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### Former UIC Defender Jay DeMerit Becoming Fan Favorite Overseas

Watford centre-half up for Carling Cup New Talent award against fellow rookies from Arsenal, Manchester United.

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**Watford, U.K.-** As the English football club Watford continues to battle the cream of the soccer crop over in the United Kingdom, one of the UIC soccer team's all-time great defensive standouts is seeing his hard work pay off as a professional player in Europe.

Jay DeMerit, who signed on with Watford over five months ago after only two games with the club's reserve team, has seen his stock soar as a hard-working centre-half for the Hornets, who are in the midst of Carling Cup semi-final play against Liverpool.

DeMerit is quickly becoming a fan favorite, and the three-time NSCAA All-Midwest selection for the Flames is one of six players being considered for the Carling Cup's New Talent award. Along with DeMerit, players from English powers Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United are up for the honor.

Fans can vote for DeMerit in the Carling Cup New Talent race at <http://www.carlingcup.premiumtv.co.uk/page/Home/0,,11995,00.html>. Once you're on the page, click on the Interact link to vote.

DeMerit has been a defensive stalwart for Watford in only his first year with the team. The Green Bay, Wis. native even scored a goal, the first of his young professional career, from his defender spot against Crewe on January 15th.

Check back here at [uicflames.com](http://uicflames.com) to see how Jay fared in the Carling Cup New Talent voting.

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A UIC defender from 1998-2001, Jay DeMerit is becoming a fan favorite with English League Championship team Watford.

