



You played in some amazing games for Spurs, do you remember much about the eight-two defeat at Derby in 1976-77?

I'm not sure I want to remember it. I was mortified, but not surprised. Derby had a great squad in those days and we were going through an extremely tough time. We clearly didn't have the depth or quality of previous teams and things got worse before they got better.

That season the side let in five at both West Ham and Manchester City, four at Everton and West Brom, eventually suffering relegation to the old Second Division. We even lost at Cardiff in the Third Round of The Cup and went out of the old League Cup at home to Wrexham. Unfortunately, I missed nineteen League games with an ankle injury, so 1976-77 wasn't a brilliant season for me personally either.

If anything, that Derby County game was the one where I could've lost my temper for real. I remember looking up during a sustained period of Derby pressure and seeing outfield players with their hands on their hips while the defence were being run ragged. I can't tell you what was said afterwards!

With respect, you seemed an immovable object at Tottenham for many years. Do you think you got stale knowing that you had little competition for your place? *[Ask question, test reaction, scan room for door to run to...]*

I feel that I never got stale at Tottenham. I trained exceptionally hard, never took my position for granted, and worked to make the position my own. In fact, I always kept the thought in mind that, if I put in two or three dodgy performances, I'd be dropped. That applied to both club and country.

My overwhelming feeling was that I loved playing for the club, and the supporters, which made the whole job easier. Every time I played I felt I had a reputation to forge in the early days. Once established, nothing was going to stand in the way of making the position my own. Complacency simply never came in to it.

What do you regard as the pinnacle of your career?

Without doubt, picking up the Player's Player of the Year Award in 1976, although there were many that ran it close. It was the culmination of many years' hard work and the highest accolade that fellow players could bestow on me. That genuinely meant so much to me.

You won so much in your career Pat, you must have trouble remembering it all?

[Smiles] No not really. Each one has its own special place in my heart. Of course the cups and European nights were exceptional occasions, but