
133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 16-05-2008 01:16

I was idly wondering what had become of him.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by And I am the Life - 16-05-2008 13:02

good lord, 160 clean sheets(it says it in the middle there somewhere) in 373 games for those man utd teams. He must have been incredible, coz ron atkinsons man utd weren't exactly the most parsimonious.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Tony C - 16-05-2008 13:12

It's even more incredible because he was rubbish.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 16-05-2008 14:02

Thanks to "The Big Match Revisited", I've got a bit of a thing going for terrible goalkeepers of the early 1980s. You know - Alex Williams, Jake Findlay, Gerry Peyton. That sort of thing.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by And I am the Life - 16-05-2008 14:06

Bailey can't have been any worse than chris Turner. He was proper shite from what I can remember. Jim leighton was patchy, and for all the relative success united had with les sealey he was pretty shite as well god bless him.

From reading a strange kind of glory Stepney was an average keeper, and harry Gregg had his mementos. Was Schmeichel the first good goalie man utd had?

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by The_Liquidator - 16-05-2008 14:09

Petar Borota anyone?

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Pan Tau - 16-05-2008 14:15

Bailey was underrated. People still hold that Arsenal FA Cup final against him. And the occasional clanger (wasn't there one against Videoton?).

He and Southampton legend Terry Paine are regulars on South African TV as football pundits. Both are very good at it (and praise for a pundit is high praise indeed).

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and pundits with proper pronunciations of Champions League players. The idea never caught on, but at least I got a screen credit for half a season. Which I never taped. Gah!

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by EIM - 16-05-2008 14:18

My brother in law holds Bailey as the template for every Manchester United goalkeeper. If United' keeper's not big, blonde haired, and wearing a green jersey, he doesn't want to know.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by imp - 16-05-2008 15:58

At the age of around seven, I was of the very firm belief that Alex Stepney should have been England England's Number One.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 16-05-2008 16:07

One of the replays of The Big Match featured a match between Norwich and Sunderland, in which Chris Turner fractured his skull and was replaced goal by Nick Pickering. There wasn't any noticeable difference.

I'll see your Peter Borota, Liq, and raise you Steve Francis (who, for some reason, I've managed to persuade myself was only about 5'7 tall)

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by And I am the Life - 16-05-2008 18:18

Pan Tau wrote:

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My God, a football pundit trying to find out how to pronounce the names of foreigners? Is he some sort of communist homosexual or somesuch

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by brian potter - 16-05-2008 20:46

i only ever saw gary bailey play once in the flesh.

As i recall he dropped the ball at the feet of "Big" Dave Rodgers, then immediately jumped to his feet and pointed at not so big Lou Macari.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 16-05-2008 21:08

I saw him play at Wembley in the 1985 Cup Final, and from memory he pulled off some fantastic save virtually under his own bar, pushing it up onto the bar itself from where it was cleared. I think that was still at 0-0, and United went onto win 1-0 in extra-time, so he may well be credited with winning them that final, as he is lambasted for losing them the 79 one.

'Keepers never get the credit, do they?

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Purves Grundy - 16-05-2008 22:13

Chris Turner was born in March. Probably at the Robingoodfellows Road Maternity Home, about 300 yards from the house where I grew up. And Peter Hucker's dad owned a sportswear shop at the far end of my road (Station Road, if you're interested) at the time of the 1982 Cup Final.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Purves Grundy - 16-05-2008 22:17

Just to bring things up to date, the maternity home is now a law practice and the sportswear shop is now a christian reading room. They sell Noah's Ark pop-up books and stuff like that.

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Kowalski - 17-05-2008 00:43

Mike Hooper was crap

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 17-05-2008 00:44

Gary Bailey, of course, once saved three penalties in one match for Manchester United, but they still lost 6-0.

(It was against Ipswich in about 1980 - it's on YouTube somewhere, featuring My Mate Gerry Harrison getting very, very excited)

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 17-05-2008 00:46

Aha!

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=RrFiCJ5NxL4>

and

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=r-V12LB4x8E>

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Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by SamLKelly - 17-05-2008 01:34

If the phrase can be used to refer to three saves, that's got to be the strangest form of 'losing hat trick' going.

Scoring three as a striker and finishing on the losing side suggests the rest of your team were a bit shit. Saving three penalties but still conceding six goals suggests that a goalkeeper has managed to have possibly his greatest and perhaps one of his worst performances, both in the same match.

Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 17-05-2008 09:53

The Big Match commentator on youtube suggests that strictly speaking Bailey saved two penalties fairly, the ref made the second one be re-taken because Bailey himself dived too early.

I wonder what became of Tom Sloan, the midfielder who the commentator says was making his full debut in that game for Man United? Imagine making your full debut for a side who were chasing the title (United ended up second that year, 2 points behind Liverpool) and getting tanked 6-0.

Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 17-05-2008 10:46

The other thing about that clip is that a big fuss was made at the time because Roy Bailey (Gary's father) had been the Ipswich goalkeeper in their Third, Second and First Division championship wins. Also, I suspect that Paul Cooper, the Ipswich goalkeeper that day, might have been in the middle of his run of saving all those penalties at the time.

Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by twohundredpercent - 17-05-2008 10:49

Tom Sloan: http://www.sporting-heroes.net/football-heroes/displayhero_club.asp?HeroID=22123

Transferred from Manchester United to Chester City in 1982 after 4 appearances. That's some fall from grace.

Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by dotmund - 21-05-2008 13:02

200%, I've always had a fondness for the goalkeepers who were in the top flight when I first started to follow football in the late 80s. A fascinating bunch of often grotesquely ugly people. I still get little momentary thrills whenever I see them sat on the coaching staff at clubs these days. Especially, for some reason, Steve Sutton.

Re:133 Clean Sheets For ManU

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 21-05-2008 13:10

Purves Grundy wrote:

Peter Hucker's dad owned a sportswear shop at the far end of my road Peter Hucker, Peter Hucker, What's it like to eat a boot?
