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STEVE'S VIEW

If anyone ever asks you to describe the attraction of football, I would just tell them about the last five weeks at Watford if I were you.

There we were in late November, with the season slipping away, battling to gain a foothold and string together some results—now as the new decade dawns, we are back in with a realistic shout of pulling something extremely positive out of the ashes.

But it should be pointed out that if we can string together a series of wins and leapfrog up the table, so can other sides—and the example of what's happened here in recent weeks once again serves to illustrate what effect confidence, and the lack of it, can have. Without it, good players do become mediocre ones overnight, and with it they are motivated to extra levels of performance.

That "confidence factor" increases the unpredictability of the game—and therein lies its attraction. Football often moans about its instability as an industry the fact that you cannot predict who'll be injured next, what factors will come into play to stop you winning games—but deep down we all know that we wouldn't love his game if we didn't like "living on the edge".

Off the field, clubs could work much better if, as in American football, there was no relegation, players were moved around to try and equalise sides etc. But the uncertainty of relegation and the absolute thrill of promotion are at the very root of our game. And there would have been no

chance for us to have come up through the divisions, nor of Wimbledon doing the same—two of many, many examples of the reasons why the English game is so magnetic.

But we must put our own recent run in perspective. If those successive wins had been dotted around the previous two months, we'd probably still be looking to put a consistent run together. And with the old year just gone, it gives us a good time to say "forget all that, now let's push on".

Of course, the New Year also gives me the chance to wish all of you and your families and all the very best for 1990—and beyond. If the forthcoming decade is anything like as exciting as the last one, we all know we are in for some great times.

I'd like to finish by just saying goodbye to our laundry lady Hazel Muskett. I joined Watford in September 1978, about a year before Hazel, but I've left and come back twice, and Hazel has been here all the time. Now it's her that's leaving and on behalf of all the players especially, whose kit she keeps clean, may I wish Hazel and her husband Andy all the best in their new rôle as publicans—I'm sure they toasted in the New Year in style last night.

Meanwhile, we were all in bed early to prepare for today! I hope you enjoy the results.

Steve Harrison

BUZZ

NEWS

THIS PROGRAMME

Because of printing deadlines, sections of this programme had to go to press before the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

Apologies if any parts are slightly out of date, but any important news not contained in the programme will of course, be announced over the tannoy today.

CUP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The Hornets kick-off their FA Cup campaign next **Saturday, January 6th** with a home third round tie against Wigan Athletic.

The game, between two previously unmatched sides, will kick-off at 3.00pm and is not "all-ticket".

Season ticket holders gain entry to the match by using ticket no. 14 from their books. Seat tickets at the normal prices are now on sale, and terrace admission is payable on the day.

Should the match be drawn, the replay will be at Springfield Park, Wigan on **Tuesday, January 9th**, kick-off 7.30pm. We will have a limited number of seats for this match and these will go on sales as follows:

To seated season ticket holders: At the main Ticket Office from 5.00pm after the

match against Wigan on January 6th.

To all other Watford supporters: From 9.00am on Monday, January 8th.

Travel bookings can be made at the same time.

The possible replay will not be "all-ticket" and terrace admission, price £3.50 will be payable on the night.

Full details of away travel to this match will appear in the programme next Saturday.

LUNCH AT THE HILTON?

If you'd like to be able to say to a client: "Fancy lunch at the Hilton and then onto Watford for a match?"—now you can.

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STREETS AHEAD

The streets of New York to be exact were ahead for this trio, who competed in the New York Marathon last November.

From left, they are: **Peter Storey**, one of Watford's Lottery Couriers, **Phil Leeson**, brother-in-law of **Mike Sullivan**, far right, Watford's Promotions Manager.

All three were running for charity, with Mike running to raise funds to give a group of underprivileged children a day out. "Last year, with the help of sponsors, I took a group of 36 mentally-handicapped children to Chessington World Of Adventures," Mike recalls. "I'd like to do something similar this year, and I'm currently making the arrangements. But I'm still looking for sponsorship to make the day possible. If anyone would like to donate towards this worthy cause, they can send me cheques or postal orders to the football club, made out to: Mike Sullivan/New York City Marathon Charity Fund. Thanks very much in advance."

Talking of the New York Marathon, we can also exclusively reveal that Elton John ran the race. That is, the tattoo of Elton John on Peter Storey's left leg did! The proof will be in a picture.



FOX HOLES!

No, a Watford shot hasn't broken the net, but the foxes are back!

Not those of Leicester City, but the furry kind, who have been gnawing their way through groundsman Les Simmons' goalnets in the middle of the night.

"Brand new goalnets were put up this season, so it's been very frustrating to come in and have to do a repair job," says Les. "The nets are made of a very tough plastic fibre, so you can imagine how sharp the foxes' teeth must be.

"I could tie the nets up to the crossbar every night, but I think I've found another solution—we've tied some plastic strips to the crossbar and they drop down to the ground. In the night they sway and make a noise and scare off the foxes.

"So touch wood, the nets are now okay again."



Fox holes in the Watford goalnets.

VIDEO DEMAND

There has already been understandable demand for the match video v. Bradford City, with seven Watford goals on the tape.

To ensure you get a copy, place an order now at the Hornet Shop—all match videos cost £14.99, and in-

clude a full commentary.

We would like to point out that there is some interference on vision in the second-half of the video.

THANKS NESTLÉ

We are again indebted to Nestlé Chocolate for giving us supplies of their products to give away to children for the New Year.

This year, Nestlé's have parted with hundreds of bags of white chocolate buttons—and that's thousands of buttons!

BACK TO NORMAL

All club offices and the Hornet Shop return to the normal weekday opening hours from tomorrow—9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

NEW FOR THE NINETIES

Don't forget to keep pace with the new decade with the 1990 Official Watford FC Calendar.

It's on sale at the Hornet Shop now, price £4.99—and includes several previously unpublished pictures.

A REST OF THE SEASON TICKET?

Several supporters have recently purchased season tickets for the remainder of the current season and if you are thinking along those lines, here's a list of prices:

Cost of season ticket from and including the match against Wigan Athletic on January 6th		
Area:	Adult £	Junior/ Senior Citizens £
East A/B Upper	104.00	90.00
A/B Lower	87.00	71.00
C/D	111.00	95.00
E	97.00	85.00
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Rous Enclosure	87.00	66.00
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Family Block	87.00	47.00
Family Terrace	46.00	20.00
Family Enclosure	87.00	47.00
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2. Guaranteed admission to 13 home first team matches for the season.
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5. Complimentary match programme for every first team game for every seated season ticket holder.
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7. 10% discount at the Hornet Shop throughout the close season on production of your season ticket book (excluding sale items).
8. Automatic entry into a free draw to tour Malta with the team.

IF THE CAP FITS...



(Photo: Martin Wolmark)

Here's a picture that will no doubt find a home in the Evans' family scrapbook—youth trainee **David Evans** receiving his Welsh youth cap from Terry Yorath, Bradford City and Wales' manager.

David now joins the already five-strong band of Watford Welshmen who have represented their country at one level or another—**Mel Rees** (youth), **Martin Gardener** (schoolboy), **Kenny Jackett** (youth, under-21 and full), **Iwan Roberts** (youth and full) and **Glyn Hodges** (under-21 and full). And that's not counting the Welsh coaching connection of **Tom** and **Ernie Walley**.

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RECORDS APLENTY

The 7–2 home win over Bradford City on December 16th produced a number of club records, as follows:

It was the first time in Watford's 69-year Football League history that six different players have scored in a League match—and the result also provided a club record score in Division Two.

As far as we are aware, it's also the first time three players (**Lee Richardson**, **Barry Ashby** and **Liburd Henry**) have scored their initial goals for the club in one game.

Gary Penrice's goal stretched his run of goals in consecutive games to six—equalling the same feat of **Les Graham** in 1956/57—and by scoring in his fifth successive League game, Gary equalled the same feat of **Cliff Holton** in the 1965/66 campaign.

You have to go back 26 years to December 1963 to find the last instance of two Watford players both scoring in four successive games—**Paul Wilkinson** and **Gary Penrice** joining **Jimmy McAnearney** and **Ken Oliver** in the record books.

And with **Paul Wilkinson** netting at Barnsley, looks like he's on the record run too!

GOODBYE HAZEL

After 10 years, laundry lady **Hazel Muskett** is leaving Watford for pastures new.

But the new pastures aren't very far away, as she is taking over the Railway Arms Public House in Oxhey, with her husband **Andy**.

We wish **Hazel** and **Andy** all the best and they would like to assure all their new patrons of a warm Watford welcome.

Following the Bradford City game, while the *Sunday Times* inferred some strange first-half advantage resulted in our 5–0 interval lead, the *Sun* gave their Man of the Match award to “anyone in yellow, red and black”... Quite right, but what about **Tony Coton**, we wonder? ...But the 7–2 win doesn't win the Barclays Performance of the Week award, which goes to **Walsall** for

The word is...

their Third Division win at high-flying **Bury**...By the way, there's no advantage to Watford kicking towards either end—of the 24 Watford goals scored here this season, both ends have seen 12 goals apiece...Last 7–2 first team win at Vicarage Road? April 11th, 1961 over Coventry City, when Wat-

ford were also 5–0 up at the break...**Jason Drysdale** (hernia operation), **Kenny Jackett** (knee injury) and **Willie Falconer** (hernia operation) all sidelined... Youth team continue their defence of the FA Youth Cup with a tie against **Southend United** here on **Monday, January 8th**... Don't forget to collect your Christmas Draw prizes from the Marketing Department.



1980: One of those great Watford nights occurred on September 2nd when the Hornets changed a 4–0 first-leg defeat in the League Cup into a 7–5 aggregate victory over Southampton.

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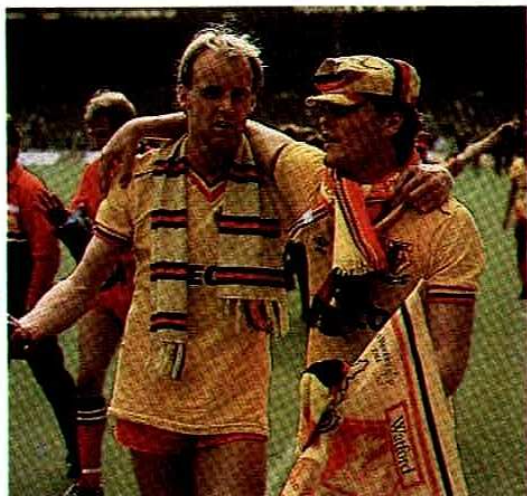
1981: A young man destined for a bright future made his first appearance at Watford in September 19th, 1981. John Barnes.



1982: Luther Blissett scores in the 3—1 win over Leicester City on May 8th, 1982. The previous Tuesday, a 2—0 win over Wrexham had confirmed promotion to the top flight.



1983: Celebrations at the end of the club's first Division One campaign. A 2—1 win over champions Liverpool ensured the runners-up slot.



1984: Mutual commiserations from George Reilly and Steve Terry at the end of Watford's first FA Cup Final appearances.



1985: Watford's family image was a constant undertone to the 'eighties. Here, on April 6th, 1985, before the game against Southampton, Chairman Elton John hands out Easter Eggs.

(Photo: E. A. James)

A photograph of three men in racing suits standing on a grassy track. The man on the left is older, with grey hair, wearing a red and black suit. The two men on the right are younger, wearing similar red and black suits with yellow accents. They are all looking towards the camera. The background shows a crowd of spectators and a banner with the letters 'K' and 'ST'.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)

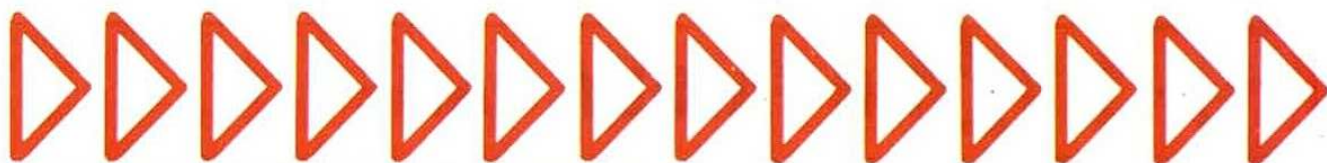


(Photo: Martin Wollmark)

1988: A Watford goal, but a sad moment as Iwan Roberts nets Watford's last goal in Division One—against Derby County on April 30th, 1988. The club's stay in the top flight was over for the present!

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)

Up to and including the Bradford City game on December 19th, 1989, Watford's record in all competitions in the 'eighties reads: **Played: 527; Won: 218; Drawn: 132; Lost: 177; Goals for: 819; Goals against: 705.**



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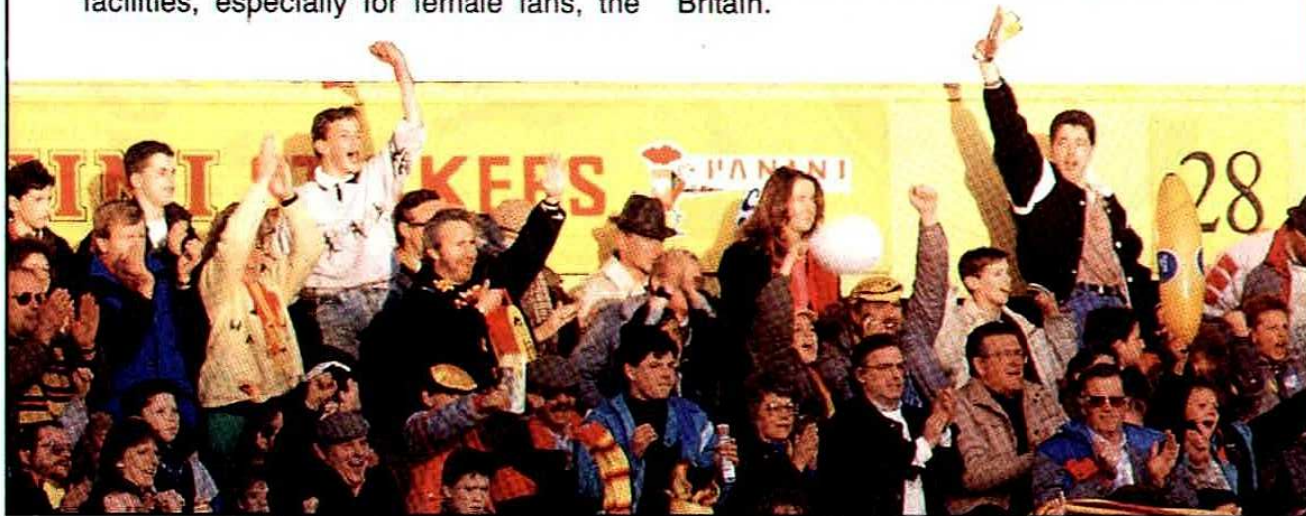
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...for a quiz on the recently departed decade

Test your memories with our special New Year quiz recalling records and events of the last decade in the soccer world.

1. From the start of the decade in January 1980, five League sides have experienced football in all four Divisions of the competition. Can you name three of them?
2. Stoke City were relegated from the top flight in 1985 with a divisional record low points total. How many points did the Potters gather that fateful season?
3. Which five grounds staging League football in 1980 no longer do so as we move into the 1990's?
4. Which season during the 1980's featured the lowest aggregate League attendances since the war?
5. Which current Liverpool player became the youngest League Cup Final captain in the 1980's?
6. The 1985/86 Fourth Division champions amassed a divisional record 102 points. Who were they?
7. Can you name the six sides who finished as First Division runners-up during the 1980's?
8. How many consecutive victories did Reading achieve at the start of the 1985/86 season on their way to the Third Division championship?
9. Which player established the record in the 1980's as the youngest-ever FA Cup Final goalscorer?
10. On November 20th, 1982 a record number of players were sent-off in League and Cup games in a single programme of matches. How many players went for an early bath that day? Was it (a) 20, (b) 15 or (c) 17?
11. Six sides have been relegated twice from Division One in the

80's. Can you name three of them?

12. Name the three sponsors of the Football League during the past decade.

13. Seven clubs have won the FA Cup in the 1980's. Can you name them?

14. Which player in the 1980's has been involved in four million pound transfers?

15. No less than eight teams from the Third Division have progressed to play at First Division level during the past decade. Name four of those sides.

16. In 1983/84 Cambridge United went a record number of consecutive League matches without a win. Was it (a) 31, (b) 29 or (c) 34.

17. What was unique about the two clubs contesting the 1985 Milk Cup Final and who were they?

18. Two sides have altered their names during the 1980's. Can you name them?

19. In 1987/88 Newport County lost a record number of games in Division Four in a 46-game programme. Was it (a) 35, (b) 33 or (c) 37.

20. Brian Clough is currently the longest-serving League manager. Three League bosses follow behind, having been appointed in 1982. Can you name them?

21. Which four Scottish sides have won the Premier Division championship during the 80's?

22. There has been one foreign "import" winner of the Football Writers Association "Player of the Year" award in the 1980's. Who was he?

23. The traditional Home International Series was discontinued during the last decade. When was it contested for the last time and

who were the last winners?

24. Which player was European Footballer of the Year in three consecutive seasons during the 1980's?

25. Whom did Aston Villa beat in 1982 to win the European Super Cup?

26. Who scored Everton's goals in their 3-1 Cup Winners Cup Final victory over Rapid Vienna in Rotterdam in 1985?

27. Which three countries have won Olympic Football Finals in the last decade?

28. Who scored West Germany's goal in the 1982 World Cup Final against Italy in Madrid?

29. England have faced 10 countries for the first time in the 1980's at full international level. Name three of those countries.

30. In 1984 Ajax recorded the highest score in an individual leg of a UEFA Cup-tie against Red Boys since the competition started as the Fairs Cup. Was the final score (a) 13-0, (b) 16-0 or (c) 14-0?



31. This man went down in the Watford record books in the '80's. Who is it and why?

• Quiz compiled by Paul Levene.

Answers on page 20 ("Registered Mail").

SWINDON TOWN

"Briefing"

Swindon again look likely to challenge for a play-off this season, if not outright promotion.

They have a solid home record which includes wins over Wolves, Plymouth, Ipswich and Stoke (6-0), while away wins have been gained at Hull City, Brighton, Middlesbrough—and more recently at WBA. Away defeats have included those at the top two sides - 4-0 at Leeds and 2-0 at Sheffield United.

The Littlewoods Cup brought a replayed fourth round tie with Southampton, Swindon having already removed Shrewsbury Town and Watford's conquerors Bolton from the competition.

Meanwhile a trip to Bristol City awaits next Saturday in the FA Cup.

SWINDON TOWN will choose from:

GOALKEEPERS:

Fraser Digby. Former England under-21 international who began his career with Manchester United as an apprentice. Following in initial period on loan at the County Ground, the Sheffield-born goalkeeper moved to Swindon for £12,500 in December 1986.

Nicky Hammond. Former Arsenal goalkeeper who was given a free transfer by the Highbury club at the end of the 1986-87 season. Now recovered after breaking a leg last season.

DEFENDERS:

Ross MacLaren. Moved to the County Ground in July 1988 from Derby County, after a League Tribunal had set the fee at £150,000. Previously with Shrewsbury Town and Glasgow Rangers.

Jon Gittens. Signed in July 1987 for £40,000 from Southampton—another Tribunal-set fee. Like Paul Bodin, he's a Paget rovers "old boy".

Colin Calderwood. Club captain who was signed from Mansfield Town for yet another Tribunal-set fee of £27,500. Central defender.

Paul Bodin. Signed in July 1987 for £40,000 (Tribunal-set) from Southampton. The Birmingham-born central defender was signed by the "Saints" from Paget Rovers, the Midland Combination club in October 1985.

David Kerslake. Joined from QPR in November for £110,000. A former England youth and under-21 player, who can also play in midfield.

MIDFIELDERS:

Tom Jones. After being discarded by Chelsea as a youngster, the skilful midfielder drifted into non-League circles with Farnborough Town and Weymouth. Then moved, surprisingly, to Aberdeen but returned south to Swindon in 1988.

Steve Foley. Joined Swindon from Sheffield United for a Tribunal-set fee of £35,000 in July 1987. A former Liverpool apprentice who has also played for Fulham (loan) and Grimsby Town.

Alan McLoughlin. Former Manchester United apprentice who moved to Swindon Town on a free transfer in August 1986. Originally a full-back, Alan now appears in midfield. Has had two loan spells at Torquay United.

Fitzroy Simpson. Has come up from the Swindon youth ranks to make his League debut for the club last season. Predominantly a left-sided player who was a regular scorer at youth and reserves levels.

John Cornwell. Previously with Leyton Orient and Newcastle United, moving to the County Ground in December 1988 for £60,000. Equally at home as a central defender.

FORWARDS:

Steve White. With Watford's Garry Penrice, Steve started his career at non-League Mangotsfield United and also went on to join Bristol Rovers. Since then, he's played for Luton Town, Charlton, Lincoln City (loan), Luton again (loan) and back to Bristol Rovers prior to a free transfer to Swindon in February 1986.

Duncan Shearer. Scottish-born striker who is the club's record buy, joining the County Ground staff from Huddersfield Town in June 1988 for £250,000. Entered League soccer with Chelsea from Inverness Clachnacuddin.

Paul Hart. Locally-born youngster who's just signed as a professional and is beginning to emerge in the first-team squad.

Sponsors

There's obviously media attention on the Second Division. Watford (Herald & Post) and Plymouth (Sunday Independent) are sponsored by newspapers—and Swindon are sponsored by their local independent radio station GWR—Great Wiltshire Radio.

It's the first season of GWR's sponsorship at the County Ground, replacing outgoing sponsors, insurance brokers Lowndes Lambert.

GWR broadcasts on 97.2 FM (Swindon), 103 FM (Bath) and 96.3 FM (Bristol).

SWINDON TOWN▶▶



Back row, from left: Phil King (now Sheff. Wed.), Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin.
Middle row, from left: Chic Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard (now Cardiff City), Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).
Front row, from left: Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.

Background Notes

■ Swindon's visit here last season brought Watford's first home defeat of the season—goals from Duncan Shearer, Bobby Barnes and Tom Jones being enough to overwhelm strikes from Rick Holden and Gary Porter.

□ In the return at the County Ground, Paul Miller's only goal for Watford earned a 1–1 draw.

■ Watford and Swindon have been frequent opponents over the years—and today is the 89th Football League meeting between the sides. Of the previous 88, Watford have won 35, Swindon 32 and 21 have ended in draws. A total of 267 goals have been scored in those games—3.03 a game.

□ The last player to be transfer-

red between the sides was Dave Bamber, who came to Vicarage Road in June 1988 for £105,000. He has since moved on to Stoke City.

■ Along with Watford, Swindon were one of the founder members of Division Three (South) in 1920—both clubs had previously competed in the Southern League.

□ Should Swindon gain promotion this season, they will be elevated to the top flight for the first time in their history, which goes back to 1881.

■ Strangely, Swindon boss Ossie Ardiles is not the only South American manager in the Football League. At the helm at Stockport County is Uruguayan-born Danny Bergara.

The Boss



Argentinian Ossie Ardiles spent the majority of his playing days in this country with Spurs, having joined them from Huracan in a deal that also brought Ricky Villa to north London. With Spurs he won FA Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals, before moving to Paris St. Germain for a season—and then returning to White Hart Lane. He left Spurs to join QPR, having had a loan spell at Blackburn, but after breaking a leg, he went to the US to play for Fort Lauderdale last summer. He was lured back to become Swindon manager in July, Lou Macari having joined West Ham.

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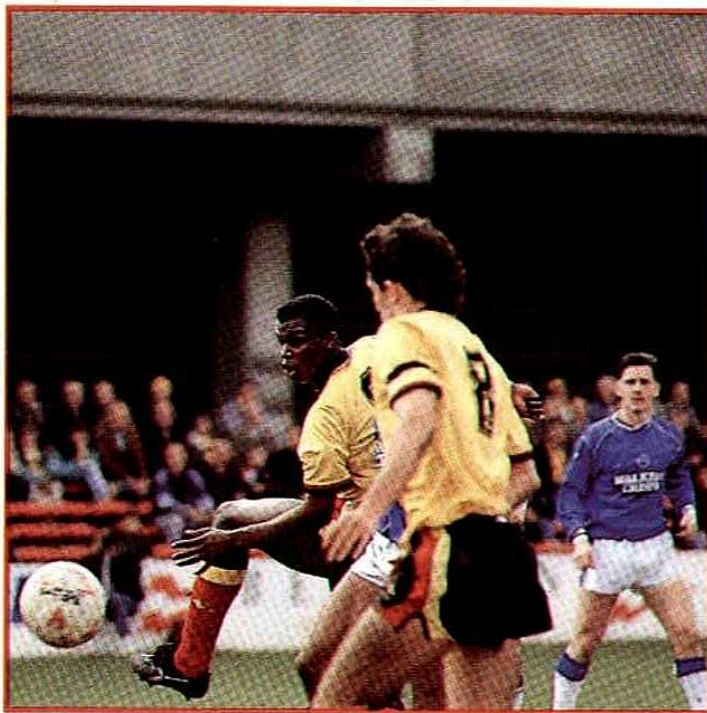
Talk about play anywhere—the picture opposite of Liburd Henry, taken at Millwall, saw him at right-back. But he scored his debut first team goal from the left-back position—and yet he's listed in the club handbook as a striker!

"I've played everywhere for the reserves this season except goalkeeper," says the 22-year-old who was signed from Leytonstone/Ilford two years ago. "It was odd that I got my first

senior goal for the club from a deep position, because I suppose I'd expected to get it from a forward position. But that game against Bradford was just great to play in. It's one of those games everyone will remember and be proud to have taken part.

"People are talking about the new system we're employing—but it's not a new system that makes a good team, it's the players. And now we've had a few wins under our belts, confidence is sky-high—and the atmosphere throughout the club, including the reserve and junior sides is superb. It's the best there's been since I've been here."

Liburd's senior debut came last season against Leicester, but he was substituted after 52 minutes. "I was so nervous before that game, I could hardly breathe—and I was worn out after 10 minutes," he recalls. "But now I'm used to being involved and I can concentrate on what I'm supposed to do. So against Bradford, there was no way their right-winger was going to



Close-run thing on Liburd's debut—against Leicester last season.

(Photo: Martin Wolmark)

get past me—and I got a lot of confidence from some good tackles."

Despite appearances, Liburd says he is naturally right-footed, but spent hour upon hour in his teens developing his left foot. "A lot of the top players in the world then were left-footed, so I wanted to be like them. I think I'm totally two-footed now, and that means I can play in any position. I started at right-back, worked my

way up into being a forward, and now it looks like I'm going back down the other side of the team!"

But one thing that won't change is Liburd's attitude to the game, despite the transition from part-time to full-time football. "My attitude has always been to be happy, no matter what I'm doing. But the only thing I've ever really wanted to do is play football, and to be able to do it as a career is just brilliant. It is a great life, but I know what it's like to do other kinds of work to earn a living.

"There's no way I'd ever get big-headed about being a professional footballer. Sometimes, you get the impression people don't talk to you because they think you won't want to have a chat. I don't like that, because I love mixing and being sociable. We're only human beings—and I believe in treating everyone the same, no matter who they are. Who knows, your career could be over tomorrow, and you may need people around to help you through."



LIBURD'S CAREER RECORD			
Season	Club	Apps	Goals
1988-89	Watford	1	0
1989-90	"	4 + 2	1
Total		5 + 2	1

● In addition, Liburd has made 39 reserve appearances (plus four as sub.) and scored 21 goals.

DR. KNOW HAS BEEN SACKED FROM LAST SEASON, BUT YOU CAN STILL TEST YOUR FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE EVERY WEEK ON THIS PAGE. ANSWERS ON PAGE 30.

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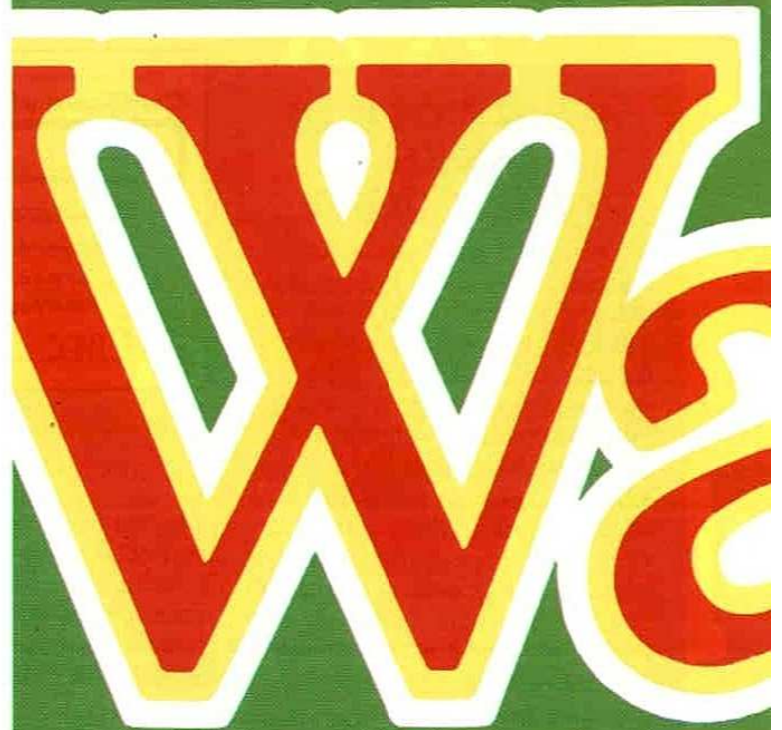
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Paul Godleman,
Ealing

I am writing to express our deep appreciation of the kindness, courtesy and hospitality extended by the club to myself and my CAB party by the making available of the Chairman's Box to us on December 16th as Watford FC's contribution to the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Citizens Advice Bureau Service in Watford.

We had looked forward for many weeks to this occasion which we knew would be "special" but of course we had no idea of the way in which the team were going to make it so extra special by turning on what can only be described as a truly golden performance for our golden event. The 7-2 win over Bradford City was without doubt the icing on the cake.

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Chairman's Box was made to us early on in the season I did contemplate inviting the manager of the Bradford CAB to come and join us for today. In the end I didn't and I'm now rather glad about that! Somehow I don't think it would have been quite the same for him/her as it was for us!

Our grateful thanks are due to all the players and officials of the club for making us so welcome and giving us a day we shall never forget. May I place an order please for the video of the match so that I and my colleagues can remind ourselves from time to time of the jubilation with which we greeted those seven goals!

Ron C. Bruce,
Manager,
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Quiz answers

- Any three of Bolton Wanderers, Bristol City, Portsmouth, Wimbledon and Wolves.
- 17 points.
- The Valley (Charlton), Eastville (Bristol Rovers), Feethams (Darlington), Somerton Park (Newport County), Old Show Ground (Scunthorpe United).
- 1985/86—16,488,577.
- Barry Venison (Sunderland) 20 years 7 months 8 days.
- Swindon Town.
- Manchester United, Ipswich Town, Watford, Southampton, Liverpool and Everton.
- 13.
- Norman Whiteside (Manchester United) 1983 v. Brighton.
- (b) 15. (12 in the FA Cup, three in the League).
- Norwich City, Leicester City, Manchester City, Birmingham City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Middlesbrough.
- Canon, Today and Barclays.
- West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United, Everton, Liverpool, Coventry City and Wimbledon.
- Clive Allen.
- Sheffield Wednesday, Charlton Athletic, Portsmouth, Oxford United, Wimbledon, Millwall, Derby County, Middlesbrough.
- (a) 31.
- Norwich City v. Sunderland. Both sides were relegated from Division One at the end of that season.
- Chester City (formerly Chester) and Leyton Orient (formerly Orient).
- (b) 33.
- Lennie Lawrence, Charlton Athletic; Frank Clark, Leyton Orient and Joe Royle, Oldham Athletic.
- Aberdeen, Celtic, Rangers and Dundee United.
- Frans Thijssen—Ipswich Town 1981.
- 1983/84. Winners Northern Ireland.
- Michel Platini (Juventus).
- Barcelona 3—1 on aggregate.
- Andy Gray, Trevor Steven and Kevin Sheedy.
- Czechoslovakia, France and USSR.
- Paul Breitner.
- Canada, Egypt, Iceland, Kuwait, Morocco, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Albania, Turkey.
- (c) 14—0.
- Jimmy Gilligan (now Portsmouth). He scored Watford's first-ever goal in European competition.

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2 Dots Lot	16	36	1-0
3 The Watford Ticket Office	15	30	2-1
4 Hot Shots	15	32	1-0
5 Charles Simpson Organisation	15	35	3-1
6 National Westminster Bank	14	36	3-1
7 Watford Supporters Club	12	36	3-1
8 Opsec Design & Assembly Services	11	35	2-0
The Squeaky Clean O'Reillys	11	35	2-1
10 The Gut Boy Three	11	37	2-1
Geepee's	11	37	3-1
12 A & A Ltd	11	45	4-0
13 Decor Tiles	10	36	2-1
14 The Mexican Cowboys	10	39	4-1
15 Mailmen	9	39	1-0
16 The Travelling Sleeping Bag	8	32	2-0
17 Near Post Corner	7	33	2-0
18 The M.A.P. Forecast	7	39	2-1
19 T.J.'s Results	6	36	1-2
20 E. Bees Predictions	5	49	4-1

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M **REV MILLER (1922)**
Made his sole League appearance as a late choice at outside-left away to Reading, following brother Ted's withdrawal. Also turned out for Watford Corinthians, St. Albans City, Barnet and Chesham United, and was picked regularly for Herts, before eventually forsaking his amateur status to join the Queens Park Rangers staff. Another brother, Harold, had a good professional career, played for England, and wore a Watford shirt in World War Two.

TED MILLER (1922)
One of three footballing sons of a local signwriter, Ted remained always an amateur, at which level he won an England cap and (with Clapton) an Amateur Cup-winner's medal. Also played for Watford Old Boys, Watford Corinthians, St. Albans City, Barnet, Queens Park Rangers, Chesham United and Hampstead Town, his career thus having marked similarities to Rev's. Played twice at outside-left in Watford's Football League team (no goals).

HARRY MINGAY (1927)
A goalkeeping problem (Hewitt and Yates were injured) led to his one-month engagement in November 1927, when he played in two League matches and an FA Cup-tie. Similar difficulties brought him back later in the season, but he saw no further first-team action. Had last been with his home-town club, Luton Town, but was originally discovered in Army football by Blackpool, who transferred him to Clapton Orient.

FRANK MITCHELL (1952-57)
Outstandingly cool and commanding left-half and captain, whose rare passing ability adorned 208 League and Cup games (no goals) between his £7,500 transfer from Chelsea in July 1952 and release five years later. Settled in England after a wartime posting with the Australian Navy, played v. Scotland in the Bolton Disaster Fund International, and led Birmingham City to the 1947-48 Second Division championship. A first-class cricketer with Warwickshire.

TOMMY MITCHELL (1912-14)
A Geordie right-winger who played for Hebburn Argyle whilst completing his apprenticeship in the shipyards, and joined Watford in May 1912. In two seasons on the staff appeared in 65 competitive first-team matches, his nine goals all coming in the Southern League during 1912-13. Had a good turn of speed, and despite a tendency to centre erratically was seen by some as the club's best in his position for several years.



Frank Mitchell—undoubtedly one of the all-time Watford greats.

(Photo: Watford Observer)

JOE MOFFATT (1908-09)
After experience with Manchester City and Nelson, played for Heart of Midlothian in a charity match at the end of 1907-08. Was expected to sign for the Edinburgh club, but didn't do so, and it was at Cassio Road that, in August 1908, he accepted an engagement which lasted for one season. Made 18 senior competitive appearances (no goals) in the half-back line—mainly in the central position.

JACK MOORE (1909-10)
Played on either wing, and was on the books of Derby County and, for four years, Oldham Athletic, before signing for Watford in July 1909. In his only season at Cassio Road turned out 23 times for the first team in competitive games and scored four goals. Not a single victory was recorded in his first 10 appearances, but then Bromley were beaten 8-1 (Moore 2) in the FA Cup.

JACK MORAN (1932-35)
Arrived at Vicarage Road in September 1932 via Wigan Borough and Tottenham Hotspur. Had a good career with the Lancashire club, leaving shortly before its demise. Not a polished footballer, but his steadiness and consistency brought him 111 League and Cup appearances at left-back (no goals). Lost his place to Jim Lewis early in 1935-36 and moved to Mansfield Town in March 1936 without regaining first-team status.

IAN MORGAN (1973-74)
The Morgan twins on either wing were a familiar sight in Queens Park Rangers line-ups of the 1960s. Ian was brought to Watford by his former Rangers captain, Mike Keen, for £10,000 in November 1973, after a month's loan. Made 17+1 senior competitive appearances (one goal) before injury enforced his retirement from full-time football in August 1975. Subsequently played for Barking and had a spell of management in Norway.

LEW MORGAN (1946-47)
Played at full-back in all 54 competitive first-team matches (no goals) from the time of his arrival at Vicarage Road in July 1946, until he was replaced by the newly-signed Jimmy Jones. Didn't appear again, and joined Chelmsford City on a free transfer in May 1948. A Scot who had extensive First Division experience with Portsmouth before the War, and won an FA Cup-winners' medal in 1939.

SIDNEY MORGAN (1902-04)
A bespectacled amateur centre-forward who scored 10 goals in 18 Southern League and Cup appearances for Watford. Played for Berkhamsted School (where he subsequently spent 36 years as a master), Sunnyside, Berkhamsted Town, Casuals and Ilford, for whom he once scored seven times in a match, and was a Welsh amateur international. In his adopted home town became the football club's President and (as late as 1928) captain of the cricket club.



Ian was the Morgan twin who played for Watford.

(Photo: Watford Observer)

● Compiled by Trefor Jones

The ABC of Watford players since 1896

Yesterday—December 31st

1966—Watford are at Loftus Road, with Johnny Williams making his 50th League outing, against Queens Park Rangers. Although playing reasonably well, the Hornets are on the wrong end of a 4–1 result, Duncan Welbourne netting for the visitors.

1977—A first-ever League encounter with Wimbledon at Plough Lane sees Watford record the third of seven consecutive League victories. One up at the interval, the Hornets improve to 3–1 at the final whistle, scoring through Alan Mayes, Ross Jenkins and Bobby Downes. The same afternoon sees today's visitors travel to Gillingham—Swindon score through Kamara and Moss, earning a point in a 2–2 draw.



Rick Holden, a recent visitor with Oldham, scored the winner here a year ago yesterday against Bournemouth.

1988—Luther Blissett returns to Vicarage Road, having scored eight goals in his first six outings for the Cherries. Back from illness, Paul Wilkinson rejoins the attack, and for 87 minutes, Bournemouth look like earning a point. However, with time running out, John McClelland lofts a free-kick into the box, and a Garry Thompson header is turned in by Rick Holden. The result lifts the Hornets into third place, whilst the visitors drop to ninth spot.

Today—January 1st

1972—"Happy New Year" are

YESTERDAY TODAY & TOMORROW

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not exactly the words to describe Watford's first fixture of 1972. Already bottom of Division Two, the Hornets fall behind to Blackpool at Bloomfield Road after only 30 seconds, and later on, Mick Burns collects the first hat-trick of his career—Watford finally go down 5–0, the 11th away defeat from 12 starts.

1977—Torquay United travel to Hertfordshire for this Division Four fixture. A Dennis Bond shot and a header from Arthur Horsfield out the Hornets 2–0 ahead at the interval, with second-half strikes from Keith Mercer and Alan Mayes doubling the score at the finish. Elsewhere in the Division, Workington gain their first victory in 19 starts, but with only four wins from 46 games, their re-election appeal at the end of the season is unsuccessful.

1985—Liverpool are the visitors, playing out a 1–1 draw. Watford take the lead through a Luther Blissett penalty, with Ian Rush netting the equaliser. The two fixtures against Liverpool during the 1984/85 season leave Watford holding a record, which has not been equalled since. Watford led the Reds at the interval at both Vicarage Road and Anfield—a feat not suffered by Liverpool in the past five seasons.

Tomorrow—January 2nd

1982—The Hornets meet Manchester United at Vicarage Road for this FA Cup third round tie. Les Taylor makes his 50th League and Cup outing, as a

single goal from Jan Lohman advances Watford to a fourth round tie at home to West Ham. In another third round tie, Swindon Town travel to Kenilworth Road, where Luton record a 2–1 victory.

1984—Leaders of their respective Divisions six years ago tomorrow are Liverpool, Sheffield Wednesday, Oxford United and York City. Watford are at White Hart Lane, and at half-time are 2–0 ahead. The strong wind favours Spurs after the interval, but the Hornets hold on the record a 3–2 victory with goals from Maurice Johnston (2) and John Barnes.

● by Jonathan Elliott

Around now, then...

Yesterday:

1923—The chimes of Big Ben are first broadcast to see in the New Year.

1927—The use of the lance by the British Army is abandoned, except for ceremonial use.

1940—Firewatching became compulsory in Britain.

1960—The farthing ceased to be legal currency.

Today:

1887—Queen Victoria is proclaimed Empress of India at Delhi.

1901—The Commonwealth of Australia is formed.

1909—Old-age pensions become payable in Britain for those aged 70 or over.

1958—The European Economic Community (EEC) comes into being.

1973—Britain becomes a member of the EEC.

Happy birthday to: (ages in brackets): Actress **Zena Marshall** (64); American novelist **J. D. Salinger** (71). Next Friday: **Kenny Jackett** (27).

Tomorrow:

1896—The Jameson Raid on Johannesburg ends with all the raiders captured.

1933—Anarchist uprising in Barcelona.

1946—While out of the country, King Zog is deposed in Albania.

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Drama includes a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Factotum Theatre Company, and a religious play "The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass".

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One of the highlights of the season, will be a performance of "New Orleans Mardi Gras". This is a live musical show for all jazz lovers, starring Max Collie and his Rhythm Aces, T. J. Johnson and The Saints Marching Band.

The season should provide something of interest and appeal for all ages and interests. Full information on all events can be obtained by telephoning Watersmeet on (0923) 771542.

Treating Injuries

The FA Basic Treatment of Injuries course starts this month on **Friday, January 19th**. This course is designed for anyone who wishes to gain understanding of how to treat basic injuries occurring on sports, particularly football.

There will be six sessions, every Friday evening from

7.00pm to 9.00pm, which will take place in the Chipperfield Suite (above the Marketing Department) here at Watford Football Club.

Cost of the course is £20.00. Application forms are available from: **FA Injury Course, Sportsworld Leisure Department, 15 Hempstead Road, Watford, Herts WD1 3HA.**

For further information please contact **Paul Barnes** on Watford (0923) 226400 extn. 2507.

Football festival

It's never too early to book for the 1990 Watford International Festival of Football.

This year's tournament should be even more of an international event as teams have been invited from all over the globe.

The tournament is sanctioned by the Football Association, The Women's Football Association, FIFA, and is affiliated to the British Isles Soccer Tournaments Association. Elton John is the patron.

The entry fee per team is £35.00. Entry forms and an explanatory leaflet are now available from the Matchday Information Centre.

● Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual collection for the Old and Needy of Watford, held at the match v. Bradford City. As soon as we know how much was collected, we'll announce it in the programme.

● "COMMUNITY CHEST" is your page. It's intended to publicise local events, requirements etc etc. If you have something local to publicise, please drop a line to "Community Chest", c/o The Programme Editor, Watford FC, Watford WD1 8ER—at least 10 days prior to the programme you want your "ad" to appear. Items will only be included space permitting.

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Ladbroke's would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a happy New Year, and we look forward to being of service.

Opening times:

Rous Stand Soccer Shop: From gates opening to kick-off, half-time and after the match.

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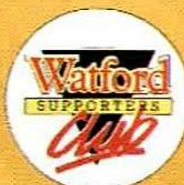


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SUPPORTERS CLUB:

Top Draw winners

Week 7, December 16th

£500—Mrs. B. Cheater, Canterbury Way, Croxley Green .0029
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£25—D. Puddephat, Harrow Road, Leighton Buzzard .0345
£10—P. Mills, Palace Gates Road, Alexandra Palace .1241
£10—G. Hudson, Jocketts Road, Hemel Hempstead .0835

Christmas Draw

On Monday, December 18th, the names of the winners of the 1989 Watford Christmas Draw were pulled out of the drum.

Supporters who turned up on the night to witness the event in the Aldenham Club drew the winners, along with Bushey Estate Agent, Robert Wildmore.

Mr. Wildmore, whose company sponsored this year's Christmas Draw pulled out the first 50 numbers.

There were more than 250 prizes to be won. The four main prize winners were as follows:

1st prize: Ticket No. BA06298. £250. **S. W. Coster**, Woodford Road, Watford.

2nd prize: Ticket No. AC08182. £100. **J. Taylor**, Shakespeare Road, Watford.

3rd prize: Ticket No. C09316. Portable TV. **Mr. McCollin**, Old Red Lion, Great Brickhill.

4th prize: Ticket No. D02516. Autographed football. **M. Heeney**, c/o Willesden Sorting Office.

Here is a list of the first 30 winners of the Christmas prizes:

BB09903 LP record voucher. **S. Brookes**, St. Julians Farm Road, London. A03241 Christmas pudding. **Mrs. S. Matthews**, Leggatts Wood Avenue, Watford. F00282 Cigarettes. **David Stocker**, ICI Paints, Wexham Road, Slough. AB09311 Bottle of wine. **Chris Stubbings**, Britton Tempo. C06924 Soft toy. **Mrs. J. Lane**, North Close, Chiswell Green, St. Albans. AE06925 Bottle of vodka. **Shirley Watts**, Kingswood Road, Garston. B01149 Camera. **S. Price**, Churchill Road. H06156 Xmas stocking. **Terry Kitchen**, c/o Focus, Clerkenwell Road. H07081 Bottle of rum. **G. Dearlove**, J02941 Watford Calendar. **A. Patrick**, Dellfield, Chesham. BA08088 Bottle of martini. **Chris Waters**, Nether Road, Cavendish, Sudbury, Suffolk. AC06881 Bottle of wine. **V. Harley**, M & S, Watford. BA06298 £250. **S. W. Coster**, Woodford Road, Watford. AC09434 Bottle of port. **Mrs. B. Gomm**, Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford. AF09770 Liqueurs. **Frank Parker**, Raven Close, Rickmansworth. D01837 Bottle of wine. **D. A. Thompson**, c/o Willesden Sorting Office. AG03648 Christmas pudding. **Ian Dodd**, Berm Lane, Rickmansworth. H08461 Bottle of cinzano. **P. Morrin**, Nursery Hill, Welwyn Garden City. AF05881 Cigarettes. **Mrs. P. Hyde**, Canterbury Way, Croxley Green. AC03609 Bottle of wine. **B. Stone**, Watford May Court, Watford. BA07544 Box of chocolates. **M. Clarey**, Meadway, Bushey. C03968 Bottle of martini. **P. Storey**, Third Avenue, Garston. G07050 Bottle of brandy. **E. Redding**, St. Albans Road, Watford. C09301 Biscuits. **Malcolm**, c/o Old Red Lion, Great Brickhill. C01138 Xmas Cake. **M.**

Gwyn, Elmhurst Close, Leeds. AJ08607 Bottle of wine. **S. Swell**, Heather Close, Wokingham. C09302 Bottle of bacardi. **Malcolm**, c/o Old Red Lion, Great Brickhill. A01941 Soft toy. **J. Emanley**, Sycamore Rise, Berkhamsted. AA09540 LP record voucher. **M. Dines**, Holme Road, Hatfield, Herts. A00625 Bottle of gin. **Stubbs**, Prospect Cottages, Loosley Hill, Loosley Row, Aylesbury.

A complete list of all 256 winners can be found on the official result sheet, which is now available from the Marketing Department or the Matchday Information Centre. All winners will be notified by post and they are reminded to bring their winning counterfoils with them when claiming their prize.

Watford Football Club are extremely grateful to all agents who sold Christmas Draw tickets on our behalf and to all those supporters who showed their support by buying tickets.

A special word of thanks must also go to Robert Wildmore Estate Agents, who have now sponsored the last two Christmas and Holiday Draws. To everyone concerned many thanks and a Happy New Year.

● Top Draw Year 4 started in November, but why not kick-off the new decade by enrolling in the promotional scheme that gives you the chance to claim two free return flights to the USA? For full details, pick up a brochure today at the Matchday Information Centre.

The Supporters Club is for all Watford supporters over the age of 16. Membership is included in the cost of a season ticket, inclusive of a full membership pack. Membership costs £8.50 to non-season ticket holders. Application forms are available from the Matchday Information Centre or the Marketing Department.



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BARCLAYS LEAGUE

Playing today in the Second Division:

AFC Bournemouth	v.	Plymouth Argyle
Blackburn Rovers	v.	Bradford City
Hull City	v.	Sunderland
Leeds United	v.	Oldham Athletic
Middlesbrough	v.	Stoke City
Newcastle United	v.	Wolverhampton W.
Oxford United	v.	Sheffield United
Portsmouth	v.	Leicester City
Port Vale	v.	Ipswich Town
West Bromwich Albion	v.	Brighton & HA
West Ham United	v.	Barnsley

POLICE MESSAGE

Periodically through the season, a special tone will sound prior to kick-off and the Police will give out a message to supporters.

This is just to test a new 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!
Thank you for your co-operation.

QuizLeague answers: 1. Viv Anderson (then Nottm Forest). 2. Dave and John Hollins. 3. WigAN-ANfield Park (Liverpool)—Wig(an)field Park. 4. CheISEA-SEAland Road (Chester City)—CheI(sea)land Road. 5. StoKE-KENilworth Road (Luton Town)—Sto(ke)nilworth Road. 6. Aston ViLLA-Layer Road (Colchester)—Aston ViI(la)yer Road.

Barclays League Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Leeds	23	10	2	0	24	6	4	4	3	17	17	48
2 Sheff. U.	23	7	4	1	22	14	6	4	1	18	10	47
3 Sun'land	23	7	4	1	24	14	4	4	3	16	18	41
4 Oldham A.	23	8	4	0	22	11	3	3	5	9	13	40
5 Ipswich	22	6	4	1	19	11	4	3	4	14	16	37
6 Newcastle	22	7	2	1	21	12	3	4	5	18	14	36
7 Swindon	23	6	2	3	26	13	4	4	4	16	20	36
8 WATFORD	23	7	1	3	23	13	2	4	6	9	16	32
9 Blackburn	22	3	5	2	22	19	4	5	3	19	18	31
10 West Ham	23	6	3	3	19	11	2	4	5	13	17	31
11 Wolves	23	5	3	4	18	12	2	5	4	15	19	29
12 B'mouth	23	6	2	4	18	17	2	3	6	15	21	29
13 Plymouth	22	5	4	2	18	12	3	0	8	15	22	28
14 Brighton	23	5	2	4	13	11	2	2	7	18	22	28
15 Port Vale	23	4	6	1	15	11	2	3	7	12	18	27
16 Oxford U.	23	5	4	3	20	16	2	2	7	12	20	27
17 Middlesbro	23	5	3	3	17	15	2	3	7	12	20	27
18 Leicester	23	5	3	4	16	16	2	3	6	13	21	27
19 West Brom	23	3	4	4	21	21	3	4	5	17	19	26
20 Portsm'th	23	2	6	4	18	20	3	5	5	9	14	24
21 Bradford	23	5	3	3	14	10	0	5	7	11	24	23
22 Barnsley	23	3	4	5	13	16	3	1	7	11	28	23
23 Hull C.	22	1	4	5	8	14	2	7	3	15	16	20
24 Stoke	22	3	5	4	13	15	0	4	6	6	21	18

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First Team Update

Up to 26/12/89	League Aps Gls	L Cup Aps Gls	Z Cup Aps Gls	FA Cup Aps Gls	Totals Aps Gls
Allison	3(1)				3(1)
Ashby	5 1		(1)		5(1) 1
Coton	23	2	1		26
Drysdale	4		1		5
Falconer	7(5) 1	1	1		9(5) 1
Gibba	23	2	1		26
Henry	3(2)	1	1		5(2)
Hodges	16	1 1			17 1
Holden'h D.C.	(4) 1				(4) 1
Holden'h D.G.	23	2 2			25 2
Jackett	16(1)	2			18(1)
Penrice	6	5	1 1		7 6
Porter	22(1)	4 2	1		25(1) 4
Pullan	(3)		1		1(3)
Redfearn	10(2)	1 1			11(2)
Richardson	19	1			20 1
Roberts	7	2 2			9 2
Robson					1
Roeder	23	2	1		26
Soloman			1		1
Thomas	14	1 2	(1)		16(1) 1
Thompson	6(4)	1 (1)			6(5) 1
Wilkinson	22	12 1	1		24 12

Key: Playing substitute in brackets; Z Cup = Zenith Data Systems Cup

South East Counties Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tottenham	17	14	1	2	50	16	29
2 Arsenal	17	11	3	3	46	19	25
3 Chelsea	17	10	4	3	37	12	24
4 Charlton	15	9	1	5	26	20	19
5 Leyton O	17	7	4	6	33	27	18
6 WATFORD	16	8	2	6	29	24	18
7 Portsmouth	14	5	4	4	24	19	15
8 Norwich	16	6	5	3	35	15	15
9 Cambridge	15	5	5	5	25	33	13
10 Gillingham	13	6	1	6	26	29	13
11 Ipswich Town	15	5	2	8	21	33	12
12 Millwall	14	4	3	8	17	26	11
13 QPR	12	4	4	9	23	28	10
14 West Ham Utd	14	4	1	9	23	32	9
15 Fulham	16	3	5	10	19	31	9
16 Southampton	2	2	13	18	48	6	6

(up to and including Sat Dec 22, 1989, 16th 1989)

(up to and including Sat, December 16th, 1989)

Fixtures 1989/90:

H Aug.	19	Norwich City	D 1-1
H Aug.	21	Chelsea	L 1-2
H Aug.	26	West Ham United	W3-2
H Aug.	29	Arsenal	L 0-1
H Sept.	2	OPR	W 1-0
H Sept.	9	Southampton (SECLC-1)	W3-0
A Sept.	16	Chelsea	L 1-3
A Sept.	19	Northampton (S/F-C-1)	W3-0
A Sept.	23	Charlton Athletic	L 1-2
H Sept.	30	Portsmouth	W4-1
O Oct.	7	Cambridge United	W3-0
O Oct.	14	Tottenham H.	L 1-4
H Oct.	21	Crystal Palace (SECLC-2)	W2-1
H Oct.	23	Brighton (S/F-C-2)	W5-3
O Oct.	28	Millwall	D 0-0
H Nov.	4	Gillingham	L3-5
H Nov.	11	Fulham	W1-0
H Nov.	18	Leyton Orient	W2-0
H Nov.	21	Aston Villa (FAYC-2)	W2-1
A Nov.	25	Arsenal	W4-2
H Dec.	2	Southend United	W3-1
H Dec.	9	Arsenal (SECLC-3)	W2-1
A Dec.	22	Oxford United (S/F-C-3)	W3-2
A Jan.	6	Norwich City	
H Jan.	8	Southend Utd (FAYC-3)	
H Jan.	13	West Ham United	
H Jan.	20	Portsmouth	
H Jan.	27	Charlton Athletic	
H Feb.	3	Tottenham H.	
A Feb.	10	Portsmouth	
H Feb.	17	Millwall	
A Feb.	24	Ipswich Town	
A Mar.	3	Leyton Orient	
A Mar.	10	Southend United	
H Mar.	17	Cambridge United	
A Mar.	24	Fulham	
A Apr.	7	Gillingham	
H Apr.	14	Ipswich Town	

To be arranged: OPR/Charlton away (SECLC-4)

Key: SECLC: South East Counties League Cup
 *Saturday League games kick-off at 11.00 a.m.

Ovenden Papers Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A _{pts}
1 Millwall	22	14	5	3	37	20
2 Tottenham	18	14	1	4	53	24
3 Norwich City	18	12	1	5	33	18
4 Arsenal	18	11	3	4	42	31
5 Chelsea	16	10	2	4	38	20
6 Wimbledon	18	8	6	4	32	22
7 Swindon Town	21	9	1	11	37	28
8 Oxford United	18	8	2	7	30	22
9 Crystal Palace	20	7	5	8	30	26
10 Brighton & HA	17	8	2	7	28	30
11 Ipswich Town	20	7	3	10	32	24
12 QPR	16	7	2	7	29	33
13 Luton Town	16	6	4	6	24	21
14 Charlton Athletic	18	6	3	9	30	22
15 Portsmouth	15	4	8	3	14	19
16 West Ham Utd	18	4	5	9	34	17
17 WATFORD	15	2	6	7	25	13
18 Southampton	19	2	11	2	11	22
19 Reading	18	2	4	12	21	50
20 Fulham	16	3	1	12	10	41

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Fixtures 1989/90:

H Aug.	23	Ipswich Town	D	2-2	A Jan.	30	Charlton Ath. (Tues)
H Aug.	26	QPR	L	0-1	A Feb.	6	QPR (Tues)
H Sept.	5	Arsenal	L	2-3	H Feb.	10	Fulham
A Sept.	9	Oxford United	W	3-2	A Feb.	18	Porthsmouth (Tues)
A Sept.	13	Crystal Palace	L	2-5	H Feb.	24	Charlton Athletic
H Sept.	20	Norwich City	L	1-2	A Mar.	3	West Ham United
H Sept.	23	Porthsmouth	L	0-1	H Mar.	7	Crystal Palace (Wed)
A Oct.	3	Chelsea	W	1-0	A Mar.	14	Oxford United (Wed)
H Oct.	11	Ipswich Town	D	2-2	H Mar.	18	Reading & HA
H Oct.	21	Wimbledon	L	2-3	A Mar.	19	Reading (Mon)
A Oct.	24	Letchworth (<i>HSC-1</i>)	W	4-0	H Mar.	24	Brighton
A Oct.	26	Luton Town	D	3-3	A Mar.	31	Southampton
H Nov.	4	Millwall	L	1-2	A Apr.	4	Fulham (Wed)
H Nov.	18	West Ham United	D	4-4	A Apr.	7	Wimbledon
A Nov.	26	Millwall	D	2-2	H Apr.	21	Tottenham H.
H Dec.	2	Luton Town	D	1-1	A Apr.	25	Brighton & HA (Wed)
A Dec.	2	Barnet (HSC-2)	L	2-5	H Apr.	28	Southampton
A Jan.	2	Chelsea	L	1-2	<p>To be arranged: Tottenham (home) This match will be played at Stan Bridge, but is a Watford home fixture</p> <p>- Home games kick-off at 3.00 pm</p>		
A Jan.	10	Swindon Town (Wed)					
A Jan.	12	Norwich City (Fri)					
H Jan.	20	Arsenal					
H Jan.	27	Swindon Town					

To be arranged: Tottenham (home)
† This match will be played at Stamford
Bridge, but is a Watford home fixture.
* Home games kick-off at 3.00 pm on
Saturdays or 7.30 pm in midweek.

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TODAY'S LINE-UPS

WATFORD

Team changes

1. Tony COTON
2. Nigel GIBBS
3. Barry ASHBY
4. Lee RICHARDSON
5. David HOLDSWORTH
6. Glenn ROEDER
7. Liburd HENRY
8. Paul WILKINSON
9. Gary PENRICE
10. Gary PORTER
11. Glyn HODGES

Subs: no:

no:

SWINDON TOWN

Team changes

1. Fraser DIGBY
2. David KERSLAKE
3. Paul BODIN
4. Alan McLOUGHLIN
5. Colin CALDERWOOD
6. Jon GITTENS
7. Tom JONES
8. Duncan SHEARER
9. Steve WHITE
10. Ross MacLAREN
11. Steve FOLEY

Subs: no:

no:

Half-time: _____ Full-time: _____ Attendance: _____

MATCH OFFICIALS: Referee: PETER FOAKES (Clacton-on-Sea). Linesmen: P. J. Brennan (Benfleet—red trim flag), S. B. Furse (Colchester—yellow trim flag). Reserve Official: R. Dodge.

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