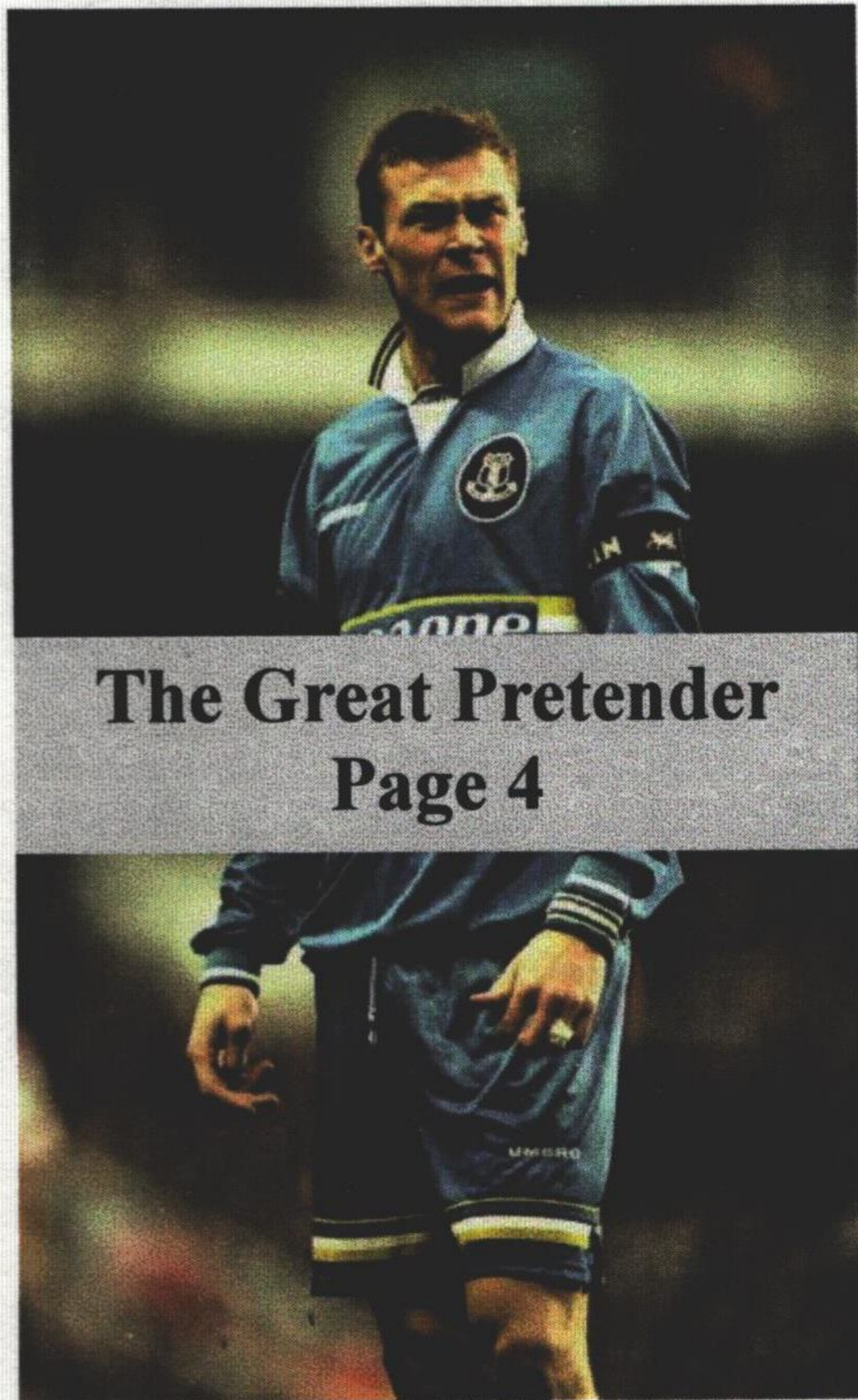


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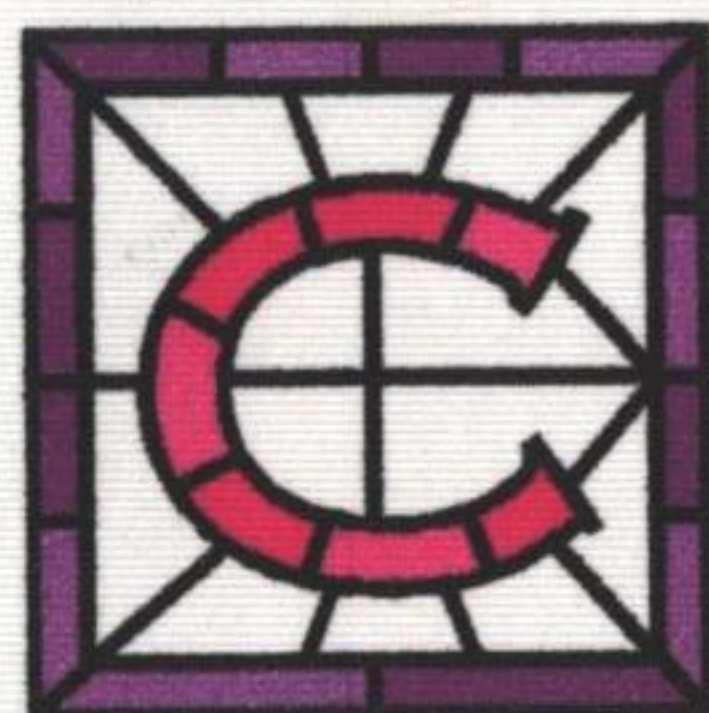


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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Editors Page "The Orr-Moans"

This is the last issue of a great season, before any of you look at the cover and accuse me of being a hypocrite about putting Duncan there, let me explain, this fanzine although compiled by me is your fanzine, the readers, so if you send in articles about Duncan, I will print them, I personally have no time for the guy, either as a player or so called Evertonian but that is my personal view. It may well be the last season for the Big Man so it is only right that you have your say on his performances over the years.

Next season the price of the fanzine will rise to £1.50p (or €3 if we make Europe) it is needed to survive. If you subscribe the price will only increase by one pound, from £8 to £9 (UK), which means that you get every issue post free. It has been £8 since the start, four seasons ago, so I think that it is reasonable to put it up.

Thanks to Richard Bate for all the info on the Burnley Cup tie in 1967, the information has been passed on.

Back to the pitch and not just the football, some cynical fans say Chadwick = £250,000 = Newly Laid Pitch, can that be true?

There is an article in this fanzine about Chelsea Champions Elect, I won't say anything about it but I watched those boring Cockneys against WBA at home, top v bottom, only you would have been hard pressed to tell who was who. Time wasting, taking the ball to the corner flag and Chelsea fans whistling their heads off for the final whistle, oh yes, they won 1-0.

Man United, enough has been said about the trouble but Wayne did not help things because one week after the match, he said in the Man U programme that he was looking forward to playing A.C. Milan, the kind of game Everton would not be involved in. Well Chubby Boy, I was watching Everton in the San Siro in 1975 in a European Game against A.C. Milan, when you, thankfully had not even been born.

The thriller at Villa was followed by the Blackburn farce, what went wrong? Even worse the no show at the Derby game, Pistone once again out of his depth, Stubbs also awful, Nigel, too was not himself, many others also hid on the day.

Are we about to throw all our good work away? Will we slip silently out of the top six and end up in eighth or lower?

The Board are at it again, Moyes will have £30 million to spend in the summer, so says the Liverpool Echo but it turns out that only £12 million will be available because the other £18million is for wages. Is £12million enough?

No matter where we finish in the table, it is guaranteed to be higher than any Evertonian thought at the beginning of the season. For all his restrictions, in money and sometimes his own judgement, Moyes has done remarkably well, it will be a tragedy if the Board do not support him with cash in the summer, £12 million is not enough in my opinion.

It might well be Duncan's last season and I for one hope it is, we can not afford to pay £37,000 a week for someone who is not fit to start a football match.

Good news on the David France collection I have heard that everything is about to be signed and sealed, so the greatest collection of football memorabilia in the World will belong to Everton Football Club. Let's hope they look after it and give the fans the chance to see it in all its glory, David France should be thanked by every Evertonian for assembling this mind blowing collection, a truly unique item.

I am a bit worried by the Clubs attitude that the players that are out of contract will have to wait and see what is offered, if we lose Leon Osmon because of this, they will be to blame because once again, a local talent has been allowed to slip through our fingers.

West Bromwich Albion, what can you say, apart from rubbish? Has Moyes lost the plot? Ferguson and the not yet fit Watson as subs yet again!!!! Another late phantom injury this time to Beattie after a fortnight of no games, I will leave you all to think about it.

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Readers Letters

The performance against Aston Villa away was one of the finest displays by an Everton team in my time of watching the Blues and I have been watching Everton since the mid 1980's.

Marcus Bent ran himself soft, never giving up on any ball and holding the line for the rest of the lads. Cahill, exceptional, what a buy he has been, David Moyes must be made up. He provides, passes and shoots all in one flowing movement, a contender for Player Of The Season on every Evertonians voting sheet.

Leon Osman, a small mobile, agile player, he has scored four goals with his head and more often than not he is the smallest player on the pitch. He must be given a new contract.

Yobo, some criticise him but he is a fine player, not afraid to drift over and cover for less mobile players, he does not give stupid fouls away, almost always getting the ball and not the man. He must be persevered with because he will bloom into an outstanding player in years to come, don't forget he is only young.

Mikel Arteta could be a young Colin Harvey, high praise but he does look to be cool under pressure and confident.

Tony Hibbert and others have also put their foot in when needed, Everton are worthy of fourth place, do not let people tell you otherwise.

Thomas Swift.

Blue Blood,

I was listening to Radio Merseyside when that Red has been, Gary Gillespie said that it would be hard for Liverpool, now that they had lost the Cup in Cardiff, "They are a long way behind the top three clubs" arrogant Kopite, 'Gary, you are a long way behind the top four clubs mate and you will be a lot further behind when the season ends.

Crosby Frank.

Blue Blood,

Roy Carroll comes to Goodison Park for Man United, one of the best paid goalkeepers in the land and he can't save a pound, sad man.

Bill Fearn.

Hi George.

A few nutters turn up on a Saturday night and the Police wet themselves, they haven't got a clue, this is the same Police Force that stopped traffic in Liverpool City Centre for four hours because some balloon heads climbed onto a bridge in fancy dress, protesting about rights for dads. They were twenty foot above the road and still the bizzies stopped traffic!!!!

Alan Lad

Please send all letters or emails to the address on page two. Cheers George

David Moyes Man Or Mouse?

I am not going to put my name to this because there are those out there who think that David Moyes is the Messiah. I on the other hand think he is a very young inexperienced manager who makes many mistakes and gets away with them, therefore not learning from any criticism that is due but not given, so here is my opinion on the Blues Manager.

When he first arrived I along with most Blues was glad to see a smiling happy soul after the dire Walter Smith visiting the Dentist was a pleasure.

Moyes said the magic words Peoples Club and will live forever in Evertonians hearts for that alone.

He took the old, tired Smith squad and turned them into attacking, organised, fit footballers, everything in the garden seemed rosy.

Soon though cracks appeared, he was always seemingly aggressive towards criticism but it was taken as defence of his players by the fans.

He took Everton to the verge of Europe and he was installed as the Messiah, by his adoring fans and the media.

However it all went wrong the following season and tactical mistakes, Man United 3-0 down at half time, needing to bring on all three subs at the start of the second half.

Looking after Wayne, protecting him as he was fond of saying, frustrating him was what some fans said.

Young players were not given a fair chance, Rooney was held back, Osmon sent out on loan to Carlisle, then Derby, ignored by Moyes until he needed him up at Boro in a Cup game, put into the penalty shoot out line up young Leon saw his shot saved. Did Moyes comfort the lad, give him confidence, no he dropped him and shipped him out to Derby County, who were so impressed by him they offered £250,000, if they had offered half a million Leon would have been sent packing.

Players like Pistone play crap, week in week out but Moyes stays with the Italian, dropping poor Tony Hibbert if he has a poor game.

Chadwick never let Moyes down but despite a threadbare squad he was sold to Plymouth, this despite scoring on his substitute appearances on the last two occasions he wore the Blue Shirt.

McFadden, is another who when he first arrived looked good but he too was dropped, suffered a lack of confidence and played out of position, sound familiar?

Chelsea at home no mention of McFadden being injured on the Friday in training (happens a lot that) but he didn't play, could it have something to do with James Mc Fadden's ill advised exclusive for the Liverpool Echo, when he stated that he thought it was more important to finish above Liverpool than qualify for Europe? Was Mc Fadden suspended by Moyes, for this press interview? If so, why weren't the fans told?

Blackburn at home, twenty minutes gone and Mikel Arteta limps off, ok bring on Stubbs, move Yobo into midfield or a straight swap for McFadden, no, Moyes brings on Big Dunc, the least creative and least fit player on the books. This made Bent move over to the wing, where Dunc slips to after ten minutes of exertion, so we have no centre forward

Of course Moyes has made some memorable substitutions, Norwich away for instance but you always feel he is forced into it, it's not something he has spotted before hand and stopped the problem from happening with an astute piece of tactical genius.

The strongest part of Moyes's managerial skills is his eye for new talent, Cahill, Arteta, McFadden etc.

I will go back to the start of this article Moyes is a great manager but he does make mistakes, if you ignore them he will not learn from them, so be more vocal, write into the papers or fan-zines, phone the radio stations but don't just moan, praise then point out where he went wrong and then everybody benefits.

The Eye In The Sky.

Gwladys's Street's Neighbourhood Watch

All that trouble from that horrible Manchester lot the other month, made me get the cat in at seven o'clock, I was worried sick.

The little fat kid didn't help things, he didn't even call in and say hello to me.

Then there was the Derby what a waste of time, Rob Styles, the first referee to be on Sky T. V.'s 'Player Cam' he was the star of the show, the only thing he got right was sending 'Bare-arse' off, can't expect much from a ref who's first name is 'ROB' !!!!

Then they tried to blame all the trouble in the Blue House on us, from what I heard it was them, coming past in their cars and blowing their horns and laughing, being 'gobby' as they always are.

They also blamed Evertonians for stabbing that poor Police horse it was only when I mentioned that there had been two hundred Derbies and no horse had ever suffered before, strange then when they have so many Spaniards in their team, I mean to say, when Spaniards aren't playing football they are at a Bull-fight, stabbing poor defenceless animals, so was it an Evertonian or a Spaniard who stabbed the horse?

Amazing isn't it for twenty years they have not said the word Hysel then they get drawn against Juve and it's all mates again, 'we are sorry but let's forget about it now and move on?' These are the same fans who will not forget or forgive the Sun Newspaper for Hillsborough, even though that paper has tried on many occasions to heal the rift.

What would Kopites say if the Italians said "We do not accept your apology" ?

If they had not be drawn against Juve, they would not have even known it was the 20th anniversary?

Paul Gregg is still going on about sharing with them, you know, the unclean ones, doesn't he know we don't want to share anything with them but then again he says that the Yanks might come over and build a new ground for us and put a casino in as well, it's just American Bingo to me but I do like a little flutter I have to confess.

I still haven't seen Bill or that other shifty character Samuelson around here lately, I wonder what happened to him, he said he had some money and friends that could help us but nothing has turned up.

I have been reading all about those corrupt referees in Germany, taking bribes allegedly and that poor Swiss guy who was hit by the cigarette lighter in Roma and then he had death threats from Chelsea fans Anders Frisk is his name, well he has retired now, fed up with all the abuse.

Can't imagine it happening over here, I mean, there is nothing suspicious about Mike Riley's refereeing is there?

Isn't it brilliant, our ladies team have reached the Cup Final, hammering Arsenal 3-0 in the semi final. I hope they go on and win it now, it will cheer everybody up. It will be all down to Upton Park for the final in May.

Well that's all from me for another season, I just hope that we make it into Europe, Mr Moyes has tried so hard to get us there it will be a crime if we fail.

Joe Mercer



Joe Mercer, Footballer of the Year, 1949-50

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Blue Nose Cup Final 95

