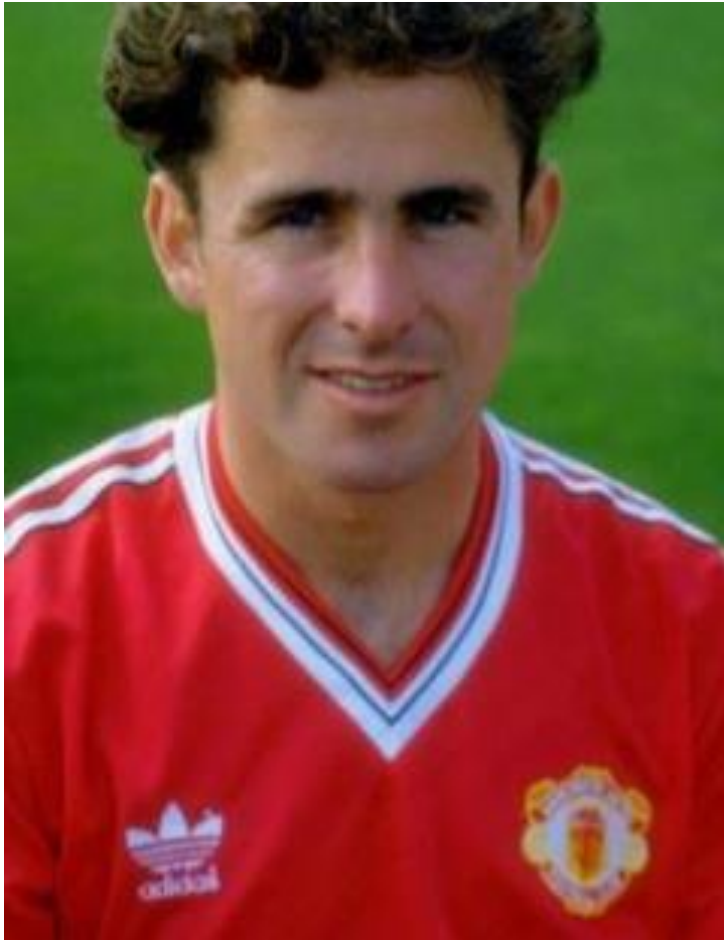


## ARTHER ALBISTON



<b>Born:</b>	14 Jul 1957
<b>Signed:</b>	01 Jul 1974
<b>Debut:</b>	9 Oct 1974 v Man City (H) League Cup
<b>Goals total:</b>	7
<b>Appearances total:</b>	485
<b>Position:</b>	Full-back

Only a handful of players have represented Manchester United more times than this reliable, consistent Scottish left-back.

For the best part of a decade Arthur Albiston was a permanent fixture in the Reds' starting line-up, during which he collected three FA Cup winners' medals, 14 Scotland caps, and won many admirers for his unflashy, yet solid displays.

Albiston joined the club as a trainee in July 1972. Two years later he turned professional, making his first-team debut on 9 October 1974 in a League Cup tie victory against Manchester City at Old Trafford in front of 55,000.

Six days after, he made his league debut at Portsmouth – he had to wait until 1976/77 for his breakthrough as a first-team regular.

His opportunity arrived in dramatic circumstances. Following injury to Stewart Houston, Albiston was called in as a replacement for the 1977 FA Cup final against Liverpool.

With an impressive performance he helped United to a 2-1 victory, collected his first winners' medal, then made the noble gesture of offering it to the man he'd replaced – a gesture Houston turned down.