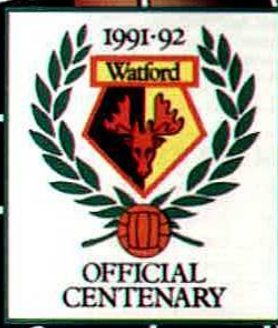
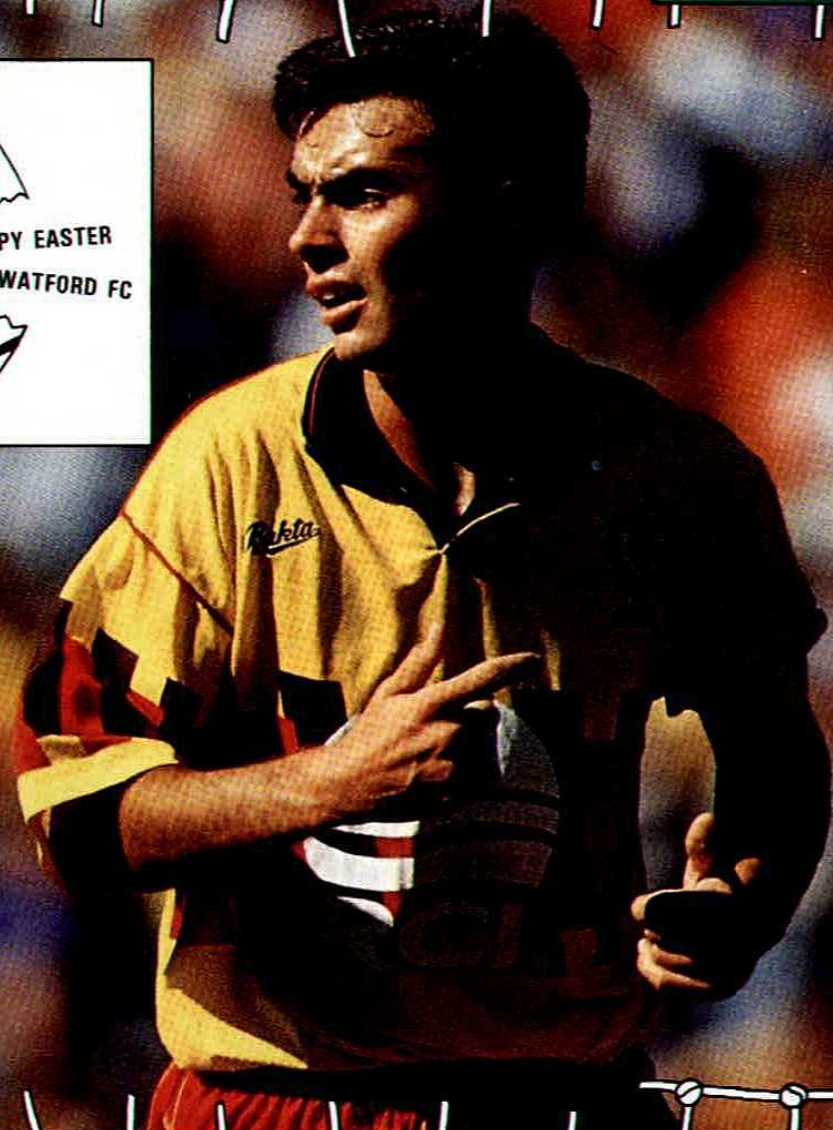


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MATCH No. 24

WATFORD v. SWINDON TOWN

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 - 2 NIGEL GIBBS
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 - 5 DAVID HOLDSWORTH
 - 6 BARRY ASHBY
 - 7 ANDY HESSENTHALER
 - 8 LEE NOGAN
 - 9 DARREN BAZELEY
 - 10 STEVE BUTLER
 - 11 JASON SOLOMAN
- Sub
- Sub

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 FRASER DIGBY
 - 2 DAVID KERSLAKE
 - 3 PAUL BODIN
 - 4 TOM JONES
 - 5 COLIN CALDERWOOD
 - 6 SHAUN TAYLOR
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 - 10 GLENN HODDLE
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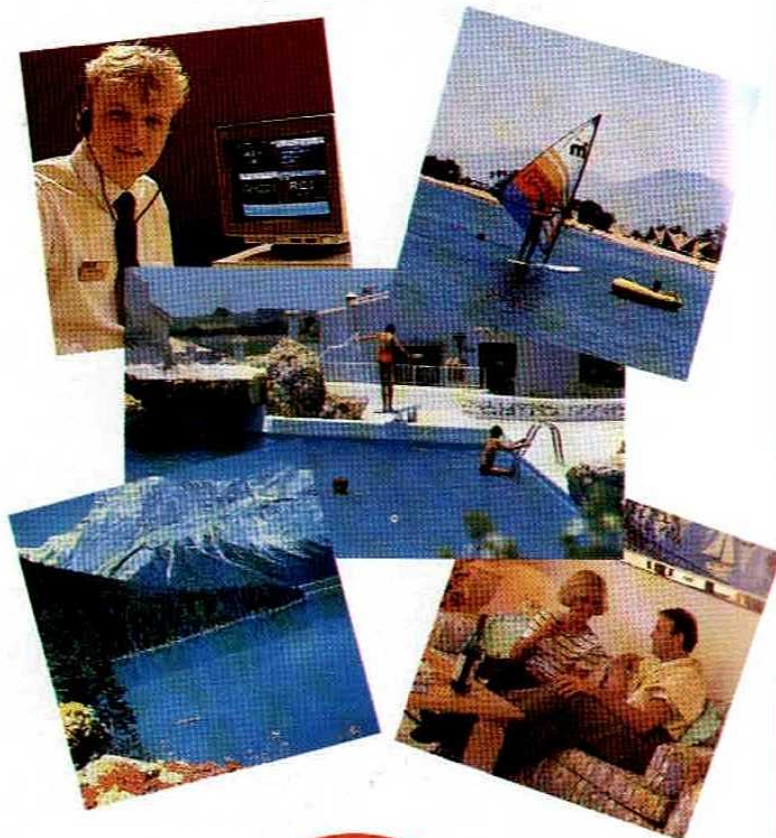
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In our last programme I thanked our travelling supporter for their continued and valuable support, and after our display against Blackburn here nine days ago, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have watched us here at Vicarage Road this season.

A lot of it hasn't been pretty, and I have full sympathy with many of the letters I've received telling me just that. But I hope you'll realise from recent results and performances that we are on an upward path.

Getting close to relegation last season wasn't just a one-season occurrence. Those situations build up over two or three seasons - and they cannot be immediately rectified. This season has necessarily been a transition period, but one which has seen us begin to move in the right direction throughout the club.

I know that the successful sides I've played in needed to feel the supporters and the players were in it together. I feel that atmosphere is also now present—as seen at the Blackburn game.

We do need your support and just as important, we need those fans (perhaps they're friends of yours?) who have not been to Watford in recent times to start coming again.

Today, we have another chance to establish more credibility for next season, and I hope you will be encouraged not only to ensure you're here next season—but hopefully bring others with you
Best wishes



DISPATCHES

THE WORD FROM VICARAGE ROAD . . .

SEE PAGES 7, 22 AND 23 FOR DETAILS OF NEXT SEASON'S MATCHDAY AND SEASON TICKET PRICES

AMAZING MASCOTS

Our mascots always deserve a cheer, but a special one should be reserved today for—**Shane Hurley** and **Katy Lyons**, both from Watford.

Nine-year-old Shane has come through the amputation of both legs when only eight months old and subsequent open heart surgery just 12 months later.

"Shane is now one of our regulars at weekly football training over at Woodside," says Junior Hornets' co-ordinator **Ann Swanson**. "His mum says we've given him a new lease of life and I understand he's put his name down for the Football School being run by our Community officer **John McDermott**."

Katy, also nine, is an equally brave Watford fan, who is well on her way to recovery after treatment for leukaemia—a collection is being held for her outside the ground today; details elsewhere on these pages.

Ann adds: "If anyone knows of any other deserving children who would enjoy a special day out with us at a home game, please get in touch with me - after all, that's what Watford is all about."

POLICE MESSAGE

Periodically through the season, a special tone will sound prior to kick-off and the Police will give out a message to supporters. This is just to test the system whereby the Police can override the club's PA System should they wish to broadcast an emergency message to those inside the ground. Should the tone sound at any time during the game—please listen carefully!
Thank you for your co-operation.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

The booking form for the club's Official Centenary Dinner appeared for the last time in our last home programme, but there's still time to buy tickets if you want to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Applications should now be made direct to the Ticket Office. Tickets for the Dinner cost £45.00 each, which includes VAT, a parking place, but excludes wine.

The Dinner is to be held on Sunday May 3 at the Wembley Conference Centre. Reception is at 6.30 pm for places to be taken at 7.30pm.

There is also still time to win two free tickets to the Dinner. See page 20 for details.

FRONT COVER SHOT:

Darren Bazeley - he bagged a brace of goals in our last home match, the 2-1 win over Blackburn Rovers.

(Pic: Martin Dalton)

WIN SETS UP WIN

Our impressive 2-1 win at Middlesbrough on Saturday April 4 won the Barclays Performance of the Week award—and today Evergreen Boys Club will benefit from our success.

As part of the award scheme, Evergreen have been nominated by the National Association of Boys Clubs to receive a new set of team kit and a cheque for £300.

Watford also receive a silver trophy as a memento of our third 'Performance of the Week' award in four years. It will be presented by **Stuart Bremner** of Barclays Watford branch before the kick-off today.

A TV CAREER AWAITS

We've had a good response, but final selections have yet to be made for the 80 Watford fans needed on **Sunday April 26** to star in a TV commercial.

Thames TV are using the Vicarage Road Stadium as a location to shoot a crowd scene for the TV ad that will promote the forthcoming European championships.

On the day, you'll need to be at the ground between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided and all the participants will receive a worthwhile gift.

"If you're interested, please pop into the Marketing Department after today's game," says Commercial Manager **Allan Robson**. "We are told there's every chance of seeing yourself in the final ad, so this is your chance to grab a bit of the limelight."

"We would prefer people to apply in groups and we are looking for a cross-section of fans—men, women and children of all ages."

Sunday April 26 is also the day of the annual Solvite five-a-side tournament, so there'll be some football to watch too.

DESIGN A T-SHIRT

If you're a budding designer, here's your chance to get your work in front of every Watford fan.

Like last season, the Hornet Shop is running a competition for our young fans to design a 'Watford On Tour' t-shirt. The winning design will appear as part of Watford's merchandise for next season.

There are two age groups - 10 years and under, and 11-16 inclusive. The winners of both age groups will receive a prize, with the overall winning design being used on a t-shirt.

The only tip is make sure your designs are simple, but eye-catching.

So how do you enter? Just pop into the Shop and pick up an entry form or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to **Ian Sewell**, the Hornet Shop manager, c/o the club address.



BITS AND BOBS

● Due to Easter printing deadlines, this programme went to press before our match against Charlton Athletic last Saturday. Therefore, the statistics section on pages 30 and 31 do not reflect Saturday's results.

● Today is the second match in a three-game series over five days. The series ends in a rearranged game at Portsmouth this Wednesday, April 22, kick-off 7.45pm. Full ticket and travel details to the match at Fratton Park are on page 25 of this programme.

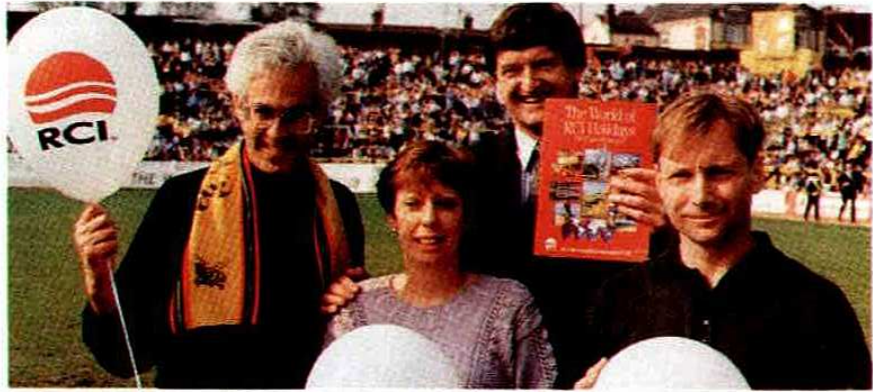
● The collection being made outside the stadium today was on behalf of nine-year-old leukaemia sufferer Katy Lyons. All funds raised will go towards a well-earned trip for Katy to Disneyland. The collection is being organised by the St. Mary's Road Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

● TV connections - our PA man Adam Cummings is due to appear in Channel 4's 'Fifteen To One' quiz programme this Wednesday, April 22. Tune in at 4.30pm if you want to follow Adam's fortunes.

Six days later on Saturday April 28, Watford souvenirs are due to appear prominently on 'Noel's Addicts'.

● For the trivia-minded: What's the connection between the first six names in Watford's line-up in the last nine games? Answer below.

● If you're planning to go to this summer's European Championships in Sweden, the Football



THREE BALLOONS—ONE HOLIDAY WINNER

The above picture was taken seconds before one of these three Watford fans was about to find out who'd won a holiday for two in Tenerife, courtesy of our club sponsors RCI.

The three are, from left: Lawrence Samuels from Northwood, Mrs Debbie Brinklow from Chesham and Graham Willerton from Watford. Watching over proceedings is Malcolm Wood, RCI's General Manager, Resort Affiliations.

Seconds after the camera clicked the balloons were burst and Graham Willerton discovered it was his that balloon contained the holiday tickets.

It was all part of a competition run by RCI in recent programmes and the Watford Observer. Graham, Debbie and Lawrence all enjoyed a VIP day out at the Blackburn Rovers match 9 days ago—but it's Graham who goes on to enjoy the sun of Tenerife.

He'll be taking his wife Debbie and sons Ross (8) and Greg (6) for a week's holiday. Graham has been supporting Watford since 1963. His personal highlight? "Watching Stewart Scullion beat 10 men to score a spectacular goal in the 1967/68 season." (Pic: Martin Wolmark)

Association has asked us to let you know that tickets will only be available to England supporters who are members of the England Travel Club. Application forms for the Club can be obtained writing to the FA at 16 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LW or by calling 071-402 7151/071-262 4542.

Travel Management (Group) Ltd have been appointed by the FA as official tour operators for the tournament. England Travel Club members can obtain more details of packages by calling 0926-313112.

Please note that no tickets will be available in Sweden at the time of tournament.

● Trivia answer: All their christian names contain five letters!

● A very warm welcome today to Paul Wainwright and the Junior Robins of Swindon Town. Over the years, the Junior Hornets have enjoyed their visits to the County Ground and we're delighted to continue our footballing friendship today.

● Now that spring is here (we hope!), the Hornet Shop's stock of winter sweatshirts carrying the club's Centenary crest have been reduced by 20% - they are now either £12.79 or £15.19 depending on your size.



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LAST season, Watford recorded an operating loss of £1-million. This season we're heading for a loss of £500,000. The matchday admission and season ticket prices for 1992/93 reflect the need to try and reduce those losses. On this page we cover the new matchday prices and give general background on the season ticket prices. For more full details of season tickets, please turn to pages 22 and 23 of this programme.

These are the special benefits to emerge when you're looking at the 1992/93 cost of watching Watford, assuming you buy your season ticket before Saturday June 27:

- There is **NO INCREASE** in season ticket or matchday admission prices in areas where there is a discount for children or supporters over the age of 65.

- There's a one-match credit for existing season ticket holders from this season.

- A seated season ticket in the Family Areas can save you more than 20% on the cost of buying matchday tickets.

- A seated season ticket elsewhere in the stadium will save you at least 15% on the cost of buying matchday tickets.

- A terrace season ticket will save you either 30% or 40% on the cost of matchday admission.

"Given our status as a club that wants to attract a family audience, we have again made it particularly attractive to watch Watford from the Family Areas," says Chief Executive Eddie Plumley. "A seated season ticket in the Family Enclosure costs £166 for the first adult, just £100 for the second adult and only £50 for children. That's only £6.17 per match (or £3.30 per match for the second adult) and £1.52 per match respectively.

"On the Family Terrace an adult and child can watch the game at just over £5.00 per game. These average prices are

based on League games only, as under Cup competition rules, we have to charge the full daily admission price.

"There have been increases, but we have tried as far as possible to keep them to a minimum. But we do need more income to cover our operating costs.

"It's to everyone's advantage to buy a season ticket. From the supporter's viewpoint, they have guaranteed their choice of seat or terrace place, they are getting a good discount—and they'll be first in the queue for

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'big match' tickets. From our standpoint, early income sees us through the summer months and means we have a financial base from which to work in 1992/93."

1992/93 MATCHDAY ADMISSION PRICES

SEATING:

East Stand:

| | |
|-------------|--------|
| A/B (upper) | £10.00 |
| A/B (lower) | £ 8.00 |
| C/D | £10.00 |
| E | £10.00 |

Rous Stand:

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| G/K | £10.00 |
| H/J | £10.00 |

Rous Enclosure

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| | £ 8.00 (adult) |
| | £ 5.00* (child) |

Family Areas:

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|------------------|----------------|
| Family Enclosure | £ 8.00 (adult) |
| | £ 5.00 (child) |

Family Block

| | |
|--|----------------|
| | £ 8.00 (adult) |
| | £ 5.00 (child) |

Family Terrace

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|------------|----------------|
| (standing) | £ 6.00 (adult) |
| | £ 3.00 (child) |

Disabled Enclosure:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| | £ 5.00 (adult) |
| | £ 3.00 (child) |

Terraces:

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| Rookery End (block Y) | £ 7.00 |
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| Vicarage Road End (blocks X and W) | £ 6.00 |
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Key: Where the prices are separated, the child's price also applies to people over the age of 65

*This discounted price only applies if the ticket is purchased 24 hours in advance.

Please refer to the map on the season ticket pages in this programme for the position of each block or area.



**ANOTHER NOTABLE SCALP
UNDER OUR BELTS AS
WE TRIUMPH OVER
BLACKBURN 9 DAYS AGO**

Right: A bit of hip-swivelling from Keith Dublin as we make early ground against 'Rovers.

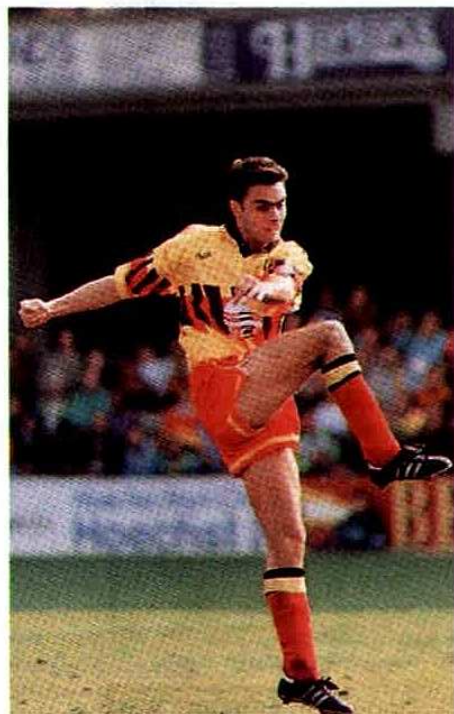
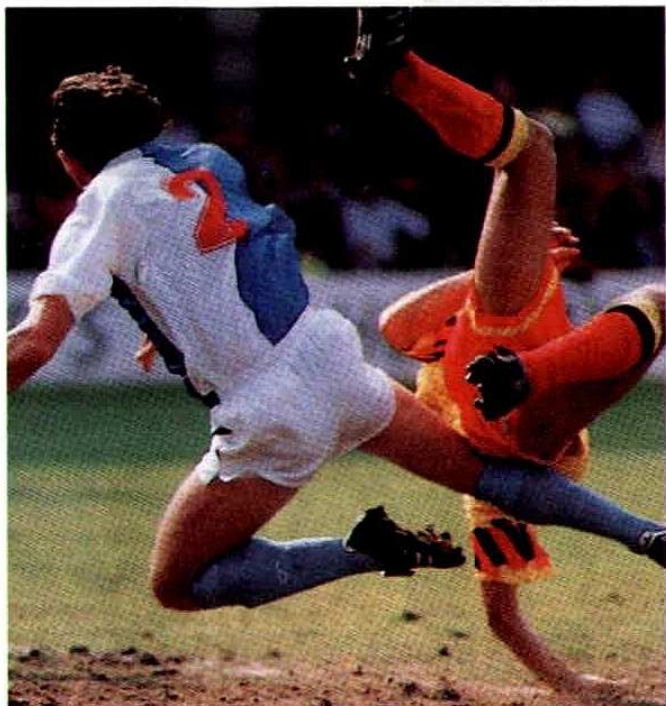
(Pic: Martin Wolmark)

Below: A bit of kung-fu fighting from Steve Butler, but 'Rovers 'keeper Bobby Mimms has cleared the immediate threat.

(Pic: Watford Observer)

WATFORD 2-1 BLACKBURN R.





Top left: Full marks if you can identify the flying Hornet. Answer upside down below.

(Pic: Martin Wolmark)

Top right: Andy Hessenthaler demonstrates the classic way to keep yourself between the opponent and the ball.

(Pic: Martin Wolmark)

Above: Darren Bazeley is free to crack home his second goal of the match—and our winner.

(Pic Martin Wolmark)

Above right: Luther Blissett came on as a substitute late in the game—and was straight into the action.

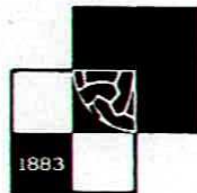
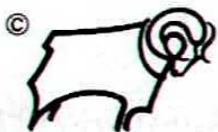
(Pic: Watford Observer)

The flying Hornet is Jason Solomon.

ACTION FROM RECENT HORNETS' MATCHES

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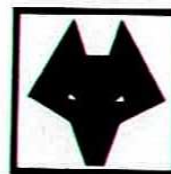




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THIS WEEK WE REACH:

THE club's return to the top flight of the Southern League for the 1904-05 campaign, as traced by OLIVER PHILLIPS.

ONE of those rare collectors' items, the *Watford Observer Handbook*, provided a prelude for the 1904-05 campaign by suggesting that "With ordinary good fortune the team should be nearer the top than the bottom of the table".

The prediction was made by "Free Lance", (Frank Barnes) who was later to become the newspaper's editor and die during the Second World War after what amounted to the best part of a lifetime covering Watford.

My only reservations with regard to his work, which was very detailed, centre on his apparent reluctance to look back, review and reveal items from his earlier days. It did not make research any easier.

By then Watford was known locally as "Mr Thorpe's XI" a reference to the contributions made by the club's first benefactor and the first chairman to enjoy any real clout.

A few Committee minutes have survived down the years of Mr Thorpe's early days at the club. One trait he showed throughout was that he was invariably late for the weekly meetings, sometimes held at Cassio Road but more often at the Malden Hotel down by Watford Junction, an imposing building which was demolished in 1973. The committee room was given to them free of charge, in exchange for a complimentary ticket to the next home game.

It was, in fact, a season of record Cup progress in the restructured competition although this, in itself, was not overly welcomed because Cup ties had to take precedence over the League games, so Watford were forced to swap a potential 4,000 average attendance for gates that were often less than half that number.

They battled their way through to the Sixth Qualifying round before bowing out to Lincoln in a replay.

With attractive League matches played in mid-week, the revenue was not as high as it should have been and while expenses were covered quite adequately for the season, little remained for the paying of summer wages. In this respect, Mr Thorpe again came to the rescue, covering the shortfall.

John Goodall, as related in the Centenary History, was the first manager but the Committee took

time coming to terms with the extent of the manager's powers. This impression is supported by, the *Observer Handbook* for that year which significantly reveals that "the building of the team was wisely left to the discretion of Goodall". New ground indeed.

During the campaign, Jack Richardson, who was later to play with distinction in Canada, settled very happily at wing-half, making a total of 35 appearances, closely followed by Goodall who made 34 and also to-scored in the campaign with 12 goals.

In Goodall's declining years he continued to make a dwindling contribution to Watford's fortunes on the field, making just one appearance in the 1907-08 campaign. He was never quite the same, as a player, after what was described as a "mild attack of typhoid" in 1905 which appeared to rule him out of first-team considerations.

Certainly his influence on the field was missed and it is fair to say that he was not so adept at running the ship from the touchline, judging by a steady decline in fortunes in his latter years.

However, he was still held in high esteem and in the summer of 1905, he added to the legend of his athletic prowess when he was due to keep wicket in County Cricket Week at St Albans. He escorted a friend to Watford Junction and then cycled to St Albans at such a pace, he reached Clarence Park before those who travelled by train.

Goodall was indeed an all-round sportsman of considerable prowess but that was not sufficient in those days, to enable him to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. Consistent with most footballers in those days, it was regarded as distinctly working-class employment and even a hallowed national sporting name such as Goodall, lived in rented accommodation.

The Official Centenary Book is now on sale at the Hornet Shop and good local bookshops, priced £18.95.

Whatever happened to...



BERT SLATER made 152 senior appearances for the Hornets and despite the unusual statistic of being credited with two own goals, he was an effective, consistent keeper whose reflexes made up for his lack of height.

He hailed from Dundee, joining Watford on a free transfer and proved to be one of the most outstanding of Ken Furphy's many free transfer signings.

His playing career came to an end in 1969, an own goal against his former club Liverpool, being particularly galling.

After a period as assistant-trainer, he moved up under Ken Furphy and retained the position under George Kirby. His application for the vacant post as manager in 1973 had the backing of the players but the Board appointed Mike Keen instead and Bert dropped out of the game, becoming a manager at a golf complex before running a bar in Fuengirola, Spain for several years.

Returning to his native Dundee as chief scout, he stayed there "until they could no longer afford me and I am now in insurance."

"I couldn't believe it when Watford got in touch with me. I knew they weren't short of quality keepers," joked Bert on receiving his Centenary Dinner invitation.

YEAR BY YEAR

COUNTING DOWN THROUGH WATFORD'S 100 YEARS





THE BOSS

Glenn Hoddle took over as Swindon's player-manager last March.

During his great days at Tottenham in the 'seventies and 'eighties, he played for England 53 times.

He served his apprenticeship at White Hart Lane, winning England youth caps in his early days. A League debut followed in 1975 and, within three months, he was in the England under-21 side. He won 12 caps at that level.

Glenn made his full England debut against Bulgaria at Wembley in November 1975. With Tottenham, he won two FA Cup winners' medals.

He left White Hart Lane in 1987 when Monaco signed him for £800,000. He enjoyed a couple of happy seasons in French football before returning to England.

RECENTLY...

Swindon's play-off hopes have dimmed recently, despite going six games without defeat prior to the holidays. Three of those six games were drawn away. If Swindon do miss the knock-out competition, they will probably regret having dropped so many points on their travels. So far, they have drawn nine away games—more than anyone else in the Second Division—and won only three, the last back in October.

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| Blackburn Rovers (a) | D2 | 1-2 |
| Bristol City (h) | D2 | 2-0 |
| Brighton & HA (h) | D2 | 2-1 |
| Aston Villa (h) | FAC | 1-2 |
| Grimsby Town (a) | D2 | 0-0 |
| Middlesbrough (h) | D2 | 0-1 |
| Oxford United (a) | D2 | 3-5 |
| Charlton Athletic (h) | D2 | 1-2 |
| Newcastle United (a) | D2 | 1-3 |
| Tranmere Rovers (h) | D2 | 2-0 |
| Southend United (h) | D2 | 2-0 |
| Portsmouth (a) | D2 | 1-1 |
| Port Vale (h) | D2 | 1-0 |
| Millwall (a) | D2 | 1-1 |
| Bristol Rovers (a) | D2 | 1-1 |
| Charlton Athletic (h) | D2 | 0-2 |

RENDEZVOUS

WITH—*Swindon Town*

SWINDON manager Glenn Hoddle found himself with two big voids after the Robins had agreed to release key players.

Swindon sold their prolific goalscorer Duncan Shearer to Blackburn for £750,000 shortly before last month's transfer deadline. Earlier they had sold star midfielder Fitzroy Simpson to Manchester City for £500,000.

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Gary Waddock, signed on loan from QPR, initially took over Simpson's rôle. Striker Terry Gibson, who is on loan from Wimbledon, has stepped into Shearer's boots.

And that must be one of the most difficult tasks in football at the moment. Shearer had been top scorer every season since joining the club from Huddersfield in 1988. Following his 16-goal hit in 1988/89, he scored 27 and 23 over the next two seasons and had 32 goals to his credit when he left last month.

With results showing a considerable downturn, Mr. Hoddle wanted players of experience to try and make up lost ground in Swindon's bid for a place in the promotion play-offs.

Gibson has lined up alongside Dave Mitchell, the Australian international, in the new-look Swindon attack. Shaun Close, another forward, has recently been included as substitute.

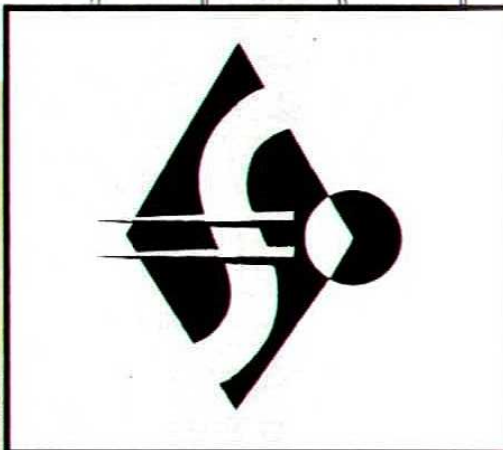
Steve White is second-highest scorer 15 goals but he was injured in December and has since played only once as substitute.

With Mr. Hoddle having regained match fitness, he has resumed his own place in midfield where he has been partnered by Waddock, Micky Hazard and Tom Jones. When Waddock was injured, Martin Ling was recalled.

Shaun Taylor, signed from Exeter last summer, has slotted in alongside Colin Calderwood in the middle of the defence with David Kerslake and Paul Bodin filling the full-back positions. Nick Summerbee, who has played at full-back and in midfield, is often nominated as substitute.

Fraser Digby recently resumed his place in goal.

Swindon have won only three away



League matches—at Ipswich (4-1), Plymouth (4-0) and Brighton (2-0).

They drew at Port Vale (2-2), Charlton (0-0), Tranmere (0-0), Middlesbrough (2-2), Bristol City (1-1), Barnsley (1-1), Grimsby (0-0), Portsmouth (1-1), Millwall (1-1) and Bristol Rovers (1-1) but were beaten at Cambridge (3-2), Wolves (2-1), Southend (3-2), Leicester (3-1), Blackburn (2-1), Oxford (5-3) and Newcastle (3-1).

The Robins enjoyed a good run in the FA Cup. Following a 3-2 home win over ourselves, they ran up a fine 3-0 victory at Cambridge in round four. But they went out at the next stage when they were beaten at home by Aston Villa (2-1).

Swindon progressed to the fourth round of the Rumbelows League Cup. After winning 2-0 at home to WBA they drew the return game 2-2 on the third Division club's ground. The Robins then drew away to Millwall (2-2) before ultimately winning that tie 5-3 on aggregate.

They then won 4-1 at Huddersfield before piling out 1-0 at Crystal Palace.

OPPONENTS' POSER

Can you spot the link between the Swindon players Paul Bodin and Martin Ling?

Answer on page 20.





Back row, from left: Colin Calderwood, Adrian Viveash, Richard Green, Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Nicky Hammond, David Mitchell, Nestor Lorenzo, Steve White.
 Middle row, from left: John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Nicky Summerbee, Darren Hall, Paul Trollope, Edwin Murray, Fitzroy Simpson (now Manchester City), Shaun Close, Steve Foley, Martin Ling, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Manager).
 Front row, from left: Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), Paul Hunt, David Bennett, Ross MacLaren, Duncan Shearer (now Blackburn Rovers), Glenn Hoddle (Manager), John Gorman (Assistant Manager), Tom Jones, David Kerslake, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).

SQUAD RUNDOWN:

GOALKEEPERS:

FRASER DIGBY. Played for England youth as Manchester United apprentice. Made League debut after joining Swindon in 1986. Five England under-21 caps.

NICKY HAMMOND. Reserve player with Arsenal. Made League debut in 1986 on loan to Bristol Rovers. Moved to Swindon following year.

DEFENDERS:

DAVID KERSLAKE. Signed from QPR for £110,000 in 1989. Joined Rangers as schoolboy, making League debut in 1985. Played for England under-21s same year.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. Started as a defender in Mansfield days but, since transfer to Swindon in 1985, has played in midfield as well.

SHAUN TAYLOR. Signed from Exeter for £200,000 last summer. Joined Exeter as junior, making more than 200 senior appearances following debut in 1986.

PAUL BODIN. Returned to Swindon in January after 11 months with

Crystal Palace. Former Chelsea and Newport apprentice who made League debut with Cardiff in 1982. Went non-League with Bath then signed for Swindon in 1988. Twelve Wales caps.

NICKY SUMMERBEE. Joined Swindon as a trainee. Occasional first-teamer before this season.

MIDFIELDERS:

MICKY HAZARD. Made more than 100 appearances for Spurs before joining Chelsea in 1986. Moved on to Portsmouth in 1990 and Swindon, for £130,000 last season.

TOM JONES. Joined Swindon from Aberdeen three seasons ago. Was previously in non-League soccer with Weymouth, moving to Aberdeen in 1987.

MARTIN LING. Played over 100 League games for Exeter before initially joining Swindon in 1986. Within weeks, was transferred to Southend. Returned on loan last season, transfer being completed during summer.

JOHN MONCUR. Recent £80,000 signing from Tottenham. Made

League debut in 1987. Later played on loan for Doncaster, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Brentford and Ipswich.
GARY WADDOCK. On loan from QPR. Spent eight seasons at Loftus Road, then moved to French club Charleroi and, later Millwall. Returned to QPR this season. Twenty Republic of Ireland caps.

FORWARDS:

DAVID MITCHELL. Australian international signed from Chelsea for £30,000 last summer. Started with Glasgow Rangers, then played abroad with Eintracht Frankfurt and Feyenoord. Chelsea paid £200,000 for him in 1988.

TERRY GIBSON. On loan from Wimbledon. FA Cup winner in 1988. Previously played for Manchester United, Coventry and Tottenham. England youth and schoolboy international.

SHAUN CLOSE. Signed from Bournemouth in September 1989. Opened professional career with Tottenham. Bournemouth signed him in 1988.

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MUCH has been written and discussed regarding goalkeeper David James' future at the club. What's his view?

"The fact that I haven't gone anywhere yet is a reflection that nothing is definite.

"If I wanted to leave Watford, I could have done so earlier in the season. So people who have questioned my loyalty to the club have got it all wrong.

"All the talk a few months ago was a bit unsettling, but it didn't produce any pressure on me. Pressure is being able to go out and perform in front of big crowds in important games. But during that period, it was difficult to train properly and I didn't come into the games fully prepared.

"That was seen in my performances. I let in some bad goals in that period. Overall, I feel I've conceded seven or eight bad goals this season - more than last year.

"Last season I let in 59 goals in 46 League games. So I was +13 on my own personal goal average. When I worked with Tom Walley in the youth team, he used to say I should aim to get my average down to one per game. Before last Saturday's game against Charlton, I had let in 39 in 38 League games. So a clean sheet or two and I could achieve my aim."

Currently helping David in his goal-stopping aim is Peter Bonetti, also goalkeeping coach to England. "He is different class," says David unreservedly. "He has never tried to force things upon me. He's just given me advice, told me the things that helped him and I've learned from that.

"I've picked up tips from all

the goalkeeping coaches I've worked with—Alan Hodgkinson, Bob Wilson, and of course, our own Stuart Murdoch.

"Playing for the England under-21 side also helped me. If that side played together every week, they would do very well in the League. I must admit that when I first went training with the under-21's and shots were raining in on target from all angles, I wondered what I'd got involved in!"

Back at Watford, it's been a frustrating season for David, despite the recent good run. "We have shown that we can beat anyone in the top six, and then we can play very poorly as well, as we did against Brighton the other week. I wholly appreciate how the fans must feel.

"Obviously, it's our home form that's let us down. I think we've tended to go into matches expecting to win, whereas we've gone away as the underdogs and ready to go all out to win. We need to get our attitude right at home."

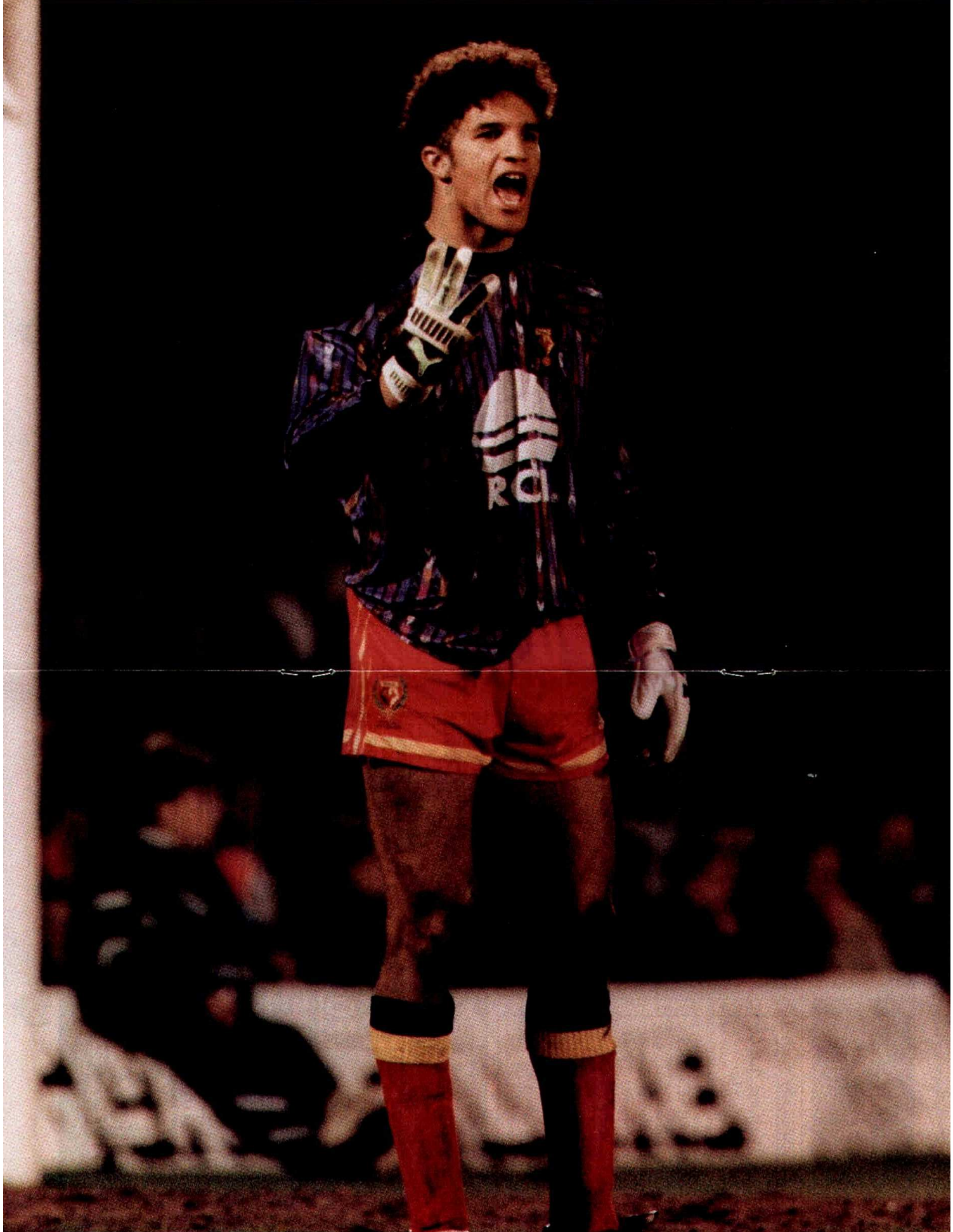
David will end this season two short of 100 Watford appearances—and with another Player Of The Season award? "I haven't thought about it," he admits. "Last season was my first in the first team. Now I feel as though I'm coming of age."

IN DETAIL

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| Date of birth: August 1, 1970 | | |
| League debut: v. Millwall (Div. 2), August 25, 1990. | | |
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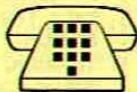
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Hamstrings and knee injuries kept club physio **Billy Hails** occupied last week.

The hamstring sufferers were: club skipper **Joe McLaughlin**, who came off with a strain during the reserves' defeat at Spurs last Saturday; central defender **Barry Ashby**, who tweaked his hamstring in training, but played against Charlton on Saturday; striker **Andy Kennedy**, who has missed the reserves last two games with a similar complaint.

The injured knees belong to midfielder **Peter Nicholas**, currently recovering from an operation, as is goalkeeper **Keith Waugh**, who spent last week at the FA's rehabilitation centre at Lilleshall.

Exception to the hamstring and knee injuries is soon-to-be-professional **Richard Johnson**, who is nursing an ankle ligament injury.

POSER SOLUTION

They are both in their second spell with the club.

THREE ON BOARD

Current second-year youth trainees **Gerard Lavin**, **Richard Johnson** and **Danny Nwaokolo** are to join the club's professional ranks in the summer.

Gerard and Richard have both appeared in the first-team forward line this season, but are normally midfielders, while Danny is a left-sided defender, playing at centre-half or left back.

Danny was born in London, Gerard in Corby, while Richard Johnson becomes the first Australian to come up through the ranks to sign professional forms for the club.

"Of the other three second-year trainees at the club, **Stephen Pugh** joined Wrexham earlier in the season, **Marc Dalli** has joined Colchester on trial and Millwall are similarly giving a trial to **Marc Liburd**," says Youth Team Coach **Kenny Jackett**.



Richard Johnson—not the first Australian to play for Watford, but the first Aussie to come through the youth team to sign professional forms at Watford (Pic: Alan Cozzi)

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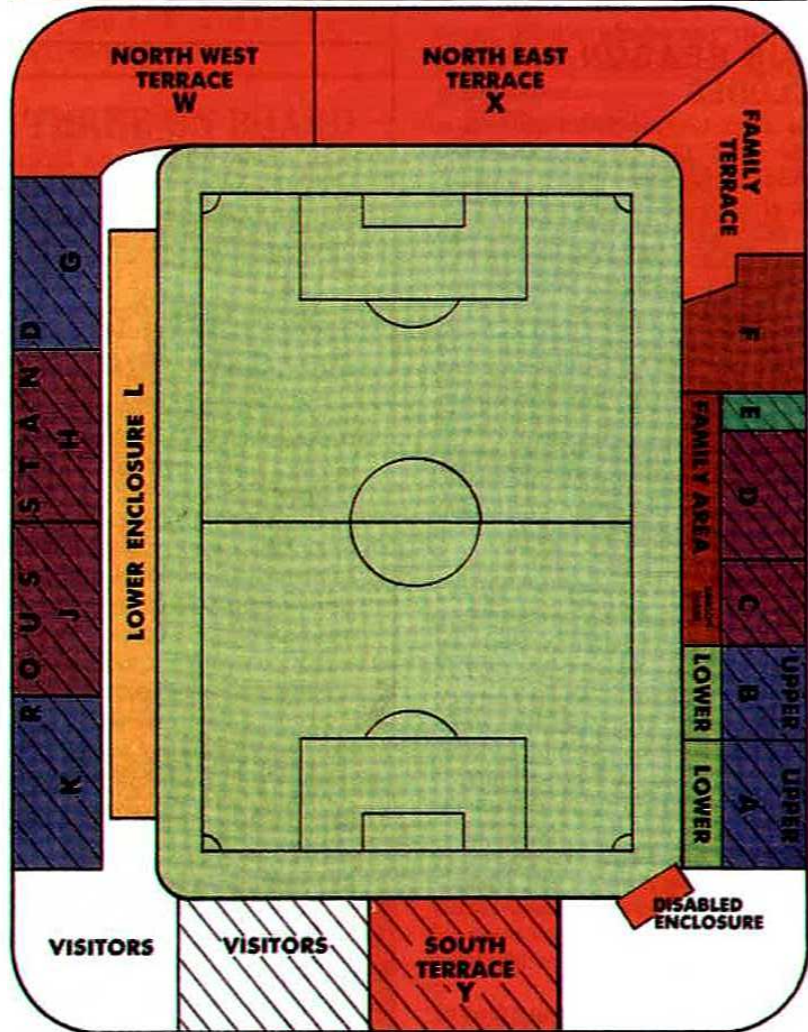
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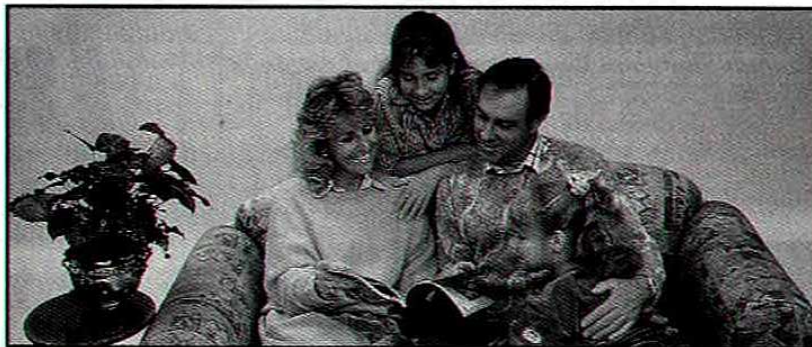


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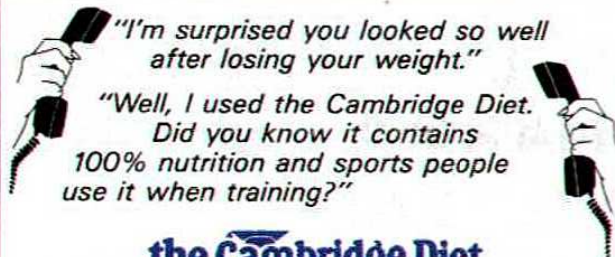
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IPSWICH SWITCH BACK?

Ipswich could well be celebrating their return to the First Division before the Easter holiday is over. After winning their fifth game in succession at home to Newcastle (3-2), **John Lyall's** team needed just six more points from four games to make mathematically sure of promotion.

Ipswich, who lost their First Division status in 1986, were somewhat fortunate to defeat lowly Newcastle. The Geordies twice went into the lead at Portman Road. **John Wark** put Ipswich back on terms, leaving Chris Kiwomya to hit their winner with his 19th goal of the season.

But Ipswich went down in the week to Sunderland, who have the chance to become the first club ever to win the FA Cup twice as a Second Division side. But they could still become the only club to win the FA Cup and suffer relegation to the Third Division in the same season!

Though they will be playing Liverpool at Wembley in the FA Cup Final, Sunderland have been struggling in the League. Their 2-1 home defeat by Charlton was their fifth consecutive defeat in the Second Division.

But the 3-0 midweek win over Ipswich has relieved the pressure—and they have games in hand over all of their rivals.

Charlton's victory at Roker lifted them into the play-off area, it was their seventh game without defeat.

These are worrying times up in the North-East. Newcastle's defeat at Ipswich was their third in a row.

Former England goalkeeper **Peter Shilton** looks like dropping into the Third Division. He is now player-manager of Plymouth and his side has failed to win in five attempts. After losing 2-0 at home to Southend, Argyle dropped to the bottom of the table.

ROUND...

A QUICK REVIEW OF DIVISION TWO

HIGHS AND LOWS

THIS SEASON'S SECOND DIVISION STATISTICS

Highest attendance: 30,306 Newcastle v. Sunderland.

Lowest attendance: 3,419 Oxford United v. Barnsley.

Best supported club: Newcastle United (average 20,763).

Worst supported club: Oxford United (average 5,341).

Top scorers: Duncan Shearer (Blackburn and Swindon) 23, Brett Angell (Southend) 21, John Aldridge (Tranmere) 20, David Speedie (Blackburn) 20, Steve Bull (Wolves) 18.

Biggest wins: Home: Cambridge 6 Bristol Rovers 1. Away: Plymouth 0 Swindon 4; Millwall 0 Watford 4.

Best match scores: Duncan Shearer (Swindon) 4 v. Plymouth.

Longest run without defeat: Cambridge 12.

Longest run without a win: Port Vale 17.

(Up to and including Monday, April 13)

...AND ABOUT

AWAY MATCH TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Competition: Barclays League Division Two

PORTSMOUTH v. WATFORD

At: Fratton Park, Portsmouth

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 1992

Kick-off: 7.45 pm.

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES:

Seats: £10.00 payable on the night. These seats are in section D, enter via Apsley Road turnstiles.

Terrace: £6.00. Visiting supporters admission will be payable at the turnstiles on the night. Please use Apsley Road turnstiles. This terrace is uncovered.

TRAVEL:

On Club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 4.45 pm, returning at approximately 11.45 pm.

Cost: Adults: £7.50; children/senior citizens: £7.00 bookable at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport:

Mileage: Watford to Portsmouth approximately 100 miles.

Suggested route: Take M25 westbound to junction 10 (A3). Turn right and follow the A3 bypassing Guildford, to Petersfield and continue onto the A3M to the end and A27 westbound. Keep in nearside lane and fork left at first exit (A2030 Southsea). DO NOT FOLLOW A27/M27 PORTSMOUTH. Turn left at roundabout A2030

towards Southsea for approximately 3 miles to roundabout. Turn left (A288), then right Priors Crescent and Carrisbrook Road for Fratton Park. Some side street parking available close to ground.

Competition: Barclays League Division Two

GRIMSBY TOWN v. WATFORD

At: Blundell Park, Grimsby

Date: Saturday, April 25, 1992

Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES:

Seats: £8.00, payable at the turnstiles on the day. Enter via turnstile 15.

Terrace: Adults: £5.50, payable at the turnstiles on the day. Enter via turnstiles 16, 17 and 18..

TRAVEL:

On Club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 10.00 am, returning at approximately 8.45 pm.

Cost: Adults: £12.00; children/senior citizens: £11.50 bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport:

Mileage: Watford to Grimsby approximately 200 miles.

Suggested route: A1 northbound to Stamford, then take A16 and follow signs for Cleethorpes. At roundabout, take first exit into Grimsby Road A1098 for Grimsby Town FC—Blundell Park



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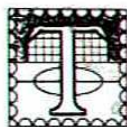
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FANFILE



ON WATFORD FAN BEN PERRY

Name: Ben Perry
Occupation: Student
Area of residence: Edgware
Where I sit or stand to watch Watford: Under scoreboard
Season ticket holder?: No
Length of time supporting Watford: 9 years
The first Watford match I saw: Watford v. Arsenal (home) 1983
Favourite past player: John Barnes
Favourite current player: Andy Hesselthaler
The best match I've ever seen: Watford v. Derby Co, FA Cup 4th round 1989
Best goal by a Watford player: Darren Bazeley v. Everton 1991
Best goal by a visiting player: Trevor Morley (West Ham) 1991
Best visiting side: Nottingham Forest FA Cup 1991
Favourite non-Watford football personality: Jimmy Greaves
Person I'd most like to invite to Watford: John Parrott
New feature to improve the programme: More interviews with reserves / youth players
My hopes for Watford in the next three years: Promotion/good Cup run/roof on Vicarage Road End
My all-time Watford team: Tony Coton, Nigel Gibbs, David Bardsley, Kevin Richardson, David Holdsworth, Keith Dublin, Willie Falconer, Neil Redfean, Paul Wilkinson, Luther Blissett, John Barnes. Subs: Andy Hesselthaler, Gary Penrice.

Your letters are welcomed and should be addressed to:
"Letters to the Editor"
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Vicarage Road Stadium,
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Pitt the poet

My son, Adrian Pitt, is a very keen Watford fan. He is 11-years-old, soon to be 12, and is in his first year at secondary school. He has been a Junior Hornet for some years now.

When Adrian had a piece of school homework to write a poem about his hero, he picked David James and wrote the poem below:

*My hero is called David James,
Who plays in goal for Watford
games.*

At 6 foot 4 he's pretty tall

*And always catches the
matchday ball.*

*He jumps around like a
schoolboy,*

*And saves hard shots with lots
of joy.*

*The fans all cheer at his skill
Even when its still "nil nil".*

*His value is one million pounds
And he has played at lots of
grounds*

*He's played football since he
was nine*

And up till now he's doing fine.

G. W. Pitt,
Emmanuel Road,
Northwood, Middlesex

● *Have we any more young fans of a poetic nature? If so, please put pen to paper about your favourite Watford player and sent the results to The Programme Editor c/o the club address.*

IT'S ALL YOURS

QUIZTIME

Can you name these ex-League clubs from the clues provided?.

1. North Western club twice Football League Cup quarter-finalists in the 1960's.
2. Potential GM Vauxhall Conference members next season. League members for two seasons from 1921-23.
3. League club from 1921-29 birthplace of Bobby and Jackie Charlton.
4. Former League outfit whose record victory and defeat was against Arsenal.
5. Members of League from 1921-31 when they resigned from the competition. The town is now represented by another club in Division Three.
6. Welsh club who inflicted a record 8-1 League defeat on Watford in the 1925-26 season.
7. Current North West Counties League club set to revive their old name next season, members of League from 1898-1915.
8. Division Three North champions in 1922-23 from Lancashire replaced by Chester in 1931-32.
9. The only League founder member no longer in the competition.
10. Current HFS Loans League side who were members of the Football League from 1896-1912.

● Answers on page 31. Quiz compiled by Paul Levene



Neville Ovenden Combination

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 South'pton | 34 | 21 | 7 | 6 | 70 | 33 | 70 |
| 2 Arsenal | 34 | 21 | 6 | 7 | 78 | 43 | 69 |
| 3 QPR | 37 | 21 | 5 | 11 | 74 | 43 | 66 |
| 4 Chelsea | 33 | 20 | 6 | 7 | 68 | 37 | 66 |
| 5 Norwich C. | 33 | 17 | 5 | 11 | 63 | 32 | 56 |
| 6 C. Palace | 34 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 59 | 48 | 54 |
| 7 Luton T. | 35 | 15 | 8 | 12 | 54 | 50 | 53 |
| 8 Wimbledon | 35 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 50 | 38 | 50 |
| 9 Portsmouth | 36 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 69 | 73 | 50 |
| 10 Swindon T. | 33 | 14 | 6 | 13 | 55 | 56 | 48 |
| 11 Ipswich T. | 35 | 13 | 8 | 14 | 61 | 67 | 47 |
| 12 Tottenham | 34 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 54 | 48 | 45 |
| 13 WATFORD | 36 | 14 | 3 | 19 | 53 | 65 | 45 |
| 14 Oxford Utd. | 36 | 13 | 6 | 17 | 54 | 75 | 45 |
| 15 Millwall | 36 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 55 | 77 | 41 |
| 16 West Ham | 34 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 51 | 62 | 38 |
| 17 Charlton Ath. | 33 | 10 | 7 | 16 | 43 | 69 | 37 |
| 18 Fulham | 33 | 10 | 7 | 16 | 35 | 51 | 37 |
| 19 Brighton | 45 | 8 | 6 | 20 | 46 | 65 | 29 |
| 20 Reading | 34 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 44 | 123 | 18 |

(Up to and including April 13)

Fixtures 1991/92:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| H Aug. 13 Chelsea | L 0-2 |
| A Aug. 28 Oxford Utd | W 2-0 |
| H Sep. 3 Wimbledon | W 1-0 |
| A Sep. 7 Southampton | L 0-4 |
| A Sep. 18 Ipswich Town | L 1-3 |
| H Sep. 25 West Ham Utd | L 3-5 |
| H Sep. 30 Arsenal | L 1-5 |
| A Oct. 7 Crystal Palace | L 0-1 |
| A Oct. 16 Wimbledon | L 0-1 |
| A Oct. 18 Norwich City | L 1-2 |
| H Oct. 23 Charlton Ath | W 4-0 |
| A Oct. 28 Portsmouth | L 0-3 |
| A Nov. 5 Swindon T. | W 3-1 |
| H Nov. 12 Oxford Utd. | W 4-2 |
| H Nov. 26 Fulham | W 2-0 |
| A Dec. 3 QPR | L 2-4 |
| A Dec. 10 B'ham W (HSC-2) | L 0-2 |
| A Jan. 7 Charlton A. | D 2-2 |
| H Jan. 13 Brighton | L 0-1 |
| H Jan. 21 Portsmouth | W 2-1 |
| A Jan. 27 West Ham Utd. | W 3-1 |
| A Jan. 29 Fulham | L 0-1 |
| A Feb. 3 Luton T. | L 1-2 |
| A Feb. 5 Reading | W 3-2 |
| A Feb. 10 Millwall | L 0-3 |
| H Feb. 18 QPR | L 1-2 |
| H Feb. 25 Reading | W 2-0 |
| H Feb. 27 Tottenham | W 3-0 |
| A Mar. 4 Chelsea | L 0-2 |
| A Mar. 7 Arsenal | L 1-3 |
| H Mar. 10 Luton T. | D 1-1 |
| H Mar. 16 Norwich C. | W 1-0 |
| H Mar. 24 Millwall | D 3-3 |
| A Apr. 1 Brighton | L 0-2 |
| H Apr. 7 Ipswich T. | W 4-1 |
| A Apr. 11 Tottenham | L 0-5 |
| H Apr. 13 Swindon Town | W 2-0 |
| H Apr. 15 Crystal P. (Wed) | |
| H Apr. 22 Southampton (Wed) | |

HSC: Herts Senior Cup. Home games kick-off at 7.30 pm.

RESERVES...

The reserves recovered from a heavy defeat at Tottenham Hotspur 9 days ago to notch an impressive 2-0 home win over Swindon Town last Monday evening.

"We went down 5-0 at White Hart Lane, with all those goals coming in the first half-hour," says Reserve Team Coach **Stuart Murdoch**. "To be fair, we came to the game on the back of a good home win over Ipswich and were perhaps a little over confident. I take some responsibility as I had encouraged us to get the ball forward early, with the result that we were very stretched.

"Having said that, they were a good side and included players of the ability of Vinny Samways and Nayim in their line-up.

"It seemed that every time they attacked in the first 30 minutes they scored, although their opener was a very dubious penalty, and we could have had three goals ourselves in that period.

"At half-time I said to the team that the game was going to end 5-something and we looked very solid in the second half and created numerous chances. However, **Simon Sheppard** saved a penalty seven minutes from time - but at the end of the game their coach Ray Clemence commented that the game could easily have ended five-all."

The next match saw a rehearsal for today's game, with **Swindon Town** the visitors a week ago.

Stuart Murdoch - Reserve Team Coach



"It was a very good performance," says Stuart. "Good, open football was played by both sides and it was goalless at the break. We played to the same system as the first team, but didn't really get hold of midfield in the first half.

"But we scored twice shortly after the break, with **Alex Inglethorpe** and **Luther Blissett** both getting on the end of good crosses. We had further two chances cleared off the line, but the win took us to a respectable mid-table position."

● **Pre-Easter deadlines mean we'll cover last Wednesday's reserve match against Crystal Palace in our last home programme.**



Julian Alsford - key man in the reserves this season. (Pic: Alan Cozzi)

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

v. **Tottenham Hotspur (away), Saturday, April 11.**

Lost: 0-5.

Team: Sheppard, Denton, Nwaokolo, Meara, McLaughlin, Alsford, Byrne, Gallen, Putney, Inglethorpe, Lavin. **Subs:** White for Inglethorpe, Page for McLaughlin.

v. **Swindon Town (home), Monday, April 13.**

Won: 2-0. Scorers: Inglethorpe, Blissett.

Team: Sheppard, Denton, Lavin, Byrne, Alsford, Nwaokolo, Putney, Gallen, Blissett, Inglethorpe, Porter. **Subs:** Meara, Merritt not used.

...& YOUTH



Kenny Jackett—Youth Team Coach

WITH no League action to report for the juniors, youth team coach Kenny Jackett took time out this week to review the season.

"We've seen some very good progression in the youth team players this season," says Kenny. "It was pleasing to see **Gerard Lavin** and **Richard Johnson** involved at first team level. Those two plus **Daniel Nwaokolo**, **Robert Page**, **John White** and **Marc Liburd** having numerous reserve team outings.

"As a team, we've been mid-table all season and I felt the results improved as the season went on.

"Performance-wise, our best games were the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup-ties against **Arsenal**, when we lost a bit unluckily after a replay. Possibly our best footballing performance was just a couple of weeks ago at **Ipswich**.

"One department lacking a little this campaign has been goal-scoring—a bit similar to the first team. Our top scorer to date has been midfielder **John White**,

with 11 goals. The second-highest total was recorded by **Stephen Pugh**, with nine," adds Kenny. "Our last reports from Wrexham confirmed that Stephen is doing well.

"Obviously the front line is one area we'll be looking to improve next season. Defensively, we've been pretty sound. **Simon Sheppard** stepped up to the reserves two-thirds of the way through the season and schoolboy **Paul Wilkerson** came in to take over in goal.

"**Daniel Nwaokolo**, **Gerard Lavin** and **Richard Johnson** have all now been offered professional contracts for the coming season (*see article on page 20).

"There's no youth team tour this close season but we hope to arrange something next summer. On the plus side though, there's every possibility that we'll be playing in a tournament at Woodside involving two top English clubs and a few top continental teams.

"Our new intake of seven youth team boys will be leaving

school this summer and their training kicks off with a trip to **North Wales** with our new Community Officer, **John McDermott** and myself.

"We have mentioned previously on this page that Watford's club sides consist of more than the three featured regularly and beyond the youth team we have numerous people who help out at different levels on the coaching and scouting side," adds Kenny.

"Invaluable jobs are done by **Brent Hills**, **Peter McCullagh**, **Dennis Gibbs**, **Roy Dunn**, **Dave Bayliss**, **Roger Broadhead**, **John Reynolds**, **Bob Harbour** and **John Lewis** and on occasions, **Nigel Gibbs** and **Luther Blissett**, two up and coming young coaches!

"I would like to thank them all very much for the continuing hard work over the season."

South East Counties

Division One

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. Tottenham H. | 25 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 73 | 19 | 44 |
| 2. Arsenal | 27 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 82 | 42 | 42 |
| 3. QPR | 29 | 17 | 3 | 9 | 78 | 51 | 37 |
| 4. Norwich City | 27 | 15 | 3 | 9 | 55 | 38 | 33 |
| 5. Chelsea | 27 | 15 | 3 | 9 | 51 | 34 | 33 |
| 6. Ipswich Town | 29 | 12 | 4 | 13 | 53 | 64 | 28 |
| 7. Southend Utd | 25 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 57 | 48 | 27 |
| 8. WATFORD | 28 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 50 | 47 | 27 |
| 9. Fulham | 28 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 45 | 45 | 27 |
| 10. West Ham Utd. | 26 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 54 | 53 | 25 |
| 11. Millwall | 25 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 32 | 37 | 23 |
| 12. Leyton Orient | 27 | 10 | 3 | 14 | 50 | 66 | 23 |
| 13. Charlton Ath | 28 | 8 | 5 | 15 | 44 | 60 | 21 |
| 14. Gillingham | 29 | 9 | 2 | 18 | 44 | 79 | 20 |
| 15. Portsmouth | 28 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 34 | 72 | 13 |
| 16. Cambridge Utd. | 28 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 33 | 80 | 13 |

(Up to and including April 4)

Fixtures 1991/92

| | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------------|---|-----|-----------|-------------------|---|-----|
| H Aug. 17 | Leyton Orient | W | 5-2 | A Dec. 21 | Leyton Orient | L | 1-2 |
| H Aug. 24 | Southend United | D | 3-3 | H Jan. 11 | Cambridge United | W | 4-0 |
| A Aug. 31 | Cambridge United | L | 3-4 | A Jan. 18 | Fulham | L | 1-3 |
| H Sept. 7 | Fulham | D | 2-2 | H Feb. 1 | Gillingham | D | 1-1 |
| A Sept. 14 | Arsenal | L | 0-4 | H Feb. 8 | Ipswich Town | L | 1-2 |
| A Sept. 21 | Bourne'th SECLC-1 | W | 3-0 | A Feb. 15 | Norwich City | D | 1-1 |
| H Sept. 23 | Arsenal SJFC-1 | D | 1-1 | H Feb. 22 | West Ham United | W | 4-1 |
| A Sept. 28 | Gillingham | W | 3-0 | A Feb. 29 | Queens Park R. | L | 0-2 |
| A Oct. 1 | Arsenal (SJFC-1) | L | 1-2 | H Mar. 7 | Charlton Athletic | W | 3-2 |
| A Oct. 5 | Chelsea | L | 0-2 | H Mar. 14 | Tottenham Hotspur | L | 0-1 |
| H Oct. 12 | Norwich City | W | 1-0 | A Mar. 21 | Portsmouth | W | 2-0 |
| A Oct. 19 | West Ham United | D | 2-2 | H Mar. 28 | Millwall | L | 0-1 |
| A Oct. 26 | Wimbledon (SECLC2) | L | 0-1 | A Apr. 4 | Ipswich Town | W | 3-1 |
| H Nov. 2 | Chelsea | L | 1-6 | A Apr. 18 | Southend United | | |
| A Nov. 9 | Charlton Athletic | W | 2-1 | H Apr. 25 | Arsenal | | |
| A Nov. 16 | Tottenham Hotspur | L | 0-1 | | | | |
| H Nov. 23 | Portsmouth | W | 3-0 | | | | |
| H Nov. 25 | Leicester (FAYC-2) | W | 2-1 | | | | |
| H Nov. 30 | Queens Park R. | L | 2-3 | | | | |
| A Dec. 7 | Millwall | W | 2-0 | | | | |
| A Dec. 9 | Arsenal (FAYC-3) | L | 0-4 | | | | |

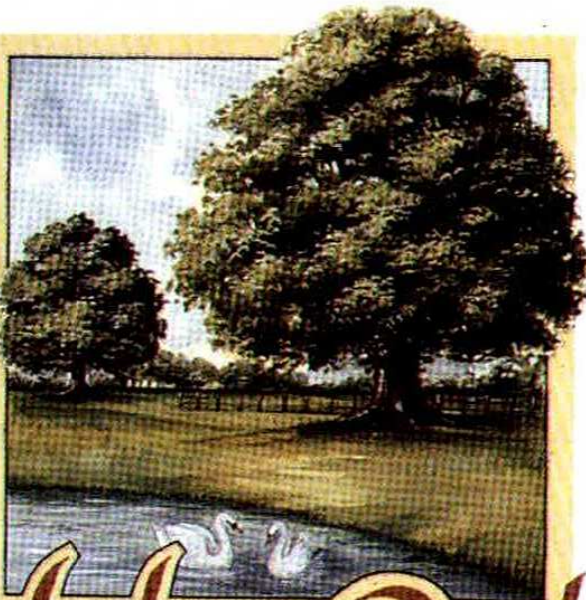
Key: SECLC: South East Counties League Cup; SJFC: Southern Junior Floodlit Cup; FAYC: FA Youth Cup. Saturday Home League games kick-off 11.00 am at Woodside Stadium, Horseshoe Lane, Garston.

| Month | Date | Opposition | Result | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | Goals | Assists | |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|---------|--|
| AUGUST | 17 | Wolverhampton W. | L 0-2 | 13,547 | James | Gibbs | Morrow | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Thomas* | Porter | Kennedy* | Butler | Nicholas | Blissett/Ashby | | | | | | |
| | 20 | Southend Utd (RC 1, 1) | W 2-0 | 6,231 | James | Gibbs | Soloman | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Porter | Butler | Porter1 | Nicholas | Thomas/Soloman | | | | | | |
| | 24 | Newcastle Utd | D 2-2 | 22,440 | James | Gibbs | Soloman | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Porter | Butler | Porter | Nicholas | Blissett/Ashby | | | | | | |
| | 28 | Southend Utd (RC 1, 2) | D 1-1 | 3,802 | James | Gibbs | Soloman | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Porter | Butler | Porter | Nicholas | Soloman/Butler | | | | | | |
| | 31 | Cambridge Utd | L 1-3 | 22 | 6,902 | James | Gibbs | Morrow | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Porter | Butler | Nicholas | Blissett/Ashby | | | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 3 | Barnsley | W 3-0 | 17 | 6,500 | James | Gibbs | Morrow | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Kennedy1 | Bazeley1* | Porter | Nicholas | Butler/Soloman | | | | | |
| | 7 | Middlesbrough | L 1-2 | 20 | 8,715 | James | Gibbs | Morrow* | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Kennedy* | Bazeley | Porter | Nicholas | Butler/Soloman | | | | | |
| | 14 | Brighton & HA | W 1-0 | 18 | 8,741 | James | Gibbs | Morrow | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett* | Butler1 | Bazeley | Porter | Nicholas | Kennedy/Soloman | | | | | |
| | 17 | Blackburn Rovers | L 0-1 | 19 | 9,542 | James | Gibbs | Morrow | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Blissett | Hessenthaler | Bazeley | Porter | Nicholas | Kennedy/Soloman | | | | | |
| | 21 | Charlton Athletic | W 2-0 | 17 | 8,459 | James | Gibbs | Soloman* | Dublin | McLaughlin | Bazeley | Hessenthaler1 | Blissett* | Butler1 | Porter | Nicholas | Kennedy/Ashby | | | | | |
| OCTOBER | 28 | Swindon Town | L 1-3 | 18 | 8,863 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale* | Dublin | McLaughlin | Bazeley* | Hessenthaler | Blissett | Butler | Nicholas | Butler/Ashby | | | | | | |
| | 2 | Southend United (ZDSC-1) | L 0-1 | 17,000 | James | Gibbs* | Morrow | Dublin | McLaughlin* | Putney | Hessenthaler | Bazeley | Butler | Porter | Nicholas | Blissett/Soloman | | | | | | |
| | 5 | Grimsby Town | W 2-0 | 16 | 6,930 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney1 | Hessenthaler | Blissett | Butler | Nicholas | Morrow/Bazeley | | | | | | |
| | 8 | Everton (RC 2, 2) | L 1-2 | 11,561 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Hessenthaler* | Blissett | Butler | Porter | Nicholas | Bazeley1/Devonshire | | | | | | |
| | 12 | Bristol City | L 0-1 | 20 | 7,882 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Hessenthaler* | Blissett* | Butler | Nicholas | Bazeley/Soloman | | | | | | |
| NOVEMBER | 2 | Sunderland | L 1-3 | 19 | 12,790 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale* | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Bazeley | Blissett | Holdsworth | Nicholas | Soloman/Butler | | | | | | |
| | 9 | Oxford United | W 2-0 | 19 | 4,735 | James | Gibbs | Holdsworth | Dublin | McLaughlin | Putney | Hessenthaler | Blissett | Butler | Nicholas | Bazeley1/Soloman | | | | | | |
| | 16 | Bristol Rovers | D 1-1 | 16 | 5,027 | James | Soloman | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Blissett | Butler | Nicholas | Bazeley/Drysdale | | | | | | |
| | 23 | Portsmouth | W 2-1 | 17 | 8,135 | James | Soloman | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Bazeley* | Butler1 | Nicholas | Butler/Thomas | | | | | | |
| | 30 | Port Vale | L 1-2 | 16 | 5,777 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Bazeley* | Blissett | Nicholas | Soloman/Thomas | | | | | | |
| DECEMBER | 7 | Derby County | L 1-2 | 21 | 8,302 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby* | Hessenthaler | Bazeley | Blissett1 | Porter | Nicholas* | Soloman/Butler | | | | | |
| | 22 | Barnsley | D 1-1 | 21 | 7,522 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Soloman* | Hessenthaler | Nogan1 | Butler | Nicholas | Bazeley/Butler | | | | | | |
| | 26 | Millwall | W 4-0 | 17 | 9,237 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale1 | Dublin | Holdsworth | Soloman | Hessenthaler | Nogan* | Butler2 | Nicholas* | Blissett/Butler | | | | | | |
| | 29 | Cambridge United | W 1-0 | 15 | 8,439 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Soloman | Hessenthaler | Butler1 | Bazeley* | Porter | Nicholas* | Blissett/Butler | | | | | |
| | JANUARY | 1 | Tranmere Rovers | D 0-0 | 16 | 9,882 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Putney | Hessenthaler | Butler | Blissett | Porter* | Nicholas* | Bazeley/Johnson | | | | |
| 4 | | Swindon Town (FAC3) | L 2-3 | 10,133 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Putney | Hessenthaler | Butler | Blissett2 | Porter | Nicholas* | Bazeley/Ashby | | | | | | |
| 11 | | Newcastle United | D 2-2 | 15 | 5,811 | Waugh | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Putney | Hessenthaler | Butler | Blissett | Porter1(p) | Nicholas* | Butler/Bazeley | | | | | |
| 18 | | Wolverhampton W. | L 0-3 | 17 | 14,175 | Waugh | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | McLaughlin | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Blissett | Porter | Putney | Butler/Nicholas | | | | | |
| 24 | | Tranmere Rovers | D 1-1 | 16 | 6,187 | Waugh | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin* | Holdsworth | McLaughlin | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Blissett | Porter | Putney | Butler/Ashby | | | | | |
| FEBRUARY | 1 | Southend United | L 0-1 | 17 | 7,581 | James | Gibbs* | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | McLaughlin | Hessenthaler | Nogan* | Blissett | Porter | Putney | Butler/Ashby | | | | | |
| | 8 | Plymouth Argyle | W 1-0 | 18 | 7,260 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | McLaughlin | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Blissett1 | Porter* | Putney | Butler/Nicholas | | | | | |
| | 22 | Port Vale | D 0-0 | 18 | 6,602 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale* | Dublin | Nicholas* | McLaughlin | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Blissett | Porter | Putney | Butler/Soloman | | | | | |
| | 29 | Derby County | L 1-3 | 18 | 14,052 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale* | Dublin | Holdsworth | McLaughlin | Hessenthaler | Nogan1 | Blissett | Porter | Putney* | Porter/Soloman | | | | | |
| | MARCH | 7 | Ipswich Town | L 0-1 | 18 | 9,199 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Soloman | Nogan | Blissett | Porter | Butler | Lavin/Hessenthaler | | | | |
| 11 | | Oxford United | D 0-0 | 20 | 5,808 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Blissett* | Porter | Soloman | Butler/Lavin | | | | | |
| 14 | | Sunderland | W 1-0 | 19 | 8,091 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Blissett* | Porter1(p) | Soloman | Butler/Lavin | | | | | |
| 17 | | Ipswich Town | W 2-1 | 16 | 12,404 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale2 | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan* | Blissett | Butler | Soloman | Porter/Bazeley | | | | | |
| 21 | | Leicester City | W 2-1 | 16 | 14,519 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan1 | Bazeley | Butler1 | Soloman | Porter/McLaughlin | | | | | |
| APRIL | 26 | Bristol Rovers | W 1-0 | 13 | 7,498 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale1(p) | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Bazeley* | Butler* | Soloman | Porter/Blissett | | | | | |
| | 31 | Brighton & HA | L 0-1 | 13 | 7,589 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby* | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Bazeley | Butler | Soloman* | Porter/Inglethorpe | | | | | |
| | 4 | Middlesbrough | W 2-1 | 13 | 13,869 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale* | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan | Bazeley* | Butler1 | Soloman | Porter/Blissett | | | | | |
| | 11 | Blackburn Rovers | W 2-1 | 12 | 10,522 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan* | Bazeley2* | Butler | Soloman | Porter/Blissett | | | | | |
| | 18 | Charlton Athletic | W 2-1 | 12 | 10,522 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan* | Bazeley2* | Butler | Soloman | Porter/Blissett | | | | | |
| MAY | 2 | Bristol City | W 2-1 | 12 | 10,522 | James | Gibbs | Drysdale | Dublin | Holdsworth | Ashby | Hessenthaler | Nogan* | Bazeley2* | Butler | Soloman | Porter/Blissett | | | | | |
| | 9 | FA Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| | | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | P | W | D | L | F | A | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Ipswich Town | 42 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 39 | 21 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 26 | 25 | 79 | 42 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 71 | Kiwomya 16, Dozzell 11, Wright 11 |
| 2 | Leicester City | 42 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 71 | 42 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 71 | Dublin 15, Claridge 7, Williams (P) 11 |
| 3 | Cambridge Utd. | 42 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 28 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 24 | 69 | 42 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 28 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 24 | 69 | Slaven 16, Wilkinson 11 |
| 4 | Derby Co. | 42 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 29 | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 32 | 26 | 69 | 42 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 29 | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 32 | 26 | 69 | Speedie 20 |
| 5 | Middlesbrough | 41 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 31 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 26 | 68 | 41 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 37 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 24 | 29 | 66 | Leaburn 11, Lee 10 |
| 6 | Blackburn R. | 41 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 37 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 24 | 29 | 66 | 41 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 23 | 66 | Shearer 22, White 10 |
| 7 | Charlton Ath. | 41 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 23 | 66 | 41 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 23 | 66 | Whittingham 10, Burns 8 |
| 8 | Swindon T. | 41 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 36 | 22 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 61 | 41 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 36 | 22 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 61 | Bulk 18, Mutch 9 |
| 9 | Portsmouth | 40 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 38 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 34 | 61 | 40 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 38 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 34 | 61 | Angell 21, Ansa 9 |
| 10 | Wolves | 42 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 27 | 61 | 42 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 27 | 61 | Blissett 8, Butler 8 |
| 11 | Southend Utd. | 43 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 36 | 25 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 25 | 32 | 61 | 43 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 36 | 25 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 25 | 32 | 61 | Aldridge 25 |
| 12 | WATFORD | 41 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 56 | 41 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 56 | White 11, Saunders 10 |
| 13 | Tranmere R. | 41 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 34 | 28 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 22 | 55 | 41 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 34 | 28 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 22 | 55 | Kerr 12, Rae 11 |
| 14 | Bristol R. | 42 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 38 | 28 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 30 | 55 | 42 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 38 | 28 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 30 | 55 | Currie 7, Rimmell 6 |
| 15 | Millwall | 42 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 31 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 37 | 54 | 42 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 31 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 37 | 54 | Allison 10 |
| 16 | Barnsley | 42 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 29 | 54 | 42 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 29 | 54 | Armstrong 9 |
| 17 | Bristol C. | 42 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 27 | 21 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 41 | 42 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 27 | 21 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 41 | Woods 8 | | |
| 18 | Sunderland | 39 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 33 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 21 | 36 | 46 | 39 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 33 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 21 | 36 | 46 | Peacock 14, Kelly 10 |
| 19 | Grimsby Town | 41 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 23 | 27 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 21 | 32 | 46 | 41 | 6 | 5 | 10</ | | | | | | | | | |



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