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THE DENNY DOUGALLS

Former Burnley and Everton inside left, Peter Dougall, was one of four family members raised in Denny, Stirlingshire, who came through the junior leagues to enjoy a professional football career.

Peter started out at Dunipace Thistle before moving to Falkirk, and then onto Burnley in 1926. He made his debut at Turf Moor in 1927 but failed to establish himself in the first team, playing just six games, and returned to Scotland with Clyde in 1929.

Later that year he came back to England to join Southampton, for whom he made 29 appearances, before a dispute led him to a brief spell in the south west of France with Sète, the club famous for being the first French league and cup double winners, in 1934.

Dougall then moved back across the Channel to Arsenal but again he was never a regular in the team. He missed the entire 1936/37 season through injury and was back at Burnley on the ground staff when Everton came in to offer him a four-week trial.

In September 1937 this was extended to a month's engagement, and he made his Senior Team debut away to Blackpool alongside Dixie Dean and Tommy Lawton – one of just nine matches that the legendary strikers played in together.

Four days later, Dougall scored his first goal in a 4-1 win against Manchester City at Goodison Park. In a difficult season for the Blues, the Scot played in 11 games, scoring two goals, before losing his place. He signed for Bury in the summer of 1938 and his playing days were effectively ended by the outbreak of the Second World War.

When peace returned, Dougall turned his attentions to coaching and managed FC Amsterdam and DHC Delft in Holland.

Dougall's elder brother Billy also played for



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Burnley and actually made his debut for the Clarets against Everton in February 1926 in a 1-1 draw in front of 22,691 spectators. Dixie Dean scored for Everton after Percy Richards had given the Clarets the lead.

Billy went on to make 60 appearances for Burnley during which time he would occasionally play alongside his younger brother.

After playing, Billy studied physiotherapy and would return to Burnley as reserve-team coach until he took the role of first-team manager between 1957-58. Unfortunately, he became ill and had to relinquish the role, eventually returning to Turf Moor as the club physio. After his death, the then Burnley Chairman Bob Lord called Billy 'the jewel in our crown'.

Peter and Billy's younger brother Jimmy

played at Preston North End, while Billy's son, Neil, played youth football at Burnley before winning divisional titles for Birmingham City and Plymouth Argyle.

