



Nat Lofthouse OBE was a professional football player who played for Bolton Wanderers and England. He was born in Bolton, England and played for his hometown team his entire career. He is thought of as a legend by the people of Bolton. In 2013 a statue of him was put up outside Bolton Wanderers football stadium.

Nat was born in 1925, and he joined Bolton Wanderers on September 4th in 1939. He played his first game for the club two years later and scored two goals. He would go on to score many more for his club and country. Nat Lofthouse played for England 33 times and he became known as the Lion of Vienna after scoring two goals in an England victory over Austria. Football was much fiercer in those days, and Nat was elbowed in the face, tackled hard from behind, and hit by the goalkeeper as he scored his second goal. His bravery earned him his nickname.

He was named English Footballer of the Year in 1953 and played in two FA Cup finals for Bolton Wanderers. He is still in the top 10 scorers in the top division of English football with 255 goals -all scored for Bolton Wanderers. Nat Lofthouse sadly passed away on January 15th in 2011. He will be remembered for his incredible achievements for his club and country, and also for being a true gentleman. Many of today's professional footballers could learn a great deal from this great man.

1. Nat Lofthouse was born in Bolton, England.
 - a) True
 - b) False
2. When did Nat Lofthouse join Bolton Wanderers?
 - a) 1925
 - b) 1935
 - c) 1939
3. How many times did Nat Lofthouse play for England?
 - a) 31
 - b) 32
 - c) 33
4. Nat Lofthouse was known as the Lion of Austria.
 - a) True
 - b) False

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b)

