

= Jimmy Greaves =

James Peter " Jimmy " Greaves ( born 20 February 1940 ) is a former England international footballer . He is England 's fourth highest international goalscorer ( 44 goals ) , Tottenham Hotspur 's highest ever goalscorer ( 266 goals ) , the highest goalscorer in the history of English top @-@ flight football ( 357 goals ) , and has also scored more hat @-@ tricks ( six ) for England than anyone else . He finished as the First Division 's top scorer in six seasons . He is a member of the English Football Hall of Fame .

Greaves began his professional career at Chelsea in 1957 , and played in the following year 's FA Youth Cup final . He scored 124 First Division goals in just four seasons before being sold on to Italian club A.C. Milan for £ 80 @,@ 000 in April 1961 . His stay in Italy was not a happy one and he returned to England with Tottenham Hotspur for a fee of £ 99 @,@ 999 in December 1961 . Whilst with Spurs he won the FA Cup in 1961 ? 62 and 1966 ? 67 , the Charity Shield in 1962 and 1967 , and the European Cup Winners ' Cup in 1962 ? 63 ; he never won a league title but did help Spurs to a second @-@ place finish in 1962 ? 63 . He moved to West Ham United in a player @-@ exchange in March 1970 and retired the following year . After a four @-@ year absence he returned to football at the non @-@ league level , despite suffering from alcoholism . In a five @-@ year spell he played for Brentwood , Chelmsford City , Barnet , and Woodford Town .

Greaves scored 13 goals in 12 England under @-@ 23 internationals and scored 44 goals in 57 full England internationals between 1959 and 1967 . He played in the 1962 and 1966 FIFA World Cup , but was injured in the group stage of the 1966 World Cup and lost his first team place to Geoff Hurst , who kept Greaves out of the first team in the final . England won the World Cup , but Greaves was not given his medal until a change of FIFA rules in 2009 .

After retiring as a player Greaves went on to enjoy a career in broadcasting , most notably working alongside Ian St. John on Saint and Greavsie from 1985 to 1992 . During this period , he also made regular appearances on TV @-@ am . He worked on a number of other sport shows on ITV during this period , including Sporting Triangles .

= = Club career = =

= = = Chelsea = = =

Greaves was born in Manor Park and raised in Hainault . He was scouted playing football while a schoolboy by Chelsea 's Jimmy Thompson , and in 1955 was signed on as an apprentice to become one of " Drake 's Ducklings " ( Drake 's Ducklings were named after manager Ted Drake in response to Manchester United 's " Busby Babes " ) . He soon made an impression at youth level , scoring 51 goals in the 1955 ? 56 season and 122 goals in the 1956 ? 57 season under the tutelage of youth team coach Dickie Foss . Greaves scored in the 1958 FA Youth Cup final , but Chelsea lost the two @-@ legged tie 7 ? 6 on aggregate after Wolverhampton Wanderers turned round a four @-@ goal deficit with a 6 ? 1 win in the second leg . He turned professional in the summer of 1957 , though spent eight weeks working at a steel company to supplement his income during the summer break .

Aged 17 , Greaves scored on his First Division debut on 24 August 1957 against Tottenham Hotspur in a 1 ? 1 draw at White Hart Lane . He was an instant success , as the News Chronicle reported that he " showed the ball control , confidence and positional strength of a seasoned campaigner " and compared his debut to the instant impact the young Duncan Edwards had as a teenager . The " Blues " played attacking football during the 1957 ? 58 campaign , resulting in high @-@ scoring matches , and Greaves ended the season as the club 's top scorer with 22 goals in 37 appearances . Drake rested him for six weeks from mid @-@ November as he did not wish the praise Greaves was receiving to go to his head ; Greaves marked his return to the first team at Stamford Bridge with four goals in a 7 ? 4 victory over Portsmouth on Christmas Day .

Greaves scored five goals in a 6 ? 2 win against league champions Wolverhampton Wanderers in the third match of the 1958 ? 59 season . Chelsea remained inconsistent , though despite his team

finishing in 14th place Greaves managed to finish as the division 's top scorer with 32 goals in 44 league games . Greaves scored 29 goals in 40 league matches in the 1959 ? 60 campaign , five of which came in a 5 ? 4 victory over Preston North End . Despite his goalscoring exploits , the club could manage only an 18th @-@ place finish , three places and three points above the relegation zone .

In the 1960 ? 61 season , Greaves scored hat @-@ tricks against Wolves , Blackburn Rovers and Manchester City ; he scored four goals against Newcastle United and Nottingham Forest ; and hit five goals in a 7 ? 1 win over West Bromwich Albion . His hat @-@ trick against Manchester City on 19 November included his 100th league goal , making him the youngest player to pass the 100 @-@ goal mark , at the age of 20 years and 290 days . However , he became increasingly disillusioned at Chelsea as , despite his goals , the team also conceded goals with regularity , and were never consistent enough to mount a title challenge . They also exited the FA Cup by losing 2 ? 1 at home to Fourth Division side Crewe Alexandra . Club chairman Joe Mears agreed to sell Greaves as Chelsea were in need of extra cash . His last game was the final game of the 1960 ? 61 season on 29 April ; he was made captain for the day and scored all four goals in a 4 ? 3 win against Nottingham Forest . This took his tally for the season to a club record 41 goals in 40 league games , making him the division 's top scorer .

= = = A.C. Milan = = =

Greaves was signed by Italian Serie A club A.C. Milan in June 1961 for an £ 80 @,@ 000 fee , and was given a three @-@ year contract on £ 140 a week with a £ 15 @,@ 000 signing bonus . He became unhappy at the thought of leaving London and tried to cancel the move before it was fully confirmed , but " Rossoneri " manager Giuseppe Viani refused to annul the deal . Greaves scored on his debut in a 2 ? 2 draw with Botafogo at the San Siro . However , he did not get on well with new head coach Nereo Rocco , who insisted on keeping the players in a strict training regime with little personal freedom . Greaves scored nine goals in 14 appearances , including one against Inter Milan in the Milan derby . During a match against Sampdoria , Greaves kicked a player who had spat in his face . Sampdoria equalised from the resulting free kick , for which Rocco blamed Greaves , despite him having scored Milan 's opener and set up the second . Due to his low morale , Greaves was transfer @-@ listed and Brazilian attacker Dino Sani was signed as his replacement . Both Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea made £ 96 @,@ 500 bids , which were both accepted . After he left , the club went on to win the league title in 1961 ? 62 .

= = = Tottenham Hotspur = = =

After protracted negotiations , Bill Nicholson signed Greaves for Tottenham Hotspur in December 1961 for £ 99 @,@ 999 ? the unusual fee was intended to relieve Greaves of the pressure of being the first £ 100 @,@ 000 player in British football . He joined Spurs just after they became the first club in England to complete the First Division and FA Cup double during the 20th century . He played his first game in a Spurs shirt for the reserve team on 9 December 1961 , and scored twice in a 4 ? 1 win over Plymouth Argyle Reserves at Home Park . He scored a hat @-@ trick on his first team debut , including a flying scissor kick , in a 5 ? 2 win over Blackpool at White Hart Lane . He went on to feature against Benfica in the semi @-@ finals of the European Cup ; in the first leg at the Estádio da Luz he had a goal disallowed for offside , and in the return fixture he had another goal another disallowed for offside . He played in all seven games of the club 's FA Cup run , scoring nine goals in the competition as they beat Birmingham City ( after a replay ) , Plymouth Argyle , West Bromwich Albion , Aston Villa and Manchester United to reach the 1962 FA Cup Final against Burnley at Wembley . Greaves opened the scoring against Burnley on 3 minutes when he hit a low shot past goalkeeper Adam Blacklaw from a tight angle , and Spurs went on to win the game 3 ? 1 . They finished the league in third place in 1961 ? 62 , four points behind champions Ipswich Town .

Greaves scored twice in the 1962 FA Charity Shield , as Spurs secured the trophy with a 5 ? 1 win over Ipswich at Portman Road . In the 1962 ? 63 season Greaves scored hat @-@ tricks in victories

over Manchester United , Ipswich Town and Liverpool , as well as four goals in a 9 ? 2 win over Nottingham Forest . Spurs finished the league campaign in second place , six points behind champions Everton . Greaves scored 37 goals in 41 league games , finishing as the division 's top scorer . In the European Cup Winners ' Cup , Tottenham beat Rangers ( Scotland ) , ?K Slovan Bratislava ( Czechoslovakia ) and OFK Beograd ( Yugoslavia ) to reach the final , where they met Spanish club Atlético Madrid at De Kuip . In the first leg of the semi @-@ final against Beograd in Belgrade , Greaves was sent off for violent conduct ( his first and only red card ) after attempting to punch centre @-@ back Blagomir Krivoku?a . Greaves served a one match ban and was able to play in the final , where he opened the scoring after an assist from Cliff Jones and later added a fourth in a 5 ? 1 victory ( John White and Terry Dyson getting the other goals ) . In winning the competition , Tottenham Hotspur became the first British team to win a European trophy .

Manager Bill Nicholson and his assistant Eddie Baily then began a period of transition at White Hart Lane ? key players such as Danny Blanchflower , John White and Dave Mackay would all leave the club within the space of a few years and had to be replaced . Greaves remained a consistent goalscorer though , and in the 1963 ? 64 season he scored hat @-@ tricks in victories over Nottingham Forest , Blackpool , Birmingham City and Blackburn Rovers . Spurs finished in fourth place , six points behind champions Liverpool , and exited the FA Cup and Cup Winners ' Cup at the opening stages . Greaves scored 35 goals in 41 league games to again finish as the division 's top scorer . Strike partner Bobby Smith left the club in the summer , though Greaves felt the partnership he went on to form with new signing Alan Gilzean was even more effective .

Spurs finished sixth in 1964 ? 65 , though Greaves scored 29 goals in 41 league games to finish as the division 's joint top scorer ( with Andy McEvoy ) . He also scored two hat @-@ tricks in the FA Cup ? against Torquay United and Ipswich Town ? to take his total tally to 35 goals in 45 appearances . He missed three months at the start of the 1965 ? 66 season after being diagnosed with hepatitis , but recovered to end the campaign with 16 goals in 31 matches , remaining the club 's top scorer as they finished the league campaign in eighth place whilst failing to make it past the Fifth Round of the FA Cup .

Greaves scored 31 goals in 47 appearances in the 1966 ? 67 campaign , helping Spurs to launch a title challenge that ended with a third @-@ place finish , four points behind Manchester United . They also won the FA Cup after knocking out Millwall , Portsmouth , Bristol City , Birmingham City and Nottingham Forest to reach the 1967 FA Cup Final with Chelsea . Though he did not score in the final itself , a 2 ? 1 victory , with six goals in eight games Greaves was the competition 's leading scorer . The 1967 ? 68 season was a disappointing one for Spurs following their 3 ? 3 draw with Manchester United at Old Trafford in the 1967 FA Charity Shield . They finished seventh in the league , exited the FA Cup in the Fifth Round and were knocked out of the Cup Winners ' Cup in the Second Round . Greaves had a poor season by his own standards , though with 29 goals in 48 appearances he was still the club 's top scorer . Nicholson bought Greaves a new strike partner in Martin Chivers from Southampton for a club record £ 125 @,@ 000 fee , with Gilzean dropping further back into midfield to accommodate , but Greaves and Chivers were not as effective together as Nicholson had hoped .

In 1968 ? 69 , Greaves scored 27 goals in 42 league games to finish as the First Division 's leading scorer for the sixth and final time . He scored four of his goals in one match against Sunderland , and also scored hat @-@ tricks against Burnley and Leicester City . His nine goals in cup competitions , including a hat @-@ trick against Exeter City , left him with an overall goal tally of 36 in 52 games . Spurs performed inconsistently in the 1969 ? 70 season , and Greaves was dropped from the first team after playing in an FA Cup defeat to Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on 28 January 1970 . He was never recalled to the starting line @-@ up , but still ended the season as the club 's joint top scorer ( with Martin Chivers ) , having scored 11 goals in 33 matches .

Greaves was given a testimonial match by Spurs on 17 October 1972 in a 2 ? 1 win over Feyenoord at White Hart Lane ; he made £ 22 @,@ 000 from the occasion . He was inducted into the Tottenham Hotspur Hall of Fame in 2015 .

= = = West Ham United = = =

In March 1970 , Greaves joined West Ham United as part @-@ exchange in Martin Peters ' transfer to White Hart Lane . Brian Clough 's Derby County had also been interested in Greaves , but he did not want to move away from London . In hindsight Greaves felt that Clough may have helped him revive his career , as he had done for Greaves ' former Tottenham team mate Dave Mackay . Greaves later admitted his regret in making the move to Upton Park . He scored two goals on his " Hammers " debut on 21 March , in a 5 ? 1 win against Manchester City at Maine Road .

In January 1971 , with Bobby Moore , Brian Dear and Clyde Best , Greaves was involved in late @-@ night drinking , against the wishes of manager Ron Greenwood , prior to an FA Cup tie away to Blackpool . On arriving in Blackpool , Greaves and his team @-@ mates had been informed by members of the press that the game , the following day , was unlikely to go ahead due to a frozen pitch and the likelihood of frost that night . Believing that there would be no game the following day , Greaves drank 12 lagers in a club owned by Brian London and did not return to the team hotel until 1.45am. In fact , the match went ahead and West Ham lost 4 ? 0 . Greaves claimed the defeat was not a result of the late night , the drinking or the frozen pitch , but because the West Ham team in which he was playing was not good enough . As a result , the players were fined and dropped by the club .

Greaves was struggling with his fitness and his motivation . He felt he had become a journeyman footballer and lost motivation as he believed that apart from Moore , Geoff Hurst , Billy Bonds and Pop Robson , few of his team @-@ mates could play good football . Towards the end of his career with West Ham Greaves began to drink more and more alcohol , often going straight from training in Chadwell Heath to a pub in Romford , where he would remain until closing time . He later admitted that he was in the early stages of alcoholism . His final game came on 1 May 1971 in a 1 ? 0 home defeat to Huddersfield Town . Greaves scored 13 goals in 40 games in all competitions for West Ham .

= = = Later career and alcoholism = = =

After leaving West Ham , Greaves put on weight and did not attend a match as either a player or a spectator for two years . Drinking formed a large part of his life and he became an alcoholic ; at times he was drinking 20 pints of lager during the day and consuming a bottle of vodka in the evening . He later admitted that he was also regularly driving whilst drunk during this period . Seeking an answer to his alcoholism , Greaves decided to return to football at a lower level where he would not be required to be as fit as he had been whilst playing in the Football League . He started playing for his local side , Brentwood , and made his debut on 27 December 1975 in a 2 ? 0 defeat to Witham Town .

His return to football was successful enough that he signed for Chelmsford City in the Southern League for the 1976 ? 77 season . He played for only a few months with Chelmsford . He was still struggling with alcoholism and delirium tremens and sought out help from Alcoholics Anonymous . He was also hospitalised in the alcoholics ' ward of Warley Psychiatric Hospital .

In August 1977 and still coping with alcoholism , Greaves made his debut for Barnet in a 3 ? 2 win against Atherstone Town . Playing from midfield in 1977 ? 78 , Greaves netted 25 goals ( 13 in the Southern League ) and was their player of the season . He chose to leave the " Bees " early in the 1978 ? 79 season to focus on his business interests and beating his alcoholism , despite manager Barry Fry 's attempts to get him to stay at Underhill . Greaves went on to make several appearances for semi @-@ professional side Woodford Town before retiring .

= = International career = =

Greaves made his debut for the England under @-@ 23 team in a 6 ? 2 win over Bulgaria at Stamford Bridge on 25 September 1957 ; he scored two goals , and missed out on a hat @-@ trick after failing to convert a penalty .

Greaves won his first England cap on 17 May 1959 against Peru at the Estadio Nacional , scoring

England's only goal in a 4 ? 1 defeat . The tour of the American continents was not considered a success by the British media , as England also lost to Brazil and Mexico , but Greaves mostly escaped criticism in the press as he was still a teenager and showed promise with his performances . He scored consecutive hat @-@ tricks on 8 October 1960 and 19 October , in victories at Northern Ireland and Luxembourg . On 15 April 1961 , Greaves scored another hat @-@ trick in a 9 ? 3 victory over Scotland at Wembley , and also had a fourth goal disallowed for offside .

He played in all four of England's games at the 1962 FIFA World Cup in Chile , scoring one goal in the 3 ? 1 victory over Argentina before playing in the quarter @-@ final defeat to Brazil . During the defeat to Brazil a stray dog ran onto the pitch and evaded all of the players' efforts to catch it until Greaves got down on all fours to beckon the animal . The Brazilian player Garrincha thought the incident was so amusing that he took the dog home as a pet .

On 20 November 1963 , he scored four goals in an 8 ? 3 win over Northern Ireland . The following year , on 3 October , he scored another hat @-@ trick against the same team . He scored four goals again on 29 June 1966 , in a 6 ? 1 friendly win over Norway , and in doing so ensured himself a starting place in the 1966 FIFA World Cup .

At the World Cup he played all three group games against Uruguay , Mexico and France , however in the win against France midfielder Joseph Bonnel racked his studs down Greaves' shin , causing a wound that required 14 stitches and left a permanent scar . His replacement , Geoff Hurst , scored the winner in the quarter @-@ final against Argentina and kept his place all the way to the final , where Hurst scored a hat @-@ trick as England won the tournament . Greaves was fit to play in the final , but manager Alf Ramsey opted against changing a winning team . Only the 11 players on the pitch at the end of the 4 ? 2 win over West Germany received medals . Following a Football Association @-@ led campaign to persuade FIFA to award medals to all the winners' squad members , Greaves was presented with his medal by Gordon Brown at a ceremony at 10 Downing Street on 10 June 2009 . In November 2014 , Greaves' medal was sold at auction for £ 44 @,@ 000 .

Greaves played only three more times for England after the 1966 World Cup , scoring a single goal . His final cap came in a 1 ? 0 win over Austria on 27 May 1967 . He retired from international football early the following year after telling Ramsey that he had no intention of becoming a bit @-@ part player in the England squad . In total he scored 44 goals in 57 appearances for England . He is in fourth place on the all @-@ time list of England goalscorers , behind Bobby Charlton , Gary Lineker and Wayne Rooney . Greaves holds the record for most hat @-@ tricks for England ? six in all .

= = Style of play = =

Greaves was a prolific goalscorer , and cited his relaxed attitude as the reason for his assured composure and confidence . He also had great acceleration and pace , as well as great positional skills .

= = Broadcasting career = =

Greaves became a columnist at The Sun newspaper in the early 1980s . He continued to write his column for 30 years until it was cancelled , at which point he began working as a columnist for The Sunday People . He worked as a pundit on Star Soccer from 1980 , and later worked on The Saturday Show before he was selected as a pundit for ITV's coverage of the 1982 FIFA World Cup . From there he worked on World of Sport and On the Ball , where he struck up a partnership with Ian St. John . Greg Dyke also hired Greaves to work as a television reviewer and presenter on TV @-@ am in what Dyke admitted was a way of " dumbing down " the programme to attract more viewers . From October 1985 to April 1992 he and St. John presented a popular Saturday lunchtime football show called Saint and Greavsie . He went on to work as a team captain on Sporting Triangles , opposite Andy Gray and Emlyn Hughes . His career in television came to an end as the Premier League was starting up , and he believed that his light @-@ hearted approach to football

was not considered serious enough for television bosses at the time .

Greaves went into semi @-@ retirement after Saint and Greavsie was cancelled , making only occasional television appearances and after @-@ dinner speeches . He released his autobiography , Greavsie , in 2003 . Greaves has also written numerous books in partnership with his lifelong friend , the journalist and author Norman Giller .

= = Personal life = =

Greaves married Irene Barden at Romford register office on 26 March 1958 , and though the pair went through a divorce process during the height of his alcoholism , it was never finalised and they reunited after three months apart . They had four children , Lynn , Mitzi , Danny ( who was a professional footballer with Southend United ) , and Andrew . They also had another son , Jimmy Greaves Jr , who died before his first birthday .

Whilst playing for Tottenham Hotspur Greaves took out a £ 1 @,@ 000 bank loan to start a packing business with his brother @-@ in @-@ law . By the end of his playing career this company had an annual turnover of over £ 1 million . He had a number of different business interests , including a travel agency . Greaves entered the 1970 London to Mexico World Cup Rally . In his first ever rally , alongside co @-@ driver , Tony Fall , Greaves drove a Ford Escort to a sixth @-@ place finish out of the 96 entrants .

Greaves underwent surgery on an artery in his neck after suffering a mild stroke in February 2012 . After a full recovery , he experienced a severe stroke in May 2015 which left him unable to speak . He was placed in intensive care and , according to doctors , was expected to undergo a slow recovery . He left hospital after a month , his health having " improved considerably " according to Greaves ' friend and agent Terry Baker . In February 2016 , although slowly recovering from the stroke , Greaves was in a wheelchair and had been told that he would never walk again .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Club statistics = = =

= = = International caps and goals = = =

England 's goal tally first .

= = Honours = =

= = = Club = = =

Chelsea

FA Youth Cup runner @-@ up : 1958

AC Milan

Serie A winner : 1961 ? 62

Tottenham Hotspur

FA Cup winner : 1961 ? 62 & 1966 ? 67

Football League First Division runner @-@ up : 1962 ? 63

FA Charity Shield winner : 1962 & 1967 ( shared )

European Cup Winners Cup winner : 1962 ? 63

= = = International = = =

England

British Home Championship winner : 1959 ? 60 ( shared ) , 1960 ? 61 , 1963 ? 64 ( shared ) , 1964 ? 65 & 1965 ? 66

British Home Championship runner @-@ up : 1961 ? 62 , 1962 ? 63 & 1966 ? 67

FIFA World Cup winner : 1966 ( medal awarded retrospectively in 2009 )