

Alexander Montgomerie PATE (1965-1967) Full-back

Born Lennoxton, Stirlingshire, 15 August 1944

Watford Career

Football League: 14+1 appearances

Début: 3-2 home win v Oldham Athletic, Football League Div 3, 27 Mar 1965

Final game: 1-1 away draw v Oldham Athletic, Football League Div 3, 13 May 1967

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



Career Path

Anniesland Waverley; Renfrew Juniors (amateur December 1961, professional February 1965); **WATFORD** (“nearly £1,000” February 1965); Mansfield Town (£2,500 October 1967, released close season 1978)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1964/65	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1965/66	WATFORD	8	1		Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1966/67	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1967/68	Mansfield Town	34			Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24
1968/69	Mansfield Town	39			Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1969/70	Mansfield Town	46			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1970/71	Mansfield Town	46			Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1971/72	Mansfield Town	46			Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1972/73	Mansfield Town	46			Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1973/74	Mansfield Town	46			Football League Division 4 – 17th of 24
1974/75	Mansfield Town	46			Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1975/76	Mansfield Town	40	1	1	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1976/77	Mansfield Town	14			Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1977/78	Mansfield Town	9		1	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)

He enjoyed success very early in his career, helping Anniesland Waverley to win the Scottish Juvenile Cup. Turning professional immediately prior to moving south to join Watford enabled Renfrew Juniors to collect a transfer fee. Having done little at Vicarage Road, Sandy Pate became a fixture at right-back for Mansfield Town, where he was ever-present in six consecutive seasons, his extraordinary unbroken sequence altogether encompassing 314 Football League games plus 52 in cup competitions. Both his only two League goals came very late in his career, at the end of which he became the licensee of the first of a succession of public houses in the Mansfield area.

Robert Banting John PATEN (1897) Winger

Born St Albans, Hertfordshire, 11 May 1875

Died Estoril, Portugal, 13 November 1948

West Herts Career

Southern League: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Sole appearance: 3-3 draw v 1st Coldstream Guards (an away fixture, but played at Watford),
Southern League Div 2, 17 Apr 1897

Career Path

St Albans; **WEST HERTS** (briefly October 1892, and 1896/97)

Southern League Career

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

Four years after making a single appearance in a friendly match, he wrote a letter in October 1896 offering the club his services. The committee picked him for a couple more friendlies, but after deciding not to make further use of him they did include him in the final Southern League game of the season. He scored in it, and his Watford games-per-goal ratio is bettered by only one player, and equalled by five others.

Thomas PATERSON (1952-1954) Inside-forward / Wing-half

Born Lochore, Fife, 3 April 1927

Died Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, 7 August 2015

Watford Career

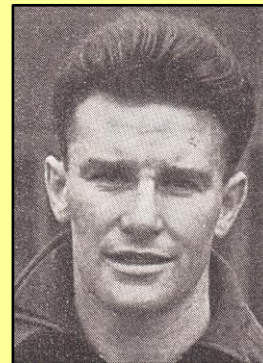
Football League: 45 appearances (7 goals)

FA Cup: 3 appearances

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

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Dec 1954

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 21; all competitions 24



Career Path

Fifeshire Schools; Raith Athletic; Lochore Welfare; Raith Rovers (January 1946); Lochgelly Albert (July 1946); Leicester City (March 1948); Newcastle United (£2,500 June 1950); **WATFORD** (£750 July 1952); Berwick Rangers ("small fee" July 1955 until retirement close season 1957)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1948/49	Leicester City	11		2	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1949/50	Leicester City	6		2	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1950/51	Newcastle United	1			Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1951/52	Newcastle United	1			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1952/53	WATFORD	29		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24
1953/54	WATFORD	13		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1954/55	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24

The archetypal Scottish ball-player and intelligent passer, he had a couple of First Division outings for Newcastle United before his three-season stint at Vicarage Road. Watford used him at wing-half briefly, when Frank Mitchell was injured, as well as in his more familiar inside-forward role. Knee injuries caused Tommy Paterson's retirement in 1957.

John PATON (1952-1955) Winger

Born Glasgow, 2 April 1923

Died Stanmore, London, 2 October 2015

Representative Honours

Scotland Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 84 appearances (17 goals)

FA Cup: 7 appearances

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

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 5 Feb 1955

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 32; all competitions 33



Career Path

St Mungo's Academy; Dennistoun Waverley (amateur January 1940); Celtic (May 1942); Arsenal, East Fife, Leeds United, Manchester City, Millwall & New York Americans (USA) guest player during Second World War; Chelsea (loan November 1946 until August 1947); Brentford (£5,000 September 1949); **WATFORD** (July 1952 with J.D.Bowie, player-coach June 1955, manager October 1955 until February 1956); Arsenal scout (and manager of the club's Metropolitan League side 1961 until 1967)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1946/47	Chelsea	18		3	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1947/48	Celtic	28		6	Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 16
1948/49	Celtic	24		6	Scottish League Division 1 – 6th of 16
1949/50	Brentford	23		5	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1950/51	Brentford	31		4	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1951/52	Brentford	36		5	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1952/53	WATFORD	33		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24
1953/54	WATFORD	37		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1954/55	WATFORD	14		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24

The son of a prominent Celtic player, Johnny Paton was an ATC welterweight champion of Glasgow, a prize-winning sprinter, and a schoolboy international footballer. For a time he combined his career as a direct winger with that of a photographer with a national daily newspaper. His loan spell at Chelsea was while he was still serving in the RAF following wartime action as a navigator and bomb-aimer. He made representative appearances for the force, including one against Norway's national team. After his promotion from the position of Watford's coach (the first such appointment at Vicarage Road), his brief spell in charge of team affairs included a 6-2 home defeat by Aldershot in the Southern Floodlight Cup, and elimination from the FA Cup by Bedford Town – the club's third at non-League hands in four seasons. He also had a spell in charge of the Herts FA's youth-coaching scheme in 1954/55. In the 1980s he took over the management of a snooker hall, at which game he became a professional referee and coach. (See under '*Managers*' for details of his record in that role.)

James Arklay Jackson PATON (1929-1930) Full-back

Born Mains, Forfarshire, 14 February 1903

Died Dundee, Tayside, 3 January 1994

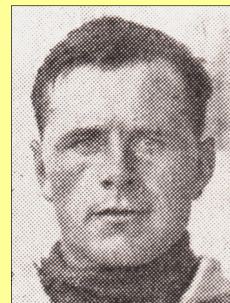
Watford Career

Football League: 5 appearances

Début: 2-0 home win v Torquay United, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Aug 1929

Final game: 1-6 away defeat v Fulham, Football League Div 3 (South), 15 Mar 1930

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



Career Path

Kilmarnock (amateur August 1926); Dundee (amateur March 1928, professional by April 1928); **WATFORD** (free August 1929 until close season 1930); Training Battalion, Royal Engineers (permit to play as an amateur granted February 1931)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1926/27	Kilmarnock	5			Scottish League Division 1 – 16th of 20
1927/28	Kilmarnock	1			Scottish League Division 1 – 8th of 20
1928/29	Dundee	32			Scottish League Division 1 – 18th of 20
1929/30	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22

In a season when seven different full-back pairings were used, he played in the opening four games before Joe Davison reclaimed his place. Jim Paton's one other Football League appearance was in a 6-1 defeat at Fulham. Not long before his death he attended Dundee's centenary celebrations, at which time he was believed to be that club's oldest surviving player.

Thomas Gracie PATON (1948-1952) Inside-forward / Wing-half

Born Saltcoats, Ayrshire, 22 December 1918

Died Folkestone, Kent, 14 December 1991

Watford Career

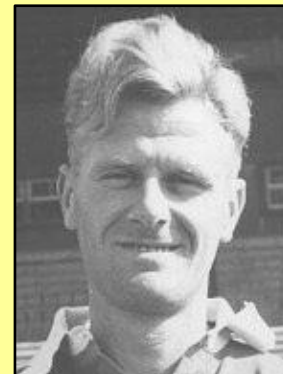
Football League: 141 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 8 appearances

Début: 1-1 home draw v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Jan 1948

Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Apr 1952

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



Career Path

Ardeer Recreation (amateur July 1936); Wolverhampton Wanderers (professional June 1937); Swansea Town (October 1938); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (February 1939); Leeds United, Manchester City, Queens Park Rangers & Tottenham Hotspur guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (£1,000 January 1948); Folkestone (August 1952 until late-1950s); Sheffield Wednesday scout (by September 1959)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1938/39	Swansea Town	6			Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1938/39	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	17		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1939/40	<i>Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic</i>	3		1	<i>Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned</i>
1946/47	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	19		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1947/48	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	10		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 2nd of 22
1947/48	WATFORD	8		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	26			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	42			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1950/51	WATFORD	40			Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24
1951/52	WATFORD	25			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24

Watford signed him as an inside-forward, but Tommy Paton settled down as a wing-half and became club captain. He scored in his sixth appearance, in a 3-1 defeat at Ipswich Town, but never again in his subsequent 143 first-team outings. He also scored one of Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic's ten goals v Northampton Town the day before war was declared, as a consequence of which the result became void, instead of a club record it would have remained to this day. In the Second World War he first served in the Hampshire Regiment, but then as an RAF officer in Bomber Command he was a prisoner of war for three years after being shot down near Heidelberg. His brother captained Motherwell in the 1950/51 Scottish FA Cup final.

John Richards PAULL (1892-1899) Full-back

Born Kenwyn, Cornwall, 16 April 1869

Died Truro, Cornwall, 14 October 1953

West Herts / Watford Career

Southern League: 13 appearances

FA Cup: 6 appearance

FA Amateur Cup: 5 appearances

Herts Senior Cup: 7 appearances

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

Final game: 6-3 home win v Fulham, Southern League Div 2 (London Section), 28 Jan 1899

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 3; all competitions 5



Career Path

Aldenham School (until July 1888); Pembroke College, Cambridge (1888 until 1891, blue 1890 & 1891); Corinthians (1891); a club in Dresden (*Germany*) (1891/92); **WEST HERTS** (*name changed to Watford in 1898*) (1892 until 1899); also Truro; Hertfordshire; Cornwall; Old Aldenhamians president (1905 until death)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	WEST HERTS	10			Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13
1897/98	WEST HERTS	2			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1898/99	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12

The epitome of the Victorian amateur, he was a highly accomplished and scrupulously fair full-back, and the club's first Southern League captain. In a friendly match against St Albans in March 1894 he was penalized for what was reported as "*the first foul he had committed since achieving fame in the football world*", and he was described as "*unquestionably the best player in the county*". Twice a Cambridge blue, he returned to his *alma mater*, Aldenham, as a short-tempered schoolmaster and the founder of Paull's House who, it was recalled in old age by the son of Percy Coles, always carried a ruler in the classroom for knuckle-rapping. And an article in the Aldenham School registers recalls that "*to make a bad pass or to miss an easy goal on the Upper was a sure invitation to J.R.P. to say what he thought in a voice that echoed from Letchmore Heath to Radlett*". Paull represented Hertfordshire at football, and also his native Cornwall as footballer, county councillor and JP.

Derek Richard PAYNE (1994-1996) Midfielder

Born Edgware, London, 26 April 1967

Watford Career

Football League: 33+3 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 2+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 0-3 away defeat v Sheffield United, Football League Div 1, 13 Aug 1994

Final game: (as sub) 0-0 away draw v Luton Town, Football League Div 1, 20 Apr 1996

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



Career Path

Harrow Schools; Middlesex Schools; Southampton (trained as a schoolboy); Kingsbury Town; Northwood; Burnham; Hillingdon Borough; Hayes (close season 1987); Middlesex; Barnet (£12,000 December 1988); Southend United (free July 1993); **WATFORD** (valued at £100,000 in exchange for K.B.L.Dublin July 1994); Peterborough United (free July 1996, cancelled March 1999); St Albans City (late 1998/99); Dagenham & Redbridge (June 1999); Harrow Borough (free November 2000); Egham Town (March 2003, player-manager February 2004 until May 2004); Flackwell Heath (September 2004, player/joint-assistant-coach March 2005); Hitchin Town technical advisor (August 2009 until close season 2010)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1991/92	Barnet	13	2	1	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 22
1992/93	Barnet	37		5	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 3rd of 22 (Promoted)
1993/94	Southend United	32	3		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1994/95	WATFORD	24			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	9	3	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Peterborough United	36		2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1997/98	Peterborough United	35	2	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
1998/99	Peterborough United	8	1		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 9th of 24

After making progress in the lower leagues he was an industrious little midfielder with Barnet when they won promotion to the Football League. As one of those who, owing to the non-payment of wages, were given free transfers in 1993 as a consequence of the ludicrous financial situation at Underhill, Derek Payne did the fashionable thing and rejoined manager Barry Fry at Southend United; and he was subsequently signed by Fry for Peterborough United as well.

Charles Herbert PEACOCK (1886-1894) Defender

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 11 November 1867

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 11 November 1930

Watford Rovers / West Herts Career

FA Cup: 13 appearances

FA Amateur Cup: 2 appearances

Herts County Cup: 19 appearances (1 goal)

Hennessey Cup: 7 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Swindon Town, FA Cup 1st Round, 23 Oct 1886

Final game: 5-1 win v Herts FA (at St Albans), Herts County Cup Final, 17 Mar 1894

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 22



Career Path

Albert Memorial College, Framlingham; **WATFORD ROVERS** (*name changed to West Herts 1893*) (1884 until 1894); also London Caledonians (1887)

Charlie Peacock was one of the youths who formed the backbone of the club in its very early days, and by the time of his final first-team appearance in an 1894 friendly had played an overall total of at 177 games (10 goals), plus others in the earliest years for which the line-ups are unknown. He was a formidable presence at the heart of the club's defence, and also represented the county. In due course he became a central figure in the affairs, footballing and otherwise, of West Herts Club & Ground when it came into being in 1890, and was proprietor of the *Watford Observer*, his name surviving until 1991 in the title of the company which published the newspaper. He organized an annual horse-and-carriage show at the Vicarage Road ground in the early-1920s, with grisly consequences for the quality of the playing surface. His son Kim was a co-founder of West Herts Rugby Club, but in the 1950s became much more widely known as the actor who portrayed Paul Temple in the popular radio detective series.

John PEARCE (1971) Defender

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 12 December 1950

Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 1-1 home draw v Charlton Athletic,
Football League Div 2, 10 Apr 1971

Career Path

WATFORD (amateur October 1967, professional June 1969, cancelled November 1971);
Wealdstone (until 1973); Telford United (by 1976/77)



Football League Career

	<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1970/71		1		Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22

At the time, this was the briefest of all Watford careers in League football. He played in three first-team friendlies, but his only serious action was as a substitute and it lasted eight minutes. A defender and part-time professional, John Pearce left the club in mid-season with a cash settlement of his contract. Less than two years later it was believed that his career had been ended by a broken leg suffered when captain of Wealdstone (the club staged a testimonial match against Watford for him in October 1973), but he eventually recovered to resume playing under Geoff Hurst for Southern League Telford United, while at the same time running a machine-tools sales agency.

Jermaine Lloyd PENNANT (2002-2003) Winger

Born Nottingham, 15 January 1983

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

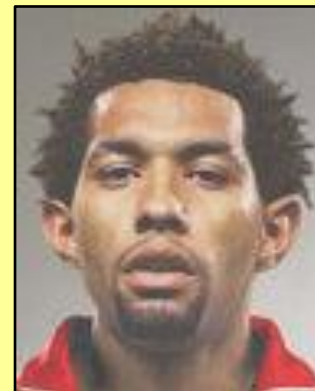
Football League: 21 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-1 away draw v Rotherham United, Football League Div 1, 12 Jan 2002

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Rotherham United, Football League Div 1, 8 Feb 2003

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 11; all competitions 13



Career Path

Nottingham Schools; Nottingham Forest (trained as a schoolboy); Notts County (schoolboy May 1997); Arsenal (£2 million paid for transfer of schoolboy registration January 1999, trainee July 1999, professional March 2000); **WATFORD** (loan January 2002 and November 2002); Leeds United (loan August 2003); Birmingham City (loan January 2005, £500,000 April 2005, plus possible increments raising the total to a maximum of £3 million); Liverpool (£6.7 million July 2006, plus possible increments raising the total to a maximum of £8 million); Portsmouth (loan January 2009); Real Zaragoza (*Spain*) (free July 2009); Stoke City (loan August 2010, £1.7 million December 2010, with possible increments raising the total to a maximum of £2.8 million, contract cancelled January 2014); Wolverhampton Wanderers (loan October 2012); Pune City (*India*) (November 2014); Wigan Athletic (free February 2015 until close season 2015); Tampines Rovers (*Singapore*) (January 2016); Bury (free January 2017); Billericay Town (free August 2017, contract cancelled January 2018)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2001/02	WATFORD	9		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2002/03	Arsenal	1	4	3	FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
2002/03	WATFORD	12			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2003/04	Leeds United	34	2	2	FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2004/05	Arsenal	1	6		FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
2004/05	Birmingham City	12			FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2005/06	Birmingham City	35	3	2	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2006/07	Liverpool	20	14	1	FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
2007/08	Liverpool	14	4	2	FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2008/09	Liverpool	2	1		FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
2008/09	Portsmouth	9	4		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2010/11	Stoke City	26	3	3	FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2011/12	Stoke City	18	9		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2012/13	Stoke City	1			FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2012/13	Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	5		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2013/14	Stoke City		8	1	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2014/15	Wigan Athletic	12	1	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2016/17	Bury	2	5		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24

Having already played in the Associate Members Cup and the FA Cup, Jermaine Pennant, of Jamaican and Irish descent, came to wider notice at the age of 15 when Arsenal paid Notts County £2 million for the transfer of his schoolboy registration. He had appeared in two more senior cup competitions, making four in all (including the European Cup), as well as playing in two FA Youth Cup-winner sides, before making his League début in the first of two loan spells with Watford. His childhood was spent in difficult family circumstances, and after moving away his life and career became riddled with disciplinary problems and criminal convictions, including a gaol sentence, all of which hindered the progress of this quick and skilful right-winger, although 24 Under-21 caps bear testimony to his early potential.

Joseph PENNEY (1891-1895) Half-back

Born Wareham, Dorset, 25 June 1868

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 1954

Watford Rovers / West Herts Career

FA Cup: 4 appearances

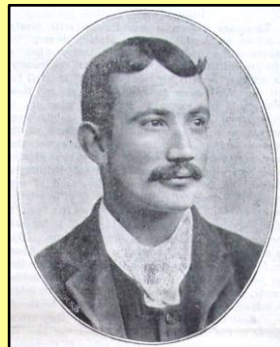
FA Amateur Cup: 5 appearances

Herts County Cup: 9 appearances

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

Final game: 1-2 at home v Watford St Mary's, Herts County Cup Semi-final 2nd replay,
3 Apr 1895 (*Abandoned in extra time*)

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 18



Career Path

Wareham (1885); Apsley (1887/88); Watford St Mary's (one season); **WATFORD ROVERS** (*name changed to West Herts in 1893*) (September 1891); Hertfordshire; Watford St Mary's (close season 1895)

He came up to Watford from Dorset in 1886 to take up employment as an artisan at the Cannon Brewery, and for four seasons in the 1890s played regularly in the club's first team, making a total of 100+1 appearances, including friendlies, and scoring three goals. Joe Penney was small and lightweight, but his wing-half work was characterized by tirelessness, some fierce tackling, and a turn of speed which a local journalist assessed as being reminiscent of "Fred Sargent's dodgy play" (not "dodgy" in the modern sense of something reprehensible, of course). These attributes, and his modest demeanour, earned him much popularity, as well as selection for the county. His wedding in March 1892 was put back a fortnight, the original date having clashed with that of the Herts Senior Cup Semi-final.

Gary Kenneth PENRICE (1989-1997) Forward

Born Bristol, Gloucestershire, 23 March 1964

Watford Career

Football League: 67+15 appearances (19 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2+1 appearances

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Leeds United, Football League Div 2, 18 Nov 1989

Final game: 1-4 away defeat v Burnley, Football League Div 2, 3 May 1997

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



Career Path

Bristol Rovers (schoolboy April 1978 until March 1980); Bristol City (apprentice June 1980); Mangotsfield United (close season 1982); Bristol Rovers (amateur September 1983, professional November 1984); **WATFORD** (£500,000 November 1989 plus subsequently 15% of the “sell-on” profit); Aston Villa (£875,000 March 1991); Queens Park Rangers (£625,000 October 1991); **WATFORD** (£200,000 November 1995); Bristol Rovers (free July 1997 until retirement March 2002, player-coach April 1998, assistant-manager close season 2000 until February 2002); Queens Park Rangers coaching staff (July 2004); Plymouth Argyle chief scout (June 2006); Leicester City head of recruitment (November 2007 until July 2008); Stoke City scout (December 2008 until 2011); freelance scout; Everton scout (August 2013)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1984/85	Bristol Rovers	4	1	1	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1985/86	Bristol Rovers	39		5	Football League Division 3 – 16th of 24
1986/87	Bristol Rovers	42	1	7	Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1987/88	Bristol Rovers	46		18	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1988/89	Bristol Rovers	47		22	Football League Division 3 – 5th of 24
1989/90	Bristol Rovers	12		3	Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1989/90	WATFORD	29		12	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	12	2	5	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1990/91	Aston Villa	9	3		Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1991/92	Aston Villa	5	3	1	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1991/92	Queens Park Rangers	13	6	3	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1992/93	Queens Park Rangers	10	5	6	FA Premier League – 5th of 22
1993/94	Queens Park Rangers	23	3	8	FA Premier League – 9th of 22
1994/95	Queens Park Rangers	9	10	3	FA Premier League – 8th of 22
1995/96	Queens Park Rangers		3		FA Premier League – 19th of 20
1995/96	WATFORD	4	3	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	WATFORD	22	10	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	Bristol Rovers	40	2	5	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
1998/99	Bristol Rovers	10	16	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1999/00	Bristol Rovers		3		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 7th of 24

Both the Bristol clubs rejected Gary Penrice before Rovers eventually awarded him a contract. On reaching Vicarage Road he immediately broke new ground for a Watford player by scoring in each of his first six games, having attracted what was then the club's second-highest transfer fee. A small, nimble and mobile forward, sharp in the penalty area, he returned to Vicarage Road, but with little success, after a career in the top flight. As a schoolboy he was in the same class as Ian Holloway, under whose management he served at four different clubs.

Dion Enrico PEREIRA (2017-) Wing-back
(Full name: Dion Enrico PEREIRA GRIEVES)

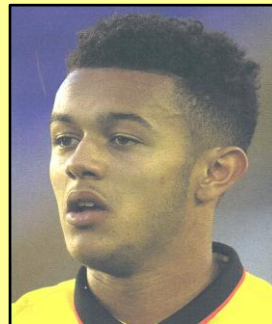
Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 25 March 1999

Watford Career *(to end of 2016/17 season)*

FA Premier League: 0+2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Leicester City, FA Premier League, 6 May 2017

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1



Career Path

Tottenham Hotspur academy (2009); **WATFORD** (academy 2013, scholar July 2015, professional July 2017)

FA Premier League Career

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

Roberto Maximiliano PEREYRA (2016-) Winger/midfielder

Born San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina, 7 January 1991

Representative Honours

Argentina Youth & Full

Watford Career (to the end of 2016/17 season)

FA Premier League: 12+1 appearances (2 goals)

Début: (as sub) 1-3 home defeat v Arsenal, FA Premier League, 27 Aug 2016

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 12



Career Path

Cadetes de San Martin (*Argentina*); River Plate (*Argentina*) (youth academy, professional August 2008); Udinese (*Italy*) (€2 million 2011); Juventus (*Italy*) (€1.5 million loan July 2014, €14 million close season 2015) **WATFORD** (€13 million August 2016, plus possible subsequent €2 million)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2016/17	WATFORD	12	1	2	FA Premier League – 17th of 20

David Peter PERPETUINI (1999-2001) Full-back / Midfielder

Born Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 26 September 1979

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 17+2 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Bury, Football League Div 1, 20 Mar 1999

Final game: (as sub) 3-0 away win v Gillingham, Football League Div 1, 1 May 2001

Longest run of consecutive appearances:

FA Premier League/Football League 8; all competitions 8



Career Path

WATFORD (trained from age 10, schoolboy March 1994, trainee July 1996, professional July 1997); Gillingham (£100,000 August 2001, plus an undisclosed increment after 15 appearances, until September 2004); Wycombe Wanderers (non-contract January 2005); Walsall (March 2005); Stevenage Borough (free August 2005); Kettering Town (close season 2006); Lewes (by January 2007); Rushden & Diamonds (January 2007, cancelled March 2007); Kettering Town (until June 2007); Barton Rovers (close season 2007); Halesowen Town (November 2007); Brackley Town (close season 2008); Oxford City (June 2009); Hemel Hempstead Town (free March 2010); Aylesbury United (close season 2010); Arlesley Town (November 2010)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1998/99	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	WATFORD	12	1	1	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	WATFORD	4	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2001/02	Gillingham	25	9	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2002/03	Gillingham	13	16	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2003/04	Gillingham	14	6	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
2004/05	Gillingham	3			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2004/05	Wycombe Wanderers	1	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 10th of 24
2004/05	Walsall	7			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24

From attending training sessions with the club from the age of ten, he progressed to the status of a Premier League player on the left side of defence or midfield, before being transferred to Gillingham, where he accumulated the majority of his senior appearances. David Perpetuini, son of an Italian father, subsequently undertook a quickfire series of moves on the non-League circuit.

William Frederick PHEBY (1906) Forward

Born Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, 6 May 1882

Died High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, 18 February 1956

Watford Career

United League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-1 home draw v Clapton Orient, United League, 14 Mar 1906

Career Path

High Street Rovers; Chesham Caledonians; Chesham Generals (by December 1902); Wycombe Wanderers (1903/04);

WATFORD (amateur October 1905); Chesham Generals; Chesham Town (September 1906); Wycombe Wanderers (1907/08 until 1913/14)



Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1907/08	Wycombe Wanderers	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 10th of 10 (Withdrew from league)

When the club competed in the South Eastern League and United League, it was not unusual for a local amateur to be tested in one of these lesser competitions. Fred Pheby's chance – and his only first-team outing of any kind – came at outside-left in a drawn game against Clapton Orient. In all matches for Wycombe Wanderers, including friendlies, he scored 157 goals in 257 appearances, including seven in an 18-1 victory against Staines in the Great Western Suburban League in 1909.

Kevin PHILLIPS (1995-1997) Forward

Born Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 25 July 1973

Representative Honours

England 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 54+5 appearances (23 goals, including 2 penalties)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Football League Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Associate Members Cup: 0+2 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Sunderland, Football League Div 1, 21 Feb 1995

Final game: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Bury, Football League Div 2, 26 Apr 1997

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 16; all competitions 17



Career Path

Southampton (trained from age 12, schoolboy October 1987, trainee July 1989); Baldock Town (close season 1991);

WATFORD (£10,000 December 1994, plus four subsequent £5,000 increments); Sunderland (£325,000 July 1997, plus subsequent increments totalling £580,000, including 10% of "sell-on" profit); Southampton (£3 million, of which **WATFORD** received £280,000, August 2003); Aston Villa (£1 million July 2005); West Bromwich Albion (£700,000 August 2006); Birmingham City (free July 2008); Blackpool (free July 2011, released close season 2013); Crystal Palace (loan January 2013, free July 2013); Leicester City (free January 2014, retired April 2014 and joined coaching staff); Derby County assistant coach (September 2015)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1994/95	WATFORD	15	1	9	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	26	1	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	WATFORD	13	3	3	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	Sunderland	45	1	31	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
1998/99	Sunderland	26		23	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	Sunderland	36		30	FA Premier League – 7th of 20
2000/01	Sunderland	34		14	FA Premier League – 7th of 20
2001/02	Sunderland	37		11	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2002/03	Sunderland	32		6	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2003/04	Southampton	28	6	12	FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2004/05	Southampton	21	9	10	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2005/06	Aston Villa	20	3	4	FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2006/07	West Bromwich Albion	34	5	19	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
2007/08	West Bromwich Albion	29	6	22	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	Birmingham City	24	12	14	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2009/10	Birmingham City	2	17	4	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2010/11	Birmingham City	5	9	1	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2011/12	Blackpool	21	20	16	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
2012/13	Blackpool	9	9	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2012/13	Crystal Palace	2	14	7	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2013/14	Crystal Palace		4		FA Premier League – 11th of 20
2013/14	Leicester City	2	10	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)

From the age of 12 until the end of his traineeship, Kevin Phillips was associated with Southampton as a full-back, and it was at Baldock Town that he was successfully transformed into a sharp and skilful little striker who became one of the country's major goalscorers in a long Football League and Premier League career. When given his first chance at Watford, to whom he was recommended by Nigel Callaghan, who trained with him at Baldock, he responded with 21 goals in 12 months, before injury intervened. It was not long before he became an iconic figure at Sunderland through his prolific goalscoring acumen, which continued to serve him well throughout a succession of further moves. Sixteen seasons after leaving Watford he inflicted two savage blows on his old club's ambitions, first of all heading the last goal in a 2-2 at Vicarage Road which cost Watford two points after they had led 2-0 (and the home side eventually failed by two points to secure automatic promotion), and later converting an extra-time penalty at Wembley Stadium to take Crystal Palace into the FA Premier League at Watford's expense. He was one of three players who made Football League appearances for Leicester City at the age of 40, and all of them also played for Watford, the others being Joe Calvert and Chris Powell. And an earlier ex-Leicester man, Jim McLaren, was 41 when he made his final League appearance for Watford.

Harold James PHIPPS (1952-1953) Centre-half

Born Dartford, Kent, 15 January 1916

Died Croydon, London, December 2000

Watford Career

Football League: 47 appearances

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

Final game: 1-4 away defeat v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 5 Sep 1953

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



Career Path

Middlesex Regiment (1931 until 1946); Charlton Athletic (amateur September 1942, professional 1943); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Chelsea & Fulham guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (£300 May 1952); Bexleyheath & Welling player-manager (free July 1954 until close season 1956); Crystal Palace scout (1958 until 1959)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1946/47	Charlton Athletic	41			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1947/48	Charlton Athletic	37			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1948/49	Charlton Athletic	41		1	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1949/50	Charlton Athletic	38		1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22
1950/51	Charlton Athletic	28			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1952/53	WATFORD	41			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24
1953/54	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24

He made his name in army football while serving as a bandsman in the Middlesex Regiment for 15 years from 1931, having joined on leaving school. He went on to play in Charlton Athletic's defence in three Wembley finals – one in wartime (the 1943 South Cup) and then in the first two post-war FA Cup Finals – earning a winner's medal in the last of them. He was one of eight players in the 1945/46 final who had yet to make their peacetime Football League débuts, which Harold Phipps did at the age of 30. He was 36 when he joined Watford, and all his appearances for the club were at centre-half.

William Edward PICK (1930-1931) Winger

Born Clay Cross, Derbyshire, 5 June 1903

Died Clay Cross, Derbyshire, 27 August 1981

Watford Career

Football League: 26 appearances (5 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 1-3 home defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 Dec 1930

Final game: 2-1 home win v Thames, FA Cup 1st Round replay, 2 Dec 1931

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



Career Path

Danesmoor Miners' Welfare; Bury (amateur December 1924, professional February 1925); Lincoln City (April 1926); Portsmouth (August 1926); Newport County (July 1927); Coventry City (player-exchange November 1928); **WATFORD** (December 1930); Barrow (exchanged for J.Wilson plus undisclosed fee July 1932); Stockport County (September 1933); Bath City (free October 1933); Sutton Town (November 1934); Danesmoor Miners' Welfare (permit to play as an amateur granted September 1935)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1925/26	Lincoln City	2			Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 22
1927/28	Newport County	16		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1928/29	Newport County	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1928/29	Coventry City	27		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1929/30	Coventry City	37		17	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1930/31	Coventry City	10		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 14th of 22
1930/31	WATFORD	23		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1931/32	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1932/33	Barrow	39		7	Football League Division 3 (North) – 9th of 22
1933/34	Stockport County	1			Football League Division 3 (North) – 3rd of 22

Signed in mid-season to strengthen the left-wing position, he soon displayed his pace and shooting power, scoring twice at Walsall in his first away game, but was superseded the following September by another ex-Coventry City man, Jack Barnes.

Bill Pick played all his League football in the two geographical sections of the Third Division.

H.J.PICKIN (1886) Half-back

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-1 home defeat v Swindon Town, FA Cup 1st Round, 23 Oct 1886

This was a man with a notable part in the club's history, as one of the eleven players who appeared in its first-ever competitive fixture, but he is an elusive figure: his surname might actually have been Pitkin, and his initials are in some doubt. Apart from the FA Cup game, he turned out seven times in friendlies, scoring twice.

Leonard James PIDGELEY (2003-2004) Goalkeeper

Born Isleworth, London, 7 February 1984

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 26+1 appearances

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-0 away win v Crewe Alexandra, Football League Div 1, 4 Oct 2003

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 14; all competitions 14



Career Path

Chelsea (trained from age 10, trainee July 2000, professional July 2003); **WATFORD** (loan September 2003); Millwall (loan November 2005, signed June 2006); Woking (loan August 2008); Carlisle United (free July 2009, released close season 2010); Bradford City (non-contract October 2010, contract November 2010); Exeter City (free June 2011); Newport County (August 2012, released close season 2015); Mansfield Town (loan February 2015); Leatherhead (January 2016); Forest Green Rovers (March 2016); Hastings United (free July 2016); Margate (May 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2003/04	WATFORD	26	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2004/05	Chelsea		1		FA Premier League – 1st of 20
2005/06	Chelsea	1			FA Premier League – 1st of 20
2006/07	Millwall	42			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2007/08	Millwall	13			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
2009/10	Carlisle United	17			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
2010/11	Bradford City	21			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 18th of 24
2011/12	Exeter City	8	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2013/14	Newport County	25			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 14th of 24
2014/15	Newport County	4			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 9th of 24
2014/15	Mansfield Town	15			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 21st of 24

Although linked with Chelsea for eleven years from the age of ten, he got his first experience of senior football in a long loan spell at Vicarage Road, which he began as Alec Chamberlain's goalkeeping understudy in place of the injured Richard Lee, was promoted when Chamberlain was suspended after being sent off at Crewe Alexandra for handling outside the penalty area, and held it until an error-strewn performance at Ipswich Town, as a result of which the veteran Chamberlain was recalled.

Lenny Pidgeley was capped at Under-15, -16, -18, -19 and -20 levels.

Leslie PILKINGTON (1950-1951) Winger

Born Darwen, Lancashire, 23 June 1925

Died Darwen, Lancashire, 16 September 1995

Watford Career

Football League: 5 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Mar 1950

Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Gillingham, Football League Div 3 (South), 13 Jan 1951

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

Career Path

Darwen Corries; Arsenal (March 1948); **WATFORD** (£350 March 1950 until close season 1951)



Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1949/50	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1950/51	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24

On the field a clever and intelligent outside-right who was possibly deficient in the more physical aspects of the game, Les Pilkington was an amusing character off it, with a broad Lancashire accent. A product of Arsenal's scouting network, he was one of eight players tried in Watford's number 7 shirt in 1950/51, and the club retained his Football League registration for three seasons after he departed, his transfer-list valuation being renewed annually at £500.

W.PILLON (1907) Winger

Watford Career

South Eastern League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-4 home defeat v Clapton Orient, South Eastern League, 25 Sep 1907

Career Path

Tufnell Park; **WATFORD** (amateur December 1907)

He played on the right wing in his only first-team outing for Watford, in 1907/08. By that season the club almost invariably fielded a reserve eleven in South Eastern League fixtures, but on this occasion seven of the side had represented the club in a Southern League fixture four days earlier.

Geoffrey PITCHER (1995-1996) Midfielder

Born Sutton, London, 15 August 1975

Representative Honours

England Non-League

Watford Career

Football League: 4+9 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-0 away win v Port Vale, Football League Div 1, 8 Apr 1995

Final game: (as sub) 1-2 home defeat v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 1, 10 Feb 1996

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 3; all competitions 4



Career Path

Surrey Schools; Tottenham Hotspur (trained as a young boy); Millwall (schoolboy September 1990, trainee September 1991, professional March 1993); **WATFORD** (£25,000 July 1994); Carshalton Athletic (free close season 1996); Kingstonian (December 1996); Colchester United (non-contract February 1997); Kingstonian (close season 1997); Brighton & Hove Albion (£55,000 June 2001); Woking (loan January 2002); Dagenham & Redbridge (loan November 2002); Farnborough Town (loan February 2003); Stevenage Borough (loan close season 2003); Woking (loan October 2003); Barnet (loan December 2003); Havant & Waterlooville (loan February 2004); Farnborough Town (loan March 2004); Havant & Waterlooville (free July 2004); Sutton United (free September 2005); Kingstonian (March 2006); St Francis Rangers (February 2009); also Tooting & Mitcham (player-coach close season 2010, assistant manager by August 2011); St Francis Rangers director of football (August 2014)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1994/95	WATFORD	2	2	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	2	7	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Colchester United		1		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 8th of 24
2001/02	Brighton & Hove Albion	2	8		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)

Geoff Pitcher moved to Watford with Jamie Moralee after spending four years at Millwall as a tenacious little midfielder without breaking into the first team. After one away appearance for the club as a substitute he faced his former club at Vicarage Road in a game televised live, and with a fine sense of occasion he scored the only goal of the match. His total Football League experience didn't amount to much, but he went on to become a familiar figure in a wide-ranging trawl of the non-League circuit in south-east England. He was capped at that level in May 1999.

Colin Ian PLUCK (1997) Defender
(surname changed to MILES in 2004)

Born Edmonton, London, 6 September 1978

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Associate Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 2-2 away draw v Gillingham, Football League Div 2, 20 Sep 1997

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Fulham, Associate Members Cup 1st Round, 9 Dec 1997

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



Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy January 1993, trainee July 1995, professional February 1997); Greenock Morton (free February 2000 – contract cancelled after about 3 weeks); Stevenage Borough (March 2000); KA Akureyri (*Iceland*) (by July 2000); Oldham Athletic trial (September 2000); Hayes (October 2000); Dover Athletic (November 2000); Yeovil Town (free July 2001); Port Vale (free July 2006); Woking (free August 2008, released close season 2009)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1997/98	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	Greenock Morton	3	1		Scottish League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 10
2003/04	Yeovil Town	36		4	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 8th of 24
2004/05	Yeovil Town	20	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	Yeovil Town	18	12		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
2006/07	Port Vale	23	6		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 12th of 24
2007/08	Port Vale	1	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)

He was captain of the Watford team which knocked Manchester United out of the FA Youth Cup in 1996/97, and the following season made his two first-team appearances for the club. The best part of Colin Pluck's career was with Yeovil Town, where he became Colin Miles and helped the club to win the FA Trophy, to get promoted into the Football League, and then to win further promotion, in the process earning a reputation as someone whose affable nature off the field contrasted with a combative approach to his centre-half role. He was sent off once – and later twice more as a Woking player in 2008/09, in which season the club was relegated.

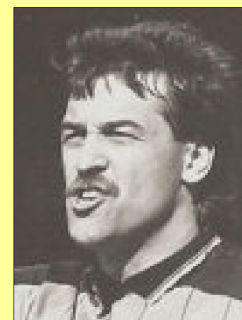
Gary Edward PLUMLEY (1987) Goalkeeper

Born Birmingham, Warwickshire, 24 March 1956

Watford Career

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-4 defeat v Tottenham Hotspur (at Aston Villa),
FA Cup Semi-final, 11 Apr 1987



Career Path

Leicester City (apprentice August 1972, professional December 1974 until January 1976); Newport County (June 1976); Happy Valley (*Hong Kong*); Hereford United (non-contract 1982); Newport County (December 1982); Happy Valley (*Hong Kong*); Cardiff City (August 1983); Newport County (loan August 1984, free non-contract August 1985); Caerleon; Ebbw Vale; Newport County (non-contract March 1987); **WATFORD** (non-contract April 1987)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1976/77	Newport County	46			Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1977/78	Newport County	38			Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24
1978/79	Newport County	45			Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1979/80	Newport County	39			Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1980/81	Newport County	14			Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1982/83	Hereford United	13			Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24
1982/83	Newport County	2			Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24
1983/84	Cardiff City	1			Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1984/85	Newport County	2			Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1984/85	Cardiff City	24			Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1986/87	Newport County	1			Football League Division 3 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

His record of having played in an FA Cup Semi-final in his only Watford appearance at any level is probably without parallel in the entire history of the game. A son of the club's chief executive, Gary Plumley was plucked from his recent retirement and registered on non-contract forms in an injury crisis which led to Graham Taylor's most controversial Watford team selection. Instead of the fit-again Steve Sherwood, Plumley was picked and was beaten four times at Villa Park as Tottenham Hotspur ran out easy winners.

Brian Edward POLLARD (1977-1979) Winger

Born York, 22 May 1954

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 68+3 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 4+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 8+1 appearances

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 4, 19 Nov 1977

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Cambridge United, Football League Div 2, 29 Dec 1979

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 18; all competitions 22



Career Path

York City (schoolboy December 1969, amateur September 1970, professional March 1972); **WATFORD** (£30,000 November 1977); Mansfield Town (£60,000 January 1980); Blackpool (free August 1981); York City (free September 1981); Scarborough (free close season 1984); Chesterfield (non-contract September 1984 until January 1985); Hartlepool United (monthly contract January 1985); North Ferriby (by October 1985); Harrogate Railway (by September 1987); **WATFORD** scout (by February 1989)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1971/72	York City	4			Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24
1972/73	York City	30		7	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1973/74	York City	21	6	4	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1974/75	York City	11	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1975/76	York City	27	1	5	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1976/77	York City	41	3	12	Football League Division 3 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1977/78	York City	17		5	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1977/78	WATFORD	24	2	3	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1978/79	WATFORD	33	1	4	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1979/80	WATFORD	11		1	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1979/80	Mansfield Town	20		4	Football League Division 3 – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1980/81	Mansfield Town	25	9	1	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1981/82	Blackpool		1		Football League Division 4 – 12th of 24
1981/82	York City	25	1	3	Football League Division 4 – 17th of 24
1982/83	York City	44	2	17	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1983/84	York City	29	1	6	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1984/85	Chesterfield		1		Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1984/85	Hartlepool United	2			Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24

Immediately after dropping from the Second Division to the Fourth in consecutive seasons with York City, Brian Pollard moved in the opposite direction in successive promotions with Watford. His fast and direct wing play, not to mention a spectacular goal, had impressed when York won 3-1 at Vicarage Road, and he became the final piece in the Division 4 championship jigsaw. After returning to Bootham Crescent he shared in a second Division 4 championship win six years later.

Richard John POOLE (1976-1977) Forward

Born Heston, Middlesex, 3 July 1957

Watford Career

Football League: 3+4 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 3-1 away win v Crystal Palace, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 31 Aug 1976

Final game: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v Brentford, Football League Div 4, 9 Apr 1977

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 5; all competitions 6



Career Path

Hounslow Schools Under-15 & Under-18; Brentford (schoolboy 1969, apprentice July 1972, professional July 1975);

WATFORD (free July 1976, initially on trial); Toulon SC (*France*) (free close season 1977 until 1978)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1973/74	Brentford	5	1	1	Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1974/75	Brentford	5	3		Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1975/76	Brentford	2	5		Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24
1976/77	WATFORD	3	4	1	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24

His Watford engagement began with a trial period lasting three months, during which he made all his first-team appearances. A lanky forward, Richard Poole scored in a 4-1 win against Exeter City to add to his only other Football League goal, two-and-a-half years earlier, when he was only 16 and had more than a year of his Brentford apprenticeship to run. A knee injury in France ended his career when he was only 20 years old.

William Arthur POOLE (1923-1925) Centre-forward

Born Handsworth, Staffordshire, 1900

Watford Career

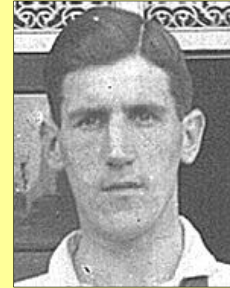
Football League: 42 appearances (8 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

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

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic,
Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Feb 1925

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



Career Path

Kidderminster Harriers (1920); Merthyr Town (May 1921); Stoke City (March 1922); **WATFORD** (£250 July 1923); Coventry City (September 1925); Yeovil & Petters United (August 1926); Wellington Town (December 1926); Kidderminster Harriers (1927); Merthyr Town (July 1928); Stourbridge (close season 1929); Walsall (February 1932); Dudley Town (free close season 1932)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1921/22	Merthyr Town	11		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1921/22	Stoke City	6			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1922/23	Stoke City	6			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1923/24	WATFORD	27		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1924/25	WATFORD	15		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1925/26	Coventry City	17		6	Football League Division 3 (North) – 16th of 22
1928/29	Merthyr Town	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1931/32	Walsall	2			Football League Division 3 (North) – 16th of 21

Most of his Watford appearances were at centre-forward, but he'd been primarily a defender with his previous Football League clubs. Towards the end of his first season at Vicarage Road he was transfer-listed, and then initially declined to re-sign for 1924/25, but eventually did so in October, when he went straight back into the first team.

Mart Aro POOM (2007-2008) Goalkeeper

Born Tallinn, Estonia, 3 February 1972

Representative Honours

Estonia Full

Watford Career

Football League: 19 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Wolverhampton Wanderers,
Football League Championship, 11 Aug 2007

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Reading, Football League Championship, 20 Sep 2008

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 6



Career Path

Tallinna Lovid (*Estonia*) (1988); Sport Tallinn (*Estonia*) (1989-1990); Kuopion Palloseura (*Finland*) (1992); Flora Tallinn (*Estonia*) (1992/93); FC Wil (*Switzerland*) (1993/94); Portsmouth (free August 1994); Flora Tallinn (*Estonia*) (May 1996); Derby County (£500,000 March 1997); Sunderland (loan November 2002, £2.5 million January 2003); Arsenal (loan August 2005, “nominal fee” January 2006); **WATFORD** (undisclosed fee May 2007, cancelled April 2009); coaching the Estonian national team and for Arsenal (by August 2009); Nõmme United (*Estonia*) president and coach (by April 2014)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1995/96	Portsmouth	4			Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 21st of 24
1996/97	Derby County	4			FA Premier League – 12th of 20
1997/98	Derby County	36			FA Premier League – 9th of 20
1998/99	Derby County	15	2		FA Premier League – 8th of 20
1999/00	Derby County	28			FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2000/01	Derby County	32	1		FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2001/02	Derby County	15			FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2002/03	Derby County	13			Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 18th of 24
2002/03	Sunderland	4			FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2003/04	Sunderland	45		1	Football League Division 1 (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2004/05	Sunderland	11			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	Arsenal	1			FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2007/08	WATFORD	12			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 6th of 24
2008/09	WATFORD	7			Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24

The extremely tall Mart Poom was six times in eleven years Estonia’s Footballer of the Year, and he kept goal no fewer than 120 times for the national side. Most of his career in England was spent with Derby County, following which he marked his first return to Pride Park by heading a 90th-minute equalizer for Sunderland. His time at Roker Park was marred by injuries, and it was a dislocated shoulder suffered at Vicarage Road that ended his Watford career, at which point he called it a day and turned to coaching.

Andrew PORTER (1960-1963) Wing-half

Born Stewarton, Ayrshire, 21 January 1937

Watford Career

Football League: 72 appearances (4 goals)

FA Cup: 5 appearances

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 0-0 away draw v Oldham Athletic, Football League Div 4, 23 Jan 1960

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Port Vale, Football League Div 3, 18 May 1963

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 16; all competitions 21



Career Path

Darvel Juniors (amateur July 1955, professional May 1956); **WATFORD** (June 1959 after a trial period); Guildford City (£1,000 May 1963); Hatfield Town (close season 1966 until 1970); also West Herts Wanderers; Sunday football

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1959/60	WATFORD	10			Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1960/61	WATFORD	28		1	Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24
1961/62	WATFORD	20		1	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1962/63	WATFORD	14		2	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24

A lanky, stylish wing-half who was less-than-fairly treated by the Vicarage Road crowd. Andy Porter had been recruited from Scottish Junior (= non-League) football on completion of his National Service, and when his Watford days were over he first of all became captain of Guildford City, and then signed for Hatfield Town as that club's first professional player. His career at that level was ended by a broken leg. While at Hatfield he also turned out for West Herts Wanderers, who played friendlies and charity games with the permission of the Herts FA.

Gary Michael PORTER (1983-1996) Midfielder

Born Sunderland, County Durham, 6 March 1966

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 364+38 appearances (46 goals, including 13 penalties)

FA Cup: 25+2 appearances (3 goals, including 2 penalties)

Football League Cup: 28+2 appearances (5 goals)

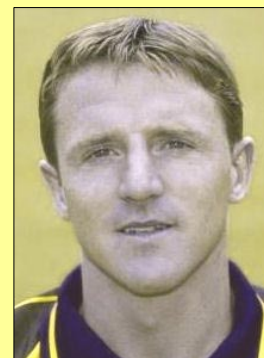
Full Members Cup: 7+1 appearances (2 goals, both of them penalties)

Anglo-Italian Cup: 3 appearances

Début: (as sub) 5-0 away win v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Div 1, 3 Dec 1983

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Peterborough United, Football League Div 2, 21 Sep 1996

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 78; all competitions 60



Career Path

Lampton Street Boys Club; **WATFORD** (trained from age 13, schoolboy April 1980, apprentice July 1982, professional March 1984); Walsall (free July 1997); Scarborough (free February 1999); Linfield trial (July 1999); Boston United (free July 1999 briefly)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1983/84	WATFORD	1	1		Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1984/85	WATFORD	5	4		Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1985/86	WATFORD	7	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1986/87	WATFORD	22	4	4	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1987/88	WATFORD	39	1	3	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1988/89	WATFORD	42	2	10	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24
1989/90	WATFORD	31	1	4	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	40	5	4	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	34	10	8	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1992/93	WATFORD	25	8		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	43		8	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1994/95	WATFORD	41		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1995/96	WATFORD	28	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	WATFORD	6			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
1997/98	Walsall	25	4	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24
1998/99	Walsall	14	1		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	Scarborough	11	2		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

Physically on the small side, Gary Porter forged one of the longest of all Watford careers, mainly in midfield but sometimes at left-back, on the strength of a football brain and the passing, shooting and dead-ball skills – penalty kicks were a speciality – of a cultured left foot. He came south for school-holiday coaching sessions from the age of 13, and became an England Under-17 captain who already had First Division experience. He won 11 Youth caps, and 12 at Under-21 level. The personal highlight of his career was a hat-trick against Bolton Wanderers, crowned with a last-minute winner from penalty spot, after the club had trailed by three goals with 20 minutes to go. Apart from the famous two-leg victory against Southampton, no other first-team game in Watford's history, competitive or friendly, has been won in the face of a three-goal deficit.

Malcolm POSKETT (1980-1982) Forward

Born Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, 19 July 1953

Watford Career

Football League: 57+6 appearances (17 goals)

FA Cup: 5+1 appearances (6 goals)

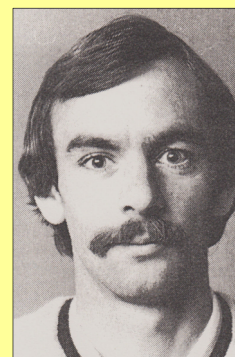
Football League Cup: 9 appearances (6 goals)

Football League Trophy: 2 appearances (2 goals)

Début: (as sub) 1-1 away draw v West Ham United, Football League Div 2, 12 Jan 1980

Final game: (as sub) 0-0 away draw v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 2, 12 Apr 1982

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 28; all competitions 36



Career Path

North Riding Schools; South Bank; Middlesbrough (April 1973); Hartlepool (July 1974); Whitby Town (free close season 1975); Hartlepool (£25 November 1976); Brighton & Hove Albion (£60,000 February 1978 plus £25,000 as half the subsequent “sell-on” profit); **WATFORD** (£110,000 January 1980); Carlisle United (£25,000 August 1982); Darlington (July 1985); Stockport County (January 1986); Hartlepool United (loan March 1986); Carlisle United (loan August 1986, signed September 1986, player/acting-manager November 1987); Morecambe (close season 1988); Whitby Town (by December 1990); Workington (briefly early-1991/92)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1973/74	Middlesbrough		1		Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1976/77	Hartlepool	29	1	10	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1977/78	Hartlepool United	21		10	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1977/78	Brighton & Hove Albion	11	2	6	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1978/79	Brighton & Hove Albion	21	8	10	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1979/80	Brighton & Hove Albion	1	2	1	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1979/80	WATFORD	13	3	3	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1980/81	WATFORD	40		13	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1981/82	WATFORD	4	3	1	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1982/83	Carlisle United	36		14	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1983/84	Carlisle United	41		17	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1984/85	Carlisle United	31	2	9	Football League Division 2 – 16th of 22
1985/86	Darlington	18	3	4	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1985/86	Stockport County	8		1	Football League Division 4 – 11th of 24
1985/86	Hartlepool United	4	1		Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1986/87	Carlisle United	29	8	8	Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1987/88	Carlisle United	38	1	12	Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24

He spent most of his career with clubs at various levels in the far north of England, but it was from the south coast that Malcolm Poskett moved to Vicarage Road, where he was to specialize in cup-tie goals, his strike-rate in Football League games falling well short of that achieved in knockout competitions. His first four goals for the club were all in the FA Cup.

Thomas William POSTLETHWAITE (1939) Wing-half

Born Staveley-in-Cartmel, Lancashire, 4 September 1909

Died Greenodd, Cumbria, 27 February 1984

Career Path

Barrow Schools; Haverthwaite; Barrow (amateur August 1927, professional September 1929); Bradford Park Avenue (£750 June 1934); Northwich Victoria (July 1935); Northampton Town (June 1937); **WATFORD** (free May 1939, released August 1946)



Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1927/28	Barrow	9			Football League Division 3 (North) – 19th of 22
1931/32	Barrow	23		6	Football League Division 3 (North) – 5th of 21
1932/33	Barrow	22		3	Football League Division 3 (North) – 9th of 22
1933/34	Barrow	29		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 8th of 22
1934/35	Bradford Park Avenue	19		1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1937/38	Northampton Town	38		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1938/39	Northampton Town	23			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
<i>1939/40</i>	<i>WATFORD</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned</i>

One of two players (W.G.M.Law was the other) whose only competitive first-team appearances were at the start of the aborted 1939/40 season, and therefore nullified when the fixture list was abandoned, to be restarted seven years later. Tom Postlethwaite remained on Watford's list of registered players throughout the war and was officially released in August 1946, but actually his involvement with the club ended in 1939. He worked as a farmer during the war.

Sidney John POULTON (1886-1891) Half-back

Born Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 1862

Died Streatham, London, 15 May 1912

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 8 appearances (1 goal)

Herts County Cup: 10 appearances

Hennessey Cup: 5 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Swindon Town, FA Cup 1st Round, 23 Oct 1886

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 12



Career Path

Oceola Athletic Club (by December 1884); **WATFORD ROVERS** (1885 until 1891); Hertfordshire

A stalwart half-back who “played a hard and honest game” and was dedicated to the club’s wellbeing as honorary secretary and treasurer for five years. There was a presentation on his retirement from these posts in September 1890 when he left the town after seven years’ residence, his job as a bank clerk taking him to Aldershot. He played in the club’s first-ever competitive match, and altogether made 88 first-team appearances, including friendlies (and possibly one or two more in matches for which the line-ups are unknown), and scored five goals. ‘Poley’ Poulton wrote from Aldershot in October 1892 to scotch rumours of his death in an accident (it was another footballer in the Aldershot area with the same name), joking that he wasn’t dead, but disliked Aldershot so much that he wished he were.

Clifford George POWELL (1988) Centre-half

Born Harlesden, London, 21 February 1968

Watford Career

Full Members Cup: 0+1 appearance

Sole appearance: (as sub) 2-5 away defeat v Ipswich Town,
Full Members Cup 3rd Round, 25 Jan 1988

Career Path

Gadeside Rangers; **WATFORD** (schoolboy May 1982, apprentice July 1984, professional February 1986); Hereford United (loan December 1987); Sheffield United (free March 1988); Doncaster Rovers (loan March 1989); Cardiff City (loan November 1989); Sheffield United (free July 1991 until retirement November 1991)



Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1987/88	Hereford United	7			Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1987/88	Sheffield United	7	1		Football League Division 2 – 21st of 23 (Relegated)
1988/89	Sheffield United	2	2		Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1988/89	Doncaster Rovers	4			Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1989/90	Cardiff City		1		Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24

Before a knee injury ended his career, he enjoyed brief Football League experience as a big centre-half with each of four clubs, but his only competitive action for Watford in a first-team shirt was a cup tie at Ipswich, which the club chose to treat as a reserve-team fixture. Cliff Powell was an extra-time substitute as a two-goal lead was in the process of turning into a 5-2 defeat. After his retirement he worked as an operating-theatre nurse in Sheffield.

Christopher George Robin POWELL (2006-2007) Full-back

Born Lambeth, London, 8 September 1969

Representative Honours

England Full

Watford Career

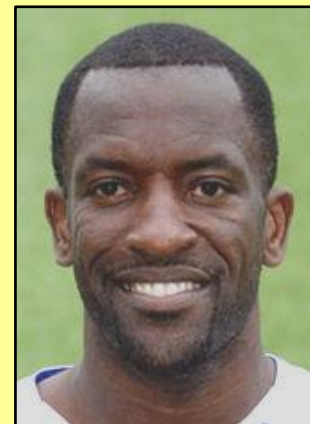
FA Premier League: 9+6 appearances

FA Cup: 2+1 appearances

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

Final game: 2-0 away win v Reading, FA Premier League, 5 May 2007

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 3; all competitions 4



Career Path

Crystal Palace (trainee July 1986, professional December 1987); Aldershot (loan January 1990); Southend United (free August 1990); Derby County (£750,000 January 1996); Charlton Athletic (£825,000 July 1998); West Ham United (free September 2004); Charlton Athletic (free July 2005); **WATFORD** (free July 2006); Charlton Athletic player-coach (free July 2007); Leicester City (free August 2008, player-coach July 2009, playing contract not renewed close season 2010); Charlton Athletic manager (January 2011 until March 2014); Huddersfield Town manager (September 2014 until November 2015); Derby County (assistant-manager May 2016, caretaker-manager October 2016, left the club March 2017); Southend United manager (January 2018)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1988/89	Crystal Palace	2	1		Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1989/90	Aldershot	11			Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1990/91	Southend United	43	2	1	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1991/92	Southend United	44			Football League Division 2 – 12th of 24
1992/93	Southend United	42		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
1993/94	Southend United	46			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1994/95	Southend United	44			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
1995/96	Southend United	27			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
1995/96	Derby County	19			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1996/97	Derby County	35			FA Premier League – 12th of 20
1997/98	Derby County	35	2	1	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
1998/99	Charlton Athletic	38			FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
1999/00	Charlton Athletic	40			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2000/01	Charlton Athletic	31	2		FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2001/02	Charlton Athletic	35	1	1	FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2002/03	Charlton Athletic	35	2		FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2003/04	Charlton Athletic	11	5		FA Premier League – 7th of 20
2004/05	West Ham United	38	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	Charlton Athletic	25	2		FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2006/07	WATFORD	9	6		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	Charlton Athletic	16	1	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2008/09	Leicester City	12	5		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2009/10	Leicester City	2			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 5th of 24

The much-liked Chris Powell arrived at Vicarage Road as a vastly experienced left-back and was in and out of a Watford side which was doomed to relegation after one FA Premier League season, and he was also at that time chairman of the Professional Footballers Association in its centenary year. He had earlier won five Full international caps while with Charlton Athletic, of which club he was to become manager after his exceptionally long playing career. He was one of three players who made Football League appearances for Leicester City at the age of 40, and all of them also played for Watford, the others being Joe Calvert and Kevin Phillips. And an earlier ex-Leicester man, Jim McLaren, was 41 when he made his final League appearance for Watford.

James POXTON (1934-1935) Winger

Born Staveley, Derbyshire, 2 February 1903

Died Walsall, Staffordshire, 14 December 1971

Watford Career

Football League: 23 appearances (9 goals, including 2 penalties)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

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

Début: 2-3 home defeat v Millwall, Football League Div 3 (South), 1 Sep 1934

Final game: 2-1 away win v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic,
Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Feb 1935

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 26; all competitions 17



Career Path

Staveley Town (close season 1922); Eckington; West Bromwich Albion (June 1924); Gillingham (player-exchange March 1928); Millwall (May 1929); **WATFORD** (free July 1934); Walsall (free May 1935, released close season 1936); Shirley Town (October 1936)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1926/27	West Bromwich Albion	1			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1927/28	West Bromwich Albion	8		1	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1927/28	Gillingham	13		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1928/29	Gillingham	30		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22
1929/30	Millwall	24		3	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1930/31	Millwall	34		7	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1931/32	Millwall	40		13	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1932/33	Millwall	40		7	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1933/34	Millwall	8		1	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1934/35	WATFORD	23		9	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1935/36	Walsall	25		5	Football League Division 3 (North) – 10th of 22

An ex-miner and an experienced footballer by the time he reached Vicarage Road, Jimmy Poxton produced a fine goalscoring return for an outside-left but lasted only half a season in the first team and was released in the summer. His earlier career included particularly good service in the Second Division of the Football League with Millwall, where he spent most of his five years in the senior eleven.

Hugh PRENTICE (1910) Centre-forward

Born Scotland

Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-2 home defeat v Coventry City, Southern League Div 1, 26 Nov 1910

Career Path

Bathgate (October 1905); Broxburn Athletic (close season 1908); Dykehead (close season 1909); Armadale (close season 1910); **WATFORD** (trial November 1910)

Southern League Career

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

When well-established in Scottish Junior (= *non-League*) circles he was brought down for a trial at Cassio Road early in Harry Kent's managership and went straight into the first team for a Southern League fixture. He gave a very poor account of himself as leader of the attack in a 2-0 home defeat, was considered unworthy of further attention, and returned home.

C.PRETTY (1892) Forward

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

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

That one FA Cup tie, in which he played at centre-forward and scored one of the club's two goals, was his only first-team appearance of any kind.