

**Almen ABDI** (2012-2016) Midfielder

**Born** Prizren, Yugoslavia, 21 October 1986

### Representative Honours

Switzerland Under-21 & Full

### Watford Career

Football League/FA Premier League: 101+17 appearances (25 goals, including 2 penalties)

FA Cup: 3+5 appearances

Football League Cup: 2+2 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Wycombe Wanderers, Football League Cup 1st Round, 11 Aug 2012

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Sunderland, FA Premier League, 15 May 2016

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



### Career Path

Zürich (*Switzerland*) (trained from age 8, youth team, professional); Le Mans (*France*) (January 2010); Udinese (*Italy*) (free close season 2010); **WATFORD** (loan July 2012, free July 2013); Sheffield Wednesday (£4 million July 2016)

### Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2012/13</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24</b>
<b>2013/14</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FA Premier League – 13th of 20</b>
2016/17	Sheffield Wednesday	11	5	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 4th of 24

Thrice a league championship winner with Zürich before leaving Switzerland – and the club's leading scorer on the third occasion – Almen Abdi proved a classy and influential all-round midfield player on reaching Vicarage Road as one of the host of loan players from the mainland of Europe. He jumped to top spot in the all-time alphabetical list of Watford's first-team players only seven weeks after the death of Chris Adams, who had held that distinction for 58 years.

**Carlos Javier ACUÑA** (2013) Striker  
(full name Carlos Javier ACUÑA CABALLERO)

**Born** Encarnación, Paraguay, 23 June 1988

### Representative Honours

Paraguay Youth

### Watford Career

Football League: 3+6 appearances

Football League Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 3-1 away win v Bristol Rovers, Football League Cup 1st Round, 7 Aug 2013

Final game: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Championship, 29 Dec 2013

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



### Career Path

22 Septiembre (*Paraguay*) (2001); Olimpia (*Paraguay*) (2002); Cádiz (*Spain*) (100 million pesetas 2004); UD Salamanca (*Spain*) (loan 2007); Real Madrid (*Spain*) (December 2008); Recreativo (*Spain*) (loan 2010); Girona (*Spain*) (loan 2011); Udinese (*Italy*) (June 2013); **WATFORD** (free July 2013); CA Osasuna (*Spain*) (loan January 2014); Olimpia (*Paraguay*) (undisclosed fee August 2014); RCD Mallorca (*Spain*) (loan July 2015); CD Numancia (*Spain*) (June 2016); Natchaburi Mittr Phol (*Thailand*) (February 2017)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2013/14</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24</b>

Unable to establish a first-team place after treading the well-worn path from Italy, striker Javier Acuña was sent to Spain on loan halfway through his first season at Vicarage Road, at the end of which he returned to South America. He played international football at Under-16, Under-17 and Under-20 levels, and an unusual distinction among professional footballers is that his mother played for the Paraguayan national women's team.

## Christopher James ADAMS (1954-1956) Winger

**Born** Hornchurch, Essex, 6 September 1927

**Died** Brentwood, Essex, 24 June 2012

### Watford Career

Football League: 75 appearances (5 goals)

FA Cup: 6 appearances (1 goal)

Southern Floodlight Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-3 away defeat v Aldershot, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 March 1954

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Brentford, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 April 1956

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



### Career Path

Suttons Senior Boys School; Essex Schools; Romford; Leytonstone; Army football; Tottenham Hotspur (amateur June 1947, professional November 1948); Norwich City (player-exchange December 1952); **WATFORD** ("four-figure fee" March 1954); Dartford (free November 1956 until retirement in 1964)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1951/52	Tottenham Hotspur	5		1	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1952/53	Tottenham Hotspur	1			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1952/53	Norwich City	20		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24
1953/54	Norwich City	9			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24
<b>1953/54</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 24</b>
<b>1954/55</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 24</b>
<b>1955/56</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24</b>

A two-and-a-half-year stay at Vicarage Road ended when Chris Adams refused the part-time terms he was offered for the 1956/57 season. On appeal to the Football League in October 1956 he was granted a free transfer, and it was with Dartford of the Southern League that he saw out his career with eight years' service. This shortish, stocky outside-left had endured a long wait for his Football League début after turning professional with Tottenham Hotspur at the age of 21. Spurs were the reigning League champions when he eventually got his first-team chance, and he marked the occasion with his only top-flight goal in a 5-0 defeat of Derby County.

## Laurence Edward ADAMS (1952) Inside-forward

**Born** Barnet, Hertfordshire, 14 February 1931

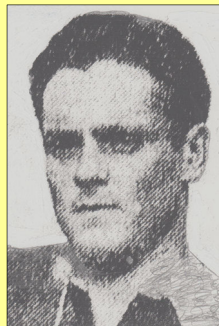
### Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-0 home win v Walsall, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Feb 1952

### Career Path

**WATFORD** (amateur January 1952, professional July 1952, released close season 1953);  
Whipton (permit to play as an amateur granted October 1955)



### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1951/52	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24

One of ten amateurs to play League football for Watford between the Second World War and the abolition of the amateur/professional distinction, Laurie Adams made his one appearance at inside-left when still in the army. He turned professional on being demobbed three months later, but was only a reserve thereafter. He subsequently obtained the FA's permission to play again as an amateur, which he did in the Exeter area.

## Patrick Anthony Olazinka AGANA (1987-1988) Winger

**Born** Bromley, Kent, 2 October 1963

### Representative Honours

England Non-League

### Watford Career

Football League: 12+3 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

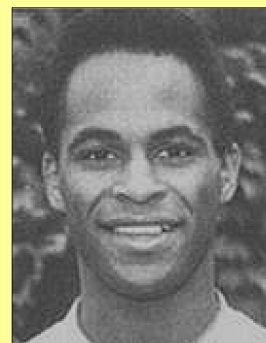
Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances (2 goals)

Full Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-0 home win v Wimbledon, Football League Div 1, 15 Aug 1987

Final game: 2-5 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Full Members Cup, 25 Jan 1988

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



### Career Path

Welling United (close season 1981); Weymouth (£4,500 March 1984); **WATFORD** (£22,000 August 1987 after trial period); Sheffield United (valued at £35,000 February 1988 in a deal which also involved P.Hetherston & M.Kuhl); Notts County (£750,000 November 1991, assistant-caretaker-manager December 1996); Leeds United (loan exchange with J.McClelland February 1992); Hereford United (free March 1997); Cliftonville (early-1998/99); Leek Town (by October 1998, player-manager April 1999); Guiseley (player close season 1999); Alfreton Town (November 2001); Sheffield United sales manager (by July 2009)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1987/88</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)</b>
1987/88	Sheffield United	11	2	2	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 23 (Relegated)
1988/89	Sheffield United	44	2	24	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1989/90	Sheffield United	26	5	10	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1990/91	Sheffield United	11	5	2	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 20
1991/92	Sheffield United	13		4	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1991/92	Notts County	11	2	1	Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1991/92	Leeds United	1	1		Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1992/93	Notts County	23	6	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
1993/94	Notts County	18	2	4	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
1994/95	Notts County	25	6	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1995/96	Notts County	23	9	2	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
1996/97	Notts County	17	6	3	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Hereford United	3	2	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

At the age of nearly 24 a late starter in League football, Tony Agana left Vicarage Road to join Dave Bassett for the second time in six months as part of a complex transfer deal between Watford and Sheffield United. He was later sold by Bassett for big money, but then ran into injury problems. A pacy left-winger or striker, he's best remembered at Watford for a virtuoso performance in what proved to be his last Football League appearance for the club, in which Manchester United somehow survived being outplayed and emerged with a 1-0 win. He was a member of the Notts County side which won the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1994/95, and which also included Steve Cherry, Paul Devlin and Devon White.

## Gabriel Imuetinyan AGBONLAHOR (2005) Forward

**Born** Erdington, West Midlands, 13 October 1986

### **Representative Honours**

England Youth, Under-21 & Full

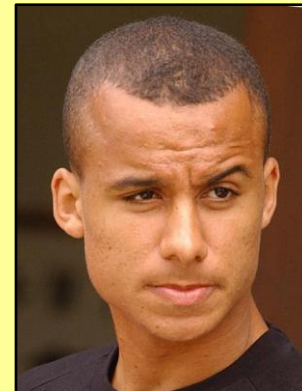
### **Watford Career**

Football League: 1+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Championship, 28 Sep 2005

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Leeds United, Football League Championship, 1 Oct 2005

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



### **Career Path**

Aston Villa (trained from age 10, scholar July 2003, professional March 2005); **WATFORD** (loan September 2005); Sheffield Wednesday (loan October 2005)

### **Football League and FA Premier League Career**

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
2005/06	Sheffield Wednesday	4	4		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2005/06	Aston Villa	3	6	1	FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2006/07	Aston Villa	37	1	9	FA Premier League – 11th of 20
2007/08	Aston Villa	37		11	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2008/09	Aston Villa	35	1	11	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2009/10	Aston Villa	13	1	13	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2010/11	Aston Villa	17	9	3	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2011/12	Aston Villa	32	1	5	FA Premier League – 16th of 20
2012/13	Aston Villa	24	4	9	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2013/14	Aston Villa	29	1	4	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2014/15	Aston Villa	30	4	6	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2015/16	Aston Villa	13	2	1	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2016/17	Aston Villa	4	9	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24

Having passed briefly and insignificantly through Vicarage Road on loan as a little-known 18-year-old, this very speedy forward would soon become a regular Premier League player. Although of Scottish and Nigerian parentage, Gabby Agbonlahor went on to achieve Full international status with the country of his birth.

## Lionel Glenn Robert AINSWORTH (2007-2008) Winger

**Born** Nottingham, 1 October 1987

### Representative Honours

England Youth

### Watford Career

**Football League:** 5+12 appearances

**Football League Cup:** 3 appearances

**Début:** (as sub) 2-3 away defeat v Barnsley, Football League Championship, 24 Nov 2007

**Final game:** (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Preston North End,  
Football League Championship, 28 Oct 2008

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



### Career Path

Derby County (scholar July 2004, professional September 2005); AFC Bournemouth (loan August 2006); Wycombe Wanderers (loan February 2007); Hereford United (free August 2007); **WATFORD** (loan November 2007, undisclosed fee January 2008); Hereford United (loan November 2008); Huddersfield Town (undisclosed fee January 2009); Brentford (loan January 2010); Shrewsbury Town (undisclosed fee August 2010); Burton Albion (loan March 2012); Rotherham United (free June 2012); Aldershot Town (loan January 2013); Motherwell (loan August 2013, free June 2014); Plymouth Argyle (free May 2017)

### Football League & Scottish Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2005/06	Derby County		2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
2006/07	AFC Bournemouth	2	5		Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24
2006/07	Wycombe Wanderers	3	4		Football League 2 (4th tier) – 12th of 24
2007/08	Hereford United	13	2	4	Football League 2 (4th tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
<b>2007/08</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24</b>
<b>2008/09</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
2008/09	Hereford United	7		3	Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2008/09	Huddersfield Town	7	7		Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 9th of 24
2009/10	Huddersfield Town	2	9		Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2009/10	Brentford	1	8		Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 9th of 24
2010/11	Shrewsbury Town	21	12	9	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 4th of 24
2011/12	Shrewsbury Town	12	2	2	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2011/12	Burton Albion	4	3		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 17th of 24
2012/13	Rotherham United	8	8		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2012/13	Aldershot Town	3	4		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2013/14	Motherwell	22	7	11	Scottish Premier League – 2nd of 12
2014/15	Motherwell	21	15	8	Scottish Premier League – 11th of 12
2015/16	Motherwell	17	12	2	Scottish Premiership – 5th of 12
2016/17	Motherwell	10	20	4	Scottish Premiership – 9th of 12

Lionel Ainsworth's initial promise as a fast and tricky winger – he represented England at four age-levels as a youth, from Under-16 to Under-19, inclusive – was not carried forward into Derby County's Football League side, in which he made just two substitute appearances. Attempts to get regular first-team football at a succession of other clubs, including Watford, were mainly unsuccessful until he reached Shrewsbury Town.

## Nathan Benjamin AKÉ (2015-2016) Defender

**Born** The Hague, Netherlands, 18 February 1995

### Representative Honours

Netherlands Youth & Under-21

### Watford Career

FA Premier League: 20+4 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

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

Final game: 2-2 home draw v Sunderland, FA Premier League, 15 May 2016

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



### Career Path

ADO Den Haag (*Netherlands*) (2004); Feyenoord (*Netherlands*) (Academy 2007); Chelsea (Academy 2010, scholar 2011, professional July 2012); Reading (loan March 2015); **WATFORD** (loan August 2015); AFC Bournemouth (loan June 2016, £20 million June 2017)

### FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2012/13	Chelsea	1	2		FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
2013/14	Chelsea		1		FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
2014/15	Reading	5			Football League Championship ( <i>2nd tier</i> ) – 19th of 24
2014/15	Chelsea		1		FA Premier League – 1st of 20
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>FA Premier League – 13th of 20</b>
2016/17	AFC Bournemouth	8	2	3	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2016/17	Chelsea	1	1		FA Premier League – 1st of 20



## Victor David AKERS (1975) Full-back

**Born** Islington, London, 24 August 1946

### Watford Career

Football League: 22 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Barnsley, Football League Div 4, 16 Aug 1975

Final game: 2-4 away defeat v Swansea City, Football League Div 4, 26 Dec 1975

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 22; all competitions 26



### Career Path

Fulham youth team; Egham; Tonbridge; Bexley United (May 1969); Cambridge United (£5,000 July 1971); Tooting & Mitcham United (free January 1975); **WATFORD** (£1,000/£2,000 July 1975); Dartford (free July 1976); Hayes (1978/79 & 1978/80, latterly as caretaker-manager); Slough Town (by October 1980); Carshalton Athletic (by March 1984); Arsenal administrative staff close season 1984, long-serving manager of the club's womens' team, kit man by November 2000)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1971/72	Cambridge United	45		2	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1972/73	Cambridge United	32			Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1973/74	Cambridge United	41	2	3	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1974/75	Cambridge United	4	5		Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
<b>1975/76</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>22</b>			<b>Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24</b>

After forming a full-back pairing at Tonbridge with the future England centre-forward Malcolm Macdonald, Vic Akers played in Cambridge United's first Football League promotion team. It included three other players who subsequently had Vicarage Road connections – Terry Eades, Brian Greenhalgh and John Collins, who was the Watford coach when Akers made all his 26 first-team appearances at left-back in a single unbroken sequence from the start of the 1975/76 season. Dartford subsequently won the Southern League Cup with a side including former Watford colleagues Akers (the captain), Brian Greenhalgh and Laurie Craker. The full-back was later to serve in various roles as a long-serving employee at Highbury, including a prolifically successful run as manager of the Arsenal women's team which earned him an OBE.

## Edward ALLAN (1902-1903) Full-back

**Born** Montrose, Angus, 31 August 1875

### Watford Career

Southern League: 20 appearances

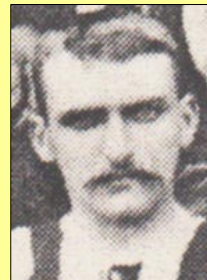
FA Cup: 1 appearance

South Eastern League: 3 appearances

Début: 3-1 home win v Wellingborough Town, Southern League Div 1, 6 Sep 1902

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v New Brompton, Southern League Div 1, 25 Apr 1903

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



### Career Path

Montrose; Dundee Wanderers (September 1896); Millwall (October 1899); Newcastle United (May 1900); Dundee (May 1901); **WATFORD** (July 1902 until close season 1903)

### Southern League and Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1899/00	Millwall	13			Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 15
1900/01	Newcastle United	4			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 18
<b>1902/03</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>20</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)</b>

In his one Watford season, which ended in relegation, Ned Allan captained the side from full-back. A few months later he was reported to have returned to his trade as a mechanic. He'd briefly been a First Division player at Newcastle after featuring in Millwall's FA Cup semi-final team of 1899/1900. Dundee retained his Scottish League registration until 1905/06, when he was transfer-listed with a fee of £25 on his head, although he'd actually left the club and crossed the border to join Watford three years earlier. Allan's father was a Crimea veteran who rose to the rank of company serjeant major and became a highly-esteemed character in his home town, Montrose.

## Walter Lennie ALLAN (1900-1901) Inside-forward

**Born** Paisley, Renfrewshire, 24 December 1868

**Died** Blackpool, Lancashire, 1 November 1943

### Watford Career

Southern League: 18 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-2 away defeat v West Ham United, Southern League Div 1, 13 Oct 1900

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Grays United, Southern League Test Match, 29 Apr 1901

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

### Career Path

Abercorn; Stockton (November 1888); Middlesbrough (1890/91); Stockton (1891/92); Heywood Central (1892/93); Rotherham Town (July 1893); Fairfield (September 1893); Chorley (May 1895); Stalybridge Rovers (October 1895); Northfleet United; Kettering (February 1897); Berrys (July 1897); Manchester City (June 1898); Loughborough (free March 1899); **WATFORD** (August 1900 for 1 season); Blackpool (November 1901)

### Southern League and Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1893/94	Rotherham Town	1			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 15
1896/97	Northfleet United	1			Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 11
1898/99	Loughborough	9		4	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 18
1899/00	Loughborough	9		2	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 18 (Relegated)
<b>1900/01</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15</b>
1901/02	Blackpool	6			Football League Division 2 – 13th of 18

Watty Allan was one of many professionals who spent just a single Southern League season at Watford. He filled the inside-left position for much of a campaign which ended with First Division survival being secured only by virtue of a goalless end-of-season test match. After playing in a drawn FA Cup tie at home against Queens Park Rangers he returned to Scotland for his father's funeral and missed the replay, which brought a 4-1 defeat. His only Watford goal produced a 1-0 Southern League victory over Reading.

## Douglas Stewart ALLDER (1977) Winger

**Born** Hammersmith, London, 30 December 1951

### Representative Honours

England Youth

### Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 3-2 away win v Rochdale, Football League Div 4, 1 Oct 1977



### Career Path

Millwall (apprentice April 1968, professional October 1969); Orient (player-exchange July 1975); Torquay United (free August 1977 on a month's trial); **WATFORD** (September 1977 on a month's trial); Brentford (October 1977); Tooting & Mitcham United (close season 1980); Staines Town (March 1981); Walton & Hersham; Millwall Centre of Excellence coach (circa 1992); Heathrow Terminal 1 (by November 1995)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1969/70	Millwall	21	2		Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1970/71	Millwall	38		3	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1971/72	Millwall	37	3	4	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1972/73	Millwall	39	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1973/74	Millwall	30		1	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1974/75	Millwall	26	5	1	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1975/76	Orient	19	4		Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1976/77	Orient	15	3		Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
<b>1977/78</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>
1977/78	Brentford	31		2	Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
1978/79	Brentford	18	12		Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1979/80	Brentford	19	8		Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24

Extensive League action as a left-winger with a stiff-backed running action included just one chance as a Watford trialist – and even then Doug Allder was substituted at half-time – at Rochdale early in Graham Taylor's first season at Vicarage Road. A few weeks later, however, he was snapped up by Brentford, where he became a fixture in the side which accompanied Watford up into the Third Division at the end of that season. Back at the start of his career he made his Football League début at the of 17, and at the time was the youngest in Millwall's history to have done so.

## **Derrick Sydney ALLEN** (1956) Winger

**Born** Luton, Bedfordshire, 18 April 1930

**Died** Luton, Bedfordshire, 30 November 1978

### **Watford Career**

Football League: 6 appearances (1 goal)

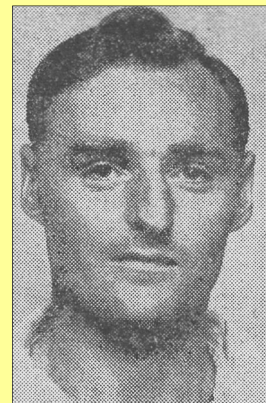
FA Cup: 2 appearances

Southern Floodlight Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 Oct 1956

Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Ipswich Town, FA Cup 2nd Round, 8 Dec 1956

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 6; all competitions 10



### **Career Path**

Limbury Boys' Club; Alton Town; Luton Town (January 1952); **WATFORD** (free May 1956); Folkestone Town (free February 1957); Sunday football in Luton (until time of death)

### **Football League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1954/55	Luton Town	1			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
<b>1956/57</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 24</b>

Derrick Allen had a brief first-team run at outside-left after being signed from Kenilworth Road, where he was nicknamed “Sos” and had played as a part-time pro while working as a lorry driver. Despite making only one Football League appearance, he was extremely popular at Luton. He left Watford for Folkestone Town with Bryan Atkinson in mid-season, and was still playing Sunday football in Luton when he died aged only 48.

## Malcolm ALLEN (1985-1988) Forward

**Born** Deiniolen, Caernarvonshire, 21 March 1967

### **Representative Honours**

Wales Youth, 'B' & Full

### **Watford Career**

**Football League:** 27+12 appearances (5 goals, including 1 penalty)

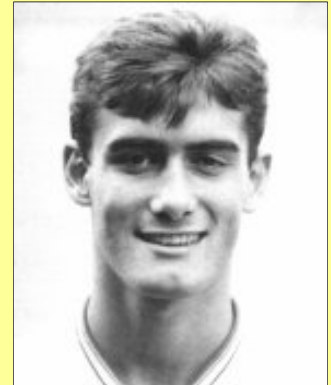
**FA Cup:** 6+8 appearances (6 goals)

**Football League Cup:** 4+1 appearances (2 goals)

**Début:** 1-2 away defeat v West Ham United, Football League Div 1, 16 Nov 1985

**Final game:** (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 1, 4 Apr 1988

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



### **Career Path**

**WATFORD** (apprentice July 1983, professional March 1985); Aston Villa (loan September 1987); Norwich City (£175,000 August 1988); Millwall (£400,000 March 1990); Newcastle United (£300,000 August 1993 until retirement in December 1995 owing to long-term injury problems); Gwynedd football development officer (July 1996 for a few months); Aberystwyth (by January 1997); Stevenage Borough (player/youth-team coach February 1997, acting-assistant-manager February 2000, left the club by close season 2000); also Colney Heath (mid-1997/98) & Molesey assistant manager (December 1999); Letchworth Town youth team coach (close season 2000); also Molesey (player November 2000); Edgware Town player-coach (March 2001); Aberystwyth coach; Stevenage Borough youth-team coach & Tottenham Hotspur Under-15s coach & Wales Under-16s coach (all by January 2005)

### **Football League & FA Premier League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1985/86	WATFORD	10	3	2	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1986/87	WATFORD	1	3		Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1987/88	WATFORD	16	6	3	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)
1987/88	Aston Villa	4			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 23 (Promoted)
1988/89	Norwich City	15	8	5	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 20
1989/90	Norwich City	9	3	3	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 20
1989/90	Millwall	6	2	2	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1990/91	Millwall	18	3	7	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 24
1991/92	Millwall	10	1	5	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1992/93	Millwall	30	11	10	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1993/94	Newcastle United	9		5	FA Premier League – 3rd of 22
1994/95	Newcastle United		1		FA Premier League – 6th of 22

A Welsh-speaking forward who broke into the Full international side at 18 after only a handful of Football League appearances. He scored Watford's only goal in the 1985 Youth Cup Final, and at first-team level achieved a healthy scoring rate in cup football, but rather less so in the League, although he recorded the remarkable feat of scoring his first two goals in the competition in home-and-away victories over Arsenal on consecutive days. Malcolm Allen's playing career ended when long-term injury problems forced him into early retirement. His spoken Welsh earned him work as a football summarizer on TV and radio in the principality.

## Wayne Anthony ALLISON (1989-1990) Forward

**Born** Huddersfield, Yorkshire, 16 October 1968

### Watford Career

Football League: 6+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 2, 14 Oct 1989

Final game: 1-1 home draw v Stoke City, Football League Div 2, 24 Apr 1990

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



### Career Path

Huddersfield Town (schoolboy September 1985, trainee August 1986, professional June 1987); **WATFORD** (£250,000 July 1989); Bristol City (valued at £150,000 in part-exchange for M.W.Gavin July 1990); Swindon Town (£475,000 July 1995); Huddersfield Town (£750,000 October 1997); Tranmere Rovers (£250,000 September 1999); Sheffield United (free July 2002); Chesterfield (free July 2004, reserve-team player-coach close season 2007, left the club February 2008); Chester City (player-assistant-manager on non-contract forms October 2008, caretaker-manager for one match November 2008, left the club a few days later); briefly Bury assistant-manager (2008/09); Tranmere Rovers coach (October 2009 until June 2010); Bradford City development coach (July 2011); Football Association research manager (coaching) (February 2012)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1986/87	Halifax Town	4	4	4	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1987/88	Halifax Town	29	6	4	Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24
1988/89	Halifax Town	41		14	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
<b>1989/90</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24</b>
1990/91	Bristol City	18	19	6	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 24
1991/92	Bristol City	37	6	10	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 24
1992/93	Bristol City	22	17	4	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1993/94	Bristol City	35	4	15	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
1994/95	Bristol City	37		13	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1995/96	Swindon Town	43	1	17	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1996/97	Swindon Town	39	2	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1997/98	Swindon Town	16		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
1997/98	Huddersfield Town	27		6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1998/99	Huddersfield Town	44		9	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
1999/00	Huddersfield Town		3		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
1999/00	Tranmere Rovers	40		16	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2000/01	Tranmere Rovers	32	4	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2001/02	Tranmere Rovers	13	14	4	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 12th of 24
2002/03	Sheffield United	15	21	6	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2003/04	Sheffield United	14	25	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2004/05	Chesterfield	27	11	6	Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
2005/06	Chesterfield	26	6	11	Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 16th of 24
2006/07	Chesterfield	13	23	4	Football League 1 (3rd tier) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
2007/08	Chesterfield		9		Football League 2 (4th tier) – 8th of 24

The last of three players signed by Steve Harrison from Halifax Town for what was very big money for the Yorkshire club, for which Wayne Allison first played League football as a trainee, scoring in each of his first three appearances (all of which were lost). Unable to establish himself in Watford's first team, this big striker left in part-exchange for Mark Gavin and became a useful scorer for his two West Country clubs. On the final day of the 1991/92 season he was one of three alliterative Bristol City players (Allison, Atteveld, Aizlewood) sent off at Vicarage Road. He went on to amass a career total of 754 Football League appearances, a tally exceeded by only nineteen players in the entire history of the game. After a sequence of coaching positions, as the holder of a PhD in Sports Science he was appointed Football Association research manager (coaching) in February 2012.

## Manuel ALMUNIA (2012-2014) Goalkeeper

(Full name: Manuel ALMUNIA RIVERO)

**Born** Pamplona, Spain, 19 May 1977

### Watford Career

Football League: 79 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-0 home win v Wycombe Wanderers, Football League Cup 1st Round, 11 Aug 2012

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Championship, 21 Apr 2014

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 34; all competitions 22



### Career Path

Osasuna (*Spain*) (1997); Cartagonova (*Spain*) (loan 1999); Sabadell (*Spain*) (2000); Celta Vigo (*Spain*) (2001); Eibar (*Spain*) (loan 2001); Recreativo Huelva (*Spain*) (loan 2002); Albacete (*Spain*) (loan November 2003); Arsenal (£500,000 July 2004); West Ham United (loan September 2011); **WATFORD** (free July 2012, released close season 2014, and then retired); Al Jazira (*United Arab Emirates*) goalkeeping coach (by August 2016)

### FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2004/05	Arsenal	10			FA Premier League – 2nd of 20
2006/07	Arsenal	1			FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2007/08	Arsenal	29			FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
2008/09	Arsenal	32			FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2009/10	Arsenal	29			FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
2010/11	Arsenal	8			FA Premier League – 4th of 20
2011/12	West Ham United	4			Football League Championship ( <i>2nd tier</i> ) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
<b>2012/13</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>			<b>Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24</b>
<b>2013/14</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>37</b>			<b>Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24</b>

A vastly experienced goalkeeper who had plenty of first-team action for Arsenal, including appearances in a Champions League Final (as a substitute after Jens Lehmann had been sent off) and Football League Cup Final, both of which were lost. In the League Championship play-offs of 2012/13 he was the central figure in a dramatic finish of epic proportions, with a double save of a penalty kick and follow-up deep into added time which, had it been successful, would have taken Leicester City into the Final. Twenty seconds later a spectacular breakaway goal took Watford to Wembley instead. Shortly after being released by the club Manu Almunia retired from the game on medical advice, having been diagnosed with a cardiac problem.



## Julian ALSFORD (1992-1993) Centre-half

**Born** Poole, Dorset, 24 December 1972

### Watford Career

Football League: 9+4 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Anglo-Italian Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Swindon Town, Football League Div 1, 3 Oct 1992

Final game: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Portsmouth, Football League Div 1, 7 Dec 1993

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 6



### Career Path

**WATFORD** (schoolboy December 1988, trainee July 1989, professional May 1991); Kingsbury Town (loan January 1992, very briefly while continuing to play for Watford Reserves); Staines Town (loan January 1992, very briefly while continuing to play for Watford Reserves); AFC Bournemouth trial (March 1994); Slough Town (loan March 1994); Chester City (free, except for a third of any “sell-on” fee, August 1994); Dundee (£20,000 – not £50,000 as reported – of which Watford received one-third, March 1998); Barnet (loan September 1998); Chester City (non-contract February 1999 until April 1999); Hong Kong football; Dorchester Town (June 1999)

### Football League and Scottish Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1992/93</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24</b>
<b>1993/94</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24</b>
1994/95	Chester City	32	3		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
1995/96	Chester City	22	2		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 8th of 24
1996/97	Chester City	45		2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 6th of 24
1997/98	Chester City	39		4	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 14th of 24
1997/98	Dundee United	3			Scottish Premier League – 7th of 10
1998/99	Barnet	9		1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 16th of 24
1998/99	Chester City	9	1	1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 14th of 24

After captaining the youth team, Julian Alford established himself in reserve-team football and was loaned out for experience at non-League level. With senior defenders ahead of him in the queue there were only limited opportunities of a first-team place at centre-half and he was tried as a striker in the Reserves before being released.

**Nouredine AMRABAT** (2016- ) Forward

**Born** Naarden, Netherlands, 31 March 1987

**Representative Honours**

Netherlands Under-21

Morocco Full

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

FA Premier League: 29+12 appearances

FA Cup: 2+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 2-1 home win v Newcastle United, FA Premier League, 23 Jan 2016

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 15; all competitions 15



**Career Path**

HSV De Zuidvogels (*Netherlands*); Ajax (*Netherlands*) (until 2000); Huizen (*Netherlands*) (2003); Omniworld (*Netherlands*) (2006); VVV-Venlo (*Netherlands*) (2007); PSV (*Netherlands*) (€2.1 million March 2008); Kayserispor (*Turkey*) (€1.1 million January 2011); Galatasaray (*Turkey*) (€8.6 million July 2012); Málaga (*Spain*) (loan January 2014, €3.5 million April 2015); **WATFORD** (€6.1 million January 2016); CD Leganés (*Spain*) (loan September 2017)

**FA Premier League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>FA Premier League – 13th of 20</b>
<b>2016/17</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>FA Premier League – 17th of 20</b>

## H.G.ANDERSON (1896) Winger

### West Herts Career

Southern League: 8 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

FA Amateur Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 5-0 home win v Wycombe Wanderers, Southern League Div 2, 19 Sep 1896

Final game: 1-6 away defeat v Dartford, Southern League Div 2, 19 Dec 1896

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 6; all competitions 11

### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1896/97</b>	<b>WEST HERTS</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13</b>

Frequently on view as a winger in the first team throughout 1896, he scored in the club's first Southern League game, which saw Wycombe Wanderers beaten 5-0 in front of an estimated 400 spectators at Cassio Road. 'Andy', as he was imaginatively known, had featured regularly in the first team in the latter half of the previous season, and played in the club's last four FA Amateur Cup ties.

## **James Oswald ANDERSON** (1894) Forward

**Born** Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1871/72

**Died** Reading, Berkshire, 21 July 1932

### **West Herts Career**

FA Cup: 1 appearance

FA Amateur Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 2-3 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 13 Oct 1894

Final game: 2-4 away defeat v Maidenhead, FA Amateur Cup 3rd Qualifying Round replay, 8 Dec 1894

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 2



Although born in South America he studied theology in England while living with an uncle in Shenley, and served as an assistant junior master at both Bedford Modern School and, from 1891, Pocklington School. As well as representing West Herts in three cup fixtures he scored nine goals in six friendly games for the club. He was to become a prominent figure in Hertfordshire cricket, first as a player for the county side until he returned to Argentina for six years from 1906, and subsequently as a member of the committee.

## Thomas Cowan ANDERSON (1957-1965) Forward

**Born** Haddington, East Lothian, 24 September 1934

### Representative Honours

Scotland Schools

### Watford Career

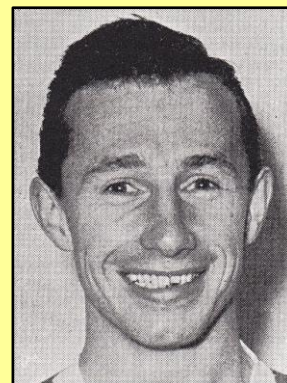
**Football League:** 73 appearances (14 goals)

**Southern Floodlight Cup:** 2 appearances (2 goals)

**Début:** 1-3 away defeat v Aldershot, Football League Div 3 (South), 12 Jan 1957

**Final game:** 1-1 home draw v Hull City, Football League Div 3, 4 Sep 1965

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



### Career Path

Haddington Athletic (1951); Heart of Midlothian (amateur); Queen of the South (professional September 1955 – registration cancelled November 1956); Falkirk (loan October 1955); Ayr United (loan June 1956); **WATFORD** (January 1957 after a month's trial); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (£1,000 June 1958); Queens Park Rangers (November 1958); Torquay United (July 1959); Stockport County (June 1960); Doncaster Rovers (November 1961); Wrexham (March 1962); Hellas (*Australia*) (February 1963); Barrow (December 1963); Hellas (*Australia*) (February 1964); **WATFORD** (January 1965 after a month's trial); St Mirren (free October 1965 – registration cancelled December 1965); George Cross (*Australia*) player-coach (December 1965); Orient (July 1967 – released December 1967); Limerick player-manager (January 1968 until March 1968); South Coast United (*Australia*) player-coach (briefly 1968); St George (*Australia*) player-coach (1969 until retirement 1971)

### Scottish League and Football League Career

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
1955/56	Falkirk	1			Scottish League Division 'A' ( <i>top tier</i> ) – 14th of 18
1955/56	Queen of the South	4		1	Scottish League Division 'A' ( <i>top tier</i> ) – 6th of 18
1956/57	Queen of the South	1			Scottish League Division 1 – 16th of 18
<b>1956/57</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 24</b>
<b>1957/58</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>Football League Div 3 (South) – 16th of 24 (Relegated)</b>
1958/59	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	5		1	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1958/59	Queens Park Rangers	10		3	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1959/60	Torquay United	9		4	Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1960/61	Stockport County	45		11	Football League Division 4 – 13th of 24
1961/62	Stockport County	15		6	Football League Division 4 – 16th of 23
1961/62	Doncaster Rovers	16		3	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 23
1961/62	Wrexham	10		2	Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 23 (Promoted)
1962/63	Wrexham	2		1	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1963/64	Barrow	11		3	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24
<b>1964/65</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24</b>
<b>1965/66</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24</b>
1965/66	St Mirren	7			Scottish League Division 1 – 16th of 18
1967/68	Orient	8	1		Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24

A nimble forward of blistering pace, an attribute which brought him second place in the 1957 Powderhall Sprint, Tommy Anderson wandered far and wide in his football career. He eventually settled in Sydney, where he was employed for 26 years by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation as a soccer reporter, and also hosted radio and television programmes.

## Keith Joseph ANDREWS (2014) Midfielder

**Born** Dublin, 13 September 1980

### Representative Honours

Republic of Ireland Youth & Full

### Watford Career

Football League: 4+5 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-0 away win v Stevenage, Football League Cup 1st Round, 12 Aug 2014

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Derby County, Football League Championship, 22 Nov 2014

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



### Career Path

Stella Maris; Wolverhampton Wanderers (trainee August 1996, professional September 1997); Oxford United (loan November 2000); Stoke City (loan August 2003); Walsall (loan March 2004); Hull City (free June 2005); Milton Keynes Dons (free August 2006); Blackburn Rovers (fee rising to a possible £1 million September 2008); Ipswich Town (loan August 2011); West Bromwich Albion (free January 2012); Bolton Wanderers (free June 2012, released close season 2015); Brighton & Hove Albion (loan August 2013); **WATFORD** (loan July 2014); Milton Keynes Dons (loan as player-coach February 2015, first-team coach August 2015 until close season 2016)

### Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1999/00	Wolverhampton Wanderers		2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
2000/01	Oxford United	4		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2000/01	Wolverhampton Wanderers	20	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2001/02	Wolverhampton Wanderers	4	7		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2002/03	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2	7		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2003/04	Stoke City	16			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2003/04	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1			FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2003/04	Walsall	10	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2004/05	Wolverhampton Wanderers	14	6		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2005/06	Hull City	24	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2006/07	Hull City		3		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 21st of 24S
2006/07	Milton Keynes Dons	36		7	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 4th of 24
2007/08	Milton Keynes Dons	40	1	12	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	Milton Keynes Dons	1			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24
2008/09	Blackburn Rovers	27	6	4	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2009/10	Blackburn Rovers	22	10	1	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2010/11	Blackburn Rovers	2	3		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2011/12	Ipswich Town	19	1	9	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
2011/12	West Bromwich Albion	8	6	2	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2012/13	Bolton Wanderers	22	3	4	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
2013/14	Bolton Wanderers	1			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2013/14	Brighton & Hove Albion	30	3	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
<b>2014/15</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
2014/15	Milton Keynes Dons	2	3		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)

A vastly experienced midfielder for whom Watford became the twelfth club for which he made Football League or FA Premier League appearances, Keith Andrews was soon sidelined as a result of falling out of favour with the management. As a consequence his loan spell at Vicarage Road was eventually cut short.

## Leonard Thomas Alford ANDREWS (1924-1925) Forward

**Born** Reading, Berkshire, 9 December 1888

**Died** Southampton, Hampshire, 21 January 1969

### Watford Career

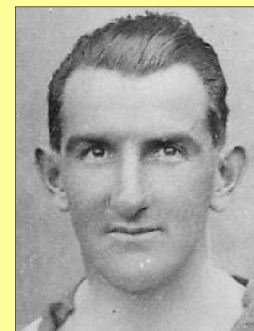
Football League: 38 appearances (6 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-0 home win v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Aug 1924

Final game: 0-0 home draw v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 2 May 1925

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 31; all competitions 33



### Career Path

Reading University College; Reading Amateurs; Reading (October 1909); Southampton (May 1912); Reading (June 1919); Southampton (August 1921); **WATFORD** (free August 1924 – released close season 1925)

### Southern League and Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1909/10	Reading	5		3	Southern League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1910/11	Reading	?		?	Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 12 (Promoted)
1911/12	Reading	34		2	Southern League Division 1 – 11th of 20
1912/13	Southampton	32		9	Southern League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1913/14	Southampton	37		11	Southern League Division 1 – 11th of 20
1914/15	Southampton	36		11	Southern League Division 1 – 6th of 20
1919/20	Reading	28		7	Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1920/21	Reading	33		5	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 22
1921/22	Southampton	34		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1922/23	Southampton	18			Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1923/24	Southampton	7			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
<b>1924/25</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22</b>

Len Andrews trained as a schoolmaster and as a young man worked at a Reading elementary school under his father's headmastership. As a footballer he reached Watford as a veteran of 35 and enjoyed a full campaign as a first-team regular at inside-forward or on the left wing, but was nevertheless released after that one season. During his second Reading spell he was picked for the last Southern League representative XI (v Corinthians) to be fielded before its First Division was absorbed by the Football League. During the Great War he'd been promoted through the ranks to Acting Company Serjeant Major in the 5th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment. He played bowls at county level.

## Wayne Michael Hill ANDREWS (1996-1997) Forward

**Born** Paddington, London, 25 November 1977

### Watford Career

Football League: 16+12 appearances (4 goals)

FA Cup: 0+2 appearances

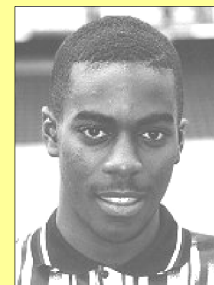
Football League Cup: 3+2 appearances (1 goal)

Associate Members Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)

Début: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Derby County, Football League Div 1, 5 Mar 1996

Final game: (as sub) 1-1 home draw v Sheffield United, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 1st Leg, 16 Sep 1997

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



### Career Path

North Paddington; **WATFORD** (schoolboy October 1992, trainee July 1994, professional July 1996); Cambridge United (loan October 1998); Peterborough United (loan February 1999); St Albans City (free August 1999); Nottingham Forest trial (January 2000); Aldershot Town (free February 2000); Chesham United (£3,000 July 2001); Oldham Athletic (free May 2002); Colchester United (free July 2003); Crystal Palace (player-exchange August 2004); Coventry City (free July 2006 – released close season 2008); Sheffield Wednesday (loan November 2006); Bristol City (loan January 2007); Leeds United (loan October 2007); Bristol Rovers (loan March 2008); Luton Town (October 2008 – released January 2009); Yeovil Town and Leyton Orient trials (January & February 2009)

### Football League and FA Premier League Career

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
<b>1995/96</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)</b>
<b>1996/97</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
<b>1997/98</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)</b>
1998/99	Cambridge United	1	1		Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	Peterborough United	8	2	5	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 9th of 24
2002/03	Oldham Athletic	30	9	11	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
2003/04	Colchester United	32	9	12	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
2004/05	Colchester United	4	1	2	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
2004/05	Crystal Palace		9		FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2005/06	Crystal Palace	5	19	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2006/07	Coventry City		3	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
2006/07	Sheffield Wednesday	7	2	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2006/07	Bristol City	3	4	2	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Coventry City		7		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
2007/08	Leeds United	1			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 5th of 24
2007/08	Bristol Rovers	1			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 16th of 24
2008/09	Luton Town	1	6		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

Taking a speedy and direct approach to the art of forward play, Wayne Andrews was still a trainee when given his Football League début. The previous season he'd had an eventful outing with the youth team when, having accomplished a South East Counties League hat-trick against Portsmouth, he was harshly sent off. Notable also was his Coventry City début, on which he scored within 25 seconds of taking the field, and even more so his first appearance for Peterborough United – four second-half goals, the first three of them inside ten minutes. His career petered out following a knee injury sustained when on loan to Bristol Rovers. At school he'd played rugby, at which sport he represented South of England Under-16s.



## Gabriele ANGELLA (2013-2015) Centre-half

**Born** Florence, Italy, 28 April 1989

### **Representative Honours**

Italy Under-21

### **Watford Career**

Football League: 71+4 appearances (9 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 2+1 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-0 away win v Birmingham City, Football League Championship, 3 Aug 2013

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 23; all competitions 26



### **Career Path**

Empoli (*Italy*) (youth team, professional July 2008); Udinese (*Italy*) (August 2010); AC Siena (*Italy*) (loan July 2011); Reggina (*Italy*) (loan January 2012); **WATFORD** (free July 2013); Queens Park Rangers (loan September 2015); Udinese (*Italy*) (July 2016)

### **Football League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2013/14</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
2015/16	Queens Park Rangers	16	1	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 12th of 24

Swift and mobile in his central-defensive work, Gabriele Angella also provided real glimpses of a striker's proficiency when within sight of the opponents' goal, with some very tasty finishing in his first season at Vicarage Road. Only two players exceeded his goal tally for that campaign, and only one other equalled it.

## Henry Augustus ANSTISS (1923-1924) Inside-forward

**Born** Hampstead, London, 22 August 1899

**Died** Isleworth, Middlesex, 9 March 1964

### Watford Career

Football League: 18 appearances (5 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

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

Final game: 0-4 away defeat v Portsmouth, Football League Div 3 (South), 15 Mar 1924

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 11; all competitions 15



### Career Path

Hammersmith Athletic; Brentford (amateur August 1920, professional November 1920); Millwall (£650 May 1922); **WATFORD** (£150 June 1923); Rochdale (free June 1924); Sheffield Wednesday (£1,000 July 1926); Port Vale (player-exchange February 1927); Swansea Town (May 1931); Crewe Alexandra (July 1933); Gillingham (July 1934 – released close season 1935); Tunbridge Wells Rangers (September 1935); Cray Wanderers (January 1937)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1920/21	Brentford	19		4	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 22
1921/22	Brentford	23		15	Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1922/23	Millwall	19		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
<b>1923/24</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22</b>
1924/25	Rochdale	42		23	Football League Division 3 (North) – 6th of 22
1925/26	Rochdale	30		16	Football League Division 3 (North) – 3rd of 22
1926/27	Sheffield Wednesday	12		5	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1926/27	Port Vale	15		11	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1927/28	Port Vale	29		3	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1928/29	Port Vale	17		3	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1929/30	Port Vale	33		13	Football League Division 3 (North) – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1930/31	Port Vale	15		6	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1931/32	Swansea Town	22		6	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1932/33	Swansea Town	6			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1933/34	Crewe Alexandra	30		7	Football League Division 3 (North) – 14th of 22
1934/35	Gillingham	33		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22

A First World War survivor of the naval Battle of Jutland at the age of 16, and much-travelled in his football career, Harry Anstiss was one of many one-season Vicarage Road signings. He scored at a very healthy rate for Rochdale, his 39 League goals in two seasons earning him a spell in the big time at Hillsborough, and his Port Vale service brought him a Third Division (North) championship medal. He played in schools-international trials before being found to be nine days too old to be capped.

**Ikechi ANYA** (2012-2016) Winger

**Born** Glasgow, 3 January 1988

### **Representative Honours**

Scotland Full

### **Watford Career**

Football League & FA Premier League: 94+33 appearances (8 goals)

Football League Cup: 3+1 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 3+4 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v Ipswich Town, Football League Championship, 21 Aug 2012

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Gillingham, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 23 Aug 2016

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



### **Career Path**

**WATFORD** (U-17s very briefly October 2003); Oxford United; Wycombe Wanderers (scholar June 2004, professional June 2005); Oxford City (free close season 2007); Halesowen Town (January 2008 until close season 2008); Northampton Town (non-contract February 2009); Sevilla Atlético (*Spain*) (July 2009); Celta (*Spain*) (July 2010); Granada (*Spain*) (July 2011); Cadiz (*Spain*) (loan July 2011); **WATFORD** (loan July 2012, free July 2013); Derby County (£3.5 million August 2016)

### **Football League & FA Premier League Career**

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
2004/05	Wycombe Wanderers		3		Football League Division 2 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 10th of 24
2005/06	Wycombe Wanderers		2		Football League Division 2 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 6th of 24
2006/07	Wycombe Wanderers	11	12		Football League Division 2 ( <i>4th tier</i> ) – 12th of 24
2008/09	Northampton Town	6	8	3	Football League Division 1 ( <i>3rd tier</i> ) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
<b>2012/13</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24</b>
<b>2013/14</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)</b>
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>FA Premier League – 13th of 20</b>
<b>2016/17</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>FA Premier League – 17th of 20</b>
2016/17	Derby County	14	12	1	Football League Championship – 9th of 24

Born in Scotland to Nigerian and Romanian professional parents, and brother of a medical doctor, Ikechi Anya had an unusual football journey to Vicarage Road, where he originally had a very brief run with the club's Under-17s. Discarded by Wycombe

Wanderers after 28 Football League appearances, he spent a year at non-League level, then a non-contract spell with Northampton Town, before making headway in Spanish football via the Glenn Hoddle Academy. At first by no means among the most conspicuous of the mass of Watford loan imports, he eventually nailed down a first-team place in the second half of the 2012/13 season and made good use of his prodigious pace on the right wing, which eventually brought him international caps. At the time of his Wycombe début at the age of 16 years and 279 days he was the youngest to have represented that club in the Football League.

## Arthur Oliver ARDLEY (1894-1898) Wing-half

**Born** Long Melford, Suffolk, 22 July 1870

**Died** Colchester, Essex, 4 October 1958

### West Herts / Watford Career

Southern League: 10 appearances

FA Cup: 3 appearances

FA Amateur Cup: 5 appearances

Herts Senior Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 5-1 home win v Wycombe Wanderers, FA Amateur Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, 10 Nov 1894

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Thames Ironworks, Southern League Div 2 (London Section), 17 Dec 1898

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 4; all competitions 8



### Career Path

Halstead School; Long Melford (1886 to 1889); Suffolk; several London clubs; **WEST HERTS** (*name changed to Watford in 1898*) (circa 1894/95); also Crouch End (by 1895/96, and regularly by October 1896); also Watford St Mary's (April 1897)

### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1896/97</b>	<b>WEST HERTS</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13</b>
<b>1897/98</b>	<b>WEST HERTS</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12</b>
<b>1898/99</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12</b>

Having learned the game while boarding at Halstead Grammar School in Essex, Ardley won a Suffolk County Cup winner's medal with Long Melford and also represented his native county before moving to the Watford area and joining West Herts. Although lacking finesse, he displayed boundless energy as a wing-half and had plenty of first-team action in his first two seasons at Cassio Road, prior to the club's entry to the Southern League. He captained the Reserves in 1899/1900.

## Neal Christopher ARDLEY (2002-2005) Full-back / Midfielder

**Born** Epsom, Surrey, 1 September 1972

### Representative Honours

England Under-21

### Watford Career

**Football League:** 105+6 appearances (7 goals)

**FA Cup:** 8+1 appearances

**Football League Cup:** 7+1 appearances

**Début:** (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Leicester City, Football League Div 1, 10 Aug 2002

**Final game:** 0-2 home defeat v Preston North End, Football League Championship, 19 Mar 2005

**Longest run of consecutive appearances:** Football League 40; all competitions 45



### Career Path

Surrey Schools Under-11s & Under-14s; Wimbledon (schoolboy January 1988, trainee July 1989, professional July 1991);

**WATFORD** (non-contract August 2002, contract January 2003); Cardiff City (free March 2005); Millwall (free July 2006); Cardiff City academy manager (August 2007); AFC Wimbledon manager (October 2012)

### Football League and FA Premier League Career

		<b>Apps</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>League Status and Final Position</b>
1990/91	Wimbledon	1			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 20
1991/92	Wimbledon	7	1		Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1992/93	Wimbledon	24	2	4	FA Premier League – 12th of 22
1993/94	Wimbledon	14	2	1	FA Premier League – 6th of 22
1994/95	Wimbledon	9	5	1	FA Premier League – 9th of 22
1995/96	Wimbledon	4	2		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
1996/97	Wimbledon	33	1	2	FA Premier League – 8th of 20
1997/98	Wimbledon	31	3	2	FA Premier League – 15th of 20
1998/99	Wimbledon	16	7		FA Premier League – 16th of 20
1999/00	Wimbledon	10	7	2	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	Wimbledon	36	1	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2001/02	Wimbledon	27	2	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
<b>2002/03</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
<b>2003/04</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24</b>
<b>2004/05</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24</b>
2004/05	Cardiff City	8		1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2005/06	Cardiff City	22	8		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2006/07	Millwall	15	5		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2007/08	Millwall		1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24

A former captain of Surrey Schools at Under-11 and Under-14 levels, Neal Ardley had a long Premier League career before moving to Vicarage Road soon after Terry Burton, the last of his Wimbledon managers, joined the club as Ray Lewington's assistant. Whether used at right-back or in midfield, he was a reliable performer for three seasons, with a liking for forward runs and a talent for effective use of the ball.

## **Giedrius ARLAUSKIS** (2015) Goalkeeper

**Born** Telšiai, Lithuania, 1 December 1987

### **Representative Honours**

Lithuania Full

### **Watford Career**

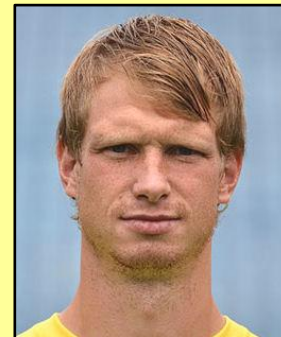
FA Premier League: 0+1 appearance

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

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

Final game: (as sub) 3-2 away win v Aston Villa, FA Premier League, 28 Nov 2015

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 1; all competitions 1



### **Career Path**

Mastis Telšiai (*Lithuania*); Šiauliai (*Lithuania*) (free 2006); Unirea Urziceni (*Lithuania*) (£132,000 2008); Rubin Kazan (*Russia*) (£880,000 August 2010); Steaua București (*Lithuania*) (free 2014); **WATFORD** (free June 2015); RCD Espanyol (*Spain*) (loan January 2016); CFR Cluj (*Romania*) (free August 2017)

### **FA Premier League Career**

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>FA Premier League – 13th of 20</b>

## Gerard Joseph ARMSTRONG (1980-1983) Forward

**Born** Belfast, 23 May 1954

### Representative Honours

Northern Ireland Full

### Watford Career

Football League: 50+26 appearances (12 goals)

FA Cup: 5+2 appearances (2 goals)

Football League Cup: 5+2 appearances (3 goals)

Football League Trophy: 6+1 appearances (2 goals)

Début: 1-1 home draw v Blackburn Rovers, Football League Div 2, 22 Nov 1980

Final game: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 1, 7 May 1983

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 36



### Career Path

St Paul's Swifts; Cromac Albion (1971); Bangor (*Northern Ireland*) (August 1972); Tottenham Hotspur (£25,000 November 1975); **WATFORD** (£250,000 November 1980); Real Mallorca (*Spain*) (£200,000 August 1983); West Bromwich Albion (free August 1985); Chesterfield (loan January 1986, free March 1986); Brighton & Hove Albion (free August 1986, player/youth-team coach close season 1988); Millwall (loan January 1987); Crawley Town player-coach (February 1989 until February 1990); Glenavon (March 1990); Waterford; also Bromley for midweek matches (April 1990); Southwick; Worthing United; **WATFORD** scout; Worthing player-manager (November 1991); Northern Ireland assistant-manager (1993 to October 1997); also Southwick (late-1994/95); Sussex FA youth coach; Whitehawk; Lewes; Sussex FA coach & development officer (April 1996); also playing in Sussex Sunday League (1997); also Northern Ireland assistant-manager (January 2004 until July 2006); Northern Ireland FA elite player mentor

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1976/77	Tottenham Hotspur	20	1	3	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1977/78	Tottenham Hotspur	10	9	2	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22 (Promoted)
1978/79	Tottenham Hotspur	7	3	1	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1979/80	Tottenham Hotspur	28	2	4	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1980/81	Tottenham Hotspur		4		Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
<b>1980/81</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22</b>
<b>1981/82</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)</b>
<b>1982/83</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22</b>
1985/86	West Bromwich Albion	7	1		Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1985/86	Chesterfield	12		1	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1986/87	Brighton & Hove Albion	27	4	4	Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1986/87	Millwall	7			Football League Division 2 – 16th of 22
1987/88	Brighton & Hove Albion		11	1	Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1988/89	Brighton & Hove Albion	3	2	1	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 24

A powerful and direct forward whose performances in the 1982 World Cup finals were internationally acclaimed and brought him an award as Best British Player of the tournament. He scored Watford's first First Division goal and was frequently used as an invigorating substitute when things needs a boost. In the first of his two seasons in Spain he was Real Mallorca's joint top-scorer. Gerry Armstrong left both Brighton & Hove Albion and Crawley Town after what were, for an essentially genial character, surprising altercations with spectators, one of which led to a criminal conviction for assault.

## James Harris ARMSTRONG (1933-1939) Centre-half

**Born** Lemington, Northumberland, 8 March 1904

**Died** Watford, Hertfordshire, 13 April 1971

### Watford Career

Football League: 187 appearances (2 goals)

FA Cup: 14 appearances

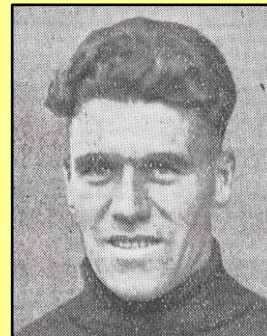
Division 3 (South) Cup: 15 appearances

Second World War competitions: 42 appearances

Début: 1-6 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3, 14 Oct 1933

Final game in peacetime competitions: 2-0 home win v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South) 29 Apr 1939

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 93; all competitions 55



### Career Path

Easington Colliery; Clapton Orient (amateur November 1926, professional November 1926); Queens Park Rangers (May 1928); **WATFORD** (free May 1933 until retirement 1941)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1926/27	Clapton Orient	2			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22
1928/29	Queens Park Rangers	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1929/30	Queens Park Rangers	20		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 3rd of 22
1930/31	Queens Park Rangers	30		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1931/32	Queens Park Rangers	40		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 22
1932/33	Queens Park Rangers	31			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
<b>1933/34</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>33</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>
<b>1934/35</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>19</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22</b>
<b>1935/36</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>16</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22</b>
<b>1936/37</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22</b>
<b>1937/38</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>42</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22</b>
<b>1938/39</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22</b>
<b>1939/40</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 [South] – season abandoned</b>

This tall, commanding centre-half was prominent in Watford's sequence of good seasons in the late-1930s. Jimmy Armstrong continued to turn out for the club regularly on the outbreak of war, but in 1941 took a job with Universal Asbestos, who employed him for the remaining 28 years of his working life. His younger brother Dick, of Bristol City and Nottingham Forest, made a wartime guest appearance for the club.



## Steven Craig ARMSTRONG (1997) Midfielder/Full-back

**Born** South Shields, County Durham, 23 May 1975

### Representative Honours

Football League Under-21

### Watford Career

Football League: 15 appearances

Début: 0-0 away draw v Luton Town, Football League Div 2, 27 Jan 1997

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

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



### Career Path

Hilda Park; Nottingham Forest (schoolboy July 1989, trainee August 1991, professional June 1992); Burnley (loan December 1994); Bristol Rovers (loan January 1996 and again March 1996); Gillingham (loan October 1996); **WATFORD** (loan January 1997 and March 1997); Huddersfield Town (£750,000 February 1999); Sheffield Wednesday (£100,000 February 2002); Grimsby Town (loan February 2004); Bradford City (free January 2005); Cheltenham Town (free August 2005); Gillingham (July 2007); Cheltenham Town (free February 2008); Burton Albion (loan November 2008); Kidderminster Harriers (free January 2009); Mansfield Town (free July 2009); Forest Green Rovers (February 2010); Eastwood Town joint manager (May 2011); Boston United (September 2011); Hucknall Town player-coach (October 2011); Quorn manager (March 2012); Nottingham Forest coaching staff (April 2012)

### Football League and FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1994/95	Burnley	4			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1995/96	Bristol Rovers	13	1		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
1996/97	Gillingham	10			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
<b>1996/97</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24</b>
1997/98	Nottingham Forest	4	14		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	Nottingham Forest	20	2		FA Premier League - 20th of 20 (Relegated)
1998/99	Huddersfield Town	13		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
1999/00	Huddersfield Town	37	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2000/01	Huddersfield Town	44		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2001/02	Huddersfield Town	7	4	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2001/02	Sheffield Wednesday	7	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
2002/03	Sheffield Wednesday	17		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2003/04	Sheffield Wednesday	5	5		Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) - 16th of 24
2003/04	Grimsby Town	9		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
2004/05	Bradford City	4	3		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
2005/06	Cheltenham Town	31	6	2	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	Cheltenham Town	42			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
2007/08	Gillingham	12	1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2007/08	Cheltenham Town	13	1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 19th of 24
2008/09	Cheltenham Town	3	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)

Although as a young boy he played for Hilda Park, a club associated with Middlesbrough's School of Excellence, Craig Armstrong left the north-east to sign schoolboy forms for Nottingham Forest, having been recommended to Archie Gemmill at the City Ground by his former Derby County colleague Colin Todd, the Hilda Park manager. Armstrong eventually reached Forest's first team after Football League experience with four other clubs on loan, including Watford. His first Vicarage Road spell, on the left side of midfield, ended early when injury to Alec Chamberlain forced the immediate loan-signing of a back-up goalkeeper. The club already had two players on loan (the maximum then allowed), one of whom therefore had to be sacrificed, and Armstrong was sent back to Nottingham. He soon returned, however, this time to occupy the left-back berth.

## Stephen Mark ARMSTRONG (2000-2001) Winger

**Born** Birkenhead, Merseyside, 23 July 1976

### Representative Honours

South Africa Under-23

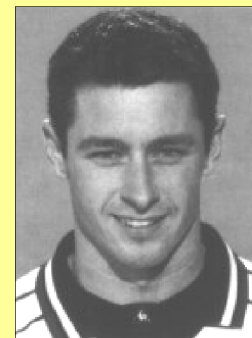
### Watford Career

Football League: 0+3 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 1, 9 Dec 2000

Final game: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Crewe Alexandra, Football League Div 1, 17 Feb 2001

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1



### Career Path

Tranmere Rovers youth team; Hellenic (*South Africa*); Butler University Bulldogs (*USA*) (1996 until 1999); also Mid-Michigan Bucks (*USA*) (1998 until 2000); Västra Frölunda IF (*Sweden*) (2000); **WATFORD** (free October 2000 after trial period – contract cancelled May 2001); DC United (*USA*) (June 2001); Kansas City Wizards (*USA*) (player-exchange January 2002); Columbus Crew (*USA*) (2005); Charleston Battery (*USA*) (2006 until at least 2010); also Chicago Storm (*USA*) (2006 until 2008)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2000/01</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24</b>

Stephen Armstrong's family emigrated to South Africa when he was four. He returned to England at the age of 16 and was offered a traineeship by Tranmere Rovers, but declined this and went back to South Africa, where he won a sports scholarship to Butler University in the United States. In February 2000 he was offered a four-year contract by DC United but preferred to seek a career in Europe. He did, however, later join that club when his disappointing Watford spell ended.

## Walter Bedford ARMSTRONG (1927) Centre-forward

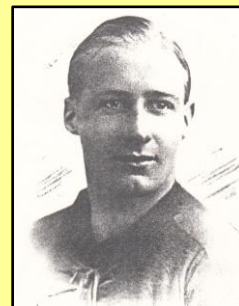
**Born** Bolton, Lancashire, 8 March 1906

**Died** Westbury, Wiltshire, 24 September 1950

### Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-3 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 8 Oct 1927



### Career Path

Bolton Wanderers (amateur March 1927); Atherton (loan); **WATFORD** (amateur October 1927, professional November 1927, briefly on trial at start of 1928/29 but not re-engaged); Darwen; Atherton (January 1929); Notts County trial (July 1929); BTH (London) (permit to play as an amateur granted October 1934)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1927/28</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22</b>

After coming south to join the club as an amateur, Wally Armstrong was given a League opportunity at centre-forward in what turned out to be a 3-1 away defeat at Bristol Rovers. He was soon taken on the professional staff, but had no further first-team action and was released at the end of the season. Although taken on trial again briefly at the start of the 1928/29 campaign, nothing came of it.

## Thomas Edwin ASHBRIDGE (1913-1914) Inside-forward

**Born** Maryport, Cumberland, 17 May 1890

**Died** Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 8 February 1964

### Watford Career

Southern League: 21 appearances (9 goals)

FA Cup: 2 appearances (5 goals)

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Southend United, Southern League Div 1, 6 Sep 1913

Final game: 2-0 home win v Queens Park Rangers, Southern League Div 1, 25 Apr 1914

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 9; all competitions 9



### Career Path

Wallsend; **WATFORD** (May 1913); Sheffield United (£350 May 1914 until close season 1915)

### Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>1913/14</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Southern League Division 1 – 18th of 20</b>

This inside-forward hit five in an FA Cup tie (still a unique feat so far as Watford is concerned), four for the Reserves two days later, and subsequently another four against West Ham United in a Southern League game. His transfer to Sheffield United, together with Harry Pantling, was forced on the club by a need to raise money for summer wages. The transfers were arranged in mid-April 1914, it being a condition that they would not leave Cassio Road while the threat of relegation remained. (It was averted in the last game of the season.) While Pantling went on to play for England, Ashbridge was only a reserve at Sheffield United, who nevertheless still retained his Football League registration after the First World War, with a transfer valuation of £200.

## Barry John ASHBY (1989-1994) Centre-half

**Born** Park Royal, London, 21 November 1970

### Watford Career

Football League: 101+13 appearances (3 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 6 appearances

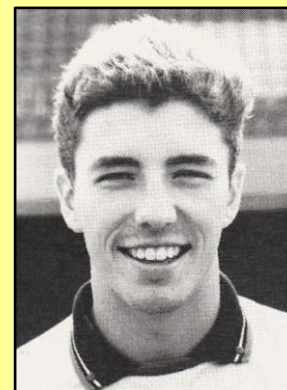
Full Members Cup: 0+1 appearance

Anglo-Italian Cup: 2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-4 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Full Members Cup 2nd Round, 21 Nov 1989

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Notts County, Football League Div 1, 12 Mar 1994

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 20; all competitions 19



### Career Path

Brent Schools; Middlesex Schools; London Schools; Parkfield; **WATFORD** (schoolboy October 1985, trainee July 1987, professional December 1988); Brentford (Ashby & £65,000 exchanged for K.D.Millen March 1994, Ashby being valued at £65,000 plus 25% of any "sell-on" profit); Gillingham (£70,000 August 1997, plus £70,000 for an undisclosed number of appearances – released close season 2005); Welling United (non-contract September 2005 until May 2006); Margate manager (May 2008 until October 2008); Welling United assistant-manager (November 2009); Ebbsfleet United assistant-manager (December 2014 until April 2015); Welling United assistant-manager (January 2016 until April 2016)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1989/90	WATFORD	14	4	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	20	3		Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD	18	3		Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24
1992/93	WATFORD	33	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
1993/94	WATFORD	16	1	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
1993/94	Brentford	8		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 16th of 24
1994/95	Brentford	42		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) - 2nd of 24
1995/96	Brentford	31	2	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 15th of 24
1996/97	Brentford	40	1	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
1997/98	Gillingham	43			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
1998/99	Gillingham	40		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
1999/00	Gillingham	44		4	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2000/01	Gillingham	38	2	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2001/02	Gillingham	28		1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2002/03	Gillingham	38			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2003/04	Gillingham	22	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 21st of 24
2004/05	Gillingham	22			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

Barry Ashby formed an impressive centre-half pairing with Jason Soloman when Watford won the FA Youth Cup in 1988/89, having been associated with the club since he signed schoolboy forms at the age of 14. An England Schools trialist, he had played with Roderick Thomas for Brent Schools and a Sunday team, Parkfield. Some of his Football League experience was at full-back. The first of his Football League goals was one of seven against Bradford City in December 1989.

## Moses ASHIKODI (2007) Forward

**Born** Lagos, Nigeria, 27 June 1987

### Representative Honours

England Youth

Antigua & Barbuda Full

### Watford Career

FA Premier League: 0+2 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance (1 goal)

Début: 4-1 home win v Stockport County, FA Cup 3rd Round, 6 Jan 2007

Final game: (as sub) 1-0 away win v West Ham United, FA Premier League, 10 Feb 2007

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 1; all competitions 1



### Career Path

Millwall (academy, scholar July 2003, cancelled April 2004); West Ham United (professional August 2004); Rushden & Diamonds trial (July 2005); Gillingham (loan August 2005); Rangers (free January 2006); **WATFORD** (“nominal fee” January 2007 after trial period); Bradford City (loan March 2007); Swindon Town (loan January 2008); Hereford United loan (August 2008); Luton Town trial (February 2009); Shrewsbury Town (free February 2009, released May 2019); Kettering Town (September 2009); Ebbsfleet United (free January 2010); Kettering Town (June 2010); York City (loan November 2011); Ebbsfleet United (free July 2012, released close season 2013); Luton Town trial; Enfield Town (November 2013); Margate (November 2013); Farnborough (2013); Cray Wanderers (February 2014); AFC Hornchurch (August 2014); Eastbourne Borough (November 2014); Maldon & Tiptree; Cray Wanderers (January 2015); Walton Casuals (August 2015); Walton & Hersham (October 2015); Carshalton Athletic (December 2015); Croydon (February 2016); East Grinstead Town (March 2016); Croydon (March 2016); Whyteleafe (August 2016); Guildford City (October 2016); Chatham Town (November 2016); Walton Casuals (March 2017); Three Bridges (August 2017); Rochester United (1917)

### Football League, Scottish Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2002/03	Millwall		5		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2005/06	Gillingham		4		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 14th of 24
2005/06	Rangers		1		Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 12
<b>2006/07</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)</b>
2006/07	Bradford City	8		2	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2007/08	Swindon Town	4	6		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
2008/09	Hereford Town	4	2		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2008/09	Shrewsbury Town	4	6	1	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 7th of 24

That’s a remarkable collection of Football League clubs for such little first-team experience, and even more remarkable was the lists of clubs when he dropped into non-League circles. Millwall’s youngest-ever Football League débutant at the age of 15, youth-international caps at four age-levels – but not much after that. A broken leg while on loan to Bradford City was a major blow to this energetic six-footer, but things might have developed quite differently for Moses Ashikodi had he not been sacked by Millwall following a training-ground knife incident while he was still a scholar, when potential was clearly apparent. His one Watford first-team start was marked with an FA Cup goal.

## William George ASHMOLE (1920) Forward

**Born** Winhill, Staffordshire, 27 September 1891

**Died** Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 28 January 1958

### Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

First World War competitions: 5 appearances (3 goals)

Sole peacetime appearance: 0-3 away defeat v Exeter City, Southern League Div 1, 7 Feb 1920

### Career Path

Burton; Stockport County (May 1913 until close season 1915); **WATFORD** (September 1919, after guest appearances during the First World War); also First World War guest appearances for West Ham United; Mardy (1920)

### Football League and Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1913/14	Stockport County	21		8	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 20
1914/15	Stockport County	16		1	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 20
<b>1919/20</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 2nd of 22</b>

In half-a-dozen appearances as a guest player during the First World War, Ashmole made enough of an impression to be taken on the Cassio Road staff when normal footballing activities were resumed, his wartime games having been followed by selection for a Colonel Blizzard's XI against Watford in May 1919. His one peacetime outing for the first team was at outside-right in a 3-0 defeat at Exeter.

## Britoli Curtis ASSOMBALONGA (2012) Forward

**Born** Kinshasa, Zaire, 6 December 1992

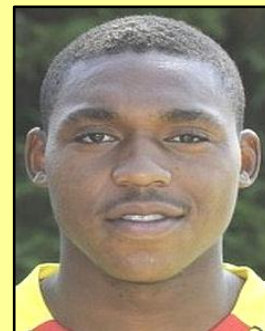
### Watford Career

Football League: 2+2 appearances

Début: 0-0 home draw v Coventry City, Football League Championship, 17 Mar 2012

Final game: (as sub) 2-2 away draw v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Championship, 17 Apr 2012

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



### Career Path

**WATFORD** (Academy, professional July 2010); Wealdstone (loan November 2011); Braintree Town (loan February 2012); Southend United (loan August 2012); Peterborough United (£1.55 million July 2013, plus 50% of 'sell-on' profit); Nottingham Forest (£5.5 million August 2014, plus up to £3 million based on appearances); Middlesbrough (£14 million July 2017)

### Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
<b>2011/12</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24</b>
2012/13	Southend United	40	3	15	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 11th of 24
2013/14	Peterborough United	43	2	24	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2014/15	Nottingham Forest	27	2	15	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2015/16	Nottingham Forest		4	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2016/17	Nottingham Forest	20	12	14	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 21st of 24

After 20 months as a Vicarage Road professional, Britt Assombalunga, son of a Zaire international, was brought back early from a loan spell at Braintree Town, where he had scored freely, following similar success at Wealdstone, to be offered a first chance in a Football League team in need of some goalscoring potential following the departure of Marvin Sordell. His brief spell in the first team was goalless, and he spent the next winter on loan at Southend United, scoring prolifically for much of the season. He started the following campaign as Peterborough United's record signing, which he justified with goals galore.



## Charles Lane ASTON (1905-1908) Full-back

**Born** Bilston, Staffordshire, 1 November 1875

**Died** Leytonstone, Essex, 9 January 1931

### Watford Career

Southern League: 104 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 6 appearances

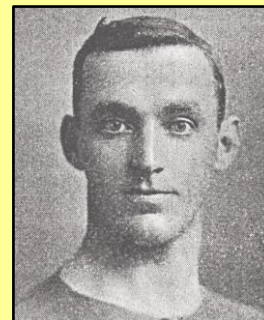
South Eastern League: 6 appearances

United League: 23 appearances

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, Southern League Div 1, 9 Sep 1905

Final game: 4-1 home win v Crystal Palace, Southern League Div 1, 25 Apr 1908

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 63; all competitions 73



### Career Path

Bilston United; Walsall (December 1895); Aston Villa (April 1898); Queens Park Rangers (June 1901); Burton United (August 1902); Gresley Rovers (close season 1903); Burton United (June 1904); **WATFORD** (May 1905); Leyton (June 1908 until retirement May 1910)

### Football League and Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	Walsall	25		1	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 16
1897/98	Walsall	27			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 16
1897/98	Aston Villa	1			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 16
1898/99	Aston Villa	13			Football League Division 1 – 1st of 18
1899/00	Aston Villa	3			Football League Division 1 – 1st of 18
1900/01	Aston Villa	6			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 18
1901/02	Queens Park Rangers	25		1	Southern League Division 1 – 12th of 16
1902/03	Burton United	30		2	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 18
1904/05	Burton United	30			Football League Division 2 – 17th of 18
<b>1905/06</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>31</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 18</b>
<b>1906/07</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20</b>
<b>1907/08</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>38</b>			<b>Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20</b>

His 13 games during Villa's League championship win of 1898/99 were mainly owing to the illustrious Howard Spencer's absence through injury, but at Cassio Road Charlie Aston dominated the right-back position and hardly missed a game in his three seasons with the club. During the 1906/07 season it was recorded in the club minutes that he had been spoken to regarding his bad language, and his wife reprimanded for her behaviour when spoken to about bringing a dog into the ground. The said animal had also the previous season amused itself by running up and down the touchline during a match, sometimes within the playing area.