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This evening's Charity Bet has been placed by Clive Wells of Watford. Clive has backed the Hornets to beat the Robins 3-1 tonight, at minimum odds of 8-1. If you would like to place our Charity Bet, write to the Programme Editor at the club address given alongside.

Front cover action by Alan Cozzi:

The Vicarage Road End floodlights show up the rich green playing surface before last week's game with Huddersfield. Action pictures on pages 4, 5 and 36.

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!

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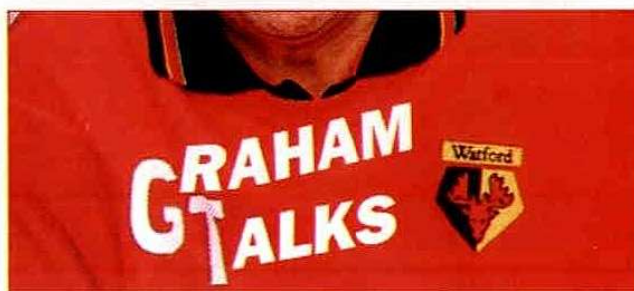
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Manager's Notes



Life is a circle – and so is football

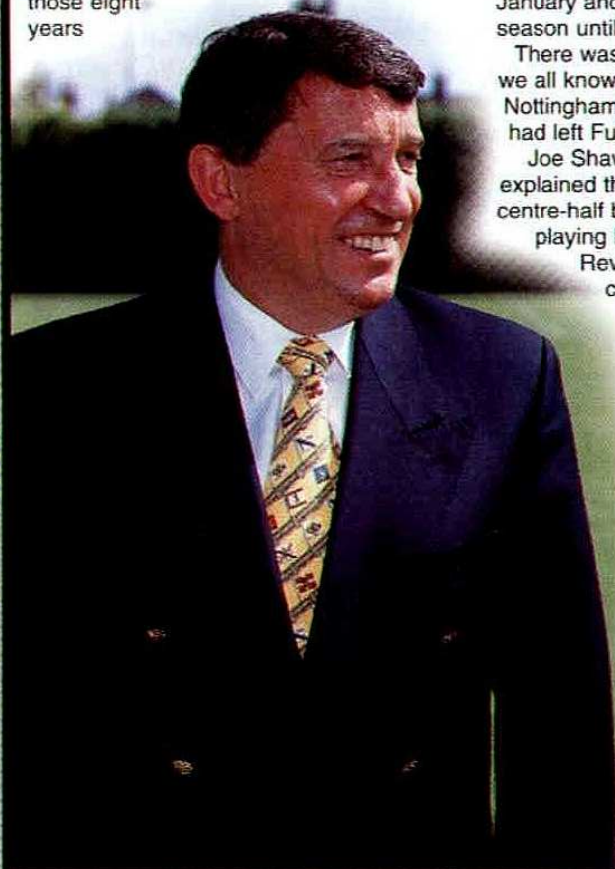


A few days ago my memory was more than jogged when a journalist was trying to get me to comment on the present England manager situation. He wanted me to do an article for Football Monthly.

I nearly succumbed, for that football magazine was part and parcel of my teenage years. Charles Buchan's Football Monthly.

Unlike today it had little or no competition although I do remember another magazine called Soccer Star which only cost one shilling as opposed to Football Monthly's one and sixpence!

For some reason I still have all of the magazines from 1959 through to 1966. I don't know why – perhaps because I got a binder for each of those eight years



and consequently they have managed to sit quietly on my bookshelves during the last 40 years.

As a matter of interest I glanced through the March 1959 edition and here is a selection of some of the personalities mentioned along with the footballing issues that were of paramount importance all those years ago.

The magazine always opened up with an opinion column by Charles Buchan himself.

In March 1959 his column was headlined 'Only one way – cut divisions down to 18 clubs to gain spare days'.

He quoted Nat Lofthouse as wanting the season to start on March 1 and end on October 31. The quest for summer football is certainly not new.

Stan Cullis wanted a winter break in January and February extending the season until the end of July.

There was an article on Roy Dwight – we all know his cousin Reg – of Nottingham Forest explaining why he had left Fulham.

Joe Shaw of Sheffield United explained that he actually became a centre-half by chance. The Blades were playing Manchester City and Don

Revie was playing the deep lying centre-forward role. Today we

either call it 'playing in the hole' or 'support forward'. It

is the Peter Beardsley, Eric Cantona, Dennis

Bergkamp position.

Anyhow, Sheffield's

centre-half was

instructed to man-mark

Revie and Shaw had to

move from wing-half to

cover the vacant

centre-half position.

After that game he

played centre-half for

the rest of his career!

Talking points in the

letters pages, and a

column by journalist

John Thompson

covered such issues

as:

- League clubs to be used as social centres for youngsters
- The poor state of stadiums, especially Wembley
- The advent of summer football
- The poor preparation time for the international team
- Stop the back pass to the goalkeeper
- The poor standard of British referees

Thompson actually finished his article in a somewhat cynical fashion by saying that one glimpse of hope for the year 2000 was that Stanley Matthews would still be the world's greatest outside right!

Arthur Rowe, manager of the Spurs 'push and run' champions, had an article on centre forwards.

Clifford Webb wrote about how clubs should take on board the value of women supporters, but I am certain he would not get away today with his comment that "once they get into the swing of things, they can be extremely decorative in the stands and on the terraces".

There were photographs of Ray Pointer, Arthur Cheesebrough, Colin McDonald, Johnny Angus and Brian Pilkington – players from that successful Burnley side.

Ron Ashman of Norwich City, Phil Taylor manager of Second Division Liverpool, featured in the magazine.

In all it was a good read – stirring many memories but only proving once again that in the main what goes round also comes round. Same arguments, same discussions – just different names in a different era.

Best wishes

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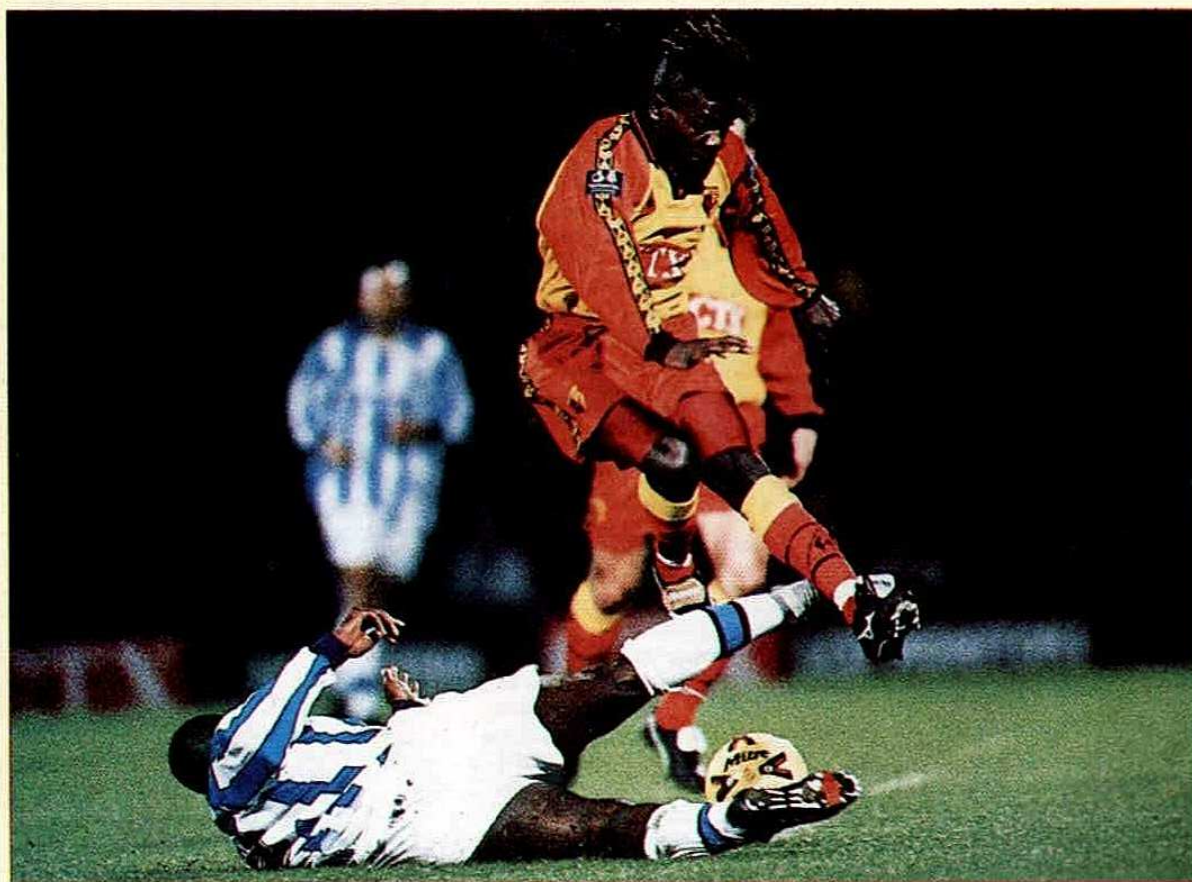
WATFORD 1 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1

● **TOMMY** Mooney's first goal for a year, all but two weeks, was our first in the last four meetings with Huddersfield and also our 50th of the season in all competitions.

● **NICK** Wright made the 50th senior appearance of his career.



Above: Michel Ngonge (no.14) and Peter Kennedy (right) congratulate Tommy Mooney on his first goal of the season which gave us the lead against Huddersfield.



● **Pics from**
Watford v
Huddersfield:
Alan Cozzi

Left:
Huddersfield's
on-loan
midfielder Des
Hamilton is
hurdled by
Tony Daley



**Main
pic
below:**

A moment Tommy Smith will never forget. Nick Wright (background) has just crossed the ball in the 70th minute at Loftus Road last Saturday, and Tommy pounces to steer the ball past Ludek Miklosko and give us a 2-1 win.

Left: Having failed to get tight to him just after he came on as substitute, QPR's Tim Breacker gets a good grip on our winning goalscorer Tommy Smith. (Both pics: Peter Cook)

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 1 WATFORD 2

● OUR first away League win against Queens Park Rangers for 37 years completed our second home-and-away double of the season.

● STEVE Palmer made the 300th senior appearance of his career and Micah Hyde's absence ended a run of 45 consecutive first-team games.

• By
Trefor
Jones





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What's happening


How the Hornets' web is spun

When he was matchball sponsor for our recent game with Sunderland, Andy Houldsworth of Digital Ink (Solutions) Ltd almost enjoyed an afternoon off.



Andy, pictured with his children Alexander and Grace, and Alexandre Bonnot, Chris Day, Keith Millen and Nigel Gibbs, designs and manages the official site. Much of his work revolves around matchdays, and although he dined in the Hornets Nest Restaurant and watched the Sunderland game from the Rous Stand, he still came armed with his lap-top to provide regular site updates.

By the start of tonight's match against Swindon the news page on the Official Watford FC web site will have been updated well over 100 times since the start of 1999. This figure doesn't include changes to the results on the fixtures list, league positions, match and player statistics which are updated after every match. Nor does it include updating scores and fixtures for the Reserves and Academy teams.

To give you an idea of what is involved in bringing this service to fans at home and abroad, we thought we would give you a 'behind-the-scenes' look at what went on during our FA Cup Third Round tie against Spurs.

14:30 - WFC Press Officer Andrew French phones Andy Houldsworth with the team line ups for the match. The news page and the main club home page are updated and fans on the independent Watford Mailing List are e-mailed to notify them that the teams are listed.

15:00:52 - Richard Johnson scores after 52 seconds and AF rings AH with the good news, the news page and the welcome page are updated and the goal e-mailed to the mailing list.

15:11 - Iversen scores for Spurs and the update process is repeated (with less enthusiasm this time!) as AF rings AH.

15:13 - Darren Anderton scores a penalty, AF rings AH as he is still updating the previous goal.

15:19 - Anderton corner, Iversen scores again - another update and more e-mails.

15:34 - Kennedy makes it 3-2, again AF rings, AH updates the news and the main page and e-mails the mailing list.

15:42 - Allan Nielsen drives home a low shot from 25 yards and, you guessed it, we repeat the process.

15:46 - Half time, AF rings AH with a mini-match report and also rings to let him know that Ronny Rosenthal comes on as substitute for Micah Hyde. Another news page and main page update.

16:45 - Fox scores after 86 minutes.

16:48 - Match ends, AF rings AH with the crowd figures and the substitutions.

The match has ended but more work for AF and AH. AF goes off to liaise with the press and then interview Graham Taylor for the match report. As it is the first match of the month, AH has to create new sections for January's match facts, update the player stats and then update the fixture tables. By 17:45 all the information is in place so that Hornet fans everywhere have the full picture! (Picture: Martin Wolmark)

Tonight's mascots



Maisie Jane

Leading the teams onto the Vicarage Road pitch tonight will be **Maisie Jane Crawford, Laura Bunting, Thomas Baillie and Stevie-Lee Armstrong** (see *Junior Hornets' page*).

Maisie Jane, who is two, lives in Ware and says her favourite Hornet is Robert Page.



Laura

Twelve-year-old **Laura** comes from Hemel Hempstead and goes to Adeyfield School. Her favourite Watford player is Tommy Mooney.



Thomas

Thomas is seven and lives in Watford. He attends Malvern Way School and his favourite Hornet is also Tommy Mooney.

We hope you all enjoy your special evening with us.

Calling all West Midlands Hornets

Are you a Watford fan living in the West Midlands? If so, contact Mike Smart on (01270) 568967 (weekdays) or 0121-246 2896 (weekends). Mike is looking to set up a Watford Supporters (Birmingham and West Midlands) Branch.

If you live in the area and would like more details, give Mike a call or write to him at 27 Clarewell Avenue, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3YD.

Programmes on Friday

The Watford Matchday Programme is now on sale on Fridays before Saturday games in the following places:

WH Smith (Harlequin, Watford)

Newsrack (Vicarage Road)

The Hornet Shop

Gadebridge News (Hemel Hempstead)

If the venture proves successful, we will be looking to add more outlets in different areas.



What's happening

Daley double

Tony Daley, who recently signed a contract with Watford until the end of the season, was voted Man of the Match in our 2-1 win over Sunderland. He received a bottle of bubbly from Jennifer and Peter Laker of match sponsors Mayflex.

(Picture: Martin Wolmark)



Compete in the World Cup

The BBC Match of the Day Live Event at the NEC in Birmingham will host the Puma Street Soccer Championships, a four-a-side tournament for Under-14 and Under-16 teams. The winning teams from each age group will represent England at the World Finals in Italy in September.

For more details about how to enter, phone (01203) 650426.

Tickets for the Match of the Day Live Event cost £11 for adults and £7 for Over-65s and children between five and 15. These tickets include a free ticket to the Playstation Football Theatre when booked in advance. Call 0121-767 4144 for more details.

Watford meet Arsenal in last eight

Watford Ladies have reached the last eight of the Womens FA Cup - and earned a plum home draw with holders Arsenal on March 7.

A 1-0 win over Bedford Belles took Watford into the last eight, the only goal coming after just seven minutes.

Norman Burns

Everyone at Watford FC was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Watford Ladies FC manager Norman Burns on Sunday.

Our condolences go to his family and friends and all those at Watford Ladies.

On Radio Hornet tonight:

- 7.00 - Our Elton John song tonight is Written in the Stars, his new single - a duet with Leanne Rimes.
- 7.20 - The current No.1 single Baby One More Time by Britanny Spier.
- 7.25 - Today we go back to March 11, 1995, when we beat Swindon 2-0. The No.1 song at the time was Think Twice by Celine Dion.
- 7.30 - Today's Player's Choice is Don't You Want Me by Human League, selected by Chris Day.
- 7.35 - Build-up to kick-off begins, culminating in Z-Cars as the teams take to the field.



Beer we go

The Watford and District Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) are hosting a Mini-Beer Festival in association with the Pump House Theatre. Admission to the event on Friday March 19 is free - it will take place at the Pump House Theatre, Local Board Road, Lower High Street, Watford, from 5pm to 11pm.

Comic capers

Popular Watford nightspot Bar Risa is organising two events to raise money for Comic Relief.

On Tuesday March 9, a comedy show featuring three comedians followed by a disco will be held. Tickets will cost £35, a price that includes a meal and a half bottle of wine per person.

Bar Risa are also planning a gunging night, where a gunging for a colleague or friend can be booked at a cost of £50.

For more details, contact

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Good luck to the Hornets tonight!

Matchball sponsor: WATFORD COUNCIL

Tonight's matchball is sponsored by Watford Council and the Wiseman family of Tudor Avenue, Watford. The Wisemans won their part in the sponsorship by completing a questionnaire last autumn on the council's services, which was distributed to all 34,000 homes within Watford.

Almost 1200 questionnaires were returned by post and thousands of comments were made at the seven roadshows held across the town last November. All comments will go towards building a five-year community plan for Watford, which will involve local people in planning services that are affordable, flexible and responsive to local needs.

Community captured on camera

The weekly work of Watford's Football in the Community Scheme attracted national media attention recently when BBC Television covered one of their regular visits to Watford's Balmoral Centre.

The fruits of Football in the Community's labours will be seen tonight as several hundred members of special needs groups from both Watford and Swindon take up our offer of free tickets for this evening's game.

However, nights such as these are merely the tip of the iceberg for Football in the Community, whose workload has increased tremendously as they take on new initiatives and ventures.

The recent visit to the Balmoral Centre earned the Scheme some well-deserved recognition. BBC Television cameras captured the delight of the Centre's members as eight first-team players chatted, answered questions and took part in a special football match.

"The BBC were very keen to work with Watford, because they were aware of our long-standing commitment to all areas of the community," explained Football in the Community Officer Kirk Wheeler.

Media coverage is a welcome reward for the Scheme's efforts - but just as pleasing for Kirk, Rob Smith and the other members of the Community Scheme are the happy faces and positive reactions of those that their work touches.

A perfect example of this was the recent visit by Allan Smart, Nick Wright and Richard Johnson to the Stanmore Orthopaedic Hospital where they met Daniel Porter, who is recovering from cancer treatment (see picture above right).

"To see how happy Daniel was, was immensely satisfying for myself and the players," said Kirk. "Then, a few days later, we got a lovely letter from Daniel, thanking us and telling us how much better he was feeling after our visit. It's those moments that makes our work so worthwhile."

If this has inspired you, and you want to get involved in the Scheme's work, either as a helper or a sponsor, Kirk will be happy to talk to you on (01923) 440449. *(Picture: Hendon Times)*



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Watford FC

Birthday greetings

A happy 50th birthday to **Stephen Cecil**, who has been a season ticket holder since 1966.

Pre-season in the Isle of Man

As you may have seen in the local press, we are entering the Isle of Man Steam Packet International Football Festival this summer, which takes place from July 18 to 24.

Among the other teams scheduled to take part are Stockport, Tranmere and Wrexham.

The Isle of Man Tourist Board are organising packages for fans who wish to travel to watch the Hornets in the tournament.

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Visiting today

The Robins

Our last encounter

SWINDON TOWN FC was founded in 1881 by Reverend William Pitt as a result of a merger between two teams from the old and new areas of the town.

After a disappointing spell at the turn of the century, they improved greatly between 1908 and 1914 under Sam Allen.

They never finished lower than fourth in the Southern League, were champions twice and runners-up on three occasions.

In 1911 Swindon won their first championship but they lost 8-4 when they met Manchester United in the Charity Shield.

Although the Second World War had a major effect on football, Swindon prospered financially as players were only paid for appearances, thus reducing the wage bill. But, after the war, things took a turn for the worse with poor form and money problems.

The period surrounding the League Cup success in 1969 was in many ways the golden era of the club.

Although just missing out on promotion, Town won the cup with a 3-1 extra-time win over Arsenal at Wembley.

The 1969/70 season saw Town win more silverware - the Anglo-Italian Cup Winners Cup and the Anglo-Italian Cup, beating Roma and Napoli respectively.

They also finished fifth in the Second Division - the club's highest-ever finish.

In the early 1980's the club were languishing in the Fourth Division when Lou Macari became manager.

After a shaky start (Macari was sacked for several days before being reinstated) the new manager's belief in fitness and direct play saw Swindon win the league with 102 points. They followed this with promotion again the next season, by beating Gillingham in the play-offs.

In 1990, Town - under the guidance of Ossie Ardiles - beat Sunderland in the play-offs at Wembley to reach the top flight for the first time. However, players and fans were then left stunned as the Football League punished them for financial irregularities by demoting them two divisions.

However, in 1993, with Glenn Hoddle in charge, they beat Leicester 4-3 in a classic play-off final to reach the Premier League.

Their attacking play won many friends but not enough points, and they were relegated after one season. Within 12 months they had dropped to Division Two, but bounced back to Division One the following season as runaway champions.

BEFORE last September's meeting at the County Ground our last League clash against Swindon Town was in the 1994-95 season.

The game took place on March 11, 1995, and prior to the match the Wiltshire side were in the relegation zone with the Hornets in 11th place.

The game went by the form book eventually, but it was not until the second-half that the Hornets made the breakthrough. Skipper Andy Hessenthaler netted the opener and then helped to set up Kevin Phillips for the deciding strike - his second League goal for the club in four appearances.

Swindon Town were unable to escape the drop at the end of the season after falling out of the Premiership a year earlier.

Watford: Miller, Bazeley (sub: Johnson), Gibbs, Holdsworth, Millen, Ramage, Hessenthaler, Payne, Phillips, Porter, Mooney (sub: Beadle).

Swindon Town: Digby, O'Sullivan (sub: Beauchamp), Todd, Viveash, Nijholt, Taylor, Horlock, Gooden (sub: Hooper), Fjortoft, Thorne, McMahon.

In charge

FORMER Swindon Town favourite Jimmy Quinn has gathered a wealth of experience over his career, playing for the likes of Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City and West Ham United, as well as managing Reading and picking up 48 full international caps for Northern Ireland.

During his stint as a player at the County Ground, he scored 43 goals in 86 appearances and went on to net 94 times for Reading.

Jimmy was appointed as Swindon manager earlier this season, shortly after Watford's 4-1 victory at the County Ground.



Jimmy Quinn

Since then he has turned the club's fortunes around, and they are now moving up the Division One table.

Jimmy has the former Bolton Wanderers, Everton, Manchester City and Blackpool defender Mike Walsh as his assistant.



Visiting today

When Swindon Town
have scored goals...



...and conceded them



**Who's played for
The Robins this season...**

Player	Pos	Lge Apps	Lge Gls	Age	Ht	Weight
Frank Talia	G	31		26	6'1	13'06
Brian Borrows	D	29		38	5'10	11'12
Gareth Hall	D	29	1	29	5'8	12'00
Iffy Onuora	F	28(2)	17	31	6'0	13'01
George Ndash	F	27(1)	9	24	6'1	11'04
Mark Walters	M	26(2)	8	34	5'9	11'05
Ty Gooden	M	24(2)	1	26	5'8	12'06
Mark Robinson	D	21(3)		30	5'9	12'04
Sol Davis	D	20(4)		19	5'7	11'00
Scott Leitch	M	18(1)		29	5'10	12'00
Darren Bullock	M	17(5)	1	30	5'9	13'04
Alan Reeves	D	16(1)		29	6'0	12'00
Adam Willis	D	11		22	6'1	12'02
Craig Taylor	D	10(3)		25	6'1	12'03
David Kerslake	D	10		32	5'9	12'04
Chris Hay	F	8(6)	3	24	6'0	12'05
Robin Hulbert	M	6(8)		18	-	-
Kevin Watson	M	6(6)		25	5'9	12'08
Stephen Howe	M	6(3)		26	5'7	10'06
Phillipe Cuervo	M	2(4)		29	5'11	11'03
Steve Cowe	F	2(3)		24	5'7	10'02
Jimmy Glass	G	1		25	6'1	13'04
Sam Campagna	D	(1)		18	6'0	12'00
Charlie Griffin	F	(1)		19	6'3	12'00

Last 10 Results

			Pts	Pos
Portsmouth	H	3-3	10,230	36
Oxford United	A	0-2	8,179	35
Sunderland	A	0-2	41,304	35
Bury	H	1-1	7,797	35
Port Vale	A	1-0	5,405	34
Sheff United	H	2-2	7,583	31
Bristol City	A	1-3	16,257	30
Wolves	H	1-0	11,627	30
Barnsley	A	3-1	15,342	27
Bradford City	H	1-4	7,447	24

The Robins

In charge

Having struggled during the early part of the season, Swindon now find they have some breathing space between themselves and the relegation zone. Manager Jimmy Quinn has drawn on his many years of experience to steady the ship after arriving during the season, and now has Town heading in the right direction.

AUSTRALIAN keeper Frank Talia was spotted playing for his country's Under-21 side and after several trials was signed by Blackburn Rovers in 1992. Failed to make a first-team appearance at Ewood Park and joined Swindon in November 1995.

Jimmy Glass moved to the County Ground from Bournemouth under the Bosman Ruling in the summer. He began his career at Crystal Palace and went on loan to Portsmouth before switching to Dean Court.

Another player to join Swindon under the Bosman Ruling was defender Gareth Hall. His career began at Chelsea where he flourished under Glenn Hoddle. The Welsh international then moved to Sunderland and was a regular in the Premiership.

Mark Robinson started his career at West Bromwich Albion before

joining Barnsley on a free transfer. His form there persuaded Newcastle to pay £450,000 for him in 1993. Swindon then paid a club record £600,000 to sign him in July 1994.

Swindon paid non-League Dorchester Town £25,000 in April 1997 for Craig Taylor, younger brother of former Town favourite Shaun. Made a dream debut with a 35-yard goal against Port Vale.

Former Bolton, Everton and Coventry defender Brian Borrows joined Swindon in November 1997. The Liverpool-born defender made more than 400 appearances for Coventry.

David Kerslake is currently enjoying his third stint at Swindon having joined on a free transfer from Ipswich in March 1998. He made 165 appearances in his first spell before a £500,000 move to Leeds, and later played in the Premiership with Spurs.

Alan Reeves quit the 'Crazy Gang' at Wimbledon to join Swindon. The defender cost the Dons £300,000 when he moved south from Rochdale four years ago.

Impressive form in trial matches earned Adam Willis a free transfer move from Coventry to Swindon. He was recommended by Brian Borrows, who had seen him first-hand at Coventry.

Young defender Sol Davis may be only 19, but has become a regular member of the Robins' team this season. He joined the club as a trainee and has worked his way through the ranks at the County Ground.

Ty Gooden was signed by Swindon in 1993, having been released by Wycombe Wanderers. Played a major part in the Second Division Championship success but was hindered by injuries the following season.



• Craig Taylor

Vital statistics

Former Motherwell, Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder **Scott Leitch** signed for Swindon in 1996 for just £15,000. Had originally impressed during a loan period at the County Ground.

Having been capped by England and played for Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool, **Mark Walters** was an experienced asset to Swindon's ranks when joining from Southampton in July 1996. Has come back after suffering a knee injury at the end of last season.

Young midfielder **Robin Hulbert** went on loan to Newcastle last season, and gained experience working with the Premiership club. Was a member of the England Under-18 squad for the European Championships in the summer.

After 17 appearances for Nottingham Forest, **Bobby Howe** moved to Swindon in January 1998. The midfielder had previously had loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich.

Following 12 first-team outings at Spurs under Terry Venables, **Kevin Watson** went on loan to Bristol City and Barnet before joining Swindon on a free transfer in July 1996.

After missing most of the 1996/97 season through injury, **Lee Collins** has worked his way back. Joined Swindon for £15,000 from Scottish side Albion Rovers.

French midfielder **Philippe Cuervo** impressed during a trial period and then signed from Sochaux just before the start of the season. Has been hampered by a hip problem.

Key players

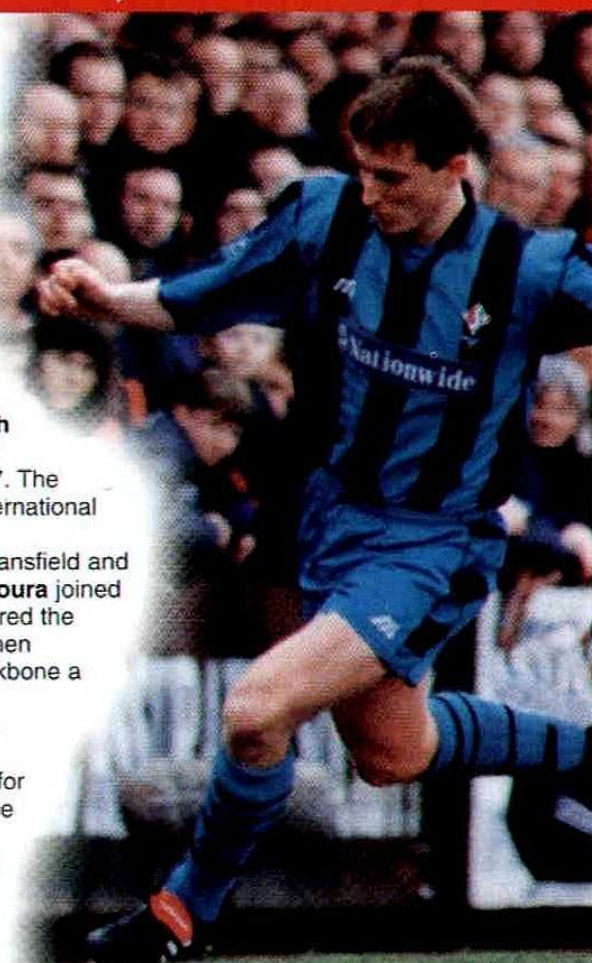
Striker **Chris Hay** was signed from Celtic for £330,000 a week before last season started, and immediately repaid Swindon by hitting 13 goals in 20 appearances before Christmas. Town had spent a year tracking him before he joined.

After the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield, Swindon snapped up **George Ndah** for £500,000 from Crystal Palace in November 1997. The former England Youth international scored on his debut.

Former Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham striker **Iffy Onoura** joined Town in March 1998. Scored the winner on his debut but then suffered a fractured cheekbone a few weeks later after an accidental collision with a referee!

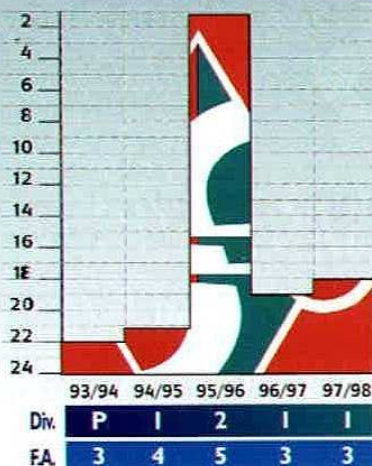
Steve Cowe makes up for his lack of height with pace and skill. Cost £100,000 from Aston Villa in March 1996.

Charlie Griffen was signed for £10,000 from non-league Chippenham Town, where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals.

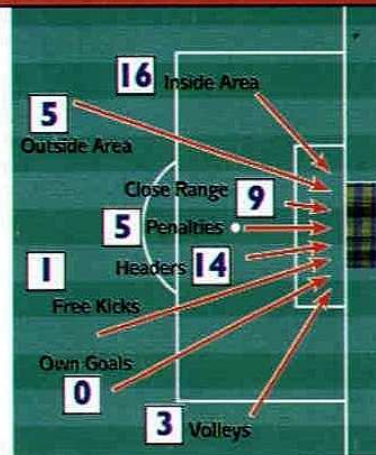
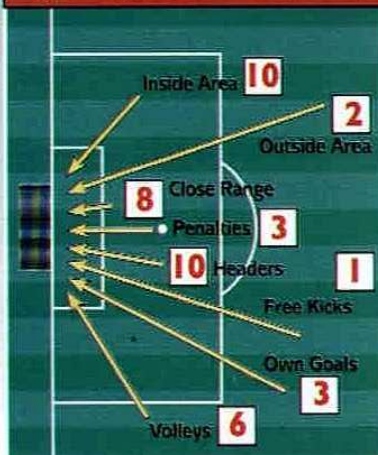


• Chris Hay

Swindon - last 5 years



How Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them





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So, to make sure you are on our side before next season commences, have a look through this copy of the programme and consider what page you would like your company name and logo associated with.

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Top-quality speakers

WITH spaces available for the last three remaining Sporting Club Luncheons for this season, those planning to attend are advised to book now to avoid disappointment.

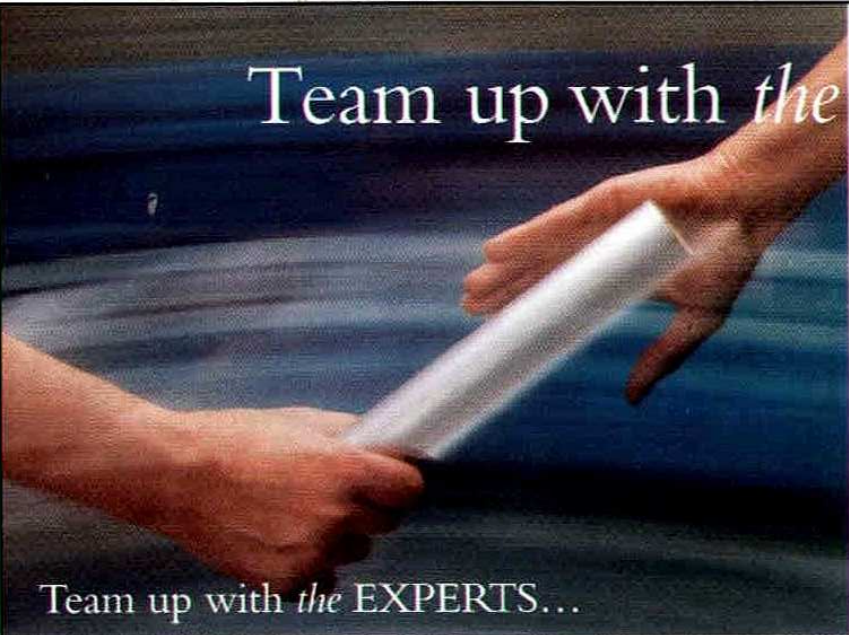
After all, you would not want to miss the chance to enjoy the top-quality speakers who will be attending.

On Friday March 26, Sue Campbell, Chief Executive of the Youth Sports Trust, will be our guest

Then on Friday April 30, our speaker will be Ian Robertson, BBC Sports' rugby union commentator. The season ends on Friday May 28, when the speaker will be David Mellor, chairman of the Football Task Force and host of BBC Radio's 606 Show.

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News from The Junior Hornets' Club



ROB CLARKE

Good evening to you all and welcome to tonight's fixture.

Away Travel

With the end of the season not far away, this obviously means there are not that many games left for you to see!

The Junior Hornets are running coaches to the following games:

(Please note: we will not be running coaches to Ipswich Town, Birmingham City, Crewe or Barnsley).

● Sheffield United

Saturday March 6 1999.

(To be confirmed due to FA Cup commitment)

Departing from
Vicarage Road at: 9.30 am
Returning to
Vicarage Road: 8.45 pm
Junior Hornets: £15.00
Accompanying Adults: £16.50

● Oxford United

Saturday March 13 1999.

Departs: 12.00 noon
Returns: 7.00 pm
Junior Hornets: £11.00
Accompanying Adults: £13.00

● Port Vale

Saturday 27 March 1999.

Departs: 10.30 am
Returns: 8.30 pm
Junior Hornets: £14.00
Accompanying Adults: £15.50

For further details, or to book your place, 'phone the Junior Hornets direct on **01923 496256**.

TONIGHT'S SPECIAL GUEST

I would like you to join me in wishing Stevie-Lee Armstrong a warm welcome to Vicarage Road this evening, as he prepares himself for the wonderful experience of being a Watford mascot.



Stevie-Lee is an avid Watford fan and loyal member of the Junior Hornets, he was more than surprised to hear the news that he was going to be an official Watford mascot this evening. The first Stevie-Lee knew about it was when he opened the letter that dropped on to his doormat a few weeks ago. The whole 'secret' affair would even make Sir Jimmy Saville proud, the Jimmy 'stand-in' who was responsible for this real life fix-it was Stevie-Lee's Grandad, Andy Harman.

We were informed by Mr Harman that his Grandson - a local lad from Garston, Watford - was a massive Hornets fan and would be 'over the moon' if he could have the chance to lead his heroes out on to the Vicarage Road turf. We were also informed that Stevie-Lee suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy which is a progressive waste of the muscular tissue.

Well, there was only one thing we could do and that was to get Stevie-Lee down to Vicarage Road and provide him with the opportunity of a life-time. After our inquiries we also discovered that Stevie-Lee attends nearby Coates Way School and that he's also a budding goalkeeper (watch out Alec Chamberlain!), but it wasn't all plain-sailing, we did discover one stumbling block. When we asked who his favourite Watford player was there was a long pause then a concerned look. You see Stevie-Lee didn't have one favourite player, it turned out he had eleven - like all of us he felt that all the Watford lads are fantastic!

Stevie-Lee, here's hoping you have an absolutely fabulous evening and remember you have all of us here tonight supporting you.

Best wishes,

Rob Clarke.



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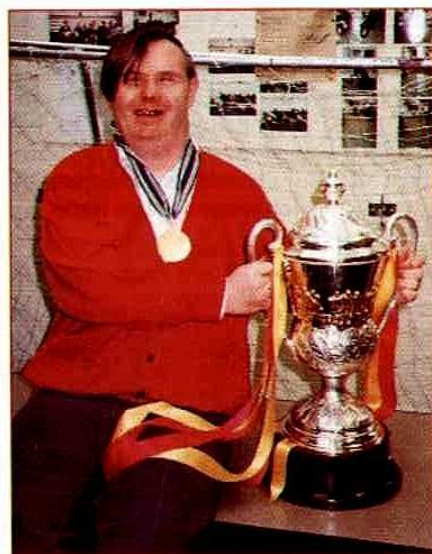
Football in the Community News

Special evening for special people

GOOD evening and welcome to tonight's Community Page on what should prove to be a very eventful evening.

Whilst the first team are busy rectifying their live TV hoodoo, many of our friends from local special needs centres will be heard singing and cheering the night away at the Rookery End.

In excess of 100 different special needs groups have been invited to this evening's match as guests of the Football Club with many new groups and helpers visiting Vicarage Road for the first time, joining our regular visitors and more recent TV stars! (see News Page).



• Last season's 'fans' favourite'. Yes, he of the long penalty kick run-up, Terry Ottaway, gets his hands firmly on the Division Two Championship trophy.

Definitely visiting for the first time this evening, although hopefully not the last - despite tonight's result (!) - are special needs groups from Swindon including Crowdys Hill, Open Door, Uplands, Acacia House and the Clapham Unit. Each of these groups have been invited through liaison with my counterparts at Swindon Town, Clive Maguire, Jon Holloway and Swindon Council's lifestyle department who, as well as accompanying tonight's group, work regularly with those and many other special needs groups.

Whilst the recent media coverage of the Scheme's work has been pleasing and just reward for the hard work carried out by my team of coaches, the football club's commitment to provide tickets and opportunities for such groups as tonight's visitors is far more pleasing. Pleasing in that the commitment shown towards the community is regular and not one-off or media led.

Personally pleasing this evening will be the opportunity

• Recent Balmoral TV stars Laurance, Alan and Trevor show the joy experienced by all 'true' Watford supporters when a Championship winner's medal is presented.



Kirk Wheeler



Rob Smith

of meeting many helpers and clients from Swindon, whom I last saw many moons ago! Incidentally some of these people are the same people that first became interested in football when a certain Glenn Hoddle visited their centres with first-team players in tow during his reign as Swindon manager, leaving many groups with many happy memories!

* Special thanks to everyone who has helped with the build-up to tonight's events, from carers and helpers to Ticket Office and Administration staff - thanks for ALL your efforts.

Now let's all sit back and enjoy!

Best wishes



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P.S. A warm welcome to Dot Webb who, at the age of 80 years young, adds her first visit to Vicarage Road tonight to her list of recent achievements including Pot Holing, Mountaineering and Hang-Gliding!

Over to you...

WATFORD MAILING LIST

A selection of the best, funniest and most unusual submissions to the unofficial Watford Mailing List on the Internet.

In the States, a few of us exiled Brits usually gather around our shortwave radios on a Saturday morning (we are five hours behind), to tune into the World Service to listen to a second half commentary and get updates and final results from the English leagues.

It's not the same as driving to the ground, parking down the same road, at the same lamp post, walking to the ground through the allotments, buying a programme, looking to see if your favourite players are playing, going to the same part of the ground you have always seen the game from, and meeting the same people every week at your little corner of the pitch and discussing the ins and outs of the last game or why the manager has picked this guy over someone else.

Nope, it's not the same but the memories always come flooding back every Saturday during the season, wishing you were with your mates at the Red Lion catching a quick pint before the game.

You can even smell the beer if you try hard enough. Then it's off to the ground, with a sense of anticipation that for the next two hours you are going to be transported into another world that people from outside of the British Isles, especially here in the States, just don't understand. - **Paul Green**

• Extracts from "Blind, stupid and desperate" the on-line fanzine. You can look up BSaD at: <http://www.display.co.uk/watford/>

Tell it straight

A question of yours answered:

Why has Watford FC not been involved with the 'Kick Out Racism' campaign? I have seen recently on TV an advertising board at Charlton, Leicester and Sheffield United, supporting this campaign. Why not at Watford?

- **Mr Kingston, North Watford.**

Glen Calverley, Supporter Services Officer, answers:

Here at Watford FC we are playing an active role in promoting and supporting the 'Watford On The Ball - Kick Out Racism' Campaign.

Early in April we are hosting the Kick Out Racism launch here at Vicarage Road, with members of the coaching staff speaking at the event, along with officials from the Kick Out Racism Campaign.

The event is to be presented to delegates from local agencies from youth football clubs to Watford Council.

We will also have a Kick Out Racism awareness day, hopefully at the start of the 1999/2000 season.

● If you have a question about anything to do with Watford FC, we will do our best to find the answer! Write to:

Tell It Straight, Watford FC Programme Editor, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford, Herts, WD1 8ER.

Saturday Sportscall on

CAN'T find too much to complain about this week... well except those blooming QPR numbers. When will clubs learn?

All in all, there was plenty to smile about, especially Chris Day's sunglasses!

I thought it was interesting to read the newspaper reports on the game, and in particular Watford's first goal. The general theme seemed to be "back to route one from Watford", which was a bit harsh I thought.

There was no mention of Alec Chamberlain's precise clearance - if that had been a Beckham pass - or Nick Wright's wonderful finish, or indeed the absolute horrors that Danny Maddix made of his clearance.

But nevertheless an excellent victory, which sets us up nicely for a bid to end the Sky TV jinx, and for the difficult trips to Ipswich and Sheffield United. Full coverage, of course, from Portman Road and Bramall Lane, and if it doesn't go according to plan at the latter we can always jump up and down and maybe get a second bite at the cherry!

Sport seems to have been on the front as well as the back pages of late, with the above incident just one of many.

At 3CR, I have been featuring as much in the news bulletins as the sport of late, with the events up the road at the place I can't mention by name.

But seriously though, I'd much rather be

Heads You Lose

Clap Your Hands Stamp Your Feet!

In the good old days when the only football on TV was Match Of The Day (ITV don't count, they cannot cover football properly) there were only two goal competitions, Goal Of The Month and Goal Of The Year. Also you had to be on Match Of The Day to get your goal considered.

Nowadays with satellite, digital, five terrestrial channels, thousands of Mickey Mouse competitions and video coverage from everything from the Conference up, you could have goal of the day competitions.

Despite this, one feature has remained the same - headed goals hardly ever figure among the winners. I cannot understand this. Am I alone in believing the headed goal is the most spectacular sight in football?

When I graced the lower reaches of the West Herts League I never felt better than when scoring with my head. My flying header against Reading Rangers in 1979 is still talked about - by me at least.

Long range shots seem the most frequent winner and though good are not the same. A headed goal requires width, a decent cross, bravery and no little skill. So please messrs Hansen, Gray & Co - let heads win for once.

- **Dave Shutes**

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reporting on football matches than going to the High Court or reporting incidents such as petrol bombs through letterboxes. What is the world coming to?

The chairman in question has said he will resign and who can blame him? Threats against your family are simply criminal, and something managers too have spoken of. For example, Steve McMahon shortly before his departure from tonight's visitors, and not long after the match at Swindon in September.

However infuriated or wound up you might get tonight, remember it's only a game. Nobody dies. - **Simon Oxley**

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**Alec Chamberlain**

Chamberlain's Chat

TALKING through topical issues with Watford's no 1 and the 1997/98 'Player of the Season', Alec Chamberlain

AFTER all the rumours, it is now confirmed that Kevin Keegan is the new England manager - until June anyway.

I think it would have been difficult for him to go back on his word after saying he wanted to honour his contract at Fulham.

Lawrie McMenemy made a good point, saying that by taking the job part-time he has been shrewd. He can see how things go, have a look at results, decide whether the media are backing to him. Then, after that, he can decide if the job is for him or not. If he is going to do the job part-time then he will have to delegate, and give some of the duties to the backroom staff that he has chosen. The only problem might be that Keegan can't go and watch Premiership games on a Saturday.

He is the perfect man for the job in terms of charisma and experience though. He has been there and done everything. He commands a lot of respect, both for what he did as a player and for his style as a manager. That is half the battle, to have people want you and to enjoy the way you play the game.

Looking further ahead, if these four games he is in charge for go well then he might turn round and say he can be part-time for the rest of his Fulham contract. If that is the case, you have to wonder what other options the FA have. He is their choice and probably the people's choice. He would have been my selection as manager. Terry Venables was probably the journalist's choice because he was

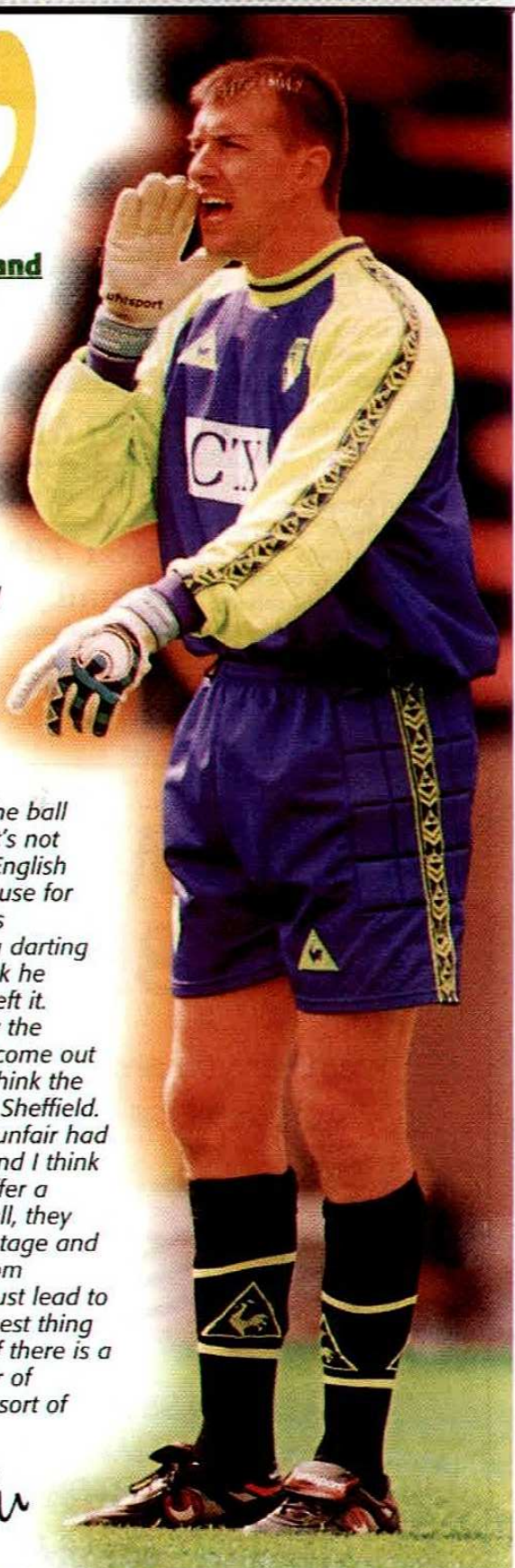
so media-friendly, but Keegan has a similar personality and I feel he has already proved he has the credentials for the job.

THE other big story recently was clearly the FA Cup tie between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday, and the decision to replay it.

In my opinion, the Arsenal players were out of order by doing what they did. They knew what they were doing in my mind. You could possibly excuse Kanu but throwing the ball back is a worldwide thing. It's not something exclusive to the English game. But there was no excuse for Overmars. He saw what was happening but then made a darting run to score. You would think he would have stood still and left it.

With the decision to replay the game, I think Arsenal have come out of it all smelling of roses. I think the replay should have been at Sheffield. It would have been grossly unfair had Sheffield not got a replay, and I think Arsenal were very cute to offer a replay straight away. After all, they knew they had home advantage and would have players back from suspension. This incident must lead to a rule change - that is the best thing that can come out of it all. If there is a rule change, there is no fear of anyone trying to abuse this sort of situation again.

Alec Chamberlain





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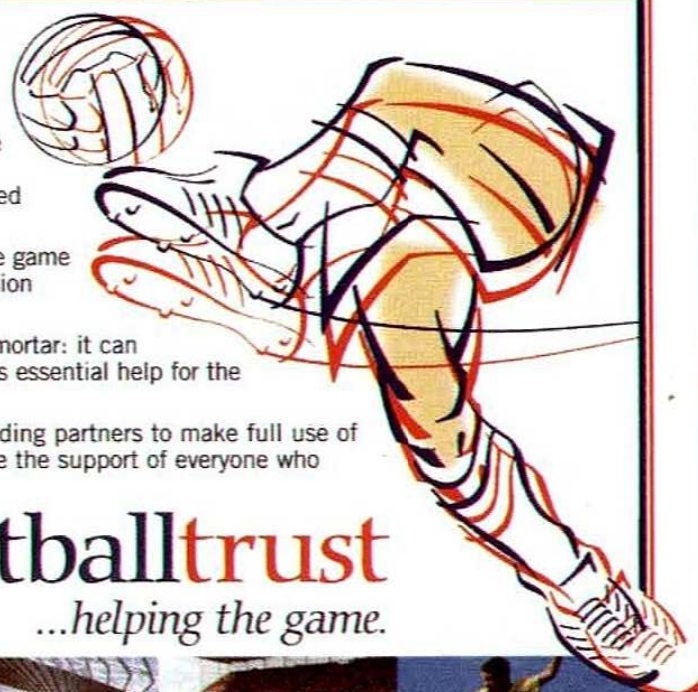
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Chris Day

"In any game you play you must play to win, and it doesn't matter if that is first-team, reserves or just a friendly"

Autograph



DATABASE:

Date of birth:
July 28, 1975

Place of birth:
Walthamstow

Height:
6ft 3in

Weight:
86.0kg

Watford debut:
Away to Sheffield United (League Cup),
September 23, 1997.

Previous clubs:
Tottenham Hotspur, Crystal Palace.

It's a Fact:
When he was on Tottenham Hotspur's books, Chris played in goal for England at Under-21 level before he had made his Football League debut.



What is the best game of football you have played in?

The European Under-18 Final against Turkey in 1993 - we won 1-0

And what is the best game of football you've watched?

Tottenham 2 Forest 1 in the 1991 FA Cup Final. The atmosphere was unbelievable

If there were the following awards at Watford, who would you nominate?:

Worst dancer: Daniel Grieves

Worst dresser: Alan 'Partridge' Smart for his double-breasted effort

If you could go back and change one thing in your career, what would it be?

To have played at Tottenham

Who are the best and worst football commentators on TV or radio?

Martin Tyler and Andy Gray are the best, Archie MacPherson is the worst

Hornets' Hit List

Chris's personal top 12 compilation would be:

- 1 Don't You Want Me Human League
- 2 Mised..... Celine Dion
- 3 Gold..... Spandau Ballet
- 4 Sweet Harmony Liquid
- 5 Nightboat to Cairo..... Madness
- 6 Come Undone..... Duran Duran
- 7 Let Me Be Your Fantasy..... Baby D
- 8 Show Me Love..... Robyn S
- 9 Push The Feeling On..... Nightcrawlers
- 10 The Fly U2
- 11 Don't You Forget About Me..... Simple Minds
- 12 Baggy Trousers Madness

What would you sing at a karaoke night?

Any Madness number

Do you do the shopping, cooking and cleaning (honestly)?

Shopping and cooking yes, but I've got a cleaner (cheers Sam!)

What frightens you?

Injuries

Would you rather score the winner in a World Cup Final or win the National Lottery jackpot?

The jackpot win - then I'd buy the World Cup

What job would you most like if you weren't a footballer?

A cricketer

What is the best piece of advice you could give to a young footballer?

Enjoy yourself and keep working hard

Outside write

An exclusive column by a different guest writer in each programme.

The Football Task Force

Rt. Hon. David Mellor PC QC

It is a pleasure to be asked to contribute to the Hornets' programme as Chairman of the Football Task Force.

I have fond memories of watching Watford take on Everton in the FA Cup Final of 1984. I am glad to see that the club, under the able stewardship of Graham Taylor, has bounced back so well and is still in the hunt for a promotion place.

Watford has long been regarded as a well-run family club and in many ways it might almost be seen as a model set-up. It reaches out to all sections of the community and by and large secures equal treatment for its fans. Thanks to the work of my good friend Howard Wells, the club has in place a good team off the pitch, working diligently behind the scenes, as well as on it.

The Hornets represent much of what the Football Task Force stands for in trying to secure a fairer deal for supporters across the country. Football has continued throughout the 1990's to be a growth industry, with more and more money flooding into the game. Fans have not always felt the benefits. Indeed, in many instances supporters have suffered at the hands of an industry increasingly concerned with profitability at the expense of traditional supporters' rights.

Whilst in opposition, the Labour Government's 'Charter for Football' set out the vision for a 'Football Task Force'. In an effort to improve all aspects of football, the Task Force was charged with *"establishing a detailed response to a widely recognised need for change"*. We were presented with a challenging remit, to secure a fair deal for football fans and the game.

The Football Task Force represents the first attempt to bring together individuals from all areas of the game to discuss the issues that will dominate the game in the future. This consensual process has been the backbone of success. The ability of the Task Force to bring together representatives from all areas of football, acknowledge individual concerns and still bring about agreement on difficult issues has been

one of our greatest strengths and has given real substance to our recommendations.

Added to this, the Task Force has undertaken a rigorous national tour in order to make sure that real fans have had the opportunity to have their say. This series of regional visits, to ten cities in all areas of the country, has allowed us to discover the issues that really concern the fans.

And now, as the Task Force enters the final and most complex part of its work, its standing has never been higher. We have produced three reports dealing with Disabled Access, Racism and most recently "Investing in the Community". Each one has been warmly welcomed throughout the game and in particular by those whom the report was specifically targeting.

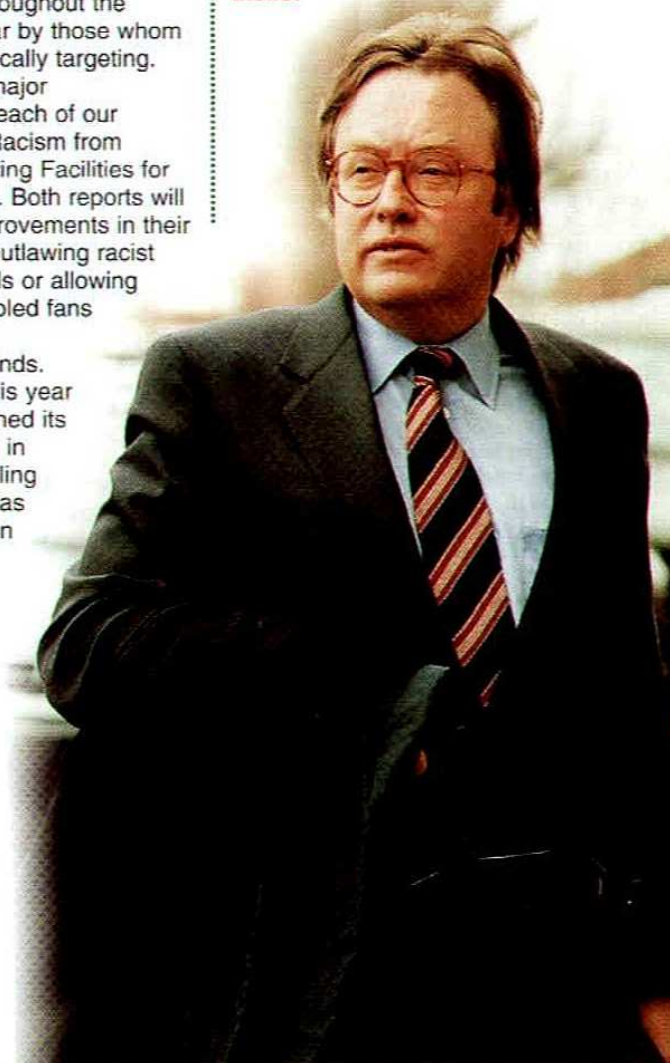
We made over 30 major recommendations in each of our reports "Eliminating Racism from Football" and "Improving Facilities for Disabled Supporters". Both reports will secure important improvements in their relevant fields, be it outlawing racist chanting by individuals or allowing home and away disabled fans to sit amongst fellow supporters at all grounds.

On January 11 of this year the Task Force launched its third report "Investing in the Community", tackling the issues of players as role models, football in the community and the importance of supporter involvement in the running of clubs. The report made some tough recommendations on all issues. It paves the way for huge new investment in football's grassroots. We must now push for government to take these recommendations forwards.

As the Task Force embarks on its final, and some say, most difficult report into commercial aspects we will have to tackle head-on many vital issues. The Task Force has a responsibility to our national game and we must not shirk from the responsibilities that we face in the coming months. We must present a coherent strategy for securing the future prosperity of football – a strategy which recognises the commercial concerns whilst securing the rights of those to whom the game ultimately belongs, namely the fans.

Best wishes

David Mellor



Player Interview



Andrew French talks to... CHRIS DAY

A BIT like the losing team's ribbons on Cup Final Day, the reserve goalkeeper is in contention for the game but seldom gets a slice of the action.

For Chris Day, that has been the story of the season at first-team level but he remains positive and, more importantly, ready should his chance arrive.

"It doesn't really frustrate me because, come a Friday, you know that if Alec Chamberlain is fit he is going to play," he explained.

"Then, on a Saturday, you watch the game and see what everyone else sees. You just have to make sure you are ready."

Goalkeepers tend to have good working relationships, but the understudy must always have that feeling that an injury or loss of form could open the door.

"It is a strange feeling at times. Although you are always looking for a chance to get into the first team, I wouldn't wish injury or poor form on Alec because we get on very well.

"You have to be able to work with each other. You need the other goalkeepers at the club to back you up. There is this sort of goalkeepers' union, because we do get stick from the outfield players and it is a specialised position.

"But I think any goalkeeper would say you do think sometimes that if the keeper did get just a little niggling injury, it would give you the chance to nick a place in the team."

Spare time on Saturday afternoons is not something Chris has much of though, as he has spent much of the season as a co-commentator on BBC 3 Counties Radio.

"I think I've become the Entertainment Manager at

Watford," he joked. "Whether I'm having my picture taken in the Rous Stand, meeting disabled fans or doing the commentary, I'm usually up to something on a Saturday. Instead of a keeper's jersey next season, I think they're making me a redcoat!

"I do enjoy the radio work. It keeps you tuned into the opposition teams, so if I get my chance I know that Bradford's Blake likes a long shot or Keane at Wolves likes to turn a certain way. You see those things because you have to comment on them during a commentary. Who knows, perhaps in later years it is something I might be able to go into.

"I'd never done radio work before I came to Watford, but then I am never short of a word or two around the club. I always felt I could adapt to it. I think the next stage is to perfect my Mike Vince commentary voice!"

On the field, Chris has helped the Reserves to challenge for the Avon Insurance Combination title with a ratio of a clean sheet every two games.

"In any game you play you must play to win, and it doesn't matter if that is first-team, reserves or just a friendly. I put my all into the Reserves and this season has been really pleasing. Last season the boys were younger but this time round they are a year wiser and that reflects in the results.

"I believe this will be the last year of the Combination, so I keep reminding the boys that I won it and got a tankard at Spurs, and that this is their last chance.

"As for the clean sheets, that is my job. That is what I train for. Alec keeps joking with me that he'd like to borrow some of my clean sheets. There have been a

lot this season, but when I was at Spurs in the youth team I kept 19 in 24 games once. The only problem was I let in four and five in the middle of that sequence - luckily we scored five and six and won those two games!"

Chris is also the proud holder of England caps at both Under-18 and Under-21 level.

"I think people tend to forget that I played 10 games for the Under-21's and won the European Championships with the Under-18's. I also played 30 games for Crystal Palace in the season they reached the Premier League. But the only thing fans ever shout at me is 'Tottenham reject', and that was a kid wearing an Arsenal shirt behind the goal at Northwood when we were playing Chelsea Reserves!"

Any interview with Chris has to include the question prompted by so many of his colleagues' comments in the programmes - is his dress sense really that bad?

"I think, earlier in the season, the boys weren't sure who to pick for worst dancer and worst dresser, so they kept picking Clint and me because they knew we would take it well.

"As it has gone on, Nick Wright and Allan Smart have had a few mentions. I've actually picked Smarty because he possesses some real 'Alan Partridge' gear.

"I've got to say as well, the foreign lads are in a completely different league to us, on and off the pitch. The way they prepare, the way they play, it's different to the rest of us, but I'll tell you what - the way they dress is as well. Some of their gear is outrageous.

"I haven't got bad clothes. I just don't like wearing bog-standard suits - I would rather jazz them up a bit. I get a bit of stick for it, but I don't mind that."



Getting to know...

Chris Day

If you had £50 to spare in your pocket, what would you do with it?

I'd take some language lessons to see what the foreign lads really say about us

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you want with you and why?

My computer, my cats and a mobile phone

If you could be anybody else for a day, who would it be and why?

Alec on a Saturday afternoon

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

To be less of a commentator and more of a footballer on matchdays

If you could change any rule in football, what would it be?

Ban play-acting to gain a free kick

What is the funniest thing you have ever seen in a match you have played in?

My gloves being stolen from my goal during a floodlight failure

Do you prefer curry or chinese - and what's your favourite dish?

Chinese - smoked shredded chicken

What is the biggest risk you have ever taken?

Going out for a meal with Clint and Mike Vince

What is the best night out you have ever had?

At the Carwash 70's night with the lads - the outfits were legendary

What is the best present you have been bought?

My first BMX - a Raleigh Night Burner bought by my Mum and Dad

● Chris's current World XI:

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(England)

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(France)

CAMPBELL
(England)

DESAILLY
(France)

CARLOS
(Brazil)

BECKHAM
(England)

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(France)

BAGGIO
(Italy)

GIGGS
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OWEN
(England)

BATISTUTA
(Argentina)



Saracens RFC



All the latest news from Vicarage Road's Tetley Bitter Cup holders Saracens.

Home sweet home *Sunday February 14 1999 Saracens 48 West Hartlepool 27*

ON a cold, wet and windy winter's afternoon the first Premiership clash to be played at Vicarage Road for 5 weeks was set to be a fascinating encounter.

West Hartlepool have been in "Giant Killing" form of late, dispensing easily with Wasps in January and coming close to a couple of other notable scalps, whilst Saracens up turn in form have seen them unbeaten in their last seven games, producing some excellent spells of running rugby and memorable tries.

Two minutes into the match Saracens were awarded a penalty which was kicked well into the visitor's 22 and from the attacking line-out Alain Penaud's dummy and side step saw him over for a try, which, surprisingly went unconverted. Shortly after the restart another penalty was placed deep inside "West's" territory and, after an excellent catch and drive Saracens were held just short of the line. From the resulting scrum Pienaar broke, linking with Diprose who powered over to score. Ten points up after 6 minutes and another penalty, which again was kicked to the corner. From the resulting catch and drive Saracens were awarded another penalty for infringing and Johnson duly slotted the kick.

Saracens now seemed to be in charge with Diprose sending a long pass out to Thirlby on the wing who sped round his opposite number and then chipped the full back only to be late tackled. West seemed to gain some resolve at this point and slowly began to get themselves in to the game. Had Wallace, Hill and Penaud not been so sound in defence they would have got there sooner.

Saracens' domination of the set scrums now seemed to incur the displeasure of the referee and the forwards seemed to lose the plot a little in the loose. West now gained the upper hand and a lot more possession and for ten minutes exerted a lot of pressure which resulted in three converted penalties from Vile their fly half. Next Penaud, whilst running out of defence, attempted a long pass to Thirlby which was read by West's winger, Jones, who promptly intercepted to race unopposed under the posts to make the scoreline read 13-14.

At this point the ghosts of Christmas past seemed to be rearing their ugly heads but Bracken soon exorcised these thoughts as Pienaar headed an impressive forward

drive with three forwards in turn driving on and then laying the ball back for the next man, the fourth being Bracken who shot through the middle to score under the posts and Johnson duly converted to make the half time score 20-14.

For ten minutes of the second half the visitors held their own, defending well and getting a good share of possession, but a fine run by Daniel set up Ravenscroft who was denied only by a last ditch tap tackle and Saracens were back on top. Now came a surprise break from Penaud with Diprose thundering up in support to take his pass and go over for his second, Johnson converted and Saracens were clear by 27-14. At this point Hill left the field for repairs and was blood replaced by Ogilvie who was to add to his growing reputation, and almost immediately Penaud was off again speeding round a ruck inside his own 22 and then spinning an excellent long pass out to Constable who put his foot down, shooting past his opposite number and winger, and then passing the ball back inside to the supporting Thirlby who ran in unopposed from the 22, Johnson again supplied the extra two points.

West Hartlepool again showed resilience and pinched a Saracens lineout with centre Tanginoa finding a perfect line of running to go in under the posts. Hill now returned and Pienaar and Flatman left the field to be replaced by Reidy (where's the hair?). Diprose now sparked a move by taking a quick penalty and was on hand to finish it with his hat-trick try. Another Vile penalty pegged Saracens back to 41-27 but Daniel was to have the final word. As he received a clearance kick inside Saracens half the crowd seemed to sense that he was setting himself up for one of his mesmerising runs and urged him forwards. In front of him lay the whole West Hartlepool midfield defence and he ran up to



SARACENS

them prodding for a weakness. Then in an instant he had squeezed and rolled through a half gap, side-stepped one defender, wrong footed another only to be caught by two more. Miraculously seconds later he popped out of their clutches and now had a few yards to disable his next assailant by showing him the outside and shimmying inside, the final defender was, in-turn, treated with disregard but to his credit he managed to slow Daniel down by grabbing hold of his boot. With Daniel now suspended his efforts looked to have been in vein but for the stampeding Danny Grewcock who appeared in a flash to take a pop pass and then fake to the outside, straighten up and sprint for the line. The game finished with the crowd on their feet in appreciation as Thirlby added the finishing touch with the conversion.

SARACENS Team:- Johnson/Singer (70), Thirlby, Constable, Ravenscroft, Daniel, Penaud, Bracken, Flatman/Reidy (65), Chuter, Wallace P, Johns, Grewcock, Pienaar/Ogilvie (64), Hill, Diprose

Scorers:-

Tries: Penaud, Diprose (3), Bracken, Thirlby, Grewcock

Conversions: Johnson (4), Thirlby

Penalties: Johnson



● **Saracens' Francois Pienaar drives at the West Hartlepool defence.** (Pic: Action Images/Andrew Couldridge)

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A foot in both camps

by Trefor Jones

A biographical look at a player who played for both sides. This afternoon the spotlight falls on:

Cornelius Hogan

of Watford and Swindon Town, who had an exotic family background.

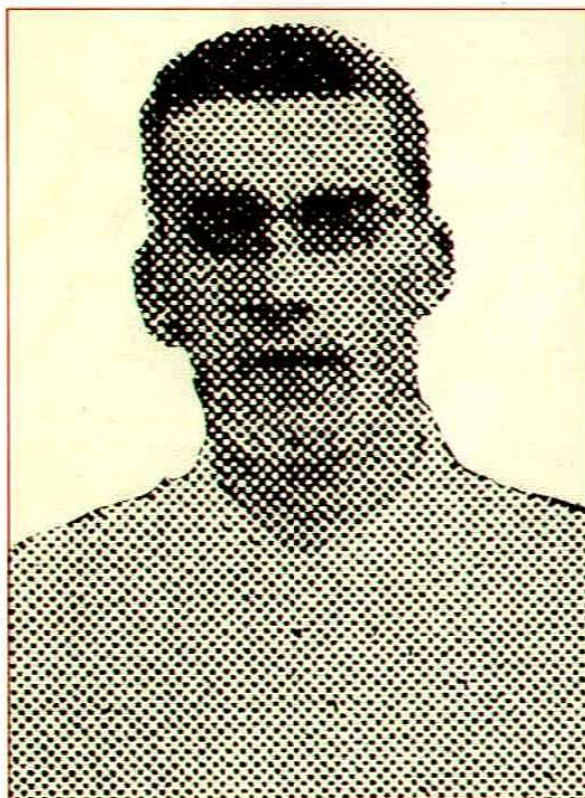
CORNELIUS Hogan and one of his sisters were born in Malta, a second sister in Nova Scotia, their father in Ireland and their mother in India.

Brother William was born overseas too, but was baptised in Aldershot which gives a clue to the military background which explains all these far-flung origins, his father being a soldier whose various postings had taken him to exotic places.

Cornelius himself was a mere 4ft & 11.5 ins when he joined the Royal Munster Fusiliers as a boy soldier in 1892. (He eventually stood 5ft 11ins). His football career took off when he signed for mighty Aston Villa in November 1897 and the club bought him out of the army three months later, but his Villa Park stay was a brief one and he moved to Millwall at the end of the season without having appeared in the first team. A single Southern League appearance was all he had to show for a year in London, but he

followed this with a couple of seasons with New Brighton Tower, for whom he had experience in the Football League (18 appearances and one goal) before moving to Watford in the summer of 1901.

He began the season as our first-team centre-half and played in the opening two Southern League fixtures, which brought a 1-0 away win against Queens Park Rangers and a 2-0 home defeat by Reading. He didn't appear again and a couple of months later moved to Burnley, where he immediately - and surprisingly - became the Lancashire club's regular centre-forward in the 2nd Division of the Football League. He went on to finish as top-scorer at Turf Moor two winters running, with 10 goals in 23 League appearances and then 7 in 20 the following season, when Burnley finished bottom of the table. At this point



(Pic: Watford Observer)

he resumed his Southern League connections for one more season, which he began at Fulham and ended at Swindon Town.

The rest of his career was spent in Lancashire, where he played for St. Helen's Recreation, Nelson and Rossendale United. His father's regimental headquarters had been in Preston and it was in that town that he was residing and working as a tram conductor when, on March 14, 1909, he was carried off by the debilitating effects of phthisis at the age of 30.

Cornelius Hogan's Southern League record for the two clubs:

Watford

Watford:

Season	Appearances
1901/02	2 (0 goals)

Swindon Town:

Season	Appearances
1903/04	13 (5 goals)

It's a Record Breaker

by Trefor Jones

Vicarage Road's first-ever abandonment in peace-time

WATFORD 2 SHREWSBURY TOWN 5

Meadows pen, Walker

Rowley, Harrop o.g., Catleugh o.g., Russell, Whitaker

Football League Division Four - Tuesday, April 28, 1959

(abandoned after 74 minutes)

Attendance: 5,326

Watford: Storer, McNeice, Harrop, Catleugh, Holton, Meadows, Gavin, Bunce, Howfield, Walker, Devine.

Shrewsbury Town: Crossley, Hobson, Skeece, Wallace, Maloney, Walters, Tucker, Russell, Edgley, Rowley, Whitaker.

WHAT should have been our final game of the 1958/59 season turned into a shambles. Shrewsbury Town, needing vital promotion points, ran-up a 5-2 lead in this Tuesday evening fixture, but it was all in vain.

The visitors' player-manager, Arthur Rowley, scored more goals than anyone else in Football League history. He was by now massively broad in the beam, but still scoring prolifically and it was he who gave his team the lead. Watford's Jack Harrop and George Catleugh set the scene for the pantomime which followed by supplying Shrewsbury with own goals, either side of a Johnny Meadows penalty which reduced the arrears and then Ray Russell made it 1-4 at the interval.

Watford made positional changes for the second half, including moving Cliff Holton in the attack, but to no avail, except to the extent that Peter Walker scored from 30 yards before Colin Whitaker restored the three-goal margin. By this time however, the match had degenerated into high farce.

At half-time the referee, Denis Howell, a Member of Parliament who later served as a minister in Harold Wilson's cabinet, was informed that the floodlight fuses were missing, but he played on in the hope that the problem would be resolved.

It wasn't and as darkness descended and spectators lit newspaper torches on the terraces, the game stuttered to its inevitable abandonment - the first such conclusion to a Vicarage Road game in peace-time.

'...darkness descended and spectators lit newspaper torches on the terraces...'

Two days later the Football League Management Committee fined Watford £100 and ordered a replay. This took place on May 7, with Shrewsbury needing a draw to pip Exeter City for the fourth promotion place. They won 4-1.

There was much investigation and discussion of what had been one of the more ridiculous episodes in the history of Watford Football Club. The disappearance of those fuses officially remained a mystery, but there were at least a couple of insiders who knew rather more than they were prepared to admit.

Opposition Top Ten

Ten unusual facts that not a lot of people know about

Swindon Town



- 1** SWINDON have faced us in the Southern League and Football League on more occasions than any other club, this being our 65th season of League meetings.
- 2** IN 1985/86 Town won the Fourth Division championship with 102 points, a record total in any division of the Football League.
- 3** JOHN Trollope made 700 Football League appearances for Swindon - the highest number by any player for a single club in the history of the competition.
- 4** DURING the Second World War, German prisoners were housed in huts on the pitch at the County Ground.
- 5** TOWN is the only club to have conceded 100 FA Premier League goals in a season.
- 6** OF all existing football clubs, Swindon are our longest-standing opponents; our paths having first crossed in an FA Cup tie 113 years ago.
- 7** IN their first-ever Football League fixture, the Wiltshire club beat Luton Town by nine goals to one.
- 8** WHEN Swindon beat Walsall 5-1 in May 1976, three of their goals were scored from penalty kicks taken by Trevor Anderson.
- 9** SWINDON's total of 32 Fourth Division wins in 1985/86 has only once been exceeded in any division since the Football League started in 1888.
- 10** THE County Ground's record attendance for a League fixture was the 28,898 who witnessed our 1-0 victory there in March 1969.



Watford FC Youth Academy

Catch him if you can!

It is with great pleasure that tonight I introduce to you one of our young Academy players, **Matthew Hopton**, and share with you his superb individual achievement.

Matthew plays regularly in our Under-15 Academy side and is a sprint specialist, representing England last week, and beat runners from all four home countries to take a 60m gold medal in a time of 7.3 seconds (the fifth fastest time ever recorded at an England Schools' International Event).

This is Matthew's most notable victory in his short career so far.

Already he has taken gold in several County Championships and in England Schools' Events.

Despite his athletic exploits, his number one love is still football. He believes that he would have done a faster time if he had a ball at his feet!

Matthew, who is a regular goalscorer in our Under-15 team, is obviously a handful to opposing teams.

We at Watford encourage Matthew to carry on with his athletics programme and at the moment athletics and soccer are running side by side.

All at Vicarage Road congratulate him on his



achievements to date, both on the football field and on the athletic track.

Matthew is pictured here, proudly displaying his gold medal.

Best wishes

Gary Johnson

Academy Director





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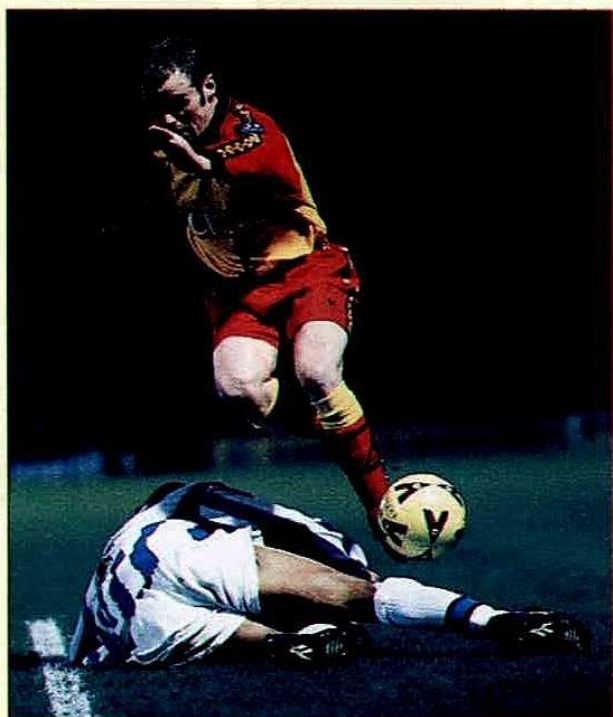
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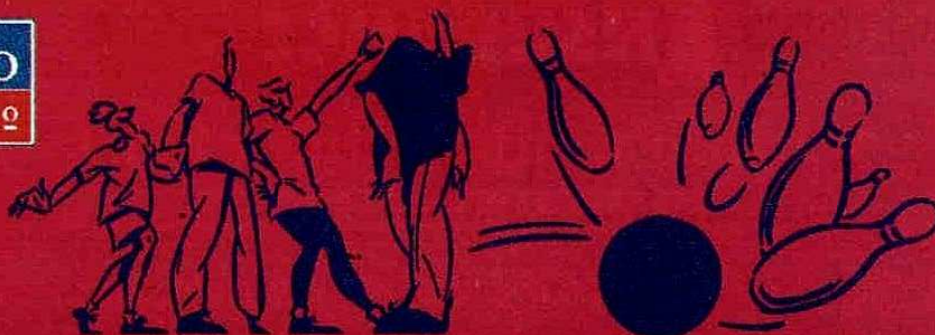
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*Peter Kennedy attempts to clear a Huddersfield hurdle but is brought down to earth.
(Pics: Alan Cozzi)*

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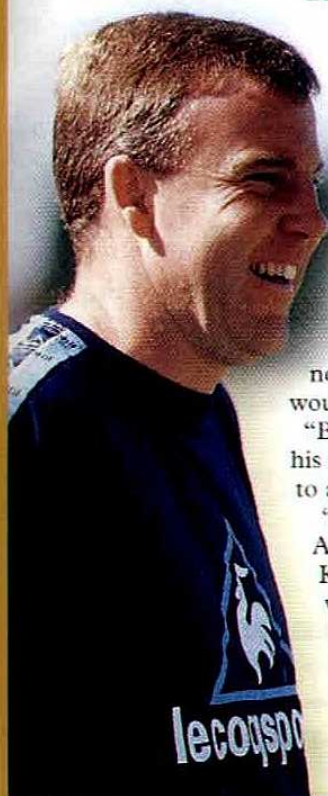
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Were the FA right to replay the Arsenal/Sheffield Utd FA Cup tie?

Kenny's view:



"I think the decision to replay the game definitely sets a precedent for the FA to step in if similar instances arise in the future.

"However, once Arsène Wenger had said he was prepared to have the game replayed, then I think the FA really had to get involved.

"It would have been interesting if Wenger had said nothing – I wonder what the FA would have done then.

"But as soon as Wenger had made his offer, I think the FA really had to act.

"I think you can excuse what the Arsenal players did to a degree. Kanu maybe wasn't aware of what was going on but he played in the World Cup and throwing the ball back was happening in almost every game.

"In fact, throwing the ball back has been happening the world over for many years, so it is hard to see that Kanu wasn't

aware that was what his teammates were trying to do.

"Overmars must surely also have seen what was happening – and he went on and scored the goal.

"You could say the referee should have booked them both for ungentlemanly conduct but that is a tricky decision because this is such a grey area.

"What you will find is there are always grey areas where rules are concerned. I think it is almost impossible for it to be black and white.

"During my playing career I remember similar things happening. In a game at Newcastle, I recall Mark McGhee telling his teammate not to throw the ball back. They didn't go on and score, but they didn't give it back either.

"It has always happened, but like so many things in recent years, the increased amount of media attention – particularly television – means we get to see and read about these things.

"There are cameras at every ground and every incident is highlighted. There can't be many football fans who haven't got an opinion on this latest incident because it has been shown everywhere.

"I don't think it calls for a rule change though. If there was, I'd worry that you would have players on the floor with a serious injury and the opposition not wanting to put the ball out of play. I think it is still best to leave it open to discretion."

Luther's view:



"I don't think there should have been a replay. What's done is done.

"However, you can't excuse the Arsenal players for what they did. I don't care what they say, even if Kanu had only been in the country two minutes, throwing the ball back may be an unwritten rule but everybody in world football knows about it. It was done right through the World Cup, in which Kanu played, they do it in Italy, in France, in every league you care to name.

"Overmars was no better. All he saw was a chance to score a goal. For me, what Overmars did was even more pre-meditated than what Kanu did.

"I think Arsenal had a look at what happened and thought quickly about what they could do to appease people. They wanted to be seen to be fair after the incident had happened, and so they offered to play the game again. Whether they thought the FA would take them up on it is a different matter.

"Hard though it may seem on Sheffield United, these things do happen. There are lots of injustices in football. You can't have a replay for all of them.

"There might have been an outcry if there was no replay, but then there has been a huge outcry because the replay took place anyway.

"At the moment, people are moaning at the referee, and at the FA – the only difference if there was no replay would be that all the moaning would be directed at Arsenal.

"Arsenal were clever, because by going for the replay they have deflected the criticism and spread it out. Everybody is talking about this incident, every newspaper, every radio and TV football show.

"To be perfectly honest, I think when the incident happened the referee should have taken a stance there and then and disallowed the goal, and given a free-kick for ungentlemanly conduct. Then he should have booked the two Arsenal players.

"I'm sure there will be a rule change of some kind, the interesting thing will be to see how they phrase it. I believe, if your team kicks the ball out because of an injury, the opposition should throw it to one of their players who kicks it out of play for you to have the throw-in."

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How to get there:

Leave the M1 at junction 33. At the roundabout follow signs for Sheffield Centre A630 onto the A630 dual carriageway. Follow signs for Ring Road, Chesterfield A61, passing the station on the left, until coming to lights. Turn right (signposted Ring Road, Bakewell A621) into Shoreham Street. Go through two sets of lights and the ground is on the right.

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On Club transport:

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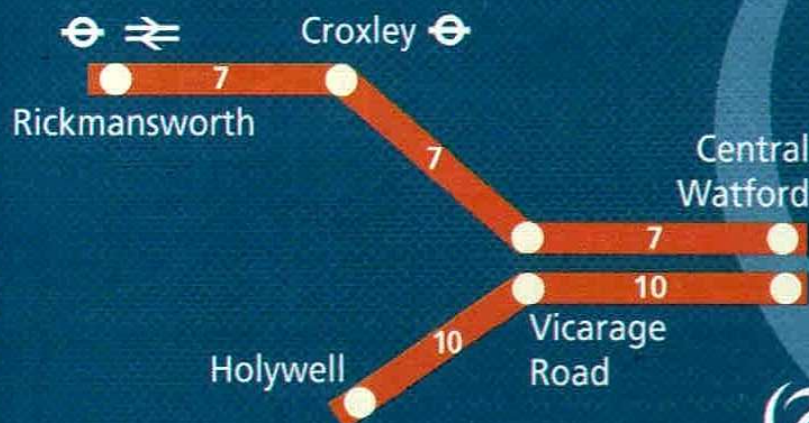
Take the M25 and then the M40, leaving at junction 8 (signposted A40 Cheltenham, Oxford). Carry straight on for six miles to the Headington roundabout. Go straight over (signposted City Centre). The ground is on the right after almost a mile.

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COMPETITION: Avon Insurance Combination

Date: Wednesday February 3

Result: 2-0

Watford scorers: Ngonge, Mooney

A WATFORD Reserve team that boasted more than 1,000 first-team appearances stretched our unbeaten run in the Avon Combination to six games.

It was also Chris Day's fourth consecutive clean sheet and his 12th in total of the season.

Yet the Hornets had to work hard to overcome the Saints, who fielded former Tottenham man David Howells.

Ronny Rosenthal shot wide early on and then Tommy Mooney headed over from a corner.

Mooney then forced the first of a number of good saves from Saints keeper Scott Bevan, who did well to hold his 20-yard drive.

Southampton enjoyed more of the play towards the end of the half, and Watford had a let-off when Wayne Bridge was sent clear but saw his shot come back off the post.

The Hornets went ahead four minutes into the second half when Mooney released Michel Ngonge who slotted home.

Bevan then excelled to deny Adrian Bakalli a debut goal. Twice Ngonge broke and squared for the Belgian to hit fierce shots, and on both occasions Bevan did well to save.

Watford finally made sure of the points in stoppage time when Clint Easton drove a corner into the box and Mooney rose to glance a header into the net.

"Their goalkeeper played very well," said Reserve Team Manager Tom Walley.

"We could have scored early on but, to be fair to Southampton, they had chances towards the end of the first half.

"Then, in the second half, we had most of the game and we created enough chances to deserve to win the game."

Watford team (1-11): Day, Gibbs, Robinson, Bakalli, Millen, Thorsteinsson, Gudmundsson, Mooney, Ngonge, Easton, Rosenthal. Subs: Cornock for Ngonge after 75 mins; Pluck for Rosenthal after 83 mins; Panayi not used.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH v WATFORD
COMPETITION: Avon Insurance Combination

Date: Wednesday February 17

Result: 1-1

Watford scorer: Cornock

A BELOW-PAR display from the Reserves saw them concede their first goal of 1999 as they were held by Bournemouth at Dean Court.

Despite making a bright start, Watford never really got to grips with the midfield and it was the home side who made most of the running but without really troubling Chris Day.

Indeed, Watford went ahead after 41 minutes when a fine pass from Colin Pluck was headed home by Grant Cornock.

In the second half Bournemouth pushed forward and the equaliser had been on the cards before it finally arrived after 75 minutes.

Watford team (1-11): Day, Gibbs, Pluck, Bakalli, Ward, Panayi, Bonnot, Cornock, Slater, Grieves, Perpetuini. Subs: Forde for Bakalli after 82 mins; Langston and L Johnson not used.

Hornets to open new County Ground

Watford will play in a match to mark the official opening of the new Hertfordshire FA headquarters.

Our Avon Combination game against Barnet on Wednesday March 3 will be played at the County Ground, Baldock Road, Letchworth, as part of the official opening ceremony.

The game will kick-off at 7.30pm.

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1. Peterborough	20	13	3	4	44	22	42
2. Southampton	20	12	2	6	41	26	38
3. Fulham	19	10	5	4	46	25	35
4. Tottenham H.	20	11	2	7	27	19	35
5. WATFORD	18	9	7	2	34	15	34
6. Charlton Ath.	17	10	3	4	31	19	33
7. Ipswich Town	18	10	3	5	32	24	33
8. Chelsea	18	10	1	7	22	18	31
9. Queens Park R.	20	8	4	8	28	22	28
10. Norwich City	20	8	4	8	26	22	28
11. West Ham U.	16	7	6	3	31	20	27
12. Northampton T.	17	8	3	6	22	16	27
13. Portsmouth	18	8	3	7	29	29	27
14. Luton Town	21	7	6	8	30	33	27
15. Crystal Palace	18	7	5	6	35	28	26
16. Arsenal	18	7	4	7	28	24	25
17. AFC Bournemouth	21	7	4	10	33	32	25
18. Brighton & H.A.	18	6	6	6	18	26	24
19. Barnet	18	7	3	8	24	41	24
20. Colchester Utd	20	7	2	11	26	37	23
21. Wimbledon	19	5	7	7	22	28	22
22. Oxford United	19	7	1	11	22	36	22
23. Millwall	16	5	4	7	21	23	19
24. Cambridge Utd	17	5	4	8	24	37	19
25. Swindon Town	18	5	3	10	20	33	18
26. Brentford	15	3	6	6	19	25	15
27. Reading	18	4	3	11	21	32	15
28. Gillingham	18	2	4	12	12	32	10
29. Wycombe Wdrs	16	2	4	10	14	37	10

(Up to and including 22.02.99)



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES & RESULTS

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

Wed Aug 19	Cambridge United	H	W 4-0
Mon Aug 24	Peterborough United	A	L 0-2
Wed Sep 2	Brighton & H.A.	A	W 6-0
Wed Sep 16	Portsmouth	H	W 1-0
Mon Sep 21	Reading	A	W 4-1
Wed Oct 7	Swindon Town	H	D 0-0
Tue Oct 13	Millwall	A	D 0-0
Thu Oct 29	Crystal Palace	A	W 5-2
Wed Nov 4	Gillingham	H	W 2-1
Wed Nov 11	Luton Town	H	D 0-0
Mon Nov 16	Cheshunt (HSC2)	H	W 6-0
Wed Dec 2	Colchester United	A	L 2-4
Tue Dec 8	Tottenham Hotspur	A	D 0-0
Wed Dec 16	Norwich City	H	W 4-2
Tue Dec 22	West Ham United	H	D 2-2
Wed Jan 6	Charlton Athletic	A	D 0-0
Wed Jan 13	Chelsea	H	W 1-0
Mon Feb 1	Royston Town (HSC3)	A	W 4-0
Wed Feb 3	Southampton	H	W 2-0
Wed Feb 17	AFC Bournemouth	A	D 1-1
Mon Feb 22	London Colney (HSC s-f)	A	W 1-0
Wed Feb 24	Fulham	H	
Wed Mar 3	Barnet (see panel left)	A	
Mon Mar 8	Arsenal	H	
Wed Mar 17	Queens Park Rangers	H	
Wed Mar 24	Wycombe Wanderers	A	2.00pm
Wed Apr 14	Oxford United	A	
Wed Apr 21	Northampton Town	H	
Mon Apr 26	Brentford	H	
Wed Apr 28	Ipswich Town	A	7.00pm

To be arranged: Wimbledon (a). HSC = Herts Senior Cup
All games kick-off at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.
All home games will be played at Northwood FC.



Youth of today

Reporting on recent Academy fixtures:

Age group: Under-19

WATFORD v PETERBOROUGH UTD

COMPETITION: Academy League

Date: Saturday February 6

Result: 1-1

Watford scorer: Cornock (pen)

A NONE too impressive performance still brought the reward of a point for Watford.

The Hornets went ahead against the run of play when Mark Boyce cut in from the right and was brought down in the box, allowing Grant Cornock to score from the penalty spot. Peterborough came back to earn the draw.

"I was disappointed with the way we played our football in this game," said Academy Assistant Director Jimmy Gilligan. "Apart from the penalty, I don't think we created a decent chance."

"But, having been beaten 5-0 the week before, to get some sort of result was important."

Watford team (1-11): Collis, Farley, Perpetuini, Squires, Langston, Panayi, Boyce, Forde, Cornock, Fiskien, Ougham. Subs: Brathwaite for Ougham, Ettienne for Squires.

HARTLEPOOL UTD v WATFORD

COMPETITION: Times FA Youth Cup

Date: Tuesday February 9

Result: 2-5

Watford scorers: Forde 3, Johnson 2

AN overnight stay could never have prepared Watford for the sight that greeted them at Hartlepool - a pitch covered with three inches of snow. That led to the game kicking off three hours early at 4pm, but Watford still stormed into the next round.

"It was a magnificent effort on behalf of the Academy, in terms of preparation and performance," said Jimmy.

"We had to change our game plan to suit the conditions, switching from 3-5-2 to 4-4-2, but the lads coped very well."

Watford went ahead through Fabian Forde, who latched onto a cross from James Ougham to score, and the same player made it 2-0 after a fine flick from Stephen Brooker sent him clear.

Forde completed his hat-trick after the break, a display that prompted Jimmy to say: "Fabian has done very well for us this season. His pace really frightens teams."

Lee Johnson, back after an eight-week injury lay-off, made it 4-0 with a beautifully worked goal that started at the back and ended with a neat finish after two dummies.

Johnson added his second and Watford's fifth with a curling shot into the bottom corner.

"If I had a criticism of the lads, it was the last seven minutes. We eased off and let them get two goals back," added Jimmy.

Watford team (1-11): Collis, Squires, Brathwaite, Fiskien, Langston, Farley, Boyce, Forde, Brooker, Johnson, Ougham. Subs (not used): Neill, Tipton, Ettienne, Dickie, Fearon.

Age group: Under-19

WATFORD v COVENTRY CITY

COMPETITION: Academy League

Date: Saturday February 13

Result: 2-1

Watford scorers: Cornock, own goal

A YOUNG Watford side lost 5-0 to Coventry earlier in the season, but the Hornets went some way to erasing that memory with a hard-earned 2-1 win.

"They are very strong but I was very pleased that we matched them for effort and determination throughout," said Jimmy.

Watford went ahead from a corner which Matt Langston flicked on from Grant Cornock to score.

Oliver Squires created the second goal, beating his man on the right before crossing for a Coventry defender to score an own goal.

Coventry, managed by ex-Luton man Trevor Peake, pulled one back just after half-time.

"I had told the lads to prepare for the Alamo in the second half. That goal made it even worse but our boys defended very well and coped with the problems Coventry caused," said Jimmy.

"I said in a previous programme we had to show more leadership. In this game we certainly did that."

Watford team (1-11): Collis, Squires, Perpetuini, Farley, Langston, Panayi, Boyce, Cornock, Brooker, Johnson, Smith. Subs: M Clarke for Brooker; C Clarke for Squires; Ougham for Farley.

Age group: Under-17

COVENTRY CITY v WATFORD

COMPETITION: Academy League

Date: Saturday February 13

Result: 3-0

AFTER four successive wins, Coventry handed Watford a short, sharp shock.

"There is no doubt they are the best team we have played this season. Individually and collectively they were superior," said Under-17's manager Peter Johnson.

"Therefore, it's back to the drawing board. Lessons have to be learned."

Watford team (1-11): Andrews, Neill, Brathwaite, Ettienne, Doyley, Dickie, Sinclair, Fiskien, Forde, Fearon, Lonergan. Subs: Edghill for Fearon, Saunders for Lonergan.

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES & RESULTS THE ACADEMY LEAGUE

Res	Under-17's	Under-19's	Res
L 2-3	Manchester City	Sept 5 Manchester City	W 2-1
L 2-4	QPR	Sept 12 QPR	D 1-1
L 1-2	Manchester Utd	Sept 19 Manchester Utd	W 4-2
L 0-4	Tottenham H.	Sept 26 Tottenham H.	L 0-2
D 4-4	Derby County	Oct 4 Derby County	L 1-5
D 2-2	Peterborough Utd	Oct 17 Peterborough Utd	D 1-1
D 2-2	West Ham United	Oct 24 West Ham United	D 3-3
L 2-7	Coventry City	Oct 31 Coventry City	L 0-5
L 0-2	Arsenal	Nov 7 Arsenal	W 3-0
L 1-2	Millwall	Nov 14 Millwall	D 0-0
L 1-2	QPR	Nov 21 Ipswich Town	W 3-2
L 3-6	Manchester City	Nov 28 Norwich City	W 2-0
W 4-1	Tottenham H.	Dec 12 Tottenham H.	D 3-3
W 2-1	Leeds United	Dec 19 Leeds United	W 2-0
W 4-0	Peterborough Utd	Jan 23 West Ham United	L 0-5
W 2-1	West Ham United	Jan 30 Peterborough Utd	D 1-1
L 0-3	Coventry City	Feb 6 Coventry City	W 2-1
L 2-3	Arsenal	Feb 13 Arsenal	L 0-1
	Millwall	Feb 27 Millwall	
	Southampton	Mar 6 Ipswich Town	
	Liverpool	Mar 20 Norwich City	
	Southampton	Mar 27 Southampton	

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP

Wed Jan 27	Romford (FAYC3)	W 4-0
Tue Feb 9	Hartlepool United (FAYC4)	W 5-2
Tue Mar 9	Aston Villa (FAYC5)*	A

*At Villa Park, kick-off: 7pm. Admission: £2 Adults; £1 concess. Coach: £9, leaves at 3.30pm - contact the Ticket Office 01923 496010.

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All games kick-off at 11.00am, unless otherwise stated.

All home games will be played at Parmer's School, Garston.

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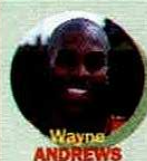
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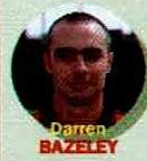
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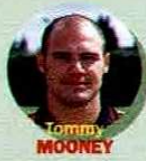
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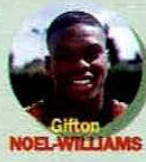
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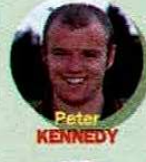
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Howard Wells, Chief Executive

Welcome to the club this week the new Sales and Marketing Director, Mark Jones, who joins us from Enic where he has been involved in the operation of several European football clubs.

Clubs nowadays cannot exist on the strength of attendances alone, particularly as you will have seen, we stand at 15th in the League in this respect, with averages of only 11,500. There is a pressing need to strengthen our commercial operations and this, Mark has been engaged to do. He also enjoyed a lengthy experience with Coventry City and so his background should prove invaluable to the club.

Every organisation needs to invest in quality personnel and football clubs are no different. I am a firm believer also, in providing for the training and education needs of staff to

Howard's Way

enable them to develop career opportunities for themselves. I am also realistic enough to know that in small organisations, it is not always possible to provide career development for everyone, in which case it is important to encourage staff to move on to greater things.

I was fortunate when I arrived that there was already in place a group of enthusiastic staff. Rather like the team itself, it is a mixture of youth and experience. Prior to my arrival much of the general management had been done by John Alexander, who is perhaps as knowledgeable as any Secretary in the League. He has been well supported by a number of key staff in recent years, but organisations must change to keep pace with developments and to this end I was pleased to bring in

September, Susan Graham as Financial Controller.

We have also recently lost Daniel Gillborn as Merchandising Manager who has moved elsewhere to develop his career ambitions. As the club's merchandising operates on a joint basis with Saracens we have been discussing with them the best ways of moving forward in this area.

Currently, Julie Gingell

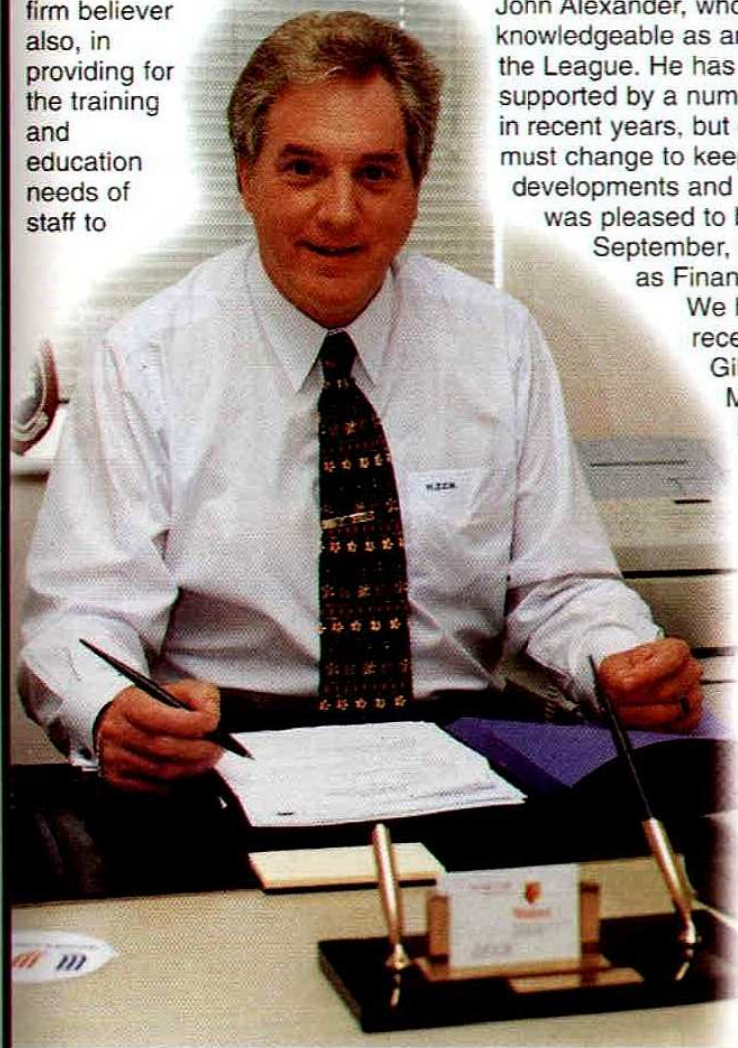
has taken over that responsibility and I am indebted to her for her commitment and enthusiasm.

At the end of the season, Mick Buttle who, for a number of years, has been a stalwart of the club, as its safety officer and more recently as its short-term stadium manager, will be retiring. People like Mick are very difficult to find – those who will always go the extra few years to help out – but we are in the process of recruiting a replacement and with the intention to promote the use of the stadium more in future we will be seeking a person with a strong background in stadium management.

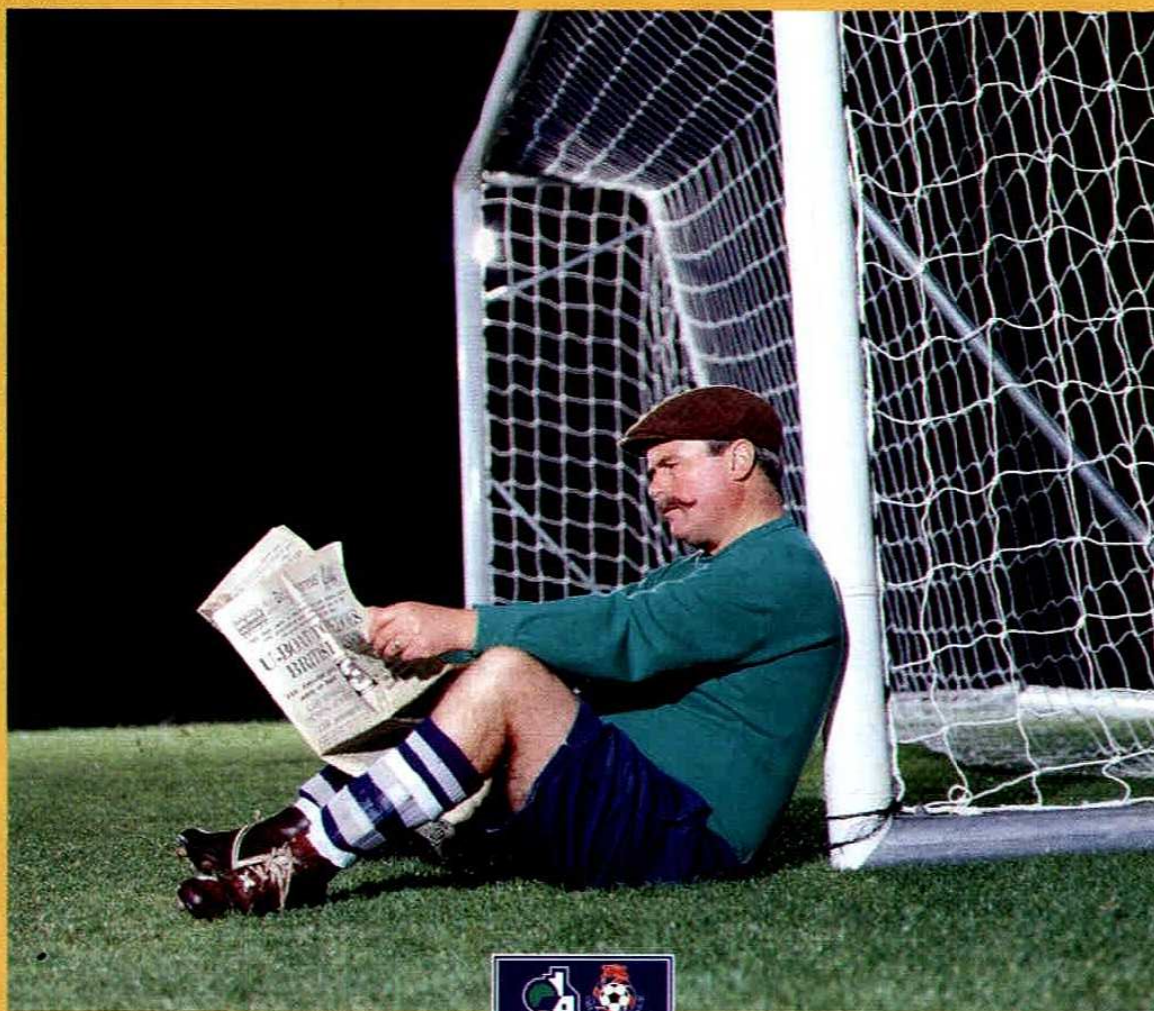
Tonight I am very pleased to welcome as my guests two long-term friends. Mike Grafton worked with me in the early 1970's when we were developing a community recreation programme in the Hitchin area and we played together at Oxford City.

Mick Aitken is visiting from Australia. I recruited him from Perth, where he had been Executive Director of the World Swimming Championships in 1991. Mick then spent four years as the Marketing Director of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board before returning Down Under. He is currently working as a consultant to the British Olympic Association in helping organise their preparation for the 2000 Games.

We welcome them tonight with their partners Angela and Sue and hope they will enjoy the occasion.



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Division One Update

News at One

*A roundup of news from
around Division One
with Paul Levene*

Play it again, Ivan

An unusual clause in a player's contract was revealed this month when it came to light that Ivan Tistimetanu's move to Bristol City involved the guarantee of the club purchasing a grand piano for Ivan's wife Tatyana. It appears that Mrs T was a concert pianist in her native homeland and a local Bristol firm stepped in to provide the requested musical instrument. The fact that City chairman Scott Davidson used to be a keyboard player for Bros and the Pet Shop Boys could only have helped the midfielder's cause!

Murphy books first class return to Crewe

Liverpool midfielder Danny Murphy went back to his old club, Crewe Alexandra, on loan a couple of weeks ago and was in Dario Gradi's side at Selhurst Park on February 13th. Crewe earned a point in a 1-1 draw against Crystal Palace thanks to a Dave Walton goal cancelling out Clinton Morrison's early opener for the Eagles. Gradi will be hoping that Murphy's influence will help Crewe to climb away from the bottom of the table.

Van der Laan on recovery trail

Barnsley's midfielder Robbie Van der Laan, a summer capture from Premiership side Derby County, returned to action at the start of the month after being out since last October following a toe injury. The £325,000 Dutchman played 80 minutes of a reserve game against Grimsby Town without adverse effect, but was not included in the 14 selected for duty against Bristol Rovers in the FA Cup a week later. Craig Hignett, signed from Aberdeen while Van der Laan was sidelined, scored a hat-trick in the 4-1 victory over the Pirates at Oakwell.

Hansen adds to Reebok's Danish connection

Bo Hansen's move from Brondby to Bolton Wanderers for around £1 million has added

another member to the cluster of players from Denmark at the Reebok Stadium. The Trotters completed their sixth successive League win at home to West Bromwich Albion two weeks ago and one of the Bolton Danes, Michael Johansen, set up former Baggie Bob Taylor to score two minutes from half-time. Earlier Fabian De Freitas, previously a Bolton Wanderers player, had put Albion into the lead. Full-back Neil Cox notched the winner in the second half. Hansen had to be content with a place on the substitutes' bench in this particular game.

Bantams publish early prices statement

Promotion-chasing Bradford City have already announced prices for next season's matches at the Pulse Stadium. The prices will remain the same whether the Bantams are in Division One or the Premiership and the average increase announced is around 20%. The 1999-2000 season will also see the opening of a new 7,300-seater stand replacing the old Diamond Seal cop behind the home goal. The club plans to include a 600-seat executive area and in a new initiative Bradford are offering five-year season tickets in the new stand which will mean that supporters will effectively get one season free!

Johnrose 'moves nearer to home'

29-year-old striker Lenny Johnrose has moved from Bury to Burnley for a fee of £225,000. Johnrose, a native of Preston, who began his career with Blackburn Rovers was reunited with his former boss at Gigg Lane, Stan Ternent, and made his debut in a 1-1 draw against Reading at Turf Moor. The visitors also featured a Division One player in their line-up: Bristol City striker Tony Thorpe, who joined the Berkshire club on loan.



Div.1 Stat Attack

1998-99 Season Division 1 Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

41,433 Sunderland v Crewe 28-Dec
3,436 Bury v Oxford 20-Oct

Highest Aggregate Scores

Crewe 4-4 Bolton 19-Sep
Barnsley 7-1 Huddersfield 27-Nov
Oxford 1-7 Birmingham 12-Dec

Biggest Home Win

Sunderland 7-0 Oxford 19-Sep

Biggest Away Win

Oxford 1-7 Birmingham 12-Dec

Consecutive Wins

Bolton Wanderers 6

Games Unbeaten

Sunderland 18

Consecutive Defeats

Crewe Alexandra 6

Games without a Win

Crewe Alexandra 18

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins

Stockport, Sunderland 3

Games Unbeaten

Bolton 15

Consecutive Defeats

Bury 3

Games without a Win

Bury 10

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Nationwide Football League Division One

Sunday February 28 1999:

Crystal Palace v Barnsley

Tuesday March 2 1999:

Birmingham City v Norwich City
Bury v Wolverhampton Wdrs

Crewe Alexandra v Bristol City

Huddersfield Town v Bolton W.

Ipswich Town v Watford

Port Vale v Grimsby Town

Sheffield United v Crystal Palace

Sunderland v Portsmouth

West Bromwich A. v Stockport Co.

Wednesday March 3 1999:

Barnsley v Bradford City

QPR v Oxford United

Swindon Town v Tranmere Rovers

Statistics
Nationwide Football League Division One

(Up to & inc. 25.02.99)	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Sunderland	32	13	2	1	37	8	7	7	2	28	14	69
2. Bolton Wanderers	31	10	4	2	33	15	6	7	2	23	19	59
3. Bradford City	32	11	3	2	36	14	6	4	6	21	20	58
4. Ipswich Town	32	10	1	5	21	9	7	6	3	22	11	58
5. Birmingham City	32	8	6	2	21	11	7	3	6	25	18	54
6. WATFORD	33	8	7	2	23	16	6	4	6	26	27	53
7. Grimsby Town	31	9	4	2	22	10	5	3	8	12	21	49
8. Wolverhampton W.	32	8	7	1	24	13	5	2	9	20	20	48
9. West Bromwich A.	33	9	2	5	33	23	4	6	7	23	29	47
10. Norwich City	31	6	7	2	24	17	6	3	7	21	24	46
11. Sheffield United	31	8	4	4	28	24	4	5	6	21	25	45
12. Huddersfield Town	32	9	6	1	29	16	3	3	10	14	34	45
13. Barnsley	32	5	7	4	25	19	4	6	6	14	19	40
14. Tranmere	32	5	5	6	22	22	3	10	3	19	22	39
15. Stockport County	32	5	5	6	19	17	4	7	5	20	22	39
16. Crystal Palace	32	7	8	1	32	19	2	2	12	11	35	37
17. Swindon Town	32	6	7	3	31	26	3	2	11	12	27	36
18. Portsmouth	32	7	4	5	24	18	1	7	8	18	32	35
19. Queens Park Rgrs	32	5	6	5	19	16	3	3	10	16	28	33
20. Oxford United	32	6	4	6	22	23	2	4	10	12	31	32
21. Port Vale	32	7	1	8	15	23	2	3	11	18	33	31
22. Bury	32	7	4	5	19	19	0	6	10	9	27	31
23. Bristol City	32	4	7	5	24	28	1	6	9	18	32	28
24. Crewe Alexandra	32	4	3	9	20	32	1	5	10	15	33	23

First Team Appearances/Goals - 1998/99

Up to & inc. 25.02.99	League Ap Gls	W Cup Ap Gls	FA Cup Ap Gls	1998/99 Ap Gls	WFC Totals Ap Gls
Wayne Andrews					21(16) 6
Adrian Bakalli					
Darren Bazeley	23(4) 2	1(1)	1	25(5) 2	205(60) 27
Alexandre Bonnot	(1)			(1)	(1)
Alec Chamberlain	33	2	1	36	94
Grant Cornock					
Tony Daley	4(5)	1(1)		5(6)	5(6)
Chris Day					2
Clint Easton	5	2		7	38(6) 1
Nigel Gibbs	9			9	448(13) 7
Daniel Grieves					1
Johann Gudmundsson	4(6) 2			4(6) 2	4(6) 2
Alon Hazan	5(8) 2	1(1)		6(9) 2	13(12) 2
Micah Hyde	32	2	1	35	84 5
Ben Iroha	8		1	9	9
Lee Johnson					
Richard Johnson	30 4		1 1	31 5	200(24) 19
Peter Kennedy	33 4 2		1 1	36 5	79 18
Matthew Langston					
Jason Lee	1 1	1		2 1	45(1) 11
Keith Millen	10(1) 1	1(1)		11(2) 1	188(3) 6
Tommy Mooney	11(12) 1			12(12) 1	193(21) 32
Michel Ngonge	10(4) 2	1 1		11(4) 3	11(4) 3
Gifton Noel-Williams	19(7) 10		1	20(7) 10	65(35) 24
Robert Page	25(2)	1	1	27(2)	147(8) 1
Steve Palmer	27(1) 2	2	1	30(1) 2	156(13) 6
James Panayi					
David Perpetuini					
Colin Pluck					2
Paul Robinson	14(3)	1(1)	1	16(4)	44(18) 2
Ronny Rosenthal	1(4)	2	(1)	3(5)	32(7) 11
Stuart Slater					29(8) 1
Allan Smart	28 7	(1)	1	29(1) 7	29(1) 7
Tommy Smith	(2) 1			(2) 1	0(4) 1
Darren Ward					9(1)
Nick Wright	22(1) 6		(1)	22(2) 6	22(2) 6
Dean Yates	9 1	1		10 1	10 1
Own goals:	3			3	

Match facts and figures

	Res	Pos	Att	1	2
August					
Sat 8 Portsmouth	W 2-1 §	6	15,275	Chamberlain	Hazan
Tue 11 Cambridge Utd (WC1, 1L)	L 0-1	-	3,073	Chamberlain	Hazan
Sat 15 Bradford City	W 1-0	4	10,731	Chamberlain	Hazan
Tue 18 Cambridge Utd (WC1, 2L)	D 1-1	-	6,817	Chamberlain	Daley
Sat 22 Bristol City	W 4-1	3	13,063	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Tue 25 Sunderland	L 1-4	3	36,587	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Fri 28 Wolverhampton Wanderers	L 0-2	8	12,016	Chamberlain	Bazeley
September					
Tue 8 Huddersfield Town	L 0-2	11	9,811	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Sat 12 Queens Park Rangers	W 2-1	9	14,251	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Sat 19 Swindon Town	W 4-1	5	8,781	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Sat 26 Ipswich Town	W 1-0	3	13,109	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Tue 29 Sheffield United	D 1-1	4	9,090	Chamberlain	Gibbs
October					
Sun 4 West Bromwich Albion	L 1-4	6	11,840	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Sat 10 Birmingham City	D 1-1 §	5	10,096	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Sat 17 Tranmere Rovers	L 2-3	6	6,753	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Tue 20 Bolton Wanderers	W 2-1	4	15,921	Chamberlain	Gibbs
Sat 24 Port Vale	D 2-2	5	8,750	Chamberlain	Gudmundsson
Sat 31 Bury	W 3-1	5	4,342	Chamberlain	Bazeley
November					
Tue 3 Norwich City	D 1-1 §	4	10,011	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 7 Oxford United	W 2-0	4	10,137	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 14 Stockport County	D 1-1	3	8,019	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 21 Crewe Alexandra	W 4-2	2	9,405	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 28 Crystal Palace	D 2-2	3	19,521	Chamberlain	Bazeley
December					
Sat 5 Barnsley	D 0-0	3	10,165	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 12 Stockport County	W 4-2	3	9,250	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 19 Grimsby Town	L 1-2	4	6,679	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 26 Bristol City	W 1-0	3	15,081	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Tue 29 Norwich City	D 1-1	5	19,255	Chamberlain	Bazeley
January					
Sat 2 Tottenham Hotspur (FAC 3)	L 2-5	-	36,022	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 9 Portsmouth	D 0-0	5	12,057	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 16 Wolverhampton Wanderers	D 0-0	7	23,408	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 23 West Bromwich Albion	L 0-2	7	11,664	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 30 Sunderland	W 2-1	5	20,188	Chamberlain	Bazeley
February					
Sat 6 Bradford City	L 0-2	6	14,142	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Tue 16 Huddersfield Town	D 1-1	6	10,303	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Sat 20 Queens Park Rangers	W 2-1	5	14,918	Chamberlain	Bazeley
Fri 26 Swindon Town (Kick-off: 7.45pm)					
March					
Tue 2 Ipswich Town (Kick-off: 7.45pm)					
Sat 6 Sheffield United					
Sat 13 Oxford United					
Sat 20 Bury					
Sat 27 Port Vale					
April					
Sat 3 Tranmere Rovers					
Mon 5 Birmingham City (Kick-off: 3.00pm)					
Sat 10 Bolton Wanderers					
Sat 17 Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 24 Crystal Palace					
May					
Sat 1 Barnsley					
Sun 9 Grimsby Town (Kick-off: 1.30pm)					
Sat 22 FA Cup Final					

§ denotes opponents' own goal.

Home games shown in bold type

Gunners Game

Our home Avon Combination match with Arsenal has been re-arranged for Monday March 8 1999, at Northwood FC, 7.30pm kick-off.

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Mooney	Smart	Hyde	Lee1	Easton	Rosenthal	Millen (Palmer)	Bazeley (Smart)	Noel-Williams
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Mooney	Bazeley	Hyde	Lee	Easton	Rosenthal	Millen (Mooney)	14. Robinson (Easton)	16. Daley (Bazeley)
Kennedy	Palmer	Millen	Yates	Smart	Hyde	Ngong1	Easton	Robinson	Page (Ngong1)	Rosenthal (Smart)	Daley (Hazen)
Kennedy	Palmer	Millen	Yates	Rosenthal	Hyde	Ngong1	Easton	Robinson	14. Bazeley (Daley)	15. Hazan (Kennedy)	16. Smart (Rosenthal)
Kennedy	Palmer	Millen	Yates1	Smart	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson2	Robinson	Daley (Ngong1)	Hazan1 (Millen)	Noel-Williams (Smart)
Kennedy	Palmer	Page	Yates	Smart1	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Robinson	Daley (Hyde)	Hazan (Bazeley)	Noel-Williams (Smart)
Kennedy	Palmer	Page	Yates	Smart	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Easton	Rosenthal (Ngong1)	Hazan	Noel-Williams (Smart)
Kennedy	Palmer	Millen	Yates	Smart	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Wright	Page	Hazan (Wright)	Noel-Williams
Kennedy	Yates	Millen1	Mooney	Smart1	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Wright	Page	Hazan (Wright)	Noel-Williams (Ngong1)
Kennedy	Yates	Millen	Mooney	Smart 2	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Wright1	Page (Millen)	Hazan1 (Wright)	Noel-Williams (Ngong1)
Kennedy1(p)	Yates	Millen	Mooney	Smart	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Wright	Page	Hazan	Noel-Williams (Ngong1)
Kennedy	Yates	Millen	Mooney	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams1	R. Johnson	Wright	Palmer (Wright)	Bazeley	Gudmundsson
Kennedy1(p)	Palmer	Millen	Mooney	Smart	Hyde	Hazan	R. Johnson	Wright	Robinson (Hyde)	Bazeley (Hazan)	Noel-Williams (Wright)
Kennedy	Page	Millen	Mooney	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Wright	Palmer	Hazan	Bazeley (Wright)
Kennedy	Page	Millen	Mooney	Smart1	Hyde	Noel-Williams1	R. Johnson	Robinson	Palmer	Wright	Bazeley (Mooney)
Kennedy1	Page	Palmer	Bazeley	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams1	R. Johnson	Robinson	Mooney (Smart)	Wright	Gudmundsson (Gibbs)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Bazeley	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Robinson	Mooney (Noel-Wms)	Wright (Gudsson)	Pluck
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Mooney	Smart1	Hyde	Ngong1	R. Johnson	Wright	Gudmundsson (Ngong1)	Hazan (Smart)	Robinson
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Hazan	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Wright	Gudmundsson (Hazan)	Easton	Mooney (Wright)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer1	Robinson	Gudmundsson	Hyde	Noel-Williams1	R. Johnson	Wright	Slater	Pluck	Mooney
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson1	Wright	Gudmundsson	Pluck	Mooney (Robinson)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Mooney	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams2	R. Johnson	Wright1	Ngong1 (Smart)	Gudmundsson	Robinson
Kennedy1	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Wright1	Ngong1 (Noel-Williams)	Gudmundsson	Mooney (Smart)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Ngong1	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Wright	Easton	Gudmundsson (Wright)	Mooney (Ngong1)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams2	R. Johnson1	Wright1	Ngong1 (Smart)	Gudmundsson	Mooney
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams1	R. Johnson	Wright	Easton	Gudmundsson (Wright)	Mooney (Smart)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Smart1	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Gudmundsson	Robinson	Rosenthal	Mooney
Kennedy	Page	Palmer1	Iroha	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Gudmundsson	Robinson (Noel-Wms)	Rosenthal (Smart)	Mooney (Gudsson)
Kennedy1	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson1	Robinson	Rosenthal (Hyde)	14. Wright (Smart)	(others not used)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Wright	Bonnot (Smart)	Mooney (Iroha)	Daley (Wright)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	Easton	Wright	Bonnot	Mooney (Smart)	Daley (Wright)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Smart	Hyde	Noel-Williams	R. Johnson	Daley	Wright	Mooney (Daley)	Rosenthal (Noel-Wms)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Wright1	Hyde	Noel-Williams1	R. Johnson	Daley	Robinson	Mooney (Noel-Wms)	Hazan (Daley)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Wright	Hyde	Smart	R. Johnson	Daley	Robinson (Iroha)	Gudmundsson (Daley)	Hazan (Hyde)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Iroha	Wright	Hyde	Mooney1	R. Johnson	Daley	Easton	Smith (Iroha)	Ngong1 (Daley)
Kennedy	Page	Palmer	Robinson	Wright1	Hazan	Smart	R. Johnson	Easton	Mooney	Smith1 (Hazan)	Gibbs

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Penalty!

The last time Watford scored from a penalty was 23 league games ago, away at West Brom - on television! In the end, it made no difference to the outcome of the game. Since then we've suffered crucial penalty goals against us at Stockport and Crystal Palace, the reduced potential away victories to draws.

Alec Chamberlain's save from Gavin Peacock's penalty at QPR was cruelly nullified as Peacock capitalised on the rebound.

So far this season Division One sides have scored 73 goals direct from penalties - that's an average of three a side. Here is the table listing the clubs that benefit - and those that suffer. - **Brian Sears**

Goals direct from penalties

	Scored	Conceded
Birmingham C.	6	1
West Brom.	5	4
Stockport Co.	5	1
Bradford City	4	4
Bristol City	4	3
Portsmouth	4	3
Wolves	4	3
Grimsby Town	4	2
Norwich City	4	1
Crystal Palace	3	6
Bolton Wand.	3	4
Oxford United	3	4
Swindon Town	3	4
Tranmere. Rov.	3	4
Ipswich Town	3	1
Sunderland	3	1
Bury	2	5
QPR	2	4
Crawley Alex.	2	3
WATFORD	2	2
Barnsley	2	1
Huddersfield T.	1	4
Peter Vale	1	4
Sheffield Utd	0	4

● The leading penalty scorers in Division One are Tony Dinning (Stockport) and Lee Hughes (West Brom) with five each.

and highlighted pink.

Goalscorers shown in **bold** type, plus number of goals scored [(p) indicates penalty].

Substituted player's name appears in brackets



Today's teams

WATFORD

SWINDON TOWN



Alec CHAMBERLAIN	1	Frank TALIA
Darren BAZELEY	2	Mark ROBINSON
Peter KENNEDY	3	Gareth HALL
Robert PAGE	4	Brian BORROWS
Steve PALMER	5	Craig TAYLOR
Paul ROBINSON	6	Bobby HOWE
Nick WRIGHT	7	Scott LEITCH
Alon HAZAN	8	George NDAH
Allan SMART	9	Sol DAVIS
Richard JOHNSON	10	Chris HAY
Clint EASTON	11	Iffy ONUORA
	12	
	13	
	14	

Half-time score:

Full-time score:

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Tomorrow's Nationwide League Division One games:

Bolton Wanderers v Crewe

Bradford City v West Bromwich A.

Bristol City v Ipswich Town

Grimsby Town v Birmingham City

Norwich City v Sheffield United

Oxford United v Sunderland

Portsmouth v Port Vale

Stockport County v Queens Park R.

Tranmere Rovers v Bury

Wolverhampton W. v Huddersfield T.

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