

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Apearance record to end of 1969-70 season

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LEEDS UNITED

Allan Clarke

Jones formed a new partnership with ALLAN CLARKE when Leeds paid a then-record £165,000 to buy the Black Country striker from Leicester City before the start of last season. Clarke first sprang to notice with local club Walsall, but was sold to Fulham for £35,000. In two seasons his value had soared to £150,000 and, in a year at Leicester, he made his first FA Cup final appearance. He went on England's 1969 summer trip to South America, playing in an unofficial international against Mexico, and came back home to begin a new career with Leeds as their top scorer with 17 goals. He also played for England in the World Cup.

Allan Clarke's League career:

Walsall Apps. 70 Goals 41

Fulham Apps. 84 Goals 45

Leicester City Apps. 36 Goals 12

Leeds Apps. 28 Goals 17

Eddie Gray

EDDIE GRAY, voted Man of the Match in last year's FA Cup final at Wembley, is one of Leeds greatest discoveries and has been earmarked for a distinguished Scotland career since making an impressive appearance against England at Wembley in May, 1969.

Eddie Gray's League career:

Leeds Apps. 126 (3) Goals 25

Jackie Charlton

Giant JACKIE CHARLTON made his League debut for Leeds as long ago as April, 1953, but only on the arrival of Don Revie did the North Eastener finally break out of a career which had generally been limited to the Second Division. Promotion was the first of a string of honours and was followed by the first of his 35 England caps at the age of 28.

He emulated his more famous brother Bobby as Footballer of the Year and, at 35, he has won most of the honours that are worth holding. After 17 years in a big time, he is respected as a professional of the highest stature and no longer is "just Bobby's brother". He is truly a star in his own right and should reach his 600th League game next season.

Jackie Charlton's League career:

Leeds Apps. 530 Goals 56

Mick Bates

Injuries to Bremner and Giles have given extra first-team scope to midfielder MICK BATES this season. The Doncaster man has again revealed qualities that would guarantee a first team place elsewhere.

Mick Bates League career:

Leeds Apps. 30 (8) Goals 1

Norman Hunter

In any other era NORMAN HUNTER would surely have won many more than a dozen international caps. Indeed, his manager, Don Revie, still rates him the best player in a position which is dominated in the England team by skipper Bobby Moore.

Hunter, a magnificently solid back four defender with bite in his tackle, has shared in all of Leeds' major triumphs and began his England career shortly after the World Cup in 1966. He was a member of the Mexico squad but his only appearance was as a substitute in the final game against west Germany.

Norman Hunter's League career:

Leeds Apps. 317 Goals 14

Paul Reaney

As Leeds' bid to land a glorious treble collapsed last spring, their series of disappointments was emphasized when England full back PAUL REANEY broke his right leg in a League match at West Ham on April 3rd. It not only cost the London-born defender a second FA Cup Final medal, but it also meant his withdrawal from the England World Cup squad for Mexico.

Yet the dedicated Reaney, who had made his international bow against Portugal last December, was back in League action on October 10 at West Bromwich – only 27 weeks after the tragedy of Upton Park. "People were surprised how quickly I came back" says Reaney. "But I had to explain how I had benefited from the most modern equipment – and exercises for eight hours a day."

Paul Reaney's League career:

Leeds Apps. 319 (1) Goals 4

Terry Cooper

TERRY COOPER had played only ten internationals for England when the World Cup started last summer, but by the time England departed at the quarter-final stage the jet-propelled Yorkshireman was rated among the finest full backs in the world. Speed and close control on the overlap are the hallmarks of the Cooper style – not surprising for a man who once operated as a winger.

A former amateur with Wolves, Cooper struggled for a regular Leeds place as an orthodox winger and was on the verge of a move to Sunderland less than four years ago. But he switched to full back when the central League side were short of a defender – and hasn't looked back since. But, while he determined defensive qualities are well respected by opposing wingers, Cooper is still recognized more for his touchline raiding. He scored the goal which won the League Cup Final in 1968 and Sir Alf Ramsey's tactical requirements called on him to come forward at will in Mexico. "I sometimes fell shattered after all the running," admits Terry. "But it's worth it when people tell you that Leeds are one of Europe's finest teams."

Terry Cooper's League career:

Leeds Apps. 153 (9) Goals 5

Billy Bremmner

Leeds United may have failed to win any of the major honours last season, but the near-success of their triple bid was recognised by the sports writers who made BILLY BREMNER the Footballer of the Year and Don Revie the manager of the Year. Bremner's award marked the final victory in his battle to control a fiery temperament. Discipline on the field is one of the qualifications for any footballer of the Year - and Bremner passed the test in a year when the personal pressures were greater than ever in the case for the Championship and two Cups. Bremner, born in Stirling, will soon be recording the 400th League match in a career that also taken him to 21 Scottish caps.

Billy Bremner's League career:

Leeds Appearance 374 (1) Goals 64

Gary Sprake

GARY SPRAKE won his first international caps for Wales six years ago – yet, although he has been recognized as one of the top goalkeepers in Britain since his League debut in 1962, the Swansea born star has appeared only 18 times for Wales. This is only two more than his recognized understudy, Tony Millington, ofSwamsea, who stepped in for Sprake in all three of last season's home internationals. Sprake made his debut early in Don Revie's managerial career and his consistency has been tough on his Leeds born deputy. David Harvey, who has been restricted to 16 League matches, but Harvey stepped in for the FA Cup Final reply against Chelsea at Old Trafford last term.

Gary Sprake's League career:

Leeds Apps. 310

Johnny Giles

Leeds original rise under Revie was assumed under the on-field direction of our former pocket-general Bobby Collins. Everyone wondered how Leeds could replace such a vital cog. The answer was supplied by JOHNNY GILES, bought from Manchester United in 1963 soon after winning the FA Cup medal. Giles started at Leeds as a winger, then switched inside.

The Eire international from Dublin struck up a wonderful partnership with Billy Bremner and soon dismissed any personal regrets about leaving Old Trafford by playing a huge part in making Leeds great as well. "I have learned that the will to win is as important as any other requirement for success," says the happy director of Leeds' midfield.

Johnny Giles League career:

Manchester United Apps. 98, Goals 10

Leeds Apps. 230 (8) Goals 58

Mick Jones

Don Revie has welded a great side on his youth policy but spent two major fees to get the main striking force. First, in September, 1967, he paid out £99,000 to import centre forward MICK JONES from Sheffield United, where his boss, John Harris, rated him the best header of a ball since Tommy Lawton. Jones won two caps while with Sheffield, but the 25-year-old Notts man has reached new heights at Leeds, winning an England return against Holland last season.

Mick Jones League career:

Sheffield United Apps. 149 Goals 63

Leeds Apps. 97 Goals 36

Paul Madeley

When Reaney tragically broke his leg last spring, Sir Alf Ramsey immediately nominated club colleague PAUL MADELY as his replacement in the World Cup party. Surely, there could have been no finer tribute to the greatest all-rounder in English soccer. Of course, Madely declined the trip for a personal reasons, but that can't destroy his reputation as a world-class player.

He has played in just about every position except goalkeeper and Manager. Revie says: "I couldn't put a price on his head." Madely, who played for the Football League last season and Won an FA tour to Canada three years ago, says he enjoys his varied roles.

Paul Madely's League career:

Leeds Apps. 147 (10) Goals 12

Peter Lorimer

The "heavy artillery" in the Leeds attack is supplied by PETER LORIMER, a Dundee man whose explosive shooting took him to the Scotland squad last season. Was second top scorer last season when he also kept up his habit of netting vital goals in European competition.

Peter Lorimer's League career:

Leeds Apps. 158 (11) Goals 61