

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Appearance record to end of 1969-70 season

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LIVERPOOL FC

Brian Hall

Injuries to regular wingers Peter Thompson and Ian Callaghan have opened the first-team door to Glasgow-born BRIAN HALL. He is an example of the type of player attracted by today's pay scales – the owner of a University degree who have might been lost to the game before the removal of the maximum wage.

Brian Hall's League career:

Liverpool Apps. – (2)

Chris Lawler

Right back CHRIS LAWLER is the "Mr. Reliable" of the Liverpool defence, holding his place since from September, 1965, to this season in an unbroken run of nearly 300 consecutive first-team games. The only surprise is that Chris has failed to add a full cap to his honours of schools, youth and Under-23 level. But the former reserve centre half hopes to take a corner in the record books, for at 27, he has a chance of joining Stan Lynn (Villa and Birmingham) and Jackie Brownsword (Scunthorpe) as the only full backs to reach 50 League goals.

Chris Lawler's League career:

Liverpool Apps. 253 Goals 27

Emlyn Hughes

To reach a regular spot in the England team EMLYN HUGHES has had to adopt a dual soccer-personality – playing in midfield for his club but switching to his old full back duties for his country. When Liverpool backed Bill Shankly's judgment to the tune of £65,000 to

Blackpool in February, 1967, they were hoping to convert the son of a former Rugby League player into a wing half. This was achieved successfully, but he had to move backwards for England – playing in all last season's home internationals at left back and appearing on either full back flank against East Germany and Malta this term.

Emlyn Hughes's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 27 (1)

Liverpool Apps. 130 Goals 12

Ian Callaghan

IAN CALLAGHAN, the long-serving international winger, was one of the first with a glut of early-season casualties. On his comeback after a cartilage operation the Liverpool man has found himself in the midst of intense competition for places. Ian, of the cornerstones of Liverpool's success in the Sixties, won his two England cap in 1966.

Ian Callaghan's League career:

Liverpool Apps. 352 Goals 19

Ian Ross

Glasgow-born defender IAN ROSS has made only a sprinkling of first-team appearances in the last three seasons, but Everton fans will remember him thriving on specialist marking in midfield during Liverpool's win here last season and again at Anfield three months ago.

Ian Ross League career:

Liverpool Apps. 14 (1) Goals 1

Ian St John

IAN St JOHN, the 32-year-old senior tactician of the Liverpool attack through the Sixties, is one of the men who has had to make way for the youngsters, but former Scottish international made a surprise comeback to the scorer's list with a goal in the Cup-tie against Swansea City.

Ian St John's League career:

Motherwell Apps. 113 Goals 79

Liverpool Apps. 334 (1) Goals 95

Jack Whitham

One of the few transfer fees paid out in the re-building of Liverpool was the £60,000 deal with Sheffield Wednesday for striker JACK WHITHAM at the end of last season. A scoring record of a goal every two games was a fine achievement in the low-powered Wednesday attack but two seasons ago his career was threatened by a serious ankle injury.

Jack Whitham's League career:

Sheffield Wednesday Apps. 57 (6) Goals 28

John McLoughlin

Like Highway and Hall, 18-year-old Kirkby youngster JOHN McLOUGHLIN has established as a senior regular this season, having exploded on to the scene with two goals against Huddersfield in the third match of the season.

John McLoughlin's League career:

Liverpool Apps. 1

John Toshack

JOHN TOSHACK, the best young marksman produced by Wales in recent years, cost Liverpool a six-figure fee in November. The Welsh international had been trailed by many League clubs in his four seasons as a free-scoring centre forward with Cardiff. Indeed, he turned down a £50,000 move to Fulham just before the Londoner's were relegated from the First Division. Now he's glad he waited for Liverpool and showed his appreciation by scoring his first goal for them when we were at Anfield in November.

John Toshack's League career:

Cardiff Apps. 143 (2) Goals 66

Larry Lloyd

Bill Shankly's search for a replacement for Yeats took him, predictably, to one of England's new young giants, LARRY LLOYD, of Bristol Rovers. As tall as Yeats, but a couple of stones lighter, Lloyd became Bristol's most expensive £50,000 for him to start his First Division apprenticeship in reserve football last season. Larry, 18 before he turned professional, was eased into the Liverpool side in September, 1969, for a couple of games and became the regular choice only last March. But by last autumn, he was also No 1 centre half for England Under-23's.

Larry Lloyd's League career:

Bristol Rovers Apps. 43 Goals 1

Liverpool Apps. 8

Phil Boersma

Local youngster PHIL BOERSMA is another one of the Shankly Starlets prospering in this season of re-construction at Anfield. Phil had four games in the attack early last season and spent the latter weeks of the campaign helping Wrexham on a temporary loan transfer. He has progressed in varying tasks this season.

Phil Boersma's League career:

Liverpool Apps. 4 Wrexham Apps. 3 (2)

Ray Clemence

RAY CLEMENCE, 22-year-old successor to giant Scot Tommy Lawrence in the Liverpool goal, is the perfect example of a professional who had the patience to wait for his First Division chance. The Skegness man cost £20,000 when signed from Scunthorpe, but it was three years before he broke through to make his League debut, at Nottingham Forest in January last season. By then, Ray had already won an England Under-23 cap and played in European competition, and his progress over the last year has taken him to the brink of the England side. He has played this season in Under-23 games against Sweden and Wales and was reserve keeper for the full internationals against East Germany and Malta.

Ray Clemence's League career:

Scunthorpe Apps. 48

Liverpool Apps. 14

Ron Yeats

The tailor who fits out the Scottish international team once told RON YEATS that he was the "widest" man who had appeared for his country in several decades." And that's how Yeats (6 ft. 2 ins. And 14 st 5 lb.) looked to centre forwards for ten years! The emergence of Larry Lloyd signalled the end of Yeat's reign at centre half, but the former Dundee United player is still on hand to plug defensive gaps. And he managed a rare goal on one of the term's appearances.

Ron Yeat's League career:

Dundee United Apps. 28

Liverpool Apps. 347 Goals 12

Steve Heighway

Former Skelmersdale amateur STEVE HEIGHWAY also falls into the Hall category – a brilliant young player who waited to get his degree at Warwick University before accepting the chance to go professional. Undoubtedly one of the League's most exciting prospects, Steve is already an Eire international.

Steve Heighway's League career:

Liverpool Apps. -

Tommy Smith

When TOMMY SMITH was handed the Liverpool captaincy it was a popular award to a man considered the best uncapped wing half in the business. But it has not always been easy for Smith on his progress from the England Youth team of 1963 to an undisputed choice at Liverpool. A colleague of Chelsea skipper Ron Harris in the youth international half back line, Liverpool-born Tommy did well in the Central League side, but his way to a wing half spot at Anfield was blocked by Gordon Milne and Willie Stevenson. When Liverpool won the Cup in 1965, he was fitted in at No 10 but even when he eventually replaced Milne, there was additional competition from Geoff Strong for a time. But Smith's powerful tackling and strong character could not be held back and his consistent form took him into the short list for a Mexico place last summer. Tommy has also become Liverpools penalty-taker.

Tommy Smith's League career:

Liverpool Apps. 223 Goals 21