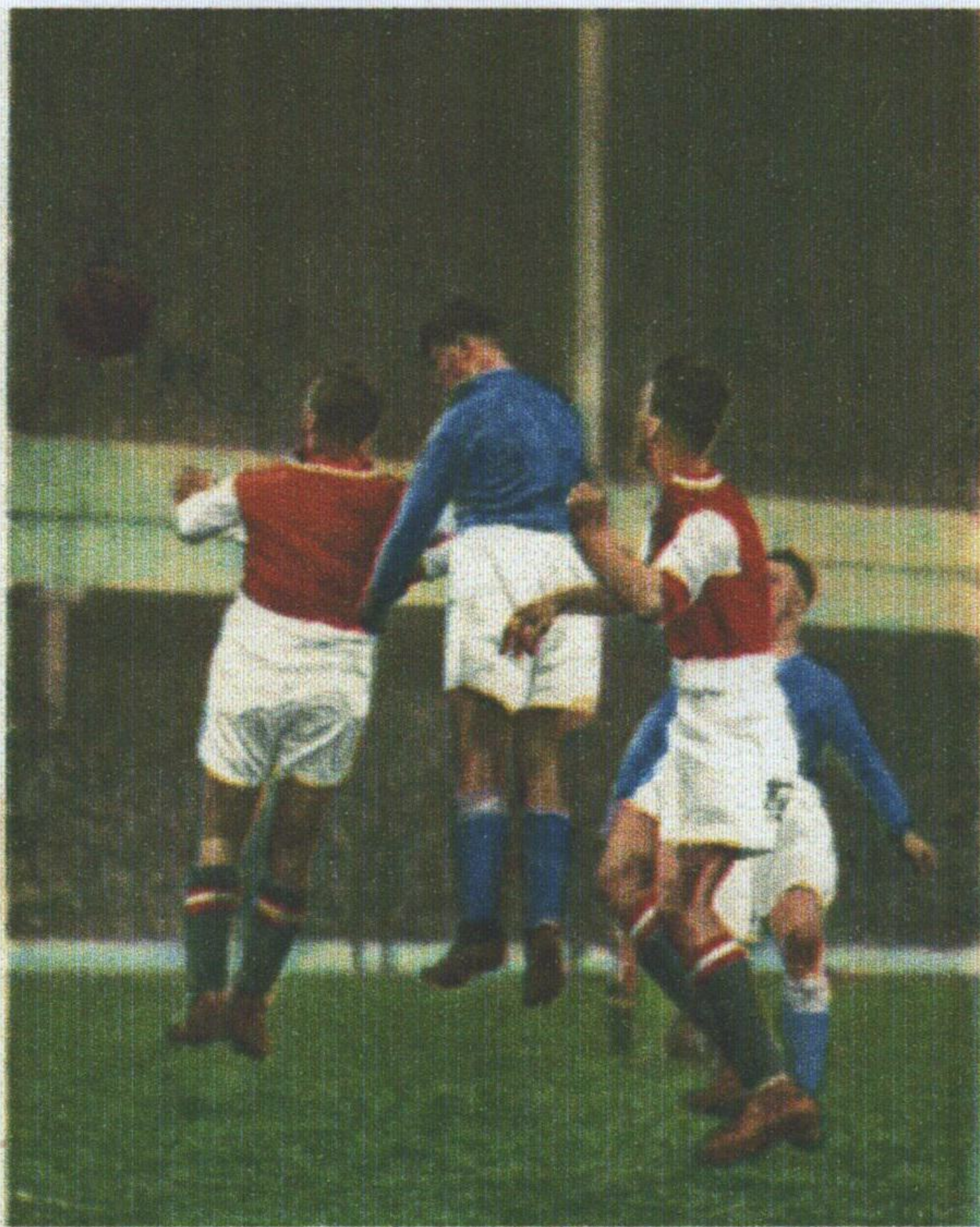


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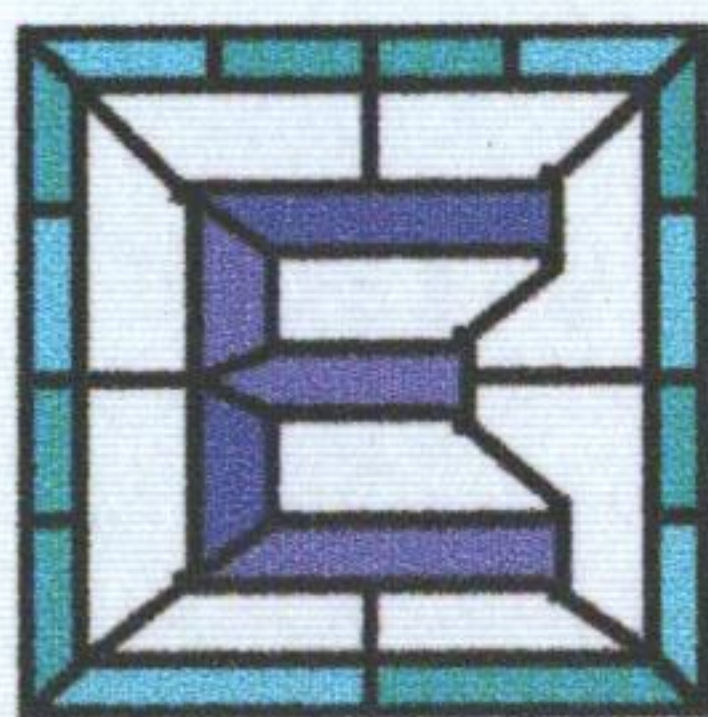
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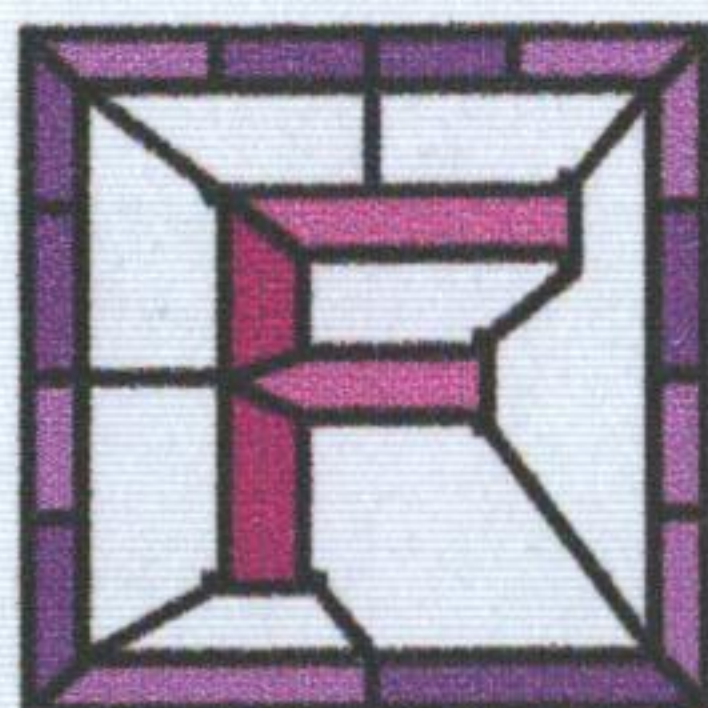
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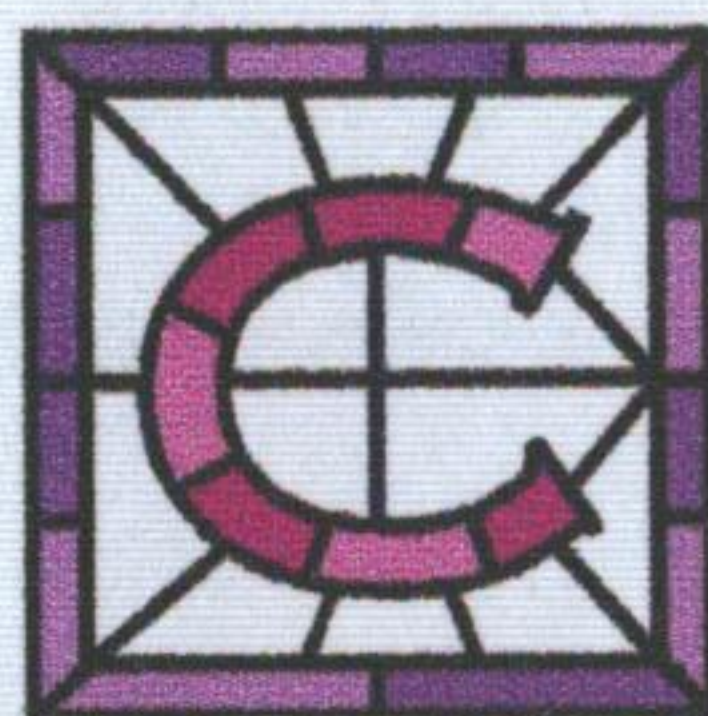


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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"John Connolly, John Connolly The Winger To Watch" The chant from the 70's about our Scottish player. John was a fans delight, always ready to take on defenders and send over a cross for the forwards. Played 114 games plus 4 subs 15 goals.

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Thanks to everyone who said that they enjoyed the Special 50th Issue, it was good even though I say it myself. It has been a hard season, some great games some crap ones but we always just seem to fail at the final hurdle. I know I have said this many times before but six years and Moyes has not got us a trophy. That for Everton is unacceptable. Portsmouth and Cardiff in the Cup Final prove that. Others have been to finals, Blackburn, Wigan, West Ham, Boro, we set our eyes on the UEFA Cup, Bolton played their reserves in the quarter finals. Redknapp, Ramez, and others have not taken six years to get success. Moyes has had the money but he has chosen at times to stick with the Carsley's and Gravesen's of this World and ignore the youth. Tell me about Vaughan and Anichebe, yes but when Yakubu and Johnson were fit the youngsters were lucky to make the bench.

The team as individuals are fine, it is just the mind numbing tactics that are wrong. How many times will Howard hoof the ball up field during a match, doesn't he watch other premierships goalies who roll the ball out and keep possession? Moyes drops Baines for one reason only, to have an extra man in midfield so he can try to stop the other side scoring.

This Issue is dedicated to the 80th Anniversary of Dixie Dean's 60 goals in one season. Something that The Capital Of Culture seem to have ignored, but Paul Wharton and Myself have made certain that it didn't pass unnoticed.

West Ham at home and we scrape a draw, the Hammers have two young lads running all over the place we have Carsley and Neville trying to keep up, oh yes and Gravesen on the bench holding his bus pass. Everyone says injuries are to blame but where the hell is Rodwell? Surely a better option than The Unfit Dane, also where is Van Der Meyde?

The 'Derby' and a poor team beat another poor team, boring and useless, terms that apply to both teams. Again Neville and Carsley show just how not to tackle and pass a ball, everyone but Moyes can see it. Those Lovable Reds got upset at Everton songs but they forget their own misbehaviour, spitting on Phil Neville, attacking their owners son, sending death threats to the USA, attacking ambulances with injured players in etc etc the list is endless, even the other week at the Emirates they were getting in on forged tickets and when they got stopped or thrown out it was the Police who were to blame, sound familiar?

Derby County at home, the World's worst game ever !!! Mind numbingly boring, we had no idea how to get behind them, thank God Leon Osman was playing.

Birmingham away and the fourth place is thrown away, 1-1 is not good enough and I have said this before Carsley, Gravesen on the pitch, players who should not be in the Premiership.

Chelsea and the now infamous changed game, Thursday night, I ask you what the hell is happening to football, the ordinary fan is going to get fed up with this, we didn't have a full house against a team who if we had beaten would have helped us no end. We played poorly and Chelsea didn't have to do too much to win. 5th place is now in jeopardy, we have to beat an in form Villa and then get at least a draw at Arsenal or Newcastle at home.

The majority of Blues think it has been a great season because of the UEFA Cup but look at the teams we played, Nurnberg are propping up the German League. Larrissa have disappeared only Zenith have progressed.

The F.A. Cup farce against Oldham was shameful, we were abysmal beyond belief. The Semi Final against Chelsea at home and again we didn't compete, a low scoring defeat and Moyes is happy. We have now had six seasons of Moyes and I know the majority of Evertonians want him to do another six, I am not one of them. Six Seasons and hardly a whiff of a Cup Final. Lee, Bingham and Royle all did better in half the time. Moyes style is flood the midfield stifle the game and hope that the few skilful players can pull him out of any mess. Games against the lower clubs are so bad the cameraman has to be strapped in, just in case he falls asleep and falls into the crowd. I think it is time for a change, Moyes does not excite me either by his talks or by his selection.

The Everton Shareholders Dinner in Honour Of William Ralph Dean's 80th Anniversary of 60 Goals. What a great night it was, and say what you like but Brett Angell was a very nice lad to talk to (see page 9) Don't forget to renew your subscription same price for the UK £12.



I have just heard that the Chelsea game has been switched to the previous Thursday night and I want to protest in the strongest possible way on behalf of all those supporters in the Isle of Man, Ireland etc who have already booked their air and boat trips with no hope whatsoever of getting any refunds.

This is an absolute disgrace and we have now lost a lot of money given that 5 of the 7 post-Christmas home games have been changed. Is it right/moral that the Portsmouth game was changed at less than 4 weeks notice while the Chelsea game has been switched at less than three weeks notice? Aren't the fans important to football anymore?

Please note I am copying this to the useless Premier League even though they showed no interest in our plight when I complained about the Portsmouth date change at such late notice.

As a 3rd generation true-blue, an Everton shareholder, a Lotto agent and a season ticket holder of some 30 years standing (even though I am Manx born, bred and domiciled) I doubt whether I will be renewing my season ticket for 2008/09 if this is the way that the Premier League sells its soul to Sky and Se-tanta to the total disregard of the grass-root supporters.

As I put in my original message to the Premier League "will they be happy when all games are played in near-empty stadia while the one-time fans stay at home to watch on Sky?" Their response (or lack of it) was 'deafening' but, believe me, this is where it will end up.

I trust you will register our protest to the appropriate body and would wonder whether the Premier League and/or Sky TV will recompense me - and many, many others - for losing approx £250 each in air fares due to these enforced fixture changes ... and this is just for the period from Christmas.

Chairman, Everton FC Supporters Club Isle of Man

This email and many others came to me after it was announced that the date of the Chelsea home game had been changed .

Once again the League, F.A. and the Clubs seem to think that it doesn't matter how they treat the fans we will still roll up and give them our money. Everton in particular should take a good hard long look and ask themselves why they can't fill the ground in their best season for twenty years. We the fans are the Main Sponsors of Football not anyone else, the TV people need us to buy their goods, if we stop going to the match and it becomes Characterless and the Grounds are empty then who will pay to watch on TV? Certainly not the Pubs and Neutrals of this World . It will take various groups like the IOM Club to get together and Legally put in a Claim against the League or F.A. or even the individual who gave the go ahead for such a late change. Surely there are enough Legal People out there who are also football fans.



# The 80th Anniversary Of Dixie's 60

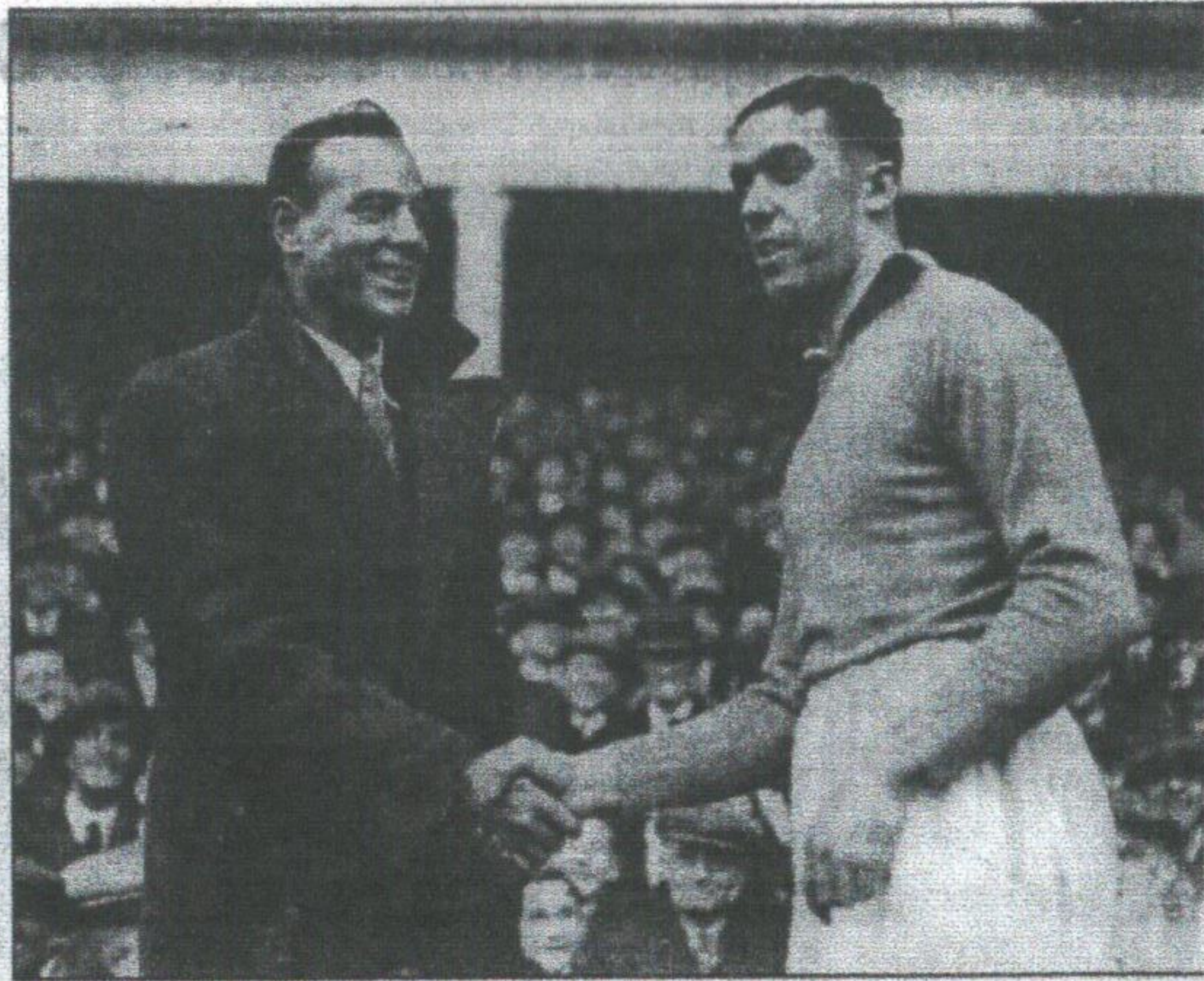


They made up Everton's great forward line of the early 1930's. Left to right: Ted Critchley, Albert Geldard, Jimmy Dunn, Dixie Dean, Tom Johnson and Jimmy Stein.





Photo 2 : Dean meets Zamora : Date - December 1931 : Actual size - 10" x 8". A good example of a photo that can lead you into some interesting research. It was taken before Everton's game at West Ham on December 5th 1931. The Spanish team were in London prior to an international against England the following Wednesday and were guests of West Ham for the Everton match. Their most celebrated player was goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora. Phil Ball devotes several pages to him in his excellent book "Morbo - the Story of Spanish Football". A hugely charismatic figure, Zamora was undoubtedly one of the greatest goalkeepers of all time. Known as 'El Divino' (the divine) he played for Espanol, Barcelona and Real Madrid.



His fame was such that it was clearly felt that the West Ham crowd would be interested in seeing him meet the legendary Dean, who was to lead England's attack later in the week. Hence the photo you see illustrated. By Wednesday evening, even the great Zamora had probably seen enough of Dean, as England rattled up seven goals with Dean scoring one (his last international goal, incidentally).

Despite reports of Zamora's death at the hand of Nationalist forces, he survived several close shaves during the Spanish Civil War.

FOOTBALL-SKILLS AND TACTICS by C.J. GROOTHOFF" no. 88

On this photograph from the match between England and Spain, won 7 - 1 by the English, we see the famous English centre-forward Dixie Dean score a goal. Jumping high into the air he hits a cross with the side of his head into the back of the net. Even though you will best be able to direct the ball hitting it with your forehead, you should never pass up the opportunity to practise heading the ball with other areas of your head. Especially when you're close to goal it can be used to your advantage, as this picture shows.



Voetbal-techniek en tactiek door C. J. Groothoff. No. 88.

Text below is from the Front Cover photo of Dixie Dean

"FOOTBALL-SKILLS AND TACTICS by C.J. GROOTHOFF" no. 56 He who jumps highest has the best chance! Here we see the famous English centre-forward Dixie Dean from championship-team\* Everton, a record goal-scorer, in action. In between two West Ham United defenders, who of course give special attention to this dangerous opponent. The three of them jump up in the air to reach the ball, but Dixie Dean out jumps both of them to be able to head the ball on to a team-mate out of this picture. If you want to be successful header of the ball, you will need to be able to jump high!

The following article was sent to Arsenal Football Club with the hope that they would include it in their matchday programme for the Arsenal v Everton game on May 4th 2008 which took place over the weekend of the 80th Anniversary. At the time of going to press I do not know if it appeared. They wanted me to edit it, here it is anyhow.

### Dixie's Sixty

Eighty years ago this weekend on May 5<sup>th</sup> 1928 Arsenal travelled to Everton for the last game of the 1927/28 season. It seemed at first glance to be a typical end of season fixture, Arsenal had lost in the Semi final of the F. A. Cup a few weeks before and Everton had clinched the League Title in their last game. But for two players this was a game that they would remember for the rest of their life.

Arsenal's Charles Buchan had decided to call an end to his illustrious career. He was signed from Sunderland three seasons before in what turned out to be an amazing transfer.

Charles had played for Sunderland for fourteen years and was a prolific goal scorer, even though he was into his thirties new Arsenal Manager Herbert Chapman saw him as the man to keep Arsenal in the limelight.

Chapman travelled up to Wearside and went into Buchan's Sports Shop, he introduced himself to Buchan but really there was no need. Chapman had been an exceptional Manager at Huddersfield and his exploits had been the reason Arsenal took him on.

Buchan was surprised to see him and when Chapman asked if he would like to join Arsenal Buchan was shocked.

"Have you asked Sunderland about this?" Chapman replied "Of Course and they have no objection"

Buchan was stunned, fourteen years of loyalty and now he was up to the highest bidder. After contacting his manager at Sunderland and being told it was "Up to him" he duly signed for Arsenal.

It was only after everything had been signed that Buchan found out just what an amazing deal had been done..

Sunderland wanted a £4,000 fee but Arsenal only offered £2,000. The Directors at Sunderland said "He will score at least twenty goals a season for you" so Arsenal replied "If you are that confident then we will agree to £2,000 and £100 a goal in his first season"

Sunderland were taken aback but finally agreed to this very strange deal, Buchan then had the job of repaying his former masters by scoring goals for another team.

Luckily for Sunderland he managed to hit the net 21 times in the League and Cup so the Final fee was £4,100, Sunderland were the winners.

The other player who would remember this game for the rest of his life was Everton's William Ralph Dean better known to all as Dixie Dean. He had been a sensational signing from the other Merseyside Club Tranmere Rovers, for a £3,000 fee. He was still only 21 years of age in 1928 and had been in hospital eighteen months before with a fractured skull after a horrific motorcycle accident. Doctors at the time said he would never play football again. But Dixie was made of sterner stuff and he was soon back to his goal scoring ways, by the time of the last game of the season against Arsenal he had accumulated 57 League goals just two short of equalling the record of 59 set in the Second Division two years earlier. This was the First Division and Dixie was a mere boy, the Football World was astounded and many thought it would be impossible for him to equal the record never mind break it.

The day of the game saw thousands cram inside Goodison Park, before the game Arsenal Players presented Buchan with a brief case and writing set including Fountain pens and pencils. Buchan was to go into retirement and became an excellent sports writer and produced the best ever boys Football Magazine 'Charles Buchan's Football Monthly'.



Dixie was ready to meet his fate, ever the confident young man, he knew it would be hard to get past a very experienced Arsenal defence but he was determined to do his best. The week before the match he had been getting treatment for an injury, even late into the night before the game.

The match started with both teams taking each other on, Arsenal took the lead and the crowd went quiet but Dixie got two goals, one from the penalty spot. The record was 'On' and the noise was unbelievable. Only eight minutes to go and it looked as if Dean would have to share the record but then the ball floated over the penalty area, Dean leapt up in the air and placed a perfect header into the net. The crowd was said to have made so much noise that the Liver Birds at the Pier Head flapped their wings and were ready to fly off. Fans ran on the pitch and had to be led off by the Police. The game restarted and was coming to an end when Arsenal equalised. 3-3, probably the best result with hindsight. Buchan went out unbeaten and Dixie got the record of 60 League goals in a Season.

Charles Buchan went on to say in his Autobiography "There are many who believe Arsenal sat back and allowed Dean to get the three goals that broke the record. I can assure you that nothing is further from the truth."

Buchan received £432 for accrued share of benefit for three years at Arsenal. The Club did not have to pay it and Buchan thought it was a generous gesture on behalf of the Club.

Dean of course went on scoring goals, 37 hat tricks alone for Everton, he is still remembered on Merseyside and was Voted The Greatest All Time Merseysider in 2007. This year Merseyside sees the Capital Of Culture honour bestowed upon the City and Everton Fans from The Everton Shareholders Association have made sure that Dixie Dean's name will be at the forefront of the celebrations over this weekend as they present The Dixie Dean Story a Theatrical Play all about the Great Man.

## George Orr, Everton Shareholders Association



## Dixie's Sixty



## EVERTON F.C SHAREHOLDERS DINNER 05/04/2008

As the 2007/08 draws to a close the traditional round of annual dinners take their customary place on the events calendar. This year I had the pleasure of attending the shareholders dinner for the first time. George Orr was in part responsible for the organisation of this tribute to the immortal Dixie Deans 60 goal season of 1927/28. When we entered The Blue Brasserie at Goodison Park looked immaculate. George arranged a small display of Dixie Dean pictures so everyone knew exactly why we were there i.e to honour Evertons favourite son.

After a song by local tunesmith John O'Connell and grace read by National Football Museum resident poet Paul Cookson (an Evertonian by the way ) the 130 or so guests were served a delicious 4 course dinner.

We were then treated to a 10 minute taster of a documentary being made by local company Tabacula . I certainly cant wait to see the finished product. It was obvious to anyone that the film is being made for Evertonians by Evertonians and it certainly looks a labour of love.

After toasts by current chairman Bill Kenwright mc for the evening "true blue" Derek Mountfield , freshly back from his honeymoon (congratulations Derek and Julia) introduced the evenings main guests Chairman Bill, ex players Dave Hickson , thankfully recovering well after his recent health problems , Jimmy Harris, Gordon West and Brett Angell , as well as journalist John Keith, sculptor Tom Murphy . and Dr David France. Also present were Dixie's daughter ,granddaughter , grandson and great grandchildren who dressed appropriately for the occasion in 20's/30's Everton kit and mascot toffee lady apparel . Local sculptor Tom Murphy said a few words about problems making the giant statue of Dixie which resides so splendidly at the Park End of his beloved Goodison Park .Tom also admitted being responsible for another statue which is housed at our old ground Anfield , but in honour of the occasion struggled to name the subject.



## Shareholders Dinner

Editor of this fanzine George Orr has been a keen organiser and supporter of a play depicting the life of Dixie Dean. On May 5<sup>th</sup> at Crosby Civic Hall the play will Premiere, the first of three performances. Tickets are very reasonably priced at £10 each \*\*\* and the venture deserves the support of all Evertonians if only to shame Everton Football Club and the City of Culture organisation who have shown very little interest or support. Hopefully the tickets sold at this dinner will help get the word out .

After the customary raffle and auction which raised a considerable sum for The Everton Former Players Foundation and a few questions and answers with the former players a very pleasant evening drew to a close and a drive home in the snow awaited (that's not a misprint, yes it was really snowing heavily despite being April).

Great credit and thanks must go to the organisers of this event.

\*\*\* Ticket details and availability , are listed in this issue of Blue-blood page 13 , PLEASE,PLEASE PLEASE SUPPORT THIS VENTURE AND SPREAD THE WORD !

BARRY HEWITT



Everton F.C. Shareholders Association

*A feast of goals*  
**Dixie's 60**  
*Annual Dinner*

on  
Saturday 5th April 2008  
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Once an Evertonian Always an Evertonian

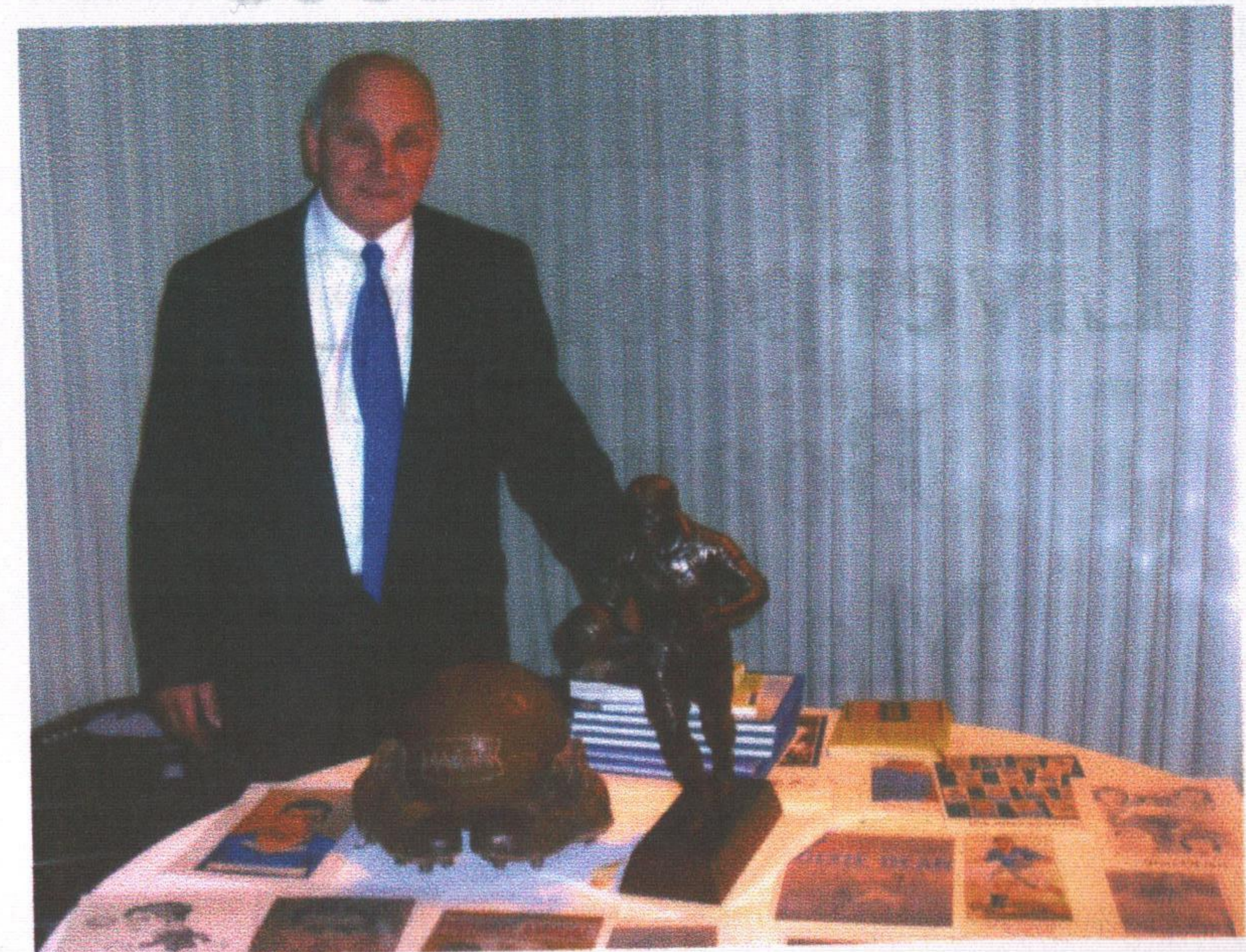
## Shareholders Dinner



Two photo's from the Everton Shareholders Dinner in Honour of Dixie Dean's 80th Anniversary of 60 goals in one Season.

The photo's taken by Barry Hewitt show part of the display and yours truly admiring the miniature statue of Dixie by sculptor Tom Murphy, who was at the dinner and gave a nice talk on the making of the full size statue, it was made in Everton in an Old Church on Netherfield Road.

It is satisfying to know that Paul Wharton and Myself started the ball rolling over one year ago. Anne Asquith of the Shareholders Association fully supported us and Gill Beattie along with John Keith were asked to stage a Play. The Capital Of Culture Committee Old & New did nothing, absolutely nothing, no wonder the man in charge has a name like Phil REDmond.







**Parry, Hicks & Gillett**

## Exclusive Photo

# From Liverpool F.C Board Meeting

## 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**

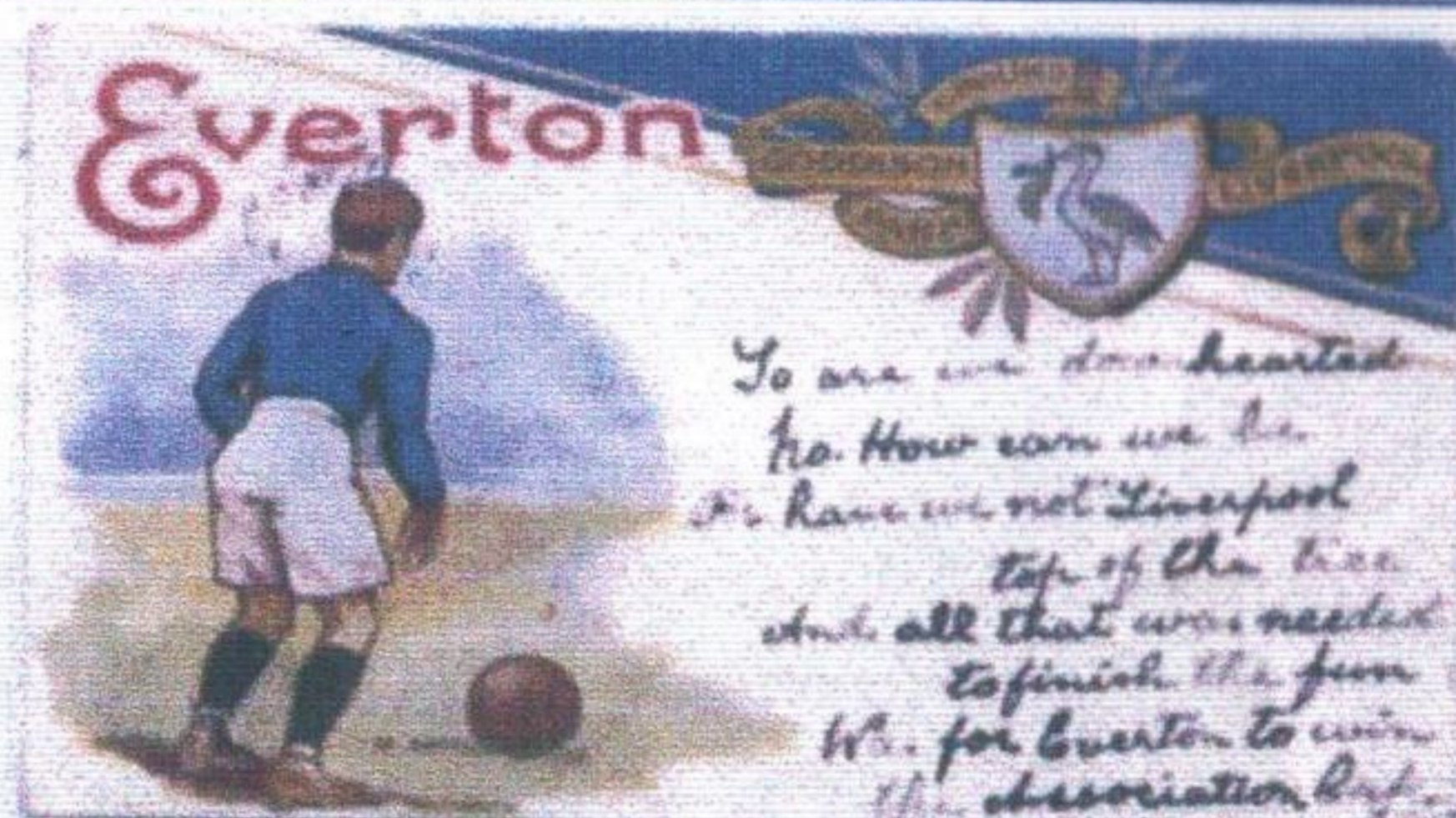
**Book online at [www.dixiedean.org.uk](http://www.dixiedean.org.uk)**

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

**George Orr**



## Letters



## E-Mails

### Blue Blood

**I have to object to the moving of the home game with Chelsea to a Thurs please consider the real fans or the game as we knew it is finished, what next the games being shown at midnight for Sky? please have the decency to reply to this email as more and more fans are fed up with being messed about? EVERTON FAN 50+ YEARS.**

### David Pyke

**David sent this email to Everton and has also complained to Sky TV and The Premier League He is an Evertonian who feels like most Blues that it is the last straw and something should be done. Below is Everton's reply**

**Dear Mr. Pyke.**

**The Club has expressed their dissatisfaction at the manner in which the change of date has been made. We did lodge a formal protest when the idea was first mooted but, sadly, we are not in a position to veto or overturn a directive from the FA Premier League.**

**Obviously, we deeply regret the inconvenience - hence our decision to offer a full and immediate refund to anyone who has purchased tickets for the game but is now unable to attend."**

**Kind regards**

**Paula Fenwick  
Fan Centre Advisor  
Everton Football Club  
Goodison Park  
Liverpool  
L4 4EL**

**Hi George,**

**The Television people have won, we now have to buy the TV Times to find out when we are playing, Everton and the rest of the Teams have sold their souls to the Devil, so be it. I am not going again, they can stick their Season Ticket . If I decide to go it will be a last minute thing, when it suits me, no more trying to get my shift changed no more cancelling holidays and no more money given to EFC for programmes, pies, beer etc.**

**Another betrayed Blue**

*Blue Swayed Views*



## The Brian Labone Story

Continued from last issue

### *Magic in the Cup*

There is no doubt about it, the F.A. Cup Final is THE big one, the bonanza, and the most spectacular, important event in the British sporting calendar.

Some plump for the Derby or the National. Some Northern cricket fans, in the days of real bumper attendances at Old Trafford and Headingley, used to claim there was nothing to touch a Roses battle between Lancashire and Yorkshire. A Rugby Union international at 'Twickers.' The Boat Race. Seeing England v. West Germany. Seeing a European Cup Final; a full-blooded, on-and-off-the-field Celtic v. Rangers battle; or, for that matter, an Everton-Liverpool duel at Anfield or Goodison.

There is, as I have emphasised earlier, a tremendous honour in pulling on a white England football shirt and playing for your country. There is that pulsating feeling of pride in yourself and your team; your urgency and keenness to play even above yourself, so that you don't let down those with so much faith in you.

Yet, for sheer nerve-tingling excitement, for players and crowd alike, there's absolutely nothing to beat the Cup Final at Wembley.

The build-up is best described in one word – fantastic! There has been that sudden death for so many clubs. They could have been the pick of the pops in the betting. But they could die on the operating table of any round that eventually leads you to that magic goal – Wembley.



The atmosphere of a Wembley Final, as I experienced it against Sheffield Wednesday in '66, has something that no other soccer game can boast. And, of course, I had that little extra bit of happiness at the end of that duel in the sun! I was skipper of the winning team . . . a side that had come back so brilliantly and with so much purpose, after being two goals down . . . an outfit which had helped to make it one of the most entertaining, thrill-packed and skilful Finals since 1953.

Some of Everton's promising youngsters – like the already established Joe Royle and up-and-coming Alan Whittle – will no doubt taste, in the not so distant future, the sweetness of victory at Wembley.

Looking back, I think that the merry month of May, 1966, provided me with my most glorious moments in a football career that has been thoroughly enjoyable at club and international level.

I have earned, as I have stated previously, a sound salary for a number of seasons. I haven't pulled down quite the same amount of brass as certain other players, who have experienced the big-time with more than one top-class club. But I have no grumbles; none at all.

For I have been associated with only one club – the best in the land in my view, and the one which has at all times treated me fairly, also with the consideration any true professional should expect and receive in this money-spinner of Division I football.

Now, as I write my story, we are in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup for the second successive year since our Wembley triumph in '66. And, particularly down Everton way, we reckon that's pretty good going.

There have been, of course, other memorable occasions in my career. They stick out like a goal-post. Let's have a look at just one of them before we return to the magic

of the Cup, and Everton's Wembley Final win of 1966 . . .

One of the most notable occasions, naturally, was my debut for Everton, which I have mentioned briefly elsewhere, and it remains as clear in my mind as if it happened only yesterday.

Chief interest, I suppose, for the small, loyal band of Everton supporters who went to Birmingham City's St Andrews ground was centred in my first run-out with the senior side.

I had a touch of pre-match nerves. I was in pretty illustrious company. Yet I was only just eighteen, and less than a year earlier I had had no greater experience than grammar school football. I received some encouraging pats on the shoulder from the older fellows as we trotted out, wearing black armbands in memory of Mr T. C. Nuttall, Everton's vice-chairman, who had died earlier in the week.

Well, I didn't have an easy baptism in senior football, and I found the pace of Birmingham centre-forward Eddie Brown a bit more than I could cope with at times. I don't remember ever getting ruffled, however, which must have been one thing in my favour. Also, one of the tackles I managed to pull off was as perfectly-timed as anything I've done since. Brown, who could turn on a really nice burst of speed, was in full cry for goal. I got to him just in time. I can still see that look of surprise on his face as I stopped him in his tracks and hooked the ball into safety.

One soccer critic described the match – and Birmingham won by two goals to one – as follows: 'Birmingham completed their first double of the season, but judged by any standard of football skill, the game was a poor affair.

'If it had not improved after thirty minutes, spectators would have been well justified in asking for their money



back. For during that first half-hour play was as ragged and scrappy as any seen this season.

'After only seven minutes, for instance, Birmingham inside-right Larkin, completely missed the ball when well-placed. There was one redeeming feature for Everton – the performance of 18-year-old Brian Labone, making his debut at centre-half.

'Eddie Brown has a reputation for dash and spirit, but his was a muted display, so well did Labone police him.

'Play began to pick up when both teams started to swing the ball about. At least there was plenty of movement! Once, when Brown eluded Labone, he smashed a close-range shot past Dunlop.

'Birmingham's goals came in the last ten minutes of the first half. In the 35th minute outside-left Harry Hooper took a return pass, following a free-kick, and ran the ball right up before beating Dunlop. Six minutes later, right-winger Astall made use of a long throw-in, and Hooper, in the middle, hooked the ball into the net.

'The second half was much more interesting, but still lacking in accuracy, in passing, and good ideas. Yet Thomas's goal for Everton (60 mins.) was a good one – headed in from a well-placed centre by Harris.

'Everton had only themselves to blame for not sharing the points. Outside-left Williams missed an absolute sitter. Everton were only a shadow of the fine combination seen against Villa earlier in the season. Labone had a good debut, and was not helped by Brown's unorthodox tactics.'

Well, as stand-in in my debut for centre-half Tommy Jones, I hadn't picked up a winning bonus in my first League game for Everton. But I didn't feel I had let them down either. And, what is equally important, I returned home much richer in experience for this first taste of First Division fare.

But even a butterflies-in-the-stomach, starry-eyed

debut, or your first international in the white colours of England, or even a championship-clinching game, don't measure up to a Cup Final at wonderful Wembley. Which takes me back two years ... to a day when, as the Merseyside Marvels, we got up from the floor and knocked Sheffield Wednesday for THREE ... to the moment I was handed that trophy after a Battle of the Roses that will go into soccer record books as 'a real good 'un.'

Now is the moment to give special praise to three players who are no longer with us at Goodison – Derek Temple, who moved on to Preston N.E. for a fee of about £30,000 in September, 1967; Mike Trebilcock, transferred to Portsmouth in January, 1968, for £40,000; and, finally, the irrepressible Jimmy Gabriel, now with Southampton.

They proved to be a Terrible Trio – and much too hot to handle – for Alan Brown's Wednesday whirlwinds, so much over the moon at being two goals up, so much crushed once we turned on the heat.

They did a remarkable job in the final carve-up of this Pride of Yorkshire side. I told myself at the end, as I walked up to the Royal Box to collect that big, gleaming, silver trophy: 'If they never do anything else for Everton, well, they have done enough for *me* today to earn my grateful thanks for life.'

It was Temple who finished off Wednesday once our champagne brand of football had begun to flow freely in a game punctuated, as so often happens at Wembley, with high drama, explosions, joy and heartbreak.

It was Temple, in a flash, who scored a golden goal in the 73rd minute that had us whooping for joy, intoxicated our own supporters with a grand-slam finale, and had me nodding my head in amazement with the way he executed it.



Gerry Young, that solid anchorman of Wednesday, had a lapse he will never forget. It was incredible that he should fail to trap a simple ball. He had all the time in the world. And yet, in no apparent danger, he permitted the ball to bounce under his foot into a wide open space.

Temple was on him. Then he was away up the middle. He took the ball just as near to the goal as he needed to. Then he stabbed it past the outcoming, crouching Springett. What a glorious goal!

Now there's Trebilcock, the young Cornishman who burst like a bomb on Merseyside soccer. Mike played more than a hero's part in our Wembley victory. His two goals brought us from two-down to 2-2. Moreover, he missed the opportunity of making history by failing to notch a hat-trick when well placed.

Less than five months after moving to Goodison from Plymouth - at a fee of slightly more than £20,000 - Trebilcock was pushed into our Cup Final side in preference to £80,000 Fred Pickering.

Now I know Fred was disappointed. Wouldn't *you* be? He considered he was fully fit and that he ought to have been chosen. But Wembley is a tiring pitch. There's no point whatsoever in taking the slightest of chances. Pickering was out. And Trebilcock was given his big chance.

He snatched at it like a baby ready for his bottle well past feed-time. In fact, he grabbed at it with both hands and both feet. He was an absolute wow.

He scored two of the three goals that gave us the Cup, and he said later: 'That is a memory they will never be able to take away from me.'

If he never realises another soccer dream, young Trebilcock certainly saw a couple come true before he left us for 'Pompey'.

He had started his soccer career playing junior stuff in





As the Granddaughter of Ralph 'Dixie' Dean, Melanie Prentice grew up surrounded by football treasures accumulated by the Everton legend during a playing career that brought him two League championships and an FA Cup triumph. But nothing had prepared her for the array of artefacts awaiting her arrival at Dr David France's home in Victoria, British Columbia. "We were bewildered by the original artwork of Picasso, Magritte, Dali, Chagall, Warhol, Miro and others," she recalls. "It was an overwhelming sight but a mere distraction because before our eyes lay a priceless exhibition of the masterpieces of football's history. I can only draw comparison with Howard Carter as he opened the door to Tutankhamen's tomb. While there were no gilded mummies or papyrus scrolls, there were simply too many sacred football items to comprehend..."

Programmes dating back to 1886, ancient medals and photographs, books and international caps, documents and letters, cigarette cards and trading cards... Dr France's collection of football memorabilia attracted two bids of £1.25 million from the Middle and Far East in 2006, instead of which it will go on display when the new Museum of Liverpool opens in 2010, having been purchased by the Everton Collection Charitable Trust for a fraction of what the 10,000 or so items would have commanded at auction.

Born in a two-up, two-down in Widnes with one cold tap, one electric light, one outside toilet and one nail holding up a zinc bath, Dr France was dismissed as a 'slow learner' as a schoolboy and was unable to read until the age of 14. Having begun his working life as an apprentice gas-fitter riding the streets on a bike with coils of copper pipe over his shoulders, he resumed his education and gained several university degrees, including a PhD in chemical engineering. He subsequently won the Institute of Physics' Joule Medal for his research into hydrogen combustion, served as a consultant to NASA in rocket science (his Green Card having been sponsored by Senator Edward Kennedy) and ended his working life at the age of 42 in 1990 to concentrate on 'good deeds'.

As well as combing the world for Everton jewels for the past 25 years, he has flown more than two million miles from his homes in Canada and Washington state to attend games, published 16 books (the latest, *The Golden Vision*, about 1960s centre-forward Alex Young) to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, established the club's Hall of Fame and founded the Everton Former

Players' Foundation, a charity to assist old Evertonians who have fallen on hard times and which Uefa use as their template for all such associations.

Former England international Gordon West, who won two championships and an FA Cup winner's medal during his nine years as Everton goalkeeper, heads a long list of heroes whose lives have been transformed by Dr France. "It was Brian Labone - who tragically died two years ago - who knew I collected bits and bobs (one particular cardboard box of 'bits and bobs' costing £78,000) who told me Gordon was struggling and might want to sell his medals," Dr France said. "He had ballooned to about 26 stone, didn't like to be seen in public so didn't attend any games and was so financially strapped that he had no laces in his shoes. Gordon's a lovely, lovely man but he was in trouble with the loan sharks and they are not lovely men.

He'd borrowed £1,000 but owed £4,500 so I rang the money men and they came round, three of them like something out of Reservoir Dogs complete with the Liverpool shuffle. They had Gordon's medals - which he'd given as collateral - in a plastic bag which they tossed on the floor with a sneer. After Gordon had seen them to the door he said, 'You've changed my life, I can live again now'.

"I never haggle over the price. I pay people exactly what the item or items would fetch at Christie's or Sotheby's so I left Gordon with his debt paid and a few quid in the bank. I also decided to do something to help all the Everton players - not only greats like Gordon West but the unsung guys - who need a helping hand in some way."

And so began the Everton Former Players' Foundation, which has moved on from paying off loan sharks to funding hospice care and vital operations. Such as the one undergone by Gordon Watson, who played for Everton alongside Tommy Lawton in the late 1930s.

Dr France said: "He then served as coach to Colin Harvey, Howard Kendall and Alan Ball, he brought Joe Royle along, was still working as a Goodison barman when he finally retired after working for the club for 60 years. When he retired they gave him a clock and two tickets for the next match right in the back row.



When I first met Gordon at one of our Hall of Fame dinners he was in a wheelchair and had to be carried into the hotel by big Dave Watson. When he took the microphone Gordon captivated everyone with his tales of the old days and Dixie Dean. At the end of his speech he vowed, 'And this time next year I'm going to walk in here'. And one year later - watched by a slimmed down Gordon West in his new suit - Gordon Watson did just that after we'd arranged for him to have operations on his knees and hip. Two weeks later he passed away quietly without any fuss, but he'd kept his pledge."

Now the city of Liverpool will reap the benefits of Dr France's magnificent obsession with all things Everton. "We were a very poor family so not surprisingly we had few belongings," Dr France said. "My world changed and my royal blue indoctrination process started in 1953 after my folks arranged to have Rediffusion radio piped into our home. As a result, my first recollection of Everton was listening for the outcome of the FA Cup tie against Manchester United. I can close my eyes and still hear the cheers that reverberated along the distressed terraced brickwork lining Gerrard Street when the radio proclaimed that Dave Hickson had scored. Later that evening a neighbour presented me with the programme. Despite its folds and Bovril stain, it immediately became my most prized possession.

"Soon afterwards, however, I was stricken with scarlet fever and quarantined for a couple of months. Most things in the house were taken away and incinerated, including my one and only programme. However, upon my discharge from the misery of St Helens Isolation Hospital, my kind neighbour presented me with a replacement copy - in mint condition. That was the start..." Half a century and more on, Dr France's programme collection numbers 6,000-plus and represents a social history of Britain through the decades.

Return with me to Perry Barr on Sept 10, 1892, when Everton were the guests of Aston Villa and Lewis's were advertising "Gentlemen's blue beaver overcoats with velvet collars - 25/- [£1.25]", or to the Manor Ground, Plumstead on Nov 16, 1912, when Woolwich Arsenal were entertaining the Toffees and J Turnbull of 14 Plumstead Road was offering "the largest stock of boxing gloves and pocket lamps".

Is there a special jewel in Dr France's collection? "The most widely acclaimed outside of Merseyside is the earliest programme - April 15, 1889 - involving Newton Heath before they became Manchester United. After details of my great find had been featured in a collectors' magazine, I received an avalanche of responses. One offer from Kobe in Japan came with a string of zeroes while another proposal from Bournemouth wanted to clone copies for worldwide sale to Red Devils fanatics. It took me less than a nano-second to decline both offers."



## The History Of Everton season 1925-26

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**SEPT 22, the everton have been most unfortunate this season in having player injured. In the game against west bromwich albion at the hawthorns harland the goalkeeper, was hurt, and has not played since, and yesterday at birmingham kendall who has kept goal so well of late had to retire with a damaged kneecap, as at west bromwich albion, o'donnell the full back went in goal, but everton suffred by 3 goals to 1. In the first game between the clubs at goodison park recently, everton had mcdonald injured and he has been out of the side, while at manchester on Saturday both brown and dean were damaged. Irvine and mcbain are other first team players who have been on the injured list already this season**

**SEPT 26, everton have signed on an amateur form, the clever old xaverians goalkeeper j morris. He kept goal for his school team and was captain of the college side last tyear:- twenty-one year of age, and standing 6 feet 1 inches, he is engaged in the veterinary department of the university.**

**OCT 15, we understand the officials of everton have recently been on the look-out for new players with a view to adding to the strength of the side, but first class players are not easily obtainable these days it should not be forgotten that everton have had two goalkeepers injured**

**this season (kendall and harland both being damaged) in addition to hald a dozen other players, we have received numerous suggesions from amateurs teams bulders, but believe the officals of the club may be relied upon to strengthen what have been weak spots in the side, and there may be some intersting news for the goodison park club's supporters before long. Encouragement rather than criticism is what everton require just now.**

**OCT 24. robert irvine played for ireland against england at belfast, england winning 2-0**

**OCT 29, everton completed negotiations with stockport county, yesterday for the transfer of hardy the international goalkeeper and he will play for his new club at highbury, against the arsenal on saturady, owing to injuries to kendall and harland everton have been handicapped in this department of the team, and the amateur c g c menham,, is not always available. Hardy is a skilful goalkeeper, and he should strengthem the side. Hardy was a member of the football association team which toured australia last summer and also gained international honours in the match between england against belgium in addition he kept goal for the english league against the irish league last season. apart from thses occasions, he did not miss a match for stockport, and appeared in 197 conscetive games before going on the australia tour. He was born at stockport,, and signed for the county in the 1918-19 season, being promoted to the first team after the second match in the following campaign. He served in france during the war with the queen's royal west surreys, and was a prisoner for eight months.**

**NOV 18, wilfred chadwick who joined everton three season ago from rossendale united the junior lancashire club, was last night transferred to leeds united for a substaintial fee. LEeds have been in need of an inside-forward owing to the fact that wainscot had been injured at everton a tortnight ago. Chadwick is a tall strapping player, standing 5ft 11ins and weights 12 stone. He is a strong shot and two season ago he was top scorer in the first division with 28 goals. Last season he did not do so well, nor did the side, and many people believe that it was not so much chadwick failing from his usual former as the fact that he suffered a bad ankle injury and was playing in a forward line that had not struck its form. Chadwick has made few appearances this season practically fit and well. He everever, he came under the everton's decision to weed out a number of men on their staff. Broad kendall, and harland are also among the number. Many people view that chadwick is slow, but in his stride and in heavy going he is quite a fst forward, and few men have got in so well as he with troupe. There are those who believe that chadwick will find afresh his old form. In going to leeds united he goes to a club that specialises in speeding up, and if his new club can train him to bring out the sharp move-off, chadwick is sure to succeed. He lacks nothing in place and in football skills and his drive is of shepardstrenght, like chambers he makes the ball spin by the force of his shot and he has scored some magnificent goals from long range. His home town,, bury have nibbled for his transfer for two years, and it was known that chadwick was anxious to go to bury but apparently leeds offered the better price. Mr fairclough made the signing in Liverpool last evening, and it is likely everton will announce further transfer this week.**



DEC 16, by signing James Broad of Everton, new Brighton would appear to have accomplished a good stroke in their efforts to build up a strong side. For Broad should suit the style of play associated with third division football. A sturdy, thrustful leader his experience will certainly prove of the greatest value to his new club, particularly in the cup-tie against the Wednesday. Broad has had a wide experience of all grades of the game, as he has played with many clubs but was at his best, when with Stoke City. He spent a period in Madrid, and then returned to this county and play for Sittingbourne. He signed for Everton on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1924, and in fourteen league games last season, he scored eight goals. Broad started his football career as a goalkeeper, and it was only because the centre-forward did not turn up one day that he took up the forward berth. Broad will play for his new club today at Park Avenue against Bradford City.

JAN 14, Everton players were interested spectators at Anfield yesterday and after the game they travelled to London, and will endeavour today to earn the right to meet Liverpool in the next round.

JAN 20, Wm McGough will play for the reserves on Saturday derby, McGough is from Bootle Celtic and has signed amateur forms for Everton, he is regarded as a most promising centre-forward and has scored twenty-five goals this season. He stands 5ft 9ins and weighs more than 11 stone. He has played well in the Liverpool county cup competition in which his team defeated Burscough 5-0, Skelmersdale United 7-1 and St Helens Town 3-0.

JAN 27, Everton are at home to Leicester City on Saturday, the match having been brought forward from April 10 owing to both clubs being out of the cup.

JAN 29, Everton have signed W. C. Smith of Thorndale as an amateur. He stands 5ft 9 1/2 ins and weighs 10 stone. Smith is to play outside-right for the Liverpool county FA team against Cheshire at Prenton Park tomorrow.

FEB 17, Herbert George Batten the new Everton winger from Plymouth Argyle, is a native of Bristol and Bristol City was his first senior club, he made seven appearances, for the city in the second division games of season 1920-21 without scoring but his success with the city reserves who won the championship of the Western League and for whom he was top scorer, led to Plymouth to secure his transfer in the summer of 1921. Although he has never made a position his own in the Argyle team, Batten has been a valuable servant, for he played in every forward position except outside right and played many good games. His record in third division games at Plymouth was 88 apps, 27 goals. Batten was a prominent member of the FA team which toured Australia during 1925-26, being top scorer. He stands 5ft 11ins and weighs 11<sup>st</sup> 11lbs.

MAR 9, among a number of benefits sanctioned by the football league yesterday, were those of Chedgzoy and Reid of Everton. Both players have served the club loyally and well.

APR 22, Troup of Everton has been invited to play for the Anglo-Scot against the Scottish at St James' Park on Wednesday next.

MAY 3, after the Luton Town match on Saturday, the right winger Harold Moffatt was transferred to Everton. Who have been interested in him for some weeks. Moffatt 5feet 4inches in height and weighs 9 stone 7lbs. He went to Luton from Guildford United last September and was formerly with the Arsenal and Workington. A fast tricky player he has plenty of assurance and has scored several goals from the wing.

JUNE 3, the death has taken place in hospital at Blackburn of W. D. Williams the former Everton forward, who was transferred to Blackpool in March last year. His death was due to meningitis. Everton secured Williams from Darwin, in his first match for Blackpool, who paid £1150 for his transfer. Williams broke an arm and was unfit for the rest of the season, this season he played twenty-one games for Blackpool first team.

JUNE 11, Parry of Everton outside-right has been transferred to Grimsby Town, who have returned to the second division. Parry is twenty-five years of age and has been four years with Everton. He has often deputised for Chedgzoy.

JUNE 21, William Dean the Everton centre-forward, who was injured in a motor smash near Holywell yesterday.

1	Aug	29	(h) Sheffield U	D 2-2	Kennedy, Troup	36,243
2	Sep	2	(a) West Brom A	D 1-1	Irvine	18,602
3		5	(a) Cardiff C	L 1-2	Murray	13,914
4		9	(h) Birmingham	D 2-2	Kennedy, Troup	15,811
5		12	(h) Tottenham H	D 1-1	Peacock	37,506
6		16	(h) West Brom A	W 4-0	Kennedy 2, Irvine, Troup	20,355
7		19	(a) Manchester C	D 4-4	Kennedy 2, Dean, Irvine	11,393
8		21	(a) Birmingham	L 1-3	Irvine	8,940
9		26	(a) Liverpool	L 1-5	Kennedy	49,426
10	Oct	3	(h) Huddersfield T	L 2-3	Chedgzoy, Troup	35,665
11		10	(a) Sunderland	L 3-7	Troup 2, Dean	26,755
12		17	(a) Burnley	W 3-1	Dean 3	10,343
13		24	(h) Leeds U	W 4-2	Dean 3, Kennedy	28,660
14		31	(a) Arsenal	L 1-4	McBain	24,926
15	Nov	7	(h) Manchester U	L 1-3	Dean	12,387
16		14	(a) Notts C	W 3-0	Dean 2, Irvine	14,962
17		21	(h) Aston Villa	D 1-1	Dean	27,037
18		28	(a) Leicester C	D 1-1	Dean	20,044
19	Dec	5	(h) West Ham U	W 2-0	O'Donnell, Weaver	17,337
20		12	(a) Newcastle U	D 3-3	Dean 3	36,274
21		19	(h) Bolton W	W 2-1	Dean, O'Donnell	26,400
22		25	(a) Blackburn R	D 2-2	Dean, O'Donnell	24,753
23		26	(h) Blackburn R	W 3-0	O'Donnell 2, Irvine	47,356
24	Jan	1	(a) Bury	L 0-1		19,999
25		2	(a) Sheffield U	D 1-1	Dean	28,468
26		16	(h) Cardiff C	D 1-1	Dean	26,553
27		23	(a) Tottenham H	D 1-1	Dean	22,805
28		30	(h) Leicester C	W 1-0	Opp own-goal	31,515
29	Feb	6	(h) Liverpool	D 3-3	Chedgzoy, Dean, Irvine	45,793
30		10	(h) Manchester C	D 1-1	Irvine	15,067
31		13	(a) Huddersfield T	L 0-3		17,298
32		27	(h) Burnley	D 1-1	Dean	22,691
33	Mar	6	(a) Leeds U	D 1-1	Chedgzoy	18,613
34		13	(h) Arsenal	L 2-3	Chedgzoy 2	30,515
35		17	(h) Sunderland	W 2-1	Dean 2	16,313
36		20	(a) Manchester U	D 0-0		30,058
37		27	(h) Notts C	W 3-0	Batten, Chedgzoy, Dean	16,877
38	Apr	2	(h) Bury	D 1-1	Dean	33,806
39		3	(a) Aston Villa	L 1-3	Dean	20,555
40		17	(a) West Ham U	L 0-1		15,866
41		24	(h) Newcastle U	W 3-0	Dean 3	20,517
42	May	1	(a) Bolton W	W 2-0	Chedgzoy, Dean	11,883

FINAL LEAGUE POSITION: 11th in Division One

Appearances
Goals

FA Cup
3 Jan 9 (h) Fulham D 1-1 Dean
R 14 (a) Fulham L 0-1

Appearances
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1926 / 27 Season

AUG 21, 1926, watford have signed rand, centre-forward, who last year was with everton...meanwhile hunter hart has been elected captain of the first team and d reid sub captain.

AUG 26, at the beginning of the football season clubs require all their strength, and when injuries in practice games are met with, it is a big handicap. Everton have been hard hit in this respect, because in addition to the loss of dean, the centre-forward, hardy, troupe, kendall and peacock were injured in the only trial game while moffatt the new outside right sustained a leg injury training. The chief concern however, was to find a goalkeeper for the opening match on Saturday against tottenham hotspur, and fortunately for everton b howard baker, the amateur goalkeeper who has played for Liverpool, everton, and corinthians offered his services to the club, with the result that everton communicated chelsea and the noted amateur will guard the goal at white hart lane on Saturday. The goodison club is, therefore, fortunate to get out of the quandary. A dominy late of southampton is to partner, irvine who is to fill the extreme berth on the right, while weaver is to play outside left. Everton are giving a trial to wh wilcox a right full-back from taunton united, and though only nineteen years of age, he stands 6ft 1ins and weights 13 stone. He is on the staff of the somerset county cricket club.

SEPT 1, the fixture list at this period of the season is always crowded, but rarely has a club had to play ten matches in the space of less than five weeks, this the programme, however, which everton started on Saturday and today the goodison park is due at gig lane to meet bury. Everton are making several forward changes from the side which was beaten at tottenham. T parker a lancashire county amateur, who played for stalybride celtic last year, and who showed great promise in the trial game, is to fill the outside right berth in place of irvine, who is moved to the centre-forward position in place of john o'donnell, with batten at inside left, instead of kennedy. The goodison club will therefore have two amateurs in the side.

SEPT 10, harland the everton and irish international goalkeeper has signed for runcorn, and he will play for his new club on Wednesday next at congleton in the cheshire county league. At his best harland proved one of the leading goalkeepers in the country, but he sustained a nasty injury at chelsea a few season ago and he took sometime to regain his confidence. He is still a good goalkeeper and he should render runcorn great service.

SEPT 15, drastic alterations have been made in the everton team to meet west brom at goodison today. The match is creating the liveliest interest and it is hoped that it will mark the turning point in the club's fortunes. Everton have still to gain their first point, but though beaten at west brom they played well and a big effort is to be made to improve the position this afternoon. It will be noticed that brown is the only one of the original half-back line retained, but bain and virr are experienced performers who have rendered good service in the past. Virr was injured last back-end of last season, but he has recovered, and has been playing well with the reserve side. A remark which applies to the forward. Moffatt, whom everton secured from luton injured a foot in training, and was not available at the outset but he is now fit. Moffatt and troupe must be the smallest wingers in the country, but both are clever and shhot hard and often. Murray the south africa player has also shown good form with the reserves and he obtained three goals last Saturday.

SEPT 25, everton have made changes in their side, kerr the reserves full-back being introduced at left back in place of raitt who is injured, mcdonald crossing over, the half-backs remain the same as at birmingham city and in the forward line t parker resumes in place of millington and o'donnell returns to inside left in place of kennedy.

SEPT 29, a spetator at the everton and Liverpool match at goodison park on Saturday says an injustice was done to the everton goalkkeper b howard baker, in the desription of the photograph in Monday's daily post" the desription stated that the everton goalkkeeper missed his kick. Our correspondent says that facts were that baker went to kick the ball away and before he could reach it one of the opposing forward, pushed the ball into the net with his hands:, the photograph showed the ball on the ground with the everton goalkeeper foot in the air. It will be recalled that the referee disallowed the goal and give everton a free-kick.



EVERTON FOOTBALL CLUB 1927



SEPT 30, everton yesterday obtained their fourth point of the season by drawing 2-2 with bury at goodison park. The forward failed to force home an advantage, which was accentuated by the fact that bury laboured under the handicap of having two injured players on the side. Dominy introduced at centre-forward while woodhouse the former preston player, is to partner troupe on the left-wing

OCT 2, everton are to visit ewood park to oppose blackburn rovers. A team which has not fulfilled its early promise, but which has done much better than later, though rovers were beaten 4-0 by leicester on Saturday, everton are trying dominy at centre-forward, with woodhouse at inside left.

OCT 6, everton meet bolton in the lancashire cup, and a good game may be anticipated, everton are trying reid at inside left, while raitt is to partner kerr and peacock is to play right half-back, brown taking a rest.

OCT 8, surprising, but none the less welcome news is that dean the everton centre-forward, who was injured in a motor-cycle smash during the summer, has so far recovered as to be able to have a trial with the reserves team. Dean has been training for some weeks and tomorrow at huddersfield in the central league match. He is to resume in his old position at centre-forward.

OCT 9, the visit of the champions to goodison park is creating the liveliest interest and there will be the customary large crowd of enthusiasts who follow the fortune of everton through thick and thin. The changes in is the young goalkeeper davies while the appearance of peacock once more at centre-forward will be followed with the closest attention.

OCT 12, robert irvine was chosen at belfast yesterday, to represent ireland against england at anfield tomorrow week.

OCT 13, hardy the everton goalkeeper, who has been prevented from playing for his club this season owing to injury, has now fully recovered and will have a trial with the reserves team today on the centre league match at goodison park against birmingham.

OCT 14, at the meeting of the football association council on Monday next, the emergency committee will report the information has been conveyed to the everton that it would be contrary to the association's regulations to increase the capital of the club company by issuing bonus shares. This is the outcome of the shareholders request at the annual meeting of the everton football club that a question regarding the issue of bonus shares should be put to the association. Mr cuff, the chairman of the club, on that occasion pointed out that it was against the regulations, but the shareholders pressed his point and it was agreed to make the request. It is pointed out that such a course would be another way of increasing the dividend, which at present is limited by the FA rules to 7 half per cent.

OCT 16, w weaver, the everton outside left, has been transferred to wolverhampton wanderers and he will play for his new club against blackpool today. He and cross played together on the left wing for birkenhead schoolboys, and after the war burnley signed them and they developed into one of the finest left wings in the country. Weaver joined everton in december 1924 and has rendered good service to the side. Well built he has good turn of speed, and he should prove a great service to the midland club in joining wanderers weaver will become associated one more with w chadwick, another old evertonian who was transferred from leeds to wolverhampton wanderers.

OCT 21, everton have transferred d murray, their south africa player to bristol city, murray has been with everton a little more than one season and has mainly assisted the reserves team. A strong player, he has figured at centre-forward and in the last back line and though he has not been able to hold a place with the first team, he is likely to be of service to bristol city.... Meanwhile robert irvine scored for ireland against england in a 3-3 draw

OCT 27, tyson is a local player who has assisted the "A" team and who played well in last Saturday at goodison park, will play for the reserves on Saturday

To be continued in next issue

### EVERTON RESERVES 1925-26

1	AUG 29	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	0-1	
2	31	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	3-0	ROONEY' CHADWICK (2) 5,000 ATT 6,0
3	SEPT 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	10-0	DEAN (7)' HOUGHTON (2)' WEAVER
4	12	DERBY COUNTY	A	2-4	WEAVER (2)
5	14	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	2-5	MURRAY BROAD (PEN)
6	19	MANCHESTER CITY	H	2-2	MURRAY' RAND
7	OCT 3	BLACKPOOL	A	1-2	MURRAY
8	10	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	0-0	
9	17	MANCHESTER UNITED	H	3-3	O'DONNELL' KENNEDY (2)
10	24	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	2-0	MURRAY' O'DONNELL
11	31	STOKE CITY	H	1-0	O'DONNELL
12	NOV 4	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	3-1	O'DONNELL (3) 5,000
13	7	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A	0-1	
14	14	ASTON VILLA	H	7-0	CHADWICK' RAND' WEAVER' MURRAY (3)' REI
15	21	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	A	1-0	MURRAY
16	28	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	2-0	HOUGHTON (2)
17	DEC 12	LEEDS UNITED	A	0-3	
18	19	BURNLEY	A	1-1	KENNEDY
19	25	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	2-2	
20	26	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	1-5	McBAIN
21	JAN 1	BURY	H	2-2	HOUGHTON' KENNEDY
22	3	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	2-2	KENNEDY' ROONEY
23	9	PRESTON NORTH END	A	0-3	
24	16	BRADFORD CITY	H	2-1	HOUGHTON' McBAIN (PEN)
25	23	DERBY COUNTY	H	1-0	McGOUGH
26	FEB 6	LIVERPOOL	A	1-1	KENNEDY
27	17	MANCHESTER CITY	A		
28	20	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	0-2	
29	27	MANCHESTER UNITED	A	0-1	
30	MAR 6	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	1-2	SMITH
31	13	STOKE CITY	A	0-2	
32	20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A	1-2	O'DONNELL
33	27	ASTON VILLA	A	2-2	
34	APR 2	BURY	H	0-1	
35	3	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H	0-1	
36	5	BLACKPOOL	H	3-0	ROONEY' BAIN (2)
37	10	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	2-2	MILLINGTON' MURRAY
38	14	LIVERPOOL	H	2-2	O'DONNELL (2) (KENDALL SAVED PEN)
39	17	PRESTON NORTH END	H	1-2	PEACOCK (PEN)
40	24	LEEDS UNITED	H	2-1	RAND' HOUGHTON
41	MAY 1	BURNLEY	H	2-1	RAND' O'DONNELL

### LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP

SF	OCT 20	LIVERPOOL	A	4-0	O'DONNELL (2), KENNEDY (PEN) WEAVER ATT 10,000
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### FRIENDLY MATCH

1	APR 28	LIVERPOOL COUNTY COMBINATION	H	1-2	WEAVER
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