

Emlyn MORGAN (1935-1938) Wing-half

Born Troedrihwfuch, Glamorgan, 16 September 1914

Died Rhymney, Monmouthshire, 28 October 1983

Watford Career

Football League: 108 appearances (6 goals, including 4 penalties)

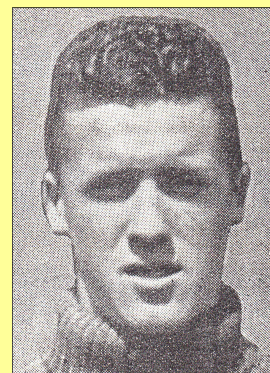
FA Cup: 5 appearances

Division 3 (South) Cup: 12 appearances (2 goals, including 1 penalty)

Début: 2-1 away win v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Nov 1935

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 3 (South), 3 Sep 1938

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 104; all competitions 114



Career Path

New Tredegar; **WATFORD** (amateur March 1935, professional May 1935 until close season 1940)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1935/36	WATFORD	26			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1937/38	WATFORD	37		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1938/39	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22

One of ten Welshmen on the books at one time, Tom Morgan had a few reserve-team games as an amateur at the end of 1934/35, and the following season took the senior right-half spot as Bill Findlay's playing days drew to a close. He quickly established himself as a resourceful player, but serious cartilage trouble, and then the Second World War, put paid to a promising career.

Ian Arthur MORGAN (1973-1974) Winger

Born City of London, 14 November 1946

Watford Career

Football League: 15+1 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3, 6 Oct 1973

Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Walsall, Football League Div 3, 26 Jan 1974

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 10; all competitions 12



Career Path

Walthamstow Schools; Queens Park Rangers (amateur June 1963, apprentice November 1963, professional September 1964); **WATFORD** (loan October 1973, £10,000 November 1973, cancelled August 1975); Barking (by March 1976); Ware Town; Ureadd (*Norway*) manager; Storm (*Norway*) manager; West Ham United football-in-the-community staff (by March 2003)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1964/65	Queens Park Rangers	30		4	Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1965/66	Queens Park Rangers	9		1	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1966/67	Queens Park Rangers	10	4	4	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1967/68	Queens Park Rangers	42		10	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1968/69	Queens Park Rangers	32	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1969/70	Queens Park Rangers	11	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1970/71	Queens Park Rangers	15	4	3	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1971/72	Queens Park Rangers	9	1	2	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1972/73	Queens Park Rangers	2			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1973/74	WATFORD	15	1	1	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24

The Morgan twins on either wing were a familiar sight in Queens Park Rangers line-ups in the 1960s. Roger went on to play for Tottenham Hotspur, and Ian was brought to Watford by his former QPR captain, Mike Keen, but soon sustained an injury which led to the eventual cancellation of his contract and his retirement from full-time football. He later spent five years as a club manager in Norway.

John Sydney MORGAN (1902-1904) Centre-forward

Born Barking, Essex, 2 February 1876

Died Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 8 August 1951

Representative Honours

Wales Amateur

Watford Career

Southern League: 15 appearances (9 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

South Eastern League: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 3-4 away defeat v Brentford, Southern League Div 1, 12 Apr 1902

Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, South Eastern League, 28 Sep 1904

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



Career Path

Berkhamsted School; Sunnyside; Apsley; Berkhamsted Town; Hertfordshire; Casuals; Ilford (January 1903); **WATFORD** (amateur December 1896); Old Berkhamstedians secretary & captain (by 1905/06)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1901/02	WATFORD	2		1	Southern League Division 1 – 13th of 16
1902/03	WATFORD	11		6	Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)
1903/04	WATFORD	1		2	Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)
1904/05	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18

He first played at Berkhamsted School, where he later taught classics and geography for 36 years until retirement in 1936, and was the Old Boys association secretary for half a century. A centre-forward who played in spectacles (how he managed to deal with aerial balls is unknown), Sydney (“Taffy”) Morgan once scored seven goals in a match for Ilford. He became president of Berkhamsted’s senior football club, and (as late as 1928) captain of its cricket counterpart. Goodness knows how he came to represent Wales: both his parents and all four grandparents were born in East Anglia.

Lewis MORGAN (1946-1947) Full-back

Born Cowdenbeath, Fife, 30 April 1911

Died Portsmouth, Hampshire, 22 September 1988

Representative Honours

Scotland Schools
Scottish League

Watford Career

Football League: 50 appearances

FA Cup: 4 appearances

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

Final game: 0-7 away defeat v Port Vale, Football League Div 3 (South), 15 Sep 1947

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 50; all competitions 54



Career Path

Crossgates Primrose (July 1928); Lochgelly Celtic (close season 1929); Bowhill Rovers (June 1930); Dundee (April 1931); Portsmouth (August 1935); **WATFORD** (July 1946); Chelmsford City (free May 1948)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1932/33	Dundee	38			Scottish League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1933/34	Dundee	37		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 20
1934/35	Dundee	37			Scottish League Division 1 – 8th of 20
1935/36	Dundee	3			Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 20
1935/36	Portsmouth	15			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1936/37	Portsmouth	25			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1937/38	Portsmouth	42			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1938/39	Portsmouth	41			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1939/40	<i>Portsmouth</i>	3			<i>Football League Division 1 – season abandoned</i>
1946/47	WATFORD	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1947/48	WATFORD	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22

An ever-present at right-back from his first Watford appearance to his last at the age of 36, when he was replaced by the newly-signed Jimmy Jones. Lew Morgan's pre-war career had been a good one, bringing him inter-league representative honours before he left Scotland (Scottish League v Irish League In 1933/34) and an FA Cup winner's medal with Portsmouth in 1938/39.

William Henry MORGAN (1903-1904) Wing-half

Born Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire, 1 January 1878

Died Manchester, Lancashire, 5 June 1939

Watford Career

Southern League: 20 appearances (9 goals, including 8 penalties)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal, a penalty)

South Eastern League: 13 appearances (4 goals, including 3 penalties)

Début: 3-1 away win v Grays United, Southern League Div 2, 5 Sep 1903

Final game: 2-3 away defeat v Luton Town, South Eastern League, 30 Apr 1904

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 20; all competitions 35



Career Path

Horwich; Newton Heath (*name changed to Manchester United in 1902*) (January 1897); Bolton Wanderers (March 1903); **WATFORD** (July 1903); Leicester Fosse (May 1904); New Brompton (August 1906); Newton Heath Athletic (March 1910); Goole (November 1911)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	Newton Heath	2			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 16
1897/98	Newton Heath	8		1	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 16
1898/99	Newton Heath	24		2	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 18
1899/00	Newton Heath	30		1	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 18
1900/01	Newton Heath	33		3	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 18
1901/02	Newton Heath	33		1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 18
1902/03	Manchester United	13			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 18
1902/03	Bolton Wanderers	3			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 18 (Relegated)
1903/04	WATFORD	20		9	Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)
1904/05	Leicester Fosse	31		6	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 18
1905/06	Leicester Fosse	35		3	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 20
1906/07	New Brompton	16			Southern League Division 1 – 16th of 20

His one Watford season, in which Billy Morgan played in every first-team game and scored twelve times from the penalty-spot (a club record), brought the Southern League Second Division championship to Cassio Road. He was the right-half in a team which won all 19 home competitive fixtures (92 goals for, 12 against), and 11 of 16 away. Before and after his Watford stint he amassed a career total of 212 Football League appearances. He joined the 20th Battalion, Manchester Regiment, for war service, but was discharged in November 1914 owing to an “old football injury” which left him “unlikely to become an efficient soldier”.

Harold MORRIS (1925-1928) Forward / Half-back

Born Bolsover, Derbyshire, 2 September 1902

Died Bolsover, Derbyshire, 1976

Watford Career

Football League: 50 appearances (4 goals)

Début: 2-0 home win v Aberdare Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Aug 1925

Final game: 1-1 away draw v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 5 May 1928

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



Career Path

Bolsover Town; Derby County trial (February 1923); Bolsover Colliery (close season 1924); Worksop Town trial; **WATFORD** (August 1925); Mansfield Town (June 1928); Barnsley (£350 June 1929); Shirebrook (August 1930); Grantham (1931/32); Shirebrook Supporters

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1925/26	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1926/27	WATFORD	18		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	27		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1929/30	Barnsley	1			Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22

A dapper, well-turned-out individual who spent three years on Watford's books as a hard-working forward or half-back. Immediately before and after his Vicarage Road stint Harry Morris scored heavily in non-League football, hitting 45 goals for his home-town club in 1924/25 and 46 when Mansfield Town won the Midland League championship four seasons later.

Mark John MORRIS (1987-1989) Centre-half

Born Morden, Surrey, 26 September 1962

Watford Career

Football League: 41 appearances (1 goal)

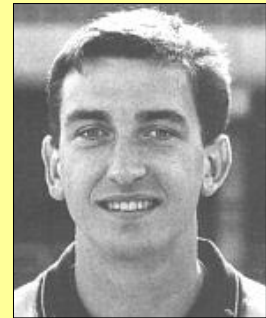
FA Cup: 7 appearances

Football League Cup: 5 appearances (1 goal)

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

Final game: 2-2 away draw v Portsmouth, Football League Div 2, 27 Mar 1989

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 33



Career Path

Wimbledon (schoolboy October 1978, apprentice July 1979, professional September 1980, cancelled March 1981, renewed October 1981); Aldershot (loan September 1985); **WATFORD** (£40,000 July 1987); Sheffield United (£175,000 July 1989); AFC Bournemouth (£95,000 July 1991); Gillingham (loan September 1996); Brighton & Hove Albion (free October 1996); Hastings United (free December 1997); Dorchester Town (February 1999, player-manager September 1999 until July 2006)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1981/82	Wimbledon	33		1	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1982/83	Wimbledon	26		3	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1983/84	Wimbledon	39		3	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1984/85	Wimbledon	29		1	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1985/86	Wimbledon	20		1	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22 (Promoted)
1985/86	Aldershot	14			Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24
1986/87	Wimbledon	20	1		Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1987/88	WATFORD	39		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	Sheffield United	41	1	3	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1990/91	Sheffield United	12	2		Football League Division 1 – 13th of 20
1991/92	AFC Bournemouth	43		3	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1992/93	AFC Bournemouth	43		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
1993/94	AFC Bournemouth	38			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
1994/95	AFC Bournemouth	38		3	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24
1995/96	AFC Bournemouth	28	3	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
1996/97	AFC Bournemouth		1		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 16th of 24
1996/97	Gillingham	6			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
1996/97	Brighton & Hove Albion	11	1	1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 23rd of 24
1997/98	Brighton & Hove Albion	19		1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 23rd of 24

After a difficult start Mark Morris performed solidly and consistently at centre-half as Watford struggled unavailingly to retain their First Division status. His long career began on schoolboy forms with Wimbledon, and he became part of that club's extraordinary rise through the divisions and to a top-flight finish in sixth place. The move to Bramall Lane, signed by Dave Bassett, under whom he had played both for Wimbledon and at Vicarage Road, brought Watford a good profit.

Gerard Donald MORRISON (1889-1890) Half-back

Born Reigate, Surrey, 1868

Died Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, 24 January 1937

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 4 appearances (1 goal)

Herts County Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 5-3 home win v Swindon Town, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 5 Oct 1889

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 3



Career Path

Reigate; **WATFORD ROVERS**

“A brilliant tackler”, it was said, who, in addition to the cup games played in eleven friendlies and scored once. A popular player, he was badly affected by a serious attack of influenza, following which his only two appearances for the club were, first, as goalkeeper against 93rd Regiment (Highlanders) in the FA Cup (his last competitive match), and second, a friendly more than two years later in his more familiar centre-half role.

Patrick Joseph MORRISSEY (1971-1974) Forward

Born Enniscorthy, County Wexford, 23 February 1948

Died Shepherds Bush, London, 19 February 2005

Representative Honours

Republic of Ireland Under-23

Watford Career

Football League: 101+6 appearances (27 goals, including 2 penalties)

FA Cup: 5 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 5 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-1 away draw v Norwich City, Football League Div 2, 11 Dec 1971

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Grimsby Town, Football League Div 3, 27 Apr 1974

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 24; all competitions 26



Career Path

Hackney Schools Under-12; Coventry Schools Under-13, Under-14 & Under-15; Coventry City (apprentice April 1963, professional July 1965); Torquay United (July 1968); Crewe Alexandra (July 1969); Chester (£3,500 October 1971); **WATFORD** (£8,000 December 1971); Aldershot (valued at £10,000 in part-exchange for R.D.W.Joslyn November 1974); Swansea City (loan October 1977); Dartford (free November 1977); Hayes (November 1978); Slough Town ("small fee" April 1980); Carshalton Athletic (close season 1981); Hendon (by 1982); Chesham United (by 1982/83, player-manager November 1982 until March 1985); Dunstable Town (April 1985, manager shortly afterwards); Buckingham Town manager (close season 1988); Chesham United manager (October 1988); Southall player-manager (close season 1989 until February 1990); Colney Heath manager (December 1992); Hemel Hempstead Town manager (by October 1993); Colney Heath Veterans (by December 1994); Colney Heath (manager by October 1997)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1966/67	Coventry City		1		Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1967/68	Coventry City	6	3		Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1968/69	Torquay United	19	2		Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1969/70	Crewe Alexandra	41	1	5	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1970/71	Crewe Alexandra	45		20	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1971/72	Crewe Alexandra	9		3	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24
1971/72	Chester	9		1	Football League Division 4 – 20th of 24
1971/72	WATFORD	12		1	Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1972/73	WATFORD	37	3	10	Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1973/74	WATFORD	37	1	12	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1974/75	WATFORD	15	2	4	Football League Division 3 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1974/75	Aldershot	22		7	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1975/76	Aldershot	46		11	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1976/77	Aldershot	41		9	Football League Division 4 – 17th of 24
1977/78	Swansea City	3	1		Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)

Although Ireland-born, he lived in England from the age of five, and as a schoolboy played representative football in both London and the Midlands, where his professional career began. A forward, Pat Morrissey scored on his Watford début but then managed only one more goal in his next 24 games, but later hit a hat-trick in the snow at Oldham Athletic which was shown on Saturday-night television. He replaced Laurie Craker as manager of Chesham United, and later, as manager of Hemel Hempstead Town, he made a single appearance in the month of his 46th birthday.

Stephen Joseph MORROW (1991) Defender

Born Belfast, 2 July 1970

Representative Honours

Northern Ireland Schools, Youth, Under-23 & Full

Watford Career

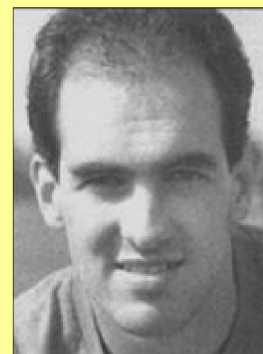
Football League: 7+1 appearances

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

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

Final game: (as sub) 1-2 home defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 2, 19 Oct 1991

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



Career Path

Arsenal (schoolboy December 1984); Bangor (*Northern Ireland*) (1985); Arsenal (trainee July 1987, professional May 1988); Reading (loan January 1991); **WATFORD** (loan August 1991); Reading (loan November 1991); Barnet (loan March 1992); Queens Park Rangers (loan March 1997, £500,000 April 1997, released close season 2001); Peterborough United (loan March 2001); training with Dallas (*USA*) (October 2001); Colchester United (non-contract October 2001, cancelled January 2002); Dallas Burn (*name changed later to FC Dallas*) (*USA*) (2002/03, assistant-coach February 2004 until May 2004, reappointed January 2005, head coach December 2006 until May 2008); Arsenal international partnerships performance supervisor (September 2008)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1990/91	Reading	10			Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	7	1		Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1991/92	Reading	3			Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1991/92	Barnet	1			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 22
1991/92	Arsenal		2		Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1992/93	Arsenal	13	3		FA Premier League – 10th of 22
1993/94	Arsenal	7	4		FA Premier League – 4th of 22
1994/95	Arsenal	11	4	1	FA Premier League – 12th of 22
1995/96	Arsenal	3	1		FA Premier League – 5th of 20
1996/97	Arsenal	5	9		FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
1996/97	Queens Park Rangers	5		1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 9th of 24
1997/98	Queens Park Rangers	31		1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 21st of 24
1998/99	Queens Park Rangers	24			Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 20th of 24
1999/00	Queens Park Rangers	6	1		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 10th of 24
2000/01	Queens Park Rangers	18	6		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2000/01	Peterborough United	11			Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 12th of 24

He played in the Irish League at 15, began the 1991/92 season as Watford's left-back (on loan), and with Arsenal was a winner in the FA Youth Cup, the European Cup Winners Cup – and the Football League Cup, which he won with his first goal in senior football, only to suffer a broken arm when dropped by Tony Adams in the celebratory horseplay after the final whistle. Steve Morrow, who captained his country at senior level, was one of the few professionals to wear contact lenses.

Geoffrey Dagleish MORTON (1948-1951) Goalkeeper

Born Acton, Middlesex, 22 July 1922

Died Malvern, Worcestershire, 28 January 2000

Watford Career

Football League: 107 appearances

FA Cup: 6 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Exeter City, Football League Div 3 (South), 6 Nov 1948

Final game: 5-2 away win v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 13 Oct 1951

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 63; all competitions 68



Career Path

Harrow Schools; Queens Park Rangers (June 1940 until 1945); also Royal Navy Depot; Chelmsford City (August 1946);

WATFORD (free October 1948); Southend United (“about £1,000” February 1952); Exeter City (September 1954, released close season 1955); Malvern College football/cricket/boxing coach (1957 until retirement 1987)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1948/49	WATFORD	22			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1950/51	WATFORD	41			Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24
1951/52	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24
1951/52	Southend United	17			Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 24
1952/53	Southend United	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 24
1954/55	Exeter City	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 24

No other goalkeeper has matched Geoff Morton’s feat of keeping clean sheets for Watford in eight consecutive Football League matches. He had been converted from an outfield player while representing Harrow Schools, was also a schoolboy boxing champion, twice being a runner-up in the Great Britain championships, and as an adult played both tennis and first-class cricket for Middlesex. After retiring from football in 1955 owing to a hand injury he spent thirty years as fondly-remembered sports coach at Malvern College.

Philip Howard MORTON (1887-1888) Forward

Born Tatterford, Norfolk, 20 June 1857

Died Boscombe, Hampshire, 13 May 1925

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Herts County Cup: 5 appearances (2 goals)

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

Final game: 3-4 defeat v Hoddesdon (at Hertford), Herts County Cup Final, 17 Mar 1888

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 3



Career Path

Elstree School; Cambridge University; Hertfordshire; **WATFORD ROVERS**

In addition to the cup appearances he played in one friendly, scoring twice in a 7-0 away win against St Albans in a match from which all gate money was donated to the city's new hospital. He played first-class cricket for Cambridge University, winning a blue in 1878, 1879 & 1880, and Surrey. His bowling performances in the three Varsity matches at Lord's included analyses of 5 for 20 and 6 for 45, the latter return encompassing a hat-trick. After nine years as an assistant master at Elstree until 1889 he moved on to serve a succession of headmasterships.

Marco MOTTA (2015) Wing-back

Born Merate, Italy, 14 May 1986

Representative Honours

Italy Youth, Under-21, Olympic Games & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 7+2 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Fulham, Football League Championship, 3 Mar 2015

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Sheffield Wednesday, Football League Championship, 2 May 2015

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 6



Career Path

Atalanta BC (*Italy*) (2000); Udinese (*Italy*) (close season 2005); Torino (*Italy*) (loan July 2007); Roma (*Italy*) (loan February 2009, permanent June 2009); Udinese (*Italy*) (€1.45 million June 2010); Juventus (*Italy*) (€1.25 million loan July 2010); Catania (*Italy*) (loan January 2011); Juventus (*Italy*) (€3.75 million June 2011); Bologna (*Italy*) (loan July 2012); Genoa (*Italy*) (loan January 2014); **WATFORD** (free February 2015, released close season 2015); Charlton Athletic (February 2016, released close season 2016); UD Almería (*Spain*) (January 2017)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2014/15	WATFORD	7	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Charlton Athletic	9	3		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

Acquired on a short-term late-season contract, Marco Motta took part as a wing-back in Watford's surge to automatic promotion to the FA Premier League. His record as a regular international player from the youngest eleven through to the Italian senior side included the captaincy at most levels from Under-15 to Under-21.

Alfred Samuel MOULE (1928-1929) Centre-forward

Born Canning Town, Essex, 31 July 1894

Died Sompting, Sussex, 5 February 1973

Watford Career

Football League: 11 appearances (4 goals)

Début: 0-3 away defeat v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Aug 1928

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 Apr 1929

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



Career Path

West Ham Schools; West Ham Corinthians; Catford South End; Leytonstone; Millwall (amateur March 1920, professional May 1920); Norwich City (May 1927); **WATFORD** (free July 1928); Margate (free August 1929, player-manager August 1930); Lancing College coach

Southern League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1919/20	Millwall	2		1	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1920/21	Millwall	30		4	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 22
1921/22	Millwall	19		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1922/23	Millwall	34		9	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1923/24	Millwall	38		15	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1924/25	Millwall	38		18	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1925/26	Millwall	34		15	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1926/27	Millwall	13		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1927/28	Norwich City	32		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	11		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22

In his prime he was Millwall's leading scorer three times in four consecutive seasons, and at the age of 34 began his Watford career at centre-forward with four goals in his first five outings, but later bowed out with three appearances at right-half. When with Millwall he played, as did Frank Smith, for Professionals of the South v Amateurs at Highbury on 30 March 1925, in a match in aid of the FA Benevolent Fund, in which experiments were made regarding the offside law. As a cricketer Alf Moule played professionally for Essex, and for Devon until he was 43, having in his youth batted with W.G. Grace in a club match. It was during an engagement as Falmouth CC's professional that he signed for Watford.

Geoffrey MUJANGI BIA (2012-2013) (Forward)

Born Kinshasa, Zaire, 12 August 1989

Representative Honours

Belgium U-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 0+3 appearances

FA Cup: 0+1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Bradford City, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 28 Aug 2012

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Barnsley, Football League Championship, 16 Mar 2013

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



Career Path

Union Saint-Gilloise (*Belgium*); Anderlecht (*Belgium*) (Academy); RSC Charleroi (*Belgium*) (2006); Wolverhampton Wanderers (loan January 2010 until close season 2011); Standard Liège (*Belgium*) (close season 2011); **WATFORD** (loan August 2012); FC Sion (*Switzerland*) (close season 2015); Kayserispor (*Turkey*) (July 2017)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2009/10	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	2		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2010/11	Wolverhampton Wanderers		1		FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2012/13	WATFORD		3		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24

One of the least conspicuous of the mass of imported loan players in 2012, Geoffrey Mujangi Bia was rarely seen in a Watford shirt. In his developing years he was dismissed from Anderlecht's Academy for disciplinary offences which included theft, but was later capped by Belgium at senior level on two occasions.

Albert Edward Pilkerton MUMMERY (1921-1925) Forward / Half-back
(formerly Albert Edward PILKERTON)

Born Norwich, Norfolk, 18 August 1897

Died Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, 31 January 1937

Watford Career

Football League: 119 appearances (23 goals)

FA Cup: 7 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3, 5 Feb 1921

Final game: 1-0 away win v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Sep 1925

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 33



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. E. Mummery".

Career Path

Edward Worlledge School, Great Yarmouth; Lichfield (*Great Yarmouth*) Reserves (1912/13); Coalville Swifts; **WATFORD** (May 1920); Clapton Orient (free August 1926); Yarmouth (November 1926, trainer 1928 until death); also St Luke's, Yarmouth, treasurer at time of death

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1920/21	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22
1921/22	WATFORD	12		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1922/23	WATFORD	38		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1923/24	WATFORD	37		12	Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1924/25	WATFORD	23		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1925/26	WATFORD	4		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22

Talented but wildly inconsistent, Eddie Mummery was a versatile forward or half-back who is unique in having scored five times for Watford in a Football League match – it was nearly a quarter of his entire career haul. In 1924 he married former Watford goalkeeper George Waller's daughter Norah. On leaving the club he became a publican back in Norfolk, scored for Yarmouth in the 1926/27 Norfolk Charity Cup final, and was still involved in local football there at the time of his premature death from an attack of influenza.

Gianni MUNARI (2014-2015) Midfielder

Born Sassuolo, Italy, 24 June 1983

Watford Career

Football League: 21+7 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 3-0 home win v Bolton Wanderers, Football League Championship, 9 Aug 2014

Final game: 2-0 away win v Wigan Athletic, Football League Championship, 17 Mar 2015

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



Career Path

US Sassuolo (*Italy*); Giulianova (*Italy*) (2003); Triestina (*Italy*) (€175,000 2004); Hellas Verona (*Italy*) (€350,000 August 2005); Palermo (*Italy*) (€1 million 2006); US Lecce (*Italy*) (loan January 2007, €1 million July 2007); Palermo (*Italy*) (€391,000 June 2011); Fiorentina (*Italy*) (€800,000 July 2011); Sampdoria (*Italy*) (January 2012); Parma (*Italy*) (2013 until the club's liquidation close season 2015); **WATFORD** (loan August 2014); Cagliari (*Italy*) (July 2015); Parma (*Italy*) (January 2017)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2014/15	WATFORD	21	7	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)

Following a career which had encompassed a long list of clubs in Italy, the gritty and experienced midfield contributions of Gianni Munari featured in more than half of Watford's fixtures in what culminated in automatic promotion to the top tier of English football.

J.MUNN (1891) Forward

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 5-0 away win v Maidenhead, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 3 Oct 1891

Career Path

Apsley; **WATFORD ROVERS**

One handsome FA Cup win was Jack Munn's sole competitive appearance, but he did also play in seven first-team friendly matches in the seasons before the club entered the Southern League, scoring four goals. Three of those goals came in his very first appearance, a week before the cup game at Maidenhead, when Rovers beat Crouch End 14-1, despite having to change goalkeepers at half-time as a result of injury to Jack Woods.

Stewart MUNN (1901-1904) Half-back

Born Greenock, Renfrewshire, 22 December 1872

Died Shotts, Lanarkshire, 21 August 1959

Watford Career

Southern League: 37 appearances

FA Cup: 2 appearances

South Eastern League: 7 appearances

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Portsmouth, Southern League Div 1, 9 Nov 1901

Final game: 2-3 away defeat v Luton Town, South Eastern League, 30 Apr 1904

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 12; all competitions 15



Career Path

Maryhill; Third Lanark (1893/94); Burnley (close season 1894); Grimsby Town (July 1895); Manchester City (November 1897, released close season 1891); **WATFORD** (October 1901 until close season 1905); Hitchin Town (January 1906)

Scottish League, Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1893/94	Third Lanark	4			Scottish League Division 1 – 7th of 10
1894/95	Burnley	2			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 16
1895/96	Grimsby Town	28			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 16
1896/97	Grimsby Town	28			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 16
1897/98	Grimsby Town	7			Football League Division 2 – 12th of 16
1897/98	Manchester City	8			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 16
1898/99	Manchester City	6			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 18 (Promoted)
1899/00	Manchester City	6			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 18
1901/02	WATFORD	20			Southern League Division 1 – 13th of 16
1902/03	WATFORD	16			Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)
1903/04	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)

A First Division half-back briefly with Burnley, and later with Manchester City when the great Billy Meredith was in his heyday there. Nearly all his first-team status at Cassio Road was before the arrival as manager of John Goodall. His main employment was as a member of the road staff of the Watford Urban District Surveyor.

James MURRAY (1902-1903) Inside-forward

Born Dalmellington, Ayrshire, 9 June 1880

Died Glasgow, 29 October 1933

Representative Honours

Scotland 'Junior'

Watford Career

Southern League: 27 appearances (6 goals)

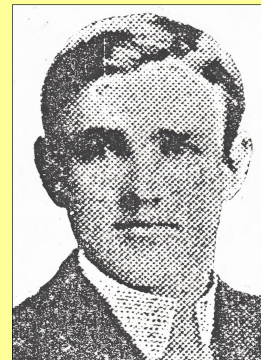
FA Cup: 2 appearances

South Eastern League: 2 appearances (2 goals)

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

Final game: 3-5 defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion (at West Ham United), Southern League Test Match, 27 Apr 1903

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



Career Path

St Augustine's; Benwhat Heatherbell; Aston Villa (April 1900); Small Heath (November 1901); **WATFORD** (June 1902); Kettering Town (May 1903); Wellingborough Town (free November 1903)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1900/01	Aston Villa	1			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 18
1901/02	Aston Villa	1			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 18
1901/02	Small Heath	1		1	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 18 (Relegated)
1902/03	WATFORD	27		6	Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)
1903/04	Kettering Town	10		3	Southern League Division 1 – 18th of 18 (Didn't seek re-election)
1903/04	Wellingborough Town	25		10	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18

Well-built and quick, with a long, raking stride, Jimmy Murray was signed by Aston Villa after playing, and scoring the winning goal at Small Heath's ground for the Scotland Junior (= non-League) international side. In a 3-0 defeat at Fulham he became the first man to be sent off in an FA Cup tie when playing for Watford, and for nearly a century remained the only one to have done so.

Sean Michael MURRAY (2011-2015) Midfielder

Born Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, 11 October 1993

Representative Honours

Republic of Ireland Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 50+25 appearances (11 goals)

FA Cup: 2+1 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 4+2 appearances (2 goals)

Début: (as sub) 0-2 home defeat by Queens Park Rangers, Football League Championship, 30 Apr 2011

Final game: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Chelsea, FA Cup 3rd Round, 4 Jan 2015

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 18; all competitions 13



Career Path

Evergreen; **WATFORD** (Academy from age 9, scholar August 2010, professional October 2010); Wigan Athletic (loan August 2015); Swindon Town (free August 2016); Colchester United (free January 2017)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2010/11	WATFORD	1	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2011/12	WATFORD	17	1	7	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2012/13	WATFORD	8	7	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2013/14	WATFORD	22	12	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	WATFORD	2	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Wigan Athletic	2	5		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2016/17	Swindon Town	13	5	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2016/17	Colchester United	15	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 8th of 24

At the age of 18, in only his fourth senior appearance (including two as a substitute) Sean Murray looked anything but out of place against high-flying Tottenham Hotspur in an FA Cup tie in which he came within a whisker of scoring an equalizing goal which would have been the very least that a fine Watford performance deserved. With energy and skill he doubled his career tally of first-team appearances two seasons later, but was sidelined by injury in the next campaign.

Jordon James Edward Sydney MUTCH (2010-2011) Midfielder

Born Alvaston, Derbyshire, 2 December 1991

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

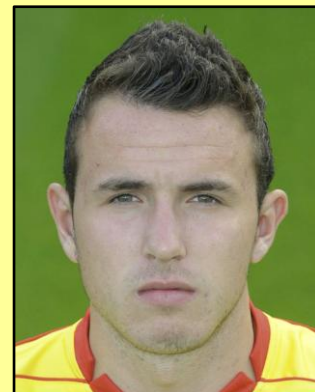
Watford Career

Football League: 21+2 appearances (5 goals)

Début: (as sub) 2-2 home draw v Coventry City, Football League Championship, 14 Aug 2010

Final game: 2-1 away win v Scunthorpe United, Football League Championship, 3 Jan 2011

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 23



Career Path

Derby County academy; Birmingham City (academy close season 2007, professional April 2009); Hereford United (loan November 2009); Doncaster Rovers (loan January 2010); **WATFORD** (loan August 2010); Cardiff City (undisclosed fee June 2012); Queens Park Rangers (£6 million August 2014); Crystal Palace (£4.75 million January 2015, with possible additional increments of up to £1 million)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2009/10	Hereford United	3			Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 16th of 24
2009/10	Doncaster Rovers	5	12	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 12th of 24
2010/11	WATFORD	21	2	5	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 14th of 24
2010/11	Birmingham City	3			FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2011/12	Birmingham City	20	3	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
2012/13	Cardiff City	18	4		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2013/14	Cardiff City	26	9	7	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2014/15	Queens Park Rangers	6	3		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2014/15	Crystal Palace	4	3		FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2015/16	Crystal Palace	7	13		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2016/17	Crystal Palace		4		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2016/17	Reading	8	1	1	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24

He made his senior début for Birmingham City in a Football League Cup tie at the age of 16 – and for an earlier round, before his birthday, had been named as a substitute before it was brought to the club's attention that 16 was the minimum age for players in open-age football. Jordon Mutch came to Vicarage Road under Malky Mackay on loan as a strapping 18-year-old midfielder whose maturity and all-round ability served the club well for nearly five months. Mackay subsequently signed him for Cardiff City. The player's first three visits to Millwall brought victories by 6-1 (with Watford) and 4-1 and 6-0 (with Birmingham).

John Edward MYERS (1897) Goalkeeper

Born Kettering, Northamptonshire, July 1872

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 21 April 1930

West Herts Career

Southern League: 3 appearances

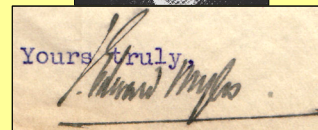
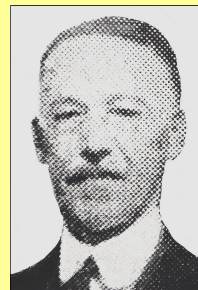
Début: 2-2 home draw v Old St Stephens, Southern League Div 2, 20 Nov 1897

Final game: 4-2 home win v Southall, Southern League Div 2, 4 Dec 1897

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

Career Path

Watford Grammar School; Watford Swifts (by 1890); Old Fullarians; Bushey (by December 1892); Crouch End trial (October 1896); **WEST HERTS** (amateur 1897/98)



Southern League Career

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

He played twice in friendly matches in 1892 (once in goal and once as a half-back) and reappeared in the first team briefly as the goalkeeper in 1897/98. Edward Myers was a chartered accountant who served as auditor to the club for many years, to the West Herts FA, to the Herts FA, and to the All-England Club at Wimbledon. He was also chairman of the Watford Divisional Labour Party. His brother Wallis was a leading tennis journalist.

Lucas Edward NEILL (2014) Defender

Born Sydney, Australia, 9 March 1978

Representative Honours

Australia Youth, Under 23 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 3-0 home win v Barnsley, Football League Championship, 15 Mar 2014



Career Path

Manly United (*Australia*) (1991); Australian Institute of Sport (August 1994); Millwall (free November 1995); Blackburn Rovers (£1 million September 2001); West Ham United (£1.5 million January 2007 until close season 2009); Everton (September 2009); Galatasaray (*Turkey*) (£750,000 January 2010); Al Jazira (*United Arab Emirates*) (August 2011, released June 2012); Al Wasl (*United Arab Emirates*) (August 2012, released January 2013); Sydney (*Australia*) (February 2013); Omiya Ardija (*Japan*) (August 2013, released December 2013); **WATFORD** (February 2014, released closed season 2014); Doncaster Rovers (loan March 2014)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1995/96	Millwall	5	8		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Millwall	35	4	3	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 14th of 24
1997/98	Millwall	3	3		Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 18th of 24
1998/99	Millwall	33	2	6	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 10th of 24
1999/00	Millwall	27	4	1	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 5th of 24
2000/01	Millwall	19	5	2	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 1st or 24 (Promoted)
2001//02	Millwall	2	2	1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
2001/02	Blackburn Rovers	31		1	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2002/03	Blackburn Rovers	34			FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2003/04	Blackburn Rovers	30	2	2	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2004/05	Blackburn Rovers	34	2	1	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2005/06	Blackburn Rovers	35		1	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2006/07	Blackburn Rovers	20			FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2006/07	West Ham United	11			FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2007/08	West Ham United	34			FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2008/09	West Ham United	34		1	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2009/10	Everton	10	2		FA Premier League – 8th of 20
2013/14	WATFORD		1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2013/14	Doncaster Rovers	4			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

A veteran of nearly a hundred international caps for Australia, and its 50th captain, Lucas Neill was signed at a time when, owing to injuries, Watford centre-backs were in short supply. As things turned out, his services were called on for just a few minutes of substitute action before he was loaned out to Doncaster Rovers and then released at the end of the season.

Warren Anthony NEILL (1996) Full-back

Born Acton, Middlesex, 21 November 1962

Representative Honours

England Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-1 away draw v Sheffield United, Football League Div 1, 20 Jan 1996



Career Path

Queens Park Rangers (schoolboy September 1977, apprentice July 1979, professional September 1980); Portsmouth (£110,000 July 1988 until close season 1995); Queens Park Rangers (Under-13s coach, youth-team coach October 1996, playing contract July 1997, released close season 1998, assistant academy director by February 1999); also **WATFORD** player while coaching QPR Under-13s (Reserves December 1995, non-contract January 1996, contract February until April 1996); Queens Park Rangers coaching staff (late-2006/07); Luton Town assistant-manager (January 2008 until November 2008)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1980/81	Queens Park Rangers	3	1		Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1981/82	Queens Park Rangers	11			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1982/83	Queens Park Rangers	39		2	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1983/84	Queens Park Rangers	41		1	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1984/85	Queens Park Rangers	18			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1985/86	Queens Park Rangers	16			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1986/87	Queens Park Rangers	29			Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1987/88	Queens Park Rangers	20	3		Football League Division 1 – 5th of 21
1988/89	Portsmouth	43			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1989/90	Portsmouth	35	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 24
1990/91	Portsmouth	30			Football League Division 2 – 17th of 24
1991/92	Portsmouth	38			Football League Division 2 – 9th of 24
1992/93	Portsmouth	30			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
1993/94	Portsmouth	35		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
1994/95	Portsmouth	7			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)

Despite having retired with sciatica, Warren Neill helped out in the Reserves at Vicarage Road when raising a side was a problem. Then as the injury crisis intensified this experienced right-back found himself in the first team for a solitary and final Football League appearance. In the 1982 FA Cup final replay he stood in for his subsequent Watford manager, Glenn Roeder, who was suspended after the first game was drawn.

James Robert NESS (1911) Centre-forward

Born Scarborough, Yorkshire, 3 January 1887

Died Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 1960

Watford Career

Southern League: 4 appearances (2 goals)

Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-0 home draw v Exeter City, Southern League Div 1, 2 Sep 1911

Final game: 0-3 home defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Southern League Div 1, 16 Sep 1911

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

Career Path

Everton (amateur September 1910, professional October 1910); **WATFORD** (August 1911 until close season 1912)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1911/12	WATFORD	4		2	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20

This 13-stone centre-forward, son of a Scarborough policeman, scored in the 1911 pre-season trial match and went straight into the first team, but soon vanished from the scene. His Southern League goals came in a 2-4 defeat at Brentford. His brother Harry played in FA Cup Finals for Barnsley and (as full-back partner of Charlie Gladwin) Sunderland.

NEUTON (2012-2013) Central defender
(Full name Neuton Sergio Piccoli)

Born Erechim, Brazil, 14 March 1990

Watford Career

Football League: 7+1 appearances

FA Cup: 0+1 appearance

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Bolton Wanderers, Football League Championship, 15 Sep 2012

Final game: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Manchester City, FA Cup 3rd Round, 5 Jan 2013

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



Career Path

Gremio (*Brazil*) (2008); Udinese (*Italy*) (July 2011, released July 2016); **WATFORD** (loan August 2012); Associação Chapecoense (*Brazil*) (loan January 2014); Granada (*Spain*) (loan August 2015); Pistoiese (*Italy*) (September 2016, released June 2017)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2012/13	WATFORD	7	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24

One of three South American-born players among the mass contingent of foreigners signed on loan in the summer of 2012, Neuton – known to his colleagues as Sergio – had two brief spells in the side as a central defender. Comfortable on the ball, as would be expected of a Brazilian, he displayed a penchant for forward runs in possession.

Robert T.NEWMAN (1922) Inside-forward

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-5 away defeat v Millwall, Football League Div 3 (South), 4 Sep 1922

Career Path

Lambton Star; Durham City (February 1921 until close season 1921); **WATFORD** (August 1922, initially on trial, released close season 1923)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1922/23	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22

Invited down from the north-east for a trial, he impressed sufficiently to be awarded an engagement, but his impact at first-team level was minimal, being limited to a single appearance at inside-left in a 5-1 defeat at Millwall. He nevertheless had achieved the distinction of playing in the first-ever game at Vicarage Road – the 1922 pre-season public trial match. “A bustler” was one journalist’s description of his style in a brief stay with Durham City the previous season.

Felix Michel NGONGE (1998-2000) Forward

Born Huy, Belgium, 10 January 1967

Representative Honours

Democratic Republic of Congo Full

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 32+18 appearances (10 goals)

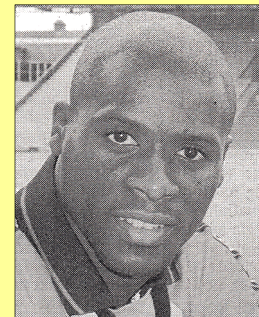
FA Cup: 1 appearance

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

Début: 1-0 home win v Bradford City, Football League Div 1, 15 Aug 1998

Final game: (as sub) 3-1 away win v Notts County, Football League Cup 2nd Round 1st Leg, 19 Sep 2000

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 23; all competitions 26



Career Path

Racing Jette (*Belgium*) (aged 16); AA Ghent (*Belgium*); FC Seraing (*Belgium*); La Louvière (*Belgium*); KRC Harelbeke (*Belgium*) (1995/96); Samsunspor (*Turkey*) (£200,000 1996); **WATFORD** (free June 1998); Huddersfield Town (loan March 2000, for which Huddersfield paid £75,000); Queens Park Rangers (£60,000 December 2000); Kilmarnock (free July 2001 until close season 2002); running a football agency in Honduras by February 2009

Football League, FA Premier League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1998/99	WATFORD	16	9	5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	WATFORD	16	7	5	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1999/00	Huddersfield Town		4		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2000/01	WATFORD		2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	Queens Park Rangers	7	6	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2001/02	Kilmarnock	7	2	3	Scottish League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 12

Michel Ngonge arrived at Watford as a 31-year-old for his first experience of English football, having left his Turkish club under a clause in his contract which entitled him to a free transfer if he wasn't paid for 60 days, which is what happened. As the 1998/99 season approached its climax, this strong and pacy striker scored the only goal of the first leg of the Play-off Semi-final against Birmingham City and was a member of the side which triumphed at Wembley Stadium and took the club into the FA Premier League.

M'Baye Babacar NIANG (2017) Winger

Born Meulam-en-Yvelines, France, 19 December 1994

Representative Honours

France Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

FA Premier League: 15+1 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 2-1 away win v Arsenal, FA Premier League, 31 Jan 2017

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 16



Career Path

Basse-Seine Les Mureaux (*France*) (2001); Poissy (*France*) (2003); Caen (*France*) (academy 2007, professional February 2011); AC Milan (*Italy*) (undisclosed fee August 2012); Montpellier (*France*) (loan January 2014); Genoa (*Italy*) (loan January 2015); **WATFORD** (loan January 2017); Torino (*Italy*) (loan August 2017)

FA Premier League career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2016/17	WATFORD	15	1	2	FA Premier League – 17th of 20

Thomas Bruce NIBLO (1906-1907) Forward

Born Dunfermline, Fife, 24 September 1878

Died Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 30 June 1933

Representative Honours

Scotland Full

Watford Career

Southern League: 30 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

South Eastern League: 1 appearance

United League: 9 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Brentford, Southern League Div 1, 1 Sep 1906

Final game: 2-0 home win v New Brompton, United League, 24 Apr 1907

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern Football League 28; all competitions 17



Career Path

Cadzow Oak; Hamilton Academical; Linthouse (August 1896); Newcastle United (£90 April 1898); Middlesbrough (April 1900); Newcastle United (close season 1900); Aston Villa (January 1902); Nottingham Forest (April 1904); **WATFORD** (May 1906); Newcastle United (July 1907, coach January 1908); Hebburn Argyle player-manager (August 1908); Aberdeen ("big fee" December 1908); Raith Rovers (August 1909 until close season 1910); Cardiff City (by December 1910, £10 being paid to Watford); Blyth Spartans (April 1911); Crystal Palace & Fulham guest player during First World War; Isle of Wight football (1919)

Scottish League, Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	Linthouse *	12		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 6th of 10
1897/98	Linthouse *	16		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 5th of 10
1897/98	Newcastle United	1			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 16 (Promoted)
1898/99	Newcastle United	10			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 18
1899/00	Newcastle United	11		2	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 18
1899/00	Middlesbrough	3		2	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 18
1900/01	Newcastle United	26		2	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 18
1901/02	Newcastle United	12		1	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 18
1901/02	Aston Villa	12		2	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 18
1902/03	Aston Villa	17		1	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 18
1903/04	Aston Villa	16		6	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 18
1904/05	Nottingham Forest	29		6	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 18
1905/06	Nottingham Forest	17		3	Football League Division 1 – 19th of 20
1906/07	WATFORD	30		8	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1908/09	Aberdeen	9		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 8th of 18
1909/10	Raith Rovers	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 - 2nd of 12 (Promoted)
1910/11	Cardiff City	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 4th of 12

* There were 2 more possible appearances in 1896/97 and 1 more in 1897/98, the relevant Linthouse line-ups being unknown

Despite an excellent pedigree in the game (he'd played against England at Celtic Park two years earlier), Tommy Niblo was only 27 when he joined Watford. Entrusted with a penalty kick on his début, he fluffed it. He played everywhere in the forward line during his one season with the club, but mainly at inside-left, and hit a Southern League hat-trick in a 6-2 victory against Leyton. He turned up at Cassio Road again a decade later, playing at the age of 38 as a wartime guest for Crystal Palace in a 2-2 draw.

Kenneth William NICHOLAS (1959-1964) Full-back

Born Northampton, 3 February 1938

Died South London, 24 March 2007

Representative Honours

England Schools & Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 198 appearances (4 goals)

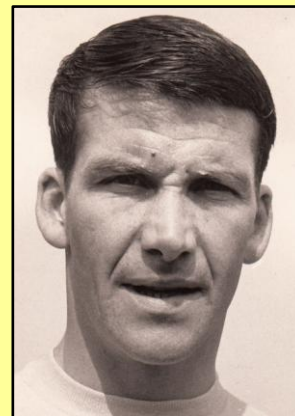
FA Cup: 19 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

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

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Reading, FA Cup 1st Round, 14 Nov 1964

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 63; all competitions 50



Career Path

Arsenal (groundstaff, amateur May 1955, professional May 1955); **WATFORD** (free with J.Sanchez May 1959); Guildford City (free June 1965); Hastings United (by November 1966 until at least April 1968); Tonbridge; Stevenage Town; Faro (*Portugal*)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1959/60	WATFORD	43			Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1960/61	WATFORD	38		3	Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24
1961/62	WATFORD	31			Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1962/63	WATFORD	44		1	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1963/64	WATFORD	26			Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1964/65	WATFORD	16			Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24

The captain of Arsenal's first youth team, but unable to make the senior team at Highbury in four years as a professional, Ken Nicholas joined Watford with John Sanchez and virtually monopolized the number 3 shirt from the start. Neat and thoughtful, he was no goalscoring full-back, but on one occasion actually hit two in a Football League game at Colchester United. In addition to his soccer honours he played rugby for England Grammar Schools. He was wheelchair-bound towards the end of his life, suffering from motor neurone disease.

Peter NICHOLAS (1991-1992) Midfielder

Born Newport, Monmouthshire, 10 November 1959

Representative Honours

Wales Schools, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 40 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 4 appearances

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Newcastle United, Football League Div 2, 9 Mar 1991

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Port Vale, Football League Div 2, 22 Feb 1992

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 32; all competitions 37



Career Path

Crystal Palace (schoolboy September 1974, apprentice April 1976, professional December 1976); Arsenal (£400,000 March 1981); Crystal Palace (loan October 1983, £150,000 August 1984); Luton Town (£150,000 January 1985); Aberdeen (£350,000 August 1987); Chelsea (£350,000 August 1988); **WATFORD** (£175,000 March 1991); Chelsea youth-team manager (July 1992 until close season 1993); Brentford youth-team manager (October 1993); Crystal Palace (youth-team manager close season 1994, assistant first-team coach June 1995, youth-team coach 1996); Barry Town manager (July 2000); Swansea City assistant-manager (September 2001); Llanelli manager (March 2002); also Wales Under-17 manager; Newport County manager (November 2002 until September 2004); Llanelli manager (coach August 2005, manager February 2006 until May 2009); Neath Athletic (coaching staff 2009, manager May 2011); also Wales 'C' assistant manager

Football League & Scottish Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1977/78	Crystal Palace	23		1	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1978/79	Crystal Palace	37		3	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1979/80	Crystal Palace	39		2	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1980/81	Crystal Palace	28		1	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1980/81	Arsenal	8		1	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1981/82	Arsenal	28	3		Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1982/83	Arsenal	21			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1983/84	Crystal Palace	25		3	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1984/85	Crystal Palace	22		4	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1984/85	Luton Town	19			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1985/86	Luton Town	41			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1986/87	Luton Town	42		1	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1987/88	Aberdeen	39		3	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
1988/89	Chelsea	39		1	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1989/90	Chelsea	29			Football League Division 1 – 5th of 20
1990/91	Chelsea	11	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 20
1990/91	WATFORD	15			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	25		1	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24

A busy and perceptive midfield organizer, he was a short-term signing who brought masses of top-level experience to help fight a successful battle against relegation. Peter Nicholas captained Wales, and while on Watford's books won his 73rd Full cap to set what was then a national record. With Crystal Palace he won FA Youth Cup winner's medals in both 1976/77 and 1977/78, and was captain of the Chelsea side which won the Full Members Cup in 1989/90. During his one season north of the border, at the end of the 1987/88 Scottish League Cup final he failed with a penalty kick in the shoot-out in which his Aberdeen team lost to Rangers, but was named Man of the Match. There was another penalty-kick failure on Boxing Day 1986, when as a Luton Town player he missed the target at Kenilworth Road, leaving Watford to run out 2-0 winners. As a manager he led two clubs to the Welsh League championship: Barry Town in 2000/01 and Llanelli seven years later.

George Frederick NIDD (1900-1902) Midfielder / Goalkeeper

Born Kirton, Lincolnshire, 9 January 1869

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 1956

Watford Career

Southern League: 55 appearances

FA Cup: 5 appearances

First World War competitions: 1 appearance

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

Final game in peacetime competitions: 3-4 away defeat v Brentford, Southern League Div 1, 12 Apr 1902

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



Career Path

Everton (August 1889); Southport Central; Everton (January 1893); Preston North End (February 1894, reinstated amateur September 1895); Southport Central (1895/96); Bury (December 1895); Stalybridge Rovers (1896); Halliwell Rovers (March 1897); Lincoln City (September 1897); Grimsby Town (September 1898); **WATFORD** (free August 1900); Brentford (May 1902); Fulham (June 1903); Grays United (August 1904); Clapton Orient (March 1905); **WATFORD** (September 1907)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1893/94	Preston North End	3			Football League Division 1 – 14th of 16
1897/98	Lincoln City	9			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 16
1898/99	Grimsby Town	29			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 18
1899/00	Grimsby Town	21		1	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 18
1900/01	WATFORD	27			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15
1901/02	WATFORD	28			Southern League Division 1 – 13th of 16
1902/03	Brentford	25			Southern League Division 1 – 16th of 16
1904/05	Grays United	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 4th of 12
1904/05	Clapton Orient	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 8th of 12

Although normally a full-back, Fred Nidd had brief experience as a first-team goalkeeper with both Grimsby Town and Watford (after George Waller was sacked in December 1901), and during the First World War at the age of 47 was persuaded to play in goal the day after Skilly Williams joined the colours. He had a rough time on this occasion, Watford losing 8-2 at home to Fulham. During his two seasons with Grimsby he took part in the club's record Football League victory, which has stood since 1899 – 9-2 against Darwen – and a few months later scored in the first-ever game at Blundell Park. A talented athlete and a tenor of repute, he remained in Watford for the rest of his long life.

Allan NIELSEN (2000-2003) Midfielder

Born Esbjerg, Denmark, 13 March 1971

Representative Honours

Denmark Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 95+6 appearances (19 goals)

FA Cup: 5+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 4+2 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Huddersfield Town, Football League Div 1, 12 Aug 2000

Final game: 2-0 home win v Sheffield United, Football League Div 1, 4 May 2003

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 50; all competitions 52



Career Path

Esbjerg (*Denmark*); Bayern Munich (*West Germany*) (January 1989); FC Sion (*Switzerland*) (1991); Odense BK (*Denmark*) (October 1991); FC København (*Denmark*) (January 1994); Brøndby IF (*Denmark*) (April 1995); Tottenham Hotspur (£1.65 million August 1996); Wolverhampton Wanderers (loan March 2000); **WATFORD** (£2.25 million August 2000); Herfølge Boldklub (*Denmark*) (player/assistant-coach free June 2003, player-coach circa December 2003, coach 2004 until 2005); Birkerød Sports College (*Denmark*) coach (by 2010)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1996/97	Tottenham Hotspur	28	1	6	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
1997/98	Tottenham Hotspur	21	5	3	FA Premier League – 14th of 20
1998/99	Tottenham Hotspur	24	4	3	FA Premier League – 11th of 20
1999/00	Tottenham Hotspur	5	9		FA Premier League – 10th of 20
1999/00	Wolverhampton Wanderers	7		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
2000/01	WATFORD	45		10	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	WATFORD	19	3	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	31	3	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24

Classy, experienced and very popular at Vicarage Road, midfielder Allen Nielsen had won club and international honours during a successful career in both Denmark and England. In his native country he was a member of the Odense BK side which won the Danish Cup in 1992/93, and four years later helped Brøndby IF to win the Danish League. In England, for Tottenham Hotspur he scored the only goal of the 1998/99 Football League Cup final, and at international level he was ever-present in his country's run to the World Cup quarter-finals in 1998. Altogether he won 44 Full caps and scored seven goals.

David James NOBLE (2001-2002) Midfielder

Born Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 2 February 1982

Representative Honours

England Youth
Scotland Under-21 & 'B'

Watford Career

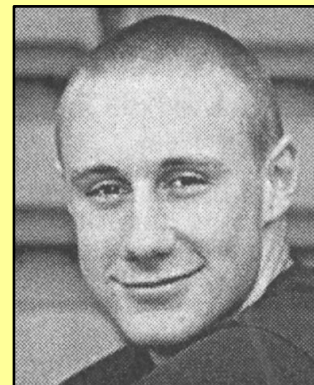
Football League: 5+10 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Début: (as sub) 3-0 home win v Wimbledon, Football League Div 1, 9 Sep 2001

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Stockport County, Football League Div 1, 1 Apr 2002

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



Career Path

Arsenal (trained from age 9, schoolboy March 1996, scholar July 1998, professional March 2001); also FA Centre of Excellence; **WATFORD** (one-season loan July 2001, for which Arsenal were paid "less than £100,000"); West Ham United (free January 2003); Wimbledon trial (February 2004); Boston United (loan February 2004, free March 2004); Bristol City (loan November 2005, undisclosed fee January 2006, released close season 2009); Yeovil Town (loan March 2009); Exeter City (September 2009); Rotherham United (free July 2012); Cheltenham Town (loan September 2013); Oldham Athletic (non-contract August 2014, contract September 2014); Exeter City (loan September 2014, free January 2015); St Albans City (free August 2016)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2001/02	WATFORD	5	10	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2003/04	West Ham United		3		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
2003/04	Boston United	14		2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 11th of 24
2004/05	Boston United	30	2	3	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 16th of 24
2005/06	Boston United	10	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 11th of 24
2005/06	Bristol City	23	1	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 9th of 24
2006/07	Bristol City	18	8	3	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Bristol City	19	10	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
2008/09	Bristol City	5	4	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2008/09	Yeovil Town	2			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
2010/11	Exeter City	29	7		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
2011/12	Exeter City	42		2	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2012/13	Rotherham United	20	2	3	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2013/14	Cheltenham Town	25	4		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 17th of 24
2014/15	Oldham Athletic		2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
2014/15	Exeter City	8	7		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
2015/16	Exeter City	24	6		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 14th of 24

Having been a member of the Arsenal side which won the FA Youth Cup in 1999/2000, in which he performed particularly well in the Final, he was brought to Watford on a season-long loan. A significant level of commitment to the cause was not universal among the Vialli signings, and as the season ran its mediocre course David Noble increasingly became a peripheral figure. Certainly there seemed more zest about his subsequent Vicarage Road appearances as a Bristol City player. He is one of a handful of Watford players who won international caps for two countries.

William NOCK (1898) Forward

Born Newtown, Montgomeryshire, 1876

Died Rochdale, Lancashire, 10 November 1931

Representative Honours

Wales Full

West Herts Career

Southern League: 3 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 2-2 home draw v St Albans, Southern League Div 2, 5 Mar 1898

Final game: 4-2 home win v Dartford, Southern League Div 2, 23 Apr 1898

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

Career Path

Newtown Reserves (by March 1895); **WEST HERTS** (February 1898); application for reinstatement as an amateur granted May 1898; Vulcans; Newtown (by January 1902); Newtown North End (by December 1902); Newtown (by November 1907)

Southern League Career

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

Briefly a West Herts forward less than a year after winning his one international cap (against Ireland), Bill Nock scored two goals in his third and final Southern League game shortly before applying successfully for reinstatement as an amateur. He later held a managerial position in a Rochdale shirt factory, and was a member of a talented musical family.

Gifton Reuben Elisha NOEL-WILLIAMS (1996-2003) Forward

(formerly Gifton Reuben Elisha WILLIAMS)

Born Islington, London, 21 January 1980

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 107+62 appearances (33 goals)

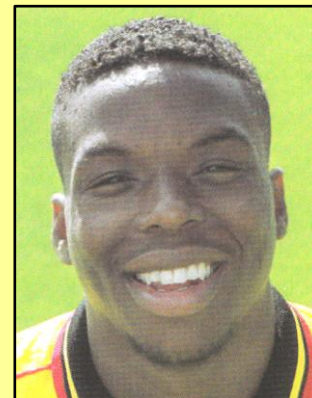
FA Cup: 10+2 appearances (5 goals)

Football League Cup: 10+2 appearances (3 goals)

Début: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Sunderland, Football League Cup 2nd Round 2nd Leg, 24 Sep 1996 (*Lost 0-3 on aggregate.*)

Final game: 1-0 away win v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 1, 8 Apr 2003

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 19; all competitions 21



Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy April 1994); Islington & Camden Schools: **WATFORD** (trainee June 1996, professional February 1997); Stoke City (free May 2003); Burnley (June 2005); Brighton & Hove Albion (loan March 2006); Real Murcia (*Spain*) (£50,000 January 2007); Elche (*Spain*) (close season 2007); Millwall (October 2008); Yeovil Town (loan November 2008); Austin Aztex (*USA*) (January 2009 until close season 2009); DFW Tornados (*USA*) (2010); Austin Aztex (*USA*) (2011); also Brentwood Christian Schools (*USA*) assistant coach, as well as other coaching activities (2011); **WATFORD** Under-14s assistant coach (November 2014); also Daventry Town (February 2015); Northwood Under18 & Under-19 manager (June 2016); Burnham manager (September 2016 until November 2016); Codicote manager (June 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1996/97	WATFORD	9	16	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	WATFORD	27	11	7	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	WATFORD	19	7	10	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	WATFORD	1	2		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	WATFORD	28	4	8	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	WATFORD	15	14	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	8	8		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2003/04	Stoke City	40	2	10	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2004/05	Stoke City	41	5	13	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2005/06	Burnley	17	12	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
2005/06	Brighton & Hove Albion	7		2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2006/07	Burnley	19	4	5	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2008/09	Millwall	1			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
2008/09	Yeovil Town	6			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24

As a strapping youth, Gifton Noel-Williams was the second-youngest player ever to have represented Watford in a competitive first-team fixture, and also the club's youngest goalscorer in both the Football League and the FA Cup – all three distinctions having been achieved before his 17th birthday. His progress as a physically strong leader of the attack became increasingly hindered by fitness problems, which eventually led to his release at the age of 23. Ironically, having been signed by Stoke City he proceeded to complete the two fullest seasons of his career.

Lee Martin NOGAN (1991-1994) Forward

Born Cardiff, Glamorgan, 21 May 1969

Representative Honours

Wales Under-21, 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 97+8 appearances (26 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 5+2 appearances (3 goals)

Anglo-Italian Cup: 1+2 appearances

Début: 1-1 home draw v Barnsley, Football League Div 2, 22 Dec 1991

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Sheffield United, Football League Div 1, 17 Dec 1994

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 39; all competitions 44



Career Path

Cardiff Schools; Oxford United (trainee August 1986, professional March 1987); Brentford (loan March 1987); Southend United (loan September 1987); **WATFORD** (£275,000 December 1991 plus a further £25,000 after 20 appearances); Southend United (loan March 1994); Reading (£250,000 January 1995); Notts County (loan February 1997); Grimsby Town (£170,000 July 1997); Darlington (free July 1999); Luton Town (free November 2000); York City (free February 2001, player/assistant-manager June 2003); Harrogate Town (free February 2005); also Pickering Town (October 2005); Whitby Town (manager June 2006 to November 2007, subsequently returning as a player until close season 2008); Halifax Town player/assistant-manager (October 2011); Gateshead assistant-manager (November 2015)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1986/87	Brentford	10	1	2	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1987/88	Southend United	6		1	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1987/88	Oxford United	2	1		Football League Division 1 – 21st of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	Oxford United	2	1		Football League Division 2 – 17th of 24
1989/90	Oxford United	2	2		Football League Division 2 – 17th of 24
1990/91	Oxford United	29	3	5	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1991/92	Oxford United	22		5	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	23		5	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1992/93	WATFORD	40	2	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	21	5	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1993/94	Southend United	4	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1994/95	WATFORD	13	1	7	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1994/95	Reading	21	2	12	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24
1995/96	Reading	32	7	10	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1996/97	Reading	21	11	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
1996/97	Notts County	6			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1997/98	Grimsby Town	36	3	8	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	Grimsby Town	30	8	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
1999/00	Darlington	19	14	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 4th of 24
2000/01	Darlington	18		4	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 20th of 24
2000/01	Luton Town	7		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2000/01	York City	16		6	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 17th of 24
2001/02	York City	40	2	13	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	York City	39	7	5	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
2003/04	York City	38	1	8	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

Steve Perryman knew him at Oxford United, took him on loan at Brentford, and signed him for Watford at a time when Oxford were in desperate need of money immediately after Robert Maxwell's death. Lee Nogan, a hard-working forward whose brother Kurt followed him into League football, won his first Full cap as a substitute soon after moving to Vicarage Road. His transfer to Reading led to the high-point of his career – an outstanding goal at Wembley Stadium in a Play-off Final. But Reading lost after leading 2-0, having been runners-up in the League table (only the champions were automatically promoted that season).

Philip NOLAN (1947-1954) Forward / Centre-half

Born Edmonton, Middlesex, 29 December 1923

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 20 January 2011

Watford Career

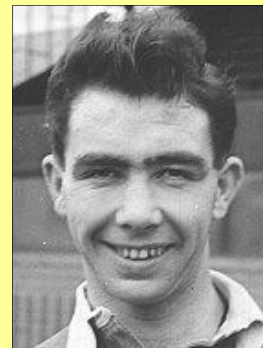
Football League: 91 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Crystal Palace, Division 3 (South), 27 Sep 1947

Final game: 1-6 away defeat v Swindon Town, Football League Division 3 (South), 1 Sep 1954

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



Career Path

Walthamstow Avenue; Hayes (1946/47); Middlesex; **WATFORD** (amateur, professional October 1947); Bedford Town (July 1955); De Havilland, Leavesden (permit to play as an amateur granted November 1957); Fishburn (by October 1960)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1947/48	WATFORD	22		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1950/51	WATFORD	9		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24
1951/52	WATFORD	13			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24
1952/53	WATFORD	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24
1953/54	WATFORD	31		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1954/55	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24

A latecomer to the professional ranks, Phil Nolan made his Football League début as an amateur with three goals in his first two games as an inside-forward, scored again in the next match after joining the paid staff, but was later to settle down as a well-built, loyal and enthusiastic centre-half who spent much of his career in the Reserves. He was at the centre of an unusual incident at Colchester United in November 1953, when he scored right at the end of a Division 3 (South) fixture as the referee blew his whistle; the match wasn't restarted, which left much confusion as to whether the goal stood. It did, and the result was 2-2. Nolan was also an accomplished golfer who in 1954 won the Professional Footballers' Association championship, which was an annual event for two decades.

George W.NORMAN (1912) Centre-forward

Watford Career

Southern League: 8 appearances (4 goals)

Début: 1-7 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Southern League Div 1, 2 Mar 1912

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Plymouth Argyle, Southern League Div 1, 20 Apr 1912

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

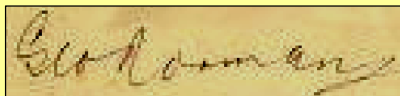
Career Path

Clapton; **WATFORD** (amateur October 1911)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1911/12	WATFORD	8		4	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20

An amateur centre-forward who represented London v Southern Counties in a trial match a year before his brief first-team career at Watford which, after a reserve-team début in October 1911, began four months later with a 7-1 defeat at Brighton & Hove Albion, followed seven days later by a 4-2 victory over Stoke, George Norman scoring two of the goals. Any intention to make further use of his services the following season was thwarted by his emigration to New Zealand, sailing 2nd Class on the *Tainui* from the Port of London to Wellington on 12 September 1912.



Ernest Joseph NORTH (1926-1927) Centre-forward / Inside-forward

Born Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, 23 September 1895

Died Havant, Hampshire, 24 August 1955

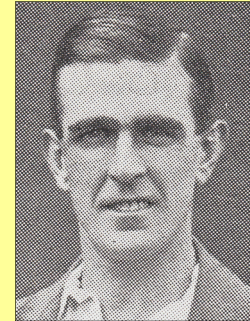
Watford Career

Football League: 6 appearances

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

Final game: 4-2 home win v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Mar 1927

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



Career Path

Tuxford School; Atlas & Norfolk; Arsenal (amateur November 1919, professional December 1919); Reading (May 1922); Gillingham (July 1923); Norwich City (August 1924); **WATFORD** (free May 1926, released close season 1927); Northfleet coach (July 1927)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1919/20	Arsenal	4		1	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1920/21	Arsenal	8		2	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1921/22	Arsenal	11		3	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1922/23	Reading	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 22
1923/24	Gillingham	39		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1924/25	Norwich City	33		10	Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1925/26	Norwich City	23		9	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1926/27	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22

That handful of Football League appearances for Watford encompassed all three inside-forward positions. Fred Pagnam, his manager at Vicarage Road, had been the senior centre-forward at Highbury when Joe North was trying to establish himself there following First World War service with the Tank Corps in which he won a Military Medal. He played first-class cricket in the 1920s and became a Minor Counties umpire.

Jason NORVILLE (2001-2003) Forward

Born Sangre Grande, Trinidad, 9 September 1983

Representative Honours

Trinidad & Tobago Full

Watford Career

Football League: 6+8 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 3-4 away defeat v Bradford City, Football League Div 1, 27 Oct 2001

Final game: 2-0 home win v Sheffield United, Football League Div 1, 4 May 2003

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



Career Path

WATFORD (trained from age 10, schoolboy December 1997, scholar July 2000, professional April 2002); Barnet (free July 2005, released close season 2007, non-contract August 2007); Welwyn Garden City (loan 2007); Wealdstone (loan 2007); Woking (free January 2008, released close season 2008); AFC Wimbledon trial (close season 2008); Gillingham trial (August 2010); Dover Athletic (September 2010); Bishops Stortford (briefly January 2011)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2001/02	WATFORD		2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	6	6	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2005/06	Barnet	7	15	2	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 18th of 24
2006/07	Barnet	1	2		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 14th of 24
2007/08	Barnet	5	3	1	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 12th of 24

A striker who made his Football League début as a scholar and whose one first-team goal for Watford was a fine strike against Sheffield Wednesday in a 2-2 draw at Hillsborough. Jason Norville's Barnet career was blighted by injury and he was out of football for two years after an AFC Wimbledon trial in 2008. His one Full international cap came on 10 September 2003, when Trinidad & Tobago were beaten 2-0 in Morocco.

Nyron Paul Henry NOSWORTHY (2011-2014) Centre-half

Born Brixton, London, 11 October 1980

Representative Honours

Jamaica Full

Watford Career

Football League: 55+1 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 3-2 home win v Peterborough United, Football League Championship, 29 Oct 2011

Final game: 1-1 away draw v Bristol City, FA Cup 3rd Round, 4 Jan 2014

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 21; all competitions 23



Career Path

Independent (from age 12); Gillingham (trainee August 1998, professional December 1998); Sunderland (free July 2005); Sheffield United (loan February 2010 and July 2010); **WATFORD** (loan October 2011, undisclosed fee January 2012, released close season 2014); Bristol City (loan February 2014); Scunthorpe United trial (October 2014); Blackpool (November 2014); Portsmouth (loan March 2015); Dagenham & Redbridge (free June 2015, retired February 2016)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1998/99	Gillingham		3		Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
1999/00	Gillingham	15	15	1	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2000/01	Gillingham	8	2		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2001/02	Gillingham	29			Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 12th of 24
2002/03	Gillingham	37	2	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 11th of 24
2003/04	Gillingham	26	1	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 21st of 24
2004/05	Gillingham	36	1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2005/06	Sunderland	24	6		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2006/07	Sunderland	27	2		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Sunderland	29			FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2008/09	Sunderland	16			FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2009/10	Sunderland	7	3		FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2009/10	Sheffield United	19			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2010/11	Sheffield United	31	1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	WATFORD	32		2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 11th of 24
2012/13	WATFORD	18	1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2013/14	WATFORD	5			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2013/14	Bristol City	10	1		Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 12th of 24
2014/15	Blackpool	5			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2014/15	Portsmouth	6	1		Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 16th of 24
2015/16	Dagenham & Redbridge	16	1	1	Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 23th of 24 (Relegated)

An experienced centre-half who was drafted in on loan to cover for the injured Martin Taylor, the hefty but mobile Nyron Nosworthy settled to the task immediately and impressively – so much so that he was signed permanently shortly before the end of the loan period, and after the season ended became an international footballer at the age of 31. Against Burnley at Vicarage Road on 3 March 2012 he scored for both sides in the space of five minutes. In his time at Sunderland he made 85 Premier League appearances.

Allan-Roméo NYOM (2015-2016) Right-back

Born Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, 10 May 1988

Representative Honours

Cameroon Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League: 29+3 appearances

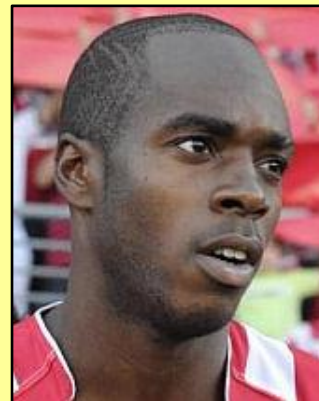
FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

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

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Gillingham, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 23 Aug 2016

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 26; all competitions 25



Career Path

Choisy-le-Roi (*France*); Nancy (*France*) (2005); Arles-Avignon (*France*) (free close season 2008); Udinese (*Italy*) (close season 2009); Granada (*Spain*) (loan close season 2009); **WATFORD** (July 2015); West Bromwich Albion (£3 million September 2016)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2015/16	WATFORD	29	3		FA Premier League – 17th of 20