

WWEPA Pay Tribute to David Armstrong



Wycombe ex-players and fans will be sad to hear the news of the death former England, Middlesbrough and Southampton midfielder David Armstrong, who has passed away at the age of 67.

The Wanderers came across him back in 1975 when he was a key figure with the First Division table-toppers when they visited Loakes Park for the historic FA Cup third round tie.

Brian Lee's side kept him quiet in the goalless draw in front of nearly 10,000 fans. But it was Armstrong who scored the very late winner for Jack Charlton's team in the replay at Ayresome Park after John Maskell had defied him and his talented teammates for 88 minutes. The pair met up again 35 years on when Armstrong was one of the special guests along with goalkeeper Jim Platt as that memorable match was re-lived at our WWEPA annual dinner in 2010. A modest but humorous interviewee, he won over guests that night – who almost forgave him for his dream-ending Cup goal.

Spike, as he was affectionately known, spent a decade of his career with the Teessiders from 1971 and holds the record for the most consecutive appearances by a Boro player - an incredible 358 in all competitions between March 1973 and August 1980.

He received his first England cap towards the end of his time at Boro and would go on to play in two more international matches. Later, the attacking midfielder spent six years at Southampton where he helped them finish runners-up in Division One in 1984 behind Liverpool. Our thoughts with all his family.

