

John David PRICE (1959) Full-back

Born St Pancras, London, 31 December 1932

Watford Career

Football League: 22 appearances

FA Cup: 3 appearances

Southern Floodlight Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-0 home draw v Stockport County, Football League Div 4, 22 Aug 1959

Final game: 3-2 home win v Workington, Football League Div 4, 12 Dec 1959

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 22; all competitions 26



Career Path

Eastbourne United; Tottenham Hotspur (amateur November 1953, professional September 1954); Aldershot (January 1957); **WATFORD** (exchanged for W.K.Shipwright June 1959); Sittingbourne (free July 1960); Aylesbury United manager; Moseley manager; Ware manager; Tottenham Hotspur coaching staff; Barnet youth-development manager; Islington Under-15s & London Under-15s manager; Zakynoiakos (*Greece*) manager

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1956/57	Aldershot	20			Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 24
1957/58	Aldershot	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 24
1958/59	Aldershot	30		1	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1959/60	WATFORD	22			Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)

Big and strong, John Price made 26 consecutive first-team appearances at right-back from the start of his only season with the club, in the last of which he suffered a serious leg injury and didn't appear again. A coincidence surrounded the exchange deal with Aldershot which brought him to Vicarage Road, he and Bill Shipwright, the other half of the transaction, having once been colleagues in youth football in north London.

John Leonard PRICE (1900-1901) Forward

Born Birmingham, Warwickshire, 1877

Watford Career

Southern League: 26 appearances (6 goals)

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

Début: 1-6 away defeat v Bristol City, Southern League Div 1, 8 Sep 1900

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 17



Career Path

Shenstone Boys' Club; Small Heath (September 1897); **WATFORD** (July 1900); Doncaster Rovers (£15 to Small Heath August 1901); Stockport County (June 1903); Fulham reserve-team trainer (by October 1909)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1898/99	Small Heath	1			Football League Division 2 – 8th of 18
1900/01	WATFORD	26		6	Southern League Division 2 – 14th of 15
1901/02	Doncaster Rovers	32		13	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 18
1902/03	Doncaster Rovers	27		4	Football League Division 2 – 16th of 18 (Not re-elected)
1903/04	Stockport County	11		1	Football League Division 2 – 16th of 18 (Not re-elected)

At Small Heath he was a colleague of Tot Farnall, Micky Good and Charlie Hare, all of whom played with him at Cassio Road. Jack Price was a versatile member of the forward line throughout his one Watford season. Although he scored on his début, the game later became void when the opposition, Chatham, resigned from the Southern League in mid-season.

Neil PRICE (1982-1984) Full-back

Born Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 15 February 1964

Watford Career

Football League: 7+1 appearances

FA Cup: 2 appearances

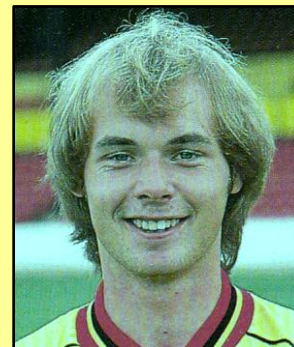
Football League Trophy: 0+1 appearance

UEFA Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 3-5 away defeat v Reading, Football League Trophy Quarter-final, 8 Dec 1982

Final game: 0-2 defeat v Everton at Wembley Stadium, FA Cup Final, 19 May 1984

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



Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy August 1978, apprentice July 1980, professional February 1982); Plymouth Argyle (loan February 1984); Blackpool (loan March 1985); Swansea City (free July 1985, released December 1985); Blackpool (non-contract December 1985); Wycombe Wanderers (February 1986); Staines Town (by October 1988); Wealdstone (£5,000 December 1989); Staines Town player-manager (June 1991 until January 1992); Walton & Hersham manager (close season 1993 until March 1995); Hendon manager (November 1995 until February 1997); Hemel Hempstead Town manager (December 1998 until close season 2001); Professional Footballers Association analyst, and football consultant for Europa Sports Management (May 2015)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1983/84	WATFORD	7	1		Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1983/84	Plymouth Argyle	1			Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1984/85	Blackpool	13			Football League Division 4 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1985/86	Swansea City		2		Football League Division 3 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

A left-back whose very brief career in senior football included a début in front of 60,000 Bulgarians, an FA Cup Semi-final and Final, and a very harsh sending-off at Highbury. The Wembley game was his last first-team appearance for Watford. Neil Price had earlier won an FA Youth Cup winner's medal (Manchester United were beaten 7-6 on aggregate in the final), a feat emulated by his brother Josh at Vicarage Road seven years later.

George PRIOR (1924-1930) Full-back

Born Ashington, Northumberland, 2 March 1898

Died Ashington, Northumberland, 1 April 1977

Watford Career

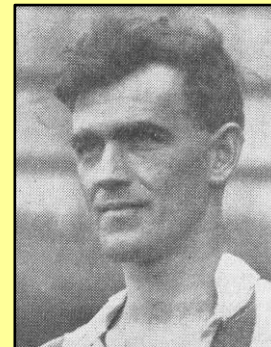
Football League: 174 appearances

FA Cup: 15 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 1-0 home win v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Oct 1924

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Jan 1930

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 25; all competitions 27



Career Path

Hirst Park Universal; Blyth Spartans; Ashington; Sheffield Wednesday (£300 February 1921); **WATFORD** (Prior plus “a big sum” exchanged for G.Toone August 1924); Ashington player-coach (free August 1930, also groundsman June 1931); Pegswood United (August 1935); Blyth Spartans; Amble (August 1937)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1920/21	Sheffield Wednesday	3			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1921/22	Sheffield Wednesday	16			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1922/23	Sheffield Wednesday	17			Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1923/24	Sheffield Wednesday	1			Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1924/25	WATFORD	24			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1925/26	WATFORD	23			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 23
1926/27	WATFORD	37			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	40			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1929/30	WATFORD	14			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22

Playing almost entirely as a full-back, reliable and particularly sound in the tackle, George Prior became very popular during his stay at Vicarage Road. His ability to score only in the FA Cup (the three goals came in four consecutive ties) owed something to a brief run at centre-forward during which he scored in two games. He had a younger brother, Jack, who enjoyed a good career with Sunderland, Grimsby Town and Mansfield Town, and a son, Ken, who played in the 1950s for Newcastle United and Millwall.

Tamas PRISKIN (2006-2009) Forward

Born Komárno, Czechoslovakia, 27 September 1986

Representative Honours

Hungary Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League & Football League: 46+22 appearances (15 goals)

FA Cup: 4+3 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 8 appearances (3 goals)

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

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League) 9; all competitions 11



Career Path

Komárno (*Slovakia*); Györi ETO (*Hungary*) (April 2003); **WATFORD** ("six-figure fee" possibly rising by increments to £1 million August 2006, after trial period); Preston North End (loan March 2008); Ipswich Town (£1.7 million August 2009, plus 20% of any "sell-on" fee); Queens Park Rangers (loan February 2010); Swansea City (loan March 2011); Derby County (loan November 2011); Alania Vladikavkaz (*Russia*) (free January 2012); Austria Wien (*Austria*) (June 2013); Maccabi Haifa (*Israel*) (loan February 2014); Györi ETO (*Hungary*) (August 2014); Slovan Bratislava (*Slovakia*) (free July 2015)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2006/07	WATFORD	7	9	2	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	WATFORD	7	9	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2007/08	Preston North End	4	1	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2008/09	WATFORD	32	4	12	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2009/10	Ipswich Town	9	8	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2009/10	Queens Park Rangers	13		1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2010/11	Ipswich Town	18	14	4	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2010/11	Swansea City		4	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2011/12	Ipswich Town	1	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2011/12	Derby County	4	1	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 12th of 24

There have been many more prolific scorers for Watford (early in his Vicarage Road career he actually notched more goals for his country than his club), but few have been more stylish finishers. Born in a mainly Hungarian-speaking border town in what was then Czechoslovakia, the tall and lean Tamas Priskin was granted Hungarian citizenship after crossing the border to join Györi ETO, and at the age of 16 made his début there in the First Division. Watford introduced him to English football, where his first league goal was chalked off when the game was abandoned, and two days later he was sent off at Fulham.

Keith Bernard PRITCHETT (1976-1982) Full-back

Born Glasgow, 8 November 1953

Representative Honours

Scotland Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 133+7 appearances (9 goals, including 6 penalties)

FA Cup: 10 appearances

Football League Cup: 18 appearances (3 goals, including 1 penalty)

Football League Trophy: 2+1 appearances

Début: 1-3 away defeat v Torquay United, Football League Div 4, 6 Nov 1976

Final game: (as sub) 4-1 away win v Southend United, Football League Trophy Preliminary Group, 21 Aug 1982

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 54; all competitions 64



Career Path

Victoria Drive School, Scotstoun; Drumchapel Amateurs (from age 14); Wolverhampton Wanderers (April 1972); Doncaster Rovers (free July 1973); Queens Park Rangers (free March 1974); Brentford (free July 1976); **WATFORD** (£4,000 November 1976); Blackpool (free November 1982 until May 1984); Runcorn (1984); Mt Roskiel (*New Zealand*) (by 1986); Waitakere City (*New Zealand*) player-manager (by October 1989 until at least 1994/95); New Zealand national coach (March 1996 until March 1997); United Soccer 1 (*New Zealand*) director of football (by 2007 until December 2010)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1973/74	Doncaster Rovers	6			Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1974/75	Queens Park Rangers	4			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1976/77	Brentford	11		1	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	32			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1977/78	WATFORD	45		4	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1978/79	WATFORD	22		2	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1979/80	WATFORD	7	3	2	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1980/81	WATFORD	9	4	1	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1981/82	WATFORD	18			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1982/83	Blackpool	26		1	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1983/84	Blackpool	10	1		Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24

Three times a free-transfer man, he then became a bargain buy for Watford, a Fourth Division club when he arrived and in the top flight when he left. A good left-footed striker of the ball, he lost and then regained the first-team left-back shirt several times. After emigrating to New Zealand, policeman's son Keith Pritchett became a successful manager (Waitakere City won the league-and-cup double in 1994/95) and football journalist. His Watford-born son James became a New Zealand Full international.

Sebastian PRÖDL (2015-) Centre-back

Born Graz, Austria, 21 June 1987

Representative Honours

Austria Youth & Full

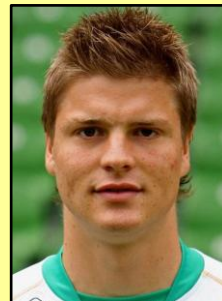
Watford Career (to end of 2015/16 season)

FA Premier League: 19+2 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 2-2 away draw v Everton, FA Premier League, 8 Aug 2015

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



Career Path

Kirchberg (*Austria*) (1993); Feldbach (*Austria*) (1997); Sturm Graz (*Austria*) (2002); Werder Bremen (*Germany*) (£2.2 million July 2008); **WATFORD** (free June 2015)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2015/16	WATFORD	19	2	2	FA Premier League – 13th of 20

John PROUDFOOT (1902) Centre-forward

Born Airdrie, Lanarkshire, 27 February 1874

Died Govan, Lanarkshire, 22 April 1934

Watford Career

Southern League: 12 appearances (5 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 3-1 home win v Wellingborough Town, Southern League Div 1, 6 Sep 1902

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Wellingborough Town, Southern League Div 1, 20 Dec 1902

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 8; all competitions 7



Career Path

Partick Thistle (by close season 1893); Blackburn Rovers (February 1897); Everton (May 1898); **WATFORD** (May 1902); Partick Thistle (September 1903); Hamilton Academical (November 1904 until close season 1905)

Scottish League, Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1894/95	Partick Thistle	17		13	Scottish League Division 2 – 8th of 10
1895/96	Partick Thistle	18		9	Scottish League Division 2 – 6th of 10
1896/97	Partick Thistle	9		3	Scottish League Division 2 – 1st of 10 (Promoted)
1896/97	Blackburn Rovers	7		5	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 16
1897/98	Blackburn Rovers	30		9	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 16
1898/99	Everton	28		13	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 18
1899/00	Everton	20		8	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 18
1900/01	Everton	29		9	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 18
1901/02	Everton	7			Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 18
1902/03	WATFORD	12		5	Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)
1903/04	Partick Thistle	17		5	Scottish League Division 1 – 7th of 14
1904/05	Hamilton Academical	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 3rd of 12

After representing Glasgow three times in inter-city games, he was the leading top-flight scorer for Blackburn Rovers and then for Everton in his first two full English seasons. The short but sturdy John Proudfoot's spell as Watford's centre-forward ended when he was suspended *sine die* for "insubordination" in December 1902. His brother David played centre-half for Leicester Fosse in the Second Division of the Football League.

Daniel PUDIL (2012-2015) Wing-back

Born Prague, Czechoslovakia, 27 September 1985

Representative Honours

Czech Republic Youth, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 85+14 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 3+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 4+1 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Ipswich Town, Football League Championship, 21 Aug 2012

Final game: 4-1 home win v Reading, Football League Championship, 14 Mar 2015

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



Career Path

Sparta Prague (*Czechoslovakia*) (1991); Chmel Bišany (*Czech Republic*) (professional 2003); Slovan Liberec (*Czech Republic*) (2004); Slavia Prague (*Czech Republic*) (loan July 2007); KRC Genk (*Belgium*) (July 2008); Granada (*Spain*) (January 2012); Cesena (*Italy*) (loan January 2012); **WATFORD** (loan July 2012, free July 2013); Sheffield Wednesday (loan August 2015, £2 million July 2016)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2012/13	WATFORD	37	2	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2013/14	WATFORD	29	8	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	WATFORD	19	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Sheffield Wednesday	38	1	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24

When Daniel Pudil, grandson of a Czechoslovakia international, spent five days on trial with Watford in the summer of 2007, he would not have imagined that circumstances would have brought him back five years later as part of a unique recruitment programme involving umpteen foreign players on loan. He quickly found satisfaction with life in England and with English football while establishing himself as the club's senior left-back for most of the 2012/13 season. In earlier years he had played in top-flight title-winning sides in both the Czech Republic and Belgium.

Christopher John PULLAN (1987-1990) Full-back / Midfielder

Born Durham City, 14 December 1967

Watford Career

Football League: 5+7 appearances

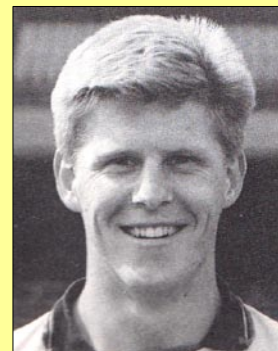
Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Full Members Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-0 home win v Tottenham Hotspur, Football League Div 1, 9 May 1987

Final game: (as sub) 1-4 away defeat v Oldham Athletic, Football League Div 2, 10 Nov 1990

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



Career Path

Bucks, Berks & Herts schools; **WATFORD** (schoolboy February 1986, professional July 1986, released February 1991); Halifax Town (loan February 1989); Maidstone United (March 1991, released close season 1991); Holy Trinity Kestrels Under-7s joint-manager (by September 2012)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1986/87	WATFORD		1		Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1987/88	WATFORD	2	2		Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	Halifax Town	5		1	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1988/89	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD	1	3		Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	1	1		Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1990/91	Maidstone United		1		Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24

Having been discovered while playing for a three-counties side in a schools representative match at Vicarage Road, Chris Pullan served under five Watford managers as a stocky full-back or midfielder, but made only extremely rare first-team appearances and was eventually released from his contract in mid-season.

Trevor Anthony PUTNEY (1991-1993) Midfielder

Born Harold Hill, Essex, 9 April 1960

Watford Career

Football League: 42+10 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Football League Cup: 8 appearances

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Anglo-Italian Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 0-2 home defeat v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Div 2, 17 Aug 1991

Final game: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 1, 6 Apr 1993

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 12



Career Path

Sunday football; Tottenham Hotspur trials (1978); Havering Boys FC; Brentwood & Warley; Ipswich Town (June 1980); Norwich City (player-exchange June 1986); Middlesbrough (£300,000 August 1989); **WATFORD** (£100,000 August 1991); Leyton Orient (£40,000 July 1993, cancelled November 1994); Colchester United (loan August 1994 and October 1994, signed December 1994 until retirement close season 1995); Tottenham Hotspur Vets (from 2000)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1982/83	Ipswich Town	17	3	3	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1983/84	Ipswich Town	32	3	2	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1984/85	Ipswich Town	27		2	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1985/86	Ipswich Town	18	3	1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1986/87	Norwich City	20	3	4	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1987/88	Norwich City	25	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 21
1988/89	Norwich City	31	2	4	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 20
1989/90	Middlesbrough	25			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 24
1990/91	Middlesbrough	22	3	1	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	26	2	2	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1992/93	WATFORD	16	8		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1993/94	Leyton Orient	20	2	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 18th of 24
1994/95	Colchester United	28		2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 10th of 22

Under Bobby Robson he became a versatile member of the excellent Ipswich Town squad of the early-1980s, and after a Middlesbrough career which was interrupted by a leg-fracture Trevor Putney spent two seasons at Vicarage Road as a quick-witted and energetic midfielder player on the pitch and an extremely chirpy personality off it. Another injury, at Colchester United, ended his career. He later worked in the financial markets before running a property company in Spain.

Frederick Tom PUTTERILL (1896-1897) Inside-forward

Born Brailes, Warwickshire, 1871

Died Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 12 April 1953

West Herts Career

Southern League: 4 appearances

FA Amateur Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 2-5 away defeat v Cheshunt, FA Amateur Cup 3rd Qualifying Round, 21 Nov 1896

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Wycombe Wanderers, Southern League Div 2, 9 Jan 1897

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 2; all competitions 3

Career Path

Bushey Grove; **WEST HERTS** (1896); Watford St Mary's (by January 1898)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	WEST HERTS	4			Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13

One of the small band of players who turned out for the club in the FA Amateur Cup, he scored in that competition at Cheshunt in what was his first competitive game. His four Southern League outings at inside-left quickly followed, and in one of them he was thumped by a Southall player who was duly sent off, which however didn't prevent the remaining ten men running out 4-1 winners.

David Allen PYGALL (1956-1960) Inside-forward

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 23 January 1939

Watford Career

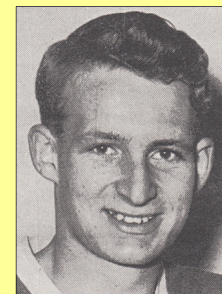
Football League: 20 appearances (2 goals)

Southern Floodlight Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-2 home defeat v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Apr 1956

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Barnsley, Football League Div 3, 15 Oct 1960

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 8



Career Path

Watford Schools (1953/54); Hertfordshire Youth; **WATFORD** (groundstaff August 1954, professional January 1956 until close season 1961); also Croxley Boys Club (October 1954); Dover (August 1961); Rugby Town (close season 1962); Highlands Park (*South Africa*) (close season 1963); *Boxburg (South Africa)* (1965); Addington (*South Africa*) 1966; Bedford Town (a month's trial January 1967); *also* West Herts Wanderers; Dunstable Town (by April 1968); Bletchley; Ringwood City (*also known as* Wilhelmina) (*Australia*)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1955/56	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24
1957/58	WATFORD	9			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 24 (Relegated)
1959/60	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1960/61	WATFORD	9		2	Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24

A delicately-skilled inside-forward, David Pygall was an England Schools trialist before joining the Vicarage Road groundstaff at the age of 15. Less than two years later he was in the first team, at that time the third-youngest ever to have represented the club at that level. He won a South African League championship medal in 1964, and later played for Ringwood City in Australia (Victoria Player of the Year 1970), where he settled after retiring and embarked on a career with Adidas.

Michael QUINN (1995) Forward

Born Liverpool, Lancashire, 2 May 1962

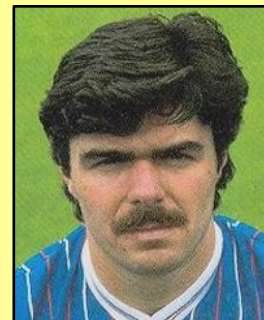
Watford Career

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)

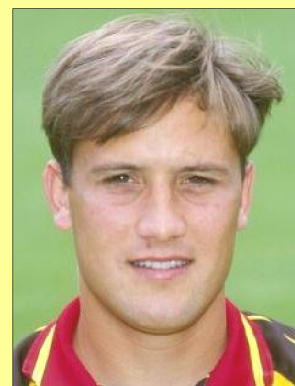
FA Cup: 7 appearances

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 2015/16 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-Angerefs 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); Djurgårdens IF (Sweden) (loan February 2016)

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 Matěj Vydra. The first of his appearances for Sweden was in the 4-2 victory over England in which fellow-striker Ibrahimović 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

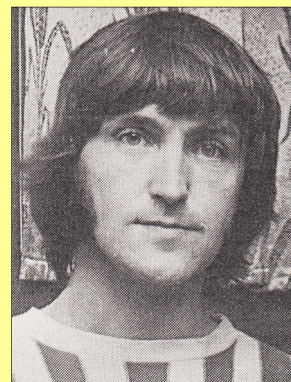
FA Cup: 13 appearances

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)

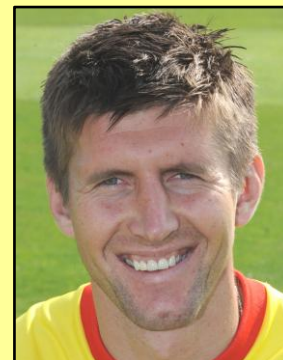
FA Cup: 2+1 appearances (2 goals)

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

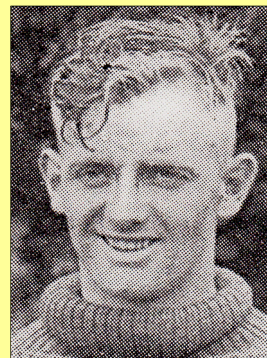
FA Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

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); Rotherham United manager (October 2015 until February 2016)

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

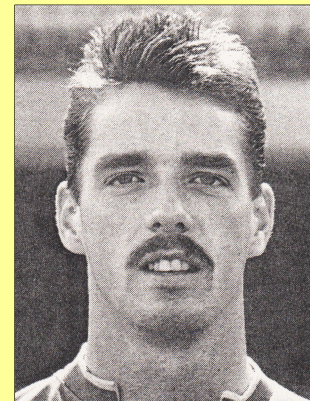
FA Cup: 1 appearance

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)

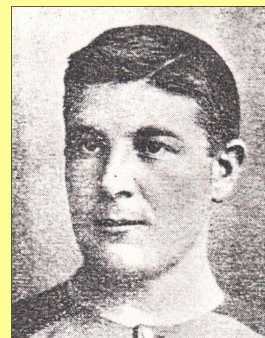
South Eastern League: 4 appearances (1 goal)

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	27		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)

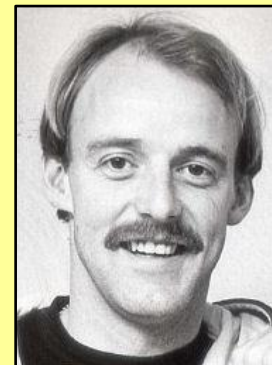
FA Cup: 8 appearances (4 goals)

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

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
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)

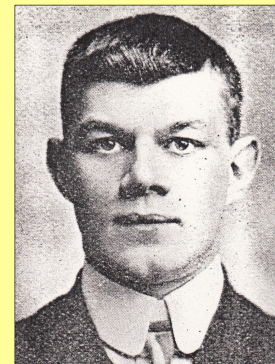
FA Cup: 1 appearance

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

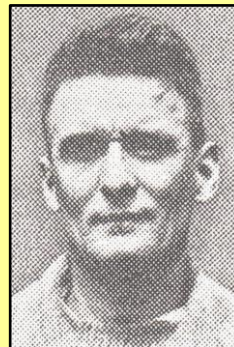
Watford Career

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

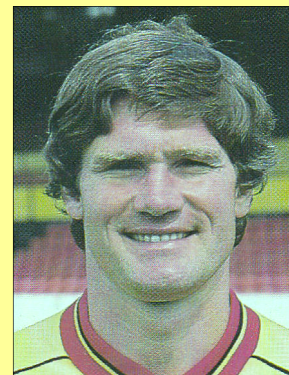
Football League Trophy: 5 appearances

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)

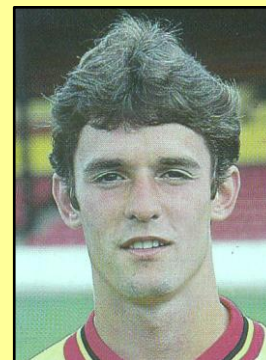
Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

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); Tring Corinthians manager (until June 2012); Tring Athletic manager (November 2015)

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

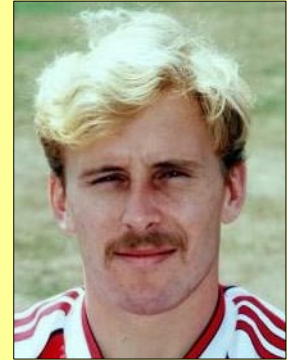
Football League Cup: 3 appearances

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 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
1999/00	Barnsley	4			Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
1999/00	Blackpool	20		1	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 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, 11 July 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); Zavrč (*Slovenia*) (September 2015); Koper (*Slovenia*) (January 2016)

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.