

# League Footballer Barry Lines

Barry Lines was brought up in Bletchley and is one of a small band of players from this area who went on to play in the Football League. Having started playing senior amateur football at the age of 15 with Bletchley Town, he signed for Northampton Town in 1960 and was part of the most successful team, playing their way to the First Division (now the Premier League).

As Barry says,

“ The really disappointing aspect of it was that we went back down so quickly and finished back in the fourth division. By the time we'd been up and back again, there were very few grounds in the country that I hadn't actually played on - I had the distinction of being the first player to score for the same club in all four divisions! Nobody had ever done it before, nobody had played in all four divisions. Of course that could never change. ”

After a couple of bad injuries restricted his chances, Barry came back to Bletchley and played a few more seasons in local football – one of them as player-manager at Buckingham Athletic.



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