

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Appearance record to end of 1969-70 season

Football League – Division 1

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BLACKPOOL

Bill Bentley

BILL BENTLEY, a strong determined tackler, makes up Blackpool's full back division. He cost a £30,000 fee when signed from Stoke a couple of years back. A native of the Potteries.

Bill was a fine schoolboy player, winning England caps and later appearing for the national youth side as well.

Bill Bentley's League career:

Stoke City Apps. 44 (4) Goals 1
Blackpool Apps. 45 (5) Goals 1

Mickey Burns

Skelmersdale United's record of producing League players from amateur football has been second to none in recent years and one of the most successful recruits to the First Division is Blackpool striker MICKEY BURNS.

Capped by England's amateur team while he was "Skem", the Preston-born raider has proved a tricky winger.

Mickey Burns's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 27 (1) Goals 6

John Craven

JOHN CRAVEN's qualities of reliability and industry soon caught the eye of new Blackpool chief Bob Stokoe and when Fred Kemp was relegated to the reserves recently, the locally-born Craven was called in as Blackpool's skipper.

Signed from Blackpool junior football, John became a professional in 1965 and soon established himself as a strong and forceful player - either in midfield or at centre forward, where he has taken over the place left by the transfer of Fred Pickering to Blackburn.

John Craven's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 115 (6) Goals 16

Tony Green

This season has seen the return of brilliant Scot TONY GREEN to full fitness. After damaging an achilles tendon in pre-season training in July, 1969, the Glasgow-born inside forward did not return until midway through this campaign.

Signed from Albion Rovers in May, 1967, for less than £10,000. Green was earmarked as successor to Alan Ball and he was on the fringe of the Scotland team when struck by his serious injury.

Tony Green's League career:

Albion Rovers Apps. 64 Goals 21

Blackpool Apps. 79 Goals 7

Dave Hatton

Former Bolton Wanderers skipper DAVID HATTON was a £40,000 acquisition to the Blackpool staff for last season and he has maintained a regular place – first as a defensive wing half and as a full back since Jim Armfield's switch to the coaching side. David comes from Farnworth.

David Hatton's League career:

Bolton Apps. 231 Goals 7

Blackpool Apps. 36

Tom Hutchinson

Tall, ball-playing winger TOM HUTCHISON is another of Blackpool's bargain signings from Scotland, costing a small fee when captured from Alloa Athletics in February, 1968. He developed a fine reputation during the promotion run and has carried on the good work in the First Division. He won his first Scottish Under-23 cap this season.

Tom Hutchinson's League career:

Alloa Apps. 68 Goals 4

Blackpool Apps. 82 Goals 4

Glyn James

The most regular member of Blackpool's defence in recent years has been Welsh international centre half GLYN JAMES, who might well have won many more than five full caps but for the consistency of Mike England. Born in Llangollen, he went from school to Bloomfield Road in December, 1957, and succeeded Roy Gratrix in the No 5 spot. Has also played for Wales Under-23's and has shown versatility by appearing at centre forward for his club.

Glyn James's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 236 (1) Goals 9

Johnny Johnston

In two seasons since his transfer from Irish club Glentoran JOHNNY JOHNSTON has had few first-team opportunities, although he has been selected by Ireland at amateur and Under-23 levels. Recently

drafted into the side at wing half.

Johnny Johnston's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 9 Goals 2

Fred Kemp

Blackpool paid out a £45,000 fee last autumn to capture the busy midfield skills of Southampton's FRED KEMP. The side benefitted during a good team spell at the turn of the year and he was recently left out of the side. Born in Salerno, Italy. Kemp started his League days with Wolves and was sold to Southampton for a modest fee.

Fred Kemp's League career:

Wolves Apps. 3

Southampton Apps. 58 (4) Goals 10

Willie McGrotty

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Willie McGrotty's League career:

Blackpool Apps. -

Henry Mowbray

Among many successful Blackpool signings from Scottish football is defender HENRY MOWBRAY, who arrived for a modest fee from Cowdenbeath in

1967. Played a useful part in promotion campaign with 28 appearances.

Henry Mowbray's League career:

Cowdenbeath Apps. 20 Goals 1

Blackpool Apps. 63 (2)

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Peter Suddaby's League career:

Blackpool Apps. -

Alan Suddick

ALAN SUDDICK was Blackpool's biggest-ever buy when they paid £65,000 for the services of a clever, goal-scoring inside forward just over four years ago. Born in Chester-le-Street, Suddick won youth and Under-23 international caps before leaving Newcastle and, at Bloomfield Road, he was top scorer in 1968-69.

Alan Suddick's League career:

Newcastle Apps. 144 Goals 41

Blackpool Apps. 124 (1) Goals 34

Alan Taylor

ALAN TAYLOR is another signing from local junior football in 1962, was the man chosen by Blackpool to succeed England man Tony Waiters (now with Burnley). He was a regular in Blackpool's first two Second Division seasons, but lost his place last term to Harry Thomson and was further obstructed by the signing of Bury's Neil Ramsbottom and veteran Scot Adam Blacklaw from Blackburn. But Thomson have now left Blackpool and Ramsbottom recently suffered a injury . so Taylor may add to the handful of games he played in mid-season.

Alan Taylor's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 84

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