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CATTERICK NOT SORRY TV MISSED HUSBAND'S BULLET



Chelsea have frequently been on the receiving end of some of Everton's most spectacular strikes.

From Jermaine Beckford's Goal of the Season in 2011, when he dribbled from the Park End penalty area to the Gwladys Street box then nonchalantly flipped the ball over Petr Cech, to Romelu Lukaku's slalom run and finish in an FA Cup quarter-final; from Alan Harper's title-chasing piledriver in 1987 to Tim Cahill's spectacular overhead kick 20 years later.

But there was one strike scored against Chelsea which is often overlooked – even though Harry Catterick described it as 'one of the best goals I've ever seen!'

And The Catt wasn't renowned for dishing out praise cheaply.

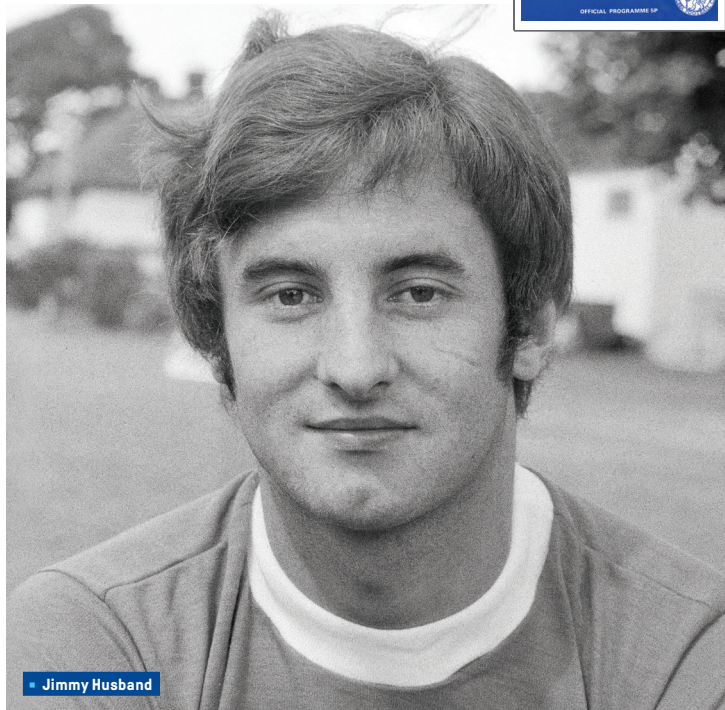
It was scored by Jimmy Husband in a clash between champions, Everton and FA Cup holders, Chelsea, in January 1971 – and gave Everton a platform to romp to a 3-0 victory.

The watching press agreed with the Everton manager's assessment.

The *Liverpool Daily Post's* Horace Yates wrote: "I doubt I will see a more brilliant goal than that with which Everton lit up the scene after only eight minutes. It was poetry of motion from the moment Hurst brought the ball out of his own area to send Harvey up the middle.

"If Harvey's pass out to Ball on the right was a demonstration in slide rule accuracy, how then to describe Ball's transfer to Husband?

"The ball, like a bullet homing to a bull's eye, dropped on Husband's chest. Breasting it down on the turn, Husband hit the ball as it fell and away it soared, unstopably, into the roof of the net.



• Jimmy Husband

Goodison was roused as it has not been all season."

Of course, Harry Catterick was notoriously reluctant to allow TV cameras into Goodison Park.

In the same *Daily Post* article of 1971, Horace Yates wrote: "When it was suggested Everton had missed a good chance of being shown up to advantage on television by their plea not to be exposed so frequently, Mr Catterick replied 'My heart bleeds for television!'

"Mr Catterick said television was a competitor with football and the threat had to be seriously considered.

"He expressed the view that

television was getting its football entertainment far too cheaply. While Everton's opponents in Germany Monchengladbach received £5,000 for the European game on the continent, Everton's reward for the Goodison game was about half. I asked Catterick if he would revise his objections to television if Everton were paid upwards of £4,000 for a league match instead of £750, he replied frankly: 'Certainly.'

Satellite TV deals were still 20 years away.

And as a result Jimmy Husband's wonder strike is remembered only in print – and the memories of those who were there to witness it.