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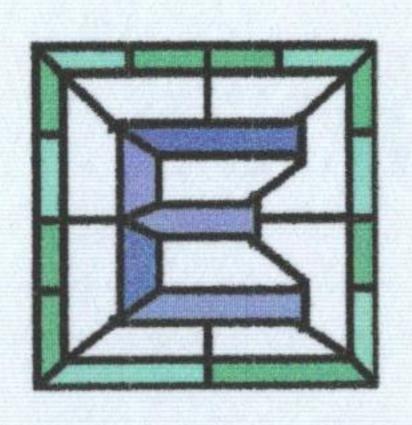
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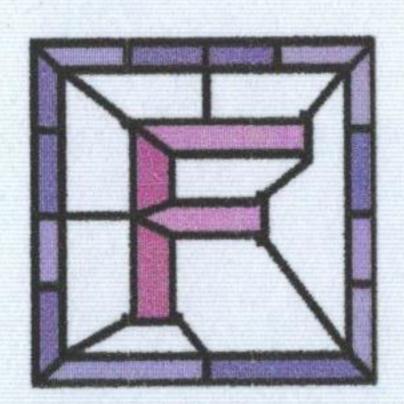
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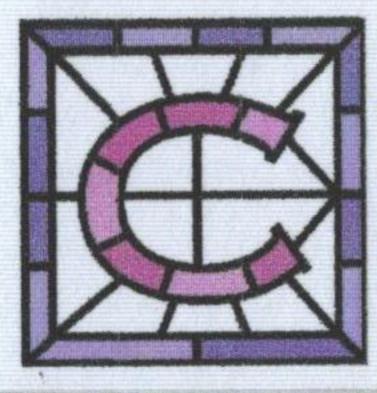


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about



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Brian only made one appearance for Everton born in Flint on 1st May 1940 . His only game came at Fulham in January 1960. He left Everton and played for Scunthorpe, Preston, Aston Villa, Bristol Rovers, Newport, Portland Timbers,

Everyone is jumping up and down praising Moyes and saying you're not moaning now George, well let's think about this, I am not moaning now because Baines is at left back, Hibbert is at Right Back, Lescott is back in the middle and some of the youngsters are getting a game, isn't that why we were moaning, now Moyes is doing exactly what we asked for why should we moan. We wanted players to be played in their rightful position. It's Moyes who has changed not me, he has had to adjust and play them players, it has been forced on him. But even then when young Gosling had a blinder at Boro he was dropped for the next game to allow an injured Osman a game, he had to limp off and Gosling comes on and scores, will he keep his place?? Kenwright then goes and says he is one of the great managers!!!!!??????????? Moyes has won nothing and in fact out of the teams in the Premiership at the moment only Efc and Fulham have failed to get to Wembley or The Millennium in the last 13 years. Moyes has been here for six and a half of those years, so how come he is a Great Manager when Boro, Wigan, West Ham, Blackburn, Bolton, Portsmouth etc have all given their fans a day out to remember, we have Oldham and Shrewsbury defeats to our name. And while I am on about Kenwright, I would like to know why the AGM was cancelled last year.

Aston Villa at home and a fine example of just how easily pleased Evertonians are under Moyes, we outplay them but pass the ball to them three time to score. We thought we had earned a draw at home in the dying minutes, Goodison went berserk celebrating a HOME DRAW against a poor Villa, then we give them the game. Moyes says he thought we played well, if giving the ball to the opposition three times for them to score is playing well then maybe I should stop watching football.

Man City away and the no forwards plan, Everton at last didn't by pass the midfield with long balls they passed and played good football and they deserved their win

Chelsea at home and this time we did play well Mr Moyes we had players who were in their rightful positions, they knew where the other players where it was not off the cuff football it was old time Everton quality and passion and we should have won.

Middlesboro away once again we show how a structured Everton can play football, Gosling gets his long awaited chance and plays great, we get another deserved win. Sunderland at home young Gosling dropped to bench for an unfit Osman, but that aside the rest of the team are in their best positions and we destroy a very poor Sunderland team .I had put a bet on 4-0 but typical Everton win 3-0 and leave me

skint, at least it will please Moyes.

January sales, the Window is open, Kenwright says there will be new players, well we will see, but the way we are playing through the midfield with skill and flair you would wonder why we would want a Big Centre Forward, if Saha gets fit he would be ideal to play in the fast flowing Everton formation, playing the ball of the ground, through Cahill, Arteta, Osman, or Gosling and getting the ball to Saha is what most Evertonians want to see, for too long under Moyes we have watched talented players having to run around like lost souls now there is a chance to get us to play quality football, I have always said there isn't much wrong with the team it was the tactics. If Pienaar improves his passing then we will rip some teams apart and maybe one of those teams might be our convict friends from across the Park.

Macclesfield away in the Cup and a cold bleak place, the ground was not brilliant and it's some time since I stood at a game and I don't want to stand again. We made hard

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Editors Page "Old Orr's Almanac

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A new Everton book - 100 Greatest Everton Moments - self published by Simon Paul, who runs the NSNO website, got me thinking about my own favourite Everton moment.

For nearly a quarter of a century I've watched Everton through thick and, predominantly, thin, witnessing this great club sail the heights and the sink the depths - and then some more. I'm just about old enough to have seen an Everton league championship won. I was at Wembley when Paul Rideout seemed to hang in the air for an age as he headed us to FA Cup Final victory. I was right behind Barry Horne's thunderbolt against Wimbledon in 1994, and in a surge of ecstasy and relief somehow found myself on the pitch after it. I witnessed the 4-4 draw, the Spurs semi, the horror and joy of Coventry in 1998, Wayne Rooney's arrival on the scene and Big Dunc's first and last stands - against Liverpool in '94 and Man Utd eleven years later. By happy slight of fortune it took me nearly 20 years to see a derby defeat, and I've seen several unforgettable victories over our neighbours and rivals. But for me, my favourite Everton moment came not in a Cup Final or against opponents of any great lustre; the victory it secured ultimately meant little, but to me, and the 8,000 or so fans with me, it meant everything at the time.

It was November 2008 and Everton were playing in the group stage of the UEFA Cup - an eccentric and elongated way of whittling down the competitions last 40 teams into 32 by way of four matches. We were drawn against 1FC Nuremburg and, never having been to a European away, knew this was the opportunity I needed to take. Thousands of others like me seemed to have the same idea, so when we arrived in the old German city on the day of the match it had been invaded by men in blue and white shirts. Disembarking from the ICE train we could hear the cries in the distance: Everton, Everton, Everton! We joined in and made merry, revelling in our host's extraordinary hospitality and drinking the city dry. The game itself was a tight affair, though dominated by Everton. Only in the last ten minutes was the deadlock broken with the introduction of the quick powerful striker, Victor Anichebe, like me a Crosby lad. He surged into the German penalty area and was hauled down for a penalty, which Mikel Arteta scored. A few minutes later he broke down the right, shrugged off his marker and from an oblique angle struck a magnificent second. We bounced up and down in the chill German night singing those lovely words: Everton, Everton, Everton!

Afterwards we found a cavernous Bier Cellar, its vast dimensions at least the length and breadth of a football pitch, which was swiftly taken over by a thousand or more Evertonians. A young boy led the singing atop a fifty foot long trestle table resplendent in empty glasses. We drank from steins the size of mop buckets, sang and cheered ourselves hoarse and danced until our tired limbs ached from the exertion. will see, but the way we are playing through the midield with skutzens

All day and all night this handsome medieval city had seemed to shake from the sound of Evertonians. For me, this was the Everton experience of a lifetime, the definitive show of Evertonian nationalism if you like. It was a fabulous reminder of the very special hold this club has over me, and the hearts and minds of thousands of others like me. I will never ever forget it, and I doubt that anyone else who was there will either.

Writing in last month's Four Four Two, its columnist, the Daily Telegraph reporter, Henry Winter, wrote in praise of the recently retired Alan Stubbs. According to Winter, Stubbs was one of the last good guys in English football and because of this, the end of his career was something to mourn (continued on page 5) work of an easy job but we are through and that's all frat matters.

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I had to take issue with this portrayal of the recently retired Stubbs as a paradigm of virtuosity in the 'cynical world' of modern football.

It's true that we Evertonians respect him for his courageous battle against cancer and he seldom let us down as a solid if not somewhat unremarkable centre half. Like many of Everton's players he participated in community work, notably at Rhys Jones's funeral. But in common with the majority of modern footballers Stubbs's first loyalty was always to himself.

But where this impression of a man of great integrity came from, I was unsure. Could it be the time that he egged Wayne Rooney - the most promising teenager to emerge at Goodison since Tommy Lawton - 'to move to a bigger club' when the agent he and Rooney shared was agitating for the player's move to Manchester United? Or, when having helped Everton qualify for the Champions League, he walked out of the club to get a better contract elsewhere?

Or, while still in a strop over the aforementioned contract, this so-called "good bloke" dragged Everton's good name through the tabloid press by falsely claiming they had insisted on a contractual clause enabling them to cancel it if his cancer returned? Or maybe it was his fronting the club's underhand propaganda effort to move Everton to Kirkby - a switch that any right-minded Evertonian now regards as the height of madness.

Still, David Moyes must have seen something in him because he brought him back (to shrugs of ambivalence) as a player in 2006, and recently as a coach. But when Evertonians look back over past captains and great servants to the club, they will think of the likes of Dave Watson, Kevin Ratcliffe and Brian Labone - men of substance and mettle, not Alan Stubbs.

Still Henry Winter didn't entirely miss the point with his article, he just got the wrong man. This summer a man of great integrity. A generous supporter of charity crucial component to the Moyes-led revival and loved by the fans left the club. He did so he could spend more time with his family, including a handicapped son. His absence has been felt by us all in a disappointing start to the season. His name? The unheralded Lee Carsley.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GEORGE MAHON

The following is a fuller version of the speech given at the Everton Shareholders' Forum on 9 December 2008.

It seems ironic that we're gathered here in the 'Grand Old Lady' of Goodison Park under the cloud of a public enquiry as the current board look to move to a new stadium, in the centennial anniversary of the death of the man who was instrumental in, probably, the most famous ground move in the history of football – Mr. George Mahon.

George was born in Liverpool in around 1854 (Note: After speaking to members of George's family on the night, we have subsequently found out that George was born in Liverpool on 7 July 1853 and sadly passed away on 9 December 1908), but whilst he was still a child, his family moved over to Ireland. It was in the Emerald Isle that George was educated, however, he returned to his native Liverpool and became a senior partner in Roose, Mahon & Howard, a leading accountancy firm at the time, who were based in North John Street. In fact, such was George's prowess with ledgers and balance sheets that he was often selected as the court's accountant by various Liverpool courthouses to settle debts to creditors in numerous bankruptcy cases.

As well as being quite adept with figures, George was also a proud churchgoing man, and was a member of the congregation of the church, who's Sunday School football team, which was originally started by Reverend Ben Swift Chambers, would eventually transform itself to become one of the most famous names in British, and World, football – that church being, of course, St. Domingos.

George Mahon was the church organist at St. Domingo, and also a member of the Great Homer Street Wesleyan Choir. He often accompanied the choir at concerts given by them using an American organ — which was a slightly unusual instrument to use at the time, with most accompanists preferring a standard piano or church organ.

However, it wasn't just George's accountancy and musical skills that were in demand. He often gave lectures to various Wesleyan groups around the region. One in particular was given to the Anfield Wesleyan Literary Society entitled "An hour with nature's little things" and dealt with the insects and such other life that could be seen around the ponds of the local parks. This lecture received very high praise in the local press, and also saw one of the earliest uses of a hydrogen microscope, which projected samples of the small creatures George was talking about, onto a screen for the benefit of the audience — who must have stared in wonder at 10 foot long dragonflies and the like on the wall in front of them.

So, George Mahon was an accountant, an organist and a lecturer. And remember, this was before he even became interested in football. But George had another string to his bow, he was a leading member in local

politics and this would see him cross paths with a man, who would become an adversary in another matter later in his busy social life — Mr. John Houlding.

In the late 1800's, the political landscape in Liverpool was completely different to that of today as Liverpool was ruled by the Conservative party, however, things were starting to change as voters became more aware of the wide scale drink problem throughout Britain at the time, and the Liberals were starting to make inroads into the core Tory vote – and George Mahon was one of those Liberals.

One of the main policies of the Liberal party at the time was a strong antidrinking stance and they continually reinforced the close ties between the demon drink, via the brewing industry, and the Conservatives, as well as the links between alcohol, the levels of crime and the poor housing in the city at the time — in fact, the level of crime in Liverpool accounted for one tenth of all crime reported in the country as a whole, whilst the population was only one fortieth of the country's population.

This anti-social, and anti-drinking stance of the Liberals, sought to reinforce that the local Conservative party hierarchy included such brewers as Archibald Salvidge and John Houlding as well as one of the most famous of Liverpool's brewers John Cain. And it seemed to work, as in 1892 Liverpool saw the end of the Conservative hold on the Council — which had lasted for 34 years previously.

And it was these local politics that saw John Houlding and George Mahon sparring for the first time, and it didn't make Houlding a happy man.

In 1887, George Mahon had stood as the Liberal candidate in the elections to the Walton Local Board, and had narrowly defeated the Tory councillor Dr. John Utting, who was John Houlding's protégé at the time.

Two years later, in 1889, George Mahon was fulfilling the capacity of returning officer for the Walton division of the Lancashire County Council, and further enraged Houlding by rejecting the nomination of Sir David Radcliffe on a technicality. At the time, Houlding was Radcliffe's election agent and made all kinds of accusations that Mahon and the Liberals had thwarted Radcliffe's election drive – all of them unsubstantiated.

But enough of local politics and back to what we know and love — football. It is known that George was not a great fan of the hustle and bustle of Victorian football, but apparently that all changed on a bright and windy Monday in May 1886, when the up and coming Everton team played against a very strong side from Lancashire by the name of Preston North End. Whilst the Preston team ran out 2:1 winners that day, George had seen something that he liked — maybe it was the way Everton kept plugging away after going 2:0 down in the first half, especially when Preston cleared several shots off the goal line or when other attempts by the Everton forwards just grazed the woodwork. In fact, Everton were unlucky not to come away with a draw or even an historic victory — things never appear to change. Anyway, it seems that George

Mahon had apparently felt the same thing that the Golden Vision had felt when he signed for Everton in 1960, and maybe he would echo Alex Young's sentiments that "Once Everton has touched you, things will never be the same".

Whatever it was that touched George, he became one of Everton's members — a move that would see him become one of the main players in the boardroom struggles of Everton and eventually to gain, what must be the highest honour for any member of the Everton staff — a place in the Gwladys Street Hall of Fame.

It all started with one of George Mahon's earlier political adversaries — John Houlding. As Evertonians we've all read, or know, about the story of the battle between Houlding and Mahon — indeed it was top-billing not just within the sports sections of the local press at the time, but also in the news and politics sections — in fact, looking at the split into more detail shows up that the two factions in the 1892 dispute were aligned very closely with the political landscape at the time. On one side we have John Houlding, Simon Jude and Edwin Berry — all of whom had links to the Conservative party as well as the various committees and associations related to the drinks trade. The other side, led by George Mahon, were all members of various Liberal associations — including Dr. James Clement Baxter, William Clayton and a certain William C. Cuff.

So with the club being split from what appears to be a political standpoint, there appears to be some suggestion that Houlding and George Mahon were resuming the petty squabbles that had earlier dogged both of them in the political arena, and had now arrived at the doorstep of Everton.

To explain in full the feud between John Houlding and the other Everton members at the time would probably take a whole night in itself, but the basics are that, from 1892 onwards Everton were being asked by John Houlding and John Orrell, a fellow brewer, to pay a combined total of £370 per year in rent—which was something the rebels, as they became known at the time, were not prepared to accept.

In 1891, on 12 October, at a meeting in the lecture hall of the College based in Shaw Street, John Houlding relayed the terms that John Orrell and himself were prepared to accept, which remained at £370 per year — and let it be known that no deviation from this figure would be entertained.

At this point, things became more interesting as John Houlding and George Mahon both announced that the club should be set up as a Limited Company—almost unheard of in those days. Football clubs were seen to be run under the guise of "Sports Clubs" with members paying a fee each year, however, the plans of both George Mahon and John Houlding would see a change in the way football clubs were run in the future. However, despite having similar radical ideas, both men differed wildly as to the manner in which the capital of the company would be allocated.

When he became manager in March 2002, David Moyes uttered a single three word phrase that has now become something of a second motto for Everton — that phrase was, of course, "The People's Club". However, if we delve into the history of Everton, and the move from Anfield to Goodison Park, we see that it was George Mahon who could claim to be the man who started the whole "People's Club" ethos.

John Houlding's proposal was that each member of the company would get 1 share each, with the remainder being bought out by those who could afford it. Naturally, as with most things — money could buy you power, especially as that the proposal also stated that no more than 500 members would be allowed to have any of the 12,000 shares. In other words, 11,500 shares would be "up for grabs" to those who could afford to pay for them.

When this was first proposed to the membership George Mahon was, seemingly, outraged and let the current president know of his displeasure, stating that each member should get "7 or 8 shares each at least" with another member wryly noting that "those with longest purses would hold the power".

The counter proposal from George, clearly showing his "People's Club" ethic, stated that there would be only 500 shares in the club, with no member holding more than 10 shares each. To quote George Mahon himself, this was done on the basis that "we would rather have a large number of individual applications so that there will be more supporters of the club."

Figures show how wildly different the values of Mahon and Houlding apparently were. George Mahon's proposal, which leaned more towards the shared power ethos, spread the power amongst the members as following the move to Goodison Park in 1892, the 10 original directors owned just 6% if the shares in the club, which rose to 7% in 1902. Contrast this with John Houlding's Liverpool and his apparent power motive, where, in 1892, the original 8 directors owned 52% of the club, which rose to 54% during the same 10 year period.

But moving back to 1892, a special general meeting was convened in Shaw Street, and the articulate George Mahon let it be known that Houlding's power-hungry proposal would not be entertained and, having worked tirelessly behind the scenes, stated that if Houlding wasn't prepared to negotiate then Everton would have to move to a new ground. One wag shouted out "yer can't find one". George Mahon then retorted with the phrase, "I've got one in my pocket". What was in his pocket was an option to lease some land by the name of Mere Green Field. Less than 2 months later, in March 1892, John Houlding was expelled as President of Everton at another special general meeting, and George Mahon was installed as Chairman.

In actual fact, the rebels had caused reverberations in the local news, with Liverpool Review producing the famous "kicking of King John" drawing, and the Liverpool Echo praising George Mahon and his followers for getting rid of

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However, things didn't get easier for George, as he and the rest of Everton's members then started on the unenviable task of converting the waste ground of Mere Green into a football stadium.

Mere Green was actually owned by Christopher Leyland, and Everton rented the land from him until they were in a position to buy it. However, the most pressing task was to turn Mere Green Field into a football stadium within 6 months! A local man by the name of Mr. Barton agreed to clear the debris, install a basic drainage system and re-sod the field. Another local, Mr. Prescott was then approached to provide his services as an architect and surveyor, whilst the Walton builders, Kelly Brothers were employed to build two enclosures at the end of the pitch and other building works on the site.

Thanks to an interest free loan from his friend Dr. Baxter, George Mahon and his cohorts had managed to turn a desolate desert, as it was originally described, into one of the country's top football stadium within the 6 months they had originally set themselves, and so, on 24 August 1892, George presided over a celebratory dinner at the Adelphi Hotel which preceded the official opening of the stadium at which 12,000 people were present — and was conducted by the President of the Football Association, Lord Kinnaird.

"Behold Goodison Park! No single picture could take in the entire scene the ground presents. It is so magnificently large, that it rivals the greater American baseball pitches". These were the opening words of a piece describing this great ground in the 'Out of Doors' publication in October 1892. However, 2 months earlier the Liverpool Echo provided a rough sketch of how the ground looked, with the following words — "The place has been transformed from a morass into one of the best enclosures it is possible to clap eyes on" — high praise indeed for George and his followers.

One of the questions us Evertonians are often asked is why the ground is called Goodison Park. Unfortunately, the club's minute books – which thanks to Dr. David France have been saved for the future generations of Evertonians – only give us the following:

Resolved the Football Ground be called Goodison Park – that's it just a single line detailing the naming of one of the most famous grounds in football. No mention is made as to why this name was chosen – but we can gleam the reason why by delving into local history.

As Goodison Road was already in place, there is appears to be no mystery as to why we ended up with the name Goodison Park. However, there is some mystery as to how Goodison Road ended up with it's title. Ken Rogers' Centenary History on Goodison Park tells us that the most probable reason was that it was named after a Leeds born civil engineer, George Goodison who provided a sewage report to the Walton Local Board in the mid 1800's,

the same board who would later see George Mahon elected as one of it's members.

George Mahon's legacy, Goodison Park, was so far ahead of it's time in those days, that it was chosen to host the 1894 F.A. Cup Final. This was the first time that the F.A. Cup final had been held at a League ground, and also it was the first time that a Second Division club had won the trophy — with Notts County beating Bolton Wanderers 4:1 thanks to a hat-trick from Jimmy Logan—only the second ever hat-trick in a Cup final after Bill Townley's three goals in the 1890 Final — and, since then, only matched by Stan Mortensen's hat-trick in the "Matthews Final" of 1953.

In fact, it remained as one of the country's top football grounds for over 70 years, and was awarded one of the greatest accolades in football when it was chosen to host a World Cup Semi final – an honour which had been bestowed on Vina del Mar, the home of our Chilean counterparts, CD Everton, 4 years previously.

On 22 March 1895, at a general meeting, George Mahon told the assembled shareholders, that the club could finally buy Goodison Park. Relying on his accountancy skills and his articulate debating skills, George Mahon argued the case to buy the ground with the utmost professionalism, even referring to the fact that, at Goodison Park, the club would be purchasing a site which was 25% bigger, but at a lesser cost than Anfield was in 1892. In fact, Everton were buying Goodison Park at £650 less than Anfield was offered to them three years previously. The result was that the motion to purchase Goodison Park was passed — unanimously.

However, the purchase of the ground and the subsequent improvements did cause some problems at Everton – so much so, that in June 1895, George Mahon resigned as chairman of Everton, a post taken up by his friend Dr. Clement James Baxter. The reason for his departure was cited as due to administrative problems. However, George was so highly thought of by the other officers, and the shareholders of the club that he was persuaded to remain on the board of directors.

Another problem that led to his departure as Chairman appeared to be that George's busy social life had an adverse effect on his health. In fact in 1896, we know that Mahon tried to recuperate by taking a holiday in Tenerife.

Despite a reduction in his busy schedules, just 12 years later in 1908, George Mahon sadly passed away.

However, George Mahon's final days at the club should be remembered with much fondness by Evertonians as one of the last things he did for Everton as Chairman was to promote to the board of directors — one William C. Cuff — a fellow congregational member at St. Domingo's all those years ago.

In 1908, Everton and Liverpool got together to form a new senior League within the Liverpool area. Previously, most teams played in the various leagues that had sprung up in Lancashire, however, despite the North West

being the primary source of these leagues, there were a number of clubs from the Midlands and the North East that also took part. As a result of this, a number of Liverpool's more senior clubs were finding it difficult to fund their travels to these 'far-flung' destinations. The new League was called the Liverpool County Football Combination, and the League championship trophy was kindly provided by Frederick Stanley, the 16th Earl of Derby, who, in 1892 presented a trophy to be presented annually to Canada's Champion Hockey Club, and is still presented today to the winners of North America's National Hockey League — but you may know it as The Stanley Cup, the oldest professional sports award in North America. Everton kindly provided a trophy for a knockout competition, and it was, appropriately, named after the man who had sadly passed away not long before the League was created. That trophy sits here tonight, the George Mahon Cup.

Robert Elstone the acting Chief Executive

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This trophy has been contested for since 1909, and has either been shared or awarded to the winners on 94 occassions. Perhaps fittingly, the first team to successfully defend the trophy was Everton's A team who won the 1934 competition, emulating their success the previous season. In fact, Everton's A team had won the trophy more times than anyone else until 1964, when Guinness Exports matched Everton's total with their fifth cup victory. And it wasn't until 1991 when Waterloo Dock won the competition for the sixth time that Everton's record was finally eclipsed.

However, whilst the recent winners of the George Mahon Cup are a myriad of amateur teams based in the Liverpool area, the earlier winners boast more well-known non-League names with the likes of Skelmersdale United, Marine, Burscough and South Liverpool proudly boasting of their achievements in this competition in their honours lists.

It is, perhaps, fittingly that in what many call Everton's greatest ever season, 1984-85, that the George Mahon Cup was won by Littlewood's Athletic – a team drawn from the company founded by another great Everton chairman – Sir John Moores.

A number of Everton historians, myself included, say that Will Cuff was the father of Everton, and if that is true then George Mahon can claim to be the grand-father. However, at times there are some people who say that if George Mahon and his cohorts had a little foresight when dealing with John Houlding in 1891, then maybe the world would be Kopite free – usually uttered after a derby defeat. However, I like to think that George Mahon had a lot of foresight and saw the kind of glory hunters associated with our neighbours across the park, and decided to bail us out while he could – no "Badgeman" for Everton.

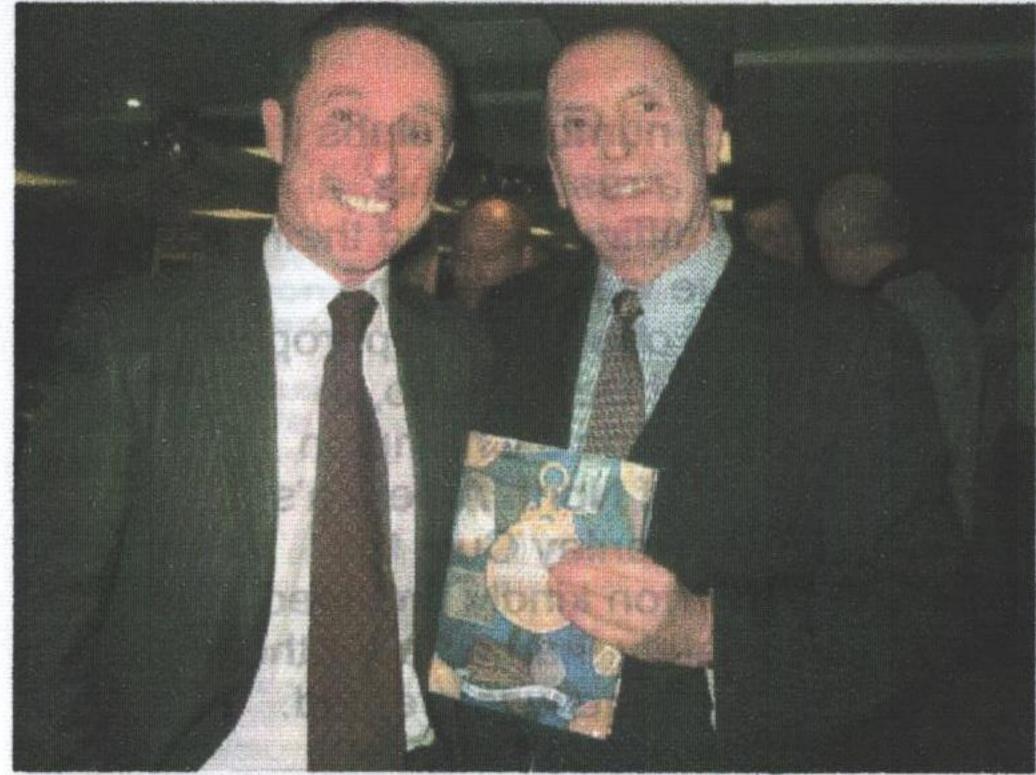
In short, George Mahon was an intellectual, an accountant of high standing, at available an accomplished organist, an active member of the local church, a political activist, maybe even a radical but perhaps most importantly of all – like us – the was an Evertonian.

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Steve has kindly allowed me to reproduce this article and I thank him for his kindness and passion for E.F.C. George Orr



Robert Elstone the acting Chief Executive of Everton Football Club and David France the assembler of the Greatest Football Memorabilia Collection in the World.

Both were at the George Mahon Night held by Everton Shareholders Association. Paul Wharton and Ann Asquith from the Association made this a truly special night and thanks must go to them for putting it on and arranging the buffet and inviting the Special Guests

The George Mahon Cup and The Original Hammer and Trowel that were used to lay the Foundation Stone of St Domingo's Church.

The George Mahon Cup is still played for today and it has been awarded 94 times to teams like Skelmersdale, Marine, Everton A and other noteworthy clubs on Merseyside.



Peter Lupson author of Thank God For Football gave a talk on how St Domingo's Church Cricket Team Lead to the formation of Everton football Club. He also explained how he tracked down the lost grave of the man who was responsible for it all happening. Benjamin Swift Chambers. It was a fascinating talk and very informative. If you want to know more about Peters work and about the Start of Everton F.C. then buy the book.

Isbn 978-1-902694-30-6 £9.99

Steve Flanagan gave a talk on the life of George Mahon which is reproduced on

pages 6-7-8-9 in this issue.

Steve is an Everton Historian and statistician, he contributes to the brilliant toffeeweb site.

On the night members of George Mahon's family were in the audience and they were impressed by just how much Evertonians revere the name of Mahon, the man who stood up to John Houlding and caused Everton to leave Anfield



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The History Of Everton Reserves

Steve Flanagan who is an Evertonian who compiles everything of interest from the early days of Everton Football Club he has kindly allowed me to reproduce the charts that show the progress of Everton reserves from 1891 until 2008 it has been a labour of love for Steve to do this but it is very hard work and I appreciate his help with Blue Blood I will put some charts in every issue and if you need any more info on anything Everton contact Steve on steve.flanagan@gmail.com. You can see more of Steve's work on the excellent toffeeweb site.

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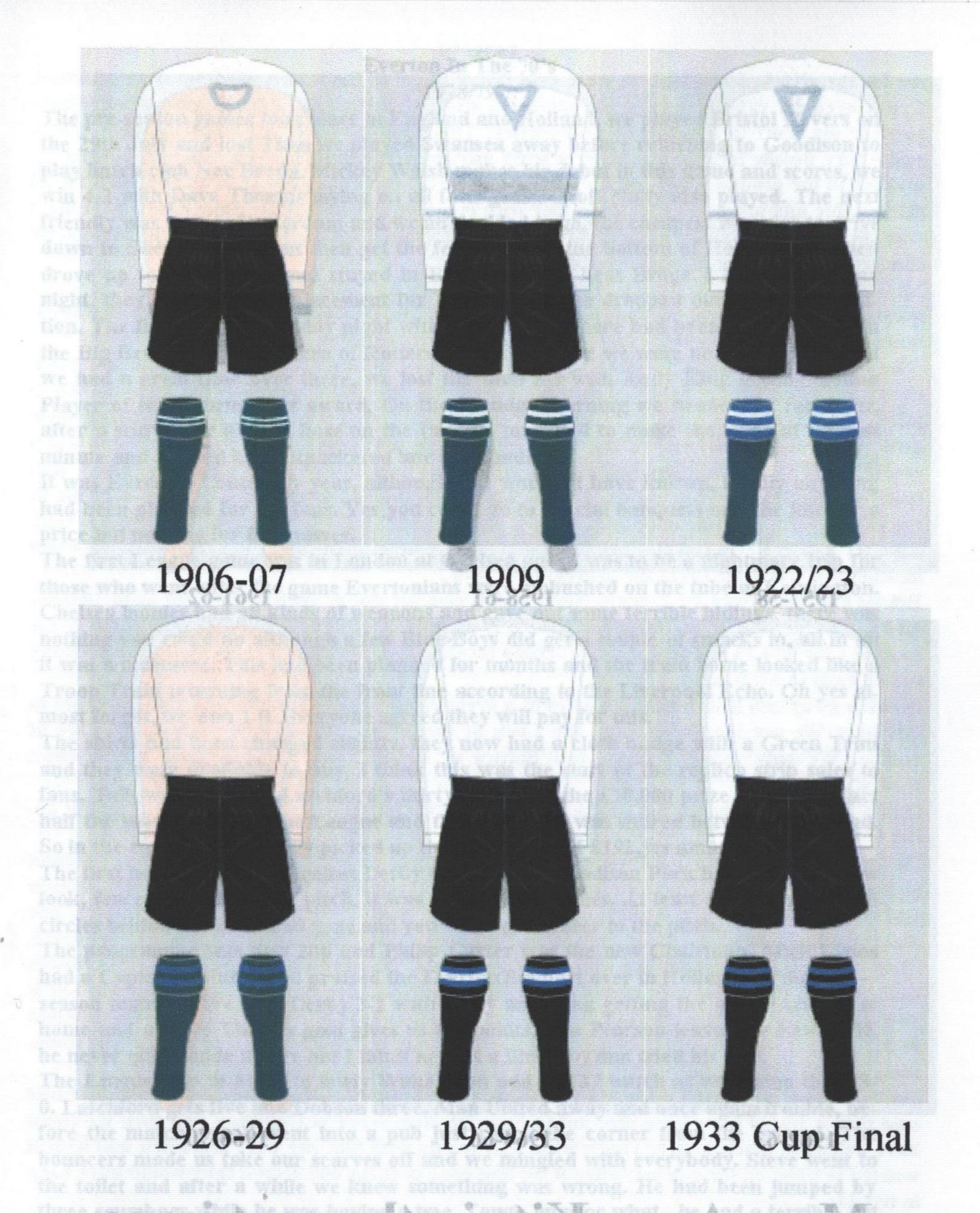
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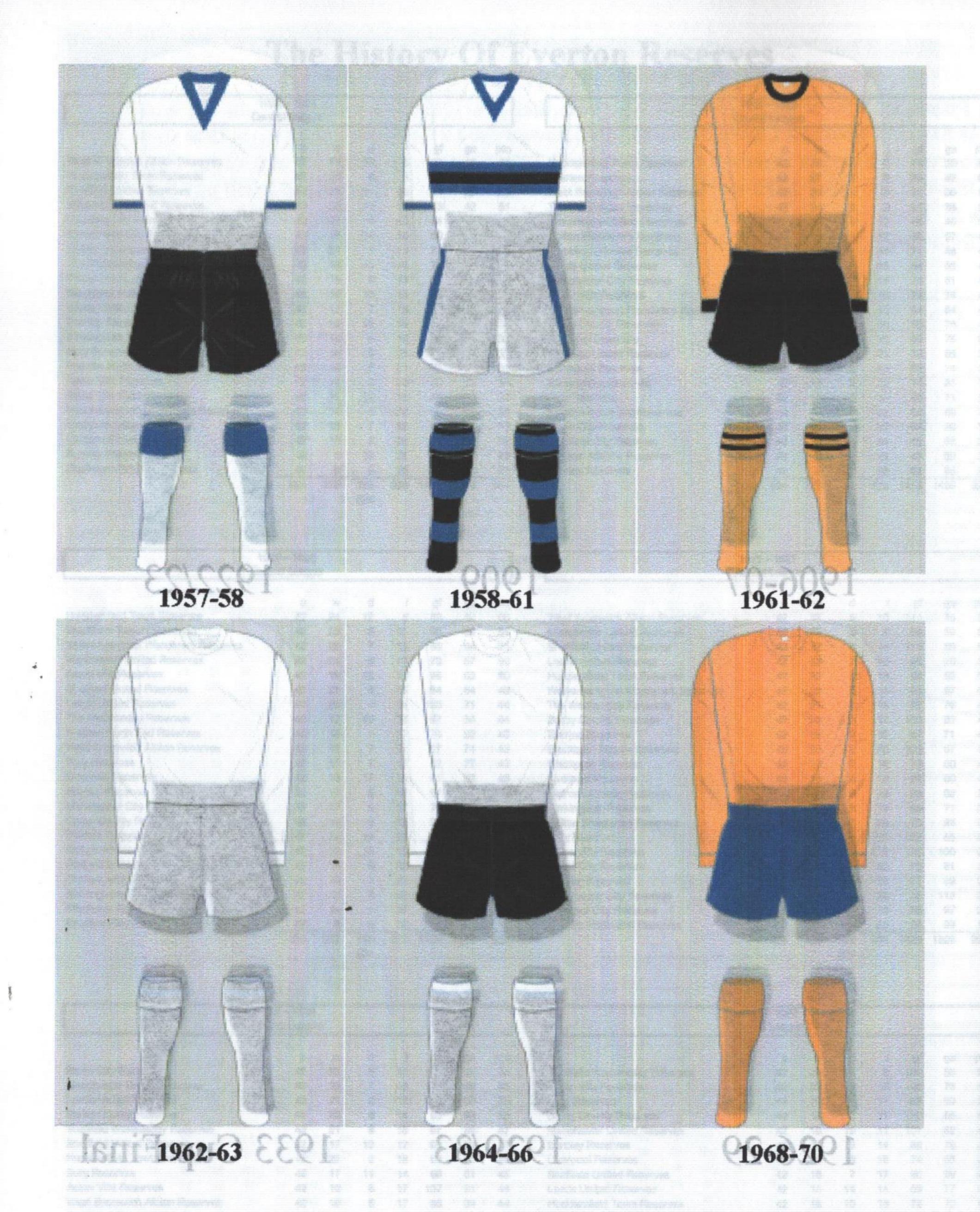
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Everton away kits from 1906 to the present day. This amazing collection of Everton away kits has been put on the internet by David Moor at www.historicalkits.co.uk it is a brilliant website. More kits on page David has kindly given permission for me to re-produce the Everton away kits. 14



More Away Kits in the next issue

Make sure you visit the site www.historicalkits.co.uk and if you do and enjoy it tell them you heard about their site in Blue Blood. If any reader can fill in the gap between 1933—1957 please either let me know or contact David Moor at the website. These things only get better with your help, David has done a brilliant job but he needs everybody to help.

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The pre-season games took place in England and Holland, we played Bristol Rovers on the 29th July and lost Then we played Swansea away before returning to Goodison to play hutch club Nec Breda. Mickey Walsh makes his debut in this game and scores, we win 4-2 with Dave Thomas laying on all four goals. Geoff Nulty also played. The next friendly was over in Rotterdam and we all decided to go, the cheapest way was to drive down to Sheerness in Kent then get the ferry over to the bottom of Holland. We then drove up to Rotterdam and stayed in B&B .Everton beat Bruge 4-1 on the Friday night, they were a late replacement for River Plate who dropped out of the competition. The final was on Sunday night with Feyenoord, there had been some trouble in the Big Ben Pub in the centre of Rotterdam but for once we were not involved. In fact we had a great time over there, we lost the final 3-1 with Andy King getting Young Player of the Tournament award. On the Monday morning we headed off for home, after a scare over a split hose on the car we managed to make the ferry at the last minute and arrived home knackered late on Monday.

It was Evertons Centenary year, although you wouldn't have known, hardly anything had been planned for the fans. Yes you could go to official banquets and the like for a price but nothing for the masses.

The first League game was in London at Chelsea and it was to be a nightmare trip for those who went, after the game Evertonians were ambushed on the tube at Kensington. Chelsea loonies had all kinds of weapons and gave out some terrible hidings, there was nothing you could do although a few Blue Boys did get a couple of smacks in, all in all it was a massacre. This had been planned for months and the train home looked like a Troop Train returning from the front line according to the Liverpool Echo. Oh yes almost forgot, we won 1-0. Everyone agreed they will pay for this.

The shirts had been changed slightly, they now had a cloth badge with a Green Trim and they were available to buy, I think this was the start of the replica strip sales to fans. Talk was all about Latchford's thirty goals and the £10,000 prize money. In fact half the money went to the League and the other half was shared between the squad. So in the end Bobby actually picked up the grand sum of £192, yes amazing isn't it.

The first home game was against Derby County and Goodison Park had a strange new look, fences all around the pitch, it was a sign of the times. At least those bloody semi circles behind the goals had gone and you could get nearer to the pitch.

The programme was now 20p and Philip Carter was the new Chairman, Mick Lyons had a Captains column and praised the Everton Support over in Holland for the pre—season matches. We beat Derby 2-1 with Nulty and King getting the goals. Arsenal at home and a Dave Thomas goal gives us the points. Jim Pearson leaves for Newcastle, he never quite made it here but I think he was a Blue Boy and tried his best.

The League Cup at home to lowly Wimbledon and 23,137 watch as we thump them 8-0. Latchford gets five and Dobson three. Man United away and once again trouble, before the match we all went into a pub just round the corner from the ground. The bouncers made us take our scarves off and we mingled with everybody. Steve went to the toilet and after a while we knew something was wrong. He had been jumped by three scumbags while he was having a wee. Tough guys or what, he had a terrible cut over his eye and Big John went mad. He was threatening everybody in the pub and the bouncers tried to calm him down Steve's sister Lynn was upset and we all decided to leave in twos so as not to attract to much attention. I went with Lynn and we had only just got down the road when a gang of Man United scum spotted us. One of them grabbed, my scarf and said What's this Crap? I pushed him away and said "Crap that you wont be able to take off me"- He then came at me, so I gave him a smack, the next thing, there is a Police Inspector there and some of the crowd were trying to blame

me for the attack, I told him we were only trying to get to the match when we were attacked. Lynn saved my skin by getting me out of the way, He said I should have known better than to wear my scarf to a match in Manchester. This annoyed me and I said '1t's your job to make sure people like me can wear a scarf anywhere they like' he just; told me to shut up and get to the ground A mounted Policeman escorted us to the ground. I was fed up with all this trouble and after this I didn't bother with every away match. The game ended 1—1 but I was cheesed off, to make matters worse some Evertonians had a banner saying Munich 58 that really made them friendly on the way home.

Mick Buckley leaves for Sunderland, another who never quite made the grade but he was a good player who always tried his best for Everton. Middlesboro at home and a 2—0 win extends our unbeaten run to six matches. We are in third position in the League.

The UEFA Cup away in Ireland against Finn Harps, we win 5-0. Back in England it's down to Aston Villa, trying to get something to eat on the Motorway Service stations was a joke .The prices for a start were bloody robbery and you would see Blue Boys filling their gobs with sausage rolls and eating them, by the time they reached the till all they had was a cup of tea. There wasn't any video cameras in those days so unless they gave you an X Ray there was nothing they could do. Except ban all football coaches which is what they did in the end. Wolves at home and Colin Todd is signed from Derby but Duncan McKenzie is sold! Another nail in Lee's coffin, King and Latchford score in a 2-0 win. Finn Harps at home and another 5-0 score line takes the aggregate to 10-0.

Bristol City away and a 2-2 draw. Nulty and Walsh are not as good as Lee had us to believe. Nulty is in fact out of the team but Walsh is allowed to plod on. Darlington at home in the League Cup and 23,682 watch as we scrape through 1-0. Southampton at home and a sloppy match ends in a 0-0 draw.

Ipswich away and Bob Latchford gives us a great victory in a 1-0 game. The Blue Boys are in full song We are the Street End, the Cock of the North, We all hate United and City of course, We only drink Whisky and Bottles of Brown, The Everton Boys are in town Na,NaNa.

Dukla Prague at home in the UEFA Cup and we win but at a price, 2-1 that away goal is going to prove deadly.

Down to London and a 1-1 draw at QPR our sixteenth game without defeat. We are second in the League, what better time is there for a Derby match. Yes the Red Peril at Goodison and Andy King scores, the place explodes, the roar must have been heard miles away. The night was brilliant as the Reds tried to hide we hunted them down and laughed our heads off. The New Musical Express had an article by Duncan McKenzie and he ripped into Gordon Lee. He said that if you ran round like a Blue arsed fly, Lee thought you were great but if you tried to do something skilful he went mad. I agreed with every word, ok we are second in the League we are unbeaten and we have just smacked those little Red rascals but something wasn't right. It just wasn't Everton . The football was all effort and little skill.

Dukla Prague away and we lose 1-0, I think most Evertonians expected this result. Lee had said that it would have been nice not to have let them score at Goodison and then we could have defended much better. That's what was wrong with him ,we were unbeaten and he still wanted to hang on for a draw, when if we had gone at them and scored they would have been in trouble.

Forest away and Lee was happy with the 0—0 score line, three days later we play Forest at home in the League Cup and lose 3-2..

Chelsea at home and the biggest roar of the day was when McKenzie scores, we win 3-2 though some Blue Boys had revenge on their minds after the match. The Kensington High Street was not going to be forgotten, but the Police gave very good protection to the Cockneys and revenge would have to wait for another day. There had been two darts thrown at the Police during the match and the F.A. made Everton post warning notices around the ground.

Arsenal away and a fine 2-2 draw. Man United at home and we win 3-0,this is better more positive. A great win down at Norwich and we are looking very good.

December 9th and another away win, this time at Birmingham, 3-1 Latchford, Ross and Todd score A crunch match against Leeds at home and a 1—1 draw isn't too bad... Trevor Ross gets the important goal. John Barton signs from non league club Worcester City, he is twenty five and it's unusual to sign somebody that age who hasn't been tried in the League.

Kevin Ratcliffe gets a mention in the Young Blues column, two days before Xmas and we play Coventry away, shock, horror we lose 3-2.

Boxing Day at home to Man City and Billy Wright gets the winner. Spurs at home and they have Ossie Ardiles and Ricardo Villa in their team, we draw 1-1.

New Years Day and off to Bolton, it was snowing before the match and when the game kicked off it turned into a blizzard. The score was 1—1 at half time but then the Ref decided that it could not go on. We were left stuck in their open end freezing, for over half an hour before they let us out. On top of that they would not refund our money, bloody brilliant.

The next match was ten days later up at Roker Park for the F.A.Cup and we lose 2-1, I hate going to the North East, we always get terrible results.

Aston Villa at home and only 29,079 turn up to watch Lee's boring football. Nulty was like a traffic warden, just standing in the middle of the pitch waving his arms about doing sod all .He was Lee's Blue Eyed Boy. He was injured at this time but came back in April .Villa take a point with them from a 1—1 draw. Wolves away and we lose again .Out of the Cup so we go over to Ireland to play Linfield in a friendly, John Barton gets his first game, we manage to win 2—1 but the match reports were not very good.

Bristol City at home and a 4-1 win puts us on top of the League, Andy King gets a hat trick. Lee had been complaining about the bad weather and the state of the pitches, these were only in games we lost .He was soon dubbed Lee's A Mona in a skit of Mona Lisa

Southampton away and a gut wrenching 3—0 defeat, Pat Heard makes his debut . Worse was to come a 1—0 home defeat by Ipswich .

In the programme there was an article about a Young Blue called Steve McMahon, Darracott & Kenyon leave to play football in the States.

Imre Varadi signs from Sheffield United, Lee said he was interested in Trevor Francis hut wouldn't pay £1 million.

QPR at home and back to winning ways 2-1, Latchford and Telfer Score. Middlesboro away midweek and I didn't bother going, Ross Jack makes his debut and scores in a 2-1 win, he never played again for Everton So much for Gordon Lee saying he only wanted lads who wanted to play for their Blue Shirts. McKenzie wanted to stay and play but was sold. Forest at home and Lee has a pop at stay at home fans, he says we are second in the League but the gates are not good enough, neither was the football Gordon! A 1-1 draw against Forest didn't set the world on fire either, Over to the Red Pit and King smacks another goal in a 1-1 draw, those Mighty Reds weren't too happy Everton fly out to Libya to play their national team on the new Astro Turf, we win 1-0 with Telfer scoring but Latchford gets injured. Imre Varadi plays his first game in Libya. Down to Derby for a miserable 0-0 draw Then Norwich at home and another draw this time 2-2. There were complaints in the programme about people in the Main Stand throwing cushions onto the pitch because they didn't like the way the team were playing The gates were dropping and Lee couldn't understand it, just being in second in the League didn't mean a thing to an Evertonian unless the football was good.. We are not Kopites who are happy to see anything as long as they win.

I boycotted the next match, Bolton away, I had already paid to watch it once and I wasn't going to pay twice, thousands of other Blue Boys did the same. We lost 3-1 but only 27,263 went, that must have been about 10,000 down on the expected gate. As I have said before working on the buses had its perks and one of them was being able to give the Kopites a hard time. The night after the Bolton game the Kopites played Man United at Goodison in a Semi Final replay. They lost 1-0 and the next morning I just happened to be on an early. I arrived at the depot at about half past four in the morning and went straight into the garage and got onto every bus changing the destination blind to 1-0 Manchester. In those days you had to do it by hand and by the time I had finished the last bus my hand was aching. I then slipped back inside and waited for all those Red Boys to come in. Most never spotted it until it was too late and plenty of buses took to the streets of Liverpool with that beautiful destination on the front. I wondered what those Kopites that were going to work that morning thought about the buses that were going past them taking the Mickey. When the other Kopites from the depot spotted it they new straight away it was me and they were calling me all the Blue Nosed Sods for weeks. Mickey Walsh leaves, he didn't do much, its sad to say it but he was out of his depth at Goodison. Peter Eastoe joins us from QPR, Brian Kidd joins from Man City. West Brom away and any lingering hopes of the title die, with a 1-0 defeat, 29,593

Coventry at home and a 3-3 draw, Brian Kidd, Latchford and Ross get the others only 25, 302 pay to watch, Kidd got first Everton goal. Man City away and a quick return for Kidd but no goal, it ended up 0-0Bolton at home and we squeeze a 1-0 win. This might just get us into Europe. We lose at Leeds 1-0 and it's a setback to our European dreams.

Birmingham at home and a narrow 1-0 win but its a vital one and Andy King is the hero with the only goal. West Brom at home and we lose 2-0, a certain Bryan Robson gets one of their goals. Lee has at last seen the light, he says in the programme that he understands that we want to win with style and flair, a bit too late for that now Gordon.

The season ends up with another draw this tine at White Hart Lane against Tottenham. Everton fly out to Egypt to play a couple of friendlies in Cairo. There was work during the close season at the Park End, it was boarded up and split in two. This would allow away fans to have their own section. We managed to finish in fourth place, enough to qualify for Europe. There had been many changes under Lee and some young players had come through as well as buying experienced ones like Kidd and Eastoe, so maybe we had been wrong and all he needed was a bit more time. Things night be better next season, if all the signings settle in, we could be in for a treat. But a skit about the song Deck Of Cards told the real story

When I look at the ace I think of the One League goal Mickey Walsh has scored this season

The Deuce reminds me of the Championships won since the War compared to six by them

The Three reminds me of the three icy pitches we have lost on this season

The Four is the number of attempts we had before we went Top Of The League.

The Five reminds me of the Record Post War Derby defeat in 1965.

The Six makes me think of the hours it took to clear the pitch of cushions after the Villa game

The Seven reminds me of the years it took to win a Derby

The Eight reminds me of the last eight of a European Competition we never reach King smacks another goal in a 1-1

The Nine is the number of years since we won anything

The Ten is the number of years before we will anything

The Jack is John Moores who fires people in Taxi's harming also brothers. I and purious relief

The Queen reminds me of Bobby Latchford's perm

The King is Andy who scored a great goal in the Derby

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The Four Suits remind me of the Four Centre Half's we play in every game.

52 Cards remind me of the 52 games we will play 42 League, 4 Uefa, 3 League Cup, 1 F.A.Cup, 1

Friendly, and I abandoned (Bolton)

Finally the Joker Gordon Lee who said we were the best team in the League. (Thanks To Liam)

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ploy. Vicariously and overtly they experienced the high triumph and low depression of the team's success and failure—they experienced this in the huge communion of the crowd, as in turn the clubs responded by an increasing emphasis on improved performance. Soon there began to appear that symbolic artefact of the industrial town; the football ground, its high stands and terraces crowded in and cramped by closely-built rows of artisan housing. Gone for ever were the open meadows and wide terrains of the Elizabethan village game. Just as the demographic explosion constrained practically every other social agency, it forced football into its small plot surrounded by tightly packed hordes of spectators. It is said, similarly, that the Chinese concentrate on tabletennis as the national sport because so many can participate in minute spaces.

Something of the sort seems prevalent in city life down the ages. The Nike Riots which, in sixth-century Constantinople, almost cost Justinian his imperial title, were sparked off by the passionate rivalry between the supporters of the two gladiatorial factions, the blues and the greens. Doubtless the Latin equivalent of ee-ay-addio rose from hoi polloi at Rome's Coliseum. The Kop is a constant in urban society. Indeed, many commentators believe that the proxy aggression of a Liverpool-Everton or a Rangers-Celtic match has drained off the adrenalin that might have been

diffused into political or social rebellion.

These developments were coming, and Everton kept pace with them. The exhibition games on Stanley Park aside, Everton had an enclosed ground from 1882 on Cruitt's Field, Priory Road. In 1884 Cruitt grew tired of football on his field, and the club transferred to Orrell's Brewery Field at Walton. Here they developed the Anfield Road ground. At this juncture a shudder must surely run down the spine of every right-minded Everton fan, for this was later to be the home of Liverpool AFC—it was as if the Cardinal Archbishop had started life in a mosque. In 1885 the first game was played at the new premises, its enclosure capable of housing several thousand spectators, and Earlstown Borough were decisively swept aside to the tune of 5-0. Soon superior fixtures were negotiated against famous clubs like Blackburn Rovers, Blackburn Olympic, Accrington, and Bolton Wanderers. It was Blackburn Olympic who had finished the trail blazed by Darwen, and they were the north's first FA Cup-winners, beating

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Old Etonians 2-1 in 1883. Three weavers, two spinners, an iron-foundryman, a plumber and a dentist's assistant were in the side.

The growing business interest in soccer was demonstrated at Everton by the activities of John Houlding, landlord of the Sandon Hotel which, by now, had replaced 'The Queen's Head' as the club's unofficial headquarters. This wealthy publican was active politically. He was on the Board of Guardians, he was a councillor who was to become mayor of Liverpool, and a busy member of the Liverpool Working-men's Conservative Association. He was known as King John of Everton. Apart from a shrewd eye for the profitable aspects of football, his keen political brain noted with delight the electoral popularity awaiting a successful soccer tycoon. It was just at this time that Major William Sudell was attempting to realise his proud boast to make Preston North End the 'invincibles', and financial interests were beginning to touch the game at several points. It is of interest to recall that Houlding's lieutenants were Sam Crosbie and Frank Brettle, the headmaster and one of the staff at Prince Edwin Street School, and A. Boylett, still steadfastly maintaining his family's connection with St Domingo's Sunday school. Sam Crosbie was a zealous fund-raiser and Frank Brettle, a one-time secretary of the club, had been a forward in Everton's very first line-up. In the conjunction with these men of education, church and business, the major w influences not only in Everton's but in football's fortunes generally were personified, de buelert treland basinst finding fancianal metaline 2881

By far the most significant factor in industrialism's effect on association football was the arrival of professionalism, and as the spectator angle grew, the professionalisation of football and of other sports developed. In the mid-1880s Accrington and Preston North End were in serious trouble; Accrington was expelled, and Major Sudell astounded the FA by proclaiming Preston's deliberate use of professionals to build his famous 'lilywhites'. Peter Parkinson of Bolton Wanderers led the short-lived British Football Association for professional teams. The amateur/professional controversy was almost as tense and critical as the earlier soccer/rugby debate.

C. W. Alcock, the FA secretary, much as he personally admired the amateur attitude, read the omens aright. Payments were being made, and nothing would stop the practice; better to control it, then, than force it underground. 'Veiled professionalism is the

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evil to be repressed,' said Alcock. In 1885 professionalism was legalised under certain limitations. Everton's first three registered professionals were George Dobson, from Bolton Wanderers, George Farmer, an ex-Oswestry player, and Alec Dick, late of Kilmarnock. Everton were soon in trouble over their professionals —the club was refused admission for a season to the Lancashire Cup because of its overfondness for professionals, and Lythgoe and the Liverpool Association, of which he was still the most prominent member, were also annoyed. They grew angry enough to remove the Liverpool Cup, which Everton had won three times in four years, from its place of honour in the Sandon Hotel. 'Gone but not forgotten' was the mourning text that replaced it. The strangest incident, however, concerned Everton's tryst with Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup competition of 1887. Bolton won 1-0, but Everton protested that Bolton, pioneers of the professional game, had exceeded the regulations for paid players. After two drawn replays, Everton won the fourth game 2-1, and this time Bolton protested. Everton were found to have seven paid players, but three were on amateur registration to meet the FA ruling on professionalism. Everton (who by the time of the hearing had already lost to Preston in the next round) were suspended for a month. The gates for these games, incidentally, were touching 7,000, a crowd plenty of third and fourth division clubs would avidly welcome today. undo nome to nem each

By now football was well established in Liverpool. In 1883 and 1889 international matches against Ireland had their venue in Liverpool, the one at Aighurth, the other on Everton's ground. Thus far Everton had had little success in the FA Cup, indeed, on one regrettable occasion in 1886 the club miserably shirked a cup encounter with the redoubtable Glasgow Rangers. W. C. Alcock, most influential of football administrators, was responsible for the brilliant concept of cup football, and the FA Challenge Cup was first fought for in 1871. Like so much in soccer, it had a public school origin, for Alcock had remembered the success of the Harrow Cock House competition.

It was William McGregor, another notable administrator, who produced the twin for Alcock's cup, namely, the Football League. Everton were founder members along with Aston Villa, Preston North End, Accrington, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, Burnley, Notts County, Stoke

City, Derby County, and Bolton Wanderers. The northern and midland hegemony was complete. No club south of Birmingham appeared in the first Football League and the fulcrum of soccer had moved absolutely. Six of these dozen founders are at present in the first division. Then as now Everton were able to guarantee good amenities, including a grandstand and regular attendance; these were the sureties which the league required.

On 8 September 1888 Everton played their first league match before a handsome gate of 9,000, and having undergone extensive training, they defeated the strong Accrington side 2–1. They were captained during the season by Nick Ross, late of Preston North End, who earned the then princely sum of £10 a month. This competent full-back was transferred back to Preston in the close season. His tenure of office had not been too exciting, for Everton finished a poor eighth in the first league tables, having scarcely gained an away point—what the Liverpool Review called the Everton Football Fiasco'.

In that close season a refurbished committee worked hard to rectify Everton's lack of offensive penetration. Chadwick joined them from Blackburn Rovers, and later he became the first Evertonian to don England's colours, playing in six internationals between 1891 and 1897. He formed a gifted left wing with Milward, who also won a couple of caps. Fred Geary, a centre-forward from Notts County, joined with them in putting the accent firmly on attack. The forceful Lata, a Scottish international, also joined the club and, the following year, two Third Lanark stars, Lockhead and McFarlane, contributed to the strong Celtic flavour of the Everton eleven. Jimmy Holt, a small Blackburn-born centre-half, widely admired for his 'cleverly illegal' tactics, steadied the defence. This reformation certainly had the desired consequence. Villa were mercilessly hammered 7-0, and it was reported that the Aston Villa stalwart, Archie Hunter, suffered a fit, so nonplussed was he at this grave indignity. Twenty thousand turned out to watch the game against 'Proud Preston', who easily held off the upstart challenge, winning 5-1. Still, Everton were second. And then, in season 1890-1, they became the Football League's third champions. It was a well-drilled side, tough, but, especially on the left flank, skilful in attack. The grand names of Preston, Villa, and Blackburn Rovers had to hide their astonishment and dismay as best they might. To be continued in next issue

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The Everton fanzine SFTH has reached it's one hundredth Issue and that is a brilliant achievement in this day of emails, Internet, Sky TV etc when information is easily at hand why would anyone still want to buy a Fanzine? Because it's from the heart of the fans, it's not after big sponsorship deals. It is there to express the views of the fans and not censor opinion because someone at the Club might not like what has been said. Mark Staniforth is a nice lad a great Evertonian and a fine Editor, he is critical but fair and he has many contributors to his Fanzine so the views can vary, there is humour and seriousness side by side take your pick. The fanzine can be bought outside the ground on matchdays and Mark is at the Church End of Gwladys Street in all kinds of weather selling. I have known Mark for quite a few years now and have always got on well with him he is not a rival but a fellow Fanzine Editor and I have contributed to his fanzine, below is one such effort. From issue 37 is griffib bonistics

This is my story about being an Evertonian, Yes am paranoid and suffer from

various psychological problems. You see, I have a strong dislike of Kopites. I am getting better though. I used to hate them.

I thought it was time that I got professional help and this is what happened when I lay my head down on the psychiatrists couch. I drifted back to the day of my birth. I was warm and safe inside my mothers womb, when all of a sudden I started to move. The start of the journey was hard and bruising, a bit like the first half against Bayern Munich, but then, just as in that game, things got easier. I could see a light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak and made my debut into the world. Yes, a little Blue Boy, weighing only 7lbs. started to look around the room. Would I finish up in a bed in the bottom half of the room or a nice mid room position or maybe I should aspire to bed number 6. all the way in the Inter Toto Nursery?

Suddenly, I received a sharp slap on my arse. In some pain, I turned my little head to see a giant Kopite'ess midwife staring down at me. Seeing my discomfort, the Red lady slapped my bot again and then handed me to my mum. It was there for the next six days that I stayed, nice and safe. On the seventh day I was transferred to my family home, the only fee involved was the taxi fare. It was there that most of my problems began. I was shown off to my Dad and my older brother, a Kopitell For the next ten years of my life it was like being in hell. All I ever got was his Red hand me down clothes, his un-

End, who earned the then princely sum of £ finished a poor eighth in the first league tables, havin

eaten Red tomatoes etc.

In 1967 Celtic won the European Cup. This seemed to upset him, but he was worse the following year when Man United won it. I was, by this time, a fully grown man and decided to try and get rid of my Red brother. I told him about a land that had been built by n'erdowells and convicts, just like Kopites, and for only £10 he could go. Knowing that it would be too much for him to resist he set off for Australia.

At last I was a free man but things didn't improve, my paranoia got worse. Most normal people were talking about the Kennedy conspiracy, Lee Harvey Oswald, the grassy knoll etc. But I was talking about the Alan Waddle Conspiracy, I have played the video a thousand times and just before the ball hits Waddle's leg. a stone, fired from a catapult from the Park End hits the ball and deflects it into our goal. How else could a man with legs less stable than a deck chair score? I also wanted to know, how Liverpool managed to get a fellow of the Jewish Faith to play football on a Saturday. Not only that, but to score a goal against us in injury time. Ronny Rosenthal is the name you are looking for. held off the upstart challenge,

The years passed by and I drank more and more. My Psychiatrist said it was because when I went into pub toilets and saw the name "Shanks" on the ceramics, it triggered something off in me that Preston, Villa, and B made want to piss on that name.

tried to talk to fellow Evertonians about my problems but they only made it worse. Saying things like "What about Morrissey, Sheedy, Harper and Watson. They're all Blue Boys now?" But I would tell them about the times when I used to watch the Western Films and the RED Indians would capture a young white boy. They would take him into their tribe and try to make him one of their own. Many years later the BLUE uniformed Cavalry would rescue the lad but they could never readjust to their new lives and I would whisper from row twenty, "Once a Red, always a Red".

At the time of writing, I am still taking the tablets and seeing my quack. He made me shake hands with a Kopite after this seasons Derby game. Next year he wants me to go one step further and take my gloves off. I don't know, it's a big step to take!!

George Orr Blue Blood

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The History Of Everton season 1929-30

Billy Smith the author of the Blue Correspondence Book has spent years researching Everton's History from Newspaper archives Although there are a few spelling mistakes due to limited time I am sure you will enjoy the information. Billy can be contacted by email bluecorrespondent@bluebottle.com

AUG I 1929, the players of everton club report for training to-day and sevices work in preparation for the coming season, will begin after bank hollday everton open for the season with a visited from bolton wanderers, the cup holders.

AUG 2, the everton players reported for duty yesterday morning, and they will soon to be strict training for the coming campaign. Everton have twenty-eoght players on the books everton newcomers include w o'donnell, who like his brother, is a full back, and was last season with connah's quay and wilkinson the newcastle forward. The everton players requested to attend at 10 o'clock- dean arrived at 9.15 so that he has scored early, perhaps he wanted to be the first to see the new colour scheme at goodison park, i hear the everton players are to have a new 'fashion' in attire if not in colour, I am told that the blue shirt will have a v- shape at the neck, instead of being lacey up, with a white edging and white' cuffs' on the sleeves, and that there will be a blue stripe down the side of the white shorts. The new colours should be very effative.

AUG 9. footballer followers will not be confused by many alterations of rules, during the coming season, the unsatisfactory rules regarding faulty boots has been put right and a player may now return to the field after reporting to the refereee. The only other change clearly defines the position in regard to the taking of a penalty kick. In future the players of the team against whom a penalty has been taken may not line up in such a way as to embarras the kicker. They must be inside the field of play outside the penalty area, and at leats ten yards from, where the kick is being taken. This is a decided improvement on the former ruling.

AUG 10, everton have appointed hart as captain, and dean as sub captain for the coming season.

AJ trickler, formerly with plymouth arygle and exeter city, has been appointed assistant trainer, a position rendered vacant through the death of smith, who was killed in a motor-cycle accident. Theo kelly so well known at first as a player and later as secretary of the orwell Wednesday club, is the new coach, to the 'A' team. Everton trial matches have been arranged for the 17TH and the 21^{SI} inst.

AUG 17. forshaw, the everton forward has been transferred to wolverhampton wanderers, a club which had previously secured a number of former everton men, notably chadwick and weaver, forshaw has previously played for Liverpool, and was transferred to goodison park in 1927 and helped to escape relegation. A versatile exponent, he is equally at home in the forward or half-back lines and he should prove of great value to his new club. Forshaw has seved the merseyside clubs well since 1919, when he joined Liverpool club.

AUG 22, everton have been decidedly unfortunate in their trail matches this season, and it will be a great handicap to start the campaign, as seens likely, minus the services of virr and griffiths, and possibly troup. Griffiths demonstrated in the first match that he is as skillful as ever and the injury sustained last night is all the more regrettable. I trust the men will make a rapid recovery.

AUG 30, everton open the football league season to-morrow with a league match against bolton wanderers at goodison park, and there is every likely hood of a strenous struggle with- the holders of the FA cup, the fact that virr griffiths and troup are on the injury list has somewhat happicapped the directors in choosing the team. But they have, decided to give white, the sturdy player, who can play forward or half-back the onerous position of centre-forward, and hart remares on the left, martin is selected as outside left to partner stein.

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SEPT 4. collins will play for the reserves on Saturday, against Liverpool reserves. Collins is a 4 11 11412 young player from the SAT team.

The meeting between the local rivals is very early this season, and at this juncture it is difficult for supporters to weigh up the chances. The form just now is not reliable. No doubt everton players, will be at anfield to-night to take, stock of their opponents. Everton selected their team last night, and I am glad to announce that dean and kelly, who were absent from the burnley game, owing to injuries received in the opening match,, will be ready to turn out, so that the side will be the same as against bolton wanderers.

SEPT 6, everton have signed a useful half-back, who is equally at home on the right or left, in J whyte of blackburn rovers. Whyte joined the rovers in march 1927, along with t mclean, both players travelling from perth st johnson club. In that season whyte played six times at right half

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for the rovers, and once on the left. The following season he made two appearances at right-half and played fourteen times on the other wing, and once he figured at outside left and in that game registered two goals. His appearances with the reserves side are 1926-27 once, 1927-28 fifteen, and last season he made twenty-seven appearances, before going to blackburn, he had been three season with the perth club, being one of the captures made by david taylor as manager. A native of fife, whyte went straight to perth from junior football and while never exceptically brillant, he is a hard worker and steader than many a hal-back. The loss of his place was due in a great measure to the rise of campbell, who in the rovers cup winning season, made the left position his own. Whyte is very sure in his kicking, and can play a most strenuous game all through he stands 5ft 7ins, and weights 10st 7lbs.

SEPT 11, leeds united visit goodison park this evening the everton directtors last night decided on one change, campared with the side that beat Liverpool, critchley coming in as partner to dunn in place of ritchie, who suffering from a slight strain.

SEPT 13, ritchie, who stood down from the match on Wednesday, owing to a slight strain and returns to the everton team to oppose derby county at derby, to-morrow. This is the only change.

SEPT 18, against manchester city,, at goodison park on Saturday, everton are making an experiment by placing wilkinson the former newcastle forward who at times deputised for gallacher as alcader at outside right as partner to dunn. I through wilkinson showed promise in the early satges of a trail match, but he sustained an injury and he was unable to give of his best. He has since done, well with the reserves, and he will now have an opportunity on the way of proving his real worth. Rather too small, in my judgement, for an inside forward, wilkinson may succeed at outside right. This is the only change from the side beaten at leeds united. Meanwhile the football league have picked davies, the everton goalkeeper to play next Wednesday, they meet the irish league at goodison park, cresswell also plays for the football league.

SEPT 25, everton journey to portmouth on Saturday in the endeavour to secure a brace of points. The southern side has had a poor time, so far and have still to win a match. Robson the young north eastern player who assisted blythe spartan and who has been performing with great skill in the reserves side, is to turn out at right-half in place of keely

SEPT 26, english league won 7-2 at goodison park against the irish league, davies and cresswell playing for the english league in frony of 11,020 (recepts of £700).

OCT 2. harrogate Tuesday. There have been some extraordinary rumours lately, and the most extraordinary one concerns allaged transfer of dean to blackburn rovers, dane rumours starting the story at manchester, said that this was an accomplished fact. Dean, when questioned on the point said," well, it's news to me." Mr meintosh the secretary of the club said," the idea is absurd, and I wonder how these remours get about. What is it at the back of them? There is no truth in the suggestion." Everton, by the way play sunderland tomorrow night, and dunn is not certain to turn out, owing to an injured ankle. Wilkinson formerly of newcastle united and weldon, are on the spot and ready to drop into the cavancy should it occur.

OCT 8, everton and their players have been most unfortunate this season, seldom have I know so many casualies to first team men, and the result is that the club, has been handispped from the start. It was pleasing to see griffiths and troup returning to the field in the lancashire cup-tie with blackpool yesterday, but it was obvious that they were short of practice, hunter hart was captain of the side, however, met with a nasty accident, the stud of an opponents boot causing a cut under the eye which necessitated a couple of stites, and althrough they are,, hopes that hart will have recovery by Saturday, he may be marked a doubtful starter against aston villa. Dean is by no means right yet, but I believe virr is progressing.

OCT 9, everton face one of their most strenous tasks of the season on Saturday, with weakened force they are due to tackle aston villa, at birmingham. At a time when several of their leading players notably dean and dunn are laid aside through injury. As a consquenice a re-shuttle has been necessary and it is fortunate that griffiths who went through the test against blackpool well, is able to resume at centre-half, the welshman thereby releasing white to take up the centre-

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forward berth. Critchley will partner weldon on the right wing, ritchie, who was the best of the forward against blackpool being chosen in the reserves ranks.

OCT 10, the injury sustained by dunn of everton at sunderland turn out to be more serious than was at first through. He is to undergo an operation to the instep, and went into hospital yesterday, for the purpose the club and the players have indeed been unfortunate and I understand the casuallty list includes no fewer than twelve men. In the event of hart not being able to take his place in the team on Saturday against aston villa, wilkinson will take the centreforward berth and white will drop back to left-half.

OCT 11, the everton has been called on by the lancashire FA for an explanation as to why they did not play a full league side, in the cup-tie against blackpool on Monday, the rules of the lancashire cup competition states that a 'club shall play its full strength in all ties'. It may be point out, that everton have a long list of injuried players, but that six of the man who played against arsenal on Saturday, were included in the team against blackpool. Other players who played in that match, white and j o'donnell, were injured and couldn't turn out. Griffiths, who played against blackpool is in the team to meet aston villa on Saturday, troup is a first team man the actual reserves men included therefore are, common, o'donnell w and easton.

OCT 12. WC dickie the southport half-back has been transferred to connan's quay, dickie who was formerly with everton went to southport last season.

OCT 17. everton meet middlesbrough at goodsion park on Saturday, and in view of cresswell's absence on international duty common the full-back who has done so well in recent lancashire cup-ties, will have an opportunity of again displaying his skill the football league football. I am glad to announce that dean will return to the side and it is hoped that the inflence of the international centre-forward will be felt in the attacking line. Dean has been most unfortunate this season, and the supporters of the club hopes that he has thoroughly recovered. Griffiths is fit again and hart too resumes at left-half white is to play inside-right......meanwhile the everton reserves side to opose oldham athletic in a central league match at oldham, will included the son of the former everton outside-right sam chedgzoy, he is to partner wilkinson on the right. The team also includes virr, who is rapidly recovering, griffiths the centre-half is a youth who is on trail from one of the junior welsh clubs.

OCT 19, cresswell played for england against the ireland at belfast, england won 3-0.

OCT 23, the everton oppose blackburn rovers on Saturday, when cresswell will return to the side, the inclusion of the international being the only change from the team which defeated middlesbrough.meanwhile hanson is a promising amateur from the "A" and will play tonight for the reserves against bolton wanderers.

OCT 30, the everton team selected last night to meet newcastle united at goodison park on Saturday, shows one change from the side that was beaten at ewood park last Saturday, common comes into the side at right-back in the place of cresswell, who is in the english league team against scottish league.

NOV 4, everton, who have been prospecting in the north-east nursery, signed JH mcclure, a right half, of wallsend, a north eastern league club following the match with hartlepool united on Saturday, mcclure, who is twenty-two is spendidy endowed physically for his position being 5ft 9ins, and weighting 11st, he reports to goodison park on Wednesday.

NOV 13, everton are at home against huddersfield town, on Saturday, and they will be represented by the team which did duty at west ham united....meanwhile dunn the scottish international and everton forward has made a rapid recovery from the operation which an injury to his foot. Neccessitated and he is to have his first active trail on Saturday, when he will turn out with the reserves in a central league match against birmingham city at st andrews.

NOV 18, dean, owing to an injury to his foot lft the field before the close of the game, and was operated on yesterday for an injury foot. It appears that a bone in his foot is chipped, and the

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injury has been troubling him for some time thus everton will be further handicapped, for some weeks, but it is expected that the operation will result in a complete cure.

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NOV 19. WR dean, the everton centre-forward, who as reported in yesterday 'dfaily post' underwent an operation in a nursing home on Sunday, it was repoted, yesterday to be progessing favourable. He express the hope that he would be out in about three weeks, and would be able to play within four or five weeks. It is believed that when fit again dean will have successfully overcome the difficulties that have beset him for some months. The operation was for the removal of bone spilters from the ankle.

NOV 20, everton rearranged their force for the match at birmingham on Saturday. In view of the fact that dean is in hospital it is fortunate that dunn has recovered and, following his trial with the reserves last week. He is called on to resume his association with critchley and I trush the combination will on his occasion prove a success critchley shoulder not lack chances with so clever a player. He beside him and if the wingerman pays a little attention to the accuracy of his finishing worth the inside forward. Should benefit wilkinson, who has been doing well with the reserves, leads the line again he has scored seven goals in the last two centre-league games. Hart, who has shouldered the responsibility of captaincy for some time and has been through troubled waters is again called onto move his position and he resumed the onerous duties of centre-half griffiths is engaged in the international match to-day, and it may be through that a second game in three days may prove, too great a strain for the welsh player. Hart to my mind is at his best in the centre, white returns to left after a period in the forward line.

NOV 21, griffiths played for wales at chelsea against england, in front of 40,000, england winning 6-0.

NOV 22, everton have transferred to wrexham WF rooney, the left half-back, who has accomplished good work for the centre league side, and has also had considerable experience of thefirst division football. Rooney is a local player, who started in the everton "A" team, and made rapid progree. He assited the first team on occasion this season and will I feel sure, prove of great worth to the welsh club,. A left half-back, rooney can take up the pivotal position if required. He stands 5ft 8ins, and weights 11st 7lbs.

NOV 23, everton have strengthened their ranks by the acquisition of A rigby of blackburn rovers. The player who had asked to be put on the transfer list, earlier in the week was signed yesterday, so that everton lost no time in getting into touch with the club and the player. Rigby is to turn out for his new club at birmingham to-day when he will occupy the inside leftpostition as partner to stein in place of martin.

Rigby has made his name at outside left, but he can also occupy the inner perth, and it is ecpected that his ability and shooting power will have greater scope here. Certainly everton are in need of a driving force, and it is hoped that rigby will strengthen the attack. He has held a reputation as a srong shot. The new man has won a football association cup medal, and has twice played for england at outside left. He was in the team, captained by hill which recovered finely to beat scotlansd at hampton park in 1927. He has been out of the rovers team recently owing to the consistency of turner and with hutton, requested the directors to put him on the transfer list the fee is believe to be in the neighbourhood of £3,000. Rigby began his career as a goalkeeper and served crwe alexandra and bradford city, before joining blackburn rovers with whom he has been nearly five years. With bradford city he played in 150 league games, 41 goals,, last season he scored 13 goals from the wim=ng. Well built rigby is a native of manchester and stands 5ft 8ins and weights 11.

NOV 29, dean, the everton centre-forward left the nursing home yesterday, and he expressed his delight at being able to get home again. The operation to his foot has keep completely successful and he hopes to get back to football in a few weeks time. Dean expects to see the everton match on Saturday.

NOV 30, this is a surprise but at the same time welcome alteration in the everton team virr the local half-back, who has done so well in previous seasons, and heped the club to win the championship, is to reappeared to-day at left-half back. Virr sustained an injury to his knee which at one time seemed likely to prevent him playing football again. But by dint of care and

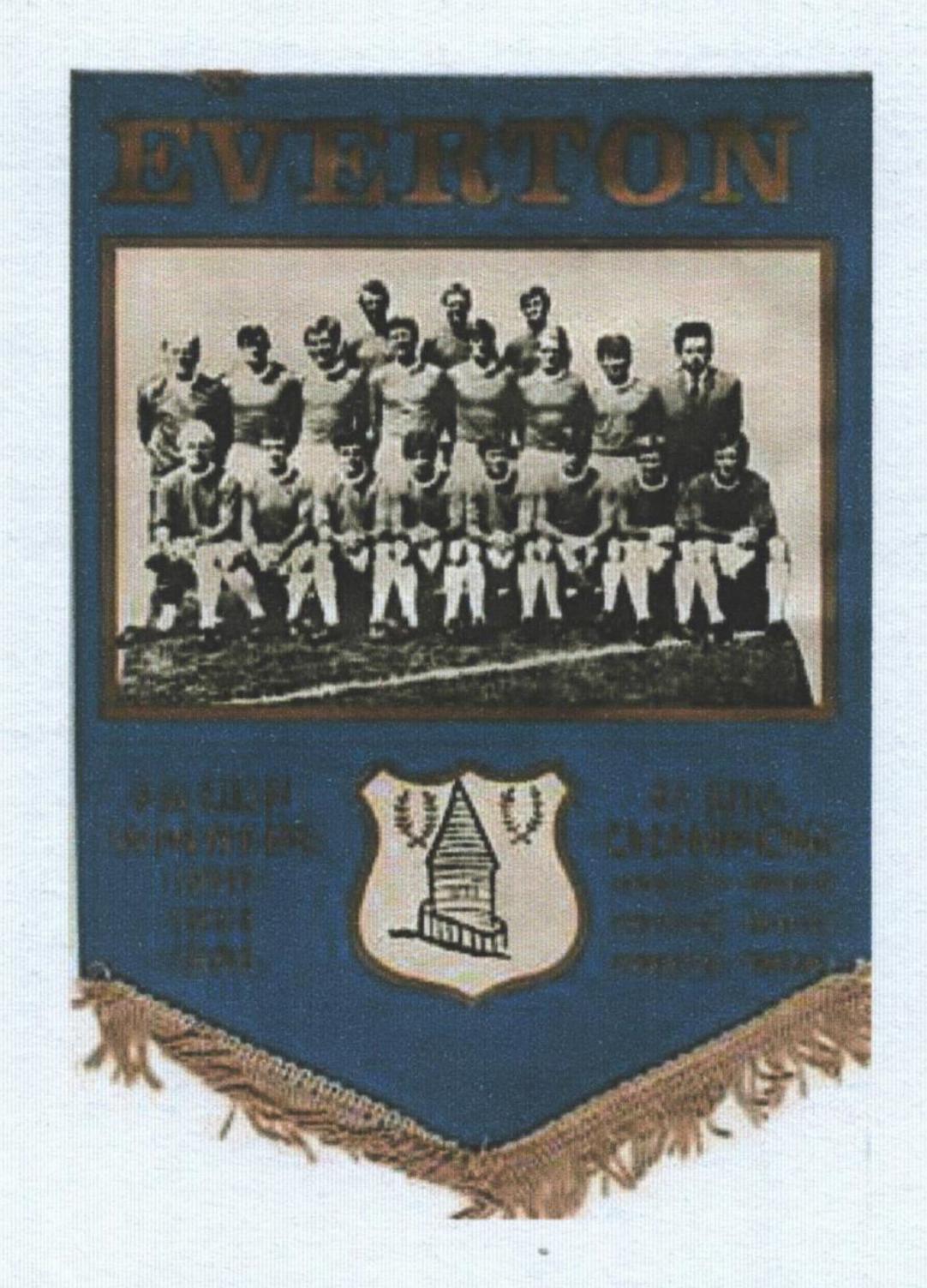
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