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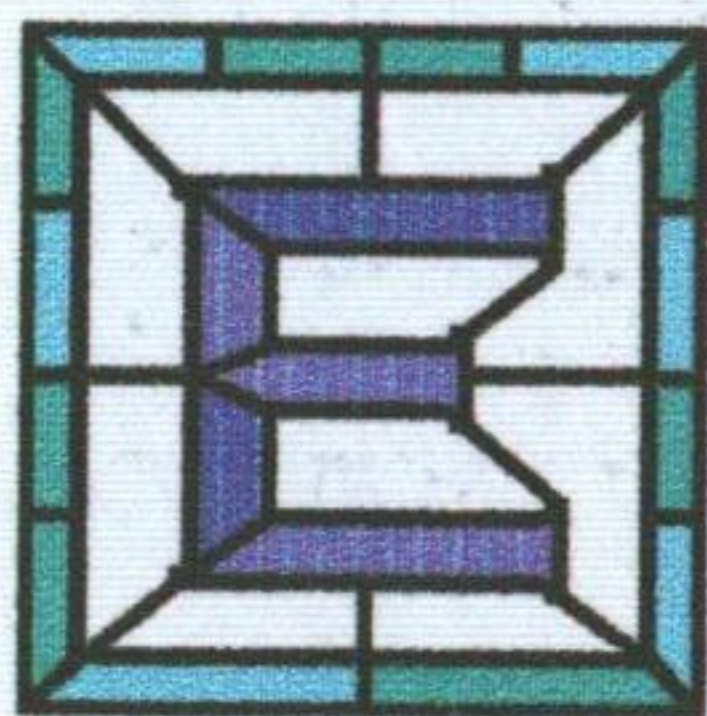
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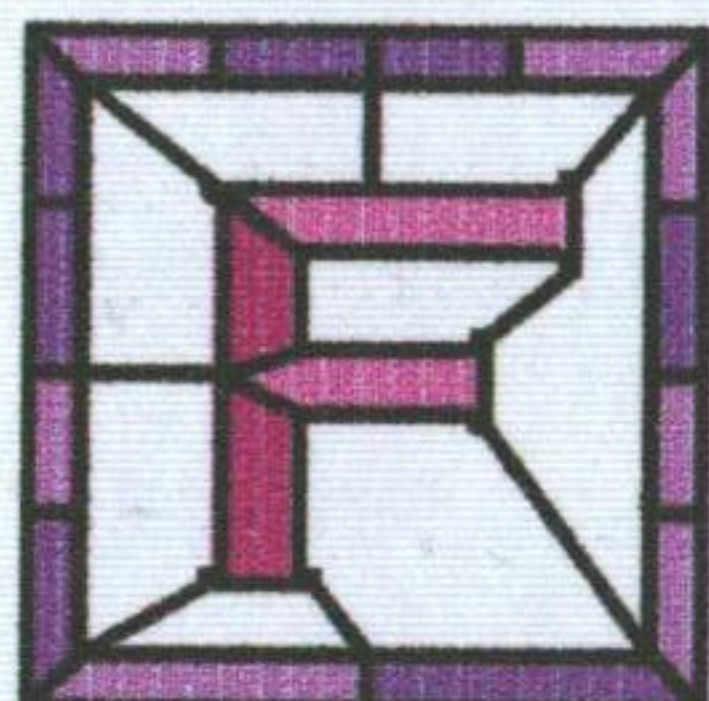
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Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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Por

Brian Harris

Born Bebington

Signed from Port Sunlight in 1954 for £10
Brian played in 358 games for Everton scoring 29 goals, Debut August 1955 played in 544 games during his career

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For the third issue on the trot there is a sad loss to report. Brian Harris was an excellent player in the 50's and 60's for Everton. Tributes start on page 12.

Gazza, what can you say? The guy has annoyed, pleased and sometimes spellbound fans but whatever he is to you, he is in ill health and needs everybody's sympathy and support.

Everton are playing some of the best football for many years, Moyes has at last given the team the chance to attack away from home and the difference is amazing. Ask any fan who goes home and away what it was like last season and the season before at away games and most would say Bleak.

Wigan away should and was an away win, the players are now starting to believe that they are in fourth place on merit and not luck.

SK Brann were not a good team but neither were Oldham, Everton and Moyes got the tactics right and started both legs with caution but also knew that given the chance the goals would come. The Yak was awesome in the home leg and if he can keep up this kind of performance he is going to be joining the Legends at Goodison.

Pienaar is also playing great, all over the Park with deft little touches and flicks. When the rest of the team get on the same wavelength then we are going to get more than three minutes on Match Of The Day.

Lescott another superb player, oozes class and his distribution is excellent. Jageilka is the one player who has come on in leaps and bounds, almost beyond belief. He just looks so cool on the ball and he is very good in the air even against the tough hard throw their weight about centre forwards in the Premiership.

Hibbert has also been in a good run of form and has learnt from his mistakes. The lad must be given some credit because he gets a lot of stick from the crowd.

Tim Howard on the other hand is the one member of the team who seems to have gone off the boil slightly. Reluctant to come off his line and not doing his usual shouting at defenders, maybe I am being too critical but some of the fans that sit near me in the Lower Gwladys have been giving him a bit of grief lately.

The Dixie Dean play, well there is not much to tell you at the moment except that only one person has come forward with any kind of sponsorship and the Play at one time looked in jeopardy. But thanks to the excellent work of Paul Wharton and Gillian Beattie it will go ahead. I have attended all the meetings and if it can be done it will be done. It has to be said though that sponsors are very thin on the ground and the Club have not exactly fell over themselves to help.

For a Club that quotes it's History every other word it is disappointing to find that words do not mean actions. There are also Everton fans who try to give the impression that they are Super Blues but when they are asked to put their hands in their pockets suddenly they are not so Super.

We laugh at the other lot and say they have no History but they are organising Tributes to Shankly and have plays and other things organised in the Year of Culture. We on the other hand do nothing, Everton's name is absent from any activity in the Year Of Culture and for the City's first Club that is not acceptable.

Man City away and on the surface a hard game but they are not a great team and maybe not even a good team. At Goodison they were poor and when they played the Spanish Americans at home they played for 0-0 what team in the top four would do that?

Everton went to the home of the Manchester Blues and played them off the Park. With only Yakubu up front it didn't look good but Everton strode around with the arrogance of Fourth Place Players and went two goals up in the first half and it could have been more.

The Yak did the business again and netted, Lescott put the ball in the net with the quality of a centre forward.

The second half saw Johnson on to try and keep City on the back foot, and we did that and more. If Moyes can gain more confidence from this then all the better for Everton, if he keeps up this style then there will be no complaints, not even from me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LOST IN FRANCE

The story of Leigh Richmond Roose

Once upon a time, a Welsh international goalie played for Everton. He was universally regarded as the best keeper of his day, not only in Britain, but probably the world. He was described as "The Prince of goalkeepers" and even wrote a manual of goalkeeping.

Yes, we remember Neville Southall, you will say. But while Southall fits the above description, he was not the only one – over fifty years before Neville was born, Leigh Roose, a student of medicine who was not officially a professional, played for Everton, then, as now, "a team packed with internationals".

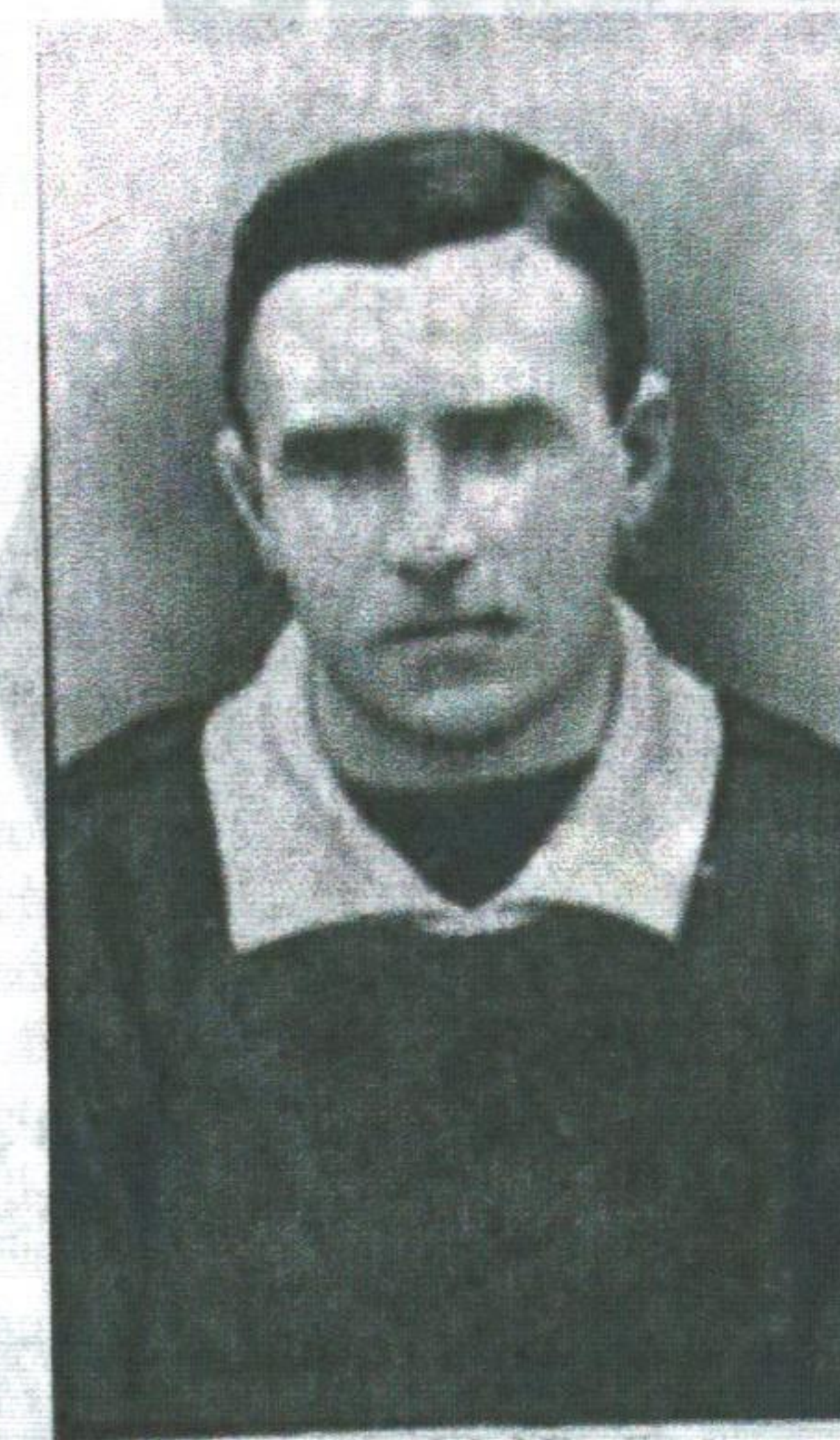
Leigh Roose's remarkable story, including the mystery of his disappearance at Gallipoli in World War I, and his subsequent reappearance and death on the Western Front, is told in Spencer Vignes' book, "Lost in France". Roose appeared for many of England's top clubs, and, perhaps setting an example for future footballers, he dated some of the country's most attractive and well known women. In all his games, he would wear an old Aberystwyth Town shirt under his kit, presumably for luck – he was part of the Aberystwyth Town team which won the Welsh Cup when he was a student at Aberystwyth.

This is a fascinating book, not only for the story of Leigh Roose; it also gives a picture of the way football was in the early twentieth century – so different to today's game, but yet, in some ways, so similar.

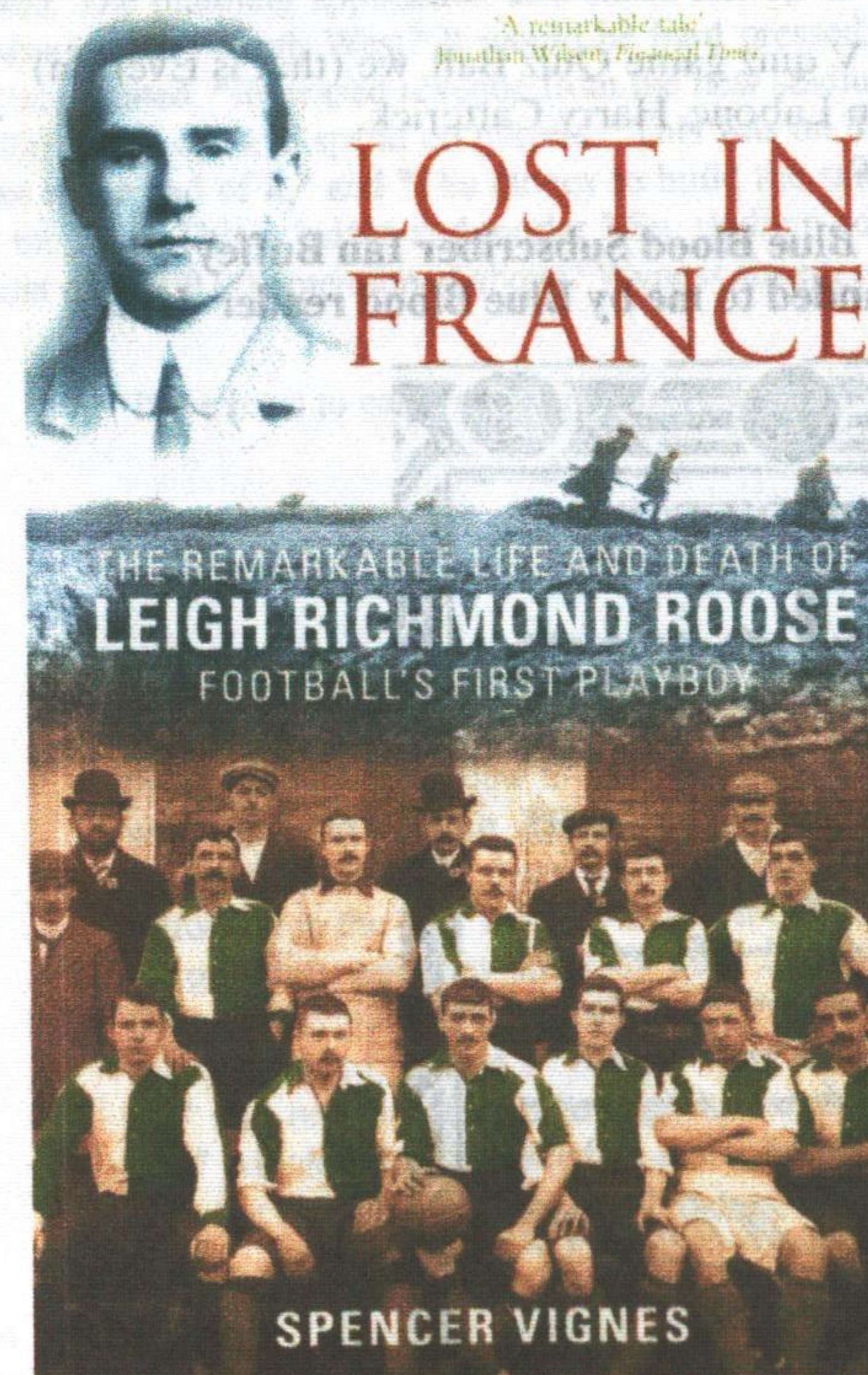
Lost in France – the remarkable life and death of Leigh Richmond Roose, football's first playboy, by Spencer Vignes, Published (2007) by Stadia, £9.99. ISBN 9780752443386

Review by **Rolant Ellis**

See page 5 for more details



L. R. ROOSE (GOAL)
WALES.



This brilliant book was sent to me by Blue Blood Subscriber Rolant Ellis. He is an avid Evertonian and a proud Welshman but above all that he is an Aberystwyth Man through and through but you need only to be an Evertonian to enjoy this excellent book.

As most people who know me will already know, my time is limited, I am always doing something, never a minute to spare so when Rolant sent me this book I thought how the hell am I going to get time to read it?

Anyway, I picked it up and started to read it, a couple of hours later I put it down. I had read it cover to cover and enjoyed every comma, full stop etc.

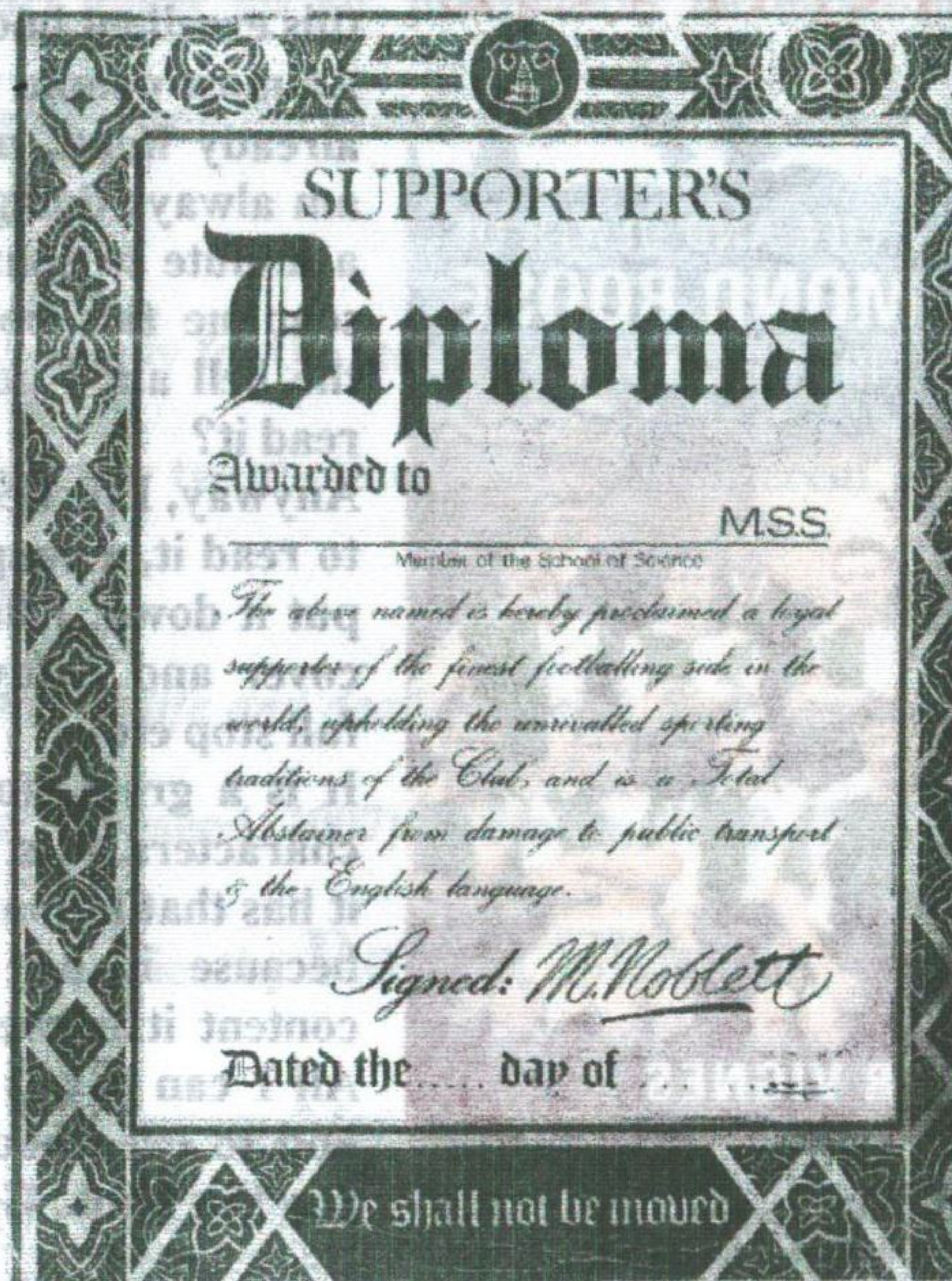
It is a great story of one of life's characters, it is funny and sad but it has that human warmth to it and because it has a large Football content it is even more enjoyable. All I can say is thank you Rolant and to everybody else go out and buy this book. George Orr



Top: With George Best at his Manchester boutique, 1969. I've never seen so many girls chasing one man – and it wasn't me!

Above: Having reached the final of the TV quiz game Quiz Ball, we (that is Everton) were beaten by Celtic. Left to right: Brian Labone, Harry Catterick, me, quizmaster Stuart Hall and Joe Royle.

**This great photo was sent in by Blue Blood Subscriber Ian Buffey
And the Diploma shown below was handed to me by Blue Blood reader Keven**



www.wynessout.com

In the Liverpool Echo on July 27th 2007, Keith Wyness said :

"This summer, we are spending £500,000 – which would normally have gone into players – just to keep steelwork up to the required standard.

"In an old stadium, that bill only gets bigger every year. We really are throwing good money after bad."

The money spent actually came from The Goodison Park Stadium Limited, which is a Limited company set up to ensure money spent on the stadium does not come from player spending. The Goodison Park Stadium Limited is currently one of Everton Football Club's biggest lenders, with the stadium itself generating some £13m for Everton Football Club last season. At the AGM in December 2007, Keith Wyness stated that redeveloping Goodison Park would reduce the capacity to 37,500. Less than 4 years ago, Bill Kenwright offered a 55,000 seater redevelopment of Goodison Park as a viable alternative to moving to the King's Dock stadium. Keith Wyness stated that "Consultants Steer Davies Gleave say the transportation plan they are putting together will make it the best served stadium in the North West, if not the UK" in a meeting with the Everton shareholders' association back in *September 2007*. In the planning application, the transport provisions include the following - "crush loading" passengers onto trains away from Kirkby. Up to 4,000 passengers would be loaded onto 4 trains (each holding 960 passengers) at 15 minute intervals into Liverpool City Centre. He also promised to ensure that Everton policed what would be a residents-only parking scheme for within a 20-30 minute walking distance of the new stadium, ensuring that there would be no on-street parking for Evertonians unfortunate enough not to get one of just 1,000 parking spaces onsite. The planning application also states that up to 1,000 fans will cycle to the match. The best served stadium in the North West? It would be hard pressed to be the best served in Lancashire. In July 2007, Wyness stated, "Increased revenue from the new stadium will mean manager David Moyes will have up to £10m a year extra to spend on players." This was on the same day he said "We will be left with very little debt at the end of it," and "The money to build the stadium is completely different to the money that goes on the team. This is bricks and mortar." So, stadium costs are nothing to do with players then Keith? What about the £500,000 mentioned above? Wyness stated, in the same article, that :

"If we have to carry on at Goodison, there will be serious issues.

"Attendance numbers will go down and then revenue will go down and when that happens, you can't compete. There is no Plan B. There is no other option."

Attendance numbers will only fall if performances on the pitch slide. Mr Wyness is trying to instill a fear into Everton fans' minds that it's Kirkby or bust. This is not something Mr Wyness is new to however, he has tried all of this with Aberdeen too. When he was trying to wrench Aberdeen from their home he told fans that their attendances would drop and that there was a chance UEFA Cup games would not be permitted at Pittodrie in the near future. Aberdeen did not move, their attendances actually rose after Wyness left, and they still play their UEFA Cup football at Pittodrie. Through Keith's Blog on the club's official website in February 2007, he announced the links to the Everton credit card, stating : "We are keen to ensure the best possible value to our supporters" and on the Cards own page it claims that it will give you a "competitive interest rate" which is later detailed as at the best 16.9% - 2 whole percentage points HIGHER than the Barclays Football Card.

In November 2007, Everton's financial reports showed a massive drop in turnover, from £58m to £51m, and a move from a £3.5m profit to a loss of £500,000. Mr Wyness described these results as "solid."

This email was sent to Blue Blood by someone who asked for it to be put in make of it what you will

Billy Smith the author of the excellent Blue Correspondence (which details all the games in Everton's first League Season and is on sale outside the Winslow on Matchdays for £9.99) after the very positive response to the article on the 1909 Tour I have once again asked Billy to allow me to reproduce the Everton Tour Of Switzerland in 1928.

Everton in switzerland 1928

May 15 1928

Here is "bees" first dispath from switzerland as promised, bale may 12

Everton 2 bale 0

Everton had their first taste of football in switzerland to-day- a perfect summer's day, a crowd of 6,000 and a hard game for the home side, who are amateurs and naturally did not stay the second half in the manner of the well trained professionals. Who really walked to victory by two goals to nil. Dean scoring both goals- neither exactly a characterstic goal even if the first was by usual channel, namely a header. There are many features in football here that are worth special attention. The ground rather full of holes and these, with a light ball and a ground of small dimensions made ball control difficult. Balse ground has one stand and somewhat primitive arrangements, but one does not marvel of this in view of the fact that bale have to leave this ground shortly, and grounds here cost thousands of pounds. Land is priced at 35s to 75s per yard-which means that england is a place fit for heroes. Here we had uncommon sight of the team stripping in the hotel. here's another sight a 45 minutes' clock, big for the benefit of the spectators. it ticked it way through two 45'S on "a cricket day" and bale admitted that everton were "very clever" prior to the big match there was a atch between boys' side: afterwards the boys lined up to form an avenue for the entrance of the crack players on the field of play before the game there were cheers for everton, a huge bouquet of flowers for the chairman mr w.c cuff, and an address of welcome in the centre of the field as witness. Welcome masters, dr k ibach- christen, of the balse fc sais;- as chairman of the balse f.c. I have the honour to welcome in our town the most famous repretative of the english football. We consider us very lucky people to be the first to see the winners of the league championship play our boys. Your fame, spread all over the world, assured us of a fine lesson of football you will show us how that wonderful game should be played. We welcome in the famous everton our masters on the playfield but we also welcome in everyone of your charming party a highly-esteemed friend. We who have been lucky to be with you for the last two days assure you that the name of the proud everton never will be forgotten in basle. Three cheers to everton. The fact that dean, the record goal-getter in the english FA (60 goals) got two was noteworthy in that it made his total for nearly a year into 97

Swiss Tour 1928

and he aims at raising the centary in the twelve month. The balse spectators took deep interest in every kick and while they admired the craft and subtlety of the english side, they would probably have liked a dozen goals against their own side. It appears the crowd here are fashioned that way. They love to see the ball at the back of the severly-severe net- a hard net of wire, not a rope-web, as in england, everton of course, preferred to play the part of artistry rather than take a gross of goals. Yet the chances of a tall score were there but for a brilliant display by an elongated goalkeeper who patted them out in a style quite unorthodox,, still he was the hero of his side, and he was "banked" by the clever full backs and a pirot after the pattern of seddon, of bolton wanderers. The refereeing was quite good. All told and one wished only that the referee had been clothed in the distinctive black,, instead of his gay coloured pullover. Here one learns how to take a home defeat with relish. Here are appreciates the endearuour of good sporting swiss. Folk to make us comfortable, and to make spectators learn of english styles. Messrs ruprecht av thornton senn (ex-president) and a former wallsay resided, mr c.a hintermann did all in their power to make the balse visit enjoyable with football and visits to the wonderful-spots of this wonderful land. Balse is a town a wheel, a population of 140,000 and 25000 on pushbikes (taxed 2s 6d a year). A clean city surrounded by unusal scenery and features. A roman theatre, the rphine with a flow that leads nine hoop wheels to make electricity for germany, a right hand rule of the road that has nearly led to six evertonians death thus early. Taking of sombre matters this is the time to tell you of the journey up with the players chairman and directors- a coffey, w gibbins and j sharp and dr baxter, with secretary tom mcintosh:- we had a brisk and brusque journey from dover to calais followed by a night of furious engine driving by two "devil-may-cares" who led the train to leave the line half a dozen times. Dixen dean is something of an expert in the train business, having been in the keeping of some of the lads of wirrall railway shed. He swear the drivers took us off the main line and he should know. The roll call at balse occupped at 5.45am amiracle where footballers are concerned-and after a lasy day and the discovery of me sharp's bag, we went joy rides, seeing the slights. Then came the slight everton "battling" with bale. The latter newly scored once, but their work bore the amateur stamp. Mr wilson ex-burnley and notts county is in charge of berne and he tells me the hungarians have gone back some

through insisting on working the ball up the middle. In their trial spins the hungarians insist that the players walk with the ball and keep it on the ground. In this game at basle, the main feature of the everton side was the charm of cresswell. The breezy daring of o'donnell. The fine all-rounded half-back work virr played particularly well, and the "dancing" of tommy weldon was accompanied with a flash finish by critchley. It was hoilday football, with fact compared to try-on, balse had the will and the emergy they lacked finease and finuish. They were wretchedly weak in front of the goal and were especially strong in defence. The game showed a showiness of goalkeeping by the balse goalkeeper, that was perhaps stressed, while his tardiness in clearing (by delaying his kick or by a fancy throwaway instead of a kick away). Were faults that should be remedied and we haste to the bears" of berne, forgetting that dean, kelly and some others were over-effected with mal de mer, what time mr cuff 's son and your humble were taking pigeon french to "spark" on the steamship empress, and listening to the lancashire cricket score per daventry. There by the way, clubs allow substitutes;- so everton dressed about sixteen men for the opening game, but had no need to call on there although dean got one bang and cresswell and weldon fell rather heavilly on the hard surface. There is one rule the balse folk do not understand the goalkeecoper in possession can be charged.

May 17, bees swiss despatch (berne by post)

Berne 0 everton 5

Today, the everton club have sampled a fresh supply of the swiss football style and have come through with flying colours having won their game with thr crack berne club here by five goals to nought. Thus, so far they have seven goals, two victories, and no goals against, and hear their reputation well, for they have not been beaten in any continental tour in their history.

Berne is not only beauiful, it has a football possibility that is very larg. The arrangement of the ground is excellent, and the turf was so much better than at the bale ground, that I felt sure we should see everton at their best. Bale people were remarkably kind to the vistsors all through the weekend, evan going so far as to oblique us with professional artistrty on the piano per the charming mme max manager moeschlin.

Sunday morning saw us haston off towards the alps, and having landed at berne, and dined en route we were than housed at the hotal bristol, and within half an hour started the second issue. It was suggested that if simiular arrangements were made at goodison park, there would be a long interval after the game, and the people of Liverpool would bask in the sinshire if in nothing stronger, women and chirdren were here in plenfitful numbers, all had a deep enthusiansum for the game, and when the home side started to make a raid of any kind the strange cry pf "up, up,

the game, and when the home side started to make a raid of any kind the strange cry pf "up, up, up" was raised. This is the national football cry, and against everton there was little chance for that cry to be raised for the everton players enjoyed the springly turf that was their but to-day and they played their very best although there, had been charges through injuries. Bain coming in at half-back and kennedy showing up at full back with o'donnell playing at outside left, owing to troupe having put his shoulder out at midnight. A common occurence years ago for the plucky little fellow, it was hard lines that troupe should not be able to play because he had engaged in no fewer than ninty-nine consecutive appearances for the club, and was keen to raise the century. However midnight decided otherwise, and we all had the pleasure pf seeing o'donnell play wonderful football, and suggest a wh smith with a larger heart. He scored a goal, and martin got two while bain took one and dean the other one. Dean of course was the big noise with the peoples here, but to be candid, he has had two poorish matches, consequent upon injuries and he had not been going three minutes before he stubbed his ankle in the game, so that everton called upon their substitute kelly, who played for just a quarter of an hour and never turned a hair, nor yet a set of perspiration. The continental idea of substitutes to be all wrong, you can call upon a man in the last twenty minutes if someone drops out through injury. Berne had eight international players, those who had seen everton against bale through they would be hard put to beat berne, which is not the case, it was an easy victory caused through the quick play of the everton side in every rank and through the fastment of martin and weldon, who had not liked the bale hard ground there was a rich turf that allowed them to to work the ball and swifly thus these players make their first-time passes. This is their great asset, they had no chance against a fine defender. Davies did all that was necessary and did it smartly, and kennedy played with rare rim, yet discreation at full back as half back hart was rested,, and the height and ability of griffiths had a subduring effect upon the homeside. Who had little idea how to overcome the wile and guile of the classy side. It was a fine game to watch and the 8,000 spectators who gathered

here and waited the coming out of the players- late as usual for here they think nothing of taking a quarter of an hour's grace prior to the advertised time of kick off. The crowd I saw enjoyed every bit of the game. Naturally these amateurs who work for their living and play for fun are not well trained and pros wore them down pretty emphatically. But everton were not a lone in this glory here,, as a revelation was made at bale where mr we cuff son hh cuff had been left behind so that he could gibe assistance to the bale club, who procerted to win by 6 goals to five after leading by five to one at half time. I think bale tried to keep poung cuff in their own tow, he played outside left and alongside him to our astonishment was the bespectacted dr ibach president of the bale club. The dr played in his glasses and in spite of the handicap took the opportunity to head a cross centre of soon power and gain a goal.

Thanks Again To Billy Smith

Brian Harris

Brian joined Everton for the princely sum of £10 from Port Sunlight and it must have been the best Tenner Everton has ever spent because when you bought someone like Brian you bought commitment, passion and pride. Brian had all of those qualities and oh yes he could play football a bit as well. He played 358 games for Everton scoring 29 goals before leaving for Cardiff then Newport County.

Brian was the joker of the Everton squad, full of life and tricks always lively and the one to be with if you wanted to know where the action was.

He must have been a managers dream player not only for his football ability which he had an abundance of but his attitude must have relaxed the other players in the dressing room before a game.

Always cheerful and positive a player who you could depend on week in week out. Catterick probably never had to include him in a team talk because Brian was so consistent.

I remember him in the early sixties as being the man that could cover for any mistake the other defenders made, a 'Sweeper' before the term was invented.

He enjoyed his football and players around him didn't have to worry about him, Brian could cope with anything.

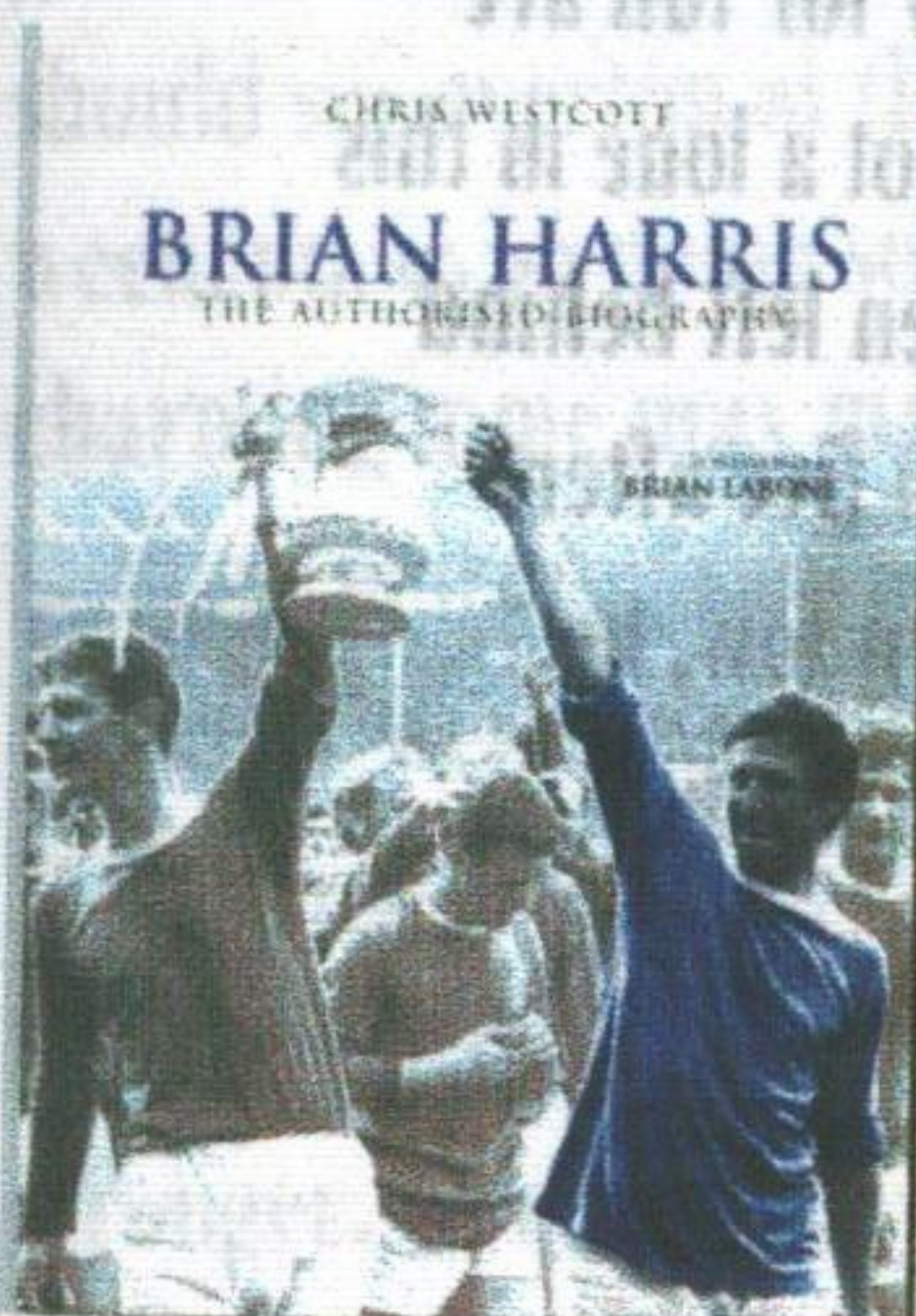
After he finished with football he ran a pub and moved to Chepstow, a likeable man who had many memories of his life in football and when David France created the Former players Foundation Brian Harris came back to his Football Life. He was in the limelight where he belonged and loved, always ready for a photo opportunity, you didn't have to tell Brian to say 'Cheese' he was there posed ready for the flash.

David France had given him a new found belief in himself and awoke him to the fact that there were thousands on Merseyside who remembered him and his contribution to Everton Football Club.

Brian loved this and he produced a brilliant biography in conjunction with Chris Westcott simply called Brian Harris. If you want to know just how good and nice this man was buy it.

Brian will never be forgotten by those who saw him play and for those who only met him at Hall Of Fame Dinners he left a lasting impression as a modest man who enjoyed all the accolades that were paid to him by adoring fans.

Condolences go to hi family and friends from every Evertonian and all Blue Blood readers.



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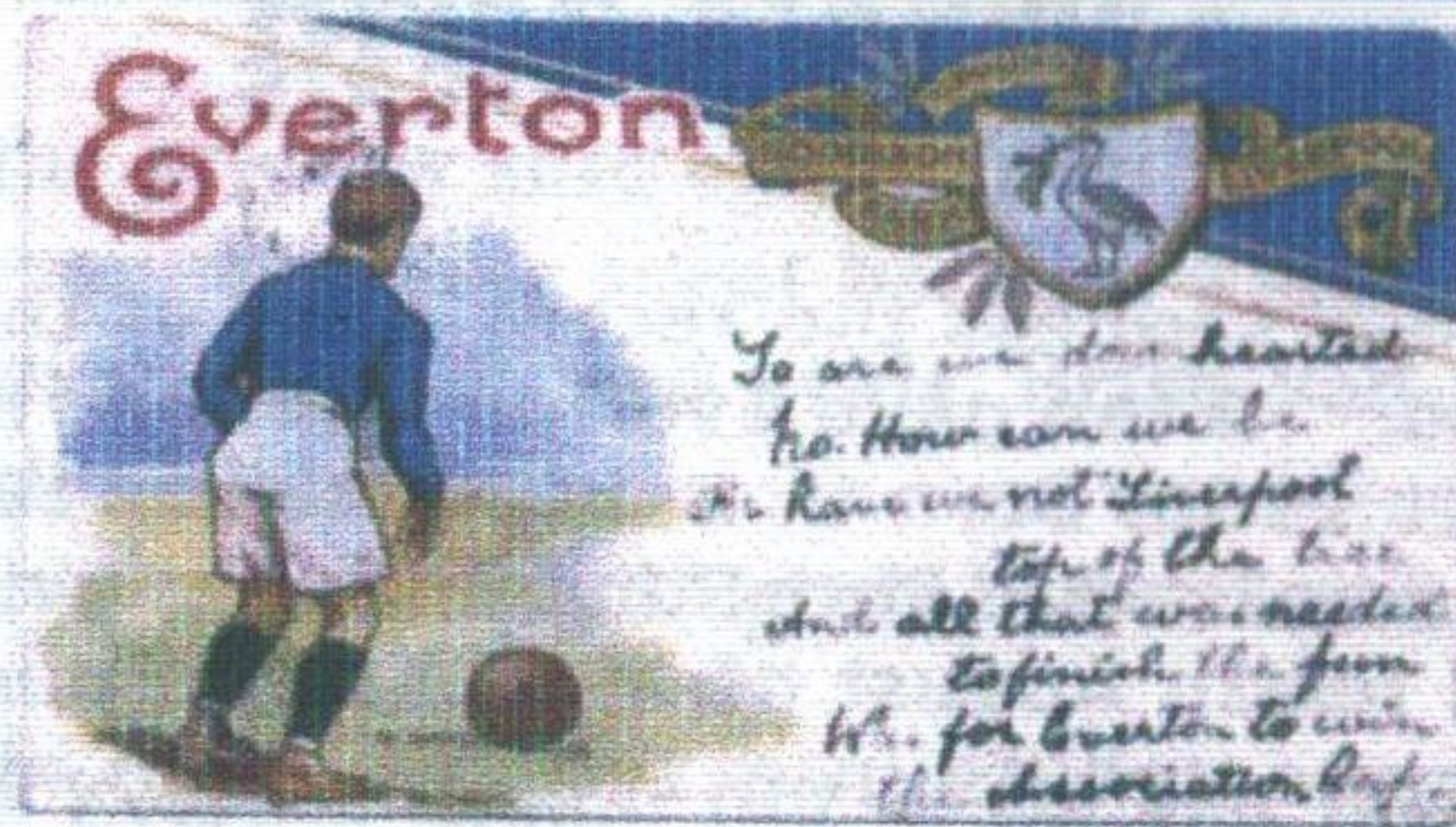
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BRIAN HARRIS

It was with much sadness the recent news of the death of Brian Harris was received. Brian gave Everton loyal and stalwart service from Jan 1954 to Oct 1966. Born in Bebbington on 16/05/1935 he joined the blues from non league Port Sunlight, as a winger, in Jan 1954 for a £10 signing on fee. In August of 1955 he and namesake Jimmy Harris made their League debuts in a 1-0 away win at Burnley. It was not until a Boxing Day fixture that Brian started to appear on a more regular basis, In that game Brian scored his first Everton goal, a personal consolation in a heavy 6-2 defeat, Apart from a spell doing the then compulsory National service Brian appeared regularly on either the right or left wing berths, until at the start of the 1958/9 season he was switched to the role of a defensive minded wing half with some success. He retained his place despite the big money purchases of the late 50's early 60's until the arrival of the ill fated Tony Kay in February of 1963. Brian gained a championship medal that season as he made 24 appearances before Kay's arrival. A much underrated player representative honours passed Brian by although he was selected for The Football League X1 only to miss out with injury. 1963/4 saw Brian appearing regularly at left back until the well documented demise of Tony Kay saw him restored to his preferred midfield role. Brian's patience and loyalty was rewarded when two days before his 31st birthday he played an influential role in Evertons 1966 FA Cup Final win over Sheff Weds at Wembley. Even during a tense occasion Brian's sense of humour came to the fore as he donned the hat of a policeman who was involved with ejecting famous pitch invader Eddie Kavanagh. Brian played his part in many of the clubs fledging European matches and after joining Cardiff City for £15000 in October 1966 he captained the Welsh club to the semi final of the Cup Winners cup. His place at Everton had been taken over by the up and coming John Hurst and only the lure of regular first team football attracted him to try pastures new, After leaving Cardiff for neighbours Newport County Brian's first team appearances totalled well over 600 and included 346 games during which he scored 26 goals for Everton. In 1974 Everton travelled to Newport to play in a testimonial game for the well respected Harris. During his time at Goodison Park Brian was known for his quick wit and a liking for practical jokes. He also developed a reputation as a bit of a crooner (singer) and often kept his team mates entertained during long overseas trips. Despite living in Chepstow Brian was a regular attender at first team home matches until failing health curtailed his trips, He was a staunch supporter of The Former Players Foundation attending several Hall of Fame Dinners more often than not being one of the last to retire to bed. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him and sincere condolences are sent to all his family and friends. A few years back Brian published his auto biography a fitting tribute to a great Evertonian but perhaps more importantly a lovely man. I would recommend it as a good read for any Evertonian.

BARRY HEWITT

Letters



E-Mails

Blue Blood

I bought a copy of your mag at the Spurs game - should have stayed in the Winslow and read it there and then!- but have enjoyed it since and will be sending a cheque to you today. I don't happen to agree with your views on David Moyes but controversy is the life blood of footie. It was the picture of Wally Fielding on the front that made me buy the copy. My mind went back to a tiny incident at Goodison in about 1954/5 I was 9 or 10 and my Dad had taken me to see the reserves and Wally was playing - I guess he was coming back from injury. The ball went out of play and I scampered up the terrace to retrieve it. When I threw it back to Wally (I could see most of the Bullens Rd stand between those bandy legs), he gave me a huge toothy grin and in broad cockney said "Thanks son". As I say, a tiny incident but it's always stayed in my mind and I wonder how many kids today could enjoy even this slight (but genuine) interaction with one of their heroes? Keep up the good work

Maurice Reid

Blue Blood

We are playing the best football for a very long time and we have a great squad, at last we now go away and attack, we feel that we can win most games, a confidence that has been lacking for ages. For all of this though we should have had a go at Chelsea in the Semi Final, look what Tottenham did to Arsenal and good on them when they beat the Russians at Wembley. David Moyes has took a long time to come good but I do believe that he has come good. George, you said that we will win nothing with David Moyes but I feel that you are going to have to eat your words and apologise when we get to the UEFA Cup Final. The pity is that it is in Manchester and not somewhere like Madrid but it doesn't really matter where we win it.

Jerry Dawson.

Blue Blood

George we will win with Moyes, you are going to regret saying that we wont'.

Tommy Patterson.

Blue Swayed Views

The Brian Labone Story

Continued from last issue

more of a showman than a thoughtful and very skilled player.

He is still remembered as the man who shaved his head and got the nickname 'Cheyenne,' or the show-off who asked Blackburn Rovers for a transfer on the eve of a Cup Final. Both these episodes are a long way behind Dougan now.

He is a smart and cool professional, and really it is wrong to class him as purely a striker. He spreads his net a lot wider than that. He is awkward, with a long, loping stride. All elbows and swerve. A player who can pull you all over the place. You keep your eye on him – and suddenly you find yourself stuck out on the wing. Dougan has done his job. He has got you out of the way and made a corridor for someone else to slip through.

Dougan is almost as lethal with his mouth as he is with his body. He will chat amiably to you about the referee, making jokes about him. Without wanting to, you find yourself listening. And laughing. Until he starts moving away from you again.

When Dougan dropped out of sight into the Third Division with Peterborough I was amazed. But relieved. It didn't last long. He was back again in the First Division with Leicester, and then with Wolves. Dougan is irrepressible. A permanent headache.

If Dougan is the most deceptive man I have had to contend with, Geoff Hurst is the most improved. And the most directly dangerous. Hurst never stays still for one moment. He is tremendously fast on the turn. Since England's World Cup run, or just before that, he has improved incredibly.

The sadness of Hurst is that he isn't with a team stronger than West Ham. They are pretty, but ineffectual. With a really top side he would be devastating. Although,

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even with West Ham, he can create absolute havoc. Simply because he never stops trying.

In a match at Goodison, we slammed West Ham 4-0. The rest of them seemed to have given up any hope long before the end. Not Hurst. He was still going like a bomb, refusing to admit they were beaten. I was a wreck at the end of it. That is the highest tribute I can pay to Hurst. I should have been coasting. Instead, I was still at my wit's end taking care of him.

On present values, which are reaching rather ridiculous proportions, I imagine Hurst would fetch about £150,000. Thinking of men who have commanded not much less than that, he would be worth the price.

Not far behind Hurst is Ron Davies, of Southampton. Big, mobile. Good on the ground and equally good in the air. Like Hurst, he never gives up the fight even when Southampton are trailing, which is pretty often. His team-mate Martin Chivers brought £125,000 from Spurs. I rate Chivers as useful. I rate Davies as exceptional. You have only to look at the number of goals he gets, with a mediocre side like Southampton, to appreciate what I mean.

These men, and a handful more like them, keep alive some spark of the spectacular and the entertaining in football. More than ever before, as the business goes on narrowing down into a hard and tight formula, they are vital.

You're safe in the 'Wild' West

He is unpredictable, at times, both on and off the field.

He is handsome in a carefree sort of way, especially with that toothpaste advert grin. He is 6 ft. 1 in. tall, weighs 14 stones, is tough and popular. In a nutshell, Britain's finest uncapped goalkeeper is a grand guy and, I'm pleased to say, one of the best pals I have made in this game of ours.

So, take a big step forward in those size nine boots, Gordon West, and bow to your 65,000 Everton fans . . .

Now I have seen plenty of 'keepers in my rounds of the football circuit. I've seen them brilliant and temperamental. I've seen them daring and in the dumps. I've seen them pull off a five-star show and then chalk up boos with a sickening, inexplicable, sudden lapse of form.

You talk about goalkeepers of WORLD CLASS and I'll tell you that, in my spell in the game, Gordon West, of Everton, comes pretty near the immortal Frank Swift standard between the sticks.

I can't praise West any higher than that. Some of the most ardent, soccer-crazy Goodison fans would claim him Swift's equal. All I will go along with saying, and without a second's hesitation and no fear of contradiction from any quarter, is that West is good, very good indeed.

I could have hugged him for an out-of-this-world save that would have made Banks, Bonetti and Stepney gasp in envy and admiration.

I also look back on the admittedly rare occasions I have

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had to trot back a few yards and tell him to cut out the play-acting.

I look back on our friendship – and he has been my room-mate on trips and tours for six years now – which has been cemented with increasing firmness in every successive season.

West, or 'Big Gordon' as we call him at Goodison, is also a real character, and must be one of the biggest comics in football. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that in any derogatory sense. Far from it. Just that some of the antics he gets up to both on and off the field would make Ken Dodd hoot with laughter.

But on sheer all-round ability – and once he acquires that little extra confidence he appears to lack at the moment – he should stroll into the England team. Moreover, he should keep the position his own for a long time to come.

It was in March, 1962, that Everton, one of the biggest spenders in the League around that period, paid Blackpool £20,000 for their England Under-23 goalie, West, who had joined the seaside club four years earlier as a fifteen-year-old schoolboy.

West had played for Young England in that 1961-62 season against Israel, and was reserve against Young Scotland at Aberdeen a week before his move to Goodison.

Although he had been unable to keep a regular place in the Blackpool senior side for a few weeks prior to his transfer, Everton evidently agreed with the England selectors that the lad was one of the most promising goalkeepers in the country.

At all events, they spent one of the then largest sums paid by a British club for a 'keeper. It equalled the amount Chelsea had given Coventry for Reg Matthews in 1956, and was only £4,000 less than the then world-record fee

Doncaster received from Manchester United in 1957 for Harry Gregg.

So West underwent a medical examination, signed for our Merseyside club, and went straight into Everton's League team against Wolves at Goodison on March 3, 1962. He was the replacement for our long-serving Albert Dunlop, who had missed only twenty-one senior team matches since making his debut in 1956.

Now Blackpool had let go a goalkeeper at what has since proved to be a bargain basement price. There was a bit of a fluke about the way they had signed him in the first place.

At school West had been a centre-forward or a centre-half. He also helped a local colliery team near his home at Darfield, Yorkshire. One day he turned up expecting to play centre-forward, and was told to go in goal.

Later, Blackpool manager Ron Suart asked one of the colliery team to go for a trial. He received a reply stating that the player would come only if 'my pal can come, too'. That pal turned out to be Gordon West. He was signed. The other lad wasn't.

When he joined us at Goodison we soon realised that he was very highly strung, especially on match days. He still is. The tension for him is tremendous. His stomach is all screwed up. His face is practically chalk-white. His nerves are taut. And, a few minutes before we troop out on to the pitch, he is invariably physically sick.

Alex Young, seeing this somewhat unusual display of pre-match 'nerves' for the first time, remarked: 'My goodness, how can this chap West go out and play when he is obviously suffering from so much nervous tension of the stomach? And how can we possibly rely on him if he continues in this state?'

Well, I was inclined to agree with Young. For I had my worries about him, too.

But, thankfully, they were groundless. For the moment West reaches his goalposts, gives a grin and a cheery wave to the fans behind him, irrespective of their partisanship, he is back to normal, and has shaken off completely all the tension that has built up inside him. In fact, West is all set for action.

Now I have mentioned 'safe as the Bank of England' Gordon Banks and Bonetti. They are currently rated our Nos. 1 and 2 goalkeepers. Then there's Grummitt (Notts Forest), Stepney (Manchester United) and Peter Springett (Sheffield Wednesday).

These are all good at one particular aspect of keeping goal. Yet, in my opinion, West definitely has it when it comes to all-round ability. And I'm not just saying this because he's my Everton team-mate.

There's no room for sentimentality in soccer. There's no point in stressing that so-and-so is *very* good at his job, whether he's a fellow clubman or not, if, in your heart, you know it's shallow praise.

West gets the Labone star rating on sheer merit. So now we'll take a look at Banks . . .

Here's the sort of 'goalie' who can be relied upon in practically every emergency. Banks has proved his worth time and time again. With Banks you always seem to get the feeling that, if a penalty is going to be awarded against you, then he's going to save it. And that, to my reckoning, is the highest praise you can give a goalkeeper.

Bonetti? Another good 'un. Yet he hasn't got quite the same command of the goal area as Banks. But his reflexes around the ground are very sharp, and his agility is fantastic. He also has plenty of courage, so essential in a top-flight goalie. For Bonetti will never hesitate to come out at the feet of opponents who are coming through.

But Bonetti is not very tall. His one weakness – if you

can call it that – is when he is 'found out' with a highpost ball.

Which brings us back to 'Big Gordon' . . .

He must realise his full potential. He must erase from his mind that feeling – which I know he has – that he'll never be quite as good as Banks or 'Swiftly.'

When one of our lads has scored a goal in an important match, such as a Cup-tie or against another championship-chasing side, I always look round for West. I invariably do that before congratulating the scorer. And Gordon? He is either up near the centre spot, embracing the player who has hit the back of the net, or on his way up there, ready to give him a big hug. I've always got to send him back . . . and smartly.

Another thing about West, who is as fabulous a character as he is a goalkeeper: He takes a defeat badly. Into the bath, into his clothes, and away in his car inside ten minutes of a defeat. In fact, his peg in the dressing-room is always the first to be empty if we've had a bad game. For, indirectly, West blames himself if we lose. He claims he is the last line of defence. Which is true. He always tortures himself by accepting the final responsibility. Which is nonsense. For, as we all know, goalies are often completely blameless for the clanger dropped upfield which leads to big trouble.

On the other hand, when we've come out of a game with a good win 'Big Gordon' pelts you with water in the bath, wisecracks continuously, and is one of the last to leave the ground.

West, especially for such a big fellow, is exceptionally acrobatic, extremely daring, and has the reflexes of a cat.

I can pay no finer tribute to him than to put on record the finest save I have ever seen in my life in football. West, of course, pulled it off.

It happened in Everton's Cup clash against Wolves at

Molyneux in 1967. We held Wolves to a 1-1 draw. Ernie Hunt, who later had a short spell with us at Goodison before moving on to Coventry City, screamed in a shot. West simply threw himself right across his goal – and actually caught it.

To get to that whizz-bang would have been a colossal feat. To hold it and save it was more than breathtaking. It was practically impossible.

Hunt says: 'That was the finest shot I ever hit without getting a goal!'

'Big Gordon,' to whom brilliant goalkeeping comes natural, had pulled off the save of a lifetime.

There will be more yet . . . and I think he'll be doing it in an England jersey before long.

The Brian Labone Story



Above 'He has matured amazingly quickly, and I can hardly see him failing to become a full international' (see chapter 9). Everton's Tommy Wright tackles Peter Thompson (Liverpool). *Below* Everton 'keeper Gordon West just gets his hand to the ball before Liverpool's Chris Lawler, airborne, can get in a shot



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World Cup Football on

MERSEYSIDE

by W. DICKINSON (Secretary of Everton F.C.)

The draw for the grouping of the World Cup Final Competition will be made in London on January 6th. The sixteen competing nations will be grouped in four groups of four and will play matches in July in accordance with the schedule already announced. During the next six months the F.A. News will publish reports from each centre where matches are to be played in which the views of a local official upon the importance of the staging of the World Cup in his own particular city or town will be expressed. In the first of these articles the Secretary of Everton F.C., Mr. W. Dickinson, explains why the World Cup means so much to Merseyside. The matches to be played at Everton will be on July 12th, 15th, 19th, 23rd (Quarter-Final), and 25th (Semi-Final).

MERSEYSIDE IS ACCUSTOMED to major sporting events, but never in history has there been anything to match the World Cup series, the preparations for which have been proceeding for months. There are many indications to support the organisers' wisdom in selecting Goodison Park for five matches.

The City of Liverpool has always more than justified its selection when called upon to stage major International events in the past, and those responsible for the organisation of such events have co-operated to the fullest possible extent in ensuring their success. Just think of the Grand National, for instance, the Waterloo Cup, International Golf, including open tournaments and the Ryder Cup, and our many Tennis tournaments and Yachting events. One could go on and on. The Everton club has staged many International matches at Goodison Park in the past in addition to two F.A. Cup Finals in 1894 and 1910 (replay) and the Festival of Britain matches.

It almost seems inevitable that when Merseyside is associated with anything it will be a success, be it vaudeville or modern pop groups. Merseyside leads the way and I am convinced that we shall not fall far behind even London itself so far as the World Cup is concerned. The tournament has, in fact, captured the imagination of the

entire district. Apart from the staging of the matches themselves, the World Cup means so much to the prestige of this great city and surrounding districts, to its business and commerce. There is hardly a section of the community which will not derive some benefit from this contact with the greatest football tournament of all time staged in England. Hoteliers, shopkeepers, transport and entertainment will welcome this soccer invasion and will thank those who have made it possible for Goodison Park to be chosen for the staging of five games including a Semi-Final.

There seems little doubt that the event will be a financial success—ticket bookings already confirm this fact. We appreciate that the Merseyside supporter derives his greatest pleasure by watching his local favourites—Everton, Liverpool or Tranmere Rovers or one of the many lesser-known Professional or Amateur clubs in which the region abounds—but it is also true to say that there is no other area in the British Isles to challenge Liverpool when it comes to enthusiasm for all kinds of football. Call us soccer mad if you wish but we readily admit to the term soccer lovers. If there is a ball around then there you will find the eager and very knowing soccer fans. Granted that Mexico v. France may not have the intimate appeal of Everton v. Liverpool or

England v. any country, but soccer on Merseyside has an irresistible appeal.

The Liverpool Corporation has already assured The Football Association of its full support and co-operation, the Chamber of Commerce, the British Council and the Liverpool University are also combining to ensure that the thousands of visitors from overseas will enjoy themselves in our midst, and will carry home with them pleasant recollections of Merseyside hospitality and its ability to act big as well as think big.

The Everton Football Club is sparing nothing in time, energy and expense to ensure the success of the Festival; in other words to live up to its own motto of 'Nothing satisfies but the Best'. I must emphasize that it would not have been possible to make such elaborate, or indeed any big plans, had it not been for the generous manner in which Mr. John Moores, a Director of the club and former Chairman, gave all concerned the 'go ahead'. Mr. Moores has ensured that our every need is fulfilled and he has enlisted the help of experts in their own particular branch of industry to make sure that Goodison Park is equipped perfectly by the time next July comes. Mr. Moores is, without doubt, the driving force behind all our efforts despite his many commitments.

One of the most important tasks facing the club is to provide adequate accommodation for the entertainment and hospitality of the hundreds of leading football legislators who will be attending the games. Our own spacious offices would not have been sufficient to have catered for this influx of visitors on a grand enough scale. With the co-operation of the City Council and the financial support of Mr. Moores, arrangements were made to demolish houses in Goodison Avenue owned by the Club and rehouse the tenants in new homes of their choosing. By taking this action the way has been open for a new entrance to be constructed at the Stanley Park end of the ground into the practice ground upon which

will be erected marquees, etc., which will be used as a comfortable and expertly serviced 'V.I.P. Centre'. There will be bars of all descriptions, rest rooms, restaurants, in fact a club within a club.

Visitors to this area of the ground will find that the Stanley Park goal double-decked stand has been modernised with new toilets, refreshment bars and entrances and exits. To be quite sure that the work on the stand is completed in time, the club closed it to the public some weeks ago and will not be used again until the work has been completed. It is a tribute to the sportsmanship of regular followers of the Everton club that they have not made a single complaint, not even from the regular habitués of the stand who have been compelled to move to other spots. There is an earnest desire among all Evertonians to make this World Cup an overwhelming success.

The seating accommodation in both the Bullens Road and Gwladys Street stands is modern and adequate, and the toilet and refreshment arrangements are as near perfect as it is possible to get. All will be able to watch the games under the best possible conditions—of that we have no doubt whatsoever.

Another of the intricate problems associated with the promotion of the World Cup is accommodating the thousands who will be on duty, especially those responsible for keeping the World in touch . . . the television, radio and press representatives and engineers. The Everton Club has worked in close harmony with World Cup headquarters in London so that everything possible is done to facilitate the smooth handling of all these services. The Universal Union will provide accommodation for overseas representatives covering the games through all mediums, as well as setting aside accommodation for use as a communications bureau. The Everton Supporters' Federation has generously given the use of its premises in City Road to be used

as a working centre during and after the matches with telephones, telex, and television screens so that all may sit in on the interviews which will be televised from the players' Recreation Room at Goodison Park. In this way every interview will be available to all those covering the event. The City Road centre will be provided with everything essential down to the smallest detail of concern to the many different countries.

The Press Box accommodates sixty journalists, which is obviously far too small for World Cup purposes. It is anticipated that we shall require more than 700 press seats. The club is making extra accommodation in the Goodison Road stand available for this purpose and there will be special approaches for the press from Goodison Road leading directly to the seats. Special desks will be installed so that every journalist will have ample working space with a two foot three inches wide seat, a telephone and, if required, a typewriter with a standard keyboard or one designed to a particular language.

A specially designed broadcasting unit has been installed at the rear of the Goodison Road stand. The ground is so designed that it has been found possible to instal the television cameras without interfering in any way with the view of spectators, by the construction of a platform along the front of the stand in Goodison Road.

In Liverpool we have a special liaison Committee under the leadership of our Chairman, Mr. E. Holland Hughes, and Mr. Isaac Robinson, Vice-President of The Football Association, and I must say that everyone connected with the Liverpool County Football Association is pulling his weight to make the World Cup series a success as far as Merseyside is concerned.

The improvements in accommodation and facilities at Goodison Park, which will have taken place for the World Cup games, will, of course, remain as an advantage to our supporters for the future.

The History Of Everton season 1923-24

This issue sees a new way of presenting a season by season look at Everton, 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

AUG 11, hunter hunt has again choosen as captain of everton team with chedgzoy as vice captain, reid will captain the reserves.

AUG 16 the oldham athletic club yesterday secured the transfer of fleetwood the everton half-back, prior to the advent of mcbain fleetwood played regularly at centre-half and in the intermediate play in a victoty international for everton against scotland. He joined everton as a forward, but was tried at half-back with such succesful results that he retained that position.

OCT 20, robert irvine played for ireland in a 3-1 win over england

NOV 24, everton are introducing into their reserves side against blackburn rovers a new player of promise in j parry, a brother of f parry their outside right, in the team also is swindles a local forward previously with orell wednesday.

DEC 1 george harrison, the everton outside left, was transferred tp preston north end last night, harrison joined the ranks of everton some ten years ago from leicester fosse, now known as leicester city, along with bob thompson who was last season player manager of tranmere rovers harrison played with the first team right up to the time alec troupe was signed. It has been known for some time that harrison was not contented tp play for the reserves. But the everton officials wre loath to part with him, knowing his full worth if anything happened to troupe, he is well built standing about 5ft 8ins and weights about 12 stone. He is a consistent player and has a powerful shot. Manager james lawrence, the old newcastle united goalkeeper, who now managers the north end team, effected the transfer, but the fee is not disclosed.

JAN 22, internation trial match north against south, chedgzoy will captain the nort (north won 5-1)

FEB 27, robert irvine playing for ireland against scotland in glasgow on Saturday.

MAR 3, sam chedgzoy playing for england against wales at ewood park wales winning 2-1

MAR 5, robert irvine played for ireland against wales at belfast

MAR 8, ex-blue george brewster the scottish international and late of wolves and everton clubs will leave Liverpool today on the cunard liner ausonia for new york, to take up an appointment as coach tp the brooklyn wanderers a.f.c. while with everton brewster played for scotland against england in 1921

MAR 11, the irish association announce a change in the irish eleven to meet wales, robert irvine has cried off owing to an injury and his place at centre forward will be taken by p mcilvenny (belfast distillerys). The latter has not previosly been capped.

MAR 20, last evening the scottish football association selection committee at glasgow, selected alec troupe of everton on international trial match at cathkin park glasgow on Tuesday april 1st.

MAR 25, after the match the school entertained everton players and party to tea and games of billards. Mr john mckenna who made a short speech and director banks were made honornry members of the old boy's association and were presented with souvenir medals. The resul of the billards match was :-

St francis xaviers w dood 100, a doud 60, t owen 100, r mccann 65, j long 97, l kehoe 100, rev fr woodlock 100 total 622

Everton, n mcbain 88, h makepeace 100, mr mcintosh 86, a troupe 100, j cock 100, father sargent 99, mr cuff 79 total 652

APR 9, everton are sending a full league team to wigan on Monday at springfield park in aid of the local war memorial fund.

APR 10, everton have signed on a new goalkeeper j kendall of lincoln city, whence came fern in 1914, kendall who is only 19 years of age, stands 6ft and weights 12 stone. He is an excellent

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custodian and for the past two seasons has been spoken of as the best in the third division of the league

APR 11 everton have decided to transfer several of their players, including the goalkeeper tom fern who was transfer from lincoln city in 1914, weller and grenyer also are not to be re-engaged, weller is understood to have been offered a sum in lieu or a benefit for his services extending over many years. It is stated that a north-eastern club is anxious to secure the services of grenyer who has been at goodison park for a long time, and that he asked for his papers.

MAY 15, everton yesterday secured the transfer from new brighton of glover, their clever young back. Glover is only twenty-one years of age, but has proved one of the best defenders in the northern section of the third division. He is a player of great promise, and several first class clubs were anxious to secure him. He is a native of bootle, where he played for stanley, but five years ago he joined south Liverpool. It was on the disbanding of the club that he joined new brighton, he played with the reserves until called upon for a cup-tie against crewe alexandra in 1922 when his display was so sound that he soon secured his place in the first team.

MAY 16, frank hargreaves who is twenty-one years of age, and has just joined everton belong to ashton the centre of active junior and cheshire league football hargreaves is a brainy player, full of quiet resource and possesses wonderful ball control. He stands 5ft 8ins and weights 10stone 10pounds, signed from oldham athletic.

JUNE 6, a record profit of £6,518 is announced in the annual report of the everton football club, to be submitted at the annual meeting on the 13th, when a dividened of 5 per cent free of income tax will be recommenced. The gate receipts mounted to £41,724, while away matches yielded \$4,120, wages and transfer fees accounted for £11,603 and £6,042 went from the gate receipts to the visting teams. Entertainment tax amounted to £8,961.

JUNE 14, the annual meeting of the everton football club was held in the law association rooms, cook street last night, mr w.c.cuff the chairman in moving the adoption of the accounts, which have appeared in the "daily post" pointed out that, with one exception the accounts on the expenditurn sude were blow those of the corresponding period last year. The item referred to was under the heading "players wages, transfer fees etc, that item comprised not only transfer fees and players wages, but also benefits to players, during the past season they had expended £2,100 on benefits. The reduced the amount in question to £9,900. Which was £1,100 below the amount expended last year. He thought the shareholders werwe to be congratulated on the club having gone through another very successful season. they have wound up with a balance something over £6,500. They had the honour throughout the entire season, of giving the finest exposition of the game of football (hear hear). He hoped that credit would attach to them for many seasons. They hoped to maintain that hugh standed of play throughout the coming season. and also to attach themselves to one or other of the trophies by that standard of play, they had been exceedingly well served by their players, who had given an exposition of football for which they had received praise from all over the country.

With regard to the incoming season, they have made such a selection from the old staff of players as they hoped would carry than through to victory, and they had made one or two additions, while they were still on the look-out for players who would strenghem the teams. Gate receipts were down as compared that to the fact that they were dismissed at a somewhat early stage from the cup-ties and that trad in Liverpool has not been so good as to previous years. They were also down, but not withstanding the dimution of income they had turned a loss in 1923 of £730 into profit of £6,518 (applause).

The chairman referred to the absence from the meeting of mr jack sharp one of their directors, who was engaged at manchester in county cricket, and he extended to him the congratuations of the everton football club on the achievement of such a fine victory against yorkshire (applause) At the last annual meeting of the shareholders had given their approval to a project,, which the board had in view of demoishing the shareholders stand on bullen-road and putting up a more ornate and substantial one. The directors had given the matter serious consideration and had decided that owing to the price of materials etc, they would postpone the erection of the new stand, they then had a credit balance of £6,518 and he would take it, that in passing the accounts the directors still had their approval of the prject should they see fit to go on what after the coming season, the report and accounts were adopted and a dividened of 5 per cent, was declared

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Everton's squad for 1924/25. From left to right, back row: J. MacDonald, W.F. Rooney, J. Kendall, S. Cbedgzoy, F.C. Stephenson, D. Bain, A.I. Harland, A.E. Virr. Second row: H. Makepeace, R. Irvine, G.R. Caddick, D. Livingstone, W. Brown, N. McBain, J. Kerr, E. Barton, E. Storey. Third row: T.H. McIntosh, J. Fare, D. Raitt, J. McGrae, J. Peacock, J.G. Cock, D. Reid, D. Kirkwood, J. Fortune, J. Smith. Fourth row: H. Cooke, H. Houghton, A. Wall, F. Parry, H. Hart, W. Chadwick, F.J. Forbes, E. Hargreaves, J. Elliott. Front row: W.D. Williams, A. Troup, C.E. Glover.

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AUG 25 1924. on saturday some 13,000 spectators, prepresenting a sum to charity of about £400, saw a young "locall" named stephenson keep goal like a master. He is only nineteen years old, stands 6ft 1ins, as does kendall the other goalkeeper of the side and he was making his first senior appearance though harland being out of combat through injury stephenson played for walton parish church in the l.u.b.c competition. His catches were spendid and he shaped as through he will make a big name in the matter of goalkeeper.

AUG 26. robert downs, the everton full back, has been transferred to brighton and hove albion. Downs formerly played for barnsley and was a member of the yorkshire side which made cup history. He came to everton from barnsley in march 1920 and was capped for england against ireland in oct of the same year.

SEPT 11, a combined eleven drawn from everton and Liverpool teams went to manchester yesterday and for the benefit of mr magnall, the former secretary, played a side composed of manchester city and united players, everton and Liverpool combined won by 3-2, after having been led by two goals, cock scoring twice and chadwick increasing the lead in a game that provided plenty of good football. The gate receipts realised £418, which with subscriptions, will make a sum of about £650 for mr magnall.

OCT 14, the irish team to meet england at goodison park on Wednesday, sam chedgzoy selected to play for england.

OCT 18, mr charles hewitt manager of the mold fc, yesterday signed stephenson the young goalkeeper, who has made an impression by his displays this season, and for whom several league clubs were bidding.

OCT 23, 30,000 spectators turn out to goodison park for the internation, england against ireland, gate receipts of £1, 650 (england won 3-1)

NOV 5, everton have decided to try another goalkeeper, this is the third time this season that they have change their views in regard to the very important position. The rather uncommon step of bring r jones a local boy, who has leapt into seniority, at twenty-years of age, following a spell of apprenticeship in the "A" team, after playing with ferndale f.c. he makes his debut against manchester city at main road on Saturday. It is not a surprising change, because kendall has still to show ability and confidence in regard to the single shots. Jones is more than six feet in height,, and weights 12st 7lbs, and is an amateur, ferndale it should be notesd is one of the very minor sides in local football. This in a measure the directors are taking the risk of a boy finding the occasion to much for him. However, when he was promoted to the reserve team he shoved excellent judgement and a gride better work than had been shown by stephenson.

NOV 14, allan grenyer, the everton left-half back, of whom little has been heard since the summer season, has now fixed up with north shield. He is in the veteran stage but has always been fit and should do his new club some good. He has long hankered after a spell of employment up north, for that is his home, and family reasons have been deciding factor. Everton held out for a long time, and teams wanted to sign him on, after the back end of last season. but the player refused to sign and thus sacrificed a good sum of money. Everton for their part were quite prepared to let him go to north shields, but were not prepared for his playing in senior football other than everton. Grenyer stands six feet in height, is very clever with his head, and a fine shot, when ever corner kicks were taken, grenyer place was in the thick of the fray, where his height and good direction helped him. He has been with everton for many years, and had enjoyed a benefit match there. Two years ago he desire to make a move up north and sacrificed his summer wages, but afterwards returned to the everton side. For long period he was the regular left half-back, but from the time hunter hart signed three season ago, he had little opportunity of appearing in the first team. Grenyer early appearances with the everton team were at inside left but he become a fine half-back when tried in that position, as abbottmakepeace and taylor had done before him. He played for england against wales in thevictory international of 1920

NOV 24, everton on Saturday obtained the transfer of j broad the sittingborne centre-forward, formerly with the stoke club it is understood that the fee was about £1,500. His transfer was arranged prior to the commencement of the f.a. cup-tie between sittingborne and leyton.

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EVERTON RESERVES 1924-25

1	AUG 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	2-2	BAIN' WILLIAMS
2	SEP 3	LEEDS UNITED	H	2-1	BAIN' PARRY
3	6	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	0-5	
4	9	BURNLEY	A	3-1	BAIN (2)' WILLIAMS
5	13	MANCHESTER UNITED	H	3-3	BAIN (2)' VIRR
6	17	BURNLEY	H	5-1	BAIN (2)' WILLIAMS' PEACOCK' HIRST OG
	20	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	2-5	WILLIAMS (2) ATT 4,000
8	27	STOKE CITY	H	2-0	WILLIAMS (2) (1 PEN) (PARRY GRASSED)
9	OCT 8	LIVERPOOL	H	1-1	CHADWICK
10	11	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	4-1	COCK (4)
11	18	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	2-1	REID' WALL
12	25	DERBY COUNTY	H	5-0	WILLIAMS (3), BAIN, VIRR
13	NOV 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	2-6	BAIN' REID
14	8	BLACKPOOL	H	0-0	
15	15	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	1-0	WALL
16	22	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	4-0	WALL' PARRY' WILLIAMS' GREEN
17	29	ASTON VILLA	A	4-3	
18	DEC 6	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H	2-2	WILLIAMS (2) (1 PEN)
19	13	MANCHESTER CITY	A	0-1	
20	20	BURY	H	3-0	BROAD (2)' WILLIAMS
21	25	PRESTON NORTH END	A	1-0	HARGREAVES att 3,600
22	26	PRESTON NORTH END	H	0-0	
23	27	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	3-0	CHADWICK (2)' COCK
24	JAN 3	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	5-0	COCK' CHADWICK (2)' VIRR' WALL
25	17	MANCHESTER UNITED	A	1-0	IRVINE
26	24	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	2-1	COCK (2)
27	31	STOKE CITY	A	4-1	WILLIAMS (3)' COCK
28	FEB 14	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3-2	WILLIAMS (3)
29	21	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A	0-1	
30	28	DERBY COUNTY	A	2-1	CHADWICK' BAIN
31	MAR 7	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	4-0	COCK (3)' CHADWICK
32	14	BLACKPOOL	A	1-2	HOU GHTON
33	21	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	1-0	BROAD (PEN) (HOU GHTON GRASSED)
34	28	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	2-3	BROAD (2)
35	APR 2	LIVERPOOL	A	0-1	
36	4	ASTON VILLA	H	3-0	WALL' BROAD (2)
37	10	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-1	BROAD (3)
38	11	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	A	1-0	BROAD
39	11	BRADFORD CITY	A	2-1	RAND (2) (TRAILIST FROM CHILTON)
40	18	MANCHESTER CITY	H	3-0	BROAD (2)' WEAVER
41	25	BURY	A	1-0	BROAD
42	MAY 2	LEEDS UNITED	A	1-2	WALL

LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP

SF	APR 20	NEW BRIGHTON	H	1-0	BROAD
F	MAY 4	LIVERPOOL	A	0-1	



Scooby Blue