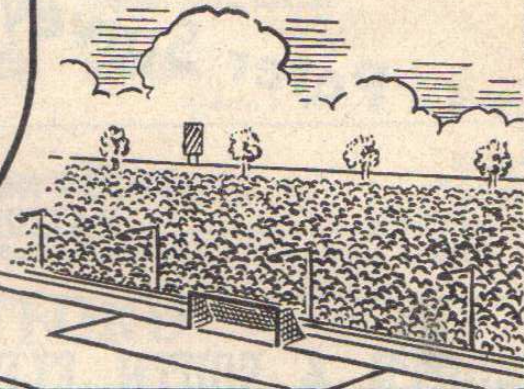
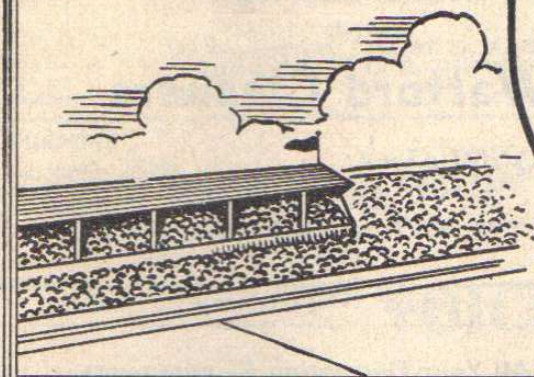


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Tuesday
August 27th, 1957

WATFORD v. SWINDON

Kick-off
7.30 p.m.



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Tuesday
August 27th
Serial No. 1

Watford v. Swindon Town

Kick-off
7.30 p.m.

VOICE OF WATFORD

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen.

May we offer you a very hearty welcome to Vicarage Road once again.

This season is going to be a very hard one for all Third Division clubs, and no effort will be spared here to see us in the top half of the League Table. We shall have our disappointments, but we do ask for your full support.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Ind Coope and Benskins for their most generous gesture regarding the ground. We are about to sign a new twenty-one years lease for a purely nominal rent of £5 per year, in addition we shall receive the rent from the greyhound track. The Debenture of £9,400 which appears in our balance sheet will be cancelled outright. The repair and maintenance of the ground will now become our responsibility, but as a last parting gift, the Brewery have given us £500 towards the cost of refencing the ground, which is in bad condition. All these negotiations have been carried out personally by the Chairman of the Club, whose handling of the situation we all deeply appreciate, but in spite of all these generous concessions we enter the new season with a substantial overdraft, mainly due to summer commitments and entering the transfer market to strengthen the side.

The Programme will continue on the same lines as last year, but we are trying a new innovation this season. We shall run a Football Quiz for every first team home game. The first letter to be opened with the correct answers on Tuesday morning after a Saturday League game and Friday morning in the case of a Tuesday League game, will receive a prize of ONE POUND,

and in addition the winner will be made a member of the Watford Football Supporters' Club, if not already a member. All answers should be addressed to Secretary, Watford F.C., Vicarage Road, Watford, Herts, marked on top left hand corner: "Programme Quiz"—this is most important.

The Lucky Programme numbers this year will receive two Free Seats for the Odeon or Gaumont Cinema each week.

From all reports we should not have lost our League game at Dean Court, Bournemouth last Saturday. Always a tough proposition at home Bournemouth, playing with a strong wind, had the balance of the game in the first half, but a defensive mistake gave them a gift goal. Fighting back, we equalised with a very good goal by Maurice Cook, and turned round 1—1. Most supporters felt with a strong wind at our backs we should at least hold our own, but another gift goal sealed our fate, Bill Barber, the young local boy, showed considerable promise at left half. It is too early to pass judgment on the side after one difficult away game.

Whilst our Reserves lost 3—1 to a very experienced Portsmouth side, there was plenty of promise from the youngsters. David Pygall, who scored our goal, showed up very well. Mike Collins, our new signing from Chelsea performed very ably in goal.

Tonight we shall be entertained by the Watford Ex-Servicemen's Band, so don't forget their collecting boxes.

The Testimonial Committee are planning a big Flood-light Cricket Match on a matting wicket on Thursday, Sept. 19th. They are hoping to bring some Star Cricketers to Vicarage Road. Watch for details in the local Press.

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Welcome to our Visitors — Swindon Town

This evening we give a welcome to Swindon Town.

Here are some pen pictures of their players:—

Sam Burton (goal): Product of local football, signed for Swindon in 1946.

John Neal (right back): A newcomer. He was signed from Hull City after spending one season with King's Lynn. He has been a professional sprinter.

Jimmy Lee (left back): Signed from Leyton Orient in January of this year. He has had spells with Blackburn and Nottingham Forest.

Lew Clayton (right half): Signed during the close season from Bournemouth, he was ever present during the Hants. Club's great Cup run last season.

George Hudson (centre half): A native of Havant, he was a professional with Portsmouth before joining the Town in 1948.

Jack Fountain (left half): He joined Swindon midway through last season from Sheffield United.

Alan Moore (outside right): Signed from Coventry City, formerly with Nottingham Forest, who paid a £10,000 fee for his signature.

Maurice Owen (inside right): Born in Abingdon. Shortly after signing as a professional for Swindon he was the target for offers from many First Division clubs.

Bill Roost (centre forward): Was with Bristol Rovers last season. He was one of the key men in the team which won promotion to the Second Division.

Bob Edwards (inside left): Last season's top goal scorer with 26 goals. He joined Swindon in 1956 from Chelsea.

Arnold Darcy (outside left): Signed December, 1956, from non-League club Wigan Athletic. He has been the regular left winger ever since.



Photo by courtesy Watford Observer

TOMMY EGGLESTON

(Assistant Trainer)

It is with real pleasure that we welcome Tommy Eggleston back to Watford. Tommy was born at Westwood in County Durham, and began his football career as a centre forward and later as a centre half. Mr. George Jobey, who was then manager of Derby, signed him as an amateur in 1938, and shortly after as a professional. Tommy served abroad in the Royal Navy for three years before returning to this country for a course at Portsmouth. He returned to Derby after "demob" and was later transferred to Leicester City. He came to Watford in January, 1948, and was a regular member of the first team until an unfortunate injury ended his career.

Tommy decided that he was going to stay in the game, and after a 12 months extensive course of training as a physiotherapist at Wakefield Hospital, he was appointed trainer to Brentford Football Club in September, 1954, and came to Watford during the last close season.

Tommy is married and has one daughter, Linda Marie, aged 8 years. We would wish Mrs. Eggleston and Tommy a long and happy stay with the Club.

FOOTBALL QUIZ

Here is the first Football Quiz. Send in your solutions to the Secretary, Watford F.C., Vicarage Road, Watford, Herts., and mark "Programme Quiz" plainly on the top left hand corner. The first correct solution to be opened on Tuesday morning after the match, or in the case of a Tuesday match, on Friday morning, will win a prize of £1, and the sender will also be made a member of the Watford Football Supporters' Club if he has not already joined.

1. Which team played in six F.A. Cup rounds in one season and never travelled more than a few miles from its own headquarters?

2. Four players, the secretary, and two directors of a famous Football League club all had the same surname. Can you name them?

3. The best sequence of consecutive away victories in history by a Football League club was achieved since the war. Which was it?

4. Which post-war Football League match was played on neutral ground because that of the home club was under suspension?

5. What is the post-war record for the most goals a player has scored in two successive F.A. Cup rounds?

6. When a player had scored three times in a season he had got goals in all three Football League divisions! Who was he?

NEXT MATCH AT VICARAGE ROAD :—

Saturday, 31st August

WALSALL
FOOTBALL LEAGUE III

K.O. 3.0 p.m.

FROM THE MANAGER'S CHAIR

This evening we entertain our visitors from Swindon who, last season, were one of the few teams to take the maximum number of points from us. Although we may have a number of new faces in our eleven, we are looking forward to a good hard and fast game, with our followers giving our lads an abundance of encouragement in their efforts to win their first home game in what should prove to be a most exacting season for all the clubs.

We expect to take some time before our fellows get used to each others play, and a victory in this match would speed them on to attain this end.

In losing to Bournemouth away on Saturday last by two goals to one, I thought we were somewhat unfortunate. We lost the toss and were set to face a strong wind in the first half and did well to turn round with the score at one each.

The second half developed into a scramble, and although Bournemouth got another goal, I still could not see us lose even then. However, when Billington was ordered off we seemed to lose our grip and we possibly have a grumble in the provocation which led up to our player being sent off.

Our Reserves lost to Portsmouth in their first home game by three goals to one, and were most unfortunate, to say the least. We thought our lads did very well and with a little break with the run of the ball we possibly would have made a closer game of it against our more experienced visitors.

Our Juniors, like our seniors, also went under to their more experienced opponents from Highbury, but there was evidence that with more practice they will do much better as time goes on.



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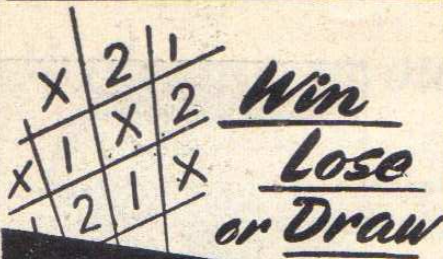
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<p>Referee: J. Barradell (Leicester)</p> <p>Today's Ball has been donated by A. L. Haydn Walker, Vicarage Rd., Watford</p>		
<p>6 FOUNTAIN Left Half</p> <p>3 LEE Left Back</p> <p>10 EDWARDS Inside Left</p>		<p>1 Last Season's Result: Watford 3; Swindon 4</p>

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Good Evening. Here we are with the first home game of the new season, and if we take notice of all the news items which have appeared in the press, it promises to be a season full of interest right until the final whistle on April 26th next year.

The **Watford Football Supporters' Club** take this opportunity of wishing all the new players a long and happy stay at Watford, and it is the hope of all concerned, from the man on the terrace to the man at the top of the Watford Football Club, that this season sees us in the top twelve and so be a member of the new Third Division when it is formed.

Your **Supporters' Club** are going ahead with their efforts to provide all the help they can to members in the form of entertainment and getting the covered accommodation going as soon as possible, and here are two items very worth while noting.

For your Dances this season the **OAKLEY STUDIOS**, Clarendon Road, have been booked and it is with the members' wants in mind that this decision was arrived at. The hall is very well equipped and is central for the Junction station for both trains and buses, near the High Street for coaches and buses, and the bar which will be applied for is in a separate room so that dancers can carry on dancing in a hall without being conscious of the persons who are drinking, and at the same time tables and chairs will be at the disposal of those who wish to take a refreshment without the tiring standing as in the past. Details? Here they are: Your favourite band has been booked again, tickets are one price only this season—4/6 and at this price you can obtain your ticket on or before the day. The first dance

will be held on **FRIDAY**, September 13th. Note this please—**FRIDAY**, September 13th at 8 p.m., and as before, tickets will be limited. You are strongly advised to get your ticket as soon as possible from any Committee person and be sure of gaining admission.

COVERED ACCOMMODATION. At the Annual General Meeting of the **Watford Football Supporters' Club**, held in June, the matter was discussed of raising the sum required by placing a percentage of one of the fund-raising schemes to the advantage of **Covered Accommodation**. The Committee have decided that one-third of the surplus from the scheme be allocated to the **Covered Accommodation**, and by this decision the fund will steadily and rapidly grow. In addition, there are now available a number of subscription lists on which people can place a donation to the **Covered Accommodation Fund**, and if there are among you any people who would be willing to be responsible for the lists and help to swell the fund, would you please contact Mr. F. Seidler, who will furnish you with the sheet. It is hoped that Works Social Groups, Publicans, Hairdressers, and in fact any one who can, will come forward and offer to help. It is well worth it you know. Will YOU help?

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Torquay U.	46	24	11	11	89	64	59	Chelsea	42	28	8	6	110	55	64	Arsenal	24	18	2	4	102	36	38
Colchester U. ..	46	22	14	10	84	56	58	Leyton Orient ..	42	24	8	10	115	71	56	West Ham	24	14	3	7	66	28	31
Southampton ..	46	22	10	14	76	52	54	Bristol City	42	21	12	9	77	62	54	Charlton A.	24	13	2	9	88	58	28
Bournemouth ..	46	19	14	13	88	62	52	Bristol Rovers ..	42	23	7	12	104	61	53	WATFORD	24	13	2	9	60	44	28
Brighton & H.A.	46	19	14	13	86	65	52	West Ham	42	20	13	9	79	47	53	Crystal Palace ..	24	12	4	8	64	71	28
Southend U.	46	18	12	16	73	65	48	Arsenal	42	22	9	11	105	65	53	Tottenham H. ..	24	11	4	9	49	63	26
Brentford	46	16	16	14	78	76	48	Leicester City ..	42	23	6	13	116	66	52	Portsmouth	24	8	8	8	52	66	24
Shrewsbury T. ..	46	15	18	13	82	79	48	Bournemouth ..	42	20	11	11	90	67	51	Bexleyheath	24	8	4	12	57	67	20
Q.P.R.	46	18	11	17	61	60	47	Aldershot	42	19	11	12	88	78	49	Q.P.R.	24	6	4	14	51	86	16
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POSITION	NAME	BIRTH-PLACE	PREVIOUS CLUB	SIGNED
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	Michael Collins	Middlesbrough	Chelsea	July 1, 1957
BACKS	Colin Bateman	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead	March 30, 1953
	Jack Harrop	Manchester	Swansea	July 14, 1956
	Bill Shipwright	London	None	July 1, 1953
	Bob Bell	Ayr.	Ayr	May 8, 1957
HALF BACKS	Roy Brown	Stoke	Stoke	1953
	Peter Barnes	Watford	None	March, 1957
	Bill Barber	Watford	None	March 22, 1957
	George Catleugh	Horden	Nuneaton	May 4, 1954
	Bob Hughes	Stonehouse	None	January 14, 1957
	Vince McNeice	Cricklewood	None	March 26, 1957
	John Meadows	Hoxton	None	June, 1951
	Jimmy Strain	Chesham	None	November 23, 1955
	Charlie Billington	Chesterfield	Norwich	June 27, 1957
	Keith Petchey	Hornchurch	Queen's Park Rangers	July 1, 1957
FORWARDS	Fred Bunce	Watford	None	September 19, 1955
	Michael Benning	Watford	None	September 20, 1956
	Clive Chattin	Workington	None	December 13, 1954
	Maurice Cook	Berkhamsted	Berkhamsted	May 15, 1953
	Les Graham	Manchester	Newport	June, 1955
	Barry Hartle	Manchester	None	August 18, 1956
	Tommy McMillan	Auchinleck	Maybole Juniors	August 30, 1956
	Reg Miller	Pretoria	None	January, 1955
	David Pygall	Watford	None	January 23, 1956
	Peter Walker	Watford	None	1954
	Albert Woodison	Fulham	Leyton Orient	July 26, 1956
	Jimmy Gray	Oldmeldrum	Brechin City	November 16, 1956
	Jimmy Muir	Hillingdon	None	April 13, 1957
	Tony Collins	London	Torquay	June 27, 1957
	Cyril Chung	Abingdon	Norwich	June 17, 1957
Tommy Anderson	Haddington	Queen of South	December 17, 1956	

FIXTURE LIST

FIRST TEAM—FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION III. (SOUTH)

				Gate
1957				
Aug.	24	Bournemouth and B.A.	.. Away	—
"	27	SWINDON TOWN	.. HOME	—
"	31	WALSALL	.. HOME	—
Sept.	4	Swindon Town	.. Away	—
"	7	Coventry City	.. Away	—
"	11	Torquay United	.. Away	—
"	14	SHREWSBURY TOWN	.. HOME	—
"	17	TORQUAY UNITED	.. HOME	—
"	21	Reading	.. Away	—
"	24	BRENTFORD	.. HOME	—
"	28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	.. HOME	—
Oct.	1	Brentford	.. Away	—
"	5	Millwall	.. Away	—
"	12	ALDERSHOT	.. HOME	—
"	15	COLCHESTER UNITED	.. HOME	—
"	19	Plymouth Argyle	.. Away	—
"	26	PORT VALE	.. HOME	—
Nov.	2	Newport County	.. Away	—
"	9	SOUTHAMPTON	.. HOME	—
"	16	(1)		—
"	23	SOUTHEND UNITED	.. HOME	—
"	30	Queen's Park Rangers	.. Away	—
Dec.	7	(2) EXETER CITY	.. HOME	—
"	14	Gillingham	.. Away	—
"	21	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	.. HOME	—
"	26	Colchester United	.. Away	—
"	28	Walsall	.. Away	—
1958				
Jan.	4	(3) CRYSTAL PALACE	.. HOME	—
"	11	COVENTRY CITY	.. HOME	—
"	18	Shrewsbury Town	.. Away	—
"	25	(4) Brighton & Hove A.	.. Away	—
Feb.	1	READING	.. HOME	—
"	8	Northampton Town	.. Away	—
"	15	(5) MILLWALL	.. HOME	—
"	22	Aldershot	.. Away	—
Mar.	1	(6) PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	.. HOME	—
"	8	Port Vale	.. Away	—
"	15	NEWPORT COUNTY	.. HOME	—
"	22	Southend United	.. Away	—
"	29	GILLINGHAM	.. HOME	—
Apl.	4	NORWICH CITY	.. HOME	—
"	5	Southampton	.. Away	—
"	7	Norwich City	.. Away	—
"	12	QUEEN'S PARK R.	.. HOME	—
"	19	Exeter City	.. Away	—
"	23	Crystal Palace	.. Away	—
"	26	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	.. HOME	—
May	3	(F.A. Cup Final)		—

SECOND TEAM—FOOTBALL COMBINATION

				Gate
1957				
Aug.	24	PORTSMOUTH	.. HOME	—
"	28	Bournemouth & B.A.	.. Away	—
"	31	Coventry City	.. Away	—
Sept.	3	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	.. HOME	—
"	7	CARDIFF CITY	.. HOME	—
"	14	Bristol City	.. Away	—
"	21	BIRMINGHAM CITY	.. HOME	—
"	28	Reading	.. Away	—
Oct.	5	LEICESTER CITY	.. HOME	—
"	12	Arsenal	.. Away	—
"	19	QUEEN'S PARK R.	.. HOME	—
"	26	Millwall	.. Away	—
Nov.	2	FULHAM	.. HOME	—
"	9	Aldershot	.. Away	—
"	16	SWANSEA TOWN	.. HOME	—
"	23	Southend United	.. Away	—
"	30	WEST HAM UNITED	.. HOME	—
Dec.	7	Bristol Rovers	.. Away	—
"	14	SWINDON TOWN	.. HOME	—
"	21	Portsmouth	.. Away	—
"	25	Northampton Town	.. Away	—
"	26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	.. HOME	—
"	28	COVENTRY CITY	.. HOME	—
1958				
Jan.	4	Southampton	.. Away	—
"	11	Cardiff City	.. Away	—
"	18	BRISTOL CITY	.. HOME	—
"	25	SOUTHAMPTON	.. HOME	—
Feb.	1	Birmingham City	.. Away	—
"	8	READING	.. HOME	—
"	15	Leicester City	.. Away	—
"	22	ARSENAL	.. HOME	—
Mar.	1	Queen's Park Rangers	.. Away	—
"	8	MILLWALL	.. HOME	—
"	15	Fulham	.. Away	—
"	22	ALDERSHOT	.. HOME	—
"	29	Swansea Town	.. Away	—
Apl.	4	Brentford	.. Away	—
"	5	SOUTHEND UNITED	.. HOME	—
"	7	BRENTFORD	.. HOME	—
"	12	West Ham United	.. Away	—
"	19	BRISTOL ROVERS	.. HOME	—
"	26	Swindon Town	.. Away	—
JUNIOR TEAM—SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE				
1957				
Aug.	24	ARSENAL	.. HOME	—
Sept.	7	FULHAM	.. HOME	—
"	14	Portsmouth	.. Away	—
"	21	MILLWALL	.. HOME	—
"	28	Bexleyheath	.. Away	—

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