

SAM J FOSTER

Samuel Foster (photo right) was born on 4 March 2000 in Nottingham and is usually known as 'Fozzie' and is the son of Claire & Mark Foster and brother of Beth - all KCC players. Sam joined KCC in 2011 and was the wicketkeeper in KCC's Nottingham Under 12 Youth League winning team of 2012 and Cup winning team of 2013 and the club's Under 12 batsman of the year in 2012 and a member of the Youth League runners up team in both 2014 & 2015 and represented the South in Nottinghamshire Sub-County matches in 2013 & 2014 and the Nottingham Youth League representative team of 2015.



Outstanding batting performances

captaining the club's Under 17 winning team in the Leicestershire Youth League in 2016 and in the 2nd XI and Sunday XI brought him his 1st XI debut in May 2016 and he became the youngest ever 1st XI Centurion in 2017 (photo left), a season where he really established himself scoring 1317 runs in 37 matches in the first team and various other formats. Sam captained the club in the Sunday Nottingham T20 League competition introduced in 2018 and continued in 2019. The leading run scorer he became the youngest player to be elevated to 'Legends' status

when he broke the record for the Highest ever Individual Batting score of 169 not out away against Southwell CC on 10th August 2019 including 11 sixes & 13 fours, a couple of weeks after he had hit 126 not out v Ruddington CC on 20th July. Against Southwell, Sam set with Rob Baker a new 4th Wicket Partnership record of 206 and for the season he smashed the record for the number of sixes which was previously 29 in hitting 46.

Sam along with Tom Rock was given the opportunity to play cricket in Antigua in March & April 2020 as a representative of Keyworth CC's Cultural Exchange programme but sadly due to the Covid pandemic had to return home after less than ten days on the island.

Sam kept wicket as a junior and still plays there occasionally but also enjoys turning his hand to bowling left arm spin and sometimes pacey seamers. His mother Claire Foster captained the first KCC Women's team 2019-2021 and became the first Lady to play in a competitive KCC hard ball match on September 3rd 2017 v Cropwell CC. Sam's sister Beth also played in the women's team and father Mark occasionally played in Sunday friendlies.

Sam took over captaining the First Team from season 2021 and in 2022 led them to promotion to South Notts League Division A and victory in the League Popkess Cup

Sam also played in central defence with Keyworth United FC and is the grandson of the club's legendary goalscoring star of the 1950s Jimmy Badder.

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Born 5th March 1930 at Church Warsop, Jummy (photo right) appeared for Nottingham Boys in the National KO Cup at centre forward during the 1947/48 season losing in the semi-finals against Lancashire Boys and this led to trial periods with Bolton Wanderers FC, Lincoln City FC &



Sheffield Wednesday FC in between the very quick and a prolific goalscorer spearheading KUFC to Realm League championship wins in 1946/47, 47/48, 48/49,



49/50 and Spartan League 50/51 with a Notts FA Junior Cup win in 1948 and Intermediate Cup win in 1951.

This caricature (left) of Jimmy appeared in the Nottingham Football Post. He was top league scorer with 51 goals in the 1950/51 season and again in 1951/52 this time with 75 goals, 50 of them notched before the Christmas break.

Sam Foster's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1st XI	91	90	10	169*	2667	33.34	104	472.5	49	2125	93	22.85	28	2
2nd XI	24	20	4	62	503	31.44	1	100.3	9	441	19	23.21	7	0
3-6th&Sun	47	46	8	138*	1654	43.53	24	144	14	624	28	22.29	29	1
T20	16	13	1	56	338	28.17	9	27	0	139	8	17.38	10	1
Colts U19	20	20	4	83	593	37.06	30	56.4	5	303	20	15.15	13	0
Juniors	69	61	20	52*	817	19.93	5	42.2	3	255	22	11.59	27	5
Career	267	250	47	169*	6572	32.37	173	843.2	80	3887	190	20.46	114	9