

Richard William HOLDEN (1988-1989) Winger

Born Skipton, Yorkshire, 9 September 1964

Watford Career

Football League: 42 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 6 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Full Members Cup: 3+1 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Everton, Football League Div 1, 26 Mar 1988

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Sunderland, Football League Div 2, 1 May 1989

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 27; all competitions 31



Career Path

Harrogate Railway; Carnegie College, Leeds; Burnley (non-contract March 1986); Halifax Town (non-contract September 1986, contract January 1987); **WATFORD** (£125,000 March 1988, plus £25,000 after 20 first-team appearances); Oldham Athletic (£165,000 August 1989); Manchester City (valued at £900,000 August 1992 in a player-exchange deal); Oldham Athletic (£450,000 October 1993); Blackpool (free September 1995); Peel manager (July 1996); Barnsley (physiotherapist July 2004, also assistant-manager June 2005); Peel manager (2007)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1985/86	Burnley		1		Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24
1986/87	Halifax Town	31	1	2	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1987/88	Halifax Town	35		10	Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24
1987/88	WATFORD	10		2	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	WATFORD	32		6	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	Oldham Athletic	45		9	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 24
1990/91	Oldham Athletic	42		5	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1991/92	Oldham Athletic	38	4	5	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1992/93	Manchester City	40	1	3	FA Premier League – 9th of 22
1993/94	Manchester City	9			FA Premier League – 16th of 22
1993/94	Oldham Athletic	28	1	6	FA Premier League – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1994/95	Oldham Athletic	18	13	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
1995/96	Blackpool	19	3	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24

University graduate, popular extrovert, ungainly but effective left-winger, and a very fine crosser of the ball, especially from awkward positions, Rick Holden was one of a number of good signings by Steve Harrison who were then, surprisingly, discarded by the same manager. He went on to enjoy plenty of top-flight experience with Oldham Athletic and Manchester City after leaving Vicarage Road, and later became head of a hospital outpatient physiotherapy department on the Isle of Man before establishing a private practice there.

Dean Christopher HOLDSWORTH (1987-1989) Forward

Born Walthamstow, London, 8 November 1968

Representative Honours

England 'B'

Watford Career

Football League: 2+16 appearances (3 goals)

Full Members Cup: 0+2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v Luton Town, Football League Div 1, 12 Dec 1987

Final game: (as sub) 0-4 away defeat v Sunderland, Football League Div 2, 9 Sep 1989

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



Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy May 1984, apprentice April 1985, professional November 1986); Carlisle United (loan February 1988); Port Vale (loan March 1988); Swansea City (loan August 1988); Brentford (loan October 1988, £125,000 September 1989, plus £160,000 of the "sell-on" profit from transfer to Wimbledon); Wimbledon (loan July 1992, £720,000 August 1992); Bolton Wanderers (£3.5 million October 1997); Coventry City (loan November 2002, free December 2002); Rushden & Diamonds (free March 2003, released close season 2003); Wimbledon (non-contract July 2003, contract September 2003); Havant & Waterlooville (free June 2004); Derby County player/assistant-manager (free August 2005, cancelled February 2006); Weymouth (February 2006, cancelled March 2006); Havant & Waterlooville (August 2006, cancelled December 2006); Cambridge United (non-contract January 2007); Newport County (briefly non-contract February 2007); Redbridge manager (July 2007); Newport County manager (July 2008); Aldershot Town manager (January 2011 until February 2013); Chelmsford City manager (May 2013 until November 2013); Brentwood Town manager (June 2015 until November 2015); Bolton Wanderers joint-owner and director of football (February 2016, resigned as director July 2016, sold his stake in the club March 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1987/88	WATFORD		2		Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1987/88	Carlisle United	4		1	Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1987/88	Port Vale	6		2	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1988/89	Swansea City	4	1	1	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1988/89	Brentford	2	5	1	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1988/89	WATFORD	2	10	2	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD		4	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1989/90	Brentford	39		24	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1990/91	Brentford	29	3	5	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1991/92	Brentford	40	1	24	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Wimbledon	34	2	19	FA Premier League – 12th of 22
1993/94	Wimbledon	42		17	FA Premier League – 6th of 22
1994/95	Wimbledon	27	1	7	FA Premier League – 9th of 22
1995/96	Wimbledon	31	2	10	FA Premier League – 14th of 20
1996/97	Wimbledon	10	15	5	FA Premier League – 8th of 20
1997/98	Wimbledon	4	1		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
1997/98	Bolton Wanderers	17	3	3	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
1998/99	Bolton Wanderers	22	10	12	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
1999/00	Bolton Wanderers	24	13	14	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2000/01	Bolton Wanderers	25	9	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Bolton Wanderers	9	22	2	FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2002/03	Bolton Wanderers	5	4		FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2002/03	Coventry City	13	4		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
2002/03	Rushden & Diamonds	4	3	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2003/04	Wimbledon	14	14	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2005/06	Derby County		3		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 20th of 24

Dean Holdsworth's rise to prominence as a free-scoring striker indicates that Watford might have benefited by giving him more opportunities at the start of what became a very long career, which encompassed 63 Premier League goals. The younger twin brother of David scored all of his first six Football League goals in 1988, for five different clubs and in all four divisions; and he scored 6 in a game for Brentford Reserves whilst on loan. He later served as PFA chairman for two years.

David Gary HOLDSWORTH (1988-1996) Centre-half

Born Walthamstow, London, 8 November 1968

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 249+11 appearances (11 goals)

FA Cup: 14+1 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 20 appearances (2 goals)

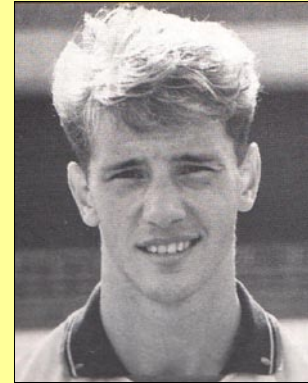
Full Members Cup: 6 appearances

Anglo-Italian Cup: 2 appearances

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

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Stoke City, Football League Div 1, 28 Feb 1996

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 36; all competitions 32



Career Path

Redbridge Schools Under-12; **WATFORD** (schoolboy May 1984, apprentice April 1985, professional November 1986); Sheffield United (£300,000 October 1996, plus £175,000 on completion of 50 first-team appearances); Birmingham City (£1.2 million March 1999, cancelled July 2002); Walsall (loan January 2002); Bolton Wanderers (August 2002); Scarborough (free October 2002); Gretna (July 2003, reserve-team manager, director of youth development May 2006 until October 2006); Milton Keynes Dons coaching staff; Ilkeston Town manager (May 2008); Mansfield Town manager (December 2008 until November 2010); Lincoln City manager (October 2011 until February 2013); Goole manager (October 2013 until January 2014)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1988/89	WATFORD	27	8	2	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD	44		3	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	15		2	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	33		2	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1992/93	WATFORD	38	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	28			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1994/95	WATFORD	38	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	26	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Sheffield United	40		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
1997/98	Sheffield United	42		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
1998/99	Sheffield United	16		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
1998/99	Birmingham City	10		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
1999/00	Birmingham City	45	1	5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
2000/01	Birmingham City	24	6	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
2001/02	Birmingham City	3	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Walsall	9		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2003/04	Gretna	27			Scottish League Division 3 (4th tier) – 3rd of 20
2004/05	Gretna	4	1		Scottish League Division 3 (4th tier) – 1st of 10 (Promoted)

Forty minutes older than his twin brother Dean, with whom he played for Watford in the 1984/85 FA Youth Cup Final, David Holdsworth captained the England Under-17 team and was an Under-21 international centre-half, in which position his pace was a major asset throughout his career. After a serious knee injury left him looking less than his old self, he recovered his best form in 1994/95 alongside Colin Foster. He had the extraordinary experience of playing in the second-tier Play-offs five seasons running without winning promotion – two for Sheffield United and three for Birmingham City – and was sent off against Watford in the middle one of the five. And it would have been six successive seasons if he'd kept his place in the Birmingham side which did eventually succeed in reaching the Premier League.

José Lloyd HOLEBAS (2015-) Left-back
(also known by his original name, Chose Loint CHOLEVAS)

Born Aschaffenburg, West Germany, 27 June 1984

Representative Honours

Greece Full

Watford Career (to end of 2016/17 season)

FA Premier League: 44 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

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

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



Career Path

BFC Südring (*Germany*) (1991); Kleinwallstadt (*Germany*); Teutonia Obernau (*Germany*); SV 1910 Aschaffenburg-Damm (*Germany*) (2002); Viktoria Kahl (*Germany*) (2005); TSV 1860 München (*Germany*) (2007); Olympiakos (*Greece*) (€500,000 2010); Roma (*Italy*) (€1 million August 2014); **WATFORD** (£1.8 million July 2015, plus possible increments totalling £350,000)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2015/16	WATFORD	11			FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2016/17	WATFORD	33		2	FA Premier League – 17th of 20

Peter Byrom HOLLAND (1928-1930) Forward

Born Hindley, Lancashire, 5 October 1898

Died County Durham, 1963

Representative Honours

England Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 21 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 2-6 home defeat v Fulham, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Sep 1928

Final game: 0-4 home defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Sep 1930

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



Career Path

Herrington Council School; Durham Schools; New Herrington Swifts; Houghton Rovers; army football in France during First World War; Blackburn Rovers (March 1919); **WATFORD** (£1,250 September 1928); West Ham United (free October 1930); Tunbridge Wells Rangers (July 1931); Herrington Colliery Welfare (July 1932); St Étienne (*France*) (August 1933)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1919/20	Blackburn Rovers	10		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1920/21	Blackburn Rovers	18		6	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1921/22	Blackburn Rovers	17		6	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1922/23	Blackburn Rovers	9			Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1923/24	Blackburn Rovers	9		1	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1924/25	Blackburn Rovers	10		3	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1925/26	Blackburn Rovers	3		2	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1926/27	Blackburn Rovers	16		3	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1927/28	Blackburn Rovers	24		2	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	11		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1929/30	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1930/31	WATFORD	4		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22

Peter Holland arrived at Vicarage Road for a club-record fee, having played in over a hundred First Division games for Blackburn Rovers, and in an FA Cup Semi-final only a few months earlier. Blackburn won through to the final, but he was not in the side which went on to triumph at Wembley. Watford got little return for their money, as he made only spasmodic appearances in various forward positions before being released from his engagement. He was capped in the early days of schoolboy internationals, as a member of the England side beaten 5-0 by Scotland in 1912.

Thomas HOLLAND (1930-1932) Goalkeeper

Born Sheffield, Yorkshire, 16 July 1902

Died Weymouth, Dorset, 10 July 1987

Watford Career

Football League: 62 appearances

FA Cup: 11 appearances

Début: 2-3 away defeat v Fulham, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Aug 1930

Final game: 0-5 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Apr 1932

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 20; all competitions 23



Career Path

Prince of Wales; Rotherham Town (February 1924); Manchester United (amateur May 1924, cancelled November 1925); Doncaster Rovers (1925/26); Weymouth (May 1926); Exeter City (June 1927); **WATFORD** (free May 1930); Gillingham (free June 1932); Aylesford Paper Mills (free May 1936); Weymouth (player-coach August 1936); Trowbridge Town (August 1938); Weymouth trainer (until December 1962); also HM Underwater Detection Establishment FC committee (September 1952); Weymouth Reserves (1 appearance aged 65)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1925/26	Doncaster Rovers	2			Football League Division 3 (North) – 10th of 22
1927/28	Exeter City	29			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1928/29	Exeter City	25			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1929/30	Exeter City	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1930/31	WATFORD	30			Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1931/32	WATFORD	32			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1932/33	Gillingham	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1933/34	Gillingham	41			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1934/35	Gillingham	27			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1935/36	Gillingham	9			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22

A six-foot-tall goalkeeper who made only two Football League appearances before his 25th birthday. It was when in opposition in an Easter fixture in 1930 that Tom Holland took the eye of the Watford management, who signed him in the summer. His marathon service at Weymouth as player, coach and eventually trainer was ended by ill-health, but he actually turned out as a winger once for that club's reserve team at the age of 65 – and came off at half-time, saying he was knackered.

H.HOLLINGSHEAD (1896) Full-back

West Herts Career

Southern League: 4 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

FA Amateur Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Maidenhead, FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, 31 Oct 1896

Final game: 1-6 away defeat v Dartford, Southern League Div 2, 19 Dec 1896

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 2; all competitions 5

Career Path

Ilford; **WEST HERTS** (October 1896); Dartford (February 1897 until at least October 1897)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1895/96	Ilford	4			Southern League Division 1 – 10th of 10 (Left the Southern League)
1896/97	WEST HERTS	4			Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13
1896/97	Dartford	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 13
1897/98	Dartford	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 6th of 12 (Left the Southern League)

He made his West Herts début in an FA Cup tie and his final appearance for the club in a Boxing Day friendly against Watford St Mary's which attracted what was then a record Cassio Road crowd of more than two thousand spectators. A full-back, he not long afterwards became captain of Dartford, who had beaten West Herts 6-1 in the last of his seven competitive games for the club.

Clifford Charles HOLTON (1958-1966) Centre-forward / Inside-forward

Born Headington, Oxfordshire, 29 April 1929

Died Almeria, Spain, 30 May 1996

Watford Career

Football League: 144 appearances (96 goals, including 16 penalties)

FA Cup: 17 appearances (7 goals, including 1 penalty)

Southern Floodlight Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 5-1 home win v Gateshead, Football League Div 4, 25 Oct 1958

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3, 29 Jan 1966

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 72; all competitions 85



Career Path

Oxford City; Arsenal (November 1947); **WATFORD** (£10,000 October 1958); Northampton Town (£7,000 September 1961); Crystal Palace ("less than £7,000" December 1962); **WATFORD** (£5,000 May 1965); Charlton Athletic (£4,000 plus zero-rated S.M.A.Scullion February 1966); Leyton Orient (July 1966 until November 1967)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1950/51	Arsenal	10		5	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1951/52	Arsenal	28		17	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1952/53	Arsenal	21		19	Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1953/54	Arsenal	32		17	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1954/55	Arsenal	8			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1955/56	Arsenal	31		8	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1956/57	Arsenal	39		10	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1957/58	Arsenal	26		4	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1958/59	Arsenal	3		3	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1958/59	WATFORD	39		9	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1959/60	WATFORD	45		42	Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1960/61	WATFORD	42		32	Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24
1961/62	WATFORD	3		1	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1961/62	Northampton Town	41		36	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1962/63	Northampton Town	21		14	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1962/63	Crystal Palace	23		9	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1963/64	Crystal Palace	43		20	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1964/65	Crystal Palace	35		11	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1965/66	WATFORD	24		12	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1965/66	Charlton Athletic	18		7	Football League Division 2 – 16th of 22
1966/67	Leyton Orient	44		17	Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1967/68	Leyton Orient	3			Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24

Dominating the club to a unique extent as a commanding player and personality, Cliff Holton was at home in the half-back line but achieved his glory as a powerful, hard-shooting forward who hit 48 League and cup goals in the club's 1959/60 promotion season. This tally included Football League hat-tricks on consecutive days, a feat achieved on only one other occasion in the League's history. And throughout his Watford stay he was only a part-time player. His preposterous sale to Northampton Town in 1961 caused bitter and lasting controversy at Vicarage Road while he proceeded to break Northampton's seasonal scoring record straightaway and continued to pile up Football League goals to an eventual career total of 296. Only 13 players have ever scored more. Years earlier he was a member of Arsenal's side in the 1951/52 FA Cup Final, having never appeared in the competition before. As a cricketer he played for Essex Second XI and was offered a contract by Middlesex CCC, which he declined.

Stanley HOPKINSON (1947) Goalkeeper

Born Kiveton Park, Yorkshire, 15 March 1922

Died Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, October 2003

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

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



Career Path

Apsley; **WATFORD** (amateur May 1946); Berkhamsted Town (by September 1955 until at least September 1958)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1946/47	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22

He was registered with the Football League on amateur forms in time to make his one appearance in goal in the final fixture of 1946/47, in which a heavy home defeat was suffered at the hands of Brighton & Hove Albion. A few months later at Vicarage Road Stan Hopkinson showed his versatility by lining up at outside-left – and scoring – in a pre-season public practice match.

Oscar Alfred HORNE (1909) Winger

Born Winslow, Buckinghamshire, 23 March 1889

Died Arlesey, Bedfordshire, 17 November 1946

Watford Career

Southern League: 5 appearances

Southern Charity Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Luton Town, Southern Charity Cup 1st Round, 29 Sep 1909

Final game: 0-3 home defeat v Coventry City, Southern League Div 1, 30 Oct 1909

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

Career Path

Leighton Town (by November 1908); **WATFORD** (amateur 1909/10); Aylesbury United (amateur by October 1911 until at least October 1913); Berkshire & Buckinghamshire; Leighton United (by January 1930)

Southern League Career

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

Oscar Horne's first-team appearances were all on the left wing in a single run early in the 1909/10 season, starting with a Southern Charity Cup victory against his local professional club, Luton Town. He was turning out as late as the 1930s for Leighton United when past his 40th birthday. Much earlier in his career he had played in representative matches for the combined Berks & Bucks XI.

Frederick Young HORNER (1902) Goalkeeper

Born Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, 1882

Died Santa Fe, Argentina, 4 April 1911

Watford Career

Southern League: 27 appearances

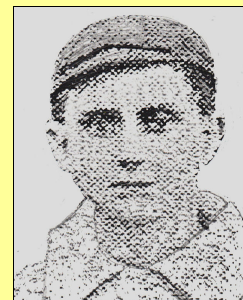
FA Cup: 2 appearances

South Eastern League: 1 appearance

Début: 0-3 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Southern League Div 1, 11 Jan 1902

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Southern League Div 1, 6 Dec 1902

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 27; all competitions 30



Career Path

Oxford City (until at least December 1902); also **WATFORD** (amateur January 1902 until 1903); Oxfordshire; Hertfordshire; Cheshunt (by March 1903); Reading (September 1903); Ilford (October 1904); Oxford City (by October 1907)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1901/02	WATFORD	15			Southern League Division 1 – 13th of 16
1902/03	WATFORD	12			Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)

Not the first young player, nor the last, to be given a rough time by the Cassio Road crowd, amateur Fred Horner was eventually replaced after a year-long stint in goal – but then in the first game without him the team conceded eleven at Southampton. There is no record of what he thought of this, but his feelings might be imagined. Although very small for a goalkeeper, he went on to a good career in the amateur game, playing in representative matches for Oxfordshire and, on no fewer than 18 occasions, Hertfordshire, for whom a brother of his also played. He became seriously ill in 1908 and died less than three years later in South America at the age of 28.

Arthur HORSFIELD (1975-1977) Centre-forward / Centre-half

Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 5 July 1946

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 78 appearances (16 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-3 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 4, 13 Sep 1975

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Darlington, Football League Div 4, 14 May 1977

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 40; all competitions 41



Career Path

Montague & North Fenham Boys' Club; Middlesbrough (amateur June 1962, apprentice August 1962, professional July 1963); Newcastle United (£17,500 January 1969); Swindon Town (£17,000 May 1969); Charlton Athletic (£35,000 including 1 player valued at £20,000 in part-exchange June 1972); **WATFORD** (£17,000 September 1975); Dartford (loan August 1977, free October 1977, youth-team coach 1979/80)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1963/64	Middlesbrough	12		8	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1964/65	Middlesbrough	11		5	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22
1965/66	Middlesbrough	12		3	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1966/67	Middlesbrough	33	2	22	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1967/68	Middlesbrough	16	3	6	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
1968/69	Middlesbrough	23		7	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1968/69	Newcastle United	7	2	3	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1969/70	Swindon Town	40		18	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1970/71	Swindon Town	34	1	12	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1971/72	Swindon Town	33		12	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1972/73	Charlton Athletic	46		25	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1973/74	Charlton Athletic	46		19	Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1974/75	Charlton Athletic	46		10	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1975/76	Charlton Athletic	1			Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1975/76	WATFORD	41		12	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	37		4	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24

He came to Vicarage Road, for a fee not far short of the club record, as an experienced centre-forward with nearly 150 Football League goals to his name, but by the time he left (being resistant to new manager Graham Taylor's requirement that players lived in the Watford area) he'd become the club's regular first-team centre-half while Keith Mercer took the number 9 shirt and enjoyed his most productive spell. In his earlier Middlesbrough days Arthur Horsfield had won an England Youth cap. He wound down his career at Dartford, whose old ground is now a housing estate with a street named Horsfield Close.

After leaving football he became a Gravesend postman, and then a Parcel Force manager in Thurrock.

Frederick HORSMAN (1919-1924) Full-back

Born Leeds, Yorkshire, 12 December 1889

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 15 May 1959

Watford Career

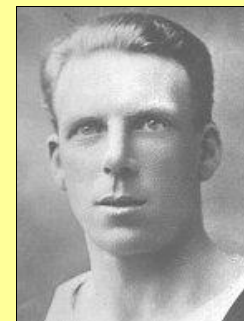
Southern League & Football League: 132 appearances

FA Cup: 6 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Cardiff City, Southern League Div 1, 11 Oct 1919

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Millwall, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Jan 1924

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League/Football League 29; all competitions 32



F. Horsman

Career Path

Sunday-school football; Grantham; Mansfield Town (1910 until 1912); **WATFORD** (June 1919); Doncaster Rovers (free June 1924); Peterborough (briefly August 1925); Luton Town (October 1925, cancelled December 1925); Ashford Railway Works (by March 1926); Chatham (August 1927); Thorne Colliery (by October 1927)

Southern League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1919/20	WATFORD	32			Southern League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1920/21	WATFORD	38			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22
1921/22	WATFORD	21			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1922/23	WATFORD	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1923/24	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1924/25	Doncaster Rovers	38			Football League Division 3 (North) – 18th of 22

A beefy, hard-tackling full-back who, like a number of his contemporaries, was no stranger to a glass of beer. Having arrived at Cassio Road without much sophistication to his game, Ginger Horsman settled down to give good service, but is one of the very few outfield players to have notched more than a hundred first-team appearances in a Watford career without ever scoring a goal. While with the club he was picked for an FA representative side to play Cambridge University.

Arthur HORTON (1890-1892) Forward

Born Upper Norwood, Surrey, 1877

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 3 appearances

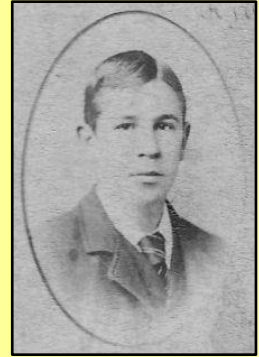
Herts County Cup: 3 appearances (2 goals)

Hennessey Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Chesham, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 4 Oct 1890

Final game: 8-0 home win v Watford St Mary's, Herts County Cup 1st Round, 6 Feb 1892

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 7



Career Path

Watford Endowed School (1887 until 1890); **WATFORD ROVERS** (1890 until 1892); Hertfordshire

“Undoubtedly the most promising of the junior players of the town”, was the *Watford Observer* man’s opinion of him in February 1891. He’d been a pupil at the Endowed School and was captain in his third and final season in the school football team. In addition to the cup games for Watford Rovers, he played in 22 friendlies and scored four goals, but then in September 1892 it was reported that he’d been forbidden by his doctor to play football that season. There is no further trace of him, except that by 1901 he was working as a journeyman gardener on The Grove estate.

W.F.HORTON (1887) Half-back

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-4 away defeat v Chesham, FA Cup 1st Round, 15 Oct 1887

(Chesham fielded an unregistered player. The FA ordered a replay at Watford, which the home side won.)

Apart from this flawed FA Cup tie, Horton's only first-team appearances were in 42 friendly fixtures (and possibly others for which the line-up is unknown), in which he scored a single goal. There was a ballot between him and F.Parkes for the reserve-team captaincy in 1890/91, and Parkes won. Horton, however, was re-elected as the club's assistant-secretary under S.J.Poulton.

Leslie George HOSIER (1906) Winger

Born St Albans, Hertfordshire, 25 March 1888

Died Eastbourne, Sussex, 1970

Watford Career

United League: 2 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 1-1 home draw v Norwich City, United League, 26 Sep 1906

Final game: 1-6 away defeat v Crystal Palace, United League, 21 Nov 1906

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1



Career Path

St Albans Abbey; **WATFORD** (amateur 1906/07); Hertfordshire; St Albans City (by May 1909 until at least March 1911)

At the age of 18 he was given his only two opportunities in Watford's first team, playing on the right wing in United League games against Norwich City and Crystal Palace, and scoring the club's only goal in each game. Leslie Hosier was educated at St Albans Grammar School and went on to represent the county at both football and cricket.

William Richard HOSKINS (2007-2010) Forward

Born Nottingham, 6 May 1986

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

FA Premier League & Football League: 25+35 appearances (7 goals)

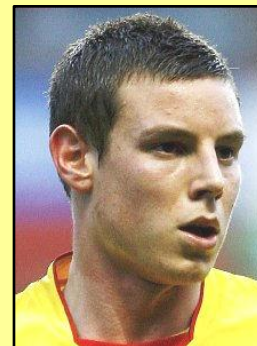
FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 6+2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 0-3 home defeat v Liverpool, FA Premier League, 13 Jan 2007

Final game: (as sub) 1-0 home win v Plymouth Argyle, Football League Championship, 10 Apr 2010

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 17; all competitions 20



Career Path

Rotherham United (scholar July 2002, professional February 2005); **WATFORD** (January 2007 for a combined fee possibly rising to £1 million for Hoskins & L.T.Williamson); Millwall (loan September 2007); Nottingham Forest (loan February 2008); Bristol Rovers (free June 2010); Brighton & Hove Albion (undisclosed six-figure fee May 2011); Sheffield United (loan January 2012); Oxford United (free August 2014); Exeter City (free August 2015, released close season 2016)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2003/04	Rotherham United		4	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 17th of 24
2004/05	Rotherham United	6	16	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2005/06	Rotherham United	7	16	4	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 20th of 24
2006/07	Rotherham United	22	2	15	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2006/07	WATFORD	4	5		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	WATFORD		1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 6th of 24
2007/08	Millwall	9	1	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 17th of 24
2007/08	Nottingham Forest	2			Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	WATFORD	16	16	4	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2009/10	WATFORD	5	13	3	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 16th of 24
2010/11	Bristol Rovers	41	2	17	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	Brighton & Hove Albion	2	5	1	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 10th of 24
2011/12	Sheffield United	4	8	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2012/13	Brighton & Hove Albion	4	7		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
2014/15	Oxford United	2	2		Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2015/16	Exeter City	2	7	1	Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 14th of 24

He joined Watford in a combined deal which also brought Lee Williamson to Vicarage Road. At that time Will Hoskins had been scoring freely for Rotherham United, and on Boxing Day 2003, at the age of 17 and with his previous League experience amounting to one substitute appearance, he'd scored two late goals as a substitute in the space of three minutes to give Rotherham a 2-1 victory over Wigan Athletic. But goals were hard to come by during his 3½ years with Watford. When he played, his movement and ball control were good, but he was never able to secure a regular first-team place.

A.J.HOUGHTON (1892) Half-back

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 1 appearances

Sole appearance: 2-6 home defeat v Crusaders, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 15 Oct 1892

Career Path

Stroud Green; **WATFORD ROVERS**

He played in 23 first-team friendlies, as well as that single FA Cup tie, in the three seasons from 1891 to 1894, and was still active at Cassio Road as late as the 1918 cricket season, as a West Herts player. A brother of his also appeared with him in a couple of the friendly fixtures.

William Gascoigne HOUGHTON (1964-1966) Wing-half

Born Hemsworth, Yorkshire, 20 February 1939

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

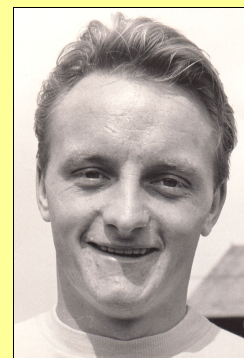
Football League: 48 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 2-1 home win v Hull City, Football League Div 3, 22 Aug 1964

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Swansea Town, Football League Div 3, 13 May 1966

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 23; all competitions 24



Career Path

Barnsley Schools; Yorkshire Schools; Barnsley (August 1957); **WATFORD** (“almost £10,000” June 1964); Ipswich Town (free June 1966); Leicester City (July 1969); Rotherham United (£6,000 January 1970, cancelled June 1974)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1957/58	Barnsley	5			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1958/59	Barnsley	23			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1959/60	Barnsley	12			Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1960/61	Barnsley	40		3	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1961/62	Barnsley	46		3	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1962/63	Barnsley	34		2	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1963/64	Barnsley	46		2	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1964/65	WATFORD	26		1	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1965/66	WATFORD	22		1	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1966/67	Ipswich Town	38		1	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1967/68	Ipswich Town	41		2	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1968/69	Ipswich Town	28			Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1969/70	Leicester City	6	1		Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1969/70	Rotherham United	18			Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1970/71	Rotherham United	44			Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1971/72	Rotherham United	21			Football League Division 3 – 5th of 24
1972/73	Rotherham United	41		1	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1973/74	Rotherham United	15			Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24

An outstanding player at youth level who won ten England caps, Billy Houghton made his Football League début after only four appearances in Barnsley’s reserve team. A physically strong left-half, he was signed by Bill McGarry for both Watford and Ipswich Town, and with the latter club won a Second Division championship medal and had a season in the top flight. He accumulated over five hundred Football League outings before returning to the joinery trade in which he had completed an apprenticeship while with Barnsley as a part-time professional.

Trevor Anthony HOW (1975-1979) Full-back

Born Amersham, Buckinghamshire, 8 August 1957

Watford Career

Football League: 90+1 appearances (2 goals)

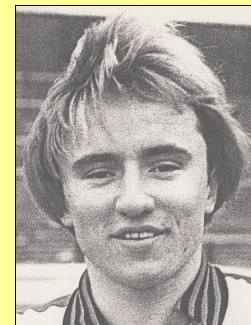
FA Cup: 3 appearances

Football League Cup: 7 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Blackburn Rovers, Football League Div 3, 18 Jan 1975

Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Leicester City, Football League Div 2, 3 Nov 1979

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 42; all competitions 47



Career Path

WATFORD (apprentice November 1973, professional March 1975); Aylesbury United (free March 1981); Wycombe Wanderers (1983); Harrow Borough (close season 1985, player/assistant-manager November 1985 until at least May 1987); Slough Town (by February 1988, assistant-manager close season 1988); Prestwood player-coach (by April 1992)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1974/75	WATFORD	11			Football League Division 3 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1975/76	WATFORD	32	1	1	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	16			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1977/78	WATFORD	18		1	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1979/80	WATFORD	13			Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22

Watford's first-team right back before he'd finished his apprenticeship, Trevor How spent six years in and out of the side as a professional. His contract was cancelled by mutual consent before the end of the 1980/81 season, when he embarked on a career in non-League football combined with that of a publican. His father Ronnie had been one of the top riders in speedway's post-war heyday.

George Albert HOWARD (1906-1907) Defender

Born Stotfold, Bedfordshire, 1883

Watford Career

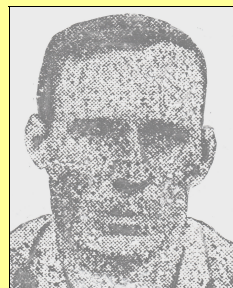
Southern League: 1 appearance

South Eastern League: 3 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Leyton, South Eastern League, 28 Mar 1906

Final game: 2-3 away defeat v Clapton Orient, South Eastern League, 31 Oct 1907

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 1; all competitions 2



Career Path

Stotfold Board School; Three Counties Asylum (1887/88); Church Lads Brigade; Borough Polytechnic (half a season); Croydon Wanderers (3 seasons); Hitchin Town (March 1904); also Arlesey (1905/06); also Shepherds Bush (1905/06); Stotfold (1906/07); **WATFORD** (amateur, professional September 1907)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1907/08	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20

This was a career in men's football which began at the age of 14 when he played for Three Counties Asylum at Arlesey. At Easter 1902, during his time in London, George Howard toured The Netherlands with Croydon Wanderers, and five years later he joined Watford as an amateur defender, and soon to be a professional, by which time, however, he'd already made what was to prove his only Southern League appearance in a 1-0 victory over Millwall.

Robert Michael HOWFIELD (1957-1963) Forward

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 3 December 1936

Watford Career

Football League: 92 appearances (22 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 5 appearances (2 goals)

Southern Floodlight Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 2 Nov 1957

Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 3, 21 Oct 1963

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 32; all competitions 24



Career Path

Bushey United; Millwall (amateur May 1957); **WATFORD** (professional September 1957); Crewe Alexandra (July 1959); Aldershot (October 1959); **WATFORD** (£4,000 July 1962); Fulham (£6,000 November 1963); New Yorkers (*USA*) (close season 1965); Aldershot (August 1965 until close season 1967)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1957/58	WATFORD	27		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 24 (Relegated)
1958/59	WATFORD	20		4	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1959/60	Crewe Alexandra	5			Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24
1959/60	Aldershot	26		14	Football League Division 4 – 13th of 24
1960/61	Aldershot	9		7	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1961/62	Aldershot	41		23	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 23
1962/63	WATFORD	38		11	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1963/64	WATFORD	7		2	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1963/64	Fulham	14		6	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1964/65	Fulham	12		3	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1965/66	Aldershot	25		8	Football League Division 4 – 17th of 24
1966/67	Aldershot	8	1	2	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24

An unpredictable and volatile forward, Bobby Howfield had an exceptionally powerful shot which, after finishing with soccer, he adapted for use in American gridiron football and enjoyed a highly successful career as a kicker. His 23 Football League goals for Aldershot in 1961/62 were a club record at the time, and he scored three for Fulham in what remains the last ten-goal performance in a top-flight League match – 10-1 against Ipswich Town on Boxing Day 1963. He settled in the USA and by 1978 was running a cleaning business in Denver. His son Ian also became a kicker in American football.

Gavin Andrew HOYTE (2009) Full-back

Born Leytonstone, London, 6 June 1990

Representative Honours

England Youth

Trinidad & Tobago Full

Watford Career

Football League: 6+1 appearances

FA Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Scunthorpe United, FA Cup 3rd Round, 3 Jan 2009

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 7



Career Path

Arsenal (trained from age 9, scholar June 2006, professional September 2007); **WATFORD** (loan January 2009); Brighton & Hove Albion (loan October 2009); Lincoln City (loan October 2010); AFC Wimbledon (loan January 2012); Dagenham & Redbridge (free July 2012); Gillingham (free August 2014); Barnet (free June 2015); Eastleigh (free December 2016)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2008/09	Arsenal	1			FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2008/09	WATFORD	6	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2009/10	Brighton & Hove Albion	16	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
2010/11	Lincoln City	11	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	AFC Wimbledon	2	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 16th of 24
2012/13	Dagenham & Redbridge	23	3		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 22nd of 24
2013/14	Dagenham & Redbridge	42			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 9th of 24
2014/15	Gillingham	26	4		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 12th of 24
2015/16	Barnet	16	3	1	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 15th of 24
2016/17	Barnet	2			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 15th of 24

He followed his brother Justin (5½ years older) through Arsenal's youth system, both of them winning international caps along the way. Right-back Gavin Hoyte, capped at every level from Under-17 to Under-20, was appointed captain of Arsenal Reserves for the season in which he came to Watford on loan during Brendan Rodgers's brief managerial reign. He spent the last four months of the season at Vicarage Road, during which he was unable to hold onto a first-team place.

Archibald HUBBARD (1908-1909) Forward

Born Leicester, 7 February 1883

Died Gloucester, 24 September 1967

Watford Career

Southern League: 50 appearances (18 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 3 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 2-2 home draw v Leyton, Southern League Div 1, 8 Feb 1908

Final game: 5-1 home win v Crystal Palace, Southern League Div 1, 24 Apr 1909

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 37; all competitions 40



Career Path

South Wigston Albion; Humberstone Victoria (October 1901); Leicester Imperial (close season 1902); St Andrews, Leicester (close season 1903); Leicester Fosse (amateur March 1904, professional August 1904); Fulham (May 1907); **WATFORD** (January 1908); Norwich City (May 1909); Grimsby Town (November 1910); Lincoln City (August 1912); Leicester Imperial (September 1913)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1904/05	Leicester Fosse	10		4	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 18
1905/06	Leicester Fosse	28		12	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 20
1906/07	Leicester Fosse	20		5	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 20
1907/08	Fulham	5		1	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 20
1907/08	WATFORD	11		4	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1908/09	WATFORD	39		14	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21
1909/10	Norwich City	29		6	Southern League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1911/12	Grimsby Town	25		13	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 20
1912/13	Lincoln City	12		3	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 20

His enthusiastic, dashing style of forward play pleased the home crowds at all his clubs, and he missed only a handful of first-team games during his time at Cassio Road, finishing as leading scorer in 1908/09. In Grimsby Town's one-season absence from the Football League he helped them to win the championship of the Midland League and earn re-election to the national competition at the expense of local rivals Lincoln City. In a strange sequence of circumstances, City regained their Football League status the following season, replacing a third Lincolnshire club, Gainsborough Trinity, and at that time Hubbard became a Lincoln City player. Archie Hubbard bore the nickname "Ranji", for reasons lost in the mists of time.

Arthur Edward HUFTON (1932) Goalkeeper

Born Southwell, Nottinghamshire, 25 November 1892

Died Swansea, West Glamorgan, 2 February 1967

Representative Honours

England Full

Watford Career

Football League: 2 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Torquay United, Football League Div 3 (South), 5 Nov 1932

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 12 Nov 1932

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



Career Path

North District School; Saxon Street; Atlas & Norfolk; Sheffield United (May 1912, £20 donation to Atlas & Norfolk); West Ham United (guest player during First World War, £350 May 1919); **WATFORD** (free June 1932, released close season 1933); West Ham United press-room steward (after Second World War)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1912/13	Sheffield United	13			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1913/14	Sheffield United	1			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 20
1914/15	Sheffield United	1			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 20
1919/20	West Ham United	38			Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1920/21	West Ham United	38			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1921/22	West Ham United	33			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1922/23	West Ham United	39			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1923/24	West Ham United	15			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1924/25	West Ham United	8			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1925/26	West Ham United	38			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1926/27	West Ham United	40			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1927/28	West Ham United	25			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1928/29	West Ham United	31			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1929/30	West Ham United	30			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1930/31	West Ham United	14			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1931/32	West Ham United	22			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1932/33	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

The first England goalkeeper to play for Watford, Ted Hufton was spectacular and courageous in his prime, and played in the first Wembley Cup Final – the chaotic ‘White Horse Final’. He was noted for his record when facing penalty kicks – it’s said that he saved 11 of 18 when playing for West Ham United. He was often injured on the football field, and received wounds of a different kind while serving with the Coldstream Guards in France during the Great War. Only eleven older men have won Full England caps (he was fifth-oldest at the time), and he represented his country six times. His Football League début must have been a particularly daunting affair – he conceded seven playing for Sheffield United Reserves only seven days earlier, but restricted Manchester City to three when promoted.

Stephen John HUGHES (2001) Midfielder

Born Wokingham, Berkshire, 18 September 1976

Representative Honours

England Schools, Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 11+4 appearances

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 0-3 away defeat v Manchester City, Football League Div 1, 11 Aug 2001

Final game: 0-0 away draw v Gillingham, Football League Div 1, 18 Nov 2001

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



Career Path

Arsenal (schoolboy February 1991, trainee July 1993, professional July 1995); Fulham (loan July 1999); Everton (£500,000 March 2000); **WATFORD** (free July 2001, cancelled December 2002); West Ham United Reserves (December 2002); Charlton Athletic (trial February 2003, contract August 2003); Coventry City (free July 2004); Walsall (free August 2008, released close season 2009)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1994/95	Arsenal	1			FA Premier League – 12th of 22
1995/96	Arsenal		1		FA Premier League – 5th of 20
1996/97	Arsenal	9	5	1	FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
1997/98	Arsenal	7	10	2	FA Premier League – 1st of 20
1998/99	Arsenal	4	10	1	FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
1999/00	Fulham	3			Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 9th of 24
1999/00	Arsenal	1	1		FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
1999/00	Everton	11		1	FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2000/01	Everton	16	2		FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2001/02	WATFORD	11	4		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 14th of 24
2004/05	Coventry City	39	1	4	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 19th of 24
2005/06	Coventry City	18	1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2006/07	Coventry City	36	1	1	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 17th of 24
2007/08	Coventry City	32	5	1	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 21st of 24
2008/09	Walsall	32		2	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 13th of 24

Unlike most of Luca Vialli's extravagantly unsatisfactory signings, Stephen Hughes was English. Recipient of an immensely inappropriate wage, he proved poor value for money with a run of mediocre midfield displays, was dropped less than halfway into the season, and left more than a year later on a negotiated settlement of his contract without having appeared in the first team again. In his two campaigns with Everton he scored two first-team goals, both of which were against Watford – one in the Premier League and one in the FA Cup.

William James HUGHES (2017-) Midfielder

Born Weybridge, Surrey, 17 April 1995

Representative honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Début: 2-3 home defeat v Bristol City, Football League Cup, 22 Aug 2017

Career Path

Mickleover Jubilee (2007); Derby County (scholar July 2011, professional December 2011); **WATFORD** (£4.5 million June 2017, plus possible increments)



Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2011/12	Derby County	1	2		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 12th of 24
2012/13	Derby County	33	3	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 10th of 24
2013/14	Derby County	37	4	3	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2014/15	Derby County	37	5	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2015/16	Derby County	4	2		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 5th of 24
2016/17	Derby County	28	10	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 9th of 24

Roger Victor HUGO (1965-1966) Forward

Born Woking, Surrey, 6 September 1942

Watford Career

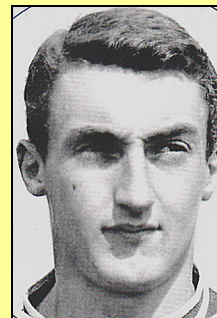
Football League: 24+1 appearances (6 goals)

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 3-0 home win v Exeter City, Football League Div 3, 28 Aug 1965

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 3, 6 May 1966

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



Career Path

South London Schools; Surrey Schools; West Ham United (amateur October 1958, professional October 1960); **WATFORD** (£2,500 June 1965); Port Elizabeth City (*South Africa*) (free June 1966); Leyton Orient trial (1967 – he was offered a contract but Port Elizabeth City refused to release him); Highlands Park (*South Africa*) (1968 until 1970)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1963/64	West Ham United	3		2	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1965/66	WATFORD	24	1	6	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24

After coming through West Ham United's productive youth system, and despite scoring twice in his three First Division games, Roger Hugo was unable to hold down a first-team place. His career as a forward at Vicarage Road was a modest one, but he did make a bit of club history by becoming its first used substitute in a competitive first-team match – and, what's more, he scored a goal. Released by Watford after one season, he went to South Africa and eventually settled there, becoming the owner of a Johannesburg video company.

George Harold HUNT (1947-1949) Centre-half

Born Bethnal Green, London, 5 March 1917

Died Barnstaple, Devon, August 1990

Watford Career

Football League: 35 appearances

Second World War competitions: 2 appearances

Début in peactime competitions: 2-3 home defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion,
Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Aug 1947

Final game: 1-0 away win v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 8 Oct 1949

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



Career Path

Hackney Schools; Bexleyheath; Charlton Athletic (amateur May 1935 until close season 1936, professional May 1937); Barnsley (May 1938); Luton Town & **WATFORD** guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (June 1946, released close season 1950); St Helens (*Watford*) coach (August 1950); Rickmansworth Town coach (close season 1954)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1947/48	WATFORD	11			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22

In and out of the first team during the last three of his four seasons at Vicarage Road, he was then forced into retirement by injury. A strong and wholehearted centre-half, George Hunt spent all of the 1946/47 season as captain of the Reserves, before getting his first Football League experience at the age of 30. As a boy he'd captained Hackney Schools in 1930/31 when they won the Corinthian Shield, a competition for London Districts.

Stanley Charles HURST (1936-1937) Winger

Born Newton St Cyres, Devon, 21 June 1911

Died Crediton, Devon, 28 May 1993

Watford Career

Football League: 29 appearances (12 goals)

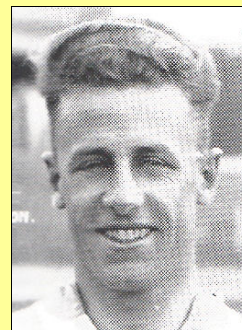
FA Cup: 1 appearance

Division 3 (South) Cup: 2 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 2-2 away draw v Aldershot, Football League Div 3 (South), 12 Sep 1936

Final game: 1-1 away draw v Clapton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 24 Apr 1937

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



Career Path

Jackson's United; Newton Poppleford; Tipton St John; Exeter City (amateur February 1932, professional December 1932); **WATFORD** (undisclosed fee June 1936); Brighton & Hove Albion (£125 June 1937); Aldershot (June 1939); Crediton United (after Second World War)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1932/33	Exeter City	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 2nd of 22
1933/34	Exeter City	34		13	Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1934/35	Exeter City	32		9	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1935/36	Exeter City	35		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	29		12	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1937/38	Brighton & Hove Albion	8		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1938/39	Brighton & Hove Albion	25		8	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1939/40	<i>Aldershot</i>	1		1	<i>Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned</i>

Stan Hurst, who as a pupil at Crediton Grammar School had played rugby, took his Football League chance impressively at Watford, scoring four times in his first three games, and maintained a very healthy rate for a left-winger. In his Exeter City days he enjoyed two goalscoring jaunts when playing for the Reserves, with five against Taunton Town and seven in a Southern League fixture against Swindon Town Reserves. More significantly, he scored the only goal of the 1933/34 Division 3 (South) Cup Final, a local affair between Exeter and Torquay United at Home Park, Plymouth. He collapsed and died while playing golf.

Micah Anthony HYDE (1997-2004) Midfielder

Born Newham, London, 10 November 1974

Representative Honours

Jamaica Full

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 238+18 appearances (23 goals)

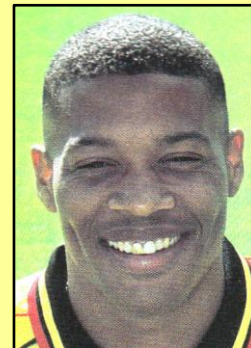
FA Cup: 13 appearances

Football League Cup: 16+1 appearances (4 goals)

Début: 1-0 home win v Burnley, Football League Div 2, 9 Aug 1997

Final game: 1-0 home win v Reading, Football League Div 1, 9 May 2004

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 42; all competitions 45



Career Path

Ridgeway Rovers; Orient (trained from age 9); West Ham United (as a schoolboy) & **WATFORD** (as a schoolboy); Hendon (for 6 or 7 months); Cambridge United (trainee July 1992, professional May 1993); on loan in Finland (early-1995/96); **WATFORD** (£150,000 July 1997 plus subsequent increments totalling £100,000); Sheffield United trial (close season 2004); Burnley (free July 2004); Peterborough United (£75,000 January 2007, released November 2008); Woking (February 2009); Barnet (July 2009); Billericay Town (player-coach free July 2010); Aveley (free June 2011); St Albans City (December 2011); *also* Barking Abbey assistant-director & Dagenham & Redbridge (Under-15s coach, academy head November 2013); Ware (January 2016)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1993/94	Cambridge United	13	5	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
1994/95	Cambridge United	18	9		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 20th of 24 (Relegated)
1995/96	Cambridge United	20	4	4	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 16th of 24
1996/97	Cambridge United	38		7	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
1997/98	WATFORD	40		4	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	WATFORD	46	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	WATFORD	33	1	3	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	WATFORD	17	9	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	WATFORD	37	2	4	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	37		4	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2003/04	WATFORD	28	5	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2004/05	Burnley	37	1	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2005/06	Burnley	39	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
2006/07	Burnley	19	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2006/07	Peterborough United	18			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
2007/08	Peterborough United	33	4		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	Peterborough United	5	4		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2009/10	Barnet	41		1	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 21st of 24

Not all that many players have given Watford seven years of regular first-team action, but Micah Hyde did so as a busy, tenacious and skilful midfielder. His first three campaigns at Vicarage Road were the most eventful, two successive promotions being immediately followed by a hard and unsuccessful struggle for Premier League survival. As a young boy in London's East End, he'd played for Ridgeway Rovers with two other future professionals, Chris Day and David Beckham.

Segundo Victor IBARBO (2015-2016) Striker

(Full name Segundo Victor IBARBO GUERRERO)

Born Tumaco, Colombia, 19 May 1990

Representative Honours

Colombia Youth & Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League: 0-4 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v Crystal Palace, FA Premier League, 27 Sep 2015

Final game: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Southampton, FA Premier League, 13 Jan 2016

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 3



Career Path

La Cantera (*Colombia*) (2001); Atlético Nacional (*Colombia*) (2008); Cagliari (*Italy*) (July 2011); Roma (*Italy*) (€2.5 million loan February 2015); **WATFORD** (loan September 2015); Atlético Nacional (*Colombia*) (loan January 2016); Panathinaikos (*Greece*) (loan June 2016)

FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2015/16	WATFORD		4		FA Premier League – 13th of 20

Jerel Christopher IFIL (2003-2004) Centre-half

Born Wembley, London, 27 June 1982

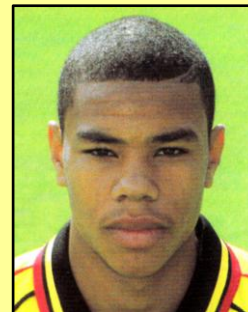
Watford Career

Football League: 10+1 appearances

Début: 2-0 home win v Derby County, Football League Div 1, 21 Apr 2003

Final game: 1-4 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 1, 20 Mar 2004

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



Career Path

Hendon youth & reserve teams; **WATFORD** (February 2000); Huddersfield Town (loan March 2002); Swindon Town (loan January 2003, loan September 2003, loan November 2003, £70,000 June 2004); Aberdeen (free August 2009, released January 2011); Bristol Rovers (February 2011); Kettering Town (free July 2011, cancelled April 2012); Sutton United (August 2012); Boreham Wood (August 2012); Staines Town (November 2012 until December 2014)

Football League & Scottish Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2001/02	Huddersfield Town	3	1		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2002/03	Swindon Town	5	4		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2003/04	Swindon Town	16			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
2003/04	WATFORD	9	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2004/05	Swindon Town	31	4		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 12th of 24
2005/06	Swindon Town	34	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2006/07	Swindon Town	40		1	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Swindon Town	39	1	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
2008/09	Swindon Town	28	2	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
2009/10	Aberdeen	25	2		Scottish Premier League – 9th of 12
2010/11	Aberdeen	13	4		Scottish Premier League – 9th of 12
2010/11	Bristol Rovers	3			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

It was not until he joined Swindon Town that Jerel Ifil established himself as a regular player in first-team football. He scored his first-ever League goal there in his 150th Football League appearance, and it clinched promotion for Swindon in the final game of 2006/07. At the time he left the County Ground he was the club's longest-serving player. His younger brother Phil was an England Youth international who made three Premier League appearances for Tottenham Hotspur and represented four other clubs in the Football League. The brothers both joined Kettering Town in July 2011, where Moses Ashikodi and Paul Furlong were also employed, as player and coach, respectively, and another colleague there with Vicarage Road connections was Nathan Koo-Boothe, who didn't make Watford's first team. In 'Jerel', the accent is on the second syllable.

Odion Jude IGHALO (2014-2017) Striker

Born Lagos, Nigeria, 16 June 1989

Representative Honours

Nigeria Youth, Under-23 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 72+18 appearances (36 goals)

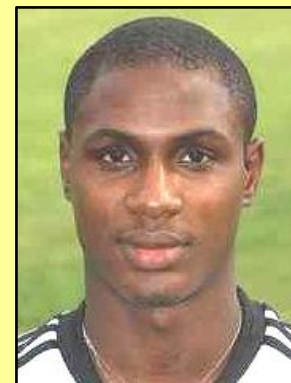
FA Cup: 4+3 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 2+1 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-0 away win v Stevenage, Football League Cup 1st Round, 12 Aug 2014

Final game: (as sub) 2-2 away draw v AFC Bournemouth, FA Premier League, 21 Jan 2017

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League/FA Premier League 41; all competitions 34



Career Path

Prime (*Nigeria*) (2005); Julius Berger (*Nigeria*) (2006); Lyn (*Norway*) (2007); Udinese (*Italy*) (July 2008); Granada (*Spain*) (loan close season 2009); AC Cesena (*Spain*) (loan 2010); Granada (*Spain*) (loan close season 2011); **WATFORD** (loan July 2014, free October 2014); Changchun Yatai (*China*) (£20 million January 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2014/15	WATFORD	22	13	20	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	WATFORD	36	1	15	FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2016/17	WATFORD	14	4	1	FA Premier League – 17th of 20

New signing Odion Ighalo was in and out of the Watford side for the first half of the 2014/15 season without giving any hint of what was to come. What came was an avalanche of goals – 14 of them in a run of ten League games – and he ended the season as one of a trio of strikers (Troy Deeney and Matěj Vydra were the others) who between them scored 57 of the club's 91 League goals in a campaign that ended with promotion to the top tier. Ighalo's rise to prominence earned him his first Full international caps.

John Francis Henzey ILES (1890-1891) Forward

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 18 March 1871

Died Mundesley, Norfolk, 9 September 1905

Watford Rovers Career

Herts County Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 2-2 v St Albans (at Bushey), Herts County Cup Semi-final, 22 Feb 1890

(Match abandoned following a pitch invasion when a third St Albans goal was disallowed. Rovers subsequently withdrew from the competition "to prevent further ill-feeling" between the clubs.)

Final game: 6-0 home win v Watford St Mary's, Herts County Cup Semi-final, 28 Feb 1891

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1

Career Path

Watford Swifts; **WATFORD ROVERS**

He also played in nine friendly matches, scoring two goals, in 1889/90 and 1890/91. He was a son of a Watford High Street doctor and himself studied medicine, and an elder brother of John Hyde Iles. A third brother had earlier turned out for Rovers in the days when all fixtures were friendlies.



John Hyde ILES (1897) Winger

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 19 November 1878

Died Starcross, Devon, 12 December 1954

West Herts Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-3 away defeat v 1st Scots Guards, Southern League Div 2, 14 Apr 1897

Career Path

Pocklington School; **WEST HERTS** (1895/96)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	WEST HERTS	1			Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13

He scored three goals in three friendly matches in 1895/96 and was still only 18 when he made that single Southern League appearance, on the right wing. After studying at Cambridge he followed his father, a doctor who lived in Watford High Street and was very prominent locally in public life and freemasonry, into the medical profession. J.F.H.Iles was one of his brothers.

Alexander Matthew INGLETHORPE (1990-1994) Forward

Born Epsom, Surrey, 14 November 1971

Watford Career

Football League: 2+10 appearances (2 goals)

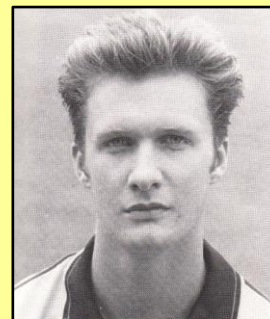
Football League Cup: 1+2 appearances

Anglo-Italian Cup: 1+1 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Norwich City, Football League Cup 2nd Round 1st Leg, 26 Sep 1990

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Notts County, Football League Div 1, 12 Mar 1994

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



Career Path

WATFORD (trained from age 11, schoolboy June 1988, professional July 1990); Barnet (loan March 1995); Leyton Orient (£15,000 May 1995 plus £5,000 after 30 first-team appearances); also Leatherhead youth-team coach (by 1999/2000); Exeter City (loan February 2000, free July 2000, released close season 2001); Canvey Island (loan December 2000); Leatherhead player/joint-manager (July 2001 until January 2004); also East Cowes Victoria (briefly late-2001/02); Leyton Orient Under-19 manager (January 2004); also Staines (as a player August 2004); Exeter City manager (October 2004); also England Semi-Professional team assistant-manager (June 2005 until October 2005); Tottenham Hotspur (Under-18 coach close season 2006, briefly joint-caretaker-manager October 2007); Liverpool (Under-21 coach November 2012, academy director August 2014)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1990/91	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD		2		Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	1	8	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1994/95	Barnet	5	1	3	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 11th of 22
1995/96	Leyton Orient	30		9	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 21st of 24
1996/97	Leyton Orient	10	6	8	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 16th of 24
1997/98	Leyton Orient	38		9	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 11th of 24
1998/99	Leyton Orient	15	10	4	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 6th of 24
1999/00	Leyton Orient	12	4	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 19th of 24
1999/00	Exeter City		1		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 21st of 24
2000/01	Exeter City	11	7	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 19th of 24

Although on the club's books as a registered schoolboy, he by-passed the apprenticeship stage in order to continue with his A-level studies, on completion of which he signed professional forms. A striker with a good scoring rate for the Reserves, Alex Inglethorpe was never deemed worthy of a decent first-team run. He scored all his three senior goals as a substitute during the 1993/94 season. Three months after becoming manager of Exeter City (not in the Football League at the time), his side held Manchester United to an FA Cup draw at Old Trafford.

William INGLIS (1932-1933) Half-back

Born Hebburn, County Durham, 3 September 1897

Died Dartford, Kent, 12 January 1977

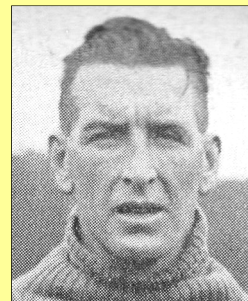
Watford Career

Football League: 12 appearances

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 Sep 1932

Final game: 2-1 home win v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic,
Football League Div 3 (South), 6 May 1933

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



Career Path

Wallsend Juniors; Hebburn Colliery; Derby County (June 1921); Brentford (free May 1922); Reading (May 1925); Exeter City (June 1930); Stockport County (August 1931); **WATFORD** (July 1932); Dartford (free August 1933); Cray Wanderers (permit to play as an amateur granted August 1934, manager close season 1935)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1922/23	Brentford	25			Football League Division 3 (South) – 14th of 22
1923/24	Brentford	30		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1924/25	Brentford	25			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1925/26	Reading	27			Football League Division 3 (South) – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1926/27	Reading	41		1	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1927/28	Reading	41			Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1928/29	Reading	9			Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1929/30	Reading	2			Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1930/31	Exeter City	15			Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 22
1931/32	Stockport County	35		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 12th of 21
1932/33	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

Despite his Geordie origins he played most of his football in the south, and helped Reading to reach the Second Division of the Football League for the first time. A strongly-built half-back, he spent just one winter with Watford, the last of his Football League clubs, and although ending the season with a first-team place he was released on a free transfer.

IRINEY (2013-2014) Midfielder
(Full name: Iriney SANTOS DA SILVA)

Born Humaitá, Brazil, 23 April 1981

Watford Career

Football League: 12+3 appearances

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-0 away win v Birmingham City, Football League Championship, 3 Aug 2013

Final game: 1-1 away draw v AFC Bournemouth, Football League Championship, 18 Jan 2014

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 12; all competitions 4



Career Path

Nacional Manaus (*Brazil*) (1998); Manauensa (*Brazil*) (1999); São Caetano (*Brazil*) (2000); Rayo Vallecano (*Spain*) (2002); Celta de Vigo (*Spain*) (2005 until 2007); Almeria (*Spain*) (January 2008); Real Betis (*Spain*) (June 2009); Granada (*Spain*) (free July 2012); **WATFORD** (free July 2013, contract cancelled August 2014); Real Mallorca (*Spain*) (loan January 2014); Atlético de Triana (*Spain*) (October 2014)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2013/14	WATFORD	12	3		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24

Iriney began his Watford career as a regular tenacious midfielder in the club's League eleven, but by January he had lost his place and departed for Spain on a loan transfer, his Watford contract eventually being cancelled.

Benedict IROHA (1998-1999) Full-back

Born Calabar, Nigeria, 29 November 1969

Representative Honours

Nigeria Full

Watford Career

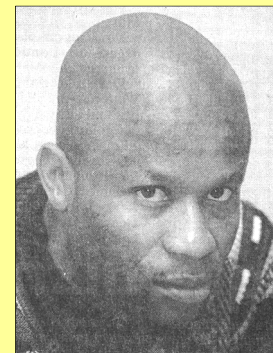
Football League: 8+2 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-0 home win v Bristol City, Football League Div 1, 26 Dec 1998

Final game: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Sheffield United, Football League Div 1, 6 Mar 1999

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



Career Path

Enyimba (*Nigeria*); Flash Flamingos (*Nigeria*); Bendel Insurance (*Nigeria*) (1989); Iwuanyanwu Nationale (*Nigeria*) (1990); Azec Mimoso (*Ivory Coast*) (1991 until 1992); Vitesse Arnhem (*Netherlands*) (1993 until 1996); San Jose Clash (*USA*) (1 season); DC United (*USA*) (1 season); Elche (*Spain*) (1997/98); Bristol Rovers (non-contract September 1998); **WATFORD** (Reserves October 1998, contract December 1998 until March 2000); FC Dallas (*USA*) (coaching staff, head coach by July 2002); Dolphins (*Nigeria*) head coach; also an assistant with the Nigeria team which won won the 2007 FIFA Under-17 World Cup; Heartland (*Nigeria*) coaching staff (by February 2009)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1998/99	WATFORD	8	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)

In his Watford spell, which eventually ended when he was forced by an infection received during bunion operations to retire from the game, Ben Iroha's play was energetic and quick-footed, but not by any means free of the occasional spectacular error. He represented Nigeria in the 1994 and 1998 World Cup finals and was a member of side which won the 1994 African Nations Cup. In the USA he helped DC United to win the Major Soccer League championship and was voted Best Foreign Player. If that date of birth is to be believed, he played for four professional clubs before he was 21 and was 28 when he came to Watford.

Derek Vincent IRVIN (1968) Forward

Born Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham, 23 August 1943

Watford Career

Football League: 0+2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 3-2 home win v Barrow, Football League Div 3, 3 Feb 1968

Final game: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Shrewsbury Town, Football League Div 3, 30 Mar 1968

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1



Career Path

Broomhall Juniors; Middlesbrough (September 1961); Falkirk (free July 1963); St Johnstone (April 1964); Brechin City (November 1964); **WATFORD** (free June 1967); Corby Town (free close season 1968)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1963/64	Falkirk	4			Scottish League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1965/66	Brechin City	32		12	Scottish League Division 2 – 16th of 19
1966/67	Brechin City	32	1	12	Scottish League Division 2 – 20th of 20
1967/68	WATFORD		2	1	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24

A forward who is very probably unique in being the only player born in England (albeit to Scottish parents and speaking with an unmistakable Scottish accent) to join a Football League club from Brechin City, and is certainly the only Watford player to have scored a League goal without ever starting a first-team game. The goal came at Shrewsbury Town in a 3-1 defeat. He'd earlier been Brechin's leading scorer in his second season at Glebe Park.

Robert IRVINE (1933-1934) Centre-forward / Inside-forward

Born Drumbeg, County Antrim, 29 April 1900

Died Leicester, 1979

Representative Honours

Ireland 'Junior' & Full
Irish League

Watford Career

Football League: 22 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Division 3 (South) Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 2-3 away defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Aug 1933

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Luton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 3 Mar 1934

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 15; all competitions 16



Career Path

Wesley; Christ's Church Lads' Brigade, Lisburn; Hilden (September 1919); Belfast Celtic (December 1919); Dunmurry (February 1920); Everton (£500 September 1921); Portsmouth (March 1928); Connah's Quay (free August 1930); Chester (December 1930); Derry City (August 1931); **WATFORD** (free June 1933, released close season 1934); Waterford (1935); Brideville (February 1936); granted a permit to play as an amateur for Leicester Post Office Engineers (November 1936)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1921/22	Everton	25		11	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1922/23	Everton	32		8	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1923/24	Everton	40		9	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1924/25	Everton	28		4	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1925/26	Everton	31		8	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1926/27	Everton	34		11	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1927/28	Everton	9		3	Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1927/28	Portsmouth	7		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1928/29	Portsmouth	24		8	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1929/30	Portsmouth	4		1	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1933/34	WATFORD	22		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22

He arrived at Vicarage Road as a highly experienced forward, having spent nine years in First Division football with Everton and Portsmouth, and won 15 Full international caps. At the end of the 1929/30 season he was placed on Portsmouth's transfer list at a valuation of £2,000, but dropped into non-League football in north Wales. Before announcing his retirement after being released by Watford in the summer of 1934, Bob Irvine had two runs in the first team – one at inside-left and the other at centre-forward. He was Derry City's inside-right when J.J.Ferguson became that club's right-winger.

Ernest ISON (1932) Winger

Born Coton, Warwickshire, 12 June 1903

Died Burntwood, Staffordshire, 26 October 1983

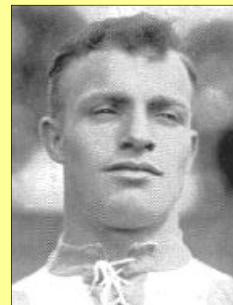
Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 2-1 away win v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 27 Aug 1932

Final game: 0-4 home defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 3 Sep 1932

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



Career Path

RAF Henlow; Nuneaton Town; Brighton & Hove Albion (August 1924); Southport (June 1931); **WATFORD** (free August 1932); Ramsgate Athletic (free May 1933); Cradley Heath (close season 1935)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1925/26	Brighton & Hove Albion	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1926/27	Brighton & Hove Albion	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1928/29	Brighton & Hove Albion	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1929/30	Brighton & Hove Albion	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1930/31	Brighton & Hove Albion	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1931/32	Southport	10		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 7th of 21
1932/33	WATFORD	3		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

After for some reason playing under the corny pseudonym “Newman” in the 1932 pre-season public trial match, Ernie Ison, a former miner who by this time was suffering from cartilage problems, was signed on and went straight into the first team at outside-left. He scored on his début in a 2-1 away win against Norwich City, but Jack Barnes was recalled after three games and Ison was not seen again at senior level. He made a remarkable total of over three hundred appearances for Brighton & Hove Albion Reserves.

Pierre Sanitarib ISSA (2001-2002) Midfielder / Centre-half
(formerly Peter Senitarib ISSA)

Born Germiston, South Africa, 11 September 1975

Representative Honours

South Africa Full

Watford Career

Football League: 12+3 appearances (1 goal)

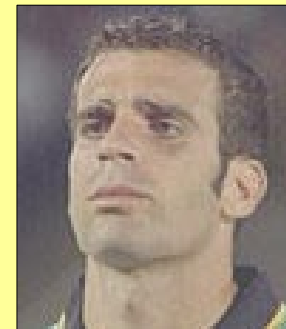
FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-2 home defeat v West Bromwich Albion, Football League Div 1, 15 Sep 2001

Final game: 2-4 home defeat v Arsenal, FA Cup 3rd Round, 5 Jan 2002

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



Career Path

Dunkerque (*France*) (aged 17); Olympique Marseille (*France*) (1995); Chelsea (loan January 2001); **WATFORD** (free September 2001, cancelled August 2002); Olympic Beirut (*Lebanon*) (August 2002); Ionikos Piraeus (*Greece*) (January 2005); OFI Crete (*Greece*) (by February 2007 until 2009); football agent; Olympiacos (*Greece*) sports director (by July 2013)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2001/02	WATFORD	12	3	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24

Born (as Peter Issa) in South Africa to Lebanese parents, he was still a child when his father started a business in Paris, where he became Pierre, and he didn't realize he was qualified to play for South Africa until he returned there for the first time on a family visit in 1997. He was an established international before his brief spell in England, and went on to take part in the 2002 World Cup. While with Olympique Marseille the tall and powerful Issa played in the 1998/99 UEFA Cup final with Patrick Blondeau. At Watford he, like Blondeau, was one of the foreign bunch brought in by Luca Villa on astronomical salaries but with a less exalted level of commitment. The most memorable incident of his Vicarage Road career was when being stretchered away behind the Rookery End goal with a shoulder injury. Being dropped off the stretcher was presumably not part of the plan, but it uplifted more spirits than most of the football that season. In the 1998 World Cup Finals he scored two own goals at Marseille when playing against his adopted country on his club's home ground.

Christopher Robert IWELUMO (2011-2012) Centre-forward

Born Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, 1 August 1978

Representative Honours

Scotland 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 25+21 appearances (4 goals)

FA Cup: 0+1 appearance

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

Début: 2-2 away draw v Burnley, Football League Championship, 6 Aug 2011

Final game: 2-1 away win v Charlton Athletic, Football League Championship, 2 Oct 2012

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 18; all competitions 16



Career Path

Ayr United (schoolboy); Kilmarnock Reserves; St Mirren (youth team, professional August 1996); Aarhus Fremad (*Denmark*) (close season 1998); Stoke City (£25,000 March 2000); York City (loan November 2000); Cheltenham Town (loan February 2001); Brighton & Hove Albion (March 2004); Alemannia Aachen (*Germany*) (free, close season 2004); Colchester United (free July 2005); Charlton Athletic (free August 2007); Wolverhampton Wanderers (£400,000 July 2008); Bristol City (loan February 2010); Burnley (undisclosed fee June 2010); **WATFORD** (£100,000+ July 2011); Notts County (loan November 2012); Oldham Athletic (loan January 2013); Scunthorpe United (free July 2013); St Johnstone (free January 2014); Chester (free June 2014 until retirement October 2014); Stoke City media staff (October 2014); Wolverhampton Wanderers youth coaching staff (very briefly July 2015); Chester assistant-manager (November 2016)

Scottish League , Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1995/96	St Mirren	2	3	1	Scottish League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 10
1996/97	St Mirren	2	12		Scottish League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 10
1997/98	St Mirren	5	7		Scottish League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 10
1999/00	Stoke City		3		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2000/01	Stoke City		2	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
2000/01	York City	11	1	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 17th of 24
2000/01	Cheltenham Town	2	2	1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	Stoke City	25	16	10	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2002/03	Stoke City	15	17	5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
2003/04	Stoke City	3	6		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2003/04	Brighton & Hove Albion	10		4	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	Colchester United	46		17	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	Colchester United	41	5	18	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2007/08	Charlton Athletic	32	14	10	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2008/09	Wolverhampton Wanderers	25	6	14	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2009/10	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2	13		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2009/10	Bristol City	7		2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2010/11	Burnley	29	16	11	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2011/12	WATFORD	21	18	4	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2012/13	WATFORD	4	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2012/13	Notts County	5			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 12th of 24
2012/13	Oldham Athletic	4	3	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24
2013/14	Scunthorpe United	4	8	2	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2013/14	St Johnstone		6		Scottish Premiership – 6th of 12

Born in Lanarkshire to a Scottish mother and Nigerian father, this tall, target-man centre-forward crossed the border and had accumulated a career tally of 95 Football League goals – many of them scored with his head – by the time he reached Vicarage Road, where he might have been expected to bring up the hundred in his first season but didn't. Chris Iwelumo won four Full caps, and on his international début had the misfortune to attract wide publicity after fluffing a simple scoring opportunity. A brighter reflection on his career is that he was associated with five promotion sides, and never relegated. He was 33-years-old at the time of his Watford début.