

# Blue Blood

**A Historical Everton Fanzine**

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**Photos by Ian McDonald**

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**“ Publication of the Everton Encyclopedia in September 2012 will represent the culmination of half a lifetime's work. It is a project I started in the mid-1990s while studying for my A-Levels at school in Liverpool and editing the fanzine, Gwladys Sings The Blues. Since then that work has been abandoned, significantly changed, borrowed from for my first book (Everton: The School of Science), postponed, and ultimately benefited from all the waiting and delays.**

**Why? Because Everton historiography has never been better served via brilliant new resources and unparalleled levels of knowledge sharing. These include the Everton Collection (incorporating David France's stupendous collection of Evertonia), the Blue Blood Fanzine, the EFC Heritage Society, plenty of new books, and Billy Smith's incredible Everton Correspondent website. As well as my own research, which includes many months spent buried in unpreposing newspaper libraries and archives, late nights sat at my desk and meetings with former players, the Everton Encyclopedia draws on all these influences. Now in its final stages of completion it encompasses nearly 500 full entries, ranging from 300 to 5000 words in length, and includes biographical and career details for every one of the 900 or so men to turn out for Everton Football Club.**

**I wanted to transcend the usual 'doughty and dependable' platitudes often extolled by other sport historians for athletes they have not witnessed by delving into contemporaneous reports of their performances; I wanted new angles, new insights, new pieces of undiscovered Everton lore. I think this book will provide all those things. ,It contains around 350,000 words and will be spread over some 600 pages and include hundreds of photographs. I hope that it's a book that every Evertonian will have on their bookshelves and treasure.**

**James Corbett**











# KEITH NEWTON

Birthplace: Manchester  
 Born: 23rd June 1941  
 Position: Full-Back

## Football League Career

	Appearances	Goals
Blackburn Rovers	306	9
Everton	48 (1)	1
Burnley	209	5
Total	563 (1)	15

England International Appearances	27
Goals	0

Born in Manchester, Keith Newton started his football career by playing left-back for Didsbury Technical School at the age of 11 and continued to play for them until he was 15. After playing at right-back for Manchester Junior Boys, he played for Spurley Hey Youth Club when he was noticed by Blackburn Rovers.

He signed as a professional in October 1958 and was a member of the successful Blackburn F.A. Youth Cup-winning side of 1959. Having appeared as a centre-half with the youth team, Newton made his first-team debut in the left-half position, but switched to left-back, making the position his own.

Newton was a cultured defender. Tall and athletic, he

was sharp in the tackle and sound in the air. He was also noted for his attacking runs down the flank. He finally settled into the right-back spot and won his first major honour in 1964, when he gained the first of several England Under-23 caps against Scotland at Newcastle. Shortly after this, he suffered the first of several major injuries that dogged his career and cost him many representative honours. He injured a knee training with England and had to have a cartilage operation. However, he subsequently made a remarkable recovery in time to go on England's close season Under-23 tour.

He got his first full cap in February 1965 at Wembley against West Germany, but it ended in near disaster. He was carried off the field injured with a suspected broken leg before the interval, but the injury turned out to be less serious than feared. Unfortunately, these injuries hampered his early career and he just missed out on inclusion in the 1966 World Cup. Despite the fact that Rovers were playing in the Second Division, Newton established himself as England's right-back in the late 1960s.

The Blackburn manager tried to persuade Newton that his future lay in midfield and played him there on several occasions. However, Newton was reluctant to switch positions on a permanent basis and reverted to his full-back role.

By 1969, he was a world-rated player, though Rovers were continuing to struggle in Division Two, eventually





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In the next few issues I will be reproducing programmes from the 1886/87 season. These programmes were only printed on a single card but were so important as the crowd could follow the play and know who was who. Everton were at the forefront of match day information. The cards in the forthcoming series were kindly given to me by John Rowlands, Author of "Albert Gedard The life & times of a Professional Footballer & "Everton Football Club 1878-1946"



















have been chasing me and not Tommy Docherty (Manchester United manager at the time),' said Bingham. Despite the result, the Everton board had already decided to dismiss Bingham, and on 10 January, after an FA Cup third-round victory over Stoke City, which suggested a double assault on Wembley, Bingham was sacked!

Some of the players and supporters were surprised by the board's reaction, after seeming to endorse Bingham's position in December, by giving him £380,000 to buy Bruce Rioch from Derby, and Duncan McKenzie from Anderlecht. However, a larger percentage of Evertonians welcomed Bingham's removal from Goodison Park, and several players could not disguise their delight that the Irishman was leaving. The national soccer press reacted as they do to the sensational sacking of a first division manager, although a couple of reporters felt that Bingham had been made a scapegoat by the Everton board. Derek Wallis in the *Daily Mirror* asked why what was acknowledged to be a 'collective failure' had resulted in only Bingham's dismissal. Moores had said that Everton were not playing the sort of football 'he and the crowd liked and remembered', but Wallis rhetorically asked why Bingham had been 'kicked out, when the team he had so painstakingly and patiently reconstructed might, just might, be on the threshold of something big'. He suggested that Moores should do what he had threatened to do in November and resign. 'Isn't it time,' Wallis wrote, 'that directors recognized that although football might be a hobby to them, it is a way of life and a living to the manager.' The truth behind Bingham's sacking was, of course, much more complicated, and Everton player, Mike Bernard, seemed to touch on it when he flippantly said: 'It seems a very funny time for a manager to leave a club, just as they're in the semi-final of the League Cup and the fourth round of the FA Cup.'

Few soccer reporters chose to analyse why Bingham had been dismissed and those who did, like Colin Malam of the *Sunday Telegraph*, described the relationship between the club, once known as 'the School of Science', and the huge Littlewoods Pools, mail-order and chain store empire. In 1977, when Bingham left

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**Kind regards The Committee**

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