

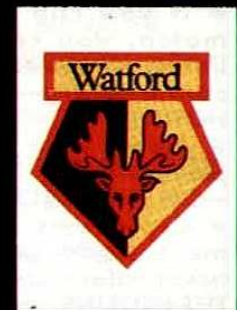
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# Steve

## PERRYMAN



*Two wins  
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further on...*

**W**ELL, a lot seems to have been written about me and the club since our last home game. In case it's gone unnoticed, we've won twice since then!

Not everyone who watches football or Watford is a letter writer, but since my comments on this page in our last programme, I have received numerous letters of support, for which I am very grateful. I thank you for that and promise that I have read every word.

I must admit I was more than a little surprised that nine lines out of 69 in the last programme produced so many column inches in our local newspaper. But if that means there's a passion about the end result and Watford's future good fortunes, that's all to the good.

Nevertheless, I stand by everything I said. It was not spur-of-the-moment stuff, it was considered opinion and I had put off making my comments for some time. And I'm not just referring to my thoughts about our coverage in the *Watford Observer*.

Ultimately, my theme is very simple. If you are to comment or report with credibility, you must understand or be prepared to write about the context. We can all pick on details, but the overall picture needs looking at.

I maintain, as I have said often in these notes this season, that we are in better shape now than at any time in the last three seasons. It's not all been pretty, nor has it been to everyone's taste. But it is the truth and we are undoubtedly moving in the right direction.

On that point, earlier this week I was looking at the Watford v. Ipswich Town programme from last season. As now, we had played 32 games, and had 37 points. Today we are five points better off. After the Ipswich games we only picked up one point in our next two games.

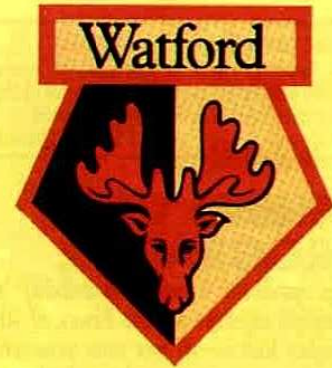
So with your help in urging us on to two wins in today's match and at Portsmouth on Tuesday, we'll be 10 points better off than at the same stage last season.

Also our top goalscorers this time last year had eight and seven goals respectively. We currently have three players above that total, albeit alongside a worse defensive record.

Nevertheless, I am convinced we are making progress.

Best wishes.

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**FRONT COVER SHOT:**

Ken Charlery, scorer of two goals at Bristol Rovers last Saturday, gets to the heart of the West Ham defence in our last home game.

(Pic: Martin Wolmark)

# NEWS, NEWS,

## BEHIND THE PROGRAMME

Appropriately enough, matchday programme printers Alpine Press of Kings Langley kicked-off our new promotional scheme - sponsorship of the programme.

Alpine sponsored the programme for our match against West Ham United and to mark the event received a framed edition of the publication, surrounded by autographs of all the Watford players.

Presenting the memento to Alpine's managing director Maurice Grainger (right) is Watford's chief executive Eddie Plumley and manager Steve Perryman. (Pic: Martin Wolmark)



## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY IN TENERIFE

See page 23

## NEW NECKWEAR

Complete with discreet Watford logo, these fashionable ties are now available in the Hornet Shop, price £9.99 each.

"We've had a lot of customers asking for more fashion-conscious ties, so we've had this range specially designed," says Shop manager Ian Sewell. "We still have our range of more formal Watford FC ties, which retail at £8.99." (Pic: E.A.Janes)



## STEWARDS CERTIFIED IN SAFETY



A number of the matchday staff on duty at Vicarage Road are primarily there to ensure spectator safety - and prior to our last home game many of them were presented with Football League Certificates by club chairman Jack Petchey.

The certificates were for completing a rigorous training programme devised by the club's safety officer Mick Buttle. The course included topics such as: First Aid, Safety at Sports Grounds, communication, fire-fighting and ground legislation.

As Police costs escalate, the feeling throughout the Football League is that having fully-trained 'Safety' stewards is the way forward.

Photographed with Jack Petchey above are the successful participants and it is hoped to add to their number throughout this season and into next.

(Pic: Martin Wolmark)

## SNIPPETS

● Before today's game Evergreen Boys Club will receive a Barclays Community Project Award, for work performed with the cheque they received last season, as a result of Watford winning a Barclays Performance of the Week Award. We'll have a picture and more details in next Saturday's programme.

● While talking of the local community, a total of 104 children attended the two football courses run during the last school half-term by Watford's community officer John McDermott. Watford players Jason Soloman, Keith Dublin, Ken Charlery, Gerard Lavin and Jason Drysdale all got involved with courses. John's got more courses lined up for the Easter break, so watch the programme for details.

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Before today's match a minute's silence will be observed in memory of **Watford's long-serving Pat Molloy (see page 7)** and this country's **World Cup-winning captain of 1966, Bobby Moore.**

## PERMISSION GRANTED

Watford has been granted full planning consent by the local authority for the development plans this summer - roofing and seating the Vicarage Road End and completing the lower tier of the Rous Stand.

"Now it's a question of seeing what grant we'll receive from the Football Trust," says chief executive Eddie Plumley.

## GREAT SURVEY RESPONSE

### HELP WATFORD FC SET A NEW WORLD RECORD

See page 29

Nearly 71% of all Watford season ticket holders responded to the questionnaire sent out last month - a wonderful response by any standards.

"The level of response means it's taken a while to collate the survey, but we'll be publishing your views and our response in the programme v. Newcastle United on Tuesday March 23," says chief executive Eddie Plumley.

Later in the current campaign a survey is planned to take account of the views of ALL other Watford supporters. The general aim is to canvass your views of the services and facilities you want from your club.

### THREE WINS IN A ROW FOR THE RESERVES

Turn to page 28

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After an absence of several seasons, the Evening Standard London 5-a-side tournament is back.

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Seat tickets priced £20.00, £17.50 and £15.00 for the event are now on sale at the Watford Ticket Office, while £12.00 seat tickets are available direct from the Wembley Box Office on 081-900 1234, as well as all Keith Prowse and First Call branches.

## 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.

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# Talking Point

## REFLECTING ON THE CAREER OF PAT MOLLOY

**WHEN** Pat Molloy died 12 days ago, a piece of Watford Football Club died with him. For 83-year-old Pat had spent 41 years of his working life at Vicarage Road - the club's longest-serving employee ever. Today we reflect on his career.

"EVEN thinking about my association with Pat Molloy brings an affectionate smile to my face."

Those words, spoken by ex-Watford manager Graham Taylor when we spoke to him last week, echo the thoughts of everyone who ever came into contact with Pat.

His 41-year career with Watford FC was rightly recognised with the Barclays Service to Football Award in 1990, as the picture on this page shows. His was a career that touched virtually every aspect of the professional game - player, trainer, physio, coach, referee, player-manager, assistant manager, caretaker manager and manager. He was even a qualified masseur.

He joined the Watford staff in 1951 as club trainer under the managership of Ron Gray, but had earlier represented the club in a 4-1 wartime win at Brighton.

From Ron Gray to Steve Perryman, Pat worked with 15 Watford managers, with Graham Taylor at the helm for almost a quarter of Pat's time at Vicarage Road.

"Pat was a fine, upright, kind man," says the erstwhile Hornets' boss. "There are so many stories about Pat, and although some may have been embellished with time, all still retained a strong element of truth."

"He was a very fit man, and had his values exactly right. Apart from anything, he led a fascinating life."

There's no denying that, for as a teenager Pat ran away from his Lancashire home to join the King's Royal Rifles, before becoming a fairground boxer and then joining Bomber Command during the war and playing for the strong RAF team. A wing half, he played for Fulham, Cardiff City, Stockport County and Bradford City, augmenting his income by qualifying as a carpenter - a skill that was to be used many times



Pat Molloy - his service to football and Watford FC was recognised in 1990 by the Barclays' Service to Football Award.

(Pic: Watford Review)

at Vicarage Road during the summer months.

After the War, he became player-manager of Kettering, and then took the FA Coaching badge and went to manager and coach the Turkish national side - an appointment which immediately preceded his Vicarage Road days.

Arguably, Pat's most influential days at Watford came in the late 1950's, when he played a key part in the development of the 1959/60 Division Four championship-winning side.

But he remained a man with whom Watford FC was automatically associated, even by players of other clubs, as current Hornets' boss Steve Perryman testifies: "When I was playing for Spurs' youth side, Pat was there. If I was asked for a face or name to epitomise Watford over the years, that short-haired face of Pat Molloy standing on the touchline was Watford."

The man will be missed, but the memories won't dim. Our sincere condolences go to Pat's wife Marjorie, his two daughters, one son and nine grandchildren.

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There's no such thing as a typical week as a sports producer in Local Radio and last week proved that.

On TUESDAY evening, I recorded a preview piece with little Hitchin rugby club who were playing in the semi-final of the Provincial Cup. The prize at stake was a final at the home of the sport—Twickenham.

WEDNESDAY night—our great boxing hope Billy Schermer from Luton lost his British and Commonwealth lightweight title at the Wembley Grand Hall. A late night and disappointment all round for the previously unbeaten professional.

THURSDAY evening—a chance to meet the new Aylesbury United football manager—but not until he'd individually met and talked to each player and squad member. Another late night!

FRIDAY morning—Luton manager David Pleat had a massive row with his managing director over the proposed sale of striker Phil Gray to Chelsea. He was too angry to talk to the local press and his assistant had to deputise at the last minute.

No problems with Steve Perryman though as he reflected on the Hornets' win at Derby.

SATURDAY—the biggest day of the week and a 'phone call at home just as I was leaving for the studio. The presenter had fallen asleep in a sauna and his face and various other parts of his body had swollen up, so he couldn't do the four-hour sports programme. (The best excuse I've ever heard!)

But despite that we probably had one of the most successful days the area has ever managed—WATFORD won at Bristol Rovers, LUTON didn't lose, HITCHIN rugby club won their semi-final and earned a trip to Twickenham next month; the St. Albans boxer SEAN MURPHY won back his British Featherweight title and the MILTON KEYNES Kings ice hockey side beat Basingstoke 4-3 after three weeks ago losing 17-3 in their away match.

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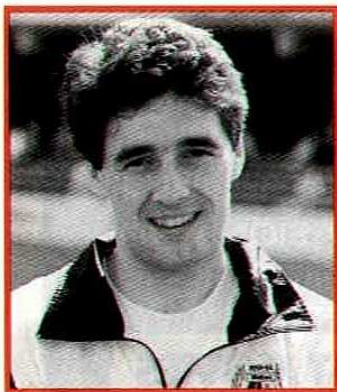
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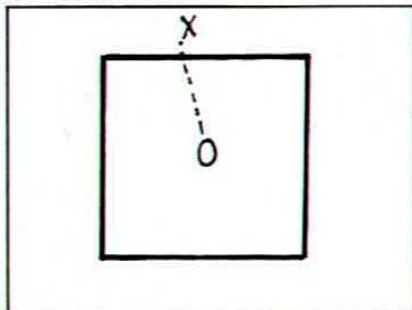
**By John McDermott,  
Watford FC's community  
officer**

In any ball game, controlling the ball itself is fundamental. And there's no doubt that although some players may have a natural flair for this aspect of the game, practising can improve technique. Here's three simple practices, which can be developed, as I'll cover in next Saturday's programme.

**1. Juggling in pairs:** This is just to get people warmed up and most importantly in ball control, concentrating. Each pair has a ball, and is allowed a maximum number of touches (says two or three) before knocking the ball to the other player. When the ball touches the ground, start again.

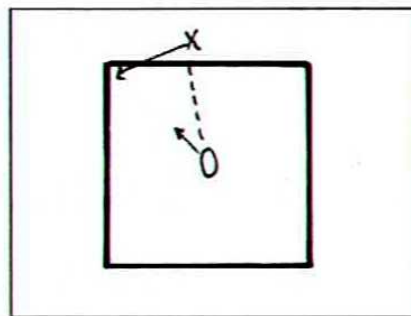
**2. Serve and control:**

**Organisation:** X stands within two yards of a line, while O serves the ball on the ground from approximately seven yards away. X must control the ball without crossing the line. Progress the practice by going to aerial service.



**Key factors:** As a coach, you should be ensuring the players: Keep their eyes on

the ball; Get in line with the ball; Select the part of the body they're going to use to control the ball as early as possible Relax and withdraw that part of the body when they make contact with the ball to produce a 'cushion' effect.



**3. Serve, control and challenge:**

**Organisation:** Again in pairs, and the service is at first on the ground. This time though, X must control the ball towards the corner of the grid, i.e. out of the line of service. And this time, O is allowed to challenge for possession after serving.

**Key factors:** Early control to get ready for the server's challenge; In this practise, given that a challenge is on its way, the part of the body used to control the ball needs to come into the ball, rather than be withdrawn.

**Important note:** To lighten this session, encourage the controller to act like the receiver at tennis - on their toes ready to move in any direction.

## RARE Treats...

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Swindon Town produced a 12-page programme priced at 3d for the visit of Watford in September 1957 during the final season of the old Division Three South.

Inside the 'Club Notes' showed that Swindon has played three League games so far, and this included a goalless draw at Vicarage Road a week earlier.

The notes also reflected on the home sides bad luck with injuries already losing four forwards just two-and-a-half weeks into the season.

Watford were introduced on page five of the programme with a brief history of the club and notes on the Manager, who for the 1957-58 season was ex-Scottish international Neil McBain. Watford's squad for the campaign broke down into 23 full-time professionals, four part-timers and five in the services (National Service was still compulsory at the time).

Team line-ups appeared in the

favoured centre-spread surrounded by advertising including one for British Rail excursions from Swindon Junction to London. The more expensive trips cost 16/3d (less than one pound!) while cheaper Wednesday journeys were just 10/6 (52<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>p).

Swindon Town Supporters Club Notes appeared in the second-half of the programme and in this issue the full list of the 57/58 season officials was published.

The final editorial piece consisted of a page of Watford pen pictures and included in this list was Maurice Cook who went on to play for Fulham in Division One and future Football League manager and coach Sammy Chung.

This particular evening game ended in the same goalless scoreline as the encounter at Vicarage Road.

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# WHAT, — where, WHEN

## A look at the current Barclays League First Division Scene...

Who said **Newcastle** were cracking! After the Magpies had played six League matches without a win—failing to score in four of those games—some critics were wondering if their massive lead might disappear.

But last Sunday Newcastle ended their dismal sequence with a fine 3—0 away victory over one of their promotion rivals, **Tranmere**. Two goals from **Robert Lee** and another from **David Kelly** enabled the Magpies to record their highest away score in the League since winning 3—1 at **Charlton** in November.

With **West Ham** being held to a goalless draw at **Sunderland**, Newcastle extended their lead at the top to seven points.

**Derby** recorded their eighth away League victory thanks to **Paul Williams'** goal at Oxford. Newcastle are now the only club in the country with a better away record than the Rams who have been beaten only three times away from home in the First Division.

Yet Derby can do little right when playing on their own Baseball Ground pitch. Indeed, they have recently created an embarrassing new club record. With 10 home defeats in the League—and 12 in all games—the Rams have already suffered more home defeats than previously experienced in a complete season since they became founder members of the Football League back in 1888.

**Grimsby's Paul Groves** became only the third player to score more than one hat-trick in League football this season as he enabled **Grimsby** to come from 1—3 to draw 3—3 at home to **Notts County** in the First Division. **Guy Whittingham** (Portsmouth) has scored three hat-tricks whilst **John Aldridge** (Tranmere) has two to his credit.

Groves, who was signed from Blackpool for £125,000 last summer, previously scored three times at Luton in November.

Luton's **Phil Gray**, who recently made his international debut for N. Ireland, netted in his third successive game as he converted the late penalty that enabled the

**Hatters** to draw 2—2 at home to **Barnsley**. Gray seems to be revelling alongside his new attacking partner **Kerry Dixon**, the former England striker who is currently on loan from Southampton. Dixon scored Luton's opening goal.

It seems that Dixon, who still lives in the Luton area, would welcome the chance to make the move permanent. The problem would be the fee required by Southampton who paid Chelsea £575,000 for him last summer.

**Charlton**, who have still to be beaten in a League match since returning to The Valley in December, almost lost their record last Saturday. **Andy Cole** put **Bristol City** into the lead after only three minutes and the visitors sat on that advantage until 11 minutes from the end.

Substitute **Paul Gorman** then equalised for Charlton, leaving **Steve Gattin** to snatch a winner in injury time.

## DIVISION ONE DATA

**Highest attendance:** 30,137 Newcastle v. Tranmere Rovers.

**Lowest attendance:** 3,036 Southend United v. Bristol City.

**Best supported club:** Newcastle (average 28,801).

**Worst supported club:** Southend United (average 4,574).

**Top scorers:** Guy Whittingham (Portsmouth) 30, John Aldridge (Tranmere) 19, **PAUL FURLONG** (Watford) 17, Craig Maskell (Swindon) 16, Trevor Morley (West Ham) 16, Gary Blissett (Brentford) 15, Phil Gray (Luton) 14, David Kelly (Newcastle) 14, Paul Kitson (Derby) 14, **KEN CHARLERY** (Peterborough & Watford) 12.

### Biggest wins:

Home—Millwall 6 Notts County 0, West Ham 6 Sunderland 0.

Away—Bristol City 1 West Ham Utd 5, Bristol Rovers 1 Barnsley 5; Bristol Rovers 0 West Ham Utd. 4, Birmingham 0 Wolves 4.

**Best match scores: 4 goals in game**—John Durnin (Oxford United) v. Luton Town; Guy Whittingham (Portsmouth) v. Bristol Rovers.

**Longest run without defeat:** West Ham 13.

**Longest run without a win:** Birmingham 7.

(Up to and including Sunday, February 28)

## QUIZ

1. Which current First Division clubs were founder members of the Football League in 1888?
2. Which current First Division club has won the FA Cup most times?
3. Barnsley's record transfer fee received was for defender Carl Tiler when he moved to Nottingham Forest. What was the figure in question?
4. One of this season's First Division clubs has played more Football League games than any other club currently in the present League and FA Premier League. Who are they?
5. Which First Division clubs has changed managers this season, up to and including February 20?
6. Two members of this season's First Division played in the first-ever season of the old Division Two. Do you know who they were?
7. Which current First Division members have won the Fourth Division title since 1980?
8. Which First Division side beat Exeter City in 1986-87 to avoid relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference?
9. In Derby County's joint record League victory v. Wolves in January 1891 a future Watford manager played and scored. Who was he?
10. Which three current First Division sides were playing in non-League football in the 1959-60 season?

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Answers on page 20.



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## SWINDON TOWN

**S**WINDON come to Vicarage Road looking for three more points as they make a final surge for one of the two guaranteed promotion places. It is now almost three years since Swindon were denied promotion to the top section after winning the play-offs. That was the penalty imposed for alleged irregularities.

In spite of injuries to two key players—leading scorer Craig Maskell and midfield general Micky Hazard—Swindon have been maintaining the pressure and now believe they can claim the prize that should in playing

terms have been theirs in 1990.

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle has been organising their campaign from his new position as a sweeper but he appreciates that they must win more away games if they are to make one of those top two places.

If they should fail in that quest, Swindon now seem almost certain of qualifying for the play-offs and they might be expected to win those if it comes to the crunch.

Yet, while second place remains within their mathematical reach they will be going for it.

*Back row, from left:* John Moncur, Darren Hall, Fraser Digby, Paul Hunt, Nicky Hammond, David Bennett, Craig Maskell, Steve White.  
*Middle row, from left:* John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Ross McLaren, Nicky Summerbee, Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor, Adrian Viveash, David Mitchell, Andrew Thomson, Kevin Horlock, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Coach).  
*Front row, from left:* Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), Martin Ling, David Kerlake, Wayne O'Sullivan, Glenn Hoddle (Team Manager), John Gorman (Assistant Manager), Paul Bodin, Shaun Close, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).



## ON CURRENT FORM

Swindon have established themselves as serious promotion challengers, mainly on home form. The Robins have won only two of their last nine away matches in League and Cup, though they drew three of those.

In their last away game they lost by a penalty to relegation strugglers Cambridge.

### Recent results:

Leicester City (a)	D1	2-4
Queens Park Rangers (a)	FAC	0-3
Oxford United (a)	D1	1-0
Birmingham City (h)	D1	0-0
Charlton Athletic (h)	D1	2-2
Grimsby Town (a)	D1	1-2
Wolverhampton W. (h)	D1	1-0
Sunderland (a)	D1	1-0
Millwall (h)	D1	3-0
Cambridge United (a)	D1	0-1
Tranmere Rovers (h)	D1	2-0
Portsmouth (h)	D1	1-0

## IN LINE FOR *selection are...*

### GOALKEEPER:

**FRASER DIGBY.** England under-21 international signed from Manchester United in 1986. Returned to United on loan earlier this season.

### DEFENDERS:

**DAVID KERSLAKE.** Played for England at schoolboy, youth and under-21 levels and opened his League career with QPR in 1985. Swindon signed him for £110,000 in 1989.

**COLIN CALDERWOOD.** Spent three seasons in the Mansfield side before linking with Swindon in 1985. Recently celebrated his 300th League appearance for the Robins.

**SHAUN TAYLOR.** Reserve player with Plymouth. Made League debut with Exeter in 1986, joining Swindon in summer of 1991.

**PAUL BODIN.** Capped by Wales on 16 occasions. Returned for second spell with the club last season. Previously played for Chelsea, Newport, Cardiff, Bath City, and Newport again. Initially joined Swindon in 1988. Left for Crystal Palace in 1991 then had loan spell with Newcastle before returning to Swindon.

### MIDFIELDERS:

**MICKY HAZARD.** Made name with Spurs in the early 'eighties. Chelsea signed him 1986. Transferred to Portsmouth in 1990. Arrived at the County Ground two seasons ago.

**NICK SUMMERBEE.** Former Swindon trainee who emerged for first-team duty three seasons ago.

**ROSS MacLAREN.** Reserve player

with Glasgow Rangers. Got League chance after joining Shrewsbury in 1980. Derby signed him in 1985. With Swindon since 1988.

**MARTIN LING.** Won place in Exeter side in 1983. Joined Swindon in 1986 but soon left for Southend. Returned to Swindon on loan two seasons ago, completing the full transfer during the summer of 1991.

**KEVIN HORLOCK.** Trainee with West Ham but did not get a chance in first-team. Moved on to Swindon last summer.

**EDWIN MURRAY.** Ex-Swindon trainee who made League debut two seasons ago.

**SHAUN CLOSE.** Occasional first-teamer with Spurs. More success after joining Bournemouth in 1988. Arrived at Swindon in 1989.

### FORWARDS:

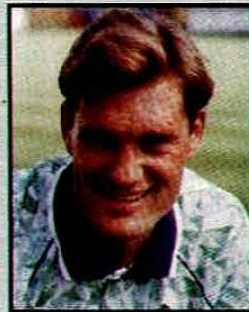
**CRAIG MASKELL.** Top scorer with 16 goals by last weekend. Once with Southampton but earned scoring reputation after joining Huddersfield in 1988. Moved to Reading two years later and to Swindon last summer.

**DAVID MITCHELL.** Australian international. Previously played for Glasgow Rangers, Eintracht Frankfurt and Feyenoord. Chelsea signed him in 1988 but, after loan spell at Newcastle, joined Swindon at start of last season.

**STEVE WHITE.** Opened his League career with Bristol Rovers in 1978, moving on to Luton the following year.

Transferred to Charlton in 1982 but, one year later, he was back with Bristol Rovers. Swindon signed him in 1986.

## MANAGER



### GLENN HODDLE

Glenn Hoddle, who took over as Swindon's player-manager in 1990, enjoyed a glorious career as a midfielder, starting with Tottenham. He was a member of their FA Cup winning teams of 1981 and 1982 and, after winning under-21 honours, he played for the full England team on 53 occasions. Monaco signed him for £800,000 in 1987 but he returned to England to take up his new challenge with Swindon three years later.

## PAST ENCOUNTER

Watford's heaviest-ever home League defeat (7-1) came at the hands of today's visitors in September 1951.

Swindon were two up in nine minutes through Lunn and Owen, and doubled the lead three minutes into the second period through Betteridge and a 25-yarder from Owen.

Onslow then made it 5-0 on 51 minutes but there was no further score until 20 minutes from time when Lunn drove home free-kick.

Cyril Thompson netted a consolation goal for Watford on 84 minutes but Owen immediately completed his hat-trick up the other end to put the visitors in seventh heaven.

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# Man of the moment...

## LEE NOGAN

**T**HERE's not much dispute that striker Lee Nogan qualifies for the 'Man of the Moment' accolade right now, for with six goals in the last eight games he's more than doubled his goals' total for the season since the start of 1993.

Are there any reasons why Lee has found himself a more regular slot on the scoresheet?

"Nothing stands out," admits the 23-year-old from Wales. "Obviously I'm trying to get into goalscoring positions as often as possible and more importantly, hitting the target once I'm in those positions.

"But overall, we do look a more powerful force going forward and are creating more chances - so more are coming my way. Hopefully, I'll overtake my personal record for goals in a season. That was last season, when I got 12 - five for Watford and seven for Oxford.

"My role is currently on the right side of attack/midfield, a position I did play in at Oxford. At home, we tend to be on the attack more, while my role is more defensive when we go away.

"But having just won two away games on the trot, the key from now until the end of the season is to win our home games - starting today.

"I said to the lads before last Saturday's game that with 15 games left, if we won 10, we'd give ourselves every chance of a play-off place. Clearly, today's game is vital against a side already in one of the play-off positions.

"We also have to ensure that we don't drop silly points. We've given away goals very late in three games, which has cost us six points—the difference between our current points total and the last play-off place. Let's hope those lapses are behind us and we can have a good run-in to the end of the campaign, as we did last season.

"The current period is key to our chances. We've six matches in March, including three at home in quick succession. Then in April we're at home on every Saturday of the month. We have to make those home games count. "Certainly the mood and spirit in the team is good and we're hoping to start building on the winning run we've started.

"I reckon from the six games we've got in March, we need to take 12 points. That will set us up for the matches in April."





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### **JUNIOR HORNETS' EVENING**

The next Junior Hornets' evening will be on **Thursday, March 25** in the Family Room from 6.30 until 8.00 pm. The guests for this evening will be announced in a later programme.

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# news extra

## THE INJURED

A quick round-up of physio **Billy Hails'** recent patients:

**Richard Johnson** has been receiving treatment for a swelling of a knee joint, and missed the reserves visit to Charlton last Wednesday.

Right-back **Nigel Gibbs** meanwhile played the first half of the reserves' 4-0 home win over Ipswich Town last Monday and continues his recovery trail from his knee injury.

**Gerard Lavin** also sustained a slight knee injury while which keep him out today, although he's completed his suspension period.

Youth trainee **John White** continues to make good progress from his long-term knee injury, while a fellow youth trainee and knee injury sufferer, **Neil Hutchins**, played in a friendly last Sunday and is well on the way to returning to competitive action.

● The reserves took time off from their busy schedule last week to visit and train at Queens School in Bushey. It's all part of a scheme being run by Watford's community officer **John McDermott** to bring the club

and schools closer together. For more information on the scheme, please call John on 0923 230933.

● *Recent results from Watford Ladies FC have seen two consecutive goalless draws and then a 5-0 away win. The goalless games were away at Leyton Orient and at home to Millwall reserves, while the five-goal win was at Wimbledon reserves, Linda Watt netting a hat-trick.*

● **Are you missing any programmes from this season? If so, call into the club's Programme Shop, opposite the Hornet Shop. Apart from this season's programmes, there's a wide selection of programmes from previous seasons, as well as issues from other clubs.**

● *Just a reminder that our forthcoming match with League leaders Newcastle United on Tuesday March 23 is not an 'all-ticket' match. But the entire Rookery End of the stadium will be given to Magpies' fans, meaning Watford season ticket holders in that area will gain automatic admission at the Vicarage Road End of the ground. Kick-off time for the match is 7.45 pm.*

● Herts Senior Cup semi-final time is just 10 days away for Watford's reserve side. They travel to **Bishop's Stortford's** George Wilson Stadium for a 7.30 pm kick-off on Tuesday March 16. That match means the scheduled League match the previous day, at Chelsea, has been rearranged. For a full rundown on the reserves' updated fixture list, please turn to page 29.

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## QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Notts County, Derby County, Wolverhampton Wanderers; 2. Newcastle United (8 times); 3. £1.5 million; 4. Notts County; 5. Notts County, Cambridge United, Bristol Rovers, Bristol City, Sunderland, Peterborough United; 6. Birmingham City (then known as Small Heath) and Grimsby Town; 7. Southend United, Swindon Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers; 8. Tranmere Rovers; 9. Johnny Goodall; 10. Peterborough United, Oxford United and Cambridge United.

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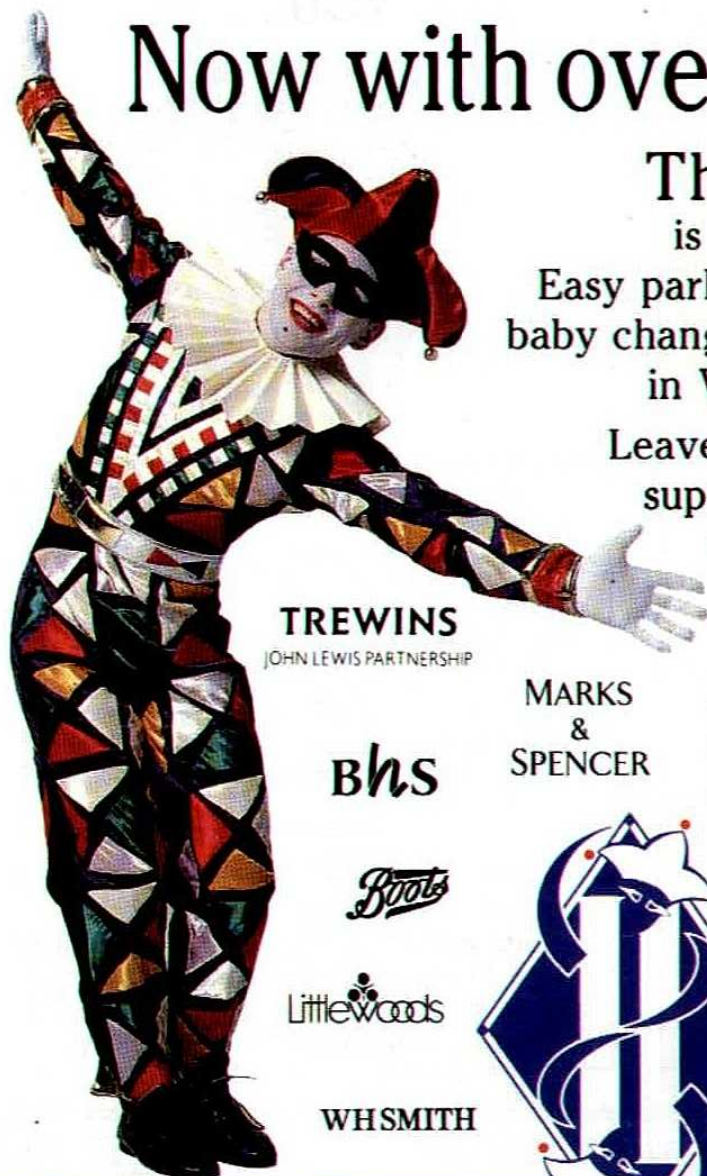
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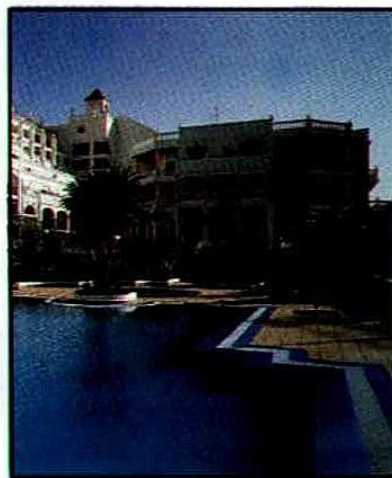
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Then think of a question and answer about Watford Football Club. (This should be quite simple i.e. Who played in goal for Watford in the 1984 Cup Final? How many other teams in the Football League have single place name titles like Watford?) RCI will use some of these questions in a quiz for finalists in a subsequent RCI competition at the Watford v. Luton match. Ten Watford FC videos will go to those who submit the best questions. So, even if you aren't one of the three main winners, you could still win a superb



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**Rules—**Entries must be in by **Tuesday, March 16**. Entrants must be over 18 on that date and available to come to the match on March 23. The winners will be those whose entries have most closely matched the holidays the Browns would all enjoy in the order as chosen by a panel of judges. In the event of there being more than three correct entries, those judged to have given the most interesting or original question and answer about Watford FC will win. The main prize will consist of flights for two from Gatwick or Luton Airport to Tenerife and a week's accommodation in a luxury apartment. The holiday to be taken within the next 12 months. There is no cash alternative and only one entry is allowed per person.

Entries should be addressed to: **RCI Holiday Competition, Sports Department, Watford Observer, 124 Rickmansworth Road, Watford WD1 7JW.**

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### PORTSMOUTH v. WATFORD

**Competition:** Barclays League Division One  
**At:** Fratton Park, Portsmouth.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 9, 1993.  
**Kick-off:** 7.45 pm.

#### TICKET DETAILS/PRICES:

**Seats:** £12.00 (no concessions) payable on the night. Seats are in the South Stand, section D. Enter via Apsley Road turnstiles. These seats are covered.

**Terrace:** £7.00 (no concessions) payable at the turnstiles on the night. Visitors terrace is at the Milton End, via Apsley Road turnstiles. The terrace is uncovered.

#### TRAVEL:

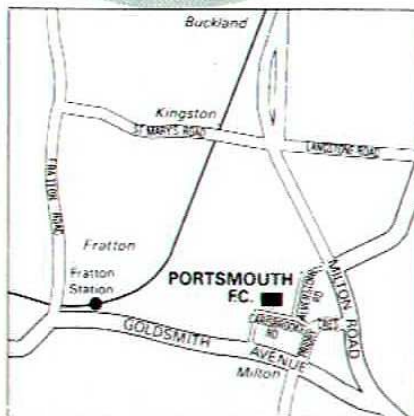
**On Club transport:** Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 4.45pm, returning at approximately 11.45pm.

**Cost:** Adults: £8.00; children/senior citizens: £7.50. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

#### Private transport:

**Mileage:** Watford to Portsmouth approximately 100 miles.

**Suggested route:** Take the M25 westbound to junction 10 (A3). Turn right and follow the A3 bypassing Guildford, to Petersfield and continue onto the A3M to the end, then the 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 three miles to roundabout. Turn left (A288), then right Priory Crescent and Carrisbrook Road



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### BRISTOL CITY v. WATFORD

**Competition:** Barclays League Division One.

**At:** Ashton Gate, Bristol.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 1993.  
**Kick-off:** 3.00 pm.

#### TICKET DETAILS/PRICES:

**Seats:** There are no seats available for visiting supporters at Ashton Gate.

**Terrace:** £6.00 (no concessions) payable at the turnstiles, on the day. Please use turnstiles 51-57 on the Ashton Road side of the

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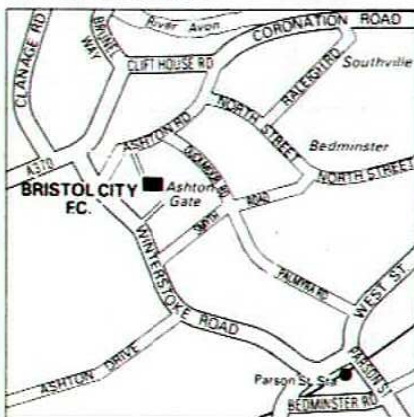
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## CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. WATFORD

Tuesday, April 6, 1993

Advance warning that the above game will be all-ticket. Charlton Athletic are providing Watford supporters with a limited number of seat tickets only, priced £14.00 each.

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1 Chelsea	26	14	8	4	58	35	50
2 Millwall	26	14	6	6	47	26	48
3 Crystal Palace	23	13	6	4	50	28	45
4 Wimbledon	26	13	6	7	43	26	45
5 Tottenham Hotspur	24	10	10	4	47	21	40
6 Southampton	23	11	8	7	39	25	40
7 Oxford United	23	10	9	7	37	43	39
8 Ipswich Town	26	11	5	10	42	44	38
9 WATFORD	26	9	9	8	40	44	36
10 Queens Park Rangers	24	9	8	7	40	32	35
11 Charlton Athletic	26	10	5	11	35	39	35
12 Arsenal	24	8	7	9	43	35	31
13 West Ham United	26	9	4	13	37	39	31
14 Norwich City	24	7	8	9	44	49	29
15 Swindon Town	26	7	8	11	36	41	29
16 Portsmouth	25	7	5	13	30	48	26
17 Luton Town	25	7	5	13	28	46	26
18 Brighton & HA	25	7	4	14	25	54	25
19 Bristol City	25	5	8	12	29	41	23
20 Fulham	26	4	4	18	18	53	16

(Up to and including Monday, March 1, 1993)

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Millwall	23	14	5	4	63	36	33
2 Arsenal	22	12	5	5	50	27	29
3 Tottenham Hotspur	19	13	2	5	50	19	28
4 WATFORD	23	10	8	5	38	32	28
5 Queens Park Rangers	21	12	1	8	54	34	25
6 Ipswich Town	25	10	4	11	28	41	24
7 Cambridge United	21	10	3	8	48	45	23
8 Charlton Athletic	22	8	6	8	41	40	22
9 West Ham United	23	10	1	12	49	58	21
10 Portsmouth	25	7	6	12	30	44	20
11 Chelsea	21	8	3	10	47	42	19
12 Fulham	20	7	4	9	36	46	18
13 Leyton Orient	21	8	2	11	30	42	18
14 Norwich City	19	8	1	10	42	45	17
15 Southend United	21	6	4	11	32	46	16
16 Gillingham	24	3	3	18	27	65	9

(Up to and including Saturday, February 27)

## TRACKING THE RECENT FORTUNES OF THE RESERVE SIDE

THINGS have happened in two's in Stuart Murdoch reserve team side this season. A glance at the fixture list opposite will show you that it's either two wins in a row, or two defeats. Only the draws come in singles.

But that sequence ended last Wednesday when a single goal win at Charlton Athletic meant it was three wins in a row for our second XI.

The visit to Charlton was preceded with home wins over Luton Town and Ipswich Town, as Stuart reports:

### WATFORD 3-2 LUTON TOWN Tuesday February 23

"It was a fairly even game in the first half hour, but we took the lead following a corner that was headed around in the goal area, without being cleared. Finally, Julian Alford looped a header over the 'keeper into the net.

"They got a goal back before the break to even it up, which was a fair reflection on the opening period.

"But we came out in the second half, and for the first 20 minutes totally dominated the game. Alex

Inglethorpe confirmed his status as our top scorer with two very good goals. The first came when Darren Bazeley jinked round his full back and crossed for Alex to head in, and then, after a move on the right, the ball came to Alex on the edge of a crowded penalty area, and he clipped the ball over everyone into the net.

"They got one back in the last minute, but we had looked like going further ahead after taking a two-goal lead.

"Richard Johnson had a very good game from midfield, and we had Luther Blissett wearing the no.2 shirt (the first time ever?) and pushing up wide on the right."

*Team: Sheppard, Blissett, Bazeley, Johnson, Alford, Nwaokolo, Dyer, Meara, Slinn, Inglethorpe, Taylor. Subs: Vier, Walters (not used).*

### WATFORD 4-0 IPSWICH TOWN Monday March 1

"We faced a very young Ipswich side last Monday night, and really controlled the game. But the win enabled us to climb above Ipswich

into the top half of the table," says Stuart.

"We had two or three good chances to score before getting two goals in quick succession five minutes before half-time. The first came when Joe Gallen, back from his loan period with Shamrock Rovers, put Alex Inglethorpe into the box, and his pass was slid in by Luther Blissett.

"Then Darren Bazeley beat his full back and crossed hard and low for Rod Thomas to knock it in.

"So, 2-0 at the break, but the third goal was one to remember. A free kick on the right came out to Luther, some 25 yards out, and he hit a shot that hit the net before the goalkeeper blinked. It was rising all the way, and still rising as it flew in. A great strike.

"Our fourth came 20 minutes from time when a James Meara volley from just outside the area hit the bar, and came back to hit the goalie's back and go into the net.

"In the last 20 minutes we seemed to take our foot off the pedal, but no complaints, especially with the Charlton game coming up two days later.

"The Ipswich game saw the planned return of Nigel Gibbs to the action for 45 minutes, and he came through okay, but did suffer a

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reaction to his knee injury the following day."

**Team:** Waugh, Gibbs, Nwaokolo, Meara, Holdsworth, Alford, Thomas, Gallen, Blissett, Inglethorpe, Bazeley. **Subs:** Page for Gibbs (half-time), Slinn for Gallen (78 mins).

"We're now without goalkeeper **Simon Sheppard** for up to three weeks. He's with the England youth team in Australia for the Youth World Cup. Depending on England's progress, he'll be away until March 22. Although we've got three professional goalkeepers at the club, and only two teams for them to play in, the **Luton Town** game on February 23 was the first time this season that all three were fit.

"Looking ahead, the reserve side is within sight of the aim we set ourselves at the start of the season - to finish in the top six. We're going to need a good run to do it, but with the right attitude, we've every chance."



Richard Johnson - had an excellent game in the 3-2 win over Luton Town reserves.

(Pic: Alan Cozzi)

## PROGRESS REPORT

### Reserve team fixtures 1992/93

AUGUST		Res
Tue 18	West Ham United	H 3-2
Tue 25	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-1
SEPTEMBER		
Wed 2	Wimbledon	H 1-1
Wed 9	Portsmouth	A 1-1
Thur 17	Brighton & Hove Alb.	H 2-0
Fri 25	Norwich City	A 3-0
Wed 30	Millwall	H 0-1
OCTOBER		
Wed 7	Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-10
Tue 13	Crystal Palace	H 4-4
Mon 19	Millwall	A 1-1
Wed 21	Hertford (HSC-1)	A 2-1
NOVEMBER		
Wed 4	Fulham	H 1-0
Mon 9	Swindon Town	A 1-1
Wed 11	Fulham	A 1-2
Tue 17	Wimbledon	A 0-4
Tue 24	Tottenham Hotspur	H 1-1
Mon 30	Crystal Palace	A 2-0
DECEMBER		
Tue 15	Arsenal	A 2-0
Tue 22	Bristol City	H 1-1
JANUARY		
Tue 5	Chelsea	H 1-2
Tue 12	West Ham United	A 2-3
Fri 15	Swindon Town	H 1-1
Wed 27	Bristol City	A
FEBRUARY		
Tue 2	Royston Town (HSC-2)	H 5-0
Sat 6	Southampton	A 1-3
Wed 17	Oxford United	A 0-2
Tue 23	Luton Town	H 3-2
MARCH		
Mon 1	Ipswich Town	H 4-0
Wed 3	Charlton Athletic	A 1-0
Wed 10	Norwich City	H
Tue 16	Bishops Cleeve (HSC, s/f)	A
Mon 22	Luton Town	A
Tue 30	Oxford United	H
APRIL		
Mon 5	Charlton Athletic	H
Thur 8	Brighton & Hove Alb.	A
Thur 15	Chelsea	A
Tue 20	Queens Park Rangers	H
Tue 27	Arsenal	H
MAY		
Tue 4	Southampton	H

To be arranged: Portsmouth (home).  
Key: HSC=Herts Senior Cup.

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**W**atford Football Club is looking to set a World Record and to have it recorded in the 1994 Guinness Book of Records. The aim is to set a new World Paper Chain Record.

The Club is undertaking this attempt as a fund-raising exercise for the benefit of Barnardos—Britain's leading children's charity which helps over 22,000 children, young people and their families every year.

Our aim is to build a chain of 500,000 links in the Club's colours and to raise 1p for each of the links. The attempt is to be made at Vicarage Road Stadium under strict conditions during the 24-hour period (yes, right through the night!) from 10.00am on

Sunday May 2 to 10.00am on Bank Holiday  
Monday May 3 1993.

**THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP—**

We are looking for 60 volunteer supporters to help us build the chain. It will be a hard task, but also great fun and for a very worthy cause.

If you would like to learn how you can be part of this team, please send your name, address, telephone number and age to **Allan Robson, Commercial Manager, (World Record Attempt), Watford Football Club, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford, Herts, WD1 8ER.**

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Watford**



**Barnardos**



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SNAP!



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**OUR LAST HOME GAME SAW A DEFEAT BY WEST HAM, BUT THREE WEEKS LATER, WE'RE TWO AWAY WINS BETTER OFF**

**WATFORD 1—2 WEST HAM UTD.**

**1.** Ken Charlery signals his equaliser, to bring us all square soon after half-time. But a winner from Kevin Keen saw the points go back to east London.

**2.** Under two pairs of watchful eyes, Paul Furlong puts his left foot forward.

**3.** More action from the boot of Paul Furlong, but this shot was saved.

**4.** Three boots meet at a central point, but Ken Charlery has already looped the ball forward.

**5.** Back between the posts after the West Ham game, Perry Suckling recorded his seventh clean sheet of the season in our 3—0 win at Bristol Rovers last Saturday.

*(Pics: 1, 2, 3 and 4: Martin Wolmark, 5: Alan Cozzi)*

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