

Kieron Emerson FORBES (2007) Midfielder

Born Wembley, London, 17 August 1990

Representative Honours

England 'C'

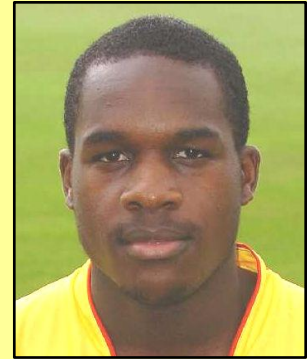
Watford Career

Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 3-0 home win v Gillingham,
Football League Cup 1st Round, 14 Aug 2007

Career Path

WATFORD (scholar July 2006 until close season 2008); Wealdstone (August 2008); Forest Green Rovers (“nominal fee” December 2010, released close season 2015); Whitehawk (loan February 2014); Aldershot Town (loan July 2014); Sutton United (loan March 2015); Maidenhead United (August 2015)



There was a fleeting glimpse – less than half an hour – of Kieron Forbes in action in what was nominally but misleadingly a first-team fixture at the beginning of the 2007/08 season, but when the period of his scholarship expired the following summer he was released without being offered a professional contract. After joining Forest Green Rovers he played for England 'C' (*ie* non-League) with his club colleague Eddie Oshodi, also formerly of Watford.

Fabian Wesley FORDE (2001) Forward

Born Harrow, London, 26 October 1981

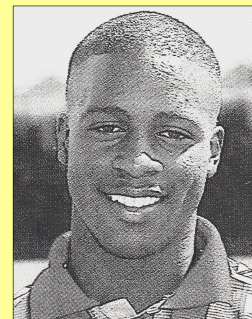
Representative Honours

Barbados Under-23 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Burnley, Football League Div 1, 6 May 2001



Career Path

Millwall (trained as a boy); **WATFORD** (schoolboy April 1998, scholar July 1998, professional March 2001); Enfield (loan October 2002); Chesham United (loan January 2003); Crawley Town (free August 2003); Hendon (free December 2003); Chelmsford City (January 2004); Egham Town (July 2004); Hemel Hempstead Town (September 2004); Hampton & Richmond Borough (December 2004); Windsor & Eton (February 2005)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2000/01	WATFORD		1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24

Two Full international caps but just a few minutes of substitute action in the Football League is how Fabian Forde's Watford career ended. The few minutes came right at the end of the 2000/01 campaign – two years before he was released – and the caps in November 2002. As a boy he'd trained with Millwall under Tom Walley, who was back at Vicarage Road when Forde began his association with Watford.

Fernando Martin FORESTIERI (2012-2015) Striker

Born Rosario, Argentina, 15 January 1990

Representative Honours

Argentina Youth

Italy Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 48+35 appearances (20 goals)

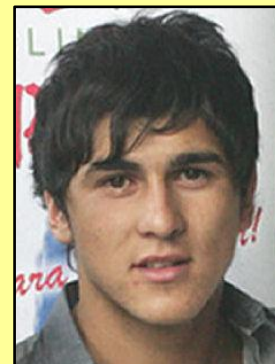
FA Cup: 4 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 3+1 appearances

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

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Preston North End, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 25 Aug 2015

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 21; all competitions 18



Career Path

Newell's Old Boys (*Argentina*) (2001); Boca Juniors (*Argentina*) (\$50,000 2003); Genoa (*Italy*) (January 2006); Siena (*Italy*) (€1.7 million for co-ownership of transfer rights, July 2007); Genoa (*Italy*) (€4.5 million for full ownership of transfer rights, June 2008); Vicenza (*Italy*) (loan January 2009); Udinese (*Italy*) (€1.5 million July 2009); Malaga (*Spain*) (loan July 2009); Empoli (*Italy*) (loan January 2011); Bari (*Italy*) (loan July 2011); **WATFORD** (loan August 2012, free January 2013); Sheffield Wednesday (£3 million August 2015)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2012/13	WATFORD	19	12	8	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2013/14	WATFORD	19	9	7	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	WATFORD	10	14	5	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Sheffield Wednesday	38	1	15	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2016/17	Sheffield Wednesday	27	10	12	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 4th of 24

After early performances which gave the impression of an energetically playful puppy and not much else, the darting, scurrying Fernando Forestieri later showed that end-product, sometimes of a spectacular nature, was achievable. It earned him, midway through his one-season loan from Udinese, a five-and-a-half-year contract for Watford. Right at the start of the 2014/15 season he was sent on as a substitute against Bolton Wanderers and scored after 28 seconds.

Craig FORSYTH (2011-2013) Midfielder / left-wing-back

Born Carnoustie, Angus, 24 February 1989

Representative Honours

Scotland Full

Watford Career

Football League: 16+6 appearances (3 goals)

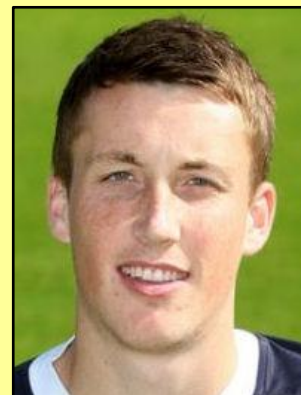
FA Cup: 1 appearance (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 2+1 appearances

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

Final Game: 2-0 away win v Ipswich Town, Football League Championship, 19 Feb 2013

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 11; all competitions 12



Career Path

Carlogie Boys Club; Dundee (2006); Montrose (loan February 2008); Arbroath (loan March 2009); **WATFORD** (£150,000 June 2011, plus possible “add-on” increments); Bradford City (loan October 2012); Derby County (loan March 2013, £150,000 July 2013)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2006/07	Dundee	1			Scottish League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 10
2007/08	Montrose	10			Scottish League Division 3 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 3rd of 10
2008/09	Arbroath	26		2	Scottish League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 7th of 10
2008/09	Dundee		1		Scottish League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 4th of 10
2009/10	Dundee	21	3	2	Scottish League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 2nd of 10
2010/11	Dundee	26	7	8	Scottish League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 6th of 10
2011/12	WATFORD	15	5	3	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 11th of 24
2012/13	Bradford City	5	2		Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 7th of 24 (Promoted)
2012/13	WATFORD	1	1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2012/13	Derby County	10			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 10th of 24
2013/14	Derby County	49		2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2014/15	Derby County	44		1	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2015/16	Derby County	10	2		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 5th of 24
2016/17	Derby County	3		1	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 9th of 24

As a tall operator on the left side of midfield Craig Forsyth scored Watford’s first goal of the 2011/12 campaign on his début, but found it difficult to make a lasting impact and was rested three months into the season. He returned to score twice against Bradford City in a FA Cup tie, including an unstoppable low drive from distance into the corner of the net. In 2009/10 he hit the winning goal in the final of the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup (a competition which excludes the Scottish Premier League clubs). The end of the 2013/14 season brought contrasting experiences in the space of five days when, first he was a member of the Derby County side which lost to a last-minute goal in a Championship Play-off final which they had dominated, but then earned a Full cap – his first international honour at any level.

Ben Anthony FOSTER (2005-2007) Goalkeeper

Born Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, 3 April 1983

Representative Honours

England Full

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 76 appearances

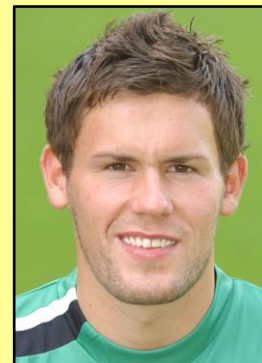
FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Preston North End, Football League Championship, 6 Aug 2005

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Newcastle United, FA Premier League, 13 May 2007

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 30; all competitions 16



Career Path

Racing Club Warwick; Stoke City (April 2001); Bristol City (loan November 2002); Tiverton Town (loan December 2002); Stafford Rangers (loan March 2004); Kidderminster Harriers (loan October 2004); Wrexham (loan January 2005); Manchester United (£1 million July 2005); **WATFORD** (loan August 2005 and again August 2006); Birmingham City (£6 million June 2010); West Bromwich Albion (loan July 2011, £4 million June 2012)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2004/05	Kidderminster Harriers	2			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2004/05	Wrexham	17			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2005/06	WATFORD	47			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	WATFORD	29			FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	Manchester United	1			FA Premier League – 1st of 20
2008/09	Manchester United	2			FA Premier League – 1st of 20
2009/10	Manchester United	9			FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
2010/11	Birmingham City	38			FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2011/12	West Bromwich Albion	37			FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2012/13	West Bromwich Albion	30			FA Premier League – 8th of 20
2013/14	West Bromwich Albion	24			FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2014/15	West Bromwich Albion	28			FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2015/16	West Bromwich Albion	15			FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2016/17	West Bromwich Albion	38			FA Premier League – 10th of 20

The fact that Ben Foster spent four years as a Stoke City professional without making a single first-team appearance will always remain a mystery, but Manchester United knew what they were doing when they paid a million pounds for his services. He won Full England caps without ever establishing himself as the senior 'keeper at Old Trafford, and was sold at a massive profit. In the meantime, two seasons on loan brought him great popularity at Vicarage Road as a prime example of the higher standard of loan players than in the past which has characterized recruitment in the present century.

Cyril James FOSTER (1925-1928) Inside-forward

Born Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 14 March 1903

Died Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 1 October 1968

Watford Career

Football League: 70 appearances (24 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-3 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion,
Football League Div 3 (South), 5 Sep 1925

Final game: 2-0 home win v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic,
Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Apr 1928

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 20; all competitions 18



Career Path

Aylesbury; Wycombe Wanderers; **WATFORD** (amateur July 1925, professional September 1925); Queens Park Rangers (free July 1928); Scunthorpe & Lindsey United (close season 1930); Bedford Town (November 1931 until close season 1934); Newtown Wesley (permit to play as an amateur granted September 1935); Aylesbury Grammar School groundsman/coach

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1925/26	WATFORD	38		15	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1926/27	WATFORD	17		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	15		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1928/29	Queens Park Rangers	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1929/30	Queens Park Rangers	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22

Making his first three Football League appearances before turning professional, Cyril Foster scored in the second and third of them – his first two home games. An inside-forward with a vigorous style, he enjoyed himself with two Christmas Day goals in 1925 which helped to beat Northampton Town 3-2, but there was less satisfaction when he scored again eight days later: it was Watford's sole reply to Aberdare Athletic's eight.

Colin John FOSTER (1994-1996) Centre-half

Born Chislehurst, Kent, 16 July 1964

Watford Career

Football League: 66 appearances (7 goals)

FA Cup: 6 appearances

Football League Cup: 6 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 2-0 home win v Millwall, Football League Div 1, 26 Mar 1994

Final game: 3-3 home draw v Sunderland, Football League Div 1, 2 Apr 1996

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



Career Path

Elmstead; Oxford, Kent; Orient (schoolboy September 1978, apprentice July 1980, professional February 1982); Nottingham Forest (£50,000 plus player-exchange February 1987); West Ham United (£750,000 September 1989); Notts County (loan January 1994); **WATFORD** (£80,000 March 1994); Cambridge United (loan March 1997); Hong Kong football; Cambridge United (free August 1997, released close season 1998)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1981/82	Orient	23		2	Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1982/83	Orient	43		2	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1983/84	Orient	10	1	1	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1984/85	Orient	42		1	Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1985/86	Orient	36		2	Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1986/87	Orient	19		2	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1986/87	Nottingham Forest	7	2	1	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1987/88	Nottingham Forest	38	1	2	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 21
1988/89	Nottingham Forest	17	1	2	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 20
1989/90	Nottingham Forest	6			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1989/90	West Ham United	20	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 24
1990/91	West Ham United	36		3	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1991/92	West Ham United	24			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1992/93	West Ham United	3	3	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1993/94	West Ham United	5			FA Premier League – 13th of 22
1993/94	Notts County	9			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	6		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) - 19th of 24
1994/95	WATFORD	34		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	26		4	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Cambridge United	7			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
1997/98	Cambridge United	26		1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 16th of 24

Standing 6 feet 4 inches tall, Colin Foster was a central defender who, with over four hundred League and cup games under his belt, was signed to bolster a Watford team which was unable to keep a clean sheet and in danger of relegation. Such was his impact that, although goals continued to be leaked when he was out injured, only one was conceded in the six games in which he did play that season. He'd earlier appeared in three FA Cup semi-finals, for the losing team each on occasion. He retired from the game on being released by Cambridge United.

John FOSTER (1905-1907) Centre-forward

Born Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, 19 November 1877

Died Huddersfield, Yorkshire, 5 February 1946

Watford Career

Southern League: 57 appearances (29 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

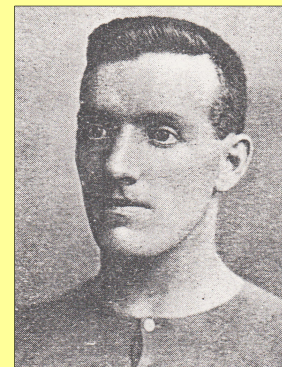
South Eastern League: 3 appearances (2 goals)

United League: 17 appearances (7 goals)

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

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v West Ham United, Southern League Div 1, 30 Nov 2007

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 18; all competitions 19



Career Path

Rotherham Church Institute; Thornhill United (May 1900); Blackpool (May 1901); Thornhill United (free May 1902); Rotherham Town (April 1904); **WATFORD** (May 1905); Sunderland (£800 December 1907); West Ham United (May 1908); Southampton (player-exchange March 1909); Huddersfield Town (May 1909); Castleford Town (July 1910); Morley (1911); Huddersfield Town (assistant-trainer close season 1912, reserve-team coach June 1921); Bradford City assistant-manager (August 1926); Portsmouth scout (by September 1938)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1901/02	Blackpool	28		6	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 18
1905/06	WATFORD	13		3	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1906/07	WATFORD	31		14	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1907/08	WATFORD	13		12	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1907/08	Sunderland	8		3	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 20
1908/09	West Ham United	15		9	Southern League Division 1 – 17th of 21
1908/09	Southampton	6		1	Southern League Division 1 – 3rd of 21

Signed after he'd scored very heavily in the Midland League (45 of Rotherham Town's 74 goals in 1904/05), he led the attack for most of his two-and-a-half seasons at Cassio Road. The sum which transferred Jack Foster to Sunderland was an astronomical one for Watford at the time – three years earlier it would have been a world record – but he proved a poor investment. Shortly after joining Sunderland he suffered from ill-health and was advised by his doctor to move south to a milder climate, and this was the reason for his transfer to West Ham United. In FA Cup matches he scored two of the first three hat-tricks in Huddersfield Town's history, and in his second spell there, when his playing days were over, he served under the legendary Herbert Chapman. As the reserve-team coach he led them to the runners-up spot in the Central League in 1923/24, behind West Bromwich Albion on goal average, and to the championship in the next two seasons.

Arthur Thomas FOXALL (1923-1924) Wing-half / Winger

Born Halesowen, Worcestershire, 8 November 1896

Died Birmingham, West Midlands, 6 May 1980

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-0 home win v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Nov 1923

Final game: 2-1 away win v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 22 Apr 1924

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



Career Path

Pontypridd; Merthyr Town (May 1921, released close season 1923); **WATFORD** (September 1923, initially on trial); Portsmouth (free May 1924); Kidderminster Harriers (July 1925 until at least August 1927); Cradley Heath (by January 1929)

Southern League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
	Pontypridd	?		?	Southern League, Welsh Section
1921/22	Merthyr Town	19		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1922/23	Merthyr Town	4		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1923/24	WATFORD	3		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1924/25	Portsmouth	1			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22

One of three West Midlands brothers who played in the Football League – two of them for Watford. Arthur Foxall was picked twice at left-half, with brother Fred at outside-left, and then later, for his third and final appearance he actually replaced the ill-fated Fred on the wing. At both Merthyr Town and Portsmouth, Arthur was a colleague of the third brother, Harry, who was captain of the Hampshire club when they won promotion to the top flight in 1926/27.

Frederick Howard FOXALL (1923-1924) Winger

Born Halesowen, Worcestershire, 2 April 1898

Died Smethwick, Staffordshire, 17 June 1926

Watford Career

Football League: 32 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Aug 1923

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 21 Apr 1924

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 19; all competitions 22



Career Path

Saltwells; Aston Villa (amateur April 1915); Blackwell Town (September 1916); Southampton (May 1919); Birmingham (player-exchange March 1922); **WATFORD** (£300 June 1923 until close season 1924)

Southern League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1919/20	Southampton	38		5	Southern League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1920/21	Southampton	42		5	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 22
1921/22	Southampton	25		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1921/22	Birmingham	11		1	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1922/23	Birmingham	17		3	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1923/24	WATFORD	32		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22

As the regular first-team outside-left Fred Foxall had much more impact than his brother Arthur, but acquired an unwanted distinction by becoming the first Watford player to suffer a broken leg in a Football League match. He suffered exactly the same fate a few months later in his garden, when returning from a walk in Cassiobury Park, and this accident brought about the end of his football career. He died only two years later, aged 28. A third Foxall brother, Harry, was captain of the Portsmouth team promoted to the First Division in 1926/27.

Albert FRANCIS (1924) Winger
(formerly Albert Francis ALBON)

Born Arlesey, Bedfordshire, 21 July 1901

Died Stamford, Lincolnshire, 17 March 1961

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-0 home win v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 10 Sep 1924



Career Path

Stamford Town; Spalding United (by 1922/23); Lincolnshire; Charlton Athletic trial; Sheffield United (May 1923); **WATFORD** (free August 1924 until close season 1925); Stamford Town (October 1930)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1924/25	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

He represented Lincolnshire before making the big leap in status from Spalding to Sheffield United at the end of a season in which he'd scored 34 goals, but he was unable to break into the first team at Bramall Lane. He did so, however, just once after moving to Watford – at outside-right early in the 1924/25 season. In retirement Albert Francis took up refereeing in the Stamford area, and after his death his ashes were scattered on the centre-spot at Stamford Town's ground.

Damien Jerome FRANCIS (2006-2008) Midfielder

Born Westminster, London, 27 February 1979

Representative Honours

Jamaica Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League & Football League: 34+13 appearances (5 goals)

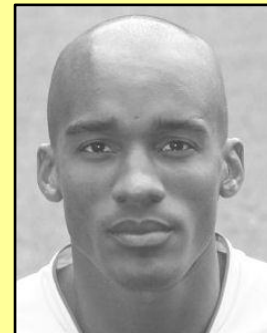
FA Cup: 6 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 4 appearances (2 goals)

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

Final game: (as sub) 2-1 home win v Ipswich Town, Football League Championship, 30 Aug 2008

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 12; all competitions 11



Career Path

Wimbledon (schoolboy December 1993, trainee September 1995, professional January 1997); Norwich City (July 2003); Wigan Athletic (£1.5 million August 2005); **WATFORD** ("up to £1.5 million" August 2006 until October 2008); football agent (July 2013)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1997/98	Wimbledon		2		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
1999/00	Wimbledon	1	8		FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	Wimbledon	29		8	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2001/02	Wimbledon	21	2	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2002/03	Wimbledon	29	5	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2003/04	Norwich City	39	2	7	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Norwich City	32		7	FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2005/06	Wigan Athletic	16	4	1	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2006/07	WATFORD	28	4	4	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	WATFORD	6	5	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2008/09	WATFORD		4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24

Of the four clubs for which he played, Damien Francis, a tall and strong attacking midfield player, was promoted to the Premier League with one, but relegated from it with three of them. It was near the end of the Watford relegation season that in a match against Manchester City he suffered the serious knee injury that eventually caused his retirement from the game, attempts to resume his career having proved short-lived.

Francino Rousseu FRANCIS (2005) Forward

Born Kingston, Jamaica, 18 January 1987

Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Wolverhampton Wanderers,
Football League Cup 2nd Round, 20 Sep 2005

Final game: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Wigan Athletic,
Football League Cup 3rd Round, 25 Oct 2005

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



Career Path

Stoke City (scholar August 2004); **WATFORD** (scholar July 2005); Kidderminster Harriers (loan January 2006); Wealdstone (loan April 2006); Redditch United (2006); Quorn (2007); Halesowen Town (January 2008); Willenhall Town (2008); Barwell (2008); Tamworth (June 2011); Hednesford Town (July 2012); Barwell (free December 2014); Chasetown (2015); Hednesford Town (March 2016); Brockton (loan September 2016); Sutton Coldfield Town (loan September 2016); Hinckley AFC (November 2016)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2005/06	WATFORD		1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)

As an 18-year-old scholar Fran Francis played a very small part in Watford's 2005/06 League campaign which ended with promotion, replacing future England international Gabby Agbonlahor with 25 minutes left of a goalless draw at home against Leeds United. He was released without gaining a professional contract, but went on to forge a career in non-League circles in the Midlands.

John Joseph FRANKISH (1913) Centre-half

Born Darlington, County Durham, 1888

Died Northumberland, 1954

Watford Career

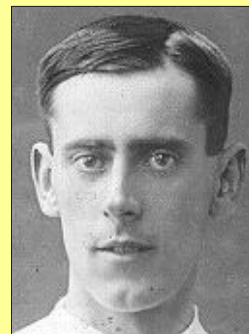
Southern League: 2 appearances

Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-3 away defeat v Norwich City, Southern League Div 1, 4 Sep 1913

Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Luton Town, Southern Charity Cup 1st Round, 1 Oct 1913

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



Career Path

Chester-le-Street; Wallsend; **WATFORD** (May 1913 until November 1913)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1913/14	WATFORD	2			Southern League Division 1 – 18th of 20

After playing at centre-half in the first two Southern League fixtures of the 1913/14 season, and later in a Southern Charity Cup tie against Luton Town (all three matches ended in defeat), he was released from his engagement in November on agreed terms and returned to native parts, where he had earlier represented The Rest v Northern League Champions.

Paul Leslie FRANKLIN (1981-1986) Defender

Born Hainault, Essex, 5 October 1963

Watford Career

Football League: 32 appearances

FA Cup: 5 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Trophy: 0+1 appearance

UEFA Cup: 4 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Burnley, League Group Cup Quarter-final, 8 Dec 1981

Final game: 3-1 away win v Norwich City, Football League Div 1, 13 Sep 1986

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 19; all competitions 27



Career Path

Loughton Boys; Birmingham City (coached as a boy); Waltham New Town; **WATFORD** (schoolboy January 1979, apprentice April 1980, professional August 1981); Shrewsbury Town (loan October 1986); Swindon Town (loan November 1986); Reading (free July 1987); Wycombe Wanderers (free close season 1989, coach 1990); Norwich City assistant-manager (July 1995); Leicester City assistant-manager (December 1995); Norwich United (joint-manager circa October 2000, manager August 2002 until 2006); Diss Town (coach until January 2007, joint caretaker-manager briefly March 2007)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1982/83	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1983/84	WATFORD	24			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1985/86	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1986/87	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1986/87	Shrewsbury Town	6			Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1986/87	Swindon Town	5		1	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1987/88	Reading	3	1		Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 23 (Relegated)
1988/89	Reading	14	2		Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24

A six-foot defender who spent some time with Birmingham City when very young, before committing himself to Watford by signing schoolboy forms at the age of 15. Paul Franklin was ever-present in the club's FA Youth Cup-winning run of 1981/82 and his first-team experience included the club's remarkable UEFA Cup victory in Bulgaria. After his playing days had ended he served as assistant to Martin O'Neill at three different clubs in 1995.

Colin James FRANKS (1969-1973) Midfielder / Forward

Born Wembley, Middlesex, 16 April 1951

Watford Career

Football League: 99+13 appearances (8 goals)

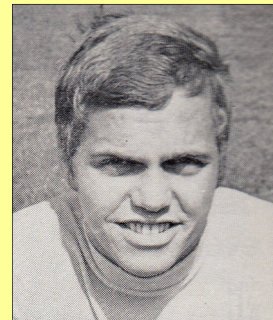
FA Cup: 7 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 3+2 appearances

Début: 3-0 home win v Aston Villa, Football League Div 2, 13 Sep 1969

Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Shrewsbury Town, Football League Div 3, 28 Apr 1973

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 53; all competitions 57



Career Path

John Kelly Secondary Modern School; Boreham Wood; Uxbridge; Wealdstone (for 18 months); **WATFORD** (amateur March 1968, professional June 1969); Sheffield United (£60,000 June 1973); Toronto Blizzard (*Canada*) (March 1979); Edmonton Drillers (*Canada*) (June 1982 until August 1982); coaching in Hamilton, Ontario (*Canada*) (by September 2003)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1969/70	WATFORD	11	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1970/71	WATFORD	9	5	2	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1971/72	WATFORD	34	5	3	Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1972/73	WATFORD	45	1	2	Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1973/74	Sheffield United	5	3		Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1974/75	Sheffield United	22	3		Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1975/76	Sheffield United	32	1		Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1976/77	Sheffield United	42		3	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1977/78	Sheffield United	23	2	3	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1978/79	Sheffield United	15	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)

An attacking utility player best remembered for a spectacular shot in only his sixth senior appearance which beat Gordon Banks for the only goal of the match and took the club closer to its first FA Cup Semi-final in the 1969/70 season. He later scored five second-half goals in a 6-1 reserve-team win against Orient. After nearly six years at Bramall Lane, Colin Franks continued his career with Canadian teams in the North American Soccer League and settled permanently in Canada.

John Watson FRASER (1962-1964) Inside-forward

Born Belfast, 15 September 1938

Died Waterford, 13 March 2011

Representative Honours

Northern Ireland Schools & 'B'

Watford Career

Football League: 24 appearances (3 goals)

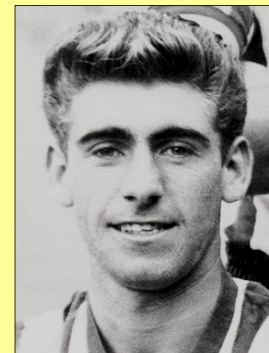
FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Colchester United, Football League Cup 1st Round, 6 Sep 1962

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Coventry City, Football League Div 3, 7 Mar 1964

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



Career Path

Distillery; Glentoran; Sunderland (£3,500 March 1959); Portsmouth (£1,500 June 1960); Margate (close season 1961); **WATFORD** (free July 1962, but the club subsequently made a 3-figure *ex gratia* payment to Margate); Durban City (*South Africa*) (free March 1964); Westview Apollon (*South Africa*) (1966); Germiston Callies (*South Africa*) (1967); Port Elizabeth City (*South Africa*); Corinthians (*South Africa*) (1969); Durban City (*South Africa*) trainer-coach (1971 until 1974); Berea (*South Africa*) manager (1977)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1958/59	Sunderland	10		1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1959/60	Sunderland	12			Football League Division 2 – 16th of 22
1960/61	Portsmouth	1			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1962/63	WATFORD	14		2	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1963/64	WATFORD	10		1	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24

Although he found the net often enough in his early days with Glentoran, John Fraser was not essentially a goalscoring forward during his career in England, but did score on his Watford début, in a League Cup tie, and also in his first home Football League appearance for the club. An inside-forward or winger, he stayed in South Africa after moving to Durban City, whom he helped to win the national cup competition, but towards the end of his life was brought back to Ireland after falling victim to Alzheimer's disease.

Graham Edward FRENCH (1964) Winger

(Surname changed to LAFITE in 1975)

Born Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, 6 April 1945

Representative Honours

England Youth

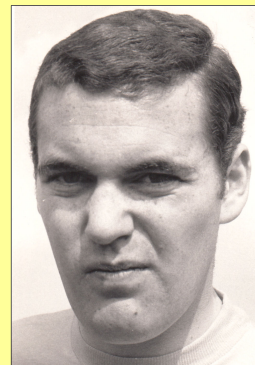
Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances

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

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Shrewsbury Town, Football League Div 3, 19 Sep 1964

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



Career Path

Huddersfield Town (groundstaff, amateur May 1960); Shrewsbury Town (apprentice May 1961, professional November 1962); Swindon Town (£11,500 August 1963); **WATFORD** (£1,250 August 1964); Wellington Town (free November 1974); Luton Town (October 1965 until December 1970, and September 1972, cancelled January 1974); Reading (loan November 1973); Boston Minutemen (*USA*) (June 1974 until August 1974); Southport (March 1976 until April 1976)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1961/62	Shrewsbury Town	9			Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1962/63	Shrewsbury Town	18		1	Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1963/64	Swindon Town	5			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1964/65	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1965/66	Luton Town	32		4	Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1966/67	Luton Town	36		4	Football League Division 4 – 17th of 24
1967/68	Luton Town	31		5	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1968/69	Luton Town	35	1	3	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1969/70	Luton Town	38	1	4	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1972/73	Luton Town	8		1	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1973/74	Reading	3			Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1975/76	Southport	2			Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24

This was a talented right-winger who made his Football League début at 16 but whose promising career was blighted by disciplinary problems which culminated in imprisonment following a shooting incident in Luton. Graham French subsequently changed his surname to Lafite by deed poll (and could this have been an excruciating play on words, based on his original name and his profession?). The fee which Watford paid for his transfer would have been augmented by a further £1,000 had he stayed at Vicarage Road until January 1965, and another £750 if he'd signed on for a second season.

Edward William FULLER (1927-1929) Half-back

Born Egham, Surrey, 6 September 1900

Died Worthing, Sussex, 9 June 1966

Watford Career

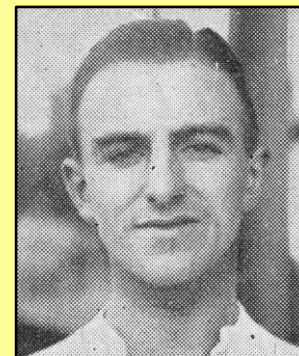
Football League: 55 appearances

FA Cup: 4 appearances

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

Final game: 2-0 home win v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 9 Mar 1929

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 28; all competitions 29



Career Path

London Caledonians; Brighton & Hove Albion (amateur February 1921, professional March 1921); **WATFORD** (free May 1927, released close season 1929); Brighton & Hove Albion (September 1929 until close season 1931, and August 1932); Worthing (permit to play as an amateur granted January 1934, for several seasons)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1921/22	Brighton & Hove Albion	9		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 22
1922/23	Brighton & Hove Albion	34		13	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1923/24	Brighton & Hove Albion	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1924/25	Brighton & Hove Albion	16			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1925/26	Brighton & Hove Albion	8		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	34			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	21			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1929/30	Brighton & Hove Albion	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22

Neat and quick, Eddie Fuller was a versatile player whose talents were utilized by Watford solely in a defensive half-back role. After returning to the south coast he was out of the game for a season, but then rejoined Brighton & Hove Albion for a third spell. Subsequently, having been granted a permit to play as an amateur, he enjoyed a successful run at Worthing, earning winner's medals in the Sussex County League, the RUR Cup and the Sussex Senior Cup.

John Patrick FURIE (1967) Defender

Born Hammersmith, London, 13 May 1948

Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 1-3 home defeat by Leyton Orient,
Football League Div 3, 25 Mar 1967



Career Path

St Joseph's School, Oxhey; Watford Primary Schools; South Oxhey; Hertfordshire Youth; **WATFORD** (amateur January 1965, apprentice May 1965, professional May 1966); Gillingham (free June 1967); Chelmsford City (close season 1968); Oxhey Jets; Sun Sports manager (until February 1983); Oxhey Jets manager (February 1986 until August 1987)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1966/67	WATFORD		1		Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1967/68	Gillingham	17			Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24

In one of the shortest of all Watford careers in terms of Football League action, John Furie replaced Jimmy Lawton for just over half an hour of a home game against Leyton Orient, which ended as a 3-1 defeat. His one Vicarage Road season as a professional was followed by one more at Gillingham, for whom he had a decent run at right-back. He captained Watford Primary Schools, but played only rugby at secondary school.

Paul Anthony FURLONG (1992-1994) Forward

Born Wood Green, London, 1 October 1968

Representative Honours

England Non-League

Watford Career

Football League: 79 appearances (37 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

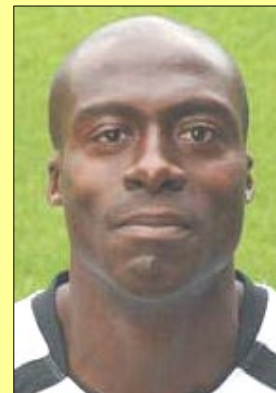
Football League Cup: 7 appearances (4 goals)

Anglo-Italian Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 3-1 home win v Millwall, Football League Div 1, 15 Aug 1992

Final game: 2-0 away win v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 1, 8 May 1994

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 24; all competitions 25



Career Path

Haringey Schools; Middlesex Schools; Fox's; Enfield (from Under-17s to first team); also Queens Park Rangers youth team; Coventry City (£130,000 July 1991); **WATFORD** (£250,000 July 1992); Chelsea (£2.3 million May 1994); Birmingham City (£1.5 million July 1996); Queens Park Rangers (loan August 2000, for which a fee of £125,000 was paid); Sheffield United (loan February 2002); Queens Park Rangers (loan August 2002, free September 2002); Luton Town (free July 2007); Southend United (free July 2008); Barnet (loan January 2009, free August 2009); Kettering Town player-coach (July 2010); St Albans City player-coach (August 2011); Queens Park Rangers academy coaching staff (March 2013)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1991/92	Coventry City	27	10	4	Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1992/93	WATFORD	41		19	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	38		18	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1994/95	Chelsea	30	6	10	FA Premier League – 11th of 22
1995/96	Chelsea	14	14	3	FA Premier League – 11th of 20
1996/97	Birmingham City	37	6	10	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
1997/98	Birmingham City	24	1	15	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1998/99	Birmingham City	26	5	13	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
1999/00	Birmingham City	19	2	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
2000/01	Queens Park Rangers	3		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2000/01	Birmingham City		4		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
2001/02	Birmingham City	2	9	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Sheffield United	4		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2002/03	Queens Park Rangers	30	6	14	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
2003/04	Queens Park Rangers	31	5	16	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Queens Park Rangers	39	1	18	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2005/06	Queens Park Rangers	31	6	7	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
2006/07	Queens Park Rangers	9	13	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2007/08	Luton Town	24	8	8	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2008/09	Southend United	1	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
2008/09	Barnet	21		9	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 17th of 24
2009/10	Barnet	31	7	5	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 21st of 24

After scoring twice in Enfield's 3-2 victory in the 1987/88 FA Trophy Final and winning six Non-League international caps (1 goal), his success as an athletic striker in the non-League game brought Paul Furlong what proved an undistinguished top-flight season with Coventry City. He was a major figure at Vicarage Road in the next two campaigns, but Chelsea then obtained his services by means of a fee which Watford were unable to refuse and which brought them a handsome profit. Although aged 23 before he made his Football League début, he remained in the four top divisions until he was 41, scoring goals in every one of 19 consecutive seasons.

Kenneth FURPHY (1964-1968) Full-back

Born Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham, 28 May 1931

Died Teignmouth, Devon, 17 January 2015

Watford Career

Football League: 95+6 appearances (1 goal)

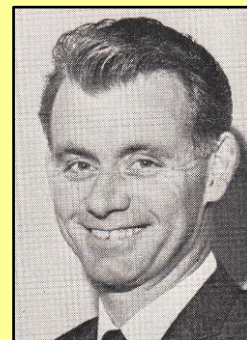
FA Cup: 6 appearances

Football League Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 1-1 home draw v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3, 21 Nov 1964

Final game: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Bury, Football League Div 3, 11 May 1968

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 42; all competitions 48



Career Path

Everton (amateur September 1950, professional November 1950); Runcorn (December 1951); Darlington (August 1953, player/youth-team coach late-1950s); Workington player-manager (July 1962); **WATFORD** (player-manager £1,000 November 1964, manager close season 1968); Blackburn Rovers manager (July 1971); also England Under-23 manager (1973/74); Sheffield United manager (December 1973 until October 1975); New York Cosmos (USA) coach (January 1976); building a team for Miama Toros (USA) (by October 1976); Ipswich Town scout (by March 1977); Detroit Express (USA) coach (March 1977); Washington Diplomats (USA) coach (by March 1981); also manager of North America representative team; Bermuda manager; Cleveland Force (USA) coach; member of England manager's support team (September 1990); Exeter City coaching consultant (January 2001 for 6 days)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1953/54	Darlington	13			Football League Division 3 (North) – 21st of 24
1954/55	Darlington	41			Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 24
1955/56	Darlington	40		2	Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 24
1956/57	Darlington	37		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 18th of 24
1957/58	Darlington	35		2	Football League Division 3 (North) – 20th of 24
1958/59	Darlington	43			Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24
1959/60	Darlington	37			Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1960/61	Darlington	41			Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1961/62	Darlington	29		1	Football League Division 4 – 13th of 23
1962/63	Workington	45		2	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1963/64	Workington	44		1	Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1964/65	Workington	16			Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1964/65	WATFORD	21			Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1965/66	WATFORD	19	2		Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1966/67	WATFORD	44		1	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1967/68	WATFORD	11	4		Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24

Although better-known as a manager, Ken Furphy played in over five hundred games as a lower-divisions right-back. He came to Vicarage Road after leading Workington to their only Football League promotion, making 44 appearances himself, and continued in the dual role for nearly four years at Watford. The measure of his achievements, based on hard work, organization and sound defence, is that the club was nearly 90 years old when it first won promotion to the second tier, and then reached its first FA Cup Semi-final the following season. The financial input needed to strengthen the squad and consolidate at the higher level was not available, and further progress never looked likely. He moved on to appointments with bigger English clubs but without the success for which he seemed destined. In the United States he had some celebrated talent at his disposal, including Pele. He became a sports-shop proprietor in south Devon, and also a broadcaster there on local radio. In 2000 he won the Dawlish Bowls championship, having been runner-up on four occasions. His son made half-a-dozen League appearances for Plymouth Argyle.

(See under 'Managers' for details of Furphy's record in that role.)

George Melville FURR (1906-1909) Forward

Born Barnet, Hertfordshire, 14 August 1885

Died Letchworth, Hertfordshire, 2 January 1967

Watford Career

Southern League: 37 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

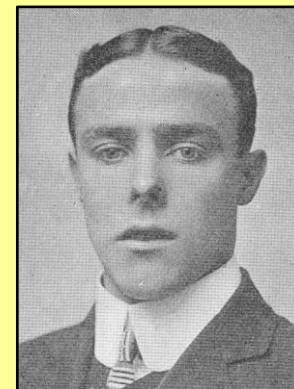
South Eastern League: 2 appearances

United League: 3 appearances (3 goals)

Début: 1-5 away defeat v Hastings & St Leonards United, United League, 28 Nov 1906

Final game: 3-0 home win v Southampton, Southern League Div 1, 27 Mar 1909

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 8; all competitions 10



Career Path

St John's, Hitchin; Hitchin Town (by August 1904); Biggleswade (August 1906); **WATFORD** (amateur 1906/07, professional July 1907); Manchester City (May 1909 until close season 1910); Croydon Common (close season 1911); **WATFORD** (reinstated amateur close season 1912)

Southern League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1907/08	WATFORD	20		3	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1908/09	WATFORD	17			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21
1909/10	Manchester City	3			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 20 (Promoted)
1911/12	Croydon Common	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 11th of 14

One of Vic Furr's footballing brothers, George was a forward who returned south while on Manchester City's transfer-list as a retained player and temporarily left the game when his first application for reinstatement as an amateur, with a view to playing for Stevenage, was refused. He did resume his career a year later with Croydon Common, and it was as an amateur that he eventually rejoined Watford. He later had a butcher's business in Stevenage and also bred greyhounds (and as far as is known, the two activities were not connected). Billy Grimes was a brother-in-law of the footballing Furr's, and was George's best man. Yet another Furr – George's son – signed amateur forms at Vicarage Road in 1929.

Victor Reginald FURR (1925) Winger

Born Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 26 April 1897

Died Winterton-on-Sea, Norfolk, 16 October 1976

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-2 home defeat v Gillingham, Football League Div 3 (South), 3 Jan 1925

Career Path

Hitchin Town; **WATFORD** (Reserves by September 1924, registered amateur January 1925), Sittingbourne (amateur June 1926)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1924/25	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

Vic Furr was one of a footballing family which included brother George, two other brothers who were professionals and another who played for Watford Reserves – and their sister married Billy Grimes. And later, a son of George signed amateur forms at Vicarage Road. Vic, who was known as 'The Midget', made his one Football League appearance, on the right wing, no less than 16 years after brother George left the club.

George FYFE (1905-1910) Wing-half / Forward

Born Govan, Lanarkshire

Watford Career

Southern League: 119 appearances (7 goals, including 2 penalties)

FA Cup: 9 appearances

South Eastern League: 4 appearances

United League: 23 appearances (4 goals)

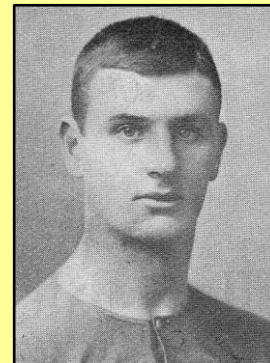
Southern Charity Cup: 2 appearances

First World War competitions: 1 appearance

Début: 1-2 away defeat v New Brompton, United League, 25 Sep 1905

Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Exeter City, Southern League Div 1, 19 Mar 1910

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 20; all competitions 24



Career Path

Neilston Victoria; Hibernian (May 1904); **WATFORD** (August 1905 until March 1910); Dundee Hibernian (August 1910); Dumbarton (August 1911); Dundee Hibernian (December 1911); Halifax Town (January 1912); Newport County (1912/13); Swansea Town (March 1913); Abercorn (1916/17)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1904/05	Hibernian	18		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 5th of 14
1905/06	WATFORD	9		1	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18
1906/07	WATFORD	29		1	Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1907/08	WATFORD	27		3	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1908/09	WATFORD	30			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21
1909/10	WATFORD	24		2	Southern League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1910/11	Dundee Hibernian	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 9th of 12
1911/12	Dumbarton	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1911/12	Dundee Hibernian	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 10th of 12
1912/13	Newport County	12		?	Southern League Division 2 – 10th of 13
1912/13	Swansea Town	7			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 13
1913/14	Swansea Town	1			Southern League Division 2 – 4th of 16

A wing-half or forward who gave the club excellent service for nearly five years before leaving in March 1910 “on the best of terms” to return to Scotland, where he subsequently resumed his career. George Fyfe was due to play in the home game against Swindon Town on 16 December 1905, but missed his train and was subsequently fined ten shillings by the committee. After his earlier season of top-flight football north of the border, Hibernian retained his Scottish League registration for several years after he’d left the club. He turned out for Watford again in a friendly match in April 1919.

Arthur Edward GALE (1901-1910) Wing-half

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 8 December 1881

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 3 December 1945

Watford Career

Southern League: 4 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-0 home draw v Kettering Town, Southern League Div 1, 27 Apr 1901

Final game: 3-2 home win v Ilford, FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round, 19 Nov 1910

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

Career Path

Watford Rovers (*not the earlier club of that name which became West Herts and then Watford*); **WATFORD** (amateur by 1900/01); also Melrose (by early-1901/02); Hertfordshire; Shepherds Bush (amateur by February 1906); Middlesex; **WATFORD** (amateur 1906/07)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1900/01	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15
1910/11	WATFORD	3			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20

A local wing-half whose first two senior competitive appearances were separated by nine-and-a-half years. Bert Gale captained the Reserves, represented both Hertfordshire and Middlesex, was successful on the running track, and became secretary of Watford Amateur Boxing Club. The son of a railwayman, he was employed as a railway clerk and suffered a broken leg in the 1910 Willesden train crash in which five people died and 70 were injured.

Filippo GALLI (2001-2002) Centre-half

Born Monza, Italy, 19 May 1963

Representative Honours

Italy Under-21

Watford Career

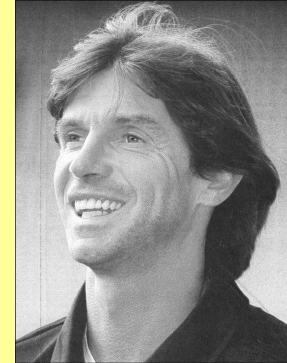
Football League: 27+1 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

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

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

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



Career Path

Villasanta (*Italy*); AC Milan (*Italy*) youth team (1979 until 1982); Pescara (*Italy*) (1982/83); AC Milan (*Italy*) (1983); Reggiana (*Italy*) (November 1996); Brescia (*Italy*) (1998); **WATFORD** (free July 2001); Pro Sesto (*Italy*) (free close season 2002); AC Milan (*Italy*) (Under-20s coach 2006, assistant-manager 2008, youth-department manager 2009)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2001/02	WATFORD	27	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24

He joined Watford at the age of 38, having played all his previous football in Italy – most of it for AC Milan, with whom he won countless honours, including victory in the European Cup/Champions League on three occasions – and is believed to be the second-oldest player ever to have made a Football/Premier League début. Filippo Galli was signed by Luca Vialli, with whom he had appeared in the Italian Under-21 side, and despite running into injuries, of all Vialli's foreign imports he gave much the most satisfaction in that ludicrous season, through his captaincy and cultured centre-half play.

Leonard GALLIMORE (1937-1946) Full-back

Born Northwich, Cheshire, 14 September 1912

Died Stockport, Greater Manchester, 21 February 1978

Watford Career

Football League: 64 appearances

FA Cup: 11 appearances

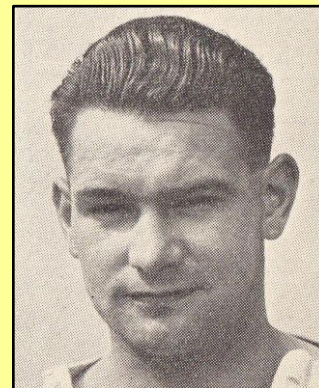
Division 3 (South) Cup: 5 appearances

Second World War competitions: 18 appearances

Début: 1-1 away draw v Millwall, 1936/37 Div 3 (South) Cup Final 2nd Leg,
18 Oct 1937 (*aggregate score 2-2 – trophy shared*)

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Walsall, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Sep 1946

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 33; all competitions 40



Career Path

Witton Albion (amateur August 1929); Liverpool (amateur); Huddersfield Town (amateur September 1930); Dick, Kerr's; Bainton Victoria; Preston North End (amateur September 1931, professional January 1932); **WATFORD** ("substantial fee" May 1937 until January 1947); Arsenal, Blackpool & Burnley guest player during Second World War

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1933/34	Preston North End	4			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1936/37	Preston North End	5			Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1937/38	WATFORD	30			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1938/39	WATFORD	26			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1946/47	WATFORD	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22

This well-built left-back was sacked by the club in mid-season on disciplinary grounds, following which, while still living in Watford, he was convicted several times of various criminal offences and twice gaoled. Having been loaned to Arsenal with Tommy Jones in April 1945 when the Londoners turned up for a game at Vicarage Road two men short, Len Gallimore very uncharacteristically scored twice, but Watford nevertheless won 3-2. His brother Fred was a member of Preston North End's FA Cup-winning team in 1937/38.

Charles GALLOGLY (1952-1954) Defender

Born Gilford, County Down, 16 June 1919

Died New York, USA, 12 January 1993

Representative Honours

USA Full

Northern Ireland Full

Watford Career

Football League: 47 appearances

Début: 4-1 home win v Bristol City, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Aug 1952

Final game: 3-1 home win v Leyton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Apr 1954

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



Career Path

Shelbourne; Linfield guest player during Second World War (1942/43); Belfast Celtic (September 1944); Shelbourne (1945/46); Waterford (1945/46); Glenavon Reserves (April 1946); Brooklyn Hispano (*USA*) (1946 until 1949); Glenavon (January 1949); Huddersfield Town (December 1949); **WATFORD** (“not more than £1,000” July 1952); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (“small fee” July 1954); Glenavon (free August 1955); Brooklyn Shamrocks (*USA*) coach (1958 until 1961)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1949/50	Huddersfield Town	15			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1950/51	Huddersfield Town	30			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1951/52	Huddersfield Town	31			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1952/53	WATFORD	35			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24
1953/54	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24

On arriving in England in 1949, Charlie Gallogly (*the first syllable of the surname is accented*) gave his date of birth as 16 June 1925. He was, in fact, exactly six years older than that, but official records remain uncorrected and the lie has remained largely undetected to this day. He reached Vicarage Road with 76 First Division games under his belt, as well as Full international appearances for Northern Ireland against England and Scotland. In both matches the Irish were heavily beaten and he wasn't capped again. But before that he'd also played for the United States of America, in a 3-2 victory against Israel on 17 October 1948. Normally a full-back, he played occasionally at wing-half for Watford.

Terry Graham GARBETT (1966-1971) Midfielder / Forward

Born Lanchester, County Durham, 9 September 1945

Watford Career

Football League: 196+4 appearances (46 goals)

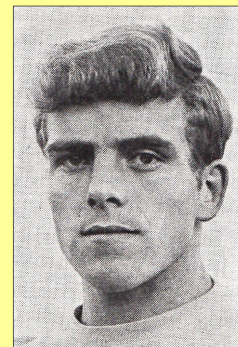
FA Cup: 21 appearances (4 goals)

Football League Cup: 10 appearances

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Reading, Football League Cup 1st Round replay, 29 Aug 1966

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Cardiff City, Football League Div 2, 4 Sep 1971

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 41; all competitions 46



Career Path

Chester-le-Street Schools; several youth sides; Pelton Fell; Middlesbrough (youth team briefly late-1962/63, professional August 1963); **WATFORD** (£7,000 August 1966); Blackburn Rovers (£20,000 September 1971); Sheffield United (£35,000 February 1974 until February 1976); New York Cosmos (USA) (April 1976 until September 1979); University of South Carolina (USA) coach (by 1994)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1965/66	Middlesbrough	7		1	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1966/67	WATFORD	41		17	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1967/68	WATFORD	43		14	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1968/69	WATFORD	39	1	10	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1969/70	WATFORD	30	1	4	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1970/71	WATFORD	39	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1971/72	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1971/72	Blackburn Rovers	40		1	Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1972/73	Blackburn Rovers	25			Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1973/74	Blackburn Rovers	25		5	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1973/74	Sheffield United	12			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1974/75	Sheffield United	5	4		Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1975/76	Sheffield United	9	1		Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)

He was signed by Ken Furphy three times in England, and then again in the United States of America, where he settled after his career was over. A forward or attacking midfielder with an impressive capacity and willingness for hard work, Terry Garbett missed very few first-team games in five years at Vicarage Road. He was part of the Watford team which took the club into the Second Division for the first time, and the following season scored the ultimately irrelevant equalizing goal in the club's first-ever FA Cup Semi-final.

Raymond Hardiman GARBUTT (1950-1951) Centre-forward

Born Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, 9 May 1925

Died Middlestone Moor, County Durham, 2 November 1994

Watford Career

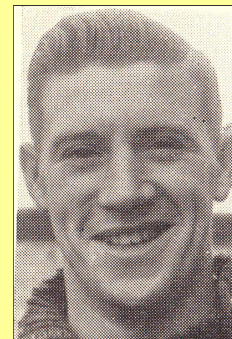
Football League: 22 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Aug 1950

Final game: 2-0 home win v Port Vale, Football League Div 3 (South), 10 Mar 1951

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



Career Path

South Bank East End; Middlesbrough (amateur); Manchester City (professional September 1947); Spennymoor United (circa 1948); **WATFORD** (May 1950); Brighton & Hove Albion (exchanged for C.A.Thompson March 1951); Workington (£4,000 October 1952 until close season 1953)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1950/51	WATFORD	22		8	Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24
1950/51	Brighton & Hove Albion	9		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 24
1951/52	Brighton & Hove Albion	23		13	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 24
1952/53	Workington	8		2	Football League Division 3 (North) – 23rd of 24

The move to Maine Road constituted a big step up for Ray Garbutt and he was unable to break into the first team before returning to lower levels in the north-east. It was Watford who introduced him to Football League action, but soon used him in an unusual straight swap for Cyril Thompson – centre-forward for centre-forward. Although he left Workington in 1953, that club, very unusually, retained his League registration annually for another seven years. When his career was over he became steward of a working-men's club in Spennymoor, was later a licensee, and then spent 29 years as a fitter with GEC until retirement in 1990. In that year, aged 65, he won the County Durham Seniors Golf Championship (for over-50s), thereby qualifying for participation in the Senior Open Championship.

William Edward GARDNER (1887) Forward

Born Milton, Gravesend, Kent, 17 February 1860

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 1 appearance

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

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

Apart from that one flawed FA Cup tie, he played in three first-team friendlies, in one of which the opposition, St Martin's Athletic, brought the game to a premature end when they became disheartened by having two players taken off injured when two goals down. Gardner, who was a schoolmaster by profession, had scored one of the goals.

Alan Henry GARNER (1975-1979) Centre-half

Born Walworth, London, 2 February 1951

Watford Career

Football League: 200 appearances (15 goals)

FA Cup: 10 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 22 appearances

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Walsall, Football League Div 3, 19 Feb 1975

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Sunderland, Football League Div 2, 15 Dec 1979

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 115; all competitions 134



Career Path

South London Schools; Millwall (amateur March 1967, apprentice April 1967, February 1969); Luton Town (free July 1971); **WATFORD** (£22,000 February 1975); Portsmouth (£80,000 February 1980); Barnet (by November 1982); Chesham United (by January 1983); Barton Rovers player/assistant-manager (October 1984)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1970/71	Millwall	2			Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1971/72	Luton Town	10			Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1972/73	Luton Town	27		1	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1973/74	Luton Town	42		1	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1974/75	Luton Town	9		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1974/75	WATFORD	13		2	Football League Division 3 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1975/76	WATFORD	43			Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	46		2	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1977/78	WATFORD	46		7	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1978/79	WATFORD	42		4	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1979/80	WATFORD	10			Football League Division 2 – 18th of 20
1979/80	Portsmouth	3			Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1980/81	Portsmouth	23		2	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1981/82	Portsmouth	10			Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24

A powerful and solid central-defender, Alan Garner was ever-present (for a second consecutive season) when Watford ran away with the Fourth Division championship, and then missed only four games when further promotion was won the following season. At the end of five years' fine service the club was still able to get nearly four times what they'd paid for him when he moved to promotion-bound Portsmouth. Later he forged a business career running double-glazing companies.

Joseph Alan GARNER (2011-2012) Forward

Born Blackburn, Lancashire, 12 April 1988

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 16+8 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 1+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 2-0 away win v Reading, Football League Championship, 10 Sep 2011

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

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



Career Path

Blackburn Rovers (scholar July 2004, professional April 2005); Carlisle United (£140,000 January 2007); Nottingham Forest (£1.14 million July 2008); Huddersfield Town (loan July 2010); Scunthorpe United (loan January 2011); **WATFORD** (£200,000 plus possible subsequent increments, August 2011); Carlisle United (loan September 2012); Preston North End (free January 2013); Rangers (£1.5 million August 2016); Ipswich Town (£1 million July 2017)

Football League & Scottish Premiership Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2006/07	Carlisle United	17	1	5	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
2007/08	Carlisle United	30	1	14	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
2008/09	Nottingham Forest	19	9	7	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2009/10	Nottingham Forest	14	4	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2010/11	Huddersfield Town	10	6		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24
2010/11	Scunthorpe United	17	1	6	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	Nottingham Forest	1	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2011/12	WATFORD	14	8	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2012/13	WATFORD	2			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2012/13	Carlisle United	15	1	7	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
2012/13	Preston North End	9	5		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
2013/14	Preston North End	29	8	19	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
2014/15	Preston North End	37	1	26	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Preston North End	39	2	6	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2016/17	Preston North End	2			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2016/17	Rangers	21	10	7	Scottish Premiership – 3rd of 12

A willingness to work hard was apparent in Joe Garner's play, but he featured only once on the scoresheet for Watford, poaching a close-range goal in a 2-0 victory at Millwall which he seldom looked likely to repeat. With most of his other clubs, however, he found the net regularly, and outstandingly so in two seasons for Preston North End. His first professional contract was with Blackburn Rovers, where he was unable to break into the first team but represented England at Under-16, Under-17 and Under-19 levels.

Brian GARVEY (1965-1970) Half-back

Born Hull, Yorkshire, 3 July 1937

Watford Career

Football League: 179+1 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 11+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 9 appearances

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

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Huddersfield Town, Football League Div 2, 14 Apr 1970

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 83; all competitions 92



Career Path

Hull City (amateur August 1953, professional January 1958); **WATFORD** (free June 1965); also coaching in Zambia (close season 1968); Colchester United (free June 1970); Bedford Town player-manager (free July 1972); Wolverhampton Wanderers (youth-team coach close season 1974, reserve-team trainer by August 1977); Arsenal reserve-team coach (July 1981 until close season 1982); running FA summer camps; Heidelberg Alexander United (*Australia*) coach (by April 1984); Hellas (*Australia*) coach by January 1988

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1957/58	Hull City	1			Football League Division 3 (North) – 5th of 24
1958/59	Hull City	34		1	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1959/60	Hull City	40			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1960/61	Hull City	43			Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1961/62	Hull City	34			Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1962/63	Hull City	40			Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1963/64	Hull City	26		2	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1964/65	Hull City	14			Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24
1965/66	WATFORD	35			Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1966/67	WATFORD	45			Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1967/68	WATFORD	46		2	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1968/69	WATFORD	33			Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1969/70	WATFORD	20	1		Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1970/71	Colchester United	44	1		Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1971/72	Colchester United	31	1	1	Football League Division 4 – 11th of 24

A sturdy defensive half-back who helped Watford reach the Second Division for the first time and made a substitute appearance in the 1969/70 FA Cup Semi-final as his five-year Vicarage Road stint was drawing to a close. Brian Garvey's greatest moment in the FA Cup competition, however, was yet to come, for he took part in Colchester United's epic victory over Leeds United less than a year later. Having moved to Australia, he won both the Victoria State and national coach-of-the-year awards in 1988, and subsequently adopted Australian citizenship. In old age he was very successful as a competitive swimmer at Over-75s level Down Under. His father was a professional rugby league player and sprinter.

John Thomas GAVIN (1958-1959) Winger

Born Limerick, 20 April 1928

Died Cambridge, 18 September 2007

Representative Honours

Republic of Ireland Full

Watford Career

Football League: 43 appearances (12 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Southern Floodlight Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 5-1 home win v Southport, Football League Division 4, 23 Aug 1958

Final game: 1-4 home defeat v Shrewsbury Town, Football League Div 4, 7 May 1959

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 35; all competitions 30



Career Path

Jamesborough United; Limerick; Norwich City (£1,500 August 1948); Tottenham Hotspur ("5-figure fee" October 1954); Norwich City (valued at £10,500 in player part-exchange November 1955); **WATFORD** (July 1958); Crystal Palace ("4-figure fee" May 1959); Cambridge City (free July 1961); Newmarket Town player-coach (August 1962); Fulbourn (November 1967)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1948/49	Norwich City	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1949/50	Norwich City	15		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1950/51	Norwich City	46		17	Football League Division 3 (South) – 2nd of 24
1951/52	Norwich City	42		19	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 24
1952/53	Norwich City	44		20	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1953/54	Norwich City	43		13	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24
1954/55	Norwich City	11		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 24
1954/55	Tottenham Hotspur	29		13	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1955/56	Tottenham Hotspur	3		2	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1955/56	Norwich City	23		13	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24
1956/57	Norwich City	45		16	Football League Division 3 (South) – 24th of 24
1957/58	Norwich City	41		17	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 24
1958/59	WATFORD	43		12	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1959/60	Crystal Palace	27		7	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1960/61	Crystal Palace	39		8	Football League Division 4 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)

Capped seven times, he was a nimble outside-right with a magnificent goalscoring return for a winger which included 15 in only 32 First Division appearances. Johnny Gavin's Football League total of 122 in two spells with Norwich City is a club record which has stood the test of time. He and Peter Gordon, who came from Carrow Road at the same time, were Watford's two leading scorers in 1958/59, and soon after leaving Watford Gavin scored against the club in Crystal Palace's freakish 8-1 victory at Selhurst Park, in which the result bore no relation whatever to the balance of play.

Mark Wilson GAVIN (1990-1991) Winger

Born Baillieston, Lanarkshire, 10 December 1963

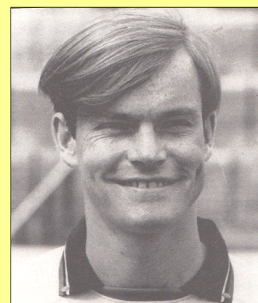
Watford Career

Football League: 8+5 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 2, 8 Sep 1990

Final game: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 2, 16 Feb 1991

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



Career Path

Leeds United (schoolboy May 1979, apprentice May 1980, professional December 1981); Hartlepool United (loan March 1985); Carlisle United (free July 1985); Bolton Wanderers (£10,000 March 1986); Rochdale (£20,000 August 1987); Heart of Midlothian (£35,000 January 1988); Bristol City (£25,000 September 1988); **WATFORD** (valued at £250,000 in player-plus-cash exchange for W.A.Allison July 1990); Bristol City (£65,000 December 1991); Exeter City ("nominal fee" February 1994 – cancelled May 1996); Scunthorpe United (August 1996); Hartlepool United (free September 1997, cancelled November 1997)

Football League & Scottish Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1982/83	Leeds United	3	4	1	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1983/84	Leeds United	10	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1984/85	Leeds United	7	4	1	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1984/85	Hartlepool United	7		1	Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1985/86	Carlisle United	12	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1985/86	Bolton Wanderers	8		1	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1986/87	Bolton Wanderers	42	1	2	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1987/88	Rochdale	23		6	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1987/88	Heart of Midlothian	5	2		Scottish Premier League – 2nd of 12
1988/89	Heart of Midlothian		2		Scottish Premier League – 6th of 10
1988/89	Bristol City	26	3	3	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1989/90	Bristol City	36	4	3	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1990/91	WATFORD	8	5		Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	Bristol City	12	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 24
1992/93	Bristol City	16	3	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1993/94	Bristol City	6	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
1993/94	Exeter City	12			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1994/95	Exeter City	37		2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 22nd of 22
1995/96	Exeter City	24	4	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 14th of 24
1996/97	Scunthorpe United	10	1		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	Hartlepool United		3		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 17th of 24

In just over five years in his mid-twenties Mark Gavin played for eight different clubs, which did nothing to stabilize or advance a career which was possibly one of under-achievement, although he did contribute substantially to Bristol City's promotion from the Third Division just before moving to Vicarage Road. An introspective winger, he was seldom fit or available at Watford.

James McLean GAY (1930) Full-back

Born Stanley, Perthshire, 17 March 1897

Died Blairgowrie, Perthshire, 31 August 1967

Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 6-0 home win v Torquay United, Football League Div 3 (South), 22 Nov 1930

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Walsall, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Dec 1930

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



Career Path

Perth Celtic; Clydebank (September 1920); St Bernards (November 1920); Lochgelly United (May 1921); Dunfermline Athletic (free May 1924); East Fife (free June 1924); St Bernards (November 1924); Rhyl Athletic (August 1925); Coventry City (free June 1926); Clapton Orient (May 1928); **WATFORD** (free May 1930); Raith Rovers (free June 1931 until close season 1932)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1921/22	Lochgelly United	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 18th of 20
1922/23	Lochgelly United	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1923/24	Lochgelly United	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 20th of 20
1924/25	East Fife	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 9th of 20
1924/25	St Bernards	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 17th of 20
1926/27	Coventry City	16			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1927/28	Coventry City	14			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1928/29	Clapton Orient	33			Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1929/30	Clapton Orient	7			Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1930/31	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1931/32	Raith Rovers	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 3rd of 20

Jimmy Gay's first-team career at Vicarage Road, in which all five appearances were in the left-back position in November and December 1930, began spectacularly with wins by 6-0 against Torquay United in the League and 5-1 away to Walthamstow Avenue in the FA Cup. In consecutive seasons he was awarded the club captaincy in his first season with, respectively, St Bernards and Rhyl Athletic.

Marcus Anthony GAYLE (2001-2004) Forward / Centre-half

Born Hammersmith, London, 27 September 1970

Representative Honours

England Youth
Jamaica Full

Watford Career

Football League: 90+12 appearances (5 goals)

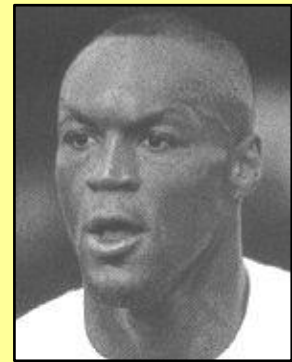
FA Cup: 8 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 4+1 appearances (2 goals, including 1 penalty)

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

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Championship, 18 Dec 2004

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



Career Path

Brentford (schoolboy November 1984, trainee July 1987, professional July 1989); Kuopion Palloseura (*Finland*) (loan May 1990); Wimbledon (£250,000 March 1994); Rangers (£900,000 March 2001); **WATFORD** (£900,000 August 2001); Brentford (non-contract March 2005, contract June 2005); Aldershot Town (free July 2006); AFC Wimbledon (May 2007, reserve-team manager February 2008, appearances for the club's Masters XI & Old Players XI); Staines Town manager (May 2012 until December 2014)

Football League, FA Premier League & Scottish Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1988/89	Brentford		3		Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1989/90	Brentford	1	8		Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1990/91	Brentford	24	11	6	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1991/92	Brentford	28	10	6	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Brentford	31	7	4	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1993/94	Brentford	35		6	Football League Division 2 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 16th of 24
1993/94	Wimbledon	10			FA Premier League – 6th of 22
1994/95	Wimbledon	22	1	2	FA Premier League – 9th of 22
1995/96	Wimbledon	21	13	5	FA Premier League – 14th of 20
1996/97	Wimbledon	34	2	8	FA Premier League – 8th of 20
1997/98	Wimbledon	21	9	2	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
1998/99	Wimbledon	31	4	10	FA Premier League – 16th of 20
1999/00	Wimbledon	35	1	7	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	Wimbledon	24	8	3	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2000/01	Rangers	4			Scottish Premier League – 2nd of 12
2001/02	WATFORD	28	8	4	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 14th of 24
2002/03	WATFORD	30	1		Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2003/04	WATFORD	32		1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 16th of 24
2004/05	WATFORD		3		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 18th of 24
2004/05	Brentford	5	3		Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
2005/06	Brentford	17	8	2	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24

That brief spell in Glasgow was in marked contrast to the long service Marcus Gayle gave to his other three clubs, especially Brentford and Wimbledon. Unusually tall and strong for a left-winger, which is the role he filled for most of his career, he was transformed into a centre-half by Watford, with great success, before ending his Football League days in a second spell on the left flank of Brentford's attack. He's one of a number of Watford players who have won international honours with two different countries.

Anthony Joseph GEIDMINTIS (1976-1978) Full-back

Born Stepney, London, 30 July 1949

Died Halifax, Yorkshire, 17 April 1993

Watford Career

Football League: 48+1 appearances

FA Cup: 5 appearances

Football League Cup: 7 appearances

Début: 2-0 away win v Brentford, Football League Cup 1st Round 2nd Leg,
17 Aug 1976 (*won 3-1 on aggregate score*)

Final game: 6-0 home win v Doncaster Rovers, Football League Div 4, 28 Jan 1978

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 30; all competitions 33



Career Path

Workington (amateur August 1964, apprentice April 1965, professional August 1966); **WATFORD** (free June 1976); Northampton Town (£6,000 February 1978); Halifax Town (July 1979 – cancelled April 1980); Workington (briefly 1980/81 until retirement); **WATFORD** scout in Yorkshire (by October 1992 until death)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1964/65	Workington	3			Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1965/66	Workington		1		Football League Division 3 – 5th of 24
1966/67	Workington	22	3	2	Football League Division 3 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1967/68	Workington	38		1	Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1968/69	Workington	41		2	Football League Division 4 – 12th of 24
1969/70	Workington	24		4	Football League Division 4 – 20th of 24
1970/71	Workington	30		5	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1971/72	Workington	20			Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1972/73	Workington	44		12	Football League Division 4 – 13th of 24
1973/74	Workington	33	1	4	Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1974/75	Workington	39		5	Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1975/76	Workington	29		2	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	32	1		Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1977/78	WATFORD	16			Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1977/78	Northampton Town	18			Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1978/79	Northampton Town	45		1	Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1979/80	Halifax Town	10	2		Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24

This was a London East-Ender whose family moved to Workington when he was nine, where his father, a Lithuanian refugee who became a naturalized Briton, took a job in the fur trade. That very long career at Borough Park began with a Football League début at 15, a distinction never previously achieved by any player who went on to play for Watford. A right-back, Tony Geidmintis was sent off twice in three weeks in March/April 1977 – the first player for nearly eighty years to suffer this punishment more than once in a Watford shirt. A heart condition ended his career and eventually his life at a time when he was doing some scouting work for the club in the north of England. That healthy tally of Football League goals in 1972/73 included nine successful penalty-kicks. The surname is pronounced “Geed....” with a hard ‘G’.

Alexandre GEIJO (2012-2013) Striker
(Full name Alexandre GEIJO PAZOS)

Born Geneva, Switzerland, 5 September 1982

Watford Career

Football League: 8+12 appearances (2 goals)

Début: (as sub) 1-2 home defeat v Middlesbrough, Football League Championship, 6 Oct 2012

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 defeat v Crystal Palace at Wembley Stadium, Football League
Championship Play-off Final, 27 May 2013

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 4



Career Path

Galaïca-Onex (*Switzerland*); Grand-Lancy (*Switzerland*) (1995); Neuchâtel Xamax (*Switzerland*) (professional 2000); Malaga (*Spain*) (2001); Xerez CD (*Spain*) (free 2005); Levante UD (*Spain*) (2007); Racing de Santander (*Spain*) (July 2009); Udinese (*Italy*) (2010); Granada (*Spain*) (loan, close season 2010); **WATFORD** (loan August 2012); RCD Mallorca (*Spain*) (loan September 2013); Brescia (*Italy*) (2015); Venezia (*Italy*) (2016)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2012/13	WATFORD	8	12	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24

Born in Switzerland to Spanish immigrant parents, the genial Alex Geijo (*pronounced 'Hayo'*) came to England after building a career in three other countries. His contribution to the Watford cause in his full season on loan was largely as back-up to the free-scoring regular strikers, Troy Deeney and Matej Vydra, although including substitute appearances he actually took part in nearly half the league fixtures.