

# 1910/11

**Manager**  
H.Kent

**Final league position**  
14th of 20 in Southern League Division 1

**Home-and-away league doubles by Watford**  
2 - v Bristol Rovers & Plymouth Argyle

**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**  
3 - by Coventry City, Leyton & Swindon Town

**Relegated to Southern League Division 2**  
Southend United & Portsmouth

	Played	HOME				AWAY				Points		
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L		For	Ag
1 Swindon Town	38	16	2	1	54	9	8	3	8	26	22	53
2 Northampton Town	38	14	3	2	39	7	4	9	6	15	20	48
3 Brighton & Hove Albion	38	15	2	2	41	12	5	6	8	17	23	48
4 Crystal Palace	38	11	5	3	35	23	6	8	5	20	25	47
5 West Ham United	38	12	6	1	44	17	5	5	9	19	29	45
6 Queens Park Rangers	38	11	6	2	37	16	2	8	9	15	25	40
7 Leyton	38	13	3	3	37	15	3	5	11	20	37	40
8 Plymouth Argyle	38	10	6	3	37	14	5	3	11	17	41	39
9 Luton Town	38	13	4	2	42	18	2	4	13	25	45	38
10 Norwich City	38	12	5	2	31	13	3	3	13	15	35	38
11 Coventry City	38	12	4	3	47	21	4	2	13	18	47	38
12 Brentford	38	12	5	2	32	13	2	4	13	9	29	37
13 Exeter City	38	8	5	6	32	29	6	4	9	19	24	37
<b>14 WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>
15 Millwall	38	8	3	8	21	20	3	6	10	21	34	31
16 Bristol Rovers	38	6	6	7	24	23	4	4	11	18	32	30
17 Southampton	38	8	3	8	25	28	3	5	11	17	39	30
18 New Brompton	38	10	5	4	19	15	1	3	15	15	50	30
19 Southend United	38	7	4	8	28	26	3	5	11	19	38	29
20 Portsmouth	38	6	10	3	21	15	2	1	16	13	38	27

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**Red type:** away matches      **Shaded Rows:** competitions other than Southern League

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

**Player columns:** G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; numerals denote goals scored

**Goals from penalty kicks:** Stewart 3 (Matches 14, 18 & 32)

**Set off:** None

Appearances - Southern League  
Goals - Southern League  
Appearances - Other Competitions  
Goals - Other Competitions

	15	15	17	3	28	2	29	27	38	10	20	13	1	4	21	9	21	38	30	3	34	12	28	
Beaumont, S.▲	1																							
Davies, R.▲		4					8	2																
Flint, W.▲	1	3	6	2	6		5	3	6	3	3				1	2	1	1	6	6		5	2	4
Gale, A.E.▲			6																					
Grieve, J.▲																								
Grimsdell, A.▲																								
Kelly, W.B.▲							1																	
Kent, H.																								
Lockett, A.																								
McArdle, P.▲																								
MacLaine, J.▲																								
Middleton, H.▲																								
Prentice, H.▲																								
Saunders, J.E.▲																								
Smith, C.W.																								
Smith, H.																								
Squires, A.																								
Stewart, A.J.																								
Tattersall, W.S.																								
Theobald, F.▲																								
Webster, J.▲																								
Wheeler, W.W.▲																								
White, C.W.																								
Own goal																								

**TRIVIA**..... At the age of 17 years and 30 days Arthur Grimsdell played in Match 43 as the club's youngest debutant, a record which he held for 16 years. Watford-born, he became the town's most distinguished sporting son, most notably as captain of Tottenham Hotspur and England.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44												
1	Sat 3 Sep	Northampton Town	Lge	0-2	8,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
2	Sat 10 Sep	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	2-1	5,000	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
3	Wed 14 Sep	Brentford	SC	3-2	1,000	X	X1	X	X1	X	X	X	X																																											
4	Sat 17 Sep	Exeter City	Lge	0-2	6,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
5	Sat 24 Sep	Swindon Town	Lge	1-3	4,000	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X																																											
6	Sat 1 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Lge	1-0	3,000		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
7	Sat 8 Oct	Crystal Palace	Lge	1-1	4,000		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
8	Sat 15 Oct	Brentford	Lge	0-2	7,000		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
9	Wed 19 Oct	Luton Town	SC	2-1	1,000		X1	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
10	Sat 22 Oct	Leyton	Lge	1-2	3,000		X1	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
11	Sat 29 Oct	Norwich City	Lge	3-0	3,000		X	X	X	X1	X	X	X																																											
12	Sat 5 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Lge	2-0			X1	X	X	X1	X	X	X																																											
13	Sat 12 Nov	Southampton	Lge	1-1	4,000		X	X	X	X	X1	X	X																																											
14	Sat 19 Nov	Ilford	FA	3-2	3,000		X1	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
15	Sat 26 Nov	Coventry City	Lge	0-2	3,000		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																																											
16	Mon 28 Nov	ϕ Brighton & Hove Albion	SC	1-2	1,000		X	X1	X	X	X	X	X																																											
17	Sat 3 Dec	Clapton	FA	6-0	2,000		X	X2	X	X	X	X	X2																																											
18	Sat 10 Dec	Millwall	Lge	3-3	3,000																																																			







# 1913/14

**Manager**  
H.Kent

**Final league position**  
18th of 20 in Southern League Division 1

**Home-and-away league doubles by Watford**  
1 - v Southampton

**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**  
4 - by Gillingham, Portsmouth, Southend United & Swindon Town

**Relegated to Southern League Division 2**  
Merthyr Town & Coventry City

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Swindon Town	38	14	3	2	57	11	7	5	7	24	30	50
2 Crystal Palace	38	12	5	2	41	13	5	11	3	19	19	50
3 Northampton Town	38	11	8	0	31	9	3	11	5	19	28	47
4 Reading	38	14	4	1	32	11	3	6	10	11	25	44
5 Plymouth Argyle	38	11	6	2	25	12	4	7	8	21	30	43
6 West Ham United	38	9	7	3	39	22	6	5	8	22	38	42
7 Brighton & Hove Albion	38	12	5	2	31	16	3	7	9	12	29	42
8 Queens Park Rangers	38	10	6	3	27	14	6	3	10	18	29	41
9 Portsmouth	38	10	7	2	31	13	4	5	10	26	35	40
10 Cardiff City	38	10	6	3	27	11	3	6	10	19	31	38
11 Southampton	38	11	2	6	35	22	4	5	10	20	32	37
12 Exeter City	38	7	8	4	21	11	3	8	8	18	27	36
13 Gillingham	38	10	6	3	36	15	3	3	13	12	34	35
14 Norwich City	38	7	10	2	34	19	2	7	10	15	32	35
15 Millwall	38	10	6	3	34	20	1	6	12	17	36	34
16 Southend United	38	7	7	5	29	28	3	5	11	12	38	32
17 Bristol Rovers	38	10	5	4	32	25	0	6	13	14	42	31
<b>18 WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>
19 Merthyr Town	38	7	7	5	23	18	2	3	14	15	43	28
20 Coventry City	38	4	8	7	28	28	2	6	11	15	40	26

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**Goals from penalty kicks:** Dryden 1 (Match 27) & Stewart 1 (Match 3)

**Sent off:** None

Appearances - Southern League

Goals - Southern League

Appearances - Other Competitions

Goals - Other Competitions

**TRIVIA** ..... The 10-0 FA Cup clobbering of amateurs Bournemouth (no connection with the present-day AFC Bournemouth) in Match 18 was immediately followed by six consecutive defeats. Ashbridge, who scored five goals in that FA Cup tie, hit another four for the Reserves two days later.

	21	2	25	15		1	22	20	12	2	18	29	38	9	19	1	14	10	27	25	37	34	33	4	
Ashbridge, T.E. ▲																									
Bulling, C. ▲																									
Bulling, H.M. ▲																									
Carr, J.E.C. ▲																									
Cramb, J. ▲																									
Crownshaw, H. ▲																									
Donald, D.M. ▲																									
Dryden, W. ▲																									
Edmonds, G.W.N. ▲																									
Frankish, J.J. ▲																									
Green, A.																									
Gregory, F.J.																									
Gregory, V.F.																									
Grimsdell, E.F.																									
Kennedy, J.J.																									
Kent, H. ▲																									
Kingham, W. ▲																									
McLauchlan, J.J.S.																									
Mahon, L. ▲																									
Mitchell, T.W. ▲																									
Pantling, H.H. ▲																									
Stewart, A.J.																									
Webster, J. ▲																									
White, C.W.																									
Williams, R.G.																									
Own goal																									



A first-team debutant aged nearly 24, but Skilly Williams was to become a goalkeeping legend

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	41	
1 Thu 4 Sep Norwich City	Lge	1-3	5,000																																	
2 Sat 6 Sep Southend United	Lge	1-2	4,000	X1																																
3 Wed 10 Sep Norwich City	Lge	2-0	2,000																																	
4 Sat 13 Sep Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	0-0	6,000																																	
5 Wed 17 Sep Reading	Lge	0-0	3,000																																	
6 Sat 20 Sep Portsmouth	Lge	0-2	4,000																																	
7 Wed 24 Sep Coventry City	Lge	7-0																																		
8 Sat 27 Sep Millwall	Lge	2-2																																		
9 Wed 1 Oct Luton Town	SC	0-3	1,500																																	
10 Sat 4 Oct Exeter City	Lge	0-1	4,000																																	
11 Sat 11 Oct Cardiff City	Lge	0-2	14,000																																	
12 Sat 18 Oct Swindon Town	Lge	1-2	5,000	X1																																
13 Sat 25 Oct Bristol Rovers	Lge	1-2																																		
14 Sat 1 Nov Merthyr Town	Lge	3-0	4,000	X1																																
15 Sat 8 Nov West Ham United	Lge	1-1	15,000	X																																
16 Sat 15 Nov Plymouth Argyle	Lge	0-1																																		
17 Sat 22 Nov Southampton	Lge	3-1	9,000	X1																																
18 Sat 29 Nov Bournemouth	FA	10-0	2,000	X5																																
19 Sat 6 Dec Crystal Palace	Lge	0-3	5,000	X																																
20 Sat 13 Dec Gillingham	FA	0-1	6,000	X																																
21 Sat 20 Dec Queens Park Rangers	Lge	2-3	6,000																																	
22 Thu 25 Dec Gillingham	Lge	0-2																																		
23 Fri 26 Dec φ Gillingham	Lge	0-3																																		

# 1914/15

## Manager

H.Kent

## Final league position

1st of 20 in Southern League Division 1

## Home-and-away league doubles by Watford

7 - v Bristol Rovers, Cardiff City, Croydon Common, Crystal Palace, Gillingham, Millwall & Portsmouth

## Home-and-away league doubles against Watford

1 - by West Ham United

## Elected to Football League Division 2

West Ham United

## Wound up in 1917

Croydon Common

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
<b>1 WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>
2 Reading	38	12	4	3	37	16	9	3	7	31	27	49
3 Cardiff City	38	16	1	2	51	12	6	3	10	21	26	48
4 West Ham United	38	14	4	1	42	18	4	5	10	16	29	45
5 Northampton Town	38	11	5	3	37	23	5	6	8	19	28	43
6 Southampton	38	14	3	2	56	28	5	2	12	22	46	43
7 Portsmouth	38	10	5	4	26	14	6	5	8	28	28	42
8 Millwall	38	9	4	6	28	23	7	6	6	22	28	42
9 Swindon Town	38	11	5	3	55	21	4	6	9	22	38	41
10 Brighton & Hove Albion	38	11	5	3	29	16	5	2	12	17	31	39
11 Exeter City	38	10	3	6	32	16	5	5	9	18	25	38
12 Queens Park Rangers	38	8	4	7	30	28	5	8	6	25	28	38
13 Norwich City	38	10	6	3	33	16	1	8	10	20	40	36
14 Luton Town	38	6	3	10	27	34	7	5	7	34	39	34
15 Crystal Palace	38	8	4	7	24	25	5	4	10	23	36	34
16 Bristol Rovers	38	12	2	5	42	28	2	1	16	11	47	31
17 Plymouth Argyle	38	8	7	4	34	25	0	7	12	17	36	30
18 Southend United	38	8	5	6	27	20	2	3	14	17	44	28
19 Croydon Common	38	7	6	6	28	18	2	3	14	19	45	27
20 Gillingham	38	6	6	7	32	29	0	2	17	11	53	20

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## Goals from penalty kicks: Kennedy 2 (Matches 34 & 38)

Sent off: None

Appearances - Southern League

Goals - Southern League

Appearances - Other Competitions

Goals - Other Competitions

**TRIVIA** ..... Four Southern League games, only one of them at home, were played in five days at Easter (no play allowed on Sunday .....), and nine men appeared in all four. The sequence ended with a 6-0 defeat, Swindon Town's Archie Bown scoring the lot, but Watford won the next three games and clinched the title at Gillingham, overturning a two-goal deficit.

	11	35	35	23	38	32	1	34	32	3	6	6	35	37	33	19	38
1	Wed 2 Sep	Cardiff City	Lge	2-1	1,500	X	X	X	X	X			X1	X	X1	G	
2	Sat 5 Sep	Portsmouth	Lge	3-2	7,000	X	X1	X	X	X			X1	X	X1	G	
3	Sat 12 Sep	Swindon Town	Lge	3-0	3,000	X	X1	X	X	X			X	X	X1	G	1
4	Wed 16 Sep	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	0-0	1,500	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	G	
5	Sat 19 Sep	Southend United	Lge	0-0	4,000	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	G	
6	Sat 26 Sep	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	2-2	5,000	X	X	X1	X	X	X1		X	X	X	G	
7	Sat 3 Oct	Millwall	Lge	3-0	15,000	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X3	G	
8	Sat 10 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Lge	2-0	3,000	X	X	X	X1	X	X		X1	X	X	G	
9	Sat 17 Oct	Croydon Common	Lge	1-0	6,000	X	X1	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	G	
10	Sat 24 Oct	Reading	Lge	0-1	5,000	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	G	
11	Sat 31 Oct	Southampton	Lge	1-3		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	G	
12	Wed 4 Nov	Luton Town	SC	0-2		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
13	Sat 7 Nov	Northampton Town	Lge	0-0	6,000	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	G	
14	Sat 14 Nov	Crystal Palace	Lge	1-0		X	X	X	X	X1	X		X	X	X	G	
15	Sat 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Lge	1-1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	1
16	Sat 28 Nov	West Ham United	Lge	0-1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
17	Sat 5 Dec	Norwich City	Lge	0-2	3,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
18	Sat 12 Dec	Gillingham	Lge	4-0	2,500	X	X	X	X	X	X2	X	X	X2	X	G	
19	Sat 19 Dec	Rochdale	FA	0-2	4,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
20	Fri 25 Dec	Exeter City	Lge	1-1	2,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	G	
21	Sat 26 Dec	Exeter City	Lge	1-4	6,000	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
22	Fri 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Lge	3-2	1,900	X	X1	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	G	
23	Sat 2 Jan	Portsmouth	Lge	2-1	3,000		X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
24	Sat 23 Jan	Reading	Lge	1-1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	G	
25	Wed 3 Feb	Southend United	Lge	2-1	1,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	G	1
26	Sat 13 Feb	Bristol Rovers	Lge	3-2	1,000	X	X1	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
27	Sat 20 Feb	Croydon Common	Lge	3-0	3,000	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X2	X	X	G	
28	Sat 27 Feb	Millwall	Lge	4-0	3,000	X	X1	X1	X	X	X1	X	X1	X	X	G	
29	Sat 6 Mar	Southampton	Lge	5-2		X	X	X1	X	X	X1	X1	X1	X	X1	G	
30	Sat 13 Mar	Northampton Town	Lge	1-1	10,000	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	G	
31	Thu 18 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	5-2	5,000	X	X	X2	X1	X	X1	X	X	X	X1	G	
32	Sat 20 Mar	Crystal Palace	Lge	1-0		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	G	
33	Sat 27 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	Lge	2-0	3,000	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	G	
34	Fri 2 Apr	Luton Town	Lge	2-4	8,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X1	X1	X	X	G	
35	Sat 3 Apr	West Ham United	Lge	0-2	10,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
36	Mon 5 Apr	Luton Town	Lge	2-0	7,000	X	X	X1	X	X1	X	X	X	X	X	G	
37	Tue 6 Apr	Swindon Town	Lge	0-6	1,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
38	Sat 10 Apr	Norwich City	Lge	2-1		X	X1	X	X	X	X	X1	X	X	X	G	
39	Sat 17 Apr	Gillingham	Lge	3-2		X	X1	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	
40	Sat 24 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	Lge	2-1	3,000	X	X1	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	

Barnshaw, R.J.

Bulling, H.M.▲

Edmonds, G.W.N.

Green, A.▲

Gregory, F.J.

Gregory, V.F.

Grimsdell, E.F.

Hastings, W.▲

Hatton, S.T.▲

Kennedy, J.J.▲

McGuire, R.▲

McLauchlan, J.J.S.▲

McMorrán, F.A.▲

Ronald, P.M.

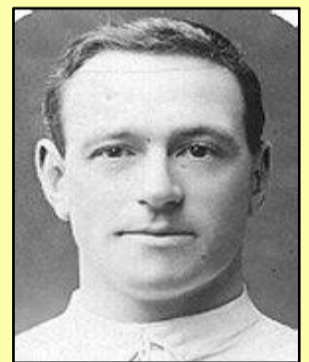
Stewart, A.J.▲

Waterall, T.

White, C.W.

Williams, R.G.

Own goals



Full-back Alex Stewart should have been the title-winning skipper, but after enlisting for army service in the Footballers' Battalion he relinquished the captaincy in mid-season to fellow-Scot Jim Kennedy. The accomplished and popular Stewart continued as a regular member of the side, however.

☐ **Match 22:** Goalkeeper Williams was injured and replaced by Waterall with Watford leading 3-0.

## OTHER MATCHES in 1914-15

Sat 22 Aug 1914 **Whites 4 Stripes 2** (Public practice match) Attendance: 1,000

**Whites:** R.G.Williams (gk); H.M.Bulling & A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, J.J.Kennedy & F.J.Gregory; A.Green, -- Smith [1 goal], G.W.N.Edmonds [1 goal], -- Briscoe [2 goals] & T.Waterall

**Stripes:** E.R.Robson (gk); -- Hall & O.H.Gregory; E.H.Symes, R.J.Barnshaw & F.A.McMorrán; R.McGuire, P.M.Ronald [1 goal], J.J.S.McLauchlan, C.W.White & W.Hastings [1 goal]

The game lasted "less than 90 minutes".

Wed 26 Aug 1914 **Stripes 5 Whites 2** (Public practice match)

**Stripes:** R.G.Williams (gk); H.M.Bulling & A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, J.J.Kennedy & F.J.Gregory; A.Green, P.M.Ronald [2 goals], G.W.N.Edmonds [2 goals], C.W.White [1 goal] & W.Hastings

**Whites:** E.R.Robson (gk); -- Hall & O.H.Gregory; W.Figg, R.J.Barnshaw & F.A.McMorrán; R.McGuire, -- Smith, E.S.Household [2 goals], -- Briscoe & T.Waterall

The goalkeepers changed sides at half-time.

Sat 16 Jan 1915 **Luton Town 1 Watford 1**

R.G.Williams (gk); H.M.Bulling & A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, J.J.Kennedy & F.J.Gregory; W.Hastings, P.M.Ronald, G.W.N.Edmonds [1 goal], C.W.White & T.Waterall

Sat 6 Feb 1915 **Watford 1 Luton Town 2** Attendance: 1,000

R.G.Williams (gk); A.J.Stewart & F.J.Gregory; G.Meagher, J.J.Kennedy & R.J.Barnshaw; W.Hastings, P.M.Ronald [1 goal], G.W.N.Edmonds, A.Green & T.Waterall

Goalkeeper Williams took a penalty kick, which was saved.

Sat 1 May 1915 **Watford 4 Military XI 1**

R.G.Williams (gk); H.M.Bulling & A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, J.J.Kennedy & F.J.Gregory; W.Hastings, P.M.Ronald, G.W.N.Edmonds [3 goals], A.Green [1 goal] & T.Waterall

The Military XI was drawn from the various army units billeted in Watford, including The Kensingtons. The match was arranged to raise funds for the players' Southern League championship bonuses, which the club could not otherwise afford. £85 was raised.

# 1915/16

COMPETITIVE football continued for the remaining years of the First World War, but under conditions very different from those governing peacetime league and cup competitions. Most significantly, so far as the composition of teams was concerned, clubs were not restricted to the selection of their own registered players, and those who turned out for a club when not on its books were referred to as "guest" players. Team changes were bewilderingly frequent and it was normal for line-ups to include more than a sprinkling of other clubs' professionals who lived locally or were servicemen stationed in the area, or even just happened to be at the ground near kick-off time when someone failed to turn up. Many amateurs were used also. The military ranks of players who were regular soldiers or who had enlisted for war service were included in the published line-ups (and are reproduced here), although this information was spasmodic, inconsistent, and not always reliable.

In this first season of wartime leagues, the London Combination fixtures were completed in January. Luton Town and Reading were then added to the original twelve clubs and a supplementary league competition, in which each club played only 14 games, took place over the remainder of the season.

## LONDON COMBINATION

	Pl	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Chelsea	22	17	3	2	71	18	37
Millwall	22	12	6	4	46	24	30
Arsenal	22	10	5	7	43	46	25
West Ham United	22	10	4	8	47	35	24
Fulham	22	10	4	8	45	37	24
Tottenham Hotspur	22	8	8	6	38	35	24
Brentford	22	6	8	8	36	40	20
Queens Park Rangers	22	8	3	11	27	41	19
Crystal Palace	22	8	3	11	35	55	19
<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>17</b>
Clapton Orient	22	4	6	12	22	44	14
Croydon Common	22	3	5	14	24	50	11

## LONDON COMBINATION SUPPLEMENTARY COMPETITION

	Pl	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Chelsea	14	10	1	3	50	15	21
West Ham United	14	9	2	3	32	16	20
Tottenham Hotspur	14	8	3	3	32	22	19
Fulham	14	9	0	5	38	19	18
Millwall	14	8	2	4	30	22	18
Crystal Palace	14	8	2	4	41	29	18
<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>
Brentford	14	5	2	7	29	33	12
Croydon Common	14	4	3	7	28	27	11
Clapton Orient	14	3	4	7	17	27	10
Arsenal	14	3	4	7	19	31	10
Luton Town	14	4	1	9	31	44	9
Queens Park Rangers	14	2	5	7	14	37	9
Reading	14	2	2	9	23	64	8

## APPEARANCES AND (GOALS) IN ALL COMPETITIVE MATCHES

C.B.Arnold 5 (-), W.G.Ashmole 5 (3), J.Blagden 15 (-), "Company Quartermaster Serjeant Boyden" 1 (-), G.G.Breed 1 (-), J.Brown 1 (-), G.S.Coomber 28 (5), A.Crofts 10 (-), H.Crownshaw 3 (-), G.Eames 9 (1), G.W.N.Edmonds 1 (2), R.W.Frith 3 (-), G.Gemmell 1 (-), Private Green 2 (-), A.Green 6 (-), F.J.Gregory 36 (2), O.H.Gregory 22 (1), V.F.Gregory 33 (1), A.Grimsdell 1 (-), E.F.Grimsdell 1 (-), S.T.Hatton 1 (-), J.Houghton 6 (-), Private Jones 1 (-), J.Kenny 1 (-), T.Knighton 7 (3), T.S.Langford 1 (-), Private Leese 6 (-), A.E.Mallett 4 (-), J.J.S.McLauchlan 8 (6), G.F.Meagher 22 (1), G.Meekin 4 (2), J.Miller 2 (-), W.Miller 1 (1), H.H.Pantling 2 (1), H.P.Roberts 2 (-), R.Routledge 1 (-), C.D.Scorer 1 (-), H.Smith 19 (13), F.H.B.Spencer 2 (-), A.Squires 9 (-), Private Stevenson 1 (-), A.J.Stewart 9 (-), E.H.Symes 4 (-), J.H.Taylor 14 (9), F.Thompson 1 (-), W.Thompson 1 (-), H.Tilley 1 (-), A.J.Tyler 6 (1), J.Walter 1 (-), C.W.White 5 (-), R.G.Williams 36 (-), A.Whyman 1 (-), J.Woodhouse 3 (-), E.J.Wright 28 (7), J.Wright 1 (-)

Wed 1 Sep 1915 **Watford 6 Sherwood Foresters 4** Friendly

R.G.Williams (gk); F.J.Gregory & J.Walter; E.H.Symes, V.F.Gregory & C.D.Scorer; A.E.Mallett [1 goal], A.Green [1 goal], H.Smith [3 goals], Private Brown [1 goal] & F.Thompson  
The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment) were quartered in Watford and a number of them were to make guest appearances for the club.

Sat 4 Sep 1915 **Watford 2 Fulham 4** London Combination Attendance: 2,000

R.G.Williams (gk); F.J.Gregory & Private A.J.Stewart; E.H.Symes, Private C.D.Scorer & V.F.Gregory; Trooper A.Green, Private J.H.Taylor [1 goal], Private J.J.S.McLauchlan [1 penalty], E.J.Wright & F.Thompson

Sat 11 Sep 1915 **Clapton Orient 2 Watford 0** London Combination Attendance: 5,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private Stevenson & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, Private J.Woodhouse & F.J.Gregory; Private H.P.Roberts, Private J.H.Taylor, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan, Trooper A.Green & Private J.Miller

Sat 18 Sep 1915 **Chelsea 1 Watford 0** London Combination Attendance: 10,000

R.G.Williams (gk); F.J.Gregory & Private A.J.Stewart; E.H.Symes, Private R.W.Frith & V.F.Gregory; Private H.P.Roberts, Private J.Blagden, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan, E.J.Wright & Private A.J.Tyler

Sat 25 Sep 1915 **Watford 0 Millwall 3** London Combination Attendance: 2,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private R.Routledge & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, Private J.Woodhouse & F.J.Gregory; Trooper A.Green, Private J.H.Taylor, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan, E.J.Wright & Private A.J.Tyler

Sat 2 Oct 1915 **Croydon Common 1 Watford 2** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Private F.H.B.Spencer & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Private T.S.Langford, G.F.Meagher, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan [1 goal], E.J.Wright & Private A.J.Tyler [1 goal]

Sat 9 Oct 1915 **Watford 1 Arsenal 0** London Combination Attendance: 3,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private F.H.B.Spencer & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; G.F.Meagher, E.J.Wright, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan [1 goal], G.Gemmell & Private A.J.Tyler

Sat 16 Oct 1915 **Brentford 1 Watford 2** London Combination Attendance: 4,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private A.Crofts & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber [1 goal], & Private J.Woodhouse; Private O.H.Gregory, Private J.H.Taylor, H.Smith [1 goal], E.H.Symes & E.J.Wright

Sat 23 Oct 1915 **Watford 2 West Ham United 3** London Combination Attendance: 3,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private A.Crofts & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Trooper A.Green, Private J.H.Taylor, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan [2 penalty goals], E.J.Wright & Private A.J.Tyler

Sat 30 Oct 1915 **Tottenham Hotspur 3 Watford 0** London Combination Attendance: 3,000

R.G.Williams (gk); F.J.Gregory & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Private O.H.Gregory, E.H.Symes, Private J.Kenny, E.J.Wright & Private J.Miller

Sat 6 Nov 1915 **Watford 7 Crystal Palace 1** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); C.B.Arnold & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber [1 goal] & Private R.W.Frith; Corporal G.Eames, Private J.H.Taylor [4 goals, including a penalty], H.Smith, E.J.Wright [2 goals] & G.F.Meagher

Sat 13 Nov 1915 **Fulham 4 Watford 3** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Private Leese & C.B.Arnold; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Corporal G.Eames, Private J.H.Taylor [1 goal], H.Smith [1 goal], E.J.Wright [1 goal] & G.F.Meagher

It was mentioned at this point that the Footballers' Battalion (17th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment) had gone abroad and that clubs would find it difficult to field a strong side.

Sat 20 Nov 1915 **Watford 3 Clapton Orient 1** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Private Leese & C.B.Arnold; V.F.Gregory [1 goal], G.S.Coomber [1 goal] & Private R.W.Frith; Corporal G.Eames, Private J.H.Taylor [1 goal], H.Smith, F.J.Gregory & E.J.Wright

Sat 27 Nov 1915 **Watford 0 Chelsea 3** London Combination Attendance: 2,000

R.G.Williams (gk); F.J.Gregory & C.B.Arnold; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Corporal G.Eames, Private J.H.Taylor, H.Smith, Private G.Meekin & E.J.Wright



Sat 4 Dec 1915 **Millwall 4 Watford 0** London Combination  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & C.B.Arnold; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Corporal G.Eames, Private J.H.Taylor, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & G.F.Meagher

Sat 11 Dec 1915 **Watford 3 Croydon Common 0** London Combination Attendance: 700  
R.G.Williams (gk); Pte Leese & Corporal E.F.Grimsdell; V.F.Gregory, Private A.Grimsdell & F.J.Gregory; G.S.Coomber, Private J.H.Taylor, H.Smith **[2 goals]**, E.J.Wright & Gunner G.Meekin **[1 goal]**

Sat 18 Dec 1915 **Arsenal 3 Watford 1** London Combination  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private Leese & O.H.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; J.Walter, G.F.Meagher, Gunner G.Meekin **[1 goal]**, E.J.Wright & Private Jones

Sat 25 Dec 1915 **Watford 5 Queens Park Rangers 1** London Combination Attendance: 1,500  
R.G.Williams (gk); H.H.Pantling & S.T.Hatton; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Private O.H.Gregory, H.Smith **[3 goals]**, G.W.N.Edmonds **[2 goals]**, Private J.Blagden & E.J.Wright  
Harold Pantling, of Sheffield United and formerly of Watford, 'gusted' twice for the club this Christmas while on his honeymoon.

Mon 27 Dec 1915 **Queens Park Rangers 3 Watford 1** London Combination  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private A.Crofts & H.H.Pantling **[1 goal]**; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Corporal G.Eames, A.E.Mallett, Private O.H.Gregory, E.J.Wright & Private J.Blagden  
Williams saved two second-half penalty kicks. His QPR counterpart was injured in the first half with the score at 2-0 and left the field for good.

Sat 1 Jan 1916 **Watford 3 Brentford 1** London Combination  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private Leese & Private J.Houghton; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Private O.H.Gregory **[1 goal]**, Private A.Crofts, H.Smith **[1 goal]**, E.J.Wright & G.F.Meagher **[1 goal]**

Sat 8 Jan 1916 **West Ham United 5 Watford 1** London Combination  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private A.Crofts & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Private O.H.Gregory, W.Miller **[1 goal]**, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & G.G.Breed

Sat 15 Jan 1916 **Watford 0 Tottenham Hotspur 1** London Combination Attendance: 1,500  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private Leese & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Private O.H.Gregory, Private J.Blagden, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & Private W.G.Ashmole

Sat 22 Jan 1916 **Crystal Palace 1 Watford 1** London Combination Attendance: 800  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private A.Crofts & Private J.Houghton; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Private O.H.Gregory, Private J.Blagden, H.Smith **[1 goal]**, E.J.Wright & G.F.Meagher

Sat 29 Jan 1916 **Luton Town 3 Watford 1** Friendly in aid of the Footballers' Battalion Comforts Fund Attendance: 2,000/3,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private Leese & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory **[1 goal]**, G.S.Coomber & J.Walter; A.E.Mallett, G.F.Meagher, Private J.Blagden, E.J.Wright & Private W.G.Ashmole

Sat 5 Feb 1916 **Arsenal 1 Watford 1** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 7,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Private W.G.Ashmole **[1 goal]**; Private J.Blagden, Private J.H.Taylor, E.J.Wright & Private A.Squires

Sat 12 Feb 1916 **Watford 6 Queens Park Rangers 0** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 2,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber **[2 goals]** & G.F.Meagher; Private W.G.Ashmole **[2 goals]**, Private J.Blagden, Private J.H.Taylor **[2 goals]**, T.Knighton & Private A.Squires

Sat 19 Feb 1916 **Crystal Palace 1 Watford 0** London Combination Supplementary Competition  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private J.Houghton & Private F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; H.Smith, Private J.Blagden, Private J.H.Taylor, E.J.Wright & Private A.Squires

Sat 4 Mar 1916 **Croydon Common 3 Watford 0** London Combination Supplementary Competition  
R.G.Williams (gk); F.J.Gregory & Private J.Houghton; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Gunner G.Meekin, Private J.Blagden, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & Private A.Squires

Sat 11 Mar 1916 **Watford 2 Fulham 0** London Combination Supplementary Competition  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private J.Houghton; V.F.Gregory, F.J.Gregory **[1 goal]**, & Private J.Wright; Private W.G.Ashmole, Private J.Blagden, T.Knighton **[1 goal]**, E.J.Wright & Private A.Squires

Sat 18 Mar 1916 **Queens Park Rangers 2 Watford 2** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 2,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private A.Crofts; V.F.Gregory, "A.Wood", F.J.Gregory; A.E.Mallett, G.F.Meagher, Corporal G.Eames **[1 goal]**, E.J.Wright **[1 goal]** & Private A.Squires  
Watford turned up a man short and Queens Park Rangers provided "A.Wood" to make up the eleven. He was actually A.Whyman, who made 157 Southern League peacetime appearances for QPR between 1909 and 1920.

Sat 25 Mar 1916 **Watford 4 Crystal Palace 0** London Combination Supplementary Competition  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private A.J.Stewart; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Corporal G.Eames, T.Knighton **[1 goal]**, Private J.J.S.McLauchlan **[1 goal]**, E.J.Wright **[2 goals]** & Private A.Squires  
Stewart and McLauchlan were on leave from the Western Front, where they were serving with the Footballers' Battalion.

Sat 1 Apr 1916 **West Ham United 2 Watford 2** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 8,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; Corporal G.Eames, Private J.Blagden, T.Knighton **[1 penalty goal]**, E.J.Wright **[1 goal]** & Private A.Squires

Sat 8 Apr 1916 **Watford 0 Croydon Common 2** London Combination Supplementary Competition  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & F.J.Gregory; Corporal W.G.Ashmole, G.S.Coomber & G.F.Meagher; A.E.Mallett, Private J.Blagden, H.Smith, T.Knighton & Private A.Squires

Sat 15 Apr 1916 **Fulham 2 Watford 0** London Combination Supplementary Competition  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private A.Crofts; H.Crownshaw, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Private J.Blagden, G.F.Meagher, T.Knighton, C.W.White & Private A.J.Tyler

Fri 21 Apr 1916 **Watford 2 Luton Town 1** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 4,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private A.Crofts; V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; Corporal A.Green, Private J.Blagden, H.Smith **[2 goals]**, C.W.White & Private Green

Mon 24 Apr 1916 **Luton Town 3 Watford 1** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 5,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private A.Crofts; V.F.Gregory, H.Crownshaw & F.J.Gregory; Private J.Blagden, G.F.Meagher, H.Smith **[1 goal]**, C.W.White & Private Green

Sat 29 Apr 1916 **Watford 2 Arsenal 1** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 1,000  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Private J.Houghton; V.F.Gregory, F.J.Gregory **[1 goal]** & G.F.Meagher; Corporal A.Green, W.Thompson, H.Smith **[1 goal]**, C.W.White & J.Brown

Sat 6 May 1916 **Watford 0 West Ham United 2 (at West Ham United)** London Combination Supplementary Competition Attendance: 3,500  
R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & "Company Quartermaster Serjeant Boyden"; H.Crownshaw, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; A.E.Mallett, T.Knighton, H.Smith, C.W.White & H.Tilly  
This 'home' fixture was played at West Ham United's ground as Watford's was not available. The identity of the player who was reported to be a Company Quartermaster Serjeant in the Grenadier Guards is unknown: relatively few men held that rank and they did not include anyone with the surname of Boyden or anything similar to it.

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## APPEARANCES AND (GOALS)

R.G.Alderson 1 (1), A.Alexander 4 (-), W.J.Berwick 1 (-), -- Blackwell 1 (-), A.Boyle 4 (-), G.G.Breed 4 (-), "J.Brown" 1 (-), R.Brown 1 (1), H.M.Bulling 1 (-), R.E.Cavanna 1 (1), F.Cheeseman 1 (-), H.Cook 2 (-), G.S.Coomber 33 (1), F.Cotterill 1 (1), H.A.Crockford 1 (-), A.Crofts 1 (-), Private Davies 1 (-), W.Dawson 4 (-), J.A.Dorsett 5 (-), G.W.N.Edmonds 3 (2), W.F.Edwards 28 (14), W.J.Evans 7 (-), H.Flannagan 1 (-), E.Frisby 1 (-), H.Geeson 4 (1), A.Green 3 (-), C.Green 1 (-), F.Green 1 (-), F.J.Gregory 11 (-), O.H.Gregory 4 (-), V.F.Gregory 8 (-), E.F.Grimsdell 29 (-), W.Hastings 24 (1), S.T.Hatton 1 (-), F.Hayes 4 (-), T.E.Higham 1 (-), W.Honeybourne 1 (-), J.Houghton 22 (-), "A.Jones" 1 (-), P.W.Kelso 3 (-), R.Kennedy 5 (-), Private Ketch 1 (-), W.Lawson 1 (-), -- McKay 1 (-), W.McKee 17 (-), F.Morris 14 (27), Serjeant Moseley 1 (-), E.W.Murray 4 (-), A.Newman 4 (-), G.F.Nidd 1 (-), S.Norman 1 (-), A.S.Owen 1 (-), Serjeant Pamplin 1 (-), Serjeant Payne 1 (-), N.Robertson 2 (1), E.R.Robson 4 (-), A.Rogers 6 (-), A.Salter 1 (-), "Serjeant Scraggins" 1 (-), H.Smith 22 (10), A.Squires 2 (-), W.W.Stanton 28 (1), A.Tierney 2 (-), -- Tilley 1 (-), Private Walker 1 (-), J.Walton 1 (-), C.W.White 36 (6), J.Wilde 2 (-), R.G.Williams 16 (-), A.B.Wood 4 (-), E.J.Wright 21 (1)

## LONDON COMBINATION

	Pl	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
West Ham United	40	30	5	5	110	45	65
Millwall	40	26	6	8	85	48	58
Chelsea	40	24	5	11	93	48	53
Tottenham Hotspur	40	24	5	11	112	64	53
Arsenal	40	19	10	11	62	47	48
Fulham	40	21	3	16	102	63	45
Luton Town	39*	20	3	16	101	82	43
Crystal Palace	38*	14	7	17	68	72	35
Southampton	39*	13	8	18	57	80	34
Queens Park Rangers	39*	10	9	20	48	86	29
<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>39*</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>25</b>
Brentford	40	9	7	24	56	99	25
Reading / Portsmouth *	40	9	4	27	58	117	22
Clapton Orient	40	6	7	27	49	104	19

\* Reading started the season, but from 21 October their fixtures were taken over by Portsmouth. The other five clubs failed to complete their fixtures.

Sat 2 Sep 1916 **Southampton 5 Watford 0** London Combination Attendance: 3,000/4,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & 2nd Air Mechanic W.W.Stanton; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & C.W.White; H.Smith, E.J.Wright, Serjeant Moseley, H.A.Crockford & Lance-Corporal A.Squires

Sat 9 Sep 1916 **Watford 2 Clapton Orient 2** London Combination Attendance: 1,200

R.G.Williams (gk); O.H.Gregory & J.Houghton; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & C.W.White; Air Mechanic W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards [1 goal], H.Smith [1 goal], E.J.Wright & Lance-Corporal A.Squires

Sat 16 Sep 1916 **Fulham 7 Watford 0** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Bombardier J.Wilde; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & Gunner F.J.Gregory; W.Hastings, E.J.Wright, W.F.Edwards, C.W.White & W.Honeybourne

Sat 23 Sep 1916 **Watford 2 Queens Park Rangers 0** London Combination Attendance: 1,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private O.H.Gregory & Corporal E.F.Grimsdell; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards [2 goals], G.W.N.Edmonds, C.W.White & Lance-Corporal J.A.Dorsett

Sat 30 Sep 1916 **West Ham United 2 Watford 2** London Combination Attendance: 8,000

R.G.Williams (gk); G.G.Breed & Corporal E.F.Grimsdell; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & Corporal A.Rogers; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith [2 goals], E.J.Wright & Lance-Corporal J.A.Dorsett

When Ashton of West Ham United was ordered off, Williams grabbed the referee and marched him over to consult a linesman, as a result of which the player was allowed to remain on the field.

Sat 7 Oct 1916 **Watford 0 Tottenham Hotspur 2** London Combination Attendance: 2,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Corporal A.Rogers & Corporal of Horse E.F.Grimsdell; C.W.White, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & Lance-Corporal J.A.Dorsett

Sat 14 Oct 1916 **Crystal Palace 0 Watford 1** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Gunner F.J.Gregory & Corporal of Horse E.F.Grimsdell; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; R.E.Cavanna [1 goal], E.J.Wright, H.Smith, C.W.White & Lance-Corporal J.A.Dorsett

Sat 21 Oct 1916 **Watford 4 Brentford 2** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Gunner F.J.Gregory & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & Corporal A.Rogers; Lance-Corporal A.Green, W.F.Edwards, F.Morris [3 goals], C.W.White [1 goal] & W.Hastings

Sat 28 Oct 1916 **Chelsea 3 Watford 2** London Combination Attendance: 9,000

R.G.Williams (gk); Private F.J.Gregory & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & Gunner T.E.Higham; Lance-Corporal A.Green, W.F.Edwards, F.Morris [2 goals, including a penalty], C.W.White & W.Hastings

Sat 4 Nov 1916 **Watford 2 Arsenal 4** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); G.G.Breed & F.J.Gregory; V.F.Gregory, Corporal A.Rogers & Bombardier J.Wilde; W.Hastings, F.Cotterill [1 goal], W.F.Edwards [1 goal], E.J.Wright & C.W.White

Sat 11 Nov 1916 **Luton Town 3 Watford 2** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Gunner F.J.Gregory & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & E.J.Wright; Trooper A.Green, C.Green, W.F.Edwards [1 goal], C.W.White [1 goal] & Lance-Corporal J.A.Dorsett

Sat 18 Nov 1916 **Watford 1 Portsmouth 0** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell & Gunner F.J.Gregory; Corporal A.Rogers, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; Serjeant Pamplin, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith [1 goal], E.J.Wright & C.W.White

Sat 25 Nov 1916 **Watford 0 Southampton 0** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Gunner F.J.Gregory & A.Alexander; Private A.Crofts, W.W.Stanton & E.J.Wright; Private Walker, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith, E.W.Murray & C.W.White

Sat 2 Dec 1916 **Clapton Orient 1 Watford 1** London Combination

R.G.Williams (gk); Gunner F.J.Gregory & Serjeant A.Newman; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, W.W.Stanton & Corporal A.Rogers; W.Hastings, Private J.Walton, W.F.Edwards, E.J.Wright [1 goal] & C.W.White

Sat 9 Dec 1916 **Watford 2 Fulham 8** London Combination

G.F.Nidd (gk); F.J.Gregory & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Serjeant A.Newman, W.W.Stanton & E.J.Wright; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards [2 goals], H.Smith, Serjeant Payne & C.W.White Skilly Williams having joined the colours the day before this match (after being thrice rejected), his long unbroken tenancy of Watford's goal (90 competitive matches) was ended. His late replacement was a former Watford full-back, 47-years-old Fred Nidd, who in his professional days had goalkeeping experience with both Grimsby Town and Watford.

Sat 16 Dec 1916 -----

Queens Park Rangers v Watford was one of two London Combination matches postponed on this day, and two others were abandoned. This fixture never did take place.



Sat 23 Dec 1916 **Watford 1 West Ham United 3** London Combination  
*E.R.Robson (gk); A.Alexander & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; A.Tierney, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; A.B.Wood, H.Cook, G.W.N.Edmonds [1 goal], C.W.White & W.Hastings*

Mon 25 Dec 1916 **Millwall 3 Watford 0** London Combination  
*E.R.Robson (gk); F.Hayes & Private J.Houghton; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & A.Tierney; W.Hastings, C.W.White, H.Cook, P.W.Kelso & A.B.Wood*

Tue 26 Dec 1916 **Watford 1 Millwall 6** London Combination  
*E.R.Robson (gk); F.Hayes & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; A.Alexander, Private J.Houghton & E.J.Wright; W.Hastings, P.W.Kelso, W.W.Stanton [1 goal], C.W.White & A.B.Wood*

Sat 30 Dec 1916 **Tottenham Hotspur 3 Watford 0** (At Arsenal) London Combination Attendance: 3,000  
*E.R.Robson (gk); Private J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & F.J.Gregory; A.B.Wood, P.W.Kelso, W.F.Edwards, E.J.Wright & C.W.White*

Sat 6 Jan 1917 **Watford 2 Crystal Palace 2** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); Private J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber [1 goal] & F.Hayes; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith [1 goal], E.J.Wright & C.W.White*

Sat 13 Jan 1917 **Brentford 4 Watford 1** London Combination Attendance: under 1,000  
*W.McKee (gk); Sapper H.M.Bulling & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Private J.Houghton, G.S.Coomber & F.Hayes; Serjeant R.G..Alderson [1 goal], H.Smith, W.F.Edwards, E.J.Wright & C.W.White*

Sat 20 Jan 1917 **Watford 0 Chelsea 3** London Combination Attendance: 200/300  
*W.McKee (gk); Private J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Private R.Kennedy, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; Private Ketch, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & C.W.White*

Sat 27 Jan 1917 **Arsenal 1 Watford 1** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); Private J.Houghton & E.F.Grimsdell; Lance-Corporal V.F.Gregory, G.S.Coomber & Private R.Kennedy; Air Mechanic W.Hastings [1 goal], Air Mechanic W.W.Stanton, H.Smith, E.J.Wright & C.W.White*

Sat 3 Feb 1917 **Watford 0 Luton Town 0** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); Private J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Private R.Kennedy, G.S.Coomber & E.J.Wright; Gunner S.Norman, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith, Private Davies & C.W.White*

Sat 10 Feb 1917 **Portsmouth 3 Watford 0** London Combination Attendance: 3,000  
*W.McKee (gk); Private J.Houghton & E.W.Murray; -- McKay, G.S.Coomber & -- Blackwell; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards, H.Smith, -- Tilley & C.W.White*  
*McKay, Blackwell & Tilley were provided by Portsmouth to enable Watford to field a full side.*

Sat 17 Feb 1917 **Queens Park Rangers 2 Watford 1** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); G.G.Breed & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; H.Smith, G.S.Coomber & E.J.Wright; Lance-Corporal R.G.Williams, Air Mechanic W.F.Edwards, Air Mechanic F.Morris [1 goal], Air Mechanic W.J.Evans & Air Mechanic W.Hastings*  
*Although by now well-established as the club's senior goalkeeper, Skilly Williams for by no means the first time demonstrated his versatility as a footballer by turning out for this match as a winger. His reported rank (Lance-Corporal) and regiment (the Somersets) were almost certainly wrong.*

Sat 24 Feb 1917 **Watford 9 Portsmouth 0** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); Private J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Private R.Kennedy, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; H.Smith, W.F.Edwards [2 goals], F.Morris [6 goals, including a penalty], W.J.Evans & C.W.White [1 goal]*  
*This overwhelming success ended Watford's run of 14 games without a victory, their last also having been against Portsmouth. West Bromwich Albion's Fred Morris gave notice of the goalscoring talent that would bring him two England caps after the war. In 14 'guest' appearances for Watford this season his goal tally was an astonishing 27.*

Sat 3 Mar 1917 **Millwall 2 Watford 2** London Combination Attendance: 6,000  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & E.F.Grimsdell; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & Corporal A.Boyle; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards [1 goal], F.Morris [1 goal], H.Smith & C.W.White*

Sat 10 Mar 1917 **Watford 5 Brentford 2** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Serjeant A.Newman, G.S.Coomber & Corporal A.Boyle; H.Smith [2 goals], W.J.Evans, F.Morris [3 goals, including a penalty], E.J.Wright & C.W.White*

Sat 17 Mar 1917 **Chelsea 2 Watford 2** London Combination Attendance: 5,000  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Private R.Kennedy, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; Corporal A.Boyle, W.F.Edwards [2 goals], F.Morris, W.J.Evans & C.W.White*

Sat 24 Mar 1917 **Fulham 7 Watford 2** London Combination  
*R.G.Williams (gk); J.Houghton & E.F.Grimsdell; A.Boyle, G.S.Coomber & E.W.Murray; W.Hastings, H.Smith [2 goals], F.Morris, W.J.Evans & C.W.White*

Sat 31 Mar 1917 **Watford 1 Queens Park Rangers 2** London Combination  
*"A.Jones" (gk); J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Corporal H.Geeson [1 goal], G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; W.Hastings, H.Smith, F.Morris, E.W.Murray & C.W.White*  
*McKee was due to play in goal but failed to show up. Left-back Ernie Grimsdell filled in for a while until someone stepped into the breach under the name "A.Jones".*

Fri 6 Apr 1917 **Watford 4 Luton Town 7** London Combination Attendance: 3,000  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; A.Newman, G.S.Coomber & S.T.Hatton; H.Smith, W.F.Edwards, F.Morris [3 goals, including a penalty] G.W.N.Edmonds [1 goal] & C.W.White*

Sat 7 Apr 1917 **Portsmouth 8 Watford 3** London Combination Attendance: 4,000  
*W.McKee (gk); A.Alexander & A.Salter; F.Green, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; F.Cheeseman, R.Brown [1 goal], C.W.White [2 goals], W.J.Evans & H.Flannagan*

Mon 9 Apr 1917 **Luton Town 3 Watford 0** London Combination Attendance: 4,000  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; "Serjeant Scraggins", G.S.Coomber & Corporal W.Dawson; G.G.Breed, W.Lawson, F.Morris, W.J.Berwick & C.W.White*  
*Serjeant Scraggins? It's a pound to a penny that the wing-half who turned out under this 'Carry On'-style moniker (which was actually borrowed from a farce written over a century earlier) was AWOL from his army unit.*

Sat 14 Apr 1917 **Watford 5 Millwall 3** London Combination  
*W.McKee (gk); Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell & J.Houghton; W.W.Stanton, G.S.Coomber & "J.Brown"; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards [1 goal], F.Morris [4 goals], W.J.Evans & C.W.White*

Wed 18 Apr 1917 **Watford 4 Fulham 2** London Combination Attendance: 500  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & E.Frisby; Serjeant H.Geeson, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards, F.Morris [3 goals], Serjeant W.Dawson & Corporal N.Robertson [1 goal]*

Sat 21 Apr 1917 **Brentford 2 Watford 1** London Combination Attendance: 1,000  
*W.McKee (gk); J.Houghton & E.F.Grimsdell; H.Geeson, W.W.Stanton & W.Dawson; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards, F.Morris [1 goal], C.W.White & N.Robertson*

Sat 28 Apr 1917 **Watford 3 Chelsea 6** London Combination  
*Serjeant H.Geeson (gk); J.Houghton & Serjeant E.F.Grimsdell; Serjeant W.Dawson, G.S.Coomber & W.W.Stanton; W.Hastings, W.F.Edwards [1 goal], H.Smith [1 goal], C.W.White [1 goal] & Cadet A.S.Owen*

# 1918/19

*THE club faced a crisis following the 1916/17 season: it was one of four clubs excluded thenceforth from the London Combination because of travelling difficulties, and the West Herts committee were reluctant to allow the football club to renew its lease, on the grounds of falling subscriptions, some public resentment of the game's continuation in wartime, and the antipathy in general towards professional football of the Cassio Road freeholder, the Dowager Countess of Essex. In the light of these difficulties, the football club decided to "cease trading for twelve months rather than wind up the company", although it was actually 23 days short of two years after the club's last match when operations were eventually resumed in April 1918 with four friendly matches, in preparation for a full programme of peacetime Southern League football in 1919/20, which Watford would begin as the reigning champions.*

Sat 5 Apr 1919      **Luton Town 3 Watford 1**      Attendance: 2,000

*R.G.Williams (gk); W.A.Markland & H.W.Telling; M.W.Allman, F.J.Gregory & W.Miller; H.Price, O.H.Gregory, H.Smith [1 goal], W.Darby & J.Johnson*

Sat 12 Apr 1919      **Watford 6 Luton Town 2**

*R.G.Williams (gk); W.A.Markland & H.W.Telling; M.W.Allman, A.Wright [1 goal] & F.J.Gregory; O.H.Gregory, H.Price [1 goal], C.W.White [3 goals, including a penalty], G.H.Barnes [1 goal] & H.F.Couchman*

Sat 19 Apr 1919      **Watford 4 Northampton Town 2**      Attendance: 3,000

*R.G.Williams (gk); W.A.Markland & H.W.Telling; -- Bowler, A.Wright & F.J.Gregory [1 goal]; O.H.Gregory, G.Fyfe, G.W.N.Edmonds [2 goals], C.W.White [1 goal] & H.F.Couchman*

Tue 22 Apr 1919      **Northampton Town 2 Watford 2**

*R.G.Williams (gk); W.A.Markland & E.F.Grimsdell; F.J.Gregory, A.Wright & C.W.White; O.H.Gregory, Serjeant Smith, G.W.N.Edmonds [1 goal], G.W.Squire [1 goal] & A.E.Sawyer*

# 1919/20

**Manager**  
H.Kent

**Final league position**  
2nd of 22 in Southern League Division 1

**Home-and-away league doubles by Watford**  
8 - v Brentford, Luton Town, Merthyr Town, Millwall, Northampton Town, Reading, Swansea Town & Swindon Town

**Home-and-away league doubles against Watford**  
2 - by Exeter City & Norwich City

**Promoted**

Cardiff City were elected to Football League Division 2.

The other 21 clubs became founder-members of Football League Division 3.

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Portsmouth	42	13	6	2	48	14	10	6	5	25	13	58
<b>2 WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>58</b>
3 Crystal Palace	42	15	5	1	44	15	7	7	7	25	28	56
4 Cardiff City	42	15	3	3	44	14	3	14	4	26	29	53
5 Plymouth Argyle	42	13	5	3	36	8	7	5	9	21	21	50
6 Queens Park Rangers	42	12	7	2	34	13	6	3	12	28	37	46
7 Reading	42	11	5	5	30	14	5	8	8	21	29	45
8 Southampton	42	13	4	4	51	22	5	4	12	21	41	44
9 Swansea Town	42	11	4	6	28	14	5	7	9	25	31	43
10 Exeter City	42	14	3	4	44	22	3	6	12	13	29	43
11 Southend United	42	10	8	3	32	18	3	9	9	14	30	43
12 Norwich City	42	13	6	2	46	18	2	5	14	18	39	41
13 Swindon Town	42	13	4	4	45	26	4	3	14	20	42	41
14 Millwall	42	10	7	4	32	21	4	5	12	20	34	40
15 Brentford	42	11	5	5	35	21	4	5	12	17	38	40
16 Brighton & Hove Albion	42	11	5	5	43	28	3	3	15	17	44	36
17 Bristol Rovers	42	10	7	4	43	29	1	6	14	18	49	35
18 Newport County	42	10	6	5	30	18	3	1	17	15	52	33
19 Northampton Town	42	8	4	9	35	40	4	5	12	29	63	33
20 Luton Town	42	7	7	7	29	28	3	3	15	22	48	30
21 Merthyr Town	42	7	6	8	30	31	2	5	14	17	47	29
22 Gillingham	42	7	5	9	24	23	3	2	16	10	51	27

## 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 = Southern League; FA = FA Cup (6th Qualifying Round)

**Red type:** away matches      **Shaded rows:** FA Cup

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

**Player columns:** G = goalkeeper; X = outfield player; numerals denote goals scored

**Goals from penalty kicks:** Edmonds 2 (Matches 3 & 5) and V.F.Gregory 1 (Match 18)

**Sent off:** None

Appearances - Southern League

Goals - Southern League

Appearances - FA Cup

**TRIVIA** ..... Four Bank Holidays, four ground records.

Christmas Day receipts of £488 (but not the attendance figure) were Cassio Road's best, and the Boxing Day return drew Portsmouth's record crowd. On Good Friday Cassio Road followed suit, and on Easter Monday more people saw Watford complete the double than had watched any previous league game at Luton.

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<b>3</b>	Sat 6 Sep	Crystal Palace	Lge	4-1	6,000																																																
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