

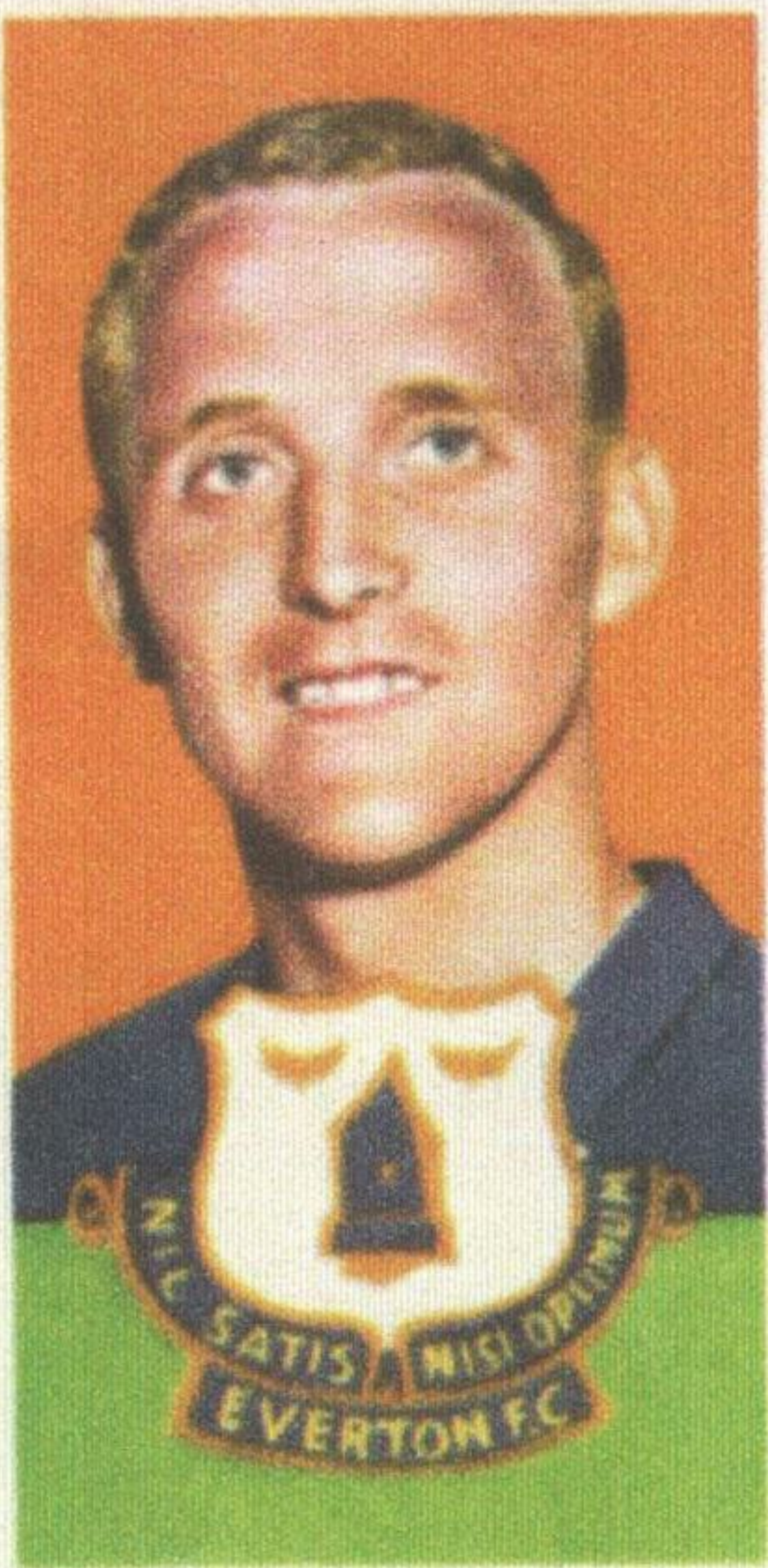
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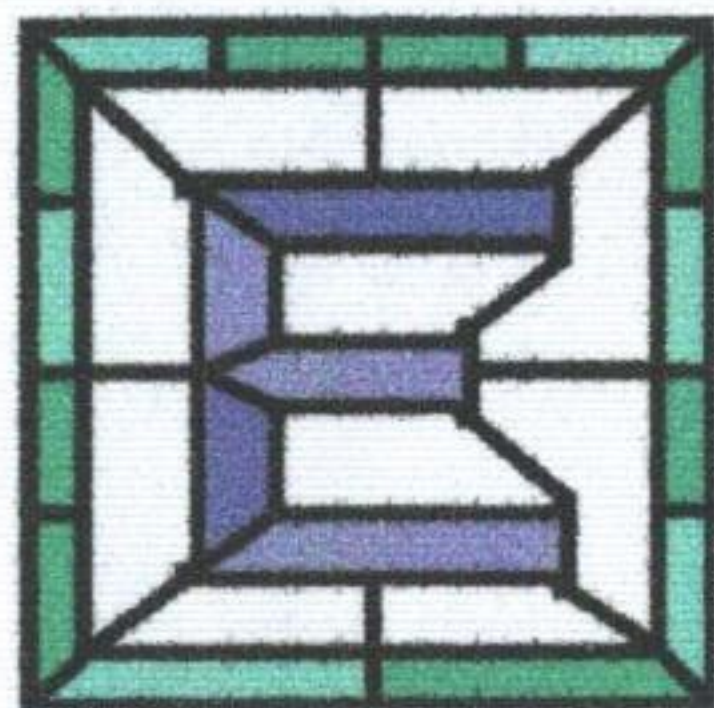
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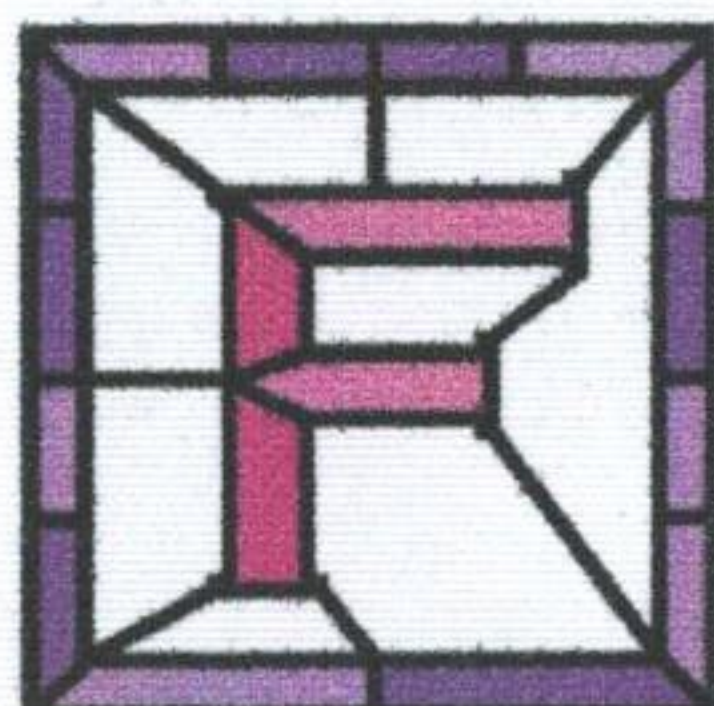
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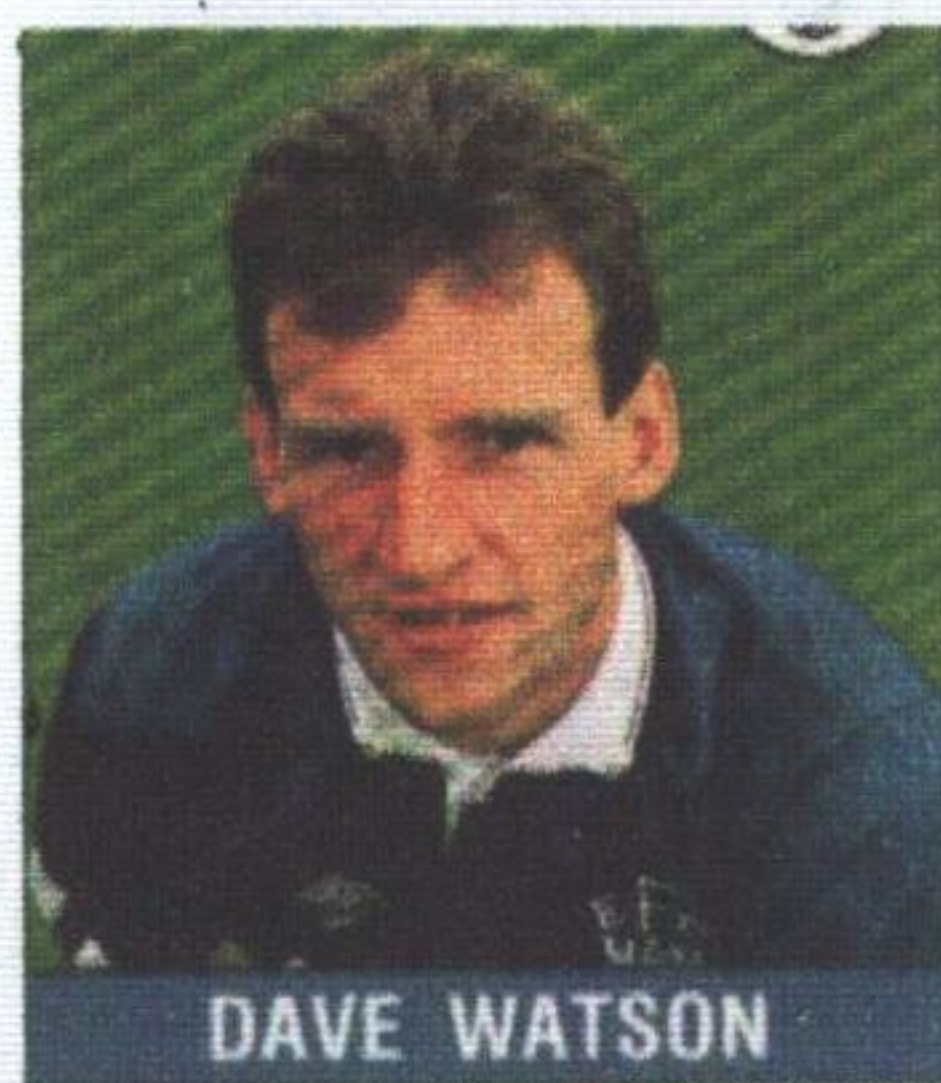
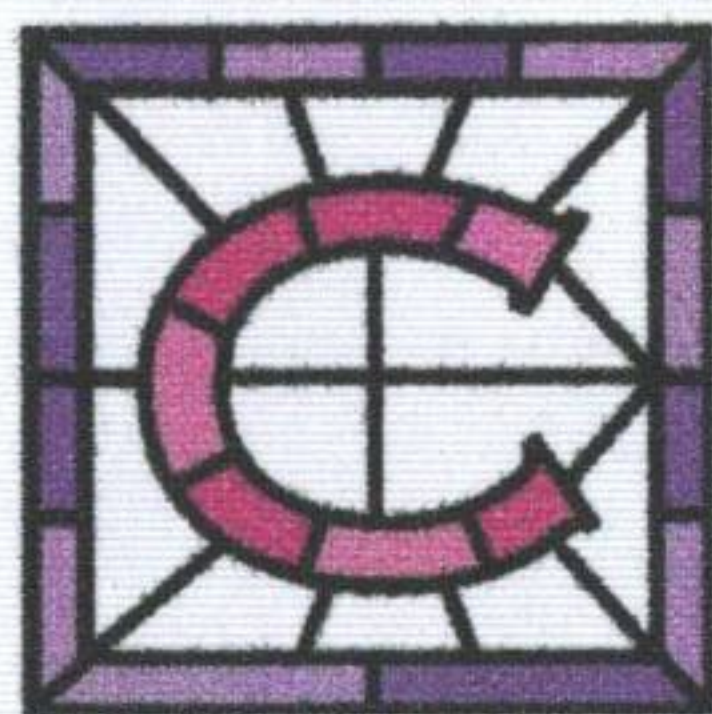
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Waggy was a great player signed from Norwich in August 86 he went on to be a giant at Goodison. He played in 30 Derby Games, led us to League Championship wins, F.A.Cup win, Charity Shield wins and played in 523 +6 subs games for Efc he also scored 38 goals. A Modern Legend

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First of all an apology for the printing on page 4 my printer went on the blink at the very last moment and I couldn't do anything except go with what I had, so if it has spoilt this issue for you I am sorry, if you bring your issue back I will refund you your money.

After Blackpool away and Moyes crying all weekend about not scoring goals we play Bolton at home and what happens? The last player to score for us, Coleman is dropped. The other player who is on form and likely to score the Yak is dropped as well. Most are mystified by these decisions, fans were saying to me before the Bolton game WHY? If you think like I do its not hard to see why, Moyes, the man who has never had any money, brings in an unfit £15million player Fellaini and also an out of form £11 million player Billy The Russian. To me this is to try and convince us that he hasn't wasted his money, that Coleman isn't a right winger, that the Yak is not the answer but we struggled, Bolton played well, I know some fans said they came and parked a bus. Then who hit the bar, the post and forced Howard into a couple of great saves?

Once again Moyes's selection was wrong and he was forced to change it but he dithered for three minutes just trying to get Beckford on, a large section of the crowd turned on him. Then Beckford scored, it was a cracker, such a tight angle but with power and precision it flew into the net to give us a draw, maybe a lucky draw but it saved our skin. I turned to my daughter sitting next to me and said "Want to bet Beckford gets dropped on Sunday against Arsenal?" She (is a Moyes Fan) said well the Yak scores more goals and is more experienced!! How can you argue with fans like that, Beckford did his job in under 10 minutes yet his reward was to be dropped for the next game. Apart from being tactically wrong, what will Beckford feel he has to do to get into the team and the next time he will feel under even more pressure.

Arsenal at home and it is not going to be easy, it wasn't last season when they strolled around the Park and stuck six into our net. As predicted Beckford is dropped, we go with Saha up front and quite frankly we never looked like doing anything until we were 2-0 down and Moyes once again had to change his tactics, we ended the game with three forwards (I took tablets to control my shock) and surprise, surprise we looked like we could score and we did but too little too late. Once again when Moyes has the bottle to attack we are fairly good at it, but one up front, while the midfield players pass the ball sideways and back doesn't work.

I know there are many who will not criticise Moyes but surely you must ask yourself, that after eight and half years, with his best squad ever, he still plays one up front at home against Bolton?

The Premiership has changed, you have to be positive, draws away are not good enough and at home they are disastrous we have won 3 games out of thirteen but there seems little criticism of Moyes instead there is praise for draws at Fulham, Spurs and Blackpool where in my opinion we should have won all three games.

It doesn't matter anyway because despite what Moyes said to the Guardian newspaper that he felt his job was under threat, he has the safest job in Football, Kenwright will never, ever sack him and so we are stuck with an under achieving manager who spends Millions that he says he has never had and fans phone into the Radio saying he has done a great job, it's a work in progress. Well if after eight and half years its still a work in progress I am glad he's not doing my kitchen.

Sunderland away Monday night TV football, the world is watching and we play one up front and that one is Saha not the best. One up after 5 mins then we just seemed to let them back into it we just seem to play at a slow pace, no urgency and why oh why did it take 80 mins before Moyes brought on Two Forwards?

Another away game we should have won, Arteta did nothing except get that deflection, Pienaar for me doesn't give an end product. Neville's passing was abysmal but Baines and Cahill did well, they tried they ran and fought while others watched.

I know everyone will blame Beckford but the lad was only on the pitch for nine minutes and every time he is under pressure. Moyes should start the game with him and then judge him.

Mick Lyons was a great Evertonian and in the 1970's he played his heart out for Everton Football Club. In the 1980-81 season Mick was granted a testimonial. I have been asked many times what was the score? But no one seems to know, not even Mick. So if you know, email me, or tell me outside the Winslow. Some of the text in the article was very faint so I have typed in parts to make it easier to read.



Born to be Blue The Mike Lyons story

by Clive Tyldesley — Radio City

Mike Lyons is a born Evertonian. From the moment that he arrived in the world 28 years ago, the club has had an exclusive contract on his life story. It reads like the fictional creation of an author commissioned to find an heroic example for all other Evertonians to follow.

The story begins at Mill Road Hospital in Everton on 8th December 1961, the same day that Terry McDermott was born.

The paths of two of the game's friendliest rivals were to cross many times in the intervening years. When he was 15 Terry blasted five goals for his school's side St. Kevin's against Mike and De La Salle Grammar.

But defeat was a rare taste for the young Lyons in his formative years. His primary school team, Gill Moss R.C. in Croxteth, were unbeaten for two years. At De La Salle, the trend continued virtually unbroken.

Under the guidance of teacher Dave Hart, the first major influence in his playing career, Mike lifted the Universe, Echo and Martindale Cups in successive years. The Echo Cup Final against Gateacre Comprehensive provided revenge of a sort because another current Liverpool star, David Johnson, was in the beaten side.

But Mike's burning love affair with football was being fuelled elsewhere by a blonde Scotsman. Jimmy Gabriel's arrival at Goodison had provided him with a hero on which to model his own game. It's surely no coincidence that the commitment and industry that typify Lyons at his best were such features of Gabriel's play in the mid-sixties.

Mike had first walked through the gates of Goodison Park in 1960. His father Joseph, a rigger from Everton Brow, sat with him above the Gwladys Street until he was ready to follow his elder brother into the Paddock.

Every week the two of them took up their sacred places on the halfway line an hour and a half before kick-off. Once, before a crucial championship decider against Spurs, Mike lost his season-ticket and returned home in tears. His father rushed him back to Goodison on the bus, where the gateman recognised the loyal young fan and allowed him in.

Everton won that game thanks to a header from Alex Young, heralding a golden era which Mike followed fanatically, both home and away. In 1968 he thumbed a lift down to Wembley in the hope of securing a ticket from a Cup Final tout.

But the asking price outside the Stadium was far too high and Mike was forced to take the law into his own hands. Choosing his moment carefully, he dived over a turnstile, crawled under another and was in. The plan failed in just one respect. He had 'bunked in' to the West Bromwich end!



Two contrasting pictures of Mike — Top Cheering Everton and as a bright-eyed 10 year old

Mick Lyons Testimonial.

By then his affiliations with the club had gone beyond supporters pranks. His Mother had written to Everton and Manchester United seeking trials and in combination with Gary Jones he impressed officials at Bellefield sufficiently to be invited to come back and train two nights a week. It could however have been so different in his fifth year at De La Salle, Mike had joined the all conquering Liverpool Boys Association team Holy Cross. Tommy Docherty had seen one of their many landslide victories and invited them to play his Rotherham Youth Team, as it happened the match didn't materialise.

The Everton connection had now been sealed. In August 1968 he made his 'B' team debut alongside Aian Wilson and John Smith in a 3-2 win over Liverpool at Melwood.

Life had become one long football match for Mike. On Saturday mornings he played for the school, on Saturday afternoon for the club and on Sunday for the Lobster in the uncompromising surroundings of the Liverpool Sunday League.

The heavy playing schedule did nothing to enhance his sixth form education. The careers' teacher laughed at his footballing ambitions, but a few weeks winding coil as a part-time holiday job, had already convinced Mike that there was only one way for him to make his living.

Everton agreed wholeheartedly and offered him apprenticeship terms. It took Mike an entire minute to think over the offer and he signed as a strapping centre-forward, a position he had wandered into at Holy Cross after those early Gabriel-inspired schooldays in the half-back line.

It was the Goodison Youth team of the day that truly launched his striking career. Under the direction of Tommy Casey, the forward-line read Billy Kenny, Terry Darracott, Mike Lyons, David Johnson and Gary Jones.

At the end of his first season, Mike played four Central League games and scored three goals. Even Joe Royle was looking over his shoulder.

One of those games was at Newcastle, a rough-house of a match in wind and rain. Trainer Arthur Proudler had been frogmarched out of the ground by two policemen for voicing explicit opinions from the bench, where substitute Steve Sergeant has assumed management responsibilities.

In one final explosion, goalkeeper Geoff Barnett was bundled to the ground by a squadron of raiding Newcastle forwards. As mayhem ruled, Terry Darracott decided upon revenge and hurled the ball towards the back of full back Guthrie's head. The thud of impact sparked immediate retribution, Guthrie turned and laid out the nearest Everton player... Mike Lyons.

The following season Mike was a reserve team regular, scoring 28 goals and gaining promotion to the first team squad for an FA Cup tie at Sheffield United.

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Joe Royle continued to block his progress, although his methods were sometimes less than conventional. The England centre-forward was a partner in a garage business, and sold Mike his first car, a red Mini.

Less than a week after buying the vehicle, the brakes failed on the approach to the East Lancashire Road and Mike narrowly escaped serious injury as the car turned on its side!

Maybe he took the hint because he was soon to switch positions in answer to the biggest challenge of his professional career. It came from another England centre-forward and ironically one of his closest friends in the game.

David Johnson's time at Everton had been constantly beset by injury problems, but in the autumn of 1970 he emerged with a promise that sent Lyons tumbling back into the 'A' team.

Mike's career had reached a crossroads, and at 18 he was beginning to have doubts about his future in the game. It was at that moment Tommy Casey turned the tables in every sense.

Casey had made a successful conversion at his former club Swansea, turning John Roberts from a workmanlike centre-forward into a First Division centre-half with Arsenal. Two weeks of ceaseless groundwork and practice and Mike was back in the reserves, forging a formidable defensive partnership with Steve Sergeant.

But it was indicative of the see-saw career in front of him that the long-awaited senior breakthrough came in a striking role. At the start of a crucial week for the club, Harry Catterick decided to rest several first-teamers and blood Lyons, Billy Kenny and Dai Davies at Nottingham Forest.

Although Everton were beaten 3-2, Mike scored a debut goal and rushed home to see it on Match of the Day. An important newsflash interrupted the programme and the goal was never screened.

In the following seven days Everton went out of the European Cup to Panathinaikos and lost an FA Cup semi-final to Liverpool at Old Trafford. It's a fact that is never lost on Mike who always maintains that week changed the whole course of events at Goodison.

It didn't change Mike's position dramatically, he still had to patiently wait for occasional chances to break through. At the end of that debut season he was called into the first team defence on Cup Final eve for a match between the beaten semi-finalists at Crystal Palace.

Mike's immediate opponent, John Ritchie of Stoke City, scored a hat-trick, and in his first four games in defence the following season Lyons was booked four times.

Such humble beginnings provide fond memories now that they have been overshadowed by years of loyal consistency at the highest level. But for the humblest recollection of all, one has to jump forward a year to the unlikely surroundings of the visitors' dressing-room at Brentford.

Everton had just played in a testimonial match there, prior to flying out to Majorca for an end-of-season break. With nothing at stake, they had literally strolled to a 3-0 defeat, with one notable exception.

Mike had tried his heart out, running tirelessly all over the pitch. But at the end of the game Harry Catterick walked over and asked him pointedly, "Have you got a trade, son?"

The Everton skipper has answered that question over and over again in the intervening years, gaining so many friends along the way. Friends and influences, celebrations and disappointments provide nostalgic memories for Mike in this his testimonial year.

Mick Lyons Testimonial

"So many people have helped me, but none more than my late father who first introduced me to Everton. He always dreamt of seeing me in a Wembley Cup Final, but couldn't be there when I led the lads out against Aston Villa."

"My nan had died the previous evening, and he quietly kept the news from me so as not to upset my Wembley preparations. That was typical of his thoughtfulness, I'm only sorry that I couldn't repay him with a return ticket to a Final".

"At school, Dave Hart at De La Salle was the teacher who fired my enthusiasm both for working at the game and for Everton, who he often took me to watch. I also remember Mr. Semple and Mr. O'Neill at Gillmoss. They encouraged me to train honestly from an early age".

"Another O'Neill, Henry O'Neill of the Lobster, taught me a thing or two, particularly how to look after myself in the rough and tumble of the Liverpool Sunday League".

"At Everton, youth trainer Tommy Jones was my earliest influence, and I suppose I can never thank Tommy Casey enough for seeing a centre-half in me when others saw nothing at all".

"Friends were important in those early days, and I'll never forget the companionship of lads like Tommy Hughes, Terry Darracott, Stevie Sergeant, David Johnson, Billy Kenny and Peter Scott. I'll always remember Johnno playing in a reserve game at Bury when he had a bit of a reputation for greediness. Tommy Casey suddenly threw another ball onto the pitch and shouted 'here, David, you play with this one, then the rest of the lads can get on with the game'".

"As for heroes, Jimmy Gabriel will probably never be surpassed, he was everything I've always wanted to be. I remember seeing the great Hungarian Florian Albert score a superb goal against Brazil in a World Cup tie at Goodison, but most of the men in my own personal hall of fame wore Everton blue".

"There was Alan Ball of course whom I met as a fan when he was still at Blackpool. A few of us went for a walk along the beach before a league game there and Bally was coming the other way. We stopped him and told him what a great club Everton was and how he should come and play for us".

"Ray Wilson has always commanded my utmost respect both as a player and a person, and Harry Bennett was another important figure in my football education along with Roger Kenyon, one of the most under-rated players I've ever seen, and one who should have played for England many times".

"In more recent years Joe Royle has always been a

friend and an inspiration I had some great battles with him in practice matches , he used to call me the octopus because of the way I used my arms to by-pass his considerable frame.

Bob Latchford and Martin Dobson are two professionals who I have always admired .Andy King has been a great pal and a constant source of fun , and Gordon Lee has shown a belief in me which has commanded my total respect in return .

Talking of Kingy and the Boss I've seen my fair share of characters come and go at Goodison . Remember Franc Darcy whose main testimonial attraction was lovely Elizabeth , a stripper at the Asp Club it beats former Everton players.

Then there was Gary Jones, always a bit of an extrovert , who paid £50 for greyhound and let it off its lead for its first training run and never saw it again!!

I'll never forget the raw strength of Bernie Wright who claimed he could lift with one hand whatever weight Gordon West could lift with two. And won a lot of money when he proved himself right .

Then there was Westy himself , the only man I've honestly ever been scared of. How he terrorised us when we were apprentices with his Court—Martials !

The list is endless, Mick Bernard who once put a stuffed fox in Billy Bingham's bed on a European Trip and my old striking partner Joe Harper , who took pounds of me with his work rate.

Between them these lads and others too numerous to mention have made a changeable and sometimes torrid period at the club, a pleasure and an experience.

There have been major disappointments defeat against A.C. Milan in the UEFA Cup when I conceded a penalty at the San Siro Stadium , obviously the two semi finals at Leeds last year against West Ham and at Maine Road with Bryan Hamiltons 'winner' against Liverpool.

There was a 'goal' I scored against the Old Enemy on my 21st Birthday and no sooner had the referee disallowed it than Alan Waddle went down the other end and knocked in the winner.

And finally there are the memories that the fans have provided , the tears on the way back from Leeds the joy at Goodison for Andy Kings Derby winner and Bob Latchford's 30th , even the taunts of the Kop when I lobbed that infamous goal over George Wood at Anfield last year . It's all part of the local character and passion for football.

But most vivid of all is the noise the Evertonians made at Hillsborough during the league Cup Final Replay against Aston Villa. It's something I'll always treasure .It embodied everything I've always felt for the Club and it's my continuing ambition that it will be heard again in some great stadium before very long

More about Micks Testimonial on pages 9 and 10

This article by David Prentice appeared in the Liverpool Echo . It is linked to the Players Foundation Dinner.

MIKE LYONS TESTIMONIAL

EVERTON PRESENT

(Blue shirts, White shorts)
Manager: GORDON LEE

EVERTON PAST

(Yellow shirts, Blue shorts)
Manager: HARRY CATTERICK

From:

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- 2 J. GIDMAN
- 3 J. BAILEY
- 4 B. WRIGHT
- 5 M. LYONS
- 6 G. STANLEY
- 7 A. HARTFORD
- 8 S. McMAHON
- 9 A. KING
- 10 B. LATCHFORD
- 11 P. EASTOE
- 12 E. O'LEEFE
- 13 P. LODGE
- 14 MARK HIGGINS

From:

- 1 ~~G. WOOD~~ ED. SLOWPOT (DJ)
- 2 ~~D. JONES~~ S. SERGENT
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- 4 C. TODD
- 5 J. HURST
- 6 P. HEARD
- ~~7 A. BALL~~
- 8 C. HARVEY
- 9 H. KENDALL
- 10 M. DOBSON
- 11 D. McKENZIE
- 12 D. DAVIES
- 13 J. ROYLE
- 14 ~~B. KIDD~~
- 15 D. THOMAS

Referee: K. McNALLY. Linesmen: G. RICE, N. ELLIS



Mr. Kevin McNally

No. 010698

Referee Mr. K. McNally

Kevin started his career as a football referee twenty-three years ago in the Bebington Youth League at the age of fourteen.

Within a year his capabilities were observed by the football authorities and Kevin was promoted to the Football League linesmen list at the age of twenty-two.

Kevin has refereed many important league games including the London derby, Arsenal v West Ham, the semi-final of the F.A. Cup game between Newcastle and Burnley, the 1978 Welsh Cup semi-final and a E.U.F.A. cup match at Malta, and the 1977 Everton v Manchester United match on Boxing day.

Kevin is noted throughout the country as being a strict and very fair referee and had cause in one match at Plymouth to send off three players from one team.

Kevin has recently returned from coaching referees in Zambia, and also refereeing their international game against Zaire.

His ambition is to go on the full list of F.I.F.A. referees, to referee an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley and also referee an Everton v Liverpool match.



Two of Mike's proudest memories. The top picture shows him receiving the Echo Cup as Captain of De La Salle School having beaten Gateacre Comprehensive School (including David Johnson) and the bottom picture shows Mike (behind the shield), a memento of Gillmoss Juniors



Above Mick leads out Everton against Feyenoord in the UEFA Cup
Below The League Cup Final at Wembley 1977.



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EVERTON pride themselves on being a club of firsts.

They were the first club to proudly take possession of the League Championship trophy and the first to present medals for winning it; they were the first club to stage an FA Cup final; the first to be visited by a reigning monarch; first to issue a matchday programme; first to wear shirts numbered 1-11; first to win a penalty shoot-out in Europe and the first to use dug-outs .

They were also, proudly, the first football club to set up a registered charity to aid its former players.

But the Blues have been beaten to the punch this week by another club which has its roots here on Merseyside.

Barcelona – created by a couple of Merchant Taylors' old boys – followed Everton's model when they set up their own Former Players' Foundation.

But this week – in the marquee at Goodison Park – Barca's Ramon Alfonseda revealed that from now on 0.5 per cent of every player's salary at the Nou Camp would go into its Former Player Foundation coffers.

Half a per cent is the kind of fraction modern day Galacticos wouldn't miss.

But with Lionel Messi earning a reported £570,000 a week – that's £148,200 diverted every year into the Barca Former Players' fund from his wages alone – or one hell of a lot of hip replacements.

It's the kind of classy gesture you'd expect from a club which donates 1.5m euros to children's charity UNICEF every year for the privilege of advertising the charity on its shirt.

EvertoWould pledging half a per cent of every Everton first team player's wages to their magnificent Former Players Foundation be such a controversial suggestion?

In this instance coming second would be absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.

In fact they would still be the first club in this country to take such a salutary step.

Come on Everton, time to be trailblazers once again

Alex Young The Golden Vision

On the 23rd November 1960 Alex Young signed for Everton from Hearts and 50 years later Evertonians are still talking about him in words that younger fans might not quite understand.

His Everton career is well documented and most Evertonians think all that they need to know about Alex has been seen. But on the following pages you will learn what Hearts fans think about him, they too have fond memories of this Blond God who played for them.

Alex Young

If Willie Bauld was the King of Hearts, Alex Young was the Crown Prince. The elegance of his play, coupled with his boyish good looks and blond hair, immediately distinguished him from the commoners in Scottish football.

The fact that he could play anywhere in the forward line was testimony to his natural talent and flair. But Hearts had no eye for their long-term prosperity in those days.



Fresh-faced Alex Young in a pre-season photo-call.

Alex Young

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Having sold Dave Mackay to Spurs, they transferred Alex to Everton and, hardly co-incidentally, forfeited their place in the game's aristocracy very shortly afterwards. Only when Wallace Mercer took over as Chairman some twenty years later did they find a cure for the shortsightedness of their policy.

Alex, promoted to Hearts' first team almost the instant he signed as an 18-year-old from Newtongrange Star, served them for little more than five seasons yet made an everlasting impression on the club's support in that relatively short time.

Having begun his collection of Under 23 caps during his first season at Tynecastle, he progressed to play six times for Scotland's senior side before departing for Goodison and twice thereafter, claiming a total of five goals.

He was credited with scoring 77 goals for Hearts, including 23 in their Championship-winning season of 1959-60, but he always insisted, matter-of-factly, that the statisticians cheated him out of two goals that term.

In the Ne'er Day game against Hibs at Easter Road, for example, which Hearts won by a commendable 5-1, he was reported to have scored a hat-trick. 'Actually, I got four that day and, for the life of me, couldn't think why the newspapers didn't record the fact,' he said as he reflected on a match in which Gordon Smith and Jackie Plenderleith with an own goal were reported as having completed Hearts' total.

'I didn't play all that well, either, but every half chance which came along was mine. Sometimes it happens that way. When we won the title that season with a 4-4 draw against St Mirren, I was credited with one goal but actually scored two. On that occasion, though, I knew how the mix-up occurred.'

'Jim McFadzean and I both moved for the same ball which I ended up side-footing over the line. When I watched the TV highlights of the game later on, it looked as if Jim could have got the last touch even though, in reality, he was a couple of yards away from me.'

Scoring goals was a habit which Alex picked up from the very start of his first-team career, claiming one in his debut against Partick Thistle in season 1955-56 and six more in his

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next three games. Not bad for a lad who had been at Tynecastle only a couple of months.

'I was there maybe four weeks and had played in every reserve game before being whisked into the first team at centre-forward in place of Willie Bauld who was injured,' he recalled. 'Partick were quite a strong team at the time, carrying one or two internationals including centre-half Jimmy Davidson. We won 2-1 and I was lucky enough to score when a cross came over from the right. I half closed my eyes, volleyed it and the ball was in the back of the net almost before I knew it.'

Some four years earlier, Alex had signed an amateur form for Hearts but was made to wonder again and again in the interval if he had been abandoned by them. He was never called in for training, for example, and given no guidance about the development of his career at the lower levels.

Rather, he had to chart his own progress through juvenile football, at both Under 17 and Under 21 levels, before following the distinguished footprints of Willie Bauld and Dave Mackay to Newtongrange. Towards the end of his only season with the junior club, he felt that he had 'really begun to blossom' and, all of a sudden, he learned that he was to be called up by Tommy Walker.

'Looking back, it could only have been a gentleman's agreement which had tied me to Tynecastle,' he said, 'for, apart from never being asked to train with Hearts, my name never even used to appear on their list of provisional signings.'

Alex, who was employed as an apprentice mining engineer at the time, went on, 'I learned later that there were lots of offers for me to join other senior clubs but, because of my age, these were all made to my father who chose not to tell me. Of course, I was delighted when I did go to Tynecastle. I'd never thought of playing anywhere else.'

Just as readily as he could score goals did he display his talent for winning medals, although it is arguable if he should have got within touching distance of his first, awarded him after Hearts beat Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final of 1956. For a couple of nights before that big Hampden occasion, he found



Alex Young, with Denis Law to his right, in the front row after a Scotland training session circa 1960.

himself stricken by tonsillitis and in a literal sweat about whether or not he would be fit to take his place on the right wing.

His temperature soared, his throat became red-raw but he dared not tell a soul lest he should be left behind in his bed when the team bus headed for Glasgow.

'Really, I shouldn't have played but there was no way I was going to call off,' confessed Alex who was a youthful 19 at the time and just completing his first season at Tynecastle. 'In the event, I didn't play as well as I should have done – for long parts of the game anyway. I was forced to watch by Sean Fallon, Celtic's left-back who was very strong and powerful. He never gave me a kick of the ball in the first half.'

'But in the second half, despite the way I was feeling, I should have scored a couple of goals. One of my chances, I remember, I hit against the goalie's legs after going through

the middle of Celtic's defence. Later, I knocked one past the post.'

Although Hearts came to rely upon Alex's scoring ability, they were able to forgive him his misses on that occasion, Ian Crawford and Alfie Conn sharing the three goals which gave the Tynecastle side their memorable 3-1 win over Celtic.

'Actually, I couldn't see Hearts losing to Celtic,' he remembered. 'We hadn't lost a goal in the competition until we got to Hampden and Celtic were not so good a side as they are now, for example. In my six seasons with Hearts, I ended up on the losing side only once against them. They were always strong and full of fighting spirit but they never caused us many real problems in those days.'

'We had the edge on them at wing-half with Dave Mackay and John Cumming who were not only hard but could play as well. In attack, too, we had that bit of speed and skill which could upset them. In fact, we won that 1956 Cup Final very comfortably – without playing as well as we might have done. The one goal that Celtic did get could hardly have been described as spectacular and it didn't worry us overmuch.'

It was claimed by Mike Haughney, a defender whom Celtic had chosen to deploy as a forward. Using an attacking ploy which has long since been outlawed, Haughney shoulder-charged Hearts' goalkeeper, Willie Duff, who allowed the ball to drop and roll over the line.

'Things have changed,' Alex smiled. 'Nowadays, you can't go near goalkeepers. They get off with murder, too. Normally, they are much bigger than your average forward but touch them and you give away a foul. On the other hand, they are allowed to come out with their knees up and their studs showing. I think that they've been given too much of an advantage.'

Celtic's goalkeeper that Cup Final day, by the way, was Dick Beattie who, a few months earlier in a 1-1 draw at Celtic Park, had been given his first intimation of how good and menacing a player was Alex Young. Jack Harkness reported as follows: 'Young had Beattie sprawling to finger-tip a ball for a corner. From Crawford's kick, Young's kick was touched over the bar by Beattie. From that second corner Wardhaugh headed down

neatly to Young who made sure this time by slamming the ball where Beattie could not get to it.'

All this excitement in the very first minute of the match with Celtic defenders including Jock Stein and Bobby Evans looking on helplessly!

Alex completed his first season at Tynecastle with twenty-three goals to his credit, eleven fewer than Jimmy Wardhaugh but five more than Willie Bauld who, admittedly, had played less matches. Hearts really were not entitled to expect such a sizeable contribution from a novice.

Predictably, perhaps, Alex was unable to maintain his spectacular scoring rate the following season – 1956-57 – but he did display his versatility by playing outside-right, inside-right, centre-forward and inside-left.

But in Hearts' championship-winning and record-breaking season of 1957-58, when he kept Willie Bauld out of the side virtually from December onwards, he contributed twenty goals including four in a startling 9-1 win over Falkirk – a game, incidentally, in which Dave Mackay struck a rare hat-trick.

The Terrible Trio effectively broke up that season, Jimmy Murray playing many games in the injured Alfie Conn's place although Jimmy Wardhaugh still had enough strength in his limbs and talent in his toes to score twenty-eight League goals.

Alex was quick to acknowledge how much the Trio had meant to Hearts, saying, 'They linked beautifully, there must have been some kind of chemistry between them. Willie might have been a slow mover but he was completely two footed and could play one or two-touch football like many of the modern players. Maybe he wasn't a great dribbler of the ball either but he had superb vision and, of course, was outstanding in the air.'

'Alfie was a strong player and could be very subtle in the way in which he would pretend to pass the ball, then suddenly drift inside his opponent and have shots from twenty to twenty-five yards. He was also a joker, a man who liked to take the mickey.'

'Jimmy Wardhaugh was a complete, all-round player but, unlike the other two, didn't score many from outside the box. Nearly all of his goals came from inside the six-yard box – off posts, off goalies, that kind of thing. I once asked him the

Forgotten Heroes

A new series about ex players and officials who served Everton well but have been forgotten and lost in the mists of time. This article is from 1935

GIANTS OF THE PAST

No. 2—FRED GEARY.

The game of Association football has known many famous centre-forwards of International renown, but none so speedy or more popular in his day than the subject of this sketch, Fred Geary. Indeed, Geary, in the long-ago nineties, as a box-office draw, was to the game what Dixie Dean has, more or less, been to it during the past ten years. For his electric runs and lightning shooting had to be seen to be believed.

"Spring-heeled Fred" he was wont to be called and fitting indeed was the appellation, for he was to be seen ever and anon going through opposing defences like a streak to wind up his brilliant runs with magnificent shooting of the real Bloomer type to send the ball fairly hurtling between the goal-posts and cross-bar (there were no nets in his early Everton days).

Geary was born at Nottingham, January 23rd, 1868, and when in his "teens" divided his spare time between the football field and the running track.

Notts. Rangers was his first club of note and although not in quite the same class as their Notts. County and Forest neighbours, they set up some capital performances; particularly in the F.A. Cup tourney. There was also one occasion when Geary helped to humble the pride of the great Notts. County side by thrashing them to the tune of nine goals to nil.

In 1887 Geary served Grimsby Town for a spell, but was back again with Notts. Rangers before the season's close and it was hereabouts that Everton heard of his exploits.

He was eventually interviewed by two Everton "Scotts"—Messrs. Howarth and Molyneux—and finally agreed to become a "Blue" directly a certain big sprint handicap in which he was participating (and which, incidentally, he won) had been decided, for our subject was a magnificent performer on the track, his times coming right on the heels of record figures.

Two days following his sprint triumph Geary turned out in his first League match for Everton at Anfield, Blackburn Rovers providing the opposition. The famous Rovers were beaten and Geary proved an instant success, this Nottingham "flying machine" fairly taking the whole of Merseyside by storm.

His runs were positively pulse-stirring and it is recalled how in one match against Sunderland he took the ball following a corner to Sunderland, from one end of the field to the other, his first "calling station" proving to be the great Teddy Dorg in the Wearsider's goal!

Stripped for the fray this 5ft. 7in. centre-forward wizard weighed but 9st. 7lb. and it is a remarkable fact that to-day after an interval of forty odd years his weight is exactly the same. Moreover, Geary to-day walks with much of that old-time jaunty Jimmy Settle step, with its lilting lift of the heel, indicative of the true athlete.

In his second season at Anfield, Everton carried off the League championship, whilst in 1890 Geary was honoured with an International cap v. Ireland. Belfast was the venue, and the opposition were smitten by nine goals to one, Geary's share being a nap-hand.

The following season Geary, along with Holt, Chadwick and Milward of the Everton club appeared in the English eleven v. Scotland at Blackburn, and again finished on the winning side.

To Geary also fell the distinction of scoring the first goal obtained for Everton at Goodison Park when they came here from Anfield in 1892.

Many, too, were the medal decorations which he earned with his adopted club, among them a Lancashire cup medallion in 1895.

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GIANTS OF THE PAST (Continued)

Although essentially a centre-forward, Geary in his later years served with distinction at outside-right, and this eventually became his recognised position when upon leaving Everton he linked up with Liverpool (and Jimmy Ross) and so returned to Anfield Road, the scene of his greatest successes.

On one occasion whilst with Everton, and the club were playing Glasgow Celtic at Parkhead, Geary figured in goal, the regular man, Bob Smalley, having missed his train connection. In this match Geary created a big laugh among the crowd, when, for the nonce forgetting that he was the *goalkeeper* he dashed out and took the ball along the right wing!

Geary's name finds inclusion among those football notables not fortunate enough to pick up an F.A. Cup winner's medal, but he once got fairly close to success, for he played in a semi-final at Bramhall Lane, Sheffield, against Aston Villa.

Unlike some former footballers he still retains his old love of the game and is frequently to be found at Goodison Park on Everton's match days—but seldom or never passes any commentary whilst a match is in progress—says little, but thinks a lot!

Among his many "thinks" is one in particular relative to the numerous cartilage and ankle injuries associated with present day football. Thinks they are largely due to the wrongly directed suppression of the good old-fashioned shoulder charge, and for which has been substituted the much more harmful hurling of defenders at the man's legs.

Herewith also one or two interesting Geary facts, as "dispute settlers"—the much-

debated "Well's Lights" match at Goodison was played between Everton and a Manchester and District team, Messrs. Bovril Co. supplying medals for the winners.

Thinks the finest game he ever witnessed was that glorious 6-4 Everton v. Sunderland cup-tie replay, but that as a player he took part in one of a like calibre on one occasion, namely, Everton v. Queen's Park, wherein the standard all round was brilliantly high.

Puts down as one of the secrets of his "speed" success to the fact that he always insisted upon wearing boots having the thinnest possible soles.

Must have cost his club a mint of money for boot re-soling, but considers the goals he raced away with were well with it—heavy footwear is a terrible drag upon speed (to-day more essential than ever) and also (a further "fact") is not necessary for effective and powerful shooting if players will but remember to use their instep more when aiming at the goal-space.

Geary has never been a recognised club scout (is too busy otherwise for that), but it is interesting to note that he was instrumental in bringing to Everton's notice the finest winger the club has had on its books throughout the past 25 years—Sammy Chedzoy to wit.

Finally, Geary looks upon Dixie Dean as the modern complete centre-forward and says he only wished that he—Geary—had been at inside-right or left to a Dean in his own playing days. What a busy time opposition goalkeepers would have had!

FRED GEARY

Geary swiftly established himself as one of the most prolific goal-poachers of the nineteenth century. The centre-forward's bursts of speed and knack for tucking away half-chances underpinned Everton's accomplishments in winning the title in 1891 and finishing runners-up on two other occasions. 'Goal-a-game' Geary was ahead of his time by wearing boots with the thinnest possible soles. He unlocked defences with his turbo-charged acceleration and simply breezed past opponents. Astonishingly, Geary earned only two England caps.

1889/90-1894/95

League appearances: 91

League goals: 78



THE FIRST GOAL KING

During their inaugural season, Everton had struggled because no-one had filled the role of centre-forward. Milward had played there, but was clearly more effective on the wing, while Ross was occasionally pushed forward from his full-back berth. But everything changed when 21-year old Fred Geary was signed from Grimsby Town.

The position of centre-forward has always been a cherished one at Everton from Southworth to Freeman, Dean to Lawton, Hickson to Young, Royle to Latchford, Gray to Ferguson - but Geary was the club's first, truly great centre-forward. And he was an Everton original to boot. Unlike modern counterparts, his major asset was not his aerial dominance - after all he stood barely 5 ft 2 in and weighed 9 st 6 lb - but his electric pace. As a youngster Geary had won many sprinting titles on the athletics track, although on a football field his team-mates sometimes complained he was too quick, occasionally leaving the ball behind during his sizzling bursts.

Like all prolific forwards, Geary scored on his League debut - two goals to help beat Blackburn Rovers 3-2. Predictably, he finished as top scorer during the title-winning season. Later in 1892, the little striker was the first Everton player to score at Goodison Park - both in a friendly against Bolton and then a League fixture the following day against Nottingham Forest. Even for the free-scoring Victorian era, his accomplishments were outstanding. He notched a hat-trick on his England debut against Ireland in 1890.

After starting his League career at Anfield with Everton, he ended it there when he signed for Liverpool in 1895 for a fee of £60. Although his pace had been eroded by the passing of years, Geary scored 14 times in his 45 outings for Liverpool, before returning to Everton as a groundsman. Everton always appeared to be his spiritual home and his place in the annals of the club is secure.

Thanks to David France for the above article



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About the author: Steve Johnson was born in Birkenhead in 1961. A lifelong Evertonian, in 2006 he combined a passion for statistics and all things Everton and launched the popular website evertonresults.com.

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Everton Press Release

Everton Football Club has today been granted planning permission to build a £9million state-of-the-art retail and administration development on the existing Goodison Park footprint. The new facility will be built on the site of the Club Everton lounge at the Park End of the stadium and will house a 900 square metre retail store, museum, cafe, a fan-focused hospitality lounge and office space. The four-floor, self-funded development will also free up space within the corporate areas of Goodison, meaning capacity for corporate hospitality inside the stadium itself can be expanded.

Chief Executive, Robert Elstone, said: "The new building is an exciting phase in the development of Goodison Park. "It will help us grow our business by giving fans a new, purpose-built Club shop more than twice the size of Everton One, a new hospitality lounge targeted towards Evertonians wanting to socialise before and after games at Goodison and, at last, a proper home for the Everton Collection and other exciting attractions for our fans. "It will also get the entire Everton team under one roof, something that is long overdue and an opportunity to further improve how we work as a team for the benefit of the fans." Work will start before the end of the year and is expected to be completed in Autumn 2011. The project will be paid for entirely through the assistance of existing Club retail partner Kitbag and Stadium catering partner Sodexo. Mr Elstone added: "This new scheme is totally self-funded by partners so there is no net cost to the Club. In fact, it is cash-positive from the start."

Commenting on the decision, Tim Groom, Managing Director of Formrooms, the architects behind the design of the new development, said: "It has been fantastic to work on a project that allowed us not only to be so creative, but also to work with a client who is so passionate about high quality design and achieving an end result that everyone associated with Everton Football Club can be proud of.



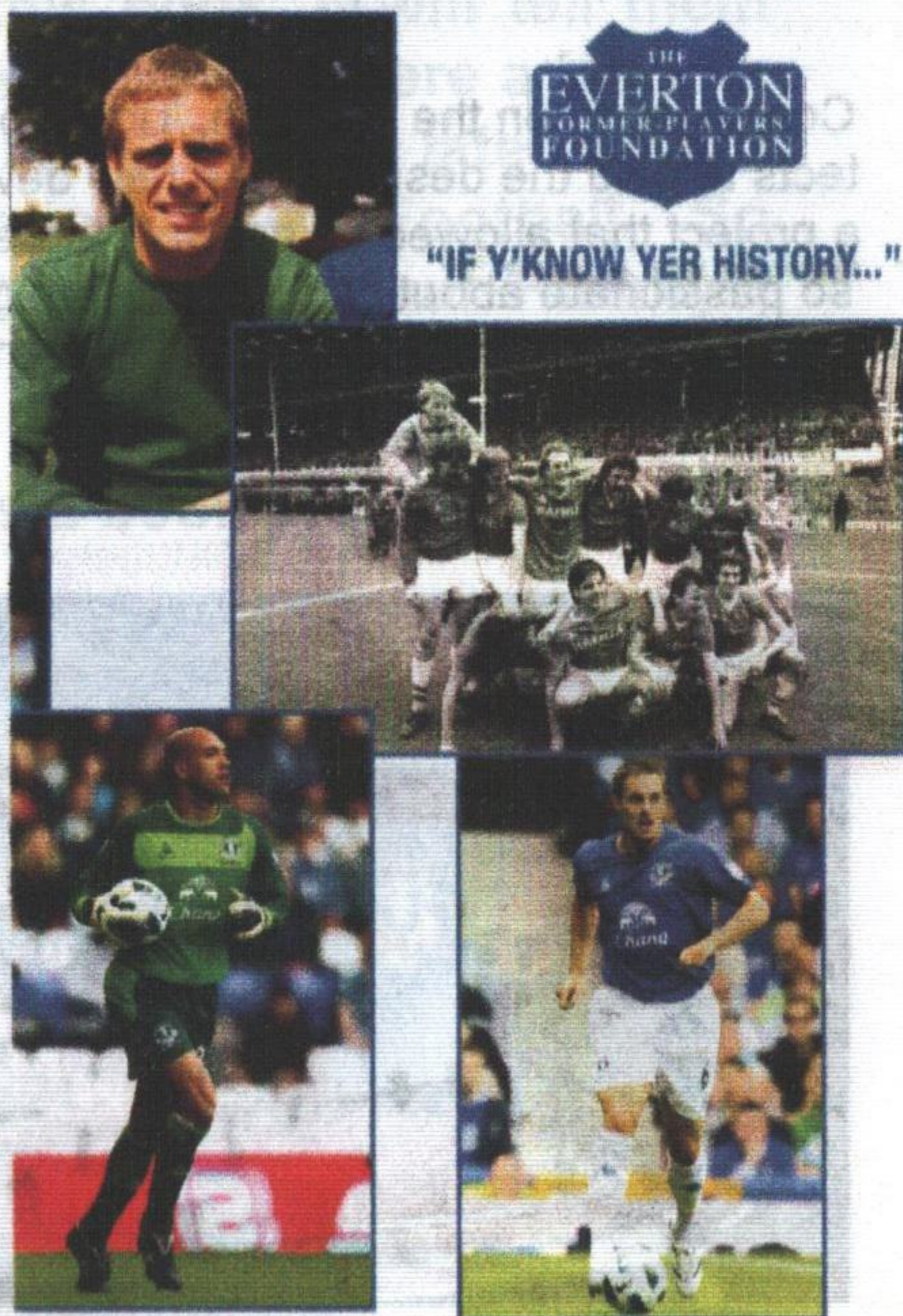
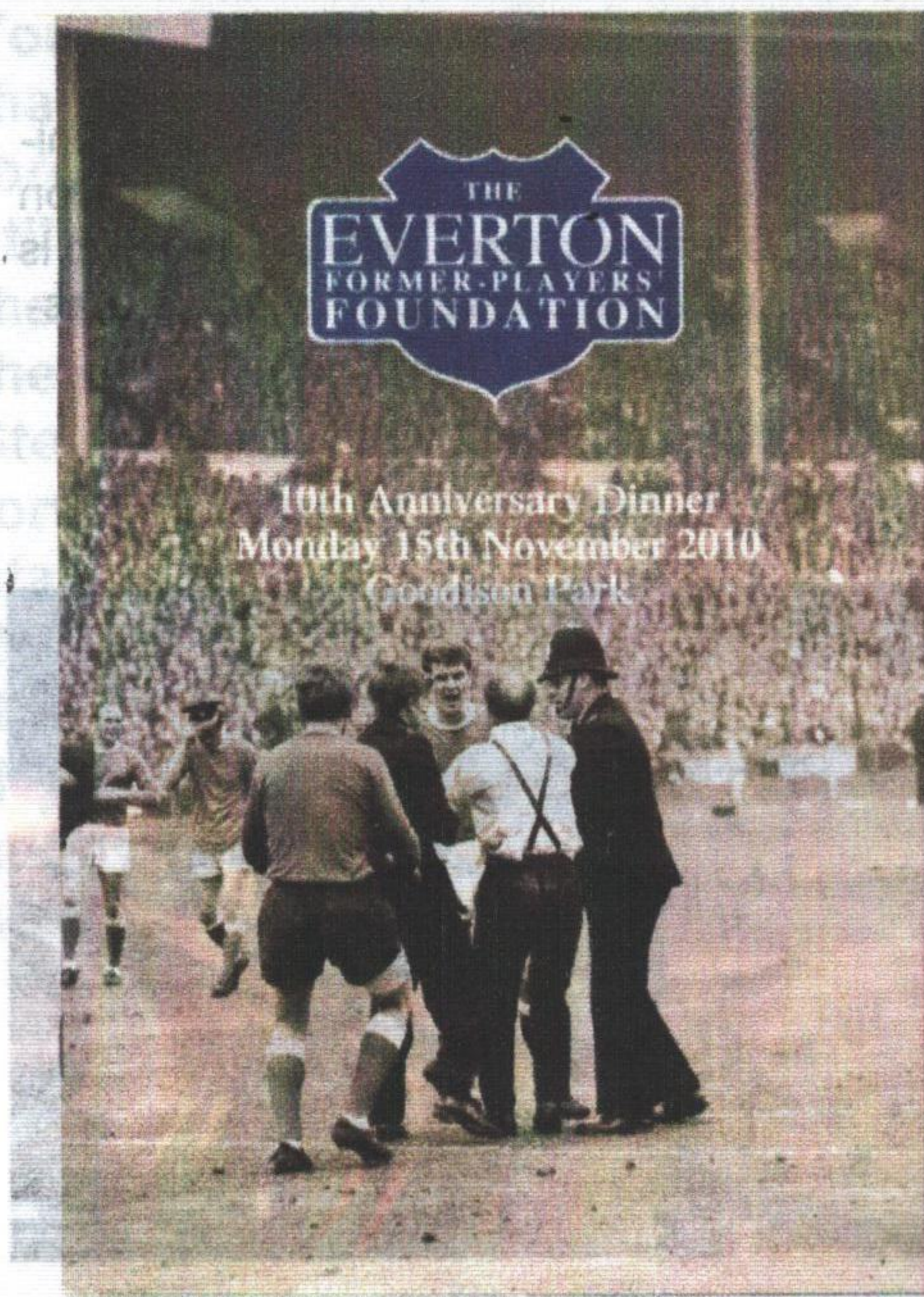
History of the Everton Former Players Foundation

The brainchild of Dr. David France, the Everton Former Players Foundation was founded ten years ago and was initially named Blue Blood.

One of its earliest and most enthusiastic supporters was none other than Everton legend Brian Labone and following his untimely death, EFPF was delighted to appoint his widow, Pat, as the charity's administrator. The basic remit of the EFPF is to offer assistance, financial or otherwise, to any former player who has played at least one recognised first-team game for Everton.

All monies raised from the various fund-raising events that the Foundation organise go towards providing medical, monetary and practical help to those ex-players who need it. Morale-boosting visits to former teammates have also been added to the charity's activities. Sandy Brown, for example, is just one of many former Blues to have been cheered by a surprise visit from former team-mates. In 2004 the EFPF became an inaugural member of EFPA (European Former Players Association) based at FC Barcelona and it is one of the leading former players associations in Britain helping to initiate BAFPA (British Alliance of Former Players Associations).

In 2009 the EFPF, with the help of the Club, were proud to arrange a visit to Wembley Stadium for the FA Cup Final, with current stars and former heroes mingling together at the post-match banquet. It has been a proud ten years for the EFPF and with the continued help and support of Everton Football Club and its supporters, we are looking forward to many more...



The History Of Everton season 1937-38

Billy Smith the author of the Blue Correspondence Book has spent years researching Everton's History from Newspaper archives Although there are a few spelling mistakes due to limited time I am sure you will enjoy the information. Billy can be contacted by email bluecorrespondent@bluebottle.com

JULY 30, everton plays back in training for start of new campaign to-day.

EVERTON AND LIVERPOOL PLAYERS BEAT ORRELL AT CRICKET.

AUGUST 9 1937, DAILY POST

a team which comprised members of the everton's and Liverpool teams's defeat orrell by fove wickets in their game on Saturday. A feature of the footballer's innings was the sound display of lawton and taylor. lawton hit nine 4s, and taylor eight. The vistor's also revealed strength in bowling arthur taking 4 wickets for 8, his second spell was particularly divestating, three wickets captured in two overs. Lindley took two for seventeen, dabbs one for ten and hanson two for forty-five. Teams were 12 aside and orrell batting first, obtained 98, warburton and brown hit 28 for the first wicket, during brown hit 28, but the second and third wickets fell without any addition to the score. Orrell rallied the following wicket producing 24, mainly through naylor. However from that point onwards, except for worthy resistance by brack and a warburton the remaining wickets fell rather cheaply, the side being dismissed within two hours. Arthur and lawton opened for the footballers and secure a fine 54 in thirty minutes most of which were obtained by lawton, taylor then joined lawton, but the pair were not long together, lawton being splendidly caught by robinson off shacklady in the slips. Shacklady got the following batsman lindley without cost in the same over. Taylor contined to hit out in brisjk fashion, and in just over an hour the orrell total had been passed. Play was carried on for a further half-hour. Shacklady did best for orrell, tajking three wickets, for 45 while allman had one for eight and robinson two for forty-two. Teams follows:-

Orrell, j warburton b lindley 8, r brown c and b dabbs 24, j naylor runout 16, s carr jones ibw b lindley 0 c allman c and b hanson 7, a warburton b archur 10, j williams b hanson 1, a brack b arthur 20, s shacklady c mercer b gee 4 a robinson ibw b arthur 0, j morris b arthur 2, s quail not out 1, extras 9, total 98.

Everton and Liverpool players, j arthur ibw b robinson 8, t lawton c robinson b shacklady 53, p taylor not out 51, m lindley b shacklady 0, j mercer c brown b shacklady 0, a hanson c naylor b allman 5, b nieuwenbuys c carr jones b robinson 8, cw gee not out 3, extras 8 total (6 wickets) 135, for footballers, b dabbs, wr dean, smith and a patterson did not bat.

COMBINED EVERTON AND LIVERPOOLL LOST TO BOOTLE CRICKET CLUB

AUGUST 11 1937, DAILY POST

bootle defeated a combined everton and Liverpool team of footballers by none runs with a minute to spare in an exciting finish in their two-evening, twelve a-side game which included at hawthorn road last night. A tenth wicket stand of 33 giving the vistor's a fighting chance after they had lost four wickets for three runs at one period. The fall of the second wicket at twenty-two prefaced a bad spell for the vistor's, arthur left three runs later and the next two wickets fall without addition to the score. Bradshaw fifth to leave strained himself in attemping a by, jones and nieuwnebuys added fifteen for the sixth wicket and jones and hall figured in some entertaing runn-stenting before the former skied one from davies and was smartly taken by cohen, after taking twenty minutes for his twenty. Hanson was caught on the boundary geldard contributed two 4s off parry, but was beaten by a ball from cohen that he did not attempt to plaay. Bell and balmer set up the hundred in nine-five minutes, and the tenth wicket put on thirty-three in twenty-five minutes, before balmer had his off stump uprooted by davies after hitting for four 4s in his twenty-one. The last pair took the score within nine of their opponent's total and just on time bell was bowled. He had batted for forty-five minutes and hit two 4s in his twenty-seven. Davies took five for 40, cohen three for 24, and worgan three for 25, fuller did not bowl. Scores follow:-

Bootle, ls collis c and b bell 6, j harrison c taylor b hell 1, s jones c hanson b arthur 14, a cohen c lawton b kemp 46, rl fuller ibw b bell 12, jw greenwood b kemp 7, jr williams c lawton b bell 23, tg parry ibw b kemp 0, la collis b bentham 4, w worgan ibw b bentham 4, davies b hell 11, hs brown not out 0, extras 6 total 134

Everton and Liverpool footballer's combined, T bradshaw b worgan 13, sj bentam c parry b worgan 5, j arthur c greenwood b worgan 2, t lawton c jones b davies 0, p taylor b davies 0, je jones c cohen b davies 20 b niewenbuys c cohen b davies 4, rc hell b cohen 27, a hanson c fuller b cohen 1, a geldard b cohen 8, j balmer b davies 21, d kemp not out 10 extras 14, total 125.

EVERTON SIGN FELTON FROM LIVERPOOL

AUGUST 17 1937, DAILY POST

everton have signed a former Liverpool player in R felton the left-full back, who had a free transfer from anfield at the end of last season. felton joined Liverpool after leaving school, and was on the anfield ground staff for a time. He is eighteen years of age 5ft 9 and half inches, and weights 11' 10ilbs.

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Player & Birthplace	Height ft. in.	Weight st. lbs.	Player & Birthplace	Height ft. in.	Weight st. lbs.
Goal:			Forwards:		
E. SACAR, Moorends	5 10	11 3	A. GELDARD, Bradford	5 7	11 4
H. MORTON, Chadderton	5 0½	11 7	T. GILLICK, Gortrees	5 7½	10 12
R. WILKINSON, Ebbw Vale	5 0	11 4	J. N. CUNLIFFE, Blackrod	5 10	11 3
Backs:			W. R. DEAN, Birkenhead		
G. JACKSON, Liverpool	5 8	10 12	A. E. STEVENSON, Dublin	5 5	10 4
J. E. JONES, Bromborough	5 9	11 10	T. LAWTON, Bolton	5 10½	12 4
W. COOK, Coleraine	5 7½	12 2	R. C. BELL, Birkenhead	5 10	10 8
J. R. THOMSON, Thornton	5 0	13 2	C. R. WEBSTER, Bootle	5 0½	10 10
R. LAWBERT, Bootle	5 0	11 5	J. CUFF, West Chirton	5 9	11 4
R. F. FELTON, Bill Quay	5 0½	16 13	E. HUREL, Jersey	5 5	10 2
Half-Backs:			J. ARTHUR, Haslingden		
C. S. BRITTON, Bristol	5 10½	11 2	F. LAIDMAN, New Elvert	5 6	10 4
J. MERCER, Elmsmere Park	5 9	11 6	D. H. TRENTHAM, Chirbury	5 9½	10 8
G. W. GEE, Stockport	5 11	12 8	H. CATTERICK, Stockport	5 9	16 10
S. J. BENTHAM, Lowton S. Marys	5 8½	11 2	P. DOUGAL, Denny	5 7	11 3
T. C. WATSON, Seghill	5 7	10 7			
M. LINDLEY, Kelghley	5 11	11 2			
J. W. DAVIES, Wrexham	5 8	10 8			
W. EDWARDS, Wigan	5 8	11 12			

EVERTON SIGNED DOUGAL FROM ARSENAL

AUGUST 23 1937. DAILY POST

Dougal the arsenal inside forward has been transferred to everton. Before joining the london club in 1933. Dougal played for southampton, and he made his debut in arsenal's first team in 1934. He stands 5ft 8ins and weights 11 3lbs. He made his first team debut for the londoners at middlesbrough in 1934. Last season he did not appear for the first team. The previous season he made eight appearances and scored three goals.

EVERTON LOSE SERVICE OF GILICK

AUGUST 24 1937. DAILY POST

Everton are not likely to have the service of Gillick their scottish international winger for the opening match against arsenal on Saturday. Instead he may be absent for sometime. Everton have on previous occasions been unfortunate in having player injured in trial games and being compelled to open below strength, and once again in the second trial game last Wednesday and at first was thought he had strained a tendon in the knee. It now appears that the injury is much more serious than was at first believed. Gillick was taken into a nursing home last Saturday morning and was examined by a specialist and an x-ray photograph was taken of the injured knee. The specialist's report is expected to be made known to-day, and it is feared that the player is suffering from cartilage trouble. Should this proved to be the case, an operation would be necessary and Gillick likely to be out of the side for some time. The club however, are fortunate in having such a capable deputy as Geldard also an international to fill the breach. Gillick who was secured by everton from glasgow rangers in december 1935, at a fee stated unofficially to be £8,000, made his debut for the goodison park club against leeds united on the left wing. Gillick joined the rangers, from petershill, a glasgow junior club, and played in two scottish league matches in 1933-34. The following season he took part in seventeen league games and scored as many goals, helping the rangers to win both the league and the cup. He is twenty-two years of age stands 5ft 7 and half inches, and is an extremely tricky player who, can fill any of the forward positions. In the 1935-36 season he played in twenty-three league games with everton and scored nine goals, while last campaign he played in all forty-two league matches and scored fourteen goals and in additional netted twice in the third round fa cup-tie against hournmouth he was also chosen to play for scotland against austria and czechoslovakia as an outside left.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

AUGUST 25 1937. DAILY POST

Everton chosen their side for the opening match against arsenal at goodison park on Saturday, as we anticipated in a view of Gillick injury, Geldard will occupy the everton, right wing berth as partner to Cunliffe otherwise the team is the same which did duty the back-end of last season except that Sagar resumes in goal, in place of Morton Dean has again been elected captain of the side with Britton vice captain the latter in succession to William Cook.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

SEPTEMBER 3 1937. DAILY POST

In an effort to improve the form of the everton directors have decided to make four changes from the team which lost to arsenal and manchester city. Everton visited blackpool, to-morrow and I am sure they will find the seasiders team a hard nut to crack. Jones come into partner cook, in place of Jackson while the other alterations are in the forward line. Lawton replaces Cunliffe while Dougal and Trentham form a new left wing. Thus the former arsenal player making his debut with the everton's senior side on partnership with a young player who is also debutant in the first eleven. Dougal demonstrated in the central league match earlier in the week that he is a live force, and he is expected to added dash to the line. Trentham showed excellent form when playing in the central league side last term. And his play to-morrow is expected to demonstrate that his training in the hard school of central league has improved his ability as an wing forward. Signed in december 1936, as a professional, he is a brother of the well-known west bromwich albion full back. He joined everton as an amateur from mickle taffic football club, and quickly earned praise for the ball control and capital marksmanship. A native of cherbury shropshire, he stands 5ft 8ins and weights 10st 6lbs. After the experience gained last season, Lawton is likely to add more driving power to the everton attack. He is a fine shot with this side I look for a decided improvement at blackpool.

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THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

SEPTEMBER 8 1937. DAILY POST

for the first time in their history manchester city visted goodison park as champions of the first division of the league. if would be a fitting occasion for everton to secure their first victory of the season, and a win badly needed after three defeats. The city were a to good for everton, at maine road a week ago, but the goodison men hope to square up matters to-day. The team shows futher forward changes from the side defeated at blackpool, stevenson the irish international, returns to the attack as partner to geldard on the right wing lawton moving to centre-forward in place of dean, who is suffering from a minor injury. The city are unchanged the kick-off ia at 6-20p.m.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTED

SEPTEMBER 10 1937. DAILY POST

having mastered manchester city, however the everton players have gained confidence and they hope to succeed in the game. A change from the successful side of mid-week is probable however as trentham was injured in the game with manchester city and in the event of that player being unfit cunliffe will be called to take the left wing berth. Cunliffe has played in all three inside positions and so versatile a forward would not be out of his element on the wing through if he is called on this will be a new position for him so far a everton is concerned.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

SEPTEMBER 15 1937. DAILY POST

derby county have not fulfilled expectation so far, but they have been unfortunate at the best they are a strong side and they hope to win their first match to-night, everton however, have other ideas and the team which defeat Brentford hope to succeed.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

SEPTEMBER 17 1937. DAILY POST

britton, the everton half-back, received a knock on the knee at derby county on Wednesday night, and he will not be able to play at holton wanderers to-morrow. He is suffering from a strained ligament in the knee. Bentham will probably fill that vacancy otherwise the team will be the same as that at derby county.

SOUTHAMPTON AFTER DEAN

SEPTEMBER 18 1937. DAILY POST

I understand from mr. Wc cuff the everton chairman, that there is no truth in the rumour that everton had been approached by southampton about dean. " There has been no approach to everton, and we do not contemplate any. " Said mr. Cuff.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

SEPTEMBER 24 1937. DAILY POST

huddersfield town visit everton to-morrow, when the yorkshire side will no doubt offer their customary sturdy display. Although there is not a WH smith to tie defences in knots these days, the huddersfield town team is a good one, and the defence is still very sound, everton have decided to bring in trentham, who has recovered from his injury at outside left in place of, cunliffe. The team otherwise is the same as at holton wanderers.

BLACKPOOL AFTER DEAN

SEPTEMBER 30 1937. DAILY POST

mr. Wc cuff, chairman of the everton football club, commenting on a statemnt by mr. W parkinson the blackpool chairman, that blackpool were contemplating an approach to everton for the service of dean, said that no overtunres had been made to everton, and that if they were, his personal opoinion was that blackpool would be wasting their breath.

GILLICK TO PLAY FOR "A" TEAM

OCTOBER 8 1937. DAILY POST

followers of the everton club will be delighted to learn that gillick, the club's scottish international wing forward's reported fit again and ready for duty after his cartilage operation. The player himself is full of confidence and will play for the everton's "A" side against hoylake at hoylake to-morrow, but as an inside-left, gillick it will be remembered, suffering an injury in the club's second trial game prior

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to the opening of the season, which necessitated him leaving the field, and although at first it was not considered serious, later examination disclosed cartilage trouble.

Britton the club's international half-back, has also recovered from the injury received in the match against derby county, at the baseball park, five weeks ago, and the vice captain travels with the team to wolverhampton to-morrow, as twelfth man, the team being unchanged, which defeat Liverpool at anfield on Saturday.

GILLICK UP TO EXPECTATION

OCTOBER 12 1937, DAILY POST

although everton's "A" were soundly beaten at hoyleake on Saturday, the game served to show that gillick, everton's scottish international winger who has had a cartilage operation has recovered his play generally was up to expectation although as was only to be expected, the player look no unnecessary trisus.

THE DIRECTORS MEETING SELECTION

OCTOBER 13 1937, DAILY POST

britton and gillick return to the everton side to meet leeds united on Saturday, the former has had a knee injury and gillick has been under the operation for cartilage trouble. Gillick takes trentham place at outside left and mercer crosses over to the left-half berth in place of watson, britton returning to his place at right half.

GELDARD PLAYED IN ENGLAND TRIAL GAME

OCTOBER 13 1937, DAILY POST

geldard play for english probables at goodison park against the possibles, the game finished 1-1 in front of 10,000

IS COULTER TO SIGN FOR GRIMSBY TOWN?

OCT 14 1937, DAILY POST

as is customary at trial matches and representative games, football officials from all over the country gathered at goodison park and I noticed that everton and grimsby town officials had something to discuss, grimsby town are in need of a wing forward and one strongly suspects that coulter, the irish outside left, who in the past has done so well for the first team and who is now playing in the centre league side was the subject of grimsby town's inquiry.

COULTER SIGNS FOR GRIMSBY TOWN

OCTOBER 15 1937, DAILY POST

coulter leaves everton, coulter and the everton football club and grimsby town clubs, came to terms yesterday and the irishman at his best will provide an acquisition to grimsby town he is qually at home at inside or outside left. He gained prominence with belfast celtic, and everton signed him in 1934. He was capped against england scotland and wales last season, during 1936-37 campaign he made twenty-one appearances for everton and scored five goals. He had the ill-luck to break aleg when playing for ireland against wales at wrexham, a couple of years ago, but has been playing well recently in the centre-league.

W HULLETT SIGNS FOR PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

OCTOBER 19 1937, DAILY POST

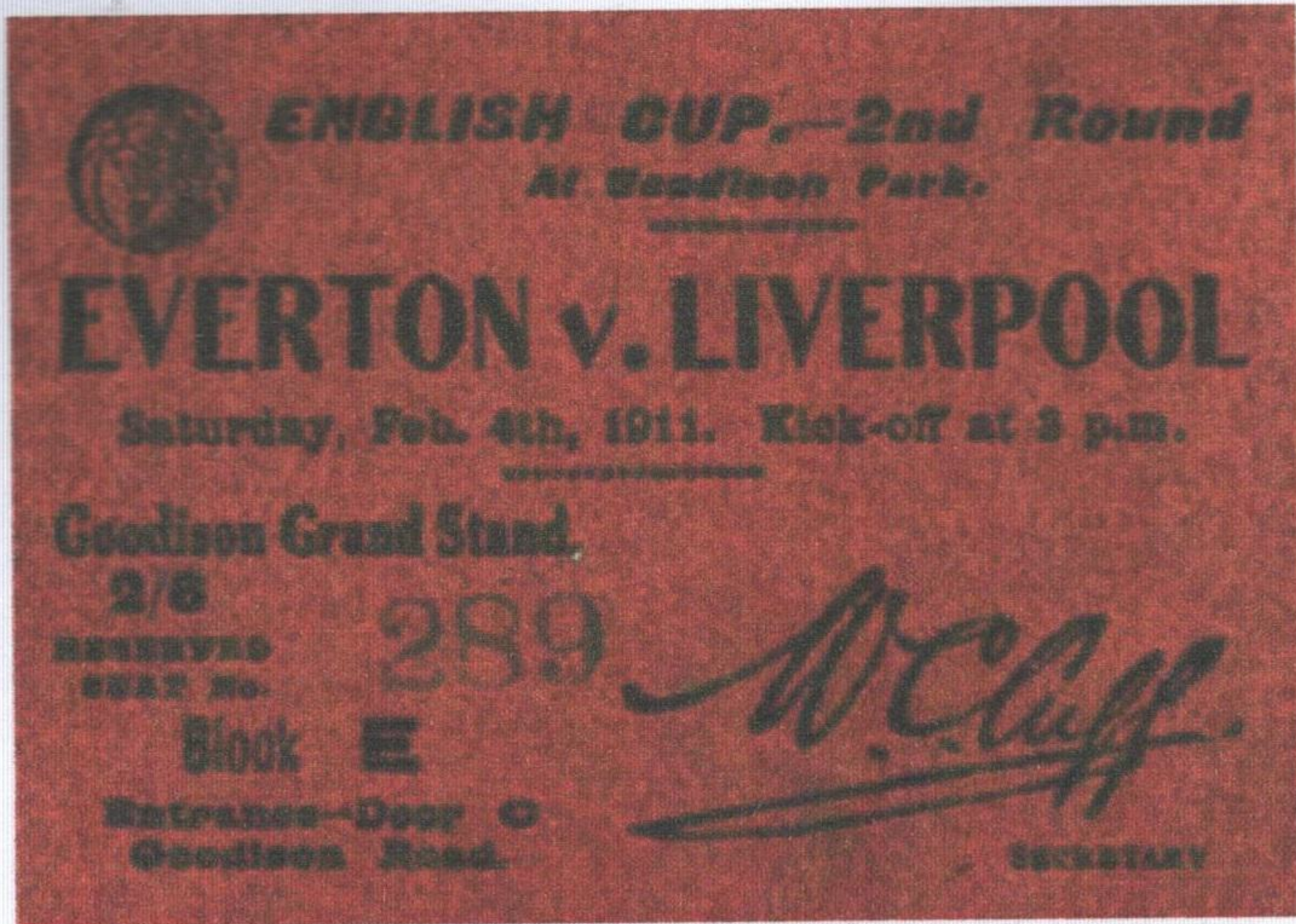
plymouth argyle yesterday secured the transfer from everton of W hullett, the 21-year-old centre-forward. last season hullett was loaned to new brighton for whom he scored eight goals in thirteen matches. Hullett was discovered when everton held amateur trials at goodison park. He was born in the district and developed his football from the time he played as a member of the Liverpool schoolboys team and emmanuel church side. He proved very successful with everton "A" and central league side, and once scored five goals in a match against Liverpool university. Standing 5 feet eleven inches. Hullett weights 11 stone. He did remarkably well for new brighton last season.

IRELAND AGAINST ENGLAND DELAYS SELECTION

OCTOBER 20 1937, DAILY POST

some of the football clubs will be affected by the ireland against england match at belfast on Saturday, for internation calls cause several team changes in some instances. Thus everton who visted grimsby town will be without geldard (england) and cook and stevenson (ireland). The selection of the everton

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