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# Foreword

**By Shaun Goater (1998–2003)**

You remember the goal, the moment and the celebration, but the minute you scored in? Not a chance. Of course, if you scored in the first few minutes or last few minutes, you'd have a pretty good idea which minute it was, but for the rest, I have to be honest, I only have a rough idea.

I first met the guy who wrote this book – David Jackson – in Bermuda, maybe 18 years ago. He's from England and is a City fan, but what I liked was that he made me look at the island I had grown up on through different eyes.

Sure we had the ocean and beaches, but he said how much the pure white sands and aqua-blue sea looked like paradise to him. It sounds crazy, but it had just been home before, but it actually made me appreciate Bermuda and its beauty that much more.

The point I'm trying to make is that he is the perfect person to write a book like this, because sometimes you recall a moment, but it's the description that brings everything to life and when you are describing more than 500 different goals, you need to have a good eye for detail!

Back to the minutes issue and my memory!

Though I've seen many of my goals many times on TV or DVD, I didn't take many of the times they were scored in – I know how many I scored and when important milestones were coming up, but I haven't a clue when most of the 103 I scored for City went in timewise.

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For instance, I scored my 99th and 100th goals for City in the very last Manchester derby to be played at Maine Road – you couldn't ask for a better way to reach your century, but ask me which minute and I'd probably say that one was in the first half, the second was in the second half!

It turns out the first was on 26 minutes and the second was after 50 – and I am pleased to see they made it into this book! Other memorable goals such as the equaliser away to Blackburn Rovers in 2000, again, I hadn't a clue, but it turns out it was after 60 minutes.

Considering what City went on to do in the years after, I count that as one of my favourites.

The goal time that really surprised me was the one against Wigan Athletic in the 1999 play-off semi-final second leg. I could have sworn it was late in the game that the goal went in – maybe 77 minutes or so – and to the Wigan Athletic fans who still believe it went in off my arm, all I can say is I'm glad VAR wasn't around back then – or VA ARM! Turns out it was 27 minutes, so that's another I completely got wrong.

One I definitely do remember well is the amount of time it took me to score away to Manchester United after coming on as a sub – eight seconds – still a record, I believe (or hope)!

Of course, it's not just about my goals – there are goals that changed the history of the club (I don't need to name them, I'm sure) plus some that you might have enjoyed but have maybe forgotten. That's the beauty of a book like this – it evokes a lot of very happy memories and, as the goals are logged in time order, you can see the patterns over time.

## MANCHESTER CITY: MINUTE BY MINUTE

I'll sign off now but enjoy the journey in the pages that follow and when you come across mine, I want you to imagine you can hear the Kippax chanting 'Feed the Goat and he will score!'

I know I will ...

**Shaun Goater, Cheshire, August 2020**

# Minute by Minute...

*First half*

# 14 seconds

## **23 November 2013**

City get off to a flying start against Tottenham Hotspur as Jesus Navas scores a spectacular goal from the right of the box. Hugo Lloris's attempt at a clearance only finds Sergio Aguero 25 yards out – his powerful shot is pushed away by the Spurs keeper but Navas is first to the loose ball, clipping a superb angled shot over Lloris and in off the left post to put City 1-0 up.

# 19 seconds

## **22 February 2012**

Sergio Aguero puts City on the path to a 4-0 home victory over the Europa League holders FC Porto with just 19 seconds on the clock. Yaya Toure plays a pinpoint pass through to the Argentine striker after the Portuguese champions cheaply give possession away with a sloppy pass moments after kicking off. The diminutive front man makes no mistake with his finish as he coolly slots past the hapless Helton in the Porto net. The Blues would go on to win the game 4-0 on the night and 6-1 on aggregate.

# 24 seconds

**29 January 2019**

City get off to a dream start away to Newcastle United as Sergio Aguero hooks home a left-foot shot from close range. Raheem Sterling cuts inside on the edge of the box before crossing towards the back post where a stumbling David Silva manages to head back into the middle and Aguero makes no mistake to put the Blues 1-0 up at St James' Park.

# 30 seconds

## **1 December 2007**

After a piece of had-to-be-seen-to-be-believed defending by Titus Bramble, Geovanni is presented with one of the easiest goals of his career half a minute into the match away to Wigan Athletic. Under no immediate pressure, Bramble manages to completely miss the ball with an attempted clearance, allowing the Brazilian playmaker to steal possession and easily round a furious Chris Kirkland and roll the ball into the empty net to put City 1-0 up.

# 35 seconds

**9 April 2009**

Stephen Ireland begins and finishes the move that results in City making the perfect start to their UEFA Cup quarter-final in Germany. His 60-yard pass finds Robinho who easily takes the ball under control. Not content with merely playing the pass, the Irishman breaks forward in an unstoppable run while his Brazilian team-mate skips past two defenders before playing the final killer pass. Without breaking his stride, Ireland knocks the ball into the left-hand corner of the net to put the Blues a goal up after just 35 seconds in the Volksparkstadion. The Ireland/Robinho partnership was one of the most promising aspects of the 2008/09 season and this goal demonstrated their understanding to devastating effect.

# 40 seconds

## **7 August 2004**

Nicolas Anelka opens the scoring in the Blues' final pre-season game before the 2004/05 season after just 40 seconds, in a man-of-the-match performance. The mercurial Frenchman latches on to Paul Bosvelt's pass before chipping the ball over stranded Lazio goalkeeper Matteo Sereni to send City on the way to a 3-1 victory and Thomas Cook Trophy triumph.

# 42 seconds

## **17 December 2005**

Christmas comes early for City fans as David Sommeil knocks in a corner after just 42 seconds as the Blues begin to dismantle a poor Birmingham City side from the word go. Jihai Sun's whipped ball into the box is met by the head of Antoine Sibierski who flicks the ball down for his compatriot Sommeil to bury the ball into the net from close range.

# 45 seconds

## **22 February 2012**

City take a lead inside the first minute against Porto in the Europa League as the Portuguese side lose possession and the ball falls to Yaya Toure who plays a pass into Aguero's path. The City striker runs into the box before a low, right-foot shot into the bottom corner gives the Blues an early lead and the first goal of what will be a comfortable 4-0 win at the Etihad.

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## **3 August 1968**

With barely a minute on the clock, a youthful Asa Hartford (in the colours of West Brom) plays a poor pass into the middle which Colin Bell easily intercepts and then quickly plays a 40-yard ball into the path of Mike Summerbee on the right flank. Buzzer spots Bobby Owen's intelligent run and plays a superb cross into his path and the former Bury striker deftly places the ball past Osborne in the Baggies' goal to get his City career off to a flying start and put his new club 1-0 up in the FA Charity Shield clash at Maine Road.