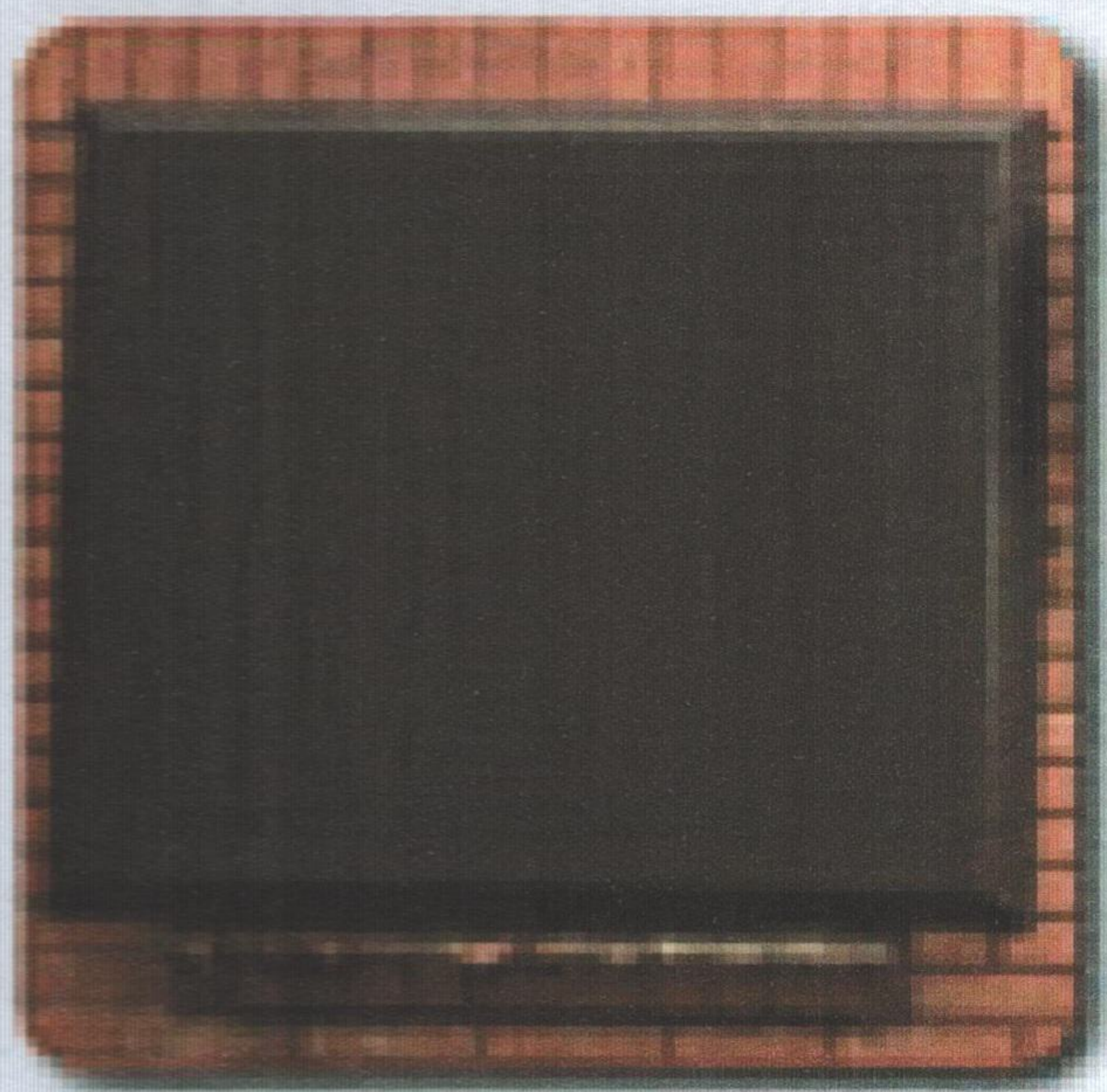


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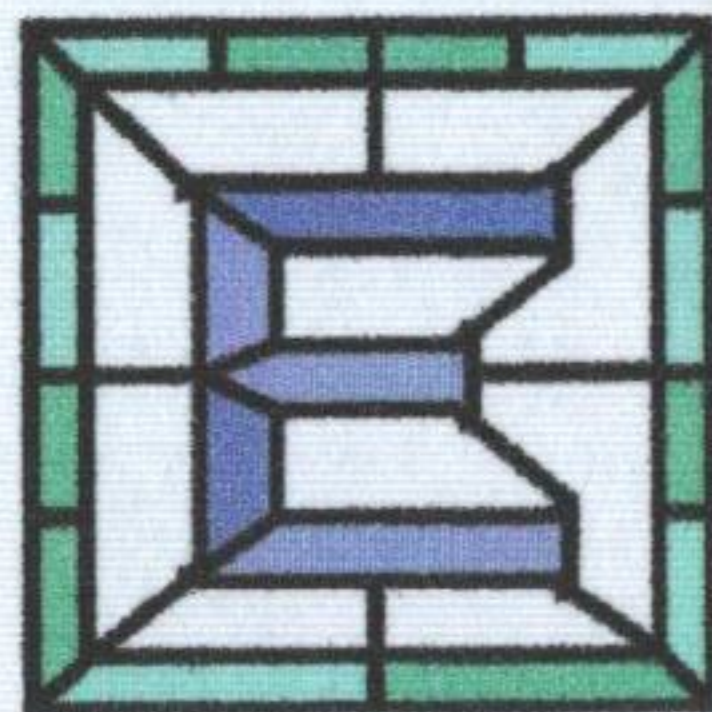
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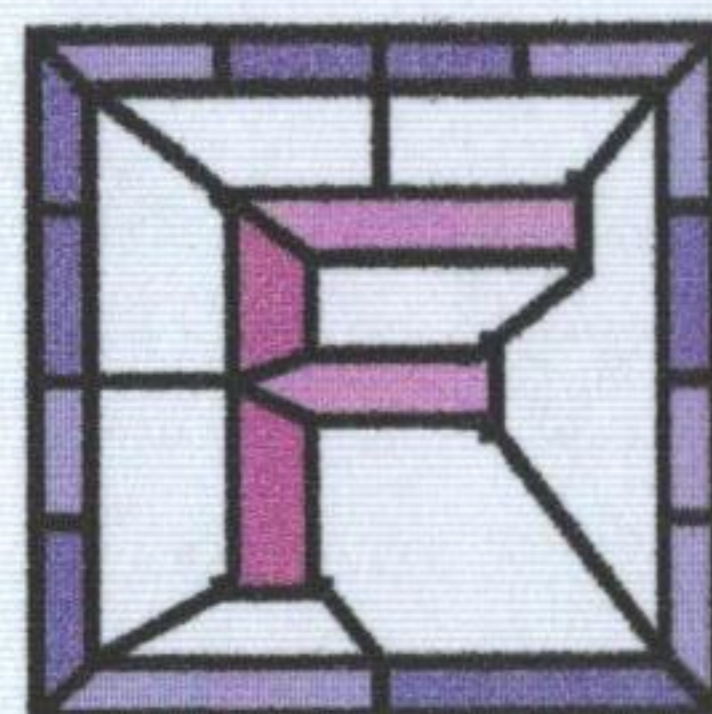
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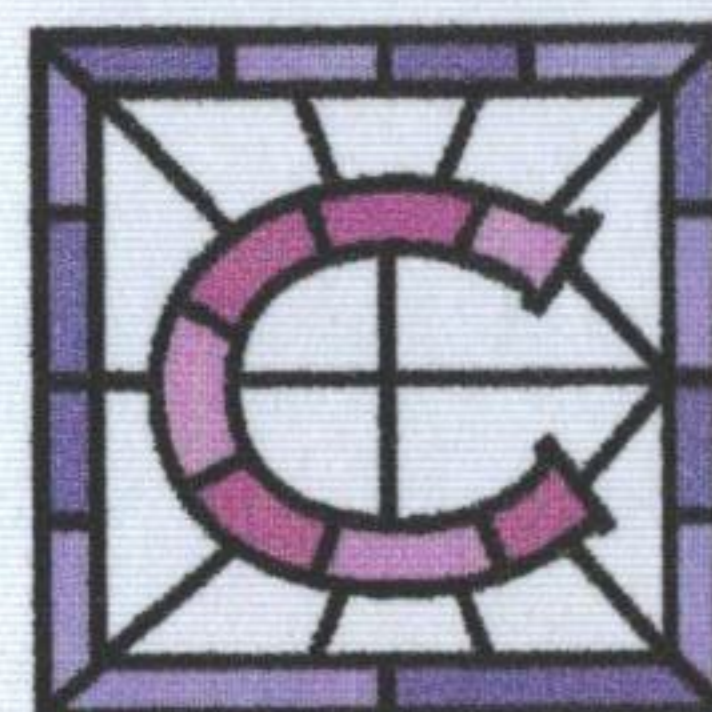


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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John Coulter
 Inside / outside left
 Born N. Ireland

Jackie Coulter was a clever tricky winger he broke his leg playing against Wales and never really recovered his form played 58 games 24 goals.

Hull at home and what a sad poor team they were their only intention was to get Cahill and Fellaini booked and it half worked. Moyes should have taken him off at half time and when he didn't we all knew what was going to happen.

The Derby Monday night at the Devils Den and they are crowing and saying what the will and wont do to us but Moyes has at last got some bottle he keeps with the team that has not lost in six games or let a goal in, no changes, great. We had our chances in the first half to seal the game but we didn't, it was down to their goalie making two great saves, the second half saw our goalie do the same. After they went ahead I still thought we can do this we can get something and when Cahill did that I was made up. It was a great header in fact you will not see many better headers in your life.

The return Cup Game and we are supposed to be going to get the revenge of the Reds thrust upon us Benny Hill Tez goes mad and says Everton played ten men behind the ball, we only came to defend, how the hell did we go one nil up?

Arsenal at home on the following Wednesday and a great performance is spoilt by a last minute slip but this was an excellent display. We took the game to them they were strong but so were we and Cahill scored a great goal,

Old Trafford on Saturday switched from the Monday T.V Game, all the Reds are telling us in their Norwegian Accents that we are all from the same City and they want to wish us good luck.

We play well what are the papers going on about Man United dominated not from what I saw they didn't they were nervous and worried about us and we did really well but you can't beat a bad ref and he was a bad ref.

The press love them and we are just Everton bit part players in the football world, there to be beaten.

Robert Elstone is appointed C.E.O. at Everton and I have to say it's a very good appointment. I have met Robert many times at meetings over the Dixie Dean play and at Shareholders meetings I can say I have always found him honest straight forward and nice.

Everton have done well to get Robert so much better than Keith 'The Liquidator' Wyness. Of course Robert still has his hands tied by the board but he will at least put your proposals to them before they throw them out.

The season has changed round injuries has forced Moyes hand and he has done well maybe he could have changed it against Man United late on but we have been playing great football.

Mark Clattenburgh has been sacked as a referee, and it's not before time, the clown couldn't referee to save his life but it wasn't for being useless that he got the sack it was because of his private life and money trouble.

Maybe he will go on the after dinner circuit now at a £1,000 a time to tell his little funny tales pity he didn't talk as a referee how many of these useless refs do after dinner speeches and will not talk to the camera when asked about the game they have just refereed. Mike Riley is another clown, he sent Lampard off at Anfield when it was Alonso who came flying in with his foot left in.

Money rules the game in all areas and I for one do not trust referees who are on £3,000 a week still wanting more by doing talks after dinner it's something that should be stopped and how can anyone watch Satanta with that idiot Graham Poll there? Stupid so called football fans sit there and clap him, unbelievable.



1972-74

1972-3rd kit

1975-76

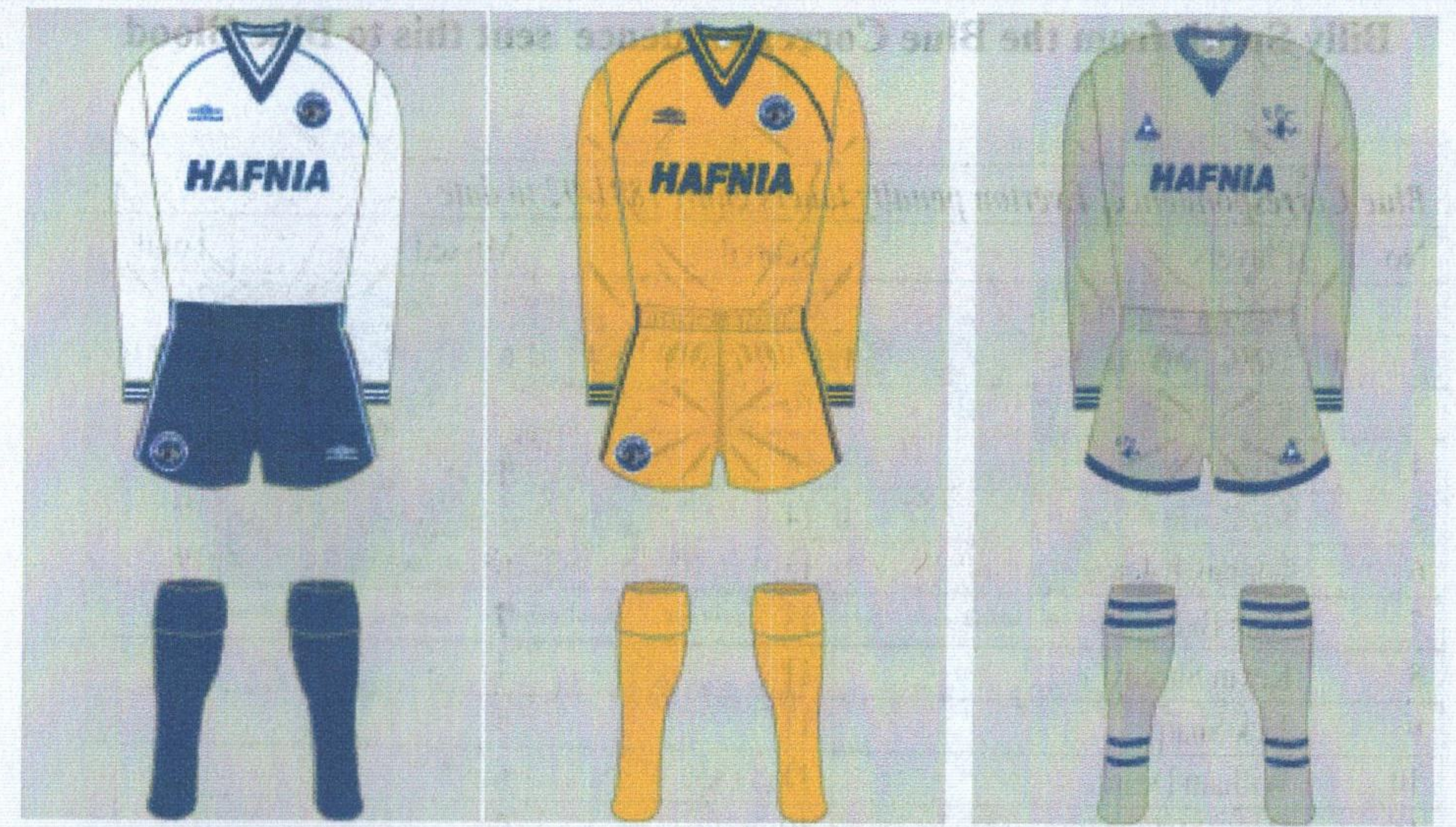


1977-78

1978-79

1979-82

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.historickits.co.uk it is a brilliant website. More kits on page 5 David has kindly given permission for me to re-produce the Everton away kits.



1982-83

1982-83 3rd kit

1983-85



1983-85

1985-86

1986-88

More away kits in the next issue and thanks to David Moor for his excellent web site and permission to use these graphics in Blue Blood

Billy Smith from the Blue Correspondence sent this to Blue Blood

Blue Correspondence; Everton penalty takers chart 1891-92 to date

No	Players	Scored	Missed	Total
1	David Unsworth	23	3	26
2	Trevor Steven	23	6	29
3	Roy Vernon	19	1	20
4	Greame Sharp	18	4	22
5	Joe Royle	14	5	19
6	Tommy E. Jones	13	6	19
7	Alan Ball	13	7	20
8	Kevin Sheedy	11	4	15
9	Jack Sharp	11	5	16
10	William Dean	11	6	17
11	Harry Makepeace	10	2	12
12	Trevor Ross	10	5	15
13	Tommy Lawton	8	0	8
14	Duncan Ferguson	8	2	10
	Mikel Arteta	8	2	10
15	Eddie Wainwright	8	4	12
16	Robert Collins	7	2	9
	Toomy White	7	2	9
17	Wilf Chadwick	7	5	12
18	Peter Beardsley	6	0	6
19	Micheal Ball	6	2	8
20	Tony Cottee	6	3	9
21	John Macconnachie	6	4	10
22	Robert Young	5	0	5
23	William Cook	5	1	6
	George Harrison	5	1	6
24	Mike Bernard	5	2	7
	Tommy Johnson	5	2	7
25	Robert Parker	5	3	8
	Jimmy Settle	5	3	8
26	Jimmy Gabriel	4	0	4
27	Fed Buckle	4	1	5
	James Beattie	4	1	5
	Gary Jones	4	1	5
28	Tommy Clinton	4	3	7
29	Andy King	4	5	9
30	J Driver	3	0	3
	Bob Latchford	3	0	3



Dave Hickson Dixie Dean Tommy Lawton Alex Young Roy Vernon Jimmy Gabriel Bob Latchford Joe Mercer

Oh we hate Bill Shankly and we hate St.
John

But most of all we hate Big Ron
And we'll hang the Kopites one by one
on the Banks of the Royal Blue Mersey
Oh to hell with Liverpool and United too
we'll throw them all in the Mersey
And we'll fight, fight, fight with all our
might
for the lads in the Royal Blue Jerseys.



Ben Sibley, Everton North End, showing the Everton Table Shop and Pitch, 1887. Everton was once a rural area and is located in the heart of Everton Toffee. On the left of

COMBINED SERVICES XI *6*

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS *3 goals*

HANNOVER, SEPT. 25th 1945

WOLVES

STOTT

MORRIS PAXTON
ALBERTON ASTON DUNN
SMITH STEVENS CHATHAM RUSCAR BENNETT



REFEREE CAPT.
(QM.) HARRINGTON
(OF M.A.A. Reg.)

ORMSTON HUME WESTCOTT TIBELL BRIDGE
(Goal) *(Albion)* *(Wolves)* *(Baker)* *(Woodcock)*
PERCIVAL MOULD MCCABE
(Blackburne City) *(Goal)* *(Middlesbrough)*
WESTWOOD COMPTON
(Blackburne City) *(Goal)*
SAGAR
(Everton)

COMBINED SERVICES XI

NEXT MATCH HERE — OCT. 24 - NOTTS FOREST

Wolverhampton Wanderers



A team sheet from a match between Wolves and the combined services

Goalkeeper Teddy Sagar, left, who played for Everton pictured during a match where Wolves played the combined services in Hannover, September 1945

This Great Newspaper cutting from the Wolverhampton Express and Star was sent to Blue Blood by subscriber Geoff Summers

FAMOUS OLD-TIMERS.

February 28 1925. *The Liverpool Football Echo.*

VICTOR HALL SPEAKS OF DIRECTOR BEN KELLY, ONE-TIME "STEWART" OF EVERTON CLUB.

In a previous article we spoke of the organisation of "Stewards" whom the Everton directors called into being in their early days at Goodison Park. The stewards were shareholders whom, in circumstances and on special occasions could be relied on to give honorary service to the club when needed. The occasions arose fairly often in which the new crowds flocking to the ground at Goodison Park would require directing as to stand entrances, reserved seats, and transfers, and so on; and it was early found that by skilled direction in seating accommodation a few extra "hundreds" could be got into the large covered stands. So there came the honorary band of stewards, with their badges of office, who acted as unpaid officials and were of considerable service to the club. The directors themselves nominated the membership, and in all probably about fifty were enrolled. They held their own little weekly meetings to arrange their duties for the following Saturdays, and even had their own "captain." Many of these stewards afterwards became directors of the club, and among such names one recalls that of the late Mr. "Ben" Kelly.

KEEN AND CAPABLE.

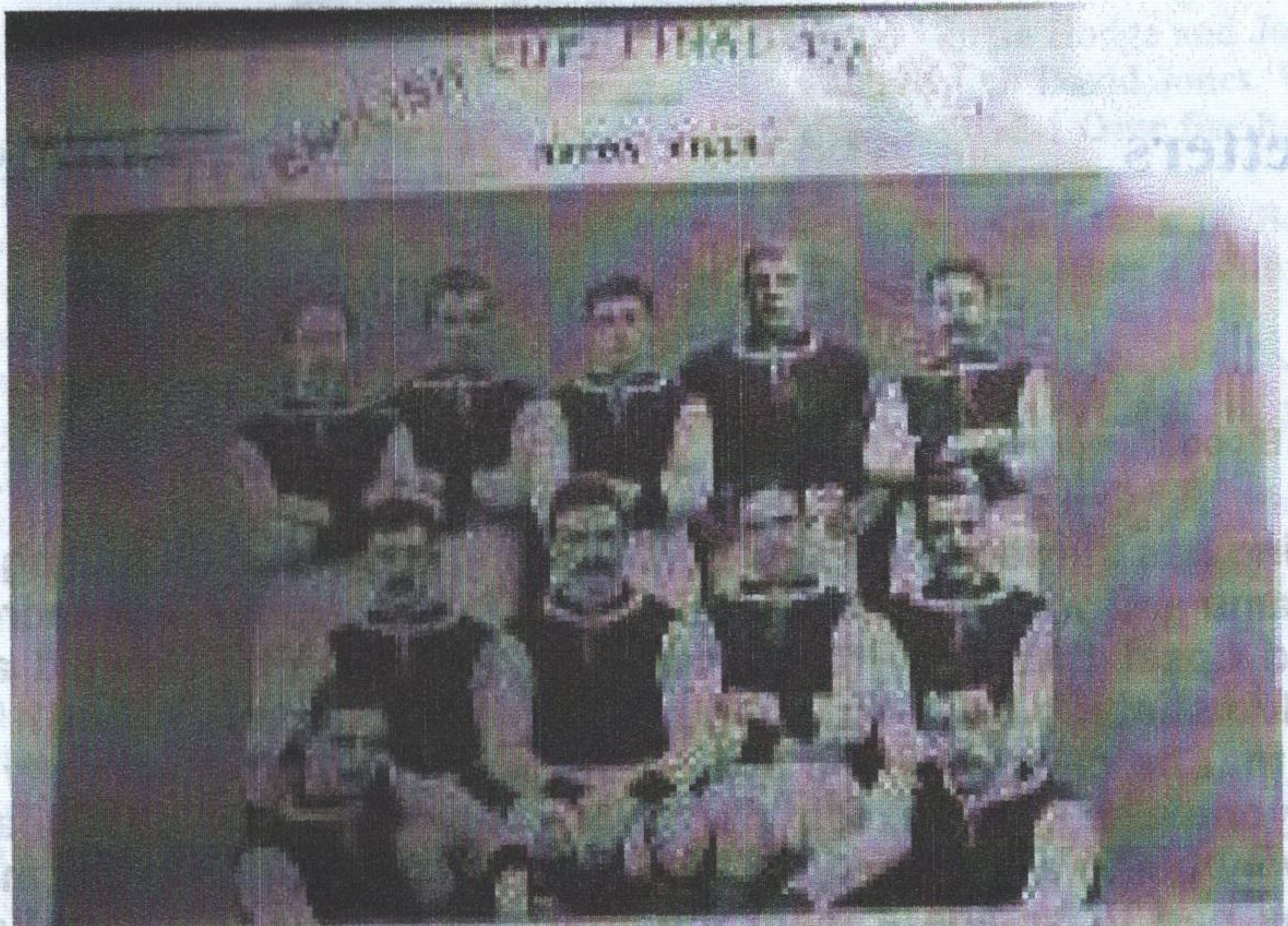
His elder brother, Mr. Richard Kelly, had previously held office as a director, and his valued advice had been of great service to the new company in the laying out of the land, and the arrangement of plans for stands and terraces. Mr. "Ben" Kelly himself in his youth had been a keen and capable player in amateur Rugby club circles in the neighborhood of Aintree, where he lived, and his addition to the board of directors at a later date was most valuable from the club point of view, in all that had to do with the physique and training care needed by practical athletic. Kelly brothers, Walton, had a large number of workmen in their own employ as builders and contractors, and indeed, they numbered quite a few clubs among their own employees, so the appointment of the popular young "boss" Mr. "Ben" as a director of the Everton football club, gave great local satisfaction out Walton way and well was that satisfaction deserved. Never had the club had a more sincere and conscientious official. Strictly temperate and disciplined in his own life and libations, Mr. Kelly was never known to be other than sympathetic and considerable in the views of others who differed from him. To the players, while strict in his views as to their obligations to the club, he was always gentle and kindly in seeing the "other fellows" point of view, and keen in his own observations on the game.

and keen in his own observances of his club duties and responsibilities. Until his health became impaired in later years, he was seldom absent from a committee, or from the self-imposed duties he undertook in attention to ground work, or recreations with the players. Imbued with a strong sense of humour he was always ready to see the right side of every joke, and his yoke lay lightly on those who erred. For him the players would do anything, or go anywhere, and when occasions demanded a long night journey in search or signature of new players, he was ready after a hard day's business to take the night trial in a labour of love for the game he enjoyed so well. The confidence of the shareholders and the public never wavered in their just estimate of his valued work for the club, so that it happened he had rarely to meet a competitor even in the days when "factions" were rare at annual meetings of shareholders. To a pressman some of those old-fashioned annuals were hugely interesting. For weeks beforehand the columns of the evening "Echo" would record the claims or charges of the contending "interests." Team selections would be revived and the claims of deported or dismissed players canvassed out of all proportion to their public interest. Lobbying would be indulged in for weeks beforehand in order to secure the views or anti-views of setting directors to the claims of the reformers, and reformers, and drastic threats were indulged in as to wholesale clearances failing "reform." Caucus meetings were held, both public and private, in order to assess strength and direct tactics. Yet with the wholesome sense of public spirit characteristic of both Everton and Liverpool, the morning after the annual meeting has always found the old club pursuing once more the even tenor of its ordered progress. Directors like players come and go. They function actively their allotted spell, for zeal or otherwise and, passing on, make way for those who follow to carry on the torch. Of those who have so served Everton there are many, some happily still in their prime but honorably resting on well-won honours, no longer actively associated with the management. Others like Mr. "Ben" Kelly have laid down the great burden, but leave the club richer by their service, and the game itself honored by their personal association.

THE IMPETUS.

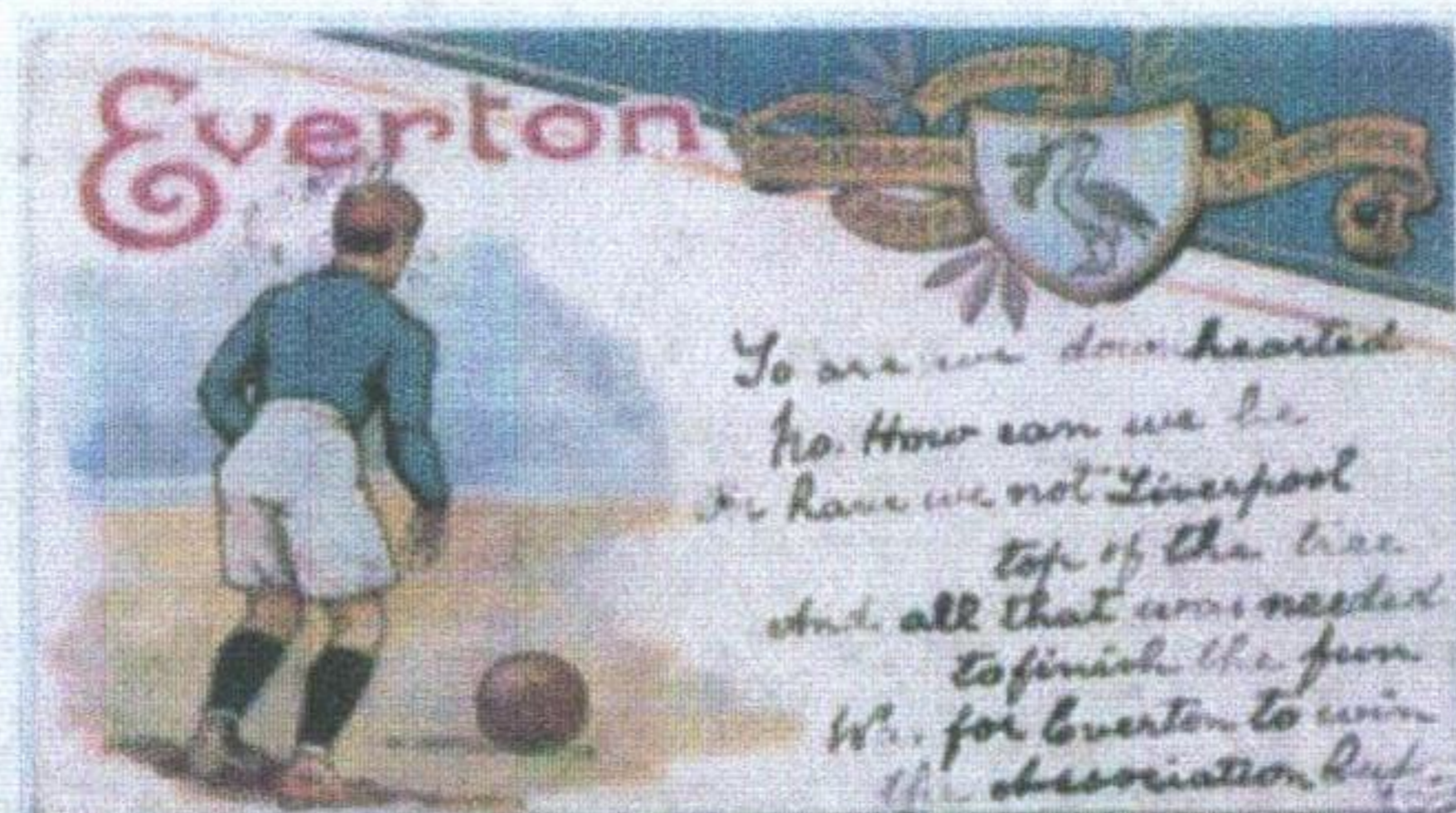
Some day we may be able to record more definitely the great impetus both Everton and Liverpool have give to League football, by the wisdom and business aptitude of their local directorate in the reception, comfort, and handling of hugh crowd. The average reader, who sees his game in comfort here, on either ground, in leasured ease each week, may not give much thought to the years of patent application that busy directors have given in preparing for his coming. But there has been such careful planning, and it has taken time and brains—and applied interest, to secure his welfare. Telephone and telegraphs, wind shelters drainage, and extra turnstiles and pressure barriers terracing and sight angles, have not evolved themselves, neither have excursions trains, or special trams, cab ranks, motor parks, or season and "transfers." Tickets. Most of these reforms in the enjoyment of Saturday football are now common to all Football League clubs. You would probably be surprised to learn in how many instances Everton and Liverpool singly or working together, have been the pioneers! And that means quite, plain, hardworking and thinking men at the head of affairs. And one of the best of these in Lancashire was Mr. "Ben" Kelly, of the Everton club.

Thanks to Billy Smith for this article



A rare item from 1897 Cup Final Aston Villa V Everton

Letters



E-Mails

Dear Blue Blood,

Everything has started to click, we are playing great football having a go at other teams and we did so well against those Pretty Boys from across the Park and upset their very funny manager. Why was he worried about a Small Club shutting up shop and getting ten men behind the ball? The answer is that he can't devise a system to beat it, he isn't tactically aware. It's everyone else's fault except his, he is not to blame, he is the master isn't it lovely being a Blue and listening to it all. David Moyes on the other hand has had to scrape a team together and he has done really well, I know the argument is that it has been forced on him he has stumbled upon a system we should have been playing for the last five years etc etc. And there is some truth in it but let's give him the benefit of the doubt, he has done well.

Alan Simpson.

Blue Blood

Everton are back as the old song once said and back with a vengeance, we laughed at the them twice in their own pit and they didn't know what to do, Cahill and Lescott both exposed their defence from set pieces. They rely on one man and with a bit of luck the law might take care of that but Everton did well against Arsenal as well, we let it slip in the dying seconds but we deserved to win and it was two points lost, there is no doubt about that. We can do well if Moyes just holds his nerve, carries on with the ball on the floor tactic and put the youngsters in when needed. We have been asking him to do this for years and not hoof it up to Beattie, Johnson, The Yak etc etc and now we have got our wish. Let's support the boys all the way to Wembley, and if we do beat the unwashed ones in the replay then we owe Villa one, they robbed us at home we gave them the ball to score three times, that will not happen again, we will beat them.

Peter Ford

Everton In The 70's 1979/80

The Pre — Season tour had some new faces, Eamon O'Keefe, Martin Hodge and John Bailey had all joined the Blues.. Martin Dobson had left along with David Jones. We lost to Hertha Berlin 2-1 and lost in Belgium to Sparta Prague also 2-1 Over five hundred Blue Boys had made it to this match.

Two major changes in football were, freedom of contract and shirt sponsorship .Both things involved Everton early on. Dobson's transfer fee was to be judged by a tribunal and Hafnia sponsored Everton.

On the pitch things got off to a terrible start, a 4—2 home defeat by Norwich was watched by only 26,539, Barton and Bailey are the full backs, Pat Heard plays but gets substituted. Ross and Nulty score.

Over to Leeds for our annual hiding, only 2-0 this time .From the worst ground for a result to the best, Derby away and once again we take the points with Andy King doing the business, they even had a proper programme this year instead of that bloody awful newspaper. This match was shown on TV so we could not wear the shirts with the sponsors name. The BBC would not allow advertising -

Another change was in the League Cup, it was decided to make the early rounds the best of two legs .We play Cardiff at home first and win 2—0 Brian Kidd gets them both.. Asa Hartford makes his debut against Aston Villa at home ,we draw 1—1 the influx of new players led to rumours of dressing room unrest and it was common knowledge that Pejic, Thomas and Latchford were unhappy.

Cardiff away midweek and after what had happened there a couple of seasons ago I didn't bother going, we lost 1-0 but went through after both legs. Stoke away and a good 3-2 win Bailey, King and Kidd. Varadi was sub

.Wolves at home and two more goals, not enough, they get three. This is a sad defeat not what we expect from Everton and the fans are not happy with this type of football.

Next up was three hard away games ,Feyenoord, we lose 1—0, Nulty is in the team instead of Hartford who was signed too late Some Blue Boys stayed in Holland and went straight to Ipswich on the Saturday to see a 1-1 draw.

Away again midweek to Aston Villa in the League Cup, 0-0 this is a good result..

Colin Todd leaves, less than a year after signing, he never settled at Goodison and sometimes the pressure seemed to get to him. A huge disappointment because he was thought to be the answer to the midfield problem.

Bristol City at home and a poor 0-0 draw didn't do much to make the 24,733 want to come back. The team seems unbalanced, Hartford, new signing Garry Stanley, King, Kidd and Eastoe all want to score but nobody is providing the support -

Feyenoord at home and we lose 1—0, sick, McBride plays Varadi and Latchford come on as subs but it's too late .

Coventry away and another defeat 2-1. The defeats seem to be coming thick and fast, the hard core Evertonians are getting fed up with this team, they all look out of place no one is commanding and the defence doesn't look good.

The League Cup is important now we are out of Europe and what a performance, we lick Villa 4-1 at home, Billy Wright gets into the team taking the injured Barton's place.

Palace at home and a 3-1 win with Latchford, Kidd and King scoring. This is more like it, an Everton team that likes to attack and have a go.

Over to the Devils Den for the Derby and to tell you the truth, I was dreading it. We were playing bad and they were their usual spammy selves. A miracle, we draw 2-2 King and Kidd score, we go mad, We Shall Not Be Moved Garry Stanley and McDer-mott get sent off. For slapping each other like school girls. Isn't it strange when they don't win they get nasty and have players sent off but usually take one of us with them

Man Utd at home a creditable 0-0 draw, John Gidman makes his debut and Latchford seems to be happy now he's back in the team. I was still working on the Buses and like I have said it was great for taking the Mickey out of those Red Boys.. On a Tuesday night we had just finished our last run and were heading back into Aintree Depot..I remembered that the other lot had a night; match and just before we got ho the Old Roan I went upstairs and changed the front from Aintree Depot to Liverpool so as they would think my bus was going towards town. Anyhow we get to the Old Roan and there they are, bless them, with their flags and Fans All Over The World Banners and scarf's, as we got; close they put their hands out thinking we would stop, the look on their faces as we sailed past was one of the best sights I have ever seen

Grimsby away midweek in the League Cup, only one leg now and we lose, I can't believe it. . We lose to Grimsby, give me strength, what is happening at Everton

Norwich away on the Saturday and only a few hard core Blues make it, their reward was a 0-0 draw. That was a reward remember we lost 4-2 at home against them

Boro at home and another sad loss,2-0 this time, we are the pits, what's gone wrong?

Leeds at home and the score line is 5—1, but its to us, typical Everton, just when you reach the depths of despair and curse them they go and do this.

Bobby Latchford gets a hat trick, Brian Kidd gets the other with an own goal thrown in for good luck it was a great day.

The joy didn't last long, Arsenal away and a 2-0 loss. Spurs at home and a 1-1 draw.

Hodge plays his fourth game on the trot at West Brom, it ends 1-1.

Brighton at home and a 2-0 win but we are sixth from bottom, that sums it up, we are so bad it's hard to believe this is Everton.

Southampton away and we lose 1—0. this is a long way to go and watch your team get beat and not even see a goal for all your trouble. Three days before Christmas and we are at home to Man City another defeat 2—1.

Bolton away and McBride is back in the team alongside O'Keefe we manage a 1—1 draw.

New Years Day 1980 and we start it well, a 1-0 victory over Forest with Kidd scoring.

Aldershot at home in the F. A. Cup and it's vital we win this one, no panic a 4—1 score line has our hearts back to a normal beat. Ross Jack leaves Everton after his one and only appearance in which he scored.

Aston Villa away and Peter Eastoe gets his first goal, once again it's not enough, we lose 2-1..

A local Derby in the Cup Wigan at home and there are over 50,000 fans inside the ground, to watch Everton win 3—0.

Everton launch another Newspaper, this one is called The Goodison Scene, it goes the same way as the others, into oblivion..

Gary Megson makes his debut down at Wolves in a 0-0 draw not the best performance but a draw is ok at the minute.

Everton fly out to Tel Aviv Israel for a 1-1 draw with their national squad.

Ipswich at home and we get smacked 4-0, yes 4-0 at home to bloody Ipswich.

Martin Murray the Irish Wonder Boy leaves after having heart trouble, he never made a first team place. There was so much expected from this lad, he was the New George Best said all the reports but he never made it for one reason or another.

Wrexham at home in the F. A. Cup and we smash five past them to win 5-2 Dai Davies and Terry Darracott played for them

Bristol City away and back to our league form, another defeat, we are a poor team at this minute.

Crystal Palace away and 1-1 is a relief, Everton are in bad shape and there seems to be no hope for the future, some players are not breaking sweat others are breaking wind, all in all it's not pleasant.

The Derby at home a terrible defeat, Geoff Nulty gets carried off and never plays for Everton again. .A tackle by Jimmy Case damaged his knee ligaments.. The saddest part of the day was after the match when we were all in the pub and the news broke that Dixie Dean had died while he was watching the match. .Everybody was stunned, that man more than anyone else put Everton into the History books. He stands out as the greatest Blue Boy ever.

Ipswich at home in the F A. Cup. less than a month ago they gave us a four goal smacking so the crowd was nervous and knew that if we won we would have to play our guts out George Wood was back in goal , King and Kidd were other changes from the league game, it worked, we win 2—I with Kidd and Latchford getting the goals we are in the Semi Final. Can you believe it we have been awful but are in the Semi Final of the Cup.

Onwards Evertonians, Onwards For To See,

See the Royal Twin Towers Our Team At Wembley,

See The Royal Blue Jerseys As Graceful As Can Be,

Forging On To Victory~ And Fighting Constantly,

Onwards Evertonians Don't Let Your Pride Be Moved,

Remember Your Song For Wembley ,We Shall Not Be Moved

Back in the League and we are in desperate trouble, fourth from bottom having won only six games out of thirty .

Away to Man Utd and with Nulty out a young Kevin Ratcliffe is given the chance to make a name for himself .It ends 0—0 but this as we all know was the start of another great Evertonians career. Kevin was to go on and become an Everton Legend

Coventry at home and Eastoe gets us a point in a 1-1 draw, not brilliant but better than a kick in the goolies.

Stoke at home a win was essential and a win is what we got, 2-0 Latchford gets his 100th League goal for Everton. Big Bob wasn't happy at the club but he played well and it was only going to be a matter of time before he was to leave for pastures new.

Middlesboro away and we lose , 2—1 we are back in the mire. Hartford scored but for me he was another player who wasn't what we thought he would be. The Liverpool Echo always had him as Man Of The Match. We couldn't understand it and nicknamed him 'Roy Of The Echo'.

Arsenal beat us at Goodison and even though we are in the Semi Final of the Cup we are still too close to the relegation zone. Strange times, we draw with Man City away and beat Bolton at home, everybody relaxes a bit..

The F. A. Cup Semi - Final at Villa Park against those lovable rogues West Ham. .Not the nicest fans to meet at a Semi but what the hell, we are E. F. C.. and we are going to win. The game ends 1--1 and the replay is at Elland Road Leeds The worst ground for Everton as far as results go but not too bad to get to..

We got into Leeds early and made our way to the ground, before the game we got tangled up with a few West Ham ,nothing serious this time just verbals .

Inside the ground it seemed as if Everton were everywhere, West Ham had the Paddock side and one of their Skins was climbing up a metal post to get into the Everton section of the Stands, he had just reached the top when a Blue Boy jumped out of his seat and gave the Skin some beautiful punches. the Skin fell backwards towards the ground, it looked like a scene from the Alamo, were the ladders are pushed away from the wall, they were horrible fans, they would attack anyone and when it came for a toe to toe the got off, they picked on easy targets, don't listen to all this ICF crap.

The match ended in defeat it was just not to be our Cup. After the match more trouble this time ever The West Ham. idiots had come to the top of the hill overlooking the car park.. All the Everton fans were the parked there. These so called football fans started throwing stones at the parked cars, we got a group of Blue Boys together and started up the hill after them. Now if they were as hard as they s tried to make out, we would have been slaughtered, we were heading uphill they were on top throwing but they ran .Yes the mighty L.C.F. ran..

Things were looking very bad, we had to go to Spurs on Saturday and we needed to win we got hammered, 3—0 everyone was sick.. I never ever thought that Everton would get relegated, but now it was almost on the cards. .We sign another centre forward this time from Scotland a young lad called Graeme Sharpe ,he is for the future, we need the regulars to do their stuff now.

Southampton at home and you can feel the fear we win 2-0 this is a major, major win. WBA at home and a 0-0 draw is enough to save us

.Brighton away and another point in another 0-0 game.

The season ends with a defeat at Forest 1—0,we are not the team we thought we were Reality has hit us, Gordon Lee has taken us to the brink of relegation. .No longer are we the invincible EEC we are mere mortals, it's hard to take

The Seventies end in disaster what can the Eighties bring?

THE END



As the Everton Shareholders Association are having a series of talks on the Foundation Of St Domingo & Everton on February 6th 2009 (If you want an Invite get in touch with me) I thought it might be worthwhile running this article which was included in a book called "Old Liverpool" printed in 1971 it is very interesting.(continued from the last issue)

Continued from last issue

Everton Football Club: the opening seasons

This upsurge of success was as rewarding to Everton as it was startling to their rivals, and it was no temporary aberration. These two successful championship years heralded a purple patch for Everton, which for nearly twenty years remained one of England's leading sides. At a time when there were only the home internationals, with caps consequently much rarer than in the present era of a constant interchange of national fixtures, Everton mustered probably a dozen capped players in the nineteenth century. J. D. Robertson was capped sixteen times for Scotland at half-back.

The club was, however, first to undergo the ordeal of schism, and it was John Houlding who prepared the crucible of fire. In September 1891 he tried to form the Everton club into a limited liability company, and he prefaced this move by the shrewd purchase of a substantial piece of land adjacent to Anfield Road. Houlding was not popular in all circles. He had been blamed for Everton's lamentable performance in the first league season, and like many another abrasive and ambitious politico, he aroused plenty of enmity. There was widespread suspicion of his motives, and a solicitor, George Mahon, and W. R. Clayton, both Everton committee-men, opposed him. Feelings became inflamed, harsh threats and abuse were bandied, while the press took a somewhat excitable interest and Houlding was berated for his self-centred political and financial motivations. Simply, it was felt he wanted to complete and secure his dictatorial position in Everton's affairs. At a meeting 500 strong, only 18 signified in favour of John Houlding. His stranglehold on the land, however, necessitated a move.

It was a clean break, physical and personal. As Everton cut their links with King John, they moved from the south to the north side of Stanley Park, where they made Goodison Park their world-famed headquarters. Dr J. C. Baxter, one of the new brooms on the committee, contributed much of the fiscal backing. The 30,000 square yards of Goodison were purchased for £8,000, no small sum in the 1890s. Baxter, whose family were to enjoy a lengthy connection with Everton, assisted the club to establish itself as a limited company, a business transaction being undertaken by several leading clubs. It indicated the compelling commercial factor of big-time football, but in Everton's case it enabled the club to shake off the dominion of Houlding with whom the post-1888 committee had had no more than an uneasy relation.

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With a nostalgic backward glance, the ground was opened in August 1892 by that most frequent of cup finalists, Lord Kinnaid, and a week later, in the opening match, Everton beat Bolton Wanderers 4-2. Jardine, Howarth, Dewar, Boyle, Holt, Robertson, Lata, Maxwell, Geary, Chadwick, and Milward were the hallowed first to tread that adored turf. To celebrate further, the coming February witnessed Everton's very first triumph over Preston, a stylish victory to the tune of 6-0.

It was at this point that John Houlding started the Liverpool club with the aid of John McKenna, a native of County Monaghan. The first Derby game was in 1893. For prestige reasons and because they had another fixture, Everton turned out a mixed and weakened side which was beaten by the only goal for the Liverpool Cup.

Everton soon reclaimed the public's attention in the brightest of fashions when in 1893 they reached their first FA Cup Final. Everton had not enjoyed much success in this premier competition, and this was in fact the twenty-first in the series. Everton were represented by much the same team that celebrated the opening of Goodison; Williams for Jardine in goal; Kelso and Stuart for Dewar and Robertson in the defence, and Gordon for Geary at inside-left were the only changes. There was a characteristically Scots element in the composition of the side, which compared radically with their opponents, Wolverhampton Wanderers, who were known as the all-English eleven. They were not the favoured team, but, however prettily the Everton ball-players weaved their patterns, the forthright Wolves scored a goal and hung on grimly to their lead. It was a disappointment. Some argued that the players were distracted by the incredible crowd scenes, and indeed the game, played at Fallowfield, Manchester, was before a huge record crowd estimated at 45,000. There were difficulties in access and exit from Fallowfield, as well as an unprecedented issue of crowd control during the game. For that age, 45,000 was a fantastic gate, both sides having whipped up considerable public support, fans pouring in from Liverpool and Wolverhampton in a variety of transport. It was this game which led to the erection of strong fencing and walls around the field of play, the use of crush-barriers and much of the other paraphernalia of crowd supervision. Next year the Cup Final was played, for the first time, at Goodison Park before a crowd of 37,000, but it was

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widely felt that the dangers and troubles of the previous years had frightened off hundreds of other would-be spectators.

In the same year the first Derby between Liverpool and Everton in the first division was negotiated at Goodison Park. There was a 44,000 gate, a league record at the time. Everton won 2-0. By now Everton had justly won a reputation for fast and clever play, and the balance-sheets as well as the playing results looked healthier every year. In 1897 Everton again reached the Cup Final, but the club was once more doomed to frustration. Aston Villa, those indefatigable cup-fighters, sank Everton's hopes with a 3-2 victory. Bell and Boyle scored Everton's first-ever Cup Final goals. The tie was played at the Crystal Palace, and again there was a record crowd, this time of 65,000—a far cry from the January day of 1882 when 500 spectators watched Everton win their first Liverpool Cup. The mounting thousands who watched these games are as indicative of the growing stature of football as any other feature.

The FA Cup was an elusive prize. It was ten years before Everton battled through to another final at the Crystal Palace. This time their ambition was achieved against their opponents, Newcastle United, another team reputed for its cup-fighting qualities, in a closely contested game which Everton won 1-0. And there was Lord Kinnaid to present the cup to Everton. Everton were to reach the final the following year, only to suffer a third disappointment, this time a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Sheffield Wednesday. It had been a golden era, nevertheless, for Everton. They had helped found the Football League; they had been Football League champions, and then at the third attempt, the long-cherished summit of a Cup Final win was attained.

The names of that cup-winning side have a more familiar ring to the soccer enthusiast than the Bargeries and Chalks of the eighties: Scott, Crelley and Balmer; Makepeace, Taylor, and Abbott; Sharp, Bolton, Young, Settle, and Hardman. The suspicious Evertonian might start a little to find a Balmer in the side (Jackie Balmer was to skipper Liverpool in seasons much nearer the present) but the princely Elisha Scott is a name to conjure with. He played for both Everton and Liverpool, and, with Sam Hardy, another uncannily watchful Everton goalkeeper, he is always mentioned among the half-dozen or so most illustrious goalkeepers. Sharp, the outside-right, recalls the great service

given Everton by his family to the present age, when Jack Sharp, his son, is chairman of the club. Harry Makepeace, at right-half was one of a rare band to win a cup medal and score a century for England—he was a sterling opening bat for Lancashire and England, and later became the county coach.

Everton had achieved a considerable success in their first thirty years. Like most clubs, they were to have their frail patches, but the contemporary side of Alan Ball, Joe Royle and company need not and does not shrink from comparison with the far-off giants like Scott and Chadwick and Milward. And the interwar years were to be splendidly enlivened by the exhilarating and cheerful talent of Dixie Dean, who scored 379 goals between 1925 and 1938, including a record haul of 82 in season 1927–8.

Football is the most fluid of games, open to a permutation of interpretations and evolutions that is wellnigh inexhaustible. It is a restless, youthful sort of game, its fluent scope allowing for a ceaseless pattern of change, running a wide gamut of traits from the poetic to the brutal. Thirty years of football history is a long, long time. As well as reflecting the changing social character of the game and as well as exhibiting its own swift climb to excellence and success, Everton's first thirty or so years also witnessed quite amazing alterations in the nature of the sport.

The meadow pitch where the Everton saga began would have been roughly the same size as the Goodison Park playing area, although not so tenderly nurtured. There should have been corner flags, but no halfway lines, circles, or areas marked. The goals were approximately as wide as today, but cross-bars were unknown for, as in rugby, height was immaterial. It was in the 1870s before a tape 8ft high universally did service for a bar, and in 1891 Brodie produced his sensational goal nets.

It was as late as 1904 that knickerbockers had by law to cover the knees. Everton's first players would have also worn strong walking boots, tight jerseys and the tasselled cowls from which the idea of winning 'caps' developed. A team would wear the same styled headgear; hence, on international selection, one not only won but wore one's cap. The 1867 *Handbook of Football* rather naively thought it 'a good plan' for teams to have different colours. The writer had often, he averred, witnessed players, having hacked or tackled a colleague, declare, 'I beg your pardon, I thought you were on the opposite side'. Teams assuredly

adopted a bizarre collection of fashions which bely the Victorian's reputation for drabness. They would certainly look more at home in the King's Road, Chelsea, than at Stamford Bridge. Sheffield Norwich paraded themselves in violet and black jerseys with a violet, blue, and yellow cap; Sheffield Mackenzie were resplendent in pink shirts and plaid bonnets; Hackney Black Rovers wore the somewhat sinister garb of black jerseys with a white skull and cross-bones on the chest; Aldenham School contrasted the simplicity of all-white jerseys with the stunning stroke of wearing black velvet turbans.

Everton were no slouches in the matter of gay, insouciant apparel. Blue and white stripes (plus other stripes according to choice) soon made way for black with a red sash, and then salmon jerseys and blue knickers. Ruby shirts with blue trimmings was the next choice. Either of these would now be guaranteed to evoke caustic and ribald commentary from the Gwladys Street end of Goodison Park. Later they settled for the more restrained blue and white quarters which eventually gave way to today's famous royal blue. The garish appearance of Everton and many of their opponents must have produced a kaleidoscopic illusion as play flitted from end to end.

Field of play and clothing were, however, peripheral to the principle reforms going on in the very basis of soccer. Several in Everton's earliest ranks must have known the game in the sixties when the eleven players comprised no less than nine forwards and two 'behinds', as the defenders were rather ambiguously termed. It was 1865 before the goalkeeper was introduced, although he still wore the same dress as his colleagues. Now there were eight forwards, and the two 'behinds' were happily retitled back and goal-cover. By 1870 there were moves to reduce the over-subscribed forward line to seven, and have no half-backs. When Everton began their career they were to employ a goalkeeper, two full-backs, two half-backs and six forwards. It was 1883, the year of Everton's first Liverpool Cup triumph, that the more familiar pattern of two full-backs, three half-backs and five forwards deployed in the long-standing 'W' formation was inaugurated. Now the pendulum has swung still further to the flexible formats of the 1960s, with 4-2-4 and 4-3-3 and similar permutations, all with a purported emphasis on a more total commitment of each player both to attack and defence.

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Why was the formation changed almost completely? It is argued that changing rulings and improved attacking ploys placed a greater responsibility on defensive attitudes, although needless to say, there was and has been no bar to more efficient defence techniques. It is a most radical change from no goalkeeper and nine forwards to the massed, marshalled defences of today, with entire teams cramped in their own penalty area and often a minimum of one or two front-runners. It might only be half a joke to secure a sociologist or historian of manners to examine the phenomenon and see something of the positive assurance of the Victorian 'top' nation in the former and a little of the vacillating caution of the twentieth century in the latter.

Certainly the game changed radically, mainly in terms of a dilution of its rugby tradition. Much had happened prior to Everton's inauguration. Control by hand and the 'fair catch' and mark, rewarded by a free kick, had not long been abandoned. It was an energetic pastime; if the ball crossed the lines, a frantic chase, in the lacrosse style, ensued in order to win the touch-down and subsequent throw-in, which, *à la* rugby, had to be right-angular. A goal-kick had to be earned in the same arduous manner, and if an attacker touched down behind the bye-line, he gained the splendid opportunity of a free-kick fifteen yards in front of the goals at the point where the ball crossed the line. The ruggie offside rule was used, which meant the forward pass was illegal. This must have meant an easing of the defenders' problems. In 1867 three defenders between the attacker and the goal put the player on-side, and four years later the goalkeeper was permitted to use his hands.

When Everton played their first game against St Peter's, the cross-bar was permitted and the odd business of changing ends after each goal had only just been stopped. In their opening seasons throwing-in in any direction was legalised and, later still, the two-handed throw was introduced. Slowly, the rugby conventions—touchdowns, catches, throw-ins and so on—were removed, as Everton matured towards their founder membership of the Football League.

The overall flow of the game changed drastically in part as the rules changed and in part as the game itself forced alterations. At first sight an early Everton game would, as a spectacle, have appeared strange to the modern supporter. Sinuous dribbling

was the order of the day, as in an apparently egocentric manner, each player embarked on a mazy dribble, tempting and avoiding as many tackles as possible, with one or two team-mates in support to pick up the loose ball and depart on the same course. It was a very highly developed sophistication of the forward rush in rugby. Nor should one be misled by the exotic apparel and the stern, stilted photographs of yesteryear. Men like McGill and Provan were very skilled dribblers indeed, and Everton were notable contributors to the art in the early 1880s.

Just as Everton's story opened, football was delicately poised between the pretty dribbling of the sixties and seventies, met, as it inevitably was, with fierce, crushing tackling, and the more open passing game. Assisted by the fundamental adjustment of the offside rule, the concept developed of parting with the ball quickly and accurately to team-mates more strategically placed. Scotland was truly the home of the passing game, which was obviously the critical change in the pattern of soccer. Everton, with its long line of Scottish professionals, pioneered the passing game, whilst maintaining the dribbling competence of men like Milward and Chadwick. With the Scotland 'cap' Lata, possibly the ablest performer, it was this well-drilled and forceful passing of Everton which took them into the Football League, to its championship and to the highest echelons of English and, eventually, European football.

Social historians have perhaps underestimated the inter-relation of sport and society. In G. O. Trevelyan's classic *English Social History* only two very minor references to football are included, but there are many Liverpolitans who would testify that football, either at Goodison Park or Anfield Road, has played as rich a part in their lives as the more usual fodder of social description.

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

patience the player has recovered and in recently central league games he has shown every promise of regaining his old form. If virr can do this then, the weverton team will be greatly strenghten, espeically as white is, released to deputise for dean. Rigby will make his debut before the local enthusiast at inside left. The kick off is a 2.20 pm.

DEC 4. a must intersting feature of the side is that troupe the dashing little scot, is due to make his first appearance of the season, in the senior side. He was injured in the practice matches, and it was only recently that he turned out in centre-league games. He has shown form, sufficiently good to justify his re-appearances in senior football, and I am sure his spell well known ability, to cut in and shoot with that great power, and accuracy whuci have always been features of his play. He will add to the strength of the everton attack, hart the captain stands down in favour of griffiths. This 'dropping of the pilot' may cause some surprise, but at his best griffiths is a power at centre-half and hart has had a strenoius time, may benefit by the rest.

DEC 10, everton were said to be watching a dundee half-back and a aberdee, forward. There are tales going the rounds the everton are prepared to transfer some players as part of the deal, when securing new men. But all the storys that emanate, from scotland regarding football transfer should be taken like porridge, with salt.

DEC 12, everton make no change in the side to meet manchester united at goodison park on Saturday.

DEC 18, everton are due to meet sheffield united at bramell lane on Saturday, owing to critchley being injured, changes are necessary in the forward line, and martin takes the outside right berth with dunn as his partner. The wing perth is not a new one for martin, as he was a great force in this position when playing for hull city though I fancy it is his first turn on the wing while at goodison park. Dunn has now thoroughly recovery now, his injurya and may be expected to make an excellent partner for martin, who played a prominent part in the defeat of his present club in an FA cup-tie by his forceful and accurate play at outside right.

DEC 24, I am pleased to record the reappearance od dean the everton centre-forward, who, has made a rapid recovery from his operation and the fact that he has been selected to play once more on christmas day is a surprising at it is welcome. Dean has been training with enthusiasm and spirit and he is keen to get to the field and to do his part in helping his club in its time-of need. Other changes have been made, the cause of which is that common,, comes in for cresswell, who is taking a rest in view of the stiff hoilday programme. Dean reappearance releases white to take the inside perth and the fact the whole front line has been reorganised compared with Saturday's line. Critchley comes in at outside right in place of martin, dunn stands down and the left wing is composed of martin and rigby troupe also standing down.

DEC 28, everton have secured the transfer of ben williams the swansea town and welsh international right full back, and he will make his first appearance for his new club on new year's day. Negotiations were completidal the conclusion of the match between stoke swansea and notts county on boxing day. Williams who is in his sixth season with swansea was born at penrhwiwceiber, and played for the local welsh league club, before going to swansea. Williams holds four international caps, having secured two this season. twenty-five years-of-age, williams is well built, standing 5ft 11ins, in height and weighting 12 and half stone. Apart from one period when injury kept him inactive for many months he his appeared regularly at right back and has this season been the most conspicuous defender in the team. Swansea town, who are the botton of division three tasble have no experienced player up to williams standard to fill the vacancy, but there are several promosing youngsters attracted to the club.....meanwhile.

Further changes were decided on last night. Griffiths is suffering from a cold and virr is nursing an injured knee, white is to take the pivotal position. While meclue who played at centre-half on Thursday moves to left half in place of hart, while criteley returns to the right wing, with troupe in the left, as rigsby partner. ..meanwhile I am offically , informed that when dean was hurt in the christmas day it was not the foot which had been operated on that was injured. He sustained a kick on the other ankle and this prevented the centre-forward taking his customay active part in the proceedings.

DEC 31. troubles never come singly dean and vitt were injured on christmas day and griffiths has been suffering from a severe cold. Now o'donnell will be out of the side for a time as the result of the injury at bolton wanderers on Saturday. He stretched a ligament in the right knee which will have to be kept in splints for ten days.

JAN 1. the appearances of williams the new full back from swansea against leeds united reserves to-day will be an attractive feature while hewitt is a young player from the north-east who is being tried at centre-forward

JAN 2. I learn that everton players are going to blackpool, for a rest and change, I believe it is the intention of officials to sent the players to blackpool to-day and they will stay at the seaside resort until Saturday week, when they travel to Carlisle in the FA cup-tie against Carlisle United.

JAN 3. that everton do not intent to be caught in the swirl of the second division if the acquisition of new and tried players, will save them is shown by the fact that a second swansea town man of reputed ability and power in Mcpherson has been secured. No doubt this transfer has added some thousands to the high fee everton have expended in recent weeks but if Mcpherson fits in the team the money will be well spent.

Last week everton secured the transfer of williams a full back from swansea so that the welsh club must have gained a record financial lift. Mcpherson is a left half back of real ability and is hoped he will prove a source of strenght against Liverpool to-morrow at goodison park. He is regarded as an attacking player, who should give great support to the everton left wing. Curiously enough it was in denmark where swansea took a fancy for the scot who was playing on tour with notts county in 1923, and the following summer, he was signed by swansea and developed into one of the most talented half-backs in the league. It is stated that swansea had previously refused good offer for the player. Mcpherson is a product of that fertile nursery-cambustang glasgow and he is not the first player from that area to enter merseyside football. In the early days he played at inside right, but when he went to notts county he developed as a half-back and added good shooting abilities to his skill, and is an adept at the penalty-kick. Twenty-six years-of-age he stands 5ft 10ins in height and weights 11¹/₂ lbs. when thompson and nicholas in front of Mcpherson it was stated that the club received an offer of 12,000 for the entire wing.

JAN 4. following their four recent defeats, speculation has been rife regarding the composition of the league team, and I learn that no fewer than five alterations have been made compared with the side beaten 5-0, at bolton wanderers. The great point is dean is to return to his position at centre-forward, and providing he escapes injury this time, the team ought to benefit by his skill and resource. Another special item of interst, is that o'donnell has recovered and he is to turn out. While hart resumes at centre-half in place of white griffiths has not recovered from the injury sustained recently. Mcpherson the new man figures at left-half and in the forward line dunn resumes at inside-right with rigby and stein forming the left wing.

JAN 10. the players are taking matters easily at blackpool golf and brine baths have been enjoyed and martin, playing in a four ball match with Critchley Cresswell and Rigby, holed out at the seventh with a hole in one.

JAN 16. everton meet derby county at goodison park, on Saturday, it is important to note that ted sager apparently is to keep goal in place of davies. This will be his first turn for the senior side and as he has accomplished some good work in the centre league it is, expected that the test will not be too much for him. Sager joined everton at the back end of last term and as he showed great promise during his trails he was signed as a professional in march. He had the reputation of being the best young goalkeeper in yorkshire, when playing with thorne colliery from which everton secured him. At twenty years-of-age sager is afforded a great opportunity of distinguishing himself. He stands 5ft 10ins and weights 11¹/₂ lbs.

There has already been a remarkable rush for the cup-tie tickets at ewood park where blackburn rovers meet everton in one of the two lancashire clashes. Everton will be allotted 1700 tickets and the remaining 5,000 will be sold at five four and three shillings each, shareholders being entitled to one ticket.

JAN 27. for Saturday's match changes have been made, cresswell returning to partner o'donnell in place of williams, while griffiths takes hart place at centre-half back, and dunn comes in for

martin as Critchley- partners, several of the players received knocks at blackburn, sager being the greatest sufferer, but he is ready to turn out again.

Meanwhile sam chedgoy, the former english internation and former everton player, has been released from his contract by the bedford association f.c. with which he has been associated for the past four seasons, and for which he acted this season as captain and manager. Chedgoy will return to england after making short visted to canada.

FEB 5. there are three changes in the everton team to playmanchester city at maine road to-day, compared with the side that drew with portsmouth, last Saturday. Williams comes into the side in place of cresswell, t white is at left-half back instead of Mcpherson, while martin will be at inside right for dunn.

Mr cuff on the position of everton, is one of the most popular clubs in the league, and I am sure their present predicament is regretted by all. Regaining rumours that6 everton intended to sign hil of newcastle united, mr cuff the chairman said" that fact is that I have a pocket full of recommendations for players what it is variously believed could help everton to extricate themselves. We believe that we have the players and I think if they had more confidence, would realise their ability and forest the circumstances that they wold, pull the club out of the hazardous position there may yet be time." Replying to these critics, who emphasised that everton paid too much attention to fancy football, mr cuff said, " I am opinion that styish football is as productive of goals as the more vigorous type."

FEB 14. ritchie, the everton outside right has been transferred to dundee. The negotiations were completed last evening and ritchie thus rturning to the scottish league, in which he is likely to be more at home, than in the faster style of play demanded in england. Ritchie at times, showed skill and resource, and his powerful shooting was a feature but he did not hold his place in the senior side, though he had several spells on the right extreme. Since he joined everton from edinburgh hibernains two season ago probably the pace was to fast, for him here, and he will I believe prove a source of strengthen to dundee. Ritchie has played twice for scotland against ireland and wales in the 1928 internationa he had dunn as his partner" and when the pair came together again at goodison park they, were decribed as the best wing that ever left scotland. Of sturdy build ritchie scored, some good goals for everton when cutting in, he played in ninteen league games last season and scored four goals, while he has made periodical appearance with the first team this season, but has not turned out in recent matches.

FEB 18. a benefit for j o'donnell the everton full back was sanctioned by the football league yesterday o'donnell joined everton in february 1925, from darlington, and has proved a dashing and entertaining defender.

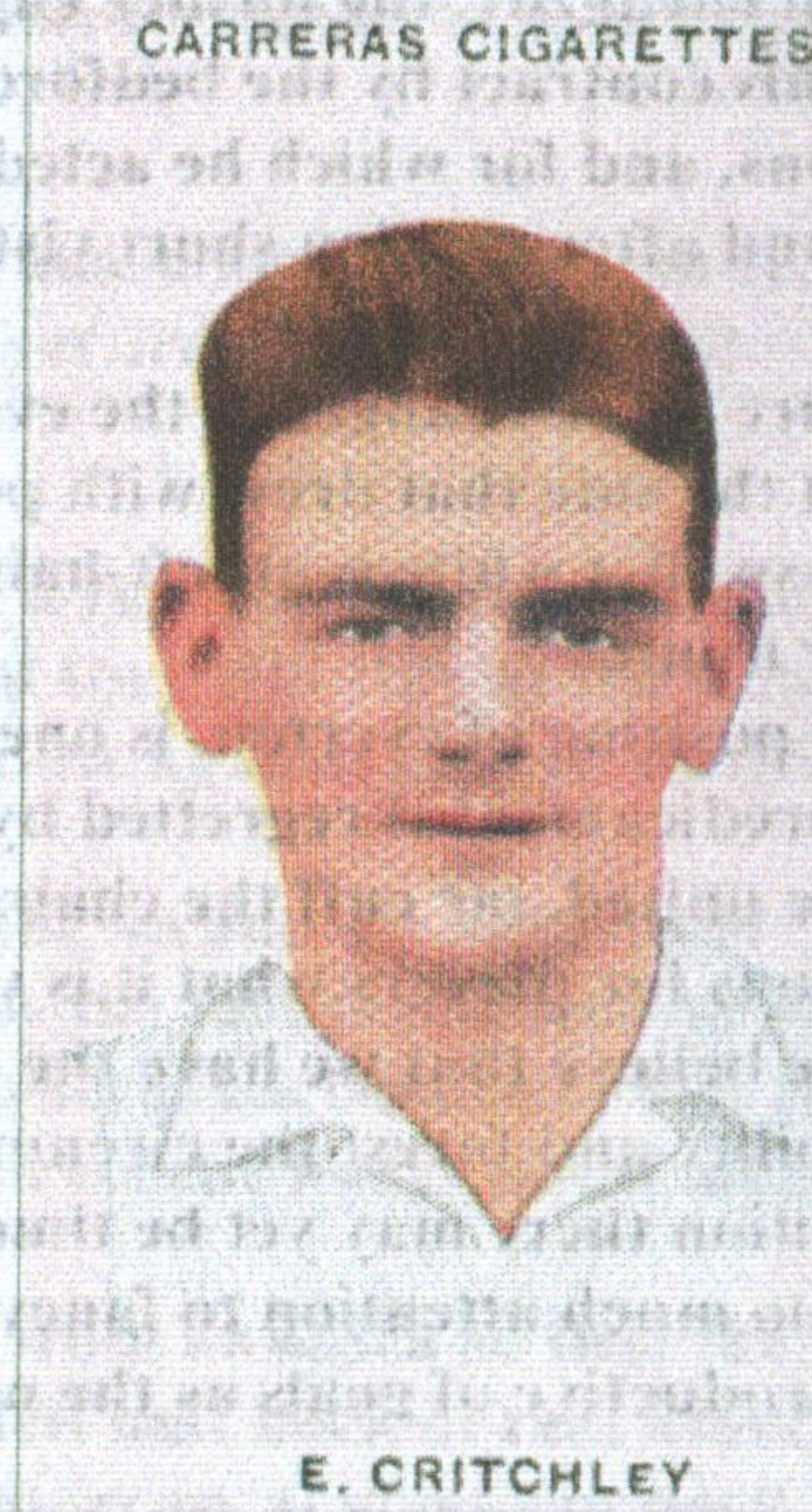
FEB 20 evertonn, after the fortnight's rest, will be again taxed to the utmost when they visted middlesbrough on Saturday, but it is satisfactory to know that dean is fit again, and he will strengthen the forward line. It will be recalled that attwood played in the last match against the arsenal. Another importance change is that sager returns to keep goal in place of davies.

FEB 21. everton's represtatives, mr j sharp and mr mcintosh, who attended the derby county - arsenal game had it is believed a special look out" for c jones, who was the best highbury attacker before he went half-back. It is also reported that everton would be willing to offer a big sum for cooper the derby county international full back. Everton are not the only club who would like cooper, sunderland it is said, are also in the trail.

MAR 1. everton last night transferred another scottish international winger, troupe their outside-left to dundee, and he will play for his new club against hearts of midlothian in the scottish cup-tie to-day. It will be recalled that ritchie outside right, went to this club from goodison park about a two weeks ago. Troup who was born at forfar, stands 5ft 5ins and weights 10st 7lbs. The played for dundee when the game was resumed after the war, and agained his first international cap against england at sheffield when england won 5-4, mafter being down 4-2 at the interval. He was also capped against wales and ireland the following season,, and them was secured by everton, since he has been with everton he has made upwards of 240 appearances in league games, and when the goodison park side gained the league championship in the season 1927-28. Troup held oan "ee-ver present" record in the season 1925-26. He again played for the scotland against england at manchester when the former won the only goal of the match. So far this



E. BAGAN



CARRERAS CIGARETTES

E. CRITCHLEY

Four Players



Arthur Atwood, 19



W. CRESSWELL

season troupe, appearances have been mainly with the central league side, for just prior to the opening of the campaign he underwent a minor operation, and stein the reserves outside left, came in to fill the vacancy, and did so with such success that he has held on to the position during the greater part of the season. troupe made his first appearance for everton against stoke city and he has been at goodison park for seven seasons. The negotiations between the clubs had proceeded all day yesterday. troupe has a men's outfitters business at forfar. So it will be convenient for the little scot to play for his old club at dundee.

MAR 4 everton are said to be searching for an inside left, and turn their attention to manchester again, a month ago according to our manchester correspondent, they were keen on a player, who had been barracked at maine-road, negotiations fell through and they have been resumed, and possibility that johnson the international forward, may be signed in a few days, with no chance in the league, the club out of the cup tournament the city are inclined to have the view that they can now afford to part with johnson. Everton also watched jones of arsenal, but they are inclined at this junction to johnso.

MAR 6, important football transfer were completed last night, when everton secured t johnson the manchester city inside left. That johnson would join the everton was forecast in the "daily post" on Tuesday and the arrangements have been brought to a successful issue. Johnson will assist his new club on Saturday. Everton have eyes on this player for sometime, and previous efforts to secure him were not successful. A one time it was reported that johnson did not please the manchester city spectators, and he has been subject to barracking, but that he is a good player, is demonstrated by the fact that he this season played for england against wales, and is to participate in the international trial match at anfield next week. In the critical stage of everton's career it is expected that the new player will add much needed strength to the attack, and though the fee is not stated, everton undoubtedly will have paid a high fee for his service. Johnson has played all his senior football with manchester city, and it is recounted that last season, he scored five goals against everton in the league match. A dalton-in-furness man, he played for dalton athletic and dalton casuals before joining manchester city in february 1919. As a youth of seventeen. He developed rapidly and has played with distraction in the three inside forward positions. As a youth he won many sprints. His nature judgement, skill and experience should prove of immense worth in the critical days ahead. A fine postional player, he has a good shot, and his shrewd judgement and placing are excellent. He stands 5ft 9 and half inches and weights 11 1/2 lbs. Manchester city are well endowed with inside forwards, and no doubt johnson realises that a change will be of benefit to him.

MAR 7, following their capture from manchester city, the everton have obtained the transfer of WG mecambridge, the irish international inside left from ballymena. Mecambridge has twice played for his county against wales, and scotland this season, and was watched by several clubs including everton, when he stood out in the irish side against scotland. Last weekend, representatives of everton, Liverpool and bradford city, journeyed across the irish channel to see him play. He will assist everton reserves against stockport county tomorrow. The fee paid is said to be the highest ever received by the ballymena club- twenty-two-years-of-age, he stands 5ft 9 and a half inches, and weights 11 and half stone. If mecambridge turns out- anything like as good as previous irish players signed by everton, notably W scott, val harris and lacey, then the club will have every reason to be satisfied.

MAR 11, I understand that everton have been in negotiations for john peter o'dowd, blackburn rovers reserves centre-half, but burnley secured the player's transfer last evening.

MAR 13, everton have made a signing which to my mind, will partly solve the half-back, problem, for thomson of dundee I understand is a really class half-back whose made of play is the right one. He keeps the ball on the floor, when at will possible and everton should be strengthened by his inclusions to the team. The goodison park club have had their eye on him for some time, and it was expected that so soon as dundee lost interest in the scottish cup, thomson would sign for everton. Whether the right half-back mCnab will follow his colleague to goodison remains to be seen. Thomson is twenty-three years-of-age and as he stands 5ft 11ins and weights 11 and a half stone. Is admirably built for the position and if he lives up to his reputation he is likely to prove a great asset. He has played all his football with dundee, and is regarded as one of the best half-backs in scotland. He will be tested to the full in everton's remaining games and he

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may expect a strenuous time during the next few weeks. Meanwhile johnson played for the rest against england the rest winning 6-1 and johnson scored one of the goals at anfield in front of 15,000 spectators.

MAR 15. on merseyside the general topic, when the question of football crops up centres round the plight of everton will their escape ? the position is desperate but I fancy they will clear the danger in the end. To-day's game with west ham united must be won, however , and the players are likely to make a great effort to achieve their object the inclusion of thomson the new half-back from dundee ought to bring about an improvement for the wing half-back , have not been up to the required standard. Stein at outside right is an experiment,, which may prove successful but the man he displace critchley has by no means been the worst forward in recent games.

MAR 17. a north of england corresponent points outnearly all the new players signed by everton this season have been secured since the beginning of the year, and that the following amount have been expended.

Mpherson...(swansea).....£7,000
 Williams.....(swansea).....£ 4,000
 Thomson.....(dundee).....£4,000
 Johnson(manchester city)...£5,000
 Rigby.....(bristol rovers).....£3,000
 Mccambridge...(ballymena).....£1,400
 Coggins.....(bristol city).....£2,000

Everton paid very little for j whyte (blackburn) and for meclure, both half-backs the goodison term has recently transfer troupe and ritchie to dundee and easton to swansea. At the conclusion of the bristol city against bradford city match at bristol, on Saturday, negotiations were completed for the transfer of william coggins the bristol city goalkeeper. To everton it is stated that the transfer fee was about £2,000. Twenty-three years of-age, stands at 5ft 10 and half inches, and weights at 11 1/2 10lbs. Goggins who is a product of bristol city has played consistently well with the city club for five seasons.

MAR 20. the senior side being disengaged the eleven to represent everton in the central league match at goodison park on Saturday against birmingham on paper appears one of the strongest side turned out in the competition. The new goalkeeper goggins is to make his debut for everton while dean is to lead the attack since his rise to fame, dean has seldom appeared in the second team.

MAR 26. everton are making another bold bid to save the club from relegation, and the diretors last evening decided on wholesale changes in the search for a winning team to oppose birmingham at goodison park on Saturday.

Dean stands down and johnson the former manchester city forward has been chosen to lead the line. Except in goal, changes have been made in every line. Common is to taken the place of o'donnell, who thus , misses his first match of the season, and has proved a dashing back at his best. Williams is to partner common robson returns in place of white, while critchley comes back to his old position at outside right. Stein again cross over and rigby goes inside.

The everton reserves team go to huddersfield and cresswell and o'dopnnell are to be the backs. Everton are trying two new players from the north-east in towers a hlf-back and hewitt a centre-forward. The latter has had previous run with the reserves.

APR 3. everton are parting with several of their noted players, dunn the scottish international and weldon being placed on the open to transfer list. In addition, kennedy former of the arsenal and who has played for ireland, kelly french and j white, the former blackburn rovers player. No doubt lesser-known men will leave rthe everton camp, and it is plain that the goodison club is making preparation for next season. dunn came to everton from the hibernains, after his wonderfully skillful play against england at wembley. But somehow he has not been able to reprouced that form, and his never really fitted in at goodison park, though he has not had the best of luck and has suffered from injuries. Dunn, however possesses skill, and he may find a team suitable to his methods and, personally, i fancy he will soon be snapped up. Weldon and kelly came to everton three season ago, when the club was fighting as they are today, to escape relegation and they contributed to the safety zone, being reached, and the following season helped to win the championship. Kelly proved himself a most valued half-back and held

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