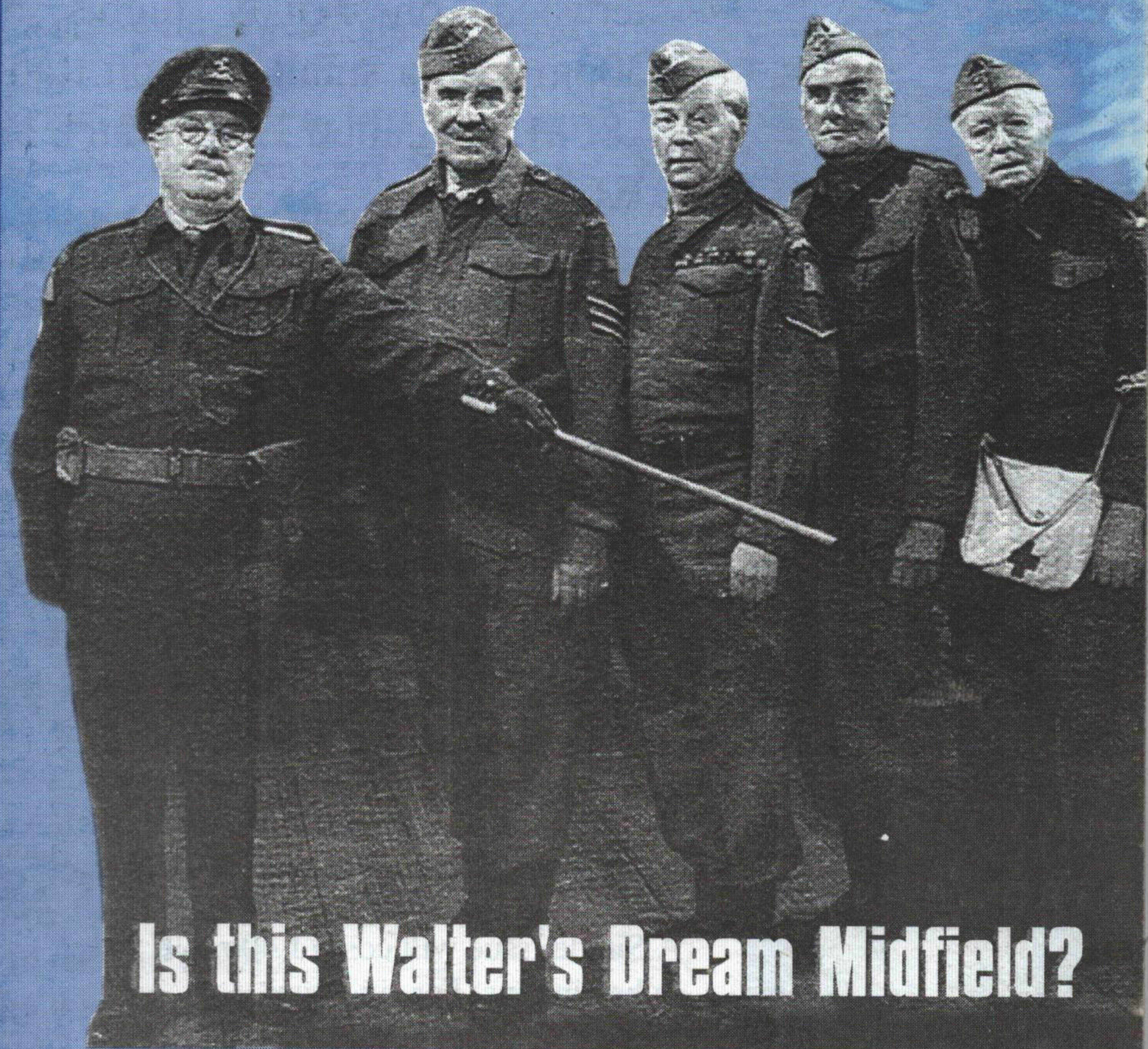


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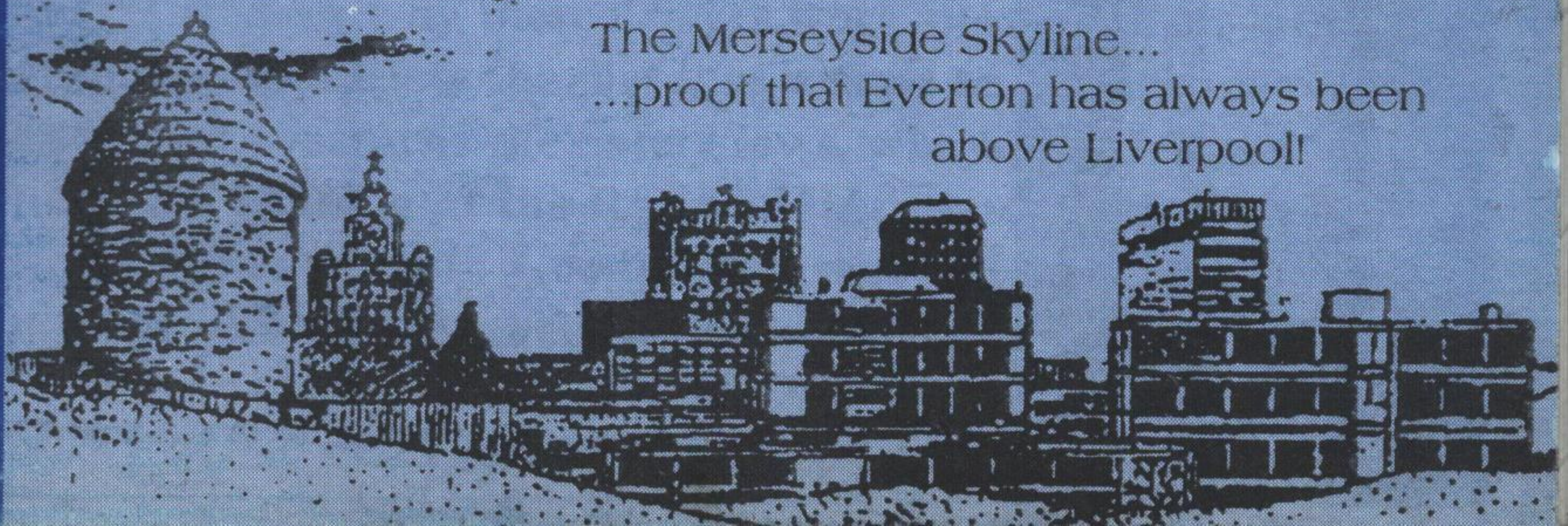
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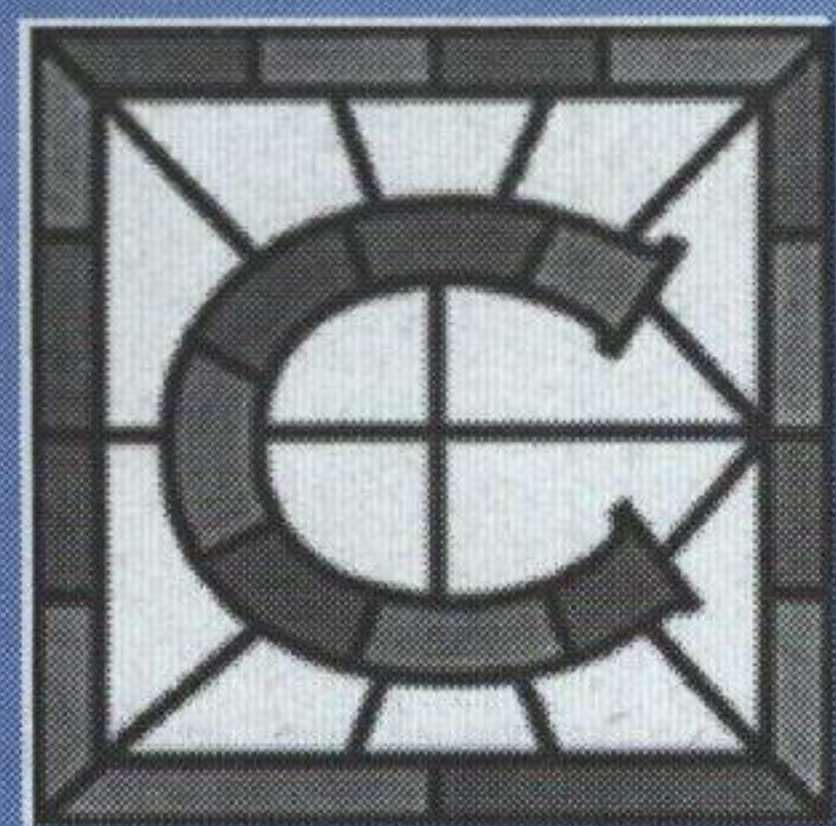
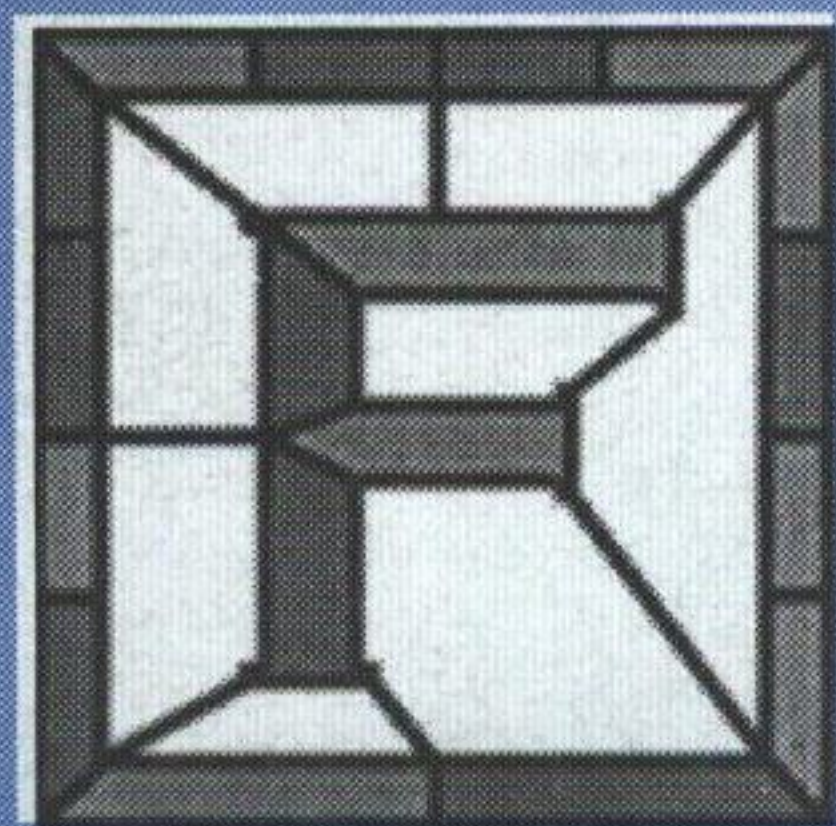
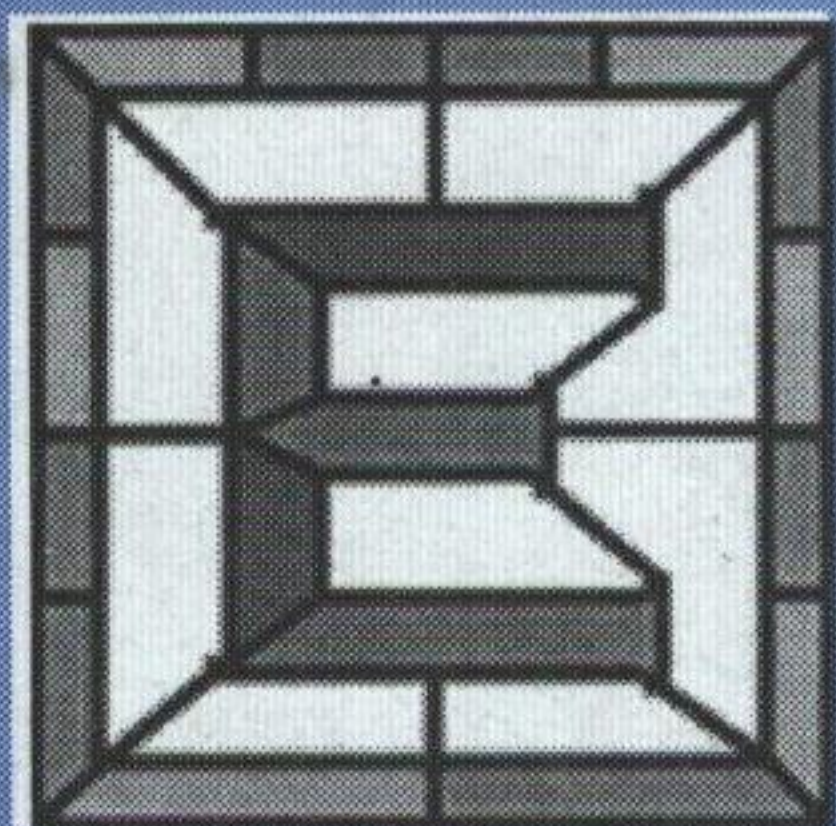
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Sam Chedgzoy

Thank you for all the articles and e-mails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8FM, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C..

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Blue Blood would like to take this opportunity to say how sad it was to hear of the death of Jim King, the Everton Supporters Club Secretary. Jim was the "King" of Evertonians he dedicated a large part of his life to Everton. He will be greatly missed by his family and all of his many friends.

Everton are playing well, there has been some blips but all in all it's been nice watching the Blue Boys play. The game against Villa was a brilliant one, fast flowing football three goals and plenty of excitement.

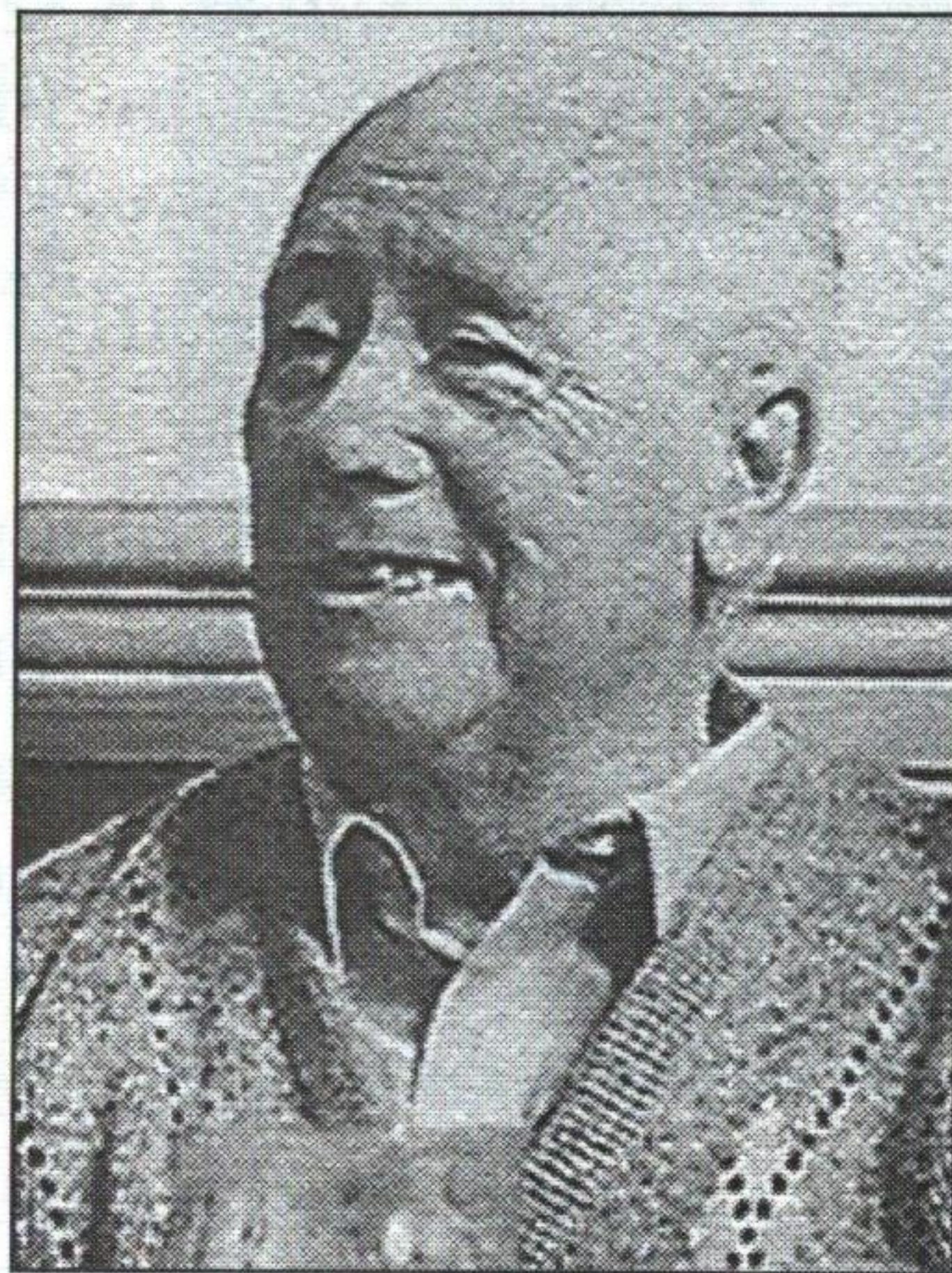
Then we came back to planet Earth with the Newcastle match. How did they beat us? We threw this game away, chance after chance squandered and Gerrad in goal managed to produce the earliest pantomime this year.

Onto the Reebok and a day of disaster not only for the team but the fans. First the game itself was up and down but we should have won. Only one striker up front was a gamble by Walter but in the end it seemed ok.

As I mentioned it wasn't a good day for Evertonians either, those who couldn't get a ticket for the EFC end went into the Bolton section, when the Blues scored, even just saying "Yes" out loud ended with you being asked to leave the ground. Other Blues were attacked by Bolton fans while the Police and stewards just stood by doing nothing. Their glib answer was until you are physically hit they could do nothing. So threatening behaviour isn't against the law in the fine town of Bolton!!

Anyhow those who had been removed from the stadium found themselves outside with no chance of getting back in. Some stayed hoping that at three quarter time they would be allowed in as others left early from the Everton end. No, they were told that for safety reasons they could not re-enter the ground not even to use the toilet

Some of those who decided to call it a day went back to their cars only to find themselves blocked in by dozens of cars that had been allowed to park in the road and not in bays. I wonder why these drivers were allowed to park in the road blocking everybody's exit. Does the fact that it costs £5 to park seem that maybe a little bit of greed overturns the Safety laws, who knows? But double standards seem to be the in thing at the Reebok. Just remember when these loveable clog wearing idiots come to Goodison, if they are not in their allocated area. Tell the stewards and let them know what it's like to pay £27 and see nothing.



Apart from B & Q I think Walter must be the number one employer of shall we say, slightly elderly men.

Richard Gough was begged by Mr. Smith to come to Goodison, promised the earth and given the Captaincy, he obliged his old mate. Unfortunately, time and injury took its toll and Richard limped off into the sunset.

Gazza was the next target, not quite a veteran but with more than his fair share of injuries he would be ideal. Duly signed and feasted, he too was injured.

The younger players felt out of place, they wanted to talk about nights out, the latest Girl Band, not about hip replacements and the benefits of joining BUPA.

Walter undeterred by the injuries to his veterans decided he needed more cover for them so he tried to get Paul Ince.

Mr Motorbility came to Goodison with Middlesboro struggling to keep up with the referee, he must have impressed Walter. It is thought that Paul is waiting for Everton to go to the Kings Dock because it looked like he needed the space at the Pier Head to turn around

Walter was scouring the free transfers sheets that had been handed to him and inquired about a certain player Al Sighmer, I can't remember who he plays for but he sounds like a Walter type player.

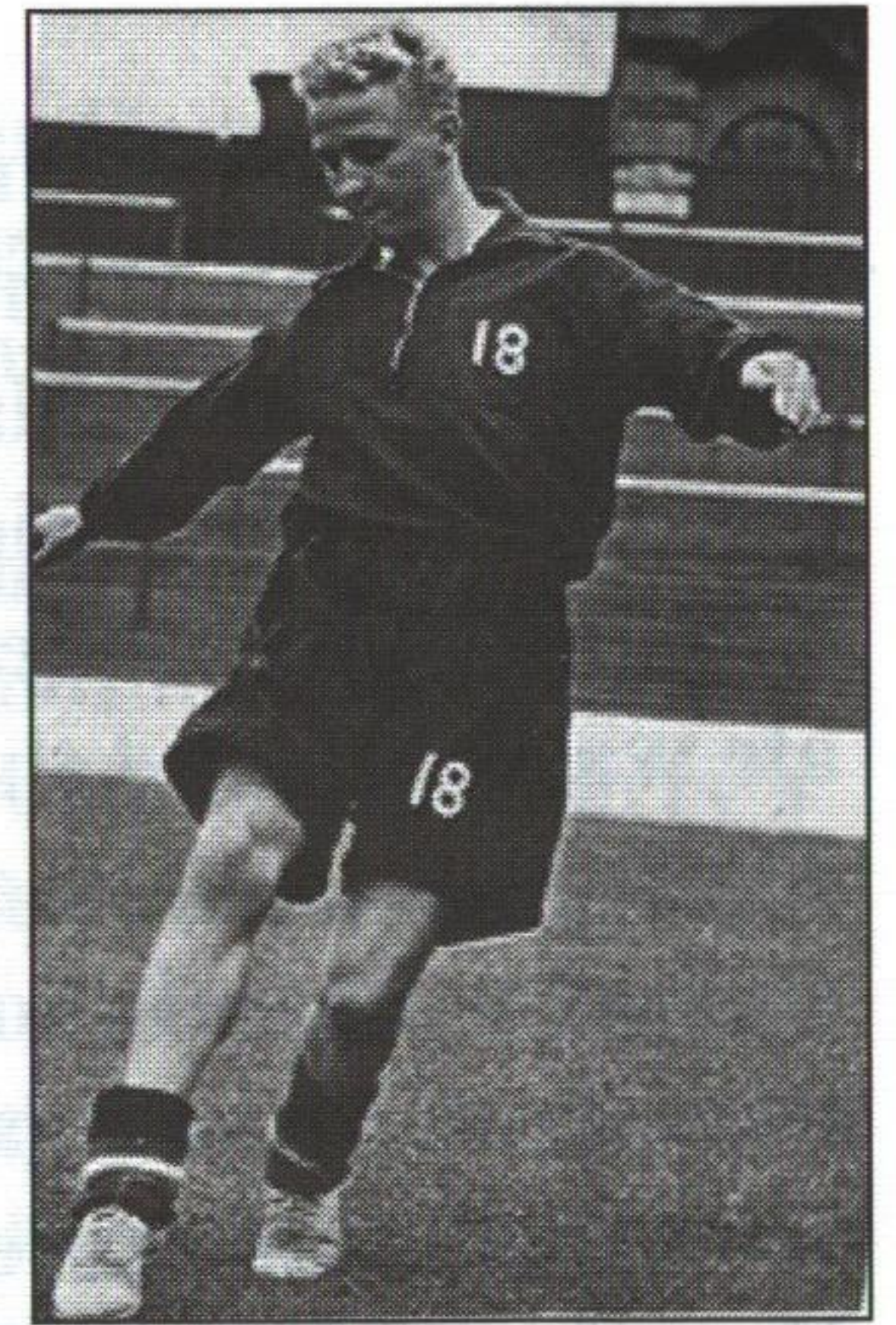
Most training grounds boast the latest registration Ferrari's, Jags etc but at Bellefield, it's the customised Zimmer Frames that steal the limelight.

The players keep breaking down in training, that's what we are told. Is there any truth that Green Flag are to be our new sponsors?



Archie shows off his pre war baseball bat

And God said unto Noah, make me an ark of gopher wood, the length of the ark shall be 110 yards. And every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive. And Noah said, sign here and leave a deposit.



And the Lord signed and left a deposit.

And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And the Lord said unto Noah, where is the ark which I commanded thee to build? And Noah said unto the Lord, verily, I have had three carpenters on the sick. The gopher wood supplier has let me down. The damp course specialist has not turned up. What shall I do Lord And the Lord said unto Noah, I want the ark finished within seven days and seven nights. And Noah said it will be so.

But it was not so.

And the Lord said unto Noah, what seems to be the trouble? And Noah said, my sub contractor has gone to the wall. The pitch thou commanded me to put on the gopher wood has not arrived. The plumber has gone on holiday to Disneyworld – yea, even though I offered him double time. Shem, my son, who helps me on the ark side of the business has formed a boy band with his brothers Hamm and Japeth. And the Lord said, Lo, the contract must be fulfilled.

But Lo, it was not fulfilled.

And the Lord grew angry. What about the animals? Two of every creeping thing of this earth have I ordered to come unto me. Where for example are the giraffes? And Noah said unto the Lord, they are expected today. Where are the hippopotami and the zebras? And Noah said unto the Lord, they have been delivered unto the wrong address but should arrive on Friday. Where are the armadillos, the male and the female, to keep their seed alive upon the face of the earth? And Noah said, the van comes tomorrow.

And the Lord said unto Noah, how about the Alex Young's? And Noah wrung his hands, wept, and kissed the earth and said Lord, the Alex Young's are a discontinued line, Thou can not get another like him for love nor money. And the Lord in his wisdom said, Noah my son, I know. Why else does thou think I have caused a flood to descend upon the earth?

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, being an Evertonian is a combination of the two.

Everton recently played two away games, the first one up was at Blackburn, not the prettiest town in England but handy to get to.

The Blue hordes descended on the old Lancashire town, many a pint of ale was sunk and then off to the revamped Ewood Park.

Everton took to the pitch with a tremendous roar greeting them, they started well and should have won easily but as we are Everton we threw it away. Chances galore had been spurned and ex servant of the Devil, Souness, stood there grinning.

Heartbroken and angry the fans hurled abuse at Walter Smith, he seemed oblivious to all of this and didn't respond in any form. Not even on the after match radio interview.

The Blue tribe went back to their vehicles and went home.

The second game was down in Ipswich, one of the prettiest towns but murder to get to. That didn't stop the loyal Blues from travelling, they again arrived in the town and partook in the usual few beers, then onto a Portman Road ground under redevelopment. The team was announced and was greeted with stunned silence, three forwards? That was the question being asked among the Blue Boys. Someone said Walter had told Duncan he was dropped but Dunc didn't hear him!!

The game gets under way, Big Dunc drifts out to the wing, Campbell and Radzinski lead the line, the Blues are playing great, again chances are squandered but at least it's positive. The match wears on and Ipswich look like they might make us pay for all those misses, however the final whistle blows and we earn a 0-0 draw.

Has Walter thrown the hunting pack off his back by playing three forwards, or are they even more annoyed that players were once again played out of position?

No matter which way you look at it, these two games gave Evertonians something to shout about. If we keep playing like this, apart from the misses that is, we shall be ok.

I am not the greatest admirer of Walter Smith, but if he listens to the fans and attacks then I feel no need to cry for his head.



Everton goalkeeper Harry Leyland lets the ball slip through his hands, the game was at Arsenal on February 21 1956, EFC lost 3-2 and only 16, 039 turned up to watch.

Note the Arctic conditions but give the Blue Boys some credit, look at Harry's legs, no tights there mate, no long trousers either and the Everton defender has got a short sleeved shirt on. he certainly didn't have any "John Barnes Gloves and Matching Tights".

Those were the days when even your legs would turn Blue at a match.

The D.N.A. of Leeds United by *Michael Berry*

I go back a long way with my disease known as being an Evertonian, to 1963 to be precise. Almost as long is the feeling that Leeds United had Hob Goblins as players and Neanderthals as fans.

Throughout the 60s, 70s, 90s, and naughties (forget the 80s, they were in the old Second Division and we beat them at Elland Road in the Cup) I had the distinct impression that we were bullied and kicked into submission at their ground.

So since I now live near Leeds, I decided to pay a visit to the reserve match at Elland Road. They were packed full of Premier players in Robinson, Kelly, Woodgate, Duberry, McPhail, Johnson and Alan Smith. The fact that we lost 1-0 with a side that contained Gascoigne, Dancing Danny Cad, Alec Cleland and some kids was good.

But here I was at Elland Road and the old DNA of Leeds surfaced, Used to and brought up on the genuine wit of Goodison I was treated to "Ay oop, it's that Black **** from Bradford" aimed at Danny. At myself when I didn't howl at Kevin Mcleod and was not congratulating his opponent when he was kicked – "Dunt tha lyke football then?" God how I laughed, heaving my sides! One thing however didn't make me laugh. Alan Smith has a reputation for being a little, should we say reckless. He put himself about quite a bit, at some teenage lads. He should have been sent off, he was only booked.

All in all a worthy successor to the Leeds of Revie. In my eyes, full Hob Goblin status was achieved for both fans and players.

A post script to Walter, the kids looked really good, so play a few of them!



George,

I am a student stuck up here in Scotland, Edinburgh in fact, is there any Blue Boys in this area that make the trip to Goodison, if so can they contact you and then pass on their details.

I would also like to thank my Dad Billy Thomas and Paul Carr for sending me Blue Blood and the programme, keep up the good work.

Leigh Thomas.

Blue Blood,

Here is a poem about our Walter

Oh ye of little faith,

I told you Walter would make us great,

We beat the Villa & thrashed West Ham,

And we did it with skill, not spam,

So all you doubters it's time to repent,

And praise the players on who Walter has spent,

It's time you all had a rethink,

Walter has saved us from the brink,

Don't forget he is the manager of Everton Football Club,

Now there is something that we all love.

Jake by email.

Blue Blood,

I sometimes wonder just what Evertonians want. Take the Aston Villa game at Goodison recently. Villa started the game with drive and passion, it looked as if we would be brushed aside but Everton stuck to their task and went 3-0 up playing some great football. Campbell had missed a sitter but otherwise his all round play was excellent, he was winning most headers and directing them to Radzinski. The team were playing well, but the atmosphere from the ground was one of doom, you could feel the nerves from the crowd, instead of chanting and roaring on the Blues there was nervous shouts to "Hoof it" the players started to try and keep the ball by the corner flag. Villa gained strength from this, they staged an undeserved comeback and YOU the Evertonian were mostly to blame. For God's sake have some faith in the team, don't start panicking when we are three goals ahead, start supporting your team.

Gary Newall.

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Your letters



George,
At half time in the "Derby", the only change Walter should have made was Gascoigne for Xavier. Bringing Radzinski on destroyed the shape of the team, by the time we reorganised they scored the 3rd and decisive goal.

When is Walter going to learn that Gerrard is a liability? He should have saved the 3rd goal, gave the penalty away against Palace, got nowhere near any of the seven spot kicks he faced in four days and we even saw Gascoigne dribble past him in the box, because he wouldn't come off his line.

Additionally I don't think Campbell is worthy of the captaincy or £35,000 a week. He can't control the ball, regularly misses sitters and his missed penalties have cost us the league Cup two years running.

I would give the captaincy to Weir or Stubbs and play Radzinski and Ferguson up front.

Just one last point, having phoned Everton to book a coach for an away game 5 days prior to the event, they said that they would not take my booking because they only use second class mail and the ticket might not arrive in time. So for the sake of an 8p stamp they lost my order. I think it's a disgrace.

Crosby Blue

Blue Blood,

How many times do we have to turn on ITV's joke coverage of the Premiership only to see Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal?

At least Sky share the teams about a bit and the name Everton is heard every now and again.

Who said Des Lynam knows anything about football? He just sits there thinking that he's Gods gift to women, he pays no attention to what anyone is saying because he's too busy staring at the camera.

It's time to give this useless show the Red card.

Fred Archer.

Blue Blood,

Maybe I am out of order but why all the fuss over the Frenchman.

He is suffering from a stress related disease, and I feel sorry for him but don't try to make out that these fellas have a hard life.

Does he ever worry about an electricity bill? His mortgage? No I don't think so, stress is a part of everybody's life and it's a lot more stressful trying to keep a wife and three kids on £190 a week.

.I would like to see them getting up at 6am every morning and then clocking on in a factory.

I bet you after a week of that they would appreciate what they have.

Bob Landy

All opinions expressed are those of the contributors and not the Editor

Southport at home in the F.A. Cup, the 6th round in fact, the year was 1931 and the date was February 28th.

Everton had been having a good Cup run, remember, at this time we were a 2nd Division Club, relegated the previous year for the first time in our history, we needed something like this to get the fans all fired up.

Crystal Palace had been thumped 6-0 and Grimsby had 5 put past them, Southport had also done amazingly well to get this far, they were in the 3rd Division North.

On the day of the game heavy snow (well it was light but you know what I mean) had fallen, putting the game under threat. The crowds still rolled up and even though the weather got worse, they were admitted into the ground. The prize for victory would be a Semi Final place, something that Southport had only ever dreamed of.

The pitch was in a bad state and it wasn't just the football that would prove tricky, taking the toss caused all kinds of problems,, it took four attempts before it came down face up. Southport managed to win the toss and they started by attacking the Park End. Down at the other end Dixie slotted one home to give Everton the lead. Dunn got the second twelve minutes later. Southport were struggling and Dunn scored the third.

Southport had been trying to catch Everton in an offside trap, a tactic employed to try and stave off humiliation. It wasn't working Dixie made it four nil. Dixie got his hat trick and Everton's fifth. Only 35 minutes had been played and Southport were praying for another snow storm.

Ted Critchley, whose wife had given birth to a baby girl earlier that morning, celebrated by making it 6-0. Delighted with this goal, he promptly sped down towards the Street End and scored another, 7-0 at half time.

The second half started with Southport scoring, was this going to be the comeback of the century? No, was the answer to that question, Dean and Johnson made it 9-1 and Southport had to be content with their share of the 45, 647 gate.

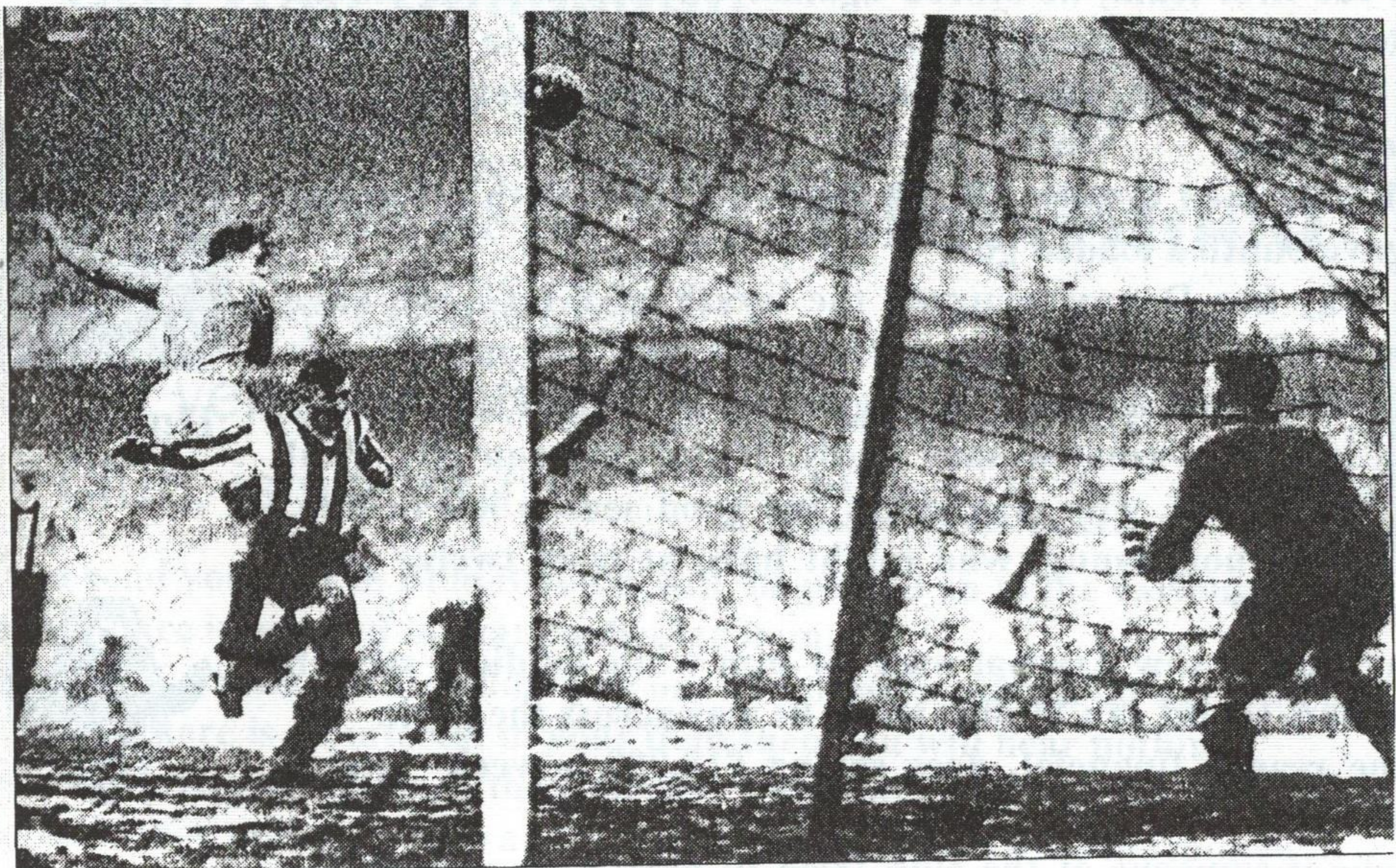


Everton come out for the Cup Tie against Southport 28th February 1931

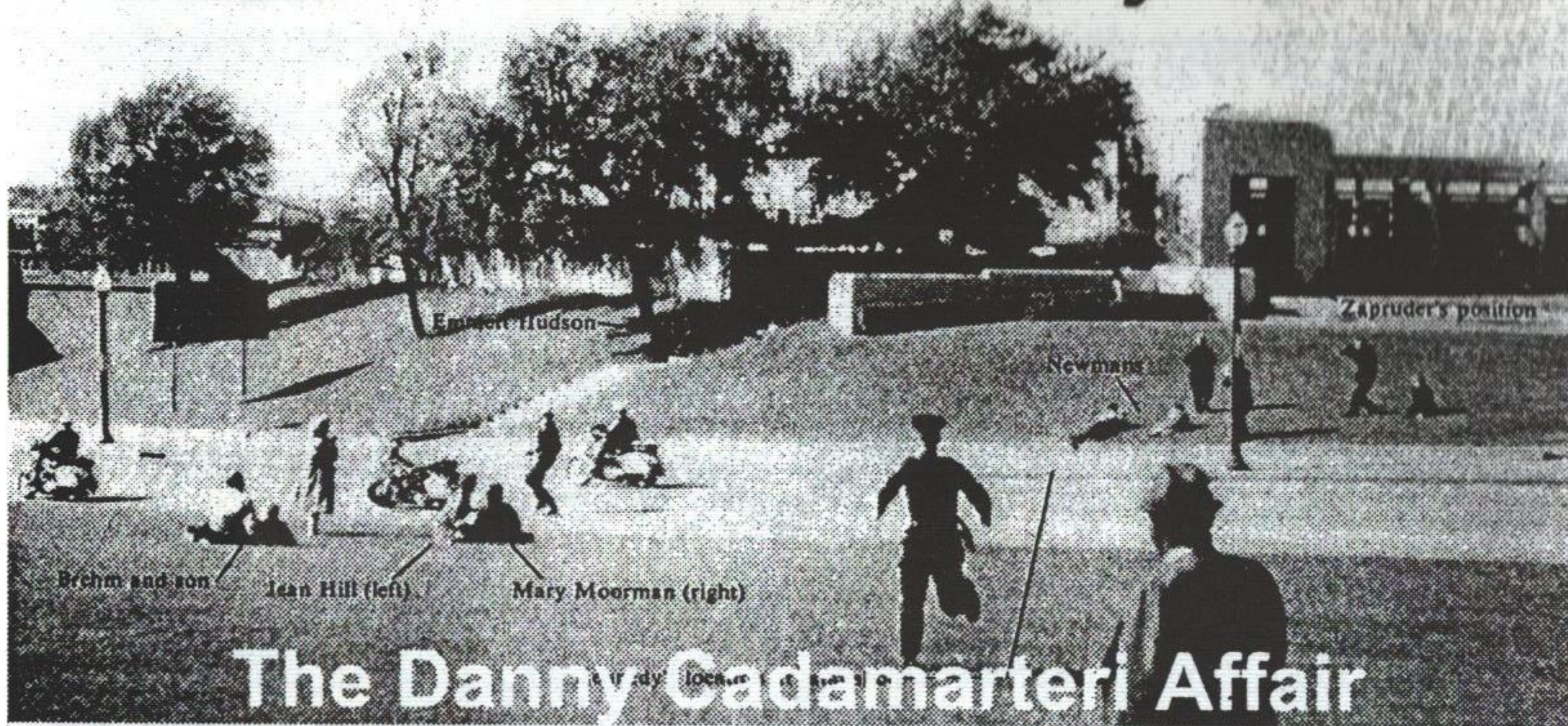


Back Row, Thomson, Cresswell, Coggins, McPherson, Rigby
Front Row, White, Martin, Critchley, Williams, Dean Griffiths

Southport Rock



Dixie powers home one of his four goals in the 9-1 thrashing of Southport. The 6th Round of the F.A. Cup 28th February 1931



Other clubs have stood by their players, why not E.F.C?

The first thing to say, is that no one should hit a woman under any circumstance. Danny did the unforgivable and was found guilty in a court of law.

Everton made a statement and said they would be considering the players future.

A couple of days later the club announced that Danny was free to go at the end of the season, Everton would not be seeking contract talks with the player.

Danny was a youth product at Goodison and fought his way into the first team, he scored against Chelsea and the cloven footed ones, everything seemed to be just fine. He lost form and was dropped, then regained his place but never really hit his old form.

Walter seemed to have all but discarded him, with his arrest he gave Smith a loaded gun.

But why has Danny incurred the wrath of E.F.C., we have been riddled with injuries, and also are cash strapped, Gazza has been shown the hand of forgiveness by the club, he too has been known to treat women badly. If the club can give Paul another chance, who maybe has one good season left in him. Then why not Danny, who might have at least twelve good seasons left?

Tony Adams saw Arsenal wait for him while he did a stretch in prison, so did Jan Molby, when he was across the park.

Is the reason financial, does saving £10,000 a week ring a bell?

Maybe if someone at the club tried to have a word with the lad and don't forget he is still only young, then maybe, just maybe his career might be saved. Either way, with all of the money Everton have invested in his future, it seems crazy to let him go for nothing.



Lee



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You will have to pay only for the SAE.

It used to be nice and quiet round here but not any more. That other lot across the park, they have been coming in at all hours of the night, taxi's from Southport and all over the place.

I blame their manager, you know, the one that's ill. You know why he's ill don't you ? It's all those snails and stuff, urgh, it's not natural is it ?

HANDS OFF OUR PARK

I have heard that the other lot want to build on our park, no chance, where will our kids play? Anyhow, Billy who lives round the corner said that it all started with the rainforests and if they cut down any more trees we will have no oxygen. He should know, Billy's a clever man.

It's our park not theirs, we used to play football there years ago, then we moved over to where they play and left there before they moved in. They are only newcomers and they want to build in our park they should know their place.

Talking of knowing their Plaice, wasn't it Grim the other night, when the went out of the worthless cup?

Those Grimsby lads are used to putting things into the net, the Kipper on Thompson after the game. Houllier's dropped a Pollock someone said, they always seem to Flounder against Small Fry.

They were all at Sea that night, they even tried to say the referee Had-docked some time off his watch.

Houllier said "The Tuna we put this behind us the Batter"

Anyway back to the park, I am going to get a petition going and those that live on the Anfield side can put a cross and the ones that live on the Goodison side can sign, that should keep everyone happy.

It's very important to keep this space because as one old Evertonian said to me. It's just the same as that film "The Green Mile" it's about a piece of land that separates good from evil.

Well that's all for now, if you hear any gossip, let me know, I wont tell anyone I don't know, honest.



Mickey Thomas, Alan Ainscow, Mick Ferguson, Jim Arnold, Mickey Walsh

Kendall was now in full charge of the team and he had moved fast in the transfer market, buying seven new players. Sad to say others had left the club, Bob Latchford went to Swansea in July,

he was a great Everton centre forward, if you gave Bob a chance it was on it's way into the net. He was well liked by the Blue Boys and never let us down, he would battle all day for the Blues. Jim Mc Donagh was another player to leave, he went to Bolton.

Kendall wasted no time getting used to the new squad, he arranged a tour of Devon and the South West, on August 12th we played Plymouth Argyle away and the only "Bright" spot was the match was abandoned with only one minute left to play because of a power failure. Other games were at Exeter, Hereford, Oldham and Lancaster City.

The main change though was not at Everton but in the Football League, it was now three points for a win, this was supposed to make teams try to win away from home.

The season starts with a home game against Birmingham City, 33,045 watch as Jim Arnold, Alan Ainscow, Alan Biley, Mickey Thomas and Mick Walsh all make their debut. It's a good start for the Boys as we win 3-1 with Ainscow, Biley and Eastoe getting on the scoresheet. It must be said the Biley's haircut made Rod Stewart look sensible, it was a bit embarrassing to say the least. There was also a new look programme, it was "sideways on" if you know what I mean. It wasn't liked and was scrapped after two issues.

Away to Leeds United and the new look Everton team achieve a miracle, no don't be stupid, we didn't win but we got a draw. That in itself was something to shout about. It ended 1-1 as rare as Jimmy Tarbuck buying a ticket for a match. Southampton away and the old pick you up let you down Blues are back, we lose.

Brighton at home and a Billy Wright free kick, a cracker it must be

said, gets us a point in a 1-1 draw.

We get beaten at Tottenham 3-0 and some doubts are creeping in to our minds. Has Kendall spent the money sensibly? Are these players good enough to wear our beloved shirts ?

The next game is at Goodison against Notts County, we must beat them and we do, thank God. Eastoe, O' Keefe and Trevor Ross score in a 3-1 win.

Alan Irvine was another young lad Kendall had brought to Goodison and he along with Graeme Sharp were getting some praise in the programme for the West Brom home match. It's the longest serving player (Mick Lyons) though who saves the day and scores our only goal in a 1-0 victory. It was a very special goal, not anything about the style in which he scored it but the fact that it was Everton's 5,000 goal in the First Division.

Joe Mc Bride scores at Stoke City but we lose 3-1 Coventry City at home and the programme carries a tribute to Bill Shankly, who had died earlier in the week, it might shock some of you, because although I am a biased Blue I had respect

for Shankly, he was a Kopite, yes a fan, someone who was every inch a supporter, just as biased as me. He didn't suffer fools. Some of today's journalists would be given short shrift by him.

Back to the footy and ex Sky Blue Mick Ferguson scores against his old club, again we can only manage a draw. Gary Stevens makes his debut in the Coventry match and Asa Hartford leaves us for Man City. I don't want to be too hard on Hartford but he never made me think he was a dedicated Blue. He was o.k. I suppose but not one of my favourites.

Steve Mc Mahon scores at West Ham to earn us a valuable point.

Ipswich at home and another moment in Everton's illustrious History, although nobody knew it at the time because this match was Neville Southall's debut, Mick Ferguson and Gary Stevens make it a happy occasion with a 2-1 victory.

Overcoat time again, yes once more up to England's Alaska, Middlesboro away, we soon defrost ourselves as the Blue Boys turn on .



Mick Lyons gets EFC's 5,000th League goal

the central heating and win 2-0, excellent stuff.

We win at Coventry in the 2nd leg of the League Cup, 1-0 with Ferguson scoring again.

John Clinkard is our new Physio as Jim Mc Gregor leaves for Man United. The next match saw 31, 305 Blue Boys badly let down at Goodison, we get beat by Man City 1-0.

After only ten games for the Blues Mickey Thomas is slung out on his ear. He had been injured and Kendall told him to go up to Newcastle to play for the reserves, he refused to travel, I know that most of you and certainly I would give anything for the chance to wear the Royal Blue and for someone who was getting paid as well it was only right that he be shown the door.

The "Derby" over at the swamp, Bruce Grobblelaar, plays in his first



ALAN IRVINE
Scottish winger



PAUL LODGE ...
youth product



GRAEME SHARP ...
leading goalscorer

one and gets some stick, big Mick Ferguson scores but they get three lucky goals. It's hard to drown your sorrows with all those Red Rats laughing at you.

The League Cup at home,

Oxford are the opponents and O'Keefe puts us into the next round, this as I have said before in my other books, is a jinxed competition for us, we do not seem to get to grips with it, unlike the F.A. Cup, were our record is a proud one.

With no League game on Saturday 14th November because of World Cup Games, Everton went up to Glasgow to play Rangers on the Sunday. It was a testimonial match and over 20,000 attended, they saw an exciting 1-1 draw in which Graeme Sharp scored against his boyhood team. We lost the match on penalties but a good time was had by all the Blues who made the trip.

In the League at Goodison we go down 2-1 to Sunderland, only 19, 759 watched and they were not too happy with the result.

Kendall was under pressure to get the best out of his players but what happened next shocked a few fans. We played Notts County away and Kendall picks himself and pulls on a Blue shirt for the first time in over seven years. We get a 2-2 draw with goals from Alan Biley and his first for the Blues in the League Graeme Sharp. It was a major talking point that Kendall felt he needed to be on the pitch to get his message across to the other players. Some fans took this to be a sign of weakness and didn't trust Howard after that.

Arsenal away and Kendall is sub, we lose 1-0. December 5th and the return of Bob Latchford to Goodison with his new team Swansea. He was given a warm round of applause and he duly found the net for the Welsh team but the blue Boys had the last laugh and we won 3-1. Sharp got another goal and O'Keefe got two. Swansea alsohad three other ex Evertonians, Dai Davies, Garry Stanley and Neil Robinson.

The League Cup at home against Ipswich, this could be the season that we put our name on this illusive trophy, Mc Mahon slots in two goals but once again we go out of the Cup, they get three. We beat them at home in the League not long ago, I can't believe our luck.

Aston Villa at home and in the matchday programme, Captain Mick Lyons is talking about Everton's new coach, not the technical one but the coach that takes them to away matches. Apparently it has got a video and there are hot meals served during the trip. He also praises Graeme Sharp and Gary Stevens saying that these two players are going to be a part of Everton's future, "Mystic Mick" was on the ball with that one. The game goes in our favour and we win 2-0, Eastoe and Lyons score. Southall gets back into the team and this time stays there until the end of the season. This shows how highly rated he was by Kendall, at the start of the season Howard bought Jim Arnold from Blackburn, the club he had just managed before taking on the managers role at Goodison. He thought Arnold was going to be his number one while Neville was to be his understudy.

It's Boxing Day, yes we are away but the hand of God intervenes, the game is called off because of snow, I meet some of my relatives for the first time at Christmas.

The next game was on the 28th December at home against Coventry, only 23, 895 turn up, very poor, very disappointing, still those who stayed at home missed a real Christmas Cracker. We win 3-2 in a great game, Mark Higgins gets two goals and Graeme Sharp the other. This was also Kendall's farewell game, after four appearances he called it a day. Alan Irvine gets into the team and also stays there for the rest of the season.

1982 starts with a tough game down at West Ham, the 3rd Round of the F.A. Cup. Eastoe gets a goal for us but once again we lose, out of the Cup in the first round and no chance of winning

the League, a deep depression loomed over Goodison Park.

The rearranged game at Old Trafford and the Blues fight for a 1-1 draw, Graeme Sharp is on target again. He is one of the few successes in this team.

Southampton visit Goodison and only 22, 355 bother to pay, they witness a very sad 1-1 draw. Kendall is getting more grief from the faithful. Adrian Heath had made his debut against the Saints and Kevin Richardson had scored his first League goal, so not everything was doom and gloom.

Wolves away and the team play great to win 3-0, Alan Irvine gets two goals and Richardson scores again, only 11, 784 fans went to the game and there was a demonstration outside after the match by the Wolves fans who were not happy with the way things were going.

This was a good morale boosting win for Everton and things had started to pick up. The young players were finding their feet and the team had more shape about it. Kendall seemed to be going in the right direction.



Alan Irvine

The 81 – 82 season continues in the next issue

As we all know now, the pressure on football managers is intense but it is not something new.

Harry Catterick was a very serious man but he was also an Evertonian, he had built up a team in the 60's that had played some of the best football Evertonians had ever seen. It was not all done with the cheque book, far from it. Harry had a brilliant youth team policy at Goodison and players like, Husband, Hurst, Royle, Harvey, Tommy Wright and many others. Other players were only young when bought for big money, Gordon West for example, had to live up to the tag the worlds costliest goalkeeper and he did.

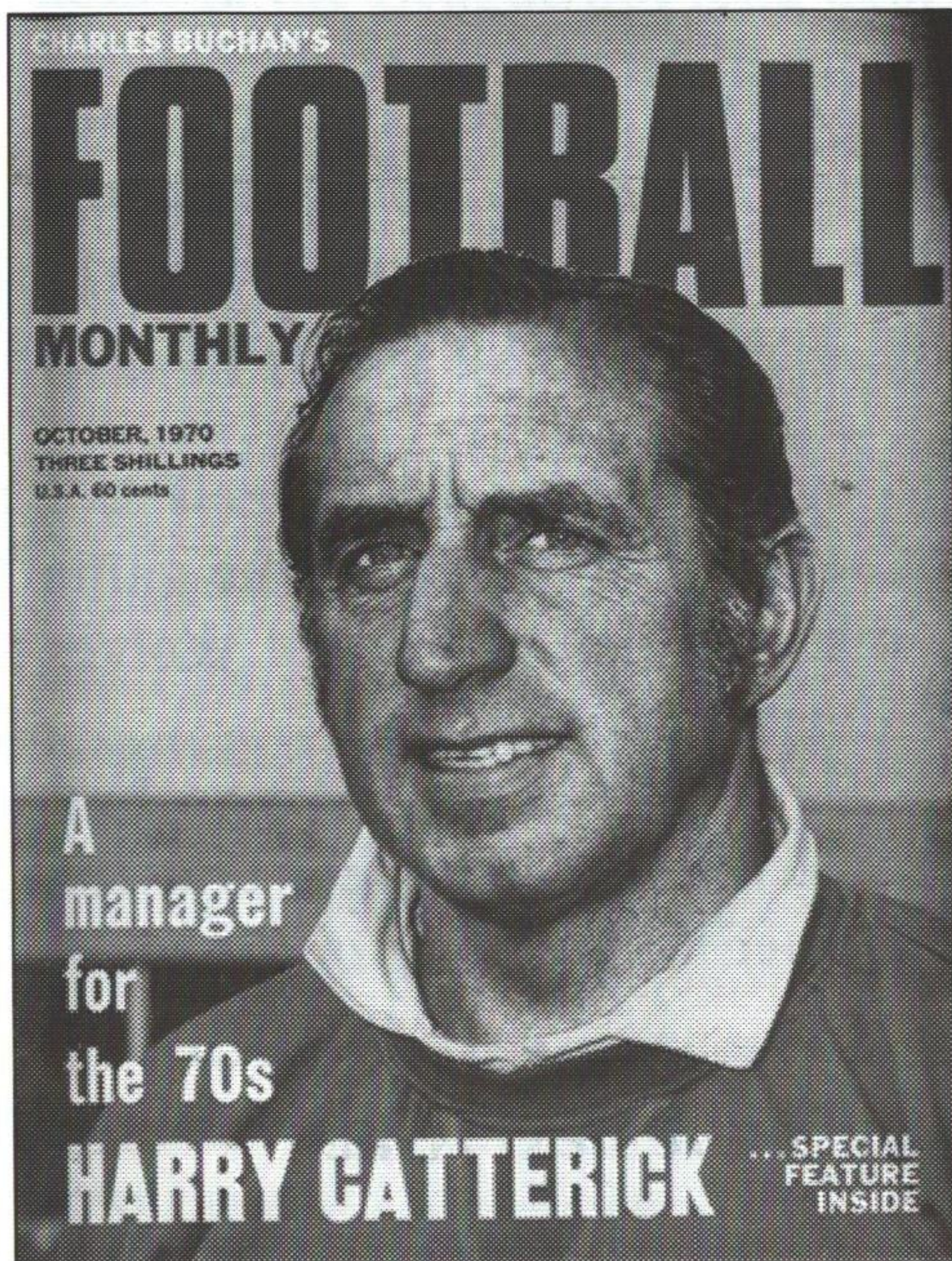
The press and T.V in the 60's might not have been as hounding as the press of today but they still had to get a story and the pressure was always on the manager to talk.

Harry had been an Everton player before , during and after the war, he went on to be player manager at Crewe, then in 1953 went to Rochdale as manager he had five good season at Spotland before taking on the task of re-establishing Sheffield Wednesday as a 1st Division team. He not only got them back into the top flight but in the 1961 Spurs Double winning season, he managed to steer Wednesday into 2nd place.

All of this was watched with some interest by John Moores at Goodison and when the time was right he swooped for Mr. Catterick.

Harry's first impressions of life at Goodison were not good. He was quoted as saying there was an air of complacency, everyone seemed to be easy going. Some of the staff were afraid to make even the most minor decision affecting training or coaching.

He had to make changes he didn't like. First of all he had to retire, head trainer Harry Cook, who was nearly 70 years old. Catterick had been a boy under Cook's coaching . He had a plan to build a training complex that would be the envy of every club in Britain, if not Europe . Over £100,000 was spent on the building of Bellefield, every possible item that a football manager could use was bought. All of this was done



But he would have to bring success, that was the ultimate Page 21 price.

He introduced a youth policy as previously stated but also spent well, he thought long and hard before committing Everton's money.

He had the opinion that just because the wanted player was a star it didn't mean he would be an Evertonian. Catterick



Catterick puts a youngster through his paces at Bellefield

knew what kind of player the fans liked, he knew the traditions of the club and most of all he knew that team spirit was just as important as skill.

He fell ill during the 65-66 season and was missing for a few matches, on his return he took the very bold step of dropping Alex Young and replacing him with the unheard of youngster Joe Royle.

Catterick was verbally and physically assaulted after the game, The local Blackpool Police force had to clear his path to the coach.

He said "They gave me the bird at Blackpool and I had to run the gauntlet through them. I think they hated my guts then but subsequent events proved me right and now they are just as sold on Royle as they were on Young"

Having won the League in 1963 he went on to win the Cup in 1966, then the Championship again in 1970.

He was put on a £10,000 a year contract, a massive pay cheque in those days. The much respected Football Monthly magazine said in their October 1970 issue that Catterick could be the manager of the 70's Unfortunately his health had become something of a problem and in the early 70's he was hospitalised once again, he was moved into a senior executive role at Goodison and eventually retired from the game but not from being an Evertonian. He died at Goodison Park in 1985 watching the Blues.

African Blue



As you can see from the photo on the left, Evertonians can be found all over the World.

Smart B Mahosi, from Zimbabwe is proud to be a Blue Boy.

He has followed the progress of Everton for many years, but never been so lucky as to actually see us play in the flesh.

He has written to Everton Supporters clubs and individual Blues hoping that they will send him something about his beloved club.

I and others have sent him items over the last few seasons and he has always written back thanking everyone for their kindness.

If you can help him out with some Blue items his address is

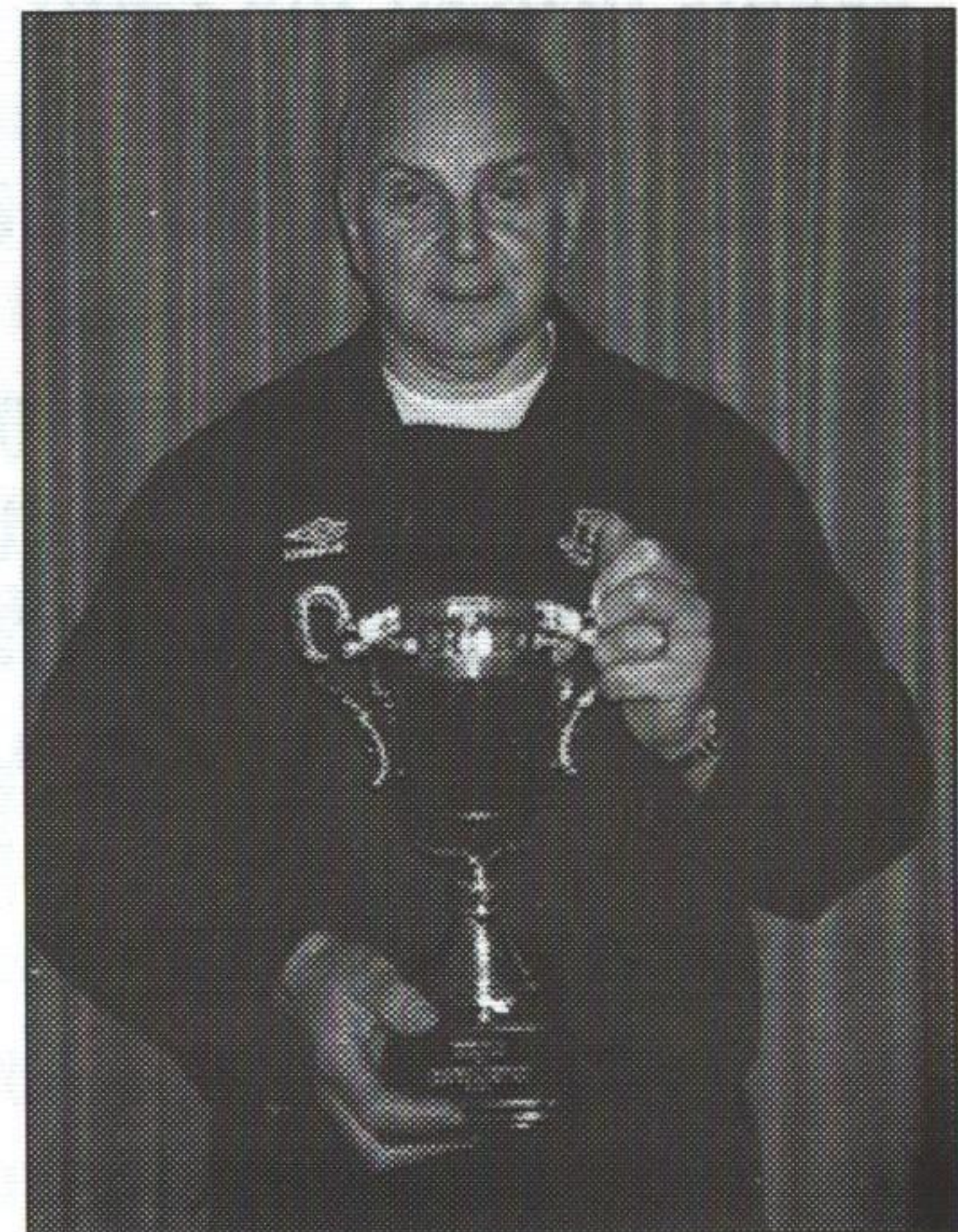
Smart B Mahosi, 1616 Nhengure Road, Tshovani, Chiredzi, Zimbabwe

Independent Blues Present Trophy To Blue Blood

Before the "Derby" match, I was asked to go along to the Blue House by Barry Murray, a member of the Everton Independent Blues.

Barry presented me with a beautiful trophy, it was for all the articles that I had written in the Official Programme over the previous three years and for producing Blue Blood.

I was very surprised and honoured to be given such a brilliant trophy. I enjoy writing about E.F.C and it's history and when I come across some lost piece of information I feel as if I have won the lottery. Over the next few issues there will be pictures and programmes that have not been seen by Evertonians for over a hundred years .



Seeing your picture tribute to Alex "Chico" Scott in issue 2, took me back to my youth. I was full of the joys of life, full of energy and optimism.

I found myself at Goodison Park every other Saturday and "Chico" was my first love. I adored him, his style, his grace and his amazing pace. He could put a full back on the floor quicker than a Henry Cooper punch.

His centres were inch perfect, head down but eyes wide open, he would float that beautiful globe into the centre circle, where Alex Young, hovering, would put his majestic head onto it sending it on it's way into the net.

As my life wore on, I never really found anyone to replace that first love, friends would tell me that one day my turn would come. They said I would be in a room, a beautiful woman would walk in, our eyes would meet, she would walk towards me, stop and point, saying "He's the one". It's only ever happened to me at Police Line Ups but maybe one day, who knows?

Alex Scott was a great player, seldom talked about in this age of the mighty £££ but boy could he play. He scored a hat trick on his debut for Rangers, when he was still only a lad, the team he slotted them past was Falkirk, his hometown club.

Everton signed him during their Championship season 1962 63, he was a immediate hit both with his team mates and the fans.

His nickname "Chico" was given to him by the loyal Blue Boys who followed Everton home and away, they had spotted a certain likeness to a cardboard Indian that was being used to promote a T V Rental company. These 4ft high effigy's were soon getting paraded around the country and finally ended up inside Wembley on the 14th May 1966 when Everton won the Cup for the first time in thirty three years.

Alex played 176 games for the Blues and scored 26 goals, that doesn't really tell just how vital a cog he was, in the beautiful Everton machine that purred throughout the 60's.

I would just like his family to know that I and many, many others, would like to thank him for being a "Blue Boy"



Jimmy Murphy

You can't change history, I have heard that said so many times and I always believed it until I got an email from "Warney Cresswell 11" (the second)

An Evertonian who wishes to remain anonymous. He drew my attention to the 1959-60 season Everton finished in 16th place, well according to most Everton books and the official programme of the time.

On closer inspection though Manchester City should not have been above us, on goal difference alone we should be above them.

"Warney" has checked most books and they say 16th but the Association of Football Statisticians and the official F.A. Website say 15th.

Warney has written to Everton and hopes they can clear up the misunderstanding.

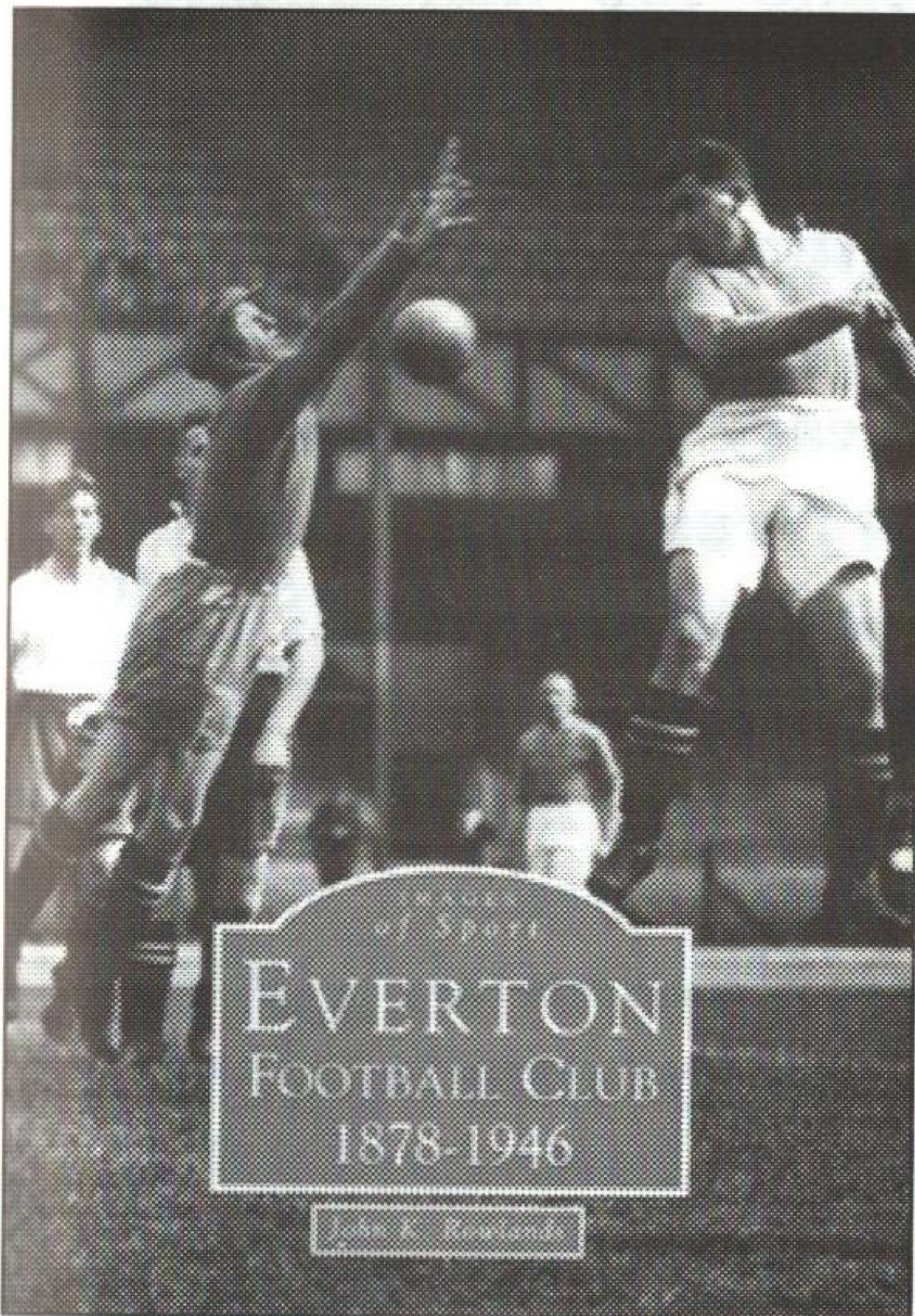
Maybe now forty years later the record will be put straight.

In the meantime check the table below yourself and see what you think.

FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS 1959-60

LEAGUE DIVISION I							CENTRAL LEAGUE								
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PT.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PT.
Burnley	42	24	7	11	85	61	55	Manchester United	42	26	8	8	114	69	60
Wolverhampton W.	42	24	6	12	106	67	54	Liverpool	42	20	14	8	100	59	54
Tottenham H.	42	21	11	10	86	50	53	Sheffield United	42	22	10	10	81	65	54
West Brom A.	42	19	11	12	83	57	49	Wolverhampton W.	42	21	10	11	90	56	52
Sheffield W.	42	19	11	12	80	59	49	Stoke City	42	21	9	12	78	54	51
Bolton Wanderers	42	20	8	14	59	51	48	Blackburn Rovers	42	21	9	12	85	65	51
Manchester United	42	19	7	16	102	88	45	Sheffield Wednesday	42	21	9	12	74	57	51
Newcastle United	42	18	8	16	82	68	44	Newcastle United	42	18	12	12	94	58	48
Preston North End	42	16	12	14	85	76	44	Derby County	42	17	10	15	81	71	44
Fulham	42	17	10	15	73	80	44	Everton	42	15	13	14	72	62	43
Blackpool	42	15	10	17	59	71	40	Burnley	42	18	7	17	66	68	43
Leicester City	42	13	13	16	66	75	39	West Bromwich Alb.	42	18	6	18	83	68	42
Arsenal	42	15	9	18	68	80	39	Manchester City	42	16	8	18	81	88	40
West Ham United	42	16	6	20	75	91	38	Preston North End	42	13	14	15	63	73	40
Manchester City	42	17	3	22	78	84	37	Bury	42	12	14	16	66	70	38
Everton	42	13	11	18	73	78	37	Aston Villa	42	14	9	19	84	71	37
Blackburn Rovers	42	16	5	21	64	70	37	Huddersfield Town	42	11	15	16	53	76	37
Chelsea	42	14	9	19	76	91	37	Blackpool	42	13	7	22	81	93	33
Birmingham	42	13	10	19	63	80	36	Bolton Wanderers	42	9	11	22	53	97	29
Nottingham Forest	42	13	9	20	50	74	35	Chesterfield	42	8	13	21	48	97	29
Leeds United	42	12	10	20	65	92	34	Barnsley	42	11	5	26	47	113	27
Luton Town	42	9	12	21	50	73	30	Leeds United	42	6	9	27	49	113	21

First Team Goal Scorers: Collins 14, Thomas 12, Shackleton 10, Vernon 9, Harris (J) 9, Hickson 6, Lill 3, Ring 2, Parker 2, Laverick 1, Harris (B) 1, Tyrer 1, Wignall 1, Opponents 2.



A new Everton book, out just in time for Christmas and the good news is, it's brilliant.

John. K. Rowlands has managed to capture the bygone era and history of Everton Football Club better than any other Everton publication.

The photographs and there are 200 of them, are a treasure trove of goodies for any Evertonian who has the slightest interest in our beloved club. Many rare and unseen items are revealed for the first time. I felt as if I was looking at an old family album, a warm glow came over me as I feasted my eyes on long forgotten players. Apart from seeing Liverpool relegated nothing could give me more pleasure than owning this book.

It should be available from most good book shops but just in case the ISBN number is 0752422596

Or write to Liz Mabley c/o Tempus Publishing, The Mill, Brimscombe Port, Stroud, Glos, GL5 2QG.

Or phone Liz on 01453 883300 The price is £10.99 please mention Blue Blood when ordering

The names Bond – Bob Bond

My good friend at ESCLA Barry Spencer sent me the latest newsletter and it contained an article with some marvellous caricatures of famous Blues.

These are done by a man called Bob Bond, so I wrote to Bob to see how much they were. The Everton set includes 14 players Dixie, Bobby Collins, Alex Young, Duncan Ferguson, John Collins, Don Hutchinson, Dave Hickson, Kevin Campbell, Gascoigne, Latchford, Jeffers, Southall, Ball & Royle.

They are all in wonderful colour and sizes are 95x 135mm £1 each or 70p each if ordering 10 or more.

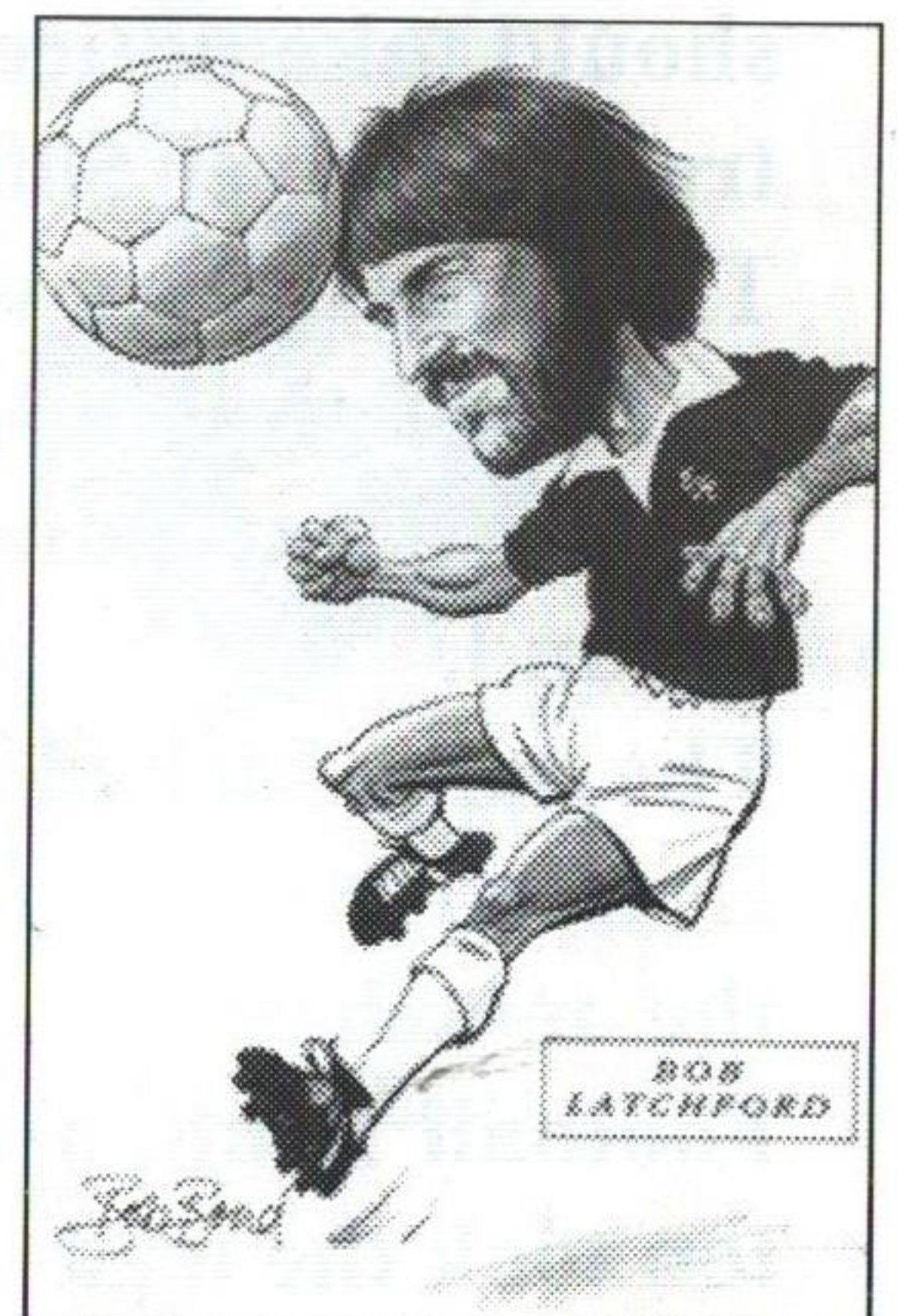
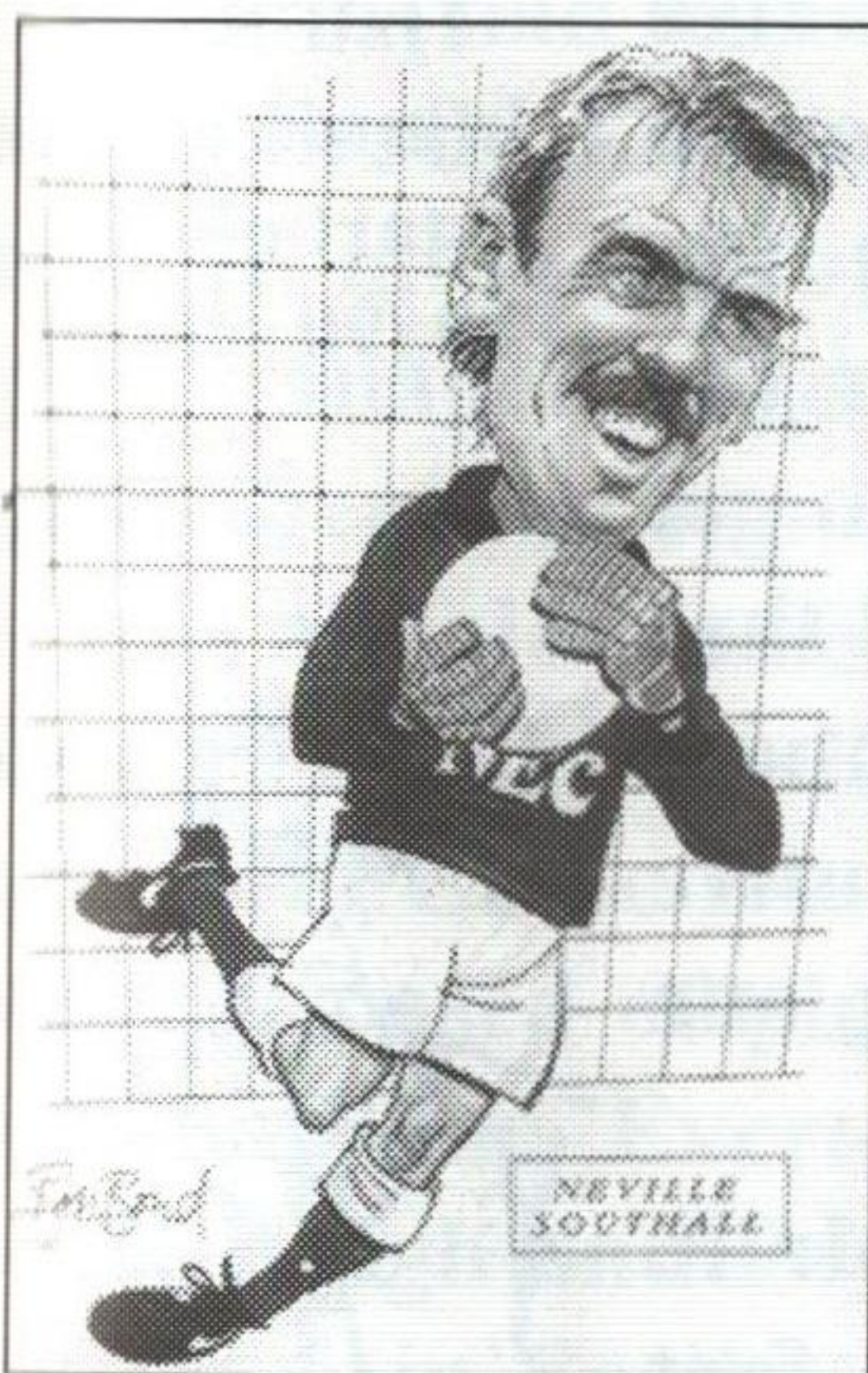
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Part three 1889/90

The second season in the football League and expectations were high. Chadwick & Milward had been excellent on the left and now new signing Fred Geary, a goalscoring centre forward, looked like he might be the lost piece of the jigsaw.



John Holt
5ft 4 10st
Centre Half
Age 21

The first match was against Blackburn, Geary got two goals out of the three EFC scored. The play was full of speed and power, the style was pleasant to watch but then as now, if they didn't perform the crowd were on their back.

November 2nd 1889 and Everton played Stoke at Anfield, by half time the Blue Boys were 6-0 up. The second half was turned into an exhibition match and the game ended 8-0. Geary got a hat trick, Brady two, Alex Latta 2, Milward 1.



J. Weir
Half Back
Injured at the
start of the
89 /90 season

November 16th and Everton are on top of the League, they meet Proud Preston at home. The pre match excitement had been building all week long, crowds were gathering hours before the kick off. The gates opened at five past one, by 2pm many thousands were inside the ground and according to the Liverpool Echo by 2.30pm the ground was heaving, even in the place reserved for the press certain "Deadheads" had somehow managed to get in and they couldn't be removed. The reporter stated that considerable inconvenience and annoyance to members of the press had taken place and the Everton Executive should take notice. Preston too had fans at the game, one train had over 500 on board.

The atmosphere was friendly and even the referee Mr F. T. Norris was applauded. The Echo mentioned the fact that a great number of ladies were present inside the ground.

The game kicked off with 20,000 crowded inside Anfield. Everton were playing into the sun after losing the toss, the match was being covered for the first time by the Football Echo, a new idea by the Liverpool Echo. Everton took the lead



Fred Geary
5ft 7 9st
Age 22
Centre Forward and
crowd favourite

with a goal from Fred Geary. They managed to keep hold of the advantage until half time.

The second half got under way and Preston stepped up the pace, Everton couldn't contain them and fell apart. Preston ripped open the Everton defence and scored five goals without reply. Not many Footy Echo's would have been sold that night.

Preston of course were "THE" team, nicknamed the invincibles not many could match them and it looked as if they were going to win the championship for the second year running.

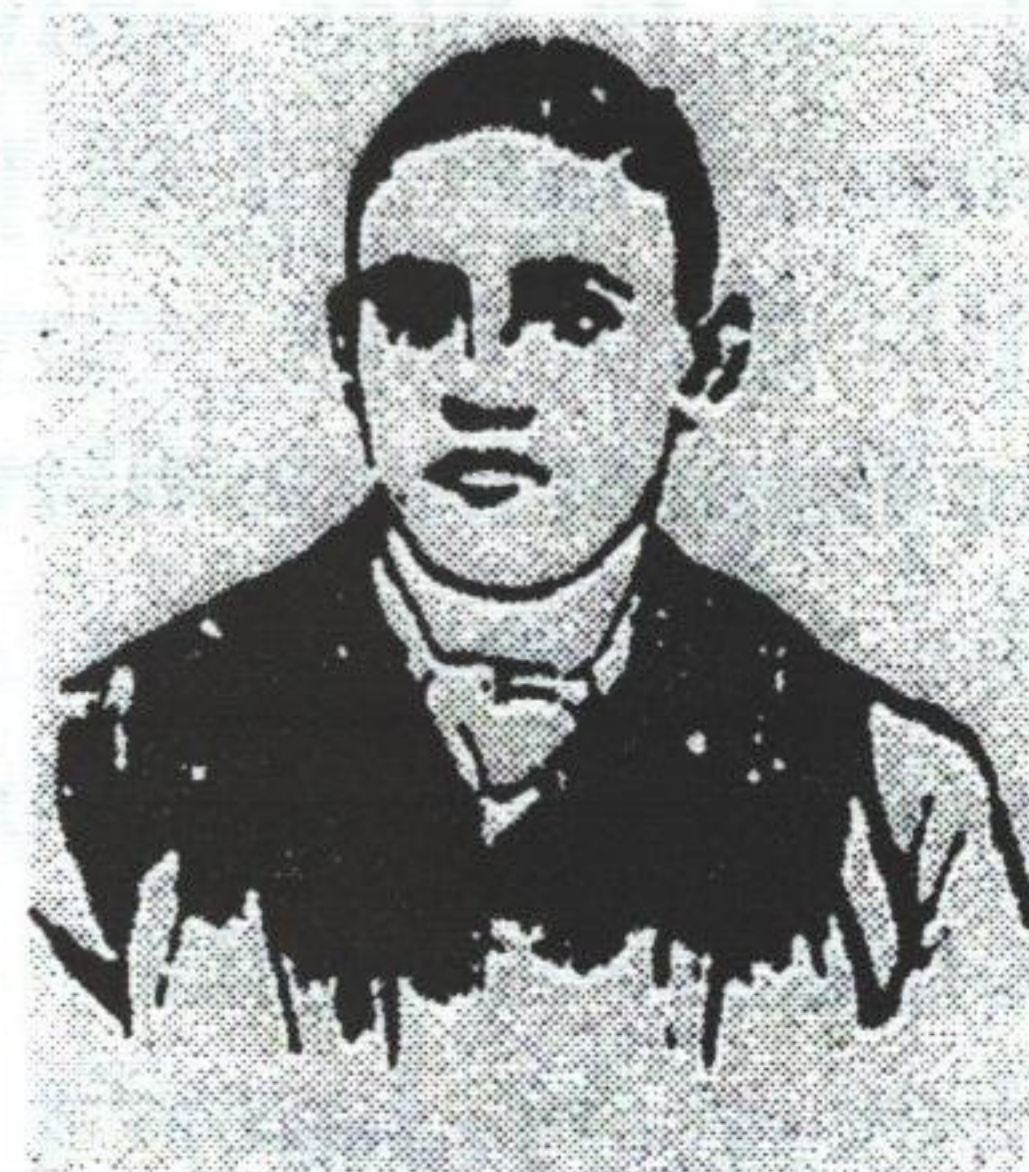
Behind the scenes at Anfield all was not well, John Houlding, seeing that Everton were doing well, increased the rent, this was not the first time he had done this, the rent had gone from £100 per year to £ 250, this incensed, the other committee men and they offered him £180. Houlding didn't even bother to reply, this made matters much worse and a feeling of resentment developed.

The gates had been increasing for a couple of reasons, firstly Everton had been playing well but maybe more importantly the Dockers had only just managed to get Saturday afternoon off. This gave them the opportunity to get to the game and it was a major factor.

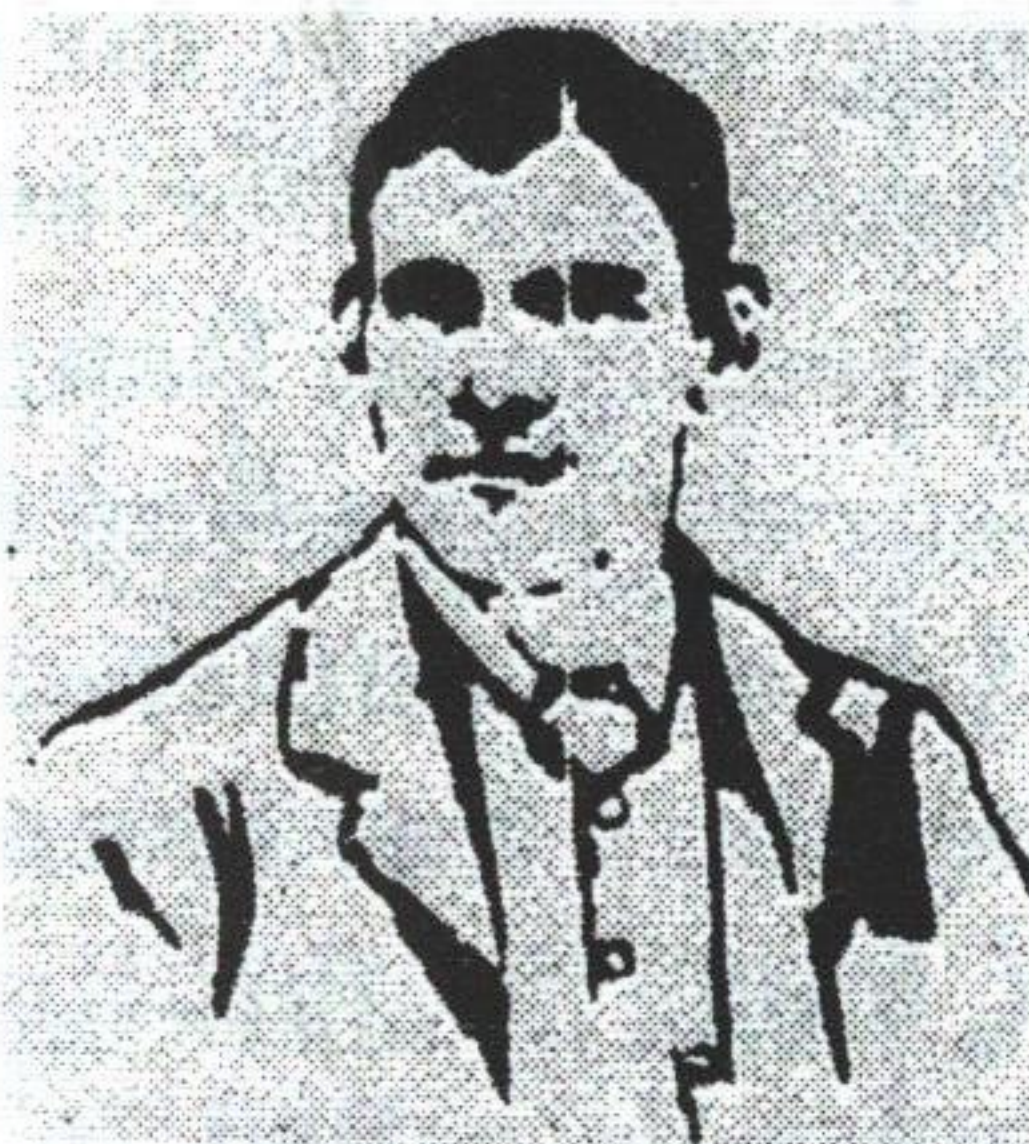
Everton had travelled up to Scotland in October and beat Celtic 2-0 on their own ground, Everton were accused of playing a bit rough but Andrew Hannah the Everton Captain said that Celtic were rough and Everton just matched them. The umpires in Scotland were not as strict as their English counterparts.

After such a long tiring journey, it was considered a great victory because Celtic were one of the best teams in Scotland.

Everton played Aston Villa on 4th January



Charles Parry
age 19
Right Back
5ft 8 12st 2lb



Danny Doyle
age 23
Left Back
5ft 11 13 st



Alexander Latta
Age 22
Outside Right
5ft 8 12st

1890 and this match stands out for a couple of reasons, firstly the weather was so bad that both teams agreed to play only 35 minutes each half. Seventy minutes instead of the usual ninety. Boy were Aston Villa glad, they were 4-0 down at half time and when the final whistle blew they were 7-goals adrift.

The next match at Anfield was a very historical one because whether you believe it or not it was played under floodlights

They were known as Wells Lighting, which were spotlights place on boxes and placed around the ground. It was a Wednesday night and kick off was at 7pm. The game was won by Everton 5-2 The Referee's name was the same as the Everton goalkeeper, Sugg, so maybe for once we had a sensible one.

Three days later on the 11th January 1890 Everton played Notts Rangers in a friendly, it was Fred Geary's old team but he showed them no favours. Everton hammered them 11-0. The next match for the Blues was seven days later against Derby County at home in the English Cup, that's what the F.A. Cup was called in those days. The pitch was very muddy and Derby mastered the conditions better than Everton and took the lead through Goodall. Geary equalised and the Blues tried hard to go into the lead. Derby not to be outfought scored again to go into a 2-1 lead. Everton stirred and Alf Milward slotted home two goals to give Everton a half time advantage 3-2.

Everybody was expecting a tight hard fought second half but Derby seemed like another team, Everton walked past them, seemingly scoring at will. The Blues scored eight times in the second half, yes eight goals. The game ended 11-2 for Everton still a record scoreline to this day. The roll of honour was as follows, Fred Geary 3, Brady 3, Milward 3, Doyle 1, Kirkwood 1, The first and only time three Everton players scored hat tricks in the same game.



Bob Smalley
Goalkeeper
Age 23
5ft 8 10st 10



Andrew Hannah
Captain 5ft 7 11st
Age 25
Full Back



Alexander Brady
5ft 5 10st
Age 19
Forward

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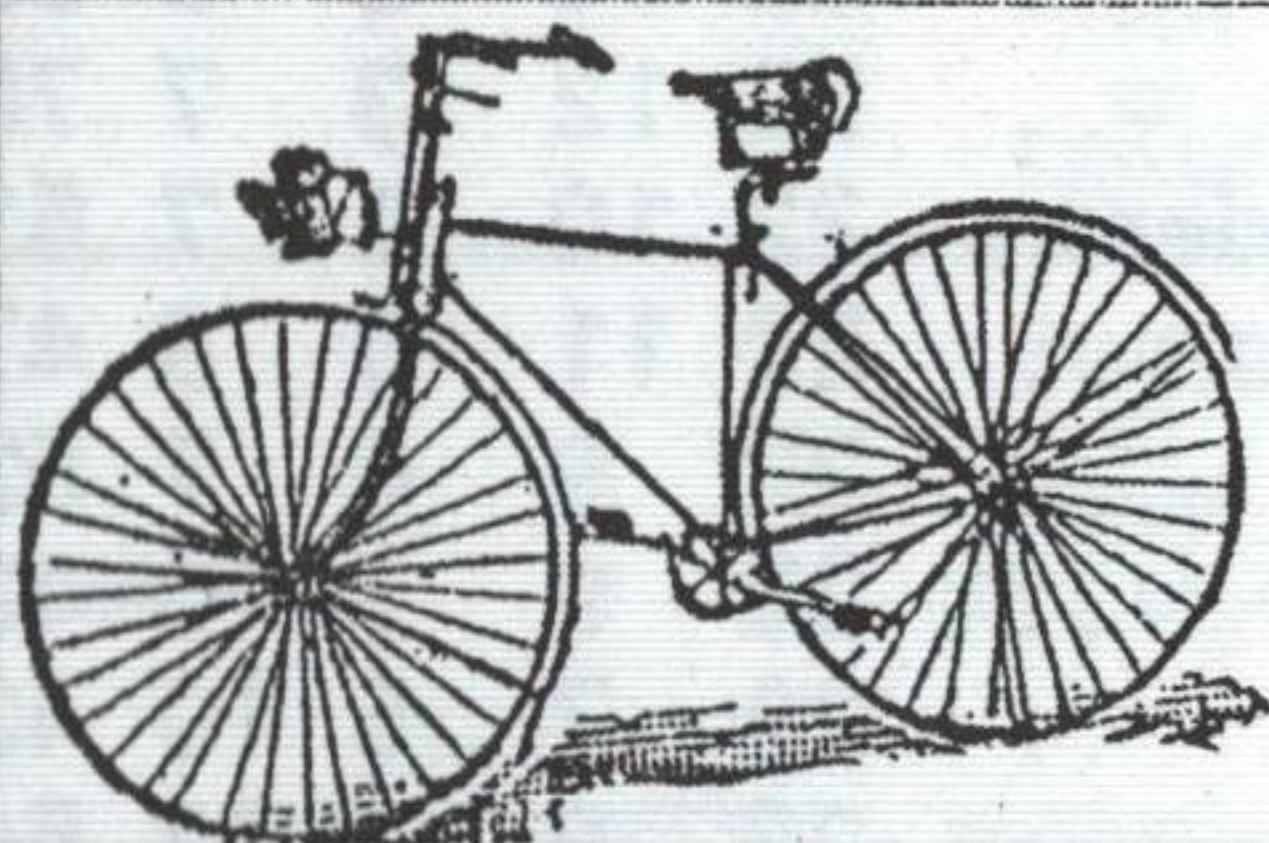
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Historical Programme

The above programme is from the game against Sheffield United on Wednesday January 8th 1890. The amazing thing is that this is for a "Night" match. It was the first occasion Everton played under flood-lights, the game took place at Anfield. The Wells System was Search-light Type Lamps strategically placed around the ground. This is the first time this programme has been seen, no other Everton book or archive material has shown it, the team line ups can be seen on page 31.

The draw for the next round of the Cup was made at the offices of Holborn Viaduct, the names of the teams were written on strips of paper which were folded and dropped into a Top Hat, over which a handkerchief was draped. Two council members made the draw, we were drawn away to Stoke. The same team we had beaten 8-0 at Anfield, so it should have been a piece of cake? Not with the Everton we know and love, yes the Blues in 1890 were just as unpredictable as the Blues in 1990. Stoke beat us 4-2, if that wasn't bad enough, Stoke finished bottom of the League.

Everton still hung onto the faint hope of winning the League, with four games to go and chasing Preston we needed to win them all. We brushed aside West Brom at home 5-1, but lost 5-3 away to Accrington, this was the end of our hopes. We then lost away to West Brom 4-1 We ended the season at Anfield by beating Derby County 3-0. Everton had finished second, which was a great improvement on the previous season.

1889/90 Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Preston North End	22	15	3	4	71	30	33
2 Everton	22	14	3	5	65	40	31
3 Blackburn Rovers	22	12	3	7	78	41	27
4 Wolverhampton Wanderers	22	10	5	7	51	38	25
5 West Bromwich Albion ..	22	11	3	8	47	50	25
6 Accrington Stanley	22	9	6	7	53	56	24
7 Derby County	22	9	3	10	43	55	21
8 Aston Villa	22	7	5	10	43	51	19
9 Bolton Wanderers	22	9	1	12	54	65	19
10 Notts County	22	6	5	11	43	51	17
11 Burnley	22	4	5	13	38	65	13
12 Stoke City	22	3	4	15	27	69	10

1889/90 RESULTS

	Home	Away
ACCRINGTON	2-2	3-5
ASTON VILLA	7-0	2-1
BLACKBURN	3-2	4-2
BOLTON	3-0	4-3
BURNLEY	2-1	1-0
DERBY	3-0	2-2
NOTTS CO.	5-3	3-4
PRESTON	1-5	2-1
STOKE	8-0	2-1
WEST BROMWICH	5-1	1-4
WOLVES	1-1	1-2

F.A. Cup

Round 1	Derby	(h)	11-2*
Round 2	Stoke	(a)	2-4

* Club Record.

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Team line up for the flood-light match in 1890 see page 29 for more details

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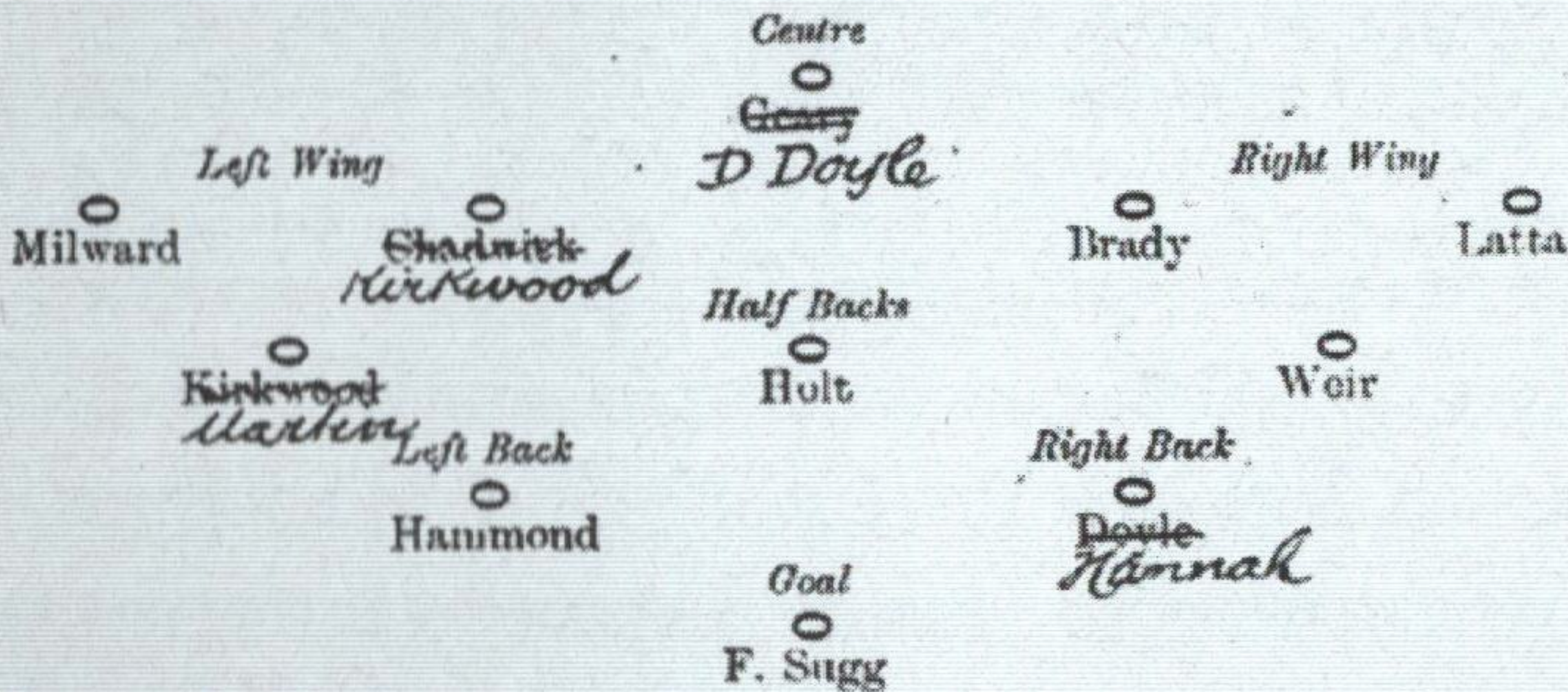
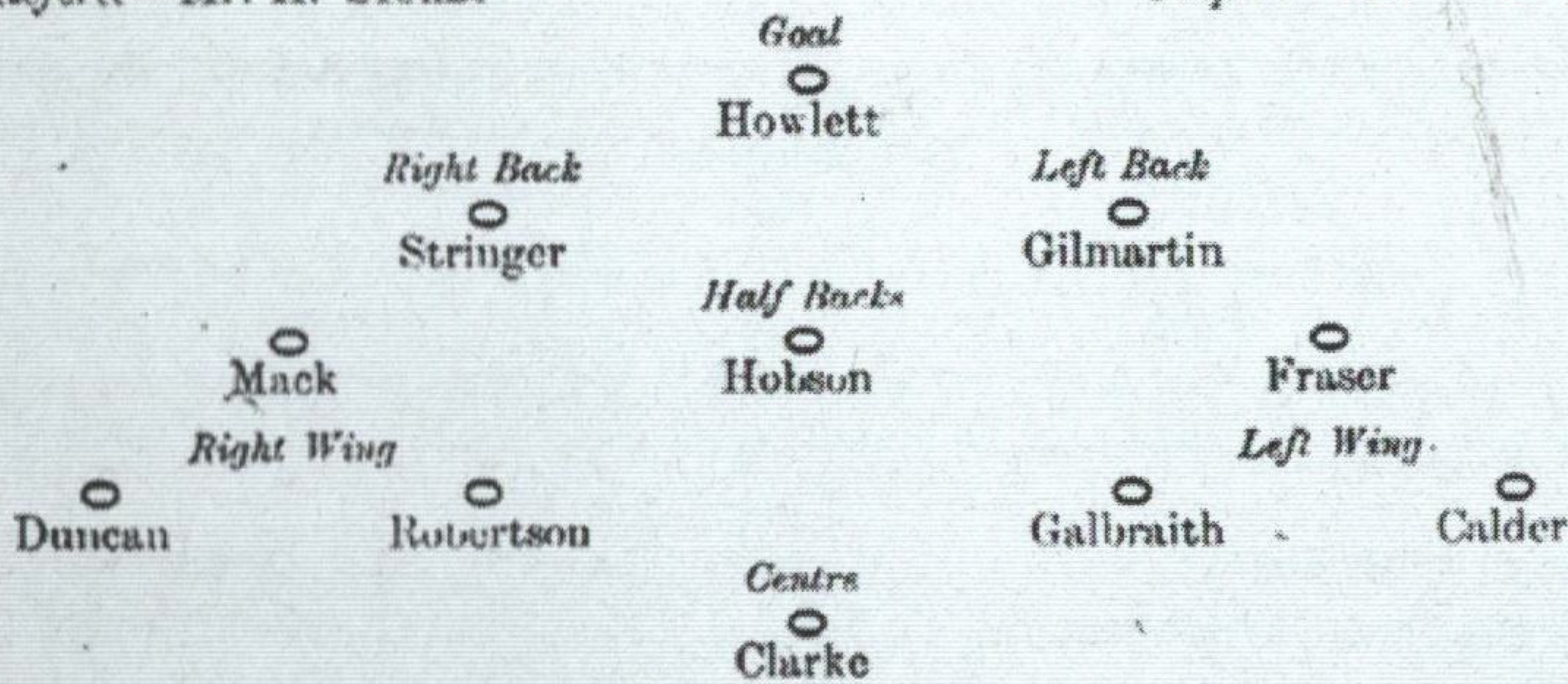
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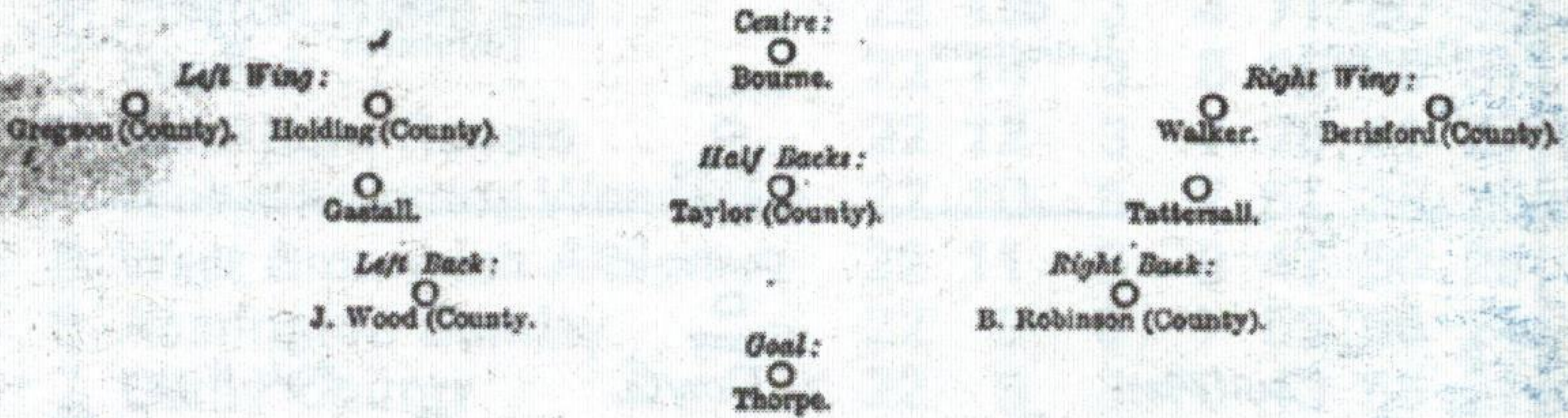
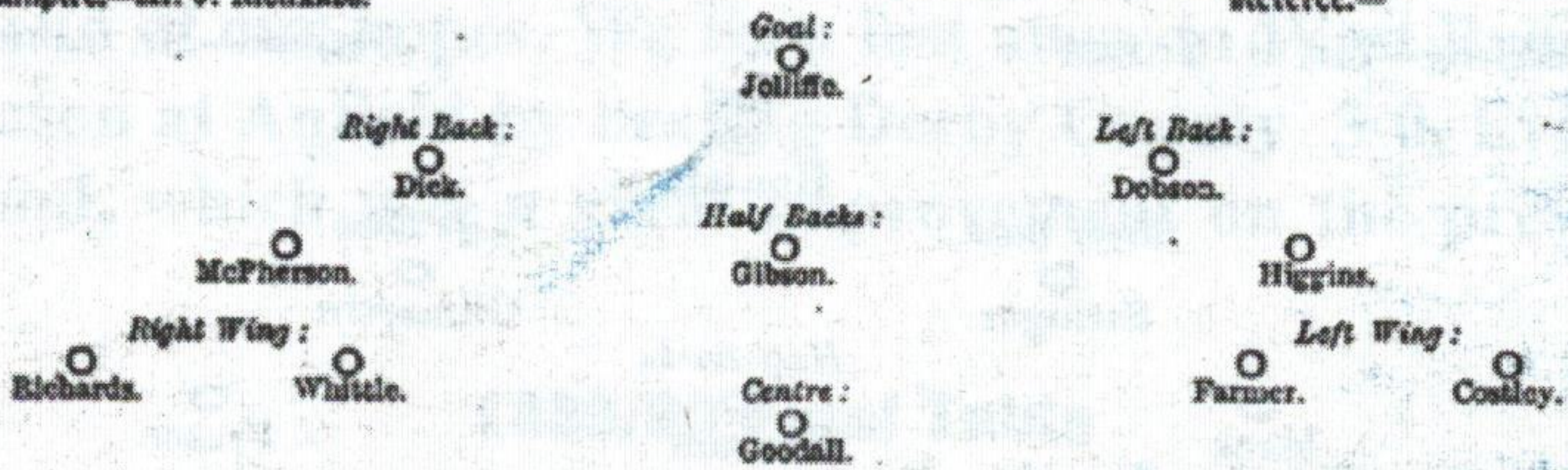
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