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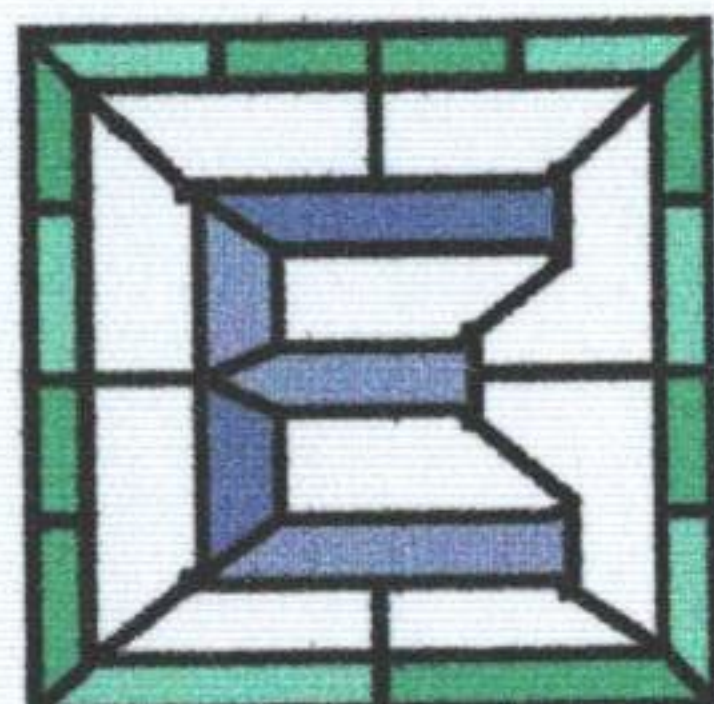
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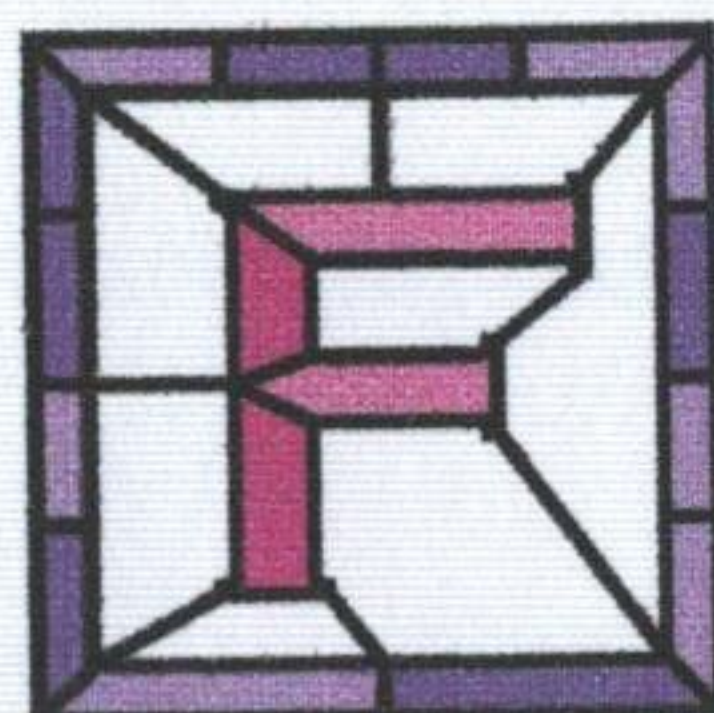
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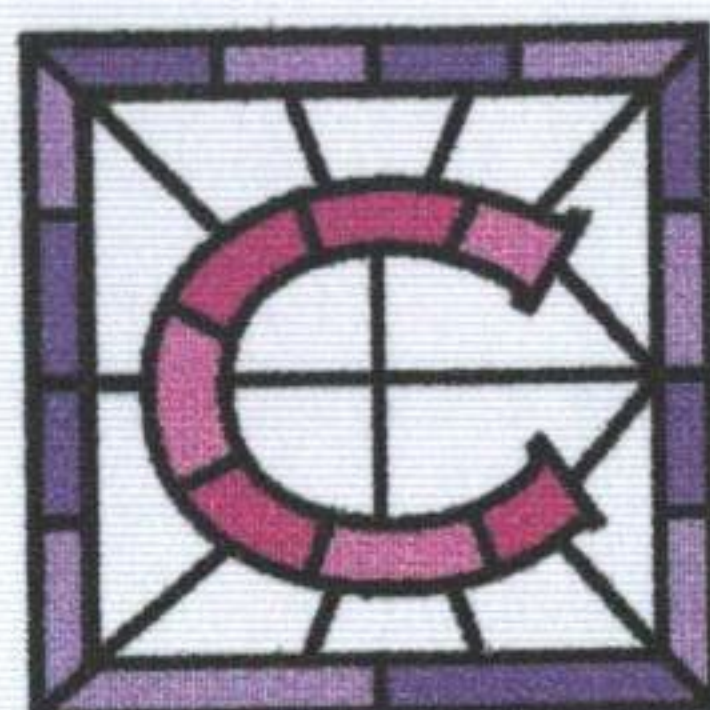
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George was a young hopeful and got his chance which he took until Duncan McKenzie came along.

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1974-75	11/4	2	2/2	0	0	0	-	-	13/6	2
1975-76	20/4	8	0	0	2/1	0	1	0	23/5	8
1976-77	17/2	4	0/1	0	3	0	-	-	20/3	4
1977-78	7/3	1	1	1	0/1	1	-	-	8/4	3
1978-79	10/2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10/2	2
1980-81	1/1	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	1/1	0
	81/16	20	4/4	1	5/2	1	1	0	91/22	22

Editors Page Return Of The Orr—Moans

Happy New Year, I have watched Everton for 50 years this is as bad as Walter Smith & Mike Walker. No shots on target, poor defence, only helped by a Referee, now that is a first for us. Norwich at home and again one up front, Norwich are cautious but they do attack and they do score. Moyes still doesn't use subs he waits, like he always does and when its nearly too late he brings on one forward and takes one off? Leon scores and saves the day but really once again we have paid for a bad game with little excitement and poor tactics. The young lads are ignored once again, Barkley is getting to be a distant memory and he is only 18.

Swansea at home on a Wednesday night, four days before Christmas and you have to feel sorry for every Swansea fan who had to travel that distance after they had all ready been to Newcastle four days before. Just shows how much the F.A and the League care about Football Fans.

The game was poor, Swansea looked like they will struggle to stay up but Everton still struggled to beat them. One of the best things I heard at a football match was when McFadden was running up and down the touchline to warm up, someone said "That reminds me I need to buy a Turkey".

The game was more lively than we have seen lately and we deserved the win but again its little Leon who scored and made it a Merry Christmas for the Evertonians who were at the game. It isn't good football we are watching at Goodison, its nervous, try not to lose stuff. Moyes seems to think if he can get a draw then that's ok but its not what the majority of Everton fans want to watch. The empty seats and lack of atmosphere tell you that. Swansea fans were taking the Mickey out of us because we did not sing or even chant. I leave Goodison Park and on most occasions I am bored stiff with what I have just watched, this game was slightly better than most but still hardly what you would call entertaining.

Sunderland away Boxing Day and yet again another poor dismal performance, only saved by Leon falling over and the Number One Referee in England giving us a penalty.

We fall behind early on but once again the subs are too late. Moyes continually plays his subs too late, what can you do in six minutes?

A draw again and Moyes is Happy, it is what he aims for there never seems a time when we overwhelm teams have them under the cosh and have shots from all angles, its pass, pass, pass and lose possession. Its frustrating and it can be cured by playing two up front and playing the ball through the middle for them to run onto.

A fine example of Moyes is that we are getting Landon Donovan back, he is a goal scoring centre forward but Moyes plays him on the wing, why? Who is he going to centre the ball to? The none goal scoring players we have now, is the answer to that.

Why is Moyes obsessed with players playing out of position on the wing? He has tried everyone from Rodwell to Leon and it doesn't work.

W.B.A. away New Years Day time for a new approach? No its the same old Saha up front and the pass it sideways and back Neville in midfield. For one hour our brains are numb watching this boringly negative football. Then at last Moyes acts he does what I and most Evertonians want, he plays two up front, replaces the negative Neville and all of a sudden we have the REAL Everton on the pitch. We score, we win. Then you hear the stupid Sky Commentator saying you have got to praise Moyes, he got his tactics right !!! No he didn't he got his tactics wrong, his original line up gave us nothing as they do most weeks, only when he played two up front did the game change, only then did we play football.

Bolton mid week another must win game, lets hope Saha is dropped.

Tamworth at home in the F.A. Cup, this is what its all about, a team you hardly know, fans that will treat it like a Carnival and an open game, hopefully. Tamworth hit the headlines in 1998 when two six month old pigs being taken to an abattoir when they made a break for freedom, the whole country supported them and the Daily Mail bought them and put them in a rare breeds centre where Sundance is still alive sadly Butch died in October 2010.

So playing Tamworth will be a change and all the usual it was a SIZZILING game, the goalie saved their BACON clichés will be used (Especially by me) so lets hope we win with a bit of flair or a PORKY goal.

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Happy New Year, I have watched Everton for 50 years this is as bad as Walter Smith & Mike Walker. No more of that, poor defence, only helped by a keeper, now that is a first for us. Norwich at home and again one up front, Norwich are cautious but they do attack, and they do score. Moves still doesn't use subs he waits, like he always does and when its nearly too late he finds an one forward and takes one off. I don't scores and saves the day, the only once.



Everton's forward line-up with the First Division Championship cup they helped to win last season. They aim to keep a firm grip on it, too, but injuries look like keeping skipper Roy Vernon out of the line-up for the European Cup clash. On his left is Derek Temple, while Denis Stevens, Alex Scott and Alex Young make up the "front line."

This is a nice photo from the Championship Winning Season 1962-63

Billy Bingham's days at Goodison as Manager Continued from last issue

from Ipswich and Martin Murray from Home Farm in Dublin. Bingham said he wanted midfield players who could score goals. 'Bryan certainly fulfils that requirement,' said Bingham. Hamilton was perfect in many other ways. He had played under Bingham at the Irish league club Linfield, as a twenty-six-year-old part-time footballer, with no prospect of becoming a professional. Within a season of Bingham's arrival at Linfield, Hamilton was transferred to Ipswich for approximately £20,000 - a substantial fee for an Irish league player. To justify the amount, Ipswich put Hamilton straight into their first team, and the Irishman was forced to make the grade or go back to part-time soccer in Ireland. Bingham needed that same sort of dedication and determination at Everton if he was going to achieve the success Moores had expected of him by the end of the '75/76 season.

Although there was no daily or weekly pressure on Bingham, there was pressure on him to get results, as there is on all managers. By Christmas 1975, several reporters began to tighten the screws. One soccer writer said that Bingham needed 'a win more desperately than at any time during his two and a half years at Goodison, to relieve the mounting pressure on him'. Admittedly the season had started badly for Bingham. Elimination from Europe by A. C. Milan, defeat by Notts County in the League (Milk) Cup and several embarrassing league results, which had pushed Everton into mid-table, had affected the attendances and Bingham's position. 'Many clubs would not regard that as a slump, but at Everton it is, because of the pressure always on us, as a club in a city so wrapped up in football,' said Bingham. The gates had dropped from an average of 40,000 to less than 30,000 which, reporters claimed, meant that Everton were losing £3,000 a week.

It seemed that instead of a heavenly sojourn, someone had given Bingham the wrong set of maps and he was now descending into hell. Steve Burtenshaw's arrival had allowed Bingham to alter the coaching methods. 'Billy wanted a different outlook,' said Burtenshaw, 'and he wanted me to provide a few different thoughts.' Bingham said the change in the training pattern was one of many 'different things' they had tried, to bring the team

out of what he described as 'a rut of poor results — the first we have had since I became manager'. Yet the press and the supporters didn't seem to believe that the rut had been caused by 'a considerable number of injuries to first-team players', which meant he was unable to field a settled side, and 'a loss of form by some players at the same time'. Two months later, Everton's spoilt footballers would react to Bingham's methods. Bingham, sadly, had heard it all before.

Several close observers of Bingham's career as a club manager believe he accepted the positions at Plymouth and Everton before he was ready for them. At Plymouth he was too professional, too soon, and at Everton he tried to ignore the politics. 'You have to be a politician at Everton,' said one soccer writer. 'I don't think he was ready for Everton,' said Allen Wade. 'He was intimidated by them. In Liverpool, Everton are the class club, despite Liverpool's success, and players are put on pedestals. That makes it harder to manage, because players talk to directors and fans talk to players. It was not like Liverpool's boot-room, where, if you didn't do as you were told, you'd get a clout across the ear.'

It became apparent to the supporters that Bingham was not the manager they thought he would be. Several expected his team to play the kind of entertaining football they had become accustomed to when he was at Everton in the early '60s. Tom Cannon, an Everton supporter since the '50s, could see the creative side of Bingham as a manager but he felt that he was 'trying to do more with Everton than was possible at the time'. Cannon felt that Bingham lacked a 'hard man' in the team. 'They were open and creative, but all good teams need a hardness in their team and I don't think Bingham had that. I always had the feeling that he was picking the right players, but they weren't doing it on the pitch, and at the end of the day the manager can only put them on the pitch, he can't play the game for them.' Cannon also felt that Bingham was changing the team for no underlying reason and 'it seemed he was doing this because he was reacting' to the pressures around him.

The people on the terraces can often see that something is

wrong in a football club without being able to identify the problem. Cannon was not alone in realizing that several players were disenchanted with Bingham's management. Reporters on the Liverpool papers could not fail to notice this, and one wrote that 'every Everton fan has his own stock of stories about discontent among the playing staff' and that there must be 'some substance' to these rumours.

Everton, of course, is no ordinary club. Bingham is no ordinary manager, but when he was faced with the demands of players who thought their contracts were inadequate, the crisis at Goodison Park raced out of his control. Bingham could tell his players at Southport and Plymouth that they were being paid an adequate wage; at Everton it wasn't as simple as that. First division players sign contracts, when they are transferred from club to club, that guarantee them a wage they believe is commensurate with their talent. Bingham's problems at Everton began when several players came to him at the beginning of the '75/76 season, looking for better contracts. Bingham, in his inimitable manner, assured them that they were being paid a fair wage, but as the season ground on and Everton flopped out of the FA Cup and began to slip further down the first division table, the frustrations of both the manager and the players became public knowledge.

Bingham had constantly changed his injury-hit team in an attempt to find the right balance, and when he left Gary Jones and Mick Buckley out of the team to play Manchester City, at Maine Road, on 21 February the dam burst. Outside the ground a small group of Everton supporters demanded his resignation. Inside Maine Road, Jones and Buckley spoke to reporters about their disillusionment and said they were going to request a move.

Buckley told reporters that he had 'been dropped, brought back and then dropped again. This kind of thing can really affect my career.' The England under-23 international's response was not atypical of a player with a first division club, who feels his career is more important than the success of the team. Jones simply wanted a better contract. 'I'm not trying to cause a rift,' he told reporters, 'but if I don't speak up, then nothing will be done. A

lot of things have caused this. Partly it's financial, because I've not been happy with my terms since the start of the season. There are some players on better terms – which I resent. We haven't won anything again this season and I can't see anything being won in the near future.'

On the Monday after the game Bingham and Burtenshaw held a conference with the players and the training-ground was barred to the press. Bingham was disturbed by the leakage of information from Goodison Park and Bellefield. But he had bolted the door too late!

Everton ended the season eleventh in the league – a respectable enough position for most clubs going through a transition. Bingham had weathered the storm remarkably well, although he admitted that he had been hurt by the internal disputes and the external taunts. Those who were close to him knew that his heart and soul were in Everton Football Club. 'I want to be successful here,' he told local reporter Charles Burgess. 'I am a little sad over it all because one person starts something and others pick it up. I am an Evertonian like them, and there is nobody who wants the team to do well more than me.' Bingham added that he was doing his best, yet that, and his undoubted loyalty, did not seem to be enough. The three years Moores had given him to bring success to Goodison Park were to become Bingham's watershed. It was May 1976. Bingham was optimistic that the new season would bring success. He was right; it would, but he wouldn't be there to enjoy it.

It is a matter of conjecture whether Bingham would have brought the League Cup to Goodison Park. He had taken the team to the semi-finals when he was sacked on 10 January 1977. The team which his successor, Gordon Lee, led out at Wembley was not significantly different from the selection Bingham would have made. The Irishman's success in knock-out competitions suggests that he would have brought the trophy back to Liverpool.

Bingham had said it was ironic that 'just as the team is beginning to take shape, I have to leave it on the verge of the Wembley

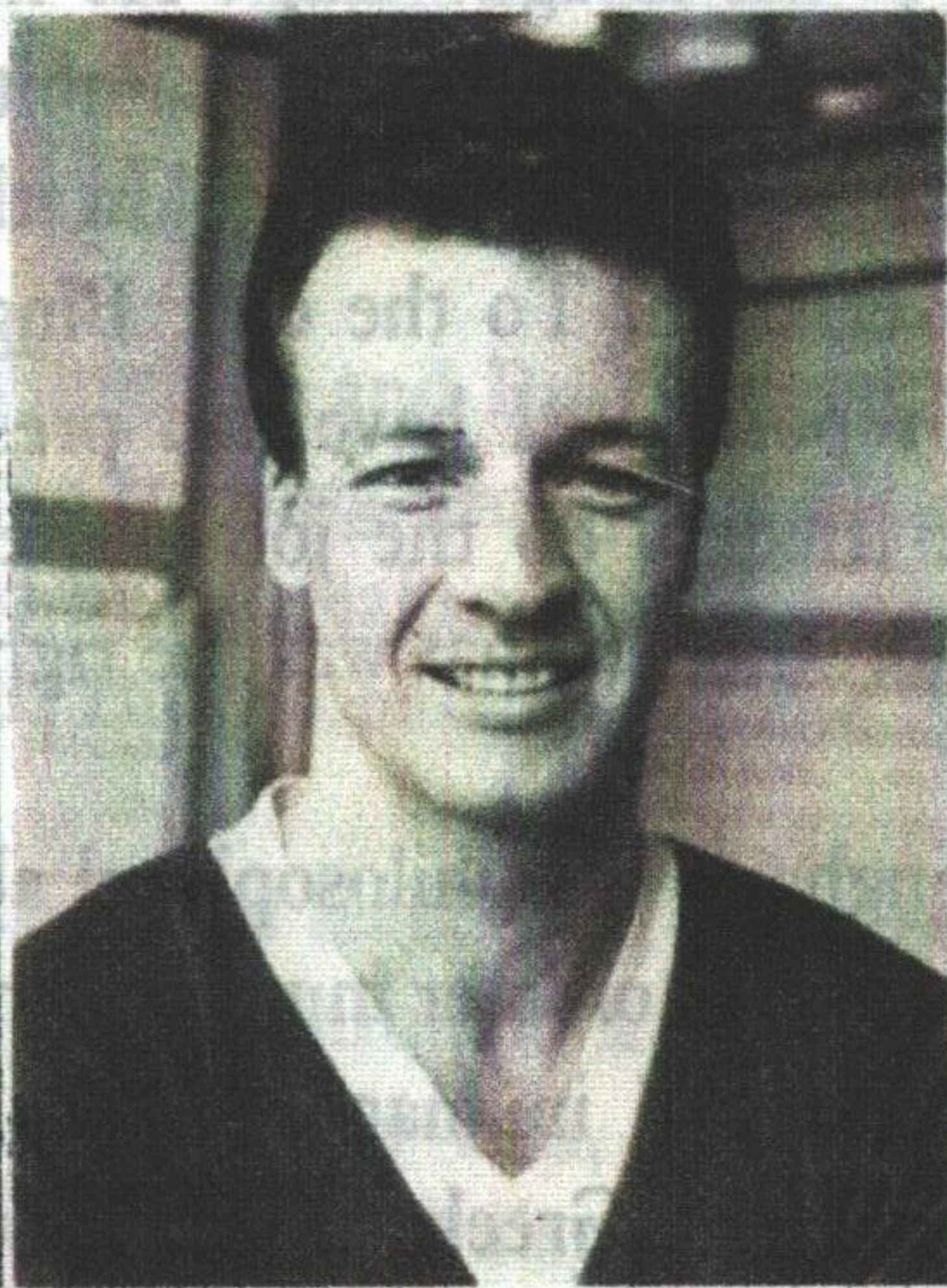
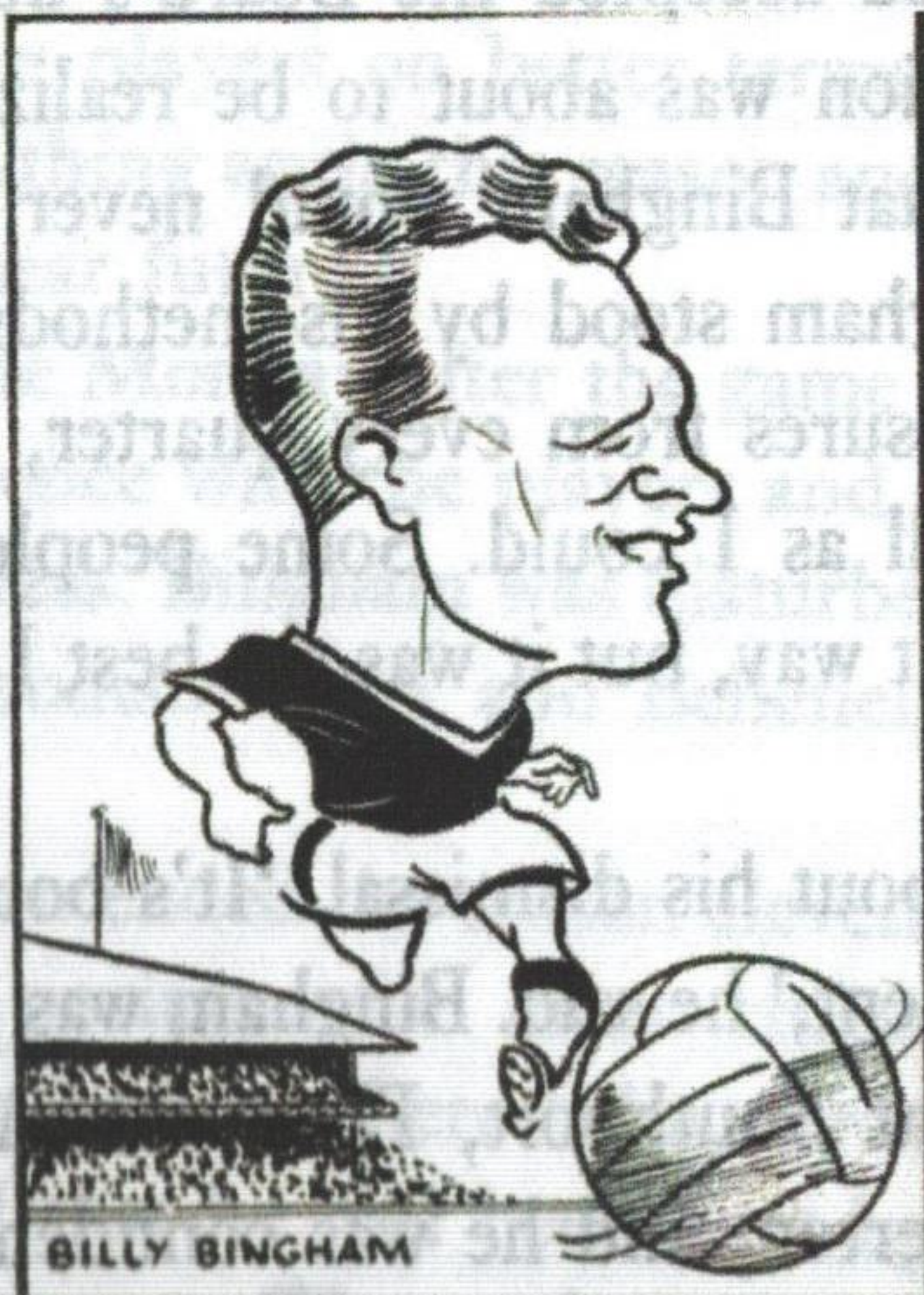
turf in the League Cup'. He had accepted the Board's decision calmly, for a man whose ambition was about to be realized by someone else. It was a blow that Bingham would never really recover from. To the end, Bingham stood by his methods, and told reporters: 'I have had pressures from every quarter, and I have tried to do the job as well as I could. Some people may debate whether that was the right way, but it was the best I could do.'

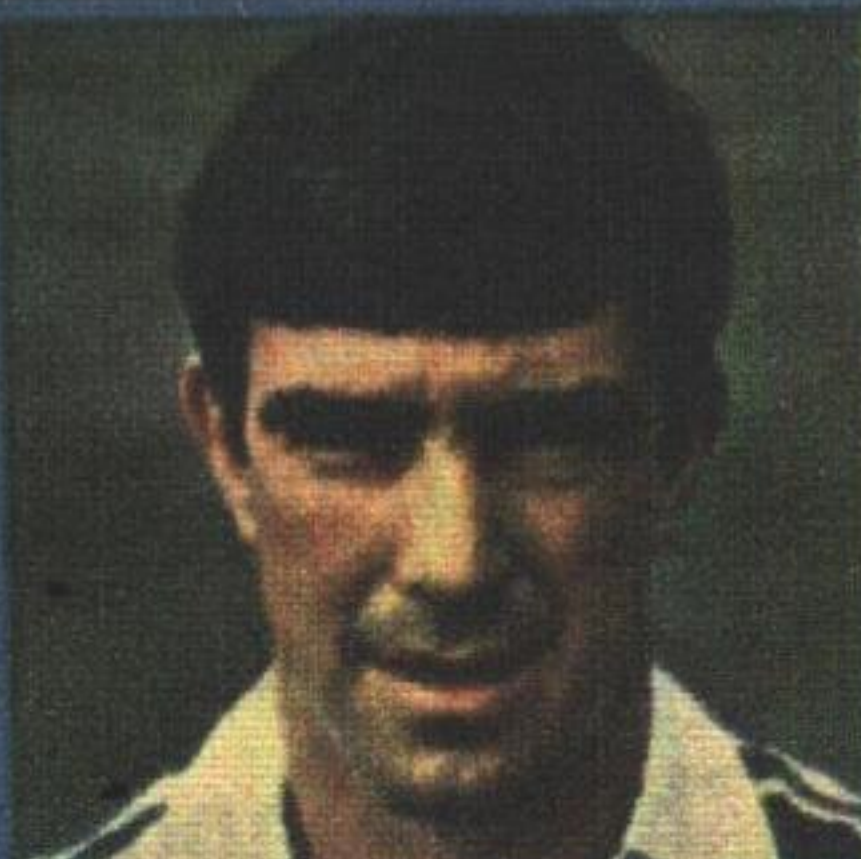

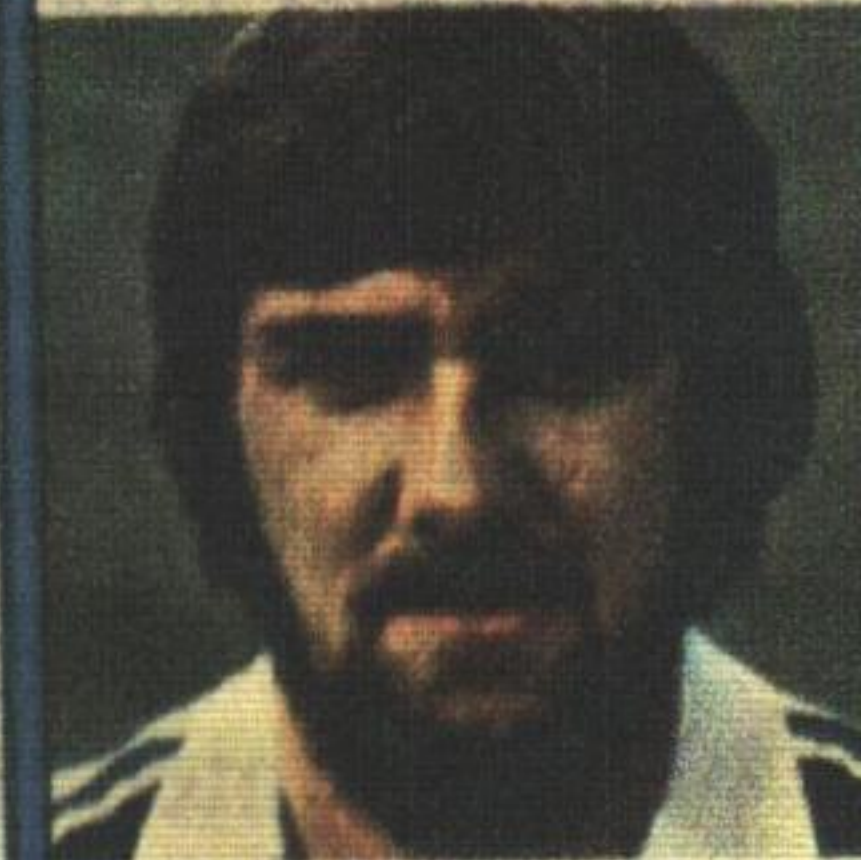

Bingham was philosophical about his dismissal. 'It's bound to come sooner or later in management,' he said. Bingham was proud of his record in management, at Southport, Plymouth Argyle, Linfield, the Greek FA and Everton, and he was confident that he would 'pick up another manager's job in the Football League'. Bingham knew that his semi-retirement would not last long, and it was no surprise when John Church, his former chairman at Southport, suggested that a place on the board at Haig Avenue might suit him. Bingham considered it and on 11 February he bought £1,000 of shares at Southport and became a director. He had promised, some weeks before, that if he did become a director he would dedicate himself to 'being nice to the manager'. He never got the chance, and John Church thought it was February 1968 again when Bingham took off for Greece to manage PAOK Salonika at the end of April.

Bingham had stayed in England long enough to watch Gordon Lee lead Everton out for the League Cup final at Wembley.

By rights, it should have been me leading Everton onto the field. It is my team – the same players I spent three and a half years bringing together. I'm pleased for the players that they're at Wembley, because they strove to get there. But I have my pride. I was appointed manager to get them somewhere and having got them to the verge of it, I had to leave. But I'm professional and philosophical enough about football and its ups and down to try to overcome the feelings one gets.

The End



	
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The End

Everton v Leeds The Battle Of Goodison Park

On Saturday November 7th 1964 Everton played (fought) Leeds at Goodison Park.

The game went down in English Football History, so many tackles and fouls were committed the Referee decided that unless the players cooled down there would be a riot so he took both teams off the pitch to let the crowd settle and try to get back to normality.

I was at the game and I remember it clearly Leeds kicked everything that moved , even the ball boys had to jump out of the way.

After only four minutes Sandy Brown was sent off after he retaliated after being tackled by Johnny Giles. The crowd went mad, the hatred directed at the Leeds players was venomous . The whole atmosphere turned nasty, you felt that if one fan ran on the pitch then the whole terraces would empty onto the playing area to try and Lynch the Leeds players.

Leeds scored after fifteen minutes and the atmosphere became even worse than before After thirty eight minutes Billy Bell of Leeds scythed down Derek Temple . It was an attempted assassination with studs, Temple lay still and the ambulance men came on . Bottles were being thrown on to the pitch, coins were being lashed at Leeds players and the Referee decided it wasn't safe out there . He called both Captains together and told them he was taking them off for their own safety.

Both teams left the field and the crowd bayed for blood, not knowing what was happening , rumours that he had called the game off sent even more fans into a frenzy. In fact it was to be ten minutes before the referee allowed the game to continue.

It seemed to have done the trick as the crowd had quietened down slightly and no matter how hard Everton tried they could not score. The Leeds players left the field to a chorus of boos and abuse. They were deemed a disgrace to English football, it was said they had kicked their way out of the 2nd Division and after this display it was to be many years before any Leeds player got a good reception at Goodison.

George Orr (More about this game on the next few pages)

The Battle Of



**ONE OFF
-NOW ALL
OFF!**



George Orr (photo about this game on the next few pages)

Goodison Park



On Saturday, November 7, 1964, shame came to Goodison Park. After only four minutes of the match with Leeds, Sandy Brown, the Everton left-back, was sent off by referee Ken Stokes, of Newark. In the 18th minute, Billy Bell, of Leeds, and Derek Temple, of Everton, clashed, and were injured. Missiles were thrown on to the pitch. The referee suspended this sensational match for ten minutes, and in the second half a Leeds player was "booked."



Top left, the scene when time and a match stood still. By the clock (left) it is twenty-to-four as Mr. Stokes stalks off.

Bottom left, Sandy Brown (No. 1) is sent off.

Top right (this page), Derek Temple, taken off on a stretcher.

Left (this page), Billy Bell is "chaired" off.

The Battle Of Goodison Park

In the sensational Everton match the tension reached boiling point after only five minutes due to an incident between the Merseysiders' Scottish left back Sandy Brown and myself.

We collided in challenging for the ball on the edge of the Everton penalty area and our legs accidentally became entangled as we fell to the ground. Then Brown wriggled free, leapt angrily to his feet, and aimed a punch to my head.

Everton became rattled when Leeds went ahead after fifteen minutes through Willie Bell, and their desperation to get back into the game only led to more niggling incidents.

The tackling got fiercer and fiercer, and Everton's fans started demonstrating against Stokes for a number of free kicks against the Everton players. In the 39th minute the crowd was whipped up into a frenzy when Bell and Derek Temple crashed into each other on the halfway line on Leeds' right flank.

Referee Stokes promptly halted play, and when he got to the touchline he was pelted with rubbish by Everton supporters.

That was the most frightening moment I have ever experienced on a soccer pitch. I had the feeling that, at any moment, the fans – all 55,000 of them – would invade the field, just as they try to do in some parts of South America, where players have to be protected by moats, barbed wire and riot police!

Stokes had the same fear, for he immediately signalled for both teams to return to their dressing rooms.

Don Revie did most of the talking as the Leeds players sat waiting for the game to re-start, stressing how important it was for us to keep our heads. Stokes came into the dressing room to confirm that he had taken us off because of the behaviour of the fans. 'Don't worry, lads, I've got the club to broadcast a stern warning over the tannoy,' he added reassuringly.

Everton were down to nine men when they came back on to the field, Temple having sustained a leg injury in that clash with Bell. However, the crowd had calmed down, and there was no further trouble in that direction . . . even though there was still a lot of ill-feeling among the players.

Temple returned two minutes before the interval, and immediately afterwards Rees earned a stern lecture from Stokes for bringing down Bobby Collins.

The free kicks continued to flow freely throughout the second half, with Norman Hunter being booked for a foul on Roy Vernon, and Vernon extremely lucky to escape the same fate for a similar foul on Billy Bremner.

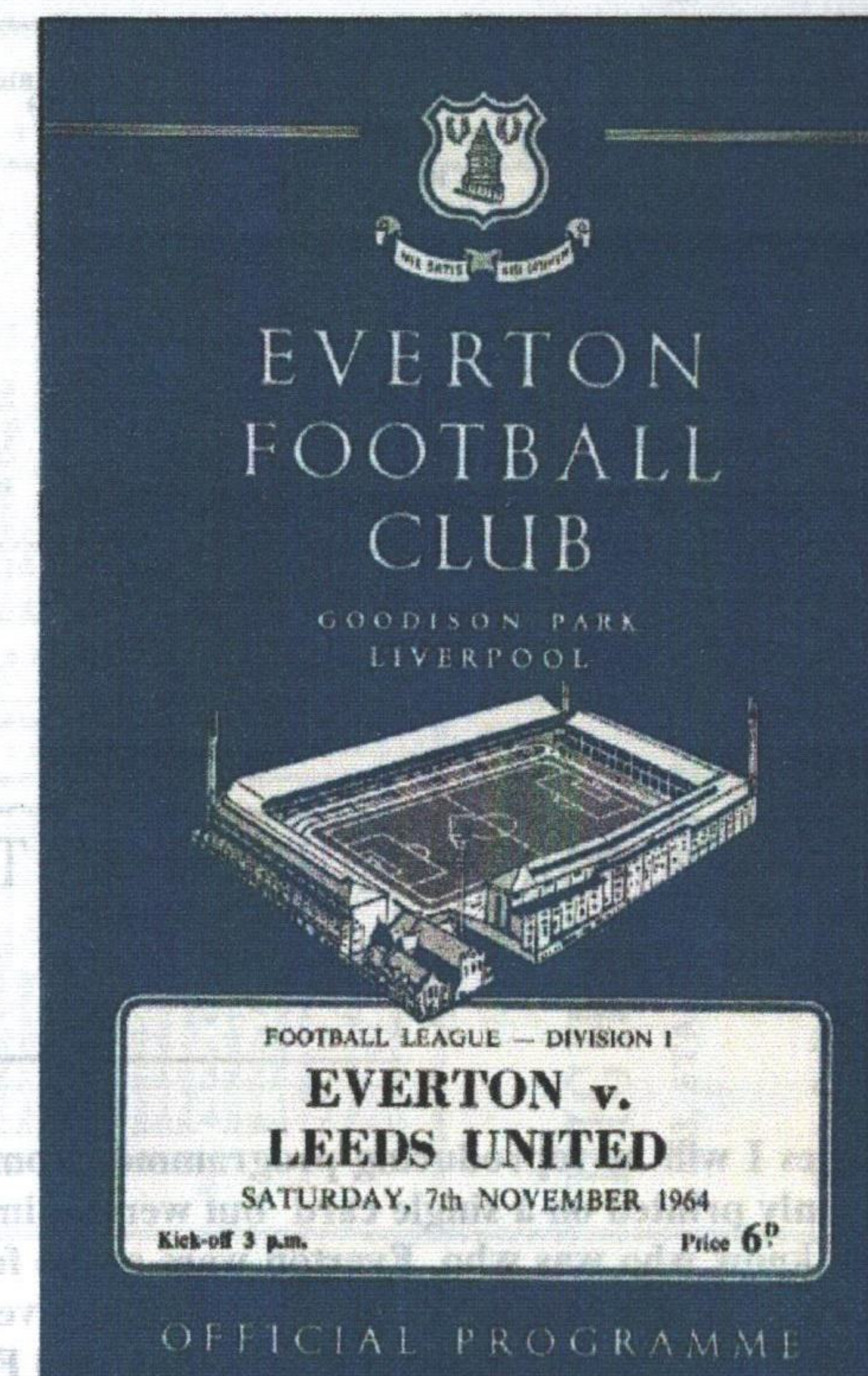
Not surprisingly, all this provided our critics with fresh ammunition in their campaign against the club – although of the 31 fouls in the match, which we won 1-0, Everton committed 19 to Leeds' 12.

Johnny Giles, on the Everton v Leeds game that resulted in both teams being taken off the field by the referee to cool down

The Battle Of Goodison Park

It was not the attitude of the players which was causing so much concern, but the attitude of the crowd. I'll make no bones about it – the Goodison Park crowd is the worst before which I have ever played. And I'm not alone in voicing that opinion. Players of other teams have expressed that view to me in no uncertain manner. The particular game to which I refer had been a niggling sort of match, with a few rugged fouls thrown in. And probably both teams were equally to blame for on-field incidents. I take the view that if you let people know that you are not going to be put upon, it is half the battle . . . and Leeds United have certainly never allowed themselves to be put upon. But the crowd behaviour and their reaction to that game at Goodison reflected no credit upon the Everton fans. Our goalkeeper, Gary Sprake, was picking up so many coins from the pitch – coins thrown from the crowd – that at full-time when we asked him how much he had got, he turned round and said, 'I don't really know – I could have got more, but I only picked up the silver.' With the Everton fans there always seems to be a threatening attitude, a vicious undertone to their remarks. You never feel this is a football atmosphere – it creates more a sense of fear.

Jack Charlton on the same match, taken from For Leeds and England



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" 14	Bolton Wanderers	1 .. 3	" 8	Renfrewshire
" 18	St. Benedict	5 .. 0	" 15	Blackburn Rovers
" 21	Darwen	1 .. 0	" 22	Rawtenstall
" 25	Stanley	3 .. 1	" 29	Burnley
" 28	Accrington	2 .. 1	Feb. 5	Hullwell
Sept. 4	Asley Bridge	4 .. 0	" 12	Blackburn Rovers
" 11	Derby County	4 .. 1	" 19	Liverpool Cup Tie
" 18	Rossendale	3 .. 0	" 26	Bury
" 25	South Shore	5 .. 0	Mar 5	Ulster
Oct. 2	Fleetwood Zingari (Lan. Cup Tie)	0 .. 0	" 12	Church
" 9	Bury	4 .. 1	" 19	Liverpool Cup Final
" 16	Hurst	2 .. 2	" 26	Bolton Wanderers
" 23	Bootle (L'pool Cup Tie)	2 .. 0	April 2	South Shore
" 30	Glasgow Rangers	0 .. 1	" 8	Padiham
Nov. 6	Lanc. Cup Tie	2 .. 5	" 9
" 13	Stanley	4 .. 0	" 11	Burnley
" 20	Police Athletic	4 .. 0	" 16	Oswestry
" 27	Hallwell	1 .. 0	" 23	Rossendale
Dec. 4	Haydock	5 .. 0	" 30	Church
" 11	Asley Bridge	2 .. 1	May 7	Northwich Victoria
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Its Tuesday 20th December 2011, I am travelling to Villa Park, Birmingham. No I haven't gone mad and travelled a month early for our league game, this trip is more important than one or three points needed.

20th December is the 100th anniversary of the death of William McGregor, the Aston Villa Chairman who started the Football League, a League that was copied the world over. The Acclaimed author Peter Lupson "Thank God for Football" and "Across the Park" has written a new book with Aston Villa supporter John Lerwill "The Inspirational William McGregor" Peter and John have done a terrific job in getting Aston Villa to hold a Memorial Service at St. Marys church, Handsworth, Birmingham with a 2pm kick off. The Aston Villa supporters trust have paid for the refurbishment of the Headstone, so well done to the Villans for knowing and respecting your heritage. Peter and John not only have Villa on board but the other original 11 members of the League who will be represented today:

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Bolton Wanderers
Derby County
Everton FC
Notts County
Stoke City
Preston North End
West Bromwich Albion
Wolverhampton Wanderers

Peter Lupson gave one of his Interesting and fascinating talks on William McGregor, telling how Everton FC owe a great debt to William as Everton and Bootle FC had both submitted applications to join the league, McGregor came down on Evertons side as he had seen how the crowds had been growing. After 3 years of the start of the league, 123 years ago, McGregor was proved right as we won our first league title at our old home Anfield.

Robert Elstone, CEO of Everton FC and Lord Grantchester were representing our club along with other Evertonians, the Catholic Bishop of Liverpool Tom Williams, Paul Kelly, and EFC Heritage Society members; Brenden Connolly, David Starsky and myself.

We have a very special bond with Aston Villa, we have the oldest rivalry in world league football as most games played against each other. We played Villa once in a friendly at Anfield in 1886 and we paid them £10 to cover their expenses, how times have changed. It has been a wonderful day here at Aston Villa with great credit to Peter and John and the Villans, well done you have not just done yourselves proud but also Football. If you are looking for a late Christmas present for your football fanatic relative then "The Inspirational William McGregor" is worth a read.

Thanks PAUL Wharton

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William McGregor Ceremony



The Service to Honour McGregor brought dignitaries from most of the original Clubs only Stoke and Accrington failed to send a representative.

Everton had Robert Elstone and Lord Grantchester, Doug Ellis the former owner of Aston Villa can be seen with his hand on the grave of McGregor.


The service was held in St Mary's Church Handsworth, Birmingham.

Blue Blood was given a mention by Peter Lupson which was nice and the day was a huge success.

The History Of Football can not be stolen and reformed by The Premier League or Sky T.V.

With the Efc Heritage Society and people like Paul Wharton and Peter Lupson the History of our great Club is in safe hands.

George
 Back in the 1953/ 54 Season Everton "A" Team played home matches at Formby F. C.'s Browns Lane Ground.
 There are some familiar names in the programme that I have sent to you. It's a game between Everton "A" and Haydock Cricket & Bowling Recreation Club.
 The Stand featured on the front of the programme was largely unchanged for the next 50 years until Formby F.C. moved out.
 Mal Cole



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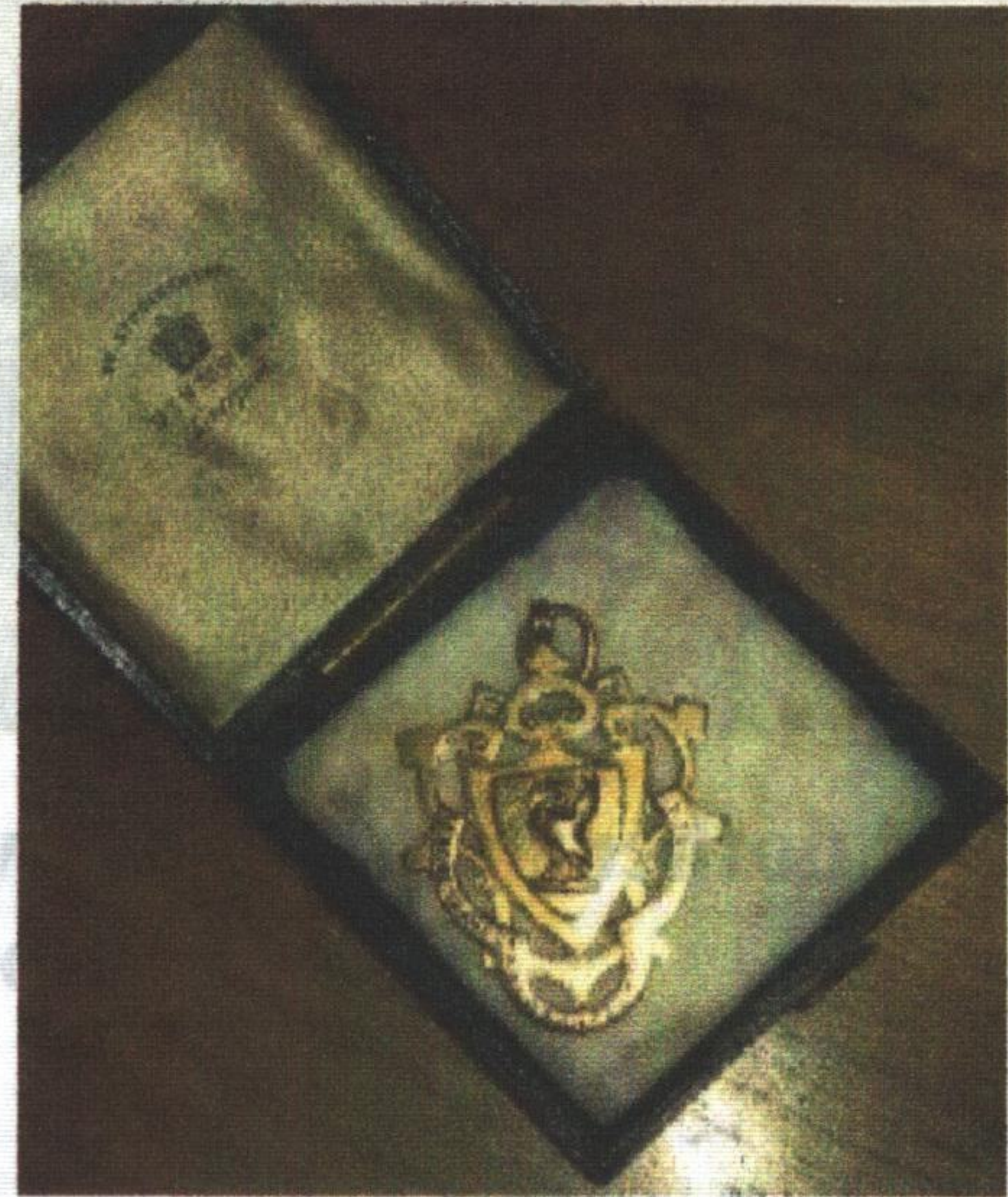
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A chap called into the Met Quarter Shop yesterday and brought the Medal that is shown below
 The chap that brought it said his father had it and he always wondered what it was, seeing as the League Championship Medal produced by Everton looks familiar but clearly isn't the same as the one in the Everton Collection.
 The Medal was presented to Fred Geary by Everton F.C. in 1890-91, it is Hall Marked Vaughan & Sons Birmingham.
 Can anyone shed any light on what It could be?
 Phillip Ross

Below is the original Everton Collection Medal and three photos of the new unrecognised medal (In my opinion it is a medal presented to Geary as he was Leading Goal Scorer that season) George Orr



Above the original Everton Collection Medal



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Another painting showing the Toffee Shop & Prince Rupert's Tower

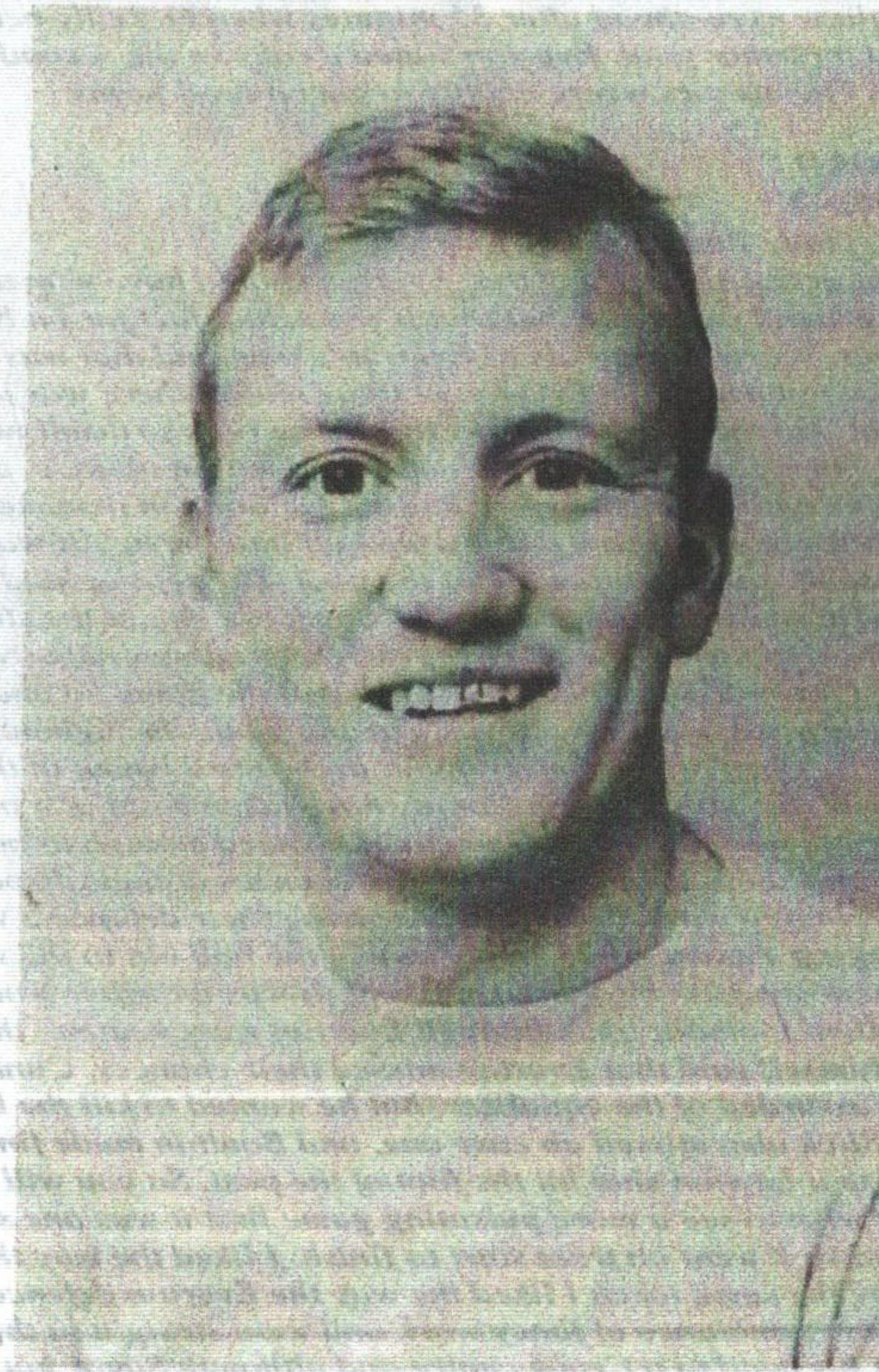
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The History Of Everton season 1938-39

Check out Billy's Website <http://www.billyswebsite.com> enjoy the information. Billy can be contacted by email billyswebsite@btinternet.com from Newspaper archives. Although there are a few spelling mistakes due to limited time I am sure you will enjoy the information. Billy Smith the author of the Blue Correspondence book has spent years researching Everton's history.

JIMMY GABRIEL (Everton & Scotland/ Southampton/Bournemouth/Brentford) 1

One of the best strong tackling wing halves of the day, took some time to settle after Everton had paid Dundee £25,000 in March 1960 for his signature. Was then only nineteen, but rapidly came to the fore with consistent cultured play which belied his years. At Goodison Park won a League Championship medal which was followed by an F.A. Cup winners medal from the game against Sheffield Wednesday, 1966. A season later was allowed to join Southampton giving them sterling service, using his defensive qualities to the full, before going on to Bournemouth and then Brentford. Surprisingly only won 2 Scottish caps.



Thanks to Richard Bates

The History Of Everton season 1938-39

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 Check out Billy's Website bluecorrespondent.co.nr

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Manchester City reserves 0 Everton Reserves 1

December 26 1938, the Daily Post

Everton gained a good victory over Manchester City even though they only scored one goal. Several promising "A" team players were included and they did well revealing an understanding that was missing from the creditable opponents by the home team. Catterick goals was a grand effort. He received good support from skilful colleagues but the game was ruined as a spectacle due to fog which curtailed visibility to mere yards.

LIVERPOOL COUNTY LEAGUE

Earlestown Bohemians 2 Everton "A" 1

DECEMBER 26, 1938, Daily Post

Earlestown Bohemians brought of their finest performance of the season in defeating Everton at Earlestown. The Bohemians were ahead after 35 minutes when O'Reilly netted and shortly before the interval Seicester added a further goal. Everton staged a rally in the second half but although Barnett (g) reduced the arrears. The visitors were able to get on level terms.

EVERTON LACK FINISH

Derby County 2 Everton 1

December 28 1938, The Daily Post, by Stork

It is not of much account at this time of day that Everton should have won their game with Derby County at the Baseball ground yesterday, but that is the actual fact for on balance of play Everton were top dogs. Derby, however, scored two goals to Everton's one, and that was the one place where Everton failed. When Lawton netted for Everton in three minutes there was joy among the 200 odd Liverpool people present, but their joy was short lived. The referee disallowed the goal on what we thought was an off-side infringement. If Mr. Milner had given an off-side decision it was palpably wrong for Lawton had run round Bailey before he shot for Boulton to make a half-save, Lawton carrying on, collecting the clearance and putting the ball into the net. It was not until after the game that we got the real reason for the disallowing of the goal. The referee said that Lawton had fouled Bailey. Well MR. Milner must have seen something which not one in the stand had seen, for Lawton seemed clear of Bailey by a matter of yards. However, the goal was negated and that is all that matters now. What effect it would have had on the trend of the game no one can say, but it is more than likely that it would have altered it slightly. It was a grand game throughout, and made us think of what was in store on January 7, when the pair meet again in the third round of the cup. It would be difficult to say which team will win, for although the County have taken 3 out of 4 points from Everton in the League games they may not win in the cup. They found it hard enough to hold Everton, who had 70 per cent of the second half, and should have won with the chances at their disposal. Even when Derby were doing so well by their swinging ways. Everton were giving their defence a whole lot of trouble by different methods. **Swinging Passes** The County swung the ball out to the wings in clear-cut fashion. Everton, by contrast, made progress by shorter passing. It was a thriller from start to finish. Plenty of incident, plenty of excellent football, and although Everton were beaten, they were far from disgraced. Even Mr George Jobey himself said that Everton missed their chances. Cunliffe, once perfectly placed, had only to shoot to be assured of the equaliser, but he wanted to kill the ball, and the lost moments cost him his chance. Gillick also missed an easy one, and Boulton made fine saves from Cunliffe and was once fortunate to see a Lawton shot hit the foot of the post. So you will gather how Everton fought to avoid defeat. I never wish to see a more pulsating game first it was one side, which produced the thrill then the other, and so it went on from start to finish. I liked the way the County opened the game with long passes, and by the same token I liked the way the Everton defence dealt with their opponents' thrusts. Derby cut out any semblance of fancy work and went straight to their objective and at 30 minutes McCulloch got his head to a Crook centre and although Sagar got his hands to the ball, he could not keep it out of his net. Within 7 minutes Everton had equalised through a **penalty kick** goal by Cook who has scored 3 goals from penalties in 3 games. Isn't it strange that until this week-end, he had never scored a League goal for Everton? the referee was booed for his decision, but he was perfectly justified. **Duncan's Effort** in the first half the County forwards made smashing efforts to get in front again, but Everton stood solid against their every effort until at 49 minutes Duncan gathered the ball just inside the penalty area to the left hand side of the goal. When he started to dribble I thought he was reducing his prospect, but he scored with a saucy shot which completely beat Sagar. It was a cheeky goal, to say the least. Everton promised to pluck the game out of the fire, and should have had at least a draw, if not a win. Boulton was a lucky man to see Lawton's shot hump up against the upright, and, as I have already mentioned the chances were there for the taking. It was only



against the upright, and, as I have already mentioned the chances were there for the taking. It was only in the finished that Everton werescored, for they attacked increassantley and had the Derby defence axious more than once. I know that if and puts have no place in Football, but I say definitely that had Everton been better finisg=hers, they would have won a handsome victory.

TEAMS Derby County, Boulton goal, Nichilson, and Howe, backs, Hann, Bailey and Wardm half-backs, Crooks, Astley, McCulloch, Dix, Duncan:- Everton, Sagar, goal, Cook, and Greenhalgh, backs, Mercer, Jones, and Thomson (captain), half-backs, Gillick, Bentham, Lawton, Cunliffe, Boyes, Referee FS Milner. Attendance 35,683

EVERTON RESERVES 3 MANCHESTER CITY RESERVES 2

December 27, 1938 the Daily post

Everton were good winners of a hard fought game. The home side were stronger in all departments, Particularly at half-backs where Lindley Edwards and Milligan were generally tood good for the visitors attack. The forwards were all in grand form but special mention must be made of Catterick's at centre in place of Bell. He had led the line in clever manner and had the satisfaction of scoring twice, the third goal was obtained by Lindley, who converted a penalty. For City Robinson Mcleod Heule aund Dawes were best. Mcleod and Saunders (own goal) were the City scorers.

EVERTON GONE TO DORKING

December 29, 1938

After the rush of holiday fixtures- Club managers are sureying their staffs, Everton were minus the services of Lawton against Derby at Goodison Park, and Stevenson stood down for the two games against the Leaders. Stevenson accompuoned the Everton players to Dorking where they are to rest before their game at Brentford on Saturday. It is expected that Stevenson will be fit for the match, his bruished knee is mending rapildly.

STEVENSON OUT OF BRENTFORD MATCH

December 31, 1938. The Daily Post

It was expected that Stevenson, who joined his colleagues at Dorking during the week would be able to play, but his injured knee has yet not yielded to treatment, so that Cunliffe will again take his place aa partner to Boyes. Cunliffe was sent for Yesterday and he travelled to Dorking. Stevenson's injury came about in the match which Charlton Athletic two weeks ago. The nature of the injury to his knee is as yet unknown. I believe the returned to Liverpool Yesterday.

EVERTON WELL BELOW THEIR BEST

Brentford 2 Everton 0

January 1, 1939. The Daily Post, by Stork

People who were not closely linked up withn football, and who did not know the relative positions in the League table of Everton and Brentford, would not, if they had attended Griffin Park on Saturday have dreamt that Everton were second from the top and Brentford at the bottom. It is many months since Everton played to badly. They have been beaten by a wider margin of goals and here played better, but on Saturday they never promised to score, whereas Brentford alaways looked for goals, because they were more straightforward in their wirk. I would not say that the Middlesex team were a good side, and that made Everton defeat all the more galling, for had Everton played anything like their normal game I feel sure that they would have had little trouble to win. Brentford were worthy winners, they scored twice, wheras Everton could not find the net. Yet there was a big difference in the style of play, speed and quick tackling was the secret of Brentford's success for they out into Everton's attempted combination with knifeedged keenest, and ran into the ball from a waiting Everton man. London had expected much from Everton. The critics could not understand what had come over the Merseyside team. Neither could I, who had seen them play grand Fotball a few days before at Derby.

Not A Good Cup Rehearsal It was not a good rehearsal for the Cup-tie at Derby on Saturday, and something different will have to be served up at the Baseball ground if Everton ate to go any furthet in the competition, but I think we can leave that to Saturday, and talk of the Brentford debacle. It was a decker in the scene that Everton were made to look commoners by a side which had little also but enthusiuaam and determined. Brentford went for those points and took them in a manner which brooks of no denial. Everton had touched rock bottom. They were too fanciful for one thing and they looked bite when it came by a tussle for the ball and although theyimproved in the second half when Cunliffe changed over to inside right, there was still the need for more "pep" they seemed distory, in their work whereas Brentford were hubbling over with themselves. They was a possible victory over a team considered one of the two best in the country, and they took it. Everton had been to Donking to tone themselves up. Well there was little "tone" displayed. It was most half-hearted effort. Everton have put up for more than a season. Lawton was well held by James but even so did not, get any sort of a pass from hisforwards colleagues. It was a feeble forward line as compared with the dashing Brentford five, and when Townsend practically a newcomer to first class football headed a goal at 18 minutes the goal seemed good enough to earn them the points, for Everton did not look like scoring. Sagar seemed to be at fault when Hopkins jumped across his free kick; in fact the goalkeeper was uneasy during the early minutes but finishws with some ecellent saves. Brentford were unfoertunate when McAllon, headed a Smith centre on to the crossbar, the ball dropping down in the mud three yards in front of the line, Townsend just failing to connect. Everton did come into the game more in the second half, but there



was nothing coming from the forwards. They could and did take the ball alone to the Brentford goalmouth, but than came to a sudden stop, for no apparent reason whatever. **Sound Defence** the Brentford defence was sound all round but could have been beaten if Everton had swung the ball about and shown more keenness in the matter on hand. Brentford played their wing to great effort and when Tpwnsend scored a second goal the game was at good as won. Townsend has played in three games and scored four goals. Not bad for a lad who, not so long ago, was playing in the Hayes team. It is of little use saying that Everton, had more of the attack in the second half, for without the necessary punch to force home their advantage it got them nowhere. It was a bitter blow, for Everton had a great chance to close to Derby County who are now forging ahead. Had Brentford been a good side the defeat would not have been so bad, but I would not rate the Bees as more than a fair second Division team on this showing. Everton are at Harrogate again, and will go straight to Derbyon Saturday morning Stevenson is expected to be fit for the cup-tie, he returned to Liverpool on Friday to have his injured knee examined by a specialist, result Brentford 2 Everton 0.

Brentford:- Crozier goal, goal, Gorman, and Poysers, backs, Briddon, James and Sneddon half-backs, Hopkins, McAloon, Townsend Scott, Smith forwards. Everton:- Sagar, goal, Cook, and Grennhalgh backs, Mercer Jones, and Thomson (captain), half-backs, Gillick, Bentham, Lawton, Cunliffe, Boyes forwards. Referee J.R.W.Wright, attendance 27,861

EVERTON RESERVES 1 BLACKPOOL RESERVES 3

January 1, 1939. The Daily Post

Everton received an unexpected reverse at the hands of Blackpool, who, however, deserved the win. Lovatt played a grand game in goal for the home side and Prescott and Jackson were sound backs, Gee was the best of the halves who were overran for long periods, and affected little assistance to the attack, of whom Barber and Catterick were best. Roxburgh kept goal well for the Visitors was well

covered by Burke and Wilhan Forster, and McLaren were dangerous raiders, and the former was much was to speedy for the home defence, Catterick scored for the blues and Ashworth and McLaren (2) replied.

COUNTRY LIVERPOOL LEAGUE

Everton "A" 3 Earlestown White Star 1

January 1, 1928. The Daily Post

At west Derby, Everton's splendid team work and better finishing, earned them full points. The visitors played good football during the early stages, but Everton soon took command, and by displaying the better combination gave the vistoring defence plenty of work. Heap played well in goal, Ripley netted the first goal for the visitors from a penalty Wykes levelled the score, and later hend a goal goal to give Everton an interval lead. Roberts put the home side further ahead in ther second half, Burnett Lambert Edwards and Wykes were outstanding for Everton which Heap Dale Sixsnith, and Hiltha were good players for Earlestown.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Everton Reserves 4 Derby County Reserves 1

January 3 1939. The Daily Post, by Stork.

Defeat of Derby County in Central League

Everton reserves got back to winning ways with a convincing victory over Derby County Reserves at Goodison Park yesterday. The score of 4-1 does not flatter them in the least; in fact Catterick the scorer of two of the goals, might with the slightest bit of luck have had several others the crossbar spoiling him one, and Wright standing in his way to prevent his fierce drive from squeezing home. The first half was well contested, even though Everton were two goals up through Wyles who scored with a free kick, and Catterick but the second half was definitely Everton's. Derby reduced the arrears through a penalty by Mason, but after that they were mainly on the defensive, and Davies and Catterick added to the tally of goals. There were three internationals on the field, Gee and Britton for Everton and Barker for Derby. Baker was being tried out with a view to his inclusion in the cup team on Saturday but I feel that Bailey is certain to be at centre half-back. Barker did not seem quite fit. He has been out of the game with plurisy. There was class about these internationals. But I liked Catterick, and late on in the game Dean produced some good football whilst Lambert played well at left back for Everton. He was a grand tackler. Dean will be 17 in February. Mr George Jobey told me that they would sell out at Derby for the Cup-tie, and that if Everton had any tickets left, they would be glad to have them. The record for the ground is 38,000 **Everton:- Lovett, goal, Prescott, and Lambert backs, Britton, Gee (captain) and Milligan halfbacks, Barber,, Dean (k), Catterick Wykes,, and Davies (jack) forwards. Derby County:- Wright goal, Wilcox, and Alton backs, McLachlan, Barker and Masson, half-backs, Jeffreys, Sullivan, Stockill, Hinchliffe, and Mee forwards.**

STEVENSON IMPROVING

January 8 1939. The Daily Post, by John Peel

STEVENSON, Everton's inside left, was yesterday examined by the specialist who found that his injured leg had improved during the last few days, but it is not known whether he will be fit to play at Derby County on Saturday. He has had the splint removed, and will possibly undertake light training now and Saturday. The team However will not be selected until Saturday morning when the directors must just prior to the match.

IMPRESSIVE EVERTON FORM

Derby County 0 Everton 1

January 9 1939. The Daily Post, by Stork.

Outstanding Men in Great Game

Derby County have never won the cup, and never will if they allow a single goal to play such havoc with their nerves. This was their year said the wiseacres yet they went out at the first obstacle because they became jumpy and all too desperate after the goal by Boyes, who scored at the fifty-second minute. This was the decisive factor in Everton's cup victory. Derby County were beaten from the point; the very thought of that goal ate into their hearts which up to then, had been carefree. The burden of it lay heavily on their shoulders, and their desperate football was not the type to help them wipe it out of their memory, and they played the rest of the game as though they had leaden feet and no fire in their make-up. Boye's goal was a cup winner from the moment it left his head, for never again did we see those fleet-footed runs of the County wing men, and the longer the game progressed the more Everton

To be continued in next issue



**Alex (Chico) Scott takes on Bobby Moore in the game at West Ham on the 19th October 1963 .
Everton were Champions but West Ham didn't worry about that, they won the game 4-2 Everton goal scorers were Kay and Rees.**

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