

#### 1890-91 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM



#### PRESS RELEASE – ANDREW HANNAH

Andrew Hannah is one of the most important figures in British football and on Saturday 24 March 2018, a headstone will be laid on Andrew's grave for the first time, by the EFC Heritage Society, in conjunction with Everton Football Club.

The event will take place at Kilbowie Cemetery, Montrose Street, Clydebank, G81 2PD at 12 noon and all are welcome.

Andrew Hannah was born of Irish parentage on 17 September 1864, at Renton, Dunbartonshire and started his football career playing at full back with the Renton club.

He was in the side that beat Vale of Leven, by 3 goals to 1, in the 1885 Scottish FA Cup Final and when they lifted the trophy for a second time in 1888 with a 6-1 win over Cambuslang. On 3 March that year, he won his only international cap when he represented Scotland in a 5-1 win over Wales at Easter Road, Edinburgh.



On 27 April 1888, Andrew Hannah married Jessie Thompson and listed his occupation as being a dairyman. The next month, he played for Renton in an exhibition match for a Pewter Trophy against the FA Cup Holders West Bromwich Albion at Hampden Park, with Renton winning by 4 goals to 1.



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N. McCallum and H. Campbell, right-wing J. Kelly, centre halfback J. Campbell, centre J. McCall and J. McNer, left-wing

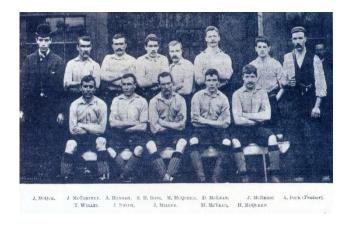
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Hannah later signed for the West Midlands club but failed to settle and quickly returned home.

On 23 March 1889, he arrived in Liverpool with the Renton team for a game against Everton that drew a crowd of over 12,000 spectators to Anfield. Everton won 2-1, but Andrew must have impressed as he signed for Everton shortly afterwards. He was appointed to the role of club captain and in his second season missed just two Football League matches as he captained Everton to the Football League championship. Hannah had taken part in 42 league and FA Cup games for the club.



Having initially returned to Renton for one more season, Andrew was then persuaded to join the newly formed Liverpool Football Club.



He captained them to both the Lancashire League and Football League Division 2 championships but tasted the bitterness of relegation before he returned to Scotland where he signed for Clyde.

Andrew died, on 17 June 1940, at the Western Infirmary in Glasgow. He was buried in an unmarked grave at Kilbowie Cemetery in the town of Clydebank.

### '40 Since 30': An Evening with Bob Latchford



Evertonian's are being invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Everton Football Club's legend Bob Latchford scoring 30 goals in one season.

The striking hero from the seventies is one of the leading goal scorers of his generation and he will be the guest of honour at a special event at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool City Centre on Friday 27 April.

Latchford was the Blues top scorer for six successive seasons and famously scored 30 goals in the 1977–78 season, when he won a £10,000 prize offered by a national newspaper for the first footballer to reach that number in a single season.





Aided by the precise crossing skills of Dave Thomas throughout the season, Latchford reached the 30-goal mark on 29 April 1978 by scoring a double in a 6-0 home win over Chelsea on the last day of the season.

Some of 'the Latch's' former teammates will be dishing the dirt from the dressing room and sharing their exclusive stories throughout the evening event. Some of those confirmed so far include Derek Mountfield, Jim Pearson, Dave Thomas, Mark Higgins and Mike Pejic with more names to be confirmed soon.

Tickets cost £30 each which includes the chance to hear from Bob and his team mates, meet them during a private signing session and a limited-edition version of Bob's autobiography, 'A Different Road'.

All profits from this event will go to the Everton Former Players' Foundation and Heritage Society.

Doors open at 7.30pm with the event starting at 8pm, there will be a cash bar available throughout.

For more information and to purchase tickets

http://www.evertonfc.com/news/2018/03/20/latchford

# **Celebrating Joe Mercer**



On Saturday 31st March we play Manchester city, which is a game befitting the celebration of Joe Mercer at St Luke's Church.

We will be joined with Members of Joe's Family who will be our guests at the game.

Joe Mercer eventually became the Blues' first choice right-half towards the end of 1935, four years after signing for the Club.

He became an integral part of the side and a rock at the heart of Everton's defence with his excellent tackling and leadership qualities.

It therefore came as no surprise when Mercer became a Sergeant Major after being called up to the military during World War II.

Mercer returned to Everton post-war but fell out with controversial manager Theo Kelly shortly after reuniting with the squad.

Kelly, who was Everton's first proper manager, had previously fallen out with Dixie Dean and Joe who left the club for Arsenal in 1946.

He scored two goals in 184 appearances for Everton.

The Ellesmere Port-born right-half left Goodison with two league titles and added two more titles as well as an FA Cup and Footballer of the Year Award while with Arsenal.



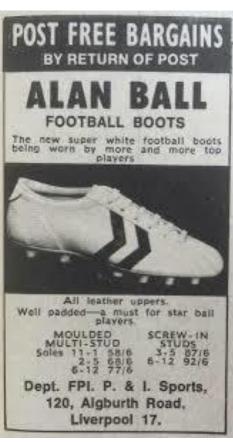


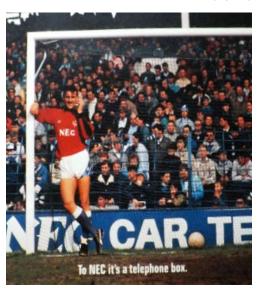
After retiring as a player, Mercer returned to the game as a manager and enjoyed successes with Sheffield United, Aston Villa, Manchester City and Coventry City.

One of Goodison Park's hospitality lounges is named in his honour.

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We have some fantastic support links with the Everton Former Players Foundation and regularly we will have Henry Mooney their chairman and former players such as Derek Temple, Jimmy Harris, Derek Mountfield, John Bailey, of course Ronny goodlass and also Pat van den Hauwe and many more to say hello to the fans and put a smile on their faces both young and old, Dad getting pictures with their idols of yester year





