James Acworth STUART (1889) Forward

Born Anstruther Easter, Fife, 7 December 1868

Died Stanmore, Middlesex, 3 May 1937

Watford Rovers Career

FA Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)
Herts County Cup: 2 appearances
Hennessey Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 2-0 win v Windsor Phoenix (at Uxbridge), Hennessey Cup 1st Round replay, 26 Jan 1889
Final game: 3-2 home win v Uxbridge Caxtonians, Hennessey Cup 2nd Round, 28 Dec 1889
Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 5

Career Path

Berkhamsted Grammar School; Watford Endowed School; Watford Swifts; **WATFORD ROVERS** (1888); Hertfordshire

A speedy forward who represented the county but suffered from poor health and was advised by doctors to give up football in November 1890, although he turned out in a few subsequent friendlies in goal before moving down to Brighton. His total of first-team appearances for the club was 14, in which he scored eight goals, and an older brother appeared with him in two of the friendlies. His father was the minister of what is now known as Beechen Grove Baptist Church, and he himself later became a Baptist minister.

Mario SUÁREZ (2016) Midfielder
(Full name Mario SUÁREZ MATA)

Born Alcobendas, Spain, 24 February 1987

Representative Honours

Spain Youth, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

FA Premier League: 8+7 appearances
FA Cup: 1+1 appearances
Début: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Chelsea, FA Premier League, 3 Feb 2016
Final game: (as sub) 2-2 home draw v Sunderland, FA Premier League, 15 May 2016
Longest run of consecutive appearances: FA Premier League 15; all competitions 10

Career Path

Atlético Madrid *(Spain)* (2004); Real Valladolid *(Spain)* (loan 2006); Celta Vigo *(Spain)* (loan 2007); RCD Mallorca *(Spain)* (August 2008); Atlético Madrid *(Spain)* (€1.8 million 2010); Fiorentina *(Italy)* (July 2015); **WATFORD** (£4.1 million January 2016); Valencia *(Spain)* (loan August 2016); Guizhou Hengfeng Zhicheng *(China)* (free July 2017)

FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2015/16	WATFORD	8	7		FA Premier League – 13th of 20

Isaac SUCCESS (2016-) Forward
(Full name Isaac SUCCESS AJAYI)

Born Benin City, Nigeria, 7 January 1996

Representative Honours
Nigeria Youth

Watford Career *(to end of 2016/17 season)*
FA Premier League: 2+17 appearances (1 goal)
Début: (as sub) 1-3 home defeat v Arsenal, FA Premier League, 27 Aug 2016
Longest run of consecutive appearances: 9

Career Path
Nigeria BJ Foundation Academy (2012); Granada *(Spain)* (March 2014); **WATFORD** (£12.5 million July 2016); Málaga *(Spain)* (loan January 2018)

FA Premier League Career

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

Perry John SUCKLING (1992-1993) Goalkeeper

Born Leyton, London, 12 October 1965

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 39 appearances
FA Cup: 1 appearance
Football League Cup: 4 appearances
Anglo-Italian Cup: 2 appearances
Début: 3-1 home win v Millwall, Football League Div 1, 15 Aug 1992
Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 1, 28 Nov 1993
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 24; all competitions 31

Career Path

Coventry City (schoolboy October 1981, apprentice April 1982, professional October 1983); Manchester City (player-exchange June 1986); Chelsea (loan December 1987); Crystal Palace (£100,000 January 1988); West Ham United (loan December 1989); Brentford (loan October 1991); Ernest Borel *(Hong Kong)* (loan January 1992); **WATFORD** (free July 1992); Doncaster Rovers (free July 1994); Wits University *(South Africa)* (March 1996); Supersport United *(South Africa)* player-coach (1998/99); Leyton Orient football-in-the-community staff (1999); Dagenham & Redbridge (briefly August 1999); **WATFORD** Academy goalkeeping coach (briefly September 1999); FA coach working with youth sides and the England women's side; also Crystal Palace goalkeeping coach; Bishops Stortford assistant-manager (December 1999); Tottenham Hotspur academy goalkeeping coach (2002); Queens Park Rangers academy manager (May 2015); Tottenham Hotspur academy goalkeeping coach (July 2017)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1982/83	Coventry City	3			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1983/84	Coventry City	24			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1986/87	Manchester City	37			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1987/88	Manchester City	2			Football League Division 2 – 9th of 23
1987/88	Crystal Palace	17			Football League Division 2 – 6th of 23
1988/89	Crystal Palace	31			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1989/90	Crystal Palace	12			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1989/90	West Ham United	6			Football League Division 2 – 7th of 24
1991/92	Crystal Palace	3			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1991/92	Brentford	8			Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	**WATFORD**	**37**			**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
1993/94	**WATFORD**	**2**			**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 19th of 24**
1994/95	Doncaster Rovers	9			Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 9th of 22
1995/96	Doncaster Rovers	21			Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 13th of 24

A First Division goalkeeper at 16, and at the time Coventry City's youngest-ever first-team player, Perry Suckling went on to win England caps at two levels, and was eventually brought to Watford immediately after the halcyon era of Tony Coton and David James. He's one of the few modern goalkeepers who have been beaten nine times in a Premier League or Football League match, which occurred in a Crystal Palace fixture at Liverpool.

Hubert SURTEES (1947-1949) Winger

Born Durham City, 16 July 1921

Died Surrey, 31 July 1979

Watford Career

Football League: 14 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 2 appearances
Second World War competitions: 1 appearance
Début in peacetime competitions: 4-1 home win v Swansea Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 3 Sep 1947
Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Exeter City, Football League Div 3 (South), 2 Apr 1949
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 7

Career Path

Bushey; **WATFORD** (amateur April 1946, professional July 1946); Crystal Palace (free August 1949); Snowdown Colliery (August 1952); Biggleswade Town

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1947/48	**WATFORD**	**13**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**
1948/49	**WATFORD**	**1**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22**
1949/50	Crystal Palace	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22

In terms of a misfortune at the very start of a professional football career there can be few fates more cruel than the broken leg which Hugh Surtees suffered in the 1946/47 pre-season public trial match. He recoved to make his Football League début just over a year later on the left wing, but soon lost his place and in his last season-and-a-half at Vicarage Road appeared at that level only twice more. He later worked in the town as a motor mechanic.

Robert Louis SVARC (1977) Forward

Born Leicester, 8 February 1946

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-1 home win v Darlington, Football League Div 4, 24 Sep 1977

Career Path

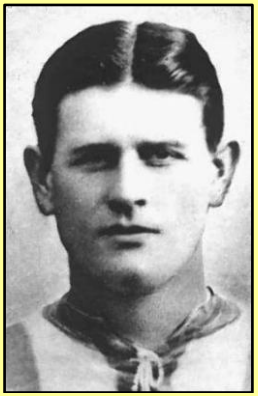
Leicester City (apprentice October 1961, professional March 1963); Lincoln City (December 1968); Barrow (loan September 1970); Boston United (October 1971); Colchester United (£6,000 December 1972); Blackburn Rovers (£20,000 October 1975); **WATFORD** (loan September 1977)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1964/65	Leicester City	7		1	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1967/68	Leicester City	4		1	Football League Division 1 – 13th of 22
1968/69	Leicester City	2			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1968/69	Lincoln City	11	2	1	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1969/70	Lincoln City	11	1	4	Football League Division 4 – 8th of 24
1970/71	Barrow	15		4	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24
1970/71	Lincoln City	16		11	Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1971/72	Lincoln City	2	2		Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1972/73	Colchester United	20		8	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1973/74	Colchester United	46		24	Football League Division 4 – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1974/75	Colchester United	42		24	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1975/76	Colchester United	8		3	Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1975/76	Blackburn Rovers	19		6	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1976/77	Blackburn Rovers	23	8	10	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 22
1977/78	**WATFORD**	**1**			**Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)**

At Lincoln City Bobby Svarc was a playing colleague of Graham Taylor, in whose initial ten-year Watford régime he was the only man to be engaged on loan. The move backfired after 37 minutes of action when he suffered an injury which ended his career as a foraging striker with a good scoring record. He had been signed by Jim Smith for Boston United, Colchester United and Blackburn Rovers. A Jehovah's Witness of Czech descent, he went in the burglar-alarm business in Blackburn.

John SWAN (1925-1927) Inside-forward / Centre-forward



Born Seaham Harbour, County Durham, 10 July 1892

Died Hendon, London, January 1990

Watford Career

Football League: 54 appearances (27 goals, including 1 penalty)
FA Cup: 5 appearances (4 goals)
Début: 3-1 home win v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 9 Sep 1925
Final game: 2-2 home draw v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 8 Jan 1927
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 32

Career Path

Seaham Harbour; Leeds City guest player during First World War; Huddersfield Town (May 1919); Leeds United (November 1921); **WATFORD** (£750/£1,000 September 1925); Queens Park Rangers (£250/£300 February 1927); Thames (free July 1928); Lovell's Athletic (October 1929)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1919/20	Huddersfield Town	32		19	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1920/21	Huddersfield Town	26		8	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1921/22	Huddersfield Town	9		3	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1921/22	Leeds United	22		10	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1922/23	Leeds United	23		8	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 22
1923/24	Leeds United	36		18	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1924/25	Leeds United	27		11	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1925/26	**WATFORD**	**36**		**21**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**
1926/27	**WATFORD**	**18**		**6**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22**
1926/27	Queens Park Rangers	14		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 14th of 22
1927/28	Queens Park Rangers	14		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22

A *sine die* suspension for a breach of discipline (Jimmy Broad was sacked at the same time) ended Jack Swan's Watford career as an experienced, hard-shooting goalscorer. He had earlier, in September 1922, been suspended by Leeds United for going AWOL, but became that club's top-scorer when it took the Second Division title the following season. He played for Huddersfield Town in the 1919/20 FA Cup Final. Of all Watford players, only Jack Barnes has lived longer.

(His surname was often mis-spelt as 'Swann', including in his birth registration, even though the family name had just one 'n'.)

Sam Alfred SWONNELL (2003) Midfielder

Born Brentwood, Essex, 13 September 1982

Watford Career

Football League: 1+1 appearances
Début: (as sub) 2-0 home win v Derby County, Football League Div 1, 21 Apr 2003
Final game: 0-4 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 1, 26 Apr 2003
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy November 1996, scholar July 1999, professional March 2001 until close season 2004); Wycombe Wanderers trial (February 2004); Colchester United trial (July 2004); Barnet trial; Cambridge City (free August 2004); Capalaba *(Australia)* (by October 2005); Aylesbury United (June 2006 to late 2006 and June 2007 to June 2009); Aylesbury FC (June 2009)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2002/03	WATFORD	1	1		Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24

A product of the club's schoolboy and youth scheme, Sam Swonnell *(the accent is on the second syllable of the surname)* reached first-team status as an astute and hardworking midfielder, but only briefly, with two appearances very late in 2002/03. Only eleven days after the second of them, however, as captain of the Reserves he led the club to the championship of a strong Premiership Reserve League (South).

Brian Ernest TALBOT (1985-1986) Midfielder

Born Ipswich, Suffolk, 21 July 1953

Representative Honours

England Under-21, 'B' & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 46+2 appearances (8 goals)
FA Cup: 8 appearances
Football League Cup: 3 appearances
Début: 0-4 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, Football League Div 1, 17 Aug 1985
Final game: (as sub) 0-1 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Div 1, 27 Sep 1986
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 28; all competitions 22

Career Path

Ipswich Schools; Suffolk Schools; Ipswich Town (schoolboy March 1967, apprentice July 1968, professional August 1972); Toronto Metros *(Canada)* (loan May 1971 until June 1971, and May 1972 until July 1972); Arsenal (£450,000 January 1979); **WATFORD** (£150,000 June 1985); Stoke City (£25,000 October 1986); West Bromwich Albion (£25,000 January 1988, player/caretaker-manager October 1988, player-manager November 1988 until January 1991); Fulham (non-contract March 1991); Aldershot (non-contract March 1991, player-manager April 1991, also director August 1991, until November 1991); Sudbury Town (January 1992); Kettering Town (chief executive & chairman March 1992 until May 1992); Hibernians *(Malta)* manager (1993 until January 1997); Rushden & Diamonds (assistant-manager February 1997, head coach (=manager) March 1997); Oldham Athletic manager (March 2004 until February 2005); Oxford United manager (May 2005 until March 2006); Marsaxlokk *(Malta)* (manager April 2006, technical director December 2008); *also* Fulham European scout (February 2011); Fulham chief scout & assistant director of football operations (February 2017)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1973/74	Ipswich Town	15		3	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1974/75	Ipswich Town	40		8	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1975/76	Ipswich Town	19		2	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1976/77	Ipswich Town	42		5	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1977/78	Ipswich Town	40		4	Football League Division 1 – 18th of 22
1978/79	Ipswich Town	21		3	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1978/79	Arsenal	20			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1979/80	Arsenal	42		1	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1980/81	Arsenal	40		7	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1981/82	Arsenal	42		7	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1982/83	Arsenal	38	4	9	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1983/84	Arsenal	26	1	6	Football League Division 1 – 6th of 22
1984/85	Arsenal	37	4	10	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1985/86	**WATFORD**	**41**		**7**	**Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22**
1986/87	**WATFORD**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22**
1986/87	Stoke City	32		3	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1987/88	Stoke City	19	3	2	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 23
1987/88	West Bromwich Albion	15		2	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 23
1988/89	West Bromwich Albion	39		2	Football League Division 2 – 9th of 24
1989/90	West Bromwich Albion	12	8	1	Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24
1990/91	Fulham	5		1	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24
1990/91	Aldershot	10			Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1991/92	*Aldershot*		*1*		*Football League Division 4 – club failed to complete the season*

Brian Talbot joined Watford as chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, an England 'B' captain, holder of six Full caps, the first man ever to have won FA Cup winner's medals in consecutive seasons with different clubs, which he did with Ipswich Town and Arsenal, and was a member of the latter club's side which was beaten in the Final of the 1979/80 European Cup Winners' Cup. A strong and energetic midfielder with a long career encompassing nearly six hundred Football League appearances, he created League history at Aldershot by being simultaneously a player and a director. As a manager he took Hibernians to the Maltese league championship in 1993/94 and 1994/95, and led Rushden & Diamonds into the Football League, in which his son Danny played under his management.

Steven John TALBOYS (1996-1997) Midfielder

Born Bristol, 18 September 1966

Watford Career

Football League: 2+3 appearances
Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance
Associate Members Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 2-1 away win v AFC Bournemouth, Football League Div 2, 17 Aug 1996
Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Fulham, Associate Members Cup 1st Round, 9 Dec 1997
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

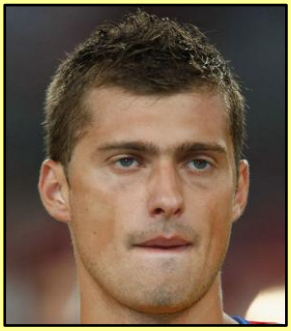
Bristol Rovers youth team; Abbotonians; Longwell Green Sports (July 1982); Forest Green Rovers (July 1983); Mangotsfield United (July 1984); Bath City (July 1985); Trowbridge Town (July 1986); Gloucester City ("4-figure fee" November 1987); Birmingham City trial; AFC Bournemouth trial; Swansea City trial; Wimbledon (£11,000 January 1992); **WATFORD** (July 1996 until January 1998); Boreham Wood (February 1998); Kingstonian (March 1998); Paulton Rovers; Sutton United (September 1998); Aldershot Town (February 1999); Carshalton Athletic (September 1999); Hampton & Richmond Borough (December 1999); Gloucester City (March 2000); Staines Town (July 2000); Esher Under-12 manager (September 2013)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1992/93	Wimbledon	3	4		FA Premier League – 12th of 22
1993/94	Wimbledon	6	1		FA Premier League – 6th of 22
1994/95	Wimbledon	7		1	FA Premier League – 9th of 22
1995/96	Wimbledon	3	2		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
1996/97	**WATFORD**	**2**	**1**		**Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 13th of 24**
1997/98	**WATFORD**		**2**		**Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)**

Steve Talboys was an enthusiastic and energetic midfielder who played for a host of non-League clubs, most notably Gloucester City, but had small doses of Premier and Football League experience with Wimbledon and Watford over a period of five seasons, during which his one senior goal was against Tottenham Hotspur.

Gabriel Sebastian TAMAS (2014) Centre-back



Born Braşov, Romania, 9 November 1983

Representative honours

Romania Youth, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 6+1 appearances
Football League Cup: 2 appearances
Début: 3-0 home win v Bolton Wanderers, Football League Championship, 9 Aug 2014
Final game: 1-1 home draw v AFC Bournemouth, Football League Championship, 20 Sep 2014
Longest run of competitive appearances: Football League 5; all competitions 7

Career Path

FC Braşov *(Romania)* (1988); Tractorul Braşov *(Romania)* (2000); Dinamo Bucureşti *(Romania)* (close season 2002); Galatasaray *(Turkey)* (close season 2003); Spartak Moscow *(Russia)* (January 2004); Dinamo Bucureşti *(Romania)* (loan close season 2004); Celta de Vigo *(Spain)* (loan 2006); AJ Auxerre *(France)* (close season 2007); Dinamo Bucureşti *(Romania)* (loan close season 2008); West Bromwich Albion (loan January 2010, undisclosed fee May 2010 until September 2013); CFR Cluj *(Romania)* (for one week October 2013); Doncaster Rovers (January 2014); **WATFORD** (free July 2014); Steaua Bucureşti *(Romania)* (free January 2015, contract cancelled July 2015); Cardiff City (August 2015); Steaua Bucureşti *(Romania)* (free February 2016); Hapoel Haifa *(Israel)* (July 2017)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2009/10	West Bromwich Albion	23		2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2010/11	West Bromwich Albion	22	4		FA Premier League – 11th of 20
2011/12	West Bromwich Albion	7	1		FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2012/13	West Bromwich Albion	7	4		FA Premier League – 8th of 20
2013/14	Doncaster Rovers	13	1		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2014/15	**WATFORD**	**6**	**1**		**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)**

A few weeks into the 2014/15 season an error-strewn start against AFC Bournemouth came to an end for Gabriel Tamas within half-an-hour of the kick-off when he sustained a serious injury. He never played for the club again and his contract was cancelled four months later. He was an experienced player with 63 Full international caps in a career which was littered with frequent and serious disciplinary problems, and following his departure from Vicarage Road he was sacked by Steaua Bucureşti within a few months of signing a two-year contract.

Walter Scott TATTERSALL (1910-1912) Winger

Born Warsop, Nottinghamshire, 4 September 1888

Died Warsop, Nottinghamshire, 30 December 1968

Watford Career

Southern League: 64 appearances (11 goals)
FA Cup: 8 appearances
Southern Charity Cup: 3 appearances
Début: 0-2 away defeat v Northampton Town, Southern League Div 1, 3 Sep 1910
Final game: 1-2 away defeat v Southampton, Southern League Div 1, 13 Apr 1912
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 38; all competitions 24

Career Path

Moores Athletic; Chesterfield Town (amateur January 1908, professional May 1908); Mansfield Mechanics; **WATFORD** (July 1910); Tottenham Hotspur (£500 for Tattersall & A.Grimsdell April 1912); Notts County guest player during First World War; Shirebrook; Welbeck Colliery (May 1921)

Football League & Southern LeagueCareer

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1907/08	Chesterfield Town	3			Football League Division 2 – 19th of 20
1910/11	**WATFORD**	**30**		**6**	**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20**
1911/12	**WATFORD**	**34**		**5**	**Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 20**
1911/12	Tottenham Hotspur	2			Football League Division 1 – 12th of 20
1912/13	Tottenham Hotspur	30		3	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1913/14	Tottenham Hotspur	7			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1914/15	Tottenham Hotspur	5			Football League Division 1 – 20th of 20 (Relegated)

After missing very few first-team games in two seasons on Watford's right wing, Wally Tattersall, son of a Nottinghamshire pork butcher, was sold with Arthur Grimsdell to raise cash for summer wages, without which none of the players could have been retained. He had eight different inside-forward partners in his Southern League appearances for the club.

Andrew Derek TAYLOR (2010-2011) Full-back

Born Hartlepool, County Durham, 1 August 1986

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 19 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 2-2 home draw v Doncaster Rovers, Football League Championship, 11 Sep 2010
Final game: 2-1 away win v Scunthorpe United, Football League Championship, 3 Jan 2011
Longest run of consecutive appearances: 16

Career Path

Middlesbrough (trained from age 9, trainee July 2002, professional 2003); Bradford City (loan August 2005); **WATFORD** (loan August 2010); Cardiff City (free July 2011); Wigan Athletic (free June 2014); Reading (loan August 2015); Bolton Wanderers (loan August 2016, free May 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2005/06	Bradford City	24			Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 11th of 24
2005/06	Middlesbrough	7	6		FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2006/07	Middlesbrough	34			FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2007/08	Middlesbrough	18	1		FA Premier League – 13th of 20
2008/09	Middlesbrough	20	6		FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2009/10	Middlesbrough	8	4		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24
2010/11	Middlesbrough	20	1	3	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 12th of 24
2010/11	**WATFORD**	**19**		**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2011/12	Cardiff City	44		1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 6th of 24
2012/13	Cardiff City	43			Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2013/14	Cardiff City	18			FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2014/15	Wigan Athletic	26		1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2015/16	Reading	17	2		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 17th of 24
2016/17	Bolton Wanderers	31	3		Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)

A member of Middlesbrough's FA Youth Cup winning side in 2003/04 (as was Adam Johnson), Andrew Taylor provided Watford with fine service as a loan player at left back, during which he scored his first-ever senior goal by volleying a dropping ball from long range in spectacular fashion in his final home appearance. Having developed this late taste for goalscoring, he scored three more times in quick succession on returning to his parent club (the first of them against Watford), and another one seven games into his Cardiff City career, having rejoined Malky Mackay in Wales after playing under him at Vicarage Road. This gave him a career record of no goals in his first 168 senior outings and 5 in the next 29.

Leslie TAYLOR (1980-1985) Midfielder

Born North Shields, Northumberland, 4 December 1956

Watford Career

Football League: 167+5 appearances (13 goals)
FA Cup: 21 appearances (3 goals)
Football League Cup: 14 appearances (4 goals)
Football League Trophy: 3 appearances
UEFA Cup: 1 appearance
Début: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v Luton Town, Football League Div 2, 11 Nov 1980
Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Queens Park Rangers,
Football League Cup 3rd Round, 29 Oct 1985
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 65; all competitions 31

Career Path

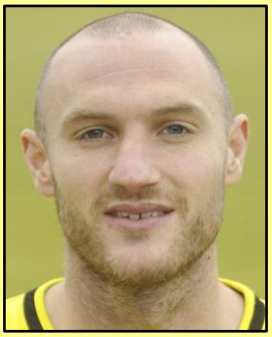
Wallsend Boys Club; Oxford United (apprentice December 1972, professional December 1974); **WATFORD** (£100,000 plus K.B.Cassells [valued at £50,000] November 1980); Reading (loan October 1986, £20,000 December 1886); Colchester United (£20,000 January 1989 until retirement close season 1990); Oxford United (Under-16s coach 1992/93, youth development officer 1995, caretaker assistant-manager November 1999, centre of excellence manager by July 2007); Oxford United Women manager (by April 2014)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1974/75	Oxford United	5			Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1975/76	Oxford United	35			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1976/77	Oxford United	32		2	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1977/78	Oxford United	46		6	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1978/79	Oxford United	46		1	Football League Division 3 – 11th of 24
1979/80	Oxford United	36		6	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1980/81	Oxford United	19			Football League Division 3 – 14th of 24
1980/81	**WATFORD**	**23**	**1**	**1**	**Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22**
1981/82	**WATFORD**	**42**		**4**	**Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)**
1982/83	**WATFORD**	**37**	**2**	**5**	**Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22**
1983/84	**WATFORD**	**26**	**1**		**Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22**
1984/85	**WATFORD**	**38**	**1**	**3**	**Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22**
1985/86	**WATFORD**	**1**			**Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22**
1986/87	Reading	31		1	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1987/88	Reading	26	4	2	Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 23 (Relegated)
1988/89	Reading	12	2		Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1988/89	Colchester United	14	2		Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1989/90	Colchester United	30	6	1	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

As a result of other players' injuries and suspension he led Watford in the FA Cup Final as the club's fifth captain of the 1983/84 season. An exceptionally busy, unspectacular but important midfielder during the club's peak years, Les Taylor had already made over two hundred Football League appearances for Oxford United before he reached Vicarage Road, and later went on to help Reading win the Full Members Cup at Wembley Stadium in 1987/88.

Martin TAYLOR (2010-2012) Centre-half



Born Ashington, Northumberland, 9 November 1979

Representative Honours

England Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 86+4 appearances (10 goals)
FA Cup: 2 appearances
Football League Cup: 3 appearances
Début: 3-0 home win v Sheffield United, Football League Championship, 2 Feb 2010
Final appearance: 1-2 home defeat by Bradford City, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 28 Aug 2012
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 51; all competitions 45

Career Path

Blackburn Rovers (schoolboy July 1995, trainee July 1996, professional August 1997); Darlington (loan January 2000); Stockport County (March 2000); Birmingham City (£1.25 million February 2004); Norwich City (loan November 2007); **WATFORD** (loan January 2010, free February 2010); Sheffield Wednesday (loan August 2012, £100,000 September 2012, retired close season 2014); Brentford (loan September 2013)

FA Premier League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1998/99	Blackburn Rovers	1	2		FA Premier League – 19th of 22 (Relegated)
1999/00	Blackburn Rovers	4	2		Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24
1999/00	Darlington	4			Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 4th of 24
1999/00	Stockport County	7			Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 17th of 24
2000/01	Blackburn Rovers	12	4	3	Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2001/02	Blackburn Rovers	12	7		FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2002/03	Blackburn Rovers	29	4	2	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2003/04	Blackburn Rovers	10	1		FA Premier League – 15th of 20
2003/04	Birmingham City	11	1	1	FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2004/05	Birmingham City	4	3		FA Premier League – 12th of 20
2005/06	Birmingham City	20	1		FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2006/07	Birmingham City	29	2		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	Norwich City	8		1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 17th of 24
2007/08	Birmingham City	4			FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2008/09	Birmingham City	23	1	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2009/10	**WATFORD**	**17**	**2**	**2**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
2010/11	**WATFORD**	**46**		**6**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2011/12	**WATFORD**	**20**	**2**	**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24**
2012/13	**WATFORD**	**3**		**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24**
2012/13	Sheffield Wednesday	10	1		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 18th of 24
2013/14	Brentford	5		2	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)

A giant of a centre-half who formed a sound partnership with Adrian Mariappa at the heart of Watford's defence before a serious injury brought an end to 62 successive Football League appearances. Although controversially involved in an incident when with Birmingham City, in which Arsenal's Eduardo suffered an appalling leg injury, Martin Taylor's style of play was not, despite his physical bulk, a conspicuously aggressive one, but encompassed a thoughtful and intelligent approach.

Stanley Shelbourne TAYLOR (1894) Forward

Born Highbury, Middlesex, 2 March 1875

Died Basingstoke, Hampshire, 22 July 1965

West Herts Career

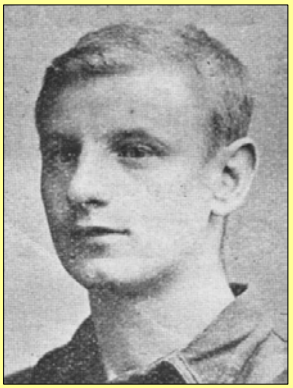
FA Cup: 1 appearance
Herts Senior Cup: 2 appearances (3 goals)
Début: 3-2 away win v St Albans, Herts County Cup Semi-Final, 3 Mar 1894
Final game: 2-3 away defeat v Tottenham Hotspur, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, 13 Oct 1894
Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 3

Career Path

Aldenham School; **WEST HERTS** (1893 until 1996); Cambridge University (1895 until 1898); Corinthians

After being head of school at Aldenham in 1893, 'Toby' Taylor became a significant footballing figure in his university days, as a Cambridge blue in three consecutive seasons, honorary secretary in the second of them and captain in the third (1897/98). For West Herts, in addition to his cup appearances he scored nine goals in nine pre-Southern League first-team friendlies, and as well as scoring 38 times in 54 games for Corinthians he served on that club's committee. He was probably the most outstanding footballer, if possibly an erratic one, of all Aldenhamians, and played in two first-class cricket matches for Middlesex, but his achievements were not confined to sport. He qualified as a barrister in South Africa, served in that country's army as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Great War and was decorated as CMG, DSO & Croix de Guerre, and was a director of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa and of De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd.

James TENNANT (1902-1905) Winger



Born Glasgow

Representative Honours

Scotland 'Junior'

Watford Career

Southern League: 83 appearances (15 goals)
FA Cup: 9 appearances (6 goals)
South Eastern League: 26 appearances (12 goals)
Début: 3-1 home win v Wellingborough Town, Southern League Div 1, 6 Sep 1902
Final game: 5-1 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Southern League Div 1, 29 Apr 1905
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 82; all competitions 70

Career Path

Linton Villa; Parkhead; St Bernards (November 1897); Woolwich Arsenal (May 1899); Middlesbrough (£180 for Tennant and P.Turner May 1901); **WATFORD** (June 1902); Royal Albert (June 1905); Stenhousemuir (close season 1906); St Bernards (close season 1907 until close season 1909)

Scottish League, Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1897/98	St Bernards	8		3	Scottish League Division 1 – 9th of 10
1898/99	St Bernards	17		8	Scottish League Division 1 – 7th of 10
1899/00	Woolwich Arsenal	26		6	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 18
1900/01	Woolwich Arsenal	25		2	Football League Division 2 – 7th of 18
1901/02	Middlesbrough	17		7	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 18 (Promoted)
1902/03	**WATFORD**	**31**		**6**	**Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)**
1903/04	**WATFORD**	**20**		**7**	**Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)**
1904/05	**WATFORD**	**32**		**2**	**Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18**
1907/08	St Bernards	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 8th of 12
1908/09	St Bernards	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 8th of 12

Watford was the fourth professional club for which he and Peter Turner had formed a left-wing pair, the others being St Bernards, Middlesbrough and Woolwich Arsenal. Before the other half of this double-act caught up with him at Cassio Road, Jimmy Tennant was ever-present at outside-left when the club ran away with the Southern League Second Division championship, and altogether he missed only two Southern League fixtures in his three Watford seasons. He'd earlier been one of three future Watford players who scored two goals each in Woolwich Arsenal's 12-0 Football League victory over Loughborough Town, the others being Cottrell and Main.

Steve Graham TERRY (1980-1988) Centre-half

Born Clapton, London, 14 June 1962

Watford Career

Football League: 160 appearances (14 goals)
FA Cup: 20+1 appearances (1 goal)
Football League Cup: 20 appearances (4 goals)
Football League Trophy: 2 appearances (1 goal)
UEFA Cup: 2+1 appearances
Full Members Cup: 2 appearances
Début: 0-5 away defeat v Sunderland, Football League Div 2, 26 Apr 1980
Final game: 0-1 away defeat v West Ham United, Football League Div 1, 19 Mar 1988
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 39

Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy May 1978, apprentice July 1978, professional January 1980); Hull City (£100,000 June 1988); Northampton Town (£75,000 March 1990); Aylesbury United (free close season 1994); Walton & Hersham (September 1994); Enfield (free March 1995, player/assistant-manager close season 1996); Billericay Town (August 1999); Hemel Hempstead Town (November 1999); Enfield (by February 2000); Hertford Town (February 2000)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1979/80	**WATFORD**	**2**			**Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22**
1980/81	**WATFORD**	**5**			**Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22**
1981/82	**WATFORD**	**26**		**2**	**Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)**
1982/83	**WATFORD**	**7**		**1**	**Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22**
1983/84	**WATFORD**	**17**		**1**	**Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22**
1984/85	**WATFORD**	**38**		**4**	**Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22**
1985/86	**WATFORD**	**41**		**4**	**Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22**
1986/87	**WATFORD**	**18**		**2**	**Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22**
1987/88	**WATFORD**	**6**			**Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)**
1988/89	Hull City	33		1	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 24
1989/90	Hull City	29		3	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 24
1989/90	Northampton Town	17		2	Football League Division 3 – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1990/91	Northampton Town	46		6	Football League Division 4 – 10th of 24
1991/92	Northampton Town	37		3	Football League Division 4 – 16th of 22
1992/93	Northampton Town	42		5	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* - 20th of 22
1993/94	Northampton Town	39		1	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 22nd of 22

A craggy, muscular centre-half, commanding in the air and, for a hefty man, capable with the ball at his feet, Steve Terry suffered 5-0 defeats in both his first two senior away games, but went on to enjoy much of the club's success in the early 1980s, including being a member of the FA Cup Final side. Elsewhere he took his total of Football League appearances past four hundred. His father, Peter Terry, was an England Amateur international.

William TERVIT (1900) Inside-forward

Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 1-0 home win v Wolverton London & North Western Railway, Southern League Div 2, 10 Feb 1900

Career Path

Muirhouse Rovers; **WATFORD** (February 1900 on trial); Raith Rovers (November 1900)

Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1899/00	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)

The first player Watford ever brought down from Scotland, he came from Edinburgh as a trialist. Having scored in a practice game he earned himself a Southern League outing at inside-right three days later, but nothing further came of the trial period. His début for Raith Rovers, at centre-forward in an East of Scotland League fixture, was as a member of an unfamiliar line-up during a players' dispute.

Frank THEOBALD (1910-1911) Inside-forward

Born Harrow, Middlesex, 10 February 1886

Died Brent, London, 1974

Watford Career

Southern League: 3 appearances
Début: 0-2 away defeat v Brentford, Southern League Div 1, 15 Oct 1910
Final game: 0-5 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Southern League Div 1, 7 Jan 1911
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

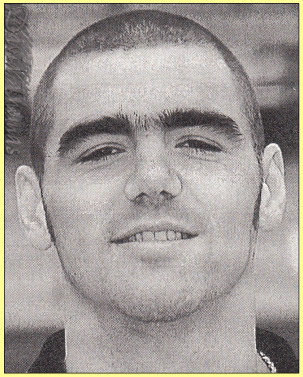
Wealdstone (until at least May 1922); Middlesex; *also* **WATFORD** (amateur 1910); *also* Uxbridge (1912/13)

Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1910/11	WATFORD	3			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20

Good enough to represent Middlesex, he was an amateur inside-forward whose regular club for many years was Wealdstone, although in addition to his Watford appearances he also turned out on 17 occasions for Uxbridge in 1912/13. He declined to sign for a further season at Uxbridge, owing to the demands of business. A younger brother, Ernest, was a team-mate of Theobald's at Wealdstone.

David John THOMAS (1997-1998) Forward



Born Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, 26 September 1975

Representative Honours

Wales Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 8+8 appearances (3 goals)
FA Cup: 1+3 appearances
Début: 3-1 home win v Brentford, Football League Div 2, 23 Aug 1997
Final game: (as sub) 1-2 home defeat v Walsall, Football League Div 2, 3 Mar 1998
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 9

Career Path

Swansea City (schoolboy January 1990, trainee July 1992, non-contract professional July 1994, contract July 1995); **WATFORD** (£100,000 July 1997); Cardiff City (£50,000 August 1998, released October 2000); Drogheda (loan January 2000); Hereford United trial (August 2000); Merthyr Tydfil (trial August 2000, signed November 2000); Bryntirion (late-2000/01)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1994/95	Swansea City	2	2		Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 10th of 24
1995/96	Swansea City	3	13	1	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Swansea City	31	5	9	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 5th of 24
1997/98	**WATFORD**	**8**	**8**	**3**	**Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)**
1998/99	Cardiff City	16	8	4	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1999/00	Cardiff City	5	2	1	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 21st of 24 (Relegated)

He said he didn't like being called 'Dai', but that was how he was known. There was a foretaste of troubles to come when he was sent off in a pre-season friendly in Finland just after he joined the club. An aggressive and determined striker, he wasn't able to hold down a first-team place, and returned to Wales after one season at Vicarage Road. In July 2000 he was suspended by Cardiff City on full pay, pending investigation into why he was filmed among fighting yobs before the England v Germany match in Charleroi in the European Championship finals. He'd been arrested and deported, and got off with a club fine of two weeks' wages, the maximum allowed. It got worse. He was gaoled for 60 days and banned from all football grounds in England and Wales for six years after being involved in crowd disorder at the Cardiff City v Leeds United FA Cup tie in January 2002.

David Watkin John THOMAS (1948-1950) Centre-forward

Born Mile End, London, 6 July 1917

Died Dovercourt, Essex, 30 March 1991

Watford Career

Football League: 105 appearances (39 goals)
FA Cup: 6 appearances (4 goals)
Début: 1-1 home draw v Northampton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Jan 1948
Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 3 (South), 16 Sep 1950
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 81; all competitions 87

Career Path

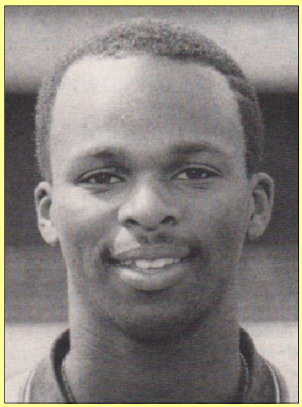
Romford; Plymouth Argyle (June 1938); Brentford, Clapton Orient, Fulham, Gillingham, Grimsby Town & West Ham United guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (£3,500 January 1948); Gillingham ("substantial fee" October 1950 until close season 1952); Sittingbourne (1953); Chatham Town manager (until November 1955); Gravesend & Northfleet trainer (by 1957/58)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1938/39	Plymouth Argyle	23		8	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1946/47	Plymouth Argyle	41		19	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1947/48	Plymouth Argyle	10		2	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22
1947/48	**WATFORD**	**18**		**7**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**
1948/49	**WATFORD**	**38**		**14**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22**
1949/50	**WATFORD**	**42**		**17**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22**
1950/51	**WATFORD**	**7**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24**
1950/51	Gillingham	34		19	Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 24
1951/52	Gillingham	39		21	Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 24
1952/53	Gillingham	7		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24

A bulky centre-forward of the old-fashioned type who joined Watford for what was then a club-record fee for one player, and made his début in mid-season with, remarkably, six other new signings. Two seasons earlier Dave Thomas and his brother Bob both made 41 Football League Division 2 appearances for Plymouth Argyle, scoring 19 and 17 goals, respectively – and Dave's tally included eleven in a scoring sequence of ten consecutive games. When his full-time career ended in 1952 he took over a Gillingham pub, and later in life suffered from heart trouble caused by the accumulative effects of football knocks.

Roderick Clive THOMAS (1988-1992) Winger



Born Park Royal, London, 10 October 1970

Representative Honours

England Schools, Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 65+21 appearances (9 goals)
FA Cup: 0+1 appearance
Football League Cup: 3+2 appearances
Full Members Cup: 1+1 appearances
Anglo-Italian Cup: 1 appearance
Début: (as sub) 1-0 away win v Arsenal, Football League Div 1, 15 Apr 1988
Final game: 0-3 home defeat v Leicester City, Football League Div 1, 26 Sep 1992
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 28; all competitions 30

Career Path

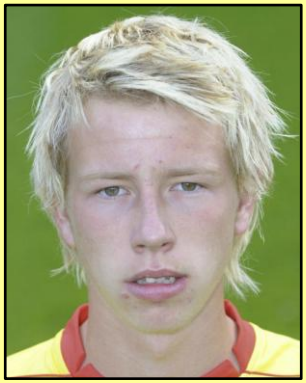
Brent Schools; Parkfield; **WATFORD** (schoolboy February 1985); FA School of Excellence; **WATFORD** (trainee July 1987, professional May 1988); Gillingham (loan March 1992); Carlisle United (free July 1993); Chester City (free July 1997); Brighton & Hove Albion (£25,000 October 1998, released close season 2001); non-League football; coaching in USA (2003 until 2004); schools & community coaching in Harrow & north London

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1987/88	**WATFORD**	**1**	**3**		**Football League Division 1 – 20th of 21 (Relegated)**
1988/89	**WATFORD**	**17**	**3**	**2**	**Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24**
1989/90	**WATFORD**	**30**	**2**	**6**	**Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24**
1990/91	**WATFORD**	**15**	**9**	**1**	**Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24**
1991/92	**WATFORD**	**1**	**4**		**Football League Division 2 – 10th of 24**
1991/92	Gillingham	8		1	Football League Division 4 – 11th of 22
1992/93	**WATFORD**	**1**			**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
1993/94	Carlisle United	39	1	9	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 7th of 22
1994/95	Carlisle United	36		6	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1995/96	Carlisle United	28	8	1	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1996/97	Carlisle United	23	13		Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1997/98	Chester City	25	13	4	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 14th of 24
1998/99	Chester City	3	3	3	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 14th of 24
1998/99	Brighton & Hove Albion	11	1	3	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 17th of 24
1999/00	Brighton & Hove Albion	14	20	1	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 11th of 24
2000/01	Brighton & Hove Albion		2		Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)

Once a schoolboy prodigy (he played for Brent Schools with Barry Ashby) Rod Thomas scored Watford's extra-time winner in the 1988/89 FA Youth Cup Final, more than a year after making his Football League début at Highbury as a trainee. A darting, dribbling winger, short in stature and with an extremely low centre of balance, he failed to fulfil his early promise but had a good Football League career and was a member of Carlisle United's promoted sides of 1994/95 and 1996/97. His tallies of England Schools caps (18) and goals (14) were both records.

Adam Lee THOMPSON (2010-2013) Full-back



Born Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, 28 September 1992

Representative Honours

Northern Ireland Youth, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 7+7 appearances (1 goal)
Football League Cup: 2 appearances
Début: 1-2 home defeat v Notts County, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 24 Aug 2010
Final game: (as sub) 2-3 away defeat v Peterborough United, Football League Championship, 13 Apr 2013
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 6; all competitions 6

Career Path

Wormley Youth FC; Tottenham Hotspur (trained from age 9 to 11); **WATFORD** (Academy, scholar June 2009, professional November 2010); Brentford (loan August 2011 & February 2012); Wycombe Wanderers (loan August 2012); Barnet (loan January 2013); Southend United (loan August 2013, free January 2014); Bury (free June 2017)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2010/11	**WATFORD**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2011/12	Brentford	16	4		Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 9th of 24
2012/13	Wycombe Wanderers	2			Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 15th of 24
2012/13	Barnet		1		Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2012/13	**WATFORD**		**4**		**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24**
2013/14	Southend United	13	3		Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 5th of 24
2014/15	Southend United	27	1		Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 5th of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Southend United	24	1	2	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 15th of 24
2016/17	Southend United	40		1	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 7th of 24

Although he'd played in a League Cup tie earlier in the season when still a scholar, he won his first Full cap three days before his Football League début, replacing Pat Jennings as the club's youngest-ever international at senior level. (In his second Full appearance he was sent off.) Adam Thompson had a run in the Watford first-team towards the end of the season, but after the change of manager in the summer of 2011 he was sent out on loan to gain experience in a lower division and was never again to enjoy much first-team action for Watford before being released.

Cyril Alfred THOMPSON (1951-1953) Centre-forward

Born Southend, Essex, 18 December 1918

Died Folkestone, Kent, 5 April 1972

Watford Career

Football League: 78 appearances (36 goals)
FA Cup: 5 appearances (5 goals)
Début: 1-2 away defeat v Nottingham Forest, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Mar 1951
Final game: 1-1 home draw v Millwall, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Apr 1953
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 21; all competitions 22

Career Path

Southend United (July 1945); Derby County (July 1948); Brighton & Hove Albion (March 1950); **WATFORD** (exchanged for R.H.Garbutt March 1951); Folkestone Town (July 1953, player/reserve-team coach by close season 1960, trainer by September 1962)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1946/47	Southend United	37		22	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1947/48	Southend United	29		14	Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1948/49	Derby County	14		3	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1949/50	Derby County	2			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1949/50	Brighton & Hove Albion	10		4	Football League Division 3 (South) – 8th of 22
1950/51	Brighton & Hove Albion	31		11	Football League Division 3 (South) – 13th of 24
1950/51	**WATFORD**	**12**		**5**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24**
1951/52	**WATFORD**	**41**		**22**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24**
1952/53	**WATFORD**	**25**		**9**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24**

Cyril Thompson's tally of 25 Football League and FA Cup goals in 1951/52 was Watford's peacetime best for 17 years. A powerfully-built centre-forward (and also an excellent club cricketer), he scored 90 League goals in 201 appearances after making his début at the age of 27 following the Second World War, in which he spent five years as a prisoner of war. In the the first post-war Football League season under peacetime conditions he scored 13 times for Southend United in a sequence of eight mid-season League and FA Cup fixtures, and five years later there was another purple patch at Brighton & Hove Albion, for whom he scored in each of eight successive League games. After leaving Vicarage Road he scored over a hundred goals for Folkestone Town, whom he helped to achieve the Kent Senior Cup and Shield double in 1956/57.

Garry Linsey THOMPSON (1988-1990) Forward

Born Birmingham, Warwickshire, 7 October 1959

Representative Honours

England Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 24+10 appearances (8 goals)
FA Cup: 7+1 appearances
Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance
Début: 1-0 home win v Portsmouth, Football League Div 2, 26 Dec 1988
Final game: (as sub) 4-2 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 2, 20 March 1990
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 8; all competitions 12

Career Path

Coventry City (schoolboy February 1975, apprentice July 1976, professional June 1977); West Bromwich Albion (£250,000 February 1983); Sheffield Wednesday (£450,000 August 1985); Aston Villa (£450,000 June 1986); **WATFORD** (£325,000 December 1988); Crystal Palace (£150,000 March 1990); Queens Park Rangers (£100,000 August 1991, released close season 1993); Cardiff City (non-contract August 1993, contract September 1993); Northampton Town (free February 1995, reserve-team manager close season 1997); Bristol Rovers (coach and non-contract player January 1999, caretaker-manager January 2001, manager February 2001, assistant-manager July 2001, manager December 2001 until April 2002); Brentford (assistant-manager October 2002, briefly caretaker-manager until leaving the club March 2004); Hucknall Town assistant-manager (February 2006 until December 2006)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1977/78	Coventry City	5	1	2	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1978/79	Coventry City	19	1	8	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1979/80	Coventry City	16	1	6	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1980/81	Coventry City	34	1	8	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1981/82	Coventry City	35	1	10	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1982/83	Coventry City	18	2	4	Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1982/83	West Bromwich Albion	12		7	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1983/84	West Bromwich Albion	37		13	Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1984/85	West Bromwich Albion	42		19	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1985/86	Sheffield Wednesday	35	1	7	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 22
1986/87	Aston Villa	30	1	6	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1987/88	Aston Villa	24		11	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 23 (Promoted)
1988/89	Aston Villa	2	3		Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1988/89	**WATFORD**	**17**	**4**	**7**	**Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24**
1989/90	**WATFORD**	**7**	**6**	**1**	**Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24**
1989/90	Crystal Palace	9		2	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1990/91	Crystal Palace	8	3	1	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 20
1991/92	Queens Park Rangers	10	5	1	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1992/93	Queens Park Rangers		4		FA Premier League – 5th of 22
1993/94	Cardiff City	28	2	5	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 19th of 24
1994/95	Cardiff City	11	2		Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
1994/95	Northampton Town	15		4	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 17th of 22
1995/96	Northampton Town	21	13	2	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 11th of 24
1996/97	Northampton Town		1		Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 4th of 24

After emerging from Coventry City's apprentice ranks, which also produced his younger brother Keith (a youth international), Garry Thompson won six Under-21 caps and became the subject of a succession of lucrative transfers in a Football League career which lasted for two decades. An aggressive striker, extremely strong in the air, he was deemed a disappointment at Watford and his first-team appearances became rare.

William THOMPSON (1946-1947) Goalkeeper

Born Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland, 31 August 1916

Died Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, February 1989

Watford Career

Football League: 9 appearances
FA Cup: 2 appearances
Début: 0-2 away defeat v Ipswich Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 14 Sep 1946
Final game: 1-4 away defeat v Notts County, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Jan 1947
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 8; all competitions 10

Career Path

Ashington; Leeds United (August 1935, cancelled April 1938); **WATFORD** (July 1946, released June 1947)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1946/47	WATFORD	9			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22

His brief experience in the first-team goal incorporated several good home wins, but he had a fairly torrid time on the road, conceding 21 goals in his six away appearances, including 17 in the last four. Bill Thompson had been on Leeds United's books before the Second World War, but it was with Watford, at the age of 30, that he played all his League football.

George Louis Elliot THORNE (2013) Midfielder

Born Chatham, Kent, 4 January 1993

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 8 appearances

Début: 0-1 home defeat v Bolton Wanderers, Football League Championship, 23 Nov 2013

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

Longest run of consecutive appearances: 8

Career Path

West Bromwich Albion (Academy, scholar July 2009, professional March 2010); Portsmouth (loan November 2011 and February 2012); Peterborough United (loan November 2012); **WATFORD** (loan November 2013); Derby County (loan January 2014, £2 million July 2014)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2009/10	West Bromwich Albion		1		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2010/11	West Bromwich Albion		1		FA Premier League – 11th of 20
2011/12	West Bromwich Albion	1	2		FA Premier League – 10th of 20
2011/12	Portsmouth	14			Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2012/13	Peterborough United	7		1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2012/13	West Bromwich Albion	3	2		FA Premier League – 8th of 20
2013/14	**WATFORD**	**8**			**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2013/14	Derby County	12		2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24
2014/15	Derby County	3			Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 8th of 24
2015/16	Derby County	32	2	2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 5th of 24

Having made a first Football League appearance at the age of 16, George Thorne developed his career through a series of loan transfers, which included a spell of eight games for Watford, only one which was won. A well-built midfielder, he made a substitute appearance in the England team, alongside Nathaniel Chalobah and Josh McEachran, which won the 2010 Under-17 championship final.

Arthur THURLEY (1932) Centre-half

Born Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire, 17 May 1908

Died Harefield, London, 14 June 1972

Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances
Début: 1-2 away defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 25 Mar 1932
Final game: 0-5 away defeat v Fulham, Football League Div 3 (South), 2 Apr 1932
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 4

Career Path

Bishops Stortford; **WATFORD** (amateur January 1926, professional November 1927, released close season 1933); Racing Club de Calais *(France)*; Red Star Olympique *(France)*; Lyon Olympique *(France)*; Villourbanne *(France)*; Watford Labour Club (permit to play as an amateur granted January 1938)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1931/32	WATFORD	4			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22

Big, energetic and versatile – he even had spells in goal for the Reserves – Arthur Thurley had just one first-team run of four games at centre-half in his long Vicarage Road service. After returning from France in the mid-1930s he worked at Shrodells Hospital until the end of his life. As a cricketer he captained Watford Town CC.

Thomas TIERNEY (1904) Forward

Watford Career

South Eastern League: 2 appearances
Début: 1-0 home win v Luton Town, South Eastern League, 7 Sep 1904
Final game: 3-0 home win v Grays United, South Eastern League, 21 Sep 1904
Longest run of consecutive appearances: all competitions 1

Career Path

Witton Albion; Northwich Victoria (August 1893); Chorley (1894/95); Blackburn Rovers (June 1895); New Brighton Tower (August 1897); Blackburn Rovers (April 1898); New Brighton Tower (April 1898); Chorley (November 1898); New Brighton Tower (May 1899); Luton Town (July 1900); Gainsborough Trinity (August 1902); Barrow in Furness (February 1903); Glentoran (August 1903); **WATFORD** (August 1904 after brief trial period); Chorley (September 1905)

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1893/94	Northwich Victoria	4		1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 15 (Resigned from League)
1895/96	Blackburn Rovers	9		1	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 16
1896/97	Blackburn Rovers	11		2	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 16
1897/98	Blackburn Rovers	1			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 16
1899/00	New Brighton Tower	30		5	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 18
1900/01	Luton Town	16		5	Southern League Division 1 – 10th of 15
1901/02	Luton Town	27		6	Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 16
1902/03	Gainsborough Trinity	2			Football League Division 2 – 12th of 18

He'd included a trip across the Irish Sea among his many moves before arriving at Watford for a trial which earned him an engagement for the 1904/05 season. He was also employed in the town as a bricklayer. Tommy Tierney had once been a First Division forward in the Football League, but at Cassio Road was picked only for a couple of South Eastern League fixtures, at inside-right.

Herbert Frank TINKLIN (1936) Winger

Born Selston, Nottinghamshire, 16 June 1910

Died Worcester, 15 July 1980

Watford Career

Football League: 8 appearances
Division 3 (South) Cup: 2 appearances
Début: 1-4 away defeat v Luton Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Oct 1936
Final game: 2-1 home win v Clapton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Dec 1936
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 5; all competitions 7

Career Path

Alfreton Town (1924); Derby County (amateur); Grantham (professional 1928 for one season); Heanor Town (November 1930); Grantham (June 1931); Loughborough Corinthians (close season 1932); Nuneaton Town (July 1933); Folkestone (January 1935); Aldershot (April 1935); **WATFORD** (free May 1936, released close season 1937); Brierley Hill Alliance (February 1938); Nuneaton Borough (January 1939)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1934/35	Aldershot	2			Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22
1935/36	Aldershot	31		8	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1936/37	**WATFORD**	**8**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22**

When he eventually stepped up into the Football League, with Aldershot at the tail-end of the 1934/35 season, left-winger Bert Tinklin held a regular place in the Hampshire club's first-team for a year. There was then a short burst of Third Division (South) action for Watford in the middle of the following season, at the end of which he was released. Before joining the club he claimed to have compiled a bar billiards break of 18,000 – a "world record", he announced grandly.

Alfred Ernest TOOLEY (1904-1906) Full-back

Born Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, 1882

Died Colchester, Essex, 1966

Watford Career

Southern League: 1 appearance
South Eastern League: 2 appearances
United League: 2 appearances
Début: 3-0 home win v Grays United, South Eastern League, 21 Sep 1904
Final game: 1-5 away defeat v Hastings & St Leonards United, United League, 28 Nov 1906
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 1; all competitions 1

Career Path

Leighton Cee Springs (by September 1902); **WATFORD** (amateur September 1903 until January 1907)

Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1904/05	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 18

As an amateur full-back he did make that handful of senior appearances, but his main contribution at Cassio Road was as captain of the Reserves for 1905/06 and 1906/07. In January 1907 he stood down, and ended his association with the club owing to pressure of business.

Albert Edward Fensom TOOMS (1889) Full-back

(formerly Albert Edward FENSOM)

Born Long Marston, Hertfordshire, 9 February 1863

Died Bedford, 26 December 1915

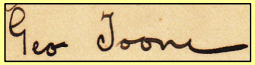
Watford Rovers Career

Herts County Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 9-0 home win v Berkhamsted, Herts County Cup 1st Round, 14 Dec 1889

A carpenter whose only first-team appearance of any kind produced a result which leaves him with a career record without parallel. By 1891 his father was licensee of *The New Inn* in King Street.

George TOONE (1919-1924) Half-back



Born Nottingham, 6 September 1893

Died Nottingham, 21 July 1950

Watford Career

Southern League & Football League: 178 appearances
FA Cup: 12 appearances
Début: 3-2 home win v Northampton Town, Southern League Div 1, 8 Sep 1919
Final game: 0-0 home draw v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 3 May 1924
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern Lge/Football Lge 164; all competitions 175

Career Path

Sherwood Rangers; Northampton Town trial (July 1912); Mansfield Mechanics; Notts County (August 1913 until close season 1916); **WATFORD** ("small fee" July 1919); Sheffield Wednesday (exchanged for G.Prior plus £240 August 1924 until close season 1928); Scarborough Penguins (October 1928)

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1913/14	Notts County	1			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 20 (Promoted)
1919/20	**WATFORD**	**13**			**Southern League Division 1 – 2nd of 22**
1920/21	**WATFORD**	**42**			**Football League Division 3 – 6th of 22**
1921/22	**WATFORD**	**42**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 7th of 22**
1922/23	**WATFORD**	**42**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22**
1923/24	**WATFORD**	**39**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22**
1924/25	Sheffield Wednesday	19			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22

A prodigious worker who was quick to spot danger, George Toone, whose father kept goal for England, was a half-back whose strengths were defensive ones, as borne out by his goals tally. His consistency and fitness were such that he played in every one of Watford's first 159 Football League games. He was at Hillsborough with Billy Chapman and Jimmy Trotter after leaving Vicarage Road. A first-team run in Sheffield Wednesday's Second Division team was followed by three seasons without a Football League appearance, and after being released by Wednesday he advertised his availability in *Athletic News* in August 1928. Scarborough Penguins snapped him up a couple of months later.

A.H.TOWN (1887) Forward

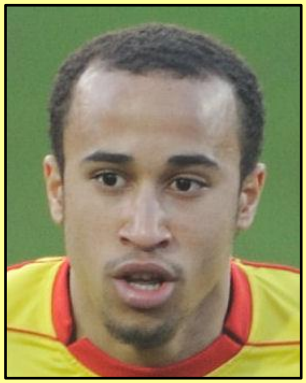
Watford Rovers Career

Herts County Cup: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 3-1 home win v Aldenham School, Herts County Cup 1st Round, 12 Nov 1887

He also played in two friendlies in the same season (scoring one goal in a 10-0 win against Amherst), and possibly one or two more for which the line-ups are unknown.

Andros Darryl TOWNSEND (2011) Midfielder



Born Chingford, London, 16 July 1991

Representative Honours

England Youth, Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 2+1 appearances
Début: 2-4 away defeat v Cardiff City, Football League Championship, 22 Jan 2011
Final game: (as sub) 1-3 home defeat v Burnley, Football League Championship, 12 Feb 2011
Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1

Career Path

Tottenham Hotspur (trained from age 9, scholar July 2007, professional December 2008); Yeovil Town (loan March 2009); Leyton Orient (loan August 2009); Milton Keynes Dons (loan January 2010); Ipswich Town (loan August 2010); **WATFORD** (loan January 2011); Millwall (loan March 2011); Leeds United (loan January 2012); Birmingham City (loan February 2012); Queens Park Rangers (loan January 2013); Newcastle United (£12 million January 2016); Crystal Palace (£13 million June 2016)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2008/09	Yeovil Town	10		1	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 17th of 24
2009/10	Leyton Orient	17	5	2	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 17th of 24
2009/10	Milton Keynes Dons	8	1	2	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 12th of 24
2010/11	Ipswich Town	11	2	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24
2010/11	**WATFORD**	**2**	**1**		**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2010/11	Millwall	11		2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 9th of 24
2011/12	Leeds United	5	1	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24
2011/12	Birmingham City	12	4		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 4th of 24
2012/13	Tottenham Hotspur		5		FA Premier League – 5th of 20
2012/13	Queens Park Rangers	12		2	FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)
2013/14	Tottenham Hotspur	12	13	1	FA Premier League – 6th of 20
2014/15	Tottenham Hotspur	10	7	2	FA Premier League – 5th of 20
2015/16	Tottenham Hotspur		3		FA Premier League – 3rd of 20
2015/16	Newcastle United	12	1	4	FA Premier League – 18th of 20 (Relegated)
2016/17	Crystal Palace	30	6	3	FA Premier League – 14th of 20

Possessing pace and talent, loan-spell specialist Andros Townsend had Football League experience with eight clubs before ever appearing in the FA Premier League with his employers, although there were a few Tottenham appearances in other first-team competitions. He joined Watford in January 2011 with a view to staying for the remainder of the season, but a month later the club ended the arrangement and sent him back to White Hart Lane. In June 2013 he was found guilty by the Football Association of gambling offences, for which he was punished with suspension and an £18,000 fine, but four months later his apparently directionless career became a thing of the past when he scored a spectacular goal on his Full international début in a World Cup qualifying match at Wembley Stadium.

Dániel TÖZSÉR (2014-2015) Midfielder

Born Szolnok, Hungary, 12 May 1985

Representative Honours

Hungary Under-21 and Full

Watford Career

Football League: 54+11 appearances (5 goals)
FA Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 2-0 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Championship, 2 Feb 2014
Final game: (as sub) 1-1 home draw v Sheffield Wednesday, Football League Championship, 2 May 2015
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 47; all competitions 31

Career Path

Debrecen *(Hungary)*; Galatasaray *(Turkey)* (2003); Ferencváros *(Hungary)* (2004); AEK Athens *(Greece)* (2006); KRC Genk *(Belgium)* (€1.5 million June 2008); Genoa *(Italy)* (February 2012); **WATFORD** (loan January 2014); Parma *(Italy)* (July 2014, released close season 2015); **WATFORD** (loan July 2014); Queens Park Rangers (August 2015); Debrecen *(Hungary)* (free August 2016)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2013/14	**WATFORD**	**20**			**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2014/15	**WATFORD**	**34**	**11**	**5**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)**
2015/16	Queens Park Rangers	11	5	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 12th of 24

From the very start of his Watford début as a loan player, Dániel Tözsér was on the field for every minute of the 20 matches to the end of the 2013/14 season. He demonstrated a fine reading of the game from a deep midfield position and was always making himself available to receive the ball and dictate the play with skilful left-footed passes, both short and long, and powerfully driven free kicks.

Charles TRACEY (1930-1931) Winger

Born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, 17 August 1909

Died Stirlingshire, 1963

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 1-0 home win v Thames, Football League Div 3 (South), 11 Oct 1930
Final game: 2-0 home win v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Jan 1931
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

Douglas Water Thistle (June 1929); Kirkmuirhill Juniors (February 1930); **WATFORD** (free May 1930, released close season 1931); Morton Reserves (mid-1931/32); Kings Park (January 1932 until close season 1932); Morecambe (April 1933); Lancaster Town (February 1934); Morecambe (August 1934); Fleetwood (November 1934); Newry Town; Bacup Borough (August 1936); Lytham (November 1936); Morton (by August 1939); Hartlepools United & Wrexham guest player during Second World War; Luton Town (August 1945)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1930/31	**WATFORD**	**3**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 18th of 22**
1931/32	Kings Park	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 15th of 20
1939/40	*Morton*	*?*		*?*	*Scottish League Division 2 – season abandoned*

Maximum points were obtained from his three Football League outings, which included a 5-1 away win against Bristol Rovers. He scored one of the club's two goals against Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic in the third game. A small and clever winger, he went home to Scotland after his one season at Watford, and the rest of his career encompassed action in all four countries of the United Kingdom.

Raymond TRAIN (1978-1982) MIdfielder

Born Nuneaton, Warwickshire, 10 February 1951

Watford Career

Football League: 91+1 appearances (3 goals)
FA Cup: 9 appearances
Football League Cup: 8+1 appearances (1 goal)
Football League Trophy: 1+1 appearances
Début: 1-1 home draw v Mansfield Town, Football League Div 3, 2 Dec 1978
Final game: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Ipswich Town,
Football League Cup 5th Round, 18 Jan 1982
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 74; all competitions 86

Career Path

Bedworth United; Walsall (apprentice September 1967, professional November 1968); Carlisle United (£15,000 December 1971); Sunderland (£80,000 March 1976); Bolton Wanderers (£30,000 March 1977); **WATFORD** (£50,000 November 1978); Oxford United (£10,000 March 1982); AFC Bournemouth (loan November 1983); Northampton Town (free July 1984); Tranmere Rovers (free August 1985); Walsall (free August 1986, cancelled December 1988, also reserve-team & youth-team coach by October 1988, caretaker-manager December 1988 until January 1989); Port Vale football-in-the-community officer (February 1990); Middlesbrough (reserve-team coach by close season 1991 until 1993, chief scout 1995 until May 2003); West Bromwich Albion scout (by February 2006)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1968/69	Walsall	16	3	4	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1969/70	Walsall	17	2	3	Football League Division 3 – 12th of 24
1970/71	Walsall	21	3	3	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1971/72	Walsall	13		1	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1971/72	Carlisle United	20			Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1972/73	Carlisle United	42		1	Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1973/74	Carlisle United	26	1	3	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22 (Promoted)
1974/75	Carlisle United	42		2	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1975/76	Carlisle United	24		2	Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22
1975/76	Sunderland	12			Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1976/77	Sunderland	19	1	1	Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1976/77	Bolton Wanderers	13	1		Football League Division 2 – 4th of 22
1977/78	Bolton Wanderers	31	1		Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1978/79	Bolton Wanderers	5			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1978/79	**WATFORD**	**20**	**1**	**1**	**Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)**
1979/80	**WATFORD**	**42**		**1**	**Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22**
1980/81	**WATFORD**	**29**		**1**	**Football League Division 2 – 9th of 22**
1981/82	Oxford United	15			Football League Division 3 – 5th of 24
1982/83	Oxford United	33	1		Football League Division 3 – 5th of 24
1983/84	AFC Bournemouth	7			Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1983/84	Oxford United	1			Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1984/85	Northampton Town	46		1	Football League Division 4 – 23rd of 24
1985/86	Tranmere Rovers	36			Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1986/87	Walsall	16			Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24

Ray Train joined Walsall on two occasions, separated by nearly two decades during which he turned out for eight other Football League clubs and achieved promotion with four of them (lastly Watford) in the space of six seasons. Although as a tidy and busy little midfielder he made well over five hundred League appearances, the goal he scored on his Watford début was one of only 24 he scored in the competition in his whole career.

Patrick TRAINER (1904) Inside-forward

Born Scotland

Watford Career

South Eastern League: 1 appearances (2 goals)
Sole appearance: 4-1 home win v Brighton & Hove Albion Reserves, South Eastern League, 16 Apr 1904

Career Path

Douglas Wanderers; **WATFORD** trial (April 1904)

Inexplicably, the club brought this poor chap down from Castle Douglas for one game, in which he scored twice – and this after travelling on the overnight train and reaching Watford at 8 o'clock in the morning – but decided to show no further interest. His partner in the right-wing pairing was his former Douglas Wanderers colleague, George Badenoch. Trainer was described as "frail in build, not yet filled out", but the same description applied half a century later to Barry Hartle, whom the club, with infinitely more sense on that occasion, set about building up physically and reaped the rewards.

Marcello TROTTA (2012) Striker

Born Santa Maria Capua, Italy, 29 September 1992

Representative Honours

Italy Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 0-3 home defeat v Southampton, Football League Championship, 25 Feb 2012

Career Path

Napoli *(Italy)* (2004); Manchester City trial (May 2009); Fulham (August 2009); Wycombe Wanderers (loan November 2011); **WATFORD** (loan February 2012); Brentford (loan November 2012 and September 2013); Barnsley (loan November 2014); A.S.Avellino *(Italy)* (undisclosed fee January 2015); Sassuolo *(Italy)* (January 2016); Crotone *(Italy)* (loan Aug 2016)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2011/12	Wycombe Wanderers	8		8	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	**WATFORD**	**1**			**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24**
2011/12	Fulham		1		FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2012/13	Brentford	18	6	6	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 3rd of 24
2013/14	Brentford	28	9	12	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2014/15	Barnsley	3	2	1	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 11th of 24

He came to Vicarage Road on loan and went straight into the first team, but after sixty minutes of action he was substituted, and Marcello Trotta's Watford career was over. After doing nothing beyond training for the next few weeks he was sent back to Fulham. All this happened soon after a more productive loan spell with Wycombe Wanderers, where his eight goals in eight games included a hat-trick. Trotta was the culprit in an incident of the highest drama when Brentford lost to Doncaster Rovers in their final third-tier game of 2012/13, in which the result guaranteed to secure automatic promotion for one of them. After four minutes of added time, with the game scoreless, Brentford were awarded a penalty kick. Kevin O'Connor had been instructed by his manager to take the kick, but Trotta grabbed the ball, ignored the manager's instructions and fired the penalty kick against the crossbar. The ball rebounded into play and Doncaster raced downfield to score, thereby winning the match, promotion and the championship, and leaving Brentford to face the Play-offs. They were beaten in the Final at Wembley.

James TROTTER (1931-1932) Inside-forward / Centre-forward

Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 3 January 1899

Died Canterbury, Kent, 11 February 1985

Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 2-0 home win v Coventry City, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Dec 1931
Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 10 Sep 1932
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

Parsons Turbine Works; Bury (November 1919); Sheffield Wednesday (February 1922); Torquay United (June 1930); **WATFORD** (£375 December 1931, released close season 1933); Charlton Athletic (trainer July 1934, manager September 1956 until October 1961); also frequently England trainer

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1919/20	Bury	10		3	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1920/21	Bury	20		6	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1921/22	Bury	18		11	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 22
1921/22	Sheffield Wednesday	4		1	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 22
1922/23	Sheffield Wednesday	2			Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1923/24	Sheffield Wednesday	6		1	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 22
1924/25	Sheffield Wednesday	24		16	Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1925/26	Sheffield Wednesday	41		37	Football League Division 2 – 1st of 22 (Promoted)
1926/27	Sheffield Wednesday	41		37	Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1927/28	Sheffield Wednesday	30		16	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1928/29	Sheffield Wednesday	6		1	Football League Division 1 – 1st of 22
1930/31	Torquay United	38		26	Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1931/32	Torquay United	18		10	Football League Division 3 (South) – 19th of 22
1931/32	**WATFORD**	**2**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22**
1932/33	**WATFORD**	**2**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22**

A début goal and a cartilage injury which ended Jimmy Trotter's career were all Watford got for their money. During his time at Hillsborough he topped the Second and First Division scoring lists in consecutive years, twice scoring five times in a match, and altogether accumulated 166 goals in 262 Football League appearances with his four clubs. He went on be England's sponge-man on many occasions, and after an extremely long Charlton Athletic stint under his former Sheffield Wednesday colleague Jimmy Seed he succeeded him as manager.