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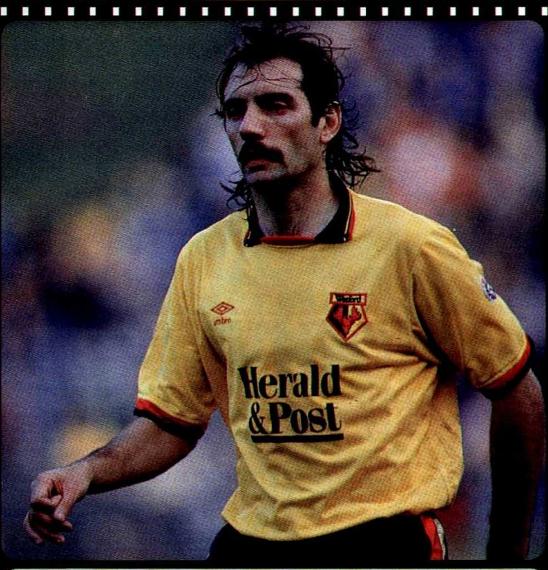
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DECEMBER 29 1990

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SWINDON TOWN

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Oxhey Jets v. Croxley Youth

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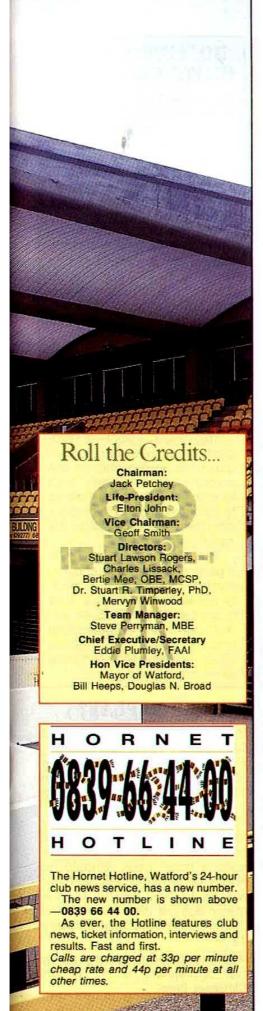
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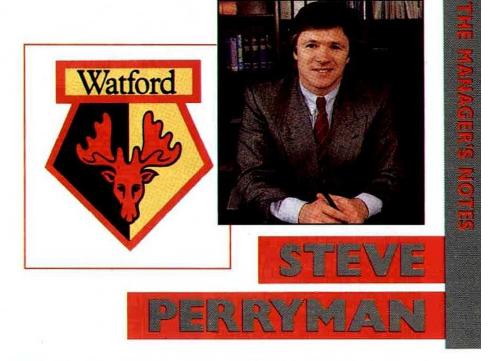
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n a personal level, the first years of the past two decades have been very positive ones for me.

In 1971 I was a youngster in the Spurs' side that won the League Cup and 10 years later I was lifting the FA Cup at Wembley. So why should 1991 not bring success as well? With that attitude, I approach the New Year with optimism.

The past year has not only seen a recession in the country as a whole, it's also seen a recession in Watford's fortunes. I am under no illusions that my task is to get us back on the road to the boom times again.

Mentioning the FA Cup Final a bit earlier reminds me that today we face a side managed by an ex-teammate of mine, Ossie Ardiles. He and I parted company in 1986, but we keep in touch and I've followed his managerial career with interest. From first-hand experience, I know Ossie's philosophies on the game and that should result in an entertaining spectacle today.

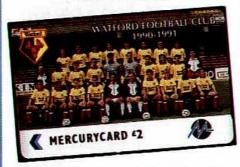
There's no doubt in my mind that it does help to have close friends, ex-teammates or ex-adversaries in the managerial ranks. It means that come the time when you want to do business, you know the type of person with whom you're dealing. That can make a lot of difference.

Mind you, despite Ossie's progress in recent times as a manager, I am committed to stopping him today. A good result today would provide an excellent springboard into next Tuesday's match at Wolves.

Thope to see as many of you as possible at Molineux, so don't enjoy the night before too much please!

Riche Servino

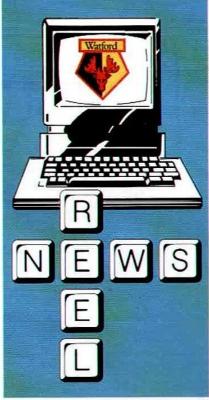
FROM MERCURY TO WATFORD



You can now buy Mercury 'phonecards from Watford FC and use them in the Mercury phones that have been installed at the stadium and in Watford High Street.

Cards worth £2.00 and £5.00 are now on sale at the Hornet Shop and from the club's main reception area. The £2.00 card is pictured above, while the £5.00 card carries the club crest.

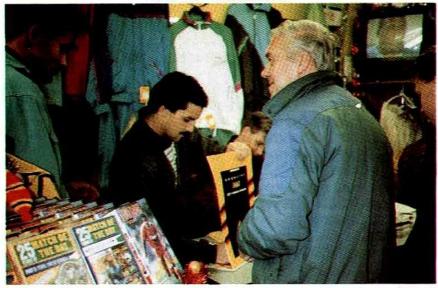
There are three public Mercury 'phones at the stadium. Two are in the Rous Standone at the entrance to block H and the other in the executive box area. The other 'phone is outside the club's main recep-



tion area in the Directors' Car Park.

If you are a collector of Watford memorabilia, we suggest these 'phone cards, the first issued by Watford FC, may make a novel addition to your collection.

HORNET SHOP TAKES ON THREE **PART-TIMERS**



There were three part-time staff on hand in the Hornet Shop just before Christmas-David James, Gary Penrice and Nigel Gibbs.

They are all seen behind the counter in the above picture, Gary Penrice and Nigel Gibbs signing the drawings of themselves that appear in the club's 1991 calendar-drawings done by David James.

The calendar retails at £4.99, but if sending for it by post, please add 0.75p to cover the cost of postage and packing.

HOTLINE WIDENS ITS SERVICE

The Hornet Hotline, the club's 24-hour news and information service, is widening its service from today.

Until now there have been two programmes to listen to each day-'News Update' and 'Ticket Information'. Now there are six!

They are:

1. News Update; 2. Hotline Interview; 3. Around The Club; 4. Fans Phone-in; 5. Ticket Information; 6. Football Trivia Quiz.

The new programmes are really 'Around The Club', 'Fans Phone-in' and 'Football Trivia Quiz'.

'Around The Club' will give a round-up of club news off the field, including the latest Top Draw results.

The 'Fans Phone-in' programme allows you to put questions to the club or put across a point of view you wish to express. We'll be listening to your messages and responding the following week on the same programme.

The 'Football Trivia Quiz' is a general football quiz and you can win cash prizes by correctly answering questions. It is accessed on 0839 66 44 19.

 All calls to the Hornet Hotline are charged at 33p per minute cheap rate and 44p per minute at all other times.

CUP REPLAY?

If our third round tie at Shrewsbury Town next Saturday is drawn, the replay will be here at the Vicarage Road Stadium on Tuesday, January 8, kick-off 7.45 pm.

Season ticket holders already hold a ticket for this match. It will be voucher no. 14 from the season ticket book. Should no replay be required, that voucher will go forward to the League match against West Ham United the following Saturday, January

 See page 15 for the names of the top four prizewinners in the Watford Christmas Draw.

FANCY LUNCH AT THE HILTON?

THE BIG MATCH HOSPITALITY PACKAGE AT THE HILTON NATIONAL HOTEL

WATFORD v. WEST HAM UNITED

JANUARY 12, 1991

As a result of the demand for V.I.P. and entertainment packages for our home game against West Ham United, we have made special arrangements with the Hilton National Hotel in Watford to provide additional hospitality packages.

Not only do you get the benefit of enjoying an excellent three-course meal before the game, but you will avoid all of the normal parking problems on a matchday. A special coach will be provided to take you to and from the stadium as a part of this package and a club host will be on hand during the day to look after you.

This package will include:

- ★ Reserved parking at the Hilton National Hotel
- ★ Champagne Reception
- ★ Superb three-course meal
- ★ Tea and coffee at half-time and full-time in the Rous Stand Executive Box Area
- ★ Coach transfer to and from the Hotel
- * A Watford host throughout the day
- * Complimentary match programme

Cost: §49 including VAT per head

To book or obtain further details, please telephone Crail Low or Lisa Broadbridge at Watford Football Club on 0923 30933

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1991

CUP CAMPAIGN KICKS-OFF

This season's FA Cup campaign starts next Saturday at Gay Meadow, home of Third Division Shrewsbury Town.

The club's seat ticket allocation for this match was on sale to Watford season ticket holders, Supporters Club and Junior Hornets' members until Boxing Day, but now remaining seats are on general sale to all other Watford supporters. Seat tickets are £6.00 each.

Terrace admission is payable on the day, price £5.00.

Full travel details are on page 29 of this programme.

Front Cover Shot: Alan Devonshire on the look-out.

(Pic: Alan Cozzi)

SEATS ONLY

Watford has an allocation of seats for the match at Wolves in three days' time, but there is no terrace accommodation.

Wolves' club policy is not to allocate any seats to visiting supporters, but this decision has been reversed for our match at Molineux. However, in order to house their own fans, all the terrace places on the day have been given to the home supporters.

The Watford Ticket Office has 500 seats for this match, which were on sale to season ticket holders, Supporters Club and Junior Hornets' members until Boxing Day. Now, remaining tickets, price £7.00, are on general sale to all other Watford fans.

STUBS REMINDER

A reminder that if you want to buy seat tickets for our match against West Ham United here on Saturday, January 12, you are asked to produce a ticket stub from a previous Watford match when making your purchase.

This match is **not** 'all-ticket', but the production of ticket stubs will aid segregation.

West Ham supporters have been allocated block 'K' of the Rous Stand and block 'A' (upper and lower) of the East Stand.

The entire Rookery End of the stadium will be allocated to Hammers' fans on the day, which means Watford season ticket holders in that area will gain automatic admission at the Vicarage Road End.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE Playing today in the Second Division:

Playing today in the Second Division: H.T. F.T.

BLACKBURN ROVERS ... v. OXFORD UNITED ...

BRIGHTON & HA ... v. LEICESTER CITY ...

BRISTOL CITY ... v. MIDDLESBROUGH ...

HULL CITY ... v. BARNSLEY ...

IPSWICH TOWN ... v. CHARLTON ATHLETIC ...

MILLWALL ... v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC ...

NEWCASTLE UNITED ... v. NOTTS COUNTY ...

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ... v. BRISTOL ROVERS ...

SHEFFIELD WED ... v. PORTSMOUTH ...

WEST BROMWICH A... v. WOLVERHAMPTON W.

WEST HAM UNITED ... v. PORT VALE

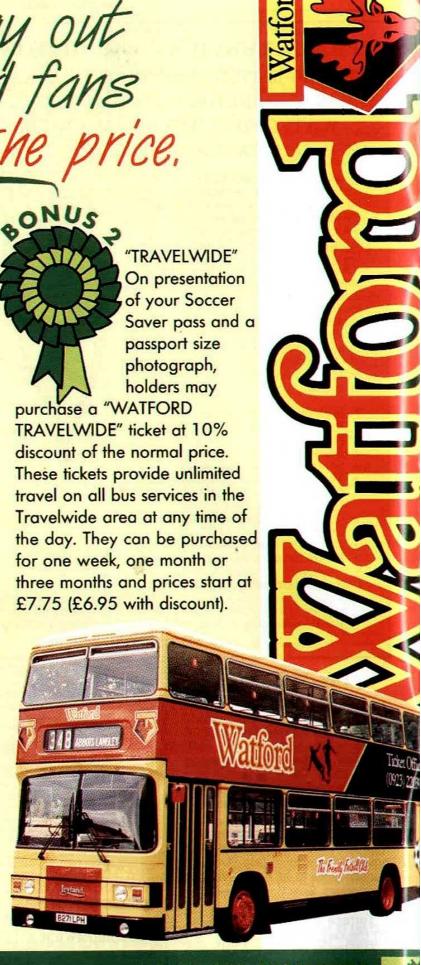
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and Supporters
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fare on any London
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Bus services, and
Green Line services
719, 724 or 734 to and
from all Watford
Football Club first team
home matches.



"SOCCER SAVERS"
Soccer Saver pass
holders may also
travel on any journey
made on that day
after 9.00am as
detailed above.

For further details please call into the Watford Bus Garage, the Watford High Street Kiosk or telephone 0923 673121/229811.



N the first of a two-part article, Paul Levene discusses rare Watford programmes.

Prior to the appointment of Graham Taylor as manager of Watford FC in the summer of 1977 it was true to say that in the rapidly expanding hobby of programme collecting the Hornets' publications had not been the most in demand of items.

Back in early 1977 when I first began to collect Watford programmes seriously at school, issues from both the 1940's and early 1950's could still be seen on general sale at programme fairs or within the pages of dealers' catalogues at reasonable prices. One item I recall obtaining that year for the princely sum of £2.00 was a copy of the Watford v. Millwall programme from a Division Three (South) fixture in September 1948.

their way into the collections of the few people who could afford to pay the prices asked for these issues.

This concentration consequently helped to highlight several programmes that for one reason or another came to be filed under 'rare' in the catalogue of Watford programmes.

As a general rule most clubs' official journals in the years immediately following World War Two are not particularly common these days. A variety of reasons, including paper rationing, meant that issues were filmsy and many were only four-page publications. By the very nature of their fragility, these items were often discarded on the terraces after the game, to be lost forever.

Watford's programmes from 1946-52 consisted of between eight- and 12-pages with a large number of adverts. During this These four-page items were probably produced as the games took place on a normal working afternoons and attendances of between 3-6,000 were well down on the season's average of over 11,000. A year later another of the 'elusive four-pagers' was produced for a Wednesday afternoon League fixture with Millwall. This time the kick-off was 4.40 pm with only 4,342 fans present.

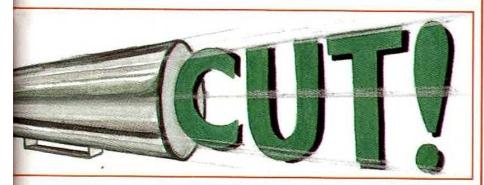


Not a real rarity, but here's a companion volume to the publication you're reading. It's a Watford v. Swindon programme from 1960.

Another series of collectable Watford programmes from the same era were produced for a number of floodlit friendly matches at Vicarage Road, arranged following the installation of lights in 1953.

The first floodlit game was against Luton Town, and a full first team programme was issued for this match. Although this item does not appear with great regularly today it is not as rare as programmes issued for similar friendlies against Liverpool and Leeds United (the latter from 1954-55 was a 16-page issued priced 4d). These two items are especially hard to track down as Watford collectors are also competing with a substantial body of their Leeds and Liverpool counterparts.

 Part Two of this article will focus on Watford programmes to look out for from 1920 to the present day.



Today that particular programme would not appear on general sale at fairs and would be more likely to be listed in dealers' offers catalogues. Here collectors compete with each other, bidding for the item over and above a minimum price stipulated by the dealer. At the end of the day the programme commands the price the successful bidder is prepared to pay.

As Watford rose through the Divisions under the current England supremo the number of collectors interested in the Hornets' programmes escalated in direct proportion. This resulted in many of the older items disappearing from circulation rapidly and many of these historical artefacts found gramme from that campaign The 1953-54 produced two for games aga Ipswich Town. played on succeeding the produced two for games aga Ipswich Town. Played on succeeding the produced two for games aga Ipswich Town.

time and on the years immediately after there are a few extremely scarce programmes for the collector to chase.

The first was a four-page A5 size issue for a home game with Bristol City on Thursday, April 20, 1950 which was due to kick-off at 6.30 pm. The programme was identical in design to those produced for reserve games that season and a far cry from the standard 12-page programme from the latter half of that campaign.

The 1953-54 season actually produced two similar rarities for games against Walsall and Ipswich Town. The games were played on successive Wednesday afternoons in February and March 1954 both with 3.15 pm

WAUGH LOAN

As this programme went to press just prior to Christmas, Watford took 34-year-old Coventry City goalkeeper **Keith Waugh** on six weeks' loan.

Keith was born in Sunderland and joined his hometown club as an apprentice. Without making a first team outing for the Rokerites he joined Peterborough on a free transfer in July 1976 and made 227 outings for the London Road club.

A £90,000 move took him to Sheffield United in August 1981, and he made 118 appearances for the Blades, also spending a four-game loan spell at Cambridge United.

Another free transfer move took him to Bristol City in July 1985 and after a further 224 outings came a £40,000 move to Coventry City at the beginning of last season. To date, he has only made one first team appearance for the Sky Blues.

THIS PROGRAMME

Because of printing deadlines, most of this programme went to press prior to Christmas. However, the statistical section at the back of the programme was updated following last Saturday's match against Port Vale. Our apologies if events have overtaken any material in the feature articles.

WILKO'S WIN



Striker Paul Wilkinson was a recent winner of the newly-instituted 'Man of the Match' award, voted on by executive box holders at each match.

Paul collected the award for his two-goal display in the win over Plymouth Argyle on Saturday, December 8.

Presenting him with a personal stereo, donated by the Watford branch of Rumbelows is Noel Johnston of Jennor Timber, the first company name out of the hat in the list of box holders who nominated Paul.

HALF-TERM SEASON TICKETS

We're almost at the halfway mark in the season, but there's a lot of football yet to come at Vicarage Road. To book your place for the rest of the campaign, there's no better deal than a 'half-term season ticket'.

The prices quoted below apply from today's game and include all League games until the end of the season. Two Cup matches are also included.

Here are the prices:

Area	Adult	Child
Rous Stand:		
Blocks H/J	£112.00	£96.00
G/K	£105.00	£92.00
Rous Enclosure	£ 87.00	€67.00
East Stand:		. 42
Blocks A/B (upper)	£105.00	£92.00
(lower)	£ 87.00	£67.00
C/D `	£112.00	£96.00
E	£ 98.00	£86.00
Family Enclosure Block	£ 87.00	£48.00
Family Terrace	£ 42.00	£15.00
Terrace:		
North East	£ 42.00	£30.00
• Apart from guarantoning vo		season ticket

- Apart from guaranteeing your place at matches, a season ticket also includes:
- Automatic Supporters Club/Junior Hornets' membership;
- Priority booking for away matches and Cup-ties;
- The chance to join 'Top Draw' and be in line for big cash and other prizes;
- Travel scheme for away games;
- Complimentary programme for seated season ticket holders.

OWIT TRAINIES

... Don't forget that there is a match at Vicarage Road next Saturday while the first team travel to Shrewsbury in the third round of the FA Cup. The match here sees our youth team take on Notts County in the third round of the FA Youth Cup. Kickoff is at 3.00 pm and admission is £1.00 for adults and 50p for children/senior citizens. Season ticket holders do not gain free admission to this match...A couple of programmes ago we reported on the footballing exploits of Watford ballgirl Stephanie Belcher-we can now report that her Pinner Park under-11 girls' side duly won their age group Final of the Metorpolitan Police five-a-side competition, held at the Wembley Arena. Pinner Park beat Mary Ward from Camden 4-0 to retain the trophy they first won last sdason. From Wembley, Stephanie will be back in her usual matchday place today, collecting footballs that go astray...

THE LEADING MAN

S we went to press prior to Christmas, Paul Wilkinson had racked up 46 goals for Watford in the two-and-a-half seasons since his arrival from Nottingham Forest.

But strangely, he's only bagged two goals in a game on three occasions—the last being the 2—0 win over Plymouth here a

couple of weeks ago.

"It's always been like that," says the 26-year-old striker. "In fact I'm still looking to score my first League hat-trick, although I did get one in the League Cup for Everton at Newport a few seasons ago.

"To be honest, it doesn't bother me. As a striker, I'd far rather be a regular name on the scoresheet than score three and then not score again for the next seven or eight games."

Paul's latest double-strike came after striking partner Gary Penrice had come on as a half-time substitute. Coincidence or cause?

"I don't think it's down to me or Andy. Kennedy, but when you have a player like Gary around, it does mean the central man can get into the box more often. I think that's what happened.

"I feel I could have scored more goals this season if I'd been able to get in there more often, but I have to say that I've really enjoyed playing this season. Obviously I haven't enjoyed all the results, but I've been playing a slightly different rôle—holding the ball and bringing others into play.

"I do feel I've been playing some of my best football this season since joining Watford."

Despite Paul's current goal quest, he very nearly got off on literally the right foot in the first game of the season.

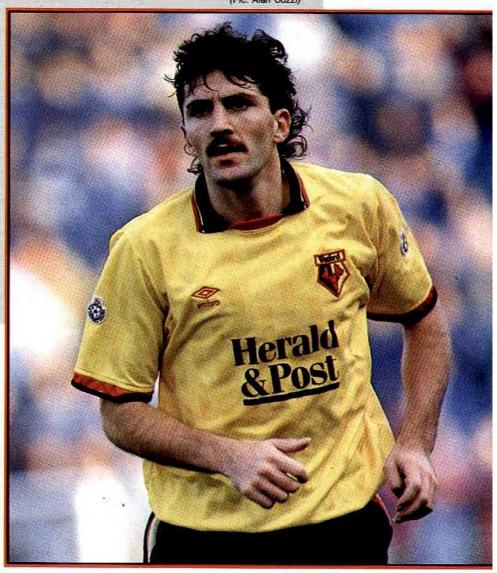
"Yes, it could have been different if my first shot of the season had gone in—hitting the bar in the opening minutes against Millwall was really an early indication of what was to come. Happily, I did get one against Millwall 11 days ago.

"Although I'm now looking to get on the scoresheet more regularly, I haven't set myself any targets—I never have."

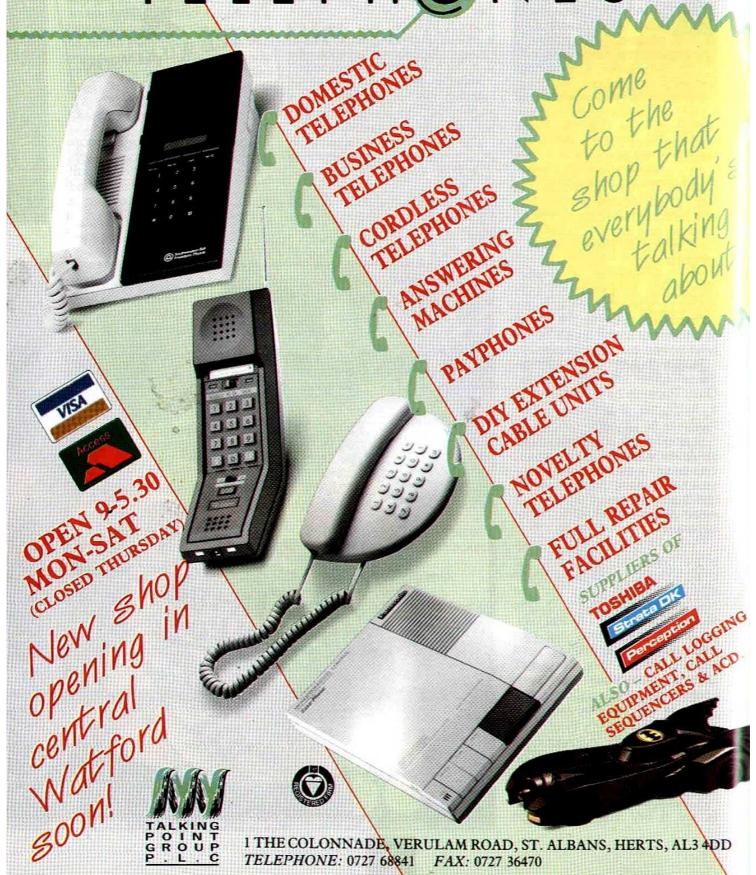
But there is one target that Paul's first goal against Plymouth enable him to reach—it was his 100th goal in senior football, with his second goal kicking off his campaign for a second century.

But right now there's a more pressing goal to reach. "Everyone is committed to pulling us clear of our present positions. The immediate aim is safety. Anything else is a bonus."

(Pic: Alan Cozzi)



TALKING POINT TELEPHONES



PLAYING SITE

IN REHEARSAL

Previous League encounters between today's teams since the last War:

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	UIDALL L	EAGUE	
Season	Div.	Home	Away
1946-47	3(S)	1-1	0-5
1947-48	3(S)	1-0	0-3
1948-49	3(S)	0-3	0-1
1949-50	3(S)	1-2	1-0
1950-51	3(S)	1-2	2-3
1951-52	3(S)	1-7	1-0
1952-53	3(S)	2-1	0-0
1953-54	3(S)	2-1	2-2
1954-55	3(S)	3-0	1-6
1955-56	3(S)	2-1	0-0
1956-57	3(S)	3-4	0-2
1957-58	3(S)	0-0	0-0
1960-61	3	1-0	2-1
1961-62	3	2-0	1-3
1962-63	3	3-3	1-3
1965-66	3	2-0	1-0
1966-67	3	2-0	2-1
1967-68	3	2-0	0-2
1968-69	3	0-0	1-0
1969-70	2	0-0	0-1
1970-71	2	1-2	1-1
1971-72	2	0-0	0-2
1978-79	3	2-0	0-2
1988-89	2	2-3	1-1
1989-90	2	0-2	0-2
Summary:	P W	0 L	FA
Home	25 11	6 8 3	4 32
Away	25 6	6 13 1	7 41

50 17 12 21 51 73

Total

E'LL just have to roll up our sleeves and do it all again!" that was the reaction of Swindon manager Ossie Ardiles when he finally learned that Swindon had been denied promotion to the First Division after winning last season's play-offs at Wembley.

Swindon outplayed Sunderland at Wembley and were celebrating their promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history when the Football League delivered its hammer blow. The club was originally relegated to Division Three after pleading guilty to contravention of rules.

It was on appeal to the FA that Swindon, though being denied promotion to the First Division, were restored to Second Division status.

Sadly, after a good start, Swindon have fallen away in their promotion bid. As they went into the holiday period, Swindon had won only once in 14 League matches

PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS THE ROBINS' TRAVELS HAD SEEN ONLY TWO WINS— AT CHARLTON AND OXFORD

and that left them closer to the bottom of the table than the top.

The Robins have won two away games—at Charlton (2—1) and Oxford (4—2). They drew at Hull (1—1), Brighton (3—3), Leicester (2—2), Notts County (0—0) and Ipswich (1—1) but were beaten at Oldham (3—2), Barnsley (5—1) and Sheffield Wednesday (2—1).

They produced a fine recovery in the second round of the Rumbelows League Cup after losing the first-leg at Darlington by 3—0. They won 4—0 in the return game at the County Ground.

Another good performance saw them draw away to Sheffield Wednesday (0—0) in the next round but they then lost their



Date founded: 1881.
Club nickname: 'Robins'.
Ground name: County Ground.
Five club managers prior to Ossie
Ardiles: Lou Macari, Ken Beamish, John
Trollope, Bob Smith, Danny Williams.
Highest-ever Division Two position:
1969/70: 5th.
Best FA Cup run: 1910 and 1912: semi-

home replay by 1-0.

Swindon took an early exit from the Zenith Data Systems Cup, losing at Chelsea (1—0).

Swindon are currently enjoying the most successful era of their history. Until 1986 they were a Fourth Division side but last May, just four years later, the Robins had all but played their way into the First Division.

Swindon's revival began under former manager Lou Macari. He led the club to the championship of Division Four in 1986 with an all-time record of 102 points.

Twelve months later they qualified for the Third Division play-offs and won the series to secure a return to Division Two.

In 1989 they qualified for the Second Division play-offs but were beaten in the semi-finals. It was then that Mr. Macari left to take up a new challenge with West Ham and Swindon appointed former Spurs and Argentina midfield player Ossie Ardiles as player-manager.

He'll be working for a repeat performance of last season but, following their recent poor run, Swindon have left themselves a considerable amount of ground to make up.

lutroducing

SWINDON TOWN

PLAYING

OPPOSITE

The Cast...

GOALKEEPER:

Fraser Digby. Played for the England youth side during his apprenticeship with Manchester United. Did not play in United's first-team but made his debut soon after moving to Swindon in 1986. Fraser has been capped five times by the England under-21s.

DEFENDERS:

David Kerslake. Signed from QPR for £110,000 in November 1989. Joined Rangers as a schoolboy and developed through the junior teams to make his League debut in 1985. With only some half-a-dozen League matches behind him, David played for the England under-21s.

Jon Gittens. Given his break in topclass football by Southampton. They spotted him playing for Paget Rangers and he made his First Division debut for the Saints in 1986. Swindon signed him for £40,000 in 1987.

Adrian Viveash. Joined the club as a trainee and made his League debut, as substitute against Middlesbrough in September.

Paul Bodin. Didn't make the League

teams with his first two clubs, Chelsea or Newport, but got his chance in 1982 after linking with Cardiff. Spent three season at Ninian Park, then went non-League with Bath City. He returned to Newport in 1987 but, after a few weeks, was transferred to Swindon. Paul is now a Welsh international, winning his fourth cap against Luxembourg in November.

MIDFIELDERS:

Mick Hazard. Signed from Portsmouth for £130,000 in September. Made his name with Tottenham and was a member of their FA Cupwinning team of 1982 and their successful UEFA Cup side two years later. Chelsea signed him in 1986 and he moved on to Portsmouth last season.

Tom Jones. Joined Swindon from Aberdeen two seasons ago. Previously in non-League soccer with Weymouth, moving to Aberdeen in 1987

Ross MacLaren. A reserve player

ADRIAN VIVIEASH AND FITZROY SIMPSON ARE THE ONLY HOME-GROWN PLAYERS IN THE SQUAD

with Glasgow Rangers, he established himself in League soccer after joining Shrewsbury in 1980. Derby signed him for £67,500 in 1985 and Swindon paid £150,000 for him three years later.

Cup. 'Ossie' spent the next 10 years at White Hart Lane, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1981 and a similar medal in the UEFA Cup three years later. In 1988, he moved to QPR after a loan spell at Blackburn Rovers and was appointed manager at the County Ground in the summer

Fitzroy Simpson. Joined Swindon as a trainee and got a few outings in their League XI two seasons ago. Now holding a regular place.

Osvaldo Ardiles captured the

imagination of the football world

when he signed for Tottenham Hotspur with fellow Argentinian

Ricky Villa following the 1978 World

Steve Foley. Completed an apprenticeship with Liverpool but did not play in the first-team. Made his League debut whilst on loan to Fulham during 1983-84 and was transferred to Grimsby at the end of that campaign. Sheffield United signed him in 1985 and he moved on to Swindon in the summer of 1987.

Shaun Close. Signed from Bournemouth in September 1989. Opened his professional career with Tottenham but Bournemouth signed him three seasons ago and it was at Dean Court that he established himself in League soccer.

STRIKERS:

Duncan Shearer. Swindon's joint topscorer with 27 goals last season. Signed from Huddersfield for £250,000 in 1988, he was leading scorer with 16 goals in his first season. He began his career with Chelsea, but after transferring to Huddersfield in 1986 he quickly established himself as a goalscorer. Steve White. Also scored 27 times last season. Made his name as a goalscorer with Bristol Rovers, prompting Luton to pay £175,000 for him in 1979. He moved on to Charlton three years later but—after loan spells with Lincoln and Luton-he returned to Bristol Rovers in 1983.

THE PAST DECADE REVIEWED

Swindon spent much of the last decade in the Fourth Division. But when they left it, their rise was meteoric. Fourth Division champions in 1986, they then spent just a season in the Third, winning promotion via the playoffs. Following a year's acclimatisation, they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in each of the next two seasons. In May, as everyone knows, they actually won promotion to the First Division, by beating Sunderland in the play-off final at Wembley. But that result was later negated by a Football League inquiry into off-the-field activities.

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1981/82	3	46	13	13	20	55	71	52	22nd	3	1	-
1982/83	4	46	19	11	16	61	54	68	8th	4	1	-
1983/84	4	46	15	13	18	58	56	58	17th	4	1	QF
1984/85	4	46	21	9	16	62	58	72	8th	1	1	1
1985/86	4	46	32	6	8	82	43	102	1st	1	4	1
1986/87	3	46	25	12	9	77	47	87	3rd	4	2	SSF
1987/88	2	44	16	11	17	73	60	59	12th	4	3	SF
1988/89	2	46	20	16	10	68	53	76	6th	4	2	1
1989/90	2	46	20	14	12	79	59	74	4th	3	4	SSF

Misc: Other Cup competitions, such as Full Members' Cup etc.

NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT...

Swindon are one of only two Third Division clubs to win the League Cup (now the Rumbelows League Cup). They defeated Arsenal 3-1 in the 1969 Final.

■ Swindon's biggest League win was by 9-1 against Luton in the Third Division (South) in 1921.

■ Their club record win was by 10—1 against Fareham United in the FA Cup in 1925.

Swindon have only on one occasion conceded 10 goals in a game, when losing 10-1 to Manchester City in the FA Cup in 1930.

☐ That club deficit record was equalled when they went down 9—0 to Torquay in a Third Division (South) game in 1952.

Swindon were elected to the League in 1920 when they became a founder member of the Third Division (South).

Their best achievement in League soccer was in finishing fifth in Division Two in 1970 and again last season, when they went on to win the promotion play-offs.

Swindon achieved an all-time League record when they collected 102 points in the Fourth Division in 1985-86.

The record attendance at the County Ground was 32,000 for an FA Cup-tie against Arsenal in 1972.

■ Their best crowd last season was 16,208 for the visit of Leeds in Division Two in February.

The club's record for League appearances is held by John Trollope, who appeared 756 times between 1960 and 1981.

Back row, from left: Liam Dixon, Adrian Viveash, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Steve White, Tony Gaivin.

Middle row, from left: Andy Rowlands (Reserve Team Coach), Tony Clarke (no longer with club), Dave Hockaday (now Hull City), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Fitzroy Simpson, Paul Bodin, Greg Costello, Chic Bates (Assistant Manager),

Front row, from left: Neil Tomlinson, Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, David Kerslake, Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Colin Calderwood, Alan McLoughlin, Shaun Close, Paul Trollope, Nicky Summerbee.

AT THE FLICKS...We have all the Subbuteo Second Division teams, which we'll be giving away to one lucky young supporter at the end of the season. In each home programme, there's a quiz question on page 31 ("The Ratings"). Keep all your answers, and at the end of the season we'll give you details of how to enter.











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Name: Terry Sartin

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Operator.

Lives in: North Watford.

Length of time supporting Wat-

ford: 13 years.

The first Watford game you saw: v. Doncaster Rovers, March 29, 1977.

Favourite player (past): John Barnes.

Favourite player (present): Gary Penrice.

Best goal seen by a Watford player last season: Glyn Hodges v. Oldham Athletic.

Best goal ever seen by a Watford player: Nigel Callaghan v. Manchester City.

Best match you've ever seen at Watford: v. Southampton 7-1. Best visiting team you've seen at Vicarage Road: Liverpool.

Best goal you've seen by a visiting player at Vicarage Road: Paul Goddard, West Ham United. Favourite sports personality: Sharron Davies.

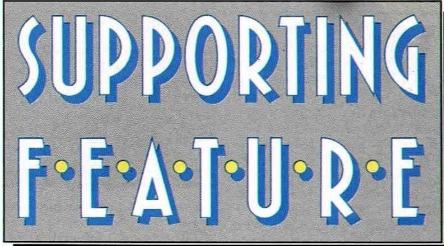
International figure you'd like as your guest at Watford: Victoria Principal.

Favourite feature in the Watford programme: Centre Stage.

A new feature which would improve the programme: More information on away support/travel

All-time Watford team: Tony Coton, David Bardsley, Wilf Rostron, Roger Joslyn, David Holdsworth, John McClelland. Nigel Callaghan, Luther Blissett, Ross Jenkins, Kevin Richardson, John Barnes. Subs: Keith Mercer, Alan Garner.

We'll be featuring a Watford fan on this page in each issue.



MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR HORNETS' PRESIDENT

To all Junior Hornets,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

Things are certainly looking better for us now that our new Manager has the team back on the right track. Along with the other players, I would like to ask you all for as much support and encouragement as you can give us - if we all pull together, I'm sure we can overcome the disappointments of the last for months. the disappointments of the last few months.

I will be at the next Junior Hornets' evening, when I look forward to seeing you all again.

Finally, Vice-President Jason Drysdale joins me in wishing you and your families a very Happy New Year and all the very best for 1991. Thanks for your terrific support over the last year - keep it up!

BACK IN TRAINING

A reminder from Ann Swanson that Junior Hornets' football training restarts at 4.30 pm, on Thursday, January 10, at Woodside Stadium, Garston.

SUPPORTERS CLUB: BELATED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

There are a number of Christmas Draw prizes still waiting to be claimed from the Marketing Department.

If you have bought any tickets for the draw please check your counterfoil number against the official winners list-you never know, one of those unclaimed prizes may be yours!

The lucky winners of the four main prizes were as follows: 1st prize-\$250: Ticket no. L09181. Sheila, Post-Room 90995.

2nd prize-\$100: Ticket no. B03303. The Hollies, Rickmansworth Road, Watford.

3rd prize-\$50: Ticket no. B06480. Sally Parker, Beech Road, Watford.

4th prize—Autographed football: Ticket no. L12771. Sarah Allport, Jupiter Drive, Hemel Hempstead.

HILE at Blackburn Rovers, striker Andy Kennedy was the first-choice penalty-taker. And Watford don't need reminding that one of five spot-kicks he converted last season was in the 2—2 draw between the sides at Ewood Park.

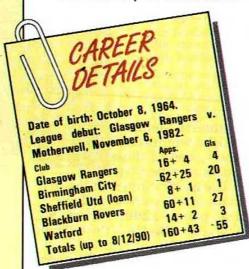
So with Gary Porter's recent miss at Newcastle, was Andy in line for a penalty call-up?

"We agreed before the West Bromwich game that if we got a penalty, Gary would take it," says the 26-year-old, born in Stirling. "But if we got a second penalty in the game, I would take it, irrespective of whether Gary scored or not from the initial kick.

"Mind you I also have unhappy memories of that game against Watford last season. I tore a hamstring and was out for nine weeks. That, touch wood, has been the only lengthy injury I've had in my career."

Still on the Blackburn theme, 'Rovers to date are not putting up their usual showing in the Second Division promotion race.

"Like us, they ve had a lot of



injuries this season. We've had key men missing and so have they, like Scott Sellars. He hasn't played this season. He suffered a double hernia and when he came back he sustained a chronic



groin strain which put him out again.

"Mind you, although their League season isn't going that well, they've got some big games at Ewood. They played Everton the other week in the Zenith Data systems Cup and of course, they're at home to Liverpool in the third round of the FA Cup on January 5."

Watford's season to date has also had its troughs, but Andy is

'With a lot of new faces we needed a good start to build morale'

optimistic about the future. "A lot of new faces came in during the summer and you need time to get to know each other. What we really needed was a good start—that would have built morale early on and got everyone going.

"Unfortunately, that didn't happen and it's taken until about now for things to come right. But the three-point system does show you how things can change. We looked as if we could be tailed off at one point, but a couple of draws and two wins later and we were 10 points off seventh place—that's a play-off place.

"Personally, I'd like to have scored more goals—although I felt I was on to score when I was brought down for our penalty at West Brom. Playing a sweeper system means the front men have more defensive duties and also

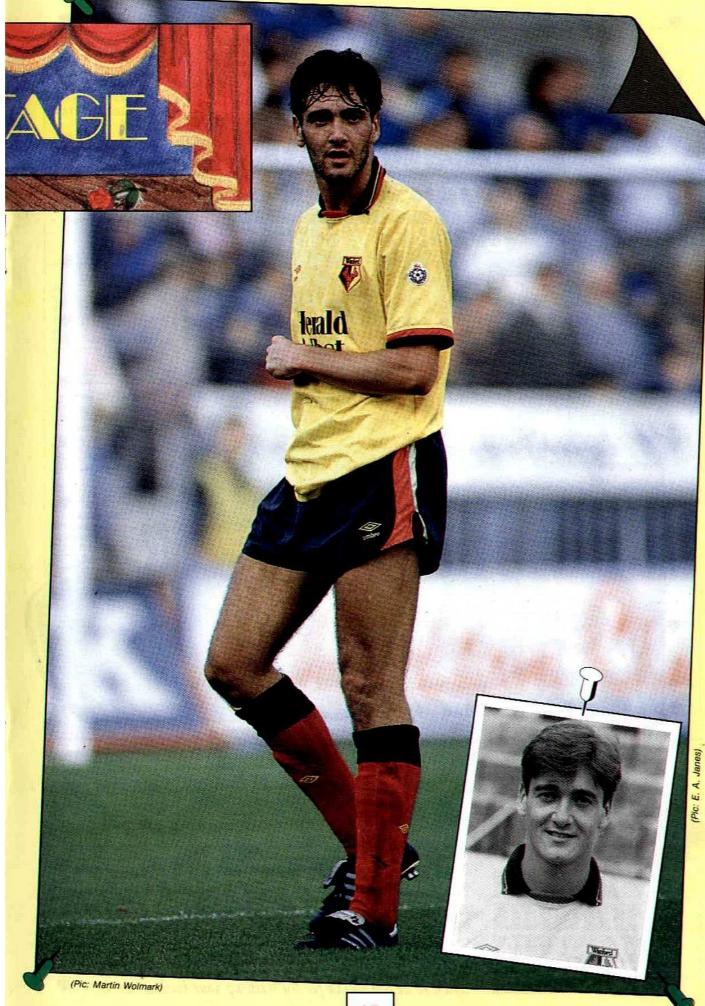
have to come deeper to get the ball. That in turn means you sometimes don't get in the box as often as you'd like, whereas with a 4-4-2 system, you have the protection of the wingers.

"But no complaints, I'm happy to play as the manager sees fit.

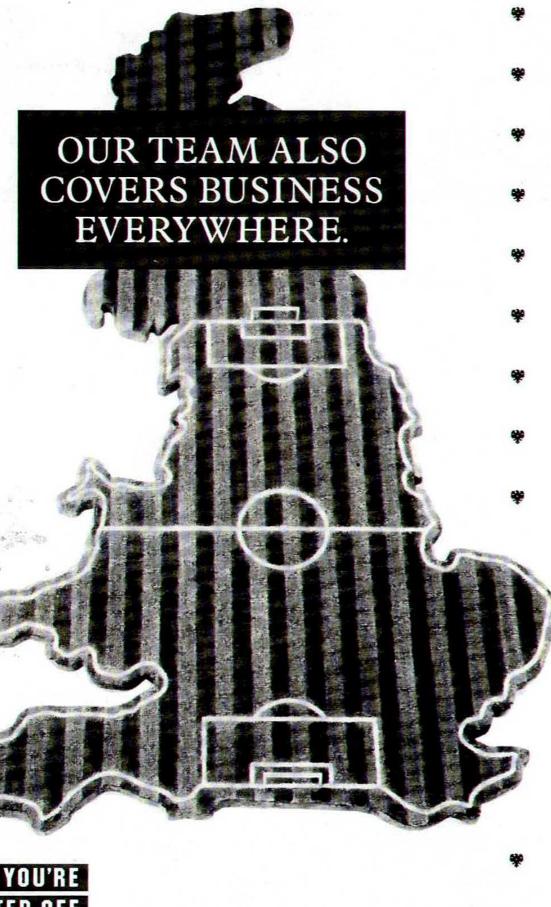
The sense of humour

"It did take me a while to settle down in the south. The sense of humour here is less direct and I think people weren't sure how to take me at first. But it's fine now. And on the field, the team is settling into a system where everyone knows their job and that will hopefully bring results."

When Andy has scored this season, he has displayed a distinctive style of celebration, more reminiscent of South America than West Watford. "I really started that at Blackburn and they did a feature on it on 'Kick-Off', a Lancashire programme. I was doing it before the World Cup, so perhaps that's where they got it from!"



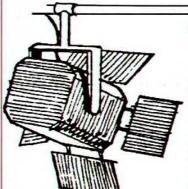
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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...

JANUARY: Glenn Roeder in prayerful pose after he struck Watford's second in the 2-0 FA Cup third round win over Wigan on January 6.

(Pic: Martin Wolmark)

FEBRUARY: Below—All eyes left as the ball goes wide of the Sunderland post in the 1—1 home draw on February 17. One of those pairs of eyes belongs to Glyn Hodges, now with Crystal Palace.





APRIL: Glyn Hodges fires home from the penalty spot in the 3-1 win over Ipswich Town on April 7. Looking on is Gerald Harrison, on his first team debut.

(Pic: Wattord Observer)





MARCH: Kenny Jackett came on as a substitute against Blackburn on March 31. Sadly it was to be his last appearance in Watford colours, as a recurrent knee injury was to force his retirement. (Pic: Martin Wolmark)



MAY: 'Keeper Tony Coton won the Player of the Year award for the third time, and left Watford for £1-million to join Manchester City in the summer. (Pic: Martin Wolmark)



JUNE: A triumphant Watford youth team after winning an international tournament in Chateauroux, France during June.



JULY: This month saw the arrival of two Scotsmen at Watford. One was Andy Kennedy (from Blackburn) and the other Mark Gavin from Bristol City. Mark's seen here in action against Charlton Athletic. (Pic: Alan Cozzi)





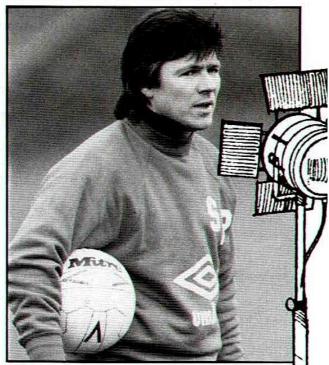
SEPTEMBER: Early season frustration in a 1-0 loss at West Ham. No-one has yet beaten the Hammers this season, as we went to press.



NOVEMBER: November 15 saw the signing of winger David Byrne from Plymouth. Here he is in full flight on his debut v. Bristol Rovers.



OCTOBER: Nigel Gibbs returned to the side in late October, in the 1—1 draw against Oxford United. A foot operation had sidelined him since the opening day of the season.



DECEMBER: New man at the helm in the form of Steve Perryman, MBE. (Pic: Alan Cozzi)

ic: Martin Wolmark)



Reserve Team Coach-Glenn Roeder

T'S half-term in a sense for Glenn Roeder as Reserve Team Coach in his first season in a coaching capacity. So what are his impressions after just over four months in the job?

"I suppose everything I expected has happened—most importantly that I am really enjoy-

ing it.

"I realised there would be frustrations in not being able to field the same side very often, so that's come as no great surprise. The injuries we've had this season haven't helped that situation either.

"It's virtually impossible at a club of our size to field three full squads—first team, reserves and youth team on the same day, and that's why we shifted the home reserve games away from Saturdays. But obviously, there are clubs like Arsenal and Tottenham who can send out full squads and so continue to play at weekends. That's where we

FOCUS ON UNDER

can run into trouble, promoting players to the first team, bringing in youth team players and so reducing the strength of the juniors as a result."

Of course one of those players who's been on regular first team duty this season has been Glenn himself.

"I'm just happy to be out there at the age of 35 and count myself lucky to still be playing the game at his level. Here we are in the staff room with **Kenny Jackett** beside me and I'm sure he'd give anything to still be playing.

"As far as I'm concerned on the playing side, it's a question of wait and see. The manager is playing a system which involves me and it's up to him how long that continues.

"I'm just lucky to be involved in both the playing and coaching facets of the club. Just physically being in the staff room gives you a lot of experience. The things you talk about are different to dressing room talk and with people like Steve Perryman and Peter Shreeves around, you cannot help but learn.

"I still like going out to watch other games and players, but my playing duties mean I can't get out all the time. "Ultimately, I was looking for a move into coaching and Watford have given me the chance. I had no illusions when I took the job and it's been personally very rewarding."



Peter Shreeves—experienced man in the Watford staff room. (Pic: E. A. Janes)

Counting substitute appearances, Glenn's 600th outing on a senior football field came against Port Vale on Boxing Day. that brought his full outings to 588, so he'll hopefully record his 600th full appearance this season.

That should prove to be another rewarding experience in Glenn's career.

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ARTICULARLY in the last decade, Watford has rightly gained a reputation for producing talented young footballers through its apprentice and youth trainee schemes.

Today, as the year closes, we reflect on players who have come through in the last 10 years and

The same fate was to await Gary Barden, Neil Doherty and Kevin Hamer the following season, but the 1985-86 intake did produce Dean and David Holdsworth, Tim Sherwood (now with Norwich City), Iwan Roberts (now with Huddersfield Town), Paul Rumble (now with Maidstone United) and Steven Thorne, who was released after a

those who have not been so lucky. Back in 1981, the likes of Jimmy Gilligan, Francis Cassidy, Paul Franklin and Charlie Palmer figured prominently in the youth team. Lower down the appearance

list were Ian Richardson, Worrell Sterling and David Johnson.

All of them later signed professional contracts at Watford and it's worth recording that of the 17 players that made three or more youth team outings in 1980-81, 10 were later signed as professionals. although it's true to say that only one player went on to really establish himself in the first team, Nigel Callaghan.

Professional status

The following season saw Neil Price and Neil Williams among the apprentices, both of whom went on to enjoy professional status, while in 1982-83 the names of Gary Porter and Nigel Gibbs were added to the junior ranks. Another junior that season was Alex Dyer, who while not taken on by Watford, has enjoyed a professional career and is currently on loan to Charlton Athletic from Crystal Palace. The goalkeeper from that year, Derek Williams, was taken on as a junior professional but was released after a year and has since quit the game with a back injury.

A player who has gone on to represent his country joined Watford's apprentices in 1983-84—Welshman Malcolm Allen (now with Millwall), while his fellow apprentice of the time Richard Sendall is now playing professionally abroad. The two still keep in touch we gather.

The 1984-85 season saw Cliff Powell drafted in and he's now on the books of Sheffield United. But for every player who does sign on the professional dotted line, several don't and Cliff's colleagues Jason Polak, Bruce Andrews and Sean Griffith were all released.

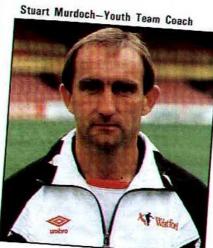
one-year junior pro contract.

Robert Wignall, Gary Eaton and Greg Morris were the unlucky ones from the 1986-87 season, but one lad who has made it all the way through from that year is our current first choice 'keeper David James, now also an England under-21 cap.

Another who has come through is Barry Ashby, signed as a youth trainee in 1987-88, along with Rod Thomas, Jason Drysdale and Jason Soloman. Of that intake, Andrew Gunn, joined Crewe Alexandra, but is now with St. Albans City, while Dominic Naylor, victorious FA Youth Cup captain with Watford is now on Halifax's books. But there was to be no future professional career for forward Osborn Smith.

Nor was there the next season for central striker Warren Bennett, but Jonathan Price and Gerald Harrison have signed as professionals, David Evans and Paul Towler are also now on the books, and as we went to press the future of forward Marc Rice was to be decided.

It will also be decision time shortly for youth trainees taken on two seasons ago-Julian Alsford, Darren Bazeley, Adrian Fuller, Joe Gallen, James Meara, Neil Proctor and Simon Sheppard.



South East Counties **Division One**

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5 Millwall	15	10	0	5	35	28	20
6 Gillingham	15	7	4	4	29	23	18
7 Fulham	15	6	2	7	21	25	14
8 Charlton	15	4	5	6	30	31	13
9 WATFORD	13	4	4	5	19	16	12
10 Norwich	15	5	2	8	22	28	12
11 Chelsea	14	5	2	7	18	25	12
12 QPR	15	5	2	8	18	27	12
13 Portsmouth	14	3	5	6	17	20	11
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	8 Cambridge Utd. W3-0
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H Sent	22 Norwich City (SECLC-1r) W 2-0
	29 Arsenal L 1—2
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A Oct.	
	27 Norwich City W 1-0
	30 Millwall (SJFC-2) D 0-0
H Nov.	3 West Ham United L0-2
A Nov.	10 Queens Park R. D 0-0
A Nov.	12 Millwall (SJFC-2R) § D 1—1
H Nov.	17 Chariton Athletic L 0-1
A Nov.	24 Tottenham H. L 1-5
H Nov.	27 Luton Town (FAYC-2) W 1-0
A Dec.	1 Portsmouth D 0—0
H Dec.	8 Millwall L 1—3
A Dec.	15 Wimbledon (SECLC-3) W 1-0
A Dec.	22 Ipswich Town
H Jan.	5 Notts Co (FAYC-3)
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	19 Cambridge Utd.
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A Feb.	2 Arsenal
A Feb.	9 Gillingham
A Feb.	16 Chelsea
H Feb.	23 Norwich City
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H Mar.	9 Queens Park R.
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H Apr. 20 Leyton Orient Key: SECLC: South East Counties League Cup; SJFC: Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. §After extra time. Millwall won 5-4 on penalties. To be arranged: Fulham (away).

*Saturday Home League games kick-off at 11.00 am, and are played at Woodside Stadium. Horseshoe Lane, Garston.

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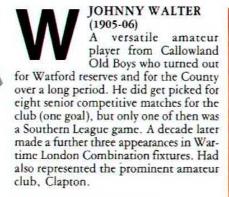
Lord Justice Taylor in his Final Report into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster.

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THE ARCHIVES

CONTINUING AND CONCLUDING THE ABC OF WATFORD PLAYERS SINCE 1896



TOM WALTERS (1935-38)

Playing mainly at centre-forward, had a return of 31 goals from 66 League and Cup matches, having reached Vicarage Road in July 1935 via Merthyr Town, Bolton Wanderers, Crystal Palace and Torquay United. Joined Clapton Orient in June 1938 and Dartford a year later. Helped Watford again in the War (34 appearances, 16 goals), after which he ran pubs at Abbots Langley and Croxley Green. Originally a coalminer.

DAI WARD (1962-63)

Scored 29 League goals in 1962-63 (Division Three's best total), despite a dramatic decline in the club's performances, and went to Brentford for £8,000 in October 1963 after playing in 66 competitive first-team games (32 goals). Hit two out of nine on his Griffin Park debut. Emerged with Barry Town before winning a Welsh cap with both Bristol Rovers and Cardiff City, to whom Watford paid £7,000 in May 1962.

JOHN WARD (1979-81)

A forward recruited locally by Lincoln City, where he played with and for Graham Taylor, who brought him to Vicarage Road for £15,000 in July 1979. Had earlier been loaned to Workington. 24 + 6 League and Cup games for Watford and six goals. Went to Grimsby Town on a free transfer in June 1981 and also returned briefly to Lincoln City. Became Taylor's assistant at both Watford and Aston Villa.

KEITH WARN (1960)

A goalkeeper who developed with Crox-

ley Boys' Club and Watford's junior team. Became a professional in March 1959, but his only senior competitive experience was a sequence of three League games. Played occasionally as a forward for the juniors and reserves. Joined Dover on a free transfer after two seasons, moved on to Kettering Town and Stevenage Town and spent some time in Australia before returning to local football.



John Ward—he was both player and later coach at Watford, and is now with Aston Villa.

JACK WARNER (1926-30)

Was born and died in south-east London and developed with Custom House, but reached Vicarage Road via Burnley and Manchester City, from whom he was transferred with Arthur Daniels in May 1926. A clever ball-player who had two seasons at inside-right, later returning for a run at right-half. Ended with 115 senior competitive appearances and 25 goals, and joined Thames on a free transfer in June 1930.

TOMMY WATERALL (1914-21)

A former miner and one of three brothers to play League football. Served Notts County, Bradford, Mansfield Mechanics and Leicester Fosse before joining Watford in July 1914. Hit a hat-trick on his away debut and stayed as the regular outside-left to accumulate 113 appearances and 20 goals in first-team competitions. Left for Gillingham on a free transfer in July 1921 and was later with Sheppey United and Sittingbourne.

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Mr. Alan J. Strudwick, Publicity Support Officer

First visit Heralds a win

On behalf of the residents and leaders from The Home Farm Trust "Herald House", may I thank everyone at Watford FC for the hospitality shown to us on Saturday. I am sure that their enjoyment of the game and surroundings was evident for all to see, and to have it crowned with your first home win of the season made it a special day for the young people.

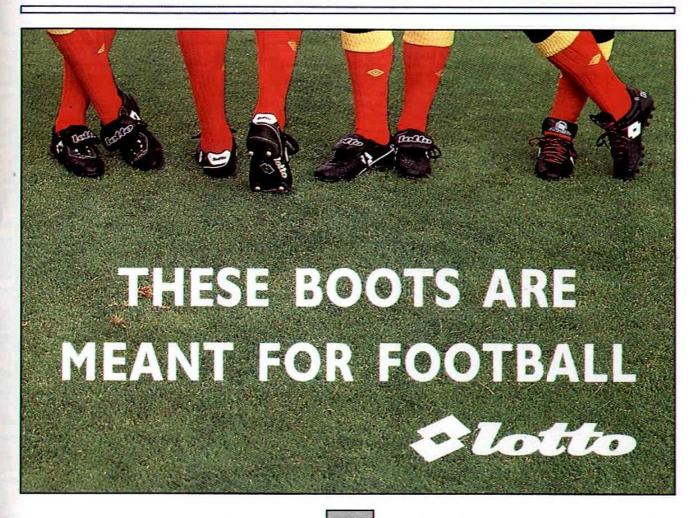
Perhaps we can arrange for a second visit later in the season for those unable to join us for the Plymouth game.

My thanks to you all again. Maureen Coles, Sponsorship & PR Manager, The Herald & Post

Your letters are welcomed and should be addressed to:

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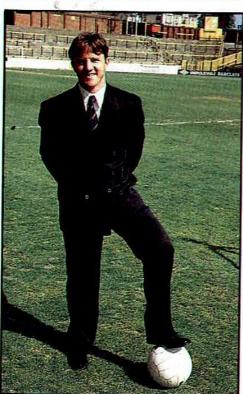
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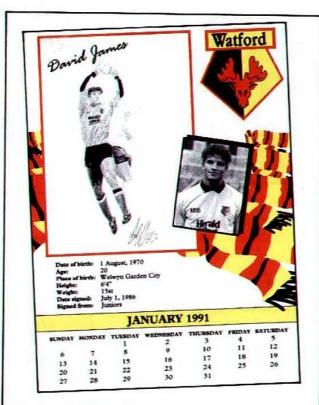
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N. Ireland international Jimmy Quinn was top League scorer for TWO clubs last season. His six was good enough for him to top Bradford's list. After joining the Hammers, he scored 10 League goals to finish level with Kevin Keen.

TREVOR MINT

Striker Trevor Morley has looked in mint condition as he soared to the top of the Hammers' scoring list. He had netted nine times prior to the holiday.

■ MEAN DEFENCE

No club has scored more than once against the Hammers in the Second Division this season.



West Ham's Colin Foster will be here on January 12.

UNBEATABLE?

West Ham went into the holiday games with an unbeaten record in the Second Division. Since going down at Newcastle last April, the Hammers have played 23 League games without defeat.

BOUNCING CZECH

Bouncy Ludek Miklosko, the Czechoslovakian international goalkeeper, has been in superb form for the Hammers. They

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WEST HAM UNITED

MANAGER: BILLY BONDS; LEADING SCORER LAST SEASON: KEVIN KEEN (13); LAST SEASON'S LEAGUE POSITION: 7th; OUR LAST MEETING: March 13th, 1990; Venue: Vicarage Road; Score: Watford 0 West Ham

Competition: Barclays League Divison Two WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS WATFORD

At: Molineux, Wolverhampton Date: Tuesday, January 1, 1991 Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES:

Seats: \$7.00 each (no reductions). Tickets will be on sale to season ticket holders/Supporters Club members only until after the game v. Port Vale. They will then go on general sale, subject to availability.

Terrace: Unfortunately due to lack of segregation there is no terrace space available to Watford supporters for this game.

TRAVEL.

On Club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 11.30 am, returning at approximate-Iv 7,30 pm

Cost: Adults: \$8.00; children/senior citizens: \$7.50. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Special notes: To guarantee a seat on a coach all places must be booked and paid for by 5.00 pm on Saturday, December 29.

Private transport:

Mileage: Watford to Wolverhampton approximately 105 miles.

Suggested route: Take the M1 northbound to Junction 19 and onto the M6 to Junction 10 (Walsall/Wolverhampton). Then take the A454 to Wolverhampton to the Inner Ring Road and turn right (Stafford/Cannock). At the third set of traffic lights turn right into Waterloo Road. Molineux on right hand side, some side street parking and town centre car parks available.

Competition: FA Challenge Cup, third round

SHREWSBURY TOWN v. WATFORD At: Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury Date: Saturday, January 5, 1991 Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES:

Seats: £6.00 (bookable at the Watford Ticket

Terrace: \$5.00. Please pay cash at the turn-stiles Station Road End (Visitors Section).

TRAVEL:

On Club transport: Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 11.00 am, returning at approximately 8.00 pm.

Cost: Adults: \$8.75; children/senior citizens: \$8.00. Bookable now at the Watford Ticket

Office

Special notes: To guarantee a seat on a coach all places must be booked and paid for by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday, January 4.

Private transport:

Mileage: Watford to Shrewsbury, approximately 150 miles.

Suggested route: Take the M1 northbound to Junction 19 and onto the M6 to Junction 10A and take the M54 to the end. Continue along the A5 to the A458 into Shrewsbury Go straight across the roundabout and Ring Road traffic lights towards the town centre (Abbey Forgate), past the Abbey and Gay Meadow is on the right-hand side. Some car parking available in side streets before Gay Meadow or in town centre car parks about 10 minutes walking distance from the

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Gibbs substituted with a knee strain, while Glenn Roeder (who was voted 'Man of the Match' by the executive box holders) ended the match with a 'dead leg'. Striker Paul Wilkinson received a black eye, while Keith Dublin came through unscathed, although carrying a slight knee ligament injury.

Coming back into contention is winger Mark Gavin, who played for the reserves at Arsenal last Saturday (a 2-2 draw) and central defender Jason Soloman, who will hopefully go back into full training next week.

It will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 23** in the New Hertford Suite of the Hilton National Hotel, starting at 7.15 pm.

After-dinner speaking guests on the night are ex-middleweight boxing champion Alan Minter and comedian **Roger Dakin**, who draws much of his inspiration from the world of golf.

Tickets are \$30.00 each or \$28.00 each for a

booking of eight or more. For further details and/or to book, please call either Mike Sullivan at Watford FC (0923-30933) or Sporting Club Directors Jack Mayston (0923-31644) or Reg Nix (0449-50166)

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Byrne	7		1		8	8
Devonshire	15 1	1	CONTR		16 1	16 1
Drysdale	10(4)	1(1)	1		12(5)	31(7)
Dublin	22	1	1		24	24
Falconer	15(1) 1	2			17(1) 1	82(14) 9
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Inglethorpe	1	1(1)			2(1)	2(1)
James	23	2			25	25
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McLaughlin	18 1	1			19 1	19 1
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Porter	18(5) 2	2	1	14	21(5) 2	199(23) 30
Pullan	1(1)		4-1-104		1(1)	8(7)
Roeder	11(3)	2			13(3)	68(4) 2
Thomas	12(2) 1	1	1	1.04	14(2)	62(11) 9
Wilkinson	23 7	2	1 1		26 8	129(2) 46
Williams	15(2)	2			17(2)	37(2)

ey: Playing substitute in brackets; R Cup = Rumbelows League Cup; Z Cup = Zenith Data Systems Cup

OPENING HOURS

THE TICKET OFFICE: 9.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays; 9.00am to kick-off on home first team matchdays (open again after matches) and 9.00 am to supporters' coach departure time on all other

THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT: 9.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays; 9.00am to 1.30pm on first team matchdays. Closed on non-first team

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JUNIOR HORNETS' SUBBUTEO QUIZ

As you'll see from the pages on the opponents, we have all the Second Division Subbuteo teams to give away this season, kindly donated by Subbuteo themselves.

All you have to do is to enter the competition to win the teams is answer the question that will be found in this space in every pro-gramme. Keep all your answers in a safe place until the end of the season, and we'll give you details of where to send your answers and a

closing date. Here's today's question: Swindon Town are the only Football League club in Wiltshire. True or false?

Please note this competition is only open to cur-rent Junior Hornets' members.

NEXT GAMES AT VICARAGE ROAD

Wednesday, January 2, 1991 Ovenden Papers Football Combination Watford reserves v. Chelsea reserves Kick-off 7.30 pm

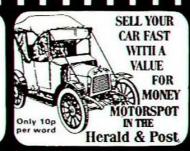
Saturday, January 5 FA Youth Cup, third round Watford juniors v. Notts County juniors Kick-off 3.00 pm

Saturday, January 12 Barclays League Division Two Watford v. West Ham United Kick-off 3.00 pm. (Not 'all-ticket')











THE PLAYERS

WATFORD

- 1. DAVID JAMES
- 2. NIGEL GIBBS
- 3. JASON DRYSDALE
- 4. KEITH DUBLIN
- 5. IOE McLAUGHLIN
- 6. ALAN DEVONSHIRE
- 7. DAVID BYRNE
- 8. PAUL WILKINSON
- 9. GARY PENRICE
- 10. GARY PORTER
- 11. GLENN ROEDER

Subs:

no:

no:

SWINDON TOWN

- 1. FRASER DIGBY
- 2. DAVID KERSLAKE
- PAUL BODIN
- 4. MICHAEL HAZARD
- 5. ADRIAN VIVEASH
- 6. JON GITTENS
- 7. TOM JONES
- 8. DUNCAN SHEARER
- 9. FITZROY SIMPSON
- 10. ROSS MacLAREN
- II. STEVE FOLEY

Subs:

no:

no:

Half-time:______ Full-time:_____ Attendance:____

MATCH OFFICIALS: Referee: P. A. TYLDESLEY (Stockport). Linesmen: M. A. Hair (Peterborough—red trim flag), J. R. Harris (Lowestoft—yellow trim flag). Reserve Official: P. Gage.

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