

# the Stockport County Appearance Number scheme

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## FACT SHEET ON STOCKPORT COUNTY APPEARANCE NUMBERS

To qualify for the issue of a Stockport County Appearance Number (SCAN) a County player must have made his debut for the club in a national competition at a senior level.

Stockport County currently have 1,284 players who qualify for a SCAN. This is believed to be the most players for any professional football club in England.

To date players have qualified through the FA Cup Proper, the Football League, and the following competitions controlled by the Football League: the Division Three North Cup, the League Cup, and the Football League Trophy (formerly the Associate Members Cup)

Notable SCAN's include

No 1 ..... Issued to Joe Birchenall who played in an FA Cup match against Burton Wanderers on 27th January 1894.

No 12 ..... The first SCAN issued for a Football League game was awarded to William Betteley, when he played against Leicester Fosse on 1st September 1900. This was Stockport County's first ever Football League game. In this game Betteley scored Stockport's first ever League goal in a 2-2 draw.

No 22 ..... Issued to Billy Parker when he made his debut against Burslem Port Vale on 3rd September 1900. Parker's certificate will be awarded to his family at the SCAN Launch on Saturday 16th October 2010. This will be the lowest SCAN to be presented on the night.

No 45 ..... Arthur Wharton - considered to be the world's first professional black footballer, he made his debut for Stockport County on 7th September 1901 versus Middlesbrough.

No 51 ..... Frank Booth - the first Stockport County player to go on to become a full England international, when as a Manchester City player he gained his first cap in 1905.

No 56 ..... Joe Raby - scorer of County's first goal at their new home Edgeley Park (versus Gainsborough Trinity on 13th September 1902).

- No 79..... Albert Williams - served County for over 20 years and became the first former player to become manager when he took charge in 1919.
- No 121..... Jimmy Molyneux - goalkeeper who went on to play for Chelsea in 1915 FA Cup Final.
- No 238..... Harry Hardy - the only Stockport County player to be awarded a full England cap whilst at Edgeley Park. He played in goal for England against Belgium on 8th December 1924.
- No 246..... Arthur Layton - captained Stockport County to their first League Championship when they won the inaugural 3rd Division North title in 1922.
- No 292..... Billy Bocking - legendary County player who captained the Club to their second League Championship in 1937.
- No 333..... Billy Newton - made his debut in August 1927 and remained at Edgeley Park until 1969.
- No 341..... Frank Newton - prolific centre forward, his record of 93 goals in 101 League and Cup appearances remains the best ratio of any County player. Left Edgeley Park to join Fulham where he broke their record for goals in a season (41 League goals in 1931-32, a record that remains to this day).
- No 404..... Alf Lythgoe - scored the most goals (46) for County in a single season (1934-35) but only got two in the club's record breaking 13-0 victory over Halifax Town in January 1934.
- No 455..... Duggie Reid - known as "Thunderboots" he left County for a record fee of £7,000 when he joined Portsmouth in 1946. Won consecutive League Championship medals for Pompey.
- No 482..... George Haigh - Stockport County's oldest surviving player. Aged 95, he will be presented with his SCAN certificate at Edgeley Park on Saturday 16th October 2010.
- No 495..... Ken Shaw - scored County's two goals during the 203 minute cup game versus Doncaster Rovers at Edgeley Park in 1946. This remains the longest game in English footballing history.
- No 527..... Alec Herd - former Scotland international, at 40 years 47 days became Stockport County's oldest player when he played against Crewe Alexandra on 25 December 1951.

- No 554..... David Herd - son of Alec (#527). Created Football League history against Hartlepoons United (5th May 1951) when he made his League debut alongside his father - the first time a father and son had played in a League game together.
- No 557..... Jack Connor - Stockport County's leading goal scorer with 140 goals in 217 League and Cup appearances. Scored a record 17 hat tricks for The Hatters including a hat trick of hat tricks in 1953.
- No 594..... Trevor Porteous - Mr Stockport County, gave the Club over 40 years service as a player, coach and manager.
- No 694..... Matt Woods - captained the Club to their third and last League Championship when they won the 4th Division title in 1967. He later became manager.
- No 782..... Steve Massey - County's youngest ever goal scorer (16 years 337 days) when he scored the winning goal against Darlington in 1975.
- No 796..... George Best - made three appearances for County in 1975, his first League club after leaving Manchester United.
- No 830..... Andy Thorpe - made the record number of appearances for County with 555 League and Cup games.
- No 867..... Mike Quinn - huge fans favourite, signed from Wigan Athletic in 1982 and scored 24 goals in his first season with The Hatters. Went on to score goals at the highest level for Newcastle United. Now a radio personality.
- No 955..... David Frain - first player to captain Stockport County at Wembley in May 1992.
- No 969..... Jim Gannon - County legend both as a player and a manager. Played 478 League and Cup appearances scoring 64 goals in all competitions.
- No 986..... Kevin Francis - at 6' 7" the tallest player in the game during his time in the Football League. Club's top scorer in the modern era.
- No 1000... Mike Wallace - created history when he became the second County player to be sent off against Burnley at Wembley in May 1994. This was the first and only time two players from the same team were sent off at the old Wembley Stadium.

No 1008... Mike Flynn - known as Captain Fantastic, he led the team during the greatest season in the Club's history (1996-97) when The Hatters were promoted to Div 1 and reached the Semi Final of the League Cup. He played 460 games for the Club scoring 19 times.

No 1014.... Alun Armstrong - County's record transfer was received from Alun in 1998 in a £1.6m deal with Middlesbrough.

No 1041 .... Paul Jones - keeper in County's 1996-97 glory season who broke into the Welsh International team whilst with County and went on to a long career for his country and at the top level in English football.

No 1065... Ian Moore - County's record transfer fee was paid to sign the player now known as Ian Thomas-Moore when bought from Nottingham Forest in July 1998 for £800,000.

No 1096... Jarko Wiss - County's most capped International player whilst at Edgeley Park with 9 caps for Finland.

No 1161 .... Ashley Williams - central defender who broke into League football with County and like Paul Jones made his international debut whilst with the Hatters before going on to establish himself as a permanent member of the Welsh side. Welsh Footballer of the Year in 2009.

No 1182.... Paul Turnbull - County's youngest debutant (16 years and 97 days) when he played against Wrexham in April 2005. The club's current longest serving players as of October 2010.

No 1284... Jake Simpson - County's newest debutant.

## STOCKPORT COUNTY APPEARANCE NUMBER SCHEME WEBSITE

The website that backs up the SCAN scheme is accessed as follows.

..... Go to the Stockport County website: [www.stockportcounty.com](http://www.stockportcounty.com)

..... Click on the Fans tab

..... Select the SCAN scheme link



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