

= Jason Dozzell =

Jason Irvin Winans Dozzell (born 9 December 1967) is an English former professional footballer who made more than 500 Football League appearances for Ipswich Town , Tottenham Hotspur , Northampton Town and Colchester United . Dozzell holds the record for being the youngest goalscorer in the England 's top division after scoring for Ipswich Town against Coventry City in a First Division match on 4 February 1984 at the age of 16 years and 57 days (the youngest goalscorer since the formation of the Premier League is Everton 's James Vaughan , aged 16 years 270 days) . His son Andre also scored on his Ipswich debut aged 16 .

Dozzell has also managed two non @-@ League football clubs , both in the Eastern Counties Football League ? Ipswich Wanderers and Leiston . As of October 2008 , he is not managing a club .

= = Personal life = =

Born in Ipswich , Suffolk , in 1967 , Dozzell attended the local Chantry High School . He has supported local charities , including acting as a patron for " Operation Santa Claus " , run in conjunction with radio station SGR @-@ FM . He played for a " Town Legends " side against a Soccer AM team in 2005 to raise money for the Academy , where his son , Andre , was in the under @-@ 10s team . In 2007 , he was found guilty of driving with excess alcohol and was banned for three years .

= = Career = =

= = = Playing career = = =

Playing football for the Langham Lions in the Colchester Youth League , Dozzell was noted as a " prolific schoolboy scorer " , and was signed on schoolboy terms for Ipswich Town by Bobby Robson despite interest from West Ham United and Nottingham Forest . Selected for the senior squad by manager Bobby Ferguson , Dozzell made his debut for Ipswich Town in February 1984 , coming on as a substitute against Coventry City . Ipswich won the match 2 ? 0 ; Dozzell scored late in the second half , becoming the youngest player , at 16 years and 57 days , to score in the old English Football League First Division . He went on to make four further appearances in the 1983 ? 84 season . The following season Dozzell made twenty appearances , five of them from the bench , and scored four goals . In the 1985 ? 86 season he became a regular starter for Ipswich , scoring five goals in 51 games , although the club were relegated to the Football League Second Division . His 1986 ? 87 season saw him play in every game , making 42 league and 11 cup appearances and scoring a single goal . He was also selected for the England under @-@ 21 team , for whom he played nine times without scoring .

In the 1988 ? 89 season , Dozzell finished as the club 's joint top @-@ scorer (with John Wark and Dalian Atkinson) , scoring 13 goals from 37 appearances . The following two seasons saw Dozzell as a regular starter for the team , with 18 goals from 88 appearances . His 16 goals in the 1991 ? 92 season helped John Lyall 's Ipswich win the league title and secure promotion to the newly formed Premier League . He featured regularly the following season , scoring nine goals in 52 games and helping the club stave off relegation in their first season back in the top tier of English football .

In August 1993 , Dozzell was sold to Tottenham Hotspur for £ 1 @. @ 9 million ; in his first season , he made 32 appearances and scored eight goals . Dozzell suffered numerous injuries during his time at White Hart Lane , restricting the number of games in which he played . In the 1994 ? 95 season , he managed just seven appearances and failed to score . He made a total of 99 league and cup appearances and scored 14 goals over his four seasons at the club . Dozzell made a brief return to Portman Road in 1997 , on loan for a month , and made ten appearances before signing for Northampton Town in 1997 . A season with The Cobblers saw him score four goals from 26

appearances and help the club to the play @-@ off final at Wembley Stadium . This was followed by a move to newly promoted Colchester United , initially on a monthly contract , where Dozzell made more than 100 appearances and scored 11 goals in three seasons .

Dozzell retired from professional football in 2001 as a result of persistent injuries , in particular an ongoing toe problem . However , he continued playing with non @-@ league clubs ; a brief spell with Canvey Island reunited him with former Colchester and Ipswich player Neil Gregory . Canvey Island released him and he moved on to an even shorter stay with Grays Athletic , who signed him alongside Carl Leaburn . This was followed by a move back to Ipswich and into management .

= = = Managerial career = = =

Dozzell took his first step into management with Eastern Counties Football League club Ipswich Wanderers in 2003 . In his role as player @-@ manager , he moved to play in defence and secured an eighth @-@ place finish in the league during his first season with the club . The following season , he led them to the league title and promotion to the Eastern Counties League Premier Division . The 2005 ? 06 season saw Dozzell lead the newly promoted club to seventh in the league , but despite ending the season with a record tally of points , he left the Wanderers , citing off @-@ pitch issues at the club .

Dozzell went on to manage Leiston , but he left in November 2007 .

= = Honours = =

= = = Club = = =

Ipswich Town

Football League Second Division Winner (1) : 1991 ? 92