

United's playing staff consisted of a mixture of players on professional, apprentice professional or amateur contracts.

The Football League registration records, held in the National Football Museum archive, have been invaluable in identifying the players registered by the club with the League, and the contracts they had signed.

I am indebted to both Tony Park, who has meticulously researched United's Reserve and Junior teams over the last twenty-five years, and Mark Wylie for their valuable contributions on many of the youngsters' career details at United.

The career appearance and goals totals include the major domestic and European competitions, the FA Charity Shield and other first team competitive games.

In all cases where a player's age is given it is at September 1st 1967. I have used the date on which a player was first registered with the Football League as the signing date. In some cases a player may have been at the club prior to this date but not registered with the League. The signing date for those professional players graduating through the club's Junior sides is effectively the date of their first professional contract with the club.

PROFESSIONALS

	Birthdate	Age	Signed	Club	App	Gls
ASTON, John	28/06/1947	20	07/1964	Juniors	60	9
BEST, George	22/05/1946	21	05/1963	Juniors	173	47
BRENNAN, Shay	06/05/1937	30	04/1955	Juniors	315	5
BROUGH, Ian	25/12/1948	18	02/1966	Juniors	0	0
BURNS, Francis	17/10/1948	18	10/1965	Juniors	0	0
CANTWELL, Noel	28/12/1932	35	1952/53	West Ham Utd.	263	11
			11/1960	United	146	8
CHARLTON, Bobby	11/10/1937	29	10/1954	Juniors	456	181
CONNAUGHTON, John	23/09/1949	17	10/1966	Juniors	0	0
COOKE, JOHN	04/10/1948	18	10/1965	Juniors	0	0
CRERAND, Pat	19/02/1939	28	1958/59	Celtic	120	5
			02/1963	United	233	11
	Birthdate	Age	Signed	Club	App	Gls
DUNNE, Tony	24/07/1941	26	1958/59	Shelbourne	18	1
			08/1960	United	281	1
EDWARDS, Paul	07/10/1947	19	02/1965	Juniors	0	0
EMMERSON, Wayne	02/11/1947	19	09/1965	Juniors	0	0
FITZPATRICK, John	18/08/1946	21	09/1963	Juniors	10	0
FLEMING, Mike	22/02/1949	18	01/1967	Juniors	0	0
FOULKES, Bill	05/01/1932	35	08/1951	Juniors	635	7
GASKELL, David	05/10/1940	26	10/1957	Juniors	120	0

GILL, Frank	05/12/1948	18	12/1965	Juniors	0	0
GIVENS, Don	09/08/1949	18	12/1966	Juniors	0	0
HERD, David	15/04/1934	33	1950/51	Stockport Co.	15	6
			1954/55	Arsenal	180	107
			07/1961	United	258	146
JAMES, Steve	29/11/1949	17	12/1966	Juniors	0	0
KIDD, Brian	29/05/1949	18	04/1966	Juniors	0	0
KOPEL, Frank	28/03/1949	18	04/1966	Juniors	0	0
LAW, Denis	24/02/1940	27	1956/57	Huddersfield T.	91	19
			1959/60	Manchester C.	50	25
			1961/62	Torino	28	10
			08/1962	United	226	166
LOFTUS, Bobby	22/12/1949	17	04/1967	Juniors	0	0
MALLALIEU, Tony	03/10/1946	20	1963/64	Rhyl FC	-	-
			06/1964	United	0	0
MURPHY, Nick	25/12/1946	20	02/1966	Juniors	0	0
NOBLE, Bobby	18/12/1945	21	12/1962	Juniors	33	0
POOLE, Terry	16/12/1949	17	02/1967	Juniors	0	0
RIMMER, Jimmy	10/02/1948	19	05/1965	Juniors	0	0
RYAN, Jim	12/05/1945	22	01/1963	Juniors	10	1
SADLER, David	05/02/1946	21	02/1963	Juniors	76	15
SARTORI, Carlo	10/02/1948	19	02/1965	Juniors	0	0
STEPNEY, Alex	18/09/1942	24	1961/62	Tooting & Mitcham	35	0
			1963/64	Millwall	157	0
			1966/67	Chelsea	1	0
			09/1966	United	37	0
STILES, Nobby	18/05/1942	25	06/1959	Juniors	280	17
WATSON, Willie	04/01/1949	18	12/1966	Juniors	0	0
WEIR, David	21/03/1950	17	04/1967	Juniors	0	0
WOODS, Peter	21/01/1950	17	04/1967	Juniors	0	0

APPRENTICE PROFESSIONALS

The Apprentice Professional Scheme, introduced at the start of the 1960/61 season, was designed to bridge the gap between schoolboy and professional football.

An apprentice contract generally lasted two years and apprentices received daily coaching and, for a fortunate few, a professional contract once they had turned seventeen. Only the most promising youngsters were signed on an apprentice contract by United and many local youngsters were initially signed on amateur forms.

This was also true for youngsters from Scotland and Ireland, who were excluded from the