

1970/71

Manager
K.Furphy

Final league position
18th of 22 in Football League Division 2
(2nd tier of English football)

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1 - v Blackburn Rovers

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		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Leicester City	42	12	7	2	30	14	11	6	4	27	16	59
2 Sheffield United	42	14	6	1	49	18	7	8	6	24	21	56
3 Cardiff City	42	12	7	2	39	16	8	6	7	25	25	53
4 Carlisle United	42	16	3	2	39	13	4	10	7	26	30	53
5 Hull City	42	11	5	5	31	16	8	8	5	23	25	51
6 Luton Town	42	12	7	2	40	18	6	6	9	22	25	49
7 Middlesbrough	42	13	6	2	37	16	4	8	9	23	27	48
8 Millwall	42	13	5	3	36	12	6	4	11	23	30	47
9 Birmingham City	42	12	7	2	30	12	5	5	11	28	36	46
10 Norwich City	42	11	8	2	34	20	4	6	11	20	32	44
11 Queens Park Rangers	42	11	5	5	39	22	5	6	10	19	31	43
12 Swindon Town	42	12	7	2	38	14	3	5	13	23	37	42
13 Sunderland	42	11	6	4	34	21	4	6	11	18	33	42
14 Oxford United	42	8	8	5	23	23	6	6	9	18	25	42
15 Sheffield Wednesday	42	10	7	4	32	27	2	5	14	19	42	36
16 Portsmouth	42	9	4	8	32	28	1	10	10	14	33	34
17 Orient	42	5	11	5	16	15	4	5	12	13	36	34
18 WATFORD	42	6	7	8	18	22	4	6	11	20	38	33
19 Bristol City	42	9	6	6	30	28	1	5	15	16	36	31
20 Charlton Athletic	42	7	6	8	28	30	1	8	12	13	35	30
21 Blackburn Rovers	42	5	8	8	20	28	1	7	13	17	41	27
22 Bolton Wanderers	42	6	5	10	22	31	1	5	15	13	43	24

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Goals from penalty kicks: Eddy 4 (Matches 11,16, 24 & 25)

Sent off: None

		Appearances - Football League										Appearances - Other Competitions										Own goal								
		25	34	11	6	11	9	39	9	38	15	17	30	18	31	41	32	40	27	29										
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7 Burnley	42	13	4	4	43	22	7	2	12	27	33	46
8 Bristol City	42	14	3	4	43	22	4	7	10	18	27	46
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12 Hull City	42	10	6	5	33	21	4	4	13	16	32	38
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17 Orient	42	12	4	5	32	19	2	5	14	18	42	37
18 Preston North End	42	11	4	6	32	21	1	8	12	20	37	36
19 Cardiff City	42	9	7	5	37	25	1	7	13	19	44	34
20 Fulham	42	10	7	4	29	20	2	3	16	16	48	34
21 Charlton Athletic	42	9	7	5	33	25	3	2	16	22	52	33
22 WATFORD	42	5	5	11	15	25	0	4	17	9	50	19

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Appearances - Football League					4	5		2	1	1		5	2				4	2		1	1	1	2	3	1		
Substitute Appearances - Football League			6			3			1		2		3	1									2	4	2		
Goals - Football League																											
Appearances - Other Competitions	1	4	5		2	3	1	1	1	4	4	2	4		2	1	1		4	1	3		2	3	5	1	
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions																							2				
Goals - Other Competitions			1								1	1									1		2				
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TRIVIA In the space of 15 days in October this season (Matches 14-18) the club suffered five consecutive defeats by two goals to one.

1	Sat 14 Aug	Fulham	Lge	0-3	13,560	X	X			S	X			X	R					G	X		X	X		X	
2	Wed 18 Aug	Northampton Town	LC	2-0	7,663	X	X			S	X			X	R					G	X1		X1	X	X	X	
3	Sat 21 Aug	Sunderland	Lge	1-1	11,283	X	X			X	R			X					S	G	X		X1	X	X	X	
4	Sat 28 Aug	Charlton Athletic	Lge	0-2	11,966	X	X			X	R			X						G	X		X	X	X	X	
5	Wed 1 Sep	Swindon Town	Lge	0-0	10,580	X				X	X			X	X					G	X		X	X	X	X	
6	Sat 4 Sep	Cardiff City	Lge	2-2	10,233	X				X				X	X					G	X		X1	X	X		
7	Tue 7 Sep	Stockport County	LC	1-0	4,001	X	X1			R	S			X	X					G	X		X	X	X		
8	Sat 11 Sep	Carlisle United	Lge	0-2	9,745	X	X			R	S			X	X					G	X		X	X	X	X	
9	Sat 18 Sep	Blackpool	Lge	1-0	10,594	X	X1			S				X	X					G	X		X	X	X	X	
10	Sat 25 Sep	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	0-3	15,698	X	X			S				X	X					G	X		X	X	X	R	
11	Tue 28 Sep	Birmingham City	Lge	1-4	28,095	X	X			X				R		S	X1			G	X		X	X	X	X	
12	Sat 2 Oct	Portsmouth	Lge	1-0	11,633	X	X			X				X	S	X				G	X		X	X	X1	R	
13	Wed 6 Oct	Preston North End	LC	1-1	8,853	X	X			X				X1	X	X				G	X		X	X	X		
14	Sat 9 Oct	Bristol City	Lge	1-2	18,100	X	X			X				X	X1					G	S		R	X	X		
15	Mon 11 Oct	Preston North End	LC	1-2	12,436	X	X			X				X	X	X1	R			G			S	X	X		
16	Sat 16 Oct	Fulham	Lge	1-2	9,303	X	X	X	G	X1				X	X	X					X		X	X	X		
17	Wed 20 Oct	Hull City	Lge	1-2	7,983	X	X	G	X	X				X	X	X					X		X1	S	X	X	
18	Sat 23 Oct	Middlesbrough	Lge	1-2	19,947	X	X	G	X	X				X	X	X							R	X1			
19	Sat 30 Oct	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	1-1	11,314	X	X1	G	X	X				S	X	X							R	X			
20	Sat 6 Nov	Millwall	Lge	2-3	13,182	X	X	X		X	X1									R	S		G	X		X	
21	Sat 13 Nov	Luton Town	Lge	2-1	14,000	X	X	X1		X	X1				X	X					G	X		X	X		
22	Sat 20 Nov	Burnley	Lge	2-1	11,538	X	X	X		R	X				X	X							X	X1	X		
23	Sat 27 Nov	Preston North End	Lge	0-2	11,318	X	X	X		R	X				X		S			X	G		X	X	X		
24	Sat 4 Dec	Orient	Lge	0-1	9,518	X	X	X		X					X	X	X			G	S		X		R	X	
25	Sat 11 Dec	Norwich City	Lge	1-1	20,227	X	R	X		X					X	X	S			X1	G	X		X	X		
26	Sat 18 Dec	Cardiff City	Lge	0-2	11,092	X		X		X	S				X	X	X			X	G	X		R	X		
27	Mon 27 Dec	Oxford United	Lge	0-1	14,270	X		X	S	X					X	X	X				G	X		X	X		
28	Sat 1 Jan	Blackpool	Lge	0-5	10,745	X		X		S					X	X				X	G	X		X		X	
29	Sat 8 Jan	Charlton Athletic	Lge	0-3	9,218		X	S		X	X	R	X		X					G	X		X		X	X	
30	Sat 15 Jan	Notts County	FA	1-4	13,448		X	X	X	X	X				X	G	R			X			S1	X			
31	Sat 22 Jan	Birmingham City	Lge	0-1	10,884		X		X	X	X	R	X		X	X				S			X	X	X		
32	Sat 29 Jan	Hull City	Lge	0-4	10,546		X		X	X	X				X	X	X			X	G	X		X	X		
33	Sat 12 Feb	Middlesbrough	Lge	0-1	8,109		X		X		R				X	X	X	X		G	X		S	X	X		
34	Sat 19 Feb	Sheffield Wednesday	Lge	1-2	13,842		X		X		R				X	X	X	X		G	S		X	X	X1		
35	Sat 26 Feb	Millwall	Lge	0-1	14,575	X	X		S	X					X	X	X	X					R	X	X		
36	Sat 4 Mar	Luton Town	Lge	0-0	10,816	X	X		X						X	X	X	X			G		X	X	X		
37	Sat 11 Mar	Bristol City	Lge	0-2	5,384	X	X		X		S				X	X	R	X			G		X	X	X		
38	Sat 25 Mar	Carlisle United	Lge	1-2	6,004	X	X		S	X				X	X1		R	X			G		X	X	X		
39	Fri 31 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	Lge	0-2	14,719	X	X		X	X	X	S	X	X							G		X	X	X		
40	Sat 1 Apr	Oxford United	Lge	0-0	6,604	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						G		X	X	X	X	
41	Mon 3 Apr	Portsmouth	Lge	2-2	7,909	X	X2		X	X	R	X	X								G		X	S	X	X	
42	Sat 8 Apr	Burnley	Lge	0-3	8,695	X	X		X	X	X				X	R				G	S		X	X	X	X	
43	Sat 15 Apr	Preston North End	Lge	1-0	5,507	X	X1		X	X	X	X			R					G			X	S	X		
44	Mon 17 Apr	Sunderland	Lge	0-5	8,981	X	X		X	X	X	R	X		X						G		X	S	X		
45	Sat 22 Apr	Orient	Lge	0-1	7,244	X	X	X		X	X	X	R	S						X	G		X	X			
46	Tue 25 Apr	Swindon Town	Lge	0-2	9,009	R	X		X	X	X	X			X	G							X	X	S		
47	Sat 29 Apr	Norwich City	Lge	1-1	22,421		X	X	X	X	R	X	X								G		S	X	X1	X	

TRIVIA A uniquely unsuccessful Watford career began and ended in the space of four months in this dismal season. Glaswegian right-back Brian Rowan's 13 appearances for the club encompassed 12 defeats and a draw.

Baxter, W.A. ▲	Butler, D.	Eddy, K. ▲	Edmonds, D.J. ▲	Farley, J.D.	Franks
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1975/76

Manager
M.T.Keen

Final league position

8th of 24 in Football League Division 4
(4th tier of English football)

Home-and-away league doubles by Watford

6 - Doncaster Rovers, Exeter City, Newport County, Scunthorpe United, Southport & Workington

Home-and-away league doubles against Watford

3 - by Huddersfield Town, Lincoln City & Northampton Town

Promoted to Division 3

Lincoln City, Northampton Town, Reading & Tranmere Rovers

Required to seek re-election to the Football League

Stockport County, Newport County, Southport & Workington

(all four were re-elected)

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Lincoln City	46	21	2	0	71	15	11	8	4	40	24	74
2 Northampton Town	46	18	5	0	62	20	11	5	7	25	20	68
3 Reading	46	19	3	1	42	9	5	9	9	28	42	60
4 Tranmere Rovers	46	18	3	2	61	16	6	7	10	28	39	58
5 Huddersfield Town	46	11	6	6	28	17	10	8	5	28	24	56
6 AFC Bournemouth	46	15	5	3	39	16	5	7	11	18	32	52
7 Exeter City	46	13	7	3	37	17	5	7	11	19	30	50
8 WATFORD	46	16	4	3	38	18	6	2	15	24	44	50
9 Torquay United	46	12	6	5	31	24	6	8	9	24	39	50
10 Doncaster Rovers	46	10	6	7	42	31	9	5	9	33	38	49
11 Swansea City	46	14	8	1	51	21	2	7	14	15	36	47
12 Barnsley	46	12	8	3	34	16	2	8	13	18	32	44
13 Cambridge United	46	7	10	6	36	28	7	5	11	22	34	43
14 Hartlepool	46	10	6	7	37	29	6	4	13	25	49	42
15 Rochdale	46	7	11	5	27	23	5	7	11	13	31	42
16 Crewe Alexandra	46	10	7	6	36	21	3	8	12	22	36	41
17 Bradford City	46	9	7	7	35	26	3	10	10	28	39	41
18 Brentford	46	12	7	4	37	18	2	6	15	19	42	41
19 Scunthorpe United	46	11	3	9	31	24	3	7	13	19	35	38
20 Darlington	46	11	7	5	30	14	3	3	17	18	43	38
21 Stockport County	46	8	7	8	23	23	5	5	13	20	53	38
22 Newport County	46	8	7	8	35	33	5	2	16	22	57	35
23 Southport	46	6	6	11	27	31	2	4	17	14	46	26
24 Workington	46	5	4	14	19	43	2	3	18	11	44	21

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

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

Goals from penalty kicks: Bond 5 (Matches 37 [two pens] , 27, 34 & 44) and Scullion 1 (Match 13)

Sent off: None

Appearances - Football League	22	1	39	18	2	29	28	43	3	21	5	41	32	39	16	16	28	11	12	43	24	33
Substitute Appearances - Football League		2	1	2		1	2				1		1	1	3	2		3	11			
Goals - Football League		1	10			3	2					12	1	19		1	1		10		2	
Appearances - Other Competitions	4		4		1	3	3		3	2	1	3	4	4	2		2	1	4	2	1	
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions																	1					
Goals - Other Competitions						1			1	1												

1 Sat 16 Aug	Barnsley	Lge	0-1	3,690	X		X			X	X		X	X			X	X			X	G		
2 Tue 19 Aug	Northampton Town	LC	2-0	3,368	X	X			X1	X		X	X1			X	X			X	G			
3 Sat 23 Aug	Huddersfield Town	Lge	0-2	4,500	X	X			X	X		X	X	X			X	X			X	S	G	
4 Wed 27 Aug	Northampton Town	LC	1-1	4,255	X	X			X	X		X1	X				X	X			X	G		
5 Sat 30 Aug	Darlington	Lge	0-1	2,988	X	X			X	X		X	R			X	X	X	S		X	G		
6 Sat 6 Sep	Hartlepool	Lge	2-1	3,598	X	X1		X	X		X				X	X	X			X1	G	X		
7 Tue 9 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	LC	0-1	14,997	X	X	R	X	X		X				X	X	X			S	X	G	X	
8 Sat 13 Sep	Reading	Lge	0-3	5,521	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X			X	G	X	R	
9 Sat 20 Sep	Doncaster Rovers	Lge	2-1	4,228	X	X			X	X		X	X1		X1	X					G	X	X	
10 Tue 23 Sep	Cambridge United	Lge	1-4	3,234	X	X			R	X		X	X	X1	S	X					G	X	X	
11 Sat 27 Sep	Bradford City	Lge	0-1	2,308	X	X			X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	G	X	X	
12 Sat 4 Oct	Stockport County	Lge	1-1	4,143	X	X		X	X	X		X	R	X1	X	X			S	G	X	X		
13 Sat 11 Oct	Workington	Lge	2-0	3,872	X	X1		R	S	X		X	X	X							G	X1	X	
14 Sat 18 Oct	Rochdale	Lge	1-2	1,528	X	X			X	X		X	X	X1	X						G	X	X	
15 Tue 21 Oct	Scunthorpe United	Lge	1-0	3,581	X	X			X	X		X	X1		X	X					G	X	X	
16 Sat 25 Oct	Crewe Alexandra	Lge	2-1	4,262	R	X			X	X		X	X1	X	X1					S	G	X	X	
17 Sat 1 Nov	Northampton Town	Lge	0-3	6,656	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	S	X					G	X	X	
18 Tue 4 Nov	Southport	Lge	2-1	1,046	X				X	X		X1	X	X1	X				X		G	X	X	
19 Sat 8 Nov	AFC Bournemouth	Lge	1-1	4,714	X	X			X	X		X	X1		X			R	S	G	X	X		
20 Sat 15 Nov	Brentford	Lge	0-1	6,930	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	S	X			X		G	X	R	
21 Sat 22 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	FA	0-3	9,283	X	X			X			S	X	X	X	X					G	X	R	
22 Fri 28 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Lge	0-3	3,473	X	X			X	X		R	X	X	X	X			X	S	G			
23 Sat 6 Dec	Lincoln City	Lge	1-3	4,178	X			X	X			X	X	X1	X						G	X		
24 Fri 12 Dec	Stockport County	Lge	2-2	5,055	X			X	X			S	R1	X	X1	X	X				G	X		
25 Sat 20 Dec	Newport County	Lge	3-1	3,271	X			X	X			X1	X	X2	X	X					G	X		
26 Fri 26 Dec	Swansea City	Lge	2-4	4,091	X		S		X	X		X1	X1	X	X	X					G	R		
27 Sat 27 Dec	Exeter City	Lge	2-0	5,055		X2	X		X	X		X	X	X	X						G			
28 Sat 3 Jan	Torquay United	Lge	0-1	2,515		X	X		S	X		X	X	X	R				X		G	X		
29 Sat 10 Jan	Darlington	Lge	2-0	3,865		X	X		X	X		X	X1	X	X						G	X1		
30 Sat 17 Jan	Doncaster Rovers	Lge	2-1	5,845		X	X		X	X		X2	X	X							G	X	X	
31 Sat 24 Jan	Reading	Lge	2-1	6,644		X	X		R	X		X1	X	X1				X	S	G	X	X		
32 Sat 7 Feb	Southport	Lge	2-0	4,334		X	X		X	X		X	X	X				R	S2	G	X	X		
33 Tue 10 Feb	Scunthorpe United	Lge	1-0	2,200		X1	X		X	X		R	X	X				X			S	G	X	X
34 Sat 14 Feb	AFC Bournemouth	Lge	1-4	4,897		X1	X		X	X		R	X	X				X			S	G	X	X
35 Sat 21 Feb	Brentford	Lge	3-2	6,223		X	X		R	X1	X		X1	X	X1			X	S	G		X		
36 Tue 24 Feb	Cambridge United	Lge	1-0	4,888		X	X		X1	X	X		X	X	X			X			G	X		
37 Wed 3 Mar	Crewe Alexandra	Lge	2-2	2,068		X2	X		X	X	X		X	X	X			X			G	X		
38 Sat 6 Mar	Northampton Town	Lge	0-1	7,389		X	R		X	X	X		X	X	X			X			S	G	X	
39 Sat 13 Mar	Workington	Lge	3-1	1,209		X	X		X	X		X	X	X2				R	S	X1	G	X		
40 Tue 16 Mar	Rochdale	Lge	3-0	3,886		X	X		X	X	X		R	X	X2			X1		S	G	X		
41 Sat 20 Mar	Tranmere Rovers	Lge	2-2	5,449		X	X		X1	X	X		X	X	R1			X		S	G	X		
42 Fri 26 Mar	Lincoln City	Lge	1-5	8,798		X			X	X	X		X	X			X	X		X1	G	X		
43 Wed 31 Mar	Newport County	Lge	2-0	1,092		X	S		R	X1	X		X	X	X1			X		X	G	X		
44 Sat 3 Apr	Barnsley	Lge	1-0	4,203		S	X1		R	X	X		X	X	X			X			X	G	X	
45 Tue 6 Apr	Bradford City	Lge	3-0	3,745		S	X1		X	R	X		X	X	X1			X		X1	G	X		
46 Sat 10 Apr	Hartlepool	Lge	1-2	1,993		X	X		X	X	X		X	X		S		X		X1	G	R		
47 Fri 16 Apr	Torquay United	Lge	0-0	5,436		X	X		R	X	X		X	S				X	X	X	G	X		
48 Sat 17 Apr	Swansea City	Lge	2-1	4,536		X1	X		X1	S	X	G		X	X			X			R	X		
49 Mon 19 Apr	Exeter City	Lge	3-1	2,489		X	X		X	X	X	G		X		X			X	X3		X		
50 Sat 24 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Lge	0-1	3,787		S			X	R	X	G		X	X			X	X	X		X		

TRIVIA After three undistinguished years as a Watford striker, Ross Jenkins this season gave notice of things to come by more than doubling his goal tally since he joined the club.



After two substitute appearances to begin his record-breaking first-team career, Luther Blissett scored when he made the starting line-up for the first time

OTHER MATCHES in 1975-76

Tue 29 Jul 1975	Oxford United 0	Watford 3	(Played in private at Bisham Abbey)
Line-up unknown. Scorers: A.K.Mayes [1 goal], B.A.Greenhalgh [1 goal] & A.H.Garner [1 goal].			
Sat 2 Aug 1975	Wimbledon 2	Watford 4	
A.G.Rankin (gk); T.A.How (sub: J.T.Walsh) & V.D.Akers; R.D.W.Joslyn [1 goal], K.G.A.Goodeve & A.H.Garner; A.K.Mayes, D.J.T.Bond, B.A.Greenhalgh, R.A.Jenkins [2 goals] & R.D.Downes [1 goal]			
Wed 6 Aug 1975	Watford 6	Aldershot 1	Attendance: 1,254
A.G.Rankin (gk); T.A.How & V.D.Akers; R.D.W.Joslyn, A.H.Garner [1 goal] & K.G.A.Goodeve; R.D.Downes [1 goal], D.J.T.Bond, R.A.Jenkins [1 goal] (sub: K.Mercer [1 goal]), B.A.Greenhalgh [1 goal] & A.K.Mayes [1 goal]			
Sat 9 Aug 1975	Weymouth 3	Watford 1	
A.G.Rankin (gk); T.A.How & V.D.Akers; R			

1978/79

Manager
G.Taylor

Final league position
2nd of 24 in Football League Division 3
(3rd tier of English football)

Home-and-away league doubles by Watford
5 - v Chesterfield, Gillingham, Lincoln City,
Sheffield Wednesday & Walsall

Home-and-away league doubles against Watford
1 - by Swansea City

Promoted to Division 2
Shrewsbury Town, Watford & Swansea City

Relegated to Division 4
Peterborough United, Walsall, Tranmere Rovers &
Lincoln City

	Played	HOME					AWAY					Points
		W	D	L	For	Ag	W	D	L	For	Ag	
1 Shrewsbury Town	46	14	9	0	36	11	7	10	6	25	30	61
2 WATFORD	46	15	5	3	47	22	9	7	7	36	30	60
3 Swansea City	46	16	6	1	57	32	8	6	9	26	29	60
4 Gillingham	46	15	7	1	39	15	6	10	7	26	27	59
5 Swindon Town	46	17	2	4	44	14	8	5	10	30	38	57
6 Carlisle United	46	11	10	2	31	13	4	12	7	22	29	52
7 Colchester United	46	13	9	1	35	19	4	8	11	25	36	51
8 Hull City	46	12	9	2	36	14	7	2	14	30	47	49
9 Exeter City	46	14	6	3	38	18	3	9	11	23	38	49
10 Brentford	46	14	4	5	35	19	5	5	13	18	30	47
11 Oxford United	46	10	8	5	27	20	4	10	9	17	30	46
12 Blackpool	46	12	5	6	38	19	6	4	13	23	40	45
13 Southend United	46	11	6	6	30	17	4	9	10	21	32	45
14 Sheffield Wednesday	46	9	8	6	30	22	4	11	8	23	31	45
15 Plymouth Argyle	46	11	9	3	40	27	4	5	14	27	41	44
16 Chester	46	11	9	3	42	21	3	7	13	15	40	44
17 Rotherham United	46	13	3	7	30	23	4	7	12	19	32	44
18 Mansfield Town	46	7	11	5	30	24	5	8	10	21	28	43
19 Bury	46	6	11	6	35	32	5	9	9	24	33	42
20 Chesterfield	46	10	5	8	35	34	3	9	11	16	31	40
21 Peterborough United	46	8	7	8	26	24	3	7	13	18	39	36
22 Walsall	46	7	6	10	34	32	3	6	14	22	39	32
23 Tranmere Rovers	46	4	12	7	26	31	2	4	17	19	47	28
24 Lincoln City	46	5	7	11	26	38	2	4	17	15	50	25

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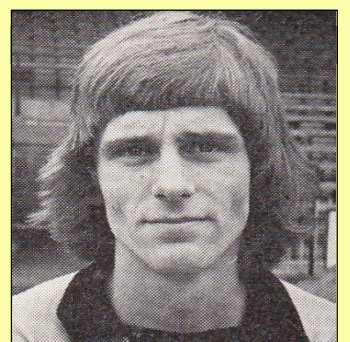
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Goals from penalty kicks: Bolton 4 (Matches 13, 52, 57 & 58) , Pritchett 3 (Matches 5, 21 & 41) and Blissett 1 (Match 40)

Sent off: Sims (Match 44)

	40	43	37	34	3	42	23	46	44	5	9	33	22	30	16	13	46	20
Appearances - Football League	40	43	37	34	3	42	23	46	44	5	9	33	22	30	16	13	46	20
Substitute Appearances - Football League	1			3	3	3			1	8	5	1						1
Goals - Football League	21	9		2		4		29	8		2	4	2			1		1
Appearances - Other Competitions	7	10	10	2	9	12	4	2	12	10	4	4	11	9	5	7	12	2
Substitute Appearances - Other Competitions	1			2					2	3	1							
Goals - Other Competitions	7	1		2				8	1	1								

TRIVIA Not a single draw was recorded in the club's first 24 matches this season, but then along came four of them in a row.



His maturity as a footballer was a long time coming but this season Ross Jenkins was the leading scorer in the whole of the Football League

	Blissett, L.L.	Bolton, I.R.	Booth, D.	Cassells, K.B.	Downes, R.D.	Ellis, S. ▲	Garner, A.H.	Harrison, S.J.	How, T.A.	Jenkins, R.A.	Joslyn, R.D.W.	Mayes, A.K. ▲	Mercer, K.	Pollard, B.E.	Pritchett, K.B.	Rankin, A.G.	Sherwood, S.	Sims, S.F.	Stirk, J.	Train, R.
1 Sat 12 Aug Brentford LC 4-0 9,292 X X X1 X X X2 X1 S R X X G X																				
2 Tue 15 Aug Brentford LC 3-1 7,414 X1 X X1 X X X X X X1 X X G X																				
3 Sat 19 Aug Walsall Lge 4-2 6,423 X R X X X1 X1 X1 S X X1 X G X																				
4 Tue 22 Aug Blackpool Lge 5-1 11,934 X X X X X X3 X1 S X1 R X G X																				
5 Sat 26 Aug Peterborough United Lge 1-2 12,156 S X X X X X X R X X1 G X																				
6 Tue 29 Aug Newcastle United LC 2-1 15,494 S2 X X X X X X R X X X G X																				
7 Sat 2 Sep Gillingham Lge 3-2 8,248 X1 X X X X X X2 X X X G X																				
8 Sat 9 Sep Swansea City Lge 0-2 17,413 X X X X X X X S X X G R																				
9 Wed 13 Sep Lincoln City Lge 5-0 5,924 X2 R X X S X1 X1 X X1 X G X																				
10 Sat 16 Sep Bury Lge 2-1 4,102 X X1 X X S X X1 X X X R G X																				
11 Sat 23 Sep Oxford United Lge 4-2 12,949 X X X X S X X X4 R X G X																				
12 Tue 26 Sep Rotherham United Lge 1-2 6,442 X1 X X S X X X X X R G X																				
13 Sat 30 Sep Tranmere Rovers Lge 4-0 10,753 X X1 X X1 X R X2 X S X G X																				
14 Wed 4 Oct Manchester United LC 2-1 40,534 X2 X X X X X X X X X G X																				
15 Sat 7 Oct Chester Lge 1-2 6,468 X1 X X X X X X X X X G X																				
16 Sat 14 Oct Brentford Lge 2-0 15,180 X1 X X X X X X1 X X X G X																				
17 Tue 17 Oct Carlisle United Lge 2-1 12,444 X X1 X X X X X X X1 G X																				
18 Sat 21 Oct Chesterfield Lge 2-0 7,800 X1 X X R X X X1 X S X G X																				
19 Sat 28 Oct Exeter City Lge 1-0 14,397 X1 X X X X X X X S R G X																				
20 Sat 4 Nov Hull City Lge 0-4 7,739 X X X X X X X R X S X G X																				
21 Wed 8 Nov Exeter City LC 2-0 14,746 X X X X X X X1 S X R X1 G X																				
22 Sat 11 Nov Gillingham Lge 1-0 13,941 X X X X X X X1 X X X G X																				
23 Sat 18 Nov Peterborough United Lge 1-0 8,048 X1 X X X X X X X X X G X																				
24 Sat 25 Nov Dagenham FA 3-0 11,551 X S X X X X3 X X R X G X																				
25 Sat 2 Dec Mansfield Town Lge 1-1 10,568 X X X S X R X X X G X X1																				
26 Sat 9 Dec Plymouth Argyle Lge 1-1 11,907 X X X X X X X1 X X X G X X																				
27 Wed 13 Dec Stoke City LC 0-0 26,070 X X X X X X X X X X X G X																				
28 Sat 16 Dec Southend United FA 1-1 13,377 R X X X X X1 X S X X G X X																				
29 Mon 18 Dec Southend United FA 0-1 15,463 X R X X X X S X X G X X																				
30 Sat 23 Dec Colchester United Lge 1-0 5,424 X X X X X X1 X X X G X X																				
31 Tue 26 Dec Shrewsbury Town Lge 2-2 20,276 X X X X X X2 X S R G X X X																				
32 Sat 30 Dec Swindon Town Lge 2-0 15,486 X2 X X X X X X R S G X X X																				
33 Sat 6 Jan Lincoln City Lge 2-0 12,142 X2 X X X X X X X X G X X X																				
34 Tue 9 Jan Stoke City (after extra time) LC 3-1 21,455 X2 X X S X X X1 X R X X G X																				
35 Wed 17 Jan Nottingham Forest LC 1-3 32,438 X1 X X R X X X X S X X G X																				
36 Sat 20 Jan Bury Lge 3-3 12,003 X2 X X X X X1 X X X G X X X																				
37 Sat 27 Jan Oxford United Lge 1-1 10,310 X X S X X X X X R G X1 X X																				
38 Tue 30 Jan Nottingham Forest LC 0-0 27,656 X X X X X X X X S R G X																				
39 Sat 3 Feb Rotherham United Lge 2-2 12,805 X X X X X X2 R S G X X X																				
40 Sat 10 Feb Tranmere Rovers Lge 1-1 4,219 X1 X X X X X X X X G X X X																				
41 Sat 24 Feb Brentford Lge 3-3 13,860 X1 X X X X X1 S X X1 G X X R																				
42 Sat 3 Mar Chesterfield Lge 2-0 12,352 R X1 X X X X1 X S X X G X X																				
43 Sat 10 Mar Exeter City Lge 0-0 7,082 X X X X X X X X X X X G X X																				
44 Tue 20 Mar Swansea City Lge 2-3 19,850 X X1 X R X X1 X S X X G X X																				
45 Sat 24 Mar Blackpool Lge 1-1 9,253 X X X R X1 X X X X G X S																				
46 Tue 27 Mar Walsall Lge 3-1 11,981 X2 X X X1 X X X X G X X																				
47 Sat 31 Mar Sheffield Wednesday Lge 1-0 16,239 X X R X X X X X S X1 X G X X																				
48 Mon 2 Apr Southend United Lge 0-1 11,406 X X X S X X X X R X G X X																				
49 Sat 7 Apr Mansfield Town Lge 3-0 7,944 R X X S X X X2 X1 X X G X X																				
50 Fri 13 Apr Colchester United Lge 0-3 17,903 X X R S X X X X X X G X X																				
51 Sat 14 Apr Shrewsbury Town Lge 1-1 13,320 X X1 X X X X X X X X G X X																				
52 Tue 17 Apr Southend United Lge 2-0 15,835 X X1 X X X X X1 X X G X																				
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54 Tue 24 Apr Carlisle United Lge 0-1 7,141 X X X X X X X X S R G X X																				
55 Sat 28 Apr Plymouth Argyle Lge 2-2 14,816 X X X X X X X1 X1 X G X X																				
56 Wed 2 May Chester Lge 1-0 12,174 X X X X1 X X X X G X																				
57 Sat 5 May Sheffield Wednesday Lge 3-2 13,746 X1 X1 X X X X1 X G X X X																				
58 Mon 14 May Hull City Lge 4-0 26,347 X1 X1 X X X X X1 X1 G X X																				

TRIVIA In Match 5 Peterborough United managed to win at Vicarage Road - a feat which had eluded the previous 26 visiting sides. Both Peterborough and Watford were to leave Division 3 behind at the end of the season - but in opposite directions.

OTHER MATCHES in 1978-79

Mon 24 Jul 1978	Watford 2 Reading 0	(Played in private - venue unknown)
Line-up unknown. Scorers: K.Mercer [1 goal] & I.R.Bolton [1 goal].		
Thu 27 Jul 1978	Watford 2 Luton Town 0	(Three half-hour periods played in private at Ambassadors College)
Line-up unknown. Scorer: K.Mercer [2 goals].		
Sat 29 Jul 1978	Morton 5 Watford 1	Attendance: 3,640
A.G.Rankin (gk); J.Stirk (sub: K.B.Pritchett) & I.R.Bolton; D.Booth, S.Ellis & A.H.Garner; L.L.Blissett, A.K.Mayes [1 goal], K.Mercer, R.D.W.Joslyn & P.C.Kerlin		
Tue 1 Aug 1978	Clydebank 0 Watford 1	Attendance: 806
S.Sherwood (gk); I.R.Bolton & K.B.Pritchett; D.Booth, S.Ellis & A.H.Garner; P.C.Kerlin (sub: R.D.Downes), A.K.Mayes, R.A.Jenkins, R.D.W.Joslyn & B.E.Pollard [1 goal]		
Thu 3 Aug 1978	Airdrieonians 1 Watford 3	
S.Sherwood (gk) & A.G.Rankin; T.A.How [1 goal] & K.B.Pritchett; R.D.W.Joslyn (sub: D.Booth), I.R.Bolton & A.H.Garner; B.E.Pollard (sub: L.L.Blissett), P.C.Kerlin, R.A.Jenkins, K.Mercer (2 goals) & R.D.Downes A.K.Mayes also played as a used substitute.		
Tue 8 Aug 1978	Watford 0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 2	Attendance: 5,226
A.G.Rankin (gk); T.A.How & K.B.Pritchett; D.Booth, I.R.Bolton & A.H.Garner; B.E.Pollard (sub: S.Ellis), K.Mercer (sub: A.K.Mayes), R.A.Jenkins, R.D.W.Joslyn & R.D.Downes		
Wed 1 Nov 1978	Scarborough 1 Watford 1	Attendance: 1,146
S.Sherwood (gk); T.A.How & I.R.Bolton; D.Booth, S.Ellis [1 penalty goal] & A.H.Garner; B.E.Pollard, L.L.Blissett, K.Mercer, R.D.Downes & A.K.Mayes R.D.W.Joslyn & A.McClenaghan played substitutes.		
Mon 5 Feb 1979	Watford 2 Denmark Under-21 0	Attendance: 3,536
A.G.Rankin (gk); J.Stirk & S.J.Harrison; D.Booth, S.F.Sims & A.H.Garner; R.D.Downes, K.Mercer, R.A.Jenkins [1 goal] (sub: K.B.Cassells [1 goal]), R.D.W.Joslyn & R.Train		
Fri 11 May 1979	Sochaux (France) 0 Watford 0	
The line-up is unknown, but the following players travelled: L.L.Blissett, I.R.Bolton, D.Booth, K.B.Cassells, R.D.Downes, A.H.Garner, S.J.Harrison, R.A.Jenkins, R.D.W.Joslyn, K.Mercer, K.B.Pritchett, A.G.Rankin, S.Sherwood, S.F.Sims, J.Stirk & R.Train		
Tue 15 May 1979	Old Lincoln City XI 0 Watford 2	(Testimonial match for Lincoln City's D.Smith) Attendance: 2,544
S.Sherwood (gk) (sub: A.G.Rankin); J.Stirk & S.J.Harrison (sub: K.B.Pritchett); R.Train, I.R.Bolton & A.H.Garner; L.L.Blissett, K.Mercer [1 goal] (sub: K.B.Cassells [1 goal]), R.A.Jenkins, R.D.W.Joslyn & R.D.Downes		
Tue 22 May 1979	Gibraltar XI 0 Watford 1	Attendance: about 2,000
Line-up unknown. Scorer: I.R.Bolton [1 goal].		

