

# 1980/81

**Manager**  
G.Taylor

**Final league position**

9th of 22 in Football League Division 2  
(2nd tier of English football)

**Home-and-away league doubles by Watford**  
2 - v Notts County & Wrexham

**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**  
2 - by Luton Town & West Ham United

**Promoted to Division 1**  
West Ham United, Notts County & Swansea City

**Relegated to Division 3**  
Preston North End, Bristol City & Bristol Rovers

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 West Ham United	42	19	1	1	53	12	9	9	3	26	17	66
2 Notts County	42	10	8	3	26	15	8	9	4	23	23	53
3 Swansea City	42	12	5	4	39	19	6	9	6	25	25	50
4 Blackburn Rovers	42	12	8	1	28	7	4	10	7	14	22	50
5 Luton Town	42	10	6	5	35	23	8	6	7	26	23	48
6 Derby County	42	9	8	4	34	26	6	7	8	23	26	45
7 Grimsby Town	42	10	8	3	21	10	5	7	9	23	32	45
8 Queens Park Rangers	42	11	7	3	36	12	4	6	11	20	34	43
<b>9 WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>
10 Sheffield Wednesday	42	14	4	3	38	14	3	4	14	15	37	42
11 Newcastle United	42	11	7	3	22	13	3	7	11	8	32	42
12 Chelsea	42	8	6	7	27	15	6	6	9	19	26	40
13 Cambridge United	42	13	1	7	36	23	4	5	12	17	42	40
14 Shrewsbury Town	42	9	7	5	33	22	2	10	9	13	25	39
15 Oldham Athletic	42	7	9	5	19	16	5	6	10	20	32	39
16 Wrexham	42	5	8	8	22	24	7	6	8	21	21	38
17 Orient	42	9	8	4	34	20	4	4	13	18	36	38
18 Bolton Wanderers	42	10	5	6	40	27	4	5	12	21	39	38
19 Cardiff City	42	7	7	7	23	24	5	5	11	21	36	36
20 Preston North End	42	8	7	6	28	26	3	7	11	13	36	36
21 Bristol City	42	6	10	5	19	15	1	6	14	10	36	30
22 Bristol Rovers	42	4	9	8	21	24	1	4	16	13	41	23

**KEY TO MATCH-BY-MATCH DETAILS**

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**Red type:** away matches      **Shaded rows:** competitions other than Football League

**Players' names:** red type = Watford debut this season; ▲ = final Watford appearance this season

**Player columns:** G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; R = outfield player replaced by a substitute; S = used substitute; numerals denote goals scored

**Goals from penalty kicks:** Blissett 3 (Matches 18, 19 & 51) and Bolton 3 (Matches 8, 10 & 13)

**Sent off:** None

	24	42	21	18	1	24	18	42	20	6	40	9	25	24	22	37	20	23	5	29	12	
Appearances - Football League				3	1	1	1		2			4		3		1		1		1		3
Substitute Appearances - Football League																						
Goals - Football League	3	11	4	2				3	4	1	13	1		1		1		1		1	4	
Appearances - Other Competitions	5	11	4	3	1	9	6	10	8	4	10		5	8	4	10	7	3	1	11	1	
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions							1	1	1		1											
Goals - Other Competitions	2	2	1	1				5	1	8						1				1		

**TRIVIA** ..... First Division Southampton's start to the League season consisted of four wins and a draw by the time they came to Vicarage Road holding a 4-0 first-leg lead in the League Cup. Six different scorers, Watford's first such instance in a competitive match since 1906, contributed to the club's historic second-leg triumph.

1	Sat 9 Aug	Millwall	LC	2-1	9,050	X	X			R	X	S	X	X	X2			X	X	G		X
2	Tue 12 Aug	Millwall	LC	2-0	5,210	X1	X	S			X	X	R	X	X			X	X1	G		X
3	Sat 16 Aug	Swansea City	Lge	2-1	11,316	X	X				X	X	X	X	X2			X	X	G		X
4	Tue 19 Aug	Luton Town	Lge	0-1	13,887	X	X				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G		X
5	Sat 23 Aug	Cambridge United	Lge	1-3	6,546	X	X				X	X	X	X1				X	X	G		X
6	Tue 26 Aug	Southampton	LC	0-4	16,659	X	X			X	X	R	S	X	X			X	X	G		X
7	Sat 30 Aug	Bristol City	Lge	1-0	10,450	X	X				X	X	X	X1	X			X	X	G		X
8	Tue 2 Sep	Southampton (after extra time)	LC	7-1	15,992	X	X1	S1			X	X	X1	X1	X2			X	X	G		R1
9	Sat 6 Sep	Shrewsbury Town	Lge	1-2	5,500	R	X		S		X	X	X1	X	X			X	X	G		X
10	Sat 13 Sep	Preston North End	Lge	2-1	11,275	X	X1	S			X	X	X1	R	X			X	X	G		X
11	Sat 20 Sep	West Ham United	Lge	2-3	24,288	X	X	R		S	X	X1	X		X1			X	X	G		X
12	Tue 23 Sep	Sheffield Wednesday	LC	2-1	14,085	X			X	X	X	X	X1		X1			X	X	G		X
13	Sat 27 Sep	Chelsea	Lge	2-3	19,802	X	X1	X1			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G		X
14	Sat 4 Oct	Cardiff City	Lge	0-1	6,407	X		R		X	X	X	X		X	S		X	X	G		X
15	Tue 7 Oct	Derby County	Lge	1-1	11,703	X		R		X	X	X	X	X1	S			X	X	G		X
16	Sat 11 Oct	Wrexham	Lge	1-0	10,694	X		R		X	X	X	X	X	S			X	X1	G		X
17	Sat 18 Oct	Grimsby Town	Lge	1-1	8,906	X				X	X	X	X	X	X			R	X	G		X1
18	Sat 25 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Lge	2-1	10,853	X2				X	X	X	X	X	S			R	X	G		X
19	Tue 28 Oct	Nottingham Forest	LC	4-1	22,597	X1				X	X	X	X3		X			X	X	G		X
20	Sat 1 Nov	Newcastle United	Lge	1-2	14,619	X				X	X	X	X	X1				X	X	G		X
21	Tue 4 Nov	Bristol Rovers	Lge	1-3	5,450	X		S	X	X	X	X1	X		X			R	X	G		X
22	Sat 8 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	Lge	3-1	11,296	X		X		X	X	X	X	X1				X1	X	G		X
23	Tue 11 Nov	Luton Town	Lge	0-1	16,939	X		R		X	X	X	X		X			X	X	G	S	X
24	Sat 22 Nov	Blackburn Rovers	Lge	1-1	13,436	X	X1			X		X	S	X				X	X	G	R	X
25	Sat 29 Nov	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	0-1	14,761	R	X			X	S	X	X	X				X	X	G		X
26	Tue 2 Dec	Coventry City	LC	2-2	27,542	X1	X			X	X	X	X	X1				X	X	G		X
27	Sat 6 Dec	Notts County	Lge	2-0	11,133	X		X1		X	X	X	X1	X	X			X	X	G		X
28	Tue 9 Dec	Coventry City	LC	0-5	30,348	X	X		X		X	S	X	R				X	X	G		X
29	Sat 13 Dec	Derby County	Lge	1-1	16,464	X	X1		R		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G		S
30	Tue 16 Dec	Swansea City	Lge	0-1	13,305	X	X			X	X	S	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	R
31	Sat 20 Dec	Grimsby Town	Lge	3-1	10,209	X1	X		X	X	X	X	X	X1				X	X	G	X	X1
32	Fri 26 Dec	Orient	Lge	1-1	10,041	X	X1		X	X	X	X	X					X	X	G	X	X
33	Sat 27 Dec	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	1-1	22,911	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	R	G	X	S1
34	Sat 3 Jan	Colchester United	FA	1-0	7,769	X	X		X	X	X	X		X1				X	X	G	X	X
35	Sat 10 Jan	Blackburn Rovers	Lge	0-0	9,466	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G		X
36	Sat 17 Jan	Bristol City	Lge	0-0	8,746	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
37	Sat 24 Jan	Wolverhampton Wanderers	FA	1-1	24,328	X1	X		R	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	S
38	Tue 27 Jan	Wolverhampton Wanderers	FA	1-2	30,854	X	X			X	X	X	X	S1				X	R	G	X	X
39	Sat 31 Jan	Cambridge United	Lge	0-0	11,944	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
40	Sat 7 Feb	Preston North End	Lge	1-2	5,107	X	X			X	X	R1	X	X	X			X	S	G	X	X
41	Sat 14 Feb	Shrewsbury Town	Lge	1-0	11,034	X	X	X1	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
42	Sat 21 Feb	Chelsea	Lge	1-0	19,153	X	X	X			X		X1	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
43	Sat 28 Feb	West Ham United	Lge	1-2	20,786	X	X	X			X		X1	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
44	Sat 7 Mar	Cardiff City	Lge	4-2	10,014	X	X1	X			X		X2	X1	X			X	X	G	X	X
45	Sat 21 Mar	Bristol Rovers	Lge	3-1	10,162	X1	X1	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X1
46	Sat 28 Mar	Oldham Athletic	Lge	1-2	4,802	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	R1
47	Sat 4 Apr	Newcastle United	Lge	0-0	10,986	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
48	Sat 11 Apr	Bolton Wanderers	Lge	1-2	8,461	X1	X	X			X		X	R	X			X	S	G	X	X
49	Fri 17 Apr	Orient	Lge	2-0	12,459	X	X	X1	S	X	X1	X	X	X	X			X	X	G		R
50	Sat 18 Apr	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	0-0	10,571	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G		X
51	Sat 25 Apr	Notts County	Lge	2-1	10,345	X	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
52	Sat 2 May	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	2-1	12,351	X	X1	X	X			X	X1	X	X			X	X	G	X	X
53	Mon 4 May	Wrexham	Lge	1-0	4,659	X	X1	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	G	X	X

**TRIVIA** ..... In Graham Taylor's first five seasons as Watford's manager before reaching Division 1, the club achieved six FA Cup or League Cup victories over top-flight opposition, including Manchester United twice. This season European Cup holders Nottingham Forest were beaten 4-1 (Match 19).

Armstrong, G.J.
Blissett, L.L.
Bolton, I.R.
Callaghan, N.I.
Cassells, K.B. ▲
Harrison, S.J. ▲
Henderson, M.R.
Jackett, K.F.
Jenkins, R.A.
Patching, M.
Poskett, M.
Pritchett, K.B.
Rice, P.J.
Rostron, J.W.
Sherwood, S.
Sims, S.F.
Steele, E.G.
Taylor, L.
Terry, S.G.
Train, R.
Ward, J.P. ▲

**OTHER MATCHES in 1980-81**

Wed 23 Jul 1980      **Watford 2 Northampton Town 1**      (Three half-hour periods played in private - venue unknown)  
E.G.Steele (gk); T.A.How & K.F.Jackett; M.Patching (sub: J.P.Ward), S.F.Sims & I.R.Bolton; K.B.Pritchett, L.L.Blissett [1 goal], M.Poskett (sub: R.A.Jenkins), R.Train [1 goal] & J.W.Rostron

Fri 25 Jul 1980      **Port Vale 0 Watford 0**      (Played in private at Lilleshall)  
S.Sherwood (gk); T.A.How &amp



## OTHER MATCHES in 1981/82

Tue 4 Aug 1981 **Hitchin Town 0 Watford 4** Attendance: 407

S.Sherwood (gk); P.J.Rice (sub: J.W.Rostron) & K.B.Pritchett; L.Taylor, S.F.Sims & I.R.Bolton (sub: S.G.Terry); N.I.Callaghan [1 goal], L.L.Blissett, G.J.Armstrong [1 goal], K.F.Jackett [1 goal] & M.Poskett [1 goal]

Thu 6 Aug 1981 **Boreham Wood 2 Watford 3**

S.Sherwood (gk) (sub: E.G.Steele); M.R.Henderson & K.B.Pritchett; R.Train, S.G.Terry & S.F.Sims; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett [1 goal], G.J.Armstrong, K.F.Jackett & M.Poskett [2 goals]  
E.G.Steele played in goal for Boreham Wood in the first half and change sides with Sherwood at half-time.

Sat 8 Aug 1981 **Barnet 0 Watford 1**

S.Sherwood (gk); P.J.Rice & K.B.Pritchett; L.Taylor, S.G.Terry (sub: J.W.Rostron) & S.F.Sims; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett [1 goal], G.J.Armstrong, K.F.Jackett & M.Poskett

Mon 10 Aug 1981 **Watford 1 Brentford 1** (Played in private)

Line-up unknown. Scorer: M.Poskett [1 goal].

Mon 24 Aug 1981 **Watford 1 Northampton Town 0** (Played in private)

Line-up unknown. There was 1 own goal.

Mon 10 May 1982 **Brentford 1 Watford 2** (Testimonial match for J.J.Graham of Brentford) Attendance: 2,089

S.Sherwood (gk); M.Patching & K.B.Pritchett; S.G.Terry, S.F.Sims & I.R.Bolton; N.I.Callaghan, M.Poskett, G.J.Armstrong [1 goal], J.H.P.Lohman & D.N.C.Johnson [1 goal]

Tue 11 May 1982 **Watford 2 Lokeren (Belgium) 1** Attendance: 4,393

S.Sherwood (gk); P.J.Rice & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, S.F.Sims (sub: P.L.Franklin) & I.R.Bolton [1 goal]; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett [1 goal], R.A.Jenkins (sub: G.J.Armstrong), J.H.P.Lohman & J.C.B.Barnes

Thu 20 May 1982 **Victoria State XI (Australia) 0 Watford 4** (At Olympic Park Stadium, Melbourne) Attendance: 7,000

S.Sherwood (gk); M.Patching & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, S.F.Sims & I.R.Bolton; N.I.Callaghan, J.H.P.Lohman [1 goal], L.L.Blissett [1 goal], J.M.Gilligan (sub: D.N.C.Johnson) & J.C.B.Barnes [2 goals]  
K.B.Pritchett also played as a used substitute.

Sun 23 May 1982 **New Zealand World Cup XI 0 Watford 1** (At Christchurch) Attendance: 18,000

S.Sherwood (gk); M.Patching & K.B.Pritchett; L.Taylor, S.F.Sims & I.R.Bolton; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett, J.C.B.Barnes [1 goal], J.W.Rostron & D.N.C.Johnson (sub: P.L.Franklin)

Wed 26 May 1982 **New Zealand World Cup XI 1 Watford 1** (At Athletic Park Stadium, Wellington) Attendance: 21,000

E.G.Steele (gk); M.Patching & K.B.Pritchett; L.Taylor (sub: S.F.Sims), S.G.Terry & I.R.Bolton; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett [1 penalty goal], J.M.Gilligan, J.W.Rostron & J.C.B.Barnes

Sat 29 May 1982 **New Zealand World Cup XI 0 Watford 2** (At Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland)

E.G.Steele (gk); S.F.Sims & K.B.Pritchett; M.Patching, S.G.Terry & I.R.Bolton; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett [2 goals], J.M.Gilligan (sub: D.N.C.Johnson), J.W.Rostron & J.C.B.Barnes

Wed 2 Jun 1982 **Malaysia National XI 1 Watford 6** (At Maderka Stadium, Kuala Lumpur)

E.G.Steele (gk); S.F.Sims & K.B.Pritchett; M.Patching, S.G.Terry & I.R.Bolton; N.I.Callaghan [1 goal], L.L.Blissett [2 goals], J.M.Gilligan [1 goal], J.W.Rostron & J.C.B.Barnes  
D.N.C.Johnson [2 goals] played as a used substitute.

Fri 4 Jun 1982 **Kuala Trengganu (Malaysia) 0 Watford 4**

Line-up unknown. Scorers: J.M.Gilligan [2 goals], M.Patching [1 goal] & L.L.Blissett [1 goal].



# 1983/84

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G.Taylor

**Final league position**

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**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**

2 - by Liverpool & Norwich City

**Relegated to Division 2**

Birmingham City, Notts County & Wolverhampton Wanderers

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Liverpool	42	14	5	2	50	12	8	9	4	23	20	80
2 Southampton	42	15	4	2	44	17	7	7	7	22	21	77
3 Nottingham Forest	42	14	4	3	47	17	8	4	9	29	28	74
4 Manchester United	42	14	3	4	43	18	6	11	4	28	23	74
5 Queens Park Rangers	42	14	4	3	37	12	8	3	10	30	25	73
6 Arsenal	42	10	5	6	41	29	8	4	9	33	31	63
7 Everton	42	9	9	3	21	12	7	5	9	23	30	62
8 Tottenham Hotspur	42	11	4	6	31	24	6	6	9	33	41	61
9 West Ham United	42	10	4	7	39	24	7	5	9	21	31	60
10 Aston Villa	42	14	3	4	34	22	3	6	12	25	39	60
<b>11 WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>
12 Ipswich Town	42	11	4	6	34	23	4	4	13	21	34	53
13 Sunderland	42	8	9	4	26	18	5	4	12	16	35	52
14 Norwich City	42	9	8	4	34	20	3	7	11	14	29	51
15 Leicester City	42	11	5	5	40	30	2	7	12	25	38	51
16 Luton Town	42	7	5	9	30	33	7	4	10	23	33	51
17 West Bromwich Albion	42	10	4	7	30	25	4	5	12	18	37	51
18 Stoke City	42	11	4	6	30	23	2	7	12	14	40	50
19 Coventry City	42	8	5	8	33	33	5	6	10	24	44	50
20 Birmingham City	42	7	7	7	19	18	5	5	11	20	32	48
21 Notts County	42	6	7	8	31	36	4	4	13	19	36	41
22 Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	4	8	9	15	28	2	3	16	12	52	29

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**Goals from penalty kicks:** Barnes 1 (Match 30), Callaghan 1 (Match 8) & Johnston 1 (Match 31)

**Sent off:** Terry (Match 14), Reilly (Match 25), Price (Match 26) & Rostron (Match 53)

	8	25	39	7	41	24	2	9	31	11	2	28	7	10	1	1	7	27	6	4	39	40	22	19	2	7	26	17
Appearances - Football League	8	25	39	7	41	24	2	9	31	11	2	28	7	10	1	1	7	27	6	4	39	40	22	19	2	7	26	17
Substitute Appearances - Football League	3			1			1	3	2		1				1	1			3				1		3	1		
Goals - Football League		11	10				4	2	20	2	1						8	2	4	1				1		1	1	1
Appearances - Other Competitions	7	15	4	15	10	2	4	13	7	2	7	1	6				4	8	6	14	14	8	2	1		8	7	
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions	2			1			1	2	1									1	1					1		1		
Goals - Other Competitions		5	2				3	1			4						4	3	3	1					1	1	1	

**TRIVIA** .... The victory over West Ham United in Match 40 meant that in just over six years Watford had achieved at least one League or cup win on every one of London's 12 Football League grounds.

	8	25	39	7	41	24	2	9	31	11	2	28	7	10	1	1	7	27	6	4	39	40	22	19	2	7	26	17	
1 Sat 27 Aug Coventry City	Lge	2-3	15,551	X1	X	X			X	S1									X	X	G	R				X	X		
2 Tue 30 Aug Ipswich Town	Lge	2-2	15,419	X	X	X1	X					X1							X	X	G					X	X		
3 Sat 3 Sep Birmingham City	Lge	0-2	11,931		X	X	X		X	S		X		R					X	X	G							X	
4 Tue 6 Sep Queens Park Rangers	Lge	1-1	17,111	X1	X	X	X		X	X		X	X						X		G	X							
5 Sat 10 Sep Notts County	Lge	3-1	12,896	X1	X	X	S	X	X			R	X1						X1		G	X							
6 Wed 14 Sep 1FC Kaiserslautern	UE	1-3	19,906	X	X	X	X1	X	X			X	R						S		G	R						S	
7 Sat 17 Sep Stoke City	Lge	4-0	12,691	X2	X	X	X		X	X1		X1	X						X		G							X	
8 Sat 24 Sep Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	2-3	21,056	X	X	X1		S	X	X		X	X						R		G		X					X	
9 Wed 28 Sep 1FC Kaiserslautern	UE	3-0	21,457	X	X	X		X	X	X										X2	X	G					X	1	
10 Sat 1 Oct West Bromwich Albion	Lge	0-2	14,456	X	X	X		R	X	X										S	X	G		X				X	
11 Tue 4 Oct Huddersfield Town	LC	1-2	10,631	X1	X	X			X	X									X	X	X				G			X	
12 Sat 15 Oct Norwich City	Lge	1-1	12,843	X	S	X			X	X	R								X	X		X		X	G		X1		
13 Wed 19 Oct Levski Spartak	UE	1-1	16,139	R	X	X		X	X	X	S			X						R	X1	G	S				X	X	
14 Sat 22 Oct Everton	Lge	0-1	13,571		X	X		X	X	X				X							X	G		X				X	
15 Tue 25 Oct Huddersfield Town	LC	2-2	13,006	X	X	X	X1	R	X	X				X						S	X	G	X1						
16 Fri 28 Oct West Ham United	Lge	0-0	14,559	X	X	X	X			X				X						X	X	G	X	X					
17 Wed 2 Nov Levski Spartak (after extra time)	UE	3-1	60,000	X	X	X1	X		X					X					X	X1	X1	G	X						
18 Sat 5 Nov Leicester City	Lge	3-3	14,487	X	X	X1	X												X	X2	X	G	X	X					
19 Sat 12 Nov Sunderland	Lge	0-3	15,407	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	G	X					X	
20 Sat 19 Nov Manchester United	Lge	1-4	43,111	X	X1	X			X		X	X	X								X	G	X	X				X	
21 Wed 23 Nov Sparta Prague	UE	2-3	15,590	X	X	X	X	S1	R	S	R									X	X1	G	X				X		
22 Sat 26 Nov Luton Town	Lge	1-2	17,791	X	X	X1	X		X	X									X	X		G	X						
23 Sat 3 Dec Wolverhampton Wanderers	Lge	5-0	11,905	X	X	X	X		X		X3								S	X	R2		X	G	X				
24 Wed 7 Dec Sparta Prague	UE	0-4	38,000	X	X	S	X	X	X	R									R		X	X	G	X			S		
25 Sat 10 Dec Nottingham Forest	Lge	3-2	14,047	X	X	X1	X		X			X1							X	X1		G	X						
26 Sat 17 Dec Arsenal	Lge	1-3	25,104	X	X	X	X		X			X1							X	R		G	X	S					
27 Mon 26 Dec Aston Villa	Lge	3-2	18,276	X	X1	X	X	X2	X		X										X	G	X						
28 Tue 27 Dec Southampton	Lge	0-1	20,659	S	X	X	X	X	X			X								R		X	G	X				X	
29 Sat 31 Dec Birmingham City	Lge	1-0	14,403	X	X	X	X		X			X1							X		X	G	X					X	
30 Mon 2 Jan Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	3-2	32,495	X	X1	X	X		X			X2							X		X	G	X					X	
31 Sat 7 Jan Luton Town	FA	2-2	15,007	X	X1	X	X		X			X1							X		X	G	X					X	
32 Tue 10 Jan Luton Town (after extra time)	FA	4-3	20,586	X	X1	X1	X		X			X1							X1		X	G	X					X	
33 Sat 14 Jan Coventry City	Lge	2-1	13,307	X	X	X	X		X			X							X1		X	G1	X					X	
34 Sat 21 Jan Stoke City	Lge	2-0	14,469	X	X	X	X		X			X1							X1		X	G	X					X	
35 Sat 28 Jan Charlton Athletic	FA	2-0	22,392	X	X	X	X		X			X1							X1		X	G	X					X	
36 Wed 1 Feb Liverpool	Lge	0-3	20,746	S	X	X	X	X	X			X							R		X	G	X					X	
37 Sat 4 Feb West Bromwich Albion	Lge	3-1	14,133	S	X	X	X	X	X2	X	R	X1									X	G	X						
38 Sat 11 Feb Notts County	Lge	5-3	8,078	X	R	X2	X		X			X1							X1		X	G				S	X	X	1
39 Sat 18 Feb Brighton & Hove Albion	FA																												

# 1984/85

**Manager**  
G.Taylor

**Final league position**  
11th of 22 in Football League Division 1  
(top tier of English football)

**Home-and-away league doubles by Watford**  
1 - v Stoke City

**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**  
3 - by Coventry City, Everton & West Bromwich Albion

**Relegated to Division 2**  
Norwich City, Sunderland & Stoke City

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Everton	42	16	3	2	58	17	12	3	6	30	26	90
2 Liverpool	42	12	4	5	36	19	10	7	4	32	16	77
3 Tottenham Hotspur	42	11	3	7	46	31	12	5	4	32	20	77
4 Manchester United	42	13	6	2	47	13	9	4	8	30	34	76
5 Southampton	42	13	4	4	29	18	6	7	8	27	29	68
6 Chelsea	42	13	3	5	38	20	5	9	7	25	28	66
7 Arsenal	42	14	5	2	37	14	5	4	12	24	35	66
8 Sheffield Wednesday	42	12	7	2	39	21	5	7	9	19	24	65
9 Nottingham Forest	42	13	4	4	35	18	6	3	12	21	30	64
10 Aston Villa	42	10	7	4	34	20	5	4	12	26	40	56
<b>11 Watford</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>55</b>
12 West Bromwich Albion	42	11	4	6	36	23	5	3	13	22	39	55
13 Luton Town	42	12	5	4	40	22	3	4	14	17	39	54
14 Newcastle United	42	11	4	6	33	26	2	9	10	22	44	52
15 Leicester City	42	10	4	7	39	25	5	2	14	26	48	51
16 West Ham United	42	7	8	6	27	23	6	4	11	24	45	51
17 Ipswich Town	42	8	7	6	27	20	5	4	12	19	37	50
18 Coventry City	42	11	3	7	29	22	4	2	15	18	42	50
19 Queens Park Rangers	42	11	6	4	41	30	2	5	14	12	42	50
20 Norwich City	42	9	6	6	28	24	4	4	13	18	40	49
21 Sunderland	42	7	6	8	20	26	3	4	14	20	36	40
22 Stoke City	42	3	3	15	18	41	0	5	16	6	50	17

## KEY TO MATCH-BY-MATCH DETAILS

**The first six columns:** (1) numerical sequence of matches; (2) date; (3) opposition; (4) competition; (5) result, with Watford score first; (6) attendance  
**Competitions:** Lge = Football League; LC = Football League Cup (2nd Round [two legs] to 5th Round, inclusive); FA = FA Cup (3rd to 5th Round, inclusive)  
**Red type:** away matches      **Shaded rows:** competitions other than Football League  
**Players' names:** red type = Watford debut this season; ▲ = final Watford appearance this season  
**Player columns:** G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; R = outfield player replaced by a substitute; S = used substitute; numerals denote goals scored

**Goals from penalty kicks:** Blissett 6 (Matches 25, 27, 28, 39, 47 & 50)  
**Set off:** None

Appearances - Football League	17	40	38	36	33	11	5	35	2	9	5	29	5	19	1	38	9	29	13	38	38	12	
Substitute Appearances - Football League			3	2		1	5	1			2		4	2				1	2	1			
Goals - Football League			12	21	8				4	1	3		1		6	3			4	3	4	7	4
Appearances - Other Competitions	3	7	10	7	7		4	8		1	3	7		5	10	3	9	7	9	10			
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions	1			1													1						
Goals - Other Competitions		3	7	2			2							1				1	3	2			

**TRIVIA** ..... Having not recorded a 5-1 victory for seven years, the club did so twice in successive games within three days (Matches 50 & 51) and made it thrice in six games by beating West Bromwich Albion by the same score in the third match of 1985-86.

1	Sat 25 Aug	Manchester United	Lge	1-1	53,668	X	R	X	X1														
2	Tue 28 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	1-1	23,165	X		R	X					X1	X	G	X	S	X	X			
3	Sat 1 Sep	Arsenal	Lge	3-4	21,320	R	X	S1	X					X	X	G	X		X	X		1	
4	Wed 5 Sep	Leicester City	Lge	1-1	12,055	X	X	S	X					R	X	G	X		X1	X			
5	Sat 8 Sep	West Ham United	Lge	0-2	20,377	X	X	X	X					S	R			G	X	X	X		
6	Sat 15 Sep	Aston Villa	Lge	3-3	16,440	X	X1	X1	X									G	X	R	X	X	
7	Sat 22 Sep	Norwich City	Lge	2-3	14,896	X	X	X	X						X			G	X	X	X1		
8	Tue 25 Sep	Cardiff City	LC	3-1	12,884	X	X3	X	X						X	G				X	X		
9	Sat 29 Sep	Everton	Lge	4-5	18,335	X	X1	R	X1	G					X1	X		S		X	X	1	
10	Sat 6 Oct	Coventry City	Lge	0-1	15,184	X	X	S	X	G					R	X			X	X	X		
11	Tue 9 Oct	Cardiff City	LC	0-1	4,607	X	X	X	X	G					R	X	X	X	S	X	X		
12	Sat 13 Oct	Chelsea	Lge	3-2	25,340	X	X1	X	X	G								X	X	X	X		
13	Sat 20 Oct	Luton Town	Lge	2-3	12,192	X	X	X1	X	G					X1	X	X			R			
14	Sat 27 Oct	Newcastle United	Lge	3-3	18,794	X	X	X2	X	G					X	X	X	X1		X			
15	Wed 31 Oct	Leeds United	LC	4-0	21,221	X	X	X	X2	G						X	X	X	X1	X	X		
16	Sat 3 Nov	Ipswich Town	Lge	3-2	15,680	X	X1	X2	X	G						X	X	X	X	X	X		
17	Sat 10 Nov	Sunderland	Lge	3-1	18,953	X	X	X	R	G				X	X	X		X1	S	X1			
18	Sat 17 Nov	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	1-0	18,338	X1	X		G						X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
19	Tue 20 Nov	West Bromwich Albion	LC	4-1	16,378	X	X1		G					X	X1	X	X	X	X1	X1	X		
20	Sat 24 Nov	Stoke City	Lge	3-1	10,564	X	X1		G	S					R1	X1	X	X	X	X	X		
21	Sat 1 Dec	Nottingham Forest	Lge	2-0	17,758	X	X	X	G					X	X1	X	X	X1		X			
22	Sat 8 Dec	West Bromwich Albion	Lge	1-2	13,581	X1	X	X	G						X	S	X	X	R	X	X		
23	Sat 15 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	1-2	22,437	X	X	R	G						X	X	X	X	S	X	X1		
24	Sat 22 Dec	Arsenal	Lge	1-1	31,302	X	X	S	G					R	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X		
25	Wed 26 Dec	Southampton	Lge	2-1	19,754	X	X2	X	G					R	X	X	X	X		X	X		
26	Sat 29 Dec	Leicester City	Lge	4-1	19,491	X1	X		G	S				R	X	X1	X	X	X1	X	X		
27	Tue 1 Jan	Liverpool	Lge	1-1	27,073	X	X1		G	S					X	X	X	X	R	X	X		
28	Sat 5 Jan	Sheffield United	FA	5-0	17,604	X	X4		G						X	X	X	X	X	X1	X		
29	Wed 23 Jan	Sunderland	LC	0-1	22,591	X	X	S	G						X	X	X	X	R	X	X		
30	Sat 26 Jan	Grimsby Town	FA	3-1	12,989		X2	X	G						X		X	X	X	X	X		
31	Sat 2 Feb	Everton	Lge	0-4	34,026	X	X	X	G					S	X		X	X	X	X	X		
32	Sun 24 Feb	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	1-1	27,871	X	X	X1							X		X	G	X	X	X		
33	Sat 2 Mar	Newcastle United	Lge	1-3	24,923	X	R	X	X						S	X1		X	G	X	X	X	
34	Mon 4 Mar	Luton Town	FA	0-0	18,506		X	X							X	X		X	G	X	X	X	
35	Wed 6 Mar	Luton Town (after extra time)	FA	2-2	19,867	S	X	X							X	X		X	G	X	R	X1	
36	Sat 9 Mar	Luton Town	FA	0-1	15,586	X	X	X	G						X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
37	Tue 12 Mar	Sunderland	Lge	1-1	22,375		X1	S	G						X	X	X	R	X	X	X	X	
38	Sat 16 Mar	Chelsea	Lge	1-3	16,318	X	X1	R	G						X	X	X		X	X	X		
39	Tue 19 Mar	Luton Town	Lge	3-0	14,185	X	X	X2	X1	G					X		X		X	X	X		
40	Sat 23 Mar	Coventry City	Lge	1-3	9,794	R	X	X1	X	G					X	S		X		X	X		
41	Sat 30 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	0-2	12,771	X	X	R	G	X					X	S		X		X	X	X	
42	Tue 2 Apr	West Ham United	Lge	5-0	17,389	X1	X2	X	G	X					X			X		X1	X	X1	
43	Sat 6 Apr	Southampton	Lge	1-1	17,456	X	X	X	G	X					X		X		X	X	X	X1	
44	Sat 13 Apr	Norwich City	Lge	2-0	15,262	X1	X	X	G	X					X		X1			X	X	X	
45	Tue 16 Apr	Ipswich Town	Lge	3-1	16,074	X1	X	X	G	X					X		X1			X	X	X1	
46	Wed 24 Apr	Aston Villa	Lge	1-1	11,493	X	X	X1	G	X					X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
47	Sat 27 Apr	Stoke City	Lge	2-0	14,613	X	X1	X	G	X					X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
48	Sat 4 May	Nottingham Forest	Lge	1-1	12,649	X	X	X	G	X					X		X		X	X	X	X1	
49	Tue 7 May	West Bromwich Albion	Lge	0-2	14,074	X	X	X	G	X					X		X		X	X	X	X	
50	Sat 11 May	Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	5-1	23,167	X1	X1	X1	G	X					X		X		X	X	X1	1	
51	Mon 13 May	Manchester United	Lge	5-1	20,500	X	R1	X2	G						X	S		X	X	X	X	X1	
52	Fri 17 May	Liverpool	Lge	3-4	29,130	X1	X	G	X						X	X		X		X	X	X1	1

**TRIVIA** ..... In the history of the FA Cup only two clubs have been involved in second replays in more than two consecutive seasons - Watford, with five, and Luton Town, with three. Both of these sequences began this season with the same match (36).

## OTHER MATCHES in 1984-85

Sat 4 Aug 1984	Dumbarton 2 Watford 1	Attendance: estimated 4,000
S.Sherwood (gk); D.J.Bardsley & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, S.G.Terry & K.F.Jackett; N.I.Callaghan, M.J.G.Johnston [1 goal], G.G.Reilly (sub: S.F.Sims), P.G.Atkinson & J.C.B.Barnes		
Mon 6 Aug 1984	Morton 2 Watford 3	Attendance: estimated 4,000
S.Storm (gk); D.J.Bardsley & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, S.G.Terry & L.Sinnott; N.I.Callaghan, M.J.G.Johnston [2 goals, including a penalty], I.P.Richardson, K.F.Jackett & J.C.B.Barnes [1 goal]		
Sat 11 Aug 1984	Linfield 2 Watford 4	
S.Sherwood (gk); D.J.Bardsley & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, S.G.Terry & L.Sinnott; N.I.Callaghan, M.J.G.Johnston [2 goals], G.G.Reilly [1 goal] (sub: G.M.Porter), K.F.Jackett & J.C.B.Barnes [1 goal]		
Fri 17 Aug 1984	Barcelona (Spain) 2 Watford 1	(In Majorca) Attendance: 22,000
S.Sherwood (gk); D.J.Bardsley & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, L.Sinnott & K.F.Jackett; N.I.Callaghan (sub: W.R.Sterling), M.J.G.Johnston [1 goal], G.G.Reilly, L.L.Blissett & J.C.B.Barnes This match and the next were part of a four-club tournament in Majorca, the fourth being the Chilean club Universidad Catolica.		
Sat 18 Aug 1984	Real Mallorca (Spain) 2 Watford 1	(In Majorca) Attendance: 30,000
S.Sherwood (gk); D.J.Bardsley & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, S.G.Terry (sub: S.F.Sims) & L.Sinnott; L.L.Blissett, M.J.G.Johnston [1 goal], G.G.Reilly (sub: W.R.Sterling), K.F.Jackett & J.C.B.Barnes		
Tue 21 Aug 1984	Grimsby Town 2 Watford 2	Attendance: 2,189
S.Sherwood (gk); D.J.Bardsley & J.W.Rostron; L.Taylor, L.Sinnott & K.F.Jackett; N.I.Callaghan, M.J.G.Johnston, G.G.Reilly (sub: S.G.Terry [1 goal]), L.L.Blissett & J.C.B.Barnes There was also 1 own goal.		
Wed 19 Sep 1984	Phil Neale XI 1 Watford 1	(At Lincoln City - benefit match for P.A.Neale of that club) Attendance: 2,134
I.J.Douglas (gk); D.J.Bardsley & K.F.Jackett; L.Taylor, S.G.Terry & L.Sinnott; N.I.Callaghan [1 goal], L.L.Blissett, J.C.B.Barnes, G.M.Porter & W.R.Sterling		
Wed 7 Nov 1984	Burton Albion 0 Watford 6	Attendance: 1,005
A.P.Coton (gk) (sub: D.H.Williams); D.J.Bardsley & K.F.Jackett; L.Taylor, R.I.Jobson & L.Sinnott; W.R.Sterling, L.L.Blissett [1 goal] (sub: I.P.Richardson [1 goal]), J.C.B.Barnes [2 goals] (sub: J.M.Gilligan), J.H.P.Lohman & J.W.Rostron [2 goals] (sub: P.G.Atkinson) 		

# 1985/86

**Manager**  
G.Taylor

**Final league position**

12th of 22 in Football League Division 1  
(top tier of English football)

**Home-and-away league doubles by Watford**

5 - v Arsenal, Birmingham City, Chelsea, Coventry City & Manchester City

**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**

4 - by Everton, Liverpool, Luton Town & West Ham United

**Relegated to Division 2**

Ipswich Town, Birmingham City & West Bromwich Albion

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Liverpool	42	16	4	1	58	14	10	6	5	31	23	88
2 Everton	42	16	3	2	54	18	10	5	6	33	23	86
3 West Ham United	42	17	2	2	48	16	9	4	8	26	24	84
4 Manchester United	42	12	5	4	35	12	10	5	6	35	24	76
5 Sheffield Wednesday	42	13	6	2	36	23	8	4	9	27	31	73
6 Chelsea	42	12	4	5	32	27	8	7	6	25	29	71
7 Arsenal	42	13	5	3	29	15	7	4	10	20	32	69
8 Nottingham Forest	42	11	5	5	38	25	8	6	7	31	28	68
9 Luton Town	42	12	6	3	37	15	6	6	9	24	29	66
10 Tottenham Hotspur	42	12	2	7	47	25	7	6	8	27	27	65
11 Newcastle United	42	12	5	4	46	31	5	7	9	21	41	63
<b>12 WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>59</b>
13 Queens Park Rangers	42	12	3	6	33	20	3	4	14	20	44	52
14 Southampton	42	10	6	5	32	18	2	4	15	19	44	46
15 Manchester City	42	7	7	7	25	26	4	5	12	18	31	45
16 Aston Villa	42	7	6	8	27	28	3	8	10	24	39	44
17 Coventry City	42	6	5	10	31	35	5	5	11	17	36	43
18 Oxford United	42	7	7	7	34	27	3	5	13	28	53	42
19 Leicester City	42	7	8	6	35	35	3	4	14	19	41	42
20 Ipswich Town	42	8	5	8	20	24	3	3	15	12	31	41
21 Birmingham City	42	5	2	14	13	25	3	3	15	17	48	29
22 West Bromwich Albion	42	3	8	10	21	36	1	4	16	14	53	24

**KEY TO MATCH-BY-MATCH DETAILS**

**The first six columns:** (1) numerical sequence of matches; (2) date; (3) opposition; (4) competition; (5) result [Watford's score first, † = after extra time]; (6) attendance

**Competitions:** Lge = Football League; LC = Football League Cup (2nd Round [two legs] & 3rd Round); FA = FA Cup (3rd to 6th Round, inclusive)

**Red type:** away matches      **Shaded rows:** competitions other than Football League

**Players' names:** red type = Watford debut this season; ▲ = final Watford appearance this season

**Player columns:** G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; R = outfield player replaced by a substitute; S = used substitute; numerals denote goals scored

**Goals from penalty kicks:** Jackett 4 (Matches 15, 31, 43 & 50)

**Sent off:** None

	10	10	39	20	21	40	4	40	41	31	7	1	29	2	18	10	23	41	1	41	33	
Appearances - Football League	3	3	3	2						4	1	3	1			6	1					
Substitute Appearances - Football League	2	2	9	7	4			1	4	1	1	1	5		2	3	3	7		4	13	
Goals - Football League			11	3	7	11		11	10	2	9	1	11		3	2	8	10	1	11	10	
Appearances - Other Competitions	3								2	2	1										1	
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions			4	1	2				3				1			1	2			1	3	
Goals - Other Competitions																						

**TRIVIA** ..... In Matches 41 to 43 Watford kept three clean sheets in four days against top-flight opposition. The sequence included home-and-away victories over Arsenal on successive days, Malcolm Allen scoring on both occasions.

1	Sat 17 Aug	Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	0-4	29,884			X	X	X	G		X	X								
2	Tue 20 Aug	Birmingham City	Lge	3-0	14,029			X2	X	X	G		X	X						X		X1
3	Sat 24 Aug	West Bromwich Albion	Lge	5-1	13,599			X	X	X	G		X	X					X1		X1	X3
4	Mon 26 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	1-2	21,962			X	X1	S	G		X	X					R	X	X	X
5	Sat 31 Aug	Coventry City	Lge	3-0	13,832			X	R	X	G		X	X					X1		X	X1
6	Wed 4 Sep	Leicester City	Lge	2-2	9,672			X		X	G		X	X					X2		X	X
7	Sat 7 Sep	Liverpool	Lge	1-3	31,395			X	S	X	G		X	X					R		X	X1
8	Sat 14 Sep	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	2-0	16,167			X	X1	X1	G		X	X						X		X
9	Sat 21 Sep	Nottingham Forest	Lge	2-3	12,921			X	X	X1	G		X	X					X	S	X1	X
10	Tue 24 Sep	Crewe Alexandra	LC	3-1	4,252			X	X1	X	G		X	X1					R	S	X1	
11	Sat 28 Sep	Chelsea	Lge	3-1	16,081			X1	X1	X			X	X					X	G		X1
12	Sat 5 Oct	Southampton	Lge	1-3	14,172			X	X	X	G		X	X					X	S		X
13	Tue 8 Oct	Crewe Alexandra	LC	3-2	11,538			X1	X	X1	G		X	X					R		X	X1
14	Sat 12 Oct	Manchester City	Lge	3-2	15,559			X1	X1	X1	G		X	X					X	X		X
15	Sat 19 Oct	Everton	Lge	1-4	26,425			X	S	X	G		X	X1					X	X		X
16	Sat 26 Oct	Oxford United	Lge	2-2	16,448			X	X	X1	G		X	X					X1		X	X
17	Tue 29 Oct	Queens Park Rangers	LC	0-1	16,826			X	X	X	G		X	X					R		X	S
18	Sat 2 Nov	Newcastle United	Lge	1-1	20,649			X	X	X	G		X	X					X	X		X1
19	Sat 9 Nov	Aston Villa	Lge	1-1	14,085			X	R	X	G		X	X					X	S	X1	X
20	Sat 16 Nov	West Ham United	Lge	1-2	21,490			X	X	X			G						R		X	X
21	Sat 23 Nov	Luton Town	Lge	1-2	16,197			X	X	X			G						R		X	X
22	Sat 30 Nov	Manchester United	Lge	1-1	42,181			X	X				G						X	X		X
23	Sat 7 Dec	Birmingham City	Lge	2-1	7,043			X1		X1	G		X	X					X	X	X1	X
24	Sat 14 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	1-0	16,195			X1			G		X	X					S		X	X
25	Sun 22 Dec	West Bromwich Albion	Lge	1-3	11,092			X			G		X	X					X	S	X1	X
26	Sat 28 Dec	Leicester City	Lge	2-1	14,709			S		X	R		G						X	X		X2
27	Wed 1 Jan	Ipswich Town	Lge	0-0	15,922			R		X	S		G						X	X		X
28	Sat 4 Jan	Coventry City	FA	3-1	10,498			X	X	X	G		X	X1					X	X		X2
29	Sun 12 Jan	Liverpool	Lge	2-3	16,957			X	X	X	G		X	X					X1	S1	X	
30	Sat 18 Jan	Coventry City	Lge	2-0	7,499			X2		R	G		X	X					X	S	X	
31	Sat 25 Jan	Manchester City	FA	1-1	31,632			X	X	X	G		X	X1					X	X		X
32	Sat 1 Feb	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	2-1	13,144			X1		X	G		X	X					X	X		X
33	Mon 3 Feb	Manchester City	FA	0-0†	19,347			S		X	X		G						X	X		X
34	Thu 6 Feb	Manchester City	FA	3-1	27,260			X1		X1	G		X	X					X	S	X	
35	Wed 5 Mar	Bury	FA	1-1	13,316			X1			G		X	X					X	X		X
36	Sat 8 Mar	Bury	FA	3-0	7,501			S		R	X1		G						X	X		X
37	Tue 11 Mar	Liverpool	FA	0-0	36,775			X		X	G		X	X					X	X		X1
38	Sat 15 Mar	Manchester City	Lge	1-0	18,899			X			G		X	X					X	X		X
39	Mon 17 Mar	Liverpool	FA	1-2†	28,097			S		X1			G						X	X		X
40	Sat 22 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	1-2	14,079			S		X	X		X	X					X	X		X1
41	Sat 29 Mar	Ipswich Town	Lge	0-0	14,988			S		R	X		G						X	X		X
42	Mon 31 Mar	Arsenal	Lge	2-0	19,599			X1		X	X1		G						X	X		X
43	Tue 1 Apr	Arsenal	Lge	3-0	18,410			X1		X	X		G						X	X		X
44	Sat 5 Apr	Newcastle United	Lge	4-1	14,704			X	X	X			X1	X					X	X1		X
45	Wed 9 Apr	Oxford United	Lge	1-1	10,680			X	X	X			G						X1	R	S	
46	Sat 12 Apr	Aston Villa	Lge	1-4	12,781			R	X	X			G						X	S		
47	Tue 15 Apr	Everton	Lge	0-2	18,960			S		X	X		G						R	X		X
48	Sat 19 Apr	West Ham United	Lge	0-2	16,696			X	X				G						X	X		X
49	Mon 21 Apr	Nottingham Forest	Lge	1-1	11,510			R		X1			G						X	X		X
50	Sat 26 Apr	Luton Town	Lge	2-3	11,810			R	S	X			G						X	X		X
51	Tue 29 Apr	Southampton	Lge	1-1	11,868					X	S		G						X	X		X1
52	Sat 3 May	Manchester United	Lge	1-1	18,414					X	X1		G						X	X		X
53	Mon 5 May	Chelsea	Lge	5-1	12,017			S2		X	X		G						R		X	X1

**TRIVIA** ..... Watford played five successive matches this season (33 to 37, inclusive) which were all in the FA Cup. Only two goals were conceded in this sequence.

**OTHER MATCHES in 1985-86**

Tue 6 Aug 1985	Aldershot 0 Watford 3	Attendance: 870
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron; B.E.Talbot, S.G.Terry & J.McClelland; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett [3 goals, including 1 penalty], C.West, K.F.Jackett & J.C.B.Barnes		
Thu 8 Aug 1985	Swindon Town 0 Watford 3	Attendance: 2,224
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron [1 goal]; B.E.Talbot, S.G.Terry & J.McClelland; N.I.Callaghan [1 goal], L.L.Blissett, C.West [1 goal], L.Taylor & J.C.B.Barnes		
Sat 10 Aug 1985	Hull City 2 Watford 0	Attendance: 3,900
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron; B.E.Talbot, S.G.Terry & J.McClelland; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett, C.West, K.F.Jackett & J.C.B.Barnes (sub: L.Taylor)		
Mon 12 Aug 1985	Watford 4 Reading 0	(Played in private)
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron (sub: L.Sinnott); B.E.Talbot, S.G.Terry & J.McClelland; N.I.Callaghan [1 goal], L.L.Blissett [1 goal], C.West [1 goal], K.F.Jackett & J.C.B.Barnes [1 goal]		
Tue 17 Sep 1985	Luton Town 1 Watford 1	Attendance: 2,120
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron (sub: L.Sinnott); B.E.Talbot, S.G.Terry & J.McClelland; N.I.Callaghan, L.L.Blissett, J.C.B.Barnes [1 goal], K.F.Jackett & G.M.Port		

# 1986/87

## Manager

G.Taylor

## Final league position

9th of 22 in Football League Division 1 (top tier of English football)

## Home-and-away league doubles by Watford

3 - v Leicester City, Luton Town & Oxford United

## Home-and-away league doubles against Watford

3 - by Coventry City, Queens Park Rangers & Wimbledon

## Relegated to Division 2

Leicester City, Manchester City & Aston Villa

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Everton	42	16	4	1	49	11	10	4	7	27	20	86
2 Liverpool	42	15	3	3	43	16	8	5	8	29	26	77
3 Tottenham Hotspur	42	14	3	4	40	14	7	5	9	28	29	71
4 Arsenal	42	12	5	4	31	12	8	5	8	27	23	70
5 Norwich City	42	9	10	2	27	20	8	7	6	26	31	68
6 Wimbledon	42	11	5	5	32	22	8	4	9	25	28	66
7 Luton Town	42	14	5	2	29	13	4	7	10	18	32	66
8 Nottingham Forest	42	12	8	1	36	14	6	3	12	28	37	65
<b>9 WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>63</b>
10 Coventry City	42	14	4	3	35	17	3	8	10	15	28	63
11 Manchester United	42	13	3	5	38	18	1	11	9	14	27	56
12 Southampton	42	11	5	5	44	24	3	5	13	25	44	52
13 Sheffield Wednesday	42	9	7	5	39	24	4	6	11	19	35	52
14 Chelsea	42	8	6	7	30	30	5	7	9	23	34	52
15 West Ham United	42	10	4	7	33	28	4	6	11	19	39	52
16 Queens Park Rangers	42	9	7	5	31	27	4	4	13	17	37	50
17 Newcastle United	42	10	4	7	33	29	2	7	12	14	36	47
18 Oxford United	42	8	8	5	30	25	3	5	13	14	44	46
19 Charlton Athletic	42	7	7	7	26	22	4	4	13	19	33	44
20 Leicester City	42	9	7	5	39	24	2	2	17	15	52	42
21 Manchester City	42	8	6	7	28	24	0	9	12	8	33	39
22 Aston Villa	42	7	7	7	25	25	1	5	15	20	54	36

## KEY TO MATCH-BY-MATCH DETAILS

The first six columns: (1) numerical sequence of matches; (2) date; (3) position; (4) competition; (5) result, with Watford score first; (6) attendance  
**Competitions:** Lge = Football League; LC = Football League Cup (2nd Round [two legs] & 3rd Round); FA = FA Cup (3rd Round to Semi-Final, inclusive); FM = Full Members Cup (3rd Round)

**Red type:** away matches      **Shaded rows:** competitions other than Football League

**Players' names:** red type = Watford debut this season; ▲ = final Watford appearance this season

**Player columns:** G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; R = outfield player replaced by a substitute; S = used substitute; numerals denote goals scored

**Goals from penalty kicks:** Jackett 6 (Matches 14, 15, 18, 19, 35 & 53) and Sims 1 (Match 43)  
**Sent off:** Coton (Match 12)

	Appearances - Football League	Substitute Appearances - Football League	Goals - Football League	Appearances - Other Competitions	Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions	Goals - Other Competitions
1	41	37	35	17	31	33
2	3					
3	5	10	11	3	14	6
4	10	11	7	5	9	8
5	2	4	4			2
6	2	2	4	4		3

**TRIVIA** ..... In their semi-final against Tottenham Hotspur (Match 45) Watford became the first club for 34 years to concede four FA Cup goals twice in the same season, having earlier drawn a 5th Round replay 4-4 with Walsall.

	Allen, M.	Bardsley, D.J.	Barnes, J.C.B.	Blissett, L.L.	Callaghan, N.I.	Coton, A.P.	Falco, M.P.	Franklin, P.L.	Gibbs, N.J.	Jackett, K.F.	McClelland, J.	Plumley, G.E.	Porter, G.M.	Pullan, C.J.	Richardson, K.	Roberts, I.W.	Rostron, J.W.	Sherwood, S.	Sims, S.F.	Sinnott, L.	Smillie, N.	Sterling, W.R.	Talbot, B.E.	Terry, S.G.	Own goals	
1	Sat 23 Aug	Oxford United	Lge	3-0	16,960	X1	R1	X1	S	G																
2	Tue 26 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	2-3	14,021	X	X1	X	S	G																
3	Sat 30 Aug	Nottingham Forest	Lge	1-1	14,723	X	X	X1		G	X	X														
4	Sat 6 Sep	Wimbledon	Lge	0-1	14,412	X	X	X		G	X	X														
5	Sat 13 Sep	Norwich City	Lge	3-1	15,487	X		X1	X	G	R	X	X													
6	Tue 16 Sep	Manchester United	Lge	1-0	21,529	X		X	X	G	X	X														
7	Sat 20 Sep	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	0-1	13,941	X		X	S	G	X	X														
8	Tue 23 Sep	Rochdale	LC	1-1	9,670	S	X	X		X	G															
9	Sat 27 Sep	Coventry City	Lge	0-1	11,058	X	X	R	X	G	X	X														
10	Sat 4 Oct	West Ham United	Lge	2-2	16,560	X	X	X1	X1	G	X	X														
11	Tue 7 Oct	Rochdale	LC	2-1	5,449	X	X1	X	X	G																
12	Sat 11 Oct	Arsenal	Lge	1-3	24,076	X	R	X	X	G	X1															
13	Sat 18 Oct	Aston Villa	Lge	4-2	16,420	X	X	X	X	G	X3															
14	Sat 25 Oct	Everton	Lge	2-3	28,577	X	X	R	X	X	X															
15	Wed 29 Oct	West Ham United	LC	2-3	17,523	X	X1	X																		
16	Sat 1 Nov	Chelsea	Lge	0-0	13,334	X	X			G	X															
17	Sat 8 Nov	Charlton Athletic	Lge	4-1	14,358	X1	X	X1	X	G	X2															
18	Sat 15 Nov	Newcastle United	Lge	2-2	23,645	X	X	X1	X	G	X															
19	Sat 22 Nov	Leicester City	Lge	5-1	13,501	X	X1	X	X1	G	X1															
20	Wed 26 Nov	Manchester City	FM	0-1	6,393	X	X	X	X	G	X															
21	Sat 29 Nov	Southampton	Lge	1-3	14,537	X	X	R	X	G	X															
22	Sat 6 Dec	Liverpool	Lge	2-0	23,171	X	X1		X	G	X															
23	Sat 13 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	1-2	23,137	X	X		R	G	X1															
24	Fri 19 Dec	Norwich City	Lge	1-1	12,900	X	X1		X	G	R															
25	Fri 26 Dec	Luton Town	Lge	2-0	11,140	X	X			G	X															
26	Sat 27 Dec	Newcastle United	Lge	1-0	17,852	X	X1		X	G	X															
27	Thu 1 Jan	Manchester City	Lge	1-1	15,514	X	X1		X	G	X															
28	Sat 3 Jan	Wimbledon	Lge	1-2	8,063	X	X	X		G	X															
29	Sat 10 Jan	Maidstone United	FA	3-1	15,952	S1	X	X	X	G	X2															
30	Sat 24 Jan	Oxford United	Lge	3-1	9,710	X	X1	X	X1	G	X1															
31	Sun 1 Feb	Chelsea	FA	1-0	18,832	S	X	X	R1	X	G	X														
32	Sat 7 Feb	Nottingham Forest	Lge	1-1	15,227	X	X1	X		G	X															
33	Sat 14 Feb	Manchester United	Lge	1-3	35,763	X	X	R		G	X															
34	Sat 21 Feb	Walsall	FA	1-1	15,621	X1	X			G	X															
35	Tue 24 Feb	Walsall (after extra time)	FA	4-4	20,350	R		X2	X1	G	X															
36	Sat 28 Feb	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	1-0	20,530	X	X	X1		G	X															
37	Mon 2 Mar	Walsall	FA	1-0	15,897	X	X	X		G	X															
38	Sun 8 Mar	Everton	Lge	2-1	14,035	X	X	X1		G	X1															
39	Sat 14 Mar	Arsenal	FA	3-1	43,276	X	X1	X2		G	X															
40	Sat 21 Mar	Arsenal	Lge	2-0	18,127	X	X	X1		G	X															
41	Wed 25 Mar	Aston Villa	Lge	1-1	12,575	X	X	R	X	G	X1															
42	Sat 28 Mar	West Ham United	Lge	0-1	16,485	X	X	X		G	X															
43	Sat 4 Apr	Charlton Athletic	Lge	3-4	4,958	S	R	X	X1		X1															
44	Mon 6 Apr	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	0-3	13,839		X	X		X	X															
45	Sat 11 Apr	Tottenham Hotspur	FA	1-4	46,151	S1	X	X	X		X															
46	Tue 14 Apr	Chelsea	Lge	3-1	14,108	X1	X	X1		X	X															
47	Sat 18 Apr	Manchester City	Lge	2-1	18,541	X	X1		X	X	X															
48	Tue 21 Apr	Luton Town	Lge	2-0	14,650	X	X1	X		X	X															
49	Sat 25 Apr	Leicester City	Lge	2-1	9,448	X1	X	X		X	X															
50	Thu 30 Apr	Coventry City	Lge	2-3	11,590	X	X	X		X2	X															
51	Sat 2 May	Southampton	Lge	1-1	13,067	X	X	X		X	X															
52	Mon 4 May	Liverpool	Lge	0-1	40,150	S	X	X	X	X	X															
53	Sat 9 May	Tottenham Hotspur	Lge	1-0	20,034	R	X	X		X	X1	X														

Match 12: Coton was sent off with the score at 1-1 and was replaced in goal by Callaghan.  
 Match 45: Played at Aston Villa.



Departing goalkeeper Steve Sherwood had seen it all in nearly eleven years at Vicarage Road - all four divisions, UEFA Cup, FA Cup Final .....

## OTHER MATCHES in 1986-87

Sun 27 Jul 1986	Jarbo (Sweden)	1	Watford	3	Attendance: 1,420
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron [1 goal]; D.J.Bardsley, L.Sinnott (sub: P.L.Franklin) & J.McClelland; W.R.Sterling (sub: N.Smillie), L.L.Blissett, J.C.B.Barnes [2 goals], K.F.Jackett & G.M.Porter (sub: B.E.Talbot)					
Mon 28 Jul 1986	Norrstrands (Sweden)	0	Watford	1	Attendance: 1,660
A.P.Coton (gk); N.J.Gibbs & J.W.Rostron; D.J.Bardsley, L.Sinnott & J.McClelland (sub: P.L.Franklin); W.R.Sterling, L.L.Blissett [1 goal], I.W.Roberts, K.F					







