

Information on content

The content is based on “The Football League Match by Match” by Tony Brown (up to 1969) and on “Rothmans Football Yearbook” from 1969 onwards.

In the “Teams” section, the rosters of all teams can be found. If a player was an international, the number of FIFA-recognized “A” international appearances by the start of the season (August) is indicated by an “A” following the number of games. The year in which a player signed a contract is also indicated, as are his previous clubs.

If a player scored a goal, the amount of goals he scored is indicated as follows:

Astle (2)

(two goals were scored by this player).

If one of his two goals was a penalty, it is indicated as follows:

Astle (2')

If both goals were penalties:

Astle (2'')

The line-ups are structured according to shirt numbers assigned to players in each game. They read as follows:

1 Goalkeeper – 2 Right Back, 3 Left Back, 4 Right Half, 5 Centre Half, 6 Left Half, 7 Outside Right, 8 Inside Right, 9 Centre Forward, 10 Inside Left, 11 Outside Left

The above line-up follows the classic 2-3-5 formation. It does not necessarily mean that for example a player who wore the #11 shirt actually played on the left wing. A famous example is Graeme Souness, who wore #11 during his Liverpool days, despite being a central midfielder. Similarly Ray Kennedy who wore #5 but of course was not a center half. But by and large, the numbering in the 1970s and 1980s still mirrored what role a player had in a game.

If this traditional numbering of the 2-3-5 is transferred into more modern terms, one can in most cases assume the following:

2 – Right Back

3 – Left Back

4 – Defensive central midfielder or right-sided midfielder (sometimes also a centre back)

5 – Centre Back

6 – Centre Back (sometimes also a defensive midfielder)

7 – Right-sided midfielder or right winger

8 – Central midfielder, forward, striker

9 – Centre forward, targetman, forward, striker

10 – Attacking midfielder, forward, striker

11 – Left-sided midfielder or left winger

Tables and top scorers chart after each week have been calculated by myself. If you spot any mistake, please let me know and I'll check.