

Football career of W. B. Liddell.

Full name – William Beveridge Liddell - Nickname Billie or ‘The Flying Scot’.

Born 10.01.1922 at Townhill, Dunfermline, Scotland

Died 3.07.2001, Liverpool.

Clubs :- Kingseat Juveniles. 1936.

Blairhill Colliery Trial 1937.

Hearts of Beath Trial 1937.

Lochgelly Violet Signed 1937.

Partick Thistle Trial 1938.

Liverpool F.C. amateur 27 July 1938 ? £200 fee. Professional LFC 17.04.1939 to May 1961.

Club Vice Captain 1953/54, 1954/55; Captain 1955/56; 1956/57; 1957/58.

Season lgue app & goals F.A.C. app & goals.

1945 – 46	--	--	2	1	
1946 – 47	34	7	6	1	31.08.1946 Priday not Liddell (thigh injury with R.A.F.). LDP
1947 – 48	37	10	2	1	
1948 - 49	38	8	4	1	
1949 – 50	41	17	7	2	31.12.1949 Liddell corner dropped by g.keeper Swindin O.g.
1950 – 51	35	15	1	0	Pead error 30.08.1950 Brierley deputised for Liddell LDP
1951 – 52	40	19	3	0	
1952 – 53	39	13	1	0	
1953 – 54	36	7	1	0	22.08.1953 20’ goal credited to Liddell not Bimpson LE. *
1954 – 55	40	30	4	1	
1955 – 56	39	27	5	5	3.03.1956 89’ goal credited to Dickson not Liddell LDP
1956 – 57	41	21	1	0	
1957 – 58	35	22	5	1	11.01.1958 Bimpson played not Liddell LE & LDP.
1958 – 59	19	14	--	--	
1959 – 60	17	5	--	--	
1960 – 61	1				

Totals 492 215 42 13 -- 534 app. 228 goals

*Personal communication – Bimpson cannot recall hat –trick v Manchester Utd.

Pead ‘Complete Record’ 495 216 42 13

All time Greats 494 216 -- --

Player x Player 495 216 42 13

Greatest Players (Walmsley) 536 app 229 goals.

Ultimate Stats & Facts 537 app. 229 goals.

Lancashire Senior Cup.

13.01.1940; 1 goal.

13.04.1940;

20.02.1946; 1goal.

20.11.1946; 1goal.

24.10.1956; 1 goal; Winner.

11.02.1958; 1 goal.

11.03.1959;

5.05.1959; 1 goal. Winner.

23.11.1959; 1 goal.

7.11.1960.

total 10 appearances, 7 goals. Winner twice.

Liverpool Senior Cup.

2.03.1940;

13.05.1940;

14.06.1947; Winner.

3.05.1948. Winner.

24.09.1951.

16.04.1952. 1 goal.

29.04.1953

3.05.1954.

25.03.1958.

Total 9 appearances; 1 goal. Winner twice.

War competitions

1939 – 40	16	9	First competitive goal on debut 1.01.1940. Age 17years 11 months, 21days?
1940 – 41	37	12	
1941 – 42	35	22	
1942 – 43	15	5	
1943 – 44	6	4	
1944 – 45	15(14)	13 (14)	App doubt 28.Oct –not in M.prog Goal doubt ? O.g. or Liddell (in later m. prog.)
1945 – 46	26	18 (17)	M.Prog gives 17 - possible doubts 25 Dec or 29 Dec. These queries not yet checked by me.

Friendly and tour games.

16.12.1939 v PNE (h) listed as 'Grand Match' . Lost 0 – 1 Liddell at 7. FIRST ref. to full first team debut. Age 17 years 11 months.

30.12.1939 v P.N.E. (h)	Won 3 – 1	Liddell at 11.
25.03.1940 v Bolton W. (h)	Lost 0 – 1	" 7
4.05.1940 v Oldham A (a)	Won 4 – 2	" 11 1 goal.
6.06.1942 v Liverpool services (h)	Lost 2 – 3	" 7
21.08.1943 v Everton (Lord Mayors war fund)	Won 5 – 2	" 7 1 goal

Tour of Germany :-

28.07.1945 v R.A.F. XI	Won 7 – 0	" 11 2 goals
29.07.1945 v 21 st Army XI	Drew 3 – 3	" 11

Tour of U.S.A. & Canada. May/June 1946 10 games

Liddell listed in one programme only as playing but I believe that he was not given permission by R.A.F. to go. He was not in any other team squad or in goal scorers list.

14.02.1948 v Newcastle (a). Won 3 – 0 Liddell at 11 1 goal 12'.

Tour of U.S.A. & Canada May/June 1948 11 games :-

Liddell played all 11 at no. 11 with 14 goals out of total 63.

26.02.1949 v Newcastle	Drew 1 – 1	" 11.
5.12.1949 v A.I.K. Stockholm (a)	Won 4 – 2	Liddell at 7 1 goal - penalty at 46'.
28.05.1950 v Anderlecht (a).	Drew 1 – 1	" 11 1 goal 49'.
31.05.1950 v Saarbrücken no team details	Lost 1 – 4.	
30.04.1951 v Brighton (a) benefit game	Drew 1 – 1	" 11
9.05.1951 v Saarbrücken (h) Fest. Of Britain	Drew 1 – 1	" 11.
Tour of Sweden May 1951 5 games	Liddell 3 at 7 and 2 at 11 with 5 goals.	
4.08.1951 v Edinburgh Select	Won 2 – 1	Liddell at 11. 2 goals.
Tour of Germany, Austria & Spain. May 1952.	4 games. Liddell 2 at 9 and 2 at 11	2 goals.
31.01.1953 v Leeds Utd (a)	Lost 0 – 1	" at 11.

Tour of U.S.A. & Canada May/June 1953 11 games

No record of appearances but Liddell at least 8 games & scored 13 out of 50 goals.

20.02.1954 v St. Mirren	Won 4 – 2.	Liddell at 9. 2 goals.
30.11.1954 v Watford	Lost 2 – 3	" 9 1 goal.

Tour of France May 1956 5 games. No team details Liddell at least 3 games 4 goals.

10.05.1956 v Hibernian (a)	Won 2 – 1	Liddell at 9. 1 goal.
26.01.1957 v Bolton W. (a)	Lost 3 – 5	" 10.
3.05.1957 v Brighton	Won 2 – 0	" 9. 1 goal.
9.11.1957 v Hibernian.	Drew 3 – 3	" 9 1 goal.

Tour of Spain May 1958 5 games. No line ups but Liddell at least 3 games 3 goals.

2.08.1958 v Edinburgh Select. Drew 2 – 2 Liddell at 9. 2 goals.

21.09.1960 Liddell testimonial v International XI. Liddell in International team scored 1 goal

Full details available.

Reserve appearances :-

Pre 1940 no reserve line-ups

1945 – 1959/60 Most line ups available but Liddell not shown. There may be the odd occasion for a run out following injury but unlikely.

1958 – 59	12 games	4 goals. **
1959 – 60	10 games	3 goals.

1960 – 61 15 games 3 goals.

** 18th October 1958 v Fulham (a). L. E reported that Liddell was dropped for the first time.

13th March 1954 Liddell penalty given as Liddell's 100th club goal. LE. This would be correct except for the disputed goal referred to on 22.08.1953.

3rd March 1956 Liddell goal on 25' said to be 150th League goal.

International appearances 28; 6 goals.:-

1946 v Wales; N. Ireland. 1947 v N. Ireland; Wales. 1948 v England. 1949 v Wales. 1950 v England; Portugal; France; Wales; N. Ireland; Austria. 1951 v England; N. Ireland; Wales. 1952 v England; U.S.A; Denmark; Sweden; Wales; N. Ireland. 1953 v England; Wales. 1955 v Portugal; Yugoslavia; Austria; Hungary; N. Ireland. Also Aug. 1946 England v Scotland Bolton Disaster Fund.

War Internationals 8; 5 goals. :-

1942 v England (h); v England (a); 1943 v England; 3.02.1945 v England (a); Wales; 1946 v N. Ireland; England; Switzerland.

War Representative games.

19.04.1941, F.L. XI (at No. 11, 1 goal) v British XI; 2.05.1942, F.L.XI (at No. 11) v Western Command; 2.11.1942, F.A. XI (at No. 11, 1 goal) v RAF; 30.01.1943, RAF (at No. 11) v National Police; 27.03.1943, RAF (at No. 11, 5 goals) v Dutch Forces;

Great Britain - 2 appearances 1947, Hampden Park won 6 - 1; 13.08.1955, Belfast, lost 1 - 4.

Fastest goal 16 seconds 20.09.1958

Hat-tricks 4 league + 1 of 4 in lgue; 2 in war leagues. 1 on tour friendly.

Testimonial game – played for Ellesmere Port Town v League XI; League XI won 7 – 1. Liddell scored for E.P.T. Mercer and Hickson in League XI.

Penalties :- 36 scored out of 44 taken in league; 4 in war leagues.

When Liddell first came to Liverpool he lodged with the widow of former Liverpool player, Ned Doig.

J.E.Doig January 2007.

Note – Pead's 'Complete Record' pub 1986 has 3 more appearances which are in error. These seem to be taken up by other sources. My notes show the errors and quote newspapers Liverpool Echo & L Daily Post. There are also some differences in goals but one on 31.12.1949 is most likely now an O.G. as goalkeeper dropped the ball giving a total now of 228. His biographer John Keith agrees with me.