



WATFORD IN PERSON

ANDY RANKIN: Former Everton goal-keeper, now Watford's senior player. Twice their Player of the Year with a record number of appearances approaching 300. Has played in all four divisions of the Football League. Born Liverpool.

TREVOR HOW: 21-year-old defender who has progressed from juniors of his only club. Son of speedway ace of the fifties, Ronnie How. Can play midfield. Born Amersham.

STEVE SIMS: Central defender who cost a Division III record fee of £200,000 when signed from Leicester in December 1978. Tall and sturdy with ten Under-21 England caps. Born Lincoln.

IAN BOLTON: Bargain £12,000 signing from Notts County. This courageous, hardworking central defender has scored 15 goals for Watford, mostly penalties, in over 90 appearances. Once loaned to Lincoln, manager Graham Taylor's former club. Born Leicester.

STEVE HARRISON: Defender signed from Vancouver Whitecaps, after playing originally for Blackpool. A great competitor, who has settled in well since last season, when making 23 League appearances. Born Blackpool.

RAY TRAIN: Experienced midfield player who has helped four clubs win promotion. Previously with Walsall, Carlisle, Sunderland and Bolton, who sold him to Watford for £50,000. Small but gifted ball distributor. Born Nuneaton.



ROGER JOSLYN: Experienced midfielder man whose consistent displays were a factor in last season's promotion. Previously with Colchester and Aldershot, he totals some 450 League appearances. Born Colchester.

BRIAN POLLARD: Small, speedy winger who drops back well to help in defence. Gained promotion with his previous club York City. Recovered from knee injury sustained last season. Born York.

BOBBY DOWNES: Experienced forward signed from Rochdale for a bargain £5,000 five seasons ago. Has made well over 200 appearances for Watford. Accurate crosser of the ball and fierce long-shot. Born Bloxwich.

ROSS JENKINS: 6ft. 2in. striker who cost £30,000 from Crystal Palace, he has twice been Watford's Player of the Year. Prolific goalscorer, leading the table with 29 in League games (37 in all matches) last season. Born Kensington.

LUTHER BLISSETT: West Indian striker and England Under-21 international who gained a further cap against Denmark last week. Scored twice in each of the League Cup-ties last season against Newcastle, Manchester United and Stoke. Born Jamaica.

KEITH MERCER: Determined front runner with well over 100 appearances for Watford, he was voted Player of the Year at Vicarage Road in 1977-78 season. Born Lewisham.

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