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Calling all Watford supporters aged under 15! How would you like to win a free place on Jimmy Gilligan's half-term soccer school? Turn to page 7 of this programme and you'll find out how to enter Jimmy's caption competition.



If you're one of the thousands of supporters who are now in possession of a ticket for this Wednesday night's Coca-Cola Cup tie v. Tottenham - don't forget to bring it with you on the night! For full details see page 5.



The juniors have made it two wins out of two, with victories over East Anglian rivals Norwich City and Ipswich Town. Read about the first of these victories on page 28.



If you are a Watford supporter about to leave the area to study at Hull University, fear not! You can meet up with other exiled Hornets by contacting Peter Fincham on 0482 466269.

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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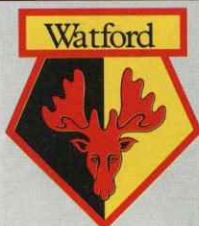
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A GAME IN WHICH OUR FANS WOULD SWOP A GOOD PERFORMANCE FOR A WIN



After a period where we've been on our travels, we now have three consecutive home matches - and none is more important to Watford and its fans than today's encounter with our local rivals, Luton Town.

Because of the tension involved, local derbies are often unattractive affairs, but I know that for both sets of supporters there's at much at stake as any of the Newcastle v. Sunderland derbies I played in.

I also know that it's one of those occasions where our fans would swop a good performance for three points.

On a personal level, it's good to welcome David Pleat back here. He's been involved in many more Watford v. Luton matches than myself, and is well-versed in the atmosphere they generate. I gather there have been 16

Hornets/Hatters clashes in the League during his time as Luton manager. They have resulted in: three Watford wins, three draws and 10 Luton wins - time to redress the balance!

Going back to our travels, we have to be satisfied with four points from a possible six at Barnsley and Oldham. However, the standards we now set ourselves mean we were disappointed with not picking up all three points at Barnsley, where I felt we were far the better side over the 90 minutes.

I gave a 'debut' to a young lad called Kenny Sansom at Oakwell, with David Barnes injured, Dominic Ludden sick and Gary Porter suspended. Kenny slotted back in and didn't put a foot wrong.

Glenn Roeder

and another thing...

I am concerned not just for my club, but for football generally, with the amount of unnecessary bookings this season - which are leading to sendings-off for second bookable offences.

However, what I find more concerning this season (and I do not include any members of my own team in this), is the number of players who appear to be trying to get each other booked, which is totally unacceptable.

Referees have a difficult enough job, without players getting each other into trouble.

Glenn Roeder

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EDDIE PLUMLEY RETIRES TODAY

Club chairman Stuart Timperley reflects on Eddie's contribution to the club - past, present - and future.

Today sees the retirement of a man who has made a massive contribution to this football club. He is, of course, **Eddie Plumley**, who has been chief executive of the club for some 16 years, and who today steps down from that position.

There is no doubt that Eddie is one of the most highly-regarded administrators in the game. He was a professional player himself and subsequently moved into football administration - first with Birmingham City, then Leicester City, before joining Coventry City. Watford was his first non-City club!

It was at Coventry that Eddie received a call from Bertie Mee - himself newly-arrived at Watford - for advice on a new chief executive at Vicarage Road. It says much for the atmosphere being generated at Watford at that time that Eddie indicated he would like the job himself!

The rest as they say is history. Watford completed their backroom jigsaw and over the forthcoming years that 'team' guided Watford to higher levels in everything - on



● **Eddie Plumley - he retires today as Watford's chief executive.**

and off the field.

Of course, Eddie has seen ups and downs, but whatever the prevailing circumstances, he has never been anything other than the consummate professional - and a source of stability, wisdom and good judgement. Many a manager, staff member, player or supporter of this club has reason to thank Eddie for his support and guidance - I know I have!

Usually in writing pieces like this there is a hint of sadness as it signifies the end of an era. It does in a way, but I have asked Eddie to join the Board and am delighted that he has accepted and will continue to provide us with his help on a part-time basis.

On behalf of the club, thanks Eddie for your years of outstanding service. Thanks also to his wife Fran for her marvellous contribution and support.

It's always nice to celebrate a 'class act'.

● **See next Wednesday night's programme for Eddie's reflections on the changes in football and at Watford during his time in the game.**

PETER...

A warm welcome to new-signing **Peter Beadle**, who joined the Hornets from **Tottenham Hotspur** last Monday, for a nominal fee.

Peter is a 6' 2" centre-forward who started his career as a youth trainee with **Gillingham**. He recorded 46 full outings (plus 30 as playing substitute) for the **Gills**, before **Spurs** invested £350,000 in signing him two years ago.

He enjoyed a successful training stint with the Watford squad recently and **Glenn Roeder** says: "Something obviously went badly amiss for Peter in his two years at Spurs, but at 22, I want to give him the chance to restart his career and he certainly wants the chance as well."

...PAUL...

Welcome too, to our new commercial manager **Paul Biffen**, who officially joins the club today. **Paul** will be overseeing Watford's marketing and commercial oper-

ation and you'll no doubt have seen in recent programmes that he's keen to hear your ideas and views.

If you would like to speak to Paul about any marketing or promotional matters, give him a call on **0923 230933** or write to him at the club address.

...AND SIMON!

Watford recently bid farewell to young 'keeper **Simon Sheppard**, who has joined our next League opponents **Reading**.

Simon joined the Hornets as a youth trainee, having previously been a pupil at the FA School of Excellence at Lilleshall. During his time there, he earned international honours at England youth level.

Although he's only 21, **Simon** is now in his fourth professional season and anyone who has seen his displays here at Watford will testify that he has a bright future ahead of him.

We wish him every success.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

With this Wednesday's **Coca-Cola Cup** second round, first leg tie **v. Spurs** designated an **ALL-TICKET** game, it means that many Watford supporters will encounter a significant change to their usual matchday routine here at Vicarage Road.

Naturally, your support is vital, so please take note of the following information and make sure you don't miss out!

● **North Stand season ticket holders:**

Please remember that you are required to obtain a reserved, numbered seat ticket for this game, in exchange for your *unreserved* season ticket voucher, marked **Cup Tie 2**. This can be done in person at the Watford Ticket Office, up to kick-off on the night, however we would point out that your choice of seating will be **very limited** by that time. We recommend that any North Stand season ticket holders who have yet to make this exchange, do so as soon as possible.

All supporters in the North Stand are asked to remember that you must occupy the seat specified on your match ticket. For your convenience,

the easiest point of entry to the stand will be noted on your ticket (i.e. Red Lion corner or Hospital corner). Once inside, please look to the signs within the North Stand concourse, indicating which gangway you require to reach your seat.

● **East Stand, Rous Stand and Family Areas season ticket holders:**

As ever, your numbered seat (as indicated in your season ticket book) will be reserved for you. Please remember to bring your season ticket book and present it at the turnstile on the night, to gain admission in the usual way.

● **Match ticket holders for the above areas:**

Please note that **no duplicate tickets** will be issued **under any circumstances** for this game. Anyone not in possession of a ticket (or relevant season ticket) will not be admitted to the stadium.

Tickets for this game are still available at the Watford Ticket Office, to personal callers only from today.

Tickets are priced **£12.50** for the **North Stand** and **£17.50** for **East and Rous Stands**. The **Disabled Enclosure** is **fully booked** for this game.

SEE THE RESERVES FREE!

Did you know that you can currently watch Watford's reserve matches at home, free of charge?
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Fortunately, soccer is showing the way. There are multi-racial teams, playing to multi-racial crowds.

Here in Britain, our players, their management and their supporters reject racism and intolerance. Like the Commission for Racial Equality, they are working for a society in which everyone has a fair chance to enjoy themselves free from discrimination and prejudice, and free from the fear of racial harassment, abuse and violence.

You can help too.

So let's kick racism out of football - together.

Gordon Taylor

GORDON TAYLOR
Chief Executive
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I've just taken a quick look back over my first year here, working in the Community Office and I am extremely pleased with the way things have gone for everybody concerned.

It's been a hard year, with regard to the amount of hours I've worked, but I am so pleased with the response from schools, businesses and other such people.

The one big thing I am noticing now is the amount of new schools that want to be part of the school programme package that we offer and this for me is very pleasing, as we are always looking at branching out to new areas within Hertfordshire. Let's hope we can keep this going throughout the next year and build strong foundations within our community.

Football in the Community is operated by the Footballers' Further Education and Vocational Training Scheme (F.F.E. & V.T.S.) and is run in conjunction with the Football Association and the Football League.

The Watford FC Football in the Community Scheme aims to offer a wide range of regular activities for adults and children. Among those currently available for children are soccer courses, day trips, Saturday soccer club, football coaching and school visits.

We are always open to suggestions and if you have any ideas for further events, or if you would like additional information on any aspect of the service, please contact Watford's Football in the Community Officer, **Jimmy Gilligan** on **0923 440449** (answerphone outside office hours).

JIMMY
GILLIGAN
reports on
Watford FC's
Football
In The
Community
scheme:

What did he say? If you're under-15, enter Jimmy's caption competition and you could win a free place on the October Soccer School.

Pic: Martin Wolmark

For those of you who were at the Middlesbrough game, you will notice that we are now trying to introduce some half-time entertainment to keep you all occupied. During the 15-minute break, this will take place in a number of ways, i.e. shoot-out penalty competitions, five-a-sides, plus one or two unusual ones, which you will see happening in the very near future. We are very grateful to **Les Simmons**, Watford's groundsman and of course to his assistant **Alex (Super Al) Hall**, who doubles-up as our goalkeeper, when we have the penalty shoot-out competitions as you can see from the picture above.

We hope you'll enjoy the different entertainments and please get behind the boys and girls at half-time. This afternoon you'll be treated to a shoot-out between four Watford Junior Hornets and four young Luton Town supporters.

As a little extra this week, I'd like to offer two free places on one of my **October Soccer Schools** for the two children, aged under 15, who send me the best caption to go with the picture at the top of this page, which captures my recent interview with 'Super Al', our goalkeeper. Please write your caption on a postcard or sealed envelope, together with your name, address, age and telephone number and send it to me at the club address, before our next home game v. Reading.

Finally, I'd like to thank **Mr Hollis**, who 'phoned me recently with the idea of me running a businessman's five-a-side league. At present we are looking at the possibility of setting this in motion, and I'd be interested to hear from any local businessmen who would like to take part.

Enjoy the game.

Best wishes,
Jimmy Gilligan

In the Community

Luton

Luton Town have made a somewhat disappointing start to the new season and while they are currently too near the relegation zone for their liking, they'll be aiming to avoid another season of struggle.

Their only win, prior to last Tuesday's game at home to Bolton Wanderers, was at Port Vale at the beginning of this month, when a goal from Dwight Marshall earned them victory.

The Hatters drew at Derby County (0-0), but lost their other away game at Tranmere Rovers (4-2).

Luton have yet to secure a home victory in four attempts in the Endsleigh Insurance League and Coca-Cola Cup. They drew with West Bromwich Albion (1-1) and Southend United (2-2) in the First Division, then lost their unbeaten home record last weekend when going down to Burnley (1-0).

The Hatters unfortunately met with early disaster in the Coca-Cola Cup - a competition they won as recently as 1988. After being held 1-1 at home by Third Division Fulham, they played another 1-1 draw at Craven Cottage. The eventual penalty shoot-out ended 4-2 to Fulham.

Luton manager David Pleat, who has been forced to sell so many players in order to keep the club alive, this summer had the rare experience of being given cash to spend on new signings. Having been low on goals for some while now, he invested in two new strikers and also signed an experienced goalkeeper.

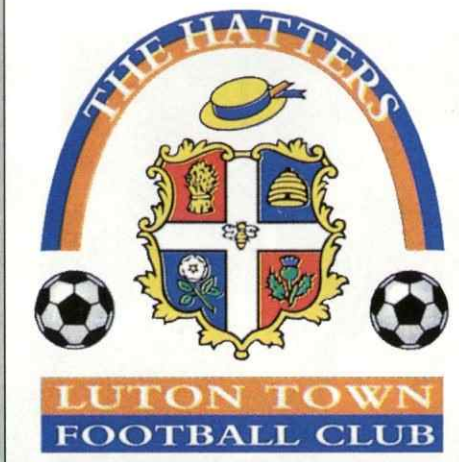
Mr Pleat paid Plymouth Argyle £150,000 for Dwight Marshall, who scored 13 times last season. He then added Tony Adcock from Peterborough United. Adcock, a man of many clubs, has been a top scorer with several of them.

Goalkeeper Fred Barber also came from Peterborough United in a £25,000 deal, having previously served Chesterfield (loan), Colchester (loan), Blackpool (loan), Chester (loan), Walsall, Everton and Darlington.

Marshall was eased into the side as substitute, then played a couple of games alongside former England forward Kerry Dixon at attack. But more recently, Marshall has moved back into a midfield role, with Scott Oakes and John Hartson filling the attacking positions. Dixon has sometimes been included as substitute, while Tony Adcock did not take part in the Hatters' early games.

On the opening day, Mr Pleat gave a League debut to Aaron Skelton in midfield and he has subsequently played a few more games here.

Paul Telfer and David Preece have been holding their places in midfield but last week, Mr Pleat signed former Republic of Ireland interna-



tional midfielder Gary Waddock on loan from Bristol Rovers.

Des Linton, Ceri Hughes and Scott Houghton have also played in midfield. Mitchell Thomas, who can play in midfield or at left-back, is often seen on the bench.

The defence has been the most settled area of the team and remained intact for all matches up to last weekend.

David Greene has been drafted into the centre of defence alongside Trevor Peake, whilst Julian James and Marvin Johnson filled the full-back positions in front of goalkeeper Juergen Sommer. New-man Fred Barber is the Hatters' substitute 'keeper.

The Luton manager appreciates, however, that if his team is to make a real showing this season, it must produce far better performances on opponents' grounds. The irony for him was that, although Luton last season drew away to Premiership clubs Newcastle United (1-1) and West Ham (0-0) - beating both in replays - they struggled for points on opponents' grounds in the First Division.

Their only away League victories came at Oxford (1-0) and Notts County (2-1).

Last season Luton found themselves in early trouble after winning only one of their opening seven games. Despite enjoying a marvellous run in the FA Cup, ultimately going out to Chelsea (2-0) in the semi-final, they remained in danger of relegation until an uncomfortably late stage of the season.

Back Row, from left: Tony Adcock, Des Linton, Mitchell Thomas, Juergen Sommer, Marvin Johnson, David Greene, John Hartson.

Middle row: Clive Goodyear (Physio), Martin Williams, Richard Harvey, Julian James, Kerry Dixon, Aaron Skelton, Scott Oakes, Dwight Marshall, John Moore (Coach).

Front row: Ceri Hughes, Scott Houghton, David Preece, David Pleat (Manager), Trevor Peake, Tony Thorpe, Paul Telfer.



KEY PEOPLE

David Pleat returned for his second spell as Luton's manager in June 1991. He had previously been in charge from 1978 to 1986, when he was invited to take over as Tottenham's manager.

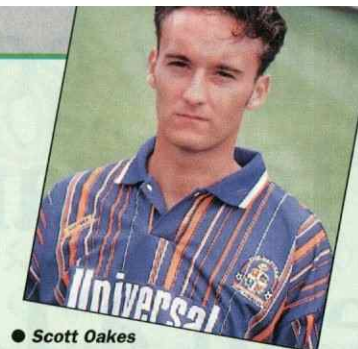
Mr Pleat left Spurs in October 1987 and worked abroad, before taking over at Leicester City in December 1987. He remained at Filbert Street until January 1991.

It was at Luton that Mr Pleat made his name as both player and manager. He had begun his playing days with Nottingham Forest but played only half-a-dozen first team games before joining Luton in 1964. In 1967 he was transferred to Shrewsbury and he later played for Exeter City and Peterborough before retiring in 1971.

It was in 1974 that he joined Luton as reserve team coach. He was promoted to first team duties three years later and, in 1978, he was appointed manager.

As the Hatters look to escape another relegation battle, goalkeeper Juergen Sommer will again be a key figure in the side. His form for Luton last season earned him a place in the USA squad for this summer's World Cup, although he did not actually play

David Pleat



Scott Oakes

in the finals.

Juergen joined Luton as a junior but made his League debut for Brighton, whilst on loan, in November 1991. He also played League soccer during a spell with Torquay before getting his chance in the Luton side last season.

The experience of striker Kerry Dixon could still be of great value to the Hatters. He made his name in non-League football with Dunstable but was rejected by Spurs. He started his League career with Reading, then became a consistently high scorer with Chelsea - this form earning him eight England caps. He moved on to Southampton in 1992 and then to Luton, initially on loan, a few weeks later.

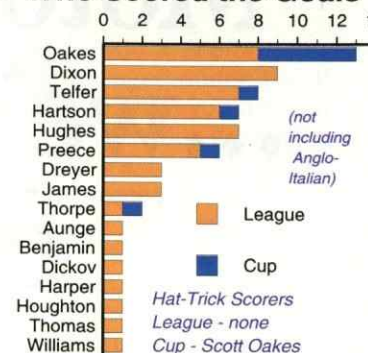
In the long term, however, Luton will probably be turning to Scott Oakes who made such a big impact during the second part of last season. He will never forget the hat-trick which earned Luton a 3-2 victory over Premiership West Ham in the sixth round of the FA Cup, taking the Hatters into the semi-finals.

Scott, who finished with 13 goals last term, played his early football with Leicester but was limited to three outings in their League eleven. He joined Luton in an exchange deal three seasons ago.

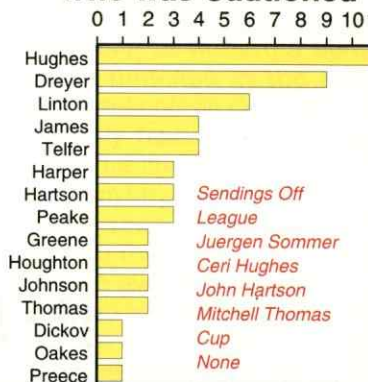
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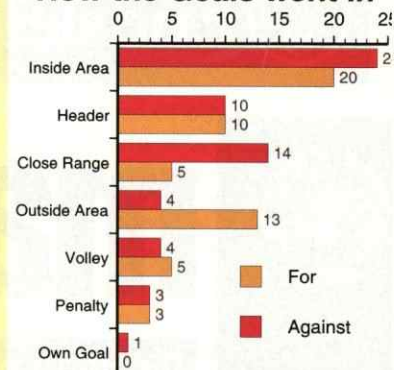
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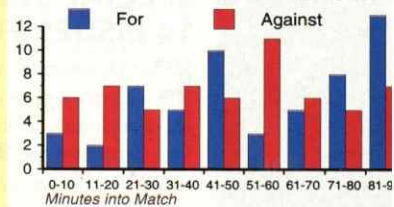
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Junior Hornets

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR
HORNETS CLUB, WITH CARL JAUNCEY

WELCOME

Another warm Watford welcome to all the Junior Hornets here at Vicarage Road today. With the summer holidays now well and truly behind us, we can really start to look forward to the half-term holiday in October.

At the moment we have one definite date to put into your diaries and that's **Friday October 21**, when we'll be running our first-ever **Swim Splash Night** at **Watford Springs**. This event starts at **6.30pm**, when we will be entertained by a disco. Then from **7.30pm - 8.30pm**, we'll enjoy some fun and games in the main pool, competing against the Springs' very own juniors, the **Watford Sharks**. Finally, from **8.30pm to 9.30pm**, dinner is served in the Watford Springs restaurant.

The whole event costs just **£7.00** and if you are interested in this great evening out, give me a call on **0923 230933**.

AWAY TRAVEL

The next away trip for the Junior Hornets will be to **Charlton Athletic** on **Saturday October 1**. We've had an invitation from the junior supporters of Charlton to play friendly matches in the morning and I'm now putting together teams. If you're interested in playing for Watford at Charlton, please let me know as soon as possible and don't forget, it isn't necessary for you to be a member of the Junior Hornets Club to travel to away games with us - all young Watford supporters are very welcome!

In the meantime, I'll be finalising the times and prices for this trip. So if you would like further details, again, please do give me a call.

ANY IDEAS?

What activities would you like the Junior Hornets to take part in during the next school holidays? I am open

to suggestions and we'd especially like to hear your ideas for any new or different events.

Don't be shy - give me a ring on **0923 230933**, I'd love to hear from you.

WE HIT A CENTURY!

A big thank you to all the children who came along to Junior Hornets' training on **Thursday September 8** - there were over a hundred of you!

A great time was had by us all and I'd also like to thank the professional players who helped us that evening - **Colin 'Beany' Simpson, Paul Wilkerson and Matt Vier**.

So how about going for a double-century next time? If you haven't been to Junior Hornets' football training yet, why not join us now. We train **every Thursday** afternoon, between **4.30 and 5.30pm**, at the **Woodside Leisure Centre in Horseshoe Lane, Garston**. All **boys and girls** are welcome and the charge is only **50p** per session.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Our very best wishes to all the Junior Hornets listed below who are celebrating their Birthdays:

Matthew Bonnick, Alexander Porter, Andrew Weller, Kevin Carter, Charlotte Moulder, Michael King, Terry Devine, Emma Doree, Naomi Smethers, Phillip Turner, Ian Doherty, Simon Mail, Phillip Walldock, Anthony Aethans and Ashley Rowlands.

MASCOTS' MESSAGE

A reminder to our Junior Hornets' Club members that one of the benefits of membership is the chance to be Watford's mascot for a day.

We do operate a waiting list, but if you would like to apply to be a mascot, please get in touch with me on the usual number.

Are you a Watford supporter, er, aged under 16? If you are, then you are also eligible to join our growing junior supporters' club and become a **Junior Hornet**.

Once enrolled, you will receive a membership pack which includes Junior Hornet souvenirs and your very own Junior Hornet T-shirt. It will also contain your official membership card and membership number. This entitles you to come along to Watford's home reserve matches in the Avon Insurance Football Combination **absolutely free**, as well as giving you the chance to take part in the many Junior Hornet events such as those mentioned on this page.

These events include:

- football training every Thursday
 - club nights at Vicarage Road (usually attended by a selection of Watford players)
 - football courses
 - day trips
 - matches against the junior supporters of other clubs
 - away travel to Watford's first team matches in the Endsleigh Insurance League Division One and some Cup ties
 - competitions
 - quizzes
- and much, much more!

If you like the sound of the Junior Hornets' Club, don't miss out on the fun - come and join us! It's so easy, just call **Carl Jauncey** on **0923 230933** (extension 129) and ask for an application form, or call in to the club's Marketing Department any time between 9.00am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday.



▲ Tommy Mooney wings in with this first-half cross against Middlesbrough, two weeks ago.

(Pics: Martin Wolmark)



▲ Delight as Richard Johnson (he really is under there somewhere) smashes home our equaliser.



▲ Chocks away for Craig Ramage and partner, in this low-flying manoeuvre.



▲ A slight role—reversal here, as ex-Hornet Paul Wilkinson defends under pressure from Colin Foster and David Holdsworth.

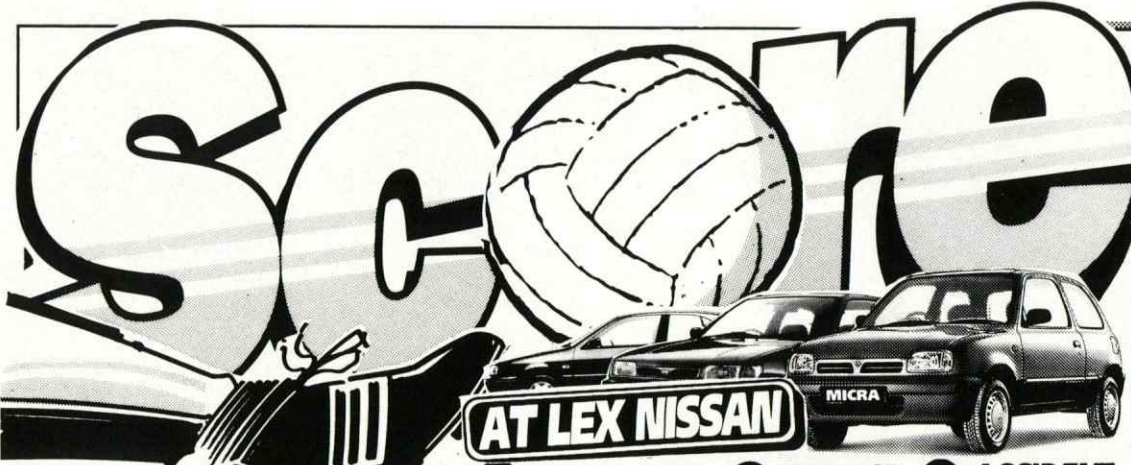
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▲ Darren Bazeley lets fly, with a speculative second-half shot.

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When the Football League decided to scrap the old regional Third Divisions at the end of the 1957-58 season, Watford found themselves in the new Division Four doing battle with several northern sides for the first time.

In November 1958 Watford, in their last season in blue shirts, travelled up to Boundary Park, Oldham for the initial encounter between the two sides for League points.

Watford were strengthened by the inclusion of new record signing **Cliff Holton** from Arsenal at centre-forward. The former Gunner was captured for £10,000 the previous month and had made his debut in a 5-1 drubbing of the ill-fated **Gateshead** club the week before, although he did not find the net in this game.

Holton's Watford colleagues at Boundary Park lined up with ex Chelsea 'keeper **Mike Collins** in goal and Scot **Bobby Bell** partnering ex-Swansea man **Jack Harrop** in the full-back positions. **George Catleugh**, signed from Nuneaton Borough in May 1954, was at right-half with former junior **Vince McNeice** at centre-half and Watford's longest serving player

Johnny Meadows at wing-half. The forward line featured two players signed from Norwich City in July 1958: **Johnny Gavin** and **Peter Gordon** on the right, while Holton's left sided partners were ex-Morton striker **George Fleming** and another ex-Watford junior

Freddie Bunce.

Holton did not waste much time opening his Watford account when the game kicked off. Only three minutes were on the clock when the big man planted the ball beyond Teele in the home goal and before the Latics could recover

er he turned provider, threading the ball through to **Freddie Bunce** who had an easy opportunity to score. Watford and Holton were not finished yet, however, as the new signing piled on the agony with his second a shot from 18 yards out.

Watford had raced into a 3-0 half time lead, but Oldham's tormented defence were unable to gain much respite after the restart. After 20 minutes of the second period **Johnny Gavin** raced onto an inch perfect pass from Holton for number four and while George Catleugh's trip on Phoenix resulted in **Jim**

THEIR FINEST HOUR

Paul Levene
pinpoints the pinnacle performance of a past Watford team



• Cliff Holton

Thompson netting for the Latics from the spot, Watford restored their winning margin with 10 minutes to go. This time it was the other former Canary **Peter Gordon** who scored following an excellent solo run. It capped a superb away performance from 'the Blues', and although Oldham winger **Peter Phoenix** was allowed to score twice at the death for the home side, Watford had found a new idol in Cliff Holton inspiring his colleagues to produce a gargantuan away performance in the process a 5-3 win.



The Capital Gold Sport net sweeps wide, and we cover both Luton and Watford on 1548AM. So, in my role as a football reporter for the station, I cover matches involving both clubs.

The intense rivalry between the two clubs will never disappear, and indeed should never disappear as it is what makes these derbies so fascinating. What I wonder is whether, even though this partisanship exists, it is possible for the two sets of supporters to have even a grudging admiration for players in the opposition team.

Luton supporters probably won't have seen Watford since last season and vice versa, so here are a couple of opposition players to watch for. David Preece is playing as well as ever for the Hatters, whilst in midfield for the Hornets, Richard Johnson is capable of scoring the sort

of spectacular goal that would bring the match to life.

At the back, Colin Foster is in commanding form for Watford, but he will be tested by young John Hartson, who looks to have a great future in the game. Enjoy the match!
Cheers,

Simon Michaelson

A member of the Capital Gold Sports Team



Jason Solomon



Jason's experience this season is further proof that one man's misfortune is another man's opportunity.

"I'd had a good pre-season, but suffered a groin injury before the opening game of the season, against Sheffield United," says the Hertfordshire-born midfielder, who'll be 24 next month.

"So I started the season on the substitute's bench, with Richard Johnson coming in for the next game - and he has played extremely well and held onto his place. The manager has said publicly that if the man in possession of the shirt is performing well, he'll stay in the side - and rightly so.

"Now it's up to me to push for a place in the first team. I've had some good games in the reserves and have to wait for my opportunity. With the healthy competition that exists for places at the club right now, it means that when I get a



place, I've got to play well enough to keep it."

Originally a defender, Jason has played most of his 94 full senior matches as a midfielder. Is that now his preferred position?

"Undoubtedly," he says. "Ideally, I like to play as one half of a twosome in midfield, with the licence to get forward and support the attack.

"But clearly, my primary aim right now is to get into the side on a regular basis - and stay there!"

And the next milestone en route is 100 full appearances for Watford - a career mark from which he's only six games away.

THE HIGHS...

"Playing in Watford's FA Youth Cup Final-winning side of 1988 was a high spot - as were various appearances I made for the England Youth side

"I played for the under-15, under-16 and under-17 sides, but it's the second game I played at Wembley that really sticks out.

"That was for the under-17 side against the Netherlands. I played the whole game and we won 3-1.

"Going back to the Youth Cup Final, that was a great night at Vicarage Road. We had drawn 0-0 at Manchester City and were one down at Vicarage Road with a few minutes to go. Then Andy Gunn equalised and Rod Thomas scored our winner in extra time. A special night."

...AND LOWS

"Injuries are always a low point, because it effectively means you can't go to work like everyone else.

"I've had two ligament injuries, which has meant being in plaster for six weeks at a time. After the plaster is off, it then takes time to get back to fitness and then it's back to fighting for a place again. "Our battles against relegation in recent seasons have been bad news - let's make sure we don't go through that again!"

BEGINNINGS:

"My schoolteacher in Welwyn Garden City had a connection with Spurs, so I went training there at the age of 11.

"Two years later I heard Watford were interested in me, so I came to Vicarage Road and for a while trained with both clubs. But I really liked the set-up and atmosphere at Watford - and felt I had a better chance to progress.

"In my early days, I had also played for a good Sunday side in my area - Panshanger Yellows. We had a certain David James in goal as well."

Date of birth: October 6, 1970

Age: 23

Place of birth: Welwyn Garden City

Height: 6'

Weight: 12st 2lbs

Date signed for Watford: December 1, 1988

Signed from: Youth Trainee

Transfer Fee: -

First team appearances: 94 + 20

Goals: 6

First appeared for Watford: v. Ipswich Town (ZDS Cup), November 21, 1989

International appearances: England - youth

Other clubs (appearances, goals): None

Playing position: Midfield

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Having been born and bred in Stockport and now working in Bristol, my Watford experiences over the past 20 years have encompassed as many away matches in the North West and West Country, as they have visits to Vicarage Road. Family ties with Watford lured me into fervent support and by the time I had named my childhood budgerigars Luther and Ross, I was a loyal Cheshire Hornet.

Visits to Watford are carefully planned. The return of **Graham Taylor**, the promise of a balmy summer's evening and sizeable visiting support made the home fixture versus Wolves an attractive prospect.

Included in my away-day schedule was an afternoon tour of **Wembley Stadium**, which despite its multi-million pound facelift, still seemed shabby and unkempt in parts. What a refreshing change to pass from the 'venue of legends' to **Vicarage Road Stadium**, resplendent in modern design, pristine in red and yellow decor and with a fledgling Rookery about to rise up.

And so to the match; Watford without a League goal in three matches against Wolves the cliché collectors ('a sleeping giant', 'everyone's tip to go up', playing in a 'Premiership Stadium') who seemed likely to provide a stern test. A home goal and a home point were not an unreasonable expectation.

Watford started the sharpest and soon had the upper hand in midfield. Often, however, they appeared edgy on the ball, preferring to get rid of it immediately rather than control, consider and then move. Even at an early stage

it was clear a strong presence up front was required, as too many early balls were bouncing unchecked into the arms of **Mike Stowell**. Watford's early endeavour found reward when a midfield through-ball found its way to **Colin Foster** who volleyed it into the net. "One-nil to the Golden Boys".

Wolves looked strong on the break thereafter and a **Taylor-esque** free-kick, combining two walls and scattering players on the edge of the area brought hearts to mouths and déjà vu to mind, before **Darren Ferguson** shot tamely wide.

In the second half, a revitalised Wolves' onslaught never materialised. Watford enjoyed possession and confidence, moving freely down the right with neat passing movements, to create regular opportunities. **Andy Hessenthaler** always looked dangerous with **Gary Porter** also in form. **Craig Ramage** got into good positions without perhaps doing the damage he might have hoped for. When called upon, **Kevin Miller** impressed with his safe handling.

As the game progressed, Wolves rallied and five minutes from time, a spell of pressure produced a corner from which **Neil Emblen** equalised at the far post. An undeserved blow, given Watford's commitment. However, the reply was swift - incisive play down the right saw the ball reach **Richard Johnson** who smashed it into the roof of the Wolves net from fully 25 yards, to send the Watford crowd into Cup-tie-style jubilation and the players into a scrummage of congratulation.

This was a thoroughly deserved win and confidence-boosting performance which silenced a large Wolves contingent. A proven striker is still needed, but this was a team effort, showing commitment and ability, from which the players should take heart. On a personal note, the match was excellent value for money and will keep this Watford exile going until his next Vicarage Road fix in the Autumn.

WATFORD SUPPORTER
CHARLES REED
 reports on our match v.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
 on
AUGUST 30 1994

TREATMENT TABLE

No less than 14 players are included on the Hornets' latest treatment list. **Colin Simpson** (recovering from calf strain) and **Dominic Ludden** (flu) both came through 90 minutes' play at home to **Portsmouth** reserves on Monday afternoon. **Gerard Lavin** also took part in the game, playing 45 minutes. All reported back with no problems.

Nigel Gibbs is concentrating on running and kicking, while **John White** is also continuing his build-up to full fitness.

Flu victims **Alex Inglethorpe** and trainee **Darren Steer** are currently resting at home. Ironically, **Alex** had made excellent progress after sustaining a bad groin injury.

Robert Page (knee ligament injury) and **Mark Watson** (ankle) were both pencilled in for a return to full training yesterday. Meanwhile **David Barnes** is undergoing his own fitness programme.

Keith Millen looks to be over his groin strain and will hopefully be fit for selection this weekend, but a late decision will be made on **Tommy Mooney**, who suffered a nasty kick on the back of his leg at **Oldham** on Tuesday night.

Trainees **Wayne Andrews** and **Craig Pearl**, both with ankle injuries, are progressing well.

DRESSING ROOM

Just a year ago, Watford's new player-coach **Kenny Sansom** thought he was destined to be one of football's forgotten men.

Hardly a fitting end to a distinguished career which has thus far amassed well over 700 appearances, taking in **Crystal Palace, Arsenal, Newcastle United, QPR, Coventry, Everton** and **Brentford**. Not to mention 86 full international caps for **England**, together with honours at 'B', under-21 and youth levels.

But they do say you can't keep a good man down and as our picture shows, **Glenn Roeder** was delighted to bring **Kenny's** knowledge and vast experience to the Hornets' backroom team as player-coach.

But don't draw a line under that senior appearances total just yet - after stepping into the first team last Saturday at **Barnsley**, it seems that **Kenny** could be setting his sights on increasing that figure to nearer the 900-mark!



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Advance warning to all Watford supporters that the Ticket Office booking system will unfortunately be **out of action** from **2.00pm**, next **Wednesday, September 21**, due to essential maintenance work.

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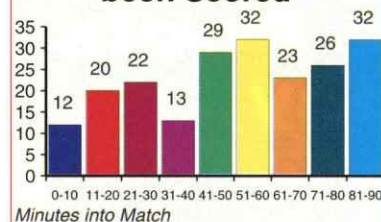
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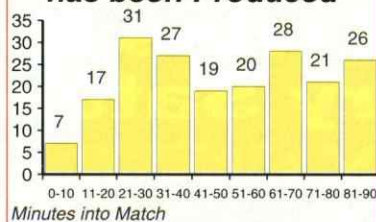
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Bolton	18.2		0-2	6.5	21.1	1.10	17.12	1.4	11.3	1-0	19.11	15.10	17.9	3.12	1.1	21.3	4.3	4-0	17.4	1.11	27.12	29.10	8.4	4.2
Bristol City	4.2	10.12		18.3	7.3	0-2	3.12	25.2	24.9	8.10	10.9	18.2	29.10	0-0	29.4	21.1	25.3	27.12	0-0	19.11	8.4	1.1	17.4	1.11
Burnley	0-1	8.10	1-1		3.12	15.4	18.2	21.3	17.12	1.4	29.10	11.3	22.4	26.12	21.1	19.11	31.12	1-1	29.4	4.2	1.10	1.11	4.3	17.9
Charlton	2-2	5.11	3-2	22.10		14.1	21.3	22.4	26.11	31.12	4.3	17.12	11.3	29.4	8.10	1-1	26.12	1.4	11.2	17.9	21.2	1.10	12.11	15.4
Derby	17.12	25.2	1.4	27.12	29.10		2-1	0-0	0-1	11.3	3.12	17.9	21.1	19.11	2.11	4.2	29.4	24.9	8.4	22.3	17.4	8.10	1.1	18.2
Grimsby	17.4	3-3	22.10	26.11	0-1	7.3		11.2	5.11	12.11	1.1	27.12	1.10	4-1	8.4	8.10	14.1	21.2	18.3	4.3	3-1	10.12	25.3	29.4
Luton	29.10	0-3	1.10	0-1	1.1	10.12	1.11		15.10	4.3	8.4	4.2	19.11	7.3	17.4	3.12	2-2	6.5	27.12	18.2	18.3	25.3	1-1	21.1
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Notts County	1.4	21.2	21.3	14.1	24.9	22.10	22.4	31.12	15.4	26.12		1-3	17.12	8.10	25.2	11.3	11.2	17.9	5.11	0-1	12.11	29.4	26.11	1-1
Oldham	24.9	29.4	26.11	3-0	5-2	25.3	15.4	12.11	11.2	22.4	18.3		8.10	10.12	1-3	25.2	7.3	22.10	14.1	31.12	5.11	0-2	21.2	26.12
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Swindon	25.2	11.2	22.2	23.11	25.3	1-1	24.9	26.11	14.1	5.11	8.3	8.4	29.4	2-0	1-0	27.12	22.10	17.4	1.1		10.12	1-0	0-0	8.10
Tranmere	1.11	15.4	31.12	25.2	19.11	26.12	11.3	4-2	6.5	17.9	4.2	21.1	1.4	29.10	18.2	2-1	22.4	17.12	24.9	3-2		3.12	15.10	21.3
Watford	21.3	14.1	22.4	11.2	25.2	6.5	0-0	17.9	1-1	15.4	15.10	1.4	26.12	31.12	24.9	17.12	12.11	26.11	21.2	11.3	22.10		5.11	2-1
West Brom	3.12	31.12	26.12	24.9	4.2	22.4	17.9	18.12	1.4	22.3	18.2	19.11	3.9	2.11	29.10	20.8	15.4	25.2	8.10	31.8	29.4	21.1		11.3
Wolves	8.4	12.11	11.2	25.3	28.12	26.11	15.10	5.11	21.2	22.10	10.12	17.4	4.3	1.10	1-0	1.1	5-0	14.1	7.3	6.5	2-0	18.3	2-0	

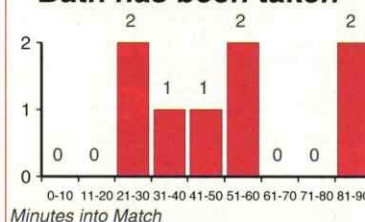
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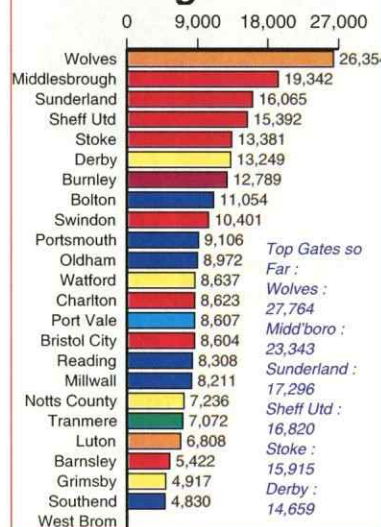
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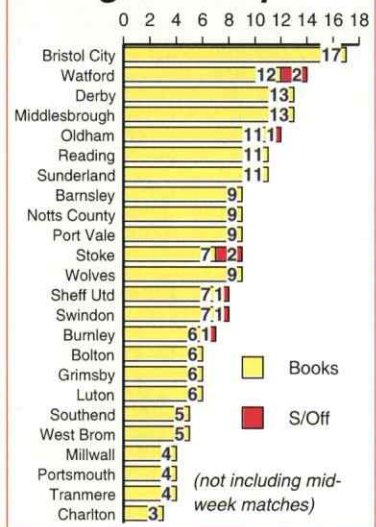
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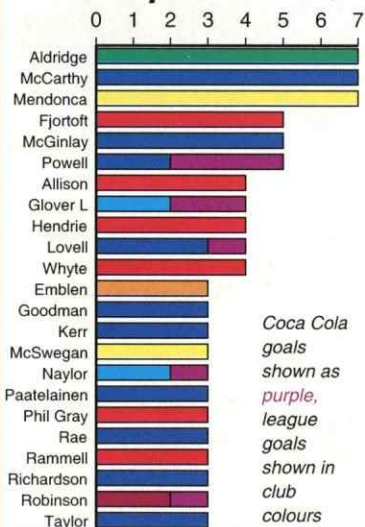
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League Discipline



Top Scorers



DIVISION ONE DATA

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE: 27,764 WOLVES v WEST BROMWICH ALBION
LOWEST ATTENDANCE: 3,970 GRIMSBY TOWN v CHARLTON ATHLETIC
BEST SUPPORTED CLUB: WOLVES (Average 27,269)
WORST SUPPORTED CLUB: SOUTHEND (Average 4,830)
TOP SCORERS: Sean McCarthy (Oldham) 7, John Aldridge (Tranmere) 7, Clive Mendonca (Grimsby) 5, Jan Fjortoft (Swindon) 5, John Hendrie (Middlesbrough) 4, Wayne Allison (Bristol C) 4, David Whyte (Charlton) 4.
BIGGEST WINS: Home Bolton 4 Stoke 0, Reading 4 Stoke 0, Oldham Ath 5 Charlton Ath 2, Millwall 4 Derby Co 1, Stoke 4 Southend 1.
Away Sheffield United 1 Notts County 3, Notts Co 1 Oldham 3, Oldham 1 Reading 3.
BEST MATCH SCORES: Clive Mendonca (Grimsby) 3 v Bolton, John Kerr (Millwall) 3 v Derby County, Sean McCarthy (Oldham) v Notts Co, John Aldridge (Tranmere) v Luton
LEADING PENALTY TAKER: Clive Mendonca (Grimsby) 2, John Aldridge (Tranmere) 2, Andy Thompson (Wolves) 2
 Up to and including Sunday September 11th

It was a good day for the clubs promoted from Division Two at the end of last season, with all three winning away from home last Saturday. **Reading** moved second in the table following a 3-1 success at **Oldham**. **Mark McGhee's** side took the lead on the half hour through a **Stuart Lovell** goal before ex-Hornet **Lee Richardson** levelled matters just prior to the break. **Simon Osborn** then restored the Royals' advantage on 54 minutes and a second goal from **Lovell** with 16 minutes left ensured the destiny of the points.

Not to be outdone, **Port Vale** travelled to Fratton Park and condemned **Portsmouth** to their first home League defeat. Vale won with a goal in each half, the first from **Lee Glover** on 44 minutes. Ex-Crewe striker **Tony Naylor** then guaranteed Vale's victory 18 minutes from time.

Burnley celebrated their first League win of the season at today's visitors' expense. **David Pleat's** side went down to the only goal scored by the Clarets' **Robinson** a minute before half time.

It was honours even in both of last weekend's Sunday matches. Leaders **Middlesbrough** came from two down to secure a point in the derby match with **Sunderland** at Ayresome Park, after two **Craig Russell** goals put the Rokerites in command. In a dramatic climax two goals in three minutes from **Alan Moore** and **Nigel Pearson** saved Boro's blushes.

Derby County earned a point at

Swindon after coming under intense second half pressure. In the first period the Rams' **Paul Kitson** had equalised with a thunderbolt shot on 17 minutes after the home side opened the scoring a minute earlier through a **Jan Aage Fjortoft** header.

New signing **Nigel Jemson** scored on his debut for **Notts County** at Ashton Gate, but the Magpies still came away pointless. **Bristol City** opened the scoring through **Junior Bent**, **Jemson** then equalised on the stroke of half time before **Martin Scott's** 53rd minute penalty won the day for the Robins.

It was an emotional day at Molineux where many tributes were paid to the late great **Billy Wright** who had sadly passed away the previous Saturday. The present **Wolves** outfit then went on to preserve their 100% home record against **Tranmere Rovers** in front of another large crowd with new loan signing from Liverpool **Paul Stewart** opening the scoring on 37 minutes. **Neil Emblen** added a second after the break, and although the visitors created several chances they could not find a way past **Mike Stowell**.

At the New Den **Millwall** preserved their unbeaten home record, but had to come from behind twice against **West Bromwich Albion**. The recently-hospitalised **Bob Taylor** scored both the Baggies' goals, while **Jon Goodman** returned the compliment for the Lions.

• by Paul Levene

DENNIS SIGNY OF THE SUNDAY EXPRESS TRACES MOVES TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FOOTBALL AND THE PRESS

A few years ago Watford chief executive Eddie Plumley wrote to me expressing concern that relationships between the Press and football bodies were at the lowest level he could remember.

I agreed. As a result, a dialogue began between the Football League, Executive Staffs' Association (FLESA), the PFA and the Football Writers Association (FWA), of which I was then chairman. Eddie was at that time chairman of FLESA, which counted the managers and coaches among its members.

I can remember **Jack Dunnett**, the former League president, saying at an early meeting at Lytham St. Annes that it was hard to get 92 club chairmen to agree on anything.

I also recall going to Hillsborough with some football-writing colleagues to talk to all the chairmen - the first-ever such meeting. On the way we discussed the hammering we expected.

But, after putting our point of view, there was only one dissenting voice. Chelsea's **Ken Bates** said we couldn't deliver what we were offering.

There was an acceleration of progress when **Rick Parry**, chief executive of the Premier League, arrived on the scene. That brings us to this season and, I hope, moves which will help ease (rather than end) the uneasy relationship of recent years between football writers, clubs, managers and players.

Parry, in his wisdom, has backed the FWA call for better facilities. Arsenal were the role model in discussing with us what was required from a Press point of view before they started a rebuilding programme. The result was a splendid Press lounge, a writing room and a separate interview room.

Manchester United, Leeds, Norwich and other clubs followed suit and it is now laid down that any fresh building work should embrace state-of-the-art Press facilities. In addition, Premier League guidelines have been implement-

ed this season that mean managers attend after-match Press conferences - preferably together - along with two nominated players from each side, with either their captains or the PFA representative.

A plank of the guidelines is that clubs provide a representative with the clout to make sure managers and players arrive, or to provide information on their behalf.

How does this improve relationships? It cuts out treating the football writer as a second-class citizen, having trouble with snooty jobsworths denying access and having to scramble for information in car parks or on the pavement outside the ground.

That's the Premier League scene. The Football League - with whom we have a meeting later this month - are going to follow suit with similar guidelines.

This is just a start. It will help the interminable "I was misquoted" or "out of context" cries we have heard over the years.

It won't end agents, managers and players selling stories for money that make sensational headlines.

It won't stop managers slagging off referees or clubs getting embroiled in rows.

It won't stop **Glenn Roeder** having to publicly deny an interest in a player he did not have an interest in anyway.

But, face-to-face, it will help rid us of the mistrust and unease - and it will help us get in line with the clubs in Europe who adopt an open-house policy.

No amount of good PR can stop a player headbutting or elbowing an opponent. Nor can PR stop referees having a bad game.

Jürgen Klinsmann has already set an example to his fellow pros in this country of how to conduct oneself in the public arena.

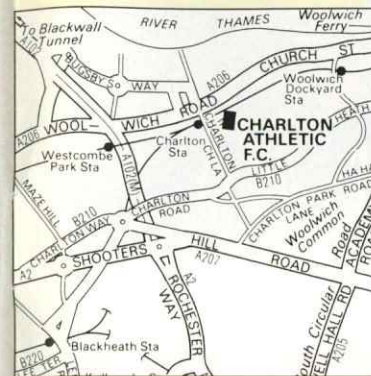
The image of soccer, as portrayed by the media, is certainly better than it was a few years ago.

We'll never reach 100 per cent rapport as we had in the days before TV and mass circulation tabloids.

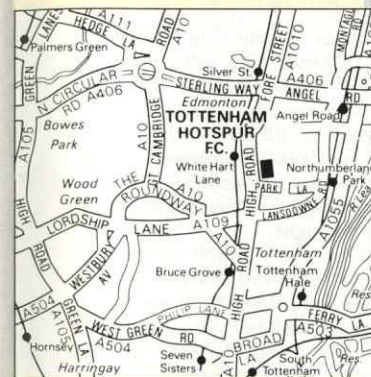
But I'm glad Eddie and I started the move back on the right road.

How to get there

CHARLTON



TOTTENHAM



CHARLTON ATHLETIC V WATFORD

Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
The Valley, Charlton, London SE7
(Tel: 081 293 4567)
Saturday, October 1, 1994
Kick-off: 3.00pm

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES

Seats: £10.00 payable at the turnstiles, on the day. Seats are in the South Stand and are covered.

Concessions for juniors and senior citizens are available at £5.00, but tickets must be bought in advance from the Watford Ticket Office, **no later than 5.00pm on Friday September 30**. There will be no concessions on the day.

Please note: Visiting supporters will be allocated a numbered seat and any adults accompanying those who qualify for concessions should also purchase their seat ticket from Watford, before travelling.

Disabled/Partially sighted facilities can be booked in advance, by telephoning Charlton direct. There are a limited number of spaces available.

TRAVEL

On Club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 12.15pm, returning at approximately 6.45pm.

Cost: £5.50 Adult; £5.00 for Supporters' Club members. No other concessions are applicable. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport - Mileage: Watford to Charlton approximately 25 miles.

Suggested route: Take the M1 southbound to junction 2, then follow signs London A1. Follow City signs from M1/A1, then signs for Shoreditch & Whitechapel to A13. Follow signs for Tilbury and use the Blackwall Tunnel to the A102M. After 1 mile, branch left and then turn left at the T-junction onto the A206. After half a mile, turn right into Floyd Road for Charlton Athletic FC. Limited side street parking available.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR V WATFORD

Coca-Cola Cup, second round, second leg
White Hart Lane, Tottenham
(Tel: 081 808 8080 - Ticket Office)
Tuesday, October 4, 1994
Kick-off: 7.45pm

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES

Seats: As this programme went to press, we were awaiting confirmation of seat prices and availability at Tottenham. Full details will appear in our next programme, v. Spurs on Wednesday, September 21.

TRAVEL

On Club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 5.30pm, returning at approximately 11.15pm. (*Please remember that this game could be subject to extra time).

Cost: £5.50 Adult; £5.00 for Supporters' Club members. No other concessions are applicable. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport - Mileage: Watford to Tottenham approximately 20 miles.

Suggested route: Take M1 southbound and exit at junction 2. Then use A406 North Circular Road to Edmonton and at traffic signals turn right and follow signs to Tottenham, A1010 into Fore Street for Tottenham Hotspur FC.

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FIRST HOME GAME BRINGS VICTORY

For Watford's youth team, Woodside Stadium was home sweet home two weeks ago, as the visit of Norwich City brought with it our first South East Counties League win of the season.

Having suffered the agony of two successive 2-2 draws, when they seemed set for victory, Watford's young players were in determined mood and the visiting Canaries found them hard to break down.

"We defended for most of the game, but we restricted their forward line to very few chances, over the 90 minutes," says youth team manager **Kenny Jackett**.

"We broke out of defence well on two occasions to score good goals through **David Connolly**. The first of these followed a ball in from the right and an early strike from **David** which looped over the Norwich goalkeeper.

"He scored his and our second with a very good left-foot volley from the edge of



Young striker **David Connolly** was on target again for the juniors, scoring both goals in our 2-0 win at home to Norwich City.

the box. That was a second-half goal and effectively sealed the points for us. It was a good solid team performance."

● The Southern Junior Floodlit Cup first round game at home to Cardiff City will now take place on Tuesday, September 27, here at Vicarage Road. The game kicks off at 7.30pm and admission is priced £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for juniors and senior citizens. Please note that season tickets are not valid for this game and season ticket holders cannot gain free admission on the night.

For the youth team, this match will be the second of two Cup ties played in just over a week, with the **South East Counties League Cup** first round game at **Millwall** being played today. We'll keep you up to date with the youth team's progress, on Radio Hornet this afternoon.

● The Hornets' youth ranks will be increased this afternoon, as we welcome six new recruits to Vicarage Road. Signing associated schoolboy forms with the club today are: **Alan Birch, Mark Boyce, Grant Carnock, Lee Nix, James Panayi** and **Tommy Smith**.

The boys are enjoying today's match from the Elton John Suite, together with their families. Welcome to Watford boys and we wish you all very long and successful careers at Vicarage Road.

● We'll be reviewing the youth team's victory at **Ipswich Town** in this Wednesday's programme v. **Tottenham**.

Match Facts:

Watford 2-0 Norwich City
South East Counties League Division One
Saturday September 3 1994
Scorer: Connolly (2)

Team: Rogers, Grime D, Grime N, Pearl, Fitzgerald, Marshall, Carter, Johnson, Connolly, Calderhead, Pluck. Subs: McGiven for Pearl (30 mins), Belgrave not used.



● **Lee Nogan** was on target in the reserves' clash with Arsenal. He's netted seven times this season.

LAST-GASP WINNER MEANS RESERVES' ARE THE LOSERS

An Arsenal goal scored well after the 90 minutes' playing time had elapsed saw **Watford's** reserves tumble to their first defeat since the opening game of the season.

"It was very disappointing, as we had led 1-0, and conceded a penalty to let them back into it," says reserve team coach **Stuart Murdoch**. "We were all looking at our watches wondering when the referee was eventually going to blow the final whistle when they got a winning goal."

Earlier, the portents had looked good when **Stuart's** side took the lead after five minutes. **Lee Nogan** got the ball on the edge of the penalty area and, after rounding an opponent, scored with a well-placed shot.

"Our lead lasted only ten minutes however, as **Paul Davis** scored from the penalty spot after **Garry Fitzgerald** had brought down **Paul Dickov** in the area. However, between the time we scored and they equalised, **Niall Thompson** hit one over their bar.

"To be fair, after they scored, they got on top, but on the balance of play and chances, 1-1 at half-time was a fair reflection.

"There was not a lot in it in the second half, with very few chances at either end and we stuck at the task - to the point where we all felt it was honours even. But in the third minute of time added on a long ball came into our hour, was headed back across and netted for their winner.

"To say we were all frustrated was an understatement, and we were all deflated after having looked well worth a point."

● **Trevor Argrave**, who wore the no.4 shirt against Arsenal, was on trial from Chertsey

Town, the club with whom Watford coach **Kenny Sansom** spent last season.

● The reserves lost 1-0 at home to **Portsmouth** last Monday afternoon. Full report in next Wednesday night's programme.

● Entry to all home League reserve team matches is currently **FREE**. Good-sized crowds have seen our first three home reserve team games of the campaign, and the current offer means you can watch an excellent standard of football for precisely nothing. All seats at reserve teams matches are unreserved, with home games kicking off at 2.00pm. Our next home reserve match is against **Millwall** on **Tuesday October 4**.

Match Facts:

v. **Arsenal**, home
Avon Insurance Combination
Tuesday September 6

Lost: 1-2

Scorer: **Nogan**

Team: Digweed, Soloman, Sansom, Argrave, Fitzgerald, Millen, Pitcher, Nogan, Thompson, Vier, Simpson. Subs: Carter for Simpson (60 mins), Grime, D, Wilkerson (neither used).



AUGUST		Result
Tue 9	Stevenage B (HSC-F).....	A W 3-1
Wed 17	Luton Town	A L 0-2
Wed 24	Bristol City	A W 3-1
Wed 31	Swindon Town	H W 1-0
SEPTEMBER		
Tue 6	Arsenal	H L 1-2
Mon 12	Portsmouth	H L 0-1
Tue 20	Charlton Athletic	A
Mon 26	Bristol Rovers	A
OCTOBER		
Tue 4	Millwall	H
Tue 11	Charlton Athletic	H
Mon 17	Chelsea	A
Sat 29	Portsmouth	A
Mon 31	Wimbledon	H
NOVEMBER		
Tue 8	Luton Town	H
Tue 15	Crystal Palace	A
Tue 22	Bristol Rovers	H
DECEMBER		
Sat 3	Arsenal	A
Tue 6	Chelsea	H
Mon 12	Millwall	A
Tue 20	Brighton & HA	H
JANUARY		
Wed 4	Southampton	A
Wed 11	Ipswich Town	A
Tue 17	Ipswich Town	H
Wed 25	Swindon Town	A
Tue 31	Oxford United	H
FEBRUARY		
Wed 8	Wimbledon	A
Tue 14	Queens Park Rangers	H
Mon 20	Queens Park Rangers	A
MARCH		
Wed 1	Oxford United	A
Wed 8	Brighton & HA	A
Tue 14	Crystal Palace	H
Wed 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Tue 28	West Ham United	H
APRIL		
Tue 4	Southampton	H
Tue 11	Tottenham Hotspur	H
Wed 19	Norwich City	A
Tue 25	Bristol City	H
MAY		
Tue 2	West Ham United	A
Tue 9	Norwich City	H

HSC: Herts Senior Cup

● Reserve team coach **Stuart Murdoch**.

FIXTURES

AUGUST		Result
Sat 13	Fulham	A L 1-3
Sat 20	Gillingham	A D 2-2
Sat 28	Tottenham Hotspur	A D 2-2
SEPTEMBER		
Sat 3	Norwich City	H W 2-0
Sat 10	Ipswich Town	A W 2-1
Sat 17	Millwall SECLC 1	A
Sat 24	Southend United	H
OCTOBER		
Sat 1	Leyton Orient	A
Sat 8	Cambridge United	A
Sat 15	Queens Park Rangers	A
Sat 22	SECLC 2	?
Sat 29	Charlton Athletic	H
NOVEMBER		
Sat 5	Arsenal	H
Sat 12	West Ham United	A
Sat 19	Portsmouth	H
Sat 26	SECLC 3	?
DECEMBER		
Sat 3	Chelsea	A
Sat 10	Millwall	H
Sat 17	Millwall	A
Sat 31	Fulham	H
JANUARY		
Sat 7	Gillingham	H
Sat 14	Tottenham Hotspur	H
Sat 21	Norwich City	A
Sat 28	Ipswich Town	A
FEBRUARY		
Sat 4	Southend United	A
Sat 11	Leyton Orient	H
Sat 18	Cambridge United	A
Sat 25	Queens Park Rangers	H
MARCH		
Sat 4	Charlton Athletic	A
Sat 11	Arsenal	A
Sat 18	West Ham United	H
Sat 25	Portsmouth	A
APRIL		
Sat 1	Chelsea	H

reserves



	Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
1 Middlesbrough	7	3	1	0	7	3	2	1	0	4	1	17		
2 Wolverhampton W.	7	4	0	0	10	0	0	2	1	3	4	14		
3 Swindon Town	7	3	2	0	5	1	1	0	1	3	5	14		
4 Reading	7	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	5	5	11		
5 Bolton Wanderers	7	2	0	1	5	2	1	1	2	7	7	10		
6 Tranmere Rovers	7	3	0	0	9	5	0	1	3	2	7	10		
7 Stoke City	7	3	0	1	5	4	0	1	2	1	9	10		
8 Port Vale	7	2	0	1	5	5	1	1	2	3	6	10		
9 Grimsby Town	7	2	1	1	10	6	0	2	1	3	4	9		
10 Oldham Athletic	7	2	0	2	9	7	1	0	2	4	5	9		
11 Millwall	7	2	1	1	10	5	0	2	1	1	2	9		
12 Charlton Athletic	7	1	2	0	6	5	1	1	2	6	9	9		
13 Sunderland	7	0	3	0	4	4	1	3	0	3	2	9		
14 Bristol City	7	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	5	4	9		
15 Barnsley	7	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	1	4	4	9		
16 Portsmouth	6	1	2	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	1	9		
17 WATFORD	7	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	2	2	4	9		
18 Sheffield United	6	2	1	1	7	4	0	1	1	2	3	8		
19 Derby County	7	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	5	7	8		
20 Burnley	7	0	2	1	2	3	2	0	2	4	7	8		
21 Luton Town	7	0	2	2	3	7	1	1	1	3	4	5		
22 Notts County	7	0	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	6	6	5		
23 Southend United	7	1	0	2	2	4	0	1	3	4	14	4		
24 West Bromwich Alb	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	7	3		

(Up to and including September 14, 1994)

Bolton W. v. Portsmouth	Reading v. Sheffield United
Burnley v. Wolves	Southend Utd v. Bristol City
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Derby County v. Oldham Ath	Tranmere Rovers v. Millwall
Notts County v. Stoke City	West Brom v. Grimsby Town
Port Vale v. Middlesbrough	

Up to 13.09.94	League		CC Cup		FA Cup		Totals		Watford	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
David Barnes									5	0
Darren Bazeley	7	0	2	0			9	0	57(37)	9
Perry Digweed	0(1)						0(1)		26(1)	0
Colin Foster	7	1	2	0			9	1	15	2
Nigel Gibbs									321(4)	5
Andy Hessenthaler	7	0	2	0			9	0	146	11
David Holdsworth	7	1	2	0			9	1	224(10)	12
Alex Inglethorpe									4(14)	3
Richard Johnson	6	2	2	0			8	2	32(10)	2
Gerard Lavin									83(6)	3
Dominic Ludden	1	0					1	0	1	0
Keith Millen	1	0					1	0	11	0
Kevin Miller	7	0	2	0			9	0	9	0
Tommy Mooney	7	0	2	0			9	0	19	2
Jamie Moralee	7	0	2	0			9	0	9	0
Lee Nogan	0(1)						0(1)	0	92(11)	21
Robert Page									4	0
Derek Payne	5	0	2	0			7	0	7	0
Geoff Pitcher										
Gary Porter	6	1	2	0			8	1	349(41)	52
Craig Ramage	7	0	2	1			9	1	20(2)	1
Kenny Sansom	1	0					1	0	1	0
Collin Simpson										
Jason Solomon	0(1)	0					0(1)	0	94(20)	6
Matthew Vier										
Mark Watson	1	0					1	0	19	0
Own goals:					* Substitute appearances shown in brackets.					

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AUGUST		RES	POS	ALL
Sat 13	Sheffield United	L 0-3	-	17,277
Tues 16	Southend Utd (CCLC1, 1)	D 0-0	-	2,859
Sat 20	Grimby Town	D 0-0	-	6,324
Tue 23	Southend Utd (CCLC1, 2)	W 1-0	-	4,582
Sat 27	Swindon Town	L 0-1	24	9,781
Tue 30	Wolves	W 2-1	17	10,108

Sat 3	Middlesbrough	D 1-1	17	9,478
Sat 10	Barnsley	D 0-0	19	4,251
Tue 13	Oldham Athletic	W 2-0	15	7,243

Wed 21 Tottenham Hotspur (CCLC 2, 1)
Sat 24 Reading

Sat 1 Charlton Athletic
Tue 4 Tottenham Hotspur (CCLC2, 2)

Sat 15 Notts County
Sat 22 Tranmere Rovers

Sat 29 Bolton Wanderers

Sat 5 West Br

Sat 19 Sunderland
Sat 26 Stoke City

DECEMBER
Sat. 2. Trammore Bovers

Sat 17 Sheffield United

Tue 27 Millwall
Sat 31 Port Vale

Mon 2 Bristol City
Sat 7 FA Cup 3rd R

Sat 14 Bolton Wanderers

Sat 28 FA Cup 4th R
FEBRUARY

Sat 11 Burnley
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MARCH

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Sat 1 Oldham Athletic

Sat 8 Port Vale
Sat 15 Millwall

Sat 22 Bristol City
Sat 29 Notts County

Sat 6 Derby County

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton Athletic	4	4	0	0	9	1	12
Crystal Palace	4	3	0	1	9	3	9
West Ham United	4	3	0	1	9	3	9
Norwich City	5	2	2	1	15	9	8
Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Chelsea	5	1	4	0	9	7	7
Luton Town	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Wimbledon	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Southampton	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
Arsenal	5	1	3	1	10	10	6
WATFORD	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Millwall	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Swindon Town	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Brighton & HA	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Queens Park Rangers	4	1	0	3	10	5	3
Bristol Rovers	4	1	0	3	3	20	3
Ipswich Town	4	0	2	2	6	9	2
Portsmouth	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
Bristol City	4	0	2	2	4	11	2
Oxford United	4	0	1	3	3	6	1

(Up to and including 11/9/94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	5	4	1	0	16	3	9
Cambridge United	4	4	0	0	8	4	8
Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	3	0	12	4	7
Gillingham	5	3	1	1	8	9	7
West Ham United	5	2	2	1	10	5	6
Fulham	5	2	2	1	10	7	6
Queens Park Rangers	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
WATFORD	5	2	2	1	9	8	6
Charlton Athletic	5	2	1	2	6	4	5
Arsenal	5	2	0	3	6	7	4
Leyton Orient	5	0	3	2	1	4	3
Ipswich Town	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Southend United	5	1	1	3	2	6	3
Millwall	5	1	1	3	5	10	3
Norwich City	4	0	1	3	4	12	1
Portsmouth	5	0	1	4	2	14	1

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Subs.
Miller	Bazeley	Watson	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage*	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Soloman*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Soloman*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Soloman*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage1	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Soloman*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Ludden*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson1	Foster1	Holdsworth	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Millen*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson1	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Ludden*	Moralee	Porter	Mooney	Millen*/Nogan/Digweed*
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson	Foster	Holdsworth	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Millen	Moralee	Sansom	Mooney	Soloman*/Nogan/Digweed
Miller	Bazeley	Johnson	Foster	Holdsworth1	Ramage	Hessenthaler	Payne	Moralee	Porter1(p)	Mooney*	Ludden*/Nogan/Digweed

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 1
CHARLTON ATH. v. WATFORD

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*=Substitute used. Name and number in **bold** = Goal scorer and number of goals.. \$=indicate own goal.

WATFORD

- 1 PERRY DIGWEED
- 2 DARREN BAZELEY
- 3 RICHARD JOHNSON
- 4 COLIN FOSTER
- 5 DAVID HOLDSWORTH
- 6 CRAIG RAMAGE
- 7 ANDY HESSENTHALER
- 8 DEREK PAYNE
- 9 JAMIE MORALEE
- 10 GARY PORTER
- 11 TOMMY MOONEY

SUB
SUB
GK

LUTON TOWN

- JUERGEN SOMMER
- JULIAN JAMES
- MARVIN JOHNSON
- GARY WADDOCK
- MITCHELL THOMAS
- TREVOR PEAKE
- PAUL TELFER
- SCOTT OAKES
- KERRY DIXON
- DAVID PREECE
- JOHN HARTSON

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FUTURE MATCHES

Wednesday, September 21, 1994

Coca-Cola Cup, second round, first leg
WATFORD v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Kick-off: 8.00pm

Saturday, September 24, 1994

Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
WATFORD v. READING
Kick-off: 3.00pm

Tuesday, September 27, 1994

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, first round
WATFORD jun. v. CARDIFF CITY jun.
Kick-off: 7.30pm

Tuesday, October 4, 1994

Avon Insurance Football Combination
WATFORD res. v. MILLWALL res.
Kick-off: 2.00pm

MILESTONES

Congratulations to **Gary Porter**, who will be recording his 350th full senior outing for Watford this afternoon, if selected. Including substitute outings, **Gary** is now just ten short of 400.

Meanwhile, the Hatters' **Trevor Peake** is well on the way to completing his sixth century - today will be his 571st appearance in League football, should he play. **David Preece** is another seasoned campaigner, having recently passed the 300-mark in League outings.

Juergen Sommer made his 50th League appearance in goal for Luton against Bolton last Tuesday.

On the goals front, a strike from **Kerry Dixon** today would take his tally in League football to 213.

TODAY'S MASCOT

A warm Watford welcome to our mascot today, **Stuart Doherty**, who is 11 years old. Stuart lives in Watford and he's currently attending Cherry Tree JMI School. His out of school interests are football, golf, playing on his Sega games system and watching TV. Stuart plays for his school football team and he's obviously very versatile because he plays up front or in goal. He's a regular visitor to Vicarage Road, where he's joined by his dad or grandad and the Doherty family have followed the Hornets since 1960. We wish Stuart and his family a very happy day here. Enjoy the game!



OFFICIALS

REFEREE: M.C. BAILEY (Cambridge)

LINESMEN: B.C. Fish (Godalming, Surrey - yellow flag),

A.J. Webb (Winnersh, Berks - red/yellow flag).

RESERVE OFFICIAL: M. Wyvill.