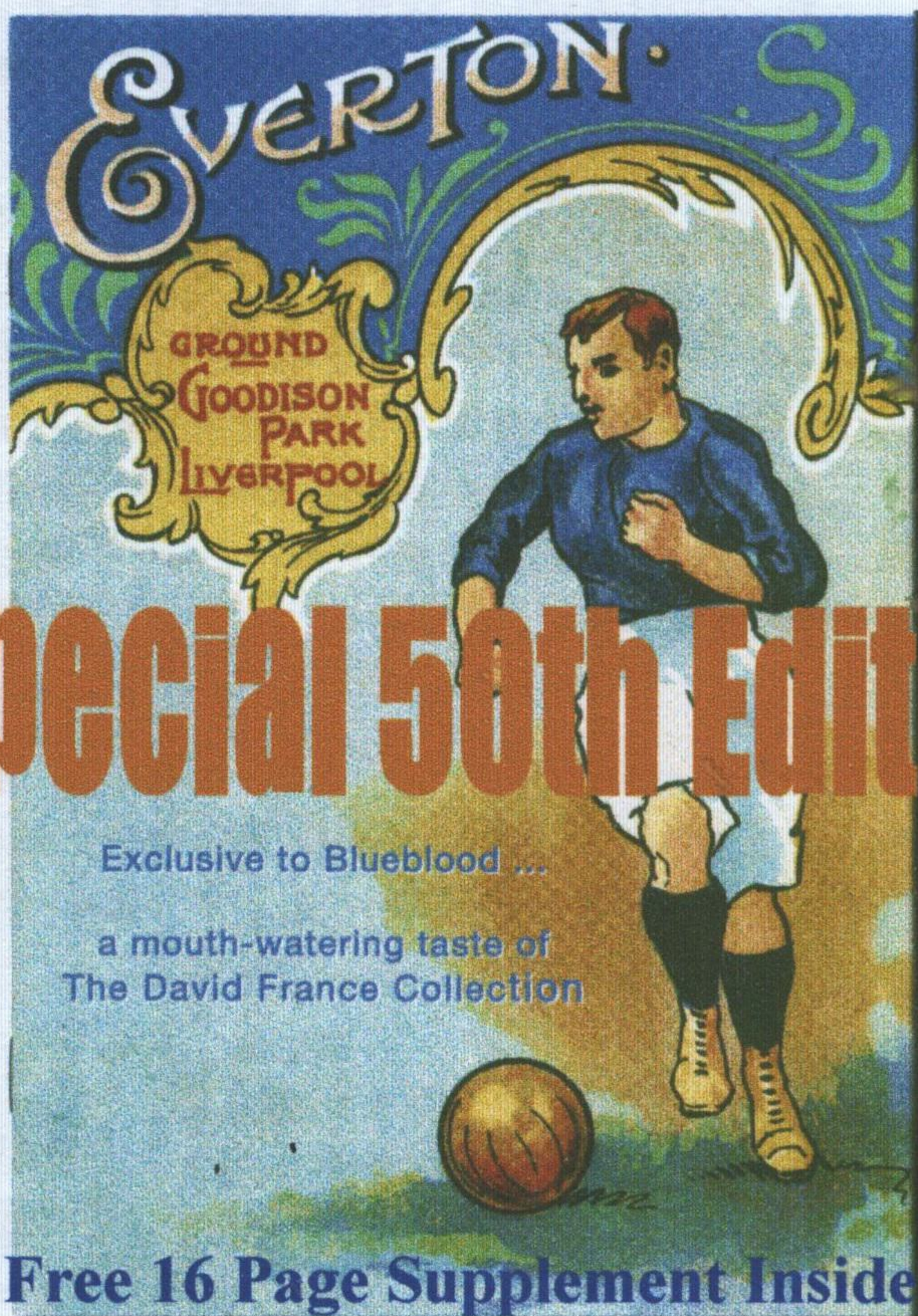


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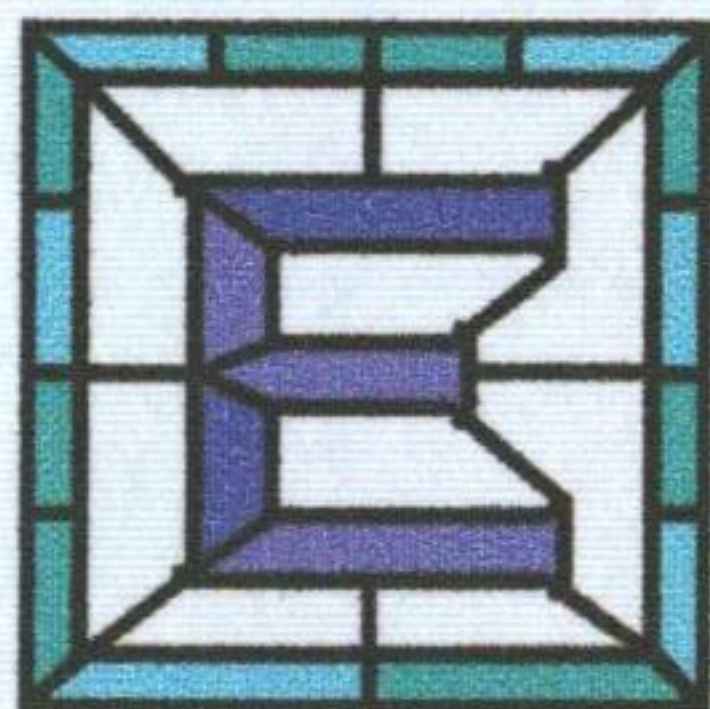
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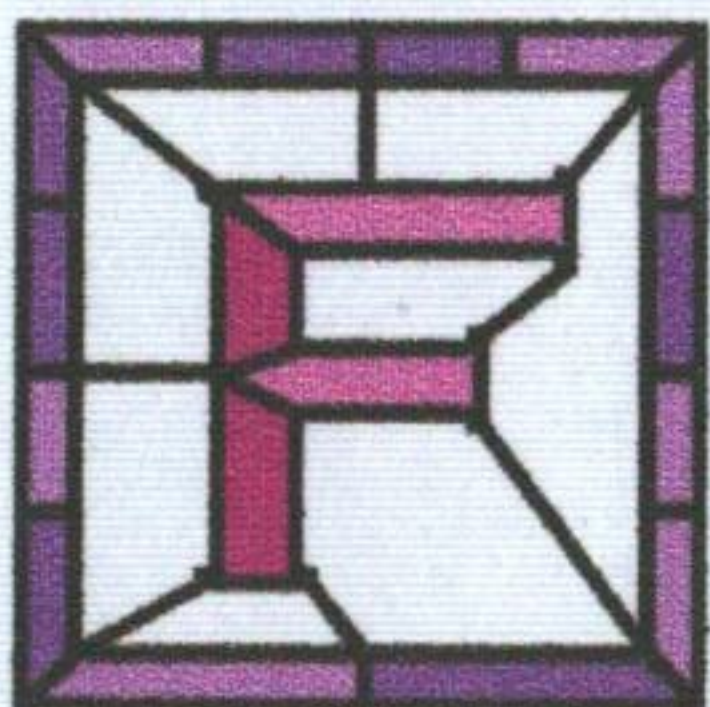
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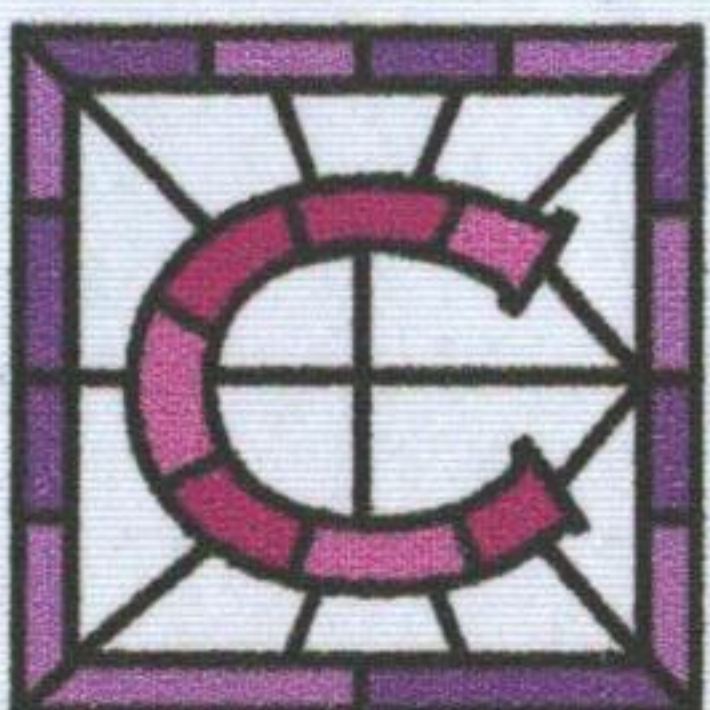


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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W. CHADWICK.
Everton.

Born 7th Oct 1900
Died 14th Feb 1973

Wilf was a big strong Centre Forward who scored 55 goals in 109 games for Everton. He joined Everton in Feb 1922 scored both goals on his winning debut and was top scorer in 1923-4.

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Here it is the Golden 50th Issue, it's been a Long Hard Road but there are plenty who have travelled it with me. Blue Blood has been going for Seven Seasons and in that time subscribers have had the faith to pay up front and listen to my ramblings on Everton Football Club. Fans have come up outside the Winslow and paid their hard earned cash to buy all the issues. Those who have gone further and sent in articles and various cuttings also made the fanzine what it is today. Barry Hewitt, Rolant Ellis, David France, James Corbett, Smart Arridge, Keven, Ian Buffey, Billy Smith and many, many more. I also have my own Personal Stalker in Ian Kidd, he will be outside the Winslow ready to point out any mistakes I happen to make and there are quite a few of those over the years. To everyone who has bought Blue Blood I would like to say a Big Thank You.

David France has been of immense help, anytime I have needed information he was always there, even from his home in Canada he would email me or phone. He allowed me access to his fantastic Collection and as you can see in this Special Issue he has printed all the inserts to announce his new books on Alex Young and The Everton Collection without David France Blue Blood would have struggled maybe even floundered. I can never thank him enough.

Back to business, Portsmouth at home, ten seconds and the ball is in the net, a brilliant start and then some overplaying and Pompey score just before half time, it gave Everton a jolt but we were all the better for it. In the end a comfortable win.

Over to Italy and somewhere between the airport and the stadium Everton Football Club and the team like holiday luggage got lost. It was not the Everton we know and love that trotted out onto that windswept rainy pitch, it was some thing that we haven't seen before, a nervous, characterless bunch of strangers and on top of all that we were live on TV.

Back home to England and a more friendly reception by the Wearside Police than the Para Military Italians and a better result, if not so much a better performance. 1-0 is just as good as 5-0 it's the points that count as they say.

Fiorentina at home and for the first time in seven years selling Blue Blood outside the Winslow I met some truly awful arrogant away supporters who seemed to be bent on trouble, I had one of them trying to take me on outside the Winslow and for a minute I nearly came out of retirement and chinned him but in the end I just gave him a mouthful and the idiot went back inside the pub.

All of this made me want to see them lose and lose heavily. Everton tried their best to fulfil my wish but let themselves down with some poor finishing. At least they redeemed themselves after their terrible display in Italy and they made the Italians look very poor indeed. Which only left me thinking how the hell did we lose in Florence?

Inside this issue you will find details of the Dixie Dean play(page 13) it has been a terrible struggle to get it onto stage and a huge round of applause should go to Gillian Beattie of Arts2u who has plodded on regardless of Everton's time wasting tactics. It has made me embarrassed to be an Evertonian they way she has been treated by our Club. Broken promises and wasted meetings, she has spent hours having to listen to Everton crying poverty and ignoring their all time greatest players achievements. The Capital Of Culture????? The boundary certainly doesn't include Walton. While all this is going on Everton give Kirkby Schoolchildren 100 free tickets for an Everton game but hey they need to get Kirkby people on their side, they already have Evertonians tied up.

Just remember when you buy your Dixie Dean tickets and you must support this venture, that the Club have NO input whatsoever in it.

Fulham away and the old negative Everton turn up, no ambition, poor passing, weak tackling you name it we did it, apart from trying to score. Pienaar was very weak, continually brushed off the ball. Arteta was on a Sunday stroll, he didn't break sweat. Carsley as usual flew into tackles missing both the ball and man. Two full backs come on as substitutes Moyes cries about injuries, the same old story.

Can't close this Special Issue without saying well done to the Everton Ladies Team on winning the Cup against Arsenal. They did Everton proud

The Golden Vision

Alex Young 'The Golden Vision' what more could possibly be written about him that we didn't already know?

Three hundred pages for starters, the new book on Alex Young reveals everything a fan wants to know about their idol.

Alex's first book 'Goals At Goodison' was not that revealing and was Ghost Written to some extent. This book however reveals the True Alex, the Gentleman from a mining background who was already a Star at Hearts before he ventured down to Merseyside.

David France has taken time to get things right, he has met Alex and his wife Nancy on many occasions and has become a close friend. Alex and Nancy visited David and his wife Elizabeth in Canada and they spent time talking over the Good Old Days.

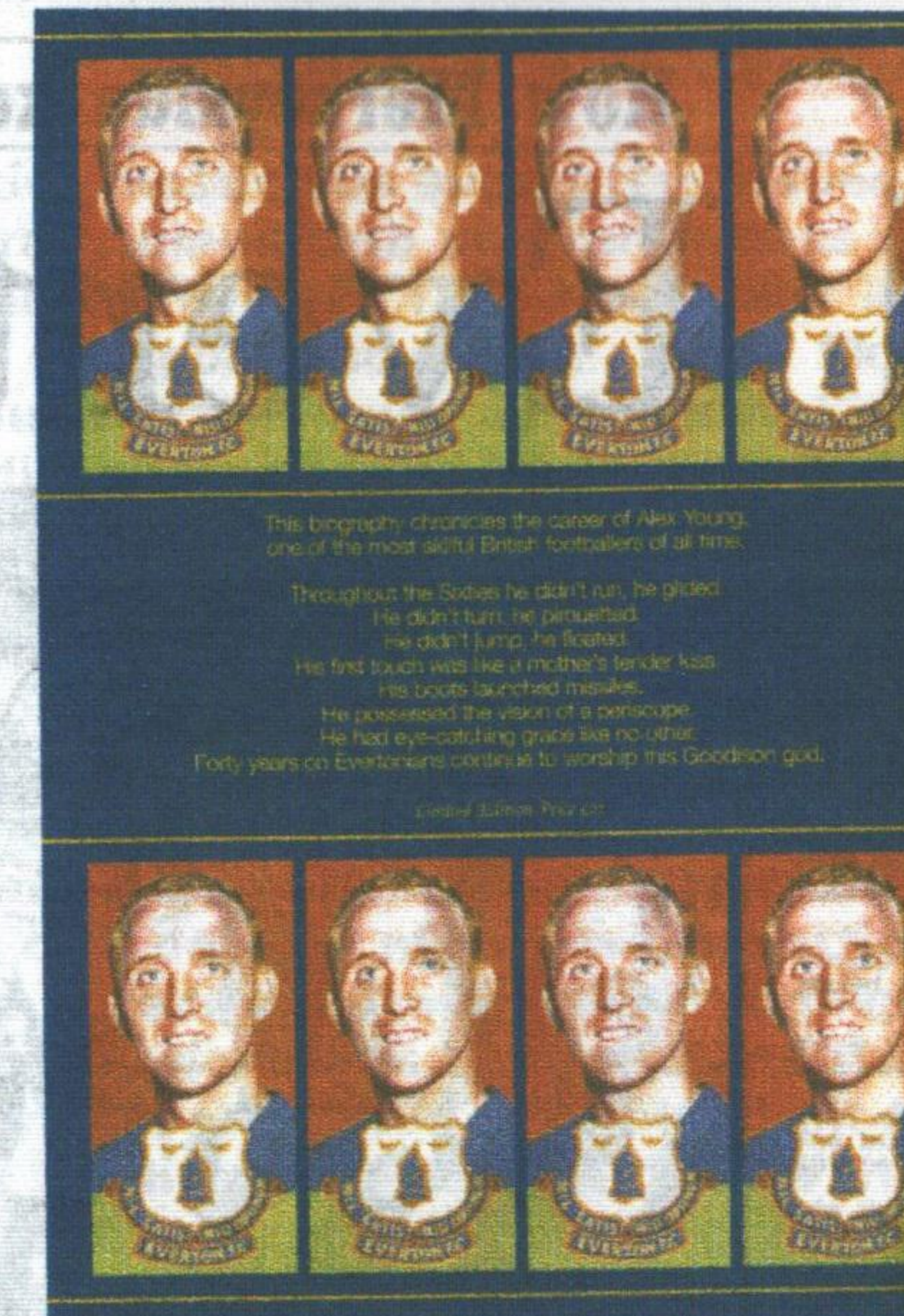
Alex Young although a Star at Hearts was something of an unknown quantity when he came to Everton. He was also still in the Army and injured as well.

He soon won the Everton fans affection though with his silky skills and dribbling. After the drab trophy less 50's Evertonians warmed to the charismatic Scotsman.

This book will give every Evertonian who worshiped Alex Young something to remember him by. As I said before there are many things that even the most fanatical Alex Young fan will not know, for instance who did Alex have a spot of bother with on his stag night? A hell raiser who was also a Scottish Hero but you will have to buy the book to find out who he was and to find out who 'Chinned' Who?

Details of how you can buy the book are on the flyer inside this issue go to www.bluekipper.com for more details

George Orr



The Golden Vision by David France.

I think what David France has done in starting the Former Players Foundation is probably the best thing any Everton fan has done in the History of our Great Club.

He alone gave the old players their pride back, he alone met them all and with dignity helped to restore them to their former greatness. The players who had for various differing reasons drifted from the limelight were brought back to us, the fans, so we could express our gratitude to them for the enjoyment they gave us during our youth. He also accumulated the greatest collection of Everton memorabilia that the World will ever see, he sold it to us for a FRACTION of it's value.

This book is as much about David France as it is Alex Young, they are both great Evertonians.

I was brought up on Alex Young, he was and still is my God. Heavy words but I mean it, Alex Young was the best footballer I have ever seen and the memory of him playing in an Everton shirt is one of the best things in my life, Family apart. Alex means everything to me, he is Everton Football Club, Graceful, Skilful, Modest and Brilliant.

Watching him glide past Professional Hitmen, disguised as defenders, was a joy to behold. They would hurl into him and he would be away, leaving them in a trail of dust, our very own Road Runner. Hero Worship is the only way to describe it.

Let no one tell you he was very good, he was Tremendous, Exceptional, think of a word of Praise, Double it, add a million others and then say 'Alex Young' you will be somewhere near his Brilliance. Buy this book and read it, try and picture a footballer that could Float Like A Butterfly and Sting Like A Bee, Long Before Cassius Clay was around . George Orr (Disciple)

SOCCER

How Merseyside kept the title

Hail Everton

Fans salute the takeover with pitch invasion

By COLIN WOOD: Norwich City 0, Everton 1

EVERTON celebrated their ninth championship hundreds of miles from their Merseyside home with a royal blue invasion of a little green corner of East Anglia.

Thousands of their fans swarmed on to the Carrow Road pitch to join their victorious players and herald the great takeover at the top of English football.

And, as manager Howard Kendall emphasised, it is not just the triumph of a great team, but of a great squad full of players of high quality and character.

They have recaptured the coveted crown from their greatest rivals Liverpool after a campaign that started with five top internationals on the sidelines and continued with mounting injury problems.

That is why it was so fitting that along with the 11 who achieved this title-clinching success, Kendall sent out other members of the squad to take the great salute as well.

Twenty-three players have contributed in varying degrees to what amounts to a remarkable achievement that puts Everton second only to Liverpool, 16 times champions, in the League's all-time honours list.

Second in the record books, yet, but without doubt first as far as this season is concerned, and with such deep strength through the ranks possibly first for years to come.

Title No. 9 came as title No. 8 did two years ago, on a May Bank Holiday afternoon.

But this one came on the other side of the country from Goodison Park and Everton could hardly have chosen a more difficult venue for the occasion.

Failed

Norwich had only lost once previously at home in the First Division, but after a 4-1 win at the ground in the Littlewoods Cup in November the Merseyside men were full of confidence.

It showed as they went straight for the opposition and struck after just 45 seconds with full-back Pat Van Den Hauwe hammering in his first goal of the season.

Norwich defender Tony Spearing failed to clear a Paul Power corner and put the ball straight to Trevor Steven.

He crossed hard and low through a crowd of players and Van Den Hauwe raced in to smash an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net from a few yards.



CELEBRATION... Everton's champions dance for joy at Norwich



VAN DEN HAUWE, AND HOW... Everton's full-back (second left) is congratulated on his title-winning goal by Stevens, Snodin, Reid and Sharp.



MORDED... Everton's Graeme Sharp is hoisted high by jubilant fans

Ice-cool Everton power to the title

Norwich 0, Everton 1

EVERTON tilted the balance of soccer power back to the blue heart of Merseyside last night.

The see-sawing championship has returned to Goodison Park after a display of complete professionalism secured the three points needed to snatch the crown from Liverpool.

And as if to underline that the power base of English football is best firmly on the home of the Mersey, this is the sixth successive season the championship has ended up in that northern city.

And for three years now the two Mersey giants have shared supreme as first and second of the nation's 92 League clubs.

Everton's satisfaction yesterday was complete as they swept the bitter memories of having the League and FA Cup snatched from their grasp by Kevin Keegan's men last season.

Denied

An animated 5,000 Everton fans swam the Carrow Road, swarming on to the pitch at the end of bigger scenes of wild celebration as they trained at today's Kevin Keegan's second title.

It was a stunning triumph for Everton's club captain, a season which Kendall has had to call an 11 players, including his latest recruit,

By MATT O'ARCY

from those to week because of missing injuries.

In a further boost, he sent an almost all-league 22 players to celebrate with the title.

And men like Kevin Langley, now at Blackburn City, and Paul Wilkinson, at Birmingham Forest, will soon be receiving championship medals through the post.

In truth, it was a little pity, as the season began the 1st and 2nd teams scoring after just 45 seconds.

Blast From The Past

Everton seal the Title at Norwich and the fans go wild.

There are many Evertonians who think the team Moyes has built can take us to the Finals and maybe one day challenge again for the Title.

It's a big task but Everton Football Club have never shirked a task.

BLUEBLOOD 50th EDITION

In the mid eighties most clubs supporters issued fanzines as an alternative to the generally bland club programmes or match day magazines as they are now known. Everton fans have been lucky in that two quality publications are still going strong ie *When Skies Are Grey* and *Speke From The Harbour*. Others such as *Gwladys Sings The Blues*, *Satis* and *Blue Wail* have disappeared from the streets for varying reasons. If you are reading this article then you have bought the 50th edition of *Blueblood* (The Historical Everton Fanzine). While offering opinion on current events the magazine is the brainchild of editor George Orr. For a few years after producing books chronicling the authors travels and experiences following his beloved blues, George had a regular article in the match day magazine entitled *Now and Then* when references to previous matches and memorabilia against that days opposition were featured. When the club decided not to use the article any more George decided to produce a dedicated magazine bringing the Everton FC history to life for new generations of supporters and those enthusiasts such as myself. Thus it was in late 2001 *Blue Blood* hit the streets with George selling from his pitch outside the Wilmslow Hotel opposite Goodison Park. The debut edition was a glossy 32 page issue and typically forthright Georges first editorial was titled "Is Walter Smith, Gordon Lee in a Kilt?". Several illustrations were used including Alex Young the ultimate Everton idol, on both front and back covers. The varied articles inside included A tribute to the recently deceased Gordon Watson, a letters column, serialisation of both *Everton in the Sixties* & *The History of Everton FC*, plus a satirical dig at our neighbours following a typically jammy FA Cup win, plus reports of a dinner both George and I attended at Rushden and Diamonds FC organised by the Northampton supporters club. The first issue carried a cover price of £1, and even now only costs £1.50. Colour was first introduced in issue 13 enhancing the already excellent pictures of cards programmes etc which many Evertonians would probably never see. Issue 26 saw a change in style as due to falling sales and printing costs rising prohibitively George decided to add to his considerable workload and print the mags himself rather than fold up.

I have known George for a good few years now and hold his friendship in the highest regard. He will be the first to say we don't always agree with each others views on certain Everton issues but the mutual respect is always there. As well as being a committed supporter and friend to David France, founder of The Everton Former Players Foundation George also finds time for a regular radio show on Friday evenings to chat about all things blue. George has even achieved the feat of cajoling me into writing him some articles something I never thought I'd do, and he is always grateful for readers contributions however small, so if you think you could contribute please do so.

Finally congratulations on reaching issue 50, and many thanks for the time and effort you put into the magazine. With people like George around Evertons history will never be allowed to die so long may this magazine you are reading now continue.

BARRY HEWITT

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) has sent me this brilliant article on the Everton Tour of Tenerife in May 1934.. This is a translation from the original Spanish script with some loose translation but important all the same and worth bearing with.

The visit of Everton to Tenerife (May 1934)
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Football canary in the 30's was at the forefront both in the value of its footballers and the potential of the teams. The difficulties of remoteness prevented our clubs participate in the National League championship but this was compensated with the visit carried out every year to the islands major Spanish teams and some powerful foreign tables. The Islanders teams of both capital desentonaban in these confrontations of the highest level this year and in 1934 was presented in the archipelago, nothing more and nothing less, which had been Champion England: Everton Liverpool. The passion with which they lived football in the islands was understandable partly because more than thirty footballers island highlighted in national competitions and the quarry was still producing new values that gave potential local teams. Entrepreneurs football invest their money in bringing big teams to cope with pointers as Victoria, Marine or Tenerife. Thus, and with the support of the British colony established on the islands were made demarches to the Champions League and Cup in England, the birthplace of soccer. It was informed that the fans " Through the house of Manuel Cruz has turned to the advance Liverpool agreed to travel to Tenerife Everton, famous English team, Champion League and the English League Cup in 1933. "That was the first time they received a visit Tenerife a professional team English, the most powerful of Britain with 7 international in their ranks and including the famous striker Dixie Dean. Recall that in Gran Canaria and had acted eleven years before the Scots professional team of Raith Rover Having left big lessons and a nice memory in its proceedings in the Champ Spain. forward to the clash reached the highest known levels, surpassing the previous visits by big clubs such as Spanish champions Atletico Bilbao and Madrid CF years earlier. fame also that the islands had for those first British tourists and the important business relationship with England facilitated the presence of British athletes. Moreover, the Barcelona through cable sent to Victoria offered to play three games in the Las Palmas days 6, 10 and May 13. economic arrangements and secure Everton's visit to Tenerife prevented the filing of the azulgranas in the Canaries. At the same time, the large British colony, which had tried to make the English team played in the Las Palmas days May 31 and June 3 to no avail, requested fertilizers for the three parties. grancanarios also thousands of fans chartered a steamer

Tenerife Tour 1934

Trasmediterránea to move to Santa Cruz in trip organized by the Federation locally.

The F.E.F. Consultation with FIFA for the approval of parties from Everton in Tenerife. All national sports press in Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao echoes of the news and excitement that is felt by the Canaries this soccer event.

The team that visited us came with a great prize: Champion League and Cup. One of the best years in its history. He had many international celebrities and athletes, because its components practiced other sports. On the islands emphasized that the Everton was the only team which defeated Arsenal in their field this year. Never had fallen to the

Second Division

They left the British from Liverpool in the Dunbar Castle (Castles article) in the direction of Puerto de La Luz. They arrived the day on May 15 and moved to Las Palmas organizers of Tenerife, who along with the representatives of the clubs and federation grancanaria, British consulate and authorities are received and welcomed. The English expedition embarked again to the following day for Tenerife, where he made big receptions in his honor. In those years the relations with the British were well-established and the event was a soccer encounter very important part of the British colony and society Canarian thereafter. They were years of uncertainty in Spain where the Republic ended not instituted and social conflicts were enough. The canary-British relations an important sector of the agricultural and commercial society of both islands were empowered with

these encounters

The day of the meeting santacrucero Stadium was in ferment. Supporters came from many parts of the archipelago. All British colony of both capitals. Holy Cross vibrates in its cafes asomados peninsularmente to the streets.

It is widespread in the views that the winner will be Everton, but also the pictures islanders were boxes of surprises as shown in sporting history, fraught with signs that give faith that our footballers will grow when we have to be good. It was in memory of all resounding successes of the previous years.

Players from Everton:

Dixie Dean (William Ralph Dean) - Centre forward. Considered in the history of football as a unique and brilliant. He has received all the honours that can receive a footballer. Goalscorer in the 1928/29 season, with 60 goals!. Winner of more than 20 British titles. He was considered the most popular player in the world.

His game was hardly imaginable head. In the famous party Highbury where he got England to Spain 7-1 (Played Hilario Chronicle)), marked 5 goals to Zamora.

Tenerife Tour 1934



Everton Football Club travelled to Tenerife and stayed at the Hotel Pino de Oro in Santa Cruz from 15 to 31 May 1934. The party travelled by train from Lime Street to Euston Station, and after lunch journeyed from St Pancras Station to Tilbury Docks, where they boarded the MV Dunbar Castle, arriving in Las Palmas five days later. That evening they boarded an inter-insular steamer for Tenerife and landed safely the next day, after an exhausting six-day journey that today would only take a matter of hours. The players found little to do or see on the island and, with some difficulty, Mr Cuff was able to transfer their tickets from the SS Avoceta, which had been cruising in the Mediterranean; the team was delighted to leave Tenerife three days earlier than planned.

These two fantastic photo's are taken from the excellent book **Everton Football Club 1878—1946** by John K. Rowlands ISBN 0 7524 2259-6 Tempus Publishing Limited, The Mill, Brimscombe Port, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 2QG it should be available at most good books shops and maybe The Everton Megastore it is worth every penny of the £10.99.



During their stay the team played three games, but only the first game against Tenerife on May 20th was won by 2-1. The line up before this game is:- Sagar, Stein, Goe, Geldard, Cunliffe, Britton, Cook, Higham, Williams, Mr. W.C. Cuff, Dean and Thomson. The other results were a draw and defeat. The results may have been explained by the hard pitch and the temperature of over 70°F that the games were played in despite the evening kick off. The gentleman on the right was one of only two Englishmen who owned a hotel on the island and had stated that he left Liverpool thirty years previously. He insisted on acting as guide and interpreter to the party during its stay. Albert vividly remembers the same large fish which was presented at breakfast, lunch and dinner every day and wonders if it was ever finally eaten.

Tenerife Tour 1934

Edward Sagar: Goalkeeper. International versus Ireland and Scotland. He came to Everton in the 1928-29 season winning the title. Agility feline blocking and secure. Champion England in 1933-34.

B.D. Williams: "Back" right. Welsh International. He stressed in a Country Club of Wales where it fichó the Swansea Town. This club was transferred to Everton for an amount fabulous. Captain of the selection of Wales in 1933 where they were champions of the Inter-League UK (nations). He also practiced boxing champion of England where he was in 1933 and 1934.

Warneford Cresswell: Defender. Old glory of the British soccer. International English from 1921 to 1926. Played for your local team, South-shields before clocking by Sunderland. This team gave him freedom in 1927 thinking he was finished, but Everton was reflected in its ranks alineándole in the first team since then, which has contributed to the achievement of enormençmente titles Campóen League Cup and English. It is a great golfer and practiced motor sport and athletic background.

Tenerife 1 - Everton 2 (18 -5-1934)

Lineups: CDTenerife: Fernandez; Ruperto, Matroyo, Garcia, Morera, Cubas; Pineapple, rancel, Arencibia, Semán and Quique.

Everton: Sagar; Williams, Cook; Britton, Lee Thompson; Geldard, Cunliffe, Dixie Dean, Migham, Coulter.

Party preceded by a department run. In the mezzanine Consul of Great Britain in the Canaries, together with the presidents of both teams. Exchange of bouquets of flowers

Referee: Mr Williams. 1-0 Within 10 minutes and after a great local harassment, repeatedly unsuccessful Semán mark of a great shot at medium altitude.

1-1: For the 20 m for the second time in a move personnel Coulter.

2-1: Migham solves the English domain for better physical condition than their opponents.

Good match of the whole white you played a good first half and endured much of the second organized a professional team which won the local enthusiasm and skill. The crowd was able to enjoy a great party in their local idols were used to fund their qualified rivals. There was a goal ghost of Dixie dean that the arbitrator declared goal, but out of Tenerife pole without protests from the British and continued to play until the end.

Knew how to draw that triumph: C.D. Tenerife 1 Everton 1

The second match compared to Liverpool was held on day 22. It was a working day so shops closed and left before leaving their employees to witness the clash. The possibility of local triumph was expected with caution.

Lineups: C.D. Tenerife: Fernandez; Ruperto, Matroyo, Garcia (Cubas), Melito, Arencibia; Luzbel, Rancel, Chicote, Semán and Quique

Everton: Sagar; Williams, Cook; Britton, Lee Thompson; Geldard, Cunliffe, Dixie Dean, Migham, Coulter.

Umpire: D. Gregory Garcia.

Another packed full with the assistance of Captain General of the Canaries, Mr Salcedo.

Impusieron your game fast Englishmen for the first time concerned the door of Tenerife. He marked the first goal Dixie Dean to 25 minutes. In the second stage Tenerife, encouraged by his feverish public develops a magnificent game that requires its professional British them go through several siyuaciones of trouble. The local pressure is insistent and the goal is expected at any time. Brought in a move which manages personnel Rancel beat Sagar. The referee inexplicably cancels both for off-side. "The public is angered by the decision, caused many protests.

Tour Of Tenerife 1934

More harassment local to the achievement of the tie through a penalty committed by Williams on Chicote that Ruperto is responsible for transformar. Hasta the end of the game Tenerife is the wrong move made to the British with a continuous bombardment on the door of Sagar . At the conclusion of the match the English congratulated coach and players of Tenerife and fans left happy entertainment presenciado, valuing the great performance of his team as a whole in English which highlighted environmental center Lee.

In the days that followed, leading up to last of the parties reached, the British expedition was agasajada by their compatriots on the island. Among other things made an excursion to Mount Teide and other acts of fun and fraternization with hotels in the capital and Puerto de la Cruz.

On Gran Canaria again organized excursions to come to Santa Cruz at the weekend to witness the last match. " For 30 pesetas was and came with accommodation in the cabin of the boat. More than 400 grancanarios moved to the island in the neighbouring town of Malaga.

New English triumph by the minimum in his farewell to the islands.

Tenerife 2 Everton 3

25 -5-1934

Again full house at the Stadium. They re-act the same teams in a thrilling match. Superiority of the British physics and return canasncio of Tenerife. Goals of Gaultier (or-1), Semán (1-1) in the first half. In the second, the British are seriously by the victory and set two goals followed by Stevenson (1-2) and Gelllard. Reacts the tenerife and shortens distances Luzbel, but the British did not want to lose and defend the result seriously.

The public bids farewell to Everton with a long ovation.

Great praise gave the English football and footballers to the island that had been measured. The director of Everton, Mr Baxter, stressed the qualities of athletes Islanders and the need for good coaches posed either parties and properly situate the players. The English players felt the game canary com nice but ineffectual. They suggest that the front lines juagan very closed and it would lose occasions auction. In the view of fans Islanders visitors had provided many lessons to local soccer. His game brief, direct and effective liked, but not impressed. He had to learn his technique of modern sports

Thanks Again To Billy Smith



Everton 1933/34

The Dixie Dean Story

After nearly one year of meetings with various people including Everton football Club we have decided to go it alone.

Arts2u, John Keith, Paul Wharton, Steffi Underhill, Keith Wilson and myself have been left with broken promises and a lack of sponsors. Only Tony Bennett a printer has come forward as an Evertonian and helped us out.

I stood up at the AGM of Everton Football Club and asked Bill Kenwright what did Everton plan to do to help with the production of this play and what have Everton got planned for the Capital Of Culture year? The answer was that he was looking into it, that was December 2007 it is now March 2008 and Bill Kenwright and Everton Football Club have done nothing.

It is astounding that a man that is considered one of the leading lights of the Theatrical World has taken no interest in a Play that commemorates the Greatest Achievement in English Football. The 80th Anniversary of Dixie Dean's 60 goals in one Season.

Gill Beattie has wasted many hours of her precious time dealing with Everton Football Club. They have done nothing to help this event. So when you book your tickets remember you are supporting Arst2u, Everton Shareholders Association, and other ordinary Evertonians who are determined that this Anniversary will not pass unnoticed.

The Capital Of Culture Company has done nothing, the so called High Profile Evertonians have done nothing, you know the ones I am talking about. They stroll around as if they are important to Everton Football Club but in fact they give nothing and take everything.

That is the rant out of the way here are the details of where you can get your tickets

The Dixie Dean Play

Crosby Civic Hall Monday 5th May 2008 (Bank Holiday)

7.30pm Tickets £10.00

Tuesday 6th May 2008

Matinee Performance 12.30pm Tickets £7.50p

Tuesday 6th May Evening Performance

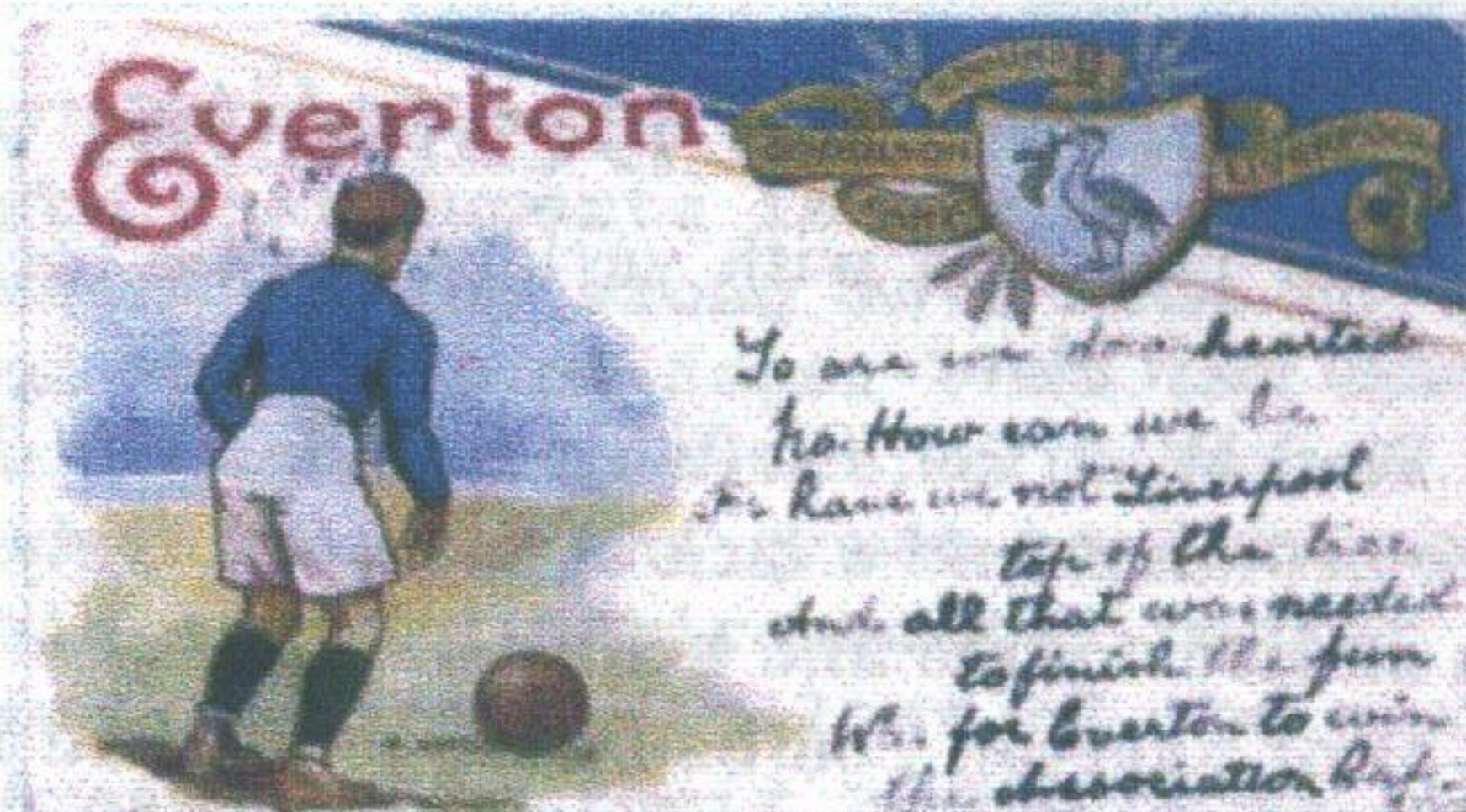
7.30pm Tickets £10

Book online at www.dixiedean.org.uk

Please note that there is a £1.50 online booking fee or a £2 telephone fee

George Orr

Letters



E-Mails

Blue Blood

What happened in Italy? We didn't play, we froze as we do so often when we meet a quality team. Carsley, Neville and Hibbert are not of the required quality, they give the ball away too often, they get drawn out of position and lose the tackle time after time. Moyes once again didn't know what to do, we were only one down so why bring on a forward? We should have brought on a defender. The win at Sunderland was vital, they are no mugs at home and it was a hard fought game, but hey they are only SUNDERLAND and no amount of hype will convince me that we played well.

Frank Greaves

Blue Blood

In the last issue Tommy Patterson said we will win with Moyes, what will we win Tommy? Sympathy, that is all Moyes ever wins, you hear 'Oh we played well' 'We nearly won' and other useless crap sayings. We were outplayed by a good but not brilliant Italian Team, our bottle went. They came to Goodison and although we outplayed them we didn't take our chances and when it came to penalties what did Moyes do? He took off Andy Johnson two minutes before the end of extra time to bring on Gravesen? Andy Johnson had missed two penalties in earlier rounds but he was bought on the strength of his goal scoring and that included 12 penalties at Palace. What a way to give him his confidence back by taking him off and showing that you have no faith in him taking a penalty!!!! He then allows Jageilka to take a kick, he is not a goal scorer so why was he used so early in the shootout? There is no reason to think Everton will win under Moyes. We have a good team that underachieves because the Manager can not sort out tactics. Oldham at home in the Cup is only one of many games when a good Everton looked awful because Moyes changed the style of play. Chelsea in the Semi he had the players frightened by his praise of the Londoners and he talked up Fiorentina who were no better than Middlesboro. We have played mostly poor to moderate teams in Europe and Evertonians have been jumping up and down and praising Moyes. Get a grip, Bolton, Blackburn and Middlesboro have all been on good European runs over the last few seasons and Boro even reached a final. It is embarrassing watching Evertonians act like a Small Time Clubs Supporters. A better manager than Moyes would have led this team to glory but six years down the line Moyes has failed. We are better than Bolton and Blackburn and Boro in every department except in Cup Competitions. Slowly we are becoming like the Bar Codes from Geordie Land who grasp at any straw in the hope of success. Moyes is Our King Kev.

Paul Hamilton

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The Brian Labone Story

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CHAPTER NINE

Everton's Young Dynamos

A rich and powerful football club can choose between two routes to success. They can buy it. Or they can breed it. In a span of ten years at Everton I have seen both methods practiced and amply proved.

Teams that were put together on the basis of a lot of hard cash have brought back both the League championship and the F.A. Cup to Goodison Park.

But I do not hesitate in forecasting that the present outfit, heavily loaded with young and homegrown talent, will ultimately be judged the best of them all. I am convinced that before long they will become the best team in England. And that they will stay around at the top for a long time to come.

I find it a fairly easy forecast to make. I do not believe that there is another First Division side that can match Everton for its wealth of youthful talent. But, in this case, youthful doesn't mean the same as raw and inexperienced. That is the real beauty of Everton's current position. The team is full of players who are just kids on paper, but who are fully-grown men in terms of experience and awareness of what the game is all about in the highest bracket.

They are players who ripened early, and who therefore have anything up to ten years of high-class competition left in them.

Players like Colin Harvey, Tommy Wright, John Hurst, Joe Royle and Jimmy Husband. Already, in their

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respective jobs, they have few equals in the First Division. And they can only get better as they grow a little older.

When they do start to bring home the big honours – and that time isn't far away – I believe it will be one of the most satisfying times in the history of Everton. How can it fail to be? There can be no more satisfying success than one that has been achieved by a bunch of boys who have grown up with the club from the scratch-point of apprenticeship.

By predicting that the kids who have never known another club will become the best side I have played with, I do not want to detract from the successes that were achieved by the skills of the big name stars who were drafted in from outside to become even bigger with Everton.

They were experienced and hardened pro's and they did their jobs well. The League and the Cup in three years isn't bad going by anyone's yardstick. It is simply that I find the present attitude at Goodison – the reliance on finding more of our own talent and polishing it to perfection – a more exciting process. Watching a youngster make his debut, then observing how quickly he develops gets right to the true essence of soccer.

To trace the change in attitudes that has brought Everton to this highly exciting pitch, you have to go back to 1960 – the beginning of four years of 'Big Buy' policy that got us the embarrassing nickname 'The Millionaires'. It was a label that we partly deserved, I suppose, but it wasn't wholly justified. There were teams who were even bigger spenders without getting the same results. But perhaps the fact that we had a widely-known millionaire, Mr John Moores, as chairman helped to make the title more appropriate in the eyes of the writers and the public.

Look at just some of the talent that Everton bought in that spell. Bobby Collins, Alex Young, Roy Vernon,

Gordon West, Alex Parker, Alex Scott, Tommy Ring, Billy Bingham and Tony Kay.

The reasoning behind the big splurge was simple. We were hanging around the bottom half of the First Division. This wasn't good enough. The supporters deserved a better team to root for. So they got one.

It was a good team, too, and it paid off handsomely with the championship in the 1962-63 season. Then, inevitably, it started to break up. This is almost one of the rules of football. It seems that after a team has reached its big moment, scored its outstanding triumph, it begins to disintegrate.

This unwritten 'rule' also applied to the Everton side which won the Cup two years ago. It was torn apart very quickly after that. Brian Harris has gone. So have Jimmy Gabriel, Derek Temple, Alex Scott and Mike Trebilcock. That is a pretty drastic and rapid sort-out, however you look at it, but it was necessary. The team had reached the peak of its possibilities. It would never be as good again, and the time had come to start re-thinking and re-building for the future. Sentiment has never been an overriding factor in the upper reaches of football.

Talent is used up at a great rate, and its lifespan is sometimes frighteningly brief. There is always someone else coming up, or someone who can be bought. This has to be accepted if a team is going to stay at the top.

I would not, however, apply this 'rule' of one team, one success to the present side. For one very sound reason; it has the all-important factor of youth on its side, which means that there is an awful lot of mileage to be squeezed out of it before it begins to break apart. That day is many years away.

This is the essential difference between its character and the character of the championship and Cup Final squads. They were, obviously, vastly more experienced.

They were packed with men who had learned their trade with two or more different clubs. In 1963, we could virtually field a team with an international player filling every position. It made for some great, crowd-pleasing football. But, by its very nature, it was strictly a short-term proposition.

The switch from big spending and instant success to patient nursing and long-range planning doesn't meet with everyone's approval. After all, football fans are not particularly noted for their patience. Many of them base their reasoning on the principle that they pay their money to see the best, and that they shouldn't be kept waiting.

I promise them this: In the case of the 1968 Everton team, they will not have to wait for long. And they are then in for many years of pleasure. They are going to be envied by the fans of many other clubs, and I would not rule out Manchester United.

Even United, for all their glamour and success, do not have more young prospects of this calibre than Everton. The basic reason is the efficiency of the Goodison nursery system which, I think, is the best organised and most painstaking in the country.

Endless pains are taken with any boy who shows promise. He is brought along carefully. His faults are ironed out patiently by expert coaches. He is kept personally happy. All he has to give in return is hard work and a willingness to listen and learn.

The results of the nursing are plainly there to be seen. A team that is bursting with latent skill; with boys who can play football the right way. Thankfully, Everton are not one of the sides who have gone over completely to the hard tactical game. These boys are capable of maintaining that tradition.

Looking a few years ahead, what is the set up at

Goodison likely to be? Obviously, before long, some of the present side will have vanished. My own active interest will cease in June of next year. The other veterans of the team will drop out of sight. Ray Wilson, for instance. Alex Young and Johnny Morrissey. They are still a vital part of the machinery, but they can't be included in any attempt at really long-range planning.

These hopes are pinned on other men. Men who, at present, are hardly old enough for that description. Take a look at them . . .

TOMMY WRIGHT. At twenty-two he still has all of his best years ahead of him. He has matured amazingly quickly, and I can hardly see him failing to become a full international.

COLIN HARVEY. If there is a bigger certainty for international honours, I would like to meet him. Colin is a wonderful little player, highly skilled and a tremendous worker.

Now he is beginning to enjoy his best days. He took a little time to really break through. The crowd, or at least the impatient members of it, gave him a bit of a rough time at first. Now everyone recognises him for what he is; probably the outstanding product of the Everton nursery.

JIMMY HUSBAND. Tremendously quick and mercurial. Jimmy has fantastic reflexes. Even if he stumbles and goes down he is able to recover and still get to the ball before the defender. He also has loads of guts. And, most important of all, a highly developed instinct for going for goal.

JOE ROYLE. He is the greatest centre-forward prospect, at nineteen, that I have ever seen. His improvement this season has been incredible. He may not make the World Cup in Mexico, but at his present rate of footballing growth, I don't see how he can miss in 1974.

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JOHN HURST. John is a natural back four player. He is nimble – that comes from having played up among the forwards – and he is also a good header. For a youngster, he is amazingly mature and dependable.

And now another one has been added to the list of graduates from the nursery. The name – Alan Whittle. He has potential and class all over him, and his debut at West Bromwich on March 16, last season, was a personal triumph for him.

He is nippy and full of bounce, a player in the same mould as Denis Law. One day, he could be as big as Law. Of course, it is too early to predict. A boy can be brilliant at seventeen, and then he can fade. I don't think this will happen to Whittle. He has too much class and too much confidence for that.

Then there are the men who, although they are still youngsters, are in the big star class. Alan Ball and Howard Kendall. It seems silly to think of them as kids. They already have such vast experience.

What can you say about Ball that hasn't been said already? At twenty-two he is a general of a player. More than anyone else, he drives the team, infecting everyone else with his enthusiasm. The future for Ball is probably the most exciting in football.

Kendall got a mixed reception when he came to Everton. People were a little chary about his football ability. After all, his experience had been all second division and there were some who thought that £80,000 for a second division player was a bit high.

In fact, Howard has done enough to win over his detractors. He is the perfect foil for Colin Harvey. Highly industrious and always right in the thick of the game.

My own position, I think, will be taken over by Roger Kenyon. He is a very good prospect, and he is waiting

to step in when I leave. Of course, there will be the usual rumours of a big buy when I go.

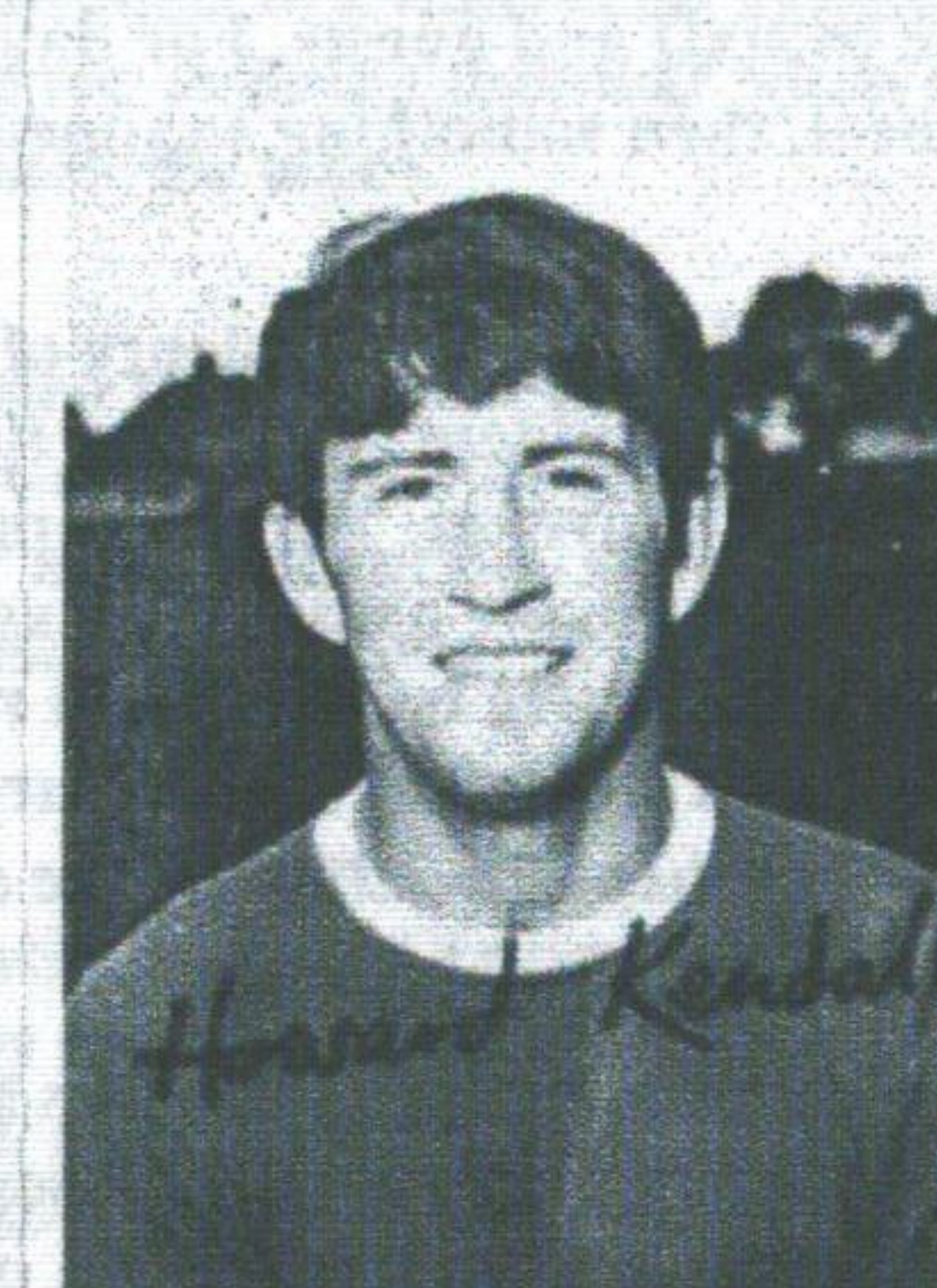
I don't think that will happen. Roger deserves his big chance. And, anyway, a look around the League doesn't throw up much in the way of impressive centre-halves. Who is there to buy? It is a position that just goes on getting harder to fill.

The players I have listed make a wonderful foundation for a successful future. It is impossible to see how they can fail. It is a team that will be remembered for a long time.

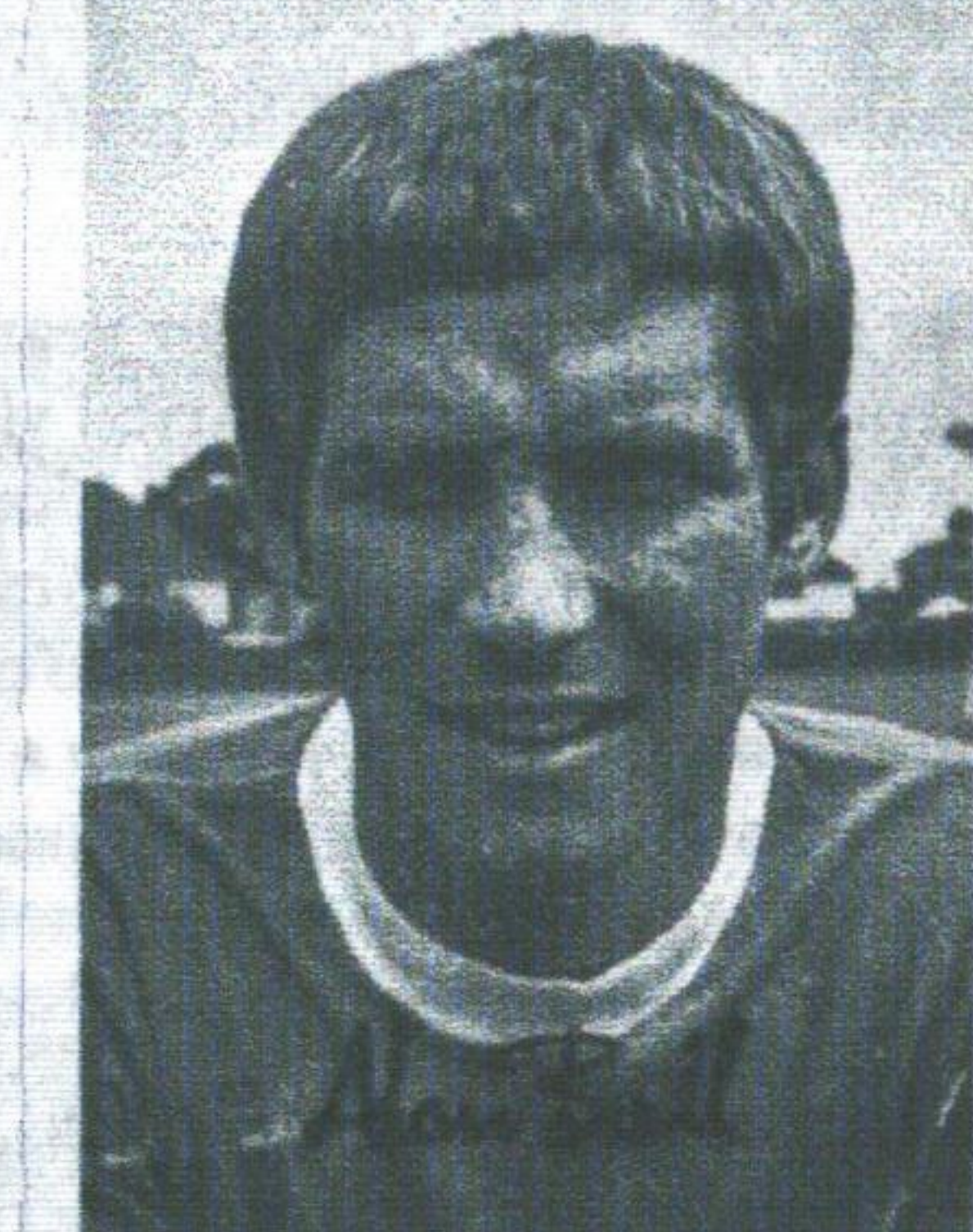
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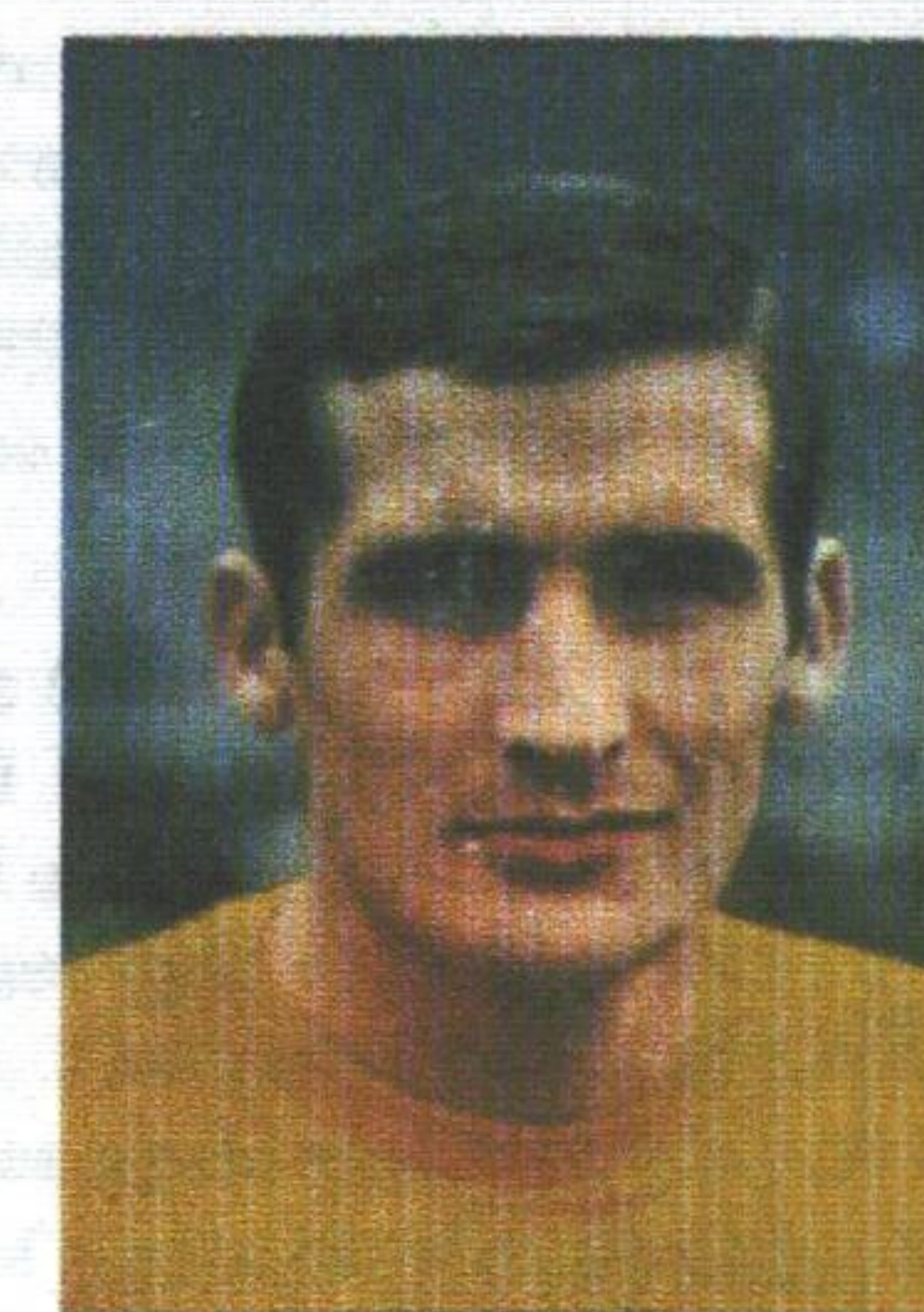
John Hurst



Colin Harvey



Jimmy Husband



The erratic footballing hero Paul Gascoigne became a superstar in the Nineties, but fell from grace through careless injury, wild behaviour and addictions. Now he has been sectioned. A tragedy or an inevitability depends on your view

James Corbett
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The Observer

Very occasionally, a footballer blessed with a rare talent emerges, who, in a moment of brilliance, possesses the capacity to turn a match or transform an entire season. And yet off the field, this player seems unable to live with this gift. In retirement, when the intensity and focus of professional sport have faded, the torment - the self-loathing, perhaps - becomes more apparent, revealing itself in an oblivion of alcohol abuse, depression and mental illness.

Long before his death in 2005, George Best had become the model for this story of decline. But other footballing greats, the Brazilian Garrincha, for instance, or dazzling Scot Hughie Gallagher all played with the highest artistry and suffered precipitous declines when the cheering stopped. Gallagher, one of celebrated 1928 Scotland team that beat England 5-1, threw himself in front of a train; Garrincha drank himself to death.

Paul Gascoigne belongs firmly to this troubled pantheon. Last week, the finest English footballer of his generation, now 40, was sectioned under the Mental Health Act after being arrested at the Hilton hotel in Gateshead. Gascoigne had earlier caused alarm at another hotel, the Malmaison in nearby Newcastle, where he was aggressive to staff and guests. For days, explained a spokesman at the Malmaison, he had been 'the perfect guest, then something snapped'.

Something has been 'snapping' for years, since Gascoigne has plenty of previous - from crazed outbursts through alcoholism to marital violence. But evident in the reaction to Gascoigne's latest problems was the potent mix of emotions he still provokes. We feel repulsed while feeling pity. For we shouldn't forget, with our memories of Gascoigne the genius, of Gascoigne the endearing clown, that he has given us plenty of cause to condemn him. He has admitted regularly beating his ex-wife Sheryl; in one attack, he left her with a cut and bruised face and her arm in a sling. His stepchildren, from whom he's estranged, claimed he hit them too, although he denies this.

Since he retired from the game, he has been candid about the illnesses and compulsions that have blighted his life: bulimia, panic attacks, attention deficit disorder, obsessive-compulsive behaviour; addictions to booze, cocaine and prescription drugs. Throw in a poor, often troubled, childhood and Gascoigne had problems queuing up.

When he heard that Gascoigne has been sectioned, Terry Butcher, his former England colleague, thought immediately of a 'gap' needing to be filled. 'People search for other things to get the buzz of being idolised and that feeling of power. The rest of us have been able to fill it to a degree, but Paul has always been searching for something to fill that gap.'

'He's almost certainly somebody with a borderline personality disorder,' says clinical psychologist Oliver James. 'He's got a weak sense of self resulting from a poor early infancy and subsequent traumas. That's meant he isn't very good at forming stable relationships, other than with drunken companions. So he lacks an intimate network of people that he's plugged into. He lacks a social network and identity and so is just floating around in some horrible, horrible state.'

Born in Gateshead in May 1967, Gascoigne was the archetypal no-hoper made good by football. Although his talent was obvious, he was no prodigy: Middlesbrough, Ipswich and Southampton rejected him as a teenager before he was taken on at Newcastle. 'There's a lot of fat there, but I'm told underneath you've got a bit of skill,' Newcastle's new manager Jack Charlton told him shortly

after his appointment in July 1984, giving Gascoigne a fortnight to get fit or ship out. Gascoigne shaped up, making the first team a year later. By his 21st birthday, when he won the PFA Young Player of the Year, he was the great hope of English football and subject of a record transfer to Tottenham. Another big transfer, to Lazio in Italy, came in 1992 and he played with some success at Glasgow Rangers, before spells with Middlesbrough and Everton.

Definitively English by personality, as a player, Gascoigne possessed a range of passing and individual skill more reminiscent of a fantasista - the beloved number 10 of Latin football. Chubby and pugnacious, he was at his most thrilling with the ball at his feet: dribbling, swerving, bursting into the box to set up a colleague or shoot himself. 'He's either going to be one of the greats,' was the prescient view of his Newcastle team-mate John Bailey in 1988, 'Or finish up at 40, bitter about wasting such talent.'

With Tottenham and England, the expectation was at first simply overwhelming. Gascoigne showed brilliance in flashes, but could be wayward too. In games, he got caught out of position, trying to do everything himself or simply going where his fancy took him. Off the field, there were tales of wild drinking sessions, japes with his mates. He would crack jokes on TV football show Saint and Greavsie and dress up in costumes for the tabloids. Soon, he had his own column in the Sun

It was the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, however, that made him a superstar. Gascoigne's energy and verve carried England through to a semi-final against West Germany. England lost on penalties, but Gascoigne provided the defining moment when cautioned, and hence due to miss a possible final, he could not hold back the tears.

Days later, 200,000 people welcomed the England team home and Gascoigne greeted his public by flashing a pair of plastic breasts. Gazzamania was born. He endorsed everything from shinpads to toothpaste; there was a Gazza LP and a hit version of 'Fog on the Tyne' with Lindisfarne 'We're going to float him,' joked his adviser Mel Stein as he made Gascoigne into one of football's first millionaires.

But Gazzamania wasn't just a football craze. Writing in the London Review of Books, Karl Miller described his performance in Italy in homoerotic terms: 'Fierce and comic, formidable and vulnerable, urchin-like and waif-like, a strong head and torso with comparatively frail-looking, breakable legs, strange-eyed, pink-faced, tense and upright, a priapic monolith in the Mediterranean sun.'

More than any other English player, perhaps, images of Gascoigne's career remain imprinted on the collective imagination. Fresh-faced in the 1980s, being groped by Vinnie Jones. Impudent and brilliant at Italia '90, his face purple with exertion and glistening with sweat and tears. Later on, in 1996, hair bleached, nonchalantly flicking the ball over defender Colin Hendry and volleying home against Scotland at the European Championships.

Like the Turin tears, the defining moments of Gascoigne's career were often tragic. Playing in the 1991 FA Cup Final for Spurs against Nottingham Forest, Gascoigne charged around, making a wild challenge on Forest's Gary Charles that snapped his own cruciate ligament. Gascoigne subsequently missed 15 months of football, protracted when a nightclub brawl exacerbated the rupture. Thereafter, while his career was illuminated by flickers of brilliance, injury dominated. Never again would he play 30 league games in a single season and sometimes he made just a handful of starts. By the time his playing days reached their sad, final throes at Everton at the start of the decade, it became something of a tragedy watching Gascoigne. His footballing brain was as sharp as ever, but the toll of injury meant he was no longer able to keep up with it.

He left Everton in March 2002 and there followed a humiliating search for a meaningful role, encompassing a playing spell in the Chinese Second Division and a couple of coaching roles in the depths of English football. None lasted more than a matter of weeks and his recent past seems to have been consumed with illness and alcohol and drug abuse. Early in his career, the Juventus president Gianni Agnelli described Gascoigne as: 'A dog of war with the face of a child.' Maybe it is this inherent vulnerability that has conditioned the British public to pardon his excesses (detailed in an unusually candid autobiography in 2004). It is difficult to imagine another public figure being forgiven the wife-beating, drinking binges and yobbishness that has stained Gascoigne's fame. Speaking to The Observer a couple of years ago, he said: 'Everyone seems to want to know everything about me all the time. I'm trying to keep them all happy. The public still just see the funny Gazza of old.' Perhaps. Within football, there has been much talk of rallying around and finding Gascoigne some sort of role, possibly in youth coaching. Former colleagues speak of the need to keep him busy and away from the booze and boredom that precipitated his recent collapse. Yet Gascoigne has plenty of friends in high places and if favours were going to be granted, such a position would surely have come his way by now. Indeed Gascoigne has already had so many 'final last chances' that it remains difficult to imagine anyone else giving him a go. Which is a shame, for football is a poorer, more pallid game without him. **The Gascoigne CV**

Born Paul John Gascoigne, 27 May 1967, Gateshead. His father, John, was a hod carrier, often unemployed and absent from home. His mother, Carol, held down multiple part-time jobs to make ends meet. Married former model Sheryl Kyle in 1996, but divorced two years later. They have a son, Regan, aged 12.

Best of times Italia '90. Gazza's dazzling form propelled England to within a whisker of the World Cup Final and him to superstardom.

Worst of times Sectioned under the Mental Health Act last week after an apparent breakdown. Lurid tabloid revelations about Gascoigne bingeing on drink, drugs, and, most bizarrely, plates of raw liver at a Newcastle hotel suggest a deeply troubled man. His abuse of ex-wife Sheryl.

What he says 'I've learnt that I just want to be respected for what I've achieved on the pitch. I know I haven't achieved much off it, but I do know I've given pleasure to people watching me play football.' What others say 'Before Paul Gascoigne, did anyone become a national hero and dead-cert millionaire by crying? Fabulous. Weep and the world weeps with you.' Salman Rushdie in 1990.

James Corbett Has kindly allowed me to reproduce this Article he adds the following sentiments below

When Everton signed Paul Gascoigne in the summer of 2000 I wasn't sure whether to laugh or cry. Here was the finest and best known English footballer of his generation, and yet, and yet... The litany of personal problems: boozing, burping, wife-beating were known to us all. As a footballer you were always left to wonder whether if he put those behind him, we'd see him at his best again -- the brilliant player who propelled England to within a whisker of the 1990 World Cup. In Scotland, Walter Smith had got the best out of Gazza at times, and you wondered if he could repeat the trick at Everton.

He couldn't. Indeed what was infuriating about Smith was that he sheltered Gazza, whose personal excesses were wildly rumoured on Merseyside but not revealed until his unusually candid autobiography was published in 2004, while not giving good young players, like Michael Ball, an inch. Fortunately, Goodison has only witnessed the final acts of a handful of other players who attained greatness elsewhere. There was Colin Todd in the 1970s, hailed as Bobby Moore's successor, but never able to regain the form that once won him Player of the Year at Goodison. There was David Johnson, who we sold too young and bought back too late. Pat Jennings never made the first team in his months at Goodison in 1986. And then there was David Ginola, but less said about him the better.

Going back to Gazza, having written about him and met him in the past, I was asked by the Observer to profile him after his recent troubles. I hope the article above is an accurate portrayal of his triumphs and despair.

James Corbett

The History Of Everton season 1924-25

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

DEC 6, everton have signed a local youth named callanan, who has played left full-back for port sunlight. He is 18. This is a step in the right direction

DEC 20, everton have signed on hegan of st edwards orphanage and are said to be after search of bowring athletic

DEC 24, the everton club last night completed negotiations for the transfer of w weaver the outside left forward of burnley but he was not selected to play in the hoilday games. Weaver was a birkenhead schoolboy, and has played for burnley for sometime but recent changes found him left out of the side in partnership with cross, also from birkenhead weaver played many fine games for the turf moor club, he is a speedy and well built player.

JAN 19, everton have lost the services of hart for several months through cartrilage trouble. Hart has decided to to go into hospital and even should his cure be as rapid as it is hoped, his abesence from the team will be a long one.

JAN 27, the everton players are not undoing any special preparation for the cup-tie against sunderland. They are to spend Wednesday on the golf link at heswall and travel north on Thursday staying at darlington until the morning of the match.

FEB 3, john o'donnell everton new full-back is the player who created a great impression when darlington met cardiff city in the replayed first round cup-tie at anfield. He is product of the north-eastern football. Born at gateshead, he is only twenty-one, stands 5FT 8 half ins. And weights 12st 4lbs. He joined darlington three season ago as an amateur, and was originally a centre-forward. But, tried at full-back. Did so well as to secure a permanent place in the team. He is cool and clever and has attracted the attention of a number of clubs, who were anxious to secure his services, in obtaining his transfer everton have made one of the capture of the season.

FEB 6, everton have made a further effort to secure the transfer of scott the darlington forward, who played so well against cardiff city in the replay cup-tie at anfield, but without success. Our darlington corresponent states that everton approached scott on Thursday, and again yesterday, but he stated he will not leave darlington.

FEB 11, everton go to ben rhydding after today match, and will stay there until the week-end. They are due at sunderland on Saturday.

FEB 12, it is the first time in the history of everton that a league match at goodison park has hasd to be postponed owing tio rain the goodison park ground was opened by the late lord kinnard them president of the football association in 1892, and the abandoment of the game owing to adverse weather conditions is a rare event. One recalls a heavy snow-storm stopping a cup-tie between everton against stockport county some years ago, but no instance previously of flooding making a start impossible. But rain did stop aone match, and the abandoment resulted in a riot. This was december 1895. When everton met small heath now birmingham city. It rained for three days before the match and the ground in parts was under water, but it was hoped it would drain sufficiently to allow the game to be played. Play started in a torrent of rain, but the game had been in prograss only half an hour, when it was found impossible to continue, and the officials and players retired to the dressing-rooms. The spectators waited for some time in the hope of seeing more "football" and when an intimation was went round that the game had been abandoned, a section of the crowd galthred in front of the directors stand and demanded their money back.

FEB 13, the everton have decided to take action against the darlington club over the transfer of scott from darlington to Liverpool from february 7. There is no question of grievance against Liverpool in regard to the matter. But the everton directors claim that scott had already been (a@a)booked" by them and should not have been allowed to sign for the anfield club. Everton urge that negotiations were opened for the transfer of o'donnell and scott together, and that both players were"booked" pending satisfactory termination of the deal. O'donnell was secured but scott was not fixed up for a week or so, and when the everton represtatives went up to darlington later to complete the transfer and secure scotts signature, they missed the player. Two days later the Liverpool director signed him on.

The History Of Everton Football Club

Mr W.C. Cuff, the Everton chairman stated yesterday that the club will be taking the matter before the football league and the football association and, if necessary, before a civil court. "We have legitimate grounds of complaint against Darlington club," he added "we consider their action should be the subject for inquiry, and we are claiming that inquiry. The facts will be laid before the authorities. I do not wish to say anything further than that at the moment, as it would be unfair to make any suggestion or statement.

Our Darlington correspondent wires that the officials of the Darlington club were astounded on learning that Everton intended to take action, and there appears to be a great deal of doubt in Darlington as to the particular reason on which the Goodison Park officials base their claim.

When negotiation first opened Everton desired that both O'Donnell and Scott should become their players and a sum was agreed upon for both men. It was then pointed out to the Everton officials that Scott was not likely to leave Darlington, and a separate arrangement was there fore made with regard to O'Donnell. Scott, as anticipated, declined to sign for Everton during that weekend but still believing that they could induce the player to transfer his affections to Goodison Park. An Everton representative visited Darlington on the following Thursday, again the player declined to sign, and it was generally believed that all negotiations were at an end.

This however, from the action of the Everton does not appear to have been the case, for it seems that they consider that they have still some claim upon Scott. The Darlington directors at any rate were convinced that the matter was at an end, and in transferring the player to Liverpool, were not aware that any rule had been transgressed. They gave Scott a free hand in the matter, and they claim that they have kept faith throughout.

MAR 7. Northern Nomads goalkeeper G.C. Menham, has signed an amateur form for Everton, and will assist the Goodison Park club whenever his services are not required by the Nomads, who retain first claim on him. Menham who played for the north in the recent amateur trial match against the south, is an old boy of the Wallasey Grammar School, and before joining the Nomads he played for the Hightown club.

MAR 12. The Everton club yesterday transferred Cock and Forbes, two of their forwards to Plymouth Argyle and they are to play on Saturday against Watford, in the southern section third division match. Cock who signed on for Everton on January 19 1923 and scored a goal on the following day in the league match against Stoke City. Was at one time regarded as the leading centre-forward of his day, this was in 1919-20 season, when he was with Chelsea having been transferred to the London club by Huddersfield Town, he scored nine goals for the Yorkshire club that season, and scorer 21 for Chelsea in twenty-five league matches. He played in the victory international games against Ireland and Scotland, while he was also in the English League team against the Scottish League. In his spell with Everton Cock scored nine goals in fifteen matches and last season obtained sixteen goals, but this season he has got only five goals and thirteen with the reserves.

Forbes was secured by Everton from Hearts of Midlothians club at the end of the 1921-22 season, and was originally a centre-forward, but is rather on the small side for that position. He played in ten league games, for Everton in the 1922-23 season. He has played well at outside left for the reserves team this season, but in recent games has had to give way to Troup.

MAR 13. The Everton directors yesterday signed on a new forward in Fred Kennedy of Manchester United, Kennedy who is twenty-one years of age, and stands 5ft 6ins is an inside-left and was secured by the old Trafford club from Rochdale.

MAR 14. There is no official confirmation of a report that Everton are willing to transfer seven of their players, the seven players concerned are said to be Chadwick, Kendall, Raitt, Wall, Williams, Caddick, Glover

MAR 17. "Dixie" Dean was yesterday signed on by the Everton, this will set a lot of clubs at rest about his leave-taking from Tranmere Rovers. Dean is a mere boy of seventeen or eighteen years of age. He had brought to Tranmere more scouts than any other player had ever drawn to Prenton Park. Manchester United, Aston Villa, West Brom, Birmingham, Huddersfield, Liverpool Everton, Middlesbrough, Chelsea, and a host of other clubs had been to see him play, and all were impressed by the way he shaped. He got goals with excellent frequency, and although he had a spell of inactivity through being well guarded by defenders, who had heard of his fame in advance he resumed his goal-getting recently, he was so well through of that a fancy price was

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Back Row left to right F. Kennedy, J. O'Donnell, W. Brown, Bert Hardy, Hunter Hart, J. McDonald, Harry Cooke trainer, Front Row T. Millington, Bobby Irvine, Dixie Dean, A. A. Dominy, Alec Troup, Albert Virr

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put on his head as tranmere rovers did not want to part with him. However everton has secured him, and at a great agure-a startling figure when one rememers his years. It is probably the heaviest transfer fee that has ever been paid for a mere boy. It is impossible to state the figure with any degree of accuracy, but we can state definitely that tranmere were asking £2,500 and a grift of other players from the club that obtained his signaturel weather everton paid that is another matter. It is highly improbable-but that was tranmere's original claim for their treasure. Dean is a big built boy, very much like mcluckie the one time bury and villa centre-forward with this saving grace-that whereas mcluckie had a poor pair of feet, dean is not so troubled. The pair, however are very muh alike in football style, in shot, and in height and weight.

Dean has been well coached by sayer, the irish forward who looked ather his intersets and coached him during the games, as well as off the field. The boy naturally gained prominence that might have spoiled, his temperament, but secretary cooke of tranmere took him in charge and made arrangements, wherby he should not be spoiled. Everton once had another boy on their books who started well but eventually fell through the frailty of human nature and the sickly adulation of the crowd. It is to be hoped the crowd will not make a "god" of dean. He is very human and has many boy-like touches. It is not so much what he has done as the way he has done it that has impresses. He is a natural footballer with a stout heaert, a willing pair of feet and a constitution that will stand him in good stead. He has not appeared in all the matches this season, through injury and so on, but he scored more than twenty goals, and he seems to have "more in his locker". He played for birkenhead school boys as recently as 1920-21, so that it will he seen his rise to seniority has been electric.

MAR 17. williams of everton, has gone to blackpool, cardiff took an interst in his penmanship but did not persevere with the chance. Williams is an inside left and virile type of forward who has not been altogether lucky in the last season or s. he got a very hurtful injury at chelsea's ground two years ago, and was a long time getting over this blow. When he came back he was slow to show his former form. But in later days he had come near to his own style, which included a sharp shot and a swift run through a defence. Tautly build, he can take and give a charge and he should suit the blackpool game. He was signed from darwin by everton, and in the past few months, middlesbrough have made inquires for his transfer without avail.

MAR 26. the football association have given permission to the everton to institute legal legal proceedings against darlington football club in respect of the transfer of scott. It will be remembered that everton secured the transfer of o.donnell from darlington in the first week in february, they also negotiating for the signature of scott, the players they claim being "paired" in the deal. Scott, who was given a free-hand by the darlington directors refused the everton offer, and the next day the Liverpool football club officials went north and secured his transfer.

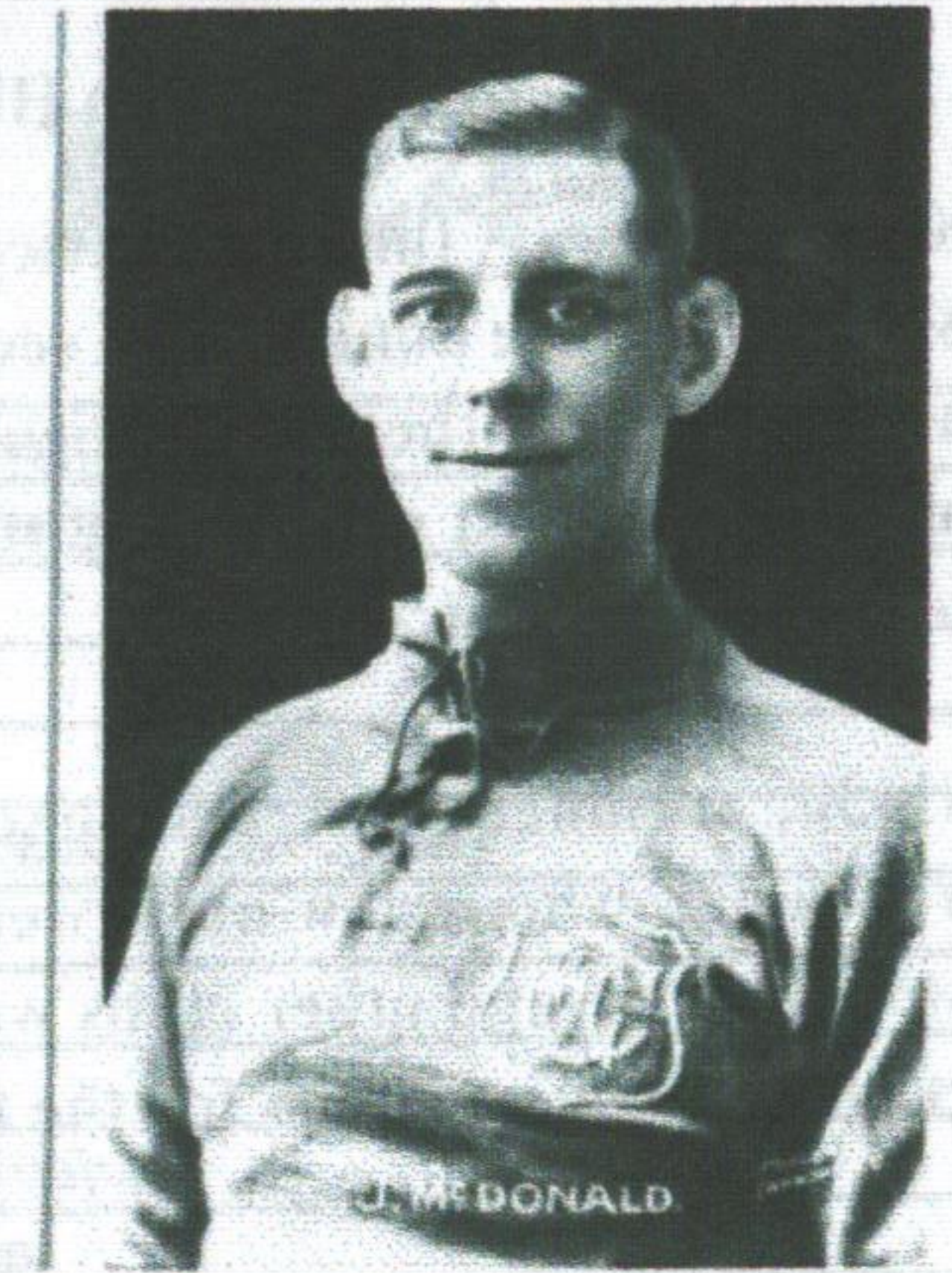
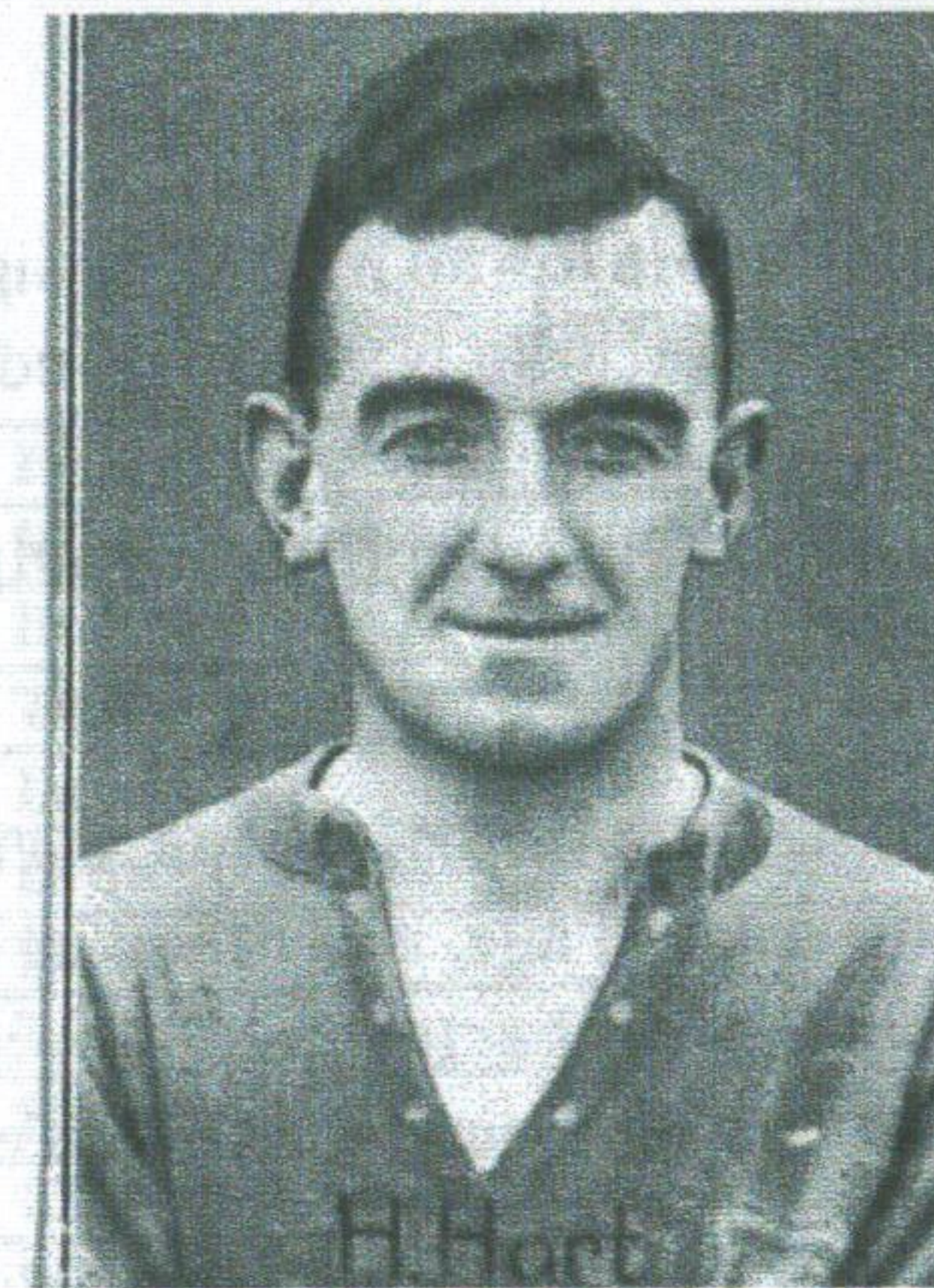
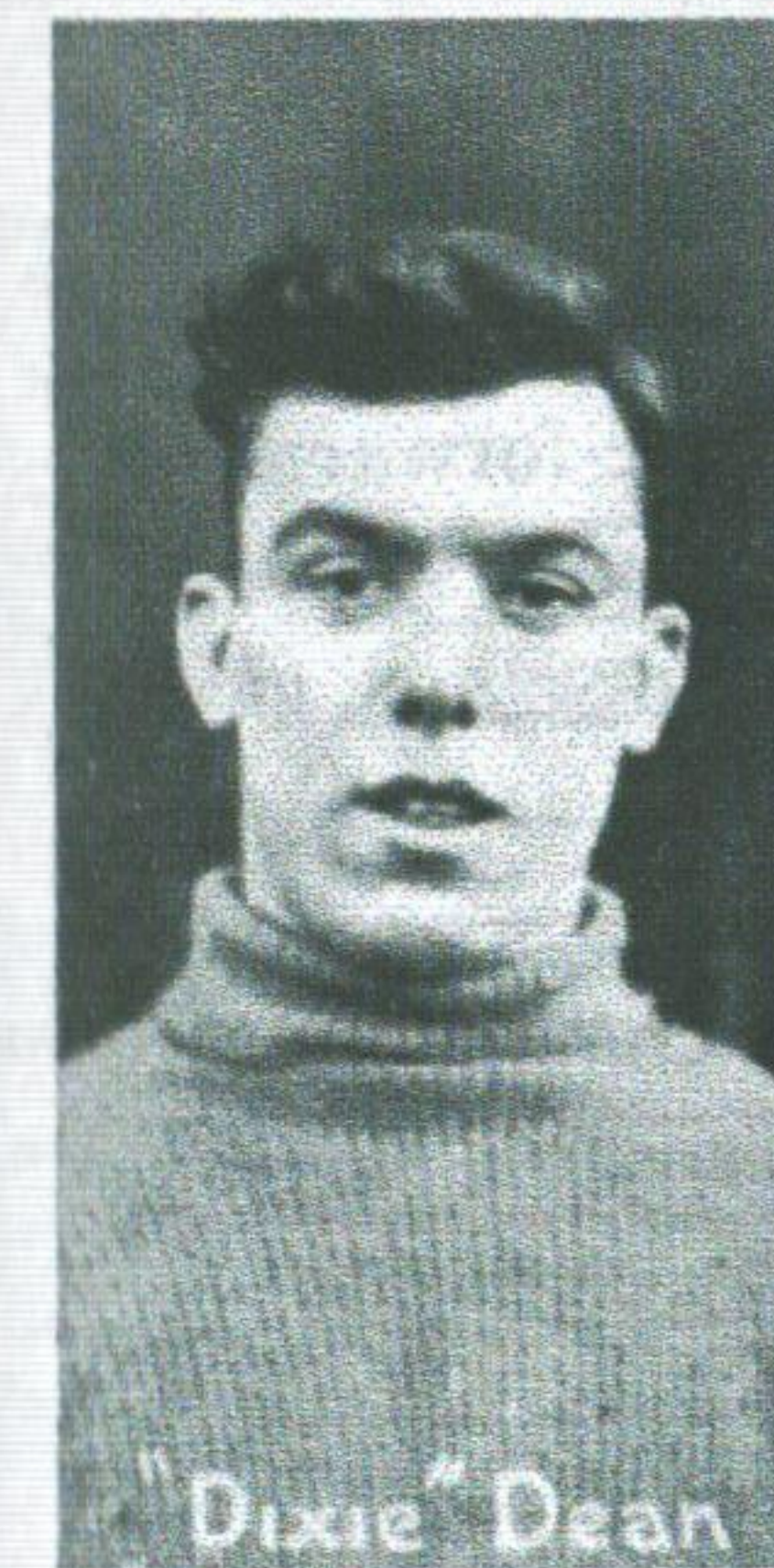
APR 10. everton to give trails for the reserves against bradford city reserves to rand a inside-right and ashworth at out side-left.

JUNE 6. the everton directors have decided upon an arrangement of their staff and under the scheme have advised harry makepeace the lancashire cricker and former association international that his engagement as coach is to be terminated. Makepeace was engage three season ago.

A wall the everton inside forward has been transferred to swindon town.

JUNE 15. paris Saturday at the annual meeting of the international football board here today, under the presidency of mr white (scotland), the off-side rule was altered so that a player shall not be offside if two instend of three opposing players are between him and the opposing goal line. Another decision was that a player throwing in from touch must stand outside the line instead of with his feet thereon.

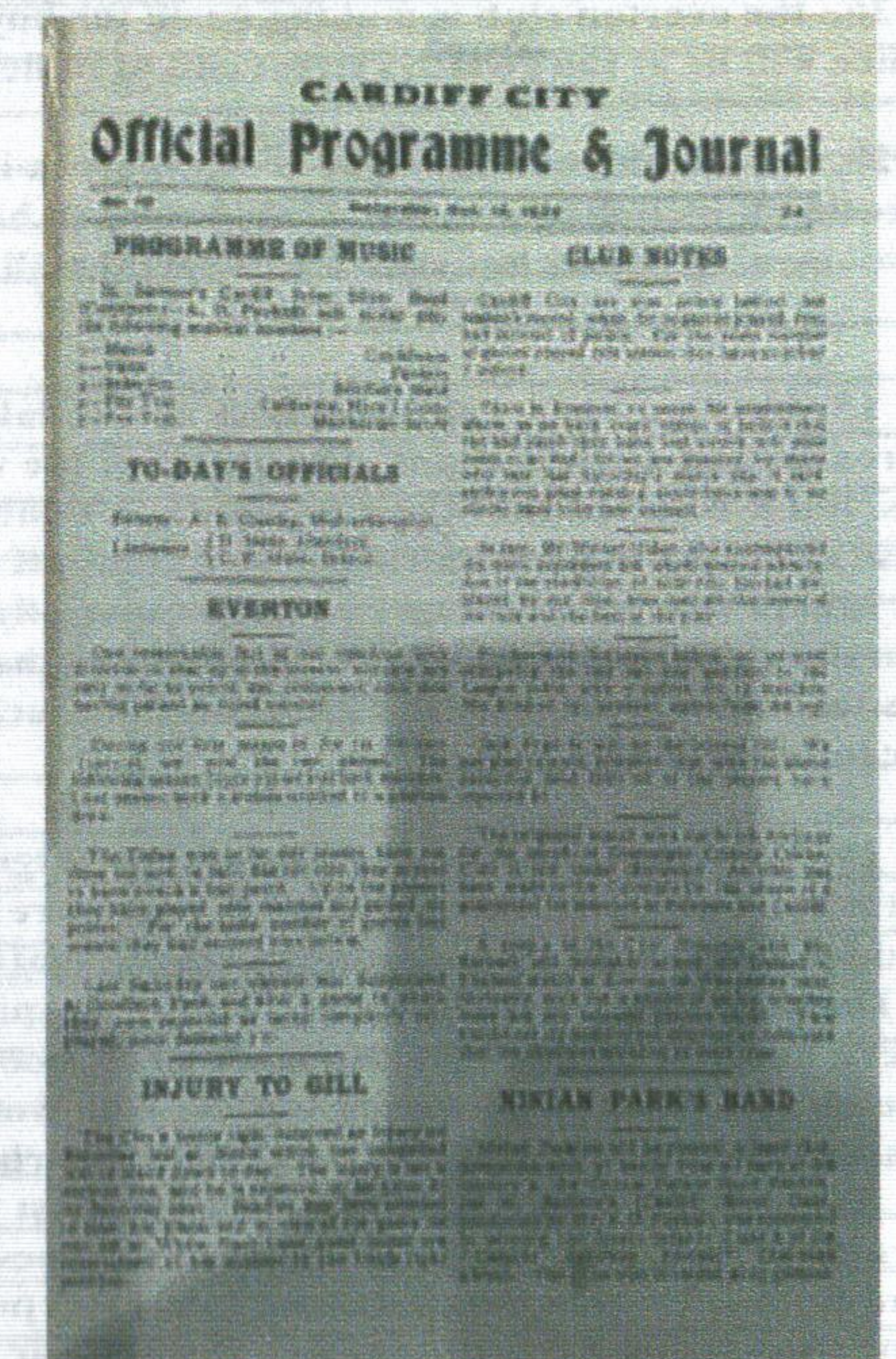
JUNE 25. the everton club is reported to signing murray and riley of the south africa football side that made a tour here last season. interviewed the everton chairman (mr wc cuff) said " the statement is absolutely premature. We have been in negotiation with the players named, and also with another member of the side, but at the moment nothing has been settled and I am sorry any statement should have been issued. Some of the tourish were plainly anxious to come to live in england and expressed that view to us. There is nothing to be added at the moment, one may come, two may come, none many come."



An 18 year old Dixie Dean lines up alongside Hunter Hart who looks like he has a Mr Whippy Hairstyle and John McDonald.

Everton were combining youth and experience in the drive for the Title Dean was to be the buy of the Century but it was little Alec Troup who was to bring out the best in him.

The School Of Science was being assembled and English Football was about to see a Footballer the like of none before him, William Ralph 'Dixie' Dean.



The programme above and on the right is from the game at Cardiff on the 18th October 1924.

Everton lost the game 2-1 with Chadwick scoring Everton's goal,

JUNE 29. murray, the south africa centre-forward who intends to sign for everton. Everton consider they have done well in securing murray, who is a strong and clever centre-forward who greatly impressed the critics at goodison park last year. Murray it is said, would have signed on them but the tourist were bound to return home to complete the contract they had signed, riley signed for Liverpool.

JUNE 30. tranmere rovers have secured the signature of barton, everton's old schoolboy international, who is now only twenty-one years of age, and is looked upon as a coming player. Preston, chester and other clubs were trying to get barton, but has acquisition by tranmere rovers is in a way a return for the transfer of dean from that club to everton.

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AUG 22, the match between clubmoor and everton football club was continued last night, despite the pitch being rain-sodden. Clubmoor had made 78, and everton 29 for one wicket overnight. It was appropriate that houghton and virr, in partnership, should win the match for they are regular clubmoor players and were plainly keen to do well against their colleagues. There were many laughable incidents during the last half-hour's play, but, the batsmen, although obviously inexperienced, did well, and their innings closed at 130, after the match the players were entertained by the club.

Scores:- club moor, dr j rumishn c rooney b kennedy 19, jb duff b weaver 15, m sommerville b houghton 5, tp jones c dean b houghton 0, fb gamidie run out 0, b mylrea b kennedy 0, a bloomfield c parry b kennedy 11, f ross c bain b kennedy 5, am roberts c virr b kennedy 0, j morgan c weavert b virr 11, l povey not out 0 extras 11 total 78

Everton, w weaver b broomfield 16, h hamilton c sub jones 15, h houghton, retired 35, r jones c duff b morgan 0 a virr retired 34, f parry not out 12 w rooney b povey 2 f kennedy b povey 1, d bain b povey 0 wr dean c roberts 5, j kerr c and b povey 5 extras 5 total 130

AUG 26, the everton club is making a pen for boys only at the north end of the paddock, the entrance will be at the gwladys street end of bullens road, and will be ready for staurday.

AUG 28, mcdonald, outside right of dumbarton is said to be wanted by several clubs, in england and scotland, including everton, mcdonald is in his first season with the dumbarton club, and in the two opening games has shown wonderful skill for a young player. He is only eighteen years of age.

SEPT 15, everton had a representative at kirkcaldy on staurday watching the game between raith rovers and airdrieonians. The object of the visit was to see alex james, inside-left of raith rovers, but it is stated that the mission was a double one, the report being that the goodison club are also intersted in benne airdrieonians left-half back, however is on the transfer list of his club, and it is here that business may be done especially as james was one of the best players on the field in the game, referred to he belongs to strathaven in lanarkshire and was picked up by the rovers from glasgow team ashfield. He is not much height, but is stockily built, and has great power in his shooting.

SEPT 19, everton are now receiving acknowledgment of the £931 they have paid out of receipts from the trail matches, the proceeds of which are always devoted to local charities. A sum of £250 was added to the trail figures and thus the actual total made one of the best in the history of the club. The allocations were as follow, stanley hospital £230, david lewis north hospital £105, southern hospital £105, royal infirmary £105, bootle borough hospital £52-10, national institute for the blind £30, Liverpool child welfare £30, womens hospital and samariton home £25, national liftboat institution £25, wallesey victoria hospital £25, childrens infirmary myrtle-street £25, Liverpool home for incurables £20-4-3, west lances mental welfare £20, bootle cc £21, the maternile home £20, st john ambulance £10, lances fa benevolent fund £10, inst of jounalist orphan funds £10, john howard fund £10, Liverpool union of boy clubs £10, n.s.p.c.a £10, walton nursing association £7-1-0, st paul's eye and ear hospital £7-10-0.

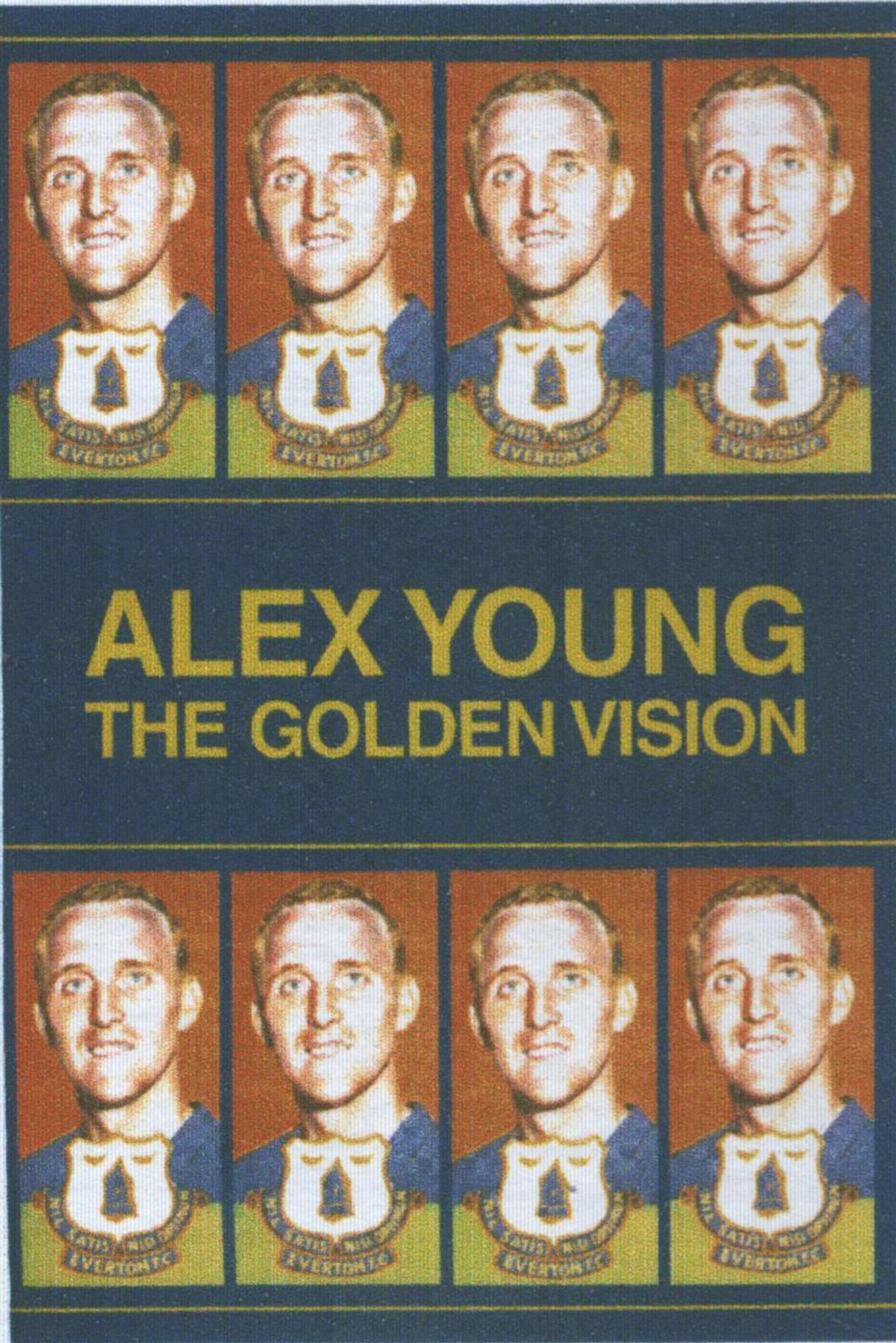
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2	Sep	6	(h) West Brom A	W 1-0	Chadwick
3		8	(a) Burnley	D 0-0	
4		13	(a) Tottenham H	D 0-0	
5		17	(a) Leeds U	L 0-1	
6		20	(h) Bolton W	D 2-2	Chadwick, Chedgzoy
7		27	(a) Notts C	L 1-3	Cock
8	Oct	4	(h) Liverpool	L 0-1	
9		11	(h) Sunderland	L 0-3	
10		18	(a) Cardiff C	L 1-2	Chadwick
11		25	(a) Nottingham F	W 1-0	Troup
12		29	(h) Manchester C	W 3-1	Chedgzoy, Cock, Irvine
13	Nov	1	(h) Bury	D 0-0	
14		8	(a) Manchester C	D 2-2	Chadwick, Cock
15		15	(h) Arsenal	L 2-3	Hargreaves, Irvine
16		22	(a) Aston Villa	L 1-3	Hargreaves
17		29	(h) Huddersfield T	L 0-2	
18	Dec	6	(a) Blackburn R	L 0-3	
19		13	(h) West Ham U	W 1-0	Cock
20		20	(a) Sheffield U	D 1-1	Troup
21		25	(h) Newcastle U	L 0-1	
22		26	(a) Newcastle U	D 1-1	Broad
23		27	(h) Birmingham	W 2-1	Broad, Williams
24	Jan	1	(h) Burnley	W 3-2	Broad, Irvine, Weaver
25		3	(a) West Brom A	L 0-3	
26		17	(h) Tottenham H	W 1-0	Weaver
27		24	(a) Bolton W	L 0-1	
28	Feb	7	(a) Liverpool	L 1-3	Chadwick
29		14	(a) Sunderland	L 1-4	Broad
30		25	(h) Cardiff C	L 1-2	Broad
31		28	(h) Nottingham F	W 3-1	Broad 2, Irvine
32	Mar	7	(a) Bury	L 0-1	
33		18	(h) Notts C	W 1-0	Broad
34		21	(a) Arsenal	L 1-3	Kennedy
35		28	(h) Aston Villa	W 2-0	Dean, Reid
36	Apr	4	(a) Huddersfield T	L 0-2	
37		10	(a) Preston NE	D 1-1	O'Donnell
38		11	(h) Blackburn R	W 1-0	Kennedy
39		13	(h) Preston NE	D 0-0	
40		18	(a) West Ham U	L 1-4	Dean
41		27	(h) Sheffield U	D 1-1	Reid
42	May	2	(h) Leeds U	W 1-0	Kennedy

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2		31	(a) Sunderland	D 0-0	
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3		21	(a) Sheffield U	L 0-1	



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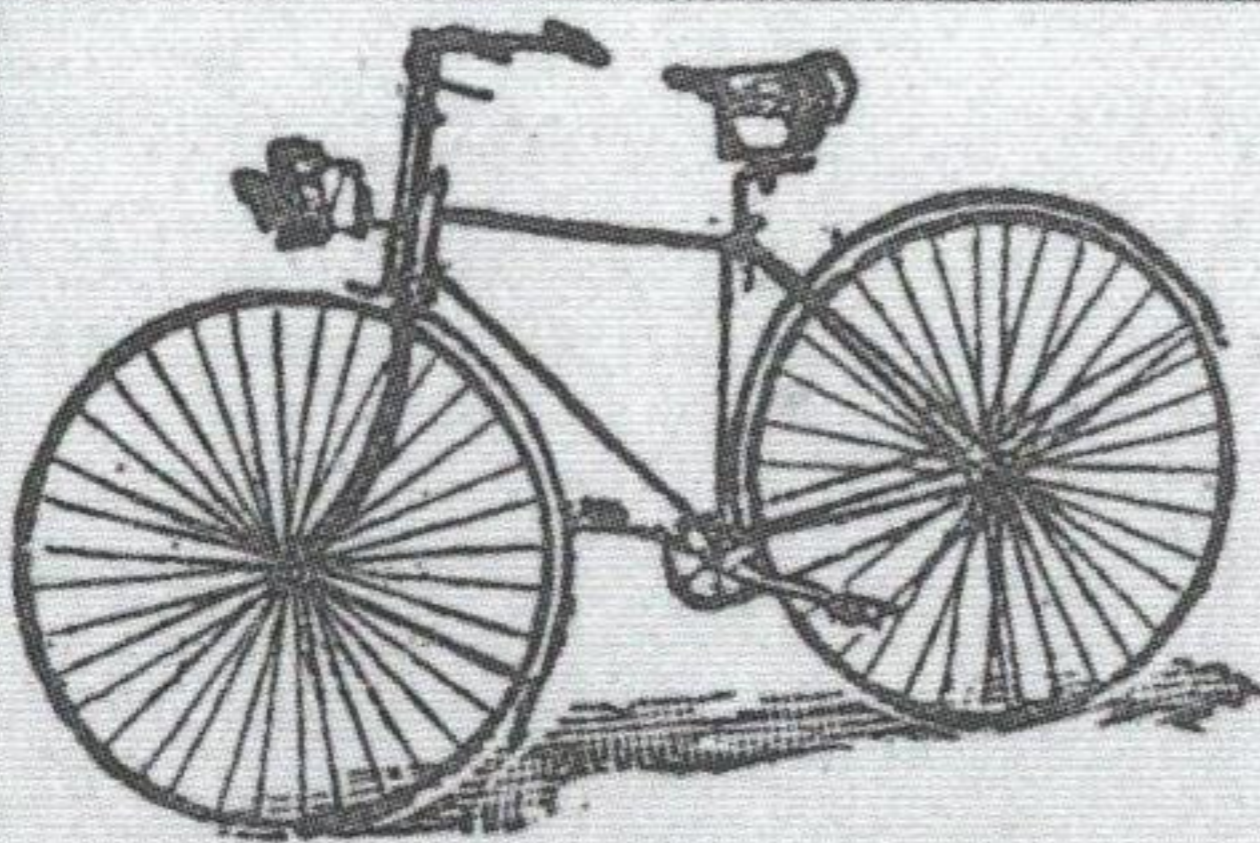
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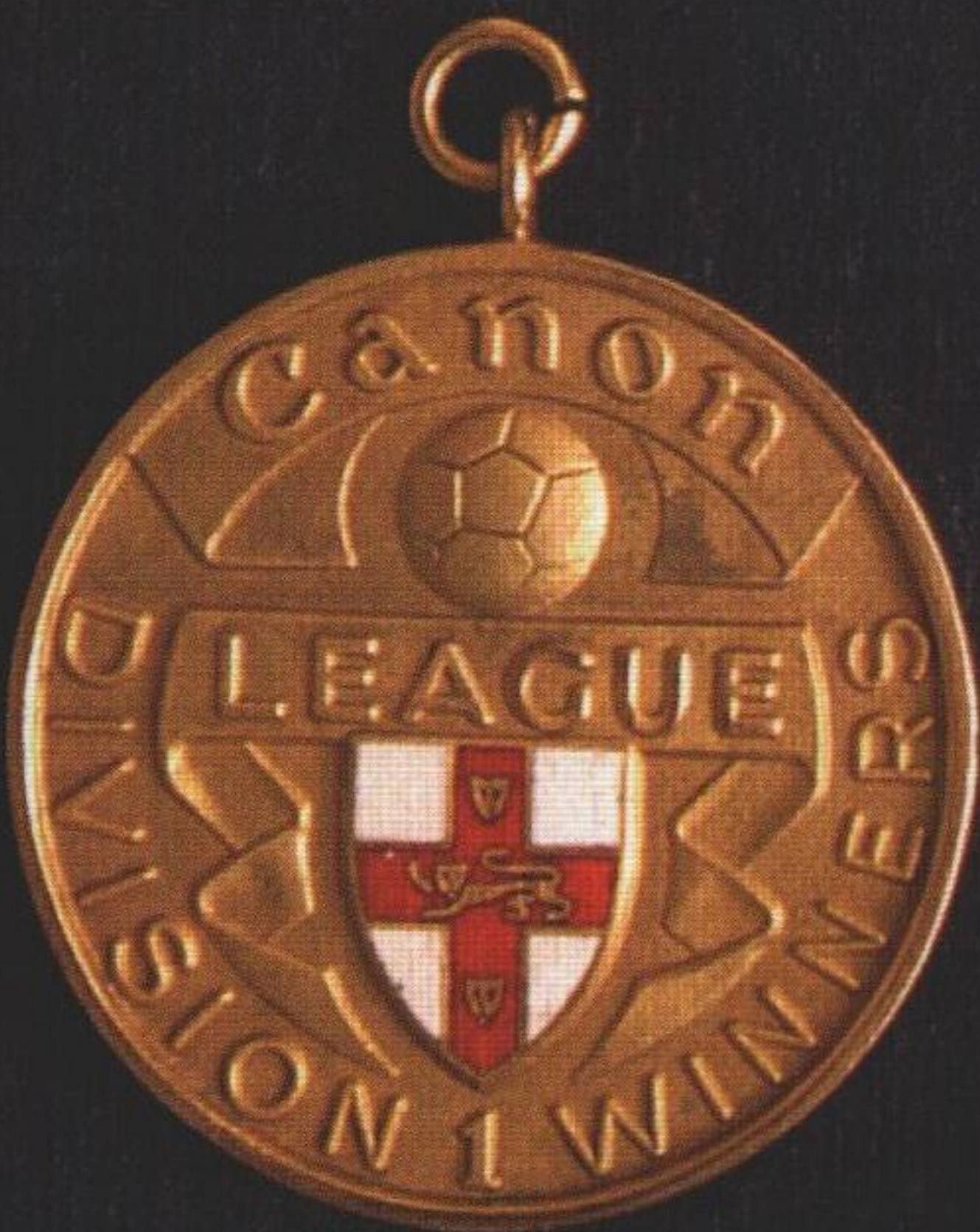
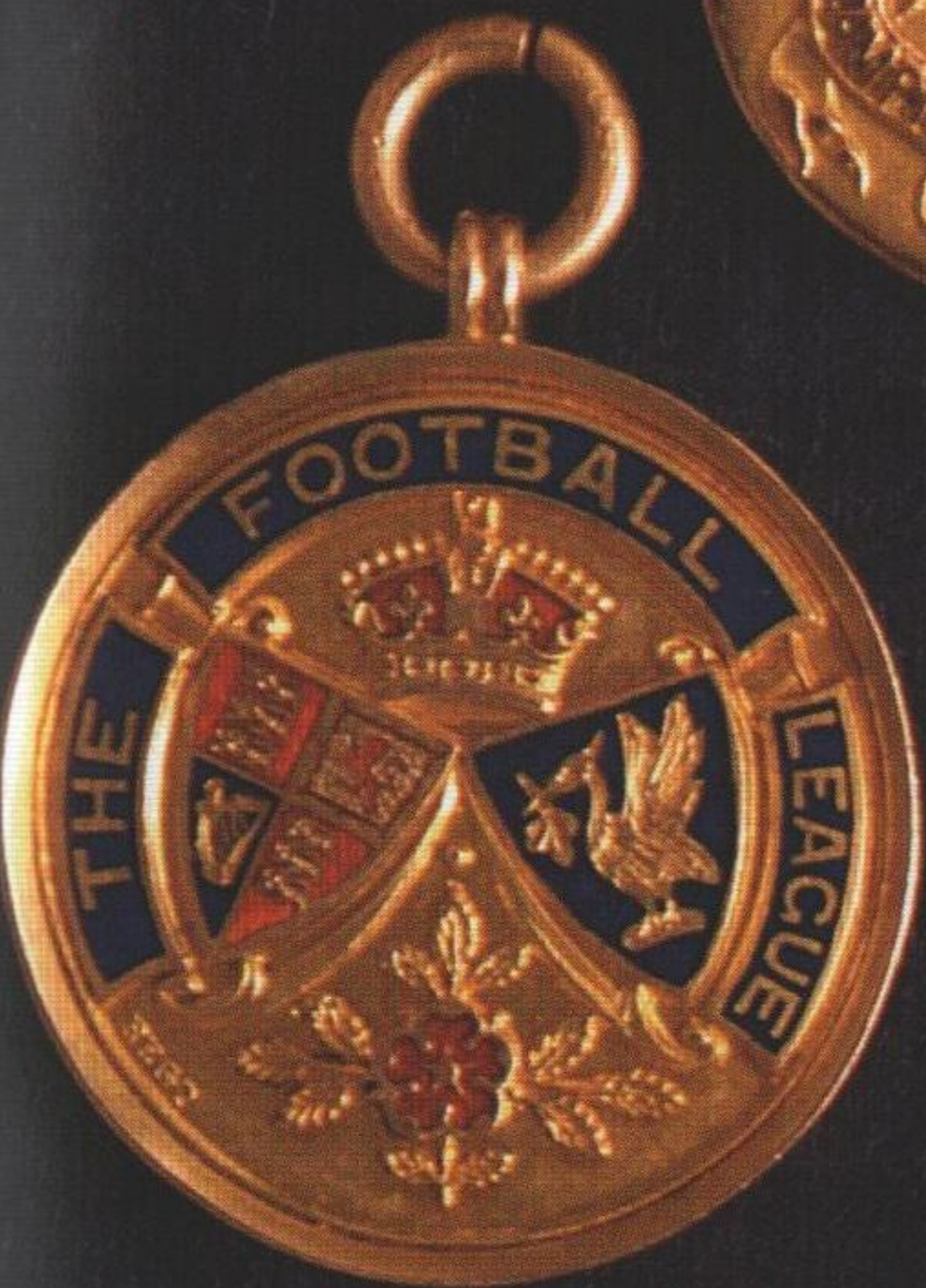
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Under these circumstances it is with extreme regret that I am
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signed John Houlding



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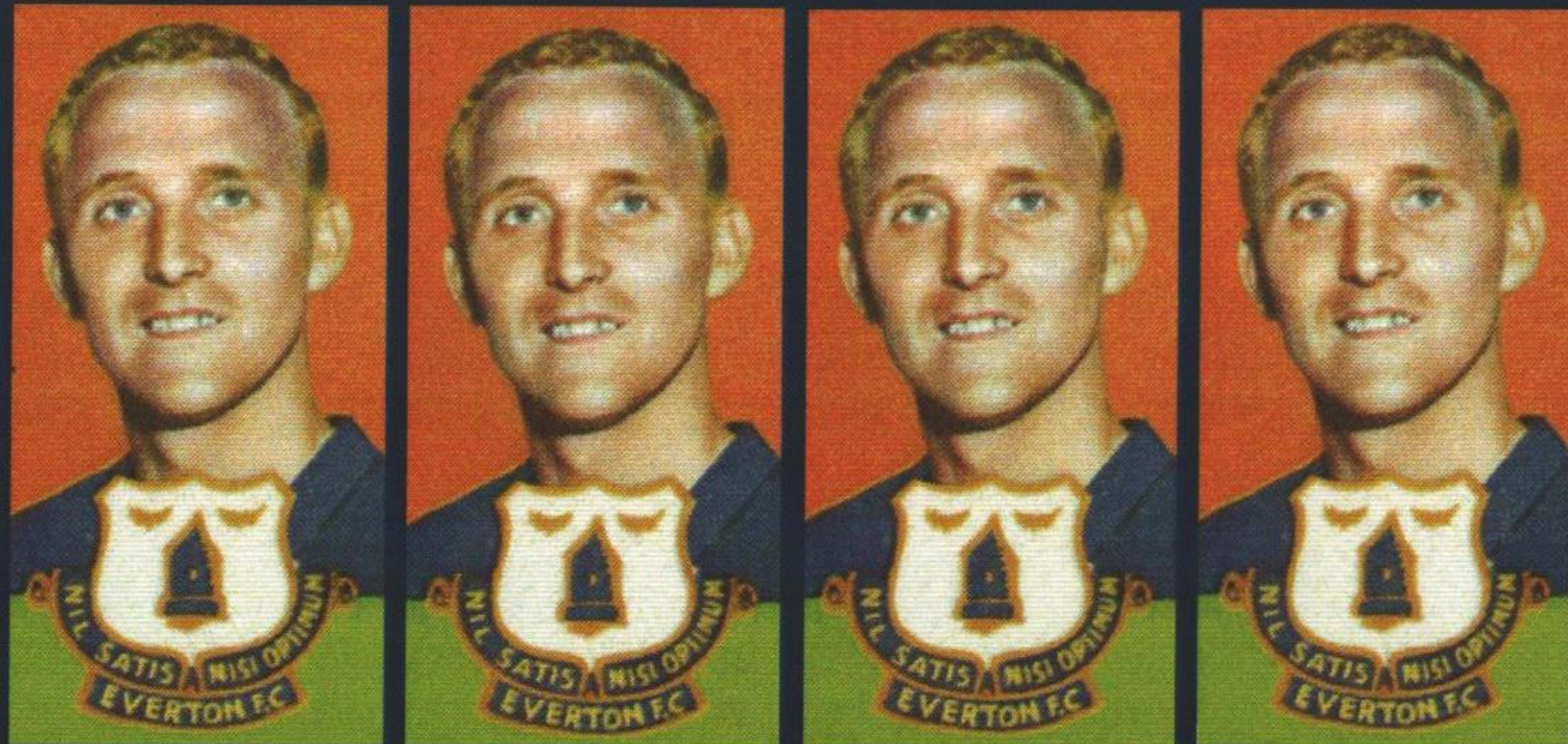
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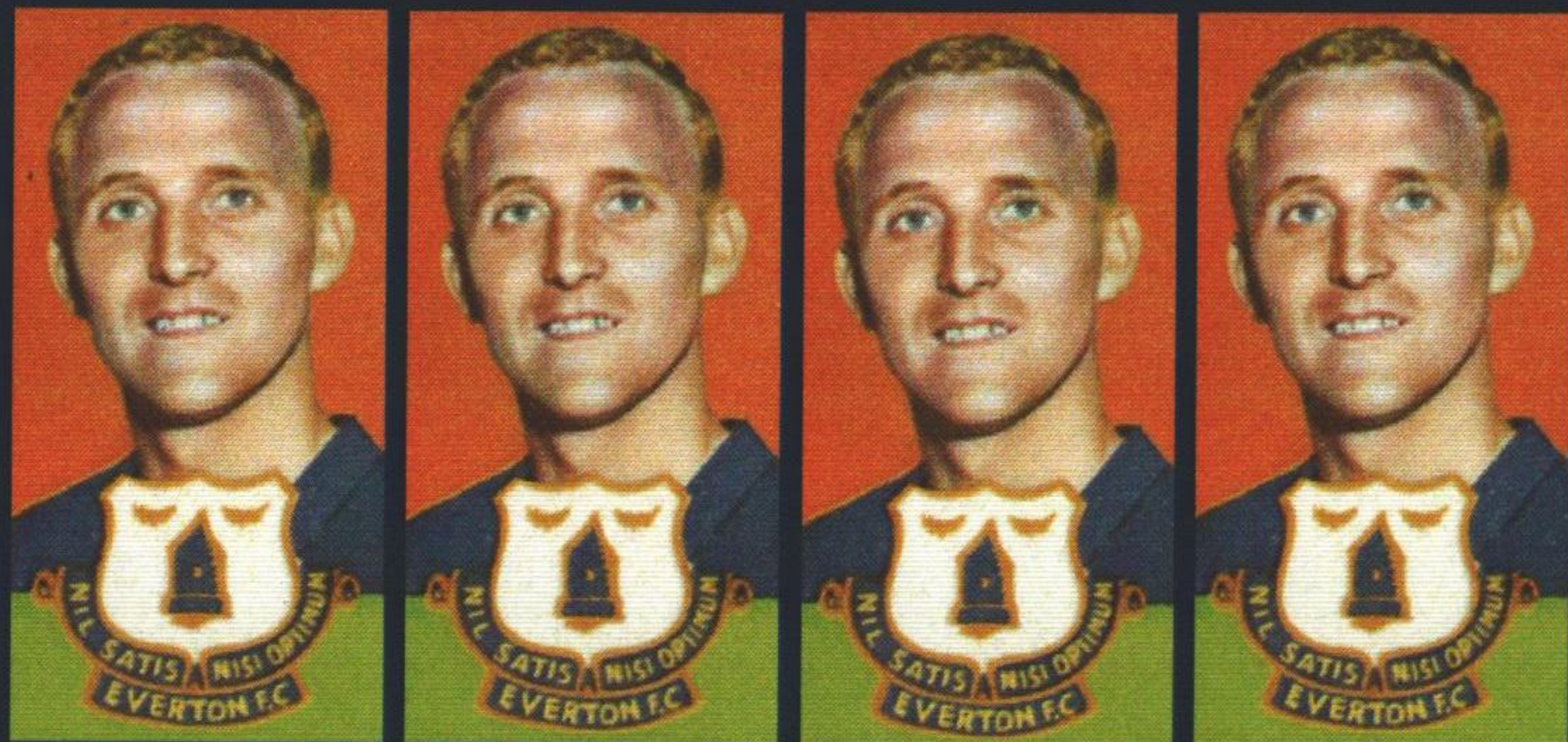
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