you please give us your support, organise coach parties from outlying districts, display our posters, and make sure that each show is a sell out. Please contact the Ticket Office at the County Ground if you have any queries and they will be pleased to advise you.

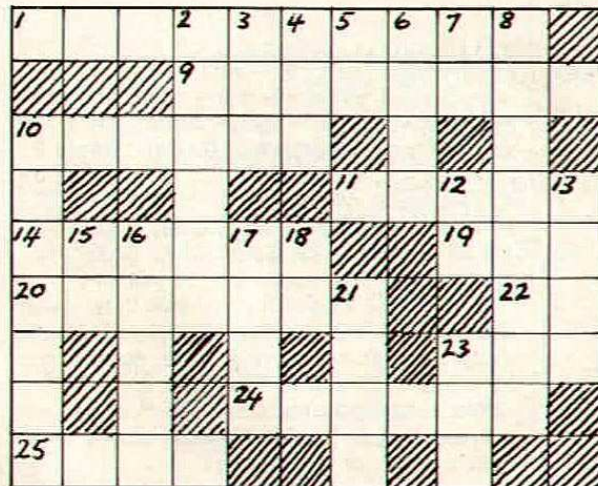
The 'Rendezvous Club' is now in full swing. Membership is building up, but is still open. The fees - £4.00 for gentlemen, £2.00 for ladies. Why not join now? Application forms are available from the Club or from the Main Office. The Club is open for members and their guests for lunches between 12 noon and 2 p.m., Tuesdays to Sundays, when a special luncheon menu will be provided. In the evenings a full a la carte dinner menu will be available.

Now a mention of our youngsters who have played in the Hellenic League. At the moment they are holding fourth position in the League Division 1A, having scored 63 goals. Considering that seldom is the same

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A soccer crossword for half-time

(Answers on page 10)



Across

- 1 Leicester City manager (10).
- 9 Blackpool paddler? (8).
- 10 Outside forward (6).
- 11 With 2 down he's valuable to Chelsea (5).
- 14 Everton international (6).
- 19 Goalkeeper's number (3).
- 20 Kind of tackle (7).
- 22 Initially he's a Wolves' striker (1, 1).
- 23 Swindon Town trainer (3).
- 24 West German forward (6).
- 25 No-one likes their team to do this (4).

Down

- 2 See 11 across (6).
- 3 Arsenal manager (3).
- 4 Not near (3).
- 5 Exists (2).
- 7 Former Cardiff Welsh international player (INIT) (1, 1).
- 8 Could describe Rod Thomas (8).
- 10 Third Division side (7).
- 12 Preposition (2).
- 13 Liverpool nickname (4).
- 15 Liverpool left-back (INIT) (1, 1).
- 16 Blue ones from Barrow (5).
- 17 Moves in craftily (4).
- 18 Old Sheffield United international (INIT) (1, 1).
- 21 Joy (4).
- 23 Millwall home (3).

Fixture list 1971/72 Swindon score first

Division II

August	
14 Blackpool	(A) 1-4
18 League Cup (1)	
21 Charlton Athletic	(H) 2-1
28 Carlisle United	(A) 0-0
September	
1 Watford	(A) 0-0
4 Queen's Park Rangers	(H) 0-0
8 Colchester United (League Cup 2)	(A) 1-4
11 Sunderland	(A) 0-1
18 Fulham	(H) 4-0
25 Cardiff City	(A) 1-0
29 Hull City	(A) 0-2
October	
2 Bristol City	(H) 0-1
6 League Cup (3)	
9 Luton Town	(A) 0-0
16 Blackpool	(H) 1-0
19 Birmingham City	(H) 1-1
23 Sheffield Wednesday	(A) 0-1
27 League Cup (4)	
30 Middlesbrough	(H) 0-1
November	
6 Oxford United	(A) 1-1
13 Millwall	(H) 0-2
17 League Cup (5)	
20 Preston North End	(H) 1-1
27 Burnley	(A) 2-1
December	
4 Norwich City	(H) 0-1
11 Orient	(A) 1-0
18 Queen's Park Rangers	(A) 0-3
27 Portsmouth	(H) 3-1
1972	
January	
1 Fulham	(A) 4-2
8 Carlisle United	(H) 0-0
15 Arsenal (F.A. Cup 3)	(H) 0-2
22 Hull City	(H) 2-1
29 Birmingham City	(A) 1-4
February	
5 F.A. Cup (4)	
12 Sheffield Wednesday	(H) 1-0
19 Middlesbrough	(A) 0-2
26 Oxford United	(H) 4-0
March	
4 Millwall	(A) 2-2
18 Charlton Athletic	(A) 1-3
25 Sunderland	(H) 1-1
31 Bristol City	(A) 0-1
April	
1 Portsmouth	(A) 2-1
4 Cardiff City	(H) 3-1
15 Burnley	(H) 0-1
18 Luton Town	(H) 2-1
22 Norwich City	(A) 0-1
25 Watford	(H)
29 Orient	(H)
May	
1 Preston North End	(A)
6 F.A. Cup Final	

Football Combination

August	
14 Queen's Park Rangers	(H) 0-2
17 Chelsea	(H) 2-2
21 Bristol City	(A) 3-2
24 Birmingham City	(A) 0-4
28 Ipswich Town	(H) 2-2
31 Swansea City	(H) 2-3
September	
4 West Ham United	(A) 0-2
11 Fulham	(H) 2-2
14 Swansea City	(A) 1-1
18 Cardiff City	(A) 1-0
25 Crystal Palace	(H) 3-1
October	
2 Queen's Park Rangers	(A) 2-4
9 Bristol City	(H) 0-0
23 Plymouth Argyle	(H) 4-1
27 Reading	(A) 2-1
November	
6 Oxford United	(H) 1-2
13 Tottenham Hotspur	(A) 0-2
20 Arsenal	(A) 2-1
27 Southampton	(H) 3-2
December	
4 Leicester City	(A) 1-1
11 Bristol Rovers	(H) 5-1
18 Arsenal	(H) 4-3
27 Bournemouth	(A) 1-2
1972	
January	
1 West Ham United	(H) 5-2
8 Ipswich Town	(A) 0-6
22 Chelsea	(A) 1-5
29 Birmingham City	(H) 2-2
February	
5 Norwich City	(A) 1-1
12 Plymouth Argyle	(A) 0-0
23 Oxford United	(A) 2-0
March	
18 Cardiff City	(H) 0-1
23 Crystal Palace	(A) 1-3
29 Tottenham Hotspur	(H) 1-1
April	
1 Bournemouth	(H) 4-1
8 Leicester City	(H) 2-1
11 Fulham	(A) 3-1
15 Southampton	(A) 0-0
22 Norwich City	(H) 1-1
27 Reading	(H)
29 Bristol Rovers	(A)

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League table division 2

(up to and including Saturday, 22nd April, 1972)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Norwich City	40	20	14	6	57	34	54
Millwall	40	17	17	6	60	46	51
Birmingham City	39	16	18	5	54	30	50
Q.P.R.	39	18	13	8	51	29	49
Sunderland	40	16	15	9	65	56	47
Blackpool	40	19	7	14	64	48	45
Middlesbrough	40	18	8	14	47	47	44
Carlisle United	40	17	9	14	60	52	43
Burnley	40	18	6	16	67	54	42
Bristol City	40	16	10	14	54	45	42
Hull City	40	14	10	16	49	48	38
Swindon Town	39	14	10	15	41	43	38
Oxford United	41	12	14	15	41	51	38
Luton Town	41	10	17	14	42	47	37
Orient	39	14	8	17	47	56	36
Sheffield Wed.	40	12	12	16	49	56	36
Preston North End	39	12	11	16	50	53	35
Portsmouth	40	11	13	16	56	65	35
Cardiff City	39	10	13	16	53	62	33
Charlton Athletic	40	12	9	19	55	70	33
Fulham	40	12	8	20	45	68	32
Watford	40	5	8	27	23	72	18

NEWS & VIEWS—continued

ised, which produced through the Supporters' Club between £13,000 and £15,000. The Club was able to go forward and introduce more playing staff with excellent results. In the next programme we will continue this story from the time we became members of Division 3 (as against Division 4) right up to the present day with the New Stand, all its amenities, and seating accommodation for 5,000.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COLUMN—continued

team played, as we are using all the trialists, this is a very good performance. The goal scorers are: T. Broome 2, D. Dangerfield 2, P. Fiocca 1, C. Gardener 3, W. Gibson 8, A. Gordon 1, A. Gough 1, M. Kingman 3, P. Kirk 1, D. Moss 4, C. Munday 3, J. Rose 11, S. Scarrott 3, S. Sperti 6, T. Tinson 11, S. Walkie 1, P. Woodfield 1, R. Watson 1.

In the Challenge Cup, where they were defeated in the quarter-finals by Fairford after two replays, goals were scored by N. Gibson (2) and J. Rose (2).

We must of course couple with this team the name of E. Buckley, who is a very stalwart worker for the club.

Len Collings

London Entertainment

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and 17 Southgate Street, Gloucester

Playtravel, Wootton Bassett

Bristol Omnibus Co. Ltd., Bristol

Bristol Omnibus Co. Ltd., Gloucester

Tickets for future Football League matches when Swindon Town are playing at home
may also be booked through any of the agents indicated above.

Supporters club notes

Tonight we say farewell to our old friends from Watford, and hope that it will not be long before they return to Division Two.

As the season closes it is now the time to pick the Player of the Year. Before you make your vote in the 'Evening Advertiser', please remember that the competition includes consistency as one of its main factors. Players like Frank Burrows, Joe Butler and John Trollope have all put in some consistent displays, with young Ray Bunkell (who to me will be the second Dave Mackay) running them close. This is only my opinion, the decision of who it will be remains with you, the supporters. I also wonder who would you vote as the Reserve team Player of the Year? We have seen many fine performances from players like Dave Moss, Richard Legg, Kenny Stroud and Jimmy Allen.

Talking of Footballer of the Year, our congratulations to Gordon Banks on being voted this year's top player by the sports-writers.

It has been a curious season in many ways — for example there has not been one penalty awarded in any Division Two game here at the County Ground this year, something that is very unusual in modern football.

The Supporters' Club football team finished the season on a high note with a 3-2 victory at Blunsdon.

The Supporters' Social Club will be running a team again in the Swindon Cricket League, and any member who is interested should contact Brian Hayward in the Club.

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have no-one for which to buy a present
— go on, treat yourself!

(1) Catching the Luton defence unprepared, Arthur Horsfield gets his head to a low near-post cross, which was well saved by the goalkeeper.

(2) Don Rogers, calm as ever, makes sure of the goal which put Swindon on level terms.

(3) Luton Town centre-half Garner cuts out this cross meant for Arthur Horsfield.

(4) An inch-perfect pass from Peter Noble allows Arthur Horsfield to come very close to scoring, his effort going just wide.



(1)

(2)



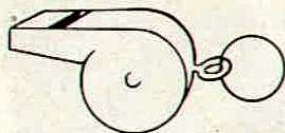
(3)



(4)



the man in



the middle

David William Smith

from Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

Began refereeing 1949/50 in the Stroud and District League. Graduated through the Gloucestershire Amateur Leagues. Referee in Western League. Football League Linesman five seasons (1954/58) and Referees List twelve seasons (1959/71). Fourth season on FIFA List, he has refereed three Internationals, including World Cup Qualifying Round (France v Sweden).

Has officiated in the Football League Cup Final (1st Leg) West Ham v West Brom and F.A. Cup Semi-Finals 1965 Liverpool v Chelsea and 1968 Everton v Leeds United.

Mr. Smith is also Secretary of the Stroud and District Football League.

Married with one son, he is a Chargehand Linesman for the Midlands Electricity Board.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across

- 1 Bloomfield.
- 9 Seasider.
- 10 Winger.
- 11 Peter.
- 14 Labone.
- 19 One.
- 20 Sliding.
- 22 D.D. (Derek Dougan).
- 23 Des.
- 24 Seeler.
- 25 Lose.

Down

- 2 Osgood.
- 3 Mee.
- 4 Far.
- 5 Is.
- 7 L.D. (Len Davies).
- 8 Defender.
- 10 Walsall.
- 12 To.
- 13 Reds.
- 15 A.L. (Alec Lindsay)
- 16 Birds.
- 17 Nips.
- 18 E.N.
(Ernest Needham).
- 21 Glee.
- 23 Den.

Golden Goal Competition

Would you like £60?

You would? – then make sure you buy your **Golden Goal** tickets at every first team home match. For a minimum outlay of only five new pence **you** could win at least £60 with the possibility of two further prizes of £10.

Last season nearly £2,000 was won by lucky **Golden Goal** ticket supporters. You could be one of this season's lucky winners.

Don't forget – the more tickets you buy the greater is your chance of winning that £60.

Look out for the **Golden Goal** ticket sellers and make yourself some money. The prizes **must** be won every time.

Tickets bearing the time in minutes and seconds will be on sale before the game – price five pence. The ticket with the exact time when the **first goal** is scored will win **£60**. If exact time not claimed prize will be paid to the nearest claim received.

The ticket bearing the time when the **last goal** is scored will win **£10**. Again if exact time is not claimed the prize will be paid to the nearest claim received.

The Official Announcer will be the timekeeper and he will announce the official time of both goals.

Should only one goal be scored the winning ticket holder will receive £70.

In the event of no goals tickets bearing no score will win £10.

A further prize of £10 will also be given for the ticket bearing the number corresponding to the official attendance at the match.

CARDIFF CITY (4th April, 1972)

First goal (£60) Actual time 14m 20s, paid on 14m 21s — Mr. P. Vitale, 83 Dean Street, Swindon.

Last goal (£10) Actual time 83m 8s, paid on 83m 7s — Mr. P. Payne, 4 New Field Road, Marlow.

Attendance (£10) Actual 15,393, paid on 15,395 — Mr. F. Swatton, 32 Moredon Road, Swindon.

Forthcoming matches

THURSDAY, 27th APRIL, 1972

Football Combination – Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Swindon Town v Reading

SATURDAY, 29th APRIL, 1972

Division II – Kick-off 3 p.m.

Swindon Town v Orient

Appearances and goalscorers

(includes all matches played in Division II, Football Combination, Football League Cup and F.A. Cup up to Tuesday, 18th April, 1972)

	Division II		F.A. Cup		Football League Cup		Combination	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Downsborough	30	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Jones (R.)	4	—	—	—	—	—	18	—
Thomas	32	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Trollope	38	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Butler	36	3	1	—	1	—	—	—
Burrows	36	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Mackay	25	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Peplow	2	—	—	—	—	—	26	8
Harland	16	—	—	—	1	—	2	—
Horsfield	30	10	1	—	1	1	4	3
Noble	35	7	1	—	1	—	—	—
Rogers	38	7	1	—	1	—	—	—
Porter	8	—	—	—	1	—	28	10
Bunkell	26	1	1	—	—	—	11	4
Jones (C.)	11	3	—	—	—	—	12	4
Smart	21	—	—	—	1	—	12	2
Allan	4	—	—	—	—	—	20	—
Stroud	1	—	—	—	—	—	35	—
Dangerfield	11	—	1	—	—	—	24	4
Hubbard	13	—	—	—	—	—	9	1
Moss	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	6
Peterson	1	—	—	—	—	—	35	—
Dawson	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—
Potter	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	4
Legg	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	8
Tinson	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	7
Fiocca	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—
Scarrott	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Kearley	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Syrett (P.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—
Gough	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Bennett	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
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HISTORY OF WATFORD F.C.—continued

who as player-manager brought Watford out of the depths of the Southern League (Division Two) in the first decade of this century. Then there was the enigmatic Harry Kent, who by judgment and shrewd use of the transfer scene, kept Watford from liquidation. Without a ground and no one to play against, the Club technically ceased to exist during the First World War.

Still Watford struggled on to the dawn of yet another new era and the move to Vicarage Road in 1922. Re-election in the late twenties and near-promotion almost a decade later were the highspots as Watford, founder-members of Division 3 (South), settled on an even keel. There was rarely a dull moment but the successes were few and far between. Perhaps relegation to Division 4 proved the turning point. Two years later, in 1960, the Club which had been known as the Wasps, Magpies, Brewers, Blues and Golden Boys, emerged as triumphant Hornets to become a power to be reckoned with in Division 3. At the end of last season the dreams and endeavours of past and present players and officials were realised — the so long elusive promotion to Division 2 of the Football League was achieved.

Ken Furphy and his men stood at the summit of the Club's history. They had realised the dream which was savoured in 1898. History had been perfectly rounded off. Their 50th year as members of the Football League was celebrated with Watford's debut in Division 2.





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