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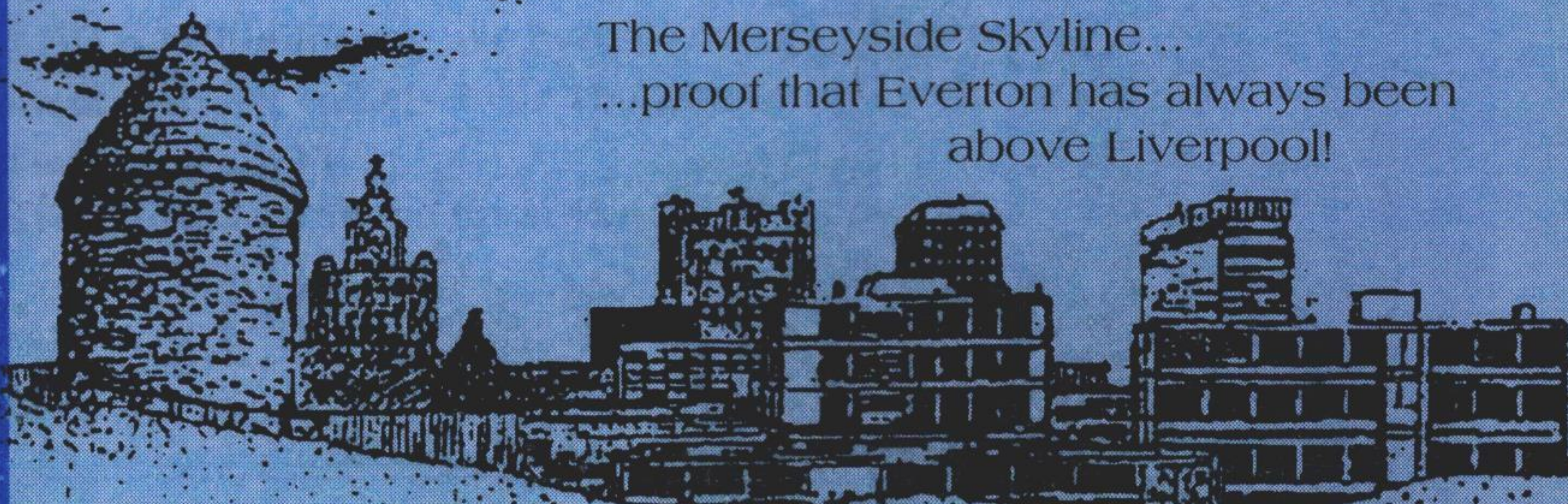
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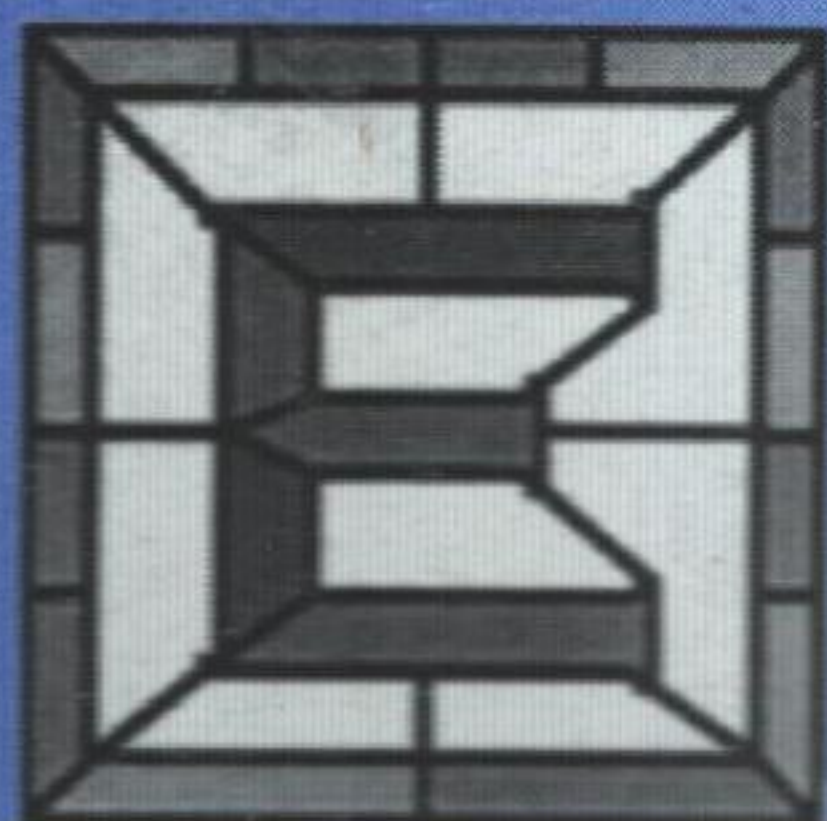


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Thank you for all the articles and e-mails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8FM, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C..

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ALEX PARKER



EVERTON & SCOTLAND

Ups and downs, that is the story of our life, good displays against Man United are followed by abysmal performances against Charlton. Frustrating games against Sunderland, both home and away. We should have won both and the home game we should have won more comfortably than we managed to do.

Still this is Everton, we all know what to expect so why do we moan? Maybe it's because we are losing sight of what being an Evertonian means. Walter Smith must think all this flack is personal but it's not. All we ask is that he plays players in the right position, uses the forwards and attack, not a lot to worry about there is there? The players themselves after months of seeming not to give a toss are all of a sudden affronted that the criticism that Walter is getting is criminal, yes that was the word used by one of our highly paid professionals.

Are these the same players that showed absolutely no character in the "Derby Match" an allowed the Devils Spawn to waltz past them?

These players that seem not to know one and other once the whistle blows on a Saturday have the cheek to tell us that we are out of order to moan about bad performances like the Charlton game. We are supposed to believe everything is down to having no money and injuries.

If you buy players that are injured why be surprised when they are not fit to play and if having spent £53 million is having no money then I must be missing something.

Again in the Sunderland match at Goodison we were put under pressure by a poor team, they would get a corner and we once again packed the defence, the ball would be cleared and just as quickly returned, when Walter is asked why he doesn't leave someone up front, he says "I have never left anyone up front, that's the way I play it"

Did you notice that Sunderland left two up when we got a corner?

Most Evertonian just want Smith to play football the Everton way, if we get beat, then so be it but if we lose with half the team playing out of position then it's not alright.

The problems off the field have not changed much either, trying to find the Megastore open and then getting something you want seems to be impossible, especially on a Sunday.

On match days the loud speaker announcements around the ground proudly tell you that you can only buy tickets for that days game if you want any other ticket you can queue up after the match at 5.30pm How many of the 30,000 at the Charlton game stayed after the final whistle to buy a ticket?

Some of the letters in this issue deal with that and it makes you wonder how Everton even manage to pay the staff.

If Bill Kenwright is a so called businessman then I am sorry to say, he seems to have lost the plot. Everton Football Club is run like a Church Hall Charity and that's being unfair to those Charity's because they are better run than Everton.

A Box Office that will not sell tickets over the phone by credit card!!! A Megastore closed on Christmas Eve!!!!

Come on Bill the farces should only be on at the Empire not at Goodison Park.

The figures tell the tale, or so they say, once again Everton are talked about in the media as a cash strapped club, up to our eyeballs in debt, but why?

We have good attendance's, a large season ticket following and great away support, which the club make money from by laying on transport and selling tickets. Maybe the Club should look at itself, it's hard to believe but Bill Kenwright runs a very successful London Ticket Agency that books all his productions, phone a London Theatre Box Office and you will have no problem getting the tickets you want, for the performance you want and seats where you want them.

Try ringing Everton's Box Office, which I did at the beginning of December, I was trying to get two tickets for my son and his friend, who were coming home for Christmas.

I am a season ticket holder and had a list of seats around me that are usually occupied by different people every match. I was hoping that I could get my son as near as possible to my seat.

I told the lady at the ticket office that I wanted to book two tickets for the Man United match with my credit card. She informed me that I could not book at the Box Office but had to phone an 0870 number, the Ticketline.

I duly did that, only to be answered by a machine, "if you want tickets for such and such a game press 1, if you want, well you know what I mean. I pressed every button that appertained to me but as the process grew longer and longer, I realised, how could I explain to a machine that I wanted certain seats? After about three minutes of futile Machine Talk, I hung up.

I told my son that the game was sold out but as a treat I would take him and his friend to see Lord of the Rings instead.

I phoned the cinema, a human answered, I booked three tickets with my credit card. I had saved over £45 and had got the seats I wanted, Everton lost over £65.

The next instance that our beloved Club lost money was before the Charlton game, I went to the ticket office to try and buy tickets for an upcoming away game only to be told only tickets for today's match are on sale, WHY? They didn't seem to know why, it was just because they said so.

How many people tried to buy tickets that day and were refused? How many would have still wanted them after that result? How much did Everton lose?

Finally as I live a fair distance outside the City Centre and only get into town on very rare occasions, I decided to make a visit for the January sales. The City was very busy and I found some bargains, on the way home I thought I would call into the Megastore and see if there was anything I fancied, it was 3pm on Sunday the 6th January, the store was closed, yes, even though there was a host of people out and about shopping Everton deemed it not worthwhile to open.

Is it any wonder we are in debt, a Box Office that will not sell tickets, a Club that has 30,000 fans milling about before a game but again will not sell them tickets for any other game except the one they already have tickets for and finally a Megastore that seems to not understand the word MEGA. I worked out that Everton had lost over £100 alone from me, how many others doesn't bare thinking about.

Walter and Archie have been getting a lot of stick lately so I decided to interview them and show their "Human Face" trying to prove that they are not the defence mad people we take them for.

**Blue Blood – Walter what is your favourite film?**

**Walter.** The Alamo, because it takes Frontiersmen and makes them defend.

**B.B** Walter what is your favourite food?

**Walter** A nice piece of BACK bacon

**B.B.** Apart from football what other game do you like?

**Walter** Backgammon.

**B.B.** Your favourite holiday?

**Walter** Back packing in Australia's outback.

**B.B.** Favourite T.V. Show?

**Walter** Back To The Floor.

Now it's Archies turn

**B.B.** Archie, what's your favourite film?

**Archie** Batman

**B.B** Your favourite song?

**Archie** Bat Out Of Hell

**B.B** Your favourite food?

**Archie** Battenberg Cake

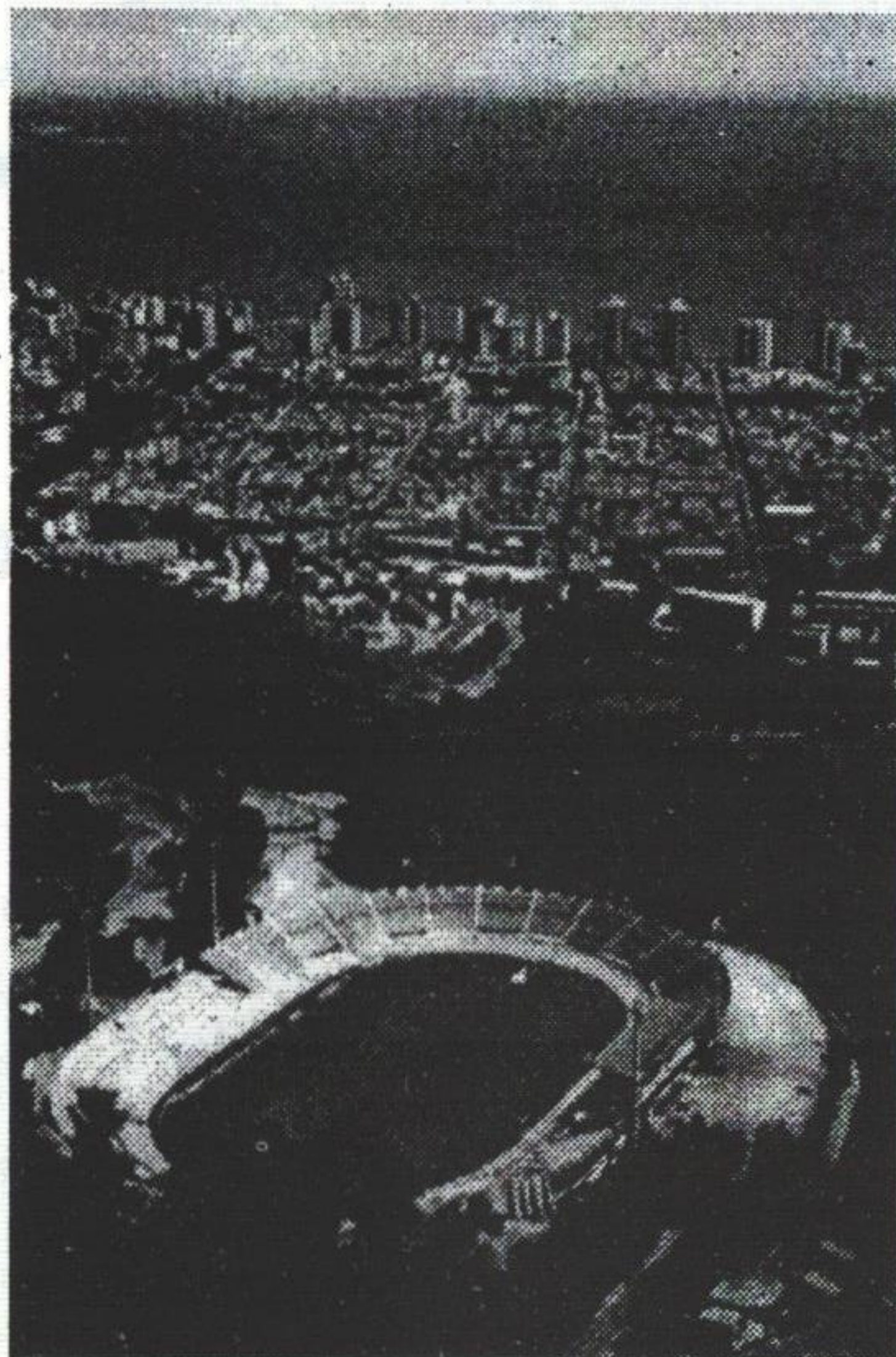
**B.B** Archie do you do any charity work?

**Archie** I help out at Battersea Dogs Home, I know what it's like to lose the lead and not be wanted.

So there you have it a gentler side to our dynamic duo and it must be said both men refused to take any money for this interview. The only condition was that I put it on the back page, which unfortunately I can't do.

# There's Only One Everton

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Some more views about Everton in Chile and I have to amend a mistake in issue 4 the correct web site for Everton in Chile is [www.algorta.demon.co.uk](http://www.algorta.demon.co.uk)

For those of you who missed issue 4 I ran an article about Everton Football Club Chile and a brief history of the Club. More information is available from the web site The new season starts at the end of February – beginning of March. John Shearon will update you on the website as to the results as they happen.

Above is a beautiful photograph of the Everton Stadium

below is a close up shot of the entrance to the stadium



Chanel 4 T.V are working with Stevenage Borough F.C. in an interesting experiment that seems to be a cross between Big Brother and Fantasy Football. The team will be picked by armchair viewers (no not Kopites) who will have the power to select, drop or substitute players .

Take this a stage further and in the future season ticket holders say at a club like Everton could be given a special coded number which would allow them to select the team from a squad announced on their internet site.

The first real plus would be a massive saving for E.F.C, they would not need a Manager only a coach.

20,000 plus fans would then say who to drop, transfer or buy, just imagine the response from the players. The ones who kiss the badge and give a phoney little wave to the away fans would soon be found out. They would no longer be able to laugh off the "Booing" of the angry crowd because they might be shipped out the very next week.

Kenwright would no longer be able to say "Trust me, Walter's doing a fine job"

Also the old "Blue Eyed" manager's favourite would have had his day, just think no more Earl Barrett's or Geoff Nulty's.

During the match you could have specially fitted seats with "reject" buttons on. So when it was time for a substitute you could vote, just like in "ask the audience" in "Who wants to be a Millionaire."

The list is endless, every fan would be responsible for the result, no "sack the board", "hang the manager" banners anymore.

Will it ever happen, who knows but if it does, wouldn't it be nice to slip over to Anfield and buy a season ticket just for fun?

## Beam Me Up Scotty

98% of our audience said (c).

- a "Shoot Them"
- b "Drop Them
- c "Sell them to L'pool



Earl Barrett



Geoff Nulty

# Blue Swayed Views

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Chelsea fans jam the Blue Blood phone-line after last months skit against their team, thank God Kopites can't read.

## Blue Blood

I know we can't get anyone else and he is doing a reasonable job but why are his tactics crap.

Firstly and in no particular order, why does he do things that every fan in the ground thinks is wrong?

After two 0-0 draws with Watson up front he plays him again against Southampton. He says that Joe Max-Moore is too alike Radzinski and they can't play together. I seem to remember Cottee and Beardsley playing well together. Also aren't Campbell & Ferguson too alike?

If Moore is the same as Radzinski, why didn't Moore figure when Radzinski was injured

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## Injured?

Additionally, Chadwick is tall and could have been given a chance (no wonder the likes of Jevons leaves) while Alexanderrson or Tal could have played up front.

He went to great lengths to sign Tal but won't play him, preferring left back Naysmith.

At home we need to be more positive and play to a forward thinking player in that position rather than a defender.

Watson and Pistone were attacking well from the full back positions and Watson even scored twice.

To move Pistone over to right back and disrupt the attacking options down both wings is ridiculous.

Unsworth tries hard but is at best clumsy and disrupts a lot of attacks with a poor final pass.

He could even play Abel Xavier at right back as he plays there for Portugal and move Pistone to left back but no.

If we got things correct tactically we could have been in a much better League position than we are now.

## Crosby Blue

## Blue Blood,

Lets hope that Leyton Orient are put out of the way and we go on to win the Cup. I have a good feeling that this could be our year.

When the Champions League starts off again certain clubs, who shall go unnamed, might find the F.A.Cup just a little bit too much trouble for them.

Maybe I am being a little bit selfish here because I live in Cardiff and it would be paradise just walking up the road to watch Everton. Taffy Tom



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George,  
I have been watching the unmentionables on T.V. please forgive me.

They are useless. Against Southampton they didn't have clue, Arsenal laughed them off the park and Chelsea turned them over.

Now the Red loving media have turned on the assistant manager, Pinocchio, a few weeks ago he was the bees knees, manager of the month etc. now he is missing Houllier.

The point of all this Red stuff is that nobody seems to realise that without Owen they are no better than us.

I know what some of you are thinking, am I mad, well think about it, Evertonians give Unsworth some terrible stick for giving the ball away, well watch Danny Murphy, he's worse.

Hypia, would you swap Davie Weir for this guy?

Garragher!!, isn't Pembridge as good?

Come on Blue Boys start supporting your team instead of slagging them off Everton are not as bad as you think, yes sometimes they have dropped to an unacceptable level (Charlton) but at other time (Villa) they have played well.

At the Sunderland game, you could once again feel the crowds nerves, just relax, shout your support and watch as the "Blues Cruise."

Ever Everton Billy The Kid.

Blue Blood,


Did any other Blue Boy see the article in the Times Football Booklet?

It was about "The Worst Bristol City Player In The World... Ever" and he was, Ray Atteveld! Yes the Dutch reject from our good selves.

Apparently on his debut for Bristol he made a lengthy and disastrous back pass that handed the opposition a goal.

**THE WORST (Bristol City) PLAYER IN THE WORLD ... EVER!**

Towards the end of the 1991-92 season, manager Denis Smith bought Dutchman Ray Atteveld from Everton to add class to the midfield of a City team that, despite its lowly league position, oozed potential. Atteveld's home debut was marked by a lengthy and disastrous backpass that handed the opposition a goal. He spent most of his



time at Ashton Gate either injured or suspended. During two full seasons, his appearances did not reach double figures. His most memorable contribution was to pub trivia: he was one of three City players whose surnames all began with A sent off in the same match at Watford. Rumours that he did not know where the training ground was proved unfounded when he was disciplined after a mysterious incident there and sent to Belgium, leaving the team to disperse and disintegrate in his wake.

JOHN HILL

The Times Football Handbook 15

He spent most of his time at Ashton Gate injured (surely not?) or suspended.

In two seasons he didn't reach double figures in appearances.

So there you go, proof that these guys just don't work the head at Goodison, no they are truly dedicated to the fine art of avoiding work.

Everton have managed over the years to groom some of these lads, look how they manage when transferred from Goodison, Ferguson up at Newcastle, Jeffers at Arsenal and there are many more out there.

Just think now when we are under the cosh, vital that we get League points, Big Dunc is off sick with the "Flu"?

The stressed out Street Ender

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On the 3rd January 2000 I wrote in the Everton Matchday programme about the Tour of the USA & Canada in 1956.



Since then I have been given more information and newspaper cuttings from that Tour, so I thought that I would retrace my steps and show you some long lost items of our History.

Everton sailed out of England on the Queen Elizabeth and after seven days at sea landed in New York Harbour.

They went stright on a city tour which lasted all afternoon and into the early evening.

On Wednesday 17th May the players got into seven hired cars and with a Police motorcycle escort, went to the Town Hall to meet Mayor Leo. P. Carlin. The newspapers had been running articles about "Everton Booters or English Booters" ar-

iving for a tour of Soccer.

The first game was played at the Newark School Stadium, against Falcons Portuguese team. Don Donavon got a hat trick for Everton , with the first goal coming after just three minutes, it stayed 1-0 until half time. After the break Everton piled on the pressure and won 4-0. Jimmy Harris getting the other goal, a crowd of 1,500 watched the game.

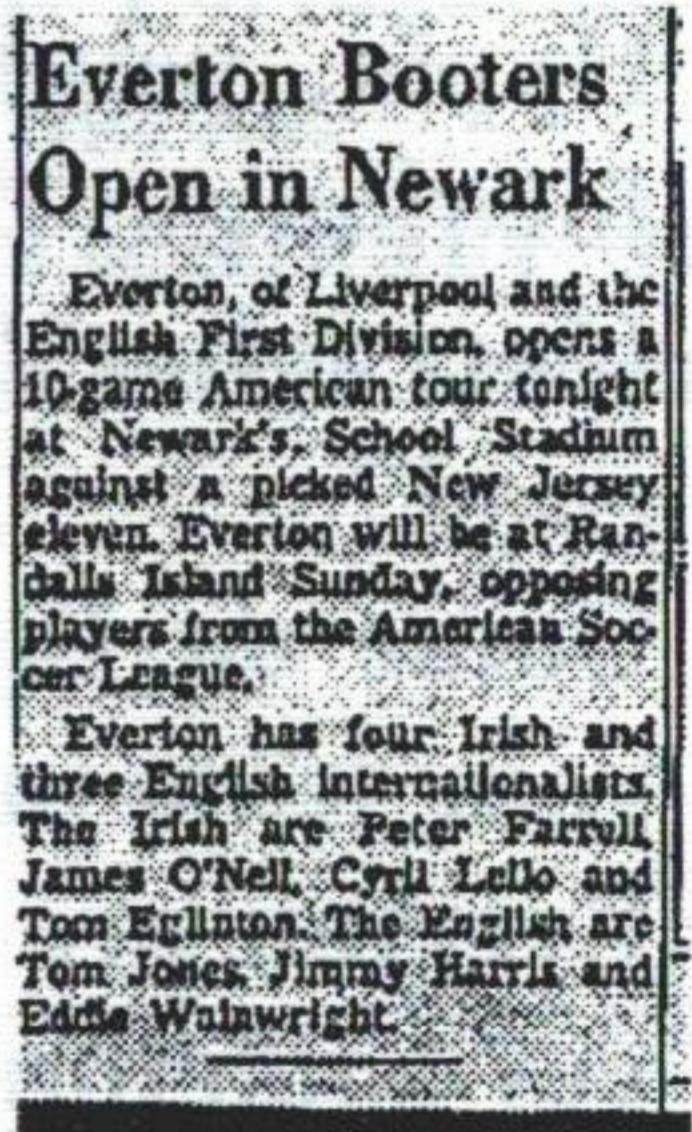
On Sunday the 20th May Everton went to Downing Stadium Randall's Island, where at 3pm they played a USA All Stars Team a crowd of 4,312 turned up and watched as Everton turned on the style. The Blues went 3-0 up in the first half with goals from Peter Farrell, Jimmy Harris and Alex Farrell.

In the second half Jimmy Harris got two more for his hat trick and Don Donavon made it 6-0 before Brian Harris completed the scoring to make it 7-0.

Everton moved on to Ludlow, Western Massachusetts, the press had again been hyping up the forthcoming match. One headline read "Everton Soccer Team one of the Worlds Best" The players were described as "As nimble footed a clan of musclemen as ever appeared on the chewed up Franklin Park pitch."

3,000 people turned up to watch these English Musclemen win 4-1. Porky Ferreira scored for Lusitanos, Jimmy Harris, Alex Farrell, Eric Moore and Brian Harris got Everton's goals.

The players returned to New York to prepare for their next match which was to be at The Randall Stadium against German team Schwaben on Wed 30th May.



# Everton Soccer Club Defeats Lusitanos, 4-1

Liverpool Team Impressive Before 3000 at Franklin Park; Ferreira Scores for Ludlow

## Everton Soccer Team One of World's Best

English Club With International Reputation Plays Ludlow Lusitanos Tomorrow Night

Ludlow, May 23 -- Western changed to Everton 12 months



**BARELEGGED GOALIE WITH CHEEK:** John Moore, goalie for the American Soccer League All-Stars, gets his face squarely in the way of Alex Farrell's scoring attempt in match yesterday with Everton Football Club of Liverpool, England, at Randall's Island.

### Everton's Tour of The U.S.A. 1956

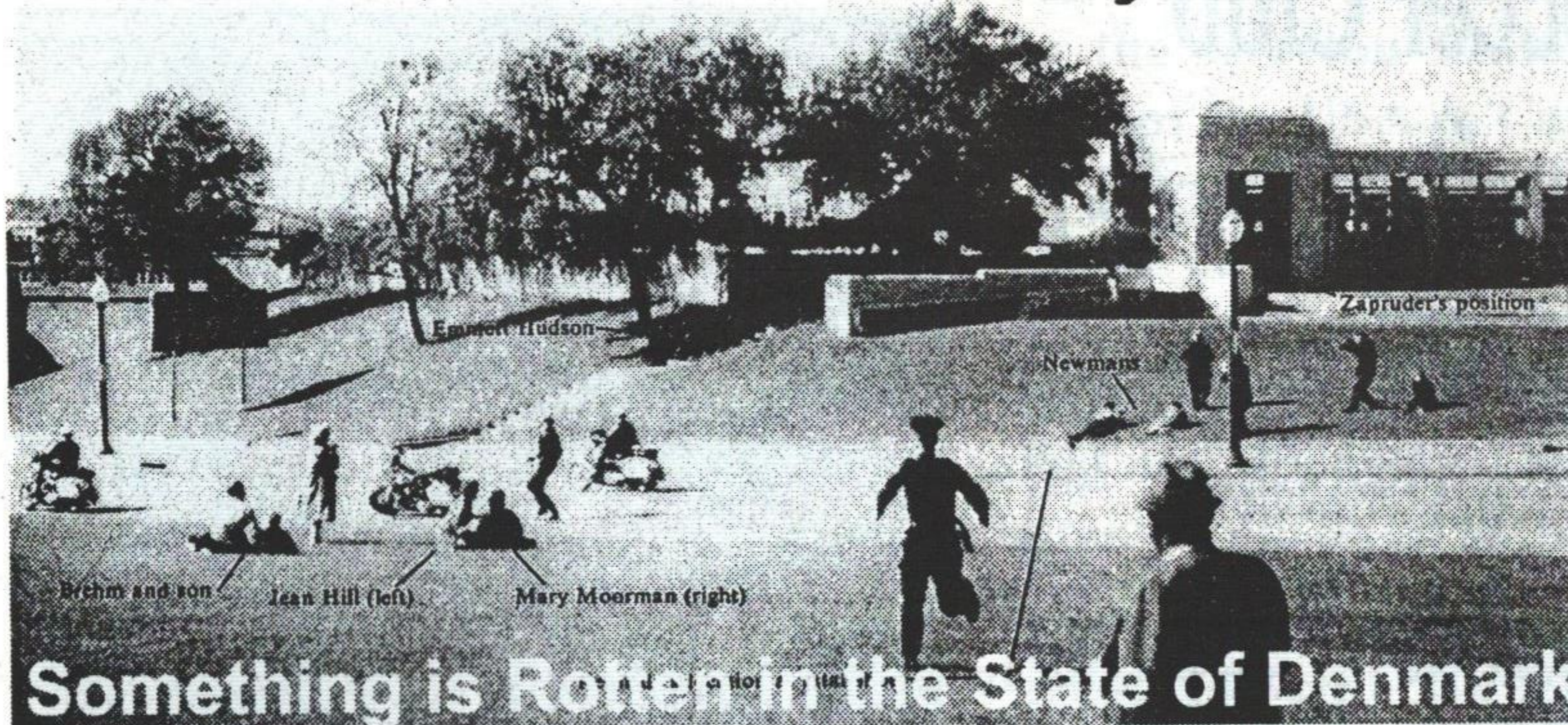
Scenes as Everton Booters Halted Ludlow Lusitanos



Some high class soccer was displayed last night at Franklin Park, Ludlow, where the touring Everton Soccer Club of Liverpool defeated the Lusitanos, 4-1, before a large crowd. Some of the second half action is captured in above photos. Left: Gil

Bello of Ludlow tries to boot ball past Eric Moore of visitors while George Demardo, Lusitanos, stumbles out of bounds. Right: Jim Harris of Liverpool heads ball on attempt to score but Orlando Jorge grabs ball before it hit the nets.

# View From The Grassy Knoll



"How come Thomas recovers from injury so quickly?"

## Something is Rotten in the State of Denmark

Thomas "The Tank" Gravesen is in the headlines, apparently he wants to leave Goodison.

We have no money, no ambition and he is homesick, well that's what he is supposed to have said but I feel that there is something going on here and maybe not everything is how it seems.

Thomas looked very interested in playing for Everton during most of the season, it was only when he was messed about by getting played out of position that things turned nasty.

He wants to play for Denmark in the World Cup, the best way to do that is to be in a settled position and playing well. Up at Sunderland he was played as a forward, another Walter masterstroke. He ran around like a headless chicken and Walter took him off before he got sent off. He wasn't happy being played out of position and then subbed and who can blame him.

He isn't the first player to question what is happening at Everton, others have been offloaded as well for daring to challenge mighty Walter.

Read between the lines and in fact read the lines to find out the truth. Alexandersson said after carrying an injury "I need a rest but probably won't get the chance to do that"

Jesper Blomqvist, talking about being played out of position "It's obvious that everyone is unhappy but at the same time you need to keep in mind that we have an extremely small squad."

The Liverpool Echo says that Gravesen will not play again because he is not welcome in the dressing room. Why? Is it because these so called players who have all of a sudden rallied round their meal ticket, sorry manager don't want a man who has been badly injured in the Spurs game but fought back to fitness sooner than expected, injured with a badly gashed head against Derby County and yet again was back very soon after, maybe he is embarrassing them. How come this guy can be fit after a short time while others are out for months with a cracked bone in the hand, bad back, groin strain, etc. When Everton need someone to fight every inch of the way in what might turn out to be a relegation battle, who would you like to see on the pitch, one of the over 30 injured club or Thomas "The Tank" Gravesen? I know who I want out on that pitch and just because he has had the bottle to say things are wrong, I for one will not "Gang Up On Him"

On the pitch, and that's the only place to judge him, he has been a fine Everton player and on the pitch is where some of his enemies should be, not limping round their homes whilst others run their legs off for the cause.



Lee



Harvey



Oswald

# Everton Memorabilia

Do you have any Everton items that date before 1960. If so there are collectors who have been in touch with Blue Blood They are keen to buy.

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- Any other items
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You will have to pay only for the SAE.

Well thank goodness Christmas is over, apart from all the rich food what about those terrible results, we wouldn't have beat Bobby Charlton the way we have been playing but at least things have got better in the New Year.

I thought things would have got a bit quieter round here, you know with that Robblie Fowler lad leaving for Leeds but no sooner has he gone than we have got this Anelka lad moving in. Up to now he hasn't been any trouble but a friend of mine in London has told me some tales about him and I am a bit wary at the moment.

The film crews are back in the City, little Hollywood, I call it now. Anyhow that Kopite lad Stephen Wright has been given the title role in the Nosferatu remake. It's about the true story of Dracula. Not surprising they wanted a

Kopite to play the leading role, lets face it most Kopite's are a pain in the neck!

I must say that in a long line of "Uglies" Stephen has shot to the front of the queue.

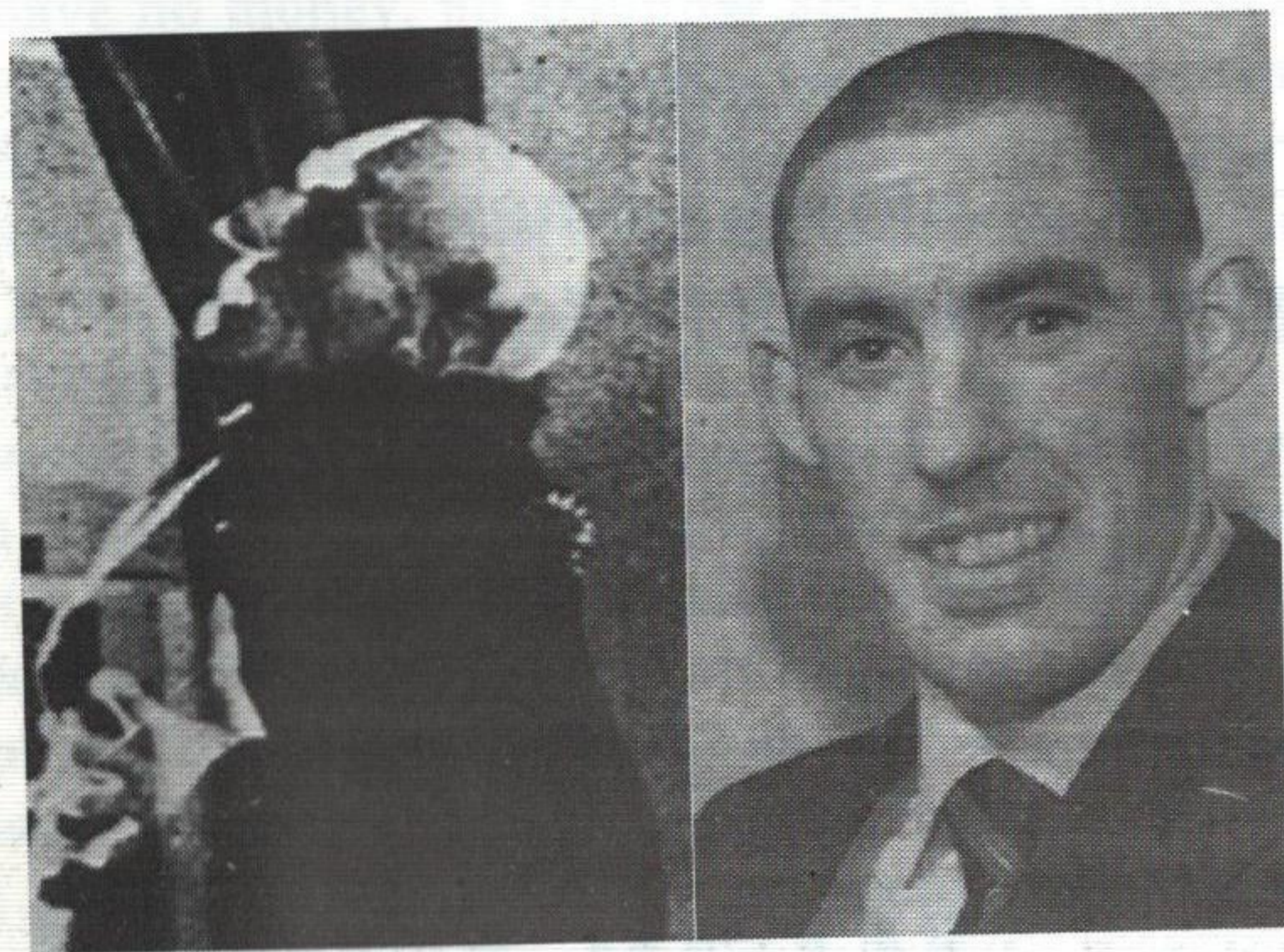
He has taken some of the pressure off that other well known ugly Tommy Smith.

Another old neighbour, David James, you know the one with those noisy dogs, he has been offered a part in a new film, it's based on the life of the Marx Brothers.

He will play Harpo, while Phil. Thompson will. play "Groucho" bit of good casting there if you ask me.

And finally Danny Murphy will play the other brother. It will be called The Skid-Marx Brothers.

The Cup matches are about to be played, we play that team called Leyton Orient, sounds more like a restaurant than a football team to me. Let's hope we win.



F.A. Cup time again and another home draw against Shrewsbury, it will be played on a Sunday because the other mob were at home as well. 35,188 pour into Goodison and it makes the day special as the Blue Boys get behind the team and roar them on to victory.

Young Derek Mountfield a mid summer signing from Tranmere is getting good reports in the reserves.

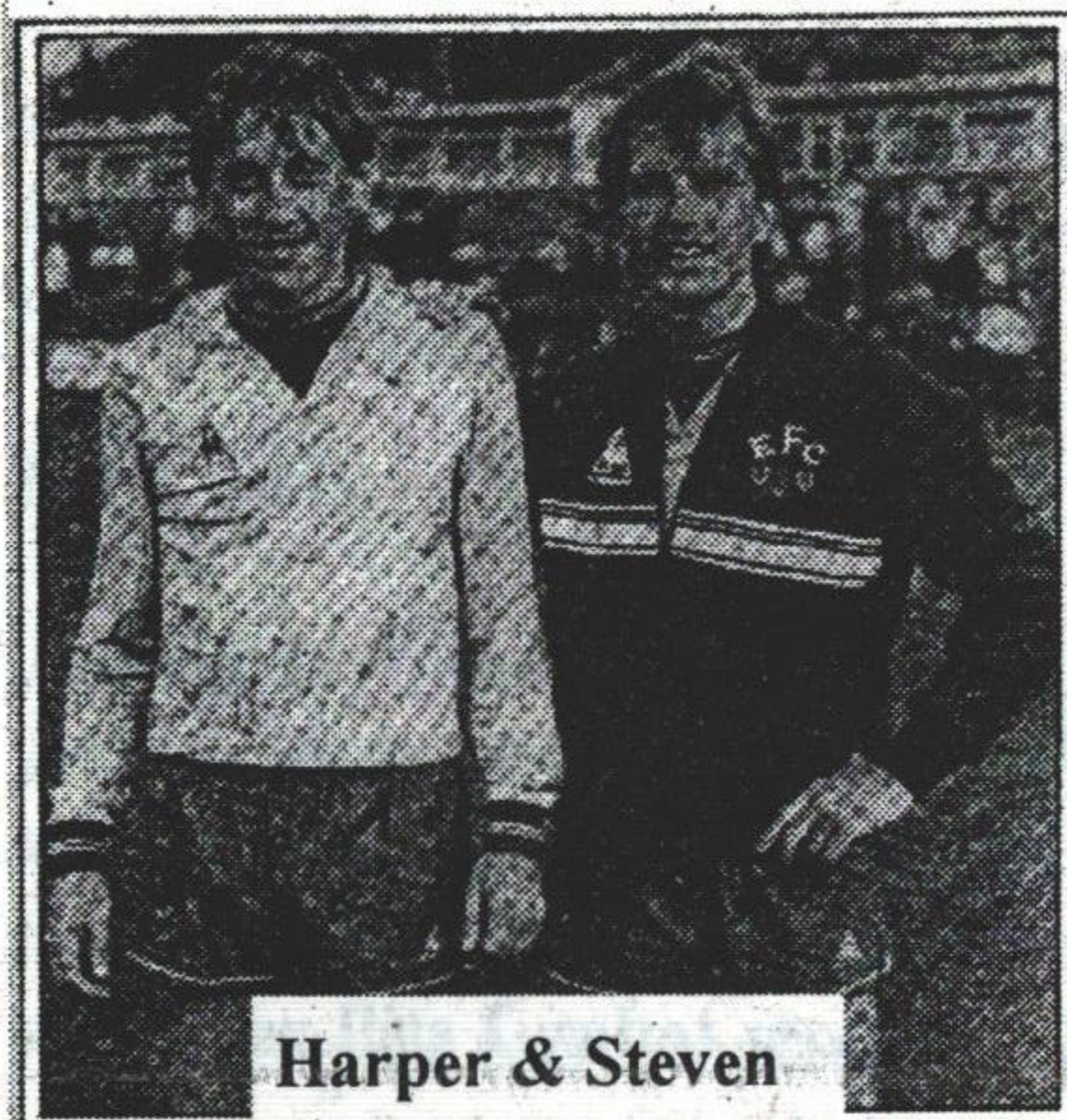
Aston Villa away and we lose 2-0, that's bad enough but I was sick after the match, not with the result but I was stupid enough to go to a "Joseph" after the match. A "Joseph" in case you didn't know is a Hot Dog Salesman, so called because of his coat of many colours, made up of a mosaic of different stains, mustard, onion, ketchup and others still unknown to this day. It taught me a lesson and even today I still ask for a hot dog and a tetanus.

The F.A. Cup at home again but what a hard draw, Tottenham Hotspur, we have got to play well to beat them. Andy King and Graeme Sharp do their stuff and we sail into the next round.

Andy King gets two more goals in our next match at home to Swansea but it only earns us a draw. Higgins is the new Captain, he is the fourth this season, the others were, McMahon, Johnson and Heath. Man City away on the 2nd March and we get a reasonable 0-0 draw. Three days later it's another defeat, this time away to Sunderland.

The "Big Game" the F.A. Cup at Old Trafford and the Blues play brilliantly only to be robbed in the last minute, everyone is sick.

Southampton at home and we win 2-0, Heath and Sheedy on target, the team is struggling, there are injury problems, Andy King, Peter Reid and David Johnson all miss the "Derby" at the pit. We are all dreading the result, if they can slam us at home what will happen here. I had already booked an appointment for plastic surgery, when the Boys came to my aid and got a great 0-0 draw. Pride is restored, we can strut around again. Home to Arsenal and Ainscow gets only his fourth full game of the season, he scores, so does Heath but once again we lose 3-2. We are in 9th place not bad you might think but not good enough, we need to be in Europe. Forest away and we lose, bye, bye Europe. Only eight games left, Borrows leaves for Bolton. Terry Curran asks for too much money and is sent back to the steel city. We beat Stoke at home 2-0. Up to Dundee for a friendly, no match in the Cup and we draw 1-1. Brighton away and a good win. Man United at home and the blues roll on, we beat them 2-0 Birmingham away and Mountfield makes his debut, we lose 1-0. Southall comes back into the team for the home game against Wet Ham, we win 2-0 thanks to two Sharp goals. May 4th Coventry at home and an all time low since the war, only 12, 872 attend, we win 1-0. Luton away and the Blue Boys play great, we win 5-1, Sharp 2, Sheedy 2, and Johnson. May 14th is the date of the last game, it ends 1-1 against Ipswich at home, we finish 7th not bad. Mick Walsh and Trevor Ross are given free transfers.



Harper &amp; Steven

The pre - season friendlies saw some new faces, Alan Harper and Trevor Steven had joined the club, Alan Ainscow, Mike Walsh, Mick Ferguson and Steve McMahon had all left. McMahon had left with the Everton fans calling him a "Judas" as he only wanted to play for money and not the famous Blue shirt.

On the 6th August we beat Walsall 3-0 away it was a costly win because Ratcliffe was sent off and missed the first two League games. From the 9-11th August Everton took part in the Drectsteden Tournament beating Haarlem 3-1 and drawing 0-0 with Dordrecht, we lost 4-3 on penalties. On the 14th

August we drew 2-2 with Groningen, then beat Oldham away 2-0 on the 19th August. Things might be heading in the right direction for once. The new season looks promising.

It started with a home game against Stoke City, Graeme Sharp gets the goal. he was starting off in fine form, as he had been towards the end of last season. You think I of all people would know better than to praise the Blue Boys, yes only three nights later we get beat at home to West Ham. Jim Arnold is still in goal, with no place for Southall. Mountfield had taken over from the suspended Ratcliffe in the first two matches but made way for him in the third game. which is Coventry away. We get a 1-1 draw thanks to Sheedy. Terry Curran signs in as a fully fledged Blue Boy after his loan spell last season and the breakdown in talks it seemed as if he would never arrive. He played in the match at Ipswich, it didn't help us, we lost 3-0.

Only 15,548 come to the next home game against West Brom, they have to endure a boring 0-0 draw. Things had slipped since that first home win and a trip to Spurs didn't make any Blue confident. Everton do the unexpected once again and win 2-1, Peter Reid with his first goal for the Blues is helped by a goal from Sheedy.

Martin Hodge leaves for Sheff Wed and Alan Irvine asks to go on the transfer list.

Birmingham at home and another draw, 1-1 this time, Sharps scored, it was watched by another poor crowd of 15,253. The recession was biting deep on Merseyside, I was still unemployed and found it hard getting to home games. Only with lifts from mates did I make it. Notts County away and Peter Reid gets another goal, the winner as it happens, Southall gets back into the team and so does unsettled Irvine.

Chesterfield away in the first leg of the Milk Cup, not our favourite competition as I have said before, we manage a 1-0 victory thanks to Sharpie.

Everton fly over to Ireland to take on Linfield and then back to Goodison to play Luton Town, only 14,325 watch as we lose 1-0. The boos ring out around the ground. The gate drops below 14,000 for the game against Watford but we manage to beat them 1-0, David Johnson scores.

The 2nd Leg of the Milk Cup and we draw with Chesterfield at home, we scrape through on the away goal, things are not going to plan, the Evertonians are fed up



with Kendall's chopping and changing, he doesn't seem to know who to play from one game to the next. Another defeat, this time at Leicester, leaves the Blues in a bad League position, we have only won four matches. This is a bad time to make a visit to the Devils Den but over the park we go, the teams run out onto the pitch together for the first time in many years. It was the only time Everton players got near man to man marking that day. we die of shame and lose 3-0, the nasty uglies have a night out to remember and we have one to forget.

Coventry at home in the Milk Cup, another low, low gate only 9,080 watch as we slip a goal behind, the fans give Kendall stick, there are leaflets given out at the match, things look bleak, Peter Reid is brought on from the bench and all of a sudden Everton come alive, Heath scores and in the dying seconds Sharp gets the winner.

Kendall signs Andy Gray, one of the most important signings of his life, Andy a big bustling centre forward in the Dave Hickson mould looked to be a good thing to all the Blue Boys. At least Kendall had listened to the fans and acted.

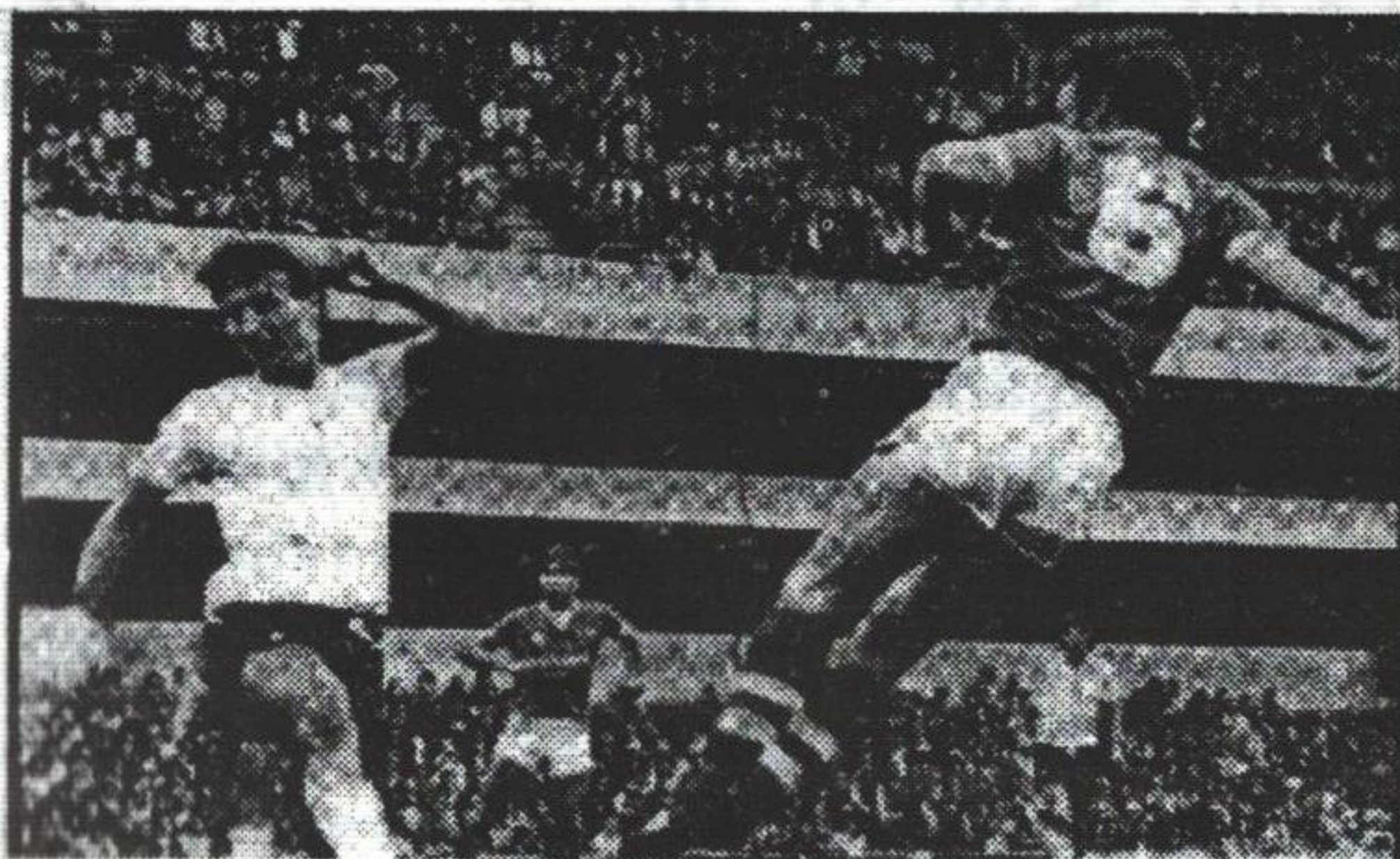
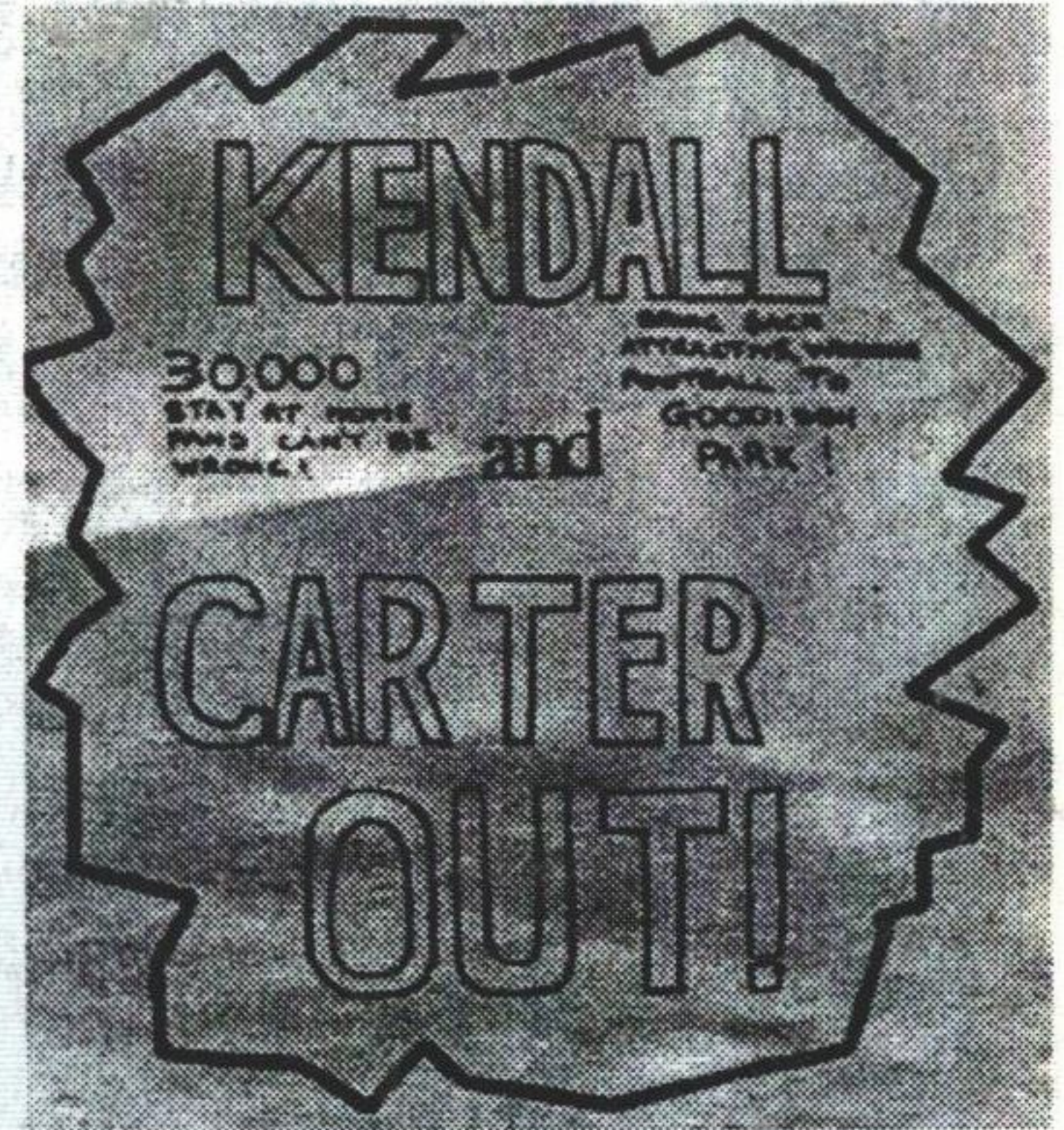
The big day for Andy Gray and it's a home debut against Forest, he doesn't score but creates enough havoc, so as Heath does, we win 1-0, we needed that, win.

We lose at Arsenal and slip to 17th place. More gloom was about to hit us, we lose at home to Norwich, Goodison is not a nice place to be in at this moment in time.

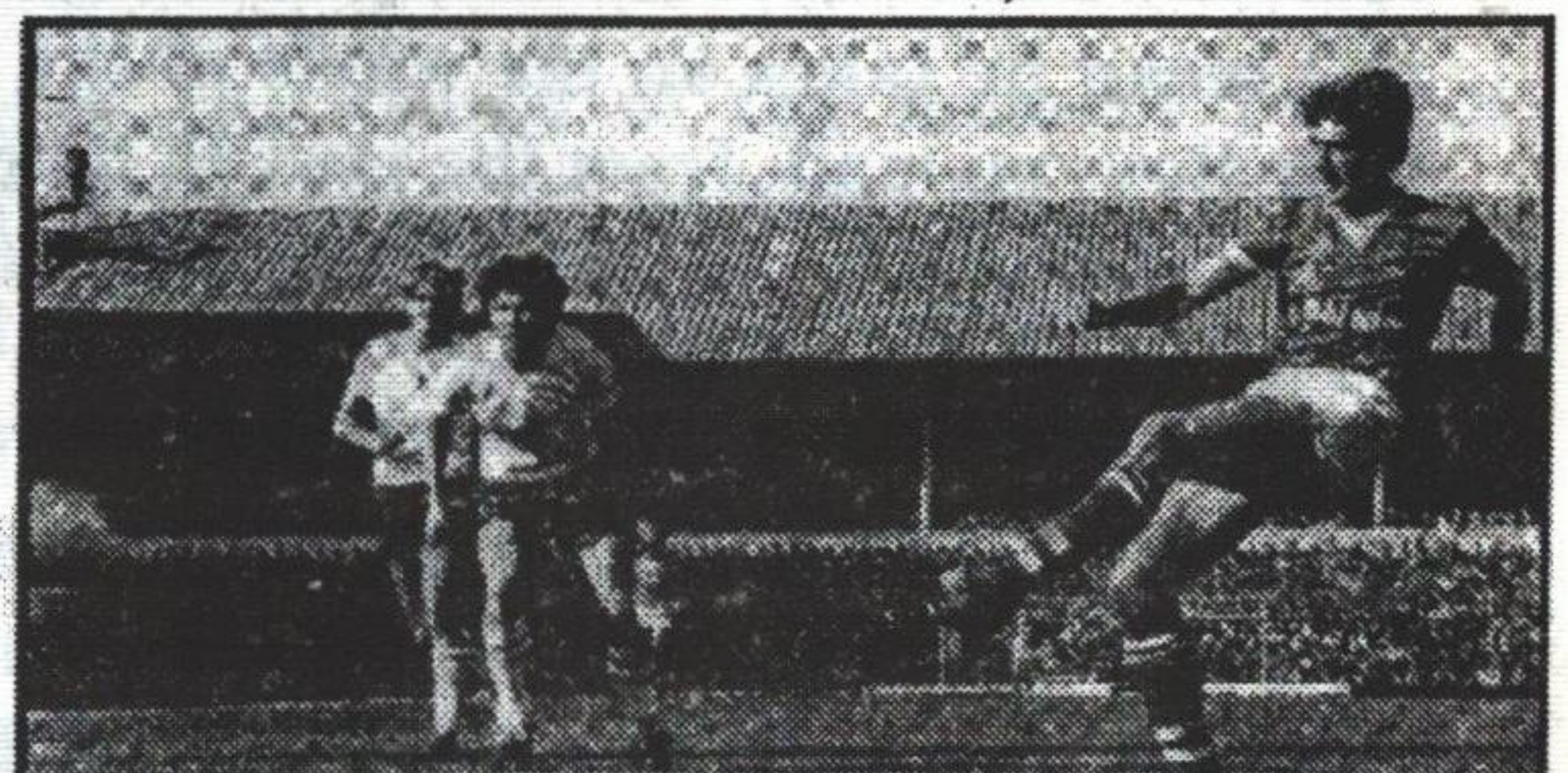
Midweek and a hard trip down to the smoke to play West Ham in the Milk Cup, Peter Reid and Kevin Sheedy restore some lost pride, we get a great draw 2-2. A really magnificent result and very unexpected.

Back to League football and over to Old Trafford, the Blues win again, Sheedy slams in the winner, the travelling Army can't believe it.

The 6th December and the replay against West Ham, we win 2-0 King and Sheedy hit the net for the Blues, great stuff. We must keep this form up in League matches and next up is Aston Villa at home Andy Gray gets his first Everton goal and we win 1-0, it still might be a nice Christmas. Queens Park Rangers away and that dreadful artificial pitch, we lose 2-0.



Peter Reid gets his first goal for EFC at Spurs  
Sheedy gets the other in a fine 2-1 victory



Boxing Day and a home match against Sunderland, there is no Christmas spirit here, it's bloody awful, 0-0 and only 18,683 a very sad holiday crowd.

Wolves away the next day, they have not won a match at home, they have only scored six goals and let in twenty at home. So come on, guess the score, ah, you're getting used to this now, aren't you? Yes you are right we lose 3-0. Darren Hughes makes his debut (poor sod) Stuart Rimmer plays, there are no excuses for this showing and the travelling Blues let rip at Kendall and Carter.

New Years Eve, Coventry at home, 0-0 13,659, cold, miserable fans hurl more abuse at Howard Kendall and the board of directors.



Heath tries to kick "Basil Fawlty"

It's January 2nd 1984 and Howard Kendall is under tremendous pressure to get things right, some fans hope we lose at Birmingham because the rumour is that if we do then Howard is gone. As is the way on Merseyside the jokes were already flying around, it was said the new manager was to be Arthur Scargill, because Everton were the "Pits". Well we will never know the truth now because Andy King and Gary Stevens both score to give the blues a much needed win. Kendall could breathe again but he knew the axe wasn't far away from his head and he had to act soon. The F.A. Cup 3rd Round and we play Stoke City

away, over 7,000 Blues are there to shout the Boys on. The noise is unbelievable, the team get inspired, they play brilliant, Alan Irvine scores along with Andy Gray. The Blue Hordes go berserk, they haven't had much to cheer but the year of "Big Brother" might just be theirs.

The next game is an instant replay, Stoke in the League, we get a draw, 1-1 with Heath getting our goal. There are not as many Blue Boys at this match but it didn't matter they were there when they were needed.

It's Cup time again, Milk Cup time and a difficult match away to Oxford, we go a goal down, the match is getting closer to the end, it looks like it's all over, as someone quite famous once said, it's wasn't, Heath gets hold of the ball, I don't mean gets "Hold" of it, I mean he takes on the whole of the Oxford defence and slots in the equaliser, the Blue Boys go mad, from the jaws of defeat we snatch a draw.

Three days later Adrian hits another two goals against Spurs at home, we win 2-1. Oxford at home in the replay, the Boys make no mistake this time, we win 4-1 and go into the Semi Final.

Another Cup match, 4th Round of the F.A. Cup and at home to Gillingham, no disrespect but it's about time we had an easy match. Easy did I say, just goes to show you that you can never relax being a Blue. We struggle to get a 0-0 draw, oh no not another bloody replay is the cry from all the loyal travelling Blues.



Adrian Heath scores "That" goal at Oxford

Three nights later down in darkest Kent, Everton hang on for yet another 0-0 draw. The coin is tossed for the choice of venue, it's at their ground again. Groans are heard from the travelling Blues, some of them have seen their bank managers more in the last month than their wives.

Notts County at home in the League breaks up the run of Cup games and the Blues hit form Only 13,016 ( the rest are skint) turn up to watch a fine

game. Adrian Heath gets a hat trick and Sheedy gets the other in a 4-1 win.

Around this time Kendall was trying to buy the Brazilian star, Nunes but surprise, surprise he decided to stay with Flamengo, I don't know why!!

Monday the 6th February and it's back down to Gillingham, they are not a bad side, they have players that go on to make a name for themselves, the likes of Steve Bruce and Tony Cascarino. Still the Blues at last put it all together and win 3-0, Sheedy gets two and Heath the other. Full credit must go to Gillingham they made it very, very hard for us.



The Bruise Brothers

W.B.A. away and Derek Mountfield gets his first goal for Everton, it's enough for a 1-1 draw.

The "Big Time" comes back to Goodison Park, the first leg Semi Final of the Milk Cup against Aston Villa, this is going to be a tough, tough match. Once again the Blues play great, we win 2-0 and take them goals into the next leg.

The pressure stays on the Boys as three days later it's the F.A.Cup at home against Shrewsbury and after the Gillingham games nobody thinks

this will be easy. Alan Irvine, Peter Reid and an own goal see us through to the 5th round.

Times are getting exciting, no more Kendall out chants at the moment but not everybody is happy, David Johnson and Andy King go on the transfer list.

The Milk Cup 2nd Leg and we have got to hold on to our two goal lead, the Boys come under the cosh but they do well to only let one goal in, we are back at Wembley, for the first time since 1977.

*The 83-84 season continues in the next issue.*



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# The Anfield Safari Park & Zoo Page 21

Believe it or not it will soon be Easter, kids off school nowhere to go, nothing to do but wait a minute have you been to the newly opened Anfield Safari Park? No!! Well get yourself along there and watch the amazing wildlife.

SEE THE "OWEN KOALA" IT LOOKS VERY NICE AND CUDDLY BUT IT CAN TURN NASTY.

STARE IN AMAZEMENT AT THE "BARMBY PYTHON"

AS IT SHEDS IT SKIN BEFORE MOVING ON TO PASTURES NEW.

BE CAREFUL WHEN DRIVING THROUGH THE PARK BECAUSE THE "MOLBY BABOON" RACES OUT OF THE BUSHES AND TRIES TO OVERTURN YOUR CAR!

LAUGH AT THE "HESKEY PENQUIN" NOT VERY GOOD IN THE AIR, SLIPS AND FALLS ON THE GROUND.

IN THE MONKEY HOUSE DON'T FORGET TO FEED THE MONKEYS WITH THE LITTLE "NUTS" CALLED "KOPITES".

THE "THOMPSON ELEPHANT" A SLIGHTLY SMALLER TRUNK THAN AN AFRICAN ELEPHANT BUT LARGE ALL THE SAME. LIKE ALL ELEPHANTS THE "THOMPSON" NEVER FORGETS AND HAS TO BE KEPT AWAY FROM THE "FOWLER SABRE TOOTHED TIGER".

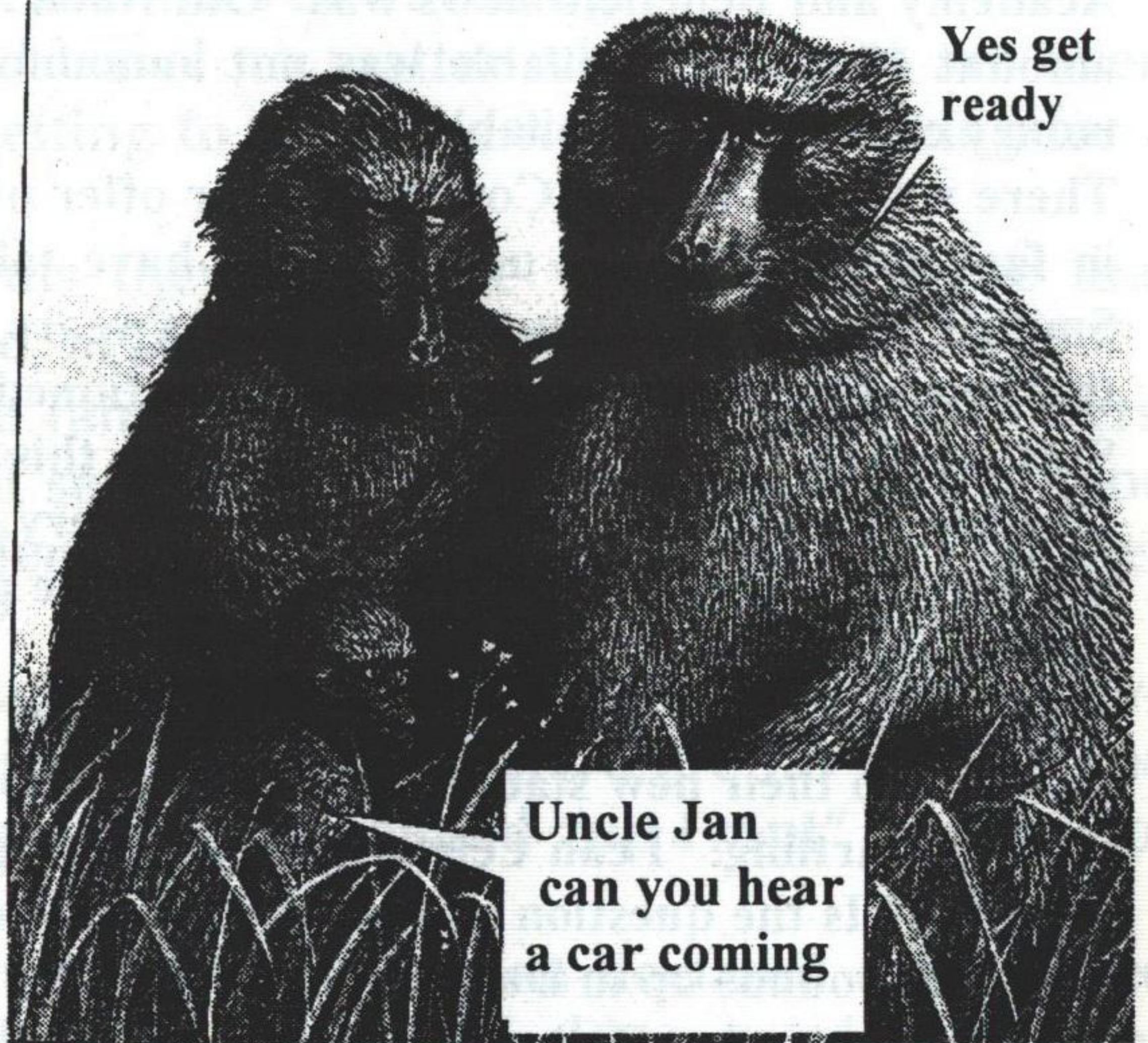
HAVE A FUN TIME WATCHING THE "HENCHOZ SEA LION" IT'S HANDY WITH A BALL, HAS OTHER TRICKS, A GOOD DIVER.

IN THE BIRD HOUSE MAKE SURE YOU SEE THE "HOULLIER BIRD" WIDE EYES LIKE AN OWL HUMS AND TWITTERS IN A STRANGE WARBLE.

IN THE WILDLIFE PARK YOU MIGHT SEE THE "ANELKA BEAR" KEEP WELL AWAY FROM THIS UNSTABLE CREATURE

BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR VISIT WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL YOU HAVE HEARD "TOMMY SMITH THE ANFIELD BULL" BEWARE OF ALL THE DROPPINGS.

WELL I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY OUT AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHILDREN, IT'S NOT THE PLACE TO LET THEM ROAM FREE.



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS — OTHERWISE THEY'LL BREED

# In The Blue Corner

The silence from the Boardroom before the Stoke game could almost be heard, as Evertonians waited with baited breath for news from their leaders.

Late on Friday afternoon a prepared statement was read out to the press by Darren Griffiths. It mentioned the Youth Academy and Bellefield and promised money for both. It went on to say that the Club had managed to refinance and money was now available for Walter Smith.

The statement was issued by Michael Dunford not Kenwright or Carter.

When it was digested by the waiting fans there seemed some confusion, because the Academy and Bellefield news was "Old News" heard before not so long ago and the amount of money available was not announced. Nor were the details of how this money came to be "Available".

There was no "Vote of Confidence" or offer of a new extended contract for Walter, in fact neither, Walter or the board have talked about contracts and considering Smith's contract runs out in just over a years time you would have thought that either one of them would have at least mentioned it.

Strange then that Walter seemed to take this announcement in his stride, not over praising it or ignoring it, just a small but very significant statement to the press, saying that he was grateful for the news but the game was the most important thing to concentrate on.

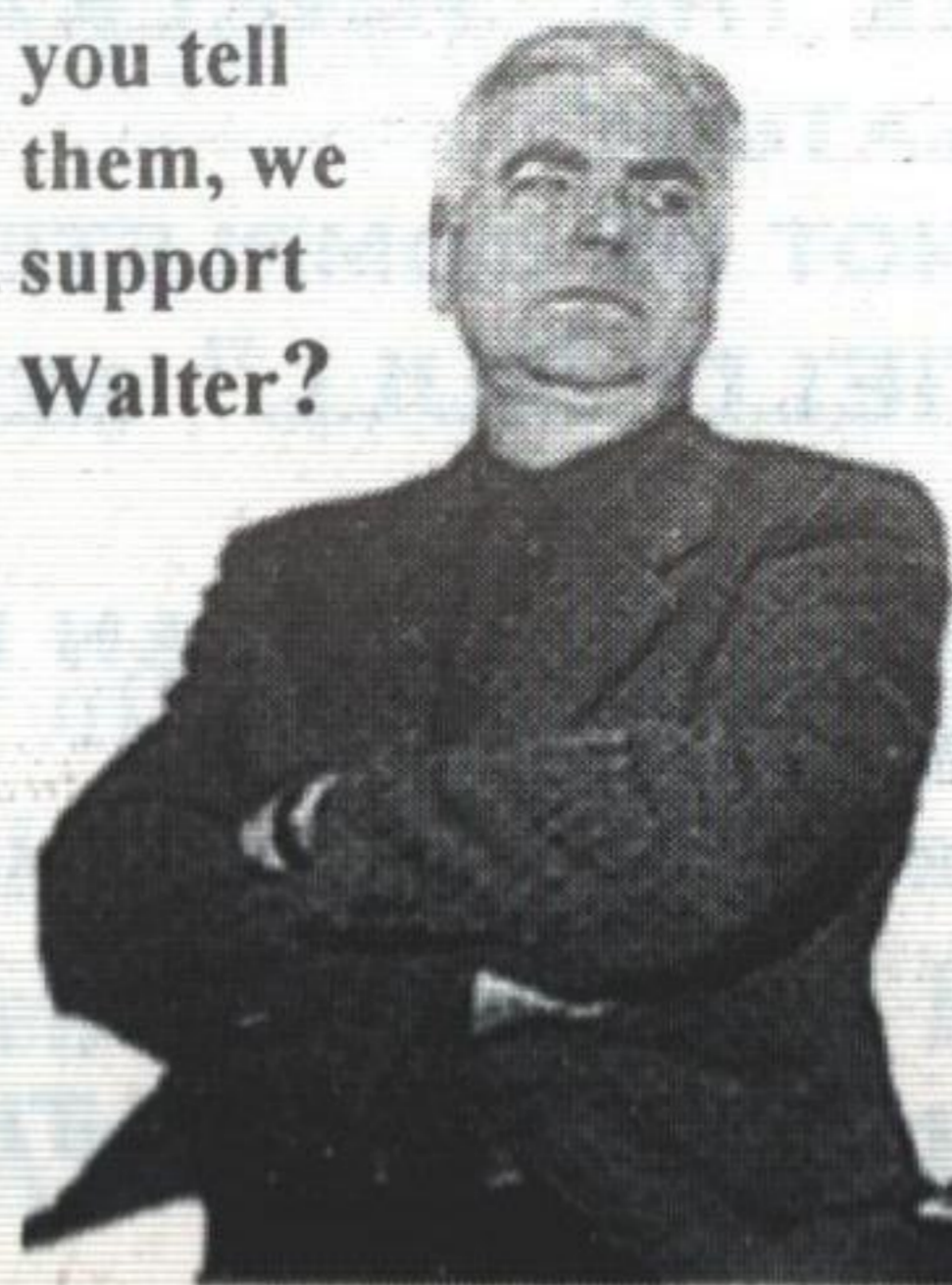
When asked by a Times reporter if he was looking forward to the day Everton moved into their new stadium at the Kings Dock in 2005 (only 3 years away) his reply was startling. "I can't envisage myself being here by then"

Why not? Is the question and maybe the answer lies in a little rumour that has been doing the rounds up in Dundee.

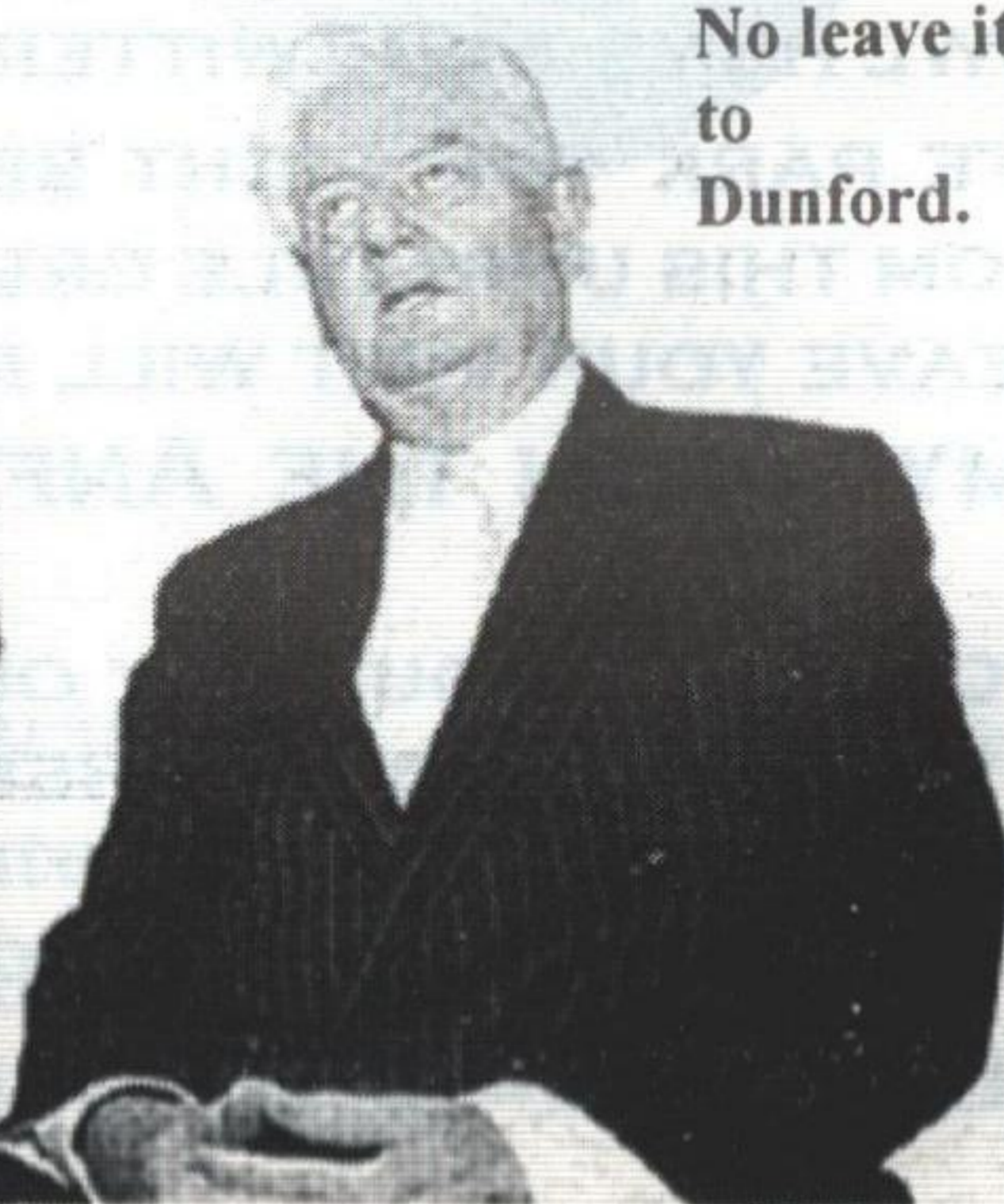
The story goes that Richard Gough has returned from the States looking for a coaching role in Britain, true so far, and that he will invest his money along with Walter Smith in Dundee United. Jim McLean the manager will step down and Walter and Gough will be joint managers.

Walter will train Richard up and then move into the role of "Director of Football". Outrageous, not true, won't happen, load of rubbish, yes I know that's what many will say. But go back and read what Walter said about the Kings Dock, then think why no new contract?

Why  
don't  
you tell  
them, we  
support  
Walter?



No leave it  
to  
Dunford.



Everton's home game against Chelsea was a pay per view game on Sky T.V. the attendance was 10, 000 below capacity, was this because of the cameras? or because it was a Sunday game? or are there other reasons involved?

First of all, Everton like most other clubs have supporters from all over the country. If you live in London are you going to get up early on a Sunday morning, try and get a train, or coach or drive up to Goodison Park, where you will have to pay at least £18.50p to get in never mind the cost of your transport? The alternative is to pay £8.00 to Sky T.V. and watch it at home, saving a lot of money and at least six hours of travelling.

The days when supporters would travel no matter what the cost are over, they have other priorities, like getting to work the next day or saving for a holiday.

On top of all the other problems they would be watching a game that turned out to be very poor indeed, at least at home you can switch off.

Everton have tried to encourage fans into the ground with special offers, like the Derby County £10 adult seat. At first glance this looks like a good idea but some season ticket holders were not very happy, stating that they felt ripped off by this "Offer".

You can understand them, if a game is televised, season ticket holders have no option, they have already paid for the match, there are no rebates and with the reduced price games they again have paid "up Front" and do not benefit in any way.

Now the Cup game against Leyton Orient has been declared a "Reduced Price Game" you might think that season ticket holders would be happy with this but no, in the past as a season ticket holder you could go and reserve your seat for a Cup Tie, making sure that you sat with your friends but the Orient game is pay on the day, so if you like me arrive late at the ground because you have to work on a Saturday morning then you might find "Your Seat" gone.

A Club with Everton's problems does not need any more and if season ticket holders think that maybe next season, it would be better to pay on the day and watch only the non televised matches live then Everton might be in more financial trouble.

It is a tricky problem but I can't understand why season ticket holders are not allowed to keep their seat for Cup Ties. Maybe the office staff can't handle all the extra work.

The Club may think it can ignore it's season ticket holders because they have already paid but what about this new financial deal that gives the season ticket sales for the next 20 years away as some kind of "security" for a repackaging deal. If the season ticket sales drop off where does this other company get it's repayments from?



# Would you want this man as Everton's manager?

Not very good at Cup Ties and not much better at Neck Ties by the look of this gear.

Peter Reid has been touted by many Evertonian's as the long lost Goodison Prodigal Son.

If you think Walter Smith is miserable wait until you see "Cheer Up" Peter Reid.

As a Sunderland supporter I thought your fanzine might like a little bit of a laugh.

Seriously though, you have got no chance of getting "Our Peter" we think he's brilliant and we will win something soon with the Boss Man.

**Mackem Dave.**



# BLUEBLOOD

## THE EVERTON – FORMER PLAYER'S FOUNDATION

Although this Fanzine has no connection to this very worthy Charity it does support all the good work that it does and will have this page dedicated to it in every issue.

The aim of the Foundation is to look after ex Everton Player's, it does this in many ways. Giving financial support when called for and medical assistance where needed.

None of this can be done without your help, don't shrug your shoulders and say "They have got enough money" these are not the over-paid stars of today. Some of these players played before the War for Everton others are now out of work or doing ordinary jobs like you and I.

They gave us some great memories and for that alone they should be helped.

It is out of respect for the past that your money is needed, we are a special club, you know that, I know that but we have to prove it to the outside world, you can do that by sending a cheque to the address below.

### **Ways That You Can Help.**

If you know of any Ex Player going through a hard time , for whatever reason get in touch with the Foundation and they will take up the case. Think about these players who have brought you magic and sometimes despair over the years, think of the Everton Foundation as a thank you to these men.

You can send a cheque made payable to The Everton Former Player's Foundation. Post it to,

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Please send as much as you can afford, no amount is too small, everything helps.

*"Once an Evertonian – Always an Evertonian"*

Everton start the season as Champions and they intended to keep the Championship at Anfield.

Things didn't start the way they were planned, Johnny Holt, Everton's fire-brand centre half had decided to go on strike. He felt that the Club Committee were not treating him in a fair and proper manner.

The Committee themselves were at loggerheads most of the time, turmoil would be a good word to use.

John Houlding was once again flexing his muscles, he thought that he could buy Everton Football Club and turn it into a Limited Company but he was strongly opposed.

The players on the other hand seemed to be waiting to prove to the world that last season's triumph was not going to be a one off. They went to West Brom and duly lost 4-0, not the best of starts to the campaign.

Everton journeyed up to Scotland to play two friendlies Kings Park in Stirling and Queens Park in Glasgow.

Stoke and Darwen had joined the League, boosting it to 14 teams, we met Darwen on the 7th September and managed to beat them comfortably 5-3 at Anfield.

September was to be a troublesome month for Everton, not on the pitch but in the boardroom. On the 15th at the Royal Street Hall, close to Everton Valley

John Houlding announced that he wanted to buy Anfield, the price was quoted as £9, 237 Mr Orrell the present owner was willing to sell his land, he owned 13,000 sq yds, for which he wanted 7s/6d per sq yd. Houlding, owned 15,000 sq yds adjacent to the site, he was willing to sell for £6,000. 279 members refused to allow this "Policy of Shylock."

Houlding threatened to dispossess the Club and form a one. This only made matters worse.

On 14th November Everton travelled to Darwen. M.J.E. a full back made his debut for Everton, we lost 2-1



M.J. Earp only played 9 games for E.F.C.

# Everton Football Club 1892 Page 27



Everton managed to beat West Brom in a close fought game, the Page 28 Blues won 4-3, Alex Latta got a hat trick.

The joy was short lived though because on the 21st November Everton travelled to Wolverhampton. Hungary Wolves made a meal out of Everton, were the headlines, we get hammered 5-1 4,500 watch.

As things go we were inconsistent to say the least, just one week later we win 5-1 against Aston Villa.

A meeting was held and "bad feeling" was on the Agenda, Houlding and Mahon were virtually head to head or toe to toe, neither man wanted to let go of what they assumed they held.

Houlding, thought he was "King John" the untouchable and Mahon thought it was his duty to save Everton from this "King".

Insults were flying in right, left and centre, Houlding proposed forming a Limited Company but this did not go down well with his opponents.

Another meeting on January 25th 1892 sealed King Johns fate, his proposal to

form a Limited Company was thrown out..

Houlding had given Everton notice to quit and

when someone questioned George Mahon on

where he was going to find a new ground, his

reply was "I have one in my pocket" laughter

broke out amongst Mahon's supporters be-

cause they knew that the ground he

was referring to was Mere Green Field,

which was on the North side of Stanley Park.

It was described as being "Degenerated from

a nursery into a howling desert".

On March 15th 1892 a meeting with 500 mem-

bers present at The College in Shaw Street .

They again voted to throw out Houldings pro-

posals and voted to move from Anfield only 18

voted against. Houlding claimed that he was

"On Trial" A fund was formed for the new

Club and it soon reached £1,517 .

On March the 21st the Liverpool Post newspa-

per carried the story that Mahon was more

than willing to pay Houlding a fair rent and

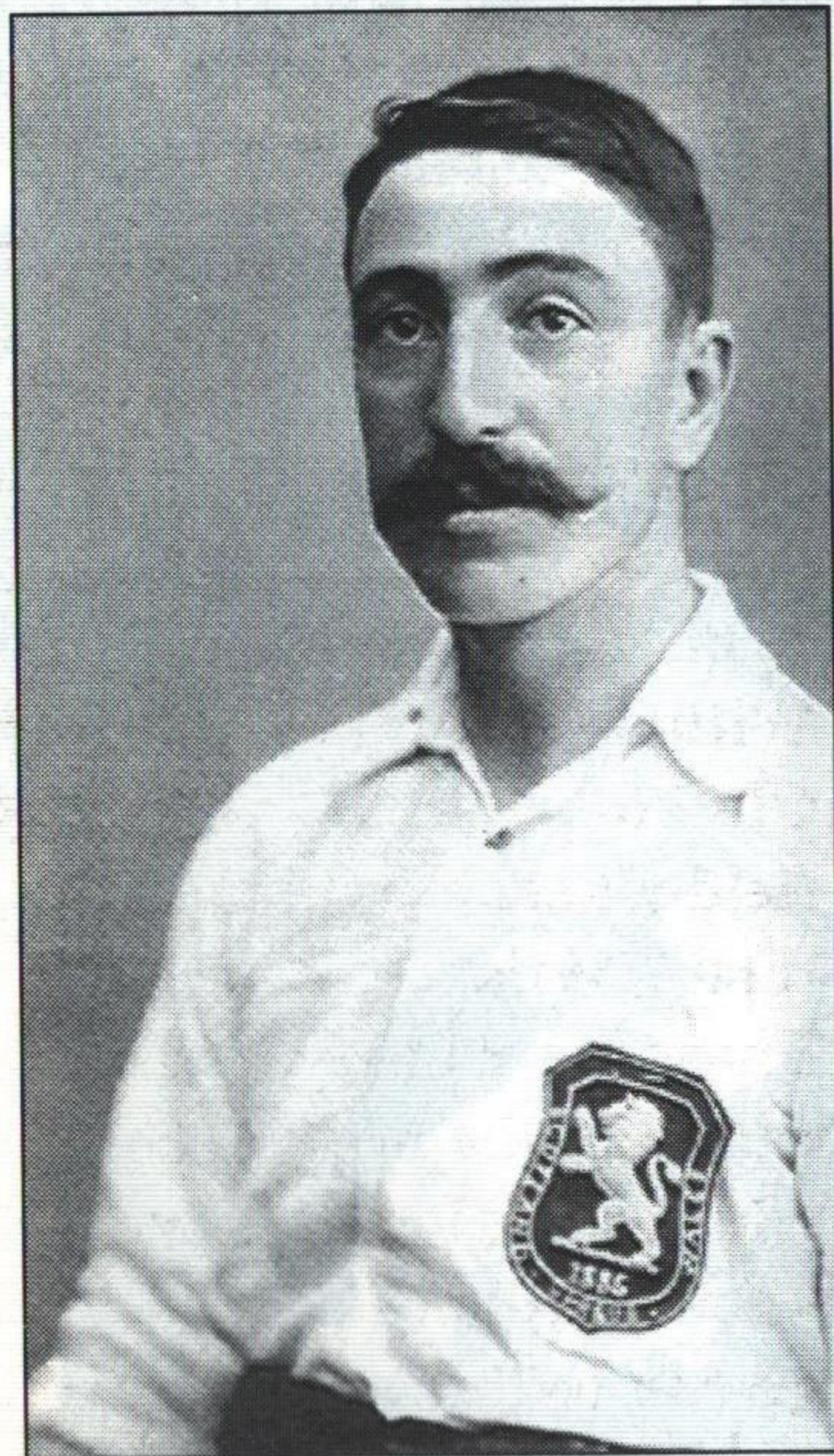
stay at Anfield but King John never replied to

Mahon's letter, the die had been cast there was no going back.

On the pitch things were much the same, up one minute down the next, we

beat Notts County at Anfield 4-0 only to lose the next home game against Bol-

ton 5-2!!



Robert "Bob" Kelso a good right back

The team improved enough to finish 5th, with all the upheaval in the Page 29 boardroom this was not a bad effort.

Meanwhile agents had inspected possible alternative sites but Mere green was the best.

The Club loyalists formed a Limited Liability Company ( this had been talked about since May 22nd 1889) the aim was to purchase the land which we know today as Goodison Park.

£8,090 was required and that was a substantial amount of money to raise.



This cartoon like skit was printed in the Liverpool Review on March 26th 1892.

It gave the impression that "King John Houlding" had been toppled. Indeed in some ways he had.

His insistence on an increased rent which was grossly unfair seemed to sway even the most loyal of his supporters.

Without Everton Football Club to pay rent at Anfield where would he turn ? What would he do? Those were the questions raised in the press. Those who knew Houlding well knew that he would not give in without a fight and so it was.

King John fought to keep the name Everton Football Club and started another football team. What happened next, is as they say "History"

# The Last Season at Anfield

## Final Table—Division 1 — 1891/92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Sunderland	26	21	0	5	93	36	42
2 Preston North End	26	18	1	7	61	31	37
3 Bolton Wanderers	26	17	2	7	51	37	36
4 Aston Villa	26	16	0	11	89	56	30
5 Everton	26	12	4	10	49	49	28
6 Wolverhampton	26	11	4	11	59	46	26
7 Burnley	26	11	4	11	49	45	26
8 Notts County	26	11	4	11	55	51	26
9 Blackburn Rovers	26	10	6	10	58	65	26
10 Derby County	26	10	4	12	46	52	24
11 Accrington Stanley	26	8	4	14	40	78	20
12 West Bromwich Albion	26	6	6	14	51	68	18
13 Stoke City	26	5	4	17	38	61	14
14 Darwen	26	4	3	19	38	112	11

### 1891/92 Results

	Home	Away
Accrington	3-0	1-1
Aston Villa	5-1	4-3
Blackburn	3-1	2-2
Bolton	2-5	0-1
Burnley	1-1	0-1
Darwen	5-3	1-3
Derby	1-2	3-0
Notts Co.	4-0	3-1
Preston	1-1	0-4
Stoke	1-0	1-0
Sunderland	0-4	1-2
West Bromwich	4-3	0-4
Wolves	2-1	1-5

### F.A.Cup

Round 1

Burnley

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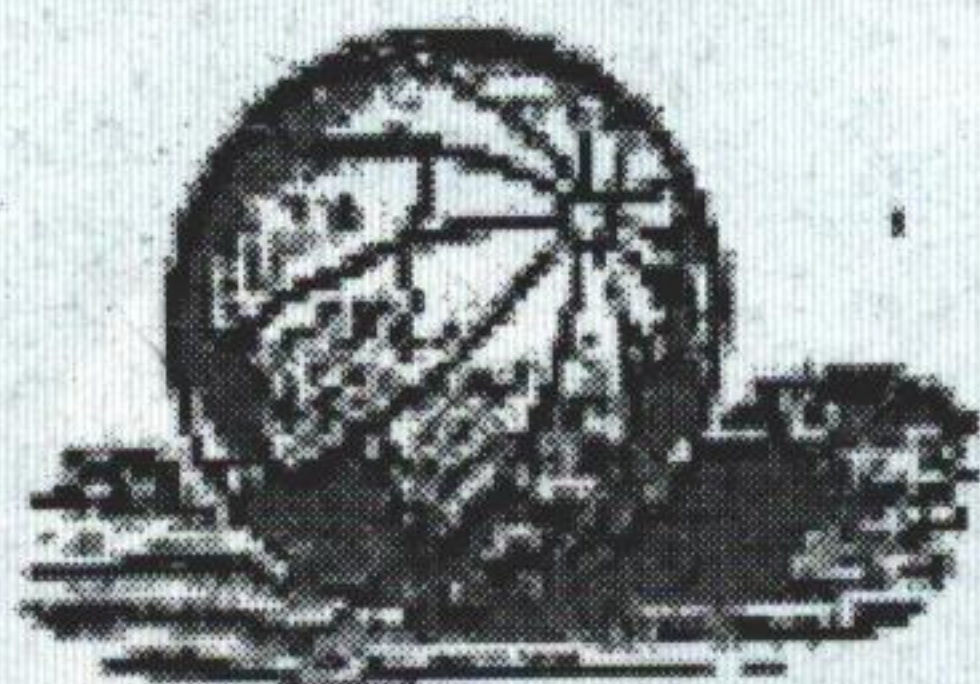
*R. H. BOYLE.*

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AMONG the players who have contributed to the maintenance of the Everton F.C. in the forefront of Association Football during the last few years, R. H. BOYLE, their Captain and right halfback, is entitled to a very conspicuous place. A Scotchman by birth and education, he came to Liverpool to try his fortune with the Everton Club, after having served an apprenticeship with the Dumbarton Episcopals, Dumbarton Union, and Dumbarton Clubs in turn. That his defence has been a very important factor in the Club's brilliant success, will be generally admitted, anyhow, he has been one of its most regular and reliable as well as most popular players. Steady and sure with a thorough knowledge of the game, and never forgetting the interests of the side for his own personal benefit, he is one of the soundest as well as the most secure halfbacks in the North. A fearless tackler, he is also a most dangerous shot at goal. He played Centre halfback in the Inter-League match between England and Scotland, at Bolton, in 1892-93. Twenty-five years of age, he weighs 10st. 7lbs., and stands 5ft. 5½in. high.

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