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IVECO A WORLD OF TRANSPORT

ON Tuesday, May 10th, Ross Jenkins Testimonial game will be played at Vicarage Road. The opponents will be Luton Town and the winners will be presented with the Rigby Taylor Trophy.

I believe that in the past this trophy was originally presented with the idea that it should be competed for on an annual basis between Watford and Luton. I can think of no better reason than to celebrate Ross's 10 year service to the club that this type of game should be resurrected.

In what has been a hard season for them, it is of great credit to Luton that they should show willing to support a Watford player.

Like David Pleat, I am all for local rivalry, but also like David I think that that rivalry should stay within the bounds of decency and friendship.

When rivalry turns into intense dislike it then shows either on the football field and/or on the terraces and it then begs the question as to whether the game is worth it. I don't think it is.

I see no value in coming over Luton's position in relation to ours—although I think it quite natural for each club to want to be "top dog".

What I do think is that both clubs have done magnificently and that to be competing on equal terms with some of the First Division "giants" is tremendous news for both sets of supporters.

So today, for the first time this season, I use my notes to welcome our visitors. I hope that Watford win—it's about time! But whatever the result I think that real and sincere friendship should be the name of the game.

Graham Taylor

'Proper local rivalry'



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Luton Town. *Back row (left to right):* Robert Johnson, Wayne Turner, Stacey North, Mitchell Thomas, Clive Goodyear, Frankie Bunn, Billy Kellock, Paul Walsh. *Middle row (left to right):* John Moore (coach), Richard Money, Mike Saxby, Andy Beasley, Jake Findlay, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Pasquale Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (coach). *Front row (left to right):* David Coates (team coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton, David Pleat (manager), David Moss, Brian Stein, Raddy Antic, John Sheridan (physio).

TODAY'S VISITORS



LUTON TOWN have somewhat surprisingly found themselves a little concerned over the relegation issue this season but their run-in places their future in their own hands with some games against strugglers Norwich, Birmingham and Swansea.

Luton's goalscoring has put them among the highest scorers in the First Division but their defensive record is among the poorest. Even so, Luton fans have seen some entertaining games and away from home, the Hatters have fared quite well, having picked up almost as many points as the Hornets.

They won 3—2 at West Ham thanks to a Paul Walsh hat-trick, beat Birmingham 3—2 at St. Andrew's; won 4—2 at Brighton and featured in notable draws away from home—

2—2 with Spurs, 3—3 with Liverpool, 4—4 with Stoke and 1—1 with Sunderland. Along with Watford they have played a part in

FIVE YEAR FACTS

Luton's record during the last five seasons is:
1981-82 League 1st (Div. 2), League Cup 2nd round, FA Cup 4th round.
1980-81 League 5th (Div. 2), League Cup 3rd round, FA Cup 4th round.
1979-80 League 6th, League Cup 1st round, FA Cup 3rd round.
1978-79 League 18, League Cup 5th round, FA Cup 3rd round.
1977-78 League 13th, League Cup 3rd round, FA Cup 4th round.

providing the increased entertainment in the First Division.

But with Brian Stein falling foul of the foot injury which kept him out of the picture for three months earlier in the season and with Paul Walsh finding goals hard to come by after that hat-trick success, Luton have not found the net so often in the second half of the campaign.

Tony Godden has joined them on loan until the end of the season after having made over 200 appearances for West Bromwich Albion. He replaced Jake Findlay who broke a thumb in the match at Highbury. Trevor Aylott is a £50,000 signing from Millwall, secured before the transfer deadline in a bid to improve the strike force and 18-year-old Paul Elliott—a £100,000 signing from Charlton in February—has been purchased to shore-up that defence.

INTRODUCING

THE HATTERS...



RADDY ANTIC. An elegant Yugoslav with five caps, Antic was Luton's first continental signing. They got him for a £50,000 bargain price after he had played for Zaragossa in Spain where supporters staged protest demonstrations when the transfer was announced. Effective in defence or midfield, and equipped with a spell-binding ability to bend shots both ways, he has become a firm favourite with Luton fans.

MAL DONAGHY. One of David Pleat's first deals snatched inexperienced defender Donaghy from Larne, Northern Ireland, in the summer of 1978. Now, at 21, he has proved to be a snip at £20,000. He settled into Second Division soccer without fuss, and is happy playing in any back four position or in midfield, and his promotion to the Northern Ireland international team surprised no one at Luton. Represented his country in their World Cup campaign in Spain.



JAKE FINDLAY. A goalkeeper who had languished in the reserves at Aston Villa for nine years, Findlay's huge hands grasped the chance immediately when David Pleat offered him the green jersey at Luton. The mystery now, as far as Luton supporters are concerned, is why Jock Stein has not taken Pleat's advice to give big Jake a Scottish international cap. Luton paid their highest fee for a goalkeeper when they parted with £100,000 for Findlay in 1979. He has been a steadying influence behind the Club's success during the last three seasons.

ALAN JUDGE. Spotted by Luton playing schoolboy soccer in Hertfordshire, Judge has one of the hardest jobs in Kenilworth Road—understudy to a goalkeeper who never seems to lose form. He joined Luton as an apprentice in 1976, but his League chances have been restricted by Findlay's consistency. He has always performed well in vital Second Division games when called upon. Could have a big future.

BRIAN HORTON. Luton abandoned their normal policy when they paid a modest fee to Brighton for Horton's signature—he was the first Division player Manager David Pleat had

signed in three years as boss. The midfielder was immediately appointed Club Captain at Luton. He had also been skipper at Brighton in their run from the Third Division to the First. He joined Luton with a well earned reputation for consistency—he made more than 200 appearances for each of his previous clubs, Brighton and Port Vale.

WE'VE MET BEFORE			
Division	Season	Home	Away
Div. 3S	1920-21	1-0	0-1
Div. 3S	1921-22	4-1	1-1
Div. 3S	1922-23	2-1	1-0
Div. 3S	1923-24	0-0	0-0
Div. 3S	1924-25	1-1	3-0
Div. 3S	1925-26	2-0	0-5
Div. 3S	1926-27	2-1	2-2
Div. 3S	1927-28	1-0	2-3
Div. 3S	1928-29	3-2	2-2
Div. 3S	1929-30	0-4	0-2
Div. 3S	1930-31	1-0	1-4
Div. 3S	1931-32	3-1	1-0
Div. 3S	1932-33	4-1	2-3
Div. 3S	1933-34	0-1	1-2
Div. 3S	1934-35	2-2	2-2
Div. 3S	1935-36	1-3	1-2
Div. 3S	1936-37	1-4	1-3
Div. 3	1963-64	2-0	1-2
Div. 3	1964-65	4-2	2-0
Div. 3	1968-69	1-0	1-2
Div. 3	1970-71	0-1	0-1
Div. 3	1971-72	2-1	0-0
Div. 2	1979-80	0-1	0-1
Div. 2	1980-81	0-1	0-1
Div. 2	1981-82	1-1	1-4

KIRK STEVENS. David Pleat took a chance with an unknown player from non-league soccer when he went back to his old club Nuneaton to recruit their young right back. Stephens rapidly switched to full-time soccer, forced his way into Luton's Second Division side in a matter of weeks, and is now in his third season as a

regular. He has now realised his ambition when he became a full-time player. His tackling and accurate passing have made him a vital link in the Club's success.

MIKE SAXBY. David Pleat's amazing ability to spot bargains in the lower divisions for the Football League took centre-half Saxby to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1979. But Third Division Mansfield knew that their 21-year-old six-footer was something special, and Luton were happy enough to pay their Club record fee of £200,000 to get him. An injury against Crystal Palace in November, 1981, caused the centre-half to miss most of the promotion campaign, but he is now regaining fitness in an attempt to regain his place.

ROB JOHNSON. A steady, sensible defender who it is confidently predicted will become an established player in the League side. Now 20, the lad from Bedford has an ideal temperament and first-class attitude.

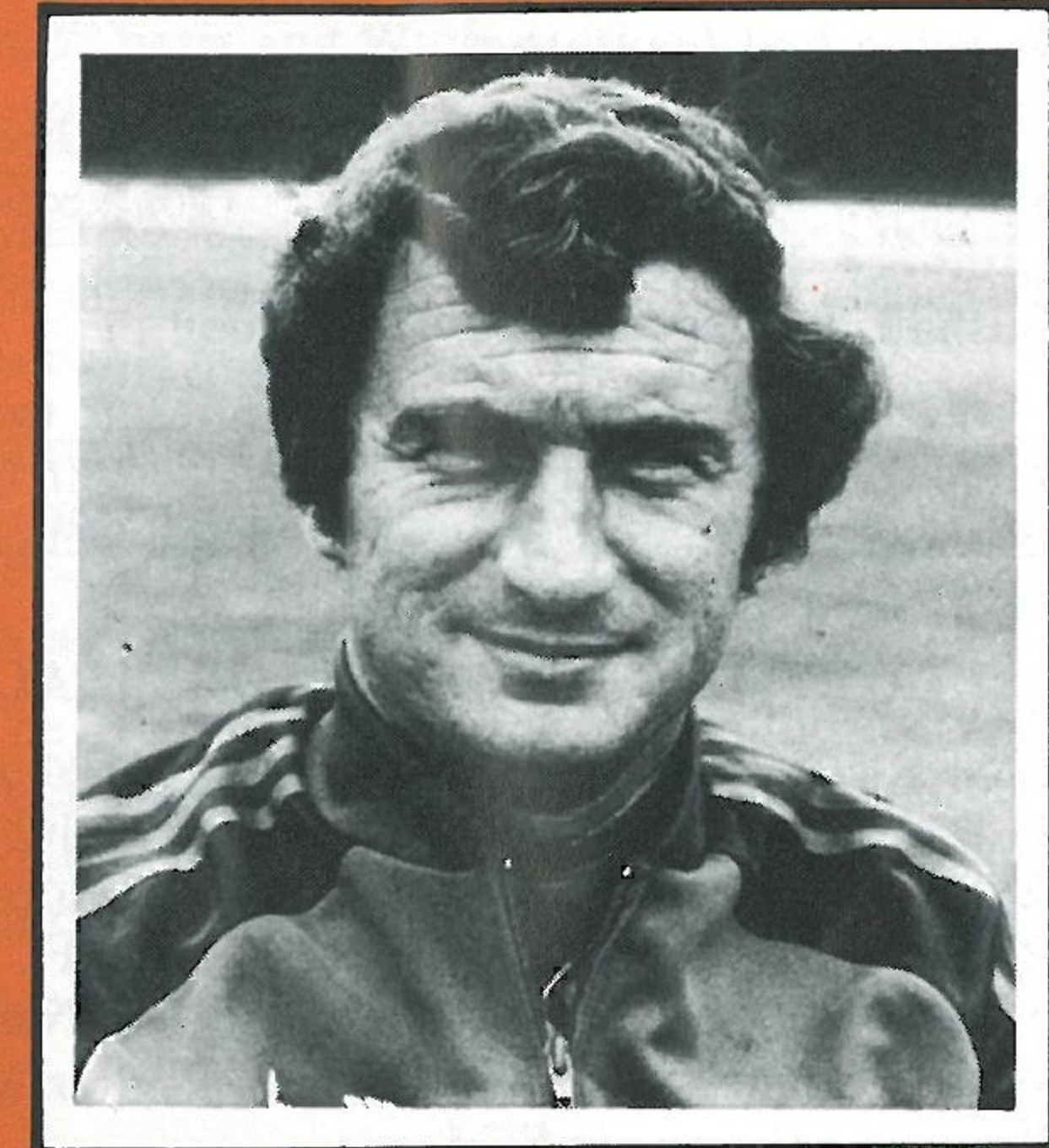
RICHARD MONEY. Luton signed the ex-Scunthorpe and Fulham player hours before the 81/82 deadline after a month's loan from Liverpool. A superb professional, his passing and athleticism proved a sound acquisition, as Luton remained unbeaten. He is expected to be a sound base for the Club's future hopes.

PAUL WALSH. Pleat gave Charlton a "massive" cheque by Luton standards to secure this lively forward who could well win England caps. A fast mover, with excellent control, he is expected to link up with Brian Stein to form an exciting duo. He is only 5ft. 7ins., but a real handful for any defender.

FRANK BUNN. A Birmingham lad who has been a reliable Reserve goalscorer and is eagerly awaiting his first team chances. Five appearances in 80/81, he is strong and forceful, and an intelligent front runner.

WAYNE TURNER. A place in Luton's League squad was just reward for a player who has been brought up through schools and youth football at Kenilworth Road. A local boy who can play in defence or midfield, he is one of several young players coming through to challenge established names for places in the first team. He had a season's spell on loan to Lincoln City during season 81/82.

The Manager



David Pleat, a fully qualified FA Coach, has quietly won an enviable reputation in football in his first job as manager of a League side. To many people, Luton were taking a big risk when they promoted him to the manager's office in 1978. He inherited a team on the slide, and it took him two years to complete an upheaval in the playing staff. After going close in season 79/80 and 80/81, he finally achieved an ambition of taking Luton to the 1st Division as champions after a record season in which they lost only four games in season 81/82. A back injury finished his playing career, but he stayed in the game as a coach and learned the hard business of management as boss of Nuneaton. Joined Luton as reserve team coach in 1975.

BRIAN STEIN. For a centre-forward, Brian Stein looks too small and light. But opposing centre-halves have rarely been able to hold him in check as ball skill turns them all ways. He was a 20-year-old part-timer with Edgware Town when Luton persuaded him to try his luck in 1977. He made his League debut within a month, and has never looked back, scoring some fine goals and causing problems with his fast, accurate dribbling.

CLIVE GOODYEAR. This 21-year-old, 6ft. centre-half was recommended by a former playing colleague of Pleat. His determination and application have stood him in good stead. Seizing on his opportunity when Saxby hot injured, Goodyear gained a Championship medal in his first season in the Football League.

RICKY HILL. Voted "Player of the Year" by Luton supporters last season, Hill's talent has won him a place in the England squad. West Ham fancied him when he was 14 and playing in schoolboy football, but Luton got in first to sign him as a youth. He made his League debut when he was 17, in 1976, marked it with a goal, and has been destroying opposing midfields and scoring regularly ever since.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO. Son of Italian parents living in Bedford, midfielder Fuccillo has had to work harder than most to make the grade. He made rapid progress through Luton's junior teams and made his League debut in 1976, when he was 19. Tragedy halted his career twice: he broke his leg in a match at Brighton in December, 1978, started a comeback then broke it again in a practice game. It took more than a year to regain fitness the second time. He has a knack of breaking forward to score, and marked his second comeback with a goal in his first match back in the Second Division.

DAVID MOSS. Overnight success took nearly 10 years for left-winger, Moss. He had been happy playing for his local club, Swindon, for nine seasons, mostly in the Third Division. Luton paid £110,000 for him, and he was an immediate success. He makes goals and takes them, and has already passed the 100 total in the League.

PAUL ELLIOT. At 6ft. 1½ins. and £150,00 is Luton's latest signing from Charlton. Made his debut in goalless draw against West Brom. Watford fans will remember his performance against them at the Valley towards the end of last season.



'HORNETS' NEST

Who has seen the most games?

CONGRATULATIONS to Watford fan John Soutar, a member of the Travelling Hornets' team who recently chalked up seeing his 500th Watford game.

How many fans have passed the 1,000 mark or even more? Let us know and we will try to find out which fan has seen the most Watford games.



Remember, there is a prize for the best letter included in the letters' page during the season. So if you have any news or views, particularly on this or next season's programme, then why not drop us a line.

Watford Observer Shoot-out Final

YOUNG goalkeeper Matthew Harris will be attempting to keep his impressive record intact today as the final of the *Watford Observer* Shoot-out competition reaches its climax.

Harris has yet to concede a goal in the tournament and his form has helped Bushey Rangers reach today's final. Bushey's opponents will be Watford Rockets, another side who have delighted the fans at Vicarage Road this season.

Bushey's manager Dennis Freeman, who will lead his team out today, said: "It's quite a nerve-racking experience walking out in front of all those supporters. But it's a great experience, especially for the boys."

Bushey's Laurence Freeman will be attempting to retain his fine record in the competition. He has scored in every round this

year, so watch out for the youngster who will be going first for Bushey.

The teams for today's final will be: Bushey Rangers: Matthew Harris (goalkeeper), Laurence Freeman, Anthony Goodall, Chris Bushall, Simon Ash and Chris Good.

Watford Rockets: Mike Thomlinson (goalkeeper), Robert Taylor, Robert Mitchell, Barry Baigent, Asif Butt and Russell Peikard.

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

First Round: Whymax FC 4 Outspan Dynamo 1; Bushey Rangers 3 Croxley Youth Club 0; Riverside 2 Meriden 1; Herons 0 Gadeside Rangers 3; Garston Boys 3 Comets FC 1; Abbots Youth 3 Watford Rockets 4; Nascot Wood Rangers 3 Hatfield Eagles 2; Parkgate Rangers 2 Evergreen FC 1.

Quarter-finals: Whymax FC 0 Bushey Rangers 1; Riverside 2 Gadeside 1; Garston Boys 1 Watford Rockets 2; Nascot Wood Rangers 4 Parkgate 1.

Semi-finals: Bushey Rangers 2 Riverside 1; Watford Rockets 1 Nascot Wood Rangers 0.

Final: Bushey Rangers v. Watford Rockets.

NIGEL CALLAGHAN prepares Steve Sims for the chop. Nigel and Steve were opening a new unisex hairdressing salon Fringe Theatre in Rickmansworth High Street last week. The owner Jeanette Picton wields the scissors watched by her staff. Fringe Theatre are sponsoring Graham Taylor's Marathon run for £10 a mile.



'HORNETS' NEST



FA Cup Final tickets

WE have a limited number of FA Cup Final tickets for ballot and these will be divided into four sections. A number will be given to Watford FC Supporters' Club and members should apply to George Pearce, 37 The Crescent, Watford.



There will be two ballots for season ticket holders, one for ground and one for stand season ticket owners. Coupon "D" from your season ticket should be pasted on a postcard, together with your name and address and sent to the club.

There will also be a ballot for members of the general public and these should apply enclosing eight vouchers from the club's 1982-83 programme, together with the name and address on a postcard please. Applications should reach us by first post Monday, 11 April.

All set for ALL TICKET MATCHES

THE following Football League Division One matches at the Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford, will be ALL TICKET:

Saturday, 30 April v. Arsenal, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, 14 May v. Liverpool, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

The ground limit is set at 28,500 and tickets will be allocated to Watford supporters against vouchers handed out at previous matches during the season (NOT PROGRAMME VOUCHERS) or stand ticket stubs from matches in 1983 or half tickets from earlier all ticket games, as directed.

Tickets will be issued on a "first come, first served" basis and Watford supporters will have the opportunity of purchasing tickets for all these matches, at the appropriate time, depending upon the number of vouchers or ticket stubs produced, providing they are within reasonable bounds.

Normal admission prices will apply for these matches:

Seats—£4.50, £3.50 and £3.00.

Vicarage Road Terraces—£2.00.

The Police and licencing authority will restrict the use of the South end of the Stadium (Rookery) but the situation will be reviewed nearer each match as ticket sales progress.

Remember, one voucher or one stub, one ticket.



ARSENAL

700 seats will be available to Watford fans producing stand ticket stubs from any home match in 1983 at the TICKET OFFICE KIOSK, OCCUPATION ROAD, from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., TUESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1983.

Ground tickets will be available at the same office from WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL onwards, 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., to Watford fans producing vouchers or stand ticket stubs from matches in 1983 or half tickets from earlier all ticket games.

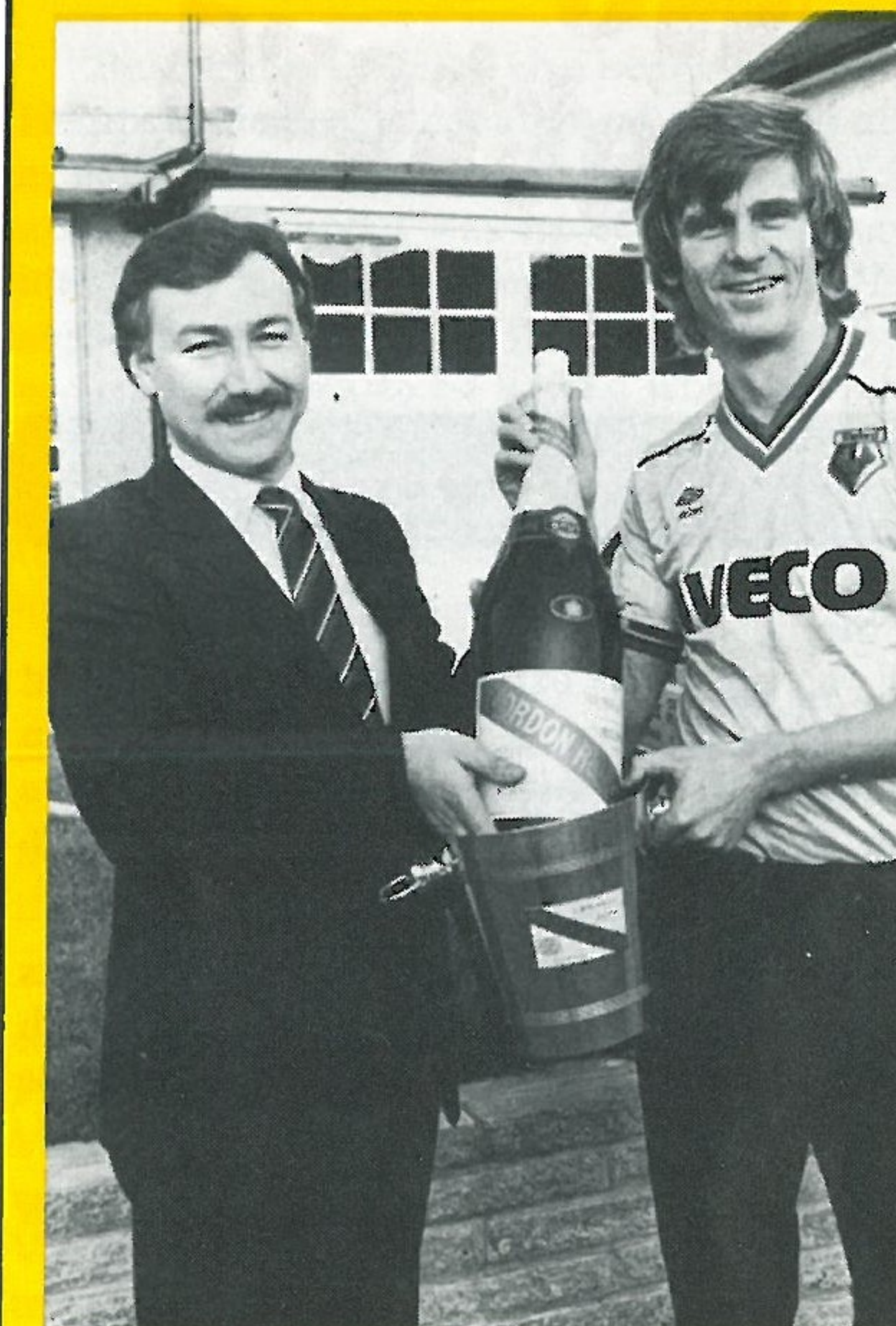


LIVERPOOL

700 seats will be available to Watford fans producing stand ticket stubs from any home match in 1983 at the TICKET OFFICE KIOSK, OCCUPATION ROAD, from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, SUNDAY, 10 APRIL, 1983.

Ground tickets will be available at the VICARAGE ROAD TURNSTILES (North East/North West) on SUNDAY, 10 APRIL, 1983, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, to Watford fans producing vouchers or stand ticket stubs from matches in 1983 or half tickets from earlier all ticket games.

A lotta bottle for Ross



ROSS JENKINS is back in light training after a two-month rest in a bid to cure a pelvic strain. He will be keeping an eye on this afternoon's clash with Luton because the Hatters have agreed to provide the opposition for Ross's Testimonial Match on 10 May.

Ross is pictured above being presented with a jeroam of champagne by Dave Roussel of Seagrams. A jeroam is a wine bottle from eight to 12 times bigger than normal and Ross intends to use it as a raffle prize for his final testimonial dinner.



Villa fans' thanks

Dear Sir,
JUST a note to express our thanks and appreciation to your staff for their efforts in providing our club with tickets for the League match against Aston Villa on Saturday, 26 February.

We were also impressed by the friendliness and sportsmanship of your supporters at both matches, attitudes much needed in soccer these days.

Wishing your team success for the remainder of the season.

Yours sincerely,
Ron Price,
Aston Villa Supporter's Club (Sutton Branch).

Stateside support

Dear Sir,
I AM writing this letter after our marvellous win against Notts County. I have lived in California for the past 18 months, and very much miss Saturday afternoons.

In fact, so much so, that last season I travelled the 6,000 miles back to England, just to watch Watford play Bolton, Shrewsbury, Cardiff, Crystal Palace, QPR and Blackburn.

I have not enjoyed myself so much for ages. I get every first team programme, home and

away, sent to me, by Tony Marks at the Hornet Shop. He does a great job, as all the backroom staff at Watford do. I am an avid collector of programmes, with well over 1,500, mostly Watford home or away. This year's programme is the best it's ever been. I would like to congratulate all the staff at Watford on, so far, an excellent season. I wish Ross Jenkins a bumper testimonial and hope Luther wins "Footballer of the Year." He deserves it, on his present form. I have named my dog after him, but he doesn't seem to have much interest in ball games, unfortunately.

Yours sincerely,
Mathew Dunne,
6101 Fenwood Ave, Woodland Hills California.

All time best

Dear Sir,
THE Fulham fan naming his "All-time" Fulham side in the Fulham v. Watford programme has prompted me to offer the following for pre-match discussion.

I have selected my team solely on performances for Watford, and where necessary the length of consistent performances was the deciding factor. Hence names like Jennings (both of them) and Currie do not appear.

My team is: Andy Rankin, Duncan Welbourne, Steve Sims, Keith Eddy, Wilf Rostron, Les Taylor, Tom Walley, Stewart Scullion, Luther Blissett, Ross Jenkins, George Harris.

Coming back to reality I would like to congratulate the manager and current team for their performances over the last two seasons. I love "boring" football with too many incidents and goals!!

Yours sincerely,
M. J. Healing,
Wynyard Close, Sale, Cheshire.

An interesting line-up but I suggest you will be watching Watford's all-time best team this afternoon playing in the top six of Division One. No other Watford line-up has done that.—Ed.

Anyone for TT Races?

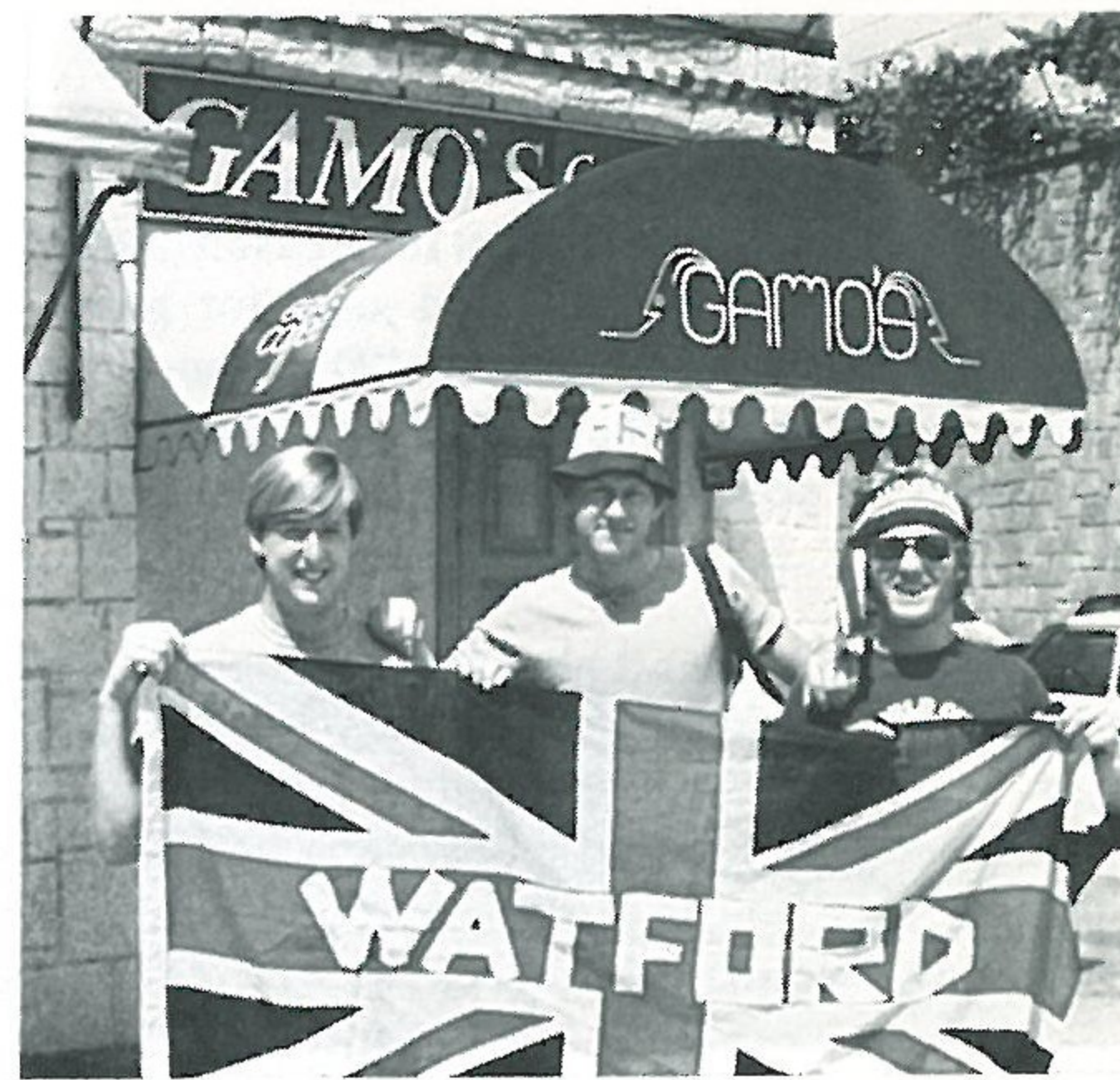
Dear Sir,
THE members of our branch have asked me to try and find out if there is a Watford FC supporter who is also a motorcycle racer and is taking part in this year's Isle of Man TT races.

I realise it is a long shot, but riders come from all over the world for the races and it may well be that one of the riders, also supports Watford. If there is such a person, we would like him to contact us, as we would like to help him during his stay. Also if any supports are planning to visit the Island for the races, or at some other time perhaps they would like to contact us, at the address below.

The TT races are: practice week 30 May—4 June. race week, 6, 8 and 10 June.

Yours sincerely,
Pat Sharp,
Ballabreck, South Cape, Laxey, Isle of Man.

Viva Hornets



Dear Sir,
JUST a line to say that Watford FC were well represented during the World Cup Finals in Spain. The photograph enclosed shows three of the best-behaved Watford supporters outside a bar in Madrid, not far from the Estadio Vincente Calderon, where Gerry Armstrong and Northern Ireland played their second phase matches.

While out in Spain we saw all the England second-phase games and the semi-final West Germany v. France in Sevilla, and of course the Final. It was so nice to see all the fans mixing together without kicking and thumping each other. Finally, just a big hallo to all the Watford fans that I met in Spain, especially the Rookery fans.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen Joiner,
Battlers Green Drive, Radlett, Herts.

One of an occasional series, looking at...

IT IS said in the Watford Press Box, that should you wish to know any obscure detail about any of the Football League referees, then Mike Vince is the man to ask.

Chiltern Radio's "Voice of Watford," 24-year-old Mike Vince, is new to the media scene but has already made his mark.

"Yes I do study referees. I got my enthusiasm for statistics from reading the *Watford Observer* sports coverage over the years and referees are a very important part of the modern game.

"After all they can spoil or affect the afternoon's enjoyment for 20,000 people or more with just one decision," explains Mike.

Born in Watford, the son of a solicitor, he went to private school in Oxford and spent his spare time watching United and then coming back to his first love, Watford, during the holidays.

He continued to watch the Hornets and in fact led the charge into the Town Hall pond after the Hornets beat Hull to secure promotion to Division Two.

"I saw all the matches bar two the previous seasons and missed just three in the successful Division Three campaign," says Mike who had left school by then and moved into insolvency—the business of winding-up companies and dealing with personal bankruptcies.



"The boss of the firm was Martin Spencer who became the financial manager of Chelsea FC so I gained a good insight into the running of a football club, but really I always fancied working on commentary and general radio work," says Mike.

Already an avid horse-racing fan, he widened his knowledge of sport still further and applied to join the hospital commentary team.

"The first commentary I did from the Hospital Broadcasting box was to describe Martin Patching being carried off during that game against Preston," he recalls. "By the following season I felt established as a member

of the hospital team and it was then that we looked into the possibility of doing away matches with me phoning in reports.

"At the same time Chiltern Radio was in the process of setting-up and when the *Watford Observer* decided it would be a conflict of interests and brought a halt to Oliver Phillips doing the match reports for Chiltern, he recommended me.

"So in early December 1981, I did my first report for Chiltern from Leicester City and since April 1982, I have done every Watford match for Chiltern," says Mike, who has since joined the station full-time doing traffic and sports reports morning and evening and the match reports on a Saturday.



"Naturally I have to start from the bottom, learning the ropes," he explains, but as a freelance he also contributes to the London Weekend TV coverage during the course of Saturday afternoons.

But perhaps most impressive has been the way Mike has handled live commentary—the recent Sunday match at Swansea being a case in point.

"It's a lot harder to do. I try and mug up with old programmes and draw up a fact sheet before every game but when you do live commentary, you have to be aware that what interests you, does not always interest the listener," he explains.

But of course Chiltern Radio is not a Watford station but one firmly based in the heart of Luton, Dunstable and Bedfordshire. Having a diehard Watford fan covering events may cause a few Hatters' eyebrows to rise.

"I don't think there is half the animosity between the two sets of fans as there used to be. I think I am able to be objective and criticise Watford if I felt the need. I know I am on the Watford Supporters' Club committee but if I felt for a moment that this was a conflict of interests, I would drop it.

"But I know Chiltern also beam out to Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans and Watford attract as many fans from that area as do Luton. I feel I am objective and I was never too keen on the idea of there being two reporters giving different angles when Luton and Watford meet. After all we are supposed to be saying what has and is happening and you only need one for that," contends Mike, who will be the front man for this afternoon's Chiltern Radio coverage of the local derby.

As with most journalists, Mike has to broadcast many of his reports down a telephone particularly at away games while at Vicarage Road, they do have a land-line and Mike works from the Press Box with a microphone.

"It's not always easy to hear the cue, particularly if there is a good atmosphere and the Press Box is not enclosed. I missed four cues at Villa Park. They say something like 'lets see what the score is at Villa Park and over to Mike Vince' and I just could not hear that down a telephone, so I missed the cue four times. It can't be helped," says Mike.

Away from radio work, Mike is interested in church organ music and choral work and spends much of his time listening to classical records. "But," he says, "I am married to my job."

"I've been very lucky and I hope it continues. I was very fortunate to get some excellent schooling with the Hospital Broadcasters. They do a superb job and then I was recommended to Chiltern, It's happened very quickly."

And what about this afternoon's result?

"The form book suggests Watford should win, but that is no guide in such matters as a local derby. Opposing fans may disagree but I honestly feel that both teams are capable of regularly producing attacking and entertaining football and I hope they are allowed to do so this afternoon."



Thwarted by Spurs

Our bid to complete the double over the North London giants was thwarted by a tenacious Tottenham display at Vicarage Road. *Far left*, Richard Jobson receives the close attention of Spurs' defenders and (*above*) neither Richard nor Les Taylor find much room to manoeuvre in the Spurs' penalty area. *Top centre*, Luther Blissett did find some space to unleash this second half shot but usually he was closely followed by the visiting defenders (*above*) but still managed to worry Spurs with an overhead kick which just cleared the target.

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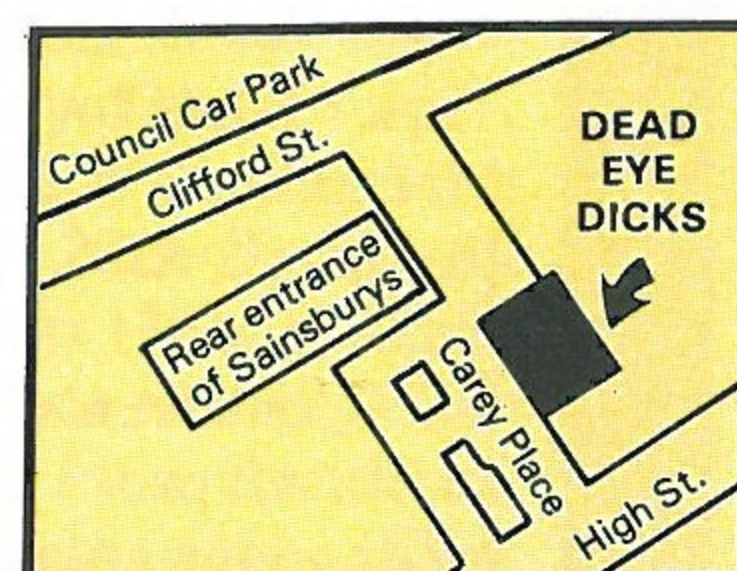
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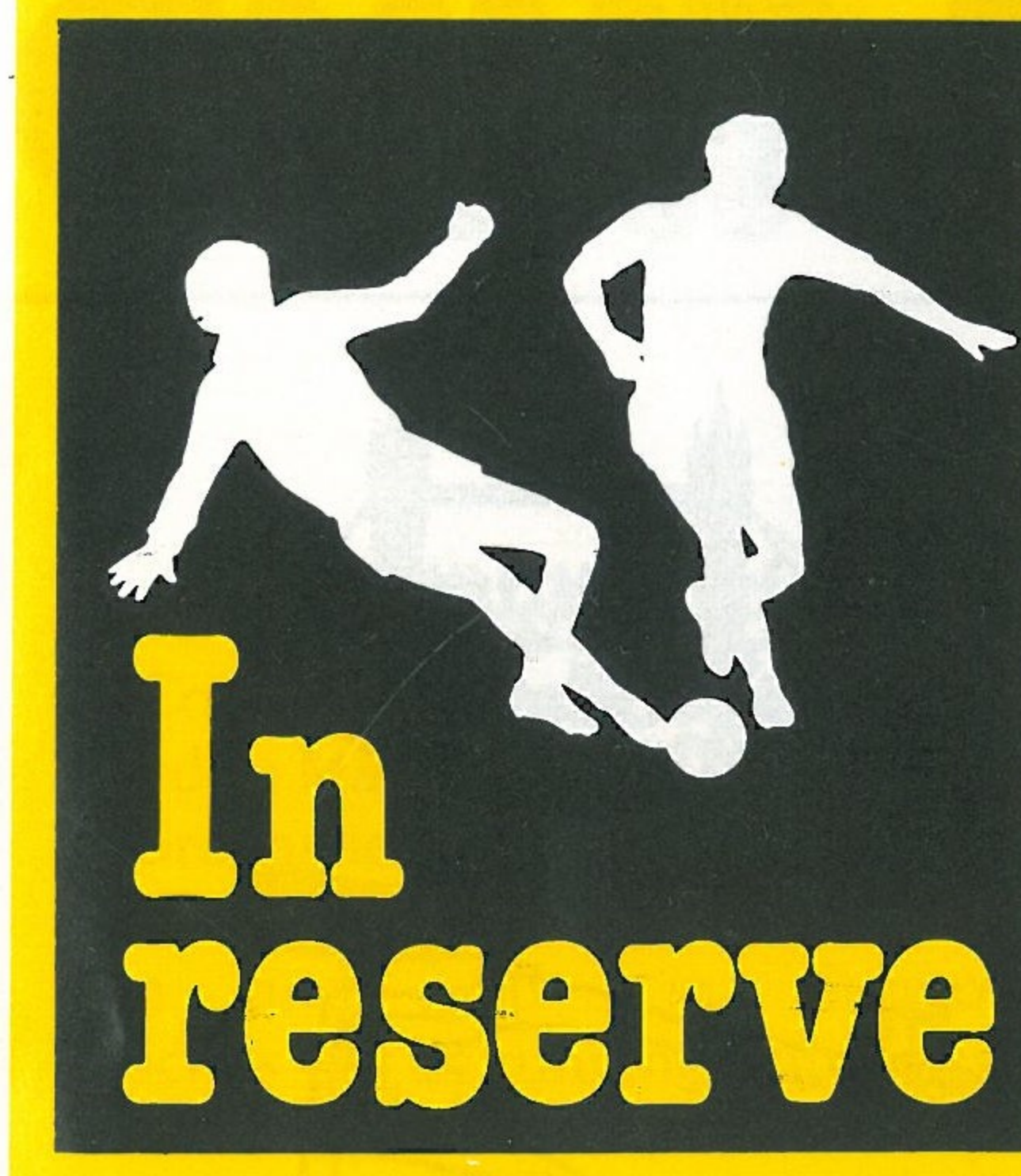
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GARY PORTER and Derek Williams are currently with the England Under-17 party competing in an international tournament in Nice. The two Sunderland lads went to the same school, have settled in well at Watford and are part of the nucleus of players being assembled for next seasons England Youth squad.

On the home front, Watford Reserves proved to be the only winners among Watford teams on Saturday. They beat Birmingham City 4-0 at Vicarage Road putting together what reserve manager John Ward described as "pretty well the best performance of the season."

In excellent display, Steve Terry played particularly well and got in on the scoresheet.

Worrell Sterling chested the first goal when he happened to be in the right place at the right time to meet a David Johnson cross. Richard Jobson headed the second from Neil Price's cross and Terry, after being thwarted when Jim Blyth saved his header, pounced on the rebound and sent a left-foot shot into the net. Ian Richardson rounded off the quartet, breaking clear and rounding Blyth before scoring.

Watford Reserves bid for a place in the final of the Herts Senior Cup when they travel to Barnet on 6 April in the semi-final. A young Reserve side won 3-1 at Clarence Park, St. Albans in the previous round, after going down to a Paul Mayles' goal early on.

UPDATE

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich City	23	17	6	0	67	14	40
West Ham Utd.	22	15	2	5	66	29	32
WATFORD	23	13	4	6	59	45	30
Ipswich Town	22	8	9	5	43	36	25
Chelsea	21	7	9	5	44	41	23
Millwall	21	8	6	7	35	32	22
Queens Park R.	19	9	4	6	61	28	22
Tottenham	22	8	4	10	34	39	20
Charlton Athletic	17	7	3	7	31	36	17
Gillingham	21	5	7	9	37	49	17
Southend United	19	6	4	9	29	46	16
Orient	21	5	6	10	42	55	16
Arsenal	21	4	5	12	25	49	13
Portsmouth	18	3	3	12	18	52	9
Fulham	20	1	6	13	19	59	8

League table as 27 March, 1983.

In a scrappy, untidy game, St. Albans were a little unlucky but the Reserves took their chances well. A Neil Price through ball enabled David Johnson to run through and lift the ball over the keeper's head and run it into the net for the equaliser.

Paul Franklin sidefooted home from a Martin Patching free kick to put the Reserves ahead, but the best goal of the night came from Jan Lohman, who gathered the ball on his chest some 20 yards out and hit a superb, fierce half-volley into the net.



The Reserves came up against an experienced and expensive Spurs' side the previous Saturday and John Ward asked his players to give everything in what was a useful hour and a half of soccer education.

Glenn Hoddle sent over the cross for Steve Archibald to head home and with further goals from Cochram and Villa, Spurs were good winners although Price pulled a goal back from a free kick.

In a re-arranged game with Arsenal, the Reserves fielded a team which had an average

age of 18. Steve Terry at 20, was the oldest man in the side. In this game the youngsters did everything but score and deserved a win but finished with a point from a 0-0 draw.

The final touch, shot or pass was a little disappointing but overall it was a good display with Gary Porter and Richard Jobson putting in good displays in midfield.

Jimmy Jones scored in the last minute to give the Juniors a 2-2 draw at West Ham. Jones hit both the goals and was thwarted by the West Ham keeper on a couple of occasions for what could have been a hat-trick. The Hammers led 2-1 with a minute to go when a long, through ball found Jones free and he scored with the very last kick of the match.

On Saturday the Juniors drew 2-2 with Gillingham, falling a goal behind direct from a corner before 17-year-old Peter McCrae pulled the Juniors level from an Alex Dyer cross. McCrae from Blackburn scored the second from a Richard Sindall pass.

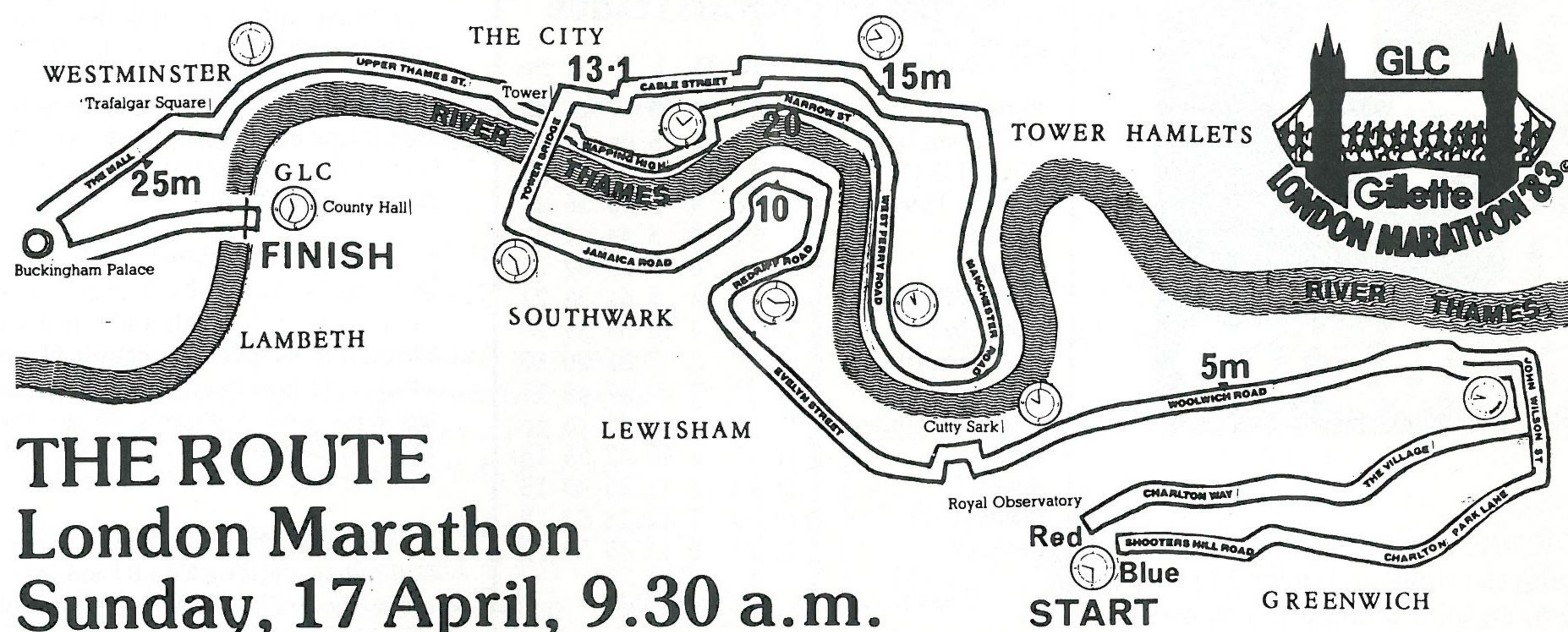
FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	34	21	7	6	75	40	49
Queens Park R.	29	20	5	4	75	31	45
West Ham Utd.	29	17	9	3	61	29	43
WATFORD	31	18	6	7	52	34	42
Ipswich Town	31	15	10	6	53	37	40
Arsenal	28	13	7	8	49	32	33
Swansea City	32	13	5	14	44	46	31
Fulham	29	11	5	13	36	39	27
Chelsea	27	11	5	11	48	44	27
Norwich City	27	8	10	9	29	35	26
Millwall	29	6	13	10	40	51	25
Crystal Palace	29	8	9	12	38	50	25
Birmingham City	24	11	2	11	33	39	24
Luton Town	29	8	9	13	35	44	24
Leicester City	28	7	9	12	42	52	23
Swindon Town	30	8	7	15	37	63	23
Charlton Athletic	28	6	10	12	40	51	22
Bristol Rovers	27	7	8	12	43	58	22
Southampton	30	6	10	14	41	55	22
Oxford United	26	8	4	14	34	57	20
Reading	27	8	4	15	40	48	20
Brighton & Hove	28	5	9	14	33	49	19

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PERSONAL FILE . . .

ANY player plucked from the ranks of intermediate amateur football, who finds himself in the England full international squad just 16 months later, could be excused if the whole thing went to his head.

But John Barnes has his feet very firmly on the ground and insists "international recognition is all down to Watford's success and the way it has been achieved."

He develops the point: "We play with wingers and when we were winning promotion from Division Two, a lot of publicity was given to the fact that we played with 'two teenage wingers'. So when we took off in Division One and the search started for wingers, well we were better known than most.

"After all, wingers were something of a rare breed a couple of years ago and for a club to play two wingers was something special. That way we got noticed and made the England Under-21 squad. I've been lucky in that I have kept in the squad, but I'm really pleased that Nigel is still in the reckoning as proved by the fact that he was called up in my place this week. Nigel Callaghan is an excellent striker of the ball. He can really hit it hard and he is a very good crosser of the ball as well. His corners are really accurate and it is only in the last 10 or 11 games that I have started taking inswinging corners from the other side.



"Mind you that means I'm not always at the back post to poach a goal. That's where most of my goals come," he says.

But as this season got underway, England recognition was some distance from John's mind. "I wasn't playing too well and I wasn't scoring. I was taken off against Birmingham, so I was amazed that I was selected.

"I wasn't playing well but Watford were and so the 'teenage wingers' made the Under-21 side and it took off from there," he contends.

Although recognised as a left winger, John admits that he is "not bothered" where he plays.



"I'm happy to fill in anywhere. I've enjoyed playing at centre forward but I have no real preference. I'm happy to help out anywhere particularly when there is an injury situation. I'm just glad to be playing. Why, who would have thought two years ago that I'd ever be asked whether I preferred to play on the left wing or at centre forward for a First Division side?"

At 12 stone and 5ft 11 inches tall, he has been marked down as a possible central striker by manager Graham Taylor.

"I'd like to grow some more," says John who will cease to be a "teenage winger" next November. "I'm still growing and I think 6ft. sounds far bigger than 5ft 11. My father is 6ft 1 and I think I might end up near his height."

John Barnes

In the England practice, John has found himself playing in a number of roles. "It is very rare that we play 11-a-side and when we do, Howard Wilkinson and Bobby Robson play. Then I have played against the selected England side and may play in various positions during the course of a game.

"Internationally the set-up is different from the one at Watford but it is not going to upset the way I play for the Hornets. We have a straightforward approach and it is a matter of us performing and putting in a good performance within that role. Naturally playing for England at Under-21 level and in the England squad, broadens your knowledge and I still have a lot to learn," he admits.

"It has gone really well for me personally but it has gone superbly for the club. I thought when we got promotion, that we would come into Division One and see what we could do, but it has really taken off.

"But we cannot afford to relax or be complacent and we have to be on our toes for every game in the run-in. We can't drop points like we did earlier in the season . . . points that were silly to lose.



"We lost at Manchester City when they had a stand-in keeper. We had the better of the game but failed to test their stand-in. Then we were two goals up at Notts County. I'd actually scored at long last but we let that one slip.

"We've had other defeats like at Everton and home to Spurs where you think it could have gone one way or the other. But we really should have done something at Manchester City and Notts County. They were ours to win.

"Of course the defeat at Luton was disappointing. I have been here long enough to know that the matches with Luton are a little special for players and supporters. Having lost twice to them and drawn once since I've been here, I'm keen to balance the books.

"I'm an admirer of Ricky Hill, who I've been with in the England get-togethers. Although he is very skilful, he also works very hard and that is unusual. The very skilful men are not always the hardest of workers but he combines the two."



Although back on the flanks now, John hopes to stay among the goals and, if possible, produce a few repeats of his best goal this season . . . the one he scored to beat Fulham in the FA Cup replay at Craven Cottage.

"I don't attempt many long-range shots but I had to shoot then. Normally I wait until I am in the penalty area but I had to shoot then because I was being closed down.

"I will have to work on my shooting and see if I can produce a few more of those," he says.

One of those this afternoon would come in useful John!

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Month	Date	Score	Attendance	Home	Opposition	Referee	Goalkeepers	Defenders	Midfielders	Forwards	Substitutes	Other								
AUGUST	29	Everton 2-0	19,630	Sherwood	Rice 1	Rostron	Blissett	Bolton	Jackett	Callaghan*	Armstrong 1	Jenkins Lohman Barnes Taylor								
31	Southampton 4-1	19,714	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Blissett	Bolton	Jackett	Callaghan 2	Armstrong 1	Jenkins Lohman Barnes Taylor									
SEPTEMBER	4	Manchester City 0-1	29,617	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Blissett	Bolton	Jackett	Callaghan	Armstrong	Jenkins Lohman* Barnes Taylor								
7	Swansea City 2-1	15,535	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Bolton	Jackett	Callaghan 1	Armstrong	Jenkins* Blissett 1	Barnes Lohman								
11	West Brom 3-0	17,638	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor 1	Bolton	Jackett	Callaghan	Blissett 2	Armstrong	Lohman Barnes Terry								
18	Nottingham F. 0-2	16,550	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Bolton	Jackett	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong	Lohman* Barnes Jenkins								
25	Sunderland 8-0	16,816	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan 2	Blissett 4	Jenkins 2	Jackett Barnes Armstrong								
OCTOBER	2	Birmingham City 1-1	13,870	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Jenkins Jackett Barnes* Armstrong								
9	Norwich City 2-2	18,597	Sherwood	Patching	Rostron	Taylor*	Terry 1	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins Jackett 1	Barnes Armstrong								
16	Aston Villa 0-3	21,573	Sherwood	Patching	Rostron	Taylor	Terry	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins* Jackett	Barnes Armstrong								
23	Coventry City 0-0	17,334	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong*	Lohman Barnes Jenkins								
30	Notts County 2-3	9,171	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Jenkins Jackett	Barnes 1 Richardson								
NOVEMBER	6	Tottenham 1-0	42,215	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor 1	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins Jackett Barnes Johnson								
13	Stoke City 1-0	18,713	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Gilligan Jackett	Barnes 1 Johnson								
20	Brighton 4-1	16,529	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor 1	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 2	Gilligan*	Jackett Barnes 1 Johnson								
27	Arsenal 4-2	34,287	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins Jackett 1	Barnes 2 Johnson								
DECEMBER	4	Manchester Utd. 0-1	25,669	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins* Jackett Barnes Johnson								
11	Liverpool 1-3	36,690	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron 1	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins Jackett	Barnes Jobson								
18	Ipswich Town 2-1	18,048	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor 1	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Barnes	Jenkins 1	Jackett Jobson Richardson								
27	Luton Town 0-1	21,145	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins Jackett	Barnes Jobson								
29	West Ham Utd. 2-1	24,780	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins 1	Jackett 1 Barnes Lohman								
JANUARY 1983	1	Brighton 1-1	15,145	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins* Jackett 1 Barnes Lohman								
3	Manchester City 2-0	20,049	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Gilligan 2	Jackett Barnes Jobson								
15	Everton 0-1	19,223	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Jenkins* Jackett	Barnes Lohman								
22	Southampton 2-0	17,189	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Gilligan Jackett	Barnes Jobson								
FEBRUARY	6	Swansea City 3-1	14,461	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 2	Barnes 1 Jackett Lohman Jobson								
26	Aston Villa 2-1	19,318	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron 1	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 1	Barnes Jackett	Jobson Armstrong								
MARCH	2	Norwich City 0-3	16,662	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Barnes Jackett Jobson Armstrong								
5	Coventry City 1-0	11,235	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor 1	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Barnes Jackett	Jobson Lohman								
12	Notts Co. (FAC6) 5-3	16,273	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan 1	Blissett 3	Barnes 1	Jackett* Jobson Lohman								
19	Tottenham 0-1	27,371	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Barnes Jackett	Jobson* Armstrong								
22	Birmingham City 2-1	14,229	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett 2	Barnes Jackett	Jobson* Armstrong								
26	Stoke C. (FLC Final) 0-4	14,276	Sherwood	Rice	Rostron	Taylor	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan	Blissett	Armstrong	Jackett* Barnes Lohman								
APRIL	2	West Ham Utd. 4	Luton Town	9	West Brom	16	Nottingham F.	23	Manchester Utd.	30	Arsenal	MAY	2	Sunderland	7	Ipswich Town	14	Liverpool	21	FA Cup Final

Statistics

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Liverpool	32	14	3	0	50	13	7	5	3	25	13	71
2 Watford	33	13	2	2	39	13	5	2	9	18	27	58
3 Manchester Utd.	31	10	6	0	28	8	5	4	6	14	17	55
4 Aston Villa	33	13	2	2	39	14	3	2	11	10	27	52
5 Southampton	33	10	3	3	30	15	4	4	9	16	33	49
6 Ipswich Town	33	9	2	5	30	17	4	7	6	22	22	48
7 Stoke City	33	11	3	3	31	17	3	3	10	16	31	48
8 West Brom	33	9	5	2	32	14	3	6	8	13	25	47
9 Tottenham	32	10	4	2	34	13	3	4	9	9	28	47
10 Nottingham F.	33	9	3	4	25	13	4	4	9	18	29	46
11 Everton	33	9	5	2	34	17	3	4	10	16	24	45
12 Arsenal	32	8	5	3	28	17	4	4	8	16	24	45
13 Coventry	32	10	4	2	26	9	2	4	10	15	35	44
14 West Ham	32	9	3	4	32	18	4	1	11	16	31	43
15 Sunderland	32	7	6	3	25	16	4	4	8	15	30	43
16 Notts County	34	9	3	5	30	21	3	2	12	17	41	41
17 Manchester C.	34	8	5	4	23	16	2	3	12	18	43	38
18 Swansea	33	9	2	5	27	18	0	6	11	16	31	35
19 Luton Town	31	4	6	5	25	24	4	4	8	25	40	34
20 Birmingham	32	7	5	4	24	18	0	7	9	6	26	33
21 Norwich City	32	7	4	5	22	15	1	5	10	13	37	33
22 Brighton	33	6	7	4	21	18	1	3	12	10	41	31

League table as 27 March, 1983

First Team appearances

	League		Milk Cup		FA Cup	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Armstrong..	8(5)	2	(1)	1	(1)	
Barnes.....	33	7	3		4	1
Blissett.....	32	20	3	1	4	2
Bolton.....	32		2(1)		4	
Callaghan....	33	6	3		4	
Gilligan.....	4	2			2	
Jackett.....	33	4	3		4	
Jenkins.....	18(2)	5	3	3		
Jobson.....	7					
Johnson....	(2)		(1)			
Lohman.....	7(5)	1			2(1)	2
Patching....	2					
Rice.....	31	1	3		4	
Rostron.....	33	2	3		4	1
Sherwood....	33		3		4	
Sims.....	23		2	1	4	
Taylor.....	30(2)	5	3	1	2	
Terry.....	4	1	1			
Own goal...		2				

Appearances and goals up to 27 March, 1983

TODAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa.....	v.	Birmingham.
Everton.....	v.	Stoke.....
Man. C.	v.	Liverpool
Norwich.....	v.	Ipswich
Notts Co.	v.	West Brom..
Sunderland.....	v.	Man. Utd. ...
Tottenham	v.	Arsenal.....

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn	v.	Burnley
Charlton	v.	Crystal P.

Front cover picture by Martin Wolmark. Watford's Steve Sims and Aston Villa's Allan Evans anxiously wait for a corner kick.

Facts and Figures

TODAY'S REFEREE

Lester C. Shapter (Torquay). Commenced refereeing in the South Devon League and graduated through the Western League to the Football League Full List. Was linesman for an England v. Italy Amateur International in 1972 and lined a European Cup Winners Cup match in East Germany in 1975. Officiated as linesman in the 1981 Charity Shield, and in 1982 refereed a League Cup semi-final. Married with one child, he is a police officer, and played for the British Police team at rugby. His interests are cross-country running and flat green bowls.



Watford Observer "Shootout"

THIS afternoon sees the final of the *Watford Observer* American Shootout competition between Bushey Rangers and Watford Rockets. The competition has been organised by the *Watford Observer's* Terry Challis with assistance from Tony Brummell and Tony Owen while Adam Cummings (Radio Hornet) has provided the commentary.

Full details on teams and background to the competition will be found in the Hornets' Nest.

Travel to West Bromwich A.



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Watford



5 (2)

- 1 Steve Sherwood
 - 2 Pat Rice
 - 3 Wilf Rostron
 - 4 Les Taylor
 - 5 Steve Sims
 - 6 Ian Bolton *LOHMAN*
 - 7 Nigel Callaghan
 - 8 Luther Blissett
 - 9 Gerry Armstrong
 - 10 Kenny Jackett
 - 11 John Barnes
- Sub. *ARMSTRONG*

Luton Town

2 (2)

- 1 Tony Godden
 - 2 Kirk Stephens
 - 3 Paul Elliott *MONEY*
 - 4 Brian Horton
 - 5 Clive Goodyear *ELLIOTT*
 - 6 Mal Donaghy
 - 7 Ricky Hill
 - 8 Trevor Aylott
 - 9 Paul Walsh
 - 10 Wayne Turner *ANTIC*
 - 11 David Moss
- Sub. *TURNER*

Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)

Linesmen: M. J. Cotton (Surrey) (*Red Flag*)

D. G. King (Brighton) (*Yellow Flag*)

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