

1932/33

Manager
N.McBain

Final league position

11th of 22 in Football League Division 3 (South)
(3rd tier of English football)

Home-and-away league doubles by Watford

3 - v Bristol City, Coventry City & Crystal Palace

Home-and-away league doubles against Watford

1 - by Brighton & Hove Albion

Promoted to Division 2

Brentford

Required to seek re-election to the Football League

Newport County & Swindon Town
(both were re-elected)

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Brentford	42	15	4	2	45	19	11	6	4	45	30	62
2 Exeter City	42	17	2	2	57	13	7	8	6	31	35	58
3 Norwich City	42	16	3	2	49	17	6	10	5	39	38	57
4 Reading	42	14	5	2	68	30	5	8	8	35	41	51
5 Crystal Palace	42	14	4	3	51	21	5	4	12	27	43	46
6 Coventry City	42	16	1	4	75	24	3	5	13	31	53	44
7 Gillingham	42	14	4	3	54	24	4	4	13	18	37	44
8 Northampton Town	42	16	5	0	54	11	2	3	16	22	55	44
9 Bristol Rovers	42	13	5	3	38	22	2	9	10	23	34	44
10 Torquay United	42	12	7	2	51	26	4	5	12	21	41	44
11 WATFORD	42	11	8	2	37	22	5	4	12	29	41	44
12 Brighton & Hove Albion	42	13	3	5	42	20	4	5	12	24	45	42
13 Southend United	42	11	5	5	39	27	4	6	11	26	55	41
14 Luton Town	42	12	8	1	60	32	1	5	15	18	46	39
15 Bristol City	42	11	5	5	59	37	1	8	12	24	53	37
16 Queens Park Rangers	42	9	8	4	48	32	4	3	14	24	55	37
17 Aldershot	42	11	6	4	37	21	2	4	15	24	51	36
18 Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	42	10	7	4	44	27	2	5	14	16	54	36
19 Cardiff City	42	12	4	5	48	30	0	3	18	21	69	31
20 Clapton Orient	42	7	8	6	39	35	1	5	15	20	58	29
21 Newport County	42	9	4	8	42	42	2	3	16	19	63	29
22 Swindon Town	42	7	9	5	36	29	2	2	17	24	76	29

KEY TO MATCH-BY-MATCH DETAILS

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Competitions: Lge = Football League; FA = FA Cup (3rd Round)

Red type - away matches **Shaded rows:** FA Cup

Players' names: red type = Watford debut this season; ▲ = final Watford appearance this season

Player columns: G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; numerals denote goals scored

Goals from penalty kicks: O'Brien 3 (Matches 9, 15 & 26)

Sent off: None

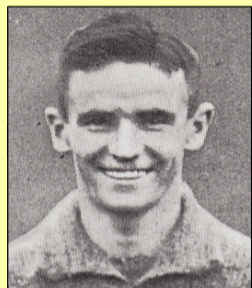
Appearances - Football League	36	26	1	38	3	39	6	41	2	12	3	10	36	3	27	35	27	7	21	19	4	2	1	41	22	
Goals - Football League	6	7			1	1	2				1	5	22		9		3								8	1
Appearances - FA Cup	1			2		2	1	2				2	2		1	2	2		1	1				2	1	
Goals - FA Cup												1														

TRIVIA The club was exempt from the first two rounds of this season's FA Cup competition, having reached the quarter-finals in 1931-32.

			Lge	2-1	13,477	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1	Sat 27 Aug	Norwich City	Lge	2-1	13,477	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1
2	Wed 31 Aug	Reading	Lge	1-1	10,109	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	Sat 3 Sep	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	0-4	7,995	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	Wed 7 Sep	Reading	Lge	0-2	11,220	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	Sat 10 Sep	Bristol Rovers	Lge	0-2	7,961	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Sat 17 Sep	Aldershot	Lge	2-0	8,572	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	Sat 24 Sep	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	1-2	10,653	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	Sat 1 Oct	Southend United	Lge	2-2	6,019	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1
9	Sat 8 Oct	Crystal Palace	Lge	3-0	12,095	X	X	X	X	X	X2	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	Sat 15 Oct	Gillingham	Lge	2-0	8,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	Sat 22 Oct	Luton Town	Lge	4-1	12,130	X	X	X	X	X	X2	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X
12	Sat 29 Oct	Exeter City	Lge	2-5	5,171	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1
13	Sat 5 Nov	Torquay United	Lge	0-0	7,910	X	X	X	X	G	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	Sat 12 Nov	Brentford	Lge	1-2	14,661	X	X	X	X	G	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1
15	Sat 19 Nov	Coventry City	Lge	3-1	6,208	X1	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16	Sat 3 Dec	Northampton Town	Lge	4-0	7,571	X1	X	X	X	X1	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	Sat 10 Dec	Clapton Orient	Lge	0-2	4,562	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	Sat 17 Dec	Swindon Town	Lge	2-2	6,794	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1
19	Sat 24 Dec	Bournemouth & Boscombe Ath	Lge	2-2	4,078	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	Mon 26 Dec	Newport County	Lge	0-2	5,044	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	Tue 27 Dec	Newport County	Lge	3-2	9,131	X	X	X	X	X	X2	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	Sat 31 Dec	Norwich City	Lge	1-2	6,975	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	Sat 7 Jan	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	0-3	6,516	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	Sat 14 Jan	Southend United	FA	1-1	11,403	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	Wed 18 Jan	Southend United	FA	0-2	8,036	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	Sat 21 Jan	Bristol Rovers	Lge	3-1	4,202	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1
27	Wed 25 Jan	Bristol City	Lge	3-2	2,402	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X2
28	Wed 1 Feb	Aldershot	Lge	1-2	2,049	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	Sat 4 Feb	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	2-2	6,055	X	X1	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	Sat 11 Feb	Southend United	Lge	1-2	5,048	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	Sat 18 Feb	Crystal Palace	Lge	1-0	5,425	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
32	Sat 25 Feb	Gillingham	Lge	3-3	4,208	X	X	X	X	X	X3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
33	Sat 11 Mar	Exeter City	Lge	0-0	7,368	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34	Sat 18 Mar	Torquay United	Lge	2-3	3,241	X	X1	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
35	Sat 25 Mar	Brentford	Lge	1-1	10,057	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
36	Sat 1 Apr	Coventry City	Lge	3-1	11,333	X1	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
37	Sat 8 Apr	Bristol City	Lge	1-0	5,791	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
38	Fri 14 Apr	Cardiff City	Lge	1-1	9,451	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
39	Sat 15 Apr	Northampton Town	Lge	0-0	6,197	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
40	Mon 17 Apr	Cardiff City	Lge	2-1	7,713	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41	Sat 22 Apr	Clapton Orient	Lge	1-1	5,156	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42	Wed 26 Apr	Luton Town	Lge	2-3	4,140	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
43	Sat 29 Apr	Swindon Town	Lge	2-1	2,955	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44	Sat 6 May	Bournemouth & Boscombe Ath	Lge	2-1	3,938	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

TRIVIA Jack Barnes spent two seasons, of which this was the second, as the club's regular outside-left. He died in April 2008, a mere 27 days short of becoming the club's only centenarian.

▲ Barnes, J.B.
▲ Barnett, T.A.
▲ Blake, A.G.
▲ Brown, W.
▲ Carter, J.H.
▲ Chapman, W.
▲ Davies, W.
▲ Findlay, W.
▲ Hufton, A.E.
▲ Inglis, W.
▲ Ison, E.
▲ James, G.C.
▲ Lane, W.H.C.
▲ Lewis, D.J.
▲ Lowe, H.P.
▲ Moran, J.
▲ O'Brien, M.T.
▲ Richards, D.
▲ Rutherford, J.
▲ Slater, T.A.W.
▲ Stokes, A.
▲ Trotter, J.
▲ Weeks, G.B.
▲ Woodward, A.
▲ Woolliscroft, A.
Own goal



Jack Barnes the club's longest-lived player

OTHER MATCHES in 1932-33

Sat 13 Aug 1932 **Whites 2 Blues 0** (Public trial match) Attendance: 3,610

Whites: J.Rutherford (gk); D.Richards & C.Ewington; A.Stokes (sub: R.Kyle), W.Inglis, A.G.Blake; W.Chapman, T.A.Barnett [1 goal] (sub: P.S.Miller), W.H.C.Lane [1 goal], H.P.Lowe & J.B.Barnes (sub: E.Ison)

1938/39

Manager
W.Findlay

Final league position

4th of 22 in Football League Division 3 (South)
(3rd tier of English football)

Home-and-away league doubles by Watford

2 - v Exeter City & Port Vale

Home-and-away league doubles against Watford

None

Promoted to Division 2

Newport County

Required to seek re-election to the Football League

Walsall & Bristol Rovers (both were re-elected)

	Played	HOME				Ag	AWAY				Points	
		W	D	L	For		W	D	L	For		Ag
1 Newport County	42	15	4	2	37	16	7	7	7	21	29	55
2 Crystal Palace	42	15	4	2	49	18	5	8	8	22	34	52
3 Brighton & Hove Albion	42	14	5	2	43	14	5	6	10	25	35	49
4 WATFORD	42	14	6	1	44	15	3	6	12	18	36	46
5 Reading	42	12	6	3	46	23	4	8	9	23	36	46
6 Queens Park Rangers	42	10	8	3	44	15	5	6	10	24	34	44
7 Ipswich Town	42	14	3	4	46	21	2	9	10	16	31	44
8 Bristol City	42	14	5	2	42	19	2	7	12	19	44	44
9 Swindon Town	42	15	4	2	53	25	3	4	14	19	52	44
10 Aldershot	42	13	6	2	31	15	3	6	12	22	51	44
11 Notts County	42	12	6	3	36	16	5	3	13	23	38	43
12 Southend United	42	14	5	2	38	13	2	4	15	23	51	41
13 Cardiff City	42	12	1	8	40	28	3	10	8	21	37	41
14 Exeter City	42	9	9	3	40	32	4	5	12	25	50	40
15 Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	42	10	8	3	38	22	3	5	13	14	36	39
16 Mansfield Town	42	10	8	3	33	19	2	7	12	11	43	39
17 Northampton Town	42	13	5	3	41	20	2	3	16	10	38	38
18 Port Vale	42	10	5	6	36	23	4	4	13	16	35	37
19 Torquay United	42	7	5	9	27	28	7	4	10	27	42	37
20 Clapton Orient	42	10	9	2	40	16	1	4	16	13	39	35
21 Walsall	42	9	6	6	47	23	2	5	14	21	46	33
22 Bristol Rovers	42	8	8	5	30	17	2	5	14	25	44	33

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Red type: away matches **Shaded rows:** competitions other than Football League

Players' names: red type = Watford debut this season; ▲ = final Watford appearance this season

Player columns: G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; numerals denote goals scored

Goals from penalty kicks: None

Sent off: None

Appearances - Football League

Goals - Football League

Appearances - Other Competitions

Goals - Other Competitions

	41	36	3	40	30	31	26	5	1	1	2	42	17	13	22	20	3	38	42	10	39	
Armstrong, J.H. ▲	X																					
Barnett, T.A. ▲	X																					
Dabbs, B.E. ▲																						
Davies, W.																						
Dunderdale, W.L.																						
Evans, D.R.																						
Gallimore, L.																						
Hetherington, J.A. ▲																						
Johnson, G.A. ▲																						
Johnson, G.E. ▲																						
Jones, D.O.E. ▲																						
Jones, T.J.																						
Lewis, D.J. ▲																						
Lewis, T.G.																						
McHugh, J. ▲																						
McLaren, J. ▲																						
Morgan, E. ▲																						
O'Brien, R.V.																						
Reed, A.G. ▲																						
Wipfler, C.J.																						
Woodward, A. ▲																						
Own goals																						

TRIVIA In the course of six consecutive home games this season, starting with Match 18, Watford recorded five 4-1 victories.

1	Sat 27 Aug	Bristol City	Lge	2-2	11,386	X	X	X1	X1													
2	Mon 29 Aug	Northampton Town	Lge	0-2	10,784	X		X	X	X	X											
3	Sat 3 Sep	Crystal Palace	Lge	0-2	18,910	X	X	X	X	X	X											
4	Thu 8 Sep	Newport County	Lge	0-1	8,500	X	X	X	X	X												
5	Sat 10 Sep	Walsall	Lge	4-2	8,270	X		X	X2		X	X1										
6	Wed 14 Sep	Newport County	Lge	1-1	5,310	X1		X	X		X	X										
7	Sat 17 Sep	Port Vale	Lge	2-0	9,503	X	X	X1	X	X	X											
8	Sat 24 Sep	Swindon Town	Lge	0-3	12,941	X	X	X	X	X	X											
9	Sat 1 Oct	Torquay United	Lge	0-0	8,247	X	X	X	X		X	X										
10	Sat 8 Oct	Clapton Orient	Lge	0-0	8,919	X	X	X	X	X												
11	Sat 15 Oct	Mansfield Town	Lge	0-0	6,491	X	X	X	X	X												
12	Sat 22 Oct	Bournemouth & Boscombe Ath	Lge	1-0	8,818	X	X	X	X	X												
13	Wed 26 Oct	Reading	3SC	1-5	801	X	X	X	X1	X												
14	Sat 29 Oct	Southend United	Lge	0-3	6,385	X	X	X	X	X												
15	Sat 5 Nov	Exeter City	Lge	4-2	7,256	X	X1		X2	X	X											
16	Sat 12 Nov	Cardiff City	Lge	3-5	11,646	X	X1	X	X	X2	X											
17	Sat 19 Nov	Ipswich Town	Lge	0-0	8,636	X	X	X	X	X												
18	Sat 26 Nov	Northampton Town	FA	4-1	9,946	X	X1	X1	X	X1	X											
19	Sat 3 Dec	Bristol Rovers	Lge	4-1	6,603	X	X1	X	X1	X	X											
20	Sat 10 Dec	Scunthorpe & Lindsey United	FA	2-1	11,390	X	X	X	X1	X	X											
21	Sat 17 Dec	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	4-1	11,254	X	X1	X	X1	X1	X											1
22	Sat 24 Dec	Bristol City	Lge	0-2	7,127	X	X	X	X	X	X											
23	Mon 26 Dec	Notts County	Lge	0-1	2,522	X	X	X	X	X	X											
24	Tue 27 Dec	Notts County	Lge	3-0	21,208	X	X1	X	X1	X	X											1
25	Sat 31 Dec	Crystal Palace	Lge	4-1	9,853	X	X	X2	X1	X	X											
26	Sat 7 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	FA	1-7	34,896	X	X	X	X1	X	X											
27	Wed 11 Jan	Reading	Lge	2-3	4,420	X	X	X	X1	X	X											
28	Sat 14 Jan	Walsall	Lge	0-2	10,002	X	X	X	X	X	X											
29	Sat 21 Jan	Port Vale	Lge	2-1	5,204	X	X	X	X2	X	X											
30	Sat 28 Jan	Swindon Town	Lge	4-1	7,450	X	X1	X	X1	X	X											
31	Sat 4 Feb	Torquay United	Lge	1-2	4,373	X	X1	X	X	X												
32	Sat 11 Feb	Clapton Orient	Lge	1-0	8,884	X	X1	X	X	X												
33	Sat 18 Feb	Mansfield Town	Lge	2-0	7,254	X	X	X	X1	X												
34	Sat 25 Feb	Bournemouth & Boscombe Ath	Lge	1-1	3,677	X	X	X	X	X1												
35	Sat 4 Mar	Southend United	Lge	3-0	5,708	X	X2	X	X1	X												
36	Sat 11 Mar	Exeter City	Lge	3-1	5,150	X	X	X	X3	X												
37	Sat 18 Mar	Cardiff City	Lge	1-0	6,714	X	X	X	X													
38	Sat 25 Mar	Ipswich Town	Lge	1-5	11,450	X	X	X	X1													
39	Sat 1 Apr	Reading	Lge	3-1	6,073	X	X1	X	X													
40	Fri 7 Apr	Aldershot	Lge	1-1	6,987	X	X	X	X	X												
41	Sat 8 Apr	Bristol Rovers	Lge	1-1	7,755	X	X	X	X													
42	Mon 10 Apr	Aldershot	Lge	1-1	8,771	X	X	X	X													
43	Sat 15 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	1-1	6,339	X	X	X	X													
44	Sat 22 Apr	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	0-1	7,364	X	X	X	X	X												
45	Wed 26 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	0-0	2,260	X	X	X	X	X												
46	Sat 29 Apr	Northampton Town	Lge	2-0	3,465	X	X	X	X1													

TRIVIA Within the space of nine days in April there were four successive 1-1 draws, including three in four days over the Easter weekend, and George Lewis scored Watford's goal in all four games.



After this season the brilliant and modest Tommy Barnett's career was curtailed by the Second World War. His appearances and goals totals stood as club records for decades.

OTHER MATCHES in 1938-39

Sat 13 Aug 1938 **Blues 2 Whites 2** (Public trial match) Attendance:

1939/40

What had been planned as a normal Football League season for 1939/40 was soon cut short. On the morning after the third round of fixtures, war was declared on Germany and the League season was immediately abandoned. Regional leagues, arranged without regard to the clubs' peacetime league status, were started seven weeks later, and Watford competed in two of these – South 'A' and South 'D', each of which consisted of ten clubs.

Through the wartime seasons, as had been the case during the Great War, clubs were not restricted to the selection of their own registered players. Those who turned out for a club when not on its books were referred to as "guest" players. Team changes were bewilderingly frequent and it was normal for line-ups to include more than a sprinkling of other clubs' professionals who lived locally or were servicemen stationed in the area, or even just happened to be at the ground near kick-off time when someone failed to turn up. Many amateurs were used also.

REGIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 'A'

	Pl	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Arsenal	18	13	4	1	62	22	30
West Ham United	18	12	1	5	57	33	25
Millwall	18	8	5	5	46	38	21
WATFORD	18	9	3	6	44	38	21
Norwich City	18	7	6	5	41	36	20
Charlton Athletic	18	8	1	9	61	58	17
Crystal Palace	18	5	3	10	39	56	13
Clapton Orient	18	5	3	10	28	60	13
Tottenham Hotspur	18	5	2	11	37	43	12
Southend United	18	4	0	14	30	61	8

REGIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 'D'

	Pl	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Crystal Palace	18	13	1	4	64	30	27
Queens Park Rangers	18	10	3	5	38	28	23
WATFORD	18	7	7	4	41	29	21
Southend United	18	8	3	7	41	37	19
Aldershot	18	7	3	8	38	36	17
Clapton Orient	18	7	3	8	33	45	17
Norwich City *	17	6	4	7	31	31	16
Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic *	17	7	2	8	38	40	16
Reading	18	6	2	10	31	42	14
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	2	4	12	30	65	8

* One match not played

APPEARANCES AND (GOALS) IN ALL COMPLETED COMPETITIVE MATCHES, INCLUDING THE ABANDONED DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)

J.H.Armstrong 43 (-), T.A.Barnett 41 (13), P.J.Curran 1 (-), B.E.Dabbs 2 (-), W.Davies 43 (23), A.J.Duncombe 2 (1), D.R.Evans 4 (1), W.Findlay 1 (-), A.Fitzgerald 5 (-), S.L.R.Foss 3 (-), W.T.Harris 40 (-), T.J.Jones 42 (6), E.W.Lager 5 (4), W.G.M.Law 2 (1), D.J.Lewis 40 (-), T.G.Lewis 41 (24), J.McHugh 42 (-), H.S.Miller 4 (-), R.V.O'Brien 39 (4), E.Perry 1 (-), T.W.Postlethwaite 2 (-), A.G.Reed 1 (-), D.Walls 1 (-), T.C.Walters 25 (13), R.F.Williams 1 (-), A.Woodward 42 (2)

Sat 12 Aug 1939 **Whites 10 Blues 0** Public trial match Attendance: 2,740

Whites: G.P.Bland (gk); W.T.Harris & B.E.Dabbs; E.Morgan [1 goal], G.Walker & T.W.Postlethwaite; T.J.Jones [2 goals], T.A.Barnett [1 goal], T.G.Lewis [1 goal], D.R.Evans [3 goals] & W.Davies [1 goal]

Blues: J.McHugh (gk); R.V.O'Brien [1 own goal] & D.J.Lewis; A.G.Reed (sub: W.O'Brien), J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; R.Griffin, E.Taylor, W.G.M.Law, P.J.Curran & W.Beckett

Wed 16 Aug 1939 **Blues 3 Whites 2** Public trial match Attendance: 1,056

Blues: J.McHugh (gk); F.Cook & D.J.Lewis; W.O'Brien, G.E.Johnson & J.J.Harper; T.J.Jones, P.Withers [1 goal], T.G.Lewis [1 goal], D.R.Evans & W.Davies [1 goal]

Whites: G.P.Bland (gk); W.T.Harris & B.E.Dabbs; E.Morgan, G.Walker & T.W.Postlethwaite; R.Griffin, E.Taylor [2 goals], W.G.M.Law, P.J.Curran & L.Birkbeck

Sat 19 Aug 1939 **Watford 2 Luton Town 1** Friendly in aid of the Football League Jubilee Benevolent Fund Attendance: 5,887

J.McHugh (gk); R.V.O'Brien & D.J.Lewis; A.G.Reed, G.Walker & T.W.Postlethwaite; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], E.Taylor & W.Davies [1 penalty goal]

Sat 26 Aug 1939 **Queens Park Rangers 2 Watford 2** Football League Division 3 (South) Attendance: 11,002

J.McHugh (gk); R.V.O'Brien & B.E.Dabbs; A.Woodward, J.H.Armstrong & T.W.Postlethwaite; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], D.R.Evans [1 goal] & W.Davies

Wed 30 Aug 1939 **Watford 1 Mansfield Town 2** Football League Division 3 (South) Attendance: 4,836

J.McHugh (gk); R.V.O'Brien & B.E.Dabbs; A.Woodward, J.H.Armstrong & T.W.Postlethwaite; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, W.G.M.Law, D.R.Evans & W.Davies [1 goal]

Sat 2 Sep 1939 **Watford 1 Clapton Orient 1** Football League Division 3 (South) Attendance: 4,751

J.McHugh (gk); R.V.O'Brien & D.J.Lewis; A.Woodward, J.H.Armstrong & A.G.Reed; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, W.G.M.Law [1 goal], P.J.Curran & W.Davies

At this point the planned Football League season was abandoned, the matches which had taken place became void, and the 1939/40 fixtures were carried forward and restarted in 1946/47. The appearances and goals in the three matches played were consequently expunged from the records. Law and Postlethwaite had never played for Watford before and never did so again.

THE WATFORD ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

Vicarage Road Ground
Watford.

7th September 1939.

Dear Sir,

The Board decided at a Meeting held on Tuesday last to pay wages for the week ending September 9th, and we send herewith ^{cash} cheque for £5. 10. 0

We very much regret the circumstances which have compelled the Board to take this course and hope the time will not be far distant when we shall have the pleasure of seeing you at Watford again.

We shall be glad if you will keep in touch with us and inform us of any change of address.

With best wishes and good luck,

Yours faithfully,
for The Watford Association Football Club Ltd.

J.L. Simmons

Secretary.

Mr. Dabbs

Sat 30 Sep 1939 **Watford 4 Northampton Town 0** Friendly Attendance: 2,187
J.McHugh (gk); B.E.Dabbs & D.J.Lewis; W.T.Harris, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters **[1 goal]** & W.Davies **[1 penalty goal]**

Sat 14 Oct 1939 **Watford 2 Charlton Athletic 0** Friendly Attendance: 2,091
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett **[1 goal]**, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies

After a few weeks during which friendly matches were permitted, the season was now restarted with wartime regional leagues and cup competitions.

Sat 21 Oct 1939 **Watford 1 Clapton Orient 2** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 2,693
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien **[1 goal]**, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, D.R.Evans & W.Davies

Sat 28 Oct 1939 **Crystal Palace 3 Watford 3** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 2,461
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, D.R.Evans & W.Davies **[1 goal]**

Sat 4 Nov 1939 **Watford 4 Norwich City 1** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 2,709
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters & W.Davies **[2 goals]**

Sat 11 Nov 1939 **Tottenham Hotspur 8 Watford 2** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 4,981
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett **[2 goals]**, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies

Sat 18 Nov 1939 **Watford 2 Millwall 0** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 3,140
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett **[1 goal]**, T.G.Lewis, A.Fitzgerald & W.Davies

Sat 25 Nov 1939 **West Ham United 5 Watford 0** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 5,400
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, A.Fitzgerald & W.Davies

Sat 2 Dec 1939 **Southend United 1 Watford 2** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 3,000
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett **[1 goal]**, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, A.Fitzgerald & W.Davies

Sat 9 Dec 1939 **Watford 1 Arsenal 3** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 10,381
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, A.Fitzgerald & W.Davies

Sat 16 Dec 1939 **Charlton Athletic 5 Watford 1** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 1,646
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, A.Fitzgerald & W.Davies

Sat 23 Dec 1939 **Clapton Orient 2 Watford 1** (Match abandoned) Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 400
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters & W.Davies
The match was abandoned after 57 minutes owing to fog. (Appearances and goal not included in players' totals, above.)

Mon 25 Dec 1939 **Watford 5 Crystal Palace 1** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 3,157
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters & W.Davies **[3 goals]**
There was also **1 own goal**.

Tue 26 Dec 1939 **Norwich City 3 Watford 2** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 4,350
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; W.Findlay, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett **[2 goals]**, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies

Sat 30 Dec 1939 **Watford 6 Tottenham Hotspur 1** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 2,219
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; H.S.Miller, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters **[1 goal]** & W.Davies **[3 goals]**

Sat 6 Jan 1940 **Millwall 1 Watford 1** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 4,564
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters **[1 goal]** & W.Davies

Sat 13 Jan 1940 **Watford 3 West Ham United 1** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 3,989
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett **[1 goal]**, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters & W.Davies

Sat 20 Jan 1940 **Watford 4 Southend United 0** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 1,642
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien **[1 penalty goal]**, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters **[2 goals]** & W.Davies

Thu 8 Feb 1940 **Arsenal 2 Watford 2** (At Tottenham Hotspur) Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 996
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; H.S.Miller, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters **[1 goal]** & W.Davies

Sat 10 Feb 1940 **Watford 3 Aldershot 0** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 2,529
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones **[1 goal]**, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[2 goals]**, T.C.Walters & W.Davies

Thu 15 Feb 1940 **Clapton Orient 1 Watford 2** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 509
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[2 goals]**, T.C.Walters & W.Davies

Sat 17 Feb 1940 **Clapton Orient 1 Watford 1** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 1,243
D.Walls (gk); W.T.Harris & R.V.O'Brien; H.S.Miller, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies **[1 goal]**

Sat 24 Feb 1940 **Watford 4 Southend United 2** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 2,779
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis **[1 goal]**, T.C.Walters **[2 goals]** & W.Davies **[1 goal]**

Sat 2 Mar 1940 **Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic 1 Watford 1** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 2,692
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies **[1 penalty goal]**

Sat 9 Mar 1940 **Watford 5 Crystal Palace 2** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 4,611
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward **[1 goal]**; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett **[1 goal]**, T.G.Lewis, E.W.Lager **[1 goal]** & W.Davies **[2 goals]**

Wed 13 Mar 1940 **Watford 3 Charlton Athletic 0** Regional League South 'A' Attendance: 1,085
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, E.W.Lager **[3 goals]** & W.Davies

Sat 16 Mar 1940 **Reading 5 Watford 2** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 3,500
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, E.Perry, T.G.Lewis, E.W.Lager & W.Davies **[1 penalty goal]**
There was also **1 own goal**.

Fri 22 Mar 1940 **Watford 1 Queens Park Rangers 1** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 7,537
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett **[1 goal]**, T.G.Lewis, S.L.R.Foss & W.Davies

Sat 23 Mar 1940 **Norwich City 2 Watford 0** Regional League South 'D' Attendance: 4,270
J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, S.L.R.Foss & W.Davies

Mon 25 Mar 1940	Queens Park Rangers 2	Watford 0	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 6,258
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, S.L.R.Foss & W.Davies</i>				
Sat 30 Mar 1940	Watford 4	Brighton & Hove Albion 2	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 3,174
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett [2 goals], T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters [2 goals] & W.Davies</i>				
Sat 6 Apr 1940	Aldershot 2	Watford 3	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 5,000
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [2 goals], T.C.Walters [1 goal] & W.Davies</i>				
Sat 13 Apr 1940	Northampton Town 1	Watford 1	League Cup, Preliminary Round	Attendance: 4,799
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], T.C.Walters & W.Davies</i> <i>Unlike this Preliminary Round, matches in subsequent rounds of the competition were decided by an aggregate score over home-and-away legs.</i>				
Wed 17 Apr 1940	Watford 2	Northampton Town 1	League Cup, Preliminary Round replay	Attendance: 2,441
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; T.J.Jones, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.C.Walters, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], E.W.Lager & W.Davies [1 penalty goal]</i>				
Sat 20 Apr 1940	Southend United 3	Watford 1	League Cup, 1st Round, 1st leg	Attendance: 3,650
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies [1 goal]</i>				
Sat 27 Apr 1940	Watford 1	Southend United 3	League Cup, 1st Round, 2nd leg	Attendance: 4,025
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.C.Walters, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, E.W.Lager & W.Davies [1 penalty goal]</i>				
Wed 1 May 1940	Watford 3	Reading 0	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 994
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], T.C.Walters [1 goal] & W.Davies [1 goal]</i>				
Sat 11 May 1940	Watford 2	Clapton Orient 2	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 1,691
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward [1 goal]; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies [1 penalty goal]</i>				
Mon 13 May 1940	Bedford Town 1	Watford 4	Friendly	Attendance: 991
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, W.Findlay, T.G.Lewis [2 goals], T.C.Walters [1 goal] & W.Davies [1 penalty goal]</i>				
Sat 18 May 1940	Watford 0	Norwich City 0	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 1,679
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters & W.Davies</i>				
Wed 22 May 1940	Watford 1	An FA XI 3	Friendly in aid of Red Cross funds	Attendance: 1,554
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, J.C.R.Smith [1 goal], & W.Davies</i> <i>For this match the Watford team was actually designated "A Herts FA XI".</i>				
Tue 25 May 1940	Watford 7	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic 1	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 1,230
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien [2 goals], J.H.Armstrong & H.S.Miller; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett [2 goals], T.G.Lewis [1 goal], T.C.Walters [1 goal] & W.Davies [1 goal]</i>				
Wed 29 May 1940	Crystal Palace 2	Watford 1	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 2,335
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis, T.C.Walters [1 goal] & W.Davies</i>				
Sat 1 Jun 1940	Brighton & Hove Albion 2	Watford 2	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 1,000
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, T.A.Barnett, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], A.J.Duncombe [1 goal] & W.Davies</i>				
Sat 8 Jun 1940	Southend United 2	Watford 2	Regional League South 'D'	Attendance: 741
<i>J.McHugh (gk); W.T.Harris & D.J.Lewis; R.V.O'Brien, J.H.Armstrong & A.Woodward; T.J.Jones, R.F.Williams, T.G.Lewis [1 goal], A.J.Duncombe & W.Davies [1 goal]</i> <i>This date is the latest on which the club has ever undertaken a competitive fixture before the summer break.</i>				