

Daniel CULLIP (2005) Centre-half

Born Ascot, Berkshire, 17 September 1976

Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Leeds United, Football League Championship, 9 Apr 2005

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v West Ham United, Football League Championship, 8 May 2005

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



Career Path

Oxford United (schoolboy December 1992, trainee July 1993, professional July 1995); Kettering Town (loan November 1995); Fulham (free July 1996); Brentford (£75,000 February 1998); Brighton & Hove Albion (£50,000 September 1999); Sheffield United (£250,000, December 2004); **WATFORD** (loan March 2005); Nottingham Forest (August 2005); Queens Park Rangers (free January 2007, cancelled November 2007); Gillingham (non-contract February 2008, contract March 2008); Lewes (free July 2008 until retirement March 2010 owing to hamstring injury); also Brighton & Hove Albion (part-time work for the club's community scheme May 2008, community liaison officer July 2009, coaching staff); also Worthing College 2nd team coach

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1996/97	Fulham	23	6	1	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1997/98	Fulham	18	3	1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
1997/98	Brentford	13			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1998/99	Brentford	2			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	Brighton & Hove Albion	32	1	2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 11th of 24
2000/01	Brighton & Hove Albion	38		2	Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Brighton & Hove Albion	44			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2002/03	Brighton & Hove Albion	44		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2003/04	Brighton & Hove Albion	43		1	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Brighton & Hove Albion	18			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
2004/05	Sheffield United	11			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
2004/05	WATFORD	4			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2005/06	Nottingham Forest	10	1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 7th of 24
2006/07	Nottingham Forest	19	1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
2006/07	Queens Park Rangers	13			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2007/08	Queens Park Rangers	5	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2007/08	Gillingham	11			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

He was injured not long after joining Sheffield United, and once fit again he was sent on loan to Watford, whose manager, Ray Lewington, rated him highly, having worked with him as Brentford's coach seven years earlier. Danny Cullip's best years were as a popular and inspirational centre-half and captain of Brighton & Hove Albion, during which in four consecutive seasons the club won three promotions and suffered one relegation. His four Watford appearances, at the end of the 2004/05 season, rather oddly consisted of two 0-1 home defeats and two 2-1 away wins.

Henry CULVERHOUSE (1891) Forward

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 1871

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 5 March 1937

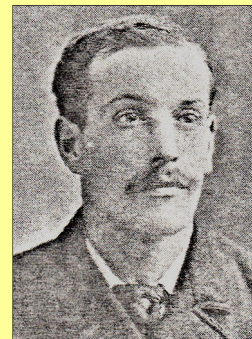
Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 2 appearances (2 goals)

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

Final game: 1-2 away defeat v London Caledonians, FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, 24 Oct 1891

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 2



Career Path

Watford St Mary's (1889 until disbandment 1893); also **WATFORD ROVERS** (1891); also Hertfordshire; Melrose (1893);
Watford St Mary's (on re-formation 1894 until 1896)

He was captain of St Mary's before that club's disbandment, and again when it was re-formed in 1894/95, in which season it was runner-up in the Herts County Cup. For Rovers, in addition to the two FA Cup appearances he played in 12 friendlies, nearly all of them in 1891/92, and scored once. His career was ended by illness in 1896. By trade he was a bricklayer, as was his father. From 1899 until he resigned owing to ill-health in March 1903, Harry Culverhouse served on the Watford committee, and in the summer of 1902 he assisted the club in the most practical of ways: by erecting a hot-water copper behind the dressing-rooms. Until then players had always had only cold-water baths.

Reginald Horace CUMNER (1948-1950) Winger

Born Cwmaman, Glamorgan, 31 March 1918

Died Poole, Dorset, 18 January 1999

Representative Honours

Wales Schools & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 62 appearances (7 goals)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Swansea Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 21 Aug 1948

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 Sep 1950

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 26; all competitions 19



Career Path

Swansea Town Juniors; Arsenal (May 1936); also Margate (Arsenal's nursery club, July 1937); Hull City (loan January 1938); Aberaman, Birmingham, Cardiff City, Clapton Orient, Fulham, Liverpool, Morton, Plymouth Argyle, Portsmouth, Port Vale & Swansea Town guest player during Second World War; Notts County (player part-exchange July 1946); **WATFORD** (£2,200 July 1948); Scunthorpe & Lindsey United ("less than £1,000" September 1950); Bradford City (August 1953); Poole Town (close season 1954); Bridport

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1937/38	Hull City	12		4	Football League Division 3 (North) – 3rd of 22
1938/39	Arsenal	12		2	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1946/47	Notts County	35		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 12th of 22
1947/48	Notts County	31		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	35		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	23		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1950/51	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24
1950/51	Scunthorpe & Lindsey United	35		10	Football League Division 3 (North) – 12th of 24
1951/52	Scunthorpe & Lindsey United	44		11	Football League Division 3 (North) – 14th of 24
1952/53	Scunthorpe & Lindsey United	23			Football League Division 3 (North) – 15th of 24

A left-winger who, on his Arsenal début as understudy to the great Cliff Bastin, scored the only goal in an away win over Wolverhampton Wanderers. Horace Cumner's career was in doubt following a wartime accident on naval service with the Royal Marines in which he suffered severe burns to his hands and face when a hydrogen container exploded, but shortly afterwards (again, at Molineux) he scored both goals for Wales in a 2-1 win against a very strong England side. His Vicarage Road spell ended when he was transferred to Football League newcomers Scunthorpe & Lindsey United, for whom he ran up decent goal tallies for a couple of seasons.

John CURRAN (1957-1958) Goalkeeper

Born Glasgow, 22 June 1924

Died Milltimber, Grampian, 24 March 1985

Watford Career

Football League: 30 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Southern Floodlight Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic,

Football League Div 3 (South), 24 Aug 1957

Final game: 3-2 away win v Northampton Town,

Football League Div 3 (South), 8 Feb 1958

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 30; all competitions 33



Career Path

Strathclyde Juniors (1945); Queens Park (September 1945); Aberdeen (professional May 1948); East Fife (February 1951); Shrewsbury Town (free August 1956); **WATFORD** (undisclosed fee June 1957, released close season 1958); Keith

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1947/48	Queens Park	8			Scottish League Division 1 – 16th of 16 (Relegated)
1948/49	Aberdeen	14			Scottish League Division 1 – 13th of 16
1949/50	Aberdeen	10			Scottish League Division 1 – 8th of 16
1950/51	Aberdeen	3			Scottish League Division 1 – 5th of 16
1950/51	East Fife	12			Scottish League Division 1 – 10th of 16
1951/52	East Fife	30			Scottish League Division 1 – 3rd of 16
1952/53	East Fife	27			Scottish League Division 1 – 3rd of 16
1953/54	East Fife	30			Scottish League Division 1 – 6th of 16
1954/55	East Fife	28			Scottish League Division 1 – 11th of 16
1955/56	East Fife	29			Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 18
1956/57	Shrewsbury Town	24			Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 24
1957/58	WATFORD	30			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 24

Johnny Curran had plenty of goalkeeping experience in Scotland before moving south to Shropshire. A memorable match-winning display for Shrewsbury Town at Vicarage Road the following February, in a match dignified by live radio coverage, led to his transfer to Watford a few months later. After playing in the club's first 33 fixtures of the 1957/58 season he gave way to Mike Collins and didn't appear in the first team again. He had helped East Fife to win the Scottish League Cup in 1953/54 when they were in the Second Division.

Patrick Joseph CURRAN (1946) Inside-forward

Born Sunderland, County Durham, 13 November 1917

Died Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, December 2003

Watford Career

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Second World War competitions: 14 appearances (3 goals)

Début in peacetime competitions: 1-1 home draw v Nottingham Forest,
FA Cup 3rd Round 2nd Leg, 9 Jan 1946

Final game in peacetime competitions: 1-1 home draw v Birmingham City,
FA Cup 4th Round 2nd Leg, 30 Jan 1946

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 4



Career Path

Sunderland St Patrick's; Sunderland (amateur January 1936, professional October 1936); Ipswich Town (£750 October 1938); **WATFORD** (£300 or £800 June 1939); South Shields guest player during Second World War; Bradford City (free June 1947 until close season 1948)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1937/38	Sunderland	1			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1938/39	Ipswich Town	7		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1939/40	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned
1947/48	Bradford City	5		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 14th of 22

This Sunderland-born inside-forward's transfer from Ipswich Town was completed in unusual circumstances, when manager Bill Findlay travelled to the north-east, obtained the player's signature on Sunderland railway station, and immediately returned to Watford. Pat Curran's only Football League appearance for the club was nullified by the declaration of war the following day, which caused the season to be abandoned.

Anthony William CURRIE (1967-1968) Midfielder



Born Edgware, Middlesex, 1 January 1950

Representative Honours

England Youth, Under-23 & Full
Football League

Watford Career

Football League: 17+1 appearances (9 goals)
FA Cup: 2 appearances
Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance
Début: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Stoke City, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 11 Sep 1967
Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Oldham Athletic, Football League Div 3, 16 Jan 1968
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 10

Career Path

Hendon Schools; Queens Park Rangers (schoolboy November 1964); Chelsea youth team; **WATFORD** (apprentice February 1966, professional May 1967); Sheffield United (£26,500 February 1968); Leeds United (£250,000 June 1976); Queens Park Rangers (£400,000 August 1979); Toronto Nationals (*Canada*) (£60,000 May 1983 until the club folded June 1983); Chesham United (August 1983); Southend United (September 1983); Chesham United (November 1983); Torquay United (March 1984); Hendon (1985); Goole Town player-coach (September 1987); Sheffield United (community officer by February 1989, club ambassador by July 2009)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1967/68	WATFORD	17	1	9	Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1967/68	Sheffield United	13		4	Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1968/69	Sheffield United	35		4	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22
1969/70	Sheffield United	42		12	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
1970/71	Sheffield United	42		9	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1971/72	Sheffield United	38		10	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1972/73	Sheffield United	39		1	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1973/74	Sheffield United	29		6	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1974/75	Sheffield United	42		7	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1975/76	Sheffield United	33		1	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1976/77	Leeds United	35		1	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1977/78	Leeds United	35		3	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1978/79	Leeds United	32		7	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1979/80	Queens Park Rangers	27	1	3	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1980/81	Queens Park Rangers	31		1	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1981/82	Queens Park Rangers	20		1	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1982/83	Queens Park Rangers	1	1		Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1983/84	Torquay United	9			Football League Division 4 – 9th of 24
1984/85	Torquay United	5		1	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24

One of the country's most gifted midfielders during the 1970s, Tony Currie was artistic on the ball and blessed with great vision. He emerged spectacularly from his Watford apprenticeship to score six goals in his first four League appearances and two hat-tricks before his 18th birthday, but was soon lost to the bigger clubs and to a career which brought him the captaincy of England Under-21s and 17 Full caps, but was by no means free of brushes with authority.

George Henry CUTTS (1921-1923) Goalkeeper

Born Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, 13 October 1890

Died Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, 1962

Watford Career

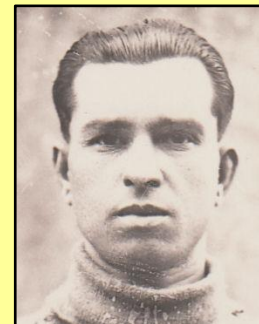
Football League: 5 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-2 away defeat v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3, 20 Apr 1921

Final game: 1-0 away win v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 Apr 1923

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 1; all competitions 2



Career Path

New Hucknall Colliery; Arnold Town; Mansfield Town (close season 1919); **WATFORD** (May 1920, released close season 1923); Sutton Town; Grantham Town (August 1925); Hucknall Byron (permit to play as an amateur granted September 1927); Sutton Town (October 1929); Hucknall British Legion (permit to play as an amateur granted October 1930)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1920/21	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22
1921/22	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1922/23	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22

For the first three seasons of the club's Football League membership he was the senior goalkeeper's understudy – a thankless status at a time when the long-serving Skilly Williams was very rarely absent from first-team duty. Like so many players during manager Harry Kent's sixteen years at the helm, Cutts was recruited from the east Midlands coalfields, and he eventually ended his career there.

Benjamin Edwin DABBS (1938) Full-back

Born Oakengates, Shropshire, 17 April 1909

Died Chelmsford, Essex, 30 December 2000

Watford Career

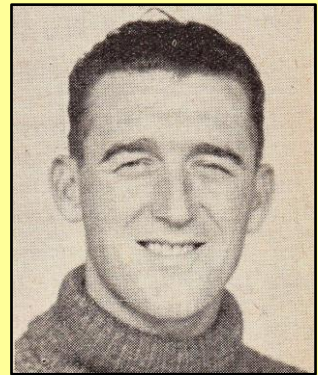
Football League: 3 appearances

Second World War competitions: 1 appearance

Début: 2-0 home win v Port Vale, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Sep 1938

Final game in peacetime competitions: 0-0 home draw v Torquay United,
Football League Div 3 (South), 1 Oct 1938

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



Career Path

Oakengates Town (by August 1926); Liverpool (June 1932); **WATFORD** (June 1938); Rickmansworth Town coach (1949/50)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1933/34	Liverpool	1			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1934/35	Liverpool	2			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1935/36	Liverpool	13			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1936/37	Liverpool	32			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1937/38	Liverpool	6			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1938/39	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1939/40	WATFORD	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned

After his six years at Anfield, which encompassed 54 First Division outings, he found it difficult to wrest the Watford right-back shirt from the well-established Vic O'Brien. Ben Dabbs was still on the Vicarage Road books after the Second World War, being transfer-listed at £250 in 1945 and again in 1946, but had made what was to be his last appearance for the club in a South Regional League fixture back in 1940. Much earlier he'd started his Oakengates career as a forward. He remained a Croxley Green resident until moving to a care home in Essex shortly before his death at the age of 91.

An Agreement made the fourteenth
day of June 1938 between William
Findlay of Vicarage Rd
Watford in the COUNTY OF Wortfordshire
the Secretary of and acting pursuant to Resolution and Authority for and on
behalf of the Watford FOOTBALL CLUB,
of Watford (hereinafter referred to as the Club)
of the one part and Benjamin Edwin Dabbs
of 8 Emmerdale Rd, Prenton, Birkenhead
in the County of Cheshire Professional Football Player
(hereinafter referred to as the Player) of the other part ~~whereby~~ it is agreed
as follows:—

1. The Player hereby agrees to play in an efficient manner and to the best of his ability for the Club.
2. The Player shall attend the Club's ground or any other place decided upon by the Club for the purposes of or in connection with his training as a Player pursuant to the instructions of the Secretary, Manager, or Trainer of the Club, or of such other person, or persons, as the Club may appoint. [This provision shall not apply if the Player is engaged by the Club at a weekly wage of less than One Pound, or at a wage per match.]
3. The Player shall do everything necessary to get and keep himself in the best possible condition so as to render the most efficient service to the Club, and will carry out all the training and other instructions of the Club through its representative officials.
4. The Player shall observe and be subject to all the Rules, Regulations, and Bye-Laws of The Football Association, and any other Association, League, or Combination of which the Club shall be a member. And this Agreement shall be subject to any action which shall be taken by The Football Association under their Rules for the suspension or termination of the Football Season, and if any such suspension or termination shall be decided upon the payment of wages shall likewise be suspended or terminated, as the case may be.
5. The Player shall not engage in any business or live in any place which the Directors (or Committee) of the Club may deem unsuitable.

6. If the Player shall prove palpably inefficient, or shall be guilty of serious misconduct or breach of the disciplinary Rules of the Club, the Club may, on giving 14 days' notice to the said Player, or the Club may, on giving 28 days' notice to the said Player, on any reasonable grounds, terminate this Agreement and dispense with the services of the Player (without prejudice to the Club's right for transfer fees) in pursuance of the Rules of all such Associations, Leagues, and Combinations of which the Club may be a member. Such notice or notices shall be in writing, and shall specify the reason for the same being given, and shall also set forth the rights of appeal to which the Player is entitled under the Rules of The Football Association.

The Rights of Appeal are as follows:—

Any League or other Combination of Clubs may, subject to these Rules, make such regulations between their Clubs and Players as they may deem necessary. Where Leagues and Combinations are sanctioned direct by this Association an Appeals Committee shall be appointed by this Association. Where Leagues and Combinations are sanctioned by County Associations an Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the sanctioning County Associations. Where an agreement between a Club and a Player in any League or other Combination provides for the Club terminating by notice to the Player of the Agreement between the Club and Player on any reasonable ground the following practice shall prevail: A Player shall have the right to appeal to the Management Committee of his League or Combination and a further right of appeal to the Appeals Committee of that body. A Club on giving notice to a Player to terminate his Agreement must state in the notice the name and address of the Secretary of the League or Combination to which he may appeal, and must also at the same time give notice to the League or Combination of which the Club is a member. A copy of the notice sent to the Player must at the same time be forwarded to the Secretary of this Association. The Player shall have the right of appeal to the League or Combination, but such appeal must be made within 7 days of the receipt of the Notice from the Club. The Notice terminating the Agreement must inform the Player the reasons or grounds for such Notice. If the Player proposes to appeal, he must do so within 7 days of the receipt of the Notice from the Club. The appeal shall be heard by the Management Committee within 10 days of the receipt of the Notice from the Player. If either party is dissatisfied with the decision, there shall be a right of further appeal to the Appeals Committee of the League or Combination, but such appeal must be made within 7 days of the receipt of the intimation of the decision of the Management Committee, and must be heard by the Appeals Committee within 10 days of the receipt of the Notice of Appeal. The League or Combination shall report to this Association when the matter is finally determined, and the Agreement and Registration shall be cancelled by this Association where necessary. Agreements between Clubs and Players shall contain a clause showing the provision made for dealing with such disputes and for the cancelling of the Agreements and Registrations by this Association. Clubs not belonging to any League or Combination before referred to may, upon obtaining the approval of this Association, make similar regulations. Such regulations to provide for a right of appeal by either party to the County Association, or to this Association.

7. This Agreement and the terms and conditions thereof shall be as to its suspension and termination subject to the Rules of The Football Association and to any action which may be taken by the Council of The Football Association or any deputed Committee, and in any proceedings by the Player against the Club it shall be a sufficient and complete defence and answer by and on the part of the Club that such suspension or termination hereof is due to the action of The Football Association, or any Sub-Committee thereof to whom the power may be delegated.

8. In consideration of the observance by the said player of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Agreement, the said William

Findlay on behalf of the Club hereby agrees that the said Club shall pay to the said Player the sum of £6-10/- per week from 14th June 1938 to 20th August 1938 and £6 per week from 22nd August 1938 to 6th May 1939

9. This Agreement (subject to the Rules of The Football Association) shall cease and determine on 6th May 1939 unless the same shall have been previously determined in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore set forth.

Fill in any other provisions required

*The said player to receive 10/- extra per week when playing in the First Team.
£10. Signing Fee.*

As Witness the hands of the said parties the day and year first aforesaid

Signed by the said William
Findlay and Benjamin
Edwin Dabbs

In the presence of
(Signature) Brentnall
(Occupation) Brewers Clerk
(Address) 21 Southfield Avenue
Watford

Benjamin Edwin Dabbs
(Player)

William Findlay
(Secretary)

THE WATFORD ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

Vicarage Road Ground
Watford.

7th September 1939.

Dear Sir,

The Board decided at a Meeting held on Tuesday last to pay wages for the week ending September 9th, and we send herewith ~~cheque~~ ^{cash} for £5. 10. 0

We very much regret the circumstances which have compelled the Board to take this course and hope the time will not be far distant when we shall have the pleasure of seeing you at Watford again.

We shall be glad if you will keep in touch with us and inform us of any change of address.

With best wishes and good luck,

Yours faithfully,
for The Watford Association Football Club Ltd.

J. L. Simmons
Secretary.

Mr. Dabbs

William DACKERS (1902-1903) Defender

Born Dunkeld, Perthshire, 20 October 1874

Died Wallasey, Cheshire, 1945

Watford Career

Southern League: 26 appearances (1 goal, a penalty)

FA Cup: 2 appearances

South Eastern League: 1 appearance

Début: 1-0 home win v Northampton Town, Southern League Div 1, 20 Sep 1902

Final game: 3-5 defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion at West Ham United, Southern League Test Match, 27 Apr 1903

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 24; all competitions 26



Career Path

St Johnstone; Perthshire; Victoria United (briefly); New Brighton Tower (by close season 1898); Aberdeen (November 1901);

WATFORD (May 1902 until close season 1903)

Football League & Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1898/99	New Brighton Tower	5			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 18
1899/00	New Brighton Tower	7			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 18
1902/03	WATFORD	26		1	Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)

Capped several times by Perthshire before turning professional, this defender held a regular first-team place during his one winter at Cassio Road. He played in a variety of positions in a season which ended with Watford relegated to the Second Division of the Southern League as the result of an eventful Test match which they lost 5-3 after equalizing from three goals down. He had earlier been with New Brighton Tower when they joined the Football League, subsequently married a local girl in that corner of the Wirral, and returned to live and run a greengrocery business there.

Anthony Mark DALEY (1998-1999) Winger

Born Birmingham, Warwickshire, 18 October 1967

Representative Honours

England Youth, 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 6+6 appearances (1 goal)

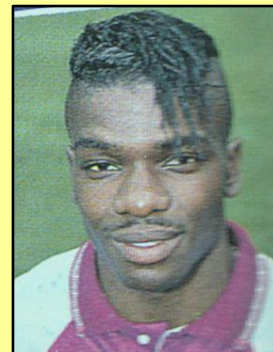
Football League Cup: 1+1 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Cambridge United,

Football League Cup 1st Round 1st Leg, 11 Aug 1998

Final game: 2-1 away win v Birmingham City, Football League Div 1, 5 Apr 1999

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



Career Path

Aston Villa (schoolboy by May 1984, trainee July 1984, professional May 1985); Wolverhampton Wanderers (£1.25 million June 1994); **WATFORD** (free August 1998); Walsall (free June 1999, released September 1999); Forest Green Rovers (October 1999); Sheffield United fitness coach (by September 2003); Wolverhampton Wanderers (fitness coach by October 2008, head of physical performances by December 2013, head of sport science and conditioning by January 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1984/85	Aston Villa	4	1		Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1985/86	Aston Villa	16	7	2	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1986/87	Aston Villa	25	8	3	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1987/88	Aston Villa	10	4	3	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 23 (Promoted)
1988/89	Aston Villa	25	4	5	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1989/90	Aston Villa	31	1	6	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 20
1990/91	Aston Villa	22	1	2	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1991/92	Aston Villa	29	5	7	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1992/93	Aston Villa	8	5	2	FA Premier League – 2nd of 22
1993/94	Aston Villa	19	8	1	FA Premier League – 10th of 22
1994/95	Wolverhampton Wanderers		1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 4th of 24
1995/96	Wolverhampton Wanderers	16	2	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
1997/98	Wolverhampton Wanderers		2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
1998/99	WATFORD	6	6	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	Walsall	3	4		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)

Tony Daley played under Graham Taylor for Aston Villa, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Watford and England. Having made his top-flight début at the age of 17 he entertained for several seasons, but his effectiveness as a direct and devastatingly fast winger declined, owing to long-term injury problems, from when he was only in his mid-twenties. He played in the Aston Villa side which beat Manchester United 3-1 in the 1993/94 Football League Cup final, as did Kevin Richardson and Neil Cox.

Malcolm Owen DALRYMPLE (1974) Goalkeeper

Born Bedford, 8 October 1951

Representative Honours

England Youth

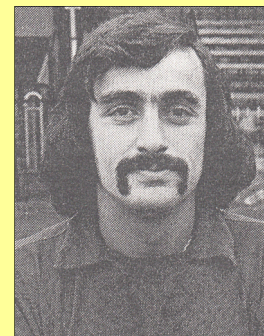
Watford Career

Football League: 5 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Port Vale, Football League Div 3, 16 Apr 1974

Final game: 2-2 away draw v Grimsby Town, Football League Div 3, 29 Apr 1974

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



Career Path

Luton Town (amateur September 1968); Margate (loan close season 1970 until close season 1971); Cambridge United trial (August 1971); Bristol Rovers (October 1971); **WATFORD** (free July 1973); Hendon (free, close season 1975 until close season 1977); Southport (1978/79)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1971/72	Bristol Rovers	2			Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24
1972/73	Bristol Rovers	5			Football League Division 3 – 5th of 24
1973/74	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24

Despite national recognition as a junior goalkeeper, Malcolm Dalrymple failed to make the grade at senior level as a Luton Town player, and spent the whole of his final season there on loan to Margate. His Football League career (during an era of dodgy 'taches) eventually amounted to 12 Third Division games, including the last five of Watford's 1973/74 fixtures, the first three of which were won. He was kept out by Andy Rankin throughout the rest of his two Vicarage Road seasons.

Ronald George DALY (1950) Inside-forward

Born Clerkenwell, London, 22 July 1930

Died High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, 4 August 1996

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances

FA Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 2-3 away defeat v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Nov 1950

Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Dec 1950

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



Career Path

WATFORD (amateur September 1950, professional October 1950); Dover (free August 1952)

Football League Career

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

Ron Daly signed amateur forms for Watford immediately after being demobbed from the RAF at the end of his National Service, and soon turned professional as a part-timer. His single run of first-team appearances was in the inside-right position, at a time when the number 8 shirt was frequently changing hands, and it included an FA Cup defeat at Norwich City in front of over 21,000 spectators.

Arthur DANIELS (1926-1930) Winger

Born Salford, Lancashire, 9 May 1897

Died Salford, Greater Manchester, 1980

Watford Career

Football League: 136 appearances (16 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 10 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 1-0 home win v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Aug 1926

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 12 Apr 1930

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 54; all competitions 54



Career Path

Salford Lads Club; West Salford; Mossley; Manchester City (amateur August 1920, professional February 1921); **WATFORD** (with J. Warner May 1926); Queens Park Rangers (“small fee” June 1930 until close season 1931); Lancaster Town (March 1933); CWS Sun Flour Mills (permit to play as an amateur granted November 1933)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1922/23	Manchester City	10			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1923/24	Manchester City	11			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1924/25	Manchester City	9		1	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1925/26	Manchester City	1			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1926/27	WATFORD	28		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	42		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	38		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1929/30	WATFORD	28			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1930/31	Queens Park Rangers	14		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22

A forward who was fast and clever, but lacked consistency. “*Dainty, but didn’t like getting knocked about*”, was the recollection of a playing colleague a great many years later. (Is there anyone who does like getting knocked about?) Arthur Daniels spent most of his Watford career on the left wing, and having travelled south from Maine Road with Jack Warner he was one of a succession of good players recruited from the two Manchester clubs in the 1920s. He was best man at the wedding of Bill Sheppard, who played alongside him at Vicarage Road.

Jermaine Christopher DARLINGTON (2004-2005) Full-back

Born Hackney, London, 11 April 1974

Watford Career

Football League: 25+1 appearances

FA Cup: 2 appearances

Football League Cup: 7 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Burnley, Football League Championship, 14 Aug 2004

Final game: (as sub) 1-3 away defeat v Burnley, Football League Championship, 2 Apr 2005

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 16; all competitions 19



Career Path

Charlton Athletic (trainee July 1990, professional June 1992); Dover Athletic (free September 1993); Hendon (1996); Dulwich Hamlet (close season 1997); Aylesbury United (1998); Queens Park Rangers (£25,000 March 1999); Wimbledon (£200,000 July 2001); **WATFORD** (free July 2004); Cardiff City (free July 2005, released close season 2006); AFC Wimbledon (November 2006, released close season 2007); local football in London; Maidstone United (October 2009); Whitstable Town (briefly March 2011); Bearsted (U-18s joint-manager 2013); Sittingbourne (U-21s joint-manager 2015); Herne Bay (joint-manager May 2017)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1991/92	Charlton Athletic	1	1		Football League Division 2 – 7th of 24
1998/99	Queens Park Rangers	4			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
1999/00	Queens Park Rangers	34		2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2000/01	Queens Park Rangers	32	1		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2001/02	Wimbledon	25	4		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2002/03	Wimbledon	32	3	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2003/04	Wimbledon	40	1	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2004/05	WATFORD	25	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2005/06	Cardiff City	7	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24

A full-back who appeared briefly in Charlton Athletic's first-team as a trainee but then had a long spell in non-League football before returning for a substantial career at the higher level with four second-tier clubs, including a season at Vicarage Road.

Jermaine Darlington was subsequently at the centre of an esoteric administrative blunder by AFC Wimbledon, who signed him without obtaining the international clearance necessary for his transfer from Wales to England. The club suffered severely, being expelled from the FA Trophy and docked the 18 Ryman League points won with Darlington in the side. (The latter penalty was later reduced to three points.) The matter was raised in the House of Commons, where that celebrated man of football, The Right Honourable Anthony Blair, offered solemn words of wisdom for the benefit of his adoring public.

Alfred Ronald DARVILL (1925) Centre-forward

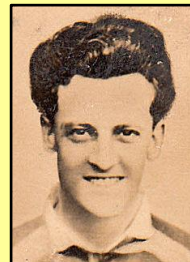
Born Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, 27 October 1897

Died Ilford, Essex, 1960

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-4 away defeat v Exeter City, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 Feb 1925



Career Path

Watford Corinthians (by February 1920); Ilford (by September 1920); **WATFORD** (amateur June 1923, professional September 1924); Ebbw Vale trial (October 1925)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1924/25	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

He was one of three brothers from Harwoods Road, a hop and a step from Watford's ground, who made a name for themselves in local football. His only Football League appearance was at centre-forward in a 4-0 defeat at Exeter. A few weeks earlier his brother Harvey died as a result of injury sustained in a collision with Leicester City's goalkeeper while he was playing for Fulham.

Calum Ray Paul DAVENPORT (2008) Centre-half

Born Bedford, 1 January 1983

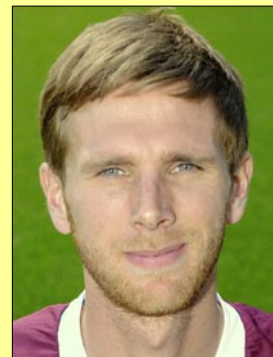
Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-1 home draw v Charlton Athletic,
Football League Championship, 19 Jan 2008



Career Path

Trained with Aston Villa & Derby County as a schoolboy; Coventry City (trainee July 1999, professional January 2000); Tottenham Hotspur (£1.1 million August 2004); West Ham United (loan September 2004); Southampton (loan January 2005); Norwich City (loan September 2005); West Ham United (£3 million January 2007, contract cancelled March 2010); **WATFORD** (loan January 2008); Sunderland (loan February 2009); Leeds United trial (August 2010); Wootton Blue Cross (September 2010); Northampton Town trial (December 2012)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2000/01	Coventry City		1		FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2001/02	Coventry City	1	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2002/03	Coventry City	26	6	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 20th of 24
2003/04	Coventry City	31	2		Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 12th of 24
2004/05	Coventry City	6			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 19th of 24
2004/05	West Ham United	10			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Tottenham Hotspur		1		FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2004/05	Southampton	5	2		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2005/06	Norwich City	14	1	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2005/06	Tottenham Hotspur	1	3		FA Premier League – 5th of 20
2006/07	Tottenham Hotspur	8	2	1	FA Premier League – 5th of 20
2006/07	West Ham United	5	1		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2007/08	WATFORD	1			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2008/09	West Ham United	7		1	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2008/09	Sunderland	7	1		FA Premier League – 16th of 20

In an echo of the fate which befell Bobby Svarc at Vicarage Road 30 years earlier, Calum Davenport had his loan spell at Watford ended by injury before half-time on his début. (Sam Sodje suffered a similar misfortune, but at least managed to complete the 90 minutes of his only appearance.) In a penalty-area collision with team-mate Darius Henderson he suffered a serious neck injury which kept him out of action for the rest of the season. Subsequent family incidents led to an early finish to his career: in the first he was stabbed in both legs (the perpetrator was sentenced to six years in gaol) and the second resulted in Davenport's appearance in court on a charge of assaulting his sister, of which he was acquitted. As a Coventry City teenager he had played in successive FA Youth Cup finals, both of which brought heavy defeats at the hands of London clubs – Arsenal and West Ham United, respectively.

George DAVENPORT (1896-1899) Defender

Born Tarporley, Cheshire, 19 December 1876

Died St Pancras, London, 1910

West Herts / Watford Career

Southern League: 47 appearances (1 goal)

FA Cup: 1 appearance

FA Amateur Cup: 2 appearances

Herts Senior Cup: 1 appearance

Bucks & Contiguous Counties League: 2 appearances

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

Final game: 2-2 away draw v Wycombe Wanderers, Southern League Div 2 (London Section), 4 Mar 1899

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 23; all competitions 15



Career Path

Watford Permanent Way (by October 1894); **WEST HERTS** (*name changed to **WATFORD** in 1898*) (amateur December 1895, professional November 1897 until close season 1899); *also* Hertfordshire

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1896/97	WEST HERTS	23		1	Southern League Division 2 – 9th of 13
1897/98	WEST HERTS	21			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1898/99	WATFORD	3			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12

A versatile defender who missed only two games in the club's first two Southern League seasons. He enjoyed an eventful day on 15 January 1898, being married in the morning and then helping to beat Warmley 4-0 in front of a record Cassio Road crowd of 3,000 – a remarkable result in view of the visitors' goals ratio that season of 108 for and 15 against. (The Bristol club folded soon afterwards.) Before turning professional George Davenport had represented Hertfordshire.

Graham Gilding DAVIES (1947-1948) Goalkeeper

Born Swansea, Glamorgan, 3 October 1921

Died Swansea, West Glamorgan, 12 November 2003

Representative Honours

Wales Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 9 appearances

Début: 1-2 home defeat v Aldershot, Football League Div 3 (South), 20 Sep 1947

Final game: 2-1 home win v Leyton Orient, Football League Division 3 (South), 30 Oct 1948

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



Career Path

Swansea Town (amateur November 1940, professional February 1942); **WATFORD** (June 1947, released close season 1949); Colchester United trial (late-1948/49 until close season 1949); Hereford United; Merthyr Tydfil (until end of career 1954)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1947/48	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22

Although playing second fiddle to other goalkeepers during his two seasons as a part-time player at Vicarage Road, Graham Davies conceded only eleven goals in his nine Football League appearances. Before being released by Watford he was allowed to make three appearances for non-League Colchester United at the end of the 1948/49 season. He was outstanding as a schoolboy and represented his country, and got his professional career going during the Second World War. At the time when he left Swansea Town he was a Flight Lieutenant in the RAF, having flown in wartime as a bomb aimer in Lancasters and Wellingtons on 24 missions. He later ran a succession of public houses in south Wales.

Robert DAVIES (1910-1911) Wing-half

Born Chirk, Denbighshire, 1885

Died Shrewsbury, Shropshire, 21 March 1929

Representative Honours

Wales Amateur

Watford Career

Southern League: 15 appearances

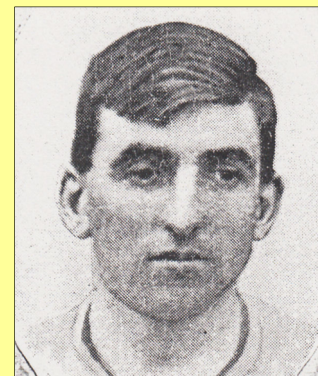
FA Cup: 2 appearances

Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance

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

Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Southend United, Southern League Div 1, 18 Apr 1911

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 14; all competitions 17



Career Path

Sunday schools football; Cammell Laird; Stafford Rangers; **WATFORD** (amateur September 1910, professional September 1910); Manchester City (August 1911); Pontypridd (free June 1912)

Southern League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1910/11	WATFORD	15			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1911/12	Manchester City	6			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
	Pontypridd	?		?	Southern League Division 2

Signed soon after being capped, against England, he turned professional after one amateur appearance in a Watford friendly against Luton Town. A right-half, he was on standby as reserve for the Wales Full international side three months later, but didn't travel. He shared a birthplace with the great Billy Meredith of Manchester City, a club which Davies himself represented in the First Division.

Thomas DAVIES (1933-1937) Wing-half

Born Troedyrhiw, Glamorgan, 19 February 1905

Died Surbiton, London, 27 March 1971

Watford Career

Football League: 58 appearances (3 goals)

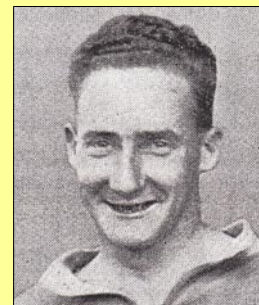
FA Cup: 3 appearances

Division 3 (South) Cup: 7 appearances

Début: 2-0 home win v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Oct 1933

Final game: 2-3 away defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 1 May 1937

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 16; all competitions 22



Career Path

Troedyrhiw Carlton; Luton Town (amateur July 1924, professional September 1924); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (August 1925 until close season 1928); Columbia; Chelsea (August 1929); **WATFORD** (free July 1933); Exeter City (free May 1937); Walsall (August 1938 until close season 1939)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1925/26	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1933/34	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1934/35	WATFORD	26		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1935/36	WATFORD	23		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1937/38	Exeter City	14			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1938/39	Walsall	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22

After having dropped into minor football at the age of 23, Tom Davies's association with Football League clubs was resurrected by Chelsea, although he was only a reserve-team player in his four years at Stamford Bridge. A wing-half sound in both tackling and distribution, he did play League football for four clubs, most of it for Watford and all of it in Division 3 (South). A miner's son, he was one of several players who came to Vicarage Road in the 1930s from a very small corner of south Wales.

William DAVIES (1931-1950) Winger / Inside-forward

Born Troedyrhiwfuwch, Glamorgan, 22 June 1910

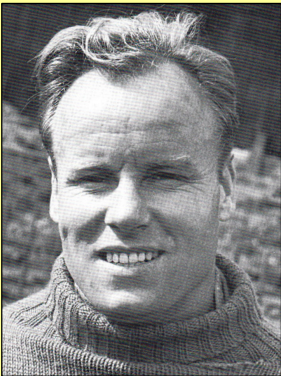
Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 30 October 1995

Representative Honours

Wales Wartime

Watford Career

- Football League: 283 appearances (69 goals, including 7 penalties)
- FA Cup: 29 appearances (3 goals, including 1 penalty)
- Division 3 (South) Cup: 13 appearances (3 goals, including 1 penalty)
- Second World War competitions: 115 appearances (50 goals, including 9 penalties)
- Début: 1-0 away win v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 2 May 1931
- Final game: 0-0 home draw v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 22 Apr 1950
- Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 78; all competitions 55



Career Path

New Tredegar; **WATFORD** (amateur April 1930, professional July 1930 until retirement close season 1950); Bradford City, Grimsby Town & Notts County guest player during Second World War

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1930/31	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1932/33	WATFORD	6		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1933/34	WATFORD	23		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1934/35	WATFORD	27		5	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1935/36	WATFORD	29		8	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	42		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1937/38	WATFORD	7		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1938/39	WATFORD	40		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1939/40	WATFORD	3		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned
1946/47	WATFORD	38		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1947/48	WATFORD	36		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	27		7	Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	7		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22

A forceful, skilful and two-footed winger or inside-forward, Bill (‘Taffy’) Davies was one of very few men whose service with one Football League club as a player has spanned twenty years. When first employed by the club it was as a member of the ground staff, while he was on amateur forms for a few weeks until he turned professional. His one international honour came while he was guesting for two full wartime seasons for Grimsby Town from 1941 to 1943. At the age of 39 he was denied what was widely regarded as a valid opening goal in an FA Cup tie against Manchester United, 1-0 winners in front of Vicarage Road’s first attendance in excess of thirty thousand. On retiring from the game he took over *The Red Lion*, opposite the ground, and ran it from July 1950 until 1976.

J.DAVIS (1903-1904) Full-back

Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

South Eastern League: 1 appearance

Début: 9-0 home win v Hitchin Town, South Eastern League, 24 Oct 1903

Final game: 3-1 home win v Chesham Town, Southern League Div 2, 23 Mar 1904

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

Career Path

WATFORD (amateur 1903)

Southern League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1903/04	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)

There were very few team changes during Watford's Southern League Second Division championship-winning season in 1903/04, but Davis appeared once – in a 3-1 home win over Chesham Town. A right-back who hailed from Bushey, he also played in a South Eastern League home fixture against Hitchin Town, who turned up at Cassio Road two men short and were beaten 9-0.

Joseph DAVISON (1927-1931) Full-back

Born Byers Green, County Durham, 6 July 1897

Died Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 1965

Watford Career

Football League: 135 appearances (2 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 12 appearances

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Sep 1927

Final game: 2-0 home win v Gillingham, Football League Div 3 (South), 10 Oct 1931

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 39; all competitions 39



Career Path

Durham Schools; Byers Green; Willington Juniors (3 seasons); Blyth Spartans; Middlesbrough (amateur September 1919, professional April 1921); Portsmouth (May 1923, released close season 1927); **WATFORD** (September 1927, released close season 1932, when he retired)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1921/22	Middlesbrough	6			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1922/23	Middlesbrough	1			Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1923/24	Portsmouth	24			Football League Division 3 (South) – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1924/25	Portsmouth	4			Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1925/26	Portsmouth	2			Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1927/28	WATFORD	32			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1928/29	WATFORD	25			Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1929/30	WATFORD	37			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1930/31	WATFORD	33		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1931/32	WATFORD	8			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

Having helped Willington Juniors to win the Durham County Junior Cup in his youth, Joe Davison, who was a miner before he turned professional, started his Football League career after war service in Palestine with the Royal Garrison Artillery, and reached Vicarage Road at the age of 30. He stayed for five seasons before being released, whereupon he established himself as a long-term licensee of *The Sebright Arms* at Boxmoor from July 1932.

Albert DAY (1949) Centre-forward

Born Camberwell, London, 7 March 1918

Died Brighton, Sussex, 21 January 1983

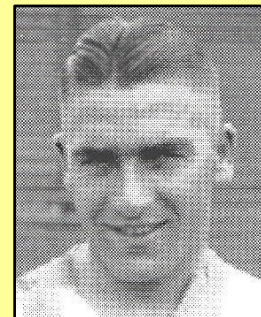
Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Aug 1949

Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Port Vale, Football League Div 3 (South), 10 Sep 1949

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



Career Path

Preston Rovers; Fulham (amateur November 1937, cancelled February 1938); Hastings & St Leonards; Sussex shortly before turning professional; Brighton & Hove Albion (amateur April 1938, professional August 1938); Ipswich Town, Lincoln City & Reading guest player during Second World War; Ipswich Town (May 1946); **WATFORD** (free June 1949); Folkestone (free close season 1950); Crawley Town (September 1955 briefly until retirement)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1946/47	Ipswich Town	25		14	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1947/48	Ipswich Town	35		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1948/49	Ipswich Town	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	4		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22

His only Football League goal for Watford, in a single run of four appearances at centre-forward, was scored at Portman Road, whence he had only just been transferred – and his goal was the only one the club managed in those four games. As a pre-war amateur he had represented Sussex and scored a hat-trick for Hastings & St Leonards in the 1937/38 Sussex Senior Cup Final. He had a season on Brighton & Hove Albion's books as a professional before the Second World War, in which he served in the army as a Physical Training Instructor, but didn't make his peacetime Football League début until he was 27.

Burcombe James DAY (1952) Forward

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 9 May 1931

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances

Début: 1-4 away defeat v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Feb 1952

Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic,
Football League Div 3 (South), 15 Mar 1952

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



Career Path

Berkhamsted Town; **WATFORD** (professional December 1951); Dover (free July 1953); Ashford Town (by August 1954); Chatham; Leavesden Hospital (August 1957 until circa 1961)

Football League Career

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

A local forward who had a season-and-a-half at Vicarage Road. Jimmy Day's brief spell of first-team action came not long after he was signed, during a season in which the club avoided by only point having to seek re-election to the Football League for the second season in succession. He did the rounds in Kent before dropping back into local amateur football with Leavesden Hospital in the county league.

Christopher Nicholas DAY (1997-2000) Goalkeeper

Born Whipps Cross, London, 28 July 1975

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

FA Premier League: 11 appearances

Football League Cup: 1 appearance

Associate Members Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 0-4 away defeat v Sheffield United, Football League Cup 2nd Round 2nd Leg, 23 Sep 1997

Final game: 1-0 home win v Coventry City, FA Premier League, 14 May 2000

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 6; all competitions 6



Career Path

Ridgeway Rovers; Tottenham Hotspur (schoolboy September 1989, trainee July 1991, professional April 1993); Crystal Palace (£450,000 August 1996); **WATFORD** (valued at £250,000 in part-exchange for K.Miller July 1997); Lincoln City (loan December 2000); Queens Park Rangers (free July 2001); Aylesbury United (loan October 2002); Preston North End (loan February 2005); Oldham Athletic (free August 2005); Millwall (July 2006, released close season 2008); **WATFORD** Reserves (pre-season matches July 2008); Stevenage Borough (*name changed to Stevenage in 2010*) (September 2008)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1996/97	Crystal Palace	24			Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	WATFORD	11			FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2000/01	Lincoln City	14			Football League Division 3 (4th tier) – 18th of 24
2001/02	Queens Park Rangers	16			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 8th of 24
2002/03	Queens Park Rangers	15			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
2003/04	Queens Park Rangers	29			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	Queens Park Rangers	30			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2004/05	Preston North End	6			Football League Championship (2th tier) – 5th of 24
2005/06	Oldham Athletic	30			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2006/07	Millwall	4	1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2007/08	Millwall	5			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 17th of 24
2010/11	Stevenage	49			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
2011/12	Stevenage	46			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 6th of 24
2012/13	Stevenage	16	1		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 18th of 24
2013/14	Stevenage	44			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2014/15	Stevenage	40			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 6th of 24
2015/16	Stevenage	19			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 18th of 24
2016/17	Stevenage	10	1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 10th of 24

He went on to have a long Football/Premier League career, but with Tottenham Hotspur Chris Day was on the bench for 62 first-team games and won six Under-21 caps without ever being called into action for his club. Then after a decent run in Crystal Palace's 1996/97 promotion side he went two whole seasons without a League appearance for Watford, but when Alec Chamberlain was rested from a League Cup fixture, Day was unlucky to be debited with a début own-goal when he was the victim of a foul which seemed obvious to everyone but the referee. He dropped into non-League football when released by Millwall, but returned to Football League action in the course of two successive promotion seasons with Stevenage. In his White Hart Lane days he kept goal in the England team which won the 1993 UEFA Youth Tournament, and earlier still, as a young boy he played for Ridgeway Rovers with Micah Hyde and David Beckham.

Roger Arthur DAY (1962) Inside-forward

Born Romford, Essex, 3 December 1939

Representative Honours

England Amateur

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-1 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Div 3, 12 Mar 1962



Career Path

Dagenham Schools; Ilford Boys; Briggs Sports; Leytonstone; Enfield; **WATFORD** (amateur December 1961); Slough Town; Enfield; Ilford; Enfield; Hayes (1966/67); Wycombe Wanderers; Walton & Hersham; Hendon player-coach; veterans matches until circa 1989

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1961/62	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24

An inside-forward of class and vision who enjoyed an immensely distinguished amateur career, captaining England in nearly half of his 43 international appearances after making his début at 28. He was also an Amateur Cup winner with Enfield in 1967 and (as captain) 1970. For two seasons Roger Day played in mid-week games for Watford Reserves, and the club offered him professional terms which he declined, fearing the possibility that he would not be granted a permit to resume his amateur status should things not go well.

Troy Matthew DEENEY (2010-) Forward

Born Solihull, West Midlands, 29 June 1988

Watford Career (to end of 2016-17 season)

Football League & FA Premier League: 228+54 appearances (101 goals, including 21 penalties)

FA Cup: 15+1 appearances (4 goals)

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

Début: (as sub) 3-2 away win v Norwich City, Football League Championship, 6 Aug 2010

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football Lge & FA Premier Lge 96; all competitions 71



Career Path

Chelmsley Town (2004); Walsall (free February 2007); Halesowen Town (loan February 2007); **WATFORD** (£500,000 August 2010, plus £75,000 for promotion in 2014/15 and £75,000 for Premier League status retained in 2015/16)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2006/07	Walsall		1		Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Walsall	16	19	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 12th of 24
2008/09	Walsall	37	8	12	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 13th of 24
2009/10	Walsall	42		14	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 10th of 24
2010/11	WATFORD	17	19	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 14th of 24
2011/12	WATFORD	28	15	11	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 11th of 24
2012/13	WATFORD	35	7	20	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24
2013/14	WATFORD	44		24	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	WATFORD	37	5	21	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	WATFORD	36	2	13	FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2016/17	WATFORD	31	6	10	FA Premier League – 17th of 20

A hefty forward who worked as a trainee bricklayer before being signed by Walsall from fairly obscure non-League football. After joining Watford, Troy Deeney at first showed ability without maintaining the scoring rate he achieved for Walsall, but his Vicarage Road career became a thing of fits and starts, and he made no secret of the fact that, although mainly used as a wide player, he regarded himself as a central striker. He eventually got the regular front-man spot he wanted when Marvin

Sordell left the club, but in June 2012 was gaoled for ten months for his part in a violent street brawl in Birmingham, becoming one of at least 17 Watford players to have been handed a custodial sentence in a criminal court. Having regained his freedom, he contributed significantly to Watford's eventful but ultimately unsuccessful bid to reach the FA Premier League. That status was achieved under his captaincy two seasons later, when he became the first player in the club's history to score 20 or more league goals in each of three successive campaigns. His brother Ellis played for Aston Villa in the 2009/10 FA Youth Cup Final.

Jay Michael DeMERIT (2004-2010) Centre-half

Born Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA, 4 December 1979

Representative Honours

USA Full

Watford Career

Football League & FA Premier League: 168+19 appearances (9 goals)

FA Cup: 13 appearances (1 goal)

Football League Cup: 12+1 appearances

Début: 1-0 home win v Cambridge United, Football League Cup 1st Round, 24 Aug 2004

Final game: 1-4 away defeat v Leicester City, Football League Championship, 17 Apr 2010

Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League/Football League 17; all competitions 19



Career Path

Howard Hurricanes (*USA*); University of Illinois-Chicago (*USA*) (4 years until December 2003); also Chicago Fire Reserves (*USA*) (2002); Southall (2002/03); also Islip Manor on Sundays; Shrewsbury Town & Bristol Rovers trials (close season 2003); Northwood (close season 2004); **WATFORD** (free August 2004, released close season 2010); Vancouver Whitecaps (*Canada*) (November 2010)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2004/05	WATFORD	22	2	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2005/06	WATFORD	30	5	3	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2006/07	WATFORD	29	3	2	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2007/08	WATFORD	31	6	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
2008/09	WATFORD	31	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2009/10	WATFORD	25	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 16th of 24

A talented sportsman who took up the game seriously only after being awarded a sports scholarship at the University of Illinois. He came to England with the ambition to become a decent footballer, and made a very good job of it. As a strong and determined centre-half, Jay DeMerit quickly got to grips with the higher grade of football when he joined Watford, and at the end of his second season excelled in the 3-0 Play-off Final triumph which took the club into the Premier League, scoring the opening goal himself with a vigorously aggressive header. He went on to earn regular international selection and take part in the 2010 World Cup Finals, and his creditable rise to footballing success became the subject of a cinema film which was promoted with the use of fatuous showbiz hype as “*the true story of a young American’s impossible journey*”.

Edward John DENTON (1991) Midfield

Born Oxford, 18 May 1970

Watford Career

Football League: 0+2 appearances

Début: (as sub) 1-1 home draw v Oldham Athletic, Football League Div 2, 23 Feb 1991

Final game: (as sub) 2-1 away win v Middlesbrough, Football League Div 2, 23 Mar 1991

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1



Career Path

Trained with **WATFORD** aged 12; Oxford United (schoolboy December 1984, trainee July 1986, professional July 1988, released close season 1989); trial with a Belgian club; Witney Town; **WATFORD** (February 1991 after a few weeks on trial); Newbury Town (free close season 1992); Chesham United (February 1995); Kintbury Rangers; Abingdon Town (October 1995, contract August 1996); Aylesbury United (loan February 1997, contract July 1997, cancelled February 1998); Witney Town (March 1998); Slough Town (August 1998, reserve-team coach close season 2000, acting-manager close season 2003, manager by November 2004 until October 2006); Witney Town assistant-manager (June 2012 until September 2012)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1987/88	Oxford United		2		Football League Division 1 – 21st of 21 (Relegated)
1990/91	WATFORD		2		Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24

After first training with Watford as a 12-year-old he linked up with Oxford United, where he became known to Steve Perryman, who was later to bring him to Vicarage Road after the player had been forced out of the game by injury sustained in a game against Watford Reserves. Eddie Denton's Football League experience as a midfielder amounted to two substitute appearances for each of his clubs, the first of them as an Oxford United trainee. As manager of Slough Town he led the club to FA Cup victory over Walsall in November 2004, and went on to use a degree in business studies to develop a career in the newspaper industry.

Gerard DEULOFEU (2018-) Forward
(Full name Gerard DEULOFEU LÁZARO)

Born Riudarenes, Spain, 13 Mar 1994

Representative honours

Spain Youth, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League:

Début: 0-0 away draw v Stoke City, FA Premier League, 31 Jan 2018



Career Path

Barcelona (*Spain*) (youth academy 2003, professional April 2011); Everton (loan July 2013, £4.2 million July 2015); Sevilla (*Spain*) (loan August 2014); AC Milan (*Italy*) (loan January 2017); **WATFORD** (€1 million loan January 2018)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2013/14	Everton	9	16	3	FA Premier League - 5th of 20
2015/16	Everton	16	10	2	FA Premier League – 11th of 20
2016/17	Everton	4	7		FA Premier League – 7th of 20

William Gemmell DEVAN (1933-1937) Inside-forward

Born Whitletts, Ayrshire, 23 February 1909

Died Paddington, London, 12 December 1966

Representative Honours

Irish League

Watford Career

Football League: 90 appearances (33 goals)

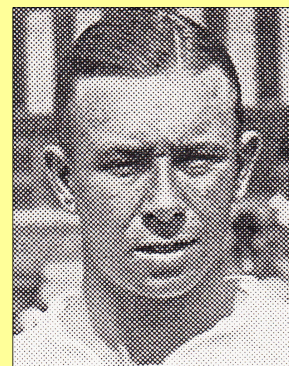
FA Cup: 5 appearances (1 goal)

Division 3 (South) Cup: 6 appearances (1 goal)

Début: 0-0 home draw v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Sep 1933

Final game: 5-1 home win v Aldershot, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Sep 1937

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



Career Path

Whitletts Juveniles; Ayr United (May 1928, cancelled February 1929); Ards (December 1929 until close season 1930); Galston (April 1931); Sanquhar (May 1931); Coleraine (free June 1931); Linfield; **WATFORD** (August 1933 after trial, released close season 1938); Scammells (granted a permit to play as an amateur during Second World War); **WATFORD** first-team trainer (1958/59)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1928/29	Ayr United	2			Scottish League Division 1 – 16th of 20
1933/34	WATFORD	10		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1934/35	WATFORD	23		6	Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1935/36	WATFORD	28		14	Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	25		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22
1937/38	WATFORD	4		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22

After earning a big reputation for himself in Ayr schools football Bill Devan (*the accent was on the second syllable of the surname*) spent half a season with the local Scottish League club before continuing his career in Northern Ireland. He refused the renewed terms offered by Ards for 1930/31 and spent a season out of the game, but later enjoyed the unusual distinction for a Scot of playing for the Irish League against the Scottish League and the Football League (scoring in both games), as well as earning popularity as a singer in Coleraine musical circles. He notched goals for Watford, too, at a healthy rate for an inside-left, including an eight-minute hat-trick in a 6-1 victory at Swindon Town, which was immediately followed by 6-1 and 5-0 wins at home and away, respectively, in both of which he scored. He received compensation for injury sustained as a professional, and was subsequently allowed to play locally for Scammells in wartime as an amateur.

William DEVINE (1958-1959) Winger

Born Whitletts, Ayrshire, 22 August 1933

Died: Stevenston, Ayrshire, 16 April 1997

Watford Career

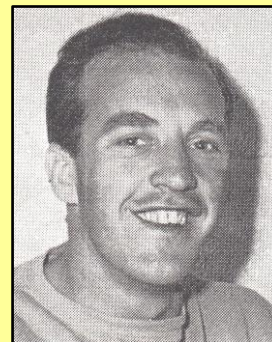
Football League: 30 appearances (6 goals)

Southern Floodlight Cup: 1 appearance

Début: 1-2 away defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 22 Mar 1958

Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Div 4, 25 Apr 1959

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



Career Path

Whitletts Victoria (July 1955); St Mirren (March 1956); **WATFORD** (March 1958); Partick Thistle (November 1959); Accrington Stanley (May 1960 until demise of club February 1962); Cambridge City (1962/63)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1955/56	St Mirren	3			Scottish League Division 1 – 15th of 18
1956/57	St Mirren	20		6	Scottish League Division 1 – 12th of 18
1957/58	St Mirren	13		1	Scottish League Division 1 – 13th of 18
1957/58	WATFORD	11		3	Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 24 (Relegated)
1958/59	WATFORD	19		3	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1959/60	Partick Thistle	14		2	Scottish League Division 1 – 10th of 18
1960/61	Accrington Stanley	46		6	Football League Division 4 – 18th of 24
1961/62	Accrington Stanley	20		2	Football League Division 4 – club folded in mid-season

By a remarkable coincidence Willie Devine was born in the same tiny corner of Scotland as his alphabetical predecessor, Bill Devan. One of a whole bunch of Caledonians brought down to Vicarage Road during Neil McBain's second managerial stint, he scored on his Watford début, and later played in the 0-4 defeat at Crewe Alexandra which was the original Accrington Stanley's last match before the club folded in March 1962. After emigrating to Australia he gave employment in a sportswear company to Freddie Bunce, who had been his rival for Watford's outside-left position.

Paul John DEVLIN (2003-2005) Winger

Born Birmingham, West Midlands, 14 April 1972

Representative Honours

Scotland 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 75+4 appearances (6 goals, including 1 penalty)

FA Cup: 4 appearances

Football League Cup: 4+1 appearances

Début: 3-1 home win v Millwall, Football League Div 1, 13 Sep 2003

Final game: 0-0 away draw v Millwall, Football League Championship, 28 Dec 2005

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 34; all competitions 37



Career Path

Stafford Rangers; Notts County (£40,000 February 1992); Birmingham City (combined fee of £500,000 for Devlin and one other player February 1996); Sheffield United (£200,000+ March 1998); Notts County (loan October 1998); Birmingham City (£200,000 February 2002); **WATFORD** (loan September 2003, £150,000 September 2003); Walsall (free January 2006, cancelled April 2006); Bohemians (close season 2006); Tamworth (September 2006, cancelled October 2006); Sutton Coldfield Town (by November 2006); over-35s Sunday league in Birmingham (by February 2010); Romulus (June 2012)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1991/92	Notts County	1	1		Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1992/93	Notts County	28	4	3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 17th of 24
1993/94	Notts County	40	1	7	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1994/95	Notts County	37	3	9	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1995/96	Notts County	26		6	Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 4th of 24
1995/96	Birmingham City	16		7	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 15th of 24
1996/97	Birmingham City	32	6	16	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
1997/98	Birmingham City	13	9	5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
1997/98	Sheffield United	6	6	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 6th of 24
1998/99	Sheffield United	23	10	5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 8th of 24
1998/99	Notts County	5			Football League Division 2 (3rd tier) – 16th of 24
1999/00	Sheffield United	40	4	11	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2000/01	Sheffield United	41		5	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 10th of 24
2001/02	Sheffield United	14	5	2	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2001/02	Birmingham City	13	2	1	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2002/03	Birmingham City	20	12	3	FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2003/04	Birmingham City		2		FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2003/04	WATFORD	39		3	Football League Division 1 (2nd tier) – 16th of 24
2004/05	WATFORD	15	2	1	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 18th of 24
2005/06	WATFORD	21	2	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	Walsall	8		1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

After making his first Watford appearance as a loan player, immediately before making the transfer permanent, Paul Devlin was sent off in his second, a 3-2 defeat at Derby County. The £150,000 fee which secured his services was paid by a former Watford chairman. In 1994/95 the energetic and determined right-winger was a member of Notts County's Anglo-Italian Cup-winning side, as were Tony Agana, Steve Cherry and Devon White. His ten Full international appearances were in his second Birmingham City spell, during which he scored in the penalty kick shoot-out at the Millennium Stadium which took that club into the Premier League. By the time his playing career ended he had been running coaching sessions for a great many years, and he continued to do so in retirement.

Alan Ernest DEVONSHIRE (1990-1991) Midfield

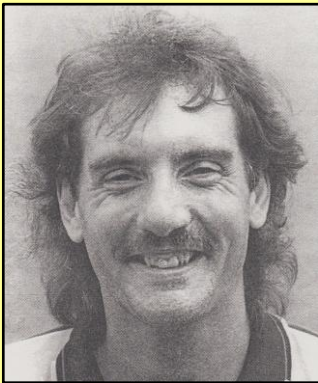
Born Park Royal, Middlesex, 13 April 1956

Representative Honours

England 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 23+2 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 1 appearance
Football League Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 1-2 home defeat v Millwall, Football League Div 2, 25 Aug 1990
Final game: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 2, 12 Oct 1991
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 11; all competitions 12



Career Path

Viking Sports; Southall & Ealing Borough; Brentford trial (1974); West Ham United (£5,000 October 1976); **WATFORD** (free June 1990, released close season 1992); Wycombe Wanderers trial (August 1992); Cippenham Sports player-coach; Osterley manager (close season 1995); also Brentford Ladies manager (by October 1995); Maidenhead United (joint-manager May 1996, manager by close season 1998 until close season 2003); also Hampton & Richmond Borough Ladies manager (mid-1990s); Hampton & Richmond Borough manager (May 2003); Braintree Town manager (May 2011); Maidenhead United manager (May 2015)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1976/77	West Ham United	27	1		Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1977/78	West Ham United	32	2	3	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1978/79	West Ham United	41		5	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1979/80	West Ham United	34		5	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1980/81	West Ham United	39		6	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1981/82	West Ham United	35		1	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1982/83	West Ham United	39		3	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1983/84	West Ham United	22		1	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1985/86	West Ham United	38		3	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1986/87	West Ham United	20		2	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1987/88	West Ham United	1			Football League Division 1 – 16th of 21
1988/89	West Ham United	14	6		Football League Division 1 – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
1989/90	West Ham United	3	4		Football League Division 2 – 7th of 24
1990/91	WATFORD	23	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1991/92	WATFORD		1		Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24

By progressing into League football he emulated his father, who in 1954 had scored Crystal Palace’s only goal in a 7-1 defeat at Vicarage Road. Alan Devonshire had a long and excellent career in West Ham United’s midfield, fast and stylish in possession, before injury took its toll. He was in the Second Division side which lifted the FA Cup in 1980, and won eight Full international caps. At Watford he was physically past his best, and as a trialist at Wycombe Wanderers after being released, he suffered a depressed cheek-fracture, since when he has held a succession of non-League managerial appointments.

Harry Jonathan DEWEY (1890-1891) Half-back

Born Chelsea, London, 31 August 1871

Died Chatham, Kent, 11 July 1935

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 2 appearances

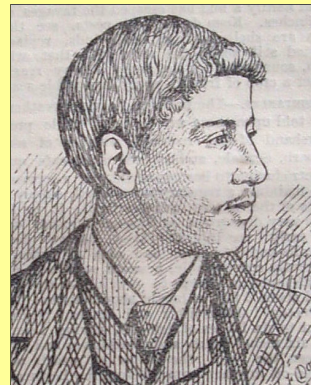
Herts County Cup: 2 appearances

Hennessey Cup: 2 appearances

Début: 2-1 away win v Chesham, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 4 Oct 1890

Final game: 6-2 win v St Albans (at Hatfield), Herts County Cup Final, 28 Mar 1891

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 6



Career Path

Local football in Windsor; The Grove (1887 until 1890); **WATFORD ROVERS** (1889 until 1895); Hertfordshire; Royal Engineers

As captain of The Grove he led the side to victory in the St Mary's Junior Cup final in 1889/90, by which time he was also turning out for Watford Rovers, which he did regularly the following season, the climax of which was a thrashing of St Albans in the Final of the Herts County Cup. He also represented the county. Then on 29 August 1891, at the age of 19, he enlisted in the Royal Engineers and became a career soldier, making only three further appearances for the club (as 'Sapper Dewey') over the next five seasons. His final tally, including the competitive games, was 32 appearances and 2 goals. His first period of army service, which encompassed the Boer War, lasted for 21 years. He re-enlisted in The Buffs for First World War service at the age of 43 and rose to the rank of regimental serjeant major. He died at the Royal Engineers Records Office in Chatham.

Leonard Frederick DEWICK (1924) Goalkeeper

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 24 February 1900

Died Worthing, Sussex, 8 March 1981

Watford Career

Football League: 7 appearances

Début: 0-3 away defeat v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Mar 1924

Final game: 1-1 away draw v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Sep 1924

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



Career Path

WATFORD (amateur November 1923); Chesham United (June 1925); Tufnell Park (October 1926); Chesham United (1927); Barnet (1929)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
1923/24	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1924/25	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

The notion of a bespectacled goalkeeper is laughable today, but it's a fact that Len Dewick was precisely that in the 1920s. Although never a professional, he was the club's second-choice for a while, at a time when Skilly Williams reigned supreme. After conceding ten goals in his first three League appearances Dewick displayed his credentials by keeping clean sheets in the next three. As a Chesham United player in 1925/26 he was picked for the Spartan League representative side.

Toumani DIAGOURAGA (2005-2007) Midfielder

Born Corbeil-Essonnes, France, 9 June 1987

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

FA Cup: 1+1 appearances

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 2-1 home win v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 20 Sep 2005

Final game: (as sub) 4-1 home win v Stockport County, FA Cup 3rd Round, 6 Jan 2007

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



Career Path

WATFORD (scholar December 2003, professional October 2004); Swindon Town (loan March 2006); Rotherham United (loan January 2007); Hereford United (loan August 2007, signed July 2008); Peterborough United (£200,000 June 2009); Brentford (loan January 2010, signed July 2010); Portsmouth (loan February 2014); Leeds United (£1 million January 2016, released August 2017); Ipswich Town (loan January 2017); Plymouth Argyle (October 2017); Fleetwood Town (free January 2018)

Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2005/06	WATFORD	1			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	Swindon Town	5	3		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2006/07	Rotherham United	4	3		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2007/08	Hereford United	41		2	Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	Hereford United	45		2	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2009/10	Peterborough United	18	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2009/10	Brentford	20			Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 9th of 24
2010/11	Brentford	32		1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 11th of 24
2011/12	Brentford	30	5	4	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 9th of 24
2012/13	Brentford	30	11	1	Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 3rd of 24
2013/14	Brentford	10	9		Football League Division 1 (3rd tier) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2013/14	Portsmouth	8			Football League Division 2 (4th tier) – 13th of 24
2014/15	Brentford	33	7		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 5th of 24
2015/16	Brentford	26	1		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 9th of 24
2015/16	Leeds United	13	4	2	Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24
2016/17	Leeds United	1			Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 7th of 24
2016/17	Ipswich Town	10	2		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 16th of 24

Awarded a professional contract at Vicarage Road at the same time as his fellow-Frenchman, Hameur Bouazza, he was to have only limited opportunities at first-team level, but went on to enjoy a good career elsewhere. A gangling individual with a nice range of midfield attributes, Toumani Diagouraga, a son of Malian parents, suffered the indignity of being sent off in the 2010/11 Associate Members Cup Final at Wembley, in which Brentford were beaten 1-0 by Carlisle United.

Samba DIAKITÉ (2014) Midfielder

Born Montfermeil, France, 24 January 1989

Representative Honours

Mali Full

Watford Career

Football League: 1+5 appearances

Début: (as sub) 2-0 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Championship, 2 Feb 2014

Final game: (as sub) 1-4 home defeat v Huddersfield Town, Football League Championship, 3 May 2014

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 2



Career Path

Bourget (*France*) (2003); US Torcy (*France*) (2005); Valenciennes (*France*) (2007); Nancy (*France*) (academy 2007, amateur July 2009, professional December 2009); Queens Park Rangers (loan January 2012, £3.5 million June 2012, released close season 2016); **WATFORD** (loan January 2014); Al-Ittihad (*Saudi Arabia*) (loan July 2014)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2011/12	Queens Park Rangers	9		1	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2012/13	Queens Park Rangers	11	3		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2013/14	WATFORD	1	5		Football League Championship (2nd tier) – 13th of 24

The well-built Samba Diakité's loan spell at Watford encompassed very little action. He was sent off for a dangerous tackle in his first home appearance, an identical fate having befallen Alexander Merkel only a month earlier.

Alessandro DIAMANTI (2015) Winger

Born Prato, Italy, 2 May 1983

Representative Honours

Italy Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League: 0+3 appearances

Début: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Southampton, FA Premier League, 23 Aug 2015

Final game: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Leicester City, FA Premier League, 7 Nov 2015

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1



Career Path

Prato (*Italy*) (1999); Empoli (*Italy*) (loan 2000); Fucecchio (*Italy*) (loan 2001); Fiorentina Viola (*Italy*) (loan 2002); AlbinoLeffe (*Italy*) (loan 2004); Livorno (*Italy*) (July 2007); West Ham United (€2.2 million August 2009); Brescia (*Italy*) (€3.85 million August 2010); Bologna (*Italy*) (€1.5 million August 2011); Guangzhou Evergrande (*China*) (€6.9 million February 2014); Fiorentina (*Italy*) (loan January 2015); **WATFORD** (loan August 2015); Atalanta BC (*Italy*) (loan January 2016)

FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2009/10	West Ham United	18	9	7	FA Premier League – 17th of 20
2010/11	West Ham United		1		FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2015/16	WATFORD		3		FA Premier League – 13th of 20

Carl Matthew DICKINSON (2011-2012) Full-back

Born Swadlincote, Derbyshire, 31 March 1987

Watford Career

Football League: 40+3 appearances (2 goals)

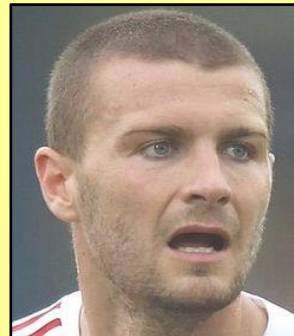
FA Cup: 1 appearance

Football League Cup: 3 appearances

Début: 2-2 away draw v Burnley, Football League Championship, 6 Aug 2011

Final game: (as sub) 4-1 away win v Sheffield Wednesday, Football League Championship,
27 Nov 2012

Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 13; all competitions 14



Career Path

Derby County Academy; Stoke City (scholar July 2003, professional August 2006); Vikingur (*Iceland*) (loan); Blackpool (loan October 2006); Leeds United (loan January 2009); Barnsley (loan September 2009); Portsmouth (loan August 2010); **WATFORD** (£250,000 July 2011); Portsmouth (loan October 2012); Coventry City (loan February 2013); Port Vale (free July 2013); Notts County (free June 2016)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		<u>Apps</u>	<u>Subs</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>League Status and Final Position</u>
2004/05	Stoke City		1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 12th or 24
2005/06	Stoke City	4	1		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 13th of 24
2006/07	Stoke City	5	8		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 8th of 24
2006/07	Blackpool	7			Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Stoke City	19	8		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2008/09	Stoke City	3	2		FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2008/09	Leeds United	7			Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 4th of 24
2009/10	Barnsley	27	1	1	Football League Division Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 18th of 24
2010/11	Portsmouth	23	13		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 16th of 24
2011/12	WATFORD	38	1	2	Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 11th of 24
2012/13	WATFORD	2	2		Football League Championship (<i>2nd tier</i>) – 3rd of 24
2012/13	Portsmouth	6			Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
2012/13	Coventry City	6			Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 15th of 24
2013/14	Port Vale	40			Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 9th of 24
2014/15	Port Vale	43		1	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 18th of 24
2015/16	Port Vale	44		3	Football League Division 1 (<i>3rd tier</i>) – 12th of 24
2016/17	Notts County	33	1		Football League Division 2 (<i>4th tier</i>) – 12th of 24

Something of a stormtrooper at left-back in the Paul Robinson mould – energy, commitment, firm tackling – Carl Dickinson came to Vicarage Road from Stoke City, his only previous employer, but also had a range of Football League experience while on loan to four other clubs, as well as a spell in Iceland. His best season at the Britannia Stadium was 2007/08, when he played a substantial part in Stoke's successful bid to win a place in the Premier League, and was in the side when promotion was clinched.

James William DICKSON (1888-1890) Forward

Born Swansea, Glamorgan, 24 August 1869

Died Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 25 December 1948

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 7 appearances (4 goals)

Début: 6-0 home win v Old Foresters, FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, 27 Oct 1888

Final game: 2-3 home defeat v 93rd Regiment (Highlanders), FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round, 25 Oct 1890

Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 3

Career Path

St Albans (by December 1888); Hertfordshire; **WATFORD ROVERS**

Apart from the FA Cup appearances, he played in just one friendly match, a week before the 6-0 victory over Old Foresters, in which he scored twice. Also in that side were the three Sargents, to which family he became connected when his sister married a nephew of the three footballers. Although born in Wales, Dickson lived in St Albans with his parents as a graduate law student, and subsequently as a practising solicitor.