

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Appearance record to end of 1969-70 season

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George Armstrong

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, a former England Under-23 international with a mass of League experience regained the No 7 shirt from Marinello against Anderlecht. Armstrong, a Durham youngster who was unearthed at a club trial in 1961, is a gritty run-and-shoot type of winger.

George Armstrong's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 252 (3) Goals 36

Geoff Barnett

Wilson broke an arm last September and this was the crisis that tempted Arsenal to pay a big fee to Everton for our former Youth international GEOFF BARNETT.

Norwich-born Geoff spent five and a half year at Goodison. So far his first-team career numbers less than 20 matches – including a peak performance of denying a single goal in two Fairs Cup matches against Sporting Lisbon.

Geoff Barnett's League career:

Everton Apps. 10

Arsenal Apps. 11

Charlie George

Among the young man coming through from Arsenal's Youth scheme, one of the most outstanding prospects is CHARLIE GEORGE, a product of Islington Schools who disguises a brilliant goal-sense with a strolling stride. Scored the winner at West Bromwich in only the second game of his League career last season and played in Fairs Cup Final.

Charlie George's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 21 (7) Goals 6

George Graham

The Arsenal man with the highest career total of goals is GEORGE GRAHAM, a tall Scot who was granted a mere eight League appearance by Aston Villa before they released him to Chelsea for £5,000!

Graham was already a Scottish Youth international and went on to justify his early promise a three-year spell in Tommy Docherty's team. To sign him from Chelsea, Arsenal were estimated to have paid £80,000 with Tommy Baldwin going to Chelsea as a part of the deal.

Graham, a Scottish Under-23 international, has been a striker and a midfield man in his Highbury career. He enjoyed the Fairs Cup triumph more than most, for he had been a long way in the competition with Chelsea, who lost to Barcelona in a semi-final.

George Graham's League career:

Aston Villa Apps. 8 Goals 2

Chelsea Apps. 72 Goals 35

Arsenal Apps. 130 (3) Goals 37

Eddie Kelly

EDDIE KELLY, a product of the great Glasgow soccer nursery, wore an Arsenal first-team jersey only 20 times last season. Yet, in that time, the 18-year-old attacking wing half won a European Fairs Cup medal, convinced

Arsenal that they could afford to release former Skipper Terry Neill to Hull City as player-manager, and so impressed Scotland team manager Bobby Brown that he said: "I just can't wait to get him into a Scottish jersey. He will certainly be given his chance at the first opportunity." Kelly scored the first goal when Arsenal pulled back a 2-0 deficit to beat Anderlecht in the Fairs Cup Final.

Eddie Kelly's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 14 Goals 2

Ray Kennedy

RAY KENNEDY, another teenager who was discovered in the North East, made rapid strides last season and, although he appeared only as a substitute in the first leg of the Fairs Cup against Anderlecht, he made a significant contribution by scoring the late goal that eased the defeat in Brussels to a bearable 3-1.

Ray Kennedy's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 2 (2) Goals 1

Peter Marinello

Arsenal has quantity and quality among their young forwards. Could this be the big season for PETER MARINELLO, the brilliant Scot who suffered from the wave of publicity after his £100,000 move from Hibernian half way through last season?

Marinello scored on his debut at Old Trafford, but that was his only goal in an unsettled start. His ball-holding style sometimes clashed with tactical requirements, and after playing against Dinamo Bacau, Rouen and Ajax, he was omitted from two matches in the Fairs Cup Final.

Peter Marinello's League career:

Hibernian Apps. 42 (3) Goals 5

Arsenal Apps. 14 Goals 1

Frank McLintock

When FRANK McLINTOCK was chaired off Highbury clutching the European Fairs Cup on April 28, he was not just ending Arsenal's 17 years without a senior honour.... he was also killing an unwanted personal record. "It was my fifth major Cup Final," says McLintock, "And it was the first time I had finished on the winning side. It was a fantastic feeling."

McLintock, a brilliant attacking wing half when Arsenal paid Leicester City £80,000 for his services in October, 1964, achieved the first Cup medal of his career as a centre half. A Wembley loser in two FA Cup Finals with Leicester City, Scotland's McLintock was also dejected and beaten in two League Cup Finals with Arsenal. Now McLintock aims a warning at Goodison Park when he says: "We are all determined to go for the League Championship. It is the ultimate ambition of every First Division skipper."

Frank McLintock's League career:

Leicester City Apps. 170 Goals 25
Arsenal Apps. 207 Goals 18

Bob McNab

BOB McNAB, now in his fifth season with Arsenal since his £50,000 transfer from Huddersfield Town, has twice had the unenviable task of succeeding Ray Wilson, the man Sir Alf Ramsey rates the best full back he has ever seen. He followed Ray into his home-town team Huddersfield and did so well that Arsenal and Liverpool were in a transfer tug-of-war for his signature. Then after an unhappy first season at Highbury, when he suffered persistently from illness and injury, he developed so well that he followed Wilson into the England team in 1968. Toured South America last year and went to Mexico this year but failed to make the final 22.

Bob McNab's League career:

Huddersfield Apps. 68
Arsenal Apps. 134 (1) Goals 2

John Radford

The main responsibility for goals rest on JOHN RADFORD, a well-built Yorkshireman who burst on to the senior scene with a hat-trick against Wolves in only his third League game over five years ago. Another hat-trick he remember: a teble in five minutes during an FA Cup tie against Bolton.

Turned professional in in 1964, starting off a career that has taken him to England appearances at Under-23 and full stages. Notched 12 League goals last season, including a hat-trick at Crystal Palace.

John Radford's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 185 (3) Goals 57

Pat Rice

Belfast-born PAT RICE is the second international full back on the Highbury books, making his League debut two years after signing as an apprentice in December, 1964. Capped by Ireland at Under-23 and full levels.

Pat Rice's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 9 (4)

John Roberts

Arsenal's depth of talents is underlined by the fact that such a talented prospect as centre half has yet to win a permanent place. A Welsh Under-23 international, he entered League football with Swansea, moved on to Northampton and earned the Cobblers a sizeable fee from Arsenal in the 1969 close season. Can play up front as well.

John Roberts's League career:

Swansea Apps. 36 (1) Goals 16

Northampton Apps. 62 Goals 11

Arsenal Apps. 11 Goals 1

Jon Sammels

Radford has "grown up" in the Arsenal side alongside JON SAMMELS, who beat Radford to England recognition by winning Schools and Youth caps, but has yet to add a full cap to his Under-23 honours. Oddly enough, Jon was noticed by an Arsenal scout while playing for Suffolk in a youth match against Norfolk, who included future Arsenal colleague Peter Simpson!

Although regarded as one of the "brains" of Arsenal's scheming set-up. Sammels also has a lethal shot and scored on his League debut at Blackpool. His best season was 1966-67 when he didn't miss a League game and a career highlight was the winning goal in the Fairs Cup Final. Incidentally, Jon is due for his 200th appearance today.....

Jon Sammels League career:

Arsenal Apps. 199 (1) Goals 37

Peter Simpson

While Kelly has achieved instant acclaim, his wing half colleague in the Arsenal set-up, PETER SIMPSON, made a delayed action-climb to the top. A few years ago Arsenal were on the brink of releasing him for a moderate fee – but the arrival of new coach Don Howe, bringing in a zone marking system, tugged the former Norfolk Schoolboy prospect out of an indecisive spell. Peter, who confesses he always wanted to play for Wolves, made his first-team debut at 18, but had to wait until 1966 before gaining a regular stopper's berth in the back four. Then progressed so well that he was called for England's training sessions.

Peter Simpson's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 164 (4) Goals 3

Peter Storey

Pat Rice's opportunities have been stifled by the consistency of PETER STOREY, a former England School cap from Farnham, Hants, who has been a first-

team fixture since 1965-66.

Peter Storey's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 182 Goals 2

Bob Wilson

BOB WILSON, the patient man of Highbury, believes that goalkeepers reach their best after the age of 25 – and no Gunners fan will deny that.

Derbyshire-born Wilson fits his own theory. Bob was 26 before he clinched a regular place as an ever-present in 1968-69 season and his progress to the top was more unusual than most. He didn't leave school until he was 18 and then it was off to Loughborough College for teacher training.

Entered the League scene as an amateur with Wolves, then moved to London to follow his work, and joined Arsenal while remaining a member of the unpaid ranks. It was several years before he turned professional and eventually won the senior spot from Jim Furnell.

Biggest disappointment: losing to Swindon in the League Cup final, but reckons this was more compensated by the European Fairs Cup triumph.

Bob Wilson's League career:

Arsenal Apps. 92