



was 'Thou Shall Not Pass!' I was the same in training, we always finished off with five-a-side, no matter how knackered you were and coach Jimmy Greenhalgh used to give Mars Bars to the winners.

Men on £450 a week, a lot of money then, but they would kill to win. I've seen Souness take people out chest high for a Mars Bar. We all shared the same bath afterwards and if you were last one in you could walk on the water. Forty of us in the bath, five eating Mars Bars! But it was all good for team spirit."

**Did you have a blacklist of players you'd played against?**

"Not like Jack did. Jack got into a lot of trouble with the authorities because of his little black book. He told me who was in it, but I'm sworn to secrecy. But it was all players who went over the top - that's the worst tackle in the game. It's quite often defenders who get done, because you're clearing the ball, they come in late over the top, there's nothing you can do - it's horrible.

I can honestly say I never went over the top to anyone - intentionally or otherwise. I couldn't ruin a man's career, it's the cowards that do it and once some players start to get a reputation, they do it all the time because they're worried that the next tackle will be someone doing it to them. Referees don't see it. But to answer your question, yes I had a blacklist of sorts, but it wasn't written down."

**You hardly missed a game in eight years, did you not get injuries?**

"I used to play with them. We went to Ipswich once, I think they were second in the league. We had a warm up on the morning of the game where I was doing some heading practice with Jimmy Headridge and I ricked my neck. It was so bad I couldn't move it at all.

We had no replacement centre-half so my room-mate Willie fetched Jimmy Greenhalgh and we decided not to tell Jack. I sat in the team meeting looking straight ahead and didn't head a ball all afternoon - Willie did it all for me. [Laughs] We got a draw and I got Man of the Match for being so dominant in the air!"

**How did the move to Newcastle happen?**

"Irving Nattrass had been bought from Newcastle for a big fee, £475,000. The club didn't have much money, so to finance the deal, they sold me to Newcastle. I didn't want to go, in fact I begged not to go. I had meetings with chairman, Charles Amer, because I was only a couple of years away from a testimonial. But I had a good couple of years there."