

<b>HUNTER</b>	George Charles
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	2.6.1885	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Peshawar, India		
<i>Date of Death</i>	20.1.1934	<i>Place of Death</i>	St. Thomas Hospital, Lambeth		
<i>Height</i>	5ft 7.5in	<i>Weight</i>	12st	<i>Position</i>	Left Half

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>F L</i>		<i>M S</i>		<i>F A</i>		<i>S L</i>		<i>U L</i>		<i>S E</i>		<i>L C</i>		<i>TOTALS</i>	
			<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>
The Army																		
Maidstone																		
<b>Croydon Common</b>	cs1907	1907-08					1	0	13	1	6	0	19	0			39	1
Aston Villa	3.1908	1908-09	15	0			1	0									16	0
		1909-10	32	1			3	0									35	1
		1910-11	33	0			2	0									35	0
		1911-12	11	0													11	0
Oldham Athletic	1.1912	1911-12	17	1			2	0									19	1
		1912-13	23	0			4	0									27	0
Chelsea	3.1913	1912-13	11	1													11	1
		1913-14	19	1			2	0									21	1
Manchester United	3.1914	1913-14	7	0													7	0
		1914-15	15	2			1	0									16	2
<b>Croydon Common</b>	10.1915	1915-16													18	3	18	3
Southampton	12.1916	1916-17													17	0	17	0
Brentford		1917-18													17	0	17	0
Birmingham		1917-18			8	0											8	0
		1918-19			13	2											13	2
Portsmouth	8.1919	1919-20							8	0							8	0
		<b>TOTALS</b>	183	6	21	2	16	0	21	1	6	0	19	0	52	3	318	12

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None
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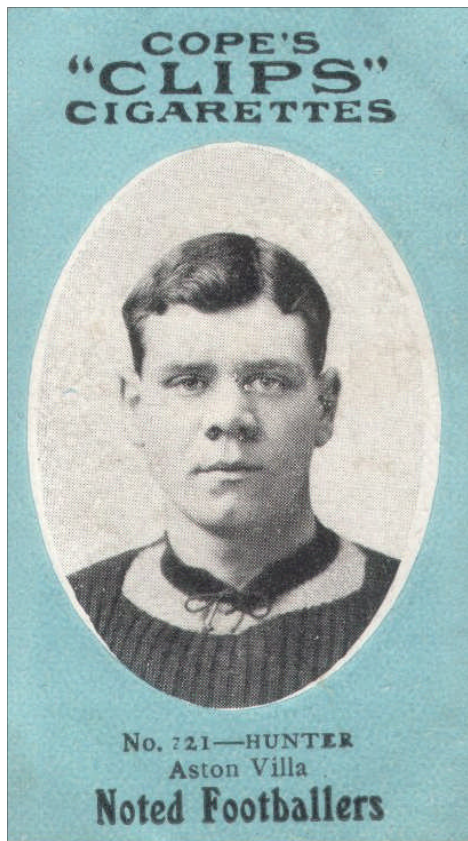
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<i>Company</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Club</i>
Copes Clips	1910	221	Noted Footballers	Aston Villa
Thompsons Weekly	1913	N/A	Great Football Players	Chelsea
Futera	1998	10	Manchester United Captains	Manchester United
JF Sporting Collectibles	2003	11	Famous Footballers: Pre-Great War	Chelsea
JF Sporting Collectibles	2019	6	Southern League Footballers - Series 2	Croydon Common



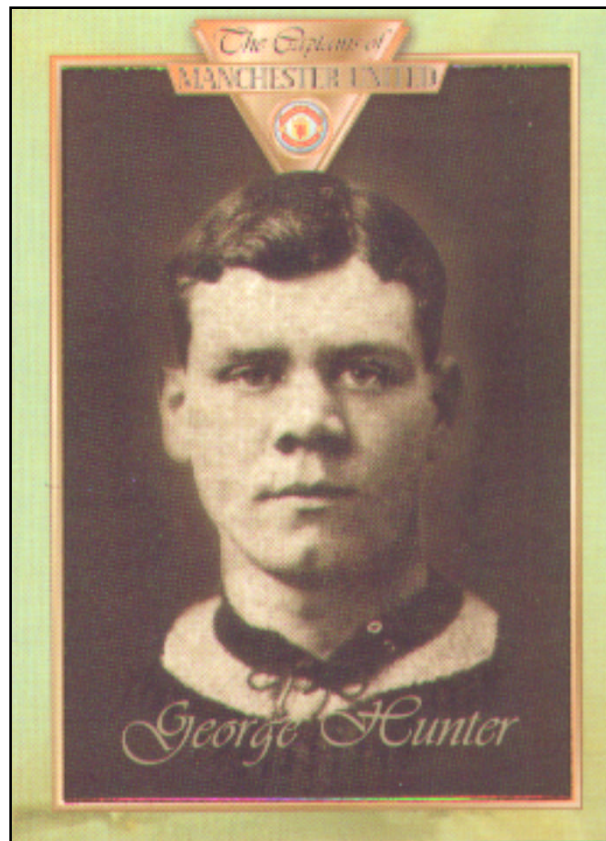
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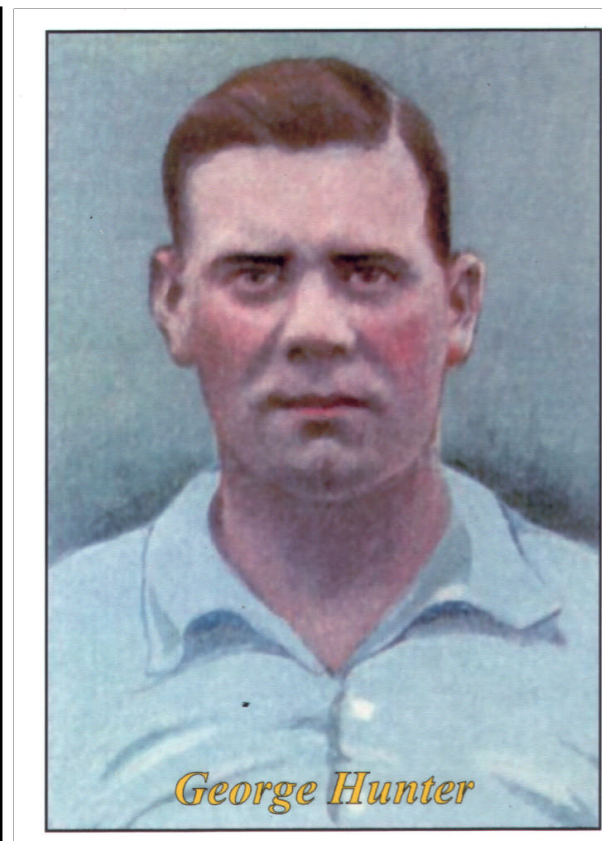
Was born just 10 miles from the Khyber Pass; his father was serving with the 54th. Foot
Played in both the first and the last game played by the professional Croydon Common club and also in its first F.A. Cup match
Was the first professional Robin to be sent off (0-0 at home to Tottenham Hotspur Reserves in the SEL on 30.11.1907)
Once scored 7 goals for the Common in a friendly (14-0 at home to Brixton Wednesday on 30.10.1907)
Was known as "Gunpowder" at Croydon Common (because of his Army days, his temper or his hard kick?) and "Cocky" elsewhere
Won a Football League championship medal with Aston Villa in 1909-10
Represented the Football League twice in 1911; the photograph above is from the team group for the 2-1 win against the Southern League at Stoke in October
The 1911 Census records him as a professional footballer living at 51 Kenilworth Road, Hanwell with his wife of three years Clara and son Frederick
The transfer fee for his move from Chelsea to Manchester United was reportedly £1,300 and from Aston Villa to Oldham Athletic £1,200
Served in France and at Gallipoli and made Sergeant - yet played senior football in every war season
His career came to ignominious end in January 1920 when he and another Portsmouth player were both suspended indefinitely by the F.A. for each accepting a bribe of £150 from a bookmaker to influence the result of a Southern League match with Bristol Rovers the previous October
Although quick tempered on the field, he was a comedian off it and in 1930 wrote a light hearted book about football called Football's Funny Side (see cover below)
His death certificate recorded him as a journalist for the Sudbury Sheet and he was buried in Wandsworth Cemetery on 24.1.1934 (Plot 27 Grave 338)



Copes Clips 1910



Futura 1998



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Aston Villa 1909-10



Chelsea 1913-14



*George Hunter*

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
1894-1920  
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FOOTBALLERS

2nd Series of 24  
No. 6  
GEORGE HUNTER  
(Croydon Common)

Affectionally known as George 'Cocky' Hunter he was born in Peshawar, 10 miles from the Khyber Pass. A daring and skilful defender he joined Maidstone before moving to Croydon Common in the summer of 1907. Before the outbreak of World War II he played for Aston Villa, Chelsea and Manchester United, whom he captained. When hostilities ended he signed for Portsmouth, retiring in 1922.

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Aston Villa 1909-10



Aston Villa 1909-10



At Aston Villa



Manchester United 1914-15



Portsmouth 1919-20



Aston Villa 1910-11