

Michael QUINN (1995) Forward

Born Liverpool, Lancashire, 2 May 1962

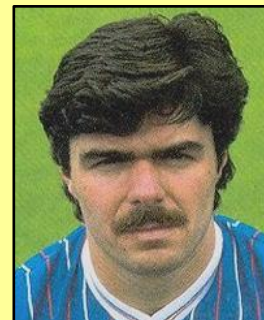
Watford Career

Football League: 4+1 appearances

Début: 1-1 away draw v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Div 1, 18 Mar 1995

Final game: (as sub) 1-0 home win v Millwall, Football League Div 1, 14 Apr 1995

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 4



Career Path

Derby County (apprentice July 1978); Wigan Athletic (professional September 1979); Stockport County (free July 1982); Oldham Athletic (£52,000 January 1984); Portsmouth (£150,000 March 1986); Newcastle United (£680,000 August 1989); Coventry City (£250,000 November 1992); Plymouth Argyle (loan November 1994); **WATFORD** (loan March 1995); Thessaloniki (*Greece*) (free close season 1995 – retired by July 1997)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1979/80	Wigan Athletic	4		1	Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1980/81	Wigan Athletic	32	4	14	Football League Division 4 – 11th of 24
1981/82	Wigan Athletic	29	9	4	Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1982/83	Stockport County	38	1	24	Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24
1983/84	Stockport County	24		15	Football League Division 4 – 12th of 24
1983/84	Oldham Athletic	14		5	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1984/85	Oldham Athletic	40		18	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1985/86	Oldham Athletic	24	2	11	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1985/86	Portsmouth	11		6	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1986/87	Portsmouth	39		22	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1987/88	Portsmouth	29	3	8	Football League Division 1 – 19th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	Portsmouth	36	3	18	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1989/90	Newcastle United	47		32	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 24
1990/91	Newcastle United	43		18	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 24
1991/92	Newcastle United	18	4	7	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1992/93	Newcastle United	4	1	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Coventry City	26		17	FA Premier League – 15th of 22
1993/94	Coventry City	28	4	8	FA Premier League – 11th of 22
1994/95	Coventry City	3	3		FA Premier League – 16th of 22
1994/95	Plymouth Argyle	3			Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1994/95	WATFORD	4	1		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 7th of 24

Heavy and unathletic even in his prime as a masterful hit-man who accumulated 230 Football League/Premier League goals in a 15-year career, Mick Quinn was clearly a spent force when brought to Watford on loan, on Premier League wages, for the last five appearances of his English career. The lack of a competent senior striker had long been evident, and Quinn, like others before him, was unable to provide adequate temporary cover. Three seasons earlier he scored in each of his first six FA Premier League appearances (a total of ten goals), a feat without parallel. His Portsmouth career was interrupted by a 21-day spell of detention at Her Majesty's pleasure for a second conviction of driving while disqualified. After retiring from football he worked at Mick Channon's stables for a while and eventually became a trainer himself.

Andrew Thomson RALSTON (1905) Defender

Born Trodigan, Argyllshire, 26 March 1880

Died Ealing, Middlesex, 31 January 1950

Watford Career

Southern League: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, Southern League Div 1, 7 Jan 1905

Final game: 5-1 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Southern League Div 1, 29 Apr 1905

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 1; all competitions 1



Career Path

London Caledonians (for 25 years until at least early-1920s, and honorary secretary for 20 years); also Civil Service; also **WATFORD** (amateur close season 1904); also Southend United (amateur December 1911); also Tottenham Hotspur (amateur); London; Hertfordshire

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1904/05	WATFORD	2		1	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18
1911/12	Southend United	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 4th of 14

Born into a Kintyre farming family, he moved south and began a very long association with London Caledonians, as captain and secretary, and also represented both Hertfordshire and London. The first of Andy Ralston's two Watford appearances was at right-back against Tottenham Hotspur, for whom he subsequently played in over a hundred wartime games.

Craig Darren RAMAGE (1994-1997) Midfielder

Born Wirksworth, Derbyshire, 30 March 1970

Representative Honours

England Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 99+5 appearances (27 goals, including 3 penalties)

FA Cup: 7 appearances

Football League Cup: 8+1 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 1, 26 Feb 1994

Final game: 1-4 away defeat v Burnley, Football League Div 2, 3 May 1997

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 40; all competitions 49



Career Path

Derby Schools (for 6 years from age 9); Chesopeke; Derby County (schoolboy November 1984, trainee February 1987, professional July 1988); Wigan Athletic (loan February 1989); **WATFORD** (£90,000 February 1994); Peterborough United (loan February 1997); Bradford City (free June 1997); Xiaopyangon (*China*) (for 3 days); Notts County (free August 1999, retired close season 2001); Derby County part-time academy coach (by May 2005); Stoke City part-time Under-14s coach (by December 2009)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1988/89	Wigan Athletic	10		2	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1989/90	Derby County	8	4	1	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 20
1990/91	Derby County	15	2	1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1991/92	Derby County	7		2	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 24
1992/93	Derby County		1		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
1993/94	Derby County	3	2		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 6th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	11	2		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 19th of 24
1994/95	WATFORD	44		9	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	34	2	15	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	WATFORD	10	1	3	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
1996/97	Peterborough United	7			Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1997/98	Bradford City	24	8	1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
1998/99	Bradford City		3		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	Notts County	36	4	4	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2000/01	Notts County	14	1	3	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 8th of 24

Craig Ramage was a creative attacking player and, although frustratingly capricious and less than totally committed to required fitness levels, the club's purest natural talent of the 1990s. He was held back by knee-ligament operations at the Baseball Ground – so much so that, on joining Watford when nearly 24, he had barely 50 Football League appearance under his belt, although in spite of the recurring injury problems he'd been capped three times at Under-21 level. Three days with his Chinese club proved enough time for him to announce a dislike of the lifestyle and head for home. He was sent off in his last appearance at Vicarage Road.

John Edward RAND (1926-1927) Inside-forward

Born Cockfield, County Durham, 19 June 1902

Died New Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, 3 June 1970

Watford Career

Football League: 6 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Sep 1926

Final game: 3-3 home draw v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Apr 1927

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

Cockfield Albion; Everton (amateur April 1925, professional May 1925); **WATFORD** (free August 1926 after a month's trial, released close season 1927); Flint Town (trial August 1927, signed October 1927); Connah's Quay (August 1928); Darlington (June 1929); Scarborough (July 1930); West Stanley (August 1932)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1926/27	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1929/30	Darlington	10		7	Football League Division 3 (North) – 3rd of 22

He came to Vicarage Road on trial after being released by Everton and was taken on between the two pre-season public trial matches of 1926. Picked at inside-right for only a handful of first-team games before being released, he was well among the goals soon afterwards at Flint Town, for whom he scored 38 times in his one season there. He also played club cricket to a high standard.

Mathias RANÉGIE (2014-) Striker

Born Gothenburg, Sweden, 14 June 1984

Representative Honours

Sweden Full

Watford Career (to end of 2014/15 season)

Football League: 8+2 appearances (4 goals)

Début: 0-0 away draw v Yeovil Town, Football League Championship, 18 Feb 2014

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 4



Career Path

Masthuggets BK (Sweden); Levallois SC (France); Majorna BK (Sweden); Lärje-Angereids IF (Sweden); IFK Göteborg (Sweden) (2007); Go Ahead Eagles (Netherlands) (loan 2008); BK Häcken (Sweden) (2009); Malmö FF (Sweden) (August 2011); Udinese (Italy) (August 2012); **WATFORD** (January 2014); Millwall (loan August 2014); Dalian Aerbin (China) (loan January 2015)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2013/14	WATFORD	8	2	4	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	Millwall	3	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

A 6'5" Swedish-born forward of French descent and with a Guadeloupean father, Mathias Ranégie led a troubled life before settling to a career which brought him international caps. At Vicarage Road his height and strength provided brief up-front support for top-scorer Troy Deeney which had been lacking after the departure of Matej Vydra. The first of his appearances for Sweden was in the 4-2 victory over England in which fellow-striker Ibrahimovic scored all four.

Andrew George RANKIN (1971-1979) Goalkeeper

Born Bootle, Lancashire, 11 May 1944

Representative Honours

England Under-23

Watford Career

Football League: 299 appearances

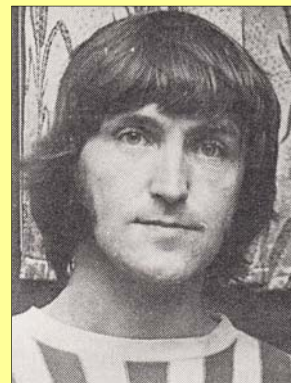
FA Cup: 13 appearances

Football League Cup: 17 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Burnley, Football League Div 2, 20 Nov 1971

Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Wrexham, Football League Div 2, 27 Oct 1979

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 89; all competitions 96



Career Path

Everton (amateur May 1961, professional October 1961); **WATFORD** (£12,500 November 1971); Huddersfield Town (loan December 1979, free January 1980, released close season 1982)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1963/64	Everton	20			Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1964/65	Everton	22			Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1965/66	Everton	9			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1966/67	Everton	6			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1970/71	Everton	28			Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1971/72	WATFORD	19			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1972/73	WATFORD	43			Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1973/74	WATFORD	41			Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1974/75	WATFORD	46			Football League Division 3 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1975/76	WATFORD	43			Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	37			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1977/78	WATFORD	30			Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1978/79	WATFORD	30			Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1979/80	WATFORD	10			Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1979/80	Huddersfield Town	24			Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1980/81	Huddersfield Town	28			Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24
1981/82	Huddersfield Town	19			Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24

Only Skilly Williams kept goal for Watford on more occasions and, like Williams, Andy Rankin won the full-hearted approval of the home spectators. His peak moment was an astounding save which secured a Football League Cup victory at Old Trafford. Before moving to Vicarage Road he'd made 85 top-flight appearances for Everton and won an Under-23 cap against Wales. He retired from the game after two-and-a-half seasons with Huddersfield Town.

Grzegorz RASIAK (2008-2009) Forward

Born Szczecin, Poland, 12 January 1979

Representative Honours

Poland Full

Watford Career

Football League: 12+9 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 2+1 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 1-0 home win v Charlton Athletic, Football League Championship, 16 Aug 2008

Final game: 3-1 home win v Derby County, Football League Championship, 30 May 2009

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 6; all competitions 9



Career Path

Olimpia Poznań (*Poland*); SKS 13 Poznań (*Poland*); MSP Szamotuli (*Poland*); Warta Poznań (*Poland*) (1996 until 1998); GKS Belchetow (*Poland*) (1998 until 2000); Odra Wodzislaw (*Poland*) (2000 until 2001); Dyskobolia Grodzisk Wielkopolski (*Poland*) (2001 until 2004); Derby County (free September 2004); Tottenham Hotspur (£2 million August 2005); Southampton (loan February 2006, £2 million May 2006); Bolton Wanderers (loan January 2008); **WATFORD** (loan August 2008); Reading (£300,000 August 2009); AEL Limassol (*Cyprus*) (free August 2010 until close season 2011); Jagiellonia Bialystok (*Poland*) (free September 2011); Lechia Gdąnsk (*Poland*) (free July 2012); Warta Poznań (*Poland*) (free July 2013 until retirement 2014)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2004/05	Derby County	36		16	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
2005/06	Derby County	6		2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 20th of 24
2005/06	Tottenham Hotspur	4	4		FA Premier League – 5th of 20
2005/06	Southampton	12	1	4	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 12th of 24
2006/07	Southampton	32	9	19	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 6th of 24
2007/08	Southampton	13	10	6	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 20th of 24
2007/08	Bolton Wanderers	2	5		FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2008/09	WATFORD	12	9	8	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2009/10	Reading	14	15	9	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 9th of 24

His season-long loan at Vicarage Road was interrupted by injuries, and by the end of it Grzegorz Rasiak was demonstrating how much his goalscoring potential had been missed. A tall, hard-working and prolific striker, he was wanted by Watford on a permanent basis once the loan period was over, but the club was unable to meet the financial demands which this would entail. His overall return of 64 goals in 131+53 appearances in six seasons casts doubt on the wisdom of his various English clubs' sparse usage of his talent.

Beaumont RATCLIFFE (1948-1949) Centre-half

Born Bamburgh, Yorkshire, 24 April 1909

Died Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, 30 March 2003

Watford Career

Football League: 24 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Second World War competitions: 1 appearance

Début in peacetime competitions: 0-2 away defeat v Swansea Town,

Football League Div 3 (South), 21 Aug 1948

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Jan 1949

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 13; all competitions 13



Career Path

Bolton Albion; Bradford Park Avenue (amateur December 1930); Charlton Athletic trial (September 1931); New Brighton (October 1931); Le Havre (*France*) (close season 1935); Oldham Athletic (June 1935); Arsenal, Chester, Liverpool, New Brighton, Reading, Southport, Tranmere Rovers & **WATFORD** guest player during Second World War; Reading (May 1946); **WATFORD** (£750 May 1948); Runcorn player-manager (June 1949)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1931/32	New Brighton	31		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 20th of 21
1932/33	New Brighton	37		3	Football League Division 3 (North) – 21st of 22
1933/34	New Brighton	21			Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 22
1934/35	New Brighton	42			Football League Division 3 (North) – 16th of 22
1935/36	Oldham Athletic	38		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 7th of 22
1936/37	Oldham Athletic	39			Football League Division 3 (North) – 4th of 22
1937/38	Oldham Athletic	41			Football League Division 3 (North) – 4th of 22
1938/39	Oldham Athletic	38			Football League Division 3 (North) – 5th of 22
1939/40	<i>Oldham Athletic</i>	3			<i>Football League Division 3 (North) – season abandoned</i>
1946/47	Reading	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1947/48	Reading	27			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	24			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22

Having first played in the Football League as a regular member of New Brighton's Division 3 (North) side 17 years earlier, Bill Ratcliffe cost what was, in the 1940s, a tidy sum for a 39-year-old who was to give the club barely half a season as the first-team defensive pivot before being dropped. His Football League registration was retained at the end of the campaign, but he was placed on the transfer-list with a valuation equal to the amount the club had paid for him. (Seriously unrealistic, this – how many 40-year-old reserve-team players have ever commanded a transfer fee?) Eddie Hapgood, the Watford manager who signed him, had met him in the RAF during the Second World War, before Ratcliffe was wounded and captured in Italy.

Charles Robert RATTRAY (1934-1935) Winger

Born Fleetwood, Lancashire, 11 May 1911

Died Fleetwood, Lancashire, 1 October 1995

Watford Career

Football League: 19 appearances

FA Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Division 3 (South) Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 1-3 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Aug 1934

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Exeter City, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Apr 1935

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 16; all competitions 20



Career Path

Mount Rovers; Fleetwood Rangers; Fleetwood Windsor Villa (close season 1928); Blackpool (for a £10 donation November 1929); **WATFORD** (undisclosed fee June 1934); Mansfield Town (June 1936); Port Vale (May 1937); Accrington Stanley (June 1938, released close season 1939); Fleetwood (by January 1940)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1929/30	Blackpool	9		1	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1930/31	Blackpool	19		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1931/32	Blackpool	5		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1932/33	Blackpool	7			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1933/34	Blackpool	12		6	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1934/35	WATFORD	19			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1936/37	Mansfield Town	36		5	Football League Division 3 (North) – 9th of 22
1937/38	Port Vale	22		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 22
1938/39	Accrington Stanley	19		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 22nd of 22

After beginning his Football League career in the First Division, the small and lightweight Charlie Rattray became Watford's senior right-winger as soon as he joined the club, but injury cost him his place and he regained it only very briefly before spending his second season in obscurity. Prior to taking up the game professionally he'd been employed in the Fleetwood fishing industry. His tendency to 'jazz around' with the ball gave rise to the nickname 'Jazz', which stuck with him for the rest of his life.

Henry Atkinson RAUTHMELL (1895) Half-back

Baptized Kendal, Westmoreland, 7 August 1874

Died Sidmouth, Devon, 30 July 1957

West Herts Career

Herts County Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-2 home draw v Watford St Mary's, Herts County Cup Semi-final, 2 Mar 1895

Career Path

WEST HERTS; Casuals; Oxford University (blue 1895/96 & 1896/97); Corinthians



That cup-tie appearance was his only one for the club of any kind. He was an Oxford blue in two consecutive seasons, on the second occasion as captain, and he went on the Corinthians' 1896 Christmas tour as one of a party which also included two others who had very brief Watford Rovers/West Herts careers: Arthur Dunn and 'Toby' Taylor.

William RAY (1897-1898) Inside-forward

Born Audley, Staffordshire, 1874

West Herts Career

Southern League: 20 appearances (10 goals)

Début: 2-2 home draw v Royal Artillery (Portsmouth), Southern League Div 2, 23 Oct 1897

Final game: 5-2 home win v Maidenhead, Southern League Div 2, 25 Apr 1898

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 20; all competitions 20

Career Path

Macclesfield; Burslem Port Vale (January 1894 until close season 1895); **WEST HERTS** (October 1897 until close season 1898)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1897/98	WEST HERTS	20		10	Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12

One of the club's earliest professionals, he helped to achieve third place in the Southern League's Second Division as the regular inside-right. His very useful goals return owed much to a burst of five in the last three games, including an away hat-trick in a 6-1 win against Old St Stephen's, and he claimed a further 15 in no fewer than 21 first-team friendlies that season. He didn't make the first team during his 18 months with Burslem Port Vale, but his younger brother Dick did, at the start of a good Football League career, which was followed by extensive experience as a League manager.

Ernest READING (1904-1905) Forward

Watford Career

Southern League: 6 appearances

South Eastern League: 4 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 3-1 home win v Woolwich Arsenal Reserves, South Eastern League, 20 Feb 1904

Final game: 0-3 home defeat v West Ham United, Southern League Div 1, 25 Apr 1905

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

Chesham Generals (by November 1899); Chesham Town (September 1899); Chesham Generals trial (September 1899);

WATFORD (February 1904 until close season 1905)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1899/00	Chesham Town	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 11
1900/01	Chesham Town	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 6th of 9
1901/02	Chesham Town	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 9
1902/03	Chesham Town	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 5th of 6
1903/04	Chesham Town	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 11th of 11 (Withdrew from league)
1904/05	WATFORD	6			Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18

The club lost every one of the six Southern League games in which Ernie Reading appeared, but he had a better time against Eastbourne Old Town in the South Eastern League, although he didn't figure on the scoresheet in a 10-0 victory. His first-team outings were at centre-forward and on the right wing. Having been fined ten shillings for failing to turn up for a reserve-team fixture on 5 November 1904, he repeated the offence a few weeks later on Boxing Day. The committee demanded a doctor's certificate, which he subsequently produced.

Neil David REDFEARN (1988-1989) Midfielder

Born Dewsbury, Yorkshire, 20 June 1965

Watford Career

Football League: 24+2 appearances (4 goals)

FA Cup: 6 appearances (3 goals, including 1 penalty)

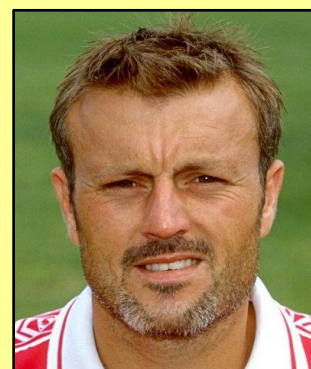
Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Full Members Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 1-1 home draw v West Ham United, Full Members Cup 2nd Round, 22 Nov 1988 (*Won in a penalty shoot-out*)

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Leeds United, Football League Div 2, 18 Nov 1989

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 11; all competitions 20



Career Path

Yorkshire Schools; Nottingham Forest (apprentice July 1981 until February 1982); Leeds United (a month's trial); Bolton Wanderers (professional June 1982); Lincoln City (loan March 1984, £8,250 August 1984); Doncaster Rovers (£20,000 August 1986); Crystal Palace (£85,000 July 1987); **WATFORD** (£150,000 November 1988); Oldham Athletic (£100,000 January 1990); Barnsley (loan September 1991, £180,000 October 1991); Charlton Athletic (£1,017,000 June 1998); Bradford City (£250,000 August 1999); Wigan Athletic (£112,500 March 2000); Halifax Town (player-coach free March 2001, acting player-manager August 2001 until October 2001, temporary manager March 2002); Boston United (free August 2002, player/assistant-manager October 2002); Rochdale (non-contract March 2004); Scarborough (player/assistant-manager June 2004, manager November 2005); Bradford Park Avenue (close season 2006); Stocksbridge Park Steels (March 2007); Northwich Victoria manager (June 2007 until September 2007); Frickley Athletic (September 2007); Bridlington Town (October 2007 until January 2008); York City (youth-team coach February 2008, caretaker-manager November 2008, assistant-manager November 2008 until December 2008); also Elmley (July 2008); also Salford City (October 2008); Leeds United (Under-18s coach December 2008, *also* reserve-team caretaker-manager December 2010, *also* briefly caretaker-manager February 2012 and again April 2013, first-team coach April 2013, academy manager & head of coaching May 2014, caretaker-manager August 2014 and again October 2014, manager November 2014 until May 2015, academy manager July 2015)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1982/83	Bolton Wanderers	10			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1983/84	Bolton Wanderers	25		1	Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1983/84	Lincoln City	10		1	Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1984/85	Lincoln City	43	2	4	Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1985/86	Lincoln City	43	2	8	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1986/87	Doncaster Rovers	46		14	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1987/88	Crystal Palace	42		8	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 23
1988/89	Crystal Palace	15		2	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1988/89	WATFORD	14		3	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD	10	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1989/90	Oldham Athletic	15	2	2	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 24
1990/91	Oldham Athletic	41	4	14	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1991/92	Barnsley	35	1	4	Football League Division 2 – 16th of 24
1992/93	Barnsley	46		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
1993/94	Barnsley	46		12	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
1994/95	Barnsley	37	2	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
1995/96	Barnsley	45		14	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
1996/97	Barnsley	43		17	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1997/98	Barnsley	37		10	FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
1998/99	Charlton Athletic	29	1	3	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
1999/00	Bradford City	14	3	1	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
1999/00	Wigan Athletic	15		6	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
2000/01	Wigan Athletic	6	4	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2000/01	Halifax Town	12			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 23rd of 24
2001/02	Halifax Town	27	3	6	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2002/03	Boston United	27	4	6	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 15th of 24
2003/04	Boston United	19	4	6	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 11th of 24
2003/04	Rochdale	9			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 21st of 24

A strong, tenacious midfielder player with a good shot and an extremely good scoring record who's almost certainly the only player in FA Cup history – perhaps in any other competition, for that matter – to have scored with his team's first touch of the ball, which he did at Vicarage Road direct from a free-kick against Newcastle United on 10 January 1989. Neil Redfearn's extraordinary Premier League/Football League career encompassed no fewer than 22 seasons, and only five players have made more appearances than his 790 in the four divisions. His father Brian had a useful career as a lower-divisions player with northern clubs.

Alfred George REED (1935-1939) Wing-half

Born Exeter, Devon, 21 March 1910

Died Exeter, Devon, 1 November 1961

Watford Career

Football League: 126 appearances (5 goals)

FA Cup: 7 appearances

Division 3 (South) Cup: 12 appearances

Second World War competitions: 2 appearances

Début: 2-3 away defeat v Reading, Football League Division 3 (South), 9 Feb 1935

Final game in peacetime competitions: 2-0 home win v Northampton Town,
Football League Division 3 (South), 29 Apr 1939

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 48; all competitions 52



Career Path

Friernhay; Llanelly; Leicester City trial (August & November 1929); Lovells Athletic; Charlton Athletic (June 1933); **WATFORD** (June 1934, released close season 1946); Torquay United guest player during Second World War


Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1933/34	Charlton Athletic	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1934/35	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1935/36	WATFORD	5		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	39		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1937/38	WATFORD	37			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1938/39	WATFORD	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1939/40	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned

Alf Reed, over six feet tall and with a powerful kick, enjoyed the best period in the club's pre-Second World War history, fourth place in Division 3 (South) being achieved in each of his three seasons as a regular first-team wing-half. A keen golfer, he became a professional on the south coast but later had a leg amputated – a consequence of a war wound. At the time of his death he was licensee of *The Swan Inn*, Dawlish.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Ltd.

Extract from Agreement between..... Watford Football Club
and..... Alfred Reed professional player.
Period of Engagement 30th March 1946 to 4th May 1946.
Wages £ 5 : 10 : — weekly from 30th March 1946 to 4th May 1946
£ : : weekly from..... to.....
Other Special Clause: £1 extra per week when playing in 1st Team.
Demobilised
(Signed)..... J. B. Simons Secretary.
30th March 1946 Date
Previous Service with League Clubs (including Scottish and Irish):—
Club and Season.....
W. Linnard
(Signed)..... A. Reed Player.

REGULATION 36: "In the case of a professional player, a certified copy of or extract from the Agreement must also be forwarded to the League Secretary on the form provided." 

Melvyn John REES (1987-1988) Goalkeeper

Born Cardiff, Glamorgan, 25 January 1967

Died Derby, 30 May 1993

Representative Honours

Wales Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances

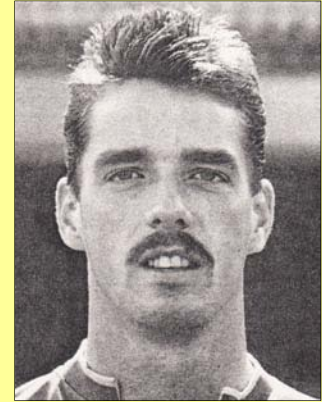
FA Cup: 1 appearance

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-1 away draw v Portsmouth, Football League Div 1, 28 Dec 1987

Final game: 2-5 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Full Members Cup 3rd Round, 25 Jan 1988

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 3; all competitions 4



Career Path

Cardiff City (schoolboy March 1981 until June 1982); Plymouth Argyle (schoolboy December 1982); Cardiff City (non-contract August 1983, contract September 1984); **WATFORD** (£63,000 July 1987); Crewe Alexandra (loan August 1989); Southampton (loan November 1989); Leyton Orient (loan January 1990); West Bromwich Albion (£45,000 September 1990); Norwich City (loan January 1992); Sheffield United (£25,000 March 1992); Chesterfield (loan January 1993 until death)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1984/85	Cardiff City	1			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1985/86	Cardiff City	9			Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1986/87	Cardiff City	21			Football League Division 4 – 13th of 24
1987/88	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1989/90	Crewe Alexandra	6			Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1989/90	Leyton Orient	9			Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1990/91	West Bromwich Albion	18			Football League Division 2 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1991/92	Sheffield United	8			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22

After three years understudying Tony Coton he seemed set for a first-team run in goal when Coton was transferred, but was suddenly superseded by the young David James and soon left the club. Before he was 21 he'd played in all four Divisions of the Football League. In July 1992 he underwent an emergency cancer operation and subsequently appeared to have beaten the disease, but succumbed to a second attack at the age of 26.

James REID (1905-1906) Inside-forward

Born Bellshill, Lanarkshire, 18 November 1877

Died Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1961

Watford Career

Southern League: 19 appearances (7 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances (2 goals)

South Eastern League: 4 appearances (1 goal)

United League: 9 appearances (6 goals)

Début: 2-1 home win v Luton Town, United League, 2 Sep 1905

Final game: 3-0 home win v Millwall, Southern League Div 1, 28 Apr 1906

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 13; all competitions 12



Career Path

Petershill; Hibernian (August 1898); Burslem Port Vale (July 1899); West Ham United (June 1900); Gainsborough Trinity (June 1901); Worksop Town (July 1902); Notts County (May 1903); **WATFORD** (May 1905); Tottenham Hotspur (May 1906); Reading (mid-1907/08); New Brompton (August 1908); Worksop Town (close season 1910)

Scottish League, Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1898/99	Hibernian	7		3	Scottish League Division 1 – 4th of 10
1899/00	Burslem Port Vale	17		2	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 18
1900/01	West Ham United	13		7	Southern League Division 1 – 6th of 15
1901/02	Gainsborough Trinity	31		6	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 18
1903/04	Notts County	5			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 18
1904/05	Notts County	11		2	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 18
1905/06	WATFORD	19		7	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1906/07	Tottenham Hotspur	26		16	Southern League Division 1 – 6th of 20
1907/08	Tottenham Hotspur	11		2	Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 20
1907/08	Reading	10		6	Southern League Division 1 – 12th of 20
1908/09	New Brompton	20		6	Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 21
1909/10	New Brompton	?		?	Southern League Division 1 – 12th of 22

Early in his one Watford season Jimmy Reid scored in each of six consecutive competitive appearances, and eventually signed off with two goals against Millwall. He'd been a top-flight player in both Scotland and England, and was Tottenham Hotspur's leading Southern League scorer immediately after leaving Cassio Road. In the first of his two spells with Worksop Town he scored 35 goals in 1902/03, his one campaign in the lower leagues in a series of eleven seasons. He married the daughter of a Gainsborough butcher, and after leaving football worked in an agricultural-machinery factory in that town, where he spent the rest of his life.

John REID (1956) Winger

Born Edinburgh, 23 July 1935

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Sole appearance: 2-1 home win v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Dec 1956

Career Path

Tranent Juniors (February 1952); Airdrieonians (August 1954); **WATFORD** (loan December 1956 until April 1957); Norwich City (June 1958); Barrow (July 1959 until 1960)



Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1954/55	Airdrieonians	?		7	Scottish League Division 2 – 1st of 16 (Promoted)
1955/56	Airdrieonians	11		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 7th of 18
1956/57	WATFORD	1		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 24
1957/58	Airdrieonians	10		4	Scottish League Division 1 – 16th of 18
1959/60	Barrow	20		4	Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24

Signed on loan after being recommended by National Service colleague Jimmy Strain – they were stationed at RAF Uxbridge – John Reid made his Football League début on the right wing and scored against Ipswich Town on Christmas Day, but chose not to play in the return game in Suffolk on Boxing Day, preferring to be at home with his young bride. As a consequence of his preference for wife over football, he wasn't selected for the first team again, and is one of only two players to have scored in his only Football League match for Watford, the other being Jimmy Broad. On leaving Barrow he joined the Scottish Police, and was permitted to play only in police football while in the force, which he served for 30 years until he retired.

Michael James REID (1952-1953) Centre-forward

Born Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, 7 August 1927

Died Portsmouth, Hampshire, 10 April 1975

Watford Career

Football League: 19 appearances (8 goals)

Début: 1-5 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 Dec 1952

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Apr 1953

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 7



Career Path

Wolverhampton Wanderers (youth team, amateur November 1947, professional 1948); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (February 1949); Portsmouth (July 1950); **WATFORD** (£1,000 December 1952); Yeovil Town (July 1953); Bedford Town (by March 1957); Poole Town (1957/58)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1948/49	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	5		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1950/51	Portsmouth	5		1	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1952/53	WATFORD	19		8	Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24

He spent much of his childhood in the French city of Rheims, returning to England just before the Second World War. After serving as an RAF fitter in north-west Europe as a National Serviceman and playing in a number of representative games, he signed professional forms for Wolverhampton Wanderers on being demobilized. A mid-season Watford signing as a centre-forward replacement for Cyril Thompson, Micky Reid, who was studying for a geography degree at the time, got off to a bad start with a heavy defeat in Bristol, but then scored in each of his first three home games. For a man who in 1950/51 played in the First Division for the reigning League champions, his career total of only 29 Football League appearances is surprising.

George Gerard REILLY (1983-1985) Centre-forward

Born Bellshill, Lanarkshire, 14 September 1957

Watford Career

Football League: 46+2 appearances (14 goals)

FA Cup: 8 appearances (4 goals)

Football League Cup: 5 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 2-2 home draw v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 1, 30 Aug 1983

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Sunderland, Football League Cup 5th Round, 23 Jan 1985

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 13; all competitions 14



Career Path

Corby Town (1975/76); Northamptonshire Youth; Northampton Town (June 1976); Cambridge United (£140,000 October 1979); **WATFORD** (£90,000 August 1983); Newcastle United (£200,000 February 1985); West Bromwich Albion (£150,000 December 1985); Cambridge United (free July 1988, cancelled March 1989); Barnet (March 1989 until February 1990); Alvechurch (December 1990); Cambridge City (by March 1992)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1976/77	Northampton Town	19	3	2	Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1977/78	Northampton Town	44		22	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1978/79	Northampton Town	43		19	Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1979/80	Northampton Town	18		3	Football League Division 4 – 13th of 24
1979/80	Cambridge United	25		11	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1980/81	Cambridge United	37		8	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1981/82	Cambridge United	37		7	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1982/83	Cambridge United	37	2	10	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1983/84	WATFORD	27		8	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1984/85	WATFORD	19	2	6	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1984/85	Newcastle United	13		3	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1985/86	Newcastle United	17		7	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1985/86	West Bromwich Albion	20		4	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1986/87	West Bromwich Albion	9		5	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1987/88	West Bromwich Albion	13	1		Football League Division 2 – 20th of 23
1988/89	Cambridge United	20		7	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24

Having left Scotland in infancy, George Reilly developed as a footballer in Northamptonshire before embarking on a Football League career as a beanpole centre-forward. The transfer fee received by Northampton Town, for whom he scored prolifically, was then a Fourth Division record, and it was not broken until Richard Hill joined Watford from the same club. Reilly formed a potent strike-partnership with Maurice Johnston in 1983/84, and his four FA Cup goals that season included the header which took Graham Taylor's team to Wembley.

John REYNOLDS (1907-1908) Winger

Born Manchester, Lancashire, 23 September 1881

Died Amsterdam, Netherlands, 8 November 1962

Watford Career

Southern League: 27 appearances (4 goals)

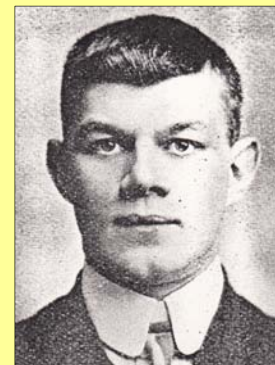
FA Cup: 1 appearance

South Eastern League: 1 appearance

Début: 1-3 home defeat v Bradford (Park Avenue), Southern League Div 1, 11 Sep 1907

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Swindon Town, Southern League Div 1, 18 Apr 1908

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 13; all competitions 14



Career Path

Manchester City (May 1902); Burton United (May 1903); Grimsby Town (April 1904); Sheffield Wednesday (£275 June 1905); **WATFORD** (May 1907); New Brompton (May 1908); Rochdale (close season 1911); St Gallen (*Switzerland*) manager (1912 until 1914); Ajax (*Netherlands*) coach (1915 until 1925); Blauw Wit (*Netherlands*) coach (1925 until 1928); Ajax (*Netherlands*) coach (1928 until 1940, and 1945 until 1947)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1903/04	Burton United	32		3	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 18
1904/05	Grimsby Town	29		3	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 18
1905/06	Sheffield Wednesday	1			Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 20
1906/07	Sheffield Wednesday	1			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 20
1907/08	WATFORD	27		4	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1908/09	New Brompton	36		7	Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 21
1909/10	New Brompton	?		?	Southern League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1910/11	New Brompton	37		4	Southern League Division 1 – 18th of 20

Jack Reynolds was the club's principal right-winger in 1907/08. At the conclusion of his playing career he became manager of the Swiss club St Gallen, and left that post in order to run Germany's national team, but this objective was thwarted by the outbreak of the Great War. His thirty years as Ajax coach – they were Dutch champions under him five times in the 1930s and he is recognized as having laid the foundations for the club's later international prominence – were interrupted when he was interned in a camp in Germany for four-and-a-half years, during which time he was erroneously reported to have died. He resumed his Ajax post in 1945, remained in The Netherlands, and received a pension from club to which he had given such long and distinguished service. A brother played for Manchester City, Burton United and Grimsby Town, as did Jack himself.

Joseph William REYNOLDS (1930) Wing-half

Born Leicester, 25 December 1906

Died Leicester, January 1993

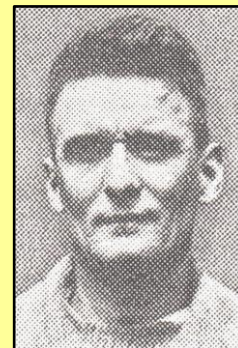
Watford Career

Football League: 6 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Luton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 Sep 1930

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Exeter City, Football League Div 3 (South), 8 Nov 1930

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 5; all competitions 5



Career Path

Northgate Wesleyans; Bond Street Wine; Montsorrel Town (August 1927); Luton Town (November 1927); **WATFORD** (free October 1929 after 2-month trial, released close season 1931); Market Harborough (October 1931)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1927/28	Luton Town	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 22
1930/31	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22

Almost entirely a reserve-team player during his two seasons at Kenilworth Road, Joe Reynolds began his Vicarage Road career as a trialist, and after being taken on the staff had to wait nearly a year before making his first-team début at right-half, in which his former employers were beaten 1-0.

Patrick James RICE (1980-1984) Full-back

Born Belfast, 17 March 1949

Representative Honours

Northern Ireland Youth, Under-23 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 112 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 10 appearances

Football League Cup: 9 appearances

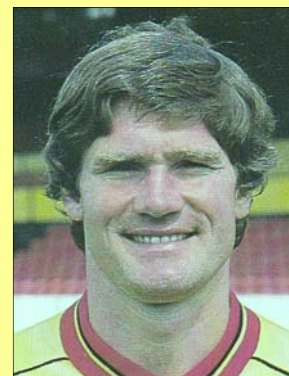
Football League Trophy: 5 appearances

UEFA Cup: 0+1 appearance

Début: 1-1 home draw v Blackburn Rovers, Football League Div 2, 22 Nov 1980

Final game: 2-1 home win v Arsenal, Football League Div 1, 12 May 1984

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 39; all competitions 41



Career Path

Arsenal (amateur July 1964, apprentice December 1964, professional March 1966); **WATFORD** (£20,000 November 1980); Arsenal (youth-team coach July 1984, joint first-team coach April 1996, caretaker-manager September 1996, assistant-manager September 1996 until May 2012)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1967/68	Arsenal	2	4		Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1969/70	Arsenal	7		1	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1970/71	Arsenal	41			Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1971/72	Arsenal	42		1	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1972/73	Arsenal	39		2	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1973/74	Arsenal	41		1	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1974/75	Arsenal	32			Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1975/76	Arsenal	42		1	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1976/77	Arsenal	42		3	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1977/78	Arsenal	38		2	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1978/79	Arsenal	39		1	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1979/80	Arsenal	26			Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1980/81	Arsenal		2		Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1980/81	WATFORD	25			Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1981/82	WATFORD	41			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1982/83	WATFORD	40		1	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1983/84	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22

His influential captaincy from right-back, based on vast experience at the top level with Arsenal and in 49 Full international appearances, contributed greatly to Watford's advance to, and immediate success in, the First Division. Pat Rice's Highbury career encompassed an FA Youth Cup win, a Football League and FA Cup double, and (as captain) a second FA Cup win. His one Watford goal came in the club's first-ever fixture in the top flight, a 2-0 home win against Everton.

David RICHARDS (1931-1933) Full-back

Born Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, 1 October 1896

Died Hammersmith, London, 25 June 1971

Watford Career

Football League: 35 appearances

FA Cup: 8 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Clapton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Aug 1931

Final game: 3-3 away draw v Gillingham, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Feb 1933

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 20; all competitions 29



Career Path

Larkhall Thistle; Port Vale (August 1922); Dundee United (July 1923); Luton Town (May 1925); **WATFORD** (free May 1931); Queens Park Rangers trainer (close season 1933); Chelmsford City trainer (August 1939); Walsall masseur (October 1946); Brentford trainer (August 1950)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1922/23	Port Vale	1			Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22
1923/24	Dundee United	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 9th of 20
1924/25	Dundee United	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 1st of 20 (Promoted)
1925/26	Luton Town	18			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1926/27	Luton Town	29			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1927/28	Luton Town	21			Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 22
1928/29	Luton Town	27			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1929/30	Luton Town	38			Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 22
1930/31	Luton Town	14			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1931/32	WATFORD	28			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1932/33	WATFORD	7			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

Heftily-built full-backs were once the norm (and interesting hairstyles were not unknown), and Dave Richards was just that. Born in England, but raised in Lanarkshire, he joined Dundee United when they entered the Scottish League and led them to the Second Division title. He also captained Luton Town for six years. He was already a qualified masseur by the time he came to Watford – he served Middlesex County Cricket Club in that capacity after the Second World War – and was also a trained singer who ran concert parties in Luton in the 1930s.

Ian Paul RICHARDSON (1983-1985) Forward

Born Ely, Cambridgeshire, 9 May 1964

Watford Career

Football League: 5+3 appearances (2 goals)

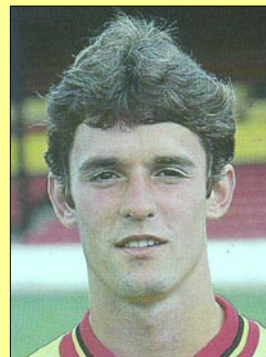
Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

UEFA Cup: 5 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 3-0 home win v 1FC Kaiserslautern, UEFA Cup 1st Round 2nd Leg,
28 Sep 1983 (*Won 4-3 on aggregate.*)

Final game: 1-1 away draw v Sunderland, Football League Div 1, 12 Mar 1985

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 3; all competitions 5



Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy June 1979, apprentice July 1980, professional May 1982); Blackpool (loan December 1982); Rotherham United (loan February 1985); Chester City (£15,000 November 1985); Scunthorpe United (£15,000 October 1986); Staines Town (free close season 1989); Stevenage Borough (loan, by October 1989); St Albans City (October 1990); Everett Rovers coach (by August 2000); Berkhamsted Town (coach, then manager December 2007 until February 2009)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1982/83	Blackpool	4	1	2	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1983/84	WATFORD	4	3	2	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1984/85	Rotherham United	5		2	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1984/85	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1985/86	Chester City	27		10	Football League Division 4 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1986/87	Chester City	4	4		Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1986/87	Scunthorpe United	8		2	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1987/88	Scunthorpe United	1		1	Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24
1988/89	Scunthorpe United	2	7	1	Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24

A lightweight, pacy forward who achieved instant but fleeting fame through television coverage of his senior début, in which he scored twice to help overturn a two-goal first-leg deficit against 1FC Kaiserslautern in the club's first UEFA Cup tie. Ian Richardson had been runner-up in the 100 metres in the national schools championships at the age of 15, and helped Watford to win the FA Youth Cup in 1981/82. He was manager of Berkhamsted Town at the time of that long-established club's demise.

John William RICHARDSON (1897-1909) Wing-half

Born Toddington, Bedfordshire, 1880

West Herts / Watford Career

Southern League: 166 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 16 appearances (3 goals)

Bucks & Contiguous Counties League: 2 appearances (1 goal)

South Eastern League: 11 appearances

United League: 22 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 4-7 home defeat v 3rd Grenadier Guards, FA Cup Preliminary Round, 18 Sep 1897

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v West Ham United, Southern League Div 1, 10 Apr 1909

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 39; all competitions 39



Career Path

WEST HERTS (name changed to Watford in 1898) (amateur 1895, professional October 1899); Canadian football

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1897/98	WEST HERTS	2			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1899/00	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)
1904/05	WATFORD	30		1	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18
1905/06	WATFORD	32			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1906/07	WATFORD	34		1	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1907/08	WATFORD	35			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1908/09	WATFORD	32			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21

He became a popular warhorse of a player who, after nine years with scarcely a look-in, originally as an amateur, went on to amass more Southern League appearances for Watford than anyone except Charlie White and Billy Biggar. On 14 April 1900 he suffered a broken arm in a Bucks & Contiguous Counties League game in which he scored one of six goals against Wandsworth, and a collection was made among the spectators on his behalf. In 1905/06 Jack Richardson, whose usual position in the team was left-half, was reported in the committee minutes to have been once or twice the worse for wear. He later represented Toronto, where he was a business associate of Harold Pantling's brother.

Kevin RICHARDSON (1986-1987) Midfielder

Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 4 December 1962

Representative Honours

England Full

Watford Career

Football League: 39 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 7 appearances

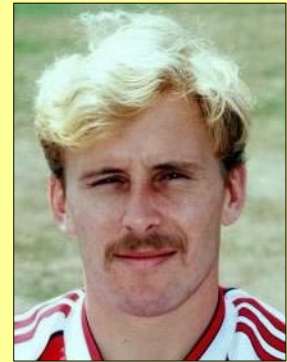
Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Wimbledon, Football League Div 1, 6 Sep 1986

Final game: 1-0 home win v Tottenham Hotspur, League Div 1, 9 May 1987

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 39; all competitions 50



Career Path

Everton (schoolboy July 1978, apprentice May 1979, professional December 1980); **WATFORD** (£225,000 September 1986); Arsenal (£250,000 August 1987); Real Sociedad (*Spain*) (£750,000 June 1990); Aston Villa (£450,000 July 1991); Coventry City (£300,000 February 1995); Southampton (£150,000 September 1997); Barnsley (£30,000 July 1998); Blackpool (loan January 2000, free March 2000 until close season 2000); Sunderland Under-17s coach (2000); Stockport County assistant-manager (November 2001 until October 2003); Sunderland (reserve-team coach October 2004, first-team coach briefly close season 2006); Newcastle United academy coaching staff (2008/09); Darlington assistant-manager (October 2009 until March 2010); Newcastle United (Under-16 coach, Under-18 coach close season 2011, Under-17 coach by April 2014)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1981/82	Everton	15	3	2	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1982/83	Everton	24	5	3	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1983/84	Everton	25	3	4	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1984/85	Everton	14	1	4	Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1985/86	Everton	16	3	3	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1986/87	Everton	1			Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1986/87	WATFORD	39		2	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1987/88	Arsenal	24	5	4	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 21
1988/89	Arsenal	32	2	1	Football League Division 1 – 1st of 20
1989/90	Arsenal	32	1		Football League Division 1 – 4th of 20
1991/92	Aston Villa	42		6	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1992/93	Aston Villa	42		2	FA Premier League – 2nd of 22
1993/94	Aston Villa	40		5	FA Premier League – 10th of 22
1994/95	Aston Villa	18	1		FA Premier League – 18th of 22
1994/95	Coventry City	14			FA Premier League – 16th of 22
1995/96	Coventry City	33			FA Premier League – 16th of 20
1996/97	Coventry City	25	3		FA Premier League – 17th of 20
1997/98	Coventry City	3			FA Premier League – 11th of 20
1997/98	Southampton	25	3		FA Premier League – 12th of 20
1998/99	Barnsley	24	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
1999/00	Barnsley	4			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
1999/00	Blackpool	20		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

His eleven months at Vicarage Road were a relatively low-key interlude in a career which brought honours in the three major domestic competitions, and an England cap at the age of 31. An unspectacular but astute support player in midfield, Kevin Richardson was in the Everton side which beat Watford in the FA Cup Final, and when with Aston Villa, who won the Football League Cup in 1993/94 with a side captained by Richardson, he came close to becoming the first player ever to win championship medals in the top flight of English football with three different clubs.

Lee James RICHARDSON (1989-1990) Midfielder

Born Halifax, Yorkshire, 12 March 1969

Watford Career

Football League: 40+1 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 2, 25 Feb 1989

Final game: 3-1 home win v Hull City, Football League Div 2, 5 May 1990

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 10



Career Path

Halifax Town (schoolboy April 1985, trainee August 1986, professional July 1987); **WATFORD** (£125,000 February 1989 plus 2 subsequent increments of £25,000 each, based on appearances); Blackburn Rovers (valued at £250,000 in exchange for A.J.Kennedy plus £60,000 July 1990); Aberdeen (£150,000 September 1992); Oldham Athletic (£325,000 August 1994); Stockport County (loan August 1997); Huddersfield Town (£65,000 October 1997); Bury (loan August 1999); Livingston (free February 2000); Halifax Town trial (July 2000); Chesterfield (free August 2000 until close season 2004, also assistant-manager February 2002, caretaker-manager April 2003 until May 2003 and again March 2007, manager April 2007 to May 2009); West Ham United psychologist (August 2011)

Football League, Scottish Premier League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1986/87	Halifax Town	1			Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1987/88	Halifax Town	20	10	1	Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24
1988/89	Halifax Town	22	3	1	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1988/89	WATFORD	9			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD	31	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	Blackburn Rovers	32	6	2	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 24
1991/92	Blackburn Rovers	19	8	1	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Aberdeen	28	1	2	Scottish Premier League – 2nd of 12
1993/94	Aberdeen	31	4	4	Scottish Premier League – 2nd of 12
1994/95	Oldham Athletic	28	2	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
1995/96	Oldham Athletic	27		11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
1996/97	Oldham Athletic	27	4	4	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1997/98	Stockport County	4	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
1997/98	Huddersfield Town	16	5	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1998/99	Huddersfield Town	13	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
1999/00	Bury	5		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
1999/00	Livingston	6			Scottish League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 10
2000/01	Chesterfield	30			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 3rd of 24
2001/02	Chesterfield	13	1	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 18th of 24

After beating his older brother Nick into a Football League career at Halifax Town, Lee Richardson was announced by Steve Harrison as an investment for the future when he was brought to Vicarage Road. Nevertheless he spent most of his time with the club in the first team. He later scored Aberdeen's only goal in the 1992/93 Scottish FA Cup Final, which Rangers won 2-1, and after two years as manager of Chesterfield became a sports psychologist with Lancashire County Cricket Club and West Ham United.

Frederick William RIDDELL (1908-1909) Forward

Born Newhall, Derbyshire, 1887

Died Nottingham, 16 October 1959

Watford Career

Southern League: 6 appearances

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Southern League Div 1, 7 Sep 1908

Final game: 2-0 home win v Brentford, Southern League Div 1, 12 Apr 1909

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 4; all competitions 4



Career Path

Newhall Swifts; Derby County (May 1907); **WATFORD** (August 1908); Norwich City (May 1909 until close season 1910); scout for a succession of clubs managed by Major Frank Buckley

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1907/08	Derby County	3			Football League Division 2 – 6th of 20
1908/09	WATFORD	6			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21
1909/10	Norwich City	8		1	Southern League Division 1 – 17th of 22

During his Baseball Ground days he collected a winner's medal in the Derbyshire Cup (South Division) in 1907/08 and played three times in the Second Division of the Football League. It was reported that he refused Derby County's offer of renewed terms shortly before joining Watford as a versatile attacking player. Fred Riddell's career ended when he suffered a broken leg while with Norwich City. He was one of two Frederick William Riddells (believed to have been cousins) who both made three League appearances for Derby County. *(His surname was pronounced "Riddle", but the family later came to call themselves "Riddell", to avoid confusion over the spelling.)*

Albert RIERA (2014) Winger

(Full name Albert RIERA OTEGA)

Born Manacor, Majorca, Spain, 15 April 1982

Representative Honours

Spain Youth, Under 21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 6+2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 4-1 away win v Sheffield Wednesday, Football League Championship, 29 Mar 2014

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Charlton Athletic, Football League Championship, 29 Apr 2014

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 8



Career Path

RCD Mallorca (*Spain*); Girondins de Bordeaux (*France*) (close season 2003); RCD Espanyol (*Spain*) (2005); Manchester City (loan January 2006); Liverpool (£8 million September 2008); Olympiacos (*Greece*) (€4 million July 2010 plus possible €2 million in increments); Galatasaray SK (*Turkey*) (€3 million September 2011 until January 2014); **WATFORD** (March 2014); Udinese (*Italy*) (free 2014, contract cancelled November 2014); Real Mallorca (*Spain*) (March 2015)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2005/06	Manchester City	12	3	1	FA Premier League - 15th of 20
2008/09	Liverpool	24	4	3	FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
2009/10	Liverpool	9	3		FA Premier League – 7th of 20
2013/14	WATFORD	6	2	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24

An experienced left-winger with FA Premier League credentials from a previous spell in English football, Albert Riera scored a fine goal against Ipswich Town to open his Watford account, but was released at the end of the season without adding to it.

Seven years earlier he'd scored for RCD Espanyol in a UEFA Cup final 2-2 draw which Sevilla went on to win via a penalty shoot-out.

Thomas RIGG (1946-1948) Goalkeeper

Born Bedlington, Northumberland, 20 February 1920

Died Northumberland, May 1995

Watford Career

Football League: 80 appearances

FA Cup: 5 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Aug 1946

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Dec 1948

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 18; all competitions 18



Career Path

Northumberland Schools; Linton Juniors (3 seasons); Ashington (1937); Middlesbrough (Reserves from 1937/38, professional February 1939); Arsenal, Ashington, Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Lovells Athletic & Southampton guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (June 1946); Consett (free close season 1949); Gillingham (August 1951); Gateshead trainer (close season 1956); Ashington physiotherapist (by 1982 until at least 1984)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1946/47	WATFORD	32			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1947/48	WATFORD	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1951/52	Gillingham	43			Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 24
1952/53	Gillingham	38			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24
1953/54	Gillingham	35			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24
1954/55	Gillingham	43			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1955/56	Gillingham	33			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24

Tommy Rigg was Watford's first post-Second World War Football League goalkeeper and spent three seasons at Vicarage Road before declining renewed terms for a fourth, at which point he was released and went back to the north-east. After two years as a non-League player, however, he resumed his Division 3 (South) career and enjoyed a five-year run in Gillingham's first team.

Stuart Alan RIMMER (1988) Forward

Born Southport, Lancashire, 12 October 1964

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

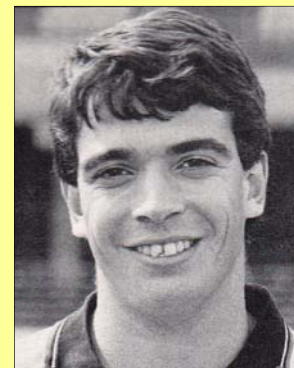
Football League: 10 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 1-1 away draw v Chelsea, Football League Div 1, 29 Mar 1988

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 2, 15 Oct 1988

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 9



Career Path

Everton (schoolboy February 1979, apprentice May 1981, professional October 1982); Hamilton (*New Zealand*) (loan); Chester City (loan January 1985, £10,000 March 1985 plus £97,500 as half of the ultimate “sell-on” profit); **WATFORD** (£205,000 March 1988); Notts County (£200,000 November 1988); Walsall (£150,000 January 1989); Barnsley (£150,000 March 1991); Chester City (£94,000 August 1991, released close season 1998); Rochdale (loan September 1994); Preston North End (loan December 1994); Marine (November 1998); Castleton Gabriels

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1982/83	Everton	2			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1983/84	Everton	1			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1984/85	Chester City	24		14	Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24
1985/86	Chester City	18		16	Football League Division 4 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1986/87	Chester City	34	4	13	Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1987/88	Chester City	34		24	Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1987/88	WATFORD	9		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1988/89	Notts County	3	1	2	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1988/89	Walsall	20		8	Football League Division 2 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1989/90	Walsall	38	3	10	Football League Division 3 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1990/91	Walsall	27		13	Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24
1990/91	Barnsley	10	5	1	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 24
1991/92	Chester City	44		13	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1992/93	Chester City	43		20	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1993/94	Chester City	26	9	8	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1994/95	Chester City	22	3	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1994/95	Rochdale	3			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 15th of 22
1994/95	Preston North End		2		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 5th of 22
1995/96	Chester City	30	11	13	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 8th of 24
1996/97	Chester City	22	4	4	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 6th of 24
1997/98	Chester City	26	8	8	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 14th of 24

A nippy striker who had few chances at Watford. Stuart Rimmer was the only player to score over a hundred Football League goals for Chester, for whom he hit four in a 6-3 win at Preston North End on his 21st birthday. Experiencing outrageously freakish contrasts of fortune in his first two games for Walsall, he failed with a penalty kick at home as they lost 0-7 to Chelsea, and then scored a hat-trick at Sunderland (previously unbeaten at home) to end his club's appalling run of 15 successive League defeats. It was against Chelsea that he scored his one Watford goal – at Stamford Bridge, on his début.

Douglas DE MEDEIROS RINALDI (2007) Midfielder

Born Erval Seco, Brazil, 29 August 1979

Watford Career

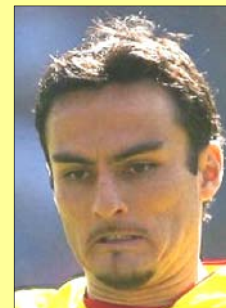
FA Premier League: 6+1 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, FA Premier League, 17 Mar 2007

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Southend United, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 28 Aug 2007

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 3; all competitions 3



Career Path

Criciuna (*Brazil*) (1996); Santo Angelo (*Brazil*) (1997 until 2000); Atletico Club Corinthians de Caico (*Brazil*) (2001); Trento (*Italy*) (September 2002); Club Esportia Mataro (*Spain*) (August 2003); Sport Club Ulbra (*Brazil*); PAE Apollon Kalamarias (*Greece*) (€1.3 million August 2004 until February 2005); Sport Club Ulbra (*Brazil*) (March 2005); Veranopolis (*Brazil*) (August 2005); **WATFORD** (loan January 2007, £250,000 June 2007, cancelled July 2008); Ehime (*Japan*) (December 2009 until April 2010); Esportivo de Bento Gonçalves (*Brazil*) (January 2011)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2006/07	WATFORD	6	1	1	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)

A globetrotting Brazilian midfielder who played professionally in Italy, Spain, Greece, England and Japan as well as his native country. Watford's outlay of a quarter of a million pounds proved to have been an extravagance when his contract was cancelled after nine first-team outings. Douglas Rinaldi's two goals came in a Premier League defeat at Blackburn Rovers and in a home Football League Cup victory over Gillingham.

Alexander Watson RITCHIE (1933-1934) Winger

Born Airdrie, Lanarkshire, 2 April 1904

Died Mossend, Lanarkshire, 13 July 1954

Representative Honours

Scotland 'Junior'

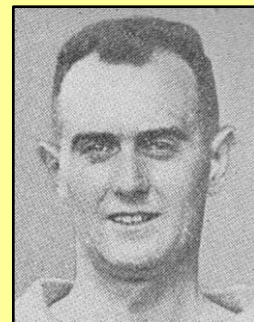
Watford Career

Football League: 17 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Cardiff City, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Aug 1933

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 5 May 1934

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 8; all competitions 8



Career Path

Alexander School, Airdrie; Fauldhouse United; Ashfield; Airdrieonians (September 1922); Armadale (April 1923); St Bernards (May 1923); Raith Rovers (May 1923); Peebles Rovers (August 1923); Raith Rovers (December 1923); Dunfermline Athletic (March 1926); Raith Rovers (May 1926); Blackpool (July 1928); Reading (March 1931); **WATFORD** (June 1933); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (August 1934); Third Lanark (June 1935); Hibernian (free August 1936 until close season 1937); Albion Rovers (free September 1937, cancelled October 1937); Bo'ness (January 1938); Reading scout in Scotland (1938); Third Lanark reserve-team manager (until July 1945); Airdrieonians manager (July 1945)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1922/23	Armadale	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 6th of 20
1923/24	Peebles Rovers	?		?	Scottish League Division 3 – 14th of 16
1923/24	Raith Rovers	9			Scottish League Division 1 – 4th of 20
1924/25	Raith Rovers	30		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1925/26	Raith Rovers	23		5	Scottish League Division 1 – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
1925/26	Dunfermline Athletic	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 1st of 20 (Promoted)
1926/27	Raith Rovers	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 2nd of 20 (Promoted)
1927/28	Raith Rovers	16		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1928/29	Blackpool	12			Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1929/30	Blackpool	17		5	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1930/31	Blackpool	2			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1930/31	Reading	4		1	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1931/32	Reading	40		19	Football League Division 3 (South) – 2nd of 22
1932/33	Reading	28		15	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1933/34	WATFORD	17		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1934/35	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	33		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1935/36	Third Lanark	14		4	Scottish League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1936/37	Hibernian	26		4	Scottish League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1937/38	Albion Rovers	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 2nd of 18 (Promoted)

In his two full seasons with Reading he comfortably outscored his colleague Frank McPherson, who had hit 55 goals in 61 Football League games in his first Vicarage Road spell. At the end of those two seasons the pair joined Watford together (McPherson for the second time), and Alex Ritchie began and ended the 1933/34 season as the first-team outside-right, with very little action in between. On first moving to England he'd figured in Blackpool's forward line during that club's first-ever rise to the top flight.

Robert RITCHIE (1949) Inside-forward

Born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, 1 February 1920

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-3 away defeat v Port Vale, Football League Div 3 (South), 8 Jan 1949

Career Path

North Kelvinside Secondary School; army football during Second World War; Rickmansworth Town; **WATFORD** (February 1948); Margate (free August 1950); Leavesden Hospital (permit to play as an amateur granted September 1952)



Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1948/49	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22

Bob Ritchie made his name locally before becoming a part-time professional at Vicarage Road. During the Second World War he had played army football in the Western Desert for his Royal Army Ordnance Corps unit while serving in the 51st Highland Division, and later in Germany as a member of the divisional team against Poland. He was elected captain of Rickmansworth Golf Club in 1956.

Alan Desmond RIVERS (1967) Defender

Born Portsmouth, Hampshire, 27 January 1946

Watford Career

Football League: 0+2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 2-1 away win v Tranmere Rovers, Football League Div 3, 13 Oct 1967

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3, 28 Oct 1967

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 1; all competitions 1



Career Path

Luton Town (amateur October 1961, apprentice November 1962, professional January 1964); **WATFORD** (July 1967, initially on trial, released close season 1968); Crewe Alexandra (a month's trial December 1971); Rangers (*South Africa*) (3 years); Shrewsbury Town kit man (until 2004)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1965/66	Luton Town	14	3		Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1966/67	Luton Town	11	2	1	Football League Division 4 – 17th of 24
1967/68	WATFORD		2		Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24

On completion of his Kenilworth Road apprenticeship Alan Rivers spent two-and-a-half seasons as a professional with Luton Town. Watford signed him after a trial period but gave him only two first-team outings – both as a substitute. He was unable to secure another engagement in English football and continued his career in South Africa.

Iwan Wyn ROBERTS (1986-1990) Forward

Born Bangor, Caernarvonshire, 26 June 1968

Representative Honours

Wales Youth, 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 42+23 appearances (9 goals)

FA Cup: 1+6 appearances

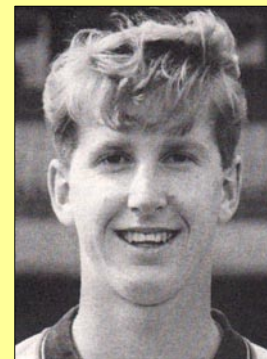
Football League Cup: 6+2 appearances (3 goals)

Full Members Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 1, 29 Mar 1986

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v West Ham United, Football League Div 2, 13 Mar 1990

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 14



Career Path

Ysgor Ardudwy School; Caernarfon Town; **WATFORD** (trainee May 1985, professional July 1986); Huddersfield Town (£240,000 August 1990); Leicester City (£300,000 November 1993); Wolverhampton Wanderers (£1 million July 1996); Norwich City (£1 million July 1997); Gillingham player-coach (free July 2004, released close season 2006); Cambridge United (loan March 2005)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1985/86	WATFORD	1	3		Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1986/87	WATFORD	2	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1987/88	WATFORD	18	7	2	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	WATFORD	13	11	6	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD	8	1		Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	Huddersfield Town	44		13	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1991/92	Huddersfield Town	48		24	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1992/93	Huddersfield Town	37		9	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
1993/94	Huddersfield Town	14	1	4	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
1993/94	Leicester City	27		13	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1994/95	Leicester City	32	5	9	FA Premier League – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1995/96	Leicester City	34	3	19	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
1996/97	Wolverhampton Wanderers	24	9	12	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
1997/98	Norwich City	29	2	5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1998/99	Norwich City	40	5	19	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
1999/00	Norwich City	44		17	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2000/01	Norwich City	44		15	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2001/02	Norwich City	29	4	14	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2002/03	Norwich City	33	10	7	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2003/04	Norwich City	13	28	8	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Gillingham	11	9	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2004/05	Cambridge United	11		3	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

As a Welsh-speaking 18-year-old he hit the headlines with a winner against Manchester United. A striker with a good balance of skill, strength and mobility, Iwan Roberts scored freely for Huddersfield Town after his Watford first-team chances petered out, and in a career lasting two decades he amassed over two hundred Football League/Premier League goals, an achievement shared by only six other Watford players. In 1988 he scored both goals for the club's Reserves in a 2-2 draw at Ipswich Town, and did the same thing for the first team at the same ground four days later, the home side this time winning by the odd goal in five. Eighteen months later he scored five for the Reserves in a 6-0 win against Brighton & Hove Albion.

Joseph ROBERTS (1926-1927) Winger

Born Tranmere, Cheshire, 2 September 1900

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 9 March 1984

Watford Career

Football League: 20 appearances (5 goals)

Début: 0-0 home draw v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Sep 1926

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 May 1927

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 9



Career Path

Oswestry Town; **WATFORD** (August 1926); Queens Park Rangers (free May 1927); York City (August 1928); Halifax Town (June 1929); Southport (March 1930); Clapton Orient (May 1931); Luton Town (August 1932); Barrow (July 1933); Peterborough United (August 1934); Cardiff City (August 1935); Worcester City (August 1936)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1926/27	WATFORD	20		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	Queens Park Rangers	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1929/30	Halifax Town	22		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 21st of 22
1929/30	Southport	8			Football League Division 3 (North) – 9th of 22
1930/31	Southport	36			Football League Division 3 (North) – 5th of 22
1931/32	Clapton Orient	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1932/33	Luton Town	17		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 14th of 22
1933/34	Barrow	41		14	Football League Division 3 (North) – 8th of 22
1935/36	Cardiff City	22		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22

Nearly 26 when he entered League football, Joe Roberts then roamed extensively in the next ten years and acquired a remarkable sequence of employers at Third Division level (both sections) and below. His five League goals as Watford's outside-left included three in two games against Swindon Town. He later ran a newsagent business in Vicarage Road.

Thomas ROBERTS (1954) Full-back

Born Liverpool, Lancashire, 28 July 1927

Died Birkenhead, Merseyside, January 2001

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-2 home draw v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 4 Dec 1954

Career Path

Skelmersdale United; Blackburn Rovers (December 1951); **WATFORD** (December 1954);
Chester (February 1956, cancelled June 1956)



Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1951/52	Blackburn Rovers	2			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1952/53	Blackburn Rovers	3			Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1953/54	Blackburn Rovers	1			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1954/55	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24
1955/56	Chester	5			Football League Division 3 (North) – 17th of 24

A left-back who proved a great disappointment after going straight into the first team on signing for Watford, having impressed as a guest player in a friendly game against Liverpool. He was dropped immediately and didn't get another chance.

In three years with Blackburn Rovers Tommy Roberts had a few Second Division outings as understudy to England international Bill Eckersley.

Leonard Verdun ROBERTSON (1946) Inside-forward

Born Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, 1 March 1916

Died North Yorkshire, 1979

Watford Career

Football League: 6 appearances (2 goals)

Second World War competitions: 3 appearances

Début in peacetime competitions: 1-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Aug 1946

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 Dec 1946

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 3; all competitions 3

Career Path

Hartlepoons United (amateur May 1944, professional August 1945); Grimsby Town, Southport & **WATFORD** guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (June 1946); Bradford City (free, a month's trial March 1947); Hull City (free April 1947); Accrington Stanley (July 1948 until July 1949)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1946/47	WATFORD	6		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1946/47	Hull City	2			Football League Division 3 (North) – 11th of 22
1947/48	Hull City	7		2	Football League Division 3 (North) – 5th of 22
1948/49	Accrington Stanley	3			Football League Division 3 (North) – 20th of 22

Signed after playing as a guest three times late in 1945/46 (*although his identity was hushed up – see details under the relevant matches on the 1945/46 page in the 'Seasons' section*), Len Robertson was an inside-forward in Watford's first post-Second World War Football League fixtures. He scored the club's first League goal under peacetime conditions for more than seven years, but it wasn't enough to stop Queens Park Rangers taking both points. He was soon in the Reserves, and returned north before the end of the season.

Frederick Charles ROBINS (1894-1899) Centre-half

Born Gravesend, Kent, 15 June 1872

Died Hythe, Kent, 5 February 1927

West Herts / Watford Career

Southern League: 46 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 8 appearances (1 goal)

FA Amateur Cup: 5 appearances

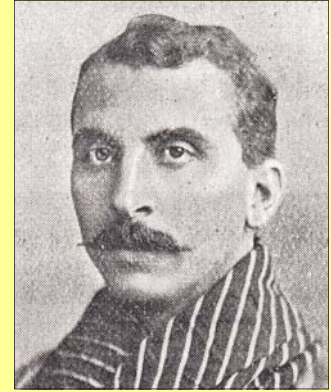
Herts Senior Cup: 4 appearances

Bucks & Contiguous Counties League: 6 appearances (1 goal, a penalty)

Début: 2-3 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 13 Oct 1894

Final game: 2-2 away draw v Chesham Town, Southern League Div 2, 9 Sep 1899

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 12; all competitions 13



Career Path

Faversham; Sittingbourne (1891 until 1893); **WEST HERTS** (*named changed to Watford in 1898*) (January 1894 until October 1899, joint honorary secretary April 1901, honorary secretary by 1907); also Luton Town; also Gravesend United; also Crouch End (1894 until 1896); also Northfleet (1895/96); also London Caledonians (1896 to 1898)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	WEST HERTS	6			Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13
1897/98	WEST HERTS	20			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1898/99	WATFORD	19		2	Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1899/00	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)

It was a teaching appointment at the London Orphan School that brought Fred Robins to Watford, where he met and married Charlotte Grover, sister of the club's founder. He played in the first Southern League match ever undertaken by the club, which he also served as joint-honorary secretary. He retired with a knee injury early in his third season as the club's centre-half and captain. The Football Association Emergency Committee minutes of 31 January and 20 February 1907 record that he was censured for complaints about alleged incompetence which he'd addressed direct to the referee of a heavy home defeat v Brentford, and which should have been (but presumably were not) referred to the FA. He was a member of the Southern League's management committee from May 1909 until, after serving in France from 1914 until 1920 as an officer in the Army Service Corps, he moved back to Kent, where he became well-known in local golfing circles and died in 1927 after a long illness.

E.ROBINSON (1913) Centre-half

Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 3-1 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Southern League Div 1, 18 Jan 1913

Career Path

Hebburn Argyle; **WATFORD** (May 1912 until close season 1913)



Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1912/13	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20

Sturdily built, he had just completed a shipyard apprenticeship and was said to be coveted by other clubs when Harry Kent signed him as a promising centre-half. This followed a season of North Eastern League football in which he'd played especially well against Newcastle United Reserves. The promise was not fulfilled, and he made only one first-team appearance for Watford, in mid-season.

Paul Peter ROBINSON (1996-2003) Full-back

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 14 December 1978

Representative Honours

England Under-21
Football League Under-21

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 203+18 appearances (8 goals)
FA Cup: 10+2 appearances
Football League Cup: 15+1 appearances (1 goal)
Associate Members Cup: 3 appearances
Début: (as sub) 1-1 home draw v Luton Town, Football League Div 2, 29 Oct 1996
Final game: 1-0 away win v Crewe Alexandra, Football League Div 1, 4 Oct 2003
Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 18; all competitions 23



Career Path

S & K United; **WATFORD** (schoolboy October 1993, trainee July 1995, professional February 1997); West Bromwich Albion (£150,000 October 2003, plus later increments totalling £250,000); Bolton Wanderers (loan July 2009, between £750,000 & £1 million January 2010, released May 2012); Leeds United (loan March 2012); Birmingham City (September 2012)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1996/97	WATFORD	8	4		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	WATFORD	14	8	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	WATFORD	28	3		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	WATFORD	29	3		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	WATFORD	39			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	WATFORD	38		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	37		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2003/04	WATFORD	10			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2003/04	West Bromwich Albion	30	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	West Bromwich Albion	28	2	1	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2005/06	West Bromwich Albion	33			FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2006/07	West Bromwich Albion	45		2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
2007/08	West Bromwich Albion	43		1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	West Bromwich Albion	35			FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2009/10	Bolton Wanderers	24	1		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2010/11	Bolton Wanderers	35			FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2011/12	Bolton Wanderers	15	2		FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2011/12	Leeds United	9	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2012/13	Birmingham City	34	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2013/14	Birmingham City	40			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
2014/15	Birmingham City	30	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 10th of 24

A conspicuously robust and wholehearted approach to his work as a local-boy left-back made him a popular figure at Vicarage Road before his transfer to West Bromwich Albion, where he straightaway took part in winning promotion to the Premier League – a success which he repeated with the same club five years later. As a pupil at St Michael's Catholic High School, Garston, Paul Robinson captained the school team which reached the drawn final of the English Schools FA Under-16 competition in 1994/95, and went on to get his professional career under way with a Football League début against Luton Town while still a trainee.

Reginald ROBINSON (1937-1938) Half-back

Born Sheffield, Yorkshire, 11 February 1910

Died Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, 17 March 1993

Watford Career

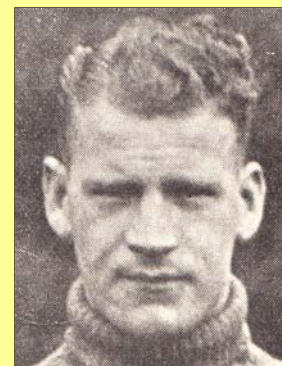
Football League: 2 appearances

Division 3 (South) Cup: 5 appearances

Début: 2-2 away draw v Newport County, Div 3 (South) Cup 1st Round, 21 Oct 1937

Final game: 2-0 home win v Clapton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Apr 1938

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 1; all competitions 1



Career Path

Scunthorpe & Lindsey United; Huddersfield Town (amateur June 1933, professional September 1933); Exeter City (June 1935); **WATFORD** (exchanged for W.Brown June 1936 until close season 1939)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1933/34	Huddersfield Town	1			Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1934/35	Huddersfield Town	1			Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1935/36	Exeter City	30		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22
1937/38	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22

All his first-team action as a Watford player was during the second of his three seasons with the club, when he was used in all three half-back positions. The possessor of a strong physique, he had been Exeter City's regular centre-half, but Jimmy Armstrong's form kept him in the Reserves at Vicarage Road. Reg Robinson was later badly affected by a serious steelworks accident in which colleagues were killed. He was an uncle of the well-known 1960s football referee, Maurice Fussey.

Theo Laroyan Ronaldo Shadikhi ROBINSON (2006-2008) Forward

Born Birmingham, West Midlands, 21 January 1989

Representative Honours

Jamaica Full

Watford Career

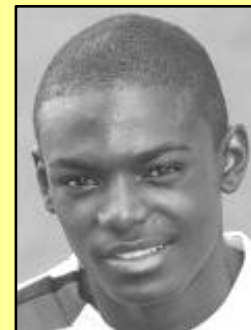
Football League & FA Premier League: 0+5 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 2-1 away win v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Championship, 22 Apr 2006

Final game: (as sub) 2-1 home win v Coventry City, Football League Championship, 13 Dec 2008

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 1; all competitions 2



Career Path

Stoke City academy; **WATFORD** (scholar July 2005, professional February 2007); Wealdstone (loan February 2007); Hereford United (loan August 2007); Southend United (loan January 2009); Huddersfield Town (£100,000 July 2009, plus subsequent increment[s]); Millwall (loan September 2010, £300,000 January 2011); Derby County (loan February 2011, signed July 2011); Huddersfield Town (loan February 2013); Doncaster Rovers (£150,000 August 2013, released close season 2015); Scunthorpe United (loan March 2015)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2005/06	WATFORD		1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	WATFORD		1		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	Hereford United	32	11	13	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	WATFORD		3		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2008/09	Southend United	20	1	7	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
2009/10	Huddersfield Town	17	21	14	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2010/11	Huddersfield Town		1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24
2010/11	Millwall	8	3	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2010/11	Derby County	8	5	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2011/12	Derby County	27	12	10	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2012/13	Derby County	13	15	8	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2012/13	Huddersfield Town	4	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2013/14	Doncaster Rovers	19	12	5	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2014/15	Doncaster Rovers	13	19	4	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	Scunthorpe United	8		3	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 16th of 24

He was in action as a first-team substitute three months after his 17th birthday, but three years later his Watford career had still hardly begun, and Huddersfield Town's six-figure outlay would have been on the basis of the 20 Football League goals he's scored in loan spells with Hereford United and Southend United. Quick and energetic, and a good finisher, Theo Robinson continued to forge a worthwhile Football League career after the disappointing start at Vicarage Road.

Mark Andrew ROBSON (1989) Winger

Born Newham, London, 22 May 1969

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-2 home defeat v West Bromwich Albion, Football League Div 2, 7 Oct 1989



Career Path

Exeter City (apprentice August 1985, professional December 1986); Tottenham Hotspur (£50,000 July 1987); Reading (loan March 1988); **WATFORD** (loan October 1989); Plymouth Argyle (loan December 1989); Exeter City (loan January 1992); West Ham United (free August 1992); Charlton Athletic (£125,000 *[including possible increments]* November 1993); Notts County (free June 1997); Wycombe Wanderers (loan October 1998); Boreham Wood player-coach (free October 1999); Charlton Athletic (youth & Under-21 coach October 2000, reserve-team manager March 2006, development coach May 2006, assistant head coach November 2006, first-team coach January 2007); Gillingham (first-team coach August 2008, assistant-manager May 2010); Peterborough United first-team coach (June 2010); *also* Burnham Ramblers Under-17s coach; Barnet (manager June 2012, joint-manager October 2012 until December 2012); England Under-17 assistant-coach (March 2013); also Norwich City (Under-21 coach October 2013, assistant first-team coach June 2014 until November 2014); Aston Villa first-team coach (February 2015)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1986/87	Exeter City	26		7	Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24
1987/88	Reading	5	2		Football League Division 2- 22nd of 23 (Relegated)
1988/89	Tottenham Hotspur	3	2		Football League Division 1 – 6th of 20
1989/90	Tottenham Hotspur		3		Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 20
1989/90	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1989/90	Plymouth Argyle	7			Football League Division 2 – 16th of 24
1991/92	Exeter City	7	1	1	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1992/93	West Ham United	41	3	8	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1993/94	West Ham United	1	2		FA Premier League – 13th of 22
1993/94	Charlton Athletic	20	3	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 11th of 24
1994/95	Charlton Athletic	40		3	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 15th of 24
1995/96	Charlton Athletic	11	16	1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 6th of 24
1996/97	Charlton Athletic	8	7		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 15th of 24
1997/98	Notts County	26	2	4	Football League Division 3 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	Notts County		2		Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 16th of 24
1998/99	Wycombe Wanderers	1	3		Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 19th of 24
1999/00	Notts County		2		Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 8th of 24

A frail-looking winger, but sparky and skilful, although he had little opportunity to show these attributes when he became Watford's first loan player for twelve years, being mysteriously pulled off at half-time in his first game and never picked again. Such erratic changes of mind were characteristic of Steve Harrison's time in charge. Mark Robson's career, littered with temporary transfers and injury problems, eventually blossomed in West Ham United's 1992/93 promotion team.

William Nichols ROE (1887-1888) Full-back

Born Closworth, Somerset, 21 March 1861

Died Marylebone, London, 11 October 1937

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Herts County Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 5-3 away win v Hitchin Town, Herts County Cup 2nd Round, 5 Feb 1887

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Great Marlow, FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round, 17 Nov 1888

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 3



Career Path

Elstree School; Herts Rangers; **WATFORD ROVERS**; Hertfordshire

His Watford Rovers appearances were almost entirely in cup games, only one of the total of nine being a friendly match. Although his football was good enough to win him selection for Hertfordshire, Bill Roe was more prominent as a cricketer, winning a blue at Cambridge University in 1883 and playing regularly for Somerset. In a college match at Cambridge he compiled an innings of 415 not out.

Glenn Victor ROEDER (1989-1991) Centre-half

Born Woodford, Essex, 13 December 1955

Representative Honours

England 'B'

Watford Career

Football League: 74+4 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 4 appearances

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-0 home win v Portsmouth, Football League Div 2, 19 Aug 1989

Final game: 2-3 home defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 2, 11 May 1991

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 28; all competitions 34



Career Path

Arsenal (schoolboy December 1969 until February 1972); Orient (apprentice August 1972, professional July 1974); Queens Park Rangers (£210,000 August 1978); Notts County (loan November 1983); Newcastle United (£125,000 December 1983); **WATFORD** (free June 1989, player/reserve-team coach July 1990 until August 1991); Millwall Reserves (briefly); Leyton Orient (free January 1992 until May 1992); Purfleet (October 1992); Gillingham manager (November 1992 – and on non-contract terms as a player); **WATFORD** manager (July 1993 until February 1996 – also on non-contract terms as a player November 1993); England scouting staff (August 1996); Burnley assistant-manager (July 1997 until close season 1998); West Ham United (coaching & scouting staff February 1999, caretaker-manager May 2001, manager June 2001 until August 2003); Newcastle United (academy manager June 2005, caretaker-manager February 2006, manager May 2006 until May 2007); Norwich City manager (October 2007 until January 2009); Aston Villa scout (by January 2011); Millwall scout (June 2013 until January 2014); Sheffield Wednesday management adviser (April 2015)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1974/75	Orient	3	3		Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1975/76	Orient	20	5	2	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1976/77	Orient	42		2	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1977/78	Orient	42			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1978/79	Queens Park Rangers	27		4	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1979/80	Queens Park Rangers	40		9	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1980/81	Queens Park Rangers	39		2	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1981/82	Queens Park Rangers	41		2	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1982/83	Queens Park Rangers	9			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1983/84	Queens Park Rangers	1			Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1983/84	Notts County	4			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1983/84	Newcastle United	23			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22 (Promoted)
1984/85	Newcastle United	36			Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1985/86	Newcastle United	42		6	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1986/87	Newcastle United	37		1	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1987/88	Newcastle United	37		1	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 21
1988/89	Newcastle United	18			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1989/90	WATFORD	44	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	30	3	1	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	Leyton Orient	6	2		Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1992/93	Gillingham	6			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 21st of 22

Glenn Roeder's leadership potential was apparent during his career as a footballing centre-half (he'd earlier been a midfielder), and the move into management came as no surprise. His achievements in that role, however, were to prove less than might have been expected. On the field he became known for the 'Roeder shuffle', a crowd-pleasing sleight-of-foot manoeuvre which left opponents comprehensively beaten as he surged upfield. After leading Queens Park Rangers out at Wembley for the 1982 FA Cup final, he missed the replay, which QPR lost, owing to suspension (and his place was taken by Warren Neill). He became Watford's oldest signing for 24 years, and in 1991 left with the intention of chaperoning Paul Gascoigne in Italy, but he very soon abandoned this questionable career move and came home. After a managerial baptism at the grim end of Division 4 he was headhunted by Watford, who were subsequently fined £10,000 for an illegal approach, and a further £30,000 had to be paid as compensation to Gillingham. Not the least remarkable feature of his Vicarage Road incumbency was the use of 30 or more players in each of his three seasons, this total having been reached only once before in the club's entire Football League history. He left with the club adrift at the bottom of the table and heading back to the lower divisions. (See under 'Managers' for details of his record in that role.)

Peter Mann RONALD (1914-1921) Inside-forward

Born Walker, Northumberland, 5 November 1889

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 21 April 1953

Watford Career

Southern League & Football League: 99 appearances (29 goals)

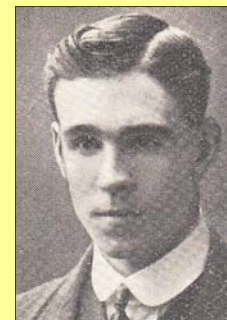
FA Cup: 3 appearances

Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 2-1 home win v Cardiff City, Southern League Div 1, 2 Sep 1914

Final game: 3-0 away win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3, 23 Apr 1921

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League/Football League 33; all competitions 35



Career Path

Wallsend Park Villa; Backworth United; Hebburn Argyle; **WATFORD** (undisclosed fee June 1914); Nottingham Forest (£500 June 1921); West Stanley (May 1923); **WATFORD** (frequent reserve-team appearances 1924/25, player/assistant-trainer August 1925, reserve-team trainer until June 1946)

Southern League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1914/15	WATFORD	35		9	Southern League Division 1 – 1st of 20
1919/20	WATFORD	35		10	Southern League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1920/21	WATFORD	29		10	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22
1921/22	Nottingham Forest	3			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1922/23	Nottingham Forest	1			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22

A Southern League championship medal came his way within a year of his arrival at Cassio Road as a clever inside-right, and he eventually attracted a useful fee from Nottingham Forest, in whose first team he had few opportunities. He had originally signed for Watford in May 1913, but this was nullified when a problem arose in the fact that he was still serving an apprenticeship in the Tyneside shipyards. Peter Ronald scored the club's first Football League goal, and on leaving Vicarage Road in 1946 was awarded £50 in recognition of his long service to the club as player and reserve-team trainer.

Mark John ROONEY (1997) Defender

Born Lambeth, London, 19 May 1978

Watford Career

Associate Members Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-1 away defeat v Fulham, Associate Members Cup 1st Round, 9 Dec 1997

Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy, trainee July 1994, professional July 1996); Aylesbury United (free close season 1998); St Albans City (June 1999); Dagenham & Redbridge (free March 2001); Barnet (free July 2003); Farnborough Town (close season 2004); AFC Wimbledon (August 2006)



The first-team fixture in which Mark Rooney appeared was one which Watford undertook with what was almost entirely a reserve team. After two years on the professional staff he was released and embarked on a career with a succession of non-League clubs in the south-east.

Daniel Lee ROSE (2009) Midfielder

Born Doncaster, Yorkshire, 2 June 1990

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Great Britain (Olympic Games)

Watford Career

Football League: 3+4 appearances

Début: (as sub) 2-1 away win v Doncaster Rovers, Football League Championship, 4 Apr 2009

Final game: 3-1 home win v Derby County, Football League Championship, 3 May 2009

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 7



Career Path

Leeds United (scholar July 2006); Tottenham Hotspur (£1 million, professional July 2007); **WATFORD** (loan April 2009); Peterborough United (loan September 2009); Bristol City (loan September 2010); Sunderland (loan August 2012)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2008/09	WATFORD	3	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2009/10	Peterborough United	4	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2009/10	Tottenham Hotspur	1		1	FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2010/11	Bristol City	13	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2010/11	Tottenham Hotspur	4			FA Premier League – 5th of 20
2011/12	Tottenham Hotspur	3	8		FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2012/13	Sunderland	25	2	1	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2013/14	Tottenham Hotspur	22		1	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2014/15	Tottenham Hotspur	27	1	3	FA Premier League – 5th of 20

He made his first-team débuts for both Tottenham Hotspur and Watford in the Yorkshire town of his birth, and was on the winning side on both occasions. In his loan spell at Vicarage Road, Danny Rose gave clear evidence of his exception pace, but little of the other qualities which impelled Tottenham to pay a million pounds for him when he was a Leeds United scholar, and earned him repeated selection for the England Under-21 side.

Ronny ROSENTHAL (1997-1999) Forward

Born Haifa, Israel, 11 October 1963

Representative Honours

Israel Full

Watford Career

Football League: 25+5 appearances (8 goals, including 2 penalties)

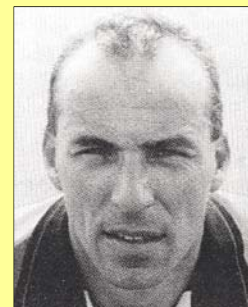
FA Cup: 2+1 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 5+1 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 2-0 away win v Swindon Town, Football League Cup 1st Round 1st Leg, 13 Aug 1997

Final game: (as sub) 0-2 home defeat v West Bromwich Albion, Football League Div 1, 23 Jan 1999

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 17; all competitions 22



Career Path

Maccabi Haifa (*Israel*) (1983 until 1986); FC Brugge (*Belgium*) (1986); Royal Standard de Liège (*Belgium*) (1988); Luton Town Reserves as a trialist (early-1990); Liverpool (loan March 1990, £1 million June 1990); Tottenham Hotspur (£250,000 January 1994); **WATFORD** (free August 1997 until retirement July 1999)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1989/90	Liverpool	5	3	7	Football League Division 1 – 1st of 20
1990/91	Liverpool	4	12	5	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 20
1991/92	Liverpool	7	13	3	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1992/93	Liverpool	16	11	6	FA Premier League – 6th of 22
1993/94	Liverpool		3		FA Premier League – 8th of 22
1993/94	Tottenham Hotspur	11	4	2	FA Premier League – 15th of 22
1994/95	Tottenham Hotspur	14	6		FA Premier League – 7th of 22
1995/96	Tottenham Hotspur	26	7	1	FA Premier League – 8th of 20
1996/97	Tottenham Hotspur	4	16	1	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
1997/98	WATFORD	24	1	8	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	WATFORD	1	4		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)

For half a season, before he ran out of steam through injuries which soon caused his retirement, Ronny Rosenthal was a powerful and experienced attacking influence in Watford's surge to their third championship win as a Football League club.

Having joined Liverpool on loan, he scored a hat-trick at Charlton Athletic in his first full League outing after a single substitute appearance, as the Merseysiders homed in on their last title win, and shortly afterwards was the subject of the first seven-figure transfer fee paid by an English club for a foreign player. In a long international career he won 60 caps and scored eleven goals.

Robert ROSS (1946-1947) Wing-half

Born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, 2 February 1917

Died Sutton, Surrey, 21 August 1994

Watford Career

Football League: 33 appearances (6 goals, including 5 penalties)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Second World War competitions: 25 appearances (1 goal)

Début in peacetime competitions: 1-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers,
Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Aug 1946

Final game: 1-4 home defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 24 May 1947

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 17; all competitions 19



Career Path

Benburb (June 1935); Rangers (November 1936); Ayr United (September 1938); Rangers (April 1939); Dundee United (April 1940); Rangers (April 1940 until close season 1944); Reading & **WATFORD** guest player during Second World War; Dumbarton (March 1946); **WATFORD** (July 1946); Dumbarton (£250 July 1947 until close season 1948)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1937/38	Rangers	7			Scottish League Division 1 – 3rd of 20
1938/39	Rangers	1			Scottish League Division 1 – 1st of 20
1938/39	Ayr United	20			Scottish League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1946/47	WATFORD	33		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1947/48	Dumbarton	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 11th of 16

After making himself known at Vicarage Road during a lengthy wartime guest spell in 1943/44, Bobby Ross came back as a *bona fide* Watford player for the first normal post-war season, which he spent as the first-team right-half and captain. At the end of that one campaign he chose to return to native parts, it being officially announced (not uniquely, and not all that convincingly) that he was unable to find a house in Watford. He'd spent part of his Second World War service in Cairo, where he got to know Johnny Usher, whom he subsequently recommended to Watford. Ross later worked in the jewellery business in Hatton Garden.

John Wilfred ROSTRON (1979-1989) Winger / Full-back

Born Sunderland, County Durham, 29 September 1956

Representative Honours

England Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 306+11 appearances (22 goals)

FA Cup: 43+1 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 30+1 appearances (3 goals)

Football League Trophy: 4+1 appearances

UEFA Cup: 6 appearances (3 goals)

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 2-0 home win v Newcastle United, Football League Div 2, 20 Oct 1979

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Plymouth Argyle, Football League Div 2, 2 Jan 1989

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 96; all competitions 99



Career Path

Sunderland Schools; Arsenal (schoolboy September 1972, apprentice July 1973, professional October 1973); Sunderland (£40,000 July 1977); **WATFORD** (£150,000 October 1979); Sheffield Wednesday (free January 1989); Sheffield United (loan September 1989, signed November 1989); Brentford (player/assistant-manager free January 1991, cancelled June 1993); Gateshead (assistant-manager October 1993, caretaker-manager November 1993); Sunderland Ryhope Colliery Welfare player-manager (December 1993 until 1994); The Barnes Over-40s (circa 2001 until 2013)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1974/75	Arsenal	6		2	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 20
1975/76	Arsenal	2	3		Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1976/77	Arsenal	4	2		Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1977/78	Sunderland	33	1	6	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
1978/79	Sunderland	34		11	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1979/80	Sunderland	8			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1979/80	WATFORD	31		3	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1980/81	WATFORD	24	3	1	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1981/82	WATFORD	24	3	2	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1982/83	WATFORD	42		3	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1983/84	WATFORD	39		4	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1984/85	WATFORD	38		3	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1985/86	WATFORD	29	1	5	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1986/87	WATFORD	39		1	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1987/88	WATFORD	33	4		Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	WATFORD	7			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1988/89	Sheffield Wednesday	7			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1989/90	Sheffield United	24	2	3	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1990/91	Sheffield United	9	1		Football League Division 1 – 13th of 20
1990/91	Brentford	20	4	2	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1991/92	Brentford	15	3		Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Brentford	1	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

In an inspirational move by Graham Taylor he was converted into a plucky and resourceful left-back after being signed as a winger. Wilf Roston was high on the public's list of favourite players during Watford's golden era. He never lost the winger's urge to get forward down the touchline, nor the knack of scoring goals, an attribute well to the fore in a remarkable sequence of six games in which he found the net no fewer than five times – and there weren't any penalty kicks. He is one of a very small number who have clocked up over four hundred appearances for the club, and in a run of 40 consecutive FA Cup ties the only one he missed (through suspension) was the 1983/84 final, for which he would have led the team out at Wembley. After returning to his roots in the north-east of England and holding managerial posts at non-League level, he eventually set up his own business importing furniture and selling it to the retail trade.

Brian ROWAN (1971-1972) Defender

Born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, 28 June 1948

Representative Honours

Scotland 'Junior'

Watford Career

Football League: 8+4 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Middlesbrough, Football League Div 2, 23 Oct 1971

Final game: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Sheffield Wednesday, Football League Div 2, 19 Feb 1972

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 10; all competitions 11



Career Path

Baillieston Juniors (amateur June 1967); Aston Villa (April 1969); Toronto Metros (*Canada*) (free April 1971 until August 1971); **WATFORD** (October 1971, initially on trial, cancelled March 1972); Toronto Metros (*Canada*) (May 1972); Morton (October 1972); Toronto Metros (*Canada*) (3 seasons); New York Cosmos (*USA*) (July 1975 until August 1976)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1969/70	Aston Villa	1			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1971/72	WATFORD	8	4		Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1972/73	Morton	2			Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 18

In terms of results, this was the worst of all Watford careers, his 13 appearances as a first-team defender, at first as a trialist, in the dreadful 1971/72 season having produced 12 defeats and a draw. (Charlie Miller later managed a lower ratio of defeats in a career of three draws in 17 winless games). Brian Rowan had previously played in Canada, and when his Vicarage Road contract was cancelled by mutual consent he went straight back across the Atlantic – and who would blame him? With New York Cosmos his playing colleagues included Keith Eddy and Pele.

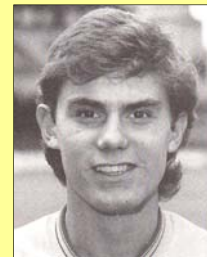
Paul RUMBLE (1988) Full-back

Born Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 14 March 1969

Watford Career

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-5 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Full Members Cup 3rd Round, 25 Jan 1988



Career Path

Hertfordshire Schools; Bedfordshire & Buckinghamshire Schools; **WATFORD** (schoolboy May 1983, trainee May 1985, professional March 1987); Scunthorpe United (loan August 1988); Maidstone United (free July 1989, released October 1991); Charlton Athletic trial (October 1991); Hemel Hempstead Town (by February 1992); Staines Town (briefly September 1992)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1988/89	Scunthorpe United	8		1	Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24
1989/90	Maidstone United	19	4	2	Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1990/91	Maidstone United	26	1	1	Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1991/92	Maidstone United	3	2		Football League Division 4 – 18th of 22 (Went into liquidation)

Like Cliff Powell, he owes his status as a ‘first team’ player to the decision to field an entire reserve side in a Full Members Cup tie at Ipswich Town – a decision not altogether popular among spectators who travelled to Suffolk on that January night.

Left-back Paul Rumble had won county honours as a schoolboy and later had 55 Football League outings for Maidstone United in the period leading up to that club’s liquidation. In his brief spell with Staines Town he suffered an injury which finished his career at the age of 23.

David Page RUSSELL (1926) Goalkeeper

Born Crossgates, Fife, 13 November 1895

Died Kirkcaldy, Fife, 15 August 1972

Representative Honours

Scotland 'Junior'

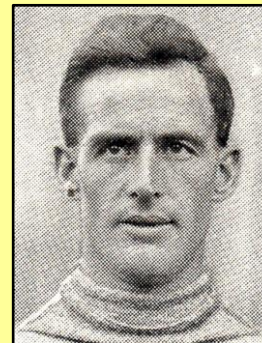
Watford Career

Football League: 7 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Aug 1926

Final game: 0-4 away defeat v Plymouth Argyle, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Sep 1926

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 7



Career Path

Cowdenbeath (April 1919); Hearts of Beath; Rosyth Rangers; Doncaster Rovers (August 1923); Leeds United (January 1925); **WATFORD** (free June 1926); Lincoln City (free July 1927, released close season 1928)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1923/24	Doncaster Rovers	18			Football League Division 3 (North) – 9th of 22
1924/25	Doncaster Rovers	9			Football League Division 3 (North) – 18th of 22
1924/25	Leeds United	9			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1926/27	WATFORD	7			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22

Signed as a replacement for Skilly Williams, who surprisingly had not been retained, Dave Russell played in the first seven Football League fixtures of 1926/27, but then took a permanent back seat after a four-goal drubbing at Plymouth Argyle. Four seasons earlier he'd been capped at 'Junior' (= non-League) level in Scotland, but it was left to English clubs to give him opportunities at the higher level, which included First Division experience with Leeds United. He later worked as a construction manager until retirement.

George Henry RUSSELL (1926-1927) Full-back

Born Atherstone, Warwickshire, 1902

Died Birmingham, Warwickshire, 22 October 1963

Watford Career

Football League: 12 appearances (1 goal, a penalty)

Début: 0-5 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 3 (South), 4 Sep 1926

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Aberdare Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Feb 1927

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 5; all competitions 5



Career Path

United Services; Swifts; Atherstone Town; Portsmouth (May 1925); **WATFORD** (free June 1926); Northampton Town (free May 1927); Bristol Rovers (£110 January 1931); Atherstone Town (August 1932); Cardiff City (December 1932); Newport County (free August 1934); Stafford Rangers (1935); Bangor City player-manager (1936); Cradley Heath (February 1937); Stafford Rangers (August 1938)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1926/27	WATFORD	12		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	Northampton Town	13			Football League Division 3 (South) – 2nd of 22
1928/29	Northampton Town	15			Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1929/30	Northampton Town	23			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1930/31	Northampton Town	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1930/31	Bristol Rovers	17			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1931/32	Bristol Rovers	38		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1932/33	Cardiff City	26		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 22
1933/34	Cardiff City	30			Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22
1934/35	Newport County	16			Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22

Two good performances against Watford Reserves in 1925/26 were a prelude to his move from Fratton Park. In his first-team outings for Watford he played twice at centre-forward, but otherwise as a physically strong full-back. George Russell's one goal, from the penalty spot, came in a 4-0 victory over Northampton Town, whom he joined at the end of the season and embarked on a curiously consistent downward spiral so far as the rest of his Division 3 (South) League placings were concerned.

John RUTHERFORD (1931-1933) Goalkeeper

Born Nenthead, Cumberland, 6 November 1908

Watford Career

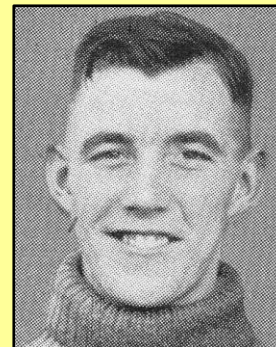
Football League: 31 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-4 away defeat v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Dec 1931

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Southend United, FA Cup 3rd Round, 14 Jan 1933

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 13; all competitions 13



Career Path

Crawcrook Albion; Gillingham (June 1928); **WATFORD** (August 1931); West Ham United (free June 1933); Swindon Town (June 1935); Dartford (June 1936); Hartlepoons United (October 1937); Barrow (September 1938)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1928/29	Gillingham	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22
1929/30	Gillingham	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1930/31	Gillingham	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1931/32	WATFORD	10			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1932/33	WATFORD	21			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1933/34	West Ham United	33			Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1935/36	Swindon Town	30			Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 22
1937/38	Hartlepoons United	4			Football League Division 3 (North) – 20th of 22
1938/39	Barrow	34			Football League Division 3 (North) – 13th of 22
1939/40	<i>Barrow</i>	3			<i>Football League Division 3 (North) – season abandoned</i>

Tom Holland having been injured against Norwich City on Christmas Day, Jack Rutherford made his Watford début in goal in the return fixture on the morrow, when the gates were closed on a record crowd of 17,000 at City's pre-Carrow Road ground, The Nest. The home side won 4-1. The club transfer-listed him at £150 at the end of his second season, but the Football League overruled this and awarded him a free transfer, a decision which must have rankled at Vicarage Road when he immediately became a Second Division regular in the West Ham United goal.

John Johnston RYDEN (1961-1962) Half-back

Born Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, 18 February 1931

Died Keston, Kent, 16 August 2013

Watford Career

Football League: 24 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3, 19 Aug 1961

Final game: 3-5 away defeat v Grimsby Town, Football League Div 3, 28 Apr 1962

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 18; all competitions 17



Career Path

Duntocher Hibs (December 1949); Alloa (July 1950); Accrington Stanley (February 1954); Tottenham Hotspur (£10,000 November 1955); **WATFORD** (£4,000 June 1961); Romford (free October 1962); Hastings United; Tunbridge Wells Rangers; Bexley United player-manager (close season 1966 until 1968)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1950/51	Alloa	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 16th of 16
1951/52	Alloa	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 7th of 16
1952/53	Alloa	?		1	Scottish League Division 2 – 9th of 16
1953/54	Alloa	?		1	Scottish League Division 2 – 11th of 16
1953/54	Accrington Stanley	17			Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 24
1954/55	Accrington Stanley	46		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 2nd of 24
1955/56	Accrington Stanley	17			Football League Division 3 (North) – 3rd of 24
1955/56	Tottenham Hotspur	3		1	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1956/57	Tottenham Hotspur	15			Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1957/58	Tottenham Hotspur	35			Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1958/59	Tottenham Hotspur	10		1	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1961/62	WATFORD	24		1	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24

A tough half-back who'd captained Tottenham Hotspur. At Vicarage Road he rejoined former team-mates Tommy Harmer and Alf Stokes, who themselves had been playing colleagues of Watford manager Ron Burgess at White Hart Lane. John Ryden captained the club briefly after the explosive departure of Cliff Holton, but he was dropped a few weeks later. His only Watford goal sparked a late rally which overturned a two-goal deficit against Queens Park Rangers and produced a 3-2 victory. His much younger brother Hugh made over 350 Football League appearances.