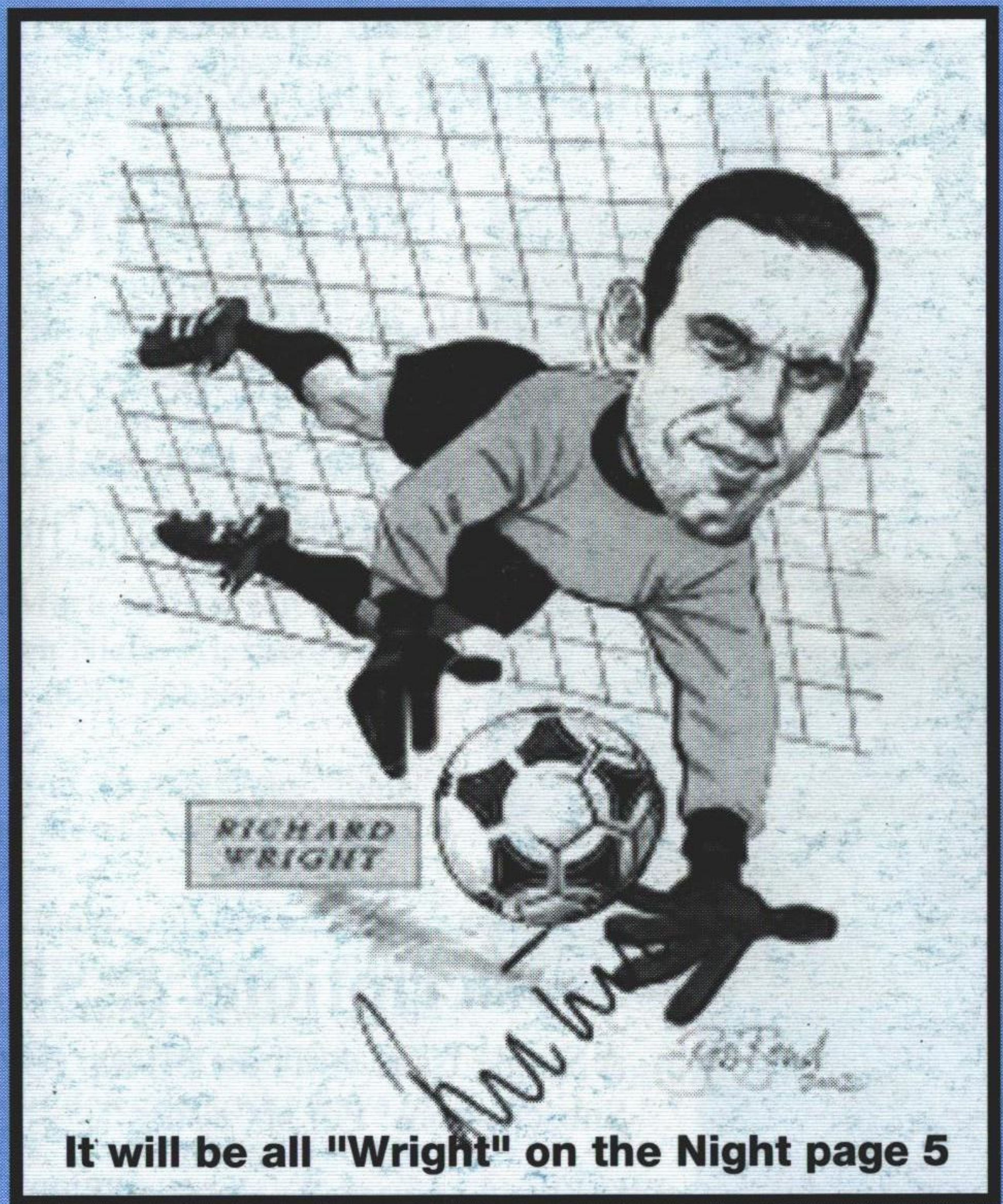


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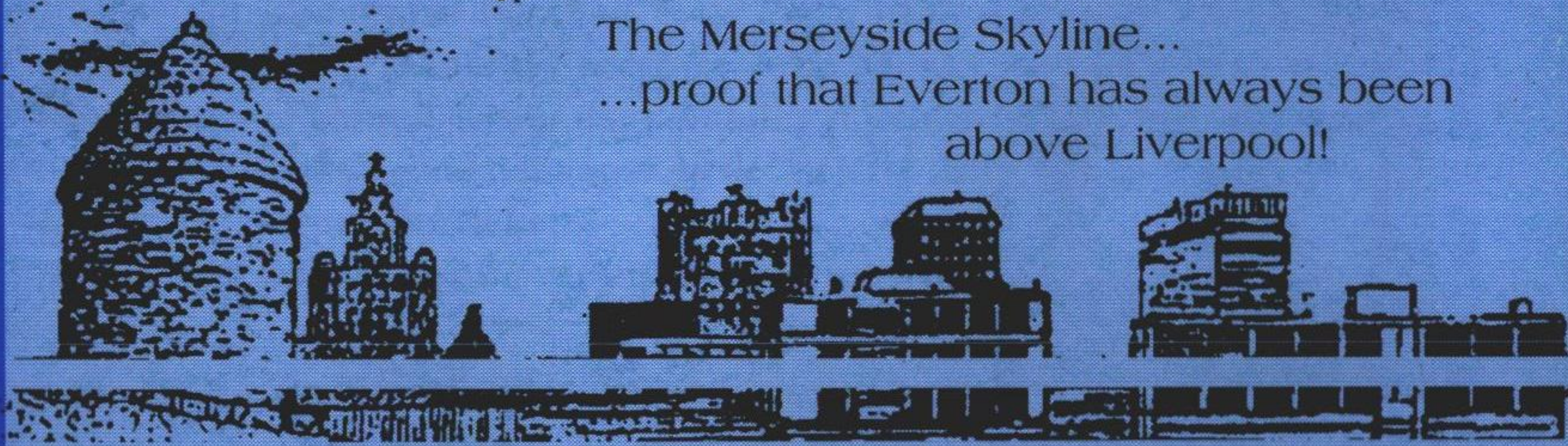
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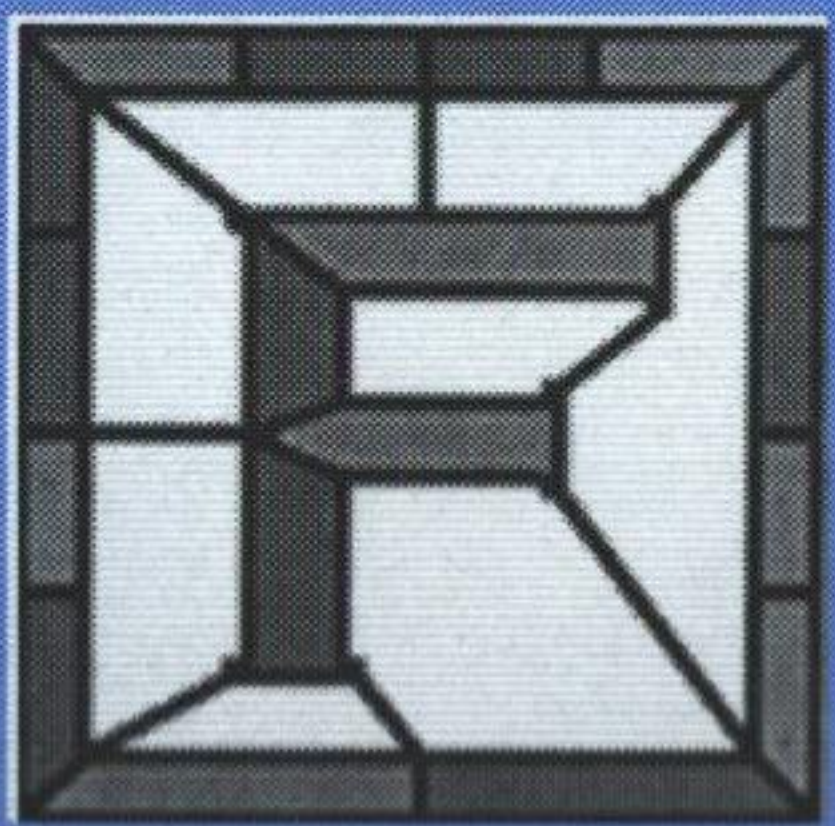
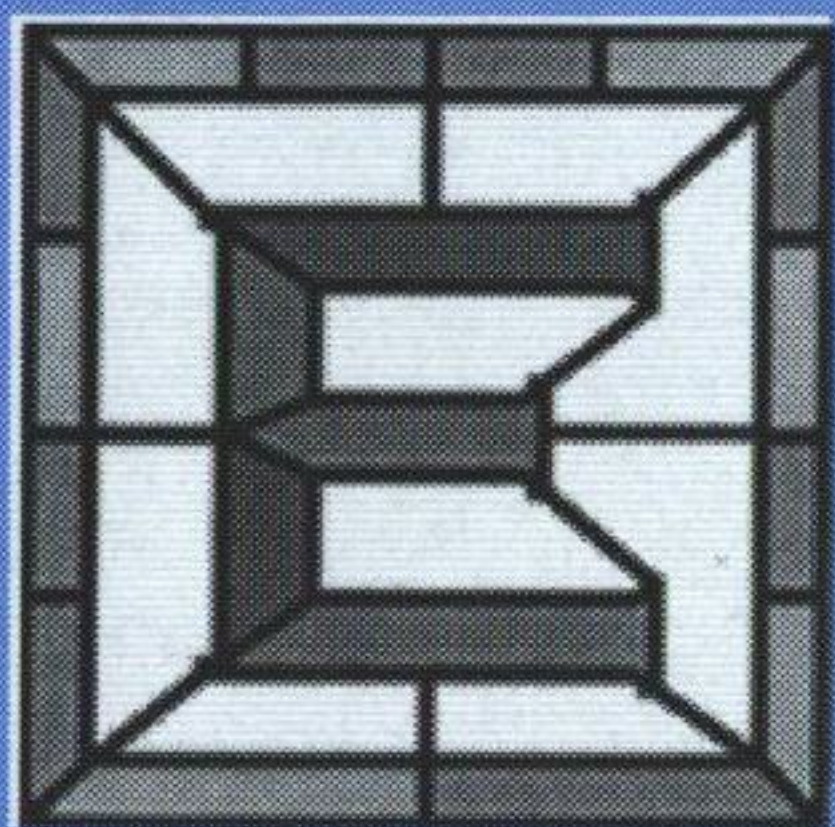
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Thank you for all the articles and e-mails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8FM, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C..

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Welcome to issue 8 of Blue Blood, I still need people to help me sell the magazine on matchdays. Just one hour selling could pay for your match ticket. Come and see me outside the Winslow or email me with your details.

What's going on at Goodison, everything from Boardroom rifts to Big Dunc getting pensioned off on the sick.

From what I have been told, the Club offered to buy up the remaining three years of his contract but Duncan doesn't know whether it's the right thing to do. I will leave it up to you to decide what he should do, I think you all know what I would say!

The Kings Dock has reared it's head again and there is an article about it on page 6 make of it what you will, it just seems to drag on and on going nowhere fast a bit like the team.

The results have been mixed, some decent football at the Stadium of Light and three valuable points but at Maine Road (thank God it's closing down) and at St Mary's Everton looked as if they didn't have any idea of how to score goals.

Moyes said that we were unlucky in both games and if we keep on playing like that results will come. I am sorry to argue with him but if we keep on playing like that the "Nationwide" will come.

At least at the Boro game we showed in the second half a little bit of what we can do when pushed. It was also good to see "Super Kevin Campbell" getting two goals, lets hope those fans who slag off his every move will now shut up.

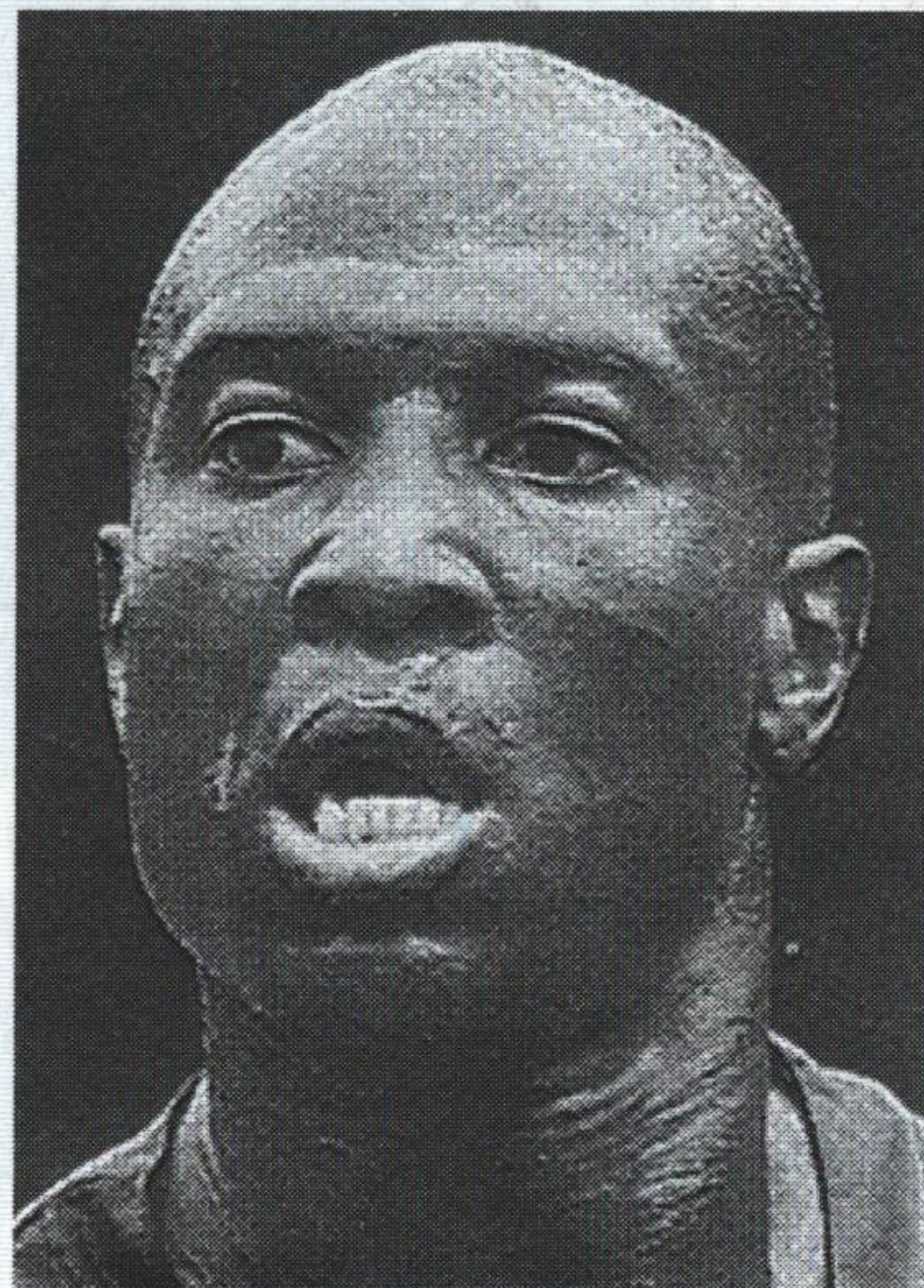
Talking about the Boro game the report in the Sunday Times by Jonathan Northcroft summed us up, with a brilliant little piece of writing After Everton had placed so many corners safely into the hands of the Boro goal-keeper Jonathan wrote this "Mark Schwarzer's giant hands were the dustbin into which Niclas Alexandersson and Mark Pembridge dropped their rubbish crosses" couldn't have put it better myself.

The substitution of Alexandersson changed the game, Rooney looked like a raging bull, he ran himself ragged, the lad as they say "Done Well".

I would just like to add Blue Blood support to Davie Weir, who in my opinion is a brilliant defender. Berti Vogts should be asking why his talented forward could not score more than two goals against a team of "Fishermen" and not worry about defenders who have in the past got them out of trouble. Scotland have always struggled to score goals. Berti would be better off keeping his thoughts on his players private and try and act with some dignity.

Other matters in the offing are the inaugural Football Fans Federation meeting at the NEC in Birmingham on 13th October the T.U.C. General Secretary John Monks, who is a Man United fan wants to bring back standing at Football Grounds, I wonder if he would stand at any games at Old Trafford if he got his way, he also wants cheaper ticket prices, can't argue with that one but again, do the likes of John Monks pay for tickets?

I hope you enjoy reading this issue and keep on sending in items, the next issue will be available for the games in December.



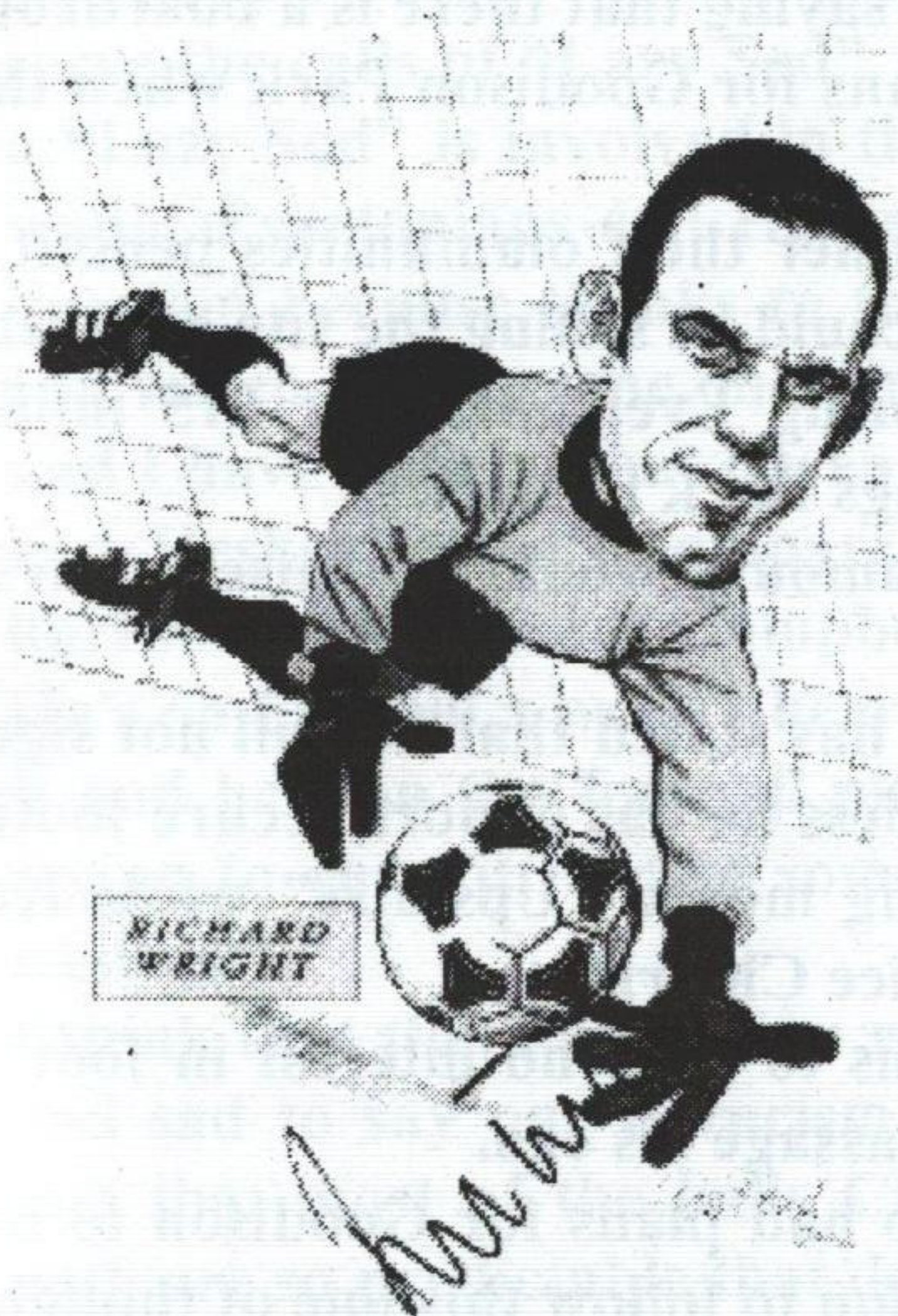
Unfair to Kevin?

A few months before the World Cup Argentina played Brazil. The Argentinians were so confident of victory that they produced a condom in a special packet. It proclaimed rather vividly what would happen to their Rivals.

Alas, the result didn't go their way and they lost 3-1. Brazil then decided to produce their own condom packet. As you will see below the results are hilarious.



“Wright Or Wrong”?



Here we go again, the press and media have found a new “Whipping Boy” yes our own high profile Richard Wright.

They haven’t finished drying the ink with David Seamen and they get their knives out for Wright.

Does he deserve all this negative press? Lets go through the “keyhole” and look at the facts.

Richard Wright is only a young goalkeeper, he has performed well at club and international level, he has also made mistakes but so did Neville Southall. He was loaned out to Bury and it didn’t do him any harm, he came back stronger than ever.

The fault with our other two goalkeepers of last season was that neither Gerrard or Myhre would accept any blame for their mistakes. Richard has held his hand up to his and apologised plus saying he will make sure they don’t happen again. Empty words maybe but I don’t think so.

Here we have what could be the next England goalkeeper for maybe ten years or more and everybody seems to want to destroy the lad.

He had a great record at Ipswich and if I am not mistaken, his penalty saving was of the highest level. If he didn’t have something special, why did Arsenal buy him?

They bought him because they saw what I have already said, “The next England Goalie.” He had a rough time at Highbury and when you are playing with a Championship winning team, any mistake is costly. Also he was stepping into the footsteps of one of the great Goalkeepers, everything was compared to Seamen, as was Gerrard to Southall.

He didn’t shrink from that challenge, he took it on, he could have stayed at Ipswich and made plenty of money but he didn’t. Likewise he could have chosen to stay at Arsenal and bask in the glory of a “Double” winning season. He could have kept his head down and then replaced Seaman. He chose to come to the North, take a pay cut and join, let’s face it an unfashionable club, “Why”? Because he has a pride in his ability, a passion to play football, a respect that earning your money is not always easy and you have to take the rough with the smooth. For those reasons alone, we as Evertonians should be as one in support of him. Give him time, he will come together and maybe, just maybe, some years down the line we might say “ I never thought I would see anyone better than Southall but Richard Wright is.”

At Sunderland, he played on, in agony, with a damaged arm. He didn’t let anyone know he was injured, the opposition gained nothing from it. He saved a penalty and did very well considering, so let’s give him our support.

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More rumours and facts are flying around Merseyside some are saying that the deal is set and no problems are seen. Others however are saying that there is a boardroom split and Everton have not told the Council their plans for Goodison Park when they leave.

The sale of Goodison Park was thought to be for either the Communities benefit or for more housing but it now appears that Everton could be selling the site as a retail venture, which includes supermarkets. This will bring Everton about £15 million which would be enough for the Club to fund the Kings Dock Project.

If. However the sale is for housing only half that amount would be raised, leaving Everton with a very large financial shortfall.

Paul Clegg, who is Everton's main financial backer has stated that he will not sign a cheque for £30 million to underwrite the project unless he has a more secure footing on Everton's board. This could mean Carter getting moved "Upstairs" while Kenwright take the Chairman's job, leaving Clegg as Vice Chairman.

Paul Clegg is something of a mystery man, he seems to have no interest in football and is only in this for financial gain and maybe to massage his ego.

The Council say they were not aware that the Club had plans for Goodison to be a Retail site and they might not give the Club permission to follow this line of thought. Others on the fringe of the project say that all these little niggles are usual in a bid like this and everything will turn out right.

Who do you believe? Again it's uncertain just what is fact and what is fiction but there are some strange things being said and if you listen just a little more carefully than some you will be as confused as everyone else.

For example the "Liverpool Summer Pops" which was held at the Kings Dock this summer in a giant Marquee was an outstanding success, according to the Council, stars like Bryan Ferry, Elton John, Shirley Bassey and Tony Bennett all made appearances.

The Council spokesman said "The event was brilliant, another feather in the City's cap and we are looking forward to next years event"

How come they are looking forward to next years event? If everything is "Hunky Dory" with Evertons plan, then surely, the Kings Dock site will be a building site next summer, with no place for a massive Marquee!!!

I have always doubted the Kings Dock project, maybe I am the odd man out and maybe I will be laughed off Merseyside when it does get built.

But I do not believe that a City that ignores thousands of commuters trying to get into and out of the City every day, will all of a sudden start to worry about stranded football fans on a cold wet Wednesday night.

If the people that keep the City running with all their commerce can't be provided with a decent transport system then what chance have we got?

The Council makes one statement one day and a completely different one the next, so as I said, nothing at this moment in time is concrete, and there is no concrete at the Kings Dock at this moment in time.

George Orr

Why does Kevin Campbell take so much stick?

Yes I know he has been playing bad but he doesn't deserve the calls of "Lazy Sod", how come a man who is a "Lazy Sod" is involved in the game so much? What would Evertonians call Heskey, or Owen? I ask that question because thanks to the wonders of Sky TV I can watch the obscene ones and not get any infections and I have noticed that Owen is far worse than Kevin and Heskey doesn't compare to him, so why do we hurl so much abuse at Campbell?

He's on £35,000 a week I hear some of you say, Yes he is and he's on the football pitch more times than not trying to earn it, unlike some other players, I could mention.

I think that there are a few reasons for all this abuse and sad to say one is racism others are blind to the fact that most of the balls Campbell is given to deal with are so predictable that defenders are all over him like a rash every time he moves.

He has also been playing with an injury, hoping to keep EFC in the Premiership, we have seen "Lazy Sods" over the last few years, we all know about the injured Bilic and there are others.

I admit he should be dropped at this moment in time because he is not taking the few chances that are created for him but Radzinski misses sitters as well, so does Big Dunc, when we see him that is.

Everybody has the right to shout at players who in their opinion are not playing well but to constantly hurl abuse and ignore the good things he does is not on.

Kevin Campbell has tried to be good, it hasn't worked out so far this season but I can not go along with those who say he's lazy.

Kevin Campbell didn't ask to be made Captain, if it is a mistake then it's the managers mistake. Big Dunc shouldn't be Captain either, we all know it must be David Weir but there is nothing we can do about it, if the manager decides different.

Every Evertonian has their favourite player and also their pet hate, these players can either do nothing wrong or nothing right in the eyes of these fans, that's ok but when you scream at the top of your voice at an Everton player, do you think you sound like an Evertonian to those around you?

If Campbell was to leave tomorrow, every Blue Boy should say a big thank you to a man who almost single handily kept us in the top flight of English football.

Don't forget without Kevin's goals the other season we would not be celebrating our "100 Years At the Top" just for that fact alone, he has repaid a huge amount of his £35,000 a week pay.

Adam Hodgson.



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Blue - Blood,

I read with interest Michael Berry's article on Johnny Morrissey in the last issue of Blue Blood (7).

I agree with Michael that Johnny Morrissey was sadly under-rated both at the time and in the present.

I well remember him making an absolute monkey out of Paul Reaney, the Leeds United right back in a match in August 1969 when Everton defeated the then Champions Leeds United by 3-2.

He devastated Reaney, who was a very good player, going round him, past him, through him, over & under him at will.

Whenever Reaney's claims to an England cap were pressed from then on, I had the mental picture of Morrissey tormenting him and I could never take Reaney seriously after that.

Yours Sincerely,
Rolant Ellis.

Blue Blood,

I am sorry to be so down but we haven't improved from last season, can't someone at the Club see that we have nobody capable of creating anything from midfield?

I fear the worst but hope I am wrong, Moyes seems to leave substitutions too late, a bit like Walter in fact.

Going to the Boro game, I thought we would be more positive and was thinking about a 4-0 maybe even 5-0 game but no chance, Boro took the lead and then somehow stopped playing. The first half was terrible, we were lucky to get an equaliser. I was dreading the second half

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And I felt like going home.

Moyes at least did the right thing this time by taking Alexandersson off, he was useless, a waste of a skin, why does he get a game?

Anyway, "Rooneyaldo" came on and the game changed immediately.

His enthusiasm and determination to win every ball was a joy to watch, the other players seemed to be caught up in this new wave of optimism.

The crowd were now right behind the team, the difference was unbelievable, Campbell, who had taken a battering throughout the game headed a brilliant goal, Everton looked like a new team, we pressed harder, Boro fell apart and the three points came our way.

But even after all that, I was left with a feeling that skill play little part in this revival. Grim determination and workrate were the sole reason we won. Boro were poor another team would not have folded that way and we might find it more difficult in future.

Moyes should have the squad back in for extra training, teaching them how to pass to someone who is on their side should not be too hard to learn.

Gerard in goal was not as bad as some would make out, he pulled off a couple of good saves but he is still not the man to be in goal for Everton.

Moyes must look long and hard about replacing players, his "Give them a chance" policy could be too costly to us. I know the "window" is shut until January but we can still take players who are not affiliated to any Club.

Act now or we could be in trouble.

Scott Woods.

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Blue Blood

Here we go again on the roller coaster ride that is Everton Football Club. Why do they torture us every time they play?

Can't they just go out and entertain us now and again? Is that too much to ask?

But then again maybe we love this kind of thing, it's in our makeup to be despondent one minute then as high as a kite the next.

No matter what they do to me. I love them, standing inside Goodison waiting for "Z Cars" to play is the highlight of my week. (Life) the buzz I get when the Royal Blue Boys run out is indescribable.

I have always loved the Blues, even when the clueless Mike Walker tried to destroy our club I knew that he wouldn't last long, nobody will ever be given the chance to take us down, even Kenwright knew that Walter had to go, it took him long enough to learn it but he did the right thing by all Evertonians.

Let's hope the young lads take us back to our rightful place in English Football, ignore the glory hunters of Newcastle, Chelsea, Leeds and even Sunderland, who are they? What have they ever won?

Thank God I am an Evertonian, it gives me a reason to go into a terrible workplace, get covered in crap and stink like a skunk in a tip. All of it

because I need money to watch the Blues.

I have travelled all over this tiny Island watching the lads, always feeling that Everton F. C. means more than just football.

I am not alone, there are many others who, like me dedicate a vast proportion of their lives to the cause. Never let them get you get down, never let anyone tell you we are crap, take no notice of the media, they are only interested in making a name for themselves at your expense. Smart arsed little nobodies, writing on a subject they know little about and care for even less.

Cheap jibes aimed at us, should roll off your back, you should just laugh them off and think of Alex Young, Dixie Dean, Rat's, Big Nev, Howard Kendall, Colin Harvey and other giants who have donned the Blue shirt with pride.

There is no finer thing to be in life than an Evertonian. Go on try and think of something you'd rather be, hard isn't it?

Go to the game, feel the atmosphere around the ground, go upstairs in the Church, look at the items from the past, buy the fanzines, talk to anyone about the coming game and everyone bar none will waffle on with their thoughts on our beloved team. I am in love and it's beautiful.
The Real Romeo



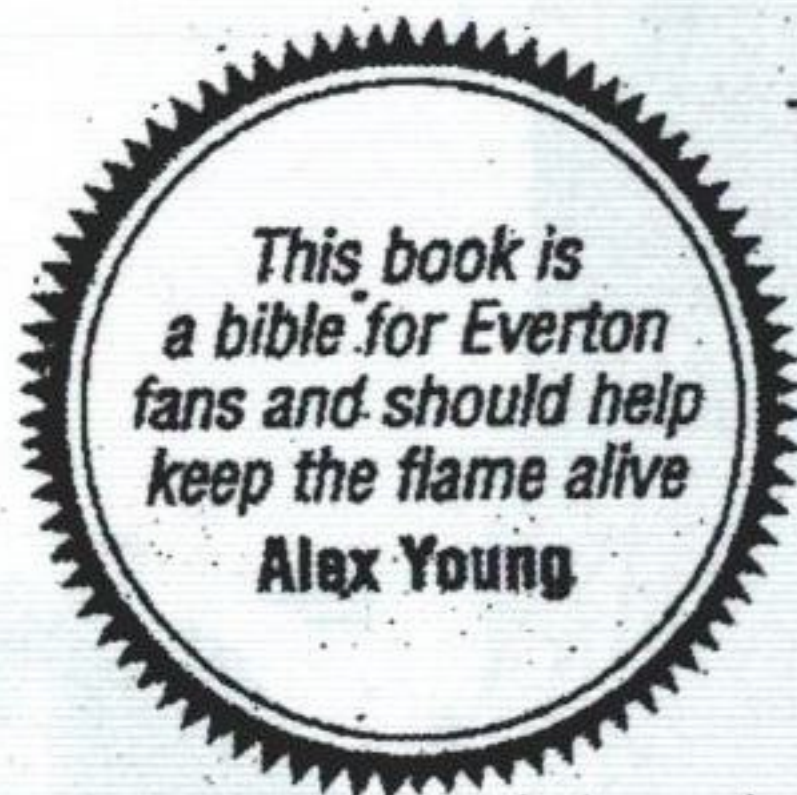
Everton
Players
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1940's &
1950's



This set of 22 cards was produced by W.R. Priddy of Portsmouth, the players are in Black & White on a white card on the reverse is a small amount of detail ie Joe mercer, L.H. who won 5 England caps, a Div 1 medal, and an F.A.Cup medal Everton & Arsenal. These drawings are awful, their own mothers would be hard pressed to identify them

New Everton Book out soon

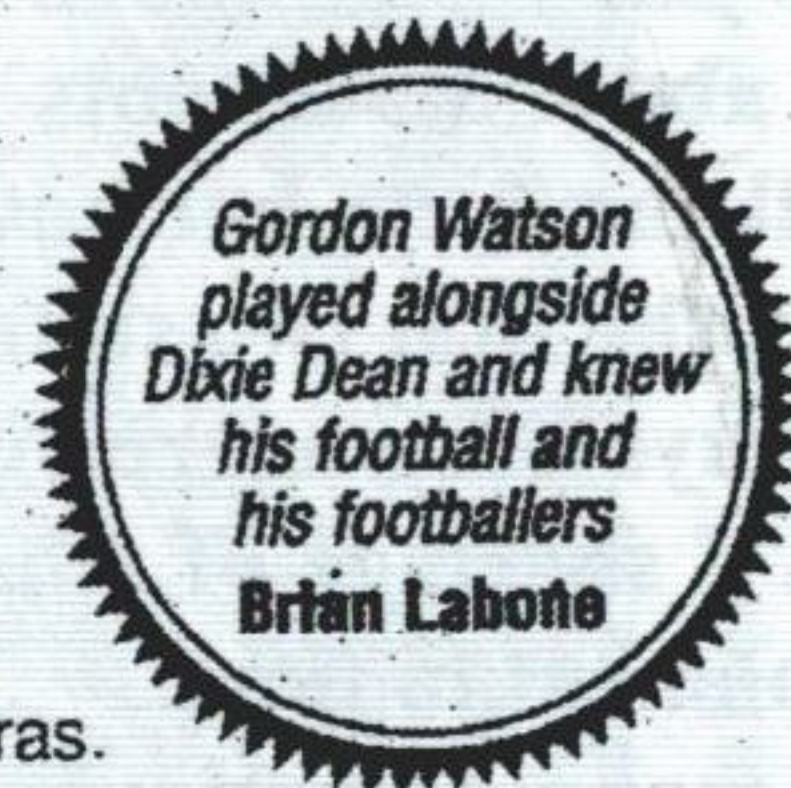
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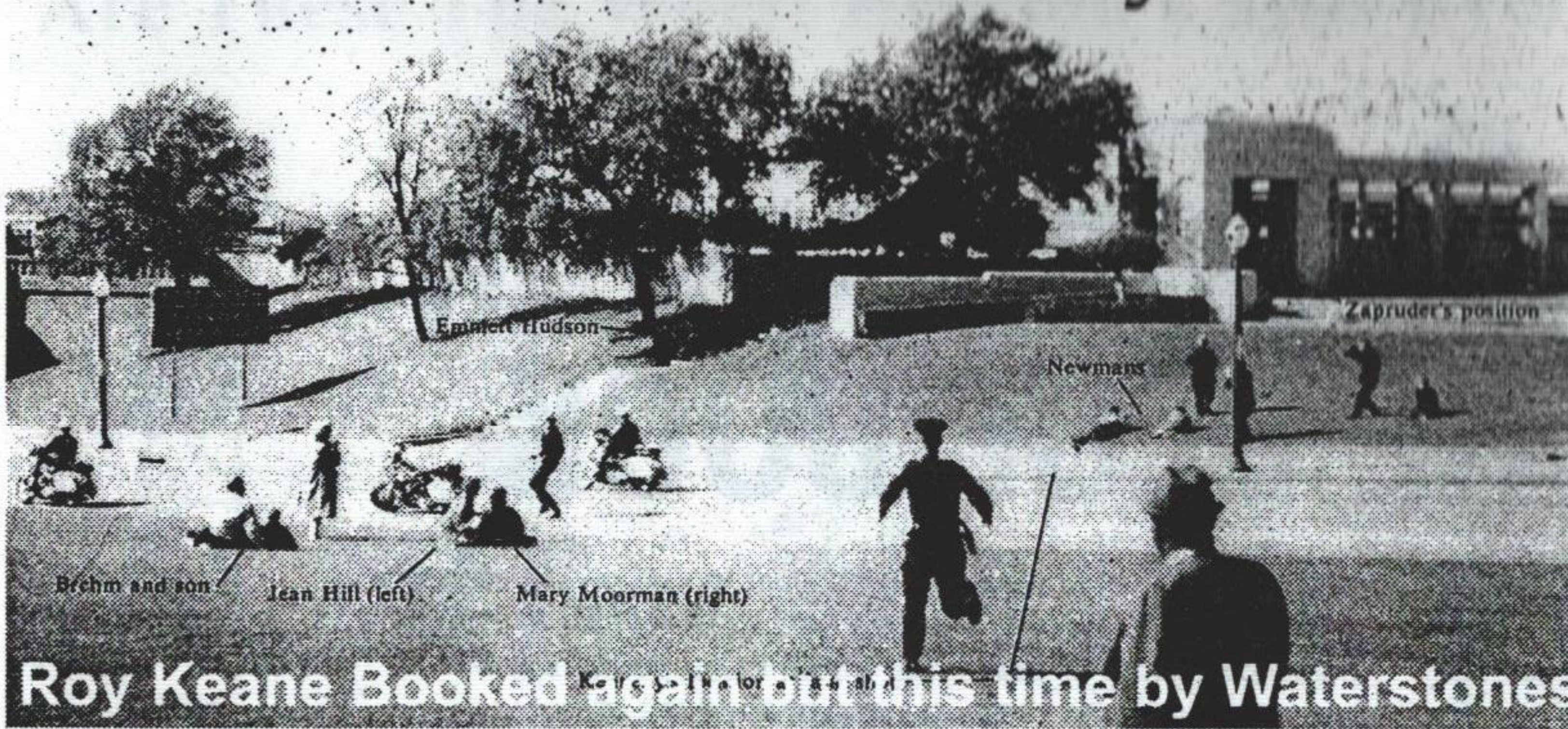
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Roy Keane
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please stand.

"Roy Keane is an animal"

"Roy Keane Should be banned for life"

"Roy Keane is just trying to sell a book"

Which of the above statements are true? It's easy to have a go when you don't know all the facts but having watched the tackle on the City lad, it's hard not to say the first two statements are correct.

Keane has always been aggressive and some would say nasty but is this because there is a shortage of what you might 'politely' call hard men in the game at this moment in time.

There are not many around who can or do stand up to Roy, somehow I can't see him trying it on with the likes of Peter Reid, Dave McKay, Jimmy Gabriel, Sandy Brown or Jimmy Case.

Also referee's have not always stood firm when our Roy has tried to carry out an operation without anaesthetic, merely smiling and waving a finger means nothing to Keane.

There is also the fact that having a huge amount of money cushions any blow the F.A. might care to impose. It also makes him feel that he can do whatever he likes as no one can stop him.

Alex Ferguson, usually has a firm grip on his players but this fellow is a man apart.

Both his International colleagues and his Man United team-mates have little time for him, though most are too scared to say anything.

He looks like a nasty piece of work and does nothing to stop that impression from spreading.

So what can be done to curb him, ban him for more games than he can afford to miss? Fine him a huge amount? Or if it is possible, revoke his licence to play football.

But is all of the above just playing into our Roys hands? His book will probably be a best seller when in fact apart from the "Juicy Bits" it could possibly send an insomniac to sleep.

I think Roy Keane is just a bully, who knows who to pick a fight with, he does it slyly like trying to smack Shearer. When this thing about the book is long forgotten people will only remember the idiot who walked out on Ireland and threw a tantrum.



Lee

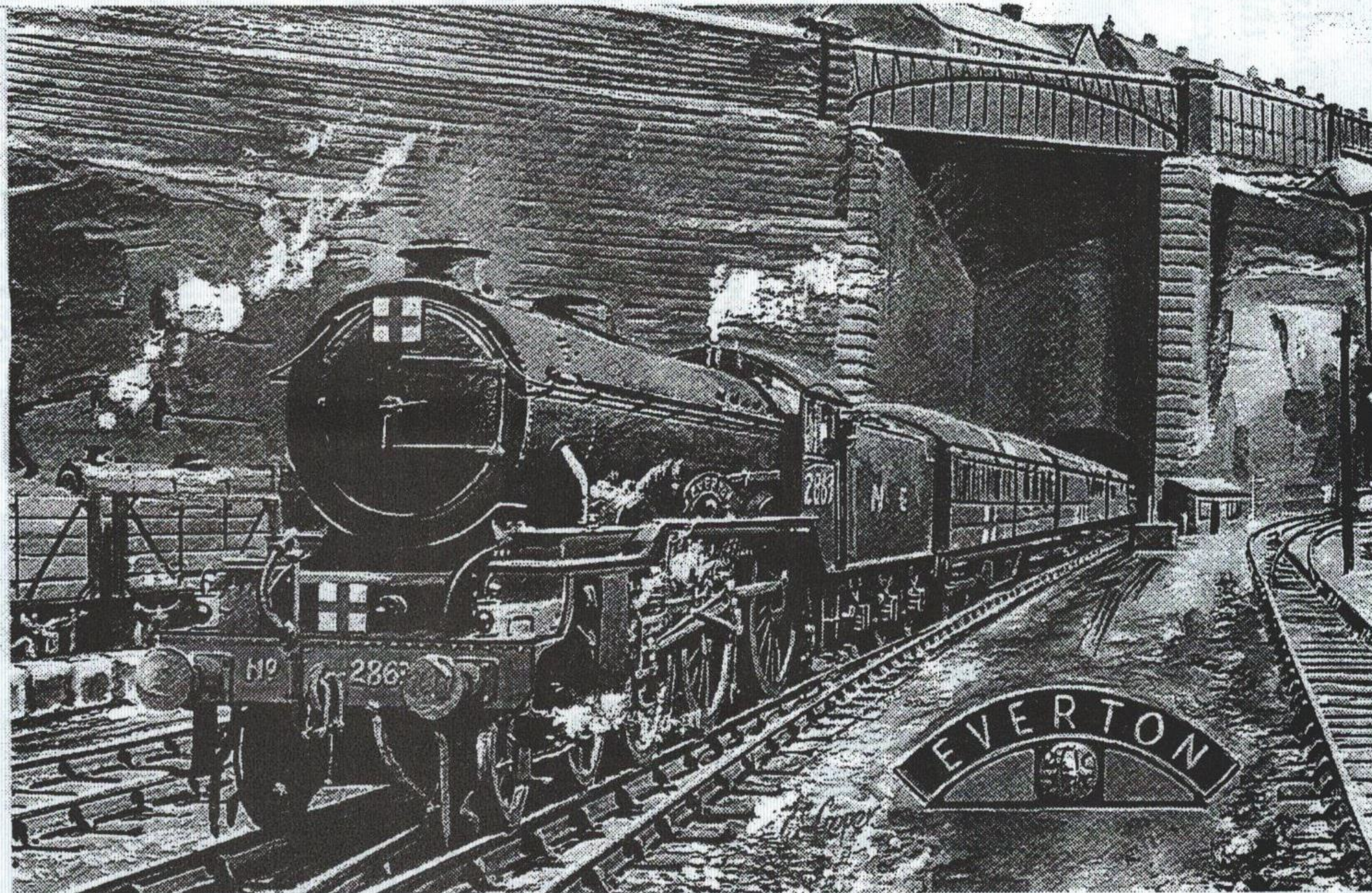


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Everton Related Postcards



This is a postcard featuring Locomotives named after Football Clubs
It's from a painting which shows LNER Locomotive named "Everton" at the end of the war
hauling an ambulance train past Brunswick sheds towards Liverpool Central Station. Painted in
wartime black at the time, she originally entered service in January 1937 and was withdrawn in
February 1960. This was one of 25 Locomotives in Class B17.

It had to happen, I mean to say, I told you about all those French blokes across the Park, well now two of them lads who are English, Steven Gerrard and Danny Murphy, have had their teeth whitened!!! £650 each!!

I can't see that it's made them any better looking, I think that it's a tactical move by their manager.

If they have lovely white teeth, then when they foul somebody and the referee comes running up to them, they stand there and smile, they will look so nice and innocent that he will not book them and they can carry on kicking people.

Dentist gives Reds stars extra sparkle

MOST people go to the dentist only when they have to.

But Liverpool FC stars Steven Gerrard and Danny Murphy voluntarily put themselves in the chair to make their smiles brighter.

They have spent £650 each having their teeth whitened and were so impressed with the results they persuaded their girlfriends to take the same treatment.

Ilkleyton-born mid-

fielder Gerrard was persuaded to have the cosmetic work by his team-mate.

Dentist Tariq Idris, who runs the Chester practice where the footballers were treated, said: "Steven came to us for that extra sparkle celebrities often feel they need."

The treatment involves the teeth being temporarily coated with a light activated hydrogen peroxide gel.

Talking about kicking people, I went out to the Winslow the other night with my sister Eva and she was telling me about that fellow that used to play across the Park, I think his name was Emlyn Ewes, or something like that, anyhow, apparently he has been banned for Drinking and driving. He said that he had only gone 20 yards before he was stopped, bit like he was at football then.

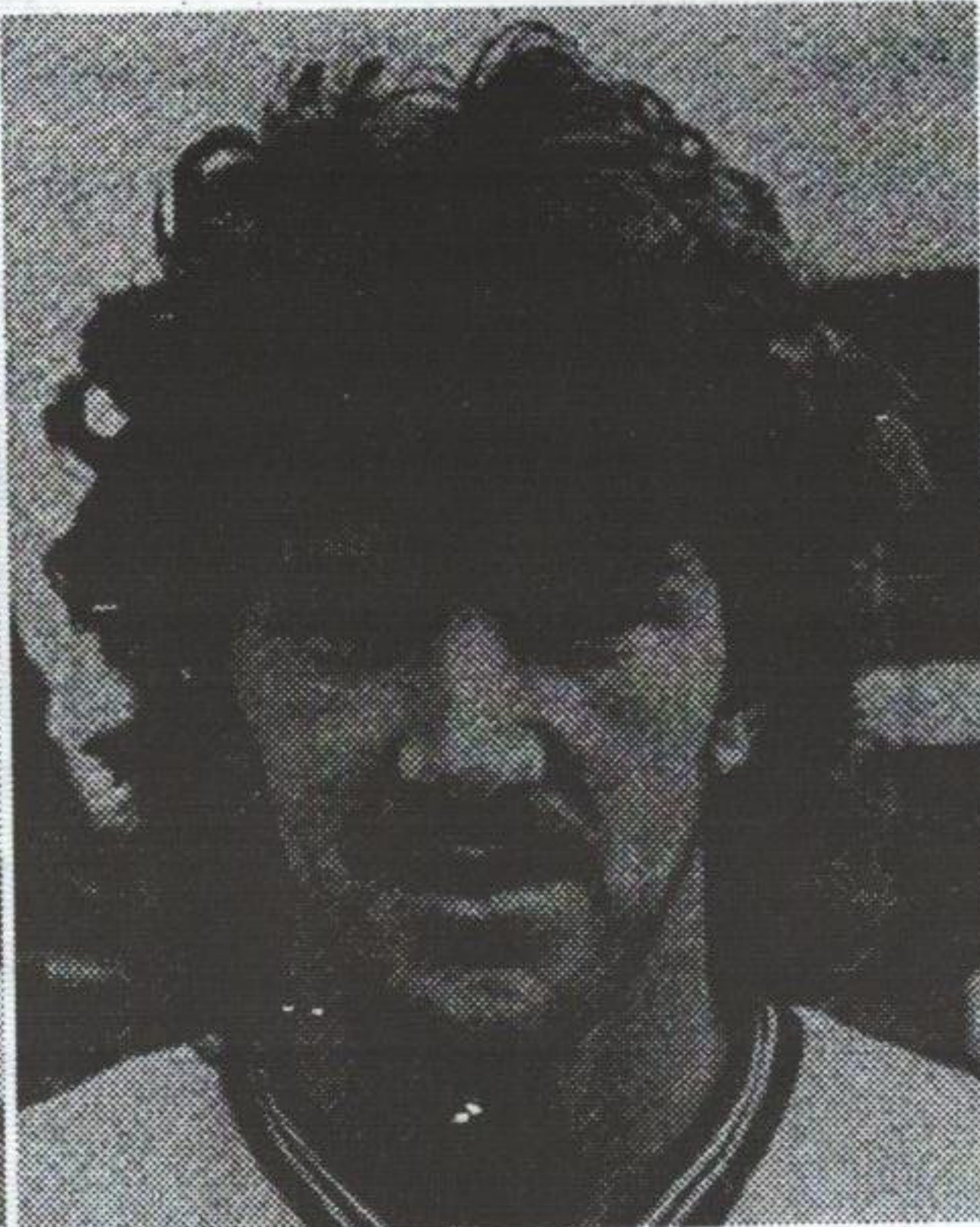
Still knowing Emlyn, he's bound to ap-

peal!!.

It just goes to show you that you can't really judge people by their appearance.

I mean Emlyn always seemed such a quite lad and apart from his squeaky voice, which made me want to shove some "Three in One Oil" down his throat, he wasn't what you would call trouble. So I was stunned when another old neighbour of ours Vinny Sammways was in trouble over in Spain, he is now playing at Sevilla and has been in all kinds of trouble, he was taking part in a training session and gave away a penalty, he then went berserk and threatened the referee, who happened to be the Clubs assistant coach, he duly got sent off.

They say that he is "An Englishman with hot blood" if that's the case he should come back home as there is a shortage over here.



Two of the saddest hair-styles you will ever see in your life.

“Dissa” Pointon & Wilkinson show parents the cheapest way to scare their kids on Halloween

Because of the “Unmentionables” we were not only out of Europe but had to cancel the Pre Season tour of Germany, Everton did go to Canada and played their National team winning 1-0.

Being out of Europe was bad enough but the really sickening news was that we had sold Andy Gray. Yes our hero of the Bayern game is sold to Villa. Every Blue Boy says “Here we go again” meaning that whenever Everton get a great team together we split them up as soon as they win anything. Gary Lineker had been bought for a massive £800,000 but it didn't stop the fans anger over Gray. Andy might not have been here that long but he went down as a swashbuckling forward in the style of Hickson and he was loved by the Evertonians.

Another change that caused uproar was the new “White Bib” strip, most Blues hated it and there were many angry letters to Everton and the Echo.

The season started with the Charity Shield at Wembley against Man United, time for revenge and that's just what we get, as we win 2-0. This was Lineker's first major game for the Blues, his first League match was, as fate would have it, against his old team mates at Leicester. It wasn't a good start, we get beat 3-1. Before the game some Evertonians were attacked by the Leicester nutters better known as “The Babies” three Blue Boys were stanley knifed. I just thought that after 39 poor Italians losing their lives watching a football match that at last people would see how sad it was to attack other fans, obviously I was wrong.

Bobby Mimms signs for Everton and Darren Hughes leaves for Shrewsbury, John



Reid scores against Spurs

'It's the best New Year present I could have hoped for'

REID TOPS POLL FOR ECHO AWARD

By Ian Ferguson


PETER REID of Everton and England is the Merseyside Sports Personality of 1985.

After the closest contest the event has ever produced... a final recount last night showed that the tough...

...recently, but now I can start looking forward to an early return... hopefully, a few more...

award and keep it in the family.

Reid, who finished in the footsteps of Kendall...



, John Morrissey Jnr leaves, Neil Rimmer goes to Ipswich. The good news is that Adrian Heath plays First Division football for the first time since Dec 84, he was given a great reception by the crowd. he responded to it by getting both our goals in a 2-0 victory.

The new kit is now

sponsored by N.E.C. and that also has caused problems, on the front of the programme is the name Everton and underneath in large "RED" letters is N.E.C., again people complained and it only lasted on the cover for two home games before being reduced to a more sensible size but it was still "Red".

Coventry at home and we can only manage a 1-1 draw, Sharp scores, this is a poor result for the "Champions" We return to our true form in the next match, away to Spurs and Lineker gets his first goal for the Blues, it turns out to be the winner, a great result. Ian Marshall has played in the last three matches in place of the injured Mountfield and he has done a good job.

Birmingham at home and Gary Lineker starts to win over the non believers, he gets a hat trick, as Everton cruise to a 4-1 win.

The next game was at Sheffield Wednesday and boy did we play well, we hammer them 5-1, again Lineker gets two goals, Mountfield, Steven and Heath the others.

Down to the Big City for a match on the plastic pitch of Q.P.R. Everton just could not come to grips with this surface and lost 3-0, it might sound like sour grapes but



Pat Van den Hauwe finds the net for Everton's first goal in their recent match against Blackburn Rovers.

this pitch should be banned.

Back to the beauty of a grass pitch at Goodison, Luton were the visitors, we put our boots on and throw away the baseball boots and win 2-0. Sheedy and Sharp score. The goals are being shared around the team, six different players have scored in the eight games so far and one unusual thing is that out of Lineker's six goals five have been with his head, not something that we thought was one of his strengths.

We see the launch of a new competition, the Screen Sport Cup, this was for all those teams that had missed out on Europe because of the ban. Not a bad idea, Norwich, Man United, Southampton but why the other lot, they had been the cause of the ban, so why should they gain from this competition ?

The first game for Everton was at Old Trafford against United, we play like true Champions and win 4-2, the papers have us back in the headlines.

We are feeling on top of the world and what better time to play the "Derby" at Goodison, we go 3-0 down by half time, shock has set in, no one can believe this. We come out in the second half and attack them non stop, Sheedy pulls one back then Sharp but the Spams hang on to their lead and sneak a win. Reid and Mountfield both missed the match and we missed them.

Rob Wakenshaw leaves for Carlisle, he was at Goodison at the wrong time as well, too many good players were ahead of him.

The Milk Cup at home to Bournemouth and after losing to Grimsby last season, Kendall had warned the players not to relax. We go a goal down after just eleven seconds, my pie was still glowing in the night sky, it was still hot when they scored again. By this time I didn't even feel like eating it. Once again we have to fight back, this time we do it, we get three goals and take a slender lead into the second leg.

Andy Gray is waiting for us down at Villa Park, the travelling Blues give him a rousing cheer, the game ends all square at 0-0.

The Screen Sports Cup at home to Norwich, the programme carries a profile on Bobby Mimms and asks him to name his other favourite team, guess who he picked ? Yes he's a secret Kopite. We win the game with true Blue Southall in goal.

Oxford at home in the League, we win 2-0 Sharp and Bracewell score.

The Milk Cup 2nd Leg at Bournemouth, it's cold, it's raining and it's a stupid competition but the Blues win 2-0 and march onwards.

Chelsea away and Neville Southall is sent off, he disputed a penalty decision and then later on he handled outside the area, we lose 2-1 worse was to come. On the tube going back to Euston Everton fans were attacked by some Psycho with a Flare Gun at Kensington High Street. This is the place to come if you want to commit suicide and can't afford the tablets.

Another Blue leaves, Ian Atkins goes to Ipswich, without being cruel to him, I didn't think he would ever make the grade as a Blue but once again he was in the wrong team at the wrong time.

Watford at home and a good win, 4-1 Sharp 2, Heath and Bracewell all score for the Blues. The next match is at Norwich in the Screen Cup, we lose 1-0.

Manchester City away and Bobby Mimms takes the place of suspended Southall, he

has a great game and it ends 1-1, Heath got the goal. Mimms reckons he has done enough to stay in the team and Neville should have to wait for his return, I think not Bobby. The next game is at Shrewsbury for the Milk Cup and again Everton play well, we win 4-1 with Heath, Sharp and Sheedy scoring, the other goal was an own goal by ex Blue Darren Hughes, thanks mate.

West Ham away, they are playing well at the moment and are contenders for our crown, we slip up and lose 2-1.

John Bailey leaves Everton for Newcastle, he wasn't the best full back we have ever had but he was a "Blue" and as such should be remembered with due respect.

It's November and football violence is at it's most crucial phase, a Chelsea fan has been found guilty of riot and assault, he is given a life sentence, some people are shocked by others are glad that at long last vicious thugs are getting the criminal punishment they deserve. Some even thought it would stop the trouble overnight, they were wrong, on the following Saturday Millwall were at home to Leeds and there was trouble everywhere, the press said that it looked as if the Chelsea trial meant nothing to these morons.

Everton were at home that day to Arsenal and there was murder at Goodison Park, not between rival fans but poor old Arsenal got murdered 6-1, yes the rampant Blues rip them to shreds. Lineker 2, Heath 2, Steven and Sharp all get their names on the roll of honour. In the programme for this game, Kendall said about Arsenal "They seem to have discovered this old habit of making it difficult for people to score against them and it will not be an easy game against a well organised side". This game also saw the debut of Neil Pointon, a signing from Scunthorpe, he played at left back and did well. The only problem is he has got a head of hair that is worse than Wilkinson's. Ipswich away in the League and in a seven goal thriller E.F.C. come out on top, Heath, Sharp, Steven & Sheedy all score. Gary Stevens played at centre half in place of the injured Mountfield.

Forest at home and another article by Kendall that makes you think as to why some managers want to be politicians. He says "The size of our victory over Arsenal was not entirely a surprise" Just go back a few lines and see what he said before the game. After ten goals in our last two games everyone was expecting more of the same against Clough's boys. It was not to be we draw 1-1 with Bracewell scoring. Before the match we were in 6th place 12 points behind man United.

Chelsea away in the Milk Cup another troubled game, Bracewell & Sheedy score in a 2-2 draw but Sheedy was sent off for swearing, come on, you didn't think he fouled someone did you ?



Bobby Mimms

Southampton away in the League, a fine win, 3-2 Lineker, Heath & Steven. We sign Mike Stowell a goalkeeper from Leyland Motors, they were better known for their "Strikers".

December and the Screen Sport Cup at home to man United, we beat them again, 1-0. In the League Everton went to West Brom and pulled off a fine win, 3-0 Sheedy, Van Den Hauwe & Lineker. This was Psycho's first goal for E.F.C.

Chelsea at home in the replay and something in the programme that can test even the most committed of Blue Boys. Ratcliffe is complaining about all the long journey's that the team have had to do lately. Some even meant staying overnight in hotel's. Well Kevin lad how about getting home at 4am from Bournemouth and then having to get up for work two hours later, that's what most of the travelling Boys have to put up with. Try Norwich away midweek for the Screen Cup, try watching a defeat, then try to get some much needed sleep on the long journey home before work once again.

Back to the football as I said Chelsea at home, We lose 2-1 in another bad tempered game and so we go out of our favourite Cup.

Leicester at home and a shock defeat, 2-1, this is a poor, poor result. Peter Reid came back after injury and Ian Marshall played. The 21st of December and the Blues go to Coventry and get us a nice three points, Lineker scores twice and Sharp gets one in a 3-1 victory. Boxing Day at home to Man United, we beat them 3-1, this is the fourth time we have stuffed them this season, if you count the Charity Shield, 42, 551 fans make their way home for more stuffing this time time provided by "Paxo". Two days later and another home game, what's going on here, have the League took pity on all the long suffering travelling Blue Boys ? We make the most of it and beat Sheff Wed 3-1 Lineker gets two and Sharp the other.

New Years Day and the catch, yes a nice long trip to Newcastle, time to see if those gloves and socks your granny bought you for Crimbo actually keep out the cold from the Frozen North. A few hundred "Tee- Total Blues make the trip, they see a 2-2 draw and also an injury to Paul Bracewell, one that is to haunt him over the coming months.

F. A Cup time and we play Exeter at home (Thank God for that) it's on a Sunday, we make hard work of it and most hardcore Blues are expecting another long midweek trip, when Gary Stevens scores, he not only saves the day but probably a few marriages as well.

Q.P.R' at home and the lads show them how it's done on real grass, we smack them 4-3, Sharp 2, Lineker & Wilkinson.

Birmingham away, another sad place to visit, I was in a pub in the City Centre, it looked as if the last time it was decorated, it had been redone by the "Vikings". Trying to look like a local so as you could dodge their famous "Zulu" gang was not an easy task. I made it into St Andrews and watched the lads win 2-0, both goals from Gary Lineker, easy but getting back to New Street Station isn't. After much ducking and diving I get on the homeward bound train

The F.A. Cup at home to Blackburn, Lineker grabs two goals and Van Den Hauwe the other in a 3-1 win. Two new signings are announced, Peter Billinge and Warren Aspinwall.

Everton Firsts

In Celebration Of Everton's Achievement "100 Years At The Top Of English Football." Blue Blood Has Decided To Run A Series Of Articles On Other "Firsts" Gained By Either The Club Or It's Players

Goodison Park was awarded the honour of being the First League Ground to hold the F. A. Cup Final.

The date was 31st march 1894 and Everton put in a fine effort to have Goodison looking at it's finest.

Extra stands were put up in anticipation of a large crowd, The two teams contesting the final were Bolton Wanderers and Notts County.

On the day a disappointing crowd of 20,000 turned up to watch, what everyone thought was going to be a walk over for the 1st Division Bolton over 2nd Division County.

Bolton had been hit badly with injuries and five of their regular team were missing from the action. And action was the right word, from the start Bolton came under the cosh, only brilliant goalkeeping by 'John Willy' Sutcliffe kept the Wanderers in the match but even he had to give way to the onslaught. Logan of Notts County got a hat trick and County ran out easy winners 4-1.

This was the first time a 2nd Division Club had won the Cup, and the City of Nottingham went wild in celebration.

The Cup Winners 1894 Notts County



Top: Notts County, the 1894 F.A. Cup winners. They beat Bolton Wanderers 4-1 at Everton with centre forward Logan scoring three of the goals. Left to right, back row: Bransley, Harper, Calderhead, Toone, Hendry, Shelton, J. Goode (trainer). Front row: Watson, Donnelly, Logan, Bruce, H. B. Hoff.



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Heroes From the Past



Tottenham Hotspur an Omen?

ARTICLE : Why we will win the League Championship ?

By: SMART ARRIDGE.

Either Everton or Tottenham Hotspur will win the Premier league championship this year !

How can I make such a bold statement as that ?..... well, let me explain.

It all goes back to 1984, Everton were doing rather well in the FA Cup after turning the corner and rescuing their season, and manager, from the drop and chop respectively.

On a cold night in January Inchy had rescued Everton from defeat at lowly Oxford. Oxford were in the Third division, but they would go on to win the league, and in successive seasons end up second division champions and first division contenders.

Howard Kendall appeared on TV saying that it was the Chinese year of the Rat, and he felt Everton could win the cup as they were skippered by Kevin RATcliffe !!..... *If people hadn't already noticed he was on the bottle this should have served us notice.*

But wait, Everton DID go on to win the FA Cup, and had recently appeared in the Milk cup final. They were also about to embark upon THE most successful year in the club's history..... Maybe there was something in this 'spookiness' after all.

The next season, 1984/85, Everton as FA Cup holders started the season by playing the opening game of the season against Tottenham Hotspur at home.

And despite the heavy defeat Everton went on to win almost everything they entered, including the League Championship, and the first of Howard's Manager of the Year awards.

And this is where it gets spooky again,..... the ONLY other post-war occasion that Everton had played Tottenham on the opening day of the season was in 1960/61. And in case you are not well up on your history of London teams, this was the season Tottenham won the League Championship and FA Cup double, thus becoming the first English team to achieve this feat !!

So, if history does repeat itself, one of the teams at Goodison on Saturday should go on to win the Championship.

Postscript:

If you are looking for any pre-war opening day meets, you will find a few; one each in the 1920's and the 1930's.

But perhaps the strangest meets were during the 1910's.

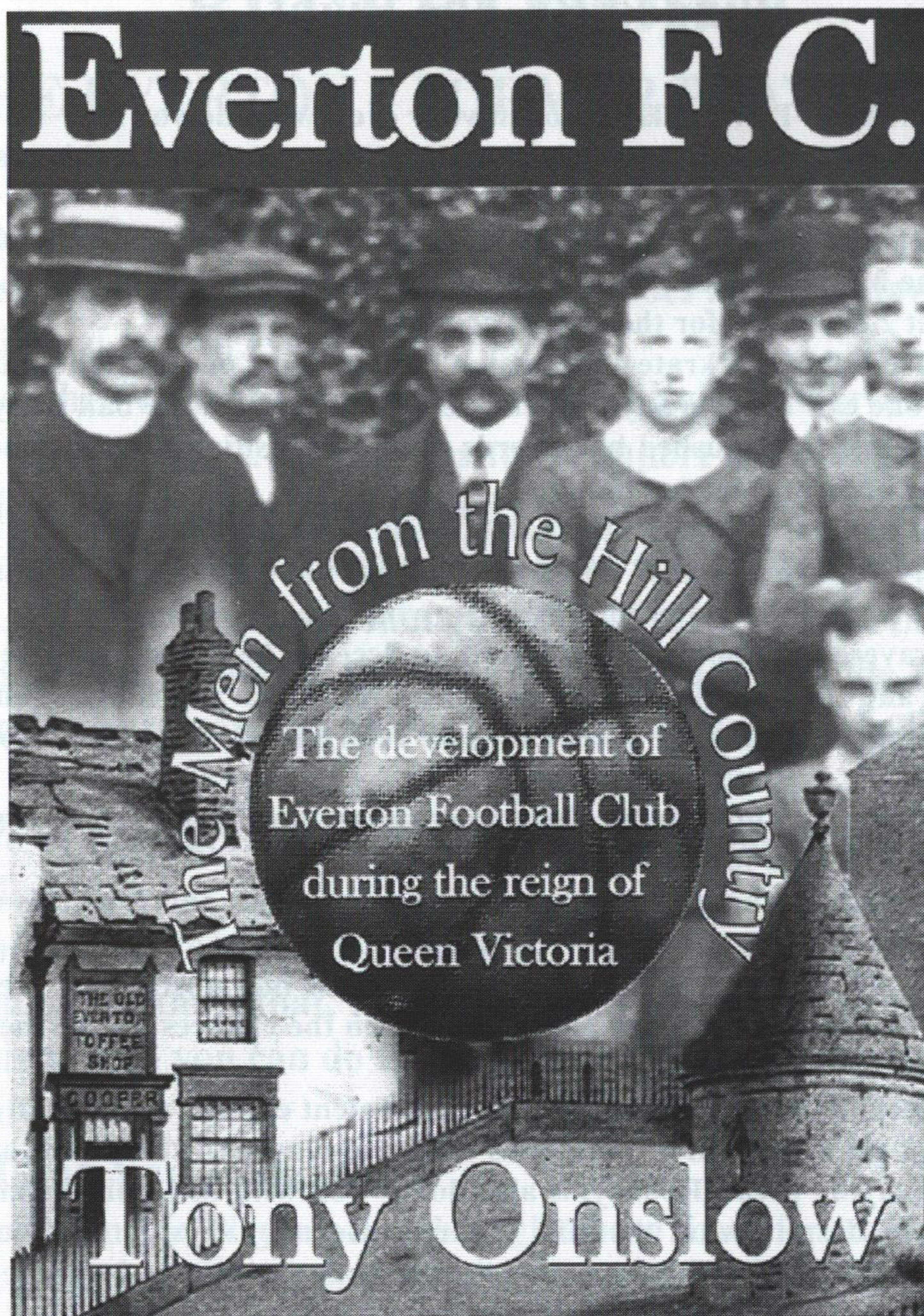
Everton versus Tottenham was a fixture on no less that 4 out of 5 seasons. And again the sequence is spooky..... they played each other at the start of the 1910, the 1911, and the 1912 seasons !, but not at the start of the 1913 season.

However, they resumed again the very next season by playing each other on the opening day of the 1914 season.....and who won the league that season ?

..... EVERTON.

I rest my case.

Smart.



I bought this book as soon as I saw the advert in the *Evertonian*. As I am interested in the history of EFC I know just how much work Tony has put into this project. The book has 112 pages and quite a few "Sketches" not photo's they are very interesting.

The book covers the period of Queen Victoria's reign which ties in nicely with the foundation of Everton Football Club. Obviously there are many facts that are already well known but there is more than enough, new material to hold anybody's interest.

I really like this book and thank Tony for taking what must have been "Ages" compiling it. It should be available from most good book shops now. If you have a problem write to Countywise Limited, 14, Appin Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH 41 9HH and please mention Blue Blood price is £5.95

Take off your Blue Tinted Glasses, open your eyes, what do you see?

Another false dawn, that's what, the games we have seen so far this season are no different from the "Singing Scotsman's" team of last season.

Useless defenders, non existent midfielders and Barlowesque finishing forwards.

Moyes is the Messiah I have heard some Evertonians say, well if he is I hope we do not have to wait 2,000 years for the second coming.

His teams are full of workrate and passion but are short on foresight and skill.

Stubbs for one can't create anything, his sole aim is to hoof the ball away, or head it out of play. At times he is pushed backwards by the opposition forward and loses the dual on too many occasions for my liking.

Unsworth is another who kicks the ball up-field without thinking where it will end up.

Pembridge, is your proverbial workhorse but has not got the thoughtfulness to stop and think about what the best option is before giving the ball away.

Thomas Gravesen, is another who flatters to deceive, he might look like he knows what he is doing and then all of a sudden he has a brainstorm and lunges almost homicidally at an opponent. It's only the fact that some referees are so baffled about what he was trying to do that he stays on the pitch.

Richard Wright has not played that many games and it is hard to assess him but he doesn't look like he is full of confidence.

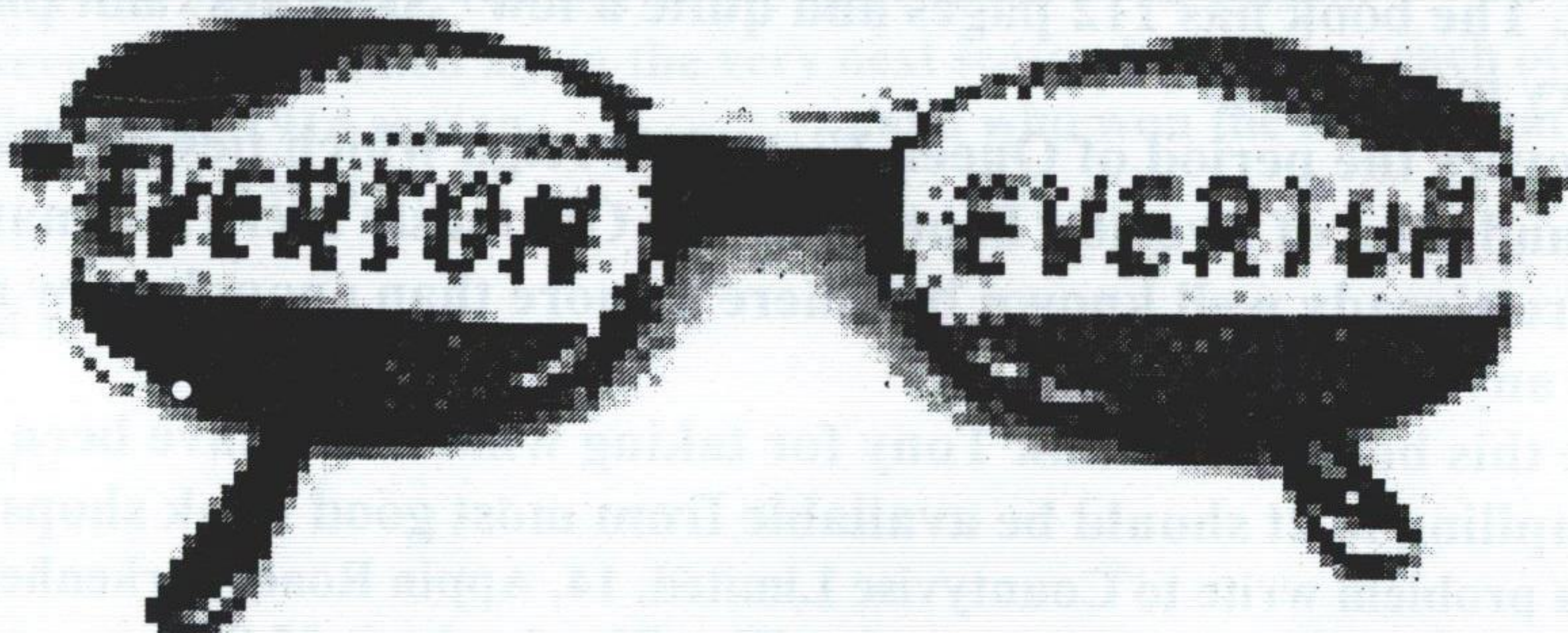
Rodrigo is another who has not played too many games and is at this moment in time suffering from the Everton Curse, "INJURY"

Campbell and Radzinski at times look the business but mostly they are forlorn figures waiting for a sensible ball to try and score. When the chances do fall their way more often than not they miss them.

Alexandersson, is so frustrating, he is not consistent enough and should be dropped.

But before I get a bag full of poisonous letters against me, there are some signs of life, Hibbert is playing great, Rooney, is also doing well with the limited time he is given by Moyes. Weir, despite what the Kilt Wearing German says, is the rock on which we should build. Li Tie, is doing far better than anyone thought and as time goes on he will, in my opinion become a fine midfield player.

The Goodison Optician



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THE EVERTON – FORMER PLAYER'S FOUNDATION

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

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

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

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

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

Ways That You Can Help.

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

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

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

"Once an Evertonian – Always an Evertonian"

October 14th 1893 and Everton are at home to Blackburn, Milward & Southworth score but once again the game ends in a draw 2-2.

The attendance's were not as big as the previous season, Everton had taken £8, 815 then but £3,539 went on players wages.

But those who went to Goodison Park on the 21st October certainly got their moneys worth. Darwen were the visitors and were led like lambs to the slaughter, Everton

turned on the style and hit eight goals Darwen managed one. The scorers were Alex Latta 2, Maxwell 2, Southworth 2, Bell & Chadwick completed the rout.

The crowd were buzzing as they left the ground, surely now we can win the next game and therefore put two back to back victories on the records.

Home again but this game would be much harder, the mighty Preston North End were the opponents.

A hard test, which Everton failed to pass, Jack Southworth managed to score twice but Preston got three.

4th November and away to

Sheffield Wednesday, only a 1-1 draw, Milward the scorer. 11th November and a defeat by Derby County at home, 2-1 Latta getting our consolation goal.

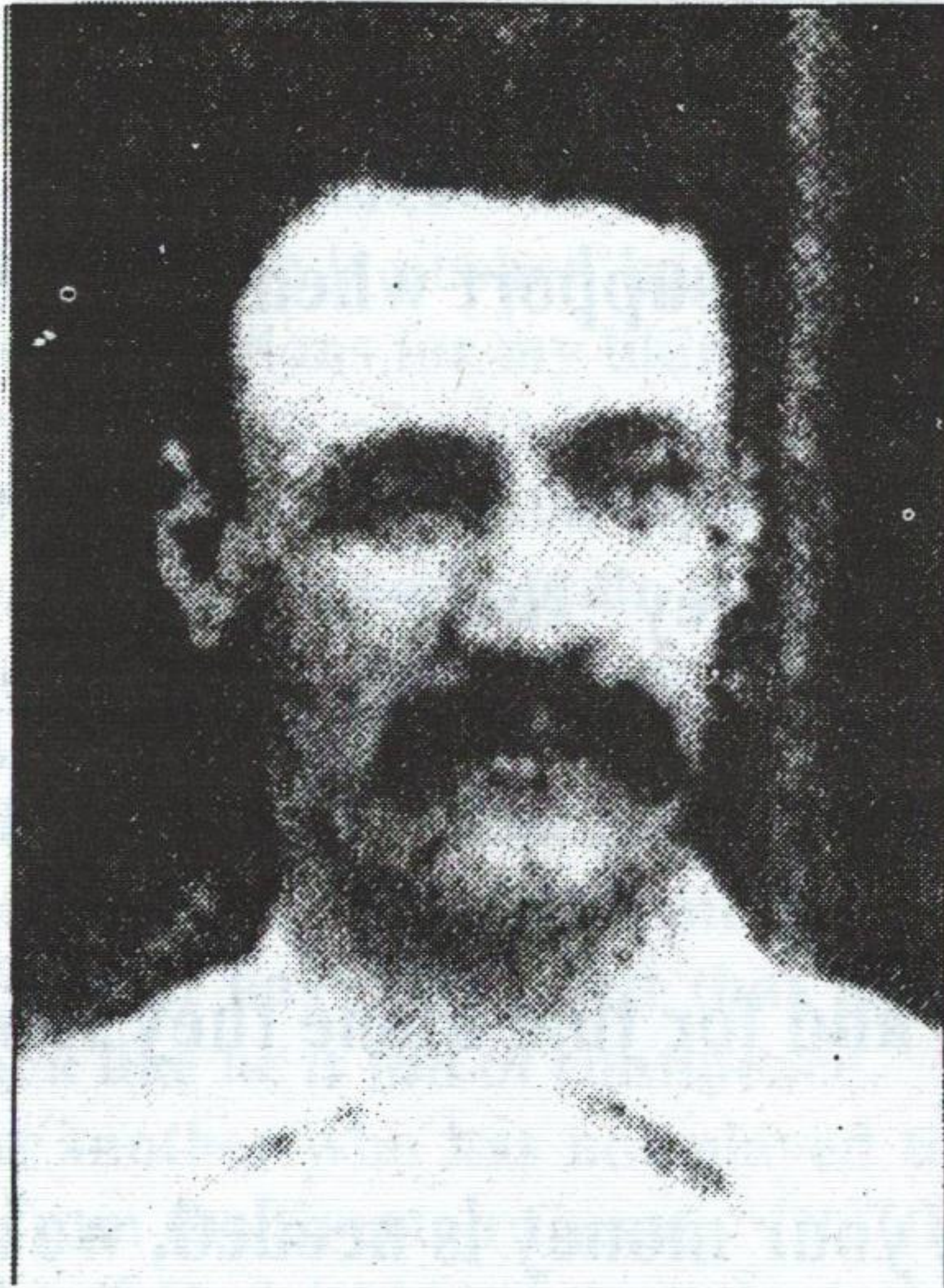
The gates were dwindling and the Boardroom unrest was not helping matters, there was some in-fighting going on.

Southworth had scored 8 goals in nine games, so he was doing his bit to help out. But as in all things Everton he missed the next three games through injury. We still managed to win without him as we beat Burnley at home 4-3 Bell 2, Chadwick & Geary.

December 2nd Newton Heath away and we manage what seemed the impossible and get two wins on the trot, 3-0 Geary 2, Chadwick.

Two days later we land with a bump back down to earth, we lose 2-0 at Wolves the first time we had failed to score in a match this season.

December the 9th and the much awaited return of Southworth, Sheffield United away, he gets two goals and Milward the other in a fine 3-0 victory. December 16th and Jack Southworth returns to Blackburn with his new Everton team-mates. He is given a heroes return kind of welcome. The Blackburn fans loved him, the game was a thriller and Southworth scored but Everton lost 4-3 Bell & Chadwick also finding the net.



Jack Southworth



Smart Arridge

A defender born near Sunderland Smart played 51 games for EFC a Gentleman Footballer who specialised in the shoulder charge.

The next two matches have gone down in the Everton History books, records created in these games still stand to this day. On the 23rd December 1893 Everton were at home against Sheffield Wednesday, Southworth scored four goals, Bell two, Chadwick one and Latta one. Everton ran out 8-1 winners. Page 28

One week later again at home Everton won 7-1 against West Brom Southworth, this time scored six goals, still an Everton record to this day, Bell got the other goal in a great game. It was foggy and a crowd of 25,000 watched, within a minute Bell put the ball into the net to send Everton one up. Smart Arridge making his debut had to scramble the ball off the line to stop an equaliser.

Latta and Bell created the first for Southworth, his second came after the Albion goalkeeper fumbled the ball, the hat trick goal was a special solo effort, dribbling the ball from the half way line before lashing it into the net. It was 4-0 at half time and West Brom trudged towards the dressing room with a look of fear on their faces. Just after the restart Southworth struck again, after Bell laid the ball on for him.

West Brom tried to create chances but they were overwhelmed by Everton. Stewart made a mistake and Albion scored. Bell again laid on a goal for Jack and Latta also set up Southworth. That made it an amazing ten goals in two games for Southworth, he was fast becoming the idol of the Goodison faithful.

New Years Day 1894 and another six goal thriller, but this time the goals are shared by both teams. Darwen scored three to give their fans an unbeaten start to the New Year. Southworth once again scored, only once but that was enough, Chadwick and an og made up the three goals for EFC.

6th January at home to Newton Heath, Southworth gets a goal and so does Chadwick, in a 2-0 win.

The next game was to prove just how much Everton had improved over the last few months. Preston away was never going to be easy but Everton made it look that way with an excellent 4-2 win. Chadwick, Milward an og and, oh, yes Southworth score.

This was Jack Southworth's 16th goal in 7 games, unbelievable!!!

The long awaited "Twin Spearhead" of Fred Geary and Jack Southworth took to the field for the first time at Nottingham Forest. Southworth would be relishing the thought of the master creator Geary alongside him, all the signs pointed to a great victory but as I have mentioned before, you must always take into account, the fact that we are Evertonians and as such, normal logic doesn't apply. Jack Southworth fails to score, Geary manages one and along with another og we get two but Forest get three. The dream ticket of Southworth & Geary is no longer seen as a priceless asset.

The F. A. Cup is next up and away to a poor Stoke City team should get Everton back on track, wrong again, we lose 1-0 heartbroken Evertonians kiss goodbye to their F. A. Cup.

February 3rd and away to West Brom, the victims of a 7-1 thrashing at Goodison, ok you have guessed it, we lose 3-1, Bell scored.

Stoke away in the League Geary is missing but Southworth plays, all to no avail, we crash to another defeat 3-1 Southworth managed to score.

Into March and the return of the "Twin Spearhead", home to Wolves and at last the Spearhead hits the target, Geary 2, Southworth 1 and we win 3-0.

Only two days later Bolton at home and another win, 3-2, Chadwick, Hartley and

Charlie Parry



A Welsh International, Charlie was a wing half but was used as a full back to better effect. He was at Everton for seven seasons and played 86 games getting 5 goals in that time. A hard tackling full back, he also helped out with the attack, using the wing

Southworth score.

April 7th 1894 and we are at home to Stoke, they have already beaten us twice, knocking us out of the F.A. Cup and the League. There was no Southworth in the Everton line up, so things looked bleak. Typical then of EFC to go out and smack them 6-2. Geary 2, Latta 2, Hartley & Mc Millan.

The season ended at Bolton on April the 16th. H. Reay plays his only game for Everton at outside right, he gets the only goal.

The review of the season was mixed, we should have done a whole lot better than we did but then again, we had seen the awesome power of Jack Southworth, he had scored 27 goals in 22 matches, "A Star Is Born" were the headlines in the press.

Everton finished in Sixth place.

Goodison Park had the honour of staging the Cup Final, Southworth had brought the spotlight back on the Blue Boys, so everything was rosy.

No it wasn't, remember I said there was some backbiting in the boardroom, well it blew up into a full scale war.

The A.G.M was held at The Picton Lecture Hall in June 1894 and what happened that night was beautifully described in the Liverpool Review by a person only identified as The Linesman.

I will give you some of the detail of that meeting:

On Monday evening at the Picton Lecture Hall the long expected thunderbolt was hurled, and nobody was killed. But there were great ructions all the same and many a time during the three hours sitting of the directors and shareholders of the 'igh and mighty Everton Football Club a 'Fite' appeared imminent.

But it is all over now and as I say nobody is assassinated. On the contrary. The whole Club is decidedly the better for an annual meeting which commenced rumbly, continued, with shouts, shrieks, groans, hisses, pale faces, and personalities and concluded with humorous speeches, facetious commentaries, votes of thanks, congratulations and hand shaking all round. After which, let us hope that patriotism will take the place of dissension amongst the members so the Everton F.C. and that the coming season will see better management, better results and hatchets buried by the score.

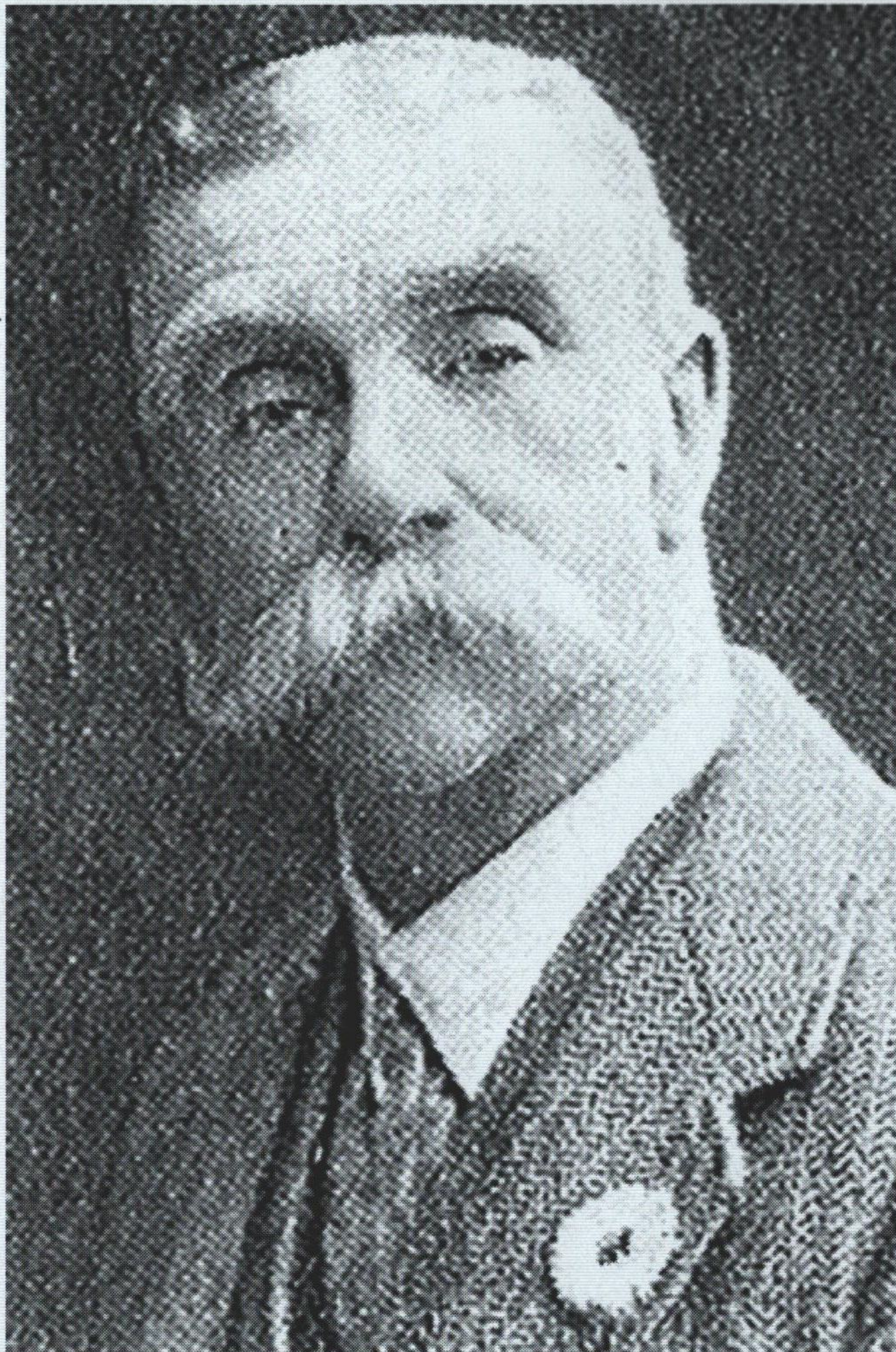
To a disinterested onlooker the proceedings in the Picton were of a most humorous description. A spectator who knew not football would probably have been amazed at the intensity of interest displayed by the five or six hundred club members who for three hours howled and gesticulated themselves blue in the face, Everton - blue in the face, over the affairs financial and governmental of their body.

Personally, it was the most entertaining partisan experience which I have come across since Liverpool beat Everton at Hawthorne Road in the final for the Liverpool Cup in 1893.

It really was great fun. On the platform there sat Mr. George Mahon, chairman of the meeting and president of the club. On his left Mr. Molyneux and on his right Mr. Clayton.

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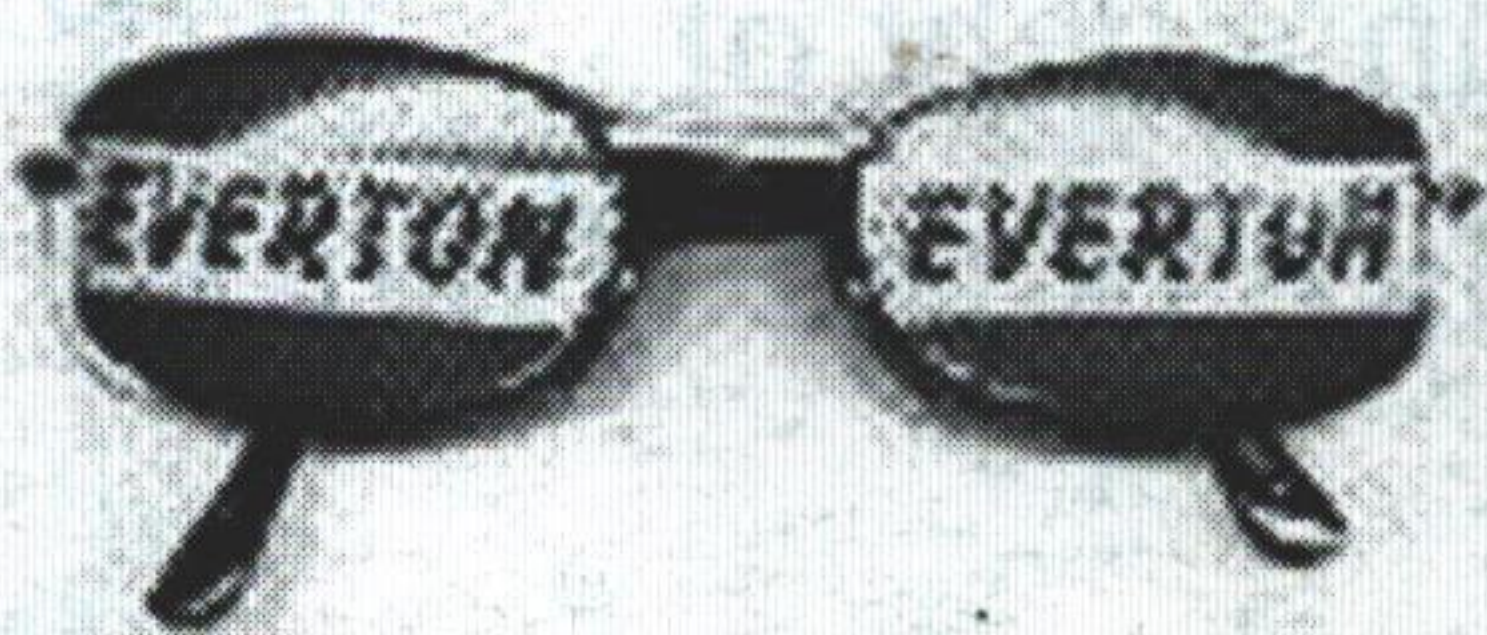
Thomas Keates



The Author of the great book "The History of Everton Football Club 1878/79 - 1928/29 Every Evertonian owes this man a debt of gratitude without him a huge slice of our History would have been lost forever.



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