

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Appearance record to end of 1969-70 season

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Alan Durban

Many Welsh schoolboys dream of playing for their country at Rugby Football, but when ALAN DURBAN was a youngster down at Port Talbot, his main interests were soccer, cricket and lawn tennis. Many people who knew the young Durban felt that he would make a greater impression in cricket than on any other sporting field. At school he also had to play Rugby on Saturday mornings but he was much happier playing soccer for local youth teams in the afternoon.

After leaving school, he joined the Glamorgan cricket staff and the Cardiff City ground staff. Soccer gradually took over from cricket as Durban's first choice, but it was not until he joined Derby for £10,000 in 1962 that he really fulfilled his promise and he had made great strides since Clough became manager. Has five Under-23 and 16 senior caps.

Alan Hinton

Still only 28, ALAN HINTON remains one of the most dangerous wingers in the game and since moving to Derby nearly four years ago, he has played better than at any time since his early years under Stan Cullis at Wolves. Cullis, in fact, rates the Wednesbury-born Hinton a better crosser of the ball than former Wolves and England winger Jimmy Mullen. While with Wolves and Forest, Hinton gained three England caps but he has found a new belief in himself at Derby.

Archie Gemmill

One of the greatest factors in the rise of Derby since Brian Clough took over has been the number of signings that have surprised the rest of soccer and really come off. ARCHIE GEMMILL, now only 24, and capped by Scotland last week in Liege, certainly comes into that category.

Last September he seemed just another Third Division player with Preston, whom he joined from St. Mirren, but Clough pounced with a £65,000 cheque and Gemmill by his nimble footwork, tenacity and lively eye for a shooting chance, has become a most effective First Division player.

Colin Boulton

Life can be pretty hard for reserve goalkeepers, but it's becoming more and more apparent these days that First Division sides must have two experienced men for their last and most demanding line of defence.

A month ago COLIN BOULTON was in the reserves and had been unable to play in any first-team game since Derby gained promotion to the first Division in 1968-69 owing to the consistency of Les Green. But Green lost form, so in came Boulton for the Cup game with Chester and he has held his place on merit for the last five games.

Boulton, who is now 24, comes from Cheltenham and was a police cadet when he was sent to Derby by their former winger, Nigel Cleevely. The manager at this time was Tim Ward, who also came from Cheltenham, and he gave Boulton a deserved break but until last month the keeper had been limited to 25 League games during Derby's Second Division days.

Dave Mackay

At the start of the season, Derby County played Manchester United in the final of the Watney Cup and

before the match a bunch of United fans chanted cruelly: *"Hang your boots up. Dave Mackay."* Well the 36-year-old Scot silenced those taunts as he made a first goal and then rapped a cunning last goal in Derby's 4-1 win.

After the match, I asked DAVE MACKAY what he thought of the knockers and he grinned: "Over recent years a lot of people have been saying I should pack up but it was quite a novelty to hear the United fans singing it before the match. But I didn't do to badly, did I? "Mackay certainly did not and throughout this season he has shown tremendous character and consistency. Many people expected Dave to retire at the end of last season and Terry Hennesey, now out with his second cartilage operation of the season, to take over in the back line. But Terry had played so well in midfield towards the end of last season that Dave was persuaded to stay on to *"see how things go"*, They have gone better than most people dared to hope, but this is the way things have always gone when we have doubted this indestructible Scot.

Twice he broke his leg with Spurs but twice he came back. It seemed that his First Division days were over when he left Spurs in 1968, but he ended his first season with Derby by sharing the Footballer Writer's award with Tony Book. Was never out of his depth last season and after the Cup win over Wolves last month, he said: *"I think I'm enjoying my soccer and playing better this season than I did last year."*

Edinburgh-born Mackay started his career with Hearts winning Scottish League, Scottish Cup and League medals before going to Spurs in 1959 - winning a championship medal, three FA Cup winners' medals, European Cup winners' Cup medal and gained 26 Scottish caps.

Frank Wignall

Like Alan Hinton, the powerful FRANK WIGNALL, has gained a new lease of life at Derby after service with Everton, Forest and Wolves. Although he has been in a number 12 shirt more times in the last couple of years than any other First Division-class player, he has never complained and invariably has made a vital contribution when he has been called upon. Gained two

England caps while with Forest.

John McGovern

When JOHN McGOVERN first came down from Hartlepool for about £7,000, he seemed a clever but frail winger. He was built in the same stylish lines as Tom Finney but many doubted his ability to withstand the pressures of big-time scorer. But manager Clough, who knew McGovern from his Hartlepool days, used the young Scot shrewdly and over the last year he has been a most important member of the side.

John O'Hare

JOHN O'HARE was signed from Sunderland for £22,500 at the start of the 1967-68 season and has developed into one of the hardest workers and bravest among First Division centre forwards. He has formed a fine understanding with Kevin Hector and last year they shared 32 of Derby's goals. O'Hare has collected two Scottish caps, and played three times for the Under-23 side.

John Robson

When JOHN ROBSON left his Newcastle school, he went to work on the same factory lathe that Norman Hunter occupied before joining Leeds United. But, after being spotted by Peter Taylor, he needed little persuading to join Derby when only 16 and made his League debut in 1968.

It was quickly apparent that, even at 17, Robson was an outstanding prospect and he improved tremendously under the guidance of Dave Mackay. This season he gained a place in the England-23 side and must be fancied for a World Cup place in Munich.

Kevin Hector

Leeds-born KEVIN HECTOR made his debut for Bradford when only 16 and after being released by

Leeds quickly made his mark as a skilled inside forward with an exclusive dribble and the ability to "ghost" through defences. Derby paid £40,000 for him while Tim Ward was manager. He has proved that despite the promotion to Second Division and then First Division, he could still get goals. He has finished top scorer in each season with both his clubs.

Ron Webster

A true loyalist is one of the greatest assets that any club can possess and while many players have given 100 per cent to clubs following big transfers, there must always be a special spot in fans' heart for the one-club servant. RON WEBSTER falls right in this category, for Belper-born he joined Derby as a 15-year-old in August 1958, and to date, he has played 290 League games and played a vital part in the club's rise to the First Division.

Twice during his career he has broken a leg but each time he has come back to regain his place and this season he takes a richly-earned Testimonial. Originally a wing half, he was converted to right back by Brian Clough. He aims to spend his testimonial money on setting himself up as a farmer.

Roy McFarland

When ROY McFARLAND was a schoolboy in Liverpool, he used to pay regular visits to Anfield and Goodison Park terraces, but it was Tranmere Rovers who gave him his break as a player. After watching three of four of his 35 League appearances in September, 1967, Clough decided he was just the player he wanted and £24,000 has never been better spent.

He was brilliant last season, despite being handicapped by a nagging muscle strain which has forced him to miss a dozen representative matches, but last week he made his England debut in Malta and so fulfilled the prediction Clough made soon after his transfer to Derby. And Brian Labone's number five shirt could not be better keeping.