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Name

Peter Shilton

Topics and Title

Former England Goal-keeper

Background History

England goalkeeping legend Peter Shilton was the youngest player to play for Leicester City at 16 and a half - taking over from the equally legendary

Gordon Banks.

A greengrocer's son from Leicester, who became arguably the greatest goalkeeper in the world, Peter Shilton spent many a long evening kicking a ball against his dad's shop wall and diving for the rebound. Within a few years Arsenal and Manchester United were seeking his signature.

He opted for his home-town club, and in June 1965 put pen to paper and signed up for what still stands as one of the longest careers in football: thirty-two years in the professional game, much of it at the very top.

He played for Leicester City, Stoke City, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Derby County, Plymouth Argyle, Bolton Wanderers and finishing at Leyton Orient (where he achieved a record 1005 League appearances), in a match that was televised live to celebrate the occasion.

He represented his country an incredible 125 times. Peter is also the current record holder for the most games played for England, no mean feat when you consider that Ray Clemence (who was capped 61 times) severely restricted his appearances between 1975-81.

He was also the last player born in the 1940s to play League football! An outstanding goalkeeper, who peaked young ... and then again when he added experience to his repertoire.

Peter Shilton is a legend in football, one of the greatest goalkeepers to play in this country. Today he remains a household name: his unsurpassed number of senior appearances (1400) and record 125 caps for England are likely to remain unbroken.

His 25 clean sheets in one season at Nottingham Forest, and 67 throughout an England career that spanned from the seventies until the nineties are landmarks in the modern game. He began his career when Stanley Matthews was playing football

and ended it in the era of David Beckham.

He's played in numerous World Cup campaigns (both successful and unsuccessful), was the keeper involved with Maradona's 'Hand of God', and, aged 40, was still playing with Derby County in the First Division while representing England at Italia '90.