

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Appearance record to end of 1969-70 season

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Bobby Stokes

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Bobby Stokes's League career:

Southampton Apps. 20 (3) Goals 5

Brian O'Neil

Southampton made another shrewd deal with Burnley when they paid out £85,000 for BRIAN O'NEIL, who won one Under-23 cap against Turkey and also represented the Football League in an outstanding career with the Turf Moor club. Spotted in Burnley's North East scouting ground, he joined them in 1961 and his mixture of skill and aggression stamped him as an above-average wing half. But he became unsettled and Southampton shows their ambition by paying the big fee required.

Brian O'Neil's League career:

Burnley FC Apps. 231 (4) Goals 22

David Walker

DAVID WALKER, a tall, well-built Lancastrian from Colne, has been at the core of Southampton's defence since their arrival in Division One. Wearing a No 10 shirt but playing in the back-four. Walker is one of the best close-markers in the business and proved a bargain buy from Burnley. This season he has lost his regular commission but is a handy man to have on the sub's bench.

David Walker's League career:

Burnley Apps. 38 Goals 1

Southampton Apps. 160 (2) Goals 1

Denis Hollywood

A survivor of Southampton's second Division promotion side, Scots-born DENIS HOLLYWOOD has been a reliable full back since joining the junior staff. He won an Under-23 cap against England in 1965, but had a disappointing season last term when he made only 16 appearances. Back in full swing again, now.

Denis Hollywood's League career:

Southampton Apps. 180 Goals 1

Eric Martin

ERIC MARTIN, a Scotsman from Perth, has finally claimed victory in a four-year battle to hold down the No 1 spot for Southampton. On his arrival from Dunfermline in 1966-67, he competed with Dave Maclaren, fellow-Scot Campell Forsyth and fine young Gery Gurr and things didn't look good for him when Gurr was made first-choice in 1968-69, but, unlucky, Gurr's career was ruined by injury and Martin took over last season.

Eric Martin's League career:

Dunfermline Apps. 51 Southampton Apps. 78

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Gerry O'Brien's League career:

Southampton Apps. 5

Hugh Fisher

HUGH FISHER, a powerful attacking wing half from Glasgow, cost Southampton a £35,000 cheque when he was signed from Blackpool during the 1966-67 season.

Two seasons ago he lost his place to Fred Kemp, but regained a regular spot last term and has been in such good form this campaign that Southampton were able to collect a £30,000 transfer fee for Kemp ironically, from Fisher's old club, Blackpool!

Hugh Fisher's League career:

Blackpool Apps. 51 (3) Goals 1

Southampton Apps. 87 (2) Goals 1

Jimmy Gabriel

JIMMY GABRIEL enjoys his return trips to Goodison Park - and not just a reminder of his Cup and League medals in Everton teams. "It's a game I always want to win," says Gabriel, who was delighted when Saints became one of only five teams to beat us last season.

At the Dell, the former Dundee and Scotland wing half has impressed with his defensive qualities, playing at centre half for a spell last season. Jimmy admits to being uncertain about joining Southampton just over three years ago but has never regretted the decision to

carve out a new life in the South. And he earns a tribute from manager Ted Bates: "I needed players like him. He has been a great buy."

Jimmy Gabriel's League career:

Dundee Apps. 55

Everton Apps. 255 (1) Goals 33

Southampton Apps. 117 Goals 14

Joe Kirkup

Although born in Sunderland, full back JOE KIRKUP has spent all his First Division career - now totalling over 300 matches - in the South. His First League chances came with West Ham, where he had the disappointment of missing the 1964 FA Cup Final victory. Tommy Docherty paid a sizeable fee to move him to Chelsea in time for a losing semi-final appearance in the 1966 FA Cup. A couple of years later he switched to Southampton in a part-exchange deal which took Dave Webb to Stamford Bridge.

Joe Kirkup's League career:

West Ham Apps. 163 Goals 6

Chelsea Apps. 48 (5) Goals 2

Southampton Apps. 74 Goals 1

John McGrath

The central figure of the Southampton defensive set-up is centre half JOHN McGRATH, who has found his best form in the later years of a career which started with Bury.

McGrath won an Under-23 cap while with Bury, but on his expensive move to Newcastle, he had the upsetting experience of losing his place for two years while in the mid-twenties. "Things didn't go so well after Newcastle's promotion season", explains John. "But I

never lost my enthusiasm." And when Newcastle boss Joe Harvey happened to mention to Southampton's Ted Bates that £25,000 could buy him a centre half, the Saints chief was in quickly to sign a player who, he believes, "is a fine example to his team mates".

Last season, he played for the Football League.

John McGrath's League career:

Bury FC Apps. 148 Goals 2

Newcastle United Apps. 169 (1) Goals 2

Southampton Apps. 90

Mike Channon

The latest Southampton player to win international honours is MIKE CHANNON, the young striker who made his Under-23 debut against Sweden recently. Still only 21, Mike hails from the Salisbury Plain village of Orcheston (pop. 200) and has been setting landmarks since becoming Saints' youngest-ever reserve player at 15 during the promotion campaign in 1966 and looked such a great prospect that Saints felt confident enough to make a big fee for Martin Chivers. "We knew all along what potential Mike had" says manager Bates. "So Martin went to make room for him." Channon has fully justified Saints' hopes, topping the scorers' list for the first time with 15 goals last term.

Mike Channon's League career:

Southampton Apps. 101 (4) Goals 30

Ron Davies

Southampton boss Ted Bates rates his centre forward, RON DAVIES, as the "best in Europe" - and that perhaps explains why he has resisted every attempt to buy Davies.

Born in Holywell, Flint. Davies has been a natural goal-scorer since he hit the headlines with Chester. But

Davies has only 18 Welsh caps to remind him of major honours. Chester applied for a re-election in his term at Sealand Road. His next club, Luton Town, were relegated, and, so far, he hasn't won any medals with either Norwich city or the Saints. His prolific scoring record includes 37 goals in 1966-67, to top the League charts, and another 28 to share top spot with George Best a year later. He looked better than ever when hitting four past Manchester United early last season, but injury problems caused him to miss 13 League matches.

Ron Davies's League career:

Chester Apps. 94 Goals 45

Luton Town Apps. 32 Goals 21

Norwich Apps. 113 Goals 58

Southampton Apps. 148 Goals 96

Terry Paine

TERRY PAINE is a household name in the City of Southampton - first because of his 13 years of service to the local football club and, more recently, because of his switch into local politics as a Concillor. Winchester-born Terry, who won 19 England caps in the early Sixties and also collected four Under-23 honours, has served the Saints since their Third Division days, back in 1957. Such is his consistency that last term was the first time he had ever missed more than two games in a season. And then he was out for only six matches! Indeed, over 13 seasons, he has missed a mere 13 outings, and, if all goes to plan, he should record his 600th League appearance some time next season.

Terry Paine's League career:

Southampton Apps. 555 Goals 154

Tom Jenkins

When Southampton paid out £60,000 to sign winger

TOM JENKINS from Third Division Reading, they completed a fairy-tale rise for the 22-year-old Londoner. Released by Orient as an apprentice, turned down by West Ham after a long trial and despatched to Southern League Margate, the skilled Jenkins must have thought his turn would never come. But at the start of last season he joined Reading, soon hit the headlines with three goals against Tranmere, and within weeks Southampton made a £40,000 bid. But they had to add half as much again before signing him.

Tom Jenkins League career:

Orient Apps. 1

Reading Apps. 21 Goals 5

Southampton Apps. 16

Tony Byrne

TONY BYRNE Southampton's 24-year-old left back is holding a place in the Republic of Ireland team at a time when he is out of the League side. An £8,000 signing from Millwall in 1964, Byrne took a long time to break on to the first team scene, mainly because of a broken leg in 1966, but last term he made 35 League games - plus his first international cap against Denmark. Amazingly his Eire debut in Dublin was the first time he had kicked a ball in his native land....because he had emigrated to London with his parents at the age of 12 and, until then, had played only hurling! Has played against Poland and Sweden already this season.

Tony Byrne's League career:

Millwall Apps. 1

Southampton Apps. 43 (2) Goals 1