

## Harry SAVAGE (1921-1922) Winger

**Born** Frodsham, Cheshire, 1897

**Died** Runcorn, Cheshire, 1968

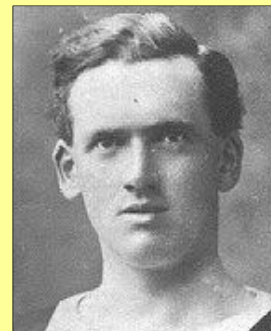
### Watford Career

Football League: 7 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 12 Nov 1921

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 22 Apr 1922

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



### Career Path

Army football during the First World War; Crewe Alexandra (1919); Sheffield United (£750 May 1920); **WATFORD** (£250 June 1921 until close season 1922); Frodsham; Connah's Quay (January 1924); Mold Town (July 1925); Frodsham (September 1926)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1920/21	Sheffield United	10			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
<b>1921/22</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22</b>

A winger on whom the club wasted what was then their record fee, although it was only half the original asking price. He'd played amateur football before the Great War, and army football during it, and on joining Sheffield United went straight into their First Division line-up. Watford retained his League registration for a second season and transfer-listed him at a valuation of £200 (subsequently reduced to £100), but his brief career in the Football League was over.

## Henry SCOTT (1933) Inside-forward

**Born** Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 4 August 1898

### Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

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



### Career Path

Newburn Grange; Bankhead Albion; Sunderland (January 1922); Wolverhampton Wanderers (£1,000 June 1925); Hull City (November 1926); Bradford Park Avenue (player-exchange June 1928); Swansea Town (July 1932); **WATFORD** (free July 1933); Nuneaton Town (free July 1934); Vauxhall Motors, Luton (permit to play as an amateur granted September 1935)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1923/24	Sunderland	2			Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1924/25	Sunderland	2			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1925/26	Wolverhampton Wanderers	28		5	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1926/27	Wolverhampton Wanderers	7		1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1926/27	Hull City	15		1	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1927/28	Hull City	14		7	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1928/29	Bradford Park Avenue	28		7	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1929/30	Bradford Park Avenue	12		5	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1930/31	Bradford Park Avenue	17		7	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
1931/32	Bradford Park Avenue	12		1	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
1932/33	Swansea Town	40		7	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
<b>1933/34</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>

A tall inside-forward, and a veteran when he came to Vicarage Road, Harry Scott was dropped after playing in the opening Division 3 (South) fixture, which turned out to be the final Football League outing of his career. This was despite his having just made 40 Second Division appearances at the age of 34, which was easily the fullest season of his League career, all of which before that one Watford appearance was in the top two tiers.

## Keith SCOTT (1997) Forward

**Born** Westminster, London, 10 June 1967

### Watford Career

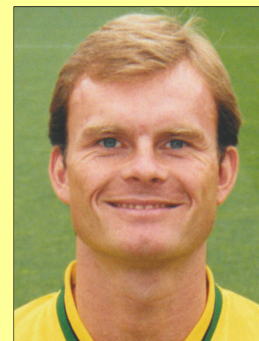
Football League: 6 appearances (2 goals)

Associate Members Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-1 away draw v Brentford, Football League Div 2, 8 Feb 1997

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Gillingham, Football League Div 2, 8 Mar 1997

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 6; all competitions 8



### Career Path

Hinckley Athletic (1984); Bedworth United (1987); Hinckley United (1988); Leicester United (1989); Aston Villa Reserves; Leicester City Reserves; Lincoln City (March 1990); Gateshead (loan October 1990); Boston United (loan February 1991); Wycombe Wanderers (£30,000 March 1991 plus a percentage of the subsequent “sell-on” profit); Swindon Town (£300,000 November 1993); Stoke City (£300,000 December 1994); Norwich City (player-exchange November 1995); AFC Bournemouth (loan February 1996); **WATFORD** (loan February 1997); Wycombe Wanderers (loan March 1997, £155,000 July 1997); Reading (£50,000 March 1999); Leyton Orient trial (September 2000); Colchester United (loan October 2000, free March 2001); Dover Athletic (August 2001); Scarborough (free July 2002); Leigh RMI (free March 2003); Dagenham & Redbridge (July 2003); Tamworth (loan August 2003); Windsor & Eton (free September 2003); Northwood player-coach (July 2005); Chesham United coach (November 2005); Leighton Town manager (October 2006); Windsor & Eton manager (December 2007 until close season 2010); Windsor manager (June 2011 until September 2012)

### Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1989/90	Lincoln City	6	4	2	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1990/91	Lincoln City	1	5		Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24
1993/94	Wycombe Wanderers	15		10	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 4th of 22 (Promoted)
1993/94	Swindon Town	22	5	4	FA Premier League – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1994/95	Swindon Town	21	3	8	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1994/95	Stoke City	16	2	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
1995/96	Stoke City	6	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
1995/96	Norwich City	5	7	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1995/96	AFC Bournemouth	8		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
1996/97	Norwich City	5	7	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
<b>1996/97</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
1996/97	Wycombe Wanderers	9		3	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 18th of 24
1997/98	Wycombe Wanderers	28	1	11	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
1998/99	Wycombe Wanderers	23	2	6	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24
1998/99	Reading	5	4	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
1999/00	Reading	14	11	3	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2000/01	Reading	1			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24
2000/01	Colchester United	8	1	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24

An attack leader who'd been around the non-League circuit either side of a few 4th Division outings with Lincoln City before helping Wycombe Wanderers earn promotion to the Football League. Before that status was attained Keith Scott had scored for the Buckinghamshire side in their 1990/91 FA Trophy Final triumph, and earned another winner's medal in that competition two years later, when the club won the non-League equivalent of the League & Cup double. For the rest of his career he continued to accumulate a remarkable number of clubs at many levels, which included a loan spell at Watford.

## Stewart McNab Adam SCULLION (1966-1976) Winger

**Born** Bo'ness, West Lothian, 18 April 1946

### Watford Career

Football League: 304+8 appearances (49 goals, including 7 penalties)

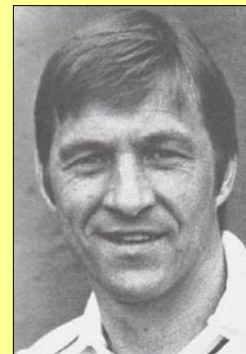
FA Cup: 22 appearances (3 goals)

Football League Cup: 14 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 2-1 away win v Exeter City, Football League Div 3, 5 Feb 1966

Final game: 1-4 away defeat v AFC Bournemouth, Football League Div 4, 14 Feb 1976

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 77; all competitions 90



### Career Path

Chesham United; Charlton Athletic (amateur December 1964, professional March 1965); **WATFORD** (Scullion plus £4,000 in exchange for C.C.Holton February 1966, no value being attached to Scullion); Sheffield United (£25,000 May 1971); **WATFORD** (£15,000 December 1973); Tampa Bay Rowdies (*USA*) (loan May 1975 until August 1975, £8,000 February 1976); Wimbledon (September 1976); Hayes (November 1976); Portland Timbers (*USA*) (February 1977 until August 1977); Hayes (October 1977); Portland Timbers (*USA*) (March 1978 until August 1979); Philadelphia (*USA*) indoor-league football; Hayes (1981/82); Yeading (1981/82)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1965/66</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24</b>
<b>1966/67</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24</b>
<b>1967/68</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24</b>
<b>1968/69</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1969/70</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22</b>
<b>1970/71</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22</b>
1971/72	Sheffield United	36	2	6	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1972/73	Sheffield United	13	1		Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1973/74	Sheffield United	4	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
<b>1973/74</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24</b>
<b>1974/75</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)</b>
<b>1975/76</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24</b>

A total outlay of only £15,000 bought the club nine seasons, in two spells, from this crowd-pleasing individualist. In the first spell his sometimes dazzling wing skills embroidered the otherwise workmanlike team (albeit a highly successful one for a time) built by Ken Furphy. When in the USA Stewart Scullion played, as did Keith Eddy, and scored in a representative match against England for 'Team America' as part of a tournament celebrating the 200th anniversary of American Independence.

England won 3-1.

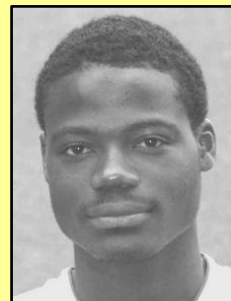
## Claude Stephane SEANLA (2006) Forward

**Born** Guiglo, Ivory Coast, 2 June 1988

### Watford Career

Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Accrington Stanley,  
Football League Cup 2nd Round, 19 Sep 2006  
(*Won in a penalty shoot-out.*)



### Career Path

Tottenham Hotspur (scholar August 2004, cancelled February 2006); **WATFORD** (scholar February 2006, professional June 2006, cancelled February 2007); Millwall trial (February 2007); Kettering Town (March 2007); Barnet (August 2007, cancelled April 2008); St Albans City (loan November 2007); Wivenhoe Town (loan March 2008); Ashford Town (July 2008); Horsham Town (January 2009); Boreham Wood (May 2010); Tonbridge Angels (July 2010); Crawley Down (close season 2011); Walton & Hersham (October 2011); Arlesey Town (2011); Aylesbury (2011 until 2012); Chesham United (2012); Winslow United (2012 until 2013); Bedford Town (August 2013); Leighton Town (close season 2014)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2007/08	Barnet	1	2		Football League Division 2 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 12th of 24

His entire senior career at Vicarage Road was as an extra-time substitute in what was a first-team fixture undertaken with a reserve-team line-up. His surname is pronounced 'Sane-la' and he was known as 'Claude' at Watford, but mainly as 'Stephane' elsewhere.

## Frank Burnett SEARLE (1933) Wing-half

**Born** Hednesford, Staffordshire, 30 January 1906

**Died** Waltham Forest, London, 16 June 1977

### Watford Career

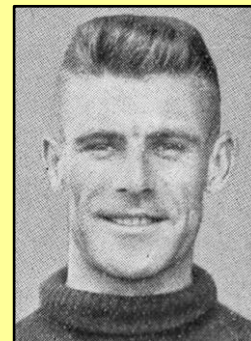
Football League: 4 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 2-0 home win v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Oct 1933

Final game: 0-3 home defeat v Reading, FA Cup 1st Round, 25 Nov 1933

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 5



### Career Path

Hednesford Prim's; Stoke City (amateur March 1924); Hednesford Town (June 1924); Willenhall (April 1926); Bristol City (December 1926); Charlton Athletic (May 1928); Chester (February 1933); **WATFORD** (free July 1933, released close season 1934); Clapton Orient (September 1934 until close season 1938)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1927/28	Bristol City	1			Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1928/29	Charlton Athletic	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1929/30	Charlton Athletic	15		1	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1930/31	Charlton Athletic	14			Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1931/32	Charlton Athletic	23		1	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1932/33	Charlton Athletic	11			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1932/33	Chester	4			Football League Division 3 (North) – 4th of 22
<b>1933/34</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>
1934/35	Clapton Orient	33			Football League Division 3 (South) – 14th of 22
1935/36	Clapton Orient	38		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 14th of 22
1936/37	Clapton Orient	26			Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1937/38	Clapton Orient	25			Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 22

During his one Vicarage Road season Frank Searle had just a single brief first-team run – at left-half when Arthur Woodward, who otherwise monopolized the position, was pushed forward to ginger up the attack. The play worked at first – three good Football League wins and a draw – but was then abandoned after a three-goal home defeat by Reading in the FA Cup.

## Trevor John SENIOR (1987-1988) Forward

**Born** Stratton, Dorset, 28 November 1961

### Watford Career

Football League: 22+2 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 3+1 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 3+1 appearances (1 goal)

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 1-0 home win v Wimbledon, Football League Div 1, 15 Aug 1987

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Southampton, Football League Div 1, 5 Mar 1988

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 11



### Career Path

Dorchester Town; Portsmouth (£20,000 December 1981); Aldershot (loan March 1983); Reading (£35,000 August 1983, of which £15,000 went to Dorchester Town); **WATFORD** (£325,000 July 1987); Middlesbrough (£200,000 March 1988); Reading (£150,000 October 1988); Woking (free July 1992); Weymouth (free August 1993); Basingstoke Town; Dorchester Town (November 1993); Farnborough Town (December 1993); Weymouth (May 1994, joint acting-player/manager September 1994, player-manager December 1994); Farnborough Town (June 1995); Newport, Isle of Wight (loan January 1996); Dorchester Town football-in-the-community officer (February 1996); Bridport manager (January 1998 until close season 2000); Bashley assistant-manager (January 2001); Bridgwater Town manager (December 2001 until October 2005); Dorchester Town Under-18 manager (until May 2008); schools coaching (by February 2009); Bridport manager (June 2009)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1981/82	Portsmouth	9		2	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1982/83	Portsmouth	2			Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1982/83	Aldershot	10		6	Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24
1983/84	Reading	45		36	Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1984/85	Reading	31		22	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1985/86	Reading	46		27	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1986/87	Reading	42		17	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
<b>1987/88</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)</b>
1987/88	Middlesbrough	9	1	4	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 23 (Promoted)
1988/89	Middlesbrough	4			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
1988/89	Reading	37		16	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1989/90	Reading	35		14	Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1990/91	Reading	35	5	15	Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1991/92	Reading	20	5	7	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24

Trevor Senior found goalscoring difficult in the top flight (he managed it once in 28 games), but as a tall, marauding centre-forward performed legendary deeds for Reading, for whom a hat-trick in under five minutes on his first home appearance prefaced a club career of 154 Football League goals in 301 games. His unproductive time at Vicarage Road was during the grim months immediately following the end of Graham Taylor's ten-year first term of management.

## Scott Derek SEVERIN (2009-2010) Midfielder

**Born** Stirling, 15 February 1979

### Representative Honours

Scotland Under-21 & Full

### Watford Career

Football League: 4+5 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 1-1 home draw v Doncaster Rovers, Football League Championship, 8 Aug 2009

Final game: 0-5 away defeat v Chelsea, FA Cup 3rd Round, 3 Jan 2010

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 5



### Career Path

Musselburgh Athletic; Heart of Midlothian (May 1997); Aberdeen (free June 2004); **WATFORD** (free June 2009); Kilmarnock (loan February 2010); Dundee United (free August 2010, retired March 2012)

### Scottish Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1998/99	Heart of Midlothian	5	2		Scottish Premier League – 6th of 10
1999/00	Heart of Midlothian	19	5	2	Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 10
2000/01	Heart of Midlothian	26	3	4	Scottish Premier League – 5th of 12
2001/02	Heart of Midlothian	24	3	3	Scottish Premier League – 5th of 12
2002/03	Heart of Midlothian	37		3	Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 12
2003/04	Heart of Midlothian	24	2	1	Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 12
2004/05	Aberdeen	31		1	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
2005/06	Aberdeen	28		3	Scottish Premier League – 6th of 12
2006/07	Aberdeen	34	1	4	Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 12
2007/08	Aberdeen	33	2	3	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
2008/09	Aberdeen	37		1	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
<b>2009/10</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>Football League Championship – 16th of 24</b>
2009/10	Kilmarnock	13	1		Scottish Premier League – 11th of 12
2010/11	Dundee United	14	1	1	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
2011/12	Dundee United	2			Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12

He travelled a long way to join Watford, but it didn't prove a successful move. Scott Severin was injured after a handful of games at the start of his only season at Vicarage Road and could never re-establish himself at first-team level. A very experienced midfield player who won 15 Full international caps, he had captained both Heart of Midlothian and Aberdeen, and with the latter spent much of his career at centre-half. He was forced into retirement after suffering a triple leg-fracture in August 2011.



## Albert SHARP (1898-1901) Full-back

**Born** St Albans, Hertfordshire, 1878

### Watford Career

Southern League: 58 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 11 appearances (2 goals)

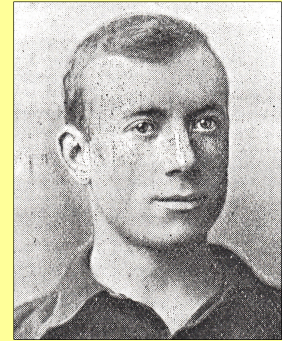
Bucks & Contiguous Counties League: 13 appearances

Début: 15-0 home win v Wycombe Wanderers,

Bucks & Contiguous Counties League Div 1, 14 Sep 1898

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Grays United, Southern League Test Match, 29 Apr 1901

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 17; all competitions 11



### Career Path

St Albans Abbey; Stanville (1895/96); Hertfordshire; St Albans (professional August 1897); **WATFORD** (May 1898); Luton Town (May 1901, released close season 1903)

### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1897/98	St Albans	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 5th of 12
<b>1898/99</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12</b>
<b>1899/00</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>			<b>Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1900/01</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>21</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15</b>
1901/02	Luton Town	25			Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 16
1902/03	Luton Town	6			Southern League Division 1 – 11th of 16

He had a run at wing-half towards the end of his Cassio Road career, but was essentially a full-back who, after representing the county, had turned professional with the short-lived St Albans club. Albie Sharp's two-year stint with Luton Town was ended by injury. Remarkably for an era in which the punishment was rare, he was sent off twice as a Watford player, and five days after the first instance he forsook his normal full-back duties and played in goal in a Bucks & Contiguous Counties League fixture at Aylesbury United, which Watford won 8-3.

## Ivan Gordon SHARPE (1908) Winger

**Born** St Albans, Hertfordshire, 15 June 1889

**Died** Southport, Lancashire, 9 February 1968

### Representative Honours

England Amateur  
Great Britain Amateur

### Watford Career

Southern League: 7 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 0-0 away draw v Millwall, Southern League Div 1, 18 Jan 1908

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Tottenham Hotspur, Southern League Div 1, 11 Apr 1908

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



### Career Path

Watford Grammar School; St Albans Abbey; Luton Town; St Albans; Hertfordshire; **WATFORD** (amateur October 1907); also Northern Nomads (by April 1908); Glossop (amateur August 1908 until September 1911); *also* St Albans (October 1908); *also* Brighton & Hove Albion (amateur briefly February 1911); Derby County (amateur October 1911); Leeds City (amateur June 1913 until October 1919); Yorkshire Amateurs (1919); Leeds United (amateur 1920)

### Southern League & Football League Career

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
<b>1907/08</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20</b>
1908/09	Glossop	17		3	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 20
1909/10	Glossop	37		7	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 20
1910/11	Glossop	32		6	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 20
1911/12	Derby County	29		6	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 20 (Promoted)
1912/13	Derby County	25		6	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 20
1913/14	Leeds City	35		7	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 20
1914/15	Leeds City	26		9	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 20
1920/21	Leeds United	1			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22

A leading sports journalist for many years, especially as long-serving editor of *Athletic News*, Ivan Sharpe played all his football as an amateur left-winger. He didn't impress the Cassio Road crowd, but went on to success elsewhere, notably in 1912, when in addition to being married he helped Derby County to the Second Division championship and won an Olympic gold medal with the victorious Great Britain side in Stockholm. Before the Derby spell he had joined Glossop on securing a position with the *Glossop Chronicle*, and later went to Leeds City on moving to the *Yorkshire Post*. He played in the Football League for Glossop in an all-amateur forward-line, and he was with Leeds City until the club was expelled from the League for financial irregularities. As well as the Stockholm Olympics, he went on several overseas tours with various clubs. His brother, J.W.Sharpe, older by 17 years, made an FA Cup appearance for Watford Rovers in 1890.

**John William SHARPE** (1890) Forward

**Born** Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire, 1872

### **Watford Rovers Career**

FA Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Sole appearance: 2-3 home defeat v 93rd Regiment (Highlanders), FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, 25 Oct 1890

### **Career Path**

St Albans; **WATFORD ROVERS**; Hertfordshire

One FA Cup tie (one goal) and five friendlies (four goals) were the extent of his first-team appearances for the club. Although he was good enough to represent the county, his brother Ivan, who was 17 years his junior and also played for the club, became a much more distinguished figure in the football world.

**Arthur SHAW** (1955) Defender

**Born** Limehouse, London, 9 April 1924

**Died** Hermosa Beach, United States of America, 2 November 2015

### Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances

Début: 1-3 away defeat v Leyton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 24 Sep 1955

Final game: 2-3 home defeat v Exeter City, Football League Div 3 (South), 1 Oct 1955

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



### Career Path

East London Schools; Whitton Rovers; Hounslow Town (1941); Queens Park Rangers (amateur 1941/42); Southall (1945); Hayes (December 1945); Hounslow Town guest player (1945/46); Brentford (May 1946); Arsenal (April 1948); **WATFORD** ("moderate fee" June 1955); Gravesend & Northfleet (August 1956 until retirement May 1959)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1946/47	Brentford	4			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1949/50	Arsenal	5			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1950/51	Arsenal	16			Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1951/52	Arsenal	8			Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1952/53	Arsenal	25			Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1953/54	Arsenal	2			Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1954/55	Arsenal	1			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
<b>1955/56</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24</b>

After representing East London Schools, Arthur Shaw played all his football on the other side of town before moving to Highbury, where he won a Football League championship medal in 1952/53, as did Cliff Holton and Lionel Smith. A versatile player, and physically big, he wore the number 4 shirt in his three League outings for Watford, all of them in the space of eight days. He captained the Gravesend & Northfleet side which won the 1957/58 Southern League championship under the management of Lionel Smith, a former Arsenal colleague who had left Watford just before Smith arrived at Vicarage Road. He became what has been described as "a professional gambler".

**John SHAW** (1945-1946) Defender

**Born** Oldham, Lancashire, 2 October 1916

**Died** Shaw, Lancashire, 22 October 1973

### Watford Career

FA Cup: 9 appearances

Second World War competitions: 98 appearances (1 goal)

Début in peacetime competitions: 1-1 home draw v Southend United, FA Cup 1st Round 1st Leg, 17 Nov 1945

Final game in peacetime competitions: 1-1 home draw v Birmingham City, FA Cup 4th Round 2nd Leg, 30 Jan 1946

*(Lost 1-6 on aggregate.)*

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all peacetime competitions 9



### Career Path

South Shore Wesleyans; Lytham (December 1933); Oldham Athletic (March 1934); Mossley (July 1936); Grimsby Town (£100 May 1937); Birmingham (March 1939); Crewe Alexandra, ICI Metals, Luton Town, Reading & **WATFORD** guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (£800 October 1945); Mossley (July 1946)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1934/35	Oldham Athletic	1			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1935/36	Oldham Athletic	1			Football League Division 3 (North) – 7th of 22
1937/38	Grimsby Town	3			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1938/39	Grimsby Town	4			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1938/39	Birmingham	11			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)

John Shaw had played for Watford in all five full-back and half-back positions as a guest player for three seasons during the Second World War, but while on the club's books in 1945/46 he was the regular centre-half. His pre-war career had included service with three Football League clubs, but first-team appearances were rare. Watford retained his League registration for four years after he left (being "*unable to induce his wife to come south from Birmingham .... hasn't given the club a fair deal*", stated the club on the official retained-list document), and listing him each close season as available for transfer at £1,000.

**Edward SHAWCROFT** (1921) Centre-forward

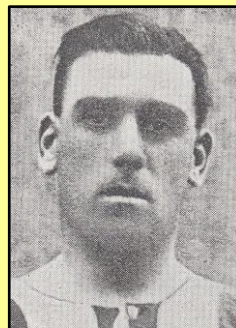
**Born** Newbold, Derbyshire, 2 February 1893

**Died** Chesterfield, Derbyshire, 1968

### Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-1 away draw v Queens Park Rangers,  
Football League Div 3 (South), 10 Dec 1921



### Career Path

Barlow; Chesterfield Town (close season 1913); Clay Cross; Welbeck Colliery; **WATFORD** (June 1921, released close season 1922); Dinnington Main (permit to play as an amateur granted October 1922); Newbold Rovers (permit to play as an amateur granted May 1924); Barlow Rangers (permit to play as an amateur granted September 1928); Barlow Welfare (permit to play as an amateur granted February 1933)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1921/22</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22</b>

Among the less successful of Harry Kent's recruits from minor football in the east Midlands, he made his one Football League appearance in mid-season at centre-forward. This was immediately prior to the signing of Fred Pagnam, who thereupon took up a long occupancy of the position. Shawcroft was transfer-listed very soon after Pagnam's arrival, and released at the end of the season.

## Simon SHEPPARD (1993-1994) Goalkeeper

**Born** Clevedon, Somerset, 7 August 1973

### Representative Honours

England Schools & Youth

### Watford Career

Football League: 23 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 4 appearances

Anglo-Italian Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 3-1 home win v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Div 1, 9 Jan 1993

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v West Ham United, FA Cup 3rd Round, 8 Jan 1994

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 15; all competitions 21



### Career Path

Westown Harriers; **WATFORD** (schoolboy October 1987); FA School of Excellence; **WATFORD** (trainee July 1989, professional April 1991); Scarborough (loan March 1994); Reading (free September 1994); Chelsea Reserves (pre-season 1996/97); Bishops Stortford (August 1996); Walsall (non-contract September 1996); Rotherham United trial (September 1996); Boreham Wood (October 1996); Baldock Town (loan January 1997 and again March 1997); Kettering Town (May 1997); Hemel Hempstead Town (December 1997); Harlow Town (by April 1999); running goalkeeping courses in Sacramento (USA) (by February 2005)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1992/93	<b>WATFORD</b>	5			<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24</b>
1993/94	<b>WATFORD</b>	18			<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24</b>
1993/94	Scarborough	9			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 14th of 22
1995/96	Reading	18			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24

Three Watford youth-team goalkeepers of the 1980s won England caps at one level or another, and Simon Sheppard was the third of them, following Derick Williams, who never made the first team, and David James. As a schoolboy Sheppard played for Bristol City's nursery club, Westown Harriers, but it was with Watford that he became officially linked as an associated schoolboy at the age of 14. In 1994/95 he was Reading's substitute goalkeeper 48 times, but Shaka Hislop's consistency and fitness confined him permanently to the bench.

## **William SHEPPARD** (1927-1929) Inside-forward

**Born** Ferryhill, County Durham, 19 March 1906

**Died** Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 27 December 1950

### **Watford Career**

**Football League:** 89 appearances (37 goals, including 3 penalties)

**FA Cup:** 6 appearances (2 goals)

**Début:** 3-1 home win v Coventry City, Football League Div 3 (South), 27 Aug 1927

**Final game:** 0-4 away defeat v Torquay United, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Dec 1929

**Longest run of consecutive appearances:** Football League 29; all competitions 30



### **Career Path**

Stockton Grammar School; Windlestone Colliery (1922/23); Cornforth Juniors (1922/23); Ferryhill Station; Ferryhill Athletic (August 1923); Preston North End (amateur August 1924); Crook Town; Chilton Colliery (1924/25); Liverpool (amateur December 1925, professional December 1925); **WATFORD** (July 1927); Queens Park Rangers (free June 1930); Coventry City (May 1931); Walsall (December 1932, released close season 1935); Chester (loan August 1934); Tunbridge Wells Rangers (by November 1935); Oldham Athletic coach (August 1937); Odhams (September 1937)

### **Football League Career**

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
<b>1927/28</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>
<b>1928/29</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22</b>
<b>1929/30</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>
1930/31	Queens Park Rangers	13		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1931/32	Coventry City	18		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1932/33	Coventry City	3		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1932/33	Walsall	18		5	Football League Division 3 (North) – 5th of 22
1933/34	Walsall	40		15	Football League Division 3 (North) – 4th of 22
1934/35	Chester	1			Football League Division 3 (North) – 3rd of 22
1934/35	Walsall	13		7	Football League Division 3 (North) – 14th of 22

Two Football League goals on his début paved the way for a total of 25 in Bill Sheppard's first season as the club's inside-left, but it was a strike-rate that he was unable to maintain. He was later to become one of Walsall's scorers in their historic FA Cup win over Arsenal, which was then emphatically the dominant club in English football. During the Second World War he served with the Royal Artillery in Africa and Italy, and captained his battery team to victory in an Anti Aircraft Brigade football competition in Naples in 1944. He died only six years later on a Christmas visit to the *King Henry the Eighth* pub in Hemel Hempstead.



## Stephen SHERWOOD (1977-1987) Goalkeeper

**Born** Selby, Yorkshire, 10 December 1953

### Watford Career

Football League: 211 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 23 appearances

Football League Cup: 23 appearances

Football League Trophy: 6 appearances

UEFA Cup: 6 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Aldershot, Football League Div 4, 12 Apr 1977

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 60; all competitions 51



### Career Path

West Riding Schools; Sheffield Wednesday (trained as a schoolboy); Selby Town (1968/69); Chelsea (apprentice September 1970, professional July 1971); Brighton & Hove Albion (loan October 1973); Millwall (loan October 1973); Brentford (loan January 1974 until close season 1975); Hartford Bicentennials (*USA*) (loan April 1976 until August 1976); **WATFORD** (£3,000 November 1976); Grimsby Town (free July 1987); Northampton Town (free July 1993, released close season 1994); Grimsby Town (non-contract August 1994); Immingham Town (October 1994); Lincoln City (non-contract March 1995); Stalybridge Celtic (August 1995); Gateshead (October 1995); Gainsborough Trinity (August 1997 until December 1997)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1971/72	Chelsea	1			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1972/73	Chelsea	3			Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1973/74	Millwall	1			Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1973/74	Brentford	16			Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1974/75	Brentford	46			Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1975/76	Chelsea	12			Football League Division 2 – 11th of 12th
<b>1976/77</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24</b>
<b>1977/78</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>16</b>			<b>Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1978/79</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>16</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1979/80</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22</b>
<b>1980/81</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>22</b>			<b>Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22</b>
<b>1981/82</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>41</b>			<b>Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1982/83</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>			<b>Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22</b>
<b>1983/84</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22</b>
<b>1984/85</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22</b>
<b>1985/86</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22</b>
<b>1986/87</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22</b>
1987/88	Grimsby Town	46			Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1988/89	Grimsby Town	32			Football League Division 4 – 9th of 24
1989/90	Grimsby Town	31			Football League Division 4 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1990/91	Grimsby Town	46			Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1991/92	Grimsby Town	21			Football League Division 2 – 19th of 24
1992/93	Grimsby Town	7			Football League Division 1 ( <i>2nd tier</i> ) – 9th of 24
1993/94	Northampton Town	15	1		Football League Division 3 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 22nd of 22
1994/95	Lincoln City	6	1		Football League Division 3 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 12th of 22

During a Football League career of 24 seasons, one of the longest of all time, and nearly half of them at Vicarage Road, Steve Sherwood was the only player on Watford's books throughout Graham Taylor's ten-year first managerial spell. A gentle giant of a goalkeeper, he scored in the First Division with a wind-assisted drop-kick at Coventry City, and won successive promotions with both Watford and Grimsby Town. At the age of 44 he made an FA Cup 1st Round appearance for Gainsborough Trinity. His father played in the Football League for Stockport County before the Second World War, his brother John won Olympic bronze as a 400-metre hurdler, his son Dean became a golf professional, and brother John's son David played Davis Cup tennis.

## Timothy Alan SHERWOOD (1987-1989) Midfielder

**Born** St Albans, Hertfordshire, 6 February 1969

### Representative Honours

England Under-21, 'B' & Full

### Watford Career

Football League: 23+9 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 9 appearances

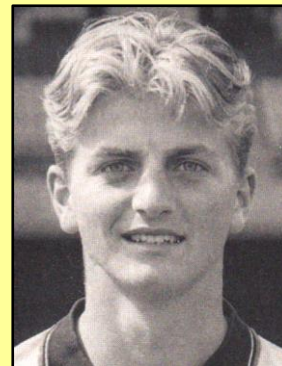
Football League Cup: 4+1 appearances

Full Members Cup: 4+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 3-2 away win v Sheffield Wednesday, Football League Div 1, 12 Sep 1987

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Shrewsbury Town, Football League Div 2, 6 May 1989

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 13; all competitions 23



### Career Path

Nicholas Hawksmoor School; Hertfordshire Schools Under-16; Forest United; **WATFORD** (trainee May 1985, professional February 1987); Norwich City (£175,000 July 1989); Blackburn Rovers (loan February 1992, £500,000 February 1992); Tottenham Hotspur (£3.8 million February 1999); Portsmouth (free February 2003); Coventry City (free July 2004, cancelled July 2005); Tottenham Hotspur (coaching staff October 2008, assistant first-team coach, technical coordinator 2010, manager December 2013 until May 2014); Aston Villa manager (February 2015 until October 2015)

### Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1987/88</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)</b>
<b>1988/89</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24</b>
1989/90	Norwich City	22	5	3	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 20
1990/91	Norwich City	37		7	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1991/92	Norwich City	7			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1991/92	Blackburn Rovers	7	4		Football League Division 2 – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Blackburn Rovers	38	1	3	FA Premier League – 4th of 22
1993/94	Blackburn Rovers	38		2	FA Premier League – 2nd of 22
1994/95	Blackburn Rovers	38		6	FA Premier League – 1st of 22
1995/96	Blackburn Rovers	33		3	FA Premier League – 7th of 20
1996/97	Blackburn Rovers	37		3	FA Premier League – 13th of 20
1997/98	Blackburn Rovers	29	2	5	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
1998/99	Blackburn Rovers	19		3	FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
1998/99	Tottenham Hotspur	12	2	2	FA Premier League – 11th of 20
1999/00	Tottenham Hotspur	23	4	8	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2000/01	Tottenham Hotspur	31	2	2	FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2001/02	Tottenham Hotspur	15	4		FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2002/03	Portsmouth	17		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2003/04	Portsmouth	7	6		FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2004/05	Coventry City	10	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24

Although he developed into a top-flight player at Watford, it was after leaving Vicarage Road that his career took Tim Sherwood to international honours, and his three Full caps came relatively late in his career, when he was with Tottenham Hotspur. As a forceful and energetic midfield player he reached the pinnacle of English club football by captaining the multi-million-pound Blackburn Rovers team which won the FA Premier League in 1994/95.

## James Herbert SHINNER (1909-1910) Full-back

**Born** Hart's Hill, Worcestershire, 9 September 1877

**Died** Spennymoor, County Durham, 10 November 1921

### Watford Career

Southern League: 18 appearances

Southern Charity Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 1-1 home draw v Luton Town, Southern League Div 1, 22 Sep 1909

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Croydon Common, Southern League Div 1, 30 Apr 1910

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 6; all competitions 7



### Career Path

Dudley; Middlesbrough (October 1902); Aberdeen (August 1903); Bradford City (close season 1904); Doncaster Rovers (October 1904); Brentford (January 1905 until close season 1905); Barrow (May 1906); Bristol City (May 1907); Southend United (September 1908); **WATFORD** (August 1909); Bristol City (£15 July 1910); Spennymoor (1910 until 1912); Spennymoor Wednesday (1912/13)

### Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1904/05	Bradford City	4		4	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 18
1904/05	Doncaster Rovers	12		3	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 18 (Relegated)
1904/05	Brentford	7		2	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1908/09	Southend United	1			Southern League Division 1 – 12th of 21
<b>1909/10</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 19th of 22</b>

Bert Shinner learned his football in the Royal Navy and was also a talented performer on the athletics track, winning many professional handicap races. His career in the game took him to various points in the far north, south, east and west of Britain, and in his season with Watford he shared the full-back duties with the established pair, the two Arthurs, Betts and Lockett. He served as a mine layer in the Great War and was a poultry farmer for the last two years of his life. Shinner's surname often appeared erroneously in print and on official documents as 'Skinner'.

## Neil Jason SHIPPERLEY (1994-1995) Forward

**Born** Chatham, Kent, 30 October 1974

### Representative Honours

England Under-21

### Watford Career

Football League: 5+1 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 0-0 away draw v Grimsby Town, Football League Div 1, 10 Dec 1994

Final game: 0-0 away draw v Bristol City, Football League Div 1, 2 Jan 1995

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



### Career Path

Brook House; Chelsea (schoolboy February 1991, trainee July 1991, professional September 1992); **WATFORD** (loan December 1994); Southampton (£750,000 January 1995, plus possible subsequent increments increasing the total fee to £1.2 million); Crystal Palace (£1 million October 1996); Nottingham Forest (£1.5 million September 1998); Barnsley (£700,000 July 1999); Wimbledon (£750,000 July 2001); Crystal Palace (July 2003); Sheffield United (July 2005); Brentford (January 2007 until close season 2007); Bedfont manager (May 2009); Walton Casuals manager (close season 2010 until October 2011); North Greenford United manager (December 2011 until May 2012, and again October 2012 until February 2014)

### FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1992/93	Chelsea	2	1	1	FA Premier League – 11th of 22
1993/94	Chelsea	18	6	4	FA Premier League – 14th of 22
1994/95	Chelsea	6	4	2	FA Premier League – 11th of 22
<b>1994/95</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24</b>
1994/95	Southampton	19		4	FA Premier League – 10th of 22
1995/96	Southampton	37		7	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
1996/97	Southampton	9	1	1	FA Premier League – 16th of 20
1996/97	Crystal Palace	32	3	13	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
1997/98	Crystal Palace	17	9	7	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1998/99	Crystal Palace	3		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
1998/99	Nottingham Forest	12	8	1	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1999/00	Barnsley	35	7	14	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
2000/01	Barnsley	38	1	14	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2001/02	Wimbledon	36	5	12	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2002/03	Wimbledon	46		20	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2003/04	Crystal Palace	43		11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Crystal Palace		1		FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2005/06	Sheffield United	34	5	11	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	Brentford	11			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

He had more than half a season of Premier League football at Stamford Bridge, but then dropped behind more experienced strikers in the queue for first-team shirts, and was sold to Southampton just after his loan spell at Vicarage Road, during which he scored in a 2-0 home win against Portsmouth. Neil Shipperley's father Dave made over three hundred Football League appearances, almost entirely for Charlton Athletic and Gillingham, as a mountainous centre-half.

## William Kenneth SHIPWRIGHT (1954-1959) Full-back / Centre-half

**Born** Somers Town, London, 22 December 1932

### Watford Career

Football League: 146 appearances

FA Cup: 7 appearances

Southern Floodlight Cup: 6 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 3 (South), 27 Apr 1954

Final game: 1-4 home defeat v Coventry City, Football League Div 4, 24 Jan 1959

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 75; all competitions 80



### Career Path

Medburn Old Boys; **WATFORD** (groundstaff March 1950 until April 1951); also St Helen's, Watford; also Chesham United (1950/51); **WATFORD** (professional April 1953); Aldershot (exchanged for J.Price June 1959); Yiewsley (*name changed to Hillingdon Borough in 1964*) (close season 1963 until 1965); Wokingham manager (late-1960s for 1 season); Hillingdon Borough manager (February 1973 until 1975)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1953/54	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1954/55	WATFORD	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24
1955/56	WATFORD	23			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24
1956/57	WATFORD	46			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 24
1957/58	WATFORD	24			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 24 (Relegated)
1958/59	WATFORD	9			Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1959/60	Aldershot	20			Football League Division 4 – 13th of 24
1960/61	Aldershot	43			Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1961/62	Aldershot	44			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 23
1962/63	Aldershot	16			Football League Division 4 – 11th of 24

Just before doing his National Service he played for both Chesham United and, as a member of the groundstaff, for Watford's Midweek League side, and after being demobbed he had six years with the club as a sturdy centre-half and right-back. He captained RAF Egypt (Peter Walker was in his team and the pair also played together in Malta) and later also captained Aldershot, whom he joined from Watford in exchange for John Price, who coincidentally had been a former colleague of his in youth football in north London. In 1973 Bill Shipwright succeeded Colin Meldrum as manager of Hillingdon Borough.

## Daniel Olusola SHITTU (2006-2008) Centre-half

**Born** Lagos, Nigeria, 2 September 1980

### **Representative Honours**

Nigeria Full

### **Watford Career**

FA Premier League & Football League: 65+5 appearances (8 goals)

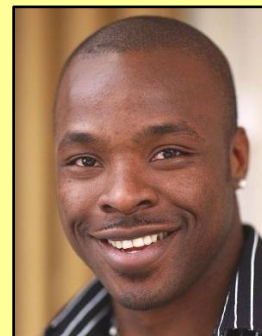
FA Cup: 3 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Everton, FA Premier League, 19 Aug 2006

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Hull City, Football League Championship Play-off Semi-final 1st Leg, 11 May 2008

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 24; all competitions 17



### **Career Path**

Carshalton Athletic; Charlton Athletic (free September 1999); Blackpool (loan February 2001); Queens Park Rangers (£250,000 October 2001); **WATFORD** (£1.6 million August 2006 plus £250,000 after 25 appearances and a percentage of the subsequent “sell-on” profit); Bolton Wanderers (£2 million August 2008, cancelled August 2010); Millwall (October 2010); Queens Park Rangers (January 2011); Millwall (free August 2012, released close season 2015)

### **Football League & FA Premier League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2000/01	Blackpool	17	2	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 7th of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Queens Park Rangers	27		2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
2002/03	Queens Park Rangers	46		7	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
2003/04	Queens Park Rangers	18	2		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Queens Park Rangers	33	1	4	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2005/06	Queens Park Rangers	45		4	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
<b>2006/07</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24</b>
2008/09	Bolton Wanderers	9	1		FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2010/11	Millwall	9			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2010/11	Queens Park Rangers	5	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2012/13	Millwall	38	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
2013/14	Millwall	22		1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2014/15	Millwall	7	1	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

This colossal centre-half was almost certainly the heaviest player ever to represent the club. Although not an elegant mover, having got up a head of steam he was faster than would be expected of anyone carrying that much ballast, and was an awesome sight in full sail. Danny Shittu served Watford well for two seasons and was a popular character – never more so than during a spell of eight appearances in which he scored six goals.

**James SHORT** (1920-1921) Centre-forward / Inside-forward

**Born** Hucknall, Nottinghamshire

### Watford Career

Football League: 21 appearances (7 goals, including 2 penalties)

Début: 1-0 home win v Millwall, Football League Div 3, 27 Nov 1920

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Nov 1921

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



### Career Path

Arnold St Mary's; South Notts Hussars Yeomanry (during First World War); Notts County (December 1917); Birmingham (guest player April 1918, signed May 1919); **WATFORD** (May 1920); Ilkeston United (free August 1922); Stockport County trial (September 1922 to October 1922); Norwich City (May 1923, released close season 1924); Newark Town (September 1924); Grantham Town (January 1927); Lewison, Nottingham (September 1927, having been granted a permit to play as an amateur)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1919/20	Birmingham	16		10	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
<b>1920/21</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22</b>
<b>1921/22</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22</b>
1923/24	Norwich City	11		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

Having scored two wartime hat-tricks for Notts County, he scored for Birmingham on his peacetime Football League début and seven more times in his next six appearances, the sequence of seven games producing six wins and a draw. He nevertheless dropped a division at the end of that season and played for Watford as a forthright centre- or inside-forward, and then had a winter in non-League football before joining Norwich City. He had enlisted in the South Notts Hussars Yeomanry in May 1915 and served overseas, but was discharged owing to sickness in September 1917 – only three months before signing for Notts County.

## George Frederick SIMONS (1905) Full-back

**Born** Watford, Hertfordshire, 21 January 1882

**Died** Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, 27 October 1953

### Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

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

### Career Path

Apsley; Park Royal; St Albans; **WATFORD** (amateur 1904/05); Leavesden Asylum (by November 1908)



### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1904/05</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18</b>

He served in the Boer War as a youth, was a prominent cyclist, and played amateur football locally. George Simons became proprietor of the butcher's business which had been in the family since the 18th century, and his son, who in turn took charge of the business, kept wicket for Hertfordshire for many years.



## Colin Robertson SIMPSON (1996) Forward

**Born** Oxford, 30 April 1976

### Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 1-2 home defeat v Portsmouth, Football League Div 1, 6 Apr 1996



### Career Path

Chinnor Boys; **WATFORD** (trained from age 11; schoolboy October 1990, trainee July 1992, professional July 1994); Hong Kong football (free close season 1997); Welling United (free August 1997); Hendon (by October 1997); Leyton Orient (December 1997); Hendon (loan September 1998); Boreham Wood (loan October 1998); Sutton United (loan November 1998); Farnborough Town (loan February 1999); Bromley (loan March 1999); Sutton United (free August 1999); Billericay Town (September 1999); Chesham United (July 2000); Purfleet (free November 2000 until October 2002); Harlow Town (late-2002/03); Oxford City (August 2003); East Thurrock United (December 2003); Oxford City (March 2004); Thame (August 2005); Marlow (September 2005)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1995/96	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)</b>
1997/98	Leyton Orient	9	5	3	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 11th of 24

Born in England to Scottish parents, Colin Simpson began his association with Watford long before being eligible to sign schoolboy forms at the age of 14. Essentially a winger, he developed into a versatile forward who made his Football League debut as a substitute when the club was seven games away from a return to the lower divisions after an absence of 17 years. There was no further first-team action, and after being released, apart from a half a season with Leyton Orient he undertook a wide-ranging trawl of the non-League circuit.

## Steven Frank SIMS (1978-1987) Centre-half

**Born** Lincoln, 2 July 1957

### **Representative Honours**

England Under-21 & 'B'

### **Watford Career**

Football League: 169+2 appearances (5 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 21 appearances

Football League Cup: 14 appearances (3 goals)

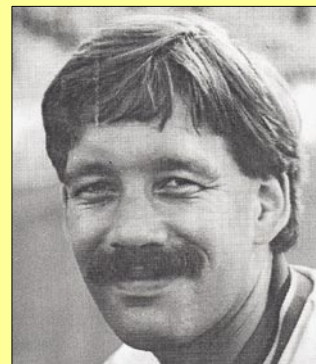
Football League Trophy: 8 appearances

UEFA Cup: 4+1 appearances

Début: 1-0 away win v Colchester United, Football League Div 3, 23 Dec 1978

Final game: 1-4 defeat v Tottenham Hotspur (at Aston Villa), FA Cup Semi-final, 11 Apr 1987

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 24; all competitions 31



### **Career Path**

City of Lincoln Grammar School; Lincolnshire Schools; Lincoln City Supporters Club; Lincoln United; Leicester City (apprentice August 1973, professional July 1974); **WATFORD** (£175,000 December 1978); Notts County (£50,000 September 1984); **WATFORD** (£50,000 October 1986); Aston Villa (£40,000 June 1987, released close season 1990); Burton Albion (September 1990); Lincoln City (non-contract October 1990); AFC Bournemouth (non-contract February 1991); Boston FC assistant-manager (briefly close season 1991); Port Vale school of excellence coach (by December 1991); Stafford Rangers (non-contract December 1991); Shepshed Albion (January 1992); Aston Villa Under-16s part-time coach (by November 1992); Coventry City youth development officer (July 1994 until 1995/96); Leicester City youth development officer (October 1996); Bedworth United youth coaching staff (August 2002); Notts County youth development officer; Coventry City part-time academy coach (by October 2004); also FA Premier League academies monitor (by October 2004)

### **Football League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1975/76	Leicester City	10			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1976/77	Leicester City	32		1	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1977/78	Leicester City	28	1	2	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1978/79	Leicester City	8			Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22
<b>1978/79</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1979/80</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22</b>
<b>1980/81</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>37</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22</b>
<b>1981/82</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1982/83</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>28</b>			<b>Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22</b>
<b>1983/84</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>22</b>			<b>Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22</b>
1984/85	Notts County	34		2	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1985/86	Notts County	41			Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1986/87	Notts County	10		3	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
<b>1986/87</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22</b>
1987/88	Aston Villa	29			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 23 (Promoted)
1988/89	Aston Villa	12			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1990/91	Lincoln City	5			Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24

Watford paid what was then a record fee for a Third Division club for this strapping centre-half and long-throw specialist, who went on to help the club establish itself in the top flight. Graham Taylor was later to bring him to Vicarage Road for a second time – and then sign him yet again for Aston Villa. The last of his 219 first-team outings for Watford was the 1986/87

FA Cup Semi-final – injury had kept him out of the corresponding fixture three years earlier. In his one England 'B' appearance, in May 1978, he was replaced by substitute Glenn Roeder. Steve Sims's father Frank, also a centre-half, made three Football League appearances for Lincoln City.

## Roy SINCLAIR (1969-1972) Midfielder

**Born** Liverpool, Lancashire, 10 December 1944

**Died** Allerton, Merseyside, 12 January 2013

### Watford Career

Football League: 32+11 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 2-4 away defeat v Stockport County, Football League Div 3, 21 Mar 1969

Final game: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Burnley, Football League Div 2, 8 Apr 1972

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



### Career Path

Liverpool Schools; Liverpool (amateur May 1961); Lancashire Youth; Tranmere Rovers (professional October 1963); **WATFORD** (£11,000 March 1969); Chester (loan December 1971); Tranmere Rovers (free July 1972, cancelled February 1974); Seattle Sounders (*USA*) (May 1974); Denver Dynamos (*USA*) (May 1975 until August 1975); Detroit Express (*USA*) (April 1978 until July 1978)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1963/64	Tranmere Rovers	1			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1964/65	Tranmere Rovers	15		2	Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1965/66	Tranmere Rovers	29		4	Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1966/67	Tranmere Rovers	26	4	3	Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1967/68	Tranmere Rovers	37	1	2	Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1968/69	Tranmere Rovers	22	3	6	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
<b>1968/69</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1969/70</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22</b>
<b>1970/71</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22</b>
<b>1971/72</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)</b>
1971/72	Chester	5		2	Football League Division 4 – 20th of 24
1972/73	Tranmere Rovers	12			Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24

Although no great goalscorer – he was essentially a midfield worker – Roy Sinclair drove home the winner against Plymouth Argyle which propelled Watford into the Second Division for the first time in the club's history. This was one of only 22 Football League goals in his career, three of which came on his 21st birthday, for Tranmere Rovers against Rochdale. After joining the 1970s exodus to the North American Soccer League he settled in the United States and became an insurance manager and a football referee in Seattle.

## Lee SINNOTT (1983-1987) Defender

**Born** Pelsall, Staffordshire, 12 July 1965

### Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

### Watford Career

**Football League:** 71+7 appearances (2 goals)

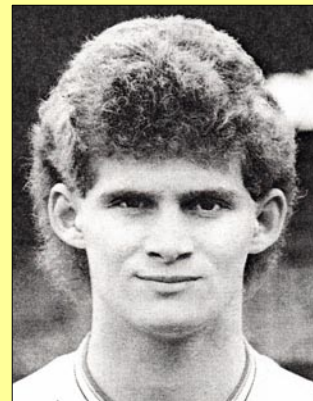
**FA Cup:** 11 appearances

**Football League Cup:** 6 appearances

**Début:** 2-3 home defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, Football League Div 1, 24 Sep 1983

**Final game:** 2-1 away win v Manchester City, Football League Div 1, 18 Apr 1986

**Longest run of consecutive appearances:** Football League 25; all competitions 21



### Career Path

Rushall Olympic (1981); Walsall (apprentice September 1981, professional November 1982); **WATFORD** (£75,000 September 1983, plus £20,000 after 40 first-team appearances); Bradford City (£100,000 July 1987); Crystal Palace (£350,000 August 1991); Bradford City (loan December 1993, £50,000 January 1994); Huddersfield Town (£105,000 December 1994); Oldham Athletic (£30,000 July 1997, plus £20,000 after an unspecified number of appearances); Bradford City (loan March 1998); Scunthorpe United trial (January 1999); Scarborough player-coach (free June 1999); Bradford City school of excellence coach; Leeds United academy coach; Farsley Celtic manager (close season 2003); Port Vale manager (November 2007 until September 2008); Bradford Park Avenue manager (January 2009 until October 2009); Altrincham manager (May 2011)

### Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1981/82	Walsall	4			Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1982/83	Walsall	32		2	Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1983/84	Walsall	4			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
<b>1983/84</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22</b>
<b>1984/85</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22</b>
<b>1985/86</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22</b>
<b>1986/87</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22</b>
1987/88	Bradford City	44		1	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 23
1988/89	Bradford City	42		2	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 24
1989/90	Bradford City	45		2	Football League Division 2 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1990/91	Bradford City	44		1	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1991/92	Crystal Palace	35	1		Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1992/93	Crystal Palace	18	1		FA Premier League – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1993/94	Bradford City	18			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 7th of 24
1994/95	Bradford City	16		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
1994/95	Huddersfield Town	28		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1995/96	Huddersfield Town	32			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
1996/97	Huddersfield Town	29	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
1997/98	Oldham Athletic	11	2		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	Bradford City	7			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
1998/99	Oldham Athletic	14	4		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 20th of 24

A tall, physically strong defender with a long-range throw-in, Lee Sinnott played in the Football League at 16 and then captained the England youth team (in which his colleagues included David Bardsley and Perry Suckling) under Graham Taylor, who soon afterwards brought him to Vicarage Road. Less than eight months later he became one of the 20 youngest FA Cup finalists in the competition's history up to that time. In his first managerial post he guided Farsley Celtic to three promotions in four seasons, and his son Jordan later played in the Football League, initially for Huddersfield Town.

## Arthur Harold SKILTON (1908-1910) Forward

**Born** Harrow, Middlesex, 1888

**Died** Southend, Essex, 8 May 1953

### Watford Career

Southern League: 15 appearances (5 goals)

Southern Charity Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Leyton, Southern League Div 1, 28 Nov 1908

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Plymouth Argyle, Southern League Div 1, 16 Apr 1910

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 7; all competitions 5

### Career Path

**WATFORD** (amateur 1908 until 1910)

### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1908/09</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21</b>
<b>1909/10</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>Southern League Division 1 – 19th of 22</b>

An amateur forward who made sporadic appearances in the first team and didn't experience defeat until the tenth of them. He had an elder brother who also played as an amateur in professional company, and was present more often than not in the Queens Park Rangers side which won the Southern League championship in 1907/08.

## Ralph SLADE (1921-1929) Full-back

**Born** Amersham, Buckinghamshire, 25 March 1896

**Died** Bushey, Hertfordshire, June 1983

### Watford Career

Football League: 119 appearances

FA Cup: 5 appearances

Début: 1-4 away defeat v Southampton, Football League Div 3, 22 Jan 1921

Final game: 2-3 home defeat v Merthyr Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Dec 1929

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



### Career Path

Amersham; **WATFORD** (amateur August 1920, professional January 1921 until retirement close season 1930)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1920/21	WATFORD	9			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22
1921/22	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1923/24	WATFORD	11			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1924/25	WATFORD	37			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1925/26	WATFORD	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1926/27	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1929/30	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22

He served as a part-time professional for nearly a decade, including two successive seasons as a first-team regular. A strong, hard-working full-back, Reg Slade retired after suffering a broken leg and head injuries when his motorbike collided with a lorry in Radlett Road. Football aside, his Vicarage Road appearances also included activities as a bookmaker on dog-racing nights. Although actually named Ralph, he was known to all and sundry as 'Reg'.

## **Robert SLATER** (1965-1969) Goalkeeper

**Born** Musselburgh, Midlothian, 5 May 1936

**Died** Brechin, Angus, 21 July 2006

### **Representative Honours**

Scotland Under-23 & "Unofficial" Full

### **Watford Career**

**Football League:** 134 appearances

**FA Cup:** 9 appearances

**Football League Cup:** 9 appearances

**Début:** 2-1 away win v Reading, Football League Div 3, 21 Aug 1965

**Final game:** 1-2 home defeat v Liverpool, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 3 Sep 1969

**Longest run of consecutive appearances:** Football League 76; all competitions 85



### **Career Path**

Airth Castle Rovers; Broughton Star; Tranent Juniors (January 1953); Falkirk (provisional forms August 1953, permanent April 1954); Liverpool (player-exchange May 1959); Dundee (July 1962); **WATFORD** (free May 1965, cancelled September 1971, trainer 1971 until close season 1973); Evergreen chairman (July 1974); Hibernian coaching staff; Dundee chief scout (by August 1988)

### **Scottish League & Football League Career**

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
1953/54	Falkirk	2			Scottish League Division 1 – 13th of 16
1954/55	Falkirk	30			Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 16
1955/56	Falkirk	24			Scottish League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1956/57	Falkirk	17			Scottish League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1957/58	Falkirk	28			Scottish League Division 1 – 10th of 18
1958/59	Falkirk	33			Scottish League Division 1 – 17th of 18 (Relegated)
1959/60	Liverpool	28			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1960/61	Liverpool	42			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1961/62	Liverpool	29			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1962/63	Dundee	32			Scottish League Division 1 – 9th of 18
1963/64	Dundee	34			Scottish League Division 1 – 6th of 18
1964/65	Dundee	4			Scottish League Division 1 – 6th of 18
<b>1965/66</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>46</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24</b>
<b>1966/67</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24</b>
<b>1967/68</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>46</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24</b>
<b>1968/69</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>

Either side of his Liverpool spell, during which he won a Second Division championship medal under Bill Shankly, Bert Slater helped Falkirk to win the Scottish FA Cup in 1956/57, and reached the European Cup Semi-finals with Dundee six years later. Considerably shorter in height than most goalkeepers, he was Watford's first choice for three years until Mike Walker was signed early in the club's Third Division championship-winning season. He collapsed and died while playing golf.

## Stuart Ian SLATER (1996-1998) Midfielder

**Born** Sudbury, Suffolk, 27 March 1969

### **Representative Honours**

England Under-21 & 'B'

### **Watford Career**

**Football League:** 22+8 appearances (1 goal)

**FA Cup:** 3 appearances

**Football League Cup:** 3 appearances

**Associate Members Cup:** 1 appearance

**Début:** 2-2 home draw v Blackpool, Football League Div 2, 30 Nov 1996

**Final game:** (as sub) 2-1 home win v AFC Bournemouth, Football League Div 2, 28 Apr 1998

**Longest run of consecutive appearances:** Football League 8; all competitions 12



### **Career Path**

Langham Lions, Colchester; West Ham United (apprentice July 1985, professional April 1987); Celtic (£1.5 million August 1992); Ipswich Town (£750,000 September 1993 until close season 1996); Leicester City (monthly contract October 1996); **WATFORD** (November 1996); Carlton (*Australia*) (free August 1999 for one season); Forest Green Rovers (October 2000); Aberystwyth Town (free July 2001); Weston-super-Mare (November 2001 until retirement November 2004); also West Ham United academy Under-10s coach (by October 2002); a West Ham United ambassador (by March 2010); Chelmsford City Under-19 coach (by February 2012)

### **Football League, Scottish Premier League & FA Premier League Career**

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
1987/88	West Ham United		2		Football League Division 1 – 16th of 21
1988/89	West Ham United	16	2	1	Football League Division 1 – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
1989/90	West Ham United	40		7	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 24
1990/91	West Ham United	37	3	3	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1991/92	West Ham United	41			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1992/93	Celtic	37	2	2	Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 12
1993/94	Celtic	3	1	1	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
1993/94	Ipswich Town	28		1	FA Premier League – 19th of 22
1994/95	Ipswich Town	22	5	1	FA Premier League – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1995/96	Ipswich Town	11	6	2	Football League Division 1 ( <i>2nd tier</i> ) – 7th of 24
<b>1996/97</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 13th of 24</b>
<b>1997/98</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>

Fairly small and lightweight, he excelled as a sprightly and skilful young attacking player at West Ham United, but the rest of his career, although worthy enough, was blighted by injuries and fell short of the early promise. Stuart Slater won a third-tier championship medal with Watford in 1997/98, but an achilles operation kept him out of the side for much of that season, which was his last in the Football League.



## Thomas Arthur Winstanley SLATER (1933) Goalkeeper

**Born** Waldrige, County Durham, 25 February 1908

**Died** Luton, Bedfordshire, 1976

### Watford Career

Football League: 29 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Southend United, FA Cup 3rd Round replay, 18 Jan 1933

Final game: 1-6 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 14 Oct 1933

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 30



### Career Path

Horden Athletic; Easington Colliery; Murton Colliery Welfare; Clapton Orient (August 1926); Port Vale (June 1930); **WATFORD** (free August 1932, initially on a month's trial, released close season 1934); Vauxhall Motors, Luton (permit to play as an amateur granted August 1934)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1926/27	Clapton Orient	1			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22
1927/28	Clapton Orient	4			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22
1928/29	Clapton Orient	6			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1929/30	Clapton Orient	9			Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1930/31	Port Vale	14			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1931/32	Port Vale	6			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22
<b>1932/33</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22</b>
<b>1933/34</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>

His first-team appearances in Watford's goal came in a single sequence which spanned the 1933 close season. In both his last two games he was taken off injured, whereupon the club bought Jim McLaren, who embarked on a long and distinguished career with the club. Late in the following season Arthur Slater suffered another bad knock when playing as an amateur for Vauxhall Motors. He'd been a car mechanic before becoming a full-time professional.

## Robert SLAUGHTER (1894-1900) Inside-forward

**Born** Bushey, Hertfordshire, 26 August 1874

### West Herts / Watford Career

Southern League: 33 appearances (18 goals)

FA Cup: 8 appearances (7 goals)

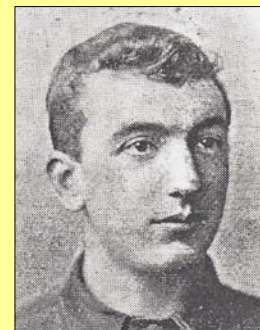
Herts Senior Cup: 2 appearances

Bucks & Contiguous Counties League: 13 appearances (9 goals)

Début: 3-2 away win v St Albans, Herts County Cup Semi-final, 3 Mar 1894

Final game: 5-1 win v Wandsworth (an away fixture, but played at Watford),  
Bucks & Contiguous Counties League Div 1, 21 April 1900

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 11; all competitions 15



### Career Path

Melrose (by February 1893); Watford Church Institute; Watford St Mary's; **WEST HERTS** (December 1893); Watford St Mary's; Hertfordshire; **WEST HERTS** (professional October 1897); Watford St Mary's (November 1897); **WATFORD** (April 1898); Fulham (November 1901); **WATFORD** (February 1902); Chesham Town (briefly November 1902)

### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1898/99	<b>WATFORD</b>	17		12	<b>Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12</b>
1899/00	<b>WATFORD</b>	16		6	<b>Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)</b>
1901/02	Fulham	4		1	Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 9
1902/03	Chesham Town	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 5th of 6

His turning professional at Cassio Road caused Watford St Mary's, the club he'd just left in order to do so, to adopt professionalism themselves, fearing that they would lose other good players. Bobbie Slaughter was peeved by this and refused to play for West Herts, who at the request of the player and the rival club allowed him – "graciously", it was said – to return to St Mary's, where he remained until that club's demise, at which point he returned for the third of four spells at Cassio Road. He was a goalscoring inside-forward who before abandoning his amateur status had played for the county. By 1911 he had abandoned his wife and small daughter, and soon afterwards emigrated to Canada.

## David SMALL (1951-1952) Winger

**Born** Dundee, Angus, 17 July 1930

**Died** Dundee, 23 January 2012

### Watford Career

Football League: 5 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 21 Apr 1951

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Colchester United, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Jan 1952

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



### Career Path

Monifieth Tayside (amateur July 1948); Dundee North End (amateur March 1950); **WATFORD** (£50 June 1950); Dunfermline Athletic (free July 1952); Montrose (July 1953); Carnoustie Panmure (August 1954); Dundee St Josephs (September 1958 until close season 1959); Broughty Athletic (November 1959 until close season 1960)

### Football League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1950/51</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24</b>
<b>1951/52</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24</b>
1952/53	Dunfermline Athletic	8			Scottish League Division 2 – 11th of 16

A ball-playing right-winger whose physical stature reflected his surname. Dave Small spent two seasons with Watford at a time when the club's fortunes were at a low ebb, as indicated by the final positions in the Division 3 (South) table. He spent the rest of his career with clubs in and around familiar territory in the east of Scotland.

## Allan Andrew Colin SMART (1998-2001) Forward

**Born** Perth, 8 July 1974

### Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 48+12 appearances (13 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1+2 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Portsmouth, Football League Div 1, 8 Aug 1998

Final game: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Grimsby Town, Football League Div 1, 14 Apr 2001

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 16; all competitions 16



### Career Path

Balbeggie; St Johnstone (youth team, professional January 1991); Brechin City (free December 1991); Inverness Thistle (*merged with Caledonian in 1994 to form Caledonian Thistle*) (free July 1993); Preston North End (£15,000 November 1994); Carlisle United (loan November 1995); Northampton Town (loan September 1996); Carlisle United (player-exchange October 1996); **WATFORD** (£75,000 June 1998, plus £75,000 after 40 first-team appearances); Hibernian (loan August 2001); Stoke City (loan November 2001); Oldham Athletic (£150,000 November 2001, plus £25,000 after 20 first-team appearances, cancelled cs 2002); Dundee United (June 2002); Crewe Alexandra (August 2003); Milton Keynes Dons (free close season 2004); Bury (free close season 2004); Portadown (free July 2006); Burscough (loan July 2007, signed close season 2008, also assistant-manager); Southport (head of youth development September 2008, also reserve-team manager June 2009); Farnborough academy director (by April 2014); Blackburn Rovers academy part-time coach; Daventry Town (manager November 2014 until July 2015, also chairman briefly from June 2015)

### Scottish League, Football League, FA Premier League & Scottish Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1994/95	Caledonian Thistle	2	2		Scottish League Division 3 (4th tier) – 6th of 10
1994/95	Preston North End	17	2	6	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 5th of 22
1995/96	Preston North End		2		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1995/96	Carlisle United	3	1		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Northampton Town	1			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1996/97	Carlisle United	25	3	10	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1997/98	Carlisle United	16		6	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
<b>1998/99</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1999/00</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)</b>
<b>2000/01</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24</b>
2001/02	Hibernian	2	3	1	Scottish Premier League – 10th of 12
2001/02	Stoke City		2		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Oldham Athletic	14	7	6	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 9th of 24
2002/03	Dundee United	2	16		Scottish Premier League – 11th of 12
2003/04	Crewe Alexandra		6		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2004/05	Milton Keynes Dons	15	3	4	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 20th of 24
2005/06	Bury	11	2	1	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 19th of 24

A strong and quick striker whose clinical finish to a swift and perfectly constructed counter-attack at Wembley Stadium produced one of the great Watford goals and ensured promotion to the Premier League at 2-0 with only a few minutes to go. It wasn't Allan Smart's first Wembley triumph: two years earlier he'd been a member of the Carlisle United side which won the Associate Members Cup. He wasn't a heavy scorer in Watford's first team, but hit all the goals in a 4-0 win for the Reserves against Chelsea. In addition to the £25,000 which was paid, there were further potential appearance-related increments built into the transfer deal that took him to Oldham Athletic, but his time there was cut short, the club cancelling his contract following two incidents outside night clubs, both involving the police. Back in 1994 he'd made his Scottish League début as a substitute in what was also his club's first-ever match at that level.

## Neil SMILLIE (1985-1986) Winger

**Born** Barnsley, Yorkshire, 19 July 1958

### Watford Career

Football League: 10+6 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 3-0 home win v Coventry City, Football League Div 1, 31 Aug 1985

Final game: 2-1 away win v Rochdale, Football League Cup 2nd Round 2nd Leg, 7 Oct 1986 (*Won 3-2 on aggregate.*)

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



### Career Path

Essex Schools; Crystal Palace (schoolboy January 1974, apprentice July 1974, professional October 1975); Brentford (loan January 1977); Memphis Rogues (*USA*) (loan April 1978 until August 1978, and May 1979 until August 1979); Brighton & Hove Albion (player-exchange August 1982); **WATFORD** (£100,000 June 1985); Reading (loan December 1986, free March 1987); Brentford (free August 1988, cancelled June 1993); Gillingham (player/assistant-manager July 1993, player-manager February 1995 until June 1995); Wycombe Wanderers (youth-team coach July 1995, briefly caretaker-manager October 1996, youth-team coach, caretaker-manager February 1998, manager April 1998 until January 1999); Leicester City scout (by August 1999)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1976/77	Crystal Palace	1			Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1976/77	Brentford	3			Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1977/78	Crystal Palace		1		Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1978/79	Crystal Palace	3	5	1	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1979/80	Crystal Palace	5	3	1	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1980/81	Crystal Palace	21	3	2	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1981/82	Crystal Palace	41		3	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1982/83	Brighton & Hove Albion	22	3		Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1983/84	Brighton & Hove Albion	25	1	2	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1984/85	Brighton & Hove Albion	15	9		Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
<b>1985/86</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22</b>
1986/87	Reading	16			Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1987/88	Reading	22	1		Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 23 (Relegated)
1988/89	Brentford	25	3	2	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1989/90	Brentford	43		5	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1990/91	Brentford	35	3	3	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1991/92	Brentford	44		7	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Brentford	18	3	1	Football League Division 1 ( <i>2nd tier</i> ) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1993/94	Gillingham	38		2	Football League Division 3 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 16th of 22
1994/95	Gillingham	15		1	Football League Division 3 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 19th of 22

A small, old-fashioned winger with speedy and direct methods, he scored as a substitute on his Watford début, and all his four goals for the club contributed to excellent victories. Neil Smillie also scored for Reading when they won the Full Members Cup at Wembley, and extended his Football League career into his late-thirties. His father made over two hundred League appearances for Barnsley and Lincoln City in the 1950s.