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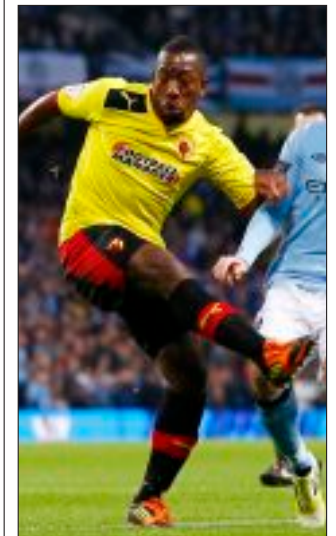
PLAYERS will continue with anti-racism protest



Tottenham Hotspur players take the knee before a Premier League match last season

Hornets named for testimonial

WEALDSTONE TO FACE WATFORD THIS WEEKEND



Lloyd Doyley with Watford

Picture: Action Images

LLOYD Doyley, Marvin Sordell, Graham Stack and Tommy Smith will play for a Watford legends team in a game against Wealdstone this weekend.

The match, a testimonial for former Hornets' youth goalkeeper Jonathan North, will be held at Grosvenor Vale at 1pm this Sunday (August 8), not to be confused with the Under 23 match taking place on Tuesday, August 10.

Further players will be added to the XI in the coming days.

Speaking about being awarded a testimonial, North said: "I am delighted and honoured that the club are giving me a testimonial."

"I have so many good memories from my ten years at Wealdstone and hopefully this can be another one to add to that list."

"This wouldn't have been possible without all the players that I've played with and staff I have played under and all the fans who have supported me throughout."

"This will hopefully be a special day and a chance to say a proper goodbye to everyone who has helped me along the way."

"Can't wait to see some familiar faces again and hopefully be a day to reminisce about the good days and look forward to future as well for the club."

"I hope to see you all down there on what will be an excellent day."

Picture: PA

Kneeling to continue

By Ryan Gray

PREMIER League players have committed to continue taking the knee this season.

The English Football League reaffirmed its support to players and staff who wish to make the gesture to bring attention to racial injustice and inequality on Tuesday morning.

Later that day the Premier League announced players from all 20 clubs will continue to take the knee ahead of matches during the 2021-22 campaign to highlight their opposition to racism.

The decision is "wholeheartedly supported" by the Premier League, with players and match officials wearing 'No Room For Racism' badges on their shirts.

The players said in a statement: "We feel now, more than ever, it is important for us to continue to take the knee as a symbol of our unity against all forms of racism."

"We remain resolutely committed to our singular objective of eradicating racial prejudice wherever it exists, to bring about a global society of inclusion, re-

spect and equal opportunities for all."

Players have taken the knee at Premier League matches since football resumed last June amid the coronavirus pandemic.

England players were booed by pockets of fans when taking the knee in pre-Euro 2020 friendlies but continued to do so throughout their run to the final.

Premier League chief executive Richard Masters said: "The Premier League, our clubs, players and match officials have a long-standing commitment to tackle racism and all forms of discrimination. Following our club captains' meeting, that collective commitment was reaffirmed and the Premier League will continue to support the players' strong voice on this important issue. Racism in any form is unacceptable and No Room For Racism makes our zero-tolerance stance clear."



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