

= Peter Taylor (footballer , born 1928) =

Peter Thomas Taylor (2 July 1928 ? 4 October 1990) was an English football player and manager . A goalkeeper with a modest playing career , he went on to work in management alongside Brian Clough at Derby County and Nottingham Forest , winning the Football League with both clubs and the European Cup twice with Nottingham Forest .

He began his playing career at Nottingham Forest during World War II , before joining Coventry City in July 1945 . He spent the 1953 ? 54 season as Coventry 's first choice goalkeeper , but was otherwise mostly used a reserve player . He was sold on to Middlesbrough for £ 3 @, @ 500 in 1955 , and kept goal for the Second Division club for four full seasons after being promoted to the first team in the 1956 ? 57 campaign . He lost his first team place in 1960 , and in June 1961 joined Port Vale for a £ 750 fee . He took a free transfer to non @-@ league Burton Albion in May 1962 , where he ended his playing career . Throughout his playing career he built for his future management career by learning from Coventry manager Harry Storer and building a close relationship with Middlesbrough striker Brian Clough , six years his junior .

He was appointed as manager of Burton Albion in October 1962 after impressing the chairman with his knowledge of the game . He built a strong team and led the club to victory in the Southern League Cup in 1964 . In 1965 , Clough appointed him as his assistant at Hartlepool United , and Taylor helped Clough to rebuild the playing squad . The pair moved on to Derby County in May 1967 , taking the club to the Second Division title in 1968 ? 69 , then the First Division title in 1971 ? 72 , and the semi @-@ finals of the European Cup in 1973 . The duo resigned in October 1973 after their strained relationship with the club 's board of directors became unworkable . Clough and Taylor moved on to Brighton & Hove Albion in November 1973 , and Taylor stayed on as manager after Clough left Brighton in July 1974 .

In July 1976 , Taylor left Brighton to work alongside Clough at Nottingham Forest . Repeating their achievement at Derby by winning promotion into the top @-@ flight in 1976 ? 77 and then winning the league title in 1977 ? 78 , they then surpassed their previous accomplishments by winning the European Cup in 1979 and 1980 . Forest also lifted the Anglo @-@ Scottish Cup , the FA Charity Shield , the European Super Cup , and twice won the League Cup . Taylor retired in May 1982 , but returned to the game in November 1982 to manage Derby County . He retired for the second and final time in April 1984 , though following a dispute over a player transfer in May 1983 he and Clough were not on speaking terms until Taylor 's sudden death in October 1990 ? something which Clough would greatly regret . In April 2009 , a statue of Clough and Taylor was commissioned at Derby 's Pride Park Stadium , and in October 2015 Nottingham Forest 's main stand at the City Ground was renamed the Peter Taylor Stand .

= = Playing career = =

Peter Taylor was born on 2 July 1928 , one of eight children raised in The Meadows , Nottingham , to Tom and Jenny Taylor , an engineer and housewife respectively . He met his future wife Lily Thorpe at the age of 14 , who persuaded him to play for her father 's team , local non @-@ league side Christchurch . He later moved on to play for Mapperley Methodists , before he was spotted by Nottingham Forest , and signed to their youth team , the Forest Colts . He made his first team debut for the club as an amateur in a wartime fixture against local rivals Notts County at Meadow Lane in 1944 , at the age of 16 .

He signed with Coventry City on his 17th birthday , though was initially only a part @-@ time player as his father insisted that he also complete an apprenticeship in bricklaying . Under the stewardship of Harry Storer , the " Sky Blues " finished seventh in the Second Division in 1950 ? 51 , and Taylor made his debut in the Football League on the final day of the season , breaking Alf Wood 's run of 261 consecutive first team appearances . The Birmingham Sports Argus described how " if Peter 's role [back @-@ up goalkeeper to Wood] has denied him the glamour of a glorious achievement in action , he has his share of personal glamour . He 's a tall fair @-@ haired good looking , and so comely , that he has been described as the film star of Highfield Road . Is single too . " Taylor did

not stay single for long however , and married Lily Thorpe in June 1951 .

Coventry were relegated in 1951 ? 52 , with Taylor having made 29 appearances . Coventry finished sixth in the Third Division South in 1952 ? 53 , with Taylor only appearing eight times . It proved to be Storey 's final season as manager , and Taylor later cited Storer as his managerial mentor , and would go on to quote Storer numerous times throughout his career . Taylor played 42 games as Coventry posted a 14th @-@ place finish under Jack Fairbrother in 1953 ? 54 , then played ten matches as they finished ninth in 1954 ? 55 . Taylor decided to leave the club after losing his first team place to future Coventry City Hall of Famer and England international Reg Matthews .

Taylor was sold to Middlesbrough in the summer of 1955 for £ 3 @,@ 500 by new Coventry manager Jesse Carver , following an assessment of the playing staff by Carver and new coach George Raynor . It was at Middlesbrough that Taylor first met his future managerial partner Brian Clough , who was then fourth @-@ choice striker at Ayresome Park . Taylor spotted Clough 's potential and helped him to achieve a place in the first team . Taylor initially contacted Storer , now manager of Derby County , to try and get him to sign Clough , but Storer had told him he had spent the club 's budget on signing Martin McDonnell and Paddy Ryan . Manager Bob Dennison led " Boro " to 14th in the Second Division in 1955 ? 56 , seeing both Clough and Taylor only as " useful reserves " . The pair spent their spare time coaching schoolboys to boost their wages and to gain experience . Clough went on to become the club 's star striker with 197 goals in 213 league games , and though Taylor would also break into the first team after replacing Rolando Ugolini , he later admitted he was only ever an " average goalkeeper " .

Bob Dennison , although one of my favourite people , was too unambitious for Brian [Clough] , and his staff were in the same easygoing mould . Harold Shepherdson , the England trainer , and coaches like Micky Fenton and Jimmy Gordon were nice men running a pleasant club that treated players decently while getting nowhere " .

In June 1961 , Port Vale manager Norman Low paid Middlesbrough £ 750 for Taylor 's services . Largely unneeded at Vale Park , Ken Hancock being a virtual ever @-@ present from 1960 to 1964 , his only appearance was in a 2 ? 1 Third Division defeat at Bradford Park Avenue on 3 February 1962 . He left on a free transfer for Burton Albion in May 1962 , where he began his management career .

= = Management career = =

= = = Burton Albion = = =

In October 1962 , Taylor was offered the manager 's job at Burton Albion after impressing chairman Trevor Grantham with his knowledge and theories on the game . In summer 1963 he oversaw a complete overhaul of the playing staff , only retaining four players , and completely rebuilt the squad . He signed strikers Richie Barker and Stan Round , who would score a combined 308 goals for the club , and remain the club 's two highest goalscorers (as of 2016) . He survived calls for his resignation after a defeat to Kidderminster Harriers in the FA Cup and went on to create one of the most successful sides in Burton 's history , beating Weymouth to win the Southern League Cup in 1964 . In 1965 , he walked out on a newly signed £ 34 a week three @-@ year contract at Burton to become Clough 's assistant manager at Hartlepool United on wages of £ 24 a week . He later admitted the decision , which he took against the advice of his friends and family , was " against all logic " . His successor , Alex Tait , led Burton to promotion out of the Southern League Division One in 1965 ? 66 .

= = = Hartlepool United = = =

Before their arrival , Hartlepool had been forced to apply for re @-@ election to the Football League six times in the previous seven years , and Taylor stated that the squad were all free transfer signings and some of the players struggled with " drink , debt or abandoned wives " . The

two gradually turned around the club 's fortunes , and started by painting Victoria Park . Taylor had little chance to show his skills in the transfer market as the club only had £ 7 @, @ 500 to spend , £ 4 @, @ 000 of which went on centre @-@ half Johnny Gill . Other signings included two of Taylor 's former players at Burton , defender Tony Parry and goalkeeper Les Green ; Parry would go on to win the club 's Player of the Year award . The pair went on to lead the club to an eighth @-@ place finish in the Fourth Division in 1966 ? 67 after replacing most of the playing staff , an improvement on 1965 ? 66 when the pair had only managed an 18th @-@ place finish . Clough had initially wanted to quit the club numerous times due to interference from chairman Ernest Ord , but Taylor insisted that they stay as they could not walk out on their first job in management . After Ord resigned as chairman Clough wanted to remain at Hartlepoons , but Taylor persuaded him to take the offer to manage Derby .

= = = Derby County = = =

In May 1967 , Clough and Taylor left Hartlepoons to join Derby County after being recommended to the club by Len Shackleton . At Derby , Taylor and Clough proceeded to re @-@ build the side , with Taylor instrumental in signing players such as Dave Mackay and Roy McFarland . Future England centre @-@ half McFarland , whom he described as an " uncut diamond " from the Third Division , was his first signing for a fee of £ 24 @, @ 000 . Other signings he initiated included winger John McGovern (who the pair had signed at Hartlepoons and would follow Clough on to Leeds and Nottingham) and full @-@ back John Robson . After the 1967 ? 68 season had finished with the club fifth from bottom in the Second Division , Clough and Taylor had released 16 players and numerous more staff members , including " a tea lady who laughed after a bad defeat " .

Derby were promoted to the First Division in 1968 ? 69 , prompting chairman Sydney Bradley to state that " Brian and Peter built an ocean liner out of a shipwreck " . Derby finished fourth in 1969 ? 70 , and then strengthened again from a player Taylor had scouted , signing midfielder Archie Gemmill from Preston North End for £ 64 @, @ 000 . Most signings involved scouting from Taylor , with the only two transfers he had played no part in being Clough 's former Sunderland teammates Colin Todd and John O 'Hare . Following a ninth @-@ place finish in 1970 ? 71 , Derby went on to win the League Championship in 1971 ? 72 ? the first in the club 's history . Clough and Taylor continued to strengthen the club in the transfer market however , with Taylor noting that " a manager should always be looking for signs of disintegration in a winning side and then sell the players responsible before their deterioration is noticed by possible buyers " .

Derby reached the semi @-@ finals of the European Cup the following season , controversially losing to Juventus ; Taylor had spotted Juventus player Helmut Haller talking with referee Gerhard Schulenberg at half @-@ time and described how a " squad of heavies " restrained him after he attempted to overhear the pair 's conversation . Clough went on to call the Italian team " cheating bastards " . On 15 October 1973 , both he and Clough resigned , partially after a dispute with the Derby board over Taylor 's crucial but largely undefined role , although numerous reasons were behind Clough and Taylor 's resignation . Taylor in particular had been frustrated by what he felt was a lack of support from the club 's directors over the pair 's transfer policy . The pair had come close to leaving Derby earlier , turning down offers to manage Coventry City and the Greece national team . Fans protested against the board following their resignation , and the players also demanded they be reinstated , but chairman Sam Longson 's relationship with Clough and Taylor was irreparable .

" If we had stayed , Derby County would have won the European Cup long before Nottingham Forest and would still be among the premier clubs of England . They are back in the Second Division today because a few interfering directors imagined they could run the show . "

= = = Brighton & Hove Albion = = =

Clough was appointed as manager at Third Division Brighton & Hove Albion on 1 November 1973 , with Taylor joining as his assistant . Just after the pair were appointed , the team lost 4 ? 0 at home to Walton & Hersham in an FA Cup replay and then 8 ? 2 at home to Bristol Rovers on 1 December

. Brighton finished 19th in the final table in the 1973 ? 74 season , narrowly avoiding relegation to the Fourth Division , and the pair began to rebuild the team by signing Peter Grummitt , Andy Rollings , Ian Mellor , Steve Govier , and Ken Goodewe ; Taylor felt that Clough never settled at Brighton however , and spent too much time away on media commitments . Clough left for Leeds United in July 1974 , but Taylor refused to go with Clough as he felt Brighton and club chairman Mike Bamber had treated them well , and so the partnership ended after nine years as Taylor stayed at the Goldstone Ground as sole manager . He went on to sign striker Peter Ward and midfielder Brian Horton , but admitted that both he and Clough were much more effective as a duo ; he felt that he had struggled to make the good players he signed play to their full potential whilst feeling that Clough had bought and sold poorly as Leeds manager . He stayed on at the South coast club for a further two seasons , guiding the team to a fourth @-@ place finish in 1975 ? 76 , missing promotion by two points . His successor , Alan Mullery , managed to lead the team Taylor left behind to promotion in 1976 ? 77 and then into the top @-@ flight in 1978 ? 79 .

= = = Nottingham Forest = = =

On 16 July 1976 , Taylor resigned as Brighton manager and joined once again with Clough , who had by this time moved on to Nottingham Forest . After assessing the players Taylor told Clough that " that was a feat by you to finish eighth in the Second Division because some of them are only Third Division players " . He then berated John Robertson for allowing himself to become overweight and disillusioned , and got Robertson on a diet and training regime that would help him to become a top international . He also spotted Tony Woodcock playing for the reserves and converted him from an unwanted midfielder into a striker who would win 42 caps for England . In September 1976 , he bought striker Peter Withe for £ 43 @,@ 000 , and sold him on to Newcastle United for £ 250 @,@ 000 two years later . Withe was replaced in the starting eleven by Garry Birtles , who Taylor had scouted playing for non @-@ league Long Eaton United ; Birtles would also go on to represent England .

Within a year of Taylor 's arrival , Forest were promoted to the First Division after securing third automatic promotion place in 1976 ? 77 . Taylor and Clough then decided to replace goalkeeper John Middleton with Peter Shilton , whom they purchased for £ 270 @,@ 000 ; Taylor reasoned : " Shilton wins you matches . " After spending some time secretly following Kenny Burns he came to the conclusion that Burns 's reputation as a hard drinker and gambler was exaggerated and he sanctioned a £ 145 @,@ 000 move for the player , who would become FWA Footballer of the Year in 1977 ? 78 after being converted from centre @-@ forward to a sweeper role . Clough and Taylor were appointed joint @-@ managers of the England youth team in December 1977 , but the pair resigned after less than a year in charge as Forest 's success meant they struggled to make time to also coach the England players .

In their first season back in the top division , Forest won the Championship by a seven point margin ahead of runners @-@ up Liverpool , conceding just 24 goals in 42 games with Shilton in goal . They also won the League Cup , with a 1 ? 0 win over Liverpool in the replay , despite Shilton , David Needham and Archie Gemmill all being non @-@ eligible to play as they were cup @-@ tied . In February 1979 , Taylor authorised the English game 's first £ 1 million transfer , when Forest purchased Trevor Francis from Birmingham City . Taylor later reported that Clough had been holding out for a fee of £ 925 @,@ 000 until Taylor rang Birmingham to confirm the deal at £ 1 million , before ringing Clough to say " We 've got Francis , I 've just paid their price " ; Clough replied simply by saying " Good " , and then put down the phone .

In 1979 , Forest won the European Cup with a 1 ? 0 victory over Malmö FF at the Olympiastadion . They also won the League Cup again after beating Southampton 3 ? 2 ; Taylor led the team out at Wembley as Clough felt it was Taylor turn ? they always wanted to lead their team out together but were always denied permission by Football League chairman Alan Hardaker . After this success Forest bought Asa Hartford and Frank Gray , though Harford was sold on after two months after Taylor realised his limited passing range did not fit Forest 's style of play . Forest were denied a third consecutive League Cup win in 1980 after a defeat in the final by Wolverhampton Wanderers .

The European Cup was retained in 1980 , this time against Kevin Keegan 's Hamburger SV at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium . Clough and Taylor then began the process of breaking up the championship winning team , selling off Martin O 'Neill , Ian Bowyer , Garry Birtles , and Larry Lloyd ; as a new team was built based around youngsters such as Gary Mills , Stuart Gray , Colin Walsh , and Bryn Gunn . New signings included striker Ian Wallace and Switzerland international Raimondo Ponte . Taylor retired in May 1982 after Forest finished 12th in the league , with recent signings Justin Fashanu and Raimondo Ponte proving to be unsuccessful . Clough would stay at Forest for another 11 seasons , but without Taylor would only add two League Cups and two Full Members Cups to the club 's trophy cabinet , and would struggle against alcoholism .

= = = Return to Derby County = = =

Taylor took over as manager of Derby County in November 1982 , to the great surprise of most people in the game . He brought in Roy McFarland as his assistant , and signed Archie Gemmill and Bobby Davison . At the time Derby were going through serious financial problems and were bottom of the table , but he steered them to a mid @-@ table position by the end of the season with a 15 @-@ match unbeaten run . In the Third Round of the FA Cup on 8 January 1983 they knocked out Clough 's Forest team with a 2 ? 0 win at the Baseball Ground . They reached the Fifth Round , where they were knocked out by Manchester United .

However , the following season saw the team struggle again , and Taylor resigned in early April 1984 with the club third from bottom of the Second Division , before Derby went on to be relegated . However , the team did manage to reach the quarter @-@ finals of the FA Cup , and the revenue obtained from the cup run helped to keep the club afloat .

= = Relationship with Clough = =

Clough was quoted as saying " I 'm not equipped to manage successfully without Peter Taylor . I am the shop window and he is the goods in the back . " The two worked as a pair by complementing each other 's strengths , as Clough had a forceful personality and was adept at motivating players , whilst Taylor was more reserved though had an ability to spot talented players . Former Hartlepool player Cliff Wright described the pair as " good cop , bad cop . Cloughie would knock you to the ground , verbally at least , and Pete would pick you up and put you back together . " As the bigger personality and the man with the title of manager , Clough garnered much greater publicity than Taylor , which caused Taylor to grumble that " I sometimes wonder why he never says to Bell 's whisky , for instance , when they 're handing out Manager of the Month awards , ' You 'll have to present an extra gallon bottle . There are two of us . " On a personal level they were very close , and often finished each other 's sentences .

Though Taylor 's friendship and partnership with Clough had been strong , their relationship had sometimes become strained on occasion . While at Derby in 1971 , Taylor was riled when he learned that Clough had failed to disclose to him that he had received a pay rise of £ 5 @,@ 000 from chairman Sam Longson . He was also annoyed that Clough was often away earning extra money from media work while he was left to do a larger share of the work with the players . The relationship worsened in the autumn of 1980 when Taylor published *With Clough* , by Taylor , an autobiography which was largely based on Taylor 's work with Clough . Taylor had not told Clough that he was writing the book and did not give him a share of the proceeds .

Although they initially parted on good terms when Taylor retired in May 1982 , the relationship was finally damaged permanently after a dispute over the transfer of John Robertson from Forest to Derby , whom Taylor was now managing , in May 1983 . Clough was apparently angered that Taylor did not inform him about the deal . Clough attacked Taylor in a tabloid article on 3 July 1983 as being a " rattlesnake " , " a snake @-@ in @-@ the @-@ grass " and said that " We pass each other on the A52 going to work on most days of the week . But if his car broke down and I saw him thumbing a lift , I wouldn 't pick him up , I 'd run him over " . The two men would never speak to one another again .

= = Death = =

On 4 October 1990 , Peter Taylor died suddenly of pulmonary fibrosis whilst on holiday in Costa De Los Pinos , Majorca , at the age of 62 . When told of Taylor 's death by Ron Fenton , Clough apparently did not speak , put the phone down on him and cried heavily . He also , whilst very upset , made a phone call to the Taylor family . Clough attended the funeral 11 days later and dedicated his 1994 autobiography to Taylor saying " To Peter . Still miss you badly . You once said : ' When you get shot of me there won 't be as much laughter in your life ' . You were right " .

= = Statistics = =

= = = Playing statistics = = =

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= = = Managerial statistics = = =

= = Honours = =

Burton Albion

Southern League Cup : 1964

Derby County (with Clough)

Football League Second Division : 1968 ? 69

Football League First Division : 1971 ? 72

Nottingham Forest (with Clough)

Football League Second Division third @-@ place promotion : 1976 ? 77

Anglo @-@ Scottish Cup : 1976 ? 77

Football League First Division : 1977 ? 78

League Cup : 1978 , 1979

FA Charity Shield : 1978

European Cup : 1979 , 1980

European Super Cup : 1979

= = = Legacy = = =

Clough paid tribute to Taylor when he was awarded the freedom of the city of Nottingham in March 1993 , saying that " I have only one regret today , and that is that me mate isn 't here with me " . Taylor was portrayed by Timothy Spall in The Damned United , a film released in 2009 based on Clough 's ill @-@ fated spell at Leeds United . In August 2010 , Derby County unveiled a statue of Clough and Taylor at Pride Park Stadium . In September 2015 , Nottingham Forest announced that the Main Stand at the City Ground would be renamed the Peter Taylor Stand as part of the club 's 150th anniversary celebrations .