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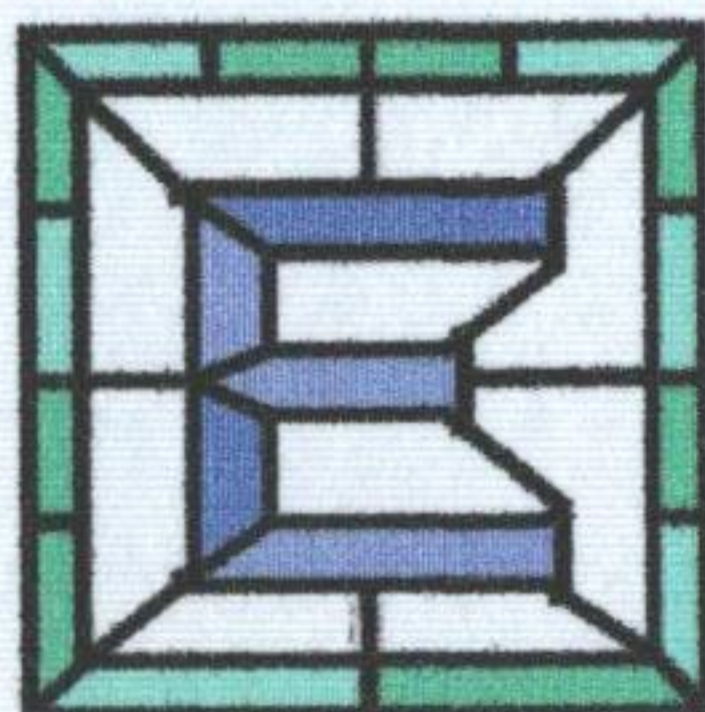
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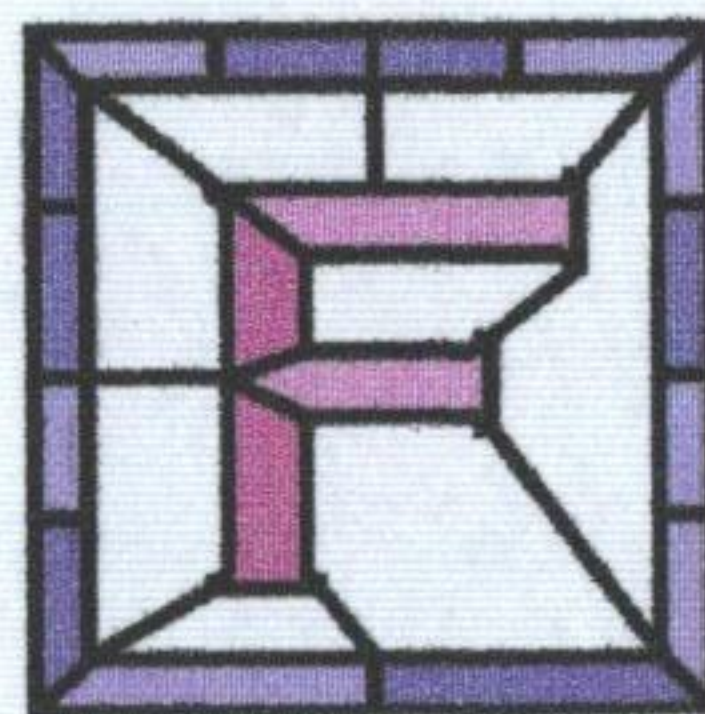
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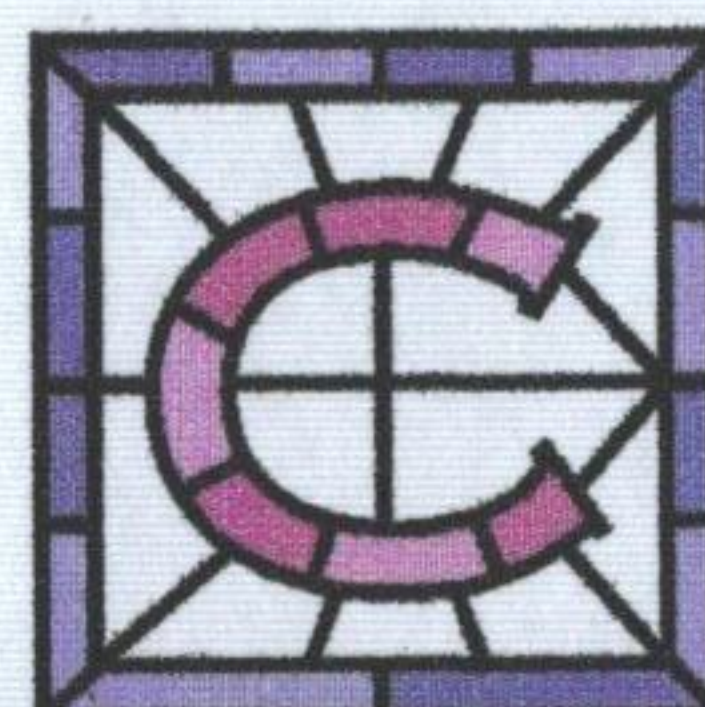


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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As long as your item is not racist, violent or offensive it will be considered for publication. All the views expressed in this fanzine are those of the contributor and not the editor so please don't sue me.



Danny Doyle
A fire ball 100 years before Alan Ball. Danny was a fiery Scotsman signed from Bolton in 1889 a hard tackling full back who caused more trouble off the pitch than he did on it. He was sued by Everton for breach of contract and moved to Celtic played 45 1 goal

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Wigan at home and in theory a hard game but Everton turned on the style and won 4-0 in a fine display. Now I know there are many readers who say I am always slagging Everton off but I don't always complain. I do praise Moyes when he deserves it, which for me isn't often, but after the Wigan game I heard Evertonians phoning into the radio Stations saying that it was a 'Good Workmanlike Performance' well those people are far worse than I am any day 'Workmanlike' we were brilliant and took Wigan apart at times with some great passing and football, we scored four goals and could have got more.

So on a high we go to Aston Villa another hard game a very hard game but once again Everton play well, very well, we are 3-1 up and cruising and then it all went wrong, why? If it's worth anything here is what I think went wrong. We are 3-1 up you should know that the home team are going to change things, they are going to step up the pressure, we have a Cup Semi Final coming up in seven days so bring on Gosling and Rodwell hold the game take off Cahill he is vital to Everton and we need him at Wembley, Pienaar could come off as well to rest. We are 3-1 up so we don't need Saha to play now, we can't afford to get the only fit forward we have injured trying to make it 4-1 do we? Well Moyes thinks we did, he takes off Jo, who is the only Everton player in the whole of the squad who can't play at Wembley because he is Cup Tied so it didn't matter if he got booked, sent off, injured or what just leave him on. No off he comes and Saha comes on. What would happen if he got crocked? We would be down to no forwards at Wembley, that's what. So our defence comes under the cosh Villa get back into the game we lose two vital points that we had in the palm of our hands.

Gosling and Rodwell don't get twenty minutes under their belt in case they are needed at Wembley. And we don't go into 5th place. For me that is why Moyes never learns from his mistakes, if it was Chelsea or Man United 3-1 up at Villa and a Semi Final on the horizon they would have Drogba & Lampard off, Rooney and Ronaldo off, and close the game down not bring on another forward who might be needed for the Semi. Maybe I am over critical but Moyes falls down on Subs nearly every game and it is a weakness that he has never looked like curing.

Wembley glorious rip off Wembley and Everton fans roll up in their thousands, which is fine, they can't change the F.A.s' money grabbing ways so until it is changed the fans just have to roll up and pay up, anyway the game and surprise, surprise Man United field their reserves or the best part of them. United have higher aims than the F.A Cup and this allows Everton to get to the final even though it took extra time and a penalty shoot out. The night before the game on Radio Merseyside I said that it would go to a penalty shoot out and that we would win, I also said United would not be fielding their best team.

All the reports I have had from the fans who went to Wembley were positive, the Stadium got rave reviews and the prices were not as steep as first thought but it was only the Semi.

The Final has seen prices increase for tickets alone. With seats at £34.30, £58.65, £78.30, and £93 some Blues are going to have to dig very deep to afford the day out. I personally would not pay £78 or £93 but there will be those that will.

Chelsea away in the League Mid Week after the Semi Final, will Moyes try to kid them and field a weakened team, will he go for it and get the points we need for 5th, well he did a bit of both, we rested Hibbert and Jags and Saha but we did well and if the truth is said we should have won, we were unlucky but a draw is good enough, it's another unbeaten game and that's so important. So let's hope that Chelsea get to the European Cup Final and have more to worry about than the F.A Cup. Guus Hiddink will want the European Cup on his C.V. before he leaves Chelsea at the end of the season. The European Cup is known throughout Europe whereas the F. A. Cup is minor and hardly known outside the UK don't believe the hype that it is broadcast all over Europe and the World it isn't.

There is every chance we could win the Cup and it's something I didn't think we would do under Moyes, but in saying that he has at last treated the Cup with respect, we have had the hardest of draws and look what we have achieved. For me we should have been doing this three to four years ago. We are Everton it's our birthright. Let's beat Man City and make sure of 5th place and another European adventure next season.



Steve Flanagan sent me an email to say he had found two new Everton kits from the very early days the Blue and White kit seen above left is from the game against Notts County on 3rd November 1890 Everton lost 3-1 , The yellow striped one is from the game at Wolves on the 6th December 1890 Everton won 1-0 This is the Season that Everton won the League for the First time.

So Historically it is important to see these kits and thanks to Steve Flanagan for pointing this out they are now on the web site below,

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.

David has kindly given permission for me to re-produce the Everton away kits.

Two additional absences from the team were founder members Frank Boundy and Malcolm Fraser. Frank was born in Kenwyn St. George, just outside of Truro in Cornwall on 11th November 1894. His father Frank Jenkin, like many of the migrant British community, worked for Balfour Williamson & Co – an import-export company. Young Frank joined this firm in 1910, aged 15, and worked there until August 1914. As soon as war was declared, he, along with hundreds more from the British community, sailed “home” to volunteer. He joined the Scots Guards as a private in October and by January 1915 he had applied for a commission, stating on his application form a preference for any Liverpool unit. This was duly granted and he took the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the 17th Battalion of the King's Liverpool Regiment.

Malcolm Fraser was born at the other end of the British Isles in Edinburgh. Unlike Frank Boundy, he had been studying in the U.K. when war broke out. In August 1915 he was granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of the Scottish Rifles. On 1st July the offensive on the Somme began – Malcolm died that same day. At the same battle, on 30th July, Frank was killed during an attack on the village of Guillemont. The extract below is from a letter sent by Harry Redhead of the Liverpool Pals regarding the attack: “After a time one of our chaps came in badly shell shocked in no mans land and he told us Boundy (Lieut.F.E.Boundy) had been mortally wounded. So we helped him to a shell hole and Boundy didn't want to go. He said stop with me until I die or something like that. So he did, he stopped with Boundy.....After Boundy died Green pushed off.” Frank was awarded the Military Cross. Another player that day, David Christie, had, like Malcolm Fraser, been studying in the U.K. when war broke out. He had tried to enlist but was turned down because he was too young at the time. Shortly after the game against La Cruz, David moved to the northern town of Iquique where he died soon afterwards of typhoid.

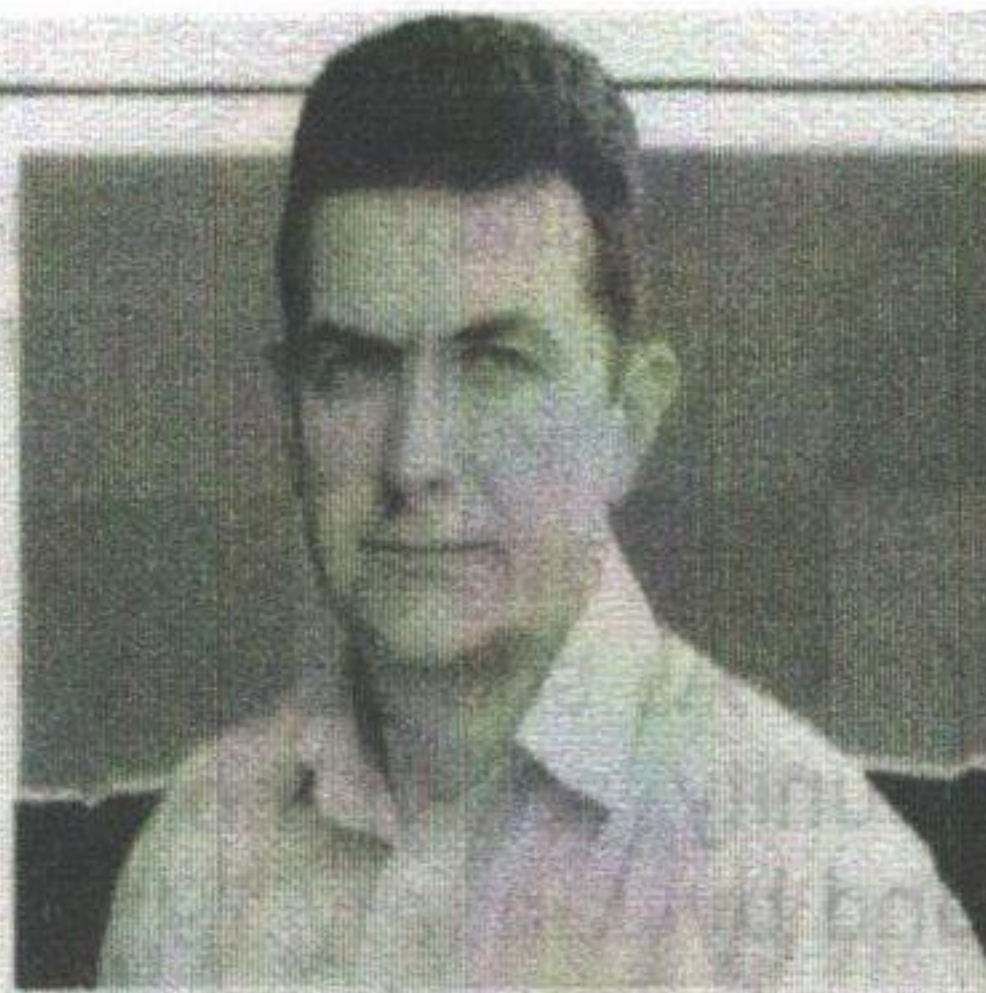


**2nd Lieutenant
F. E. Boundy**

Liverpool R. Eldest son of
Mr. F. J. Boundy, Valparaiso.
Awarded the Military Cross

This article is a follow up to the story in the last issue about Everton Chile players dying for Great Britain in the First World War.

Many thanks to John Shearon for this article



Royal Blue

DAVE PRENTICE: HE'S A RIGHT PAIR

Hero Jack put his neck on line for Blues

Lescott run recalls a pre-War giant

JACK TAYLOR'S place in the Everton record books remains secure - courtesy of Louis Saha's 70th minute strike last Saturday. Just when David Moyes was planning to introduce Joleon Lescott for a 130th successive appearance, the security of a two-goal cushion made him think again.

Lescott was left on the subs' bench - and 'Honest' John Taylor was left out on his own in the record books.

So who was the man who made 136 consecutive Everton appearances from his debut in 1896?

Jack Taylor's story deserves repeat. The first captain from this city to lift the FA Cup - in 1906 when Everton beat Newcastle at Crystal Palace - he also played in the losing finals of 1897 and 1907.

But it was an FA Cup tie which ended his career in freak fashion.

The Blues were aiming to reach their third FA Cup final in five years in 1910 when they faced Barnsley.

Following a grim goalless draw the sides replayed at Old Trafford on a Thursday night - where Taylor suffered the most horrific of injuries.

"A kick in the neck caused him intense pain," reported the next day's *Echo*. "White approached his clubmate, but Taylor was in agony and could not get his breath. Not until two spectators (apparently medical men) lent their aid did Taylor find any ease. Drs Whitford and Baxter attended to the unfortunate player when he was taken to the dressing room and it was discovered that the larynx of the throat had been damaged, if not fractured."

He never played again. It was Taylor's 456th and last match for the Blues.

A genuine club legend, he was a much loved centre-half who signed from St Mirren in 1895 and remained on Merseyside until his death in 1949, at the age of 77, following a motor accident.

It was a measure of his courage and attitude towards his team-mates that, despite his horrific injury, Taylor refused to leave Old Trafford until the fateful match had ended.

The *Echo's* correspondent added: "I came across Taylor five minutes from the finish of the game, and he could barely make himself heard when he spoke.



PUTTING THE BOOT IN: Jack Taylor, pictured in 1933 with the boots he wore in the 1906 FA Cup Final and sporting one of his Scottish international caps

This brilliant article appeared in the Liverpool Footy Pink on Saturday 7th March 2009 Dave Prentice. Has picked out a gem of a story.

when he spoke.

"He was very upset and gave me a signal that inferred he wanted to know how much longer they had to play. But the game was lost."

Even in the most distressing of personal circumstances, Taylor was thinking about his team.

That semi-final of 1910 was a grim day all-round for the Blues.

Not only did they lose their captain for ever, goalkeeper Billy Scott tore the webbing between the second and third fingers of his hand as Barnsley opened the scoring and had to leave the field for 10 minutes.

While his hand was hastily bandaged up, the Blues were left with nine-men, but somehow actually managed to mount some sustained pressure. They went close

to an equaliser several times before Scott returned, bringing their complement up to 10-men.

The first time that Scott (brother of Liverpool's famous goalkeeper Elisha) fielded a catch he immediately opened up the wound again and was in considerable discomfort until the final whistle.

To add insult to injury, Barnsley scored twice more in the closing three minutes to reach Wembley.

But it was the loss of Taylor which was felt most keenly around Goodison in the days and weeks subsequent to the semi-final.

The *Echo's* correspondent at Old Trafford summed up the situation perfectly in his match reflections.

"Take away the mainspring of your watch and the ticker is well

nigh useless," he wrote. "Taylor, with his personality and his play, had become Everton's mainspring. He was truly the pivot of the team.

"His injury was a sad one and a bad one."

Everton's heroes of the pre-Great War era are often overlooked when the club's stellar history is chronicled.

But men like Jack McGill, Harry Makepeace, Jack Sharp, Alex 'Sandy' Young and 'Honest' John Taylor are giants in the history of Everton Football Club.

Lescott's astonishing consistency since his arrival at Goodison three years ago means that Jack Taylor's feats have once again been brought into sharp focus.

The entry in the record books

which reads "Taylor is the only Everton player to have made 100 consecutive appearances from his debut" can now be changed.

But Everton's record breaking appearance maker, from his debut, is still their Cup winning captain of 1906.

● Everton's all-time record holder for consecutive appearances is, predictably, the legendary Neville Southall.

Between October 1987 and January 1993 he made 266 consecutive starts in all competitions - a sequence interrupted only when he was sent-off and suspended.

In fact in the decade beginning 1987 he missed just five of the 466 games played by the club.

Blue Correspondence

Goalkeepers penalty chart

No	Goalkeeper	Saved or missed	Conceded	Total
1	Fed Sagars	20	23	43
2	Neville Southall	19	55	74
3	William Scott	13	17	30
4	Tom Fern	13	10	23
5	Albert Dunlop	9	19	28
6	Jimmy O'Neill	6	10	16
7	George Wood	5	11	16
8	R. Williams	4	2	6
9	A. Harland	4	3	7
10	George Kitchen	5	5	10
11	Gordon West	4	25	29
12	Harry Leyland	3	2	5
13	Jim McDonagh	3	3	6
14	Arthur Davies	3	6	9
15	Andy Rankin	3	8	11
16	George Burnett	3	5	8
17	Paul Gerrard	3	9	12
18	Dav Davies	3	10	13
	David Lawson	3	10	13
19	J Caldwell	2	0	2
20	Benjamin Hardy Baker	2	2	4

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21	Ted H. Taylor	2	1	3
22	Frank King	2	3	5
23	William Muir	2	8	10
	Tim Howard	2	8	10
24	Bobby Mimms	1	0	1
	L. Roose	1	0	1
	D. Sloan	1	0	1
	J Whitley	1	0	1
25	Jack Hillman	1	1	2
26	Frank Mitchell	1	2	3
	Walter Scott	1	2	3
27	Jim Arnold	1	5	6
28	Thomas Myhre	1	7	8
29	Richard Wright	1	10	11
30	Drew Brand	0	1	1
	Sandy Brown	0	1	1
	T. Cain	0	1	1
	C. Berry	0	1	1
	William Coggins	0	1	1
	Jason Kearton	0	1	1
	Marion Hodge	0	1	1
	C. Menham	0	1	1
	Steve Simonsen	0	1	1
	Iain Turner	0	1	1
	J. Whitehead	0	1	1
31	R. Hodge	0	2	2
	Harry Morton	0	2	2
32	Nigel Martyn	0	5	5
	Total	148	302	450

The following two pages are from the Everton programme on 8th October 1955 against Arsenal. It is interesting in that Arsenal had been a Top Club but were going through a bad patch but George Green the Everton cartoonist had little sympathy for them.

ARSENAL

It is in the nature of things that complete and never ending success comes very rarely to countries, people or businesses and this applies even more so when the element of luck plays a large part. The word luck inevitably brings us to football clubs and from there it is but a short step to our game today and our visitors, Arsenal.

For a period of something very like thirty five years, the Highbury club has always stood for the best in soccer and the club's phenomenal and sustained period of playing success in the thirties produced a crop of legends and strange stories, some wonderful results for Arsenal and more built up envy on the part of other and less successful clubs than has ever been engendered before or since. It became almost a national game in itself to lower the colours of the Gunners; every aspiring youngster wanted to play in the famous red shirt; and if and when the Arsenal did lose a match, the pleasure and delight of the supporters and players of the conquering club was out of all proportion to the two points gained.

It was not only in the British Isles that Arsenal's reputation became legendary; the fame of the club began to spread beyond the narrow confines of our shores and the leading clubs of first one country, then another began to clamour for the privilege of entertaining (and thereby endeavouring to beat) this side of giants. It soon reached the point where to think of Arsenal was almost to identify them with England and it would be difficult indeed to chronicle the queer places on our earth that the Arsenal have visited, with more than just club prestige at stake. The continentals who insisted that to play Arsenal was to play England might, at that, have had something, when one considers that only a very short period before the outbreak of war, Arsenal provided no fewer than seven players for an English International side. For years, practically no International XI was fielded by any of the four home countries without the inclusion of at least one Arsenal player.

Normally, when one gropes back into time, space precludes any but the briefest references to players of the past—to use a dramatic and rather unflattering phrase. However, in this case today, we feel that an entire paragraph devoted to great names who graced the Arsenal playing staff is almost a necessity. So here goes.

Lewis and Preedy were Arsenal goalkeepers between 1922 and 1930, both appearing in Cup Finals, the dates and opponents respectively being 1927 v. Cardiff and 1930 v. Huddersfield. Parker, Arsenal's right back and skipper for many seasons, covered the same period with first Kennedy (who also played for our club) and then one of the greatest of them all, Eddie Hapgood, at left back as partners. Baker, Butler, Seddon, John. Four famous half backs who were capable each on their own of turning a game inside out—they took Arsenal up to the early 1930's. It is when we come to forwards that we really start to lose count and turn rather giddy with the wealth of matchless talent which has rarely been seen since—more's the pity. Joe Hulme, Charles Buchan, David Jack, Alex James, Ted Drake, Bryn Jones, Cliff Bastin. How much would that glittering seven bring in the present day transfer market? In fact it is a moot point whether there is that much money in soccer today to buy them.

Herby Roberts was the man and the centre half whom Herbert Chapman selected to build a most formidable eleven around, employing for the first time, the purely stopper centre half. Other magical names include Frank Moss, Eric Bowden (outside right), Wilf Copping, Bernard Joy, Jack Crayston, George Male, Laurie Scott, Jack Lambert, Horace Cumner, Jack Kirchen. The more recent players on whom the Arsenal mantle as well as International caps descended are the two Compton brothers, Denis and Leslie, Wally Barnes, now with the B.B.C., Lionel Smith, Ray Daniel, Jimmy Logie, George Swindin, Alex Forbes and our own Joe Mercer and Tom Lawton.

Soccer fortunes and misfortunes, happily, seem to have a habit of going in full cycles and visiting everyone in turn. As one of the greatest draws in the country, we can only hope that very soon, Arsenal will once again be on the upgrade. We are sure that it will not make the slightest difference in the attendance or the game itself today.



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 toffeweb site.

1975 - 1976
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Liverpool Reserves	42	31	5	6	94	32	67
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	25	13	4	83	35	63
Derby County Reserves	42	21	13	8	81	40	55
Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	42	21	11	10	82	54	53
Leeds United Reserves	42	21	9	12	76	52	51
Aston Villa Reserves	42	17	13	12	57	51	47
Coventry City Reserves	42	16	13	13	54	46	45
Everton Reserves	42	18	8	16	70	57	44
Bury Reserves	42	14	16	12	64	66	44
Manchester United Reserves	42	18	7	17	65	55	43
Stoke City Reserves	42	16	10	16	60	55	42
Sheffield United Reserves	42	15	11	16	54	56	41
Burnley Reserves	42	15	10	17	64	71	40
Newcastle United Reserves	42	14	11	17	53	58	39
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	14	11	17	51	64	39
Manchester City Reserves	42	11	16	15	47	54	38
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	9	15	18	42	80	33
Blackburn Rovers Reserves	42	12	8	22	58	85	32
Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	10	9	23	40	72	29
Huddersfield Town Reserves	42	8	13	21	41	75	29
Preston North End Reserves	42	10	8	24	36	88	28
Blackpool Reserves	42	5	12	25	37	83	22
Total	924	341	242	341	1309	1309	924

1976 - 1977
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Liverpool Reserves	42	30	9	3	122	41	69
Manchester United Reserves	42	22	12	8	76	54	56
Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	42	22	10	10	70	41	54
Bury Reserves	42	20	11	11	60	45	51
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	21	8	13	87	53	50
Manchester City Reserves	42	21	7	14	65	56	49
Leeds United Reserves	42	19	10	13	84	54	48
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	15	14	13	52	49	44
Everton Reserves	42	15	14	13	51	48	44
Stoke City Reserves	42	13	18	11	49	50	44
Derby County Reserves	42	15	13	14	48	52	43
Coventry City Reserves	42	18	5	19	61	65	41
Sheffield United Reserves	42	16	9	17	46	54	41
Aston Villa Reserves	42	15	8	19	49	59	38
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	11	16	15	41	55	38
Burnley Reserves	42	11	14	17	55	64	36
Newcastle United Reserves	42	10	15	17	50	55	35
Blackburn Rovers Reserves	42	13	9	20	51	83	35
Blackpool Reserves	42	11	11	20	50	66	33
Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	9	10	23	44	75	28
Huddersfield Town Reserves	42	9	9	24	55	85	27
Preston North End Reserves	42	5	10	27	45	89	20
Total	924	341	242	341	1291	1291	924

1977 - 1978
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Manchester City Reserves	42	27	8	7	92	40	62
Liverpool Reserves	42	24	8	10	85	41	58
Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	42	21	12	9	67	44	54
Everton Reserves	42	19	15	8	54	39	63
Manchester United Reserves	42	20	10	12	69	50	50
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	18	12	12	56	40	48
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	17	12	13	66	54	46
Leeds United Reserves	42	16	12	14	69	60	44
Derby County Reserves	42	14	13	15	45	50	41
Blackburn Rovers Reserves	42	18	5	19	53	70	41
Stoke City Reserves	42	13	14	15	58	52	40
Huddersfield Town Reserves	42	15	10	17	55	54	40
Newcastle United Reserves	42	14	12	16	51	63	40
Coventry City Reserves	42	14	11	17	61	70	39
Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	14	10	18	57	64	38
Aston Villa Reserves	42	11	15	16	39	36	37
Bury Reserves	42	10	15	17	57	67	35
Blackpool Reserves	42	11	13	18	46	80	35
Burnley Reserves	42	11	12	19	51	67	34
Preston North End Reserves	42	9	15	18	42	67	33
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	12	7	23	37	60	31
Sheffield United Reserves	42	8	11	23	37	93	27
Total	924	336	252	336	1247	1247	924

1978 - 1979
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Liverpool Reserves	42	30	7	5	88	34	67
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	26	6	10	82	39	58
Stoke City Reserves	42	23	11	8	65	45	57
Manchester City Reserves	42	23	9	10	70	45	55
Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	42	21	11	10	79	42	53
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	18	12	12	80	51	48
Coventry City Reserves	42	19	8	15	87	71	46
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	19	6	17	74	68	44
Leeds United Reserves	42	14	16	12	50	49	44
Aston Villa Reserves	42	18	11	15	67	54	43
Manchester United Reserves	42	17	9	16	66	58	43
Derby County Reserves	42	17	9	16	67	64	43
Everton Reserves	42	18	7	17	50	49	43
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Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	11	13	18	61	83	35
Sheffield United Reserves	42	12	9	21	55	88	33
Newcastle United Reserves	42	12	8	22	44	72	32
Blackpool Reserves	42	11	6	25	41	68	28
Bury Reserves	42	9	4	29	54	104	22
Preston North End Reserves	42	6	7	29	46	107	19
Total	924	361	202	361	1374	1374	924

1979 - 1980
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Liverpool Reserves	42	21	14	7	92	46	56
Coventry City Reserves	42	23	9	10	96	57	55
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	22	10	10	69	44	54
Manchester United Reserves	42	20	13	9	70	46	53
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	18	15	9	73	49	51
Everton Reserves	42	20	10	12	73	48	50
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Burnley Reserves	42	18	10	14	46	49	46
Manchester City Reserves	42	15	15	12	62	56	45
Derby County Reserves	42	14	16	12	59	57	44
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	18	7	17	68	61	43
Stoke City Reserves	42	11	17	14	45	49	39
Blackpool Reserves	42	13	12	17	60	68	38
Huddersfield Town Reserves	42	14	10	18	58	66	38
Newcastle United Reserves	42	14	10	18	41	55	38
Blackburn Rovers Reserves	42	14	7	21	60	85	35
Bury Reserves	42	13	8	21	49	86	34
Preston North End Reserves	42	10	11	21	42	89	31
Leeds United Reserves	42	9	9	24	47	75	27
Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	8	10	24	45	75	26
Sheffield United Reserves	42	7	10	25	47	99	24
Total	924	339	246	339	1331	1331	924

1980 - 1981
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Liverpool Reserves	42	29	9	4	98	26	67
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	22	14	6	68	31	58
Newcastle United Reserves	42	23	9	10	74	40	55
Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	42	21	13	8	67	40	55
Manchester City Reserves	42	17	18	7	74	51	52
Aston Villa Reserves	42	20	11	11	79	54	51
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	19	11	12	60	43	49
Everton Reserves	42	17	11	14	58	53	45
Burnley Reserves	42	16	12	14	45	45	44
Coventry City Reserves	42	16	10	16	75	74	42
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	15	10	17	52	60	40
Leeds United Reserves	42	10	20	12	42	56	40
Bury Reserves	42	14	11	17	53	58	39
Stoke City Reserves	42	14	11	17	51	57	39
Manchester United Reserves	42	11	16	15	47	54	38
Preston North End Reserves	42	12	12	18	51	72	36
Huddersfield Town Reserves	42	11	12	19	40	48	34
Sheffield United Reserves	42	9	16	17	44	61	34
Derby County Reserves	42	9	14	19	57	65	32
Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	9	9	24	40	85	27
Blackpool Reserves	42	6	12	24	28	85	24
Blackburn Rovers Reserves	42	7	9	26	33	78	23
Total	924	327	270	327	1236	1236	924

1981 - 1982
Central League

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
Liverpool Reserves	42	29	9	4	87	30	67
Everton Reserves	42	30	8	9	98	32	68
Aston Villa Reserves	42	25	7	10	94	45	57
Nottingham Forest Reserves	42	23	10	9	102	37	56
Newcastle United Reserves	42	19	10	13	61	57	48
Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	42	19	10	13	79	69	48
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	42	17	13	12	57	44	47
Sheffield United Reserves	42	16	14	12	51	43	46
Manchester United Reserves	42	18	8	16	58	44	44
Derby County Reserves	42	18	8	16	60	54	44
Leeds United Reserves	42	18	5	19	60	53	41
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	42	18	5	19	75	76	41
Coventry City Reserves	42	15	11	16	49	59	41
Stoke City Reserves	42	11	15	16	50	61	37
Bury Reserves	42	13	9	20	48	74	35
Blackpool Reserves	42	14	7	21	56	85	35
Blackburn Rovers Reserves	42	10	14	18	58	81	34
Manchester City Reserves	42	12	9	21	43	73	33
Preston North End Reserves	42	12	6	22	60	86	32
Huddersfield Town Reserves	42	12	5	25	45	87	29
Burnley Reserves	42	7	11	24	42	88	25
Bolton Wanderers Reserves	42	8	9	27	54	109	21
Total	924	362	200	362	1367	1367	924

notes
At the end of the season, the Central League was split into two divisions.
All of the teams were re-signed into Central League Division One except Nottingham Forest Reserves, Derby County Reserves, Manchester City Reserves, Preston North End Reserves, Burnley Reserves and Bolton Wanderers Reserves who were re-signed into Central League Division Two.

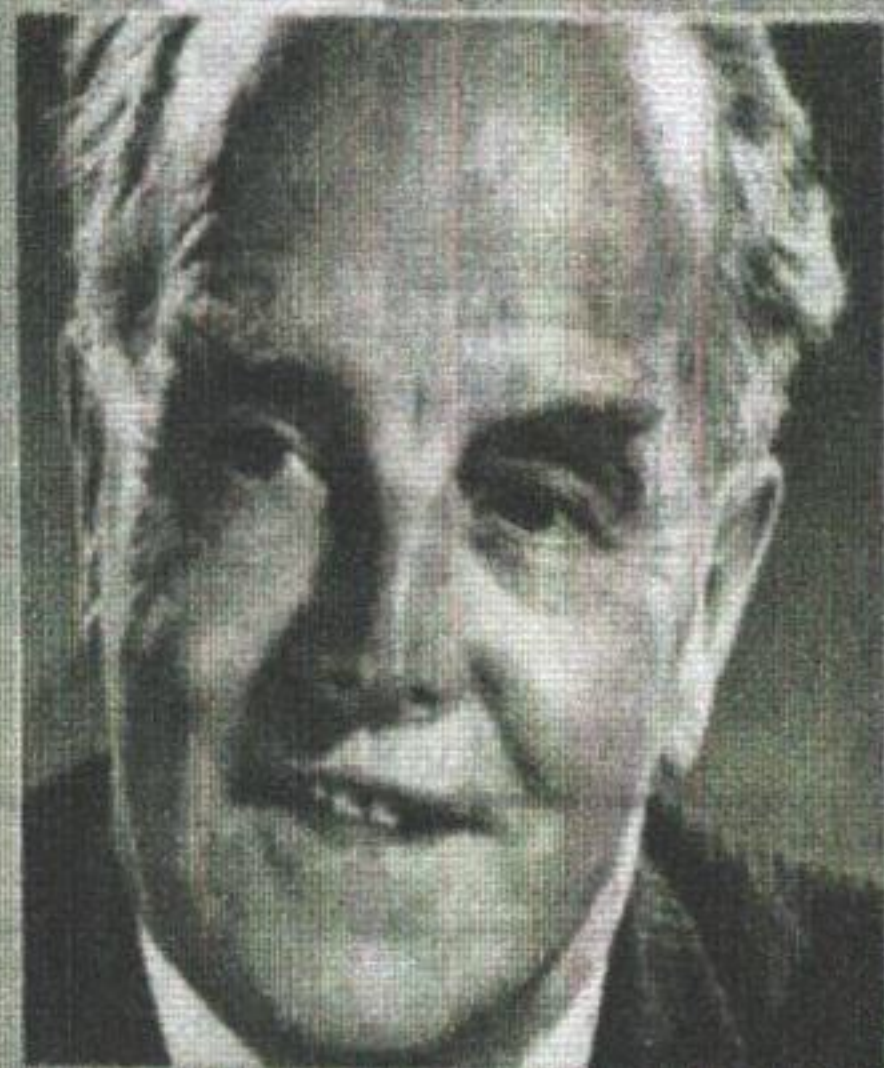
1982 - 1983
Central League Division One

	p	w	d	l	gf	ga	pts
West Bromwich Albion Reserves	30	19	6	5	53	18	44
Aston Villa Reserves	30	20	3	7	71	33	43
Everton Reserves	30	17	8	5	47	20	42
Manchester United Reserves	30	18	5	7	60	28	41
Sheffield Wednesday Reserves	30	16	6	8	58	39</	



The Saturday scene at Goodison. For some of the cloth-capped regulars the days when Dixie Dean used to nod 'em in remains an unforgettable memory

MAN WITH A MILLION



John Moores . . . a rich uncle

REVIVES THE 'BLUES'

By DOUG GARDNER

WITH three theatres, 11 major cinemas and a vast concert hall which advertises Bizet one week and Dave Brubeck the next, Liverpool is well up to standard in the entertainment ratings of big provincial cities. But the biggest show of the lot, in one of the biggest auditoriums available, is being planned just outside the city centre at Goodison Park, home of Everton Football Club.

Key figures behind the production are a multi-millionaire ("Football is a business. Entertainment business.") and a soft-spoken, £3,000-a-year manager who, after deals involving at least £200,000 in transfer-fees, says: "We are not so much trying to buy success as to obtain the best entertainment in soccer."

"Everton are really going out for the glamour again, and good luck to them," one former player told me. And a supporter who claimed he had spent nearly every other Saturday for the past 15 seasons standing on the terraces watching Everton claimed: "We've always had one of the best grounds in the country, but I've never seen the best Everton teams of the past playing on it. Now I reckon I'm getting some of my money back."

"If this man Moores turns out as good for Everton as old Will Cuff (former director and virtual dictator at Everton for many of his 80 years, besides being president of the Football League), we're heading for a long run in the big time again."

In recent years, Everton have been brushing the hurdles of disaster like a tail-ender in the Grand National field. Last season's balance-sheet showed a loss of £49,500 and a total debt to creditors and bank of some £89,000. But along with the two match-clocks (advertising Littlewoods Stores) installed in the grandstands last summer, there clocked in a new chairman carrying one of the fattest personal cheque-books (this side of the cashier's counter.

In the theatrical world, affluent backers of anything from "Twelfth Night" to "Goody Two Shoes" are called "Angels." The "Angel" behind the current show called Everton is short, brisk, crisply-spoken, 64-year-old John Moores. He neither wants nor expects a halo for helping Everton to the tune of interest-free loans of at least £56,000. The millions who have gambled regularly on Littlewoods Football Pools have given him all the circles he needs where they count most—on his bank statement.

I asked Mr. Moores if he was a millionaire; he said "Yes." I asked him if he was a multi-millionaire; he said "Yes." I drew a deep breath—and changed the subject. When we began to talk football, the managing director of Littlewoods Stores, former chairman of Littlewoods Pools and, since March last year, director of Everton, opened out. . . .

"I played amateur football myself until I was 44, and enjoyed it tremendously. I was outside-right or inside-right for a team called Azoics—a collection of businessmen who played only friendly matches. Then I supported Everton for years—just as an ordinary fan."

Mr. Moores says he had no ambitions to be an Everton director as long as the game remained for him merely a spectator sport. But once he had loaned the club a large sum of money and been elected to the board (subsequently becoming chairman after only four months), his business instincts were involved and he settled down to examine the problem of how to make football-promotion pay.

An expert in making money (he was a millionaire at 33), he did not profess to be an expert in football matters. Even in our comparatively short meeting he revealed himself as a man who is willing to admit that he has an open, though enquiring, mind on certain soccer subjects. For example, I challenged him on the effects on football generally of free-spending clubs such as Everton and Spurs buying up a series of star players.

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Above—Policeman, complete with walkie-talkie radio, directs match-day crowd. Right—Goalkeeper Dunlop and Gabriel (extreme right) keep an eye on a high ball during West Ham attack in League



Mother Noblett's toffee shop, which stood near to one of Everton's early grounds, gave the team the nickname "Toffees." Here, the club's young mascot waits and hopes that current "Mother Noblett" will not forget him in toffee share-out

MAN WITH A MILLION REVIVES THE 'BLUES' (continued)

"Our difficulty is that we must have a good team to attract good gates, and good gates to have enough money to get a good team. Buying players and concentrating talent in this way may discourage smaller professional clubs and local talent. But if the big clubs do not survive, the smaller ones certainly will not—and in that case you are left with even less outlet for youthful ambitions. What's the answer? I'm not sure."

But in his own particular sphere, Mr. Moores is sure on several points. . . .

"I was very surprised at the lack of business-sense of most people in football directorships. I must admit that I did not realise until I became involved in it that running a football club is so much of a business."

After plaguing everyone from manager to groundsman with questions, chairman Moores got to work on his side of the problem of getting the "Blues" out of the red. Typical of his analytical and thorough approach was the chart he presented to the board showing how and where each of the other First Division clubs made or lost money.

But while directing the financial operations, he has not neglected the personal approach to the people who count most—the players and the supporters. Fans are kept fully informed on what happens behind the scenes by personal programme-notes, and one of the first Moores moves, which must have pleased the terrace-types, was that members of the nine-man board (including a provision-merchant, an insurance expert, a

solicitor and a shirt-manufacturer) became obliged to watch some training sessions personally.

The chairman himself is invariably on hand to meet the players, particularly when important moves are made by the manager. Gradually a relationship is building up between employers and employees probably closer than anything Everton has ever known before. Toward this end, chairman Moores has sacrificed something else besides time and money—part of the personal pleasure he used to get from watching football.

"I can't say that I enjoy being a spectator now as much as I used to before I became a director," he told me. "One watches tactical moves and individual players more closely. To be a success at anything you must devote your full attention to finding out how it works. The more you understand football the more you can talk about it to experts and the more you learn."

Two centuries ago, it was largely the stimulus of slave-trade on its shipping which brought the first rapid development of Liverpool's seven miles (11km) of docks and 29 miles of quays. Today, the city thrives on its import and export trade and industries devoted to the processing of raw materials from all over the world. Soccer "slavery" has also now cast its chains, and these days the modern but unpretentious offices at Goodison Park, Everton, have been vying with those at Tottenham in the import and export of players as much as Liverpool's docks challenge London's Pool.

For the past two years, figuratively writing out the kind of cheques which Mr. Moores ex-customers like to win on the pools, has been one of the most even-tempered managers in the business—Johnny Carey. Not much broader or balder than when he played

MAN WITH A MILLION REVIVES THE 'BLUES' (continued)

runners-up on six other occasions and been in five Cup Finals, winning twice. But although the 1953-4 Everton side sent attendances soaring when they won promotion from the Second Division and reached the FA Cup semi-final, they have never really repeated their peak years between 1931 and 1933 when they secured a "hat-trick" of successive Second and First Division championships and an FA Cup win.

Those were the days when "Geldard used to sling 'em across and Dixie Dean used to nod 'em in"—to quote one Liverpoolian who remembers with joy local-boy Dean collecting a League record of 60 goals in a season (39 matches) in 1927-28. The early 'thirties were also the days when, with Ted Sagar, Willie Cook and Barney Cresswell marshalling a defence as solid as Liverpool's massive St. George's Hall, and the polished Cliff Britton dominating the half-backs, the accent was on attack, attack, attack.

There are some players of experience from that era who say it was Everton who forced Arsenal manager Herbert Chapman to think up his system of defensive retreat and the long-ball breakaway. Everton also had to rethink in the face of these tactics, but meantime they had become synonymous with soccer success and attracted young players from all over the country.

"We were Arsenal before Arsenal," said one man. "Everybody wanted to play for Everton." Among those who did were Tommy Lawton and Joe Mercer—two who carried on an international record started in 1890 and maintained by such pre-World War I stalwarts as Harry Makepeace, Jack Sharp, Harold Hardman and Sandy Young.

The continuity was maintained by the hard school of on-the-field example. Mercer (now manager of Aston Villa) recalled for me what it was like to be a young Everton player in the 'thirties.

"Hasn't the interest so far this season been somewhat stimulated by the buying of players for large fees?" I asked.

Mr. Carey took this somewhat pertinent question as calmly and honestly as the rest. "I don't entirely agree with you," he said. "But then, I don't think that artificially-stimulated interest is in itself a bad thing. The law of supply and demand has forced us to spend a lot of money in transfer-fees—and I don't pretend that we have come out of our deals on the right side, financially.

"Players often thrive on new ideas and new places, and people—spectators—react similarly. There have been other cases, at Sunderland and Tottenham for example, where bold moves stimulating interest have provided new life and vitality for clubs and their supporters. What matters is whether the stimulus can be maintained and built on to everyone's satisfaction."

For Everton, public interest has been surging and retiring like the Mersey tide since the days when the now-placid Lime Street was a rendezvous for the world's seamen in search of a fight. Founded and named St. Domingo in 1878 by members of a church cricket side, the club took their present name from the local district a year later. In the next few years the team played on a number of grounds (including Anfield, present home of Liverpool FC) and in a variety of colours, before settling on Goodison Park and blue-and-white just after becoming one of the 12 founder-members of the Football League in 1888.

Since then, they have spent only four seasons in the Second Division in two periods of relegation. The club have won the League championship five times, been

who will carefully remind you that "I was always known as an exponent of pure football," Carey has been able to rid Everton of the reputation they had a few years ago of relying more on strength than finesse.

"I look for natural footballers—that is, men who can adapt and blend their game with others. Basically, we plan a simple, positive approach to tactics, but tactics must always be designed to suit the players we have available. There is no guarantee that money will buy success, but you might say that our purchases recently have been a short-term investment on a long-term plan.

"Most of the players I have bought have been young men, and the average age of the usual first-team is only about 24. We have to do this to ensure our future, because although there is a lot of talent locally, the development of young players takes time and it is difficult to tell how they will react as they get older.

"We have set a high standard, and have had many youngsters who have not come up to our requirements after they have been signed. It would not be fair to talk of them as having been 'wasted,' as most of them have been able to use their experience to get on elsewhere.

"Satisfied? I don't think any man in my position is ever satisfied. This is a never-ending job. As far as this season is concerned, we are just entering the testing time; our average home gates have been very high and the 75,600 who saw the game against Burnley was only a few thousand below the 12-year-old ground record. If we can stimulate the interest of the crowds for the rest of the season, although we have no chance of winning either the FA Cup or the League title, it will be because we are providing good entertainment."

in 40 international matches, the pipe-smoking, 42-year-old Irishman, who once captained the Rest of Europe against Great Britain, is the quiet, effective hum of the Everton dynamo.

Like Tottenham, Everton are billed these days as the £200,000 team. Carey does not quibble about the sums alleged to have been paid for such as Alex Young (£42,000), Jimmy Gabriel (£28,000), Bobby Collins (£23,000) and Tommy Ring (£12,000) from Scotland; Irishman Billy Bingham (£16,000); Welshman Roy Vernon (£35,000) and Englishman Mickey Lill (£15,000). With these and at least three other highly-priced players from various parts of Britain, Carey aims at the best entertainment in soccer.

It has been no joke to date. Since he took over in September, 1958, Carey has signed and sold over 20 players; reduced the staff by five to 32. Yet, although Everton were in the running for First Division talent—money at the time of writing, they had been knocked out of the FA Cup and injuries had affected the balance of this expensive side. Carey has also put into operation a youth policy which he hopes could produce another home-grown Dixie Dean. Already several 17-year-olds have been "blooded" in the first team—some of them, I believe, quite deliberately, for John Moores told me: "We must be careful not to discourage the younger players with our buying of established stars. They must be given a chance."

Although the major playing worry of the club at the moment is a lack of deep strength in their reserves, it is a tribute to Carey's shrewd buying and careful team-building that Everton have so well maintained the League pace despite numerous changes. As a man who, while with Manchester United, played in every position except outside-left, and

"Practically everything you learned came on the field during a match. We used to go in there and start playing with men we'd idolised for years, and if you made any mistakes they'd chew you all over. But they'd also tell you how to play. And you learned—and learned fast. If the tactics were changed they were changed on the field, by the players."

Altogether, Goodison Park property occupies some 3½ acres of the city's 43 square miles, but is tabooed by a few thousand of her 790,000 people: the die-hard Liverpool FC supporters. It appears to be a long-standing rule that although the grounds are barely a mile apart some few thousand of each club's supporters would no more think of going through the rival turnstiles than they would of venturing into the Mersey tunnel on roller-skates.

The feud began in 1892, when the newly-formed Liverpool club first occupied the Anfield Road ground after Everton had left, and the landlord (who ran the new side) tried to give his new tenants the same name as his old ones. Happily, this rivalry exists today only among the more fanatical of the soccer-loving population.

Everton have certainly attracted more than their usual share of support this season. Nearly 600,000 people watched the first 12 games at Goodison, and there were hopes that by season's end they would, like their chairman 31 years ago, be heading for their first "million." On a newly-re-laid pitch, which last summer saw the suspension of the costly £7,000 experiment to combat bad conditions by sub-surface electrical heating, Everton began to win with the regularity of the six-inch gun which sounds the 1 p.m. weekday salute from across the Mersey.

"As a matter of fact, I was a little bit afraid when we began by doing so well," John Moores said. "We can't be that good; I told myself, and events have proved me right. I think we must be patient and wait for a year or two before the team begins to reach its peak."

Meantime, Everton need to do better than in recent years. As winners of the League championship in 1939, the last pre-war season, they "held" the title longer than anyone else. But since 1948 they have only once finished in the top half (11th).

When Cliff Britton left the managership in 1957, the responsibility for running the team was put in the hands of a chief coach who, with three of the directors, also selected the side. By the end of only one season this pseudo-Continental idea had clearly not brought immediate results, and when Carey took over, after five years with Blackburn Rovers, in October, 1958, Everton were at the bottom of the table.

Supported by the present coach, Les Shannon, former Liverpool and Burnley player, head trainer Harry Cooke and Gordon Watson, who looks after the first team, Carey has already produced a side who often have a strong Continental flavour about their play. In the early part of the season they were full of short passes, but of late they have begun to increase the length—and reduce the work—of their distribution. Naturally the rhythm has sometimes suffered.

With over a score of changes this season at the time of writing, it is impossible to visualise what a settled Everton team are really capable of achieving. With the inimitable Bobbie Collins jinking the openings, they at one time lacked mainly a marksman. The advent of Vernon and Wignall has added the thrust to the rapier, and with Lill (who needed more scope than Wolves could give him) and Bingham (whose roving, chance-taking abilities had been wasted with Luton) scouting on the wings, the prospects are immense.

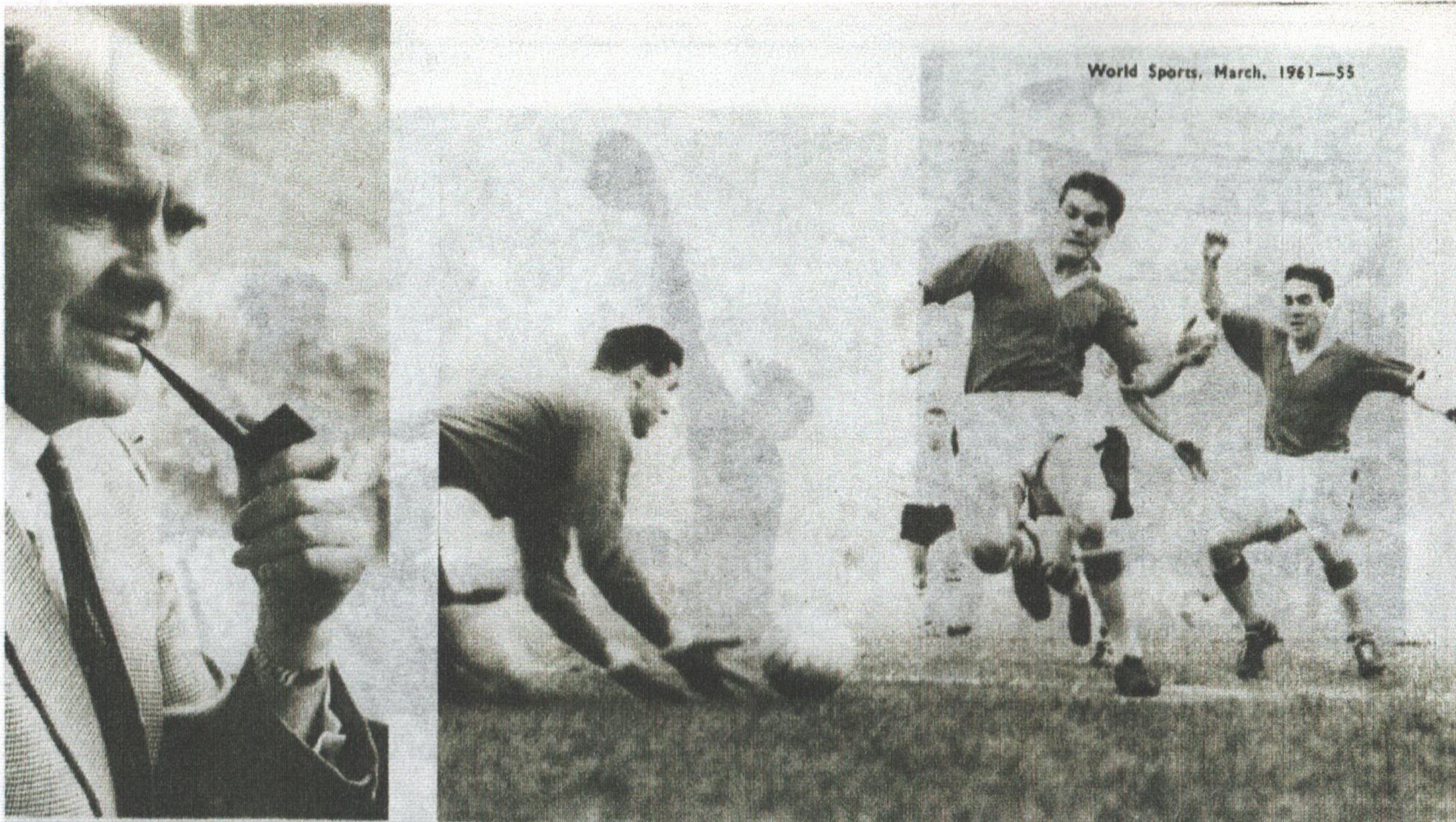
Fluid in attack, but occasionally fumbling in hasty defensive covering, Everton are clearly experimenting with allaying individual adeptness to cohesive strength. Their next challenge, it seems, will come in the summer, for they have been chosen to play in the international club tournament in New York.

Experiment is not confined to the League side. Changes are frequent in the other four Everton teams; and last season over 40 players appeared in the second XI—one of the youngest in the Central League.

Despite his wealthy deals, Carey is not "star-minded." He remembers that on the same day as he joined Manchester United as an unknown 17-year-old, the club signed another player (Ernest Thompson) from Blackburn for £5,000—a headline figure in 1936. Carey went on to play over 370 League and Cup games in his 16 years with United, while within three seasons the star had moved to Gateshead. Carey is determined to let no boy like himself escape Everton's net.

They say it'll be a good man who lives from the laying of the foundation stone (in 1904) to the completion (in "about" 20 years from now) of the building of Liverpool Cathedral. Carey also builds to last, in a lot less time. Although it was 18 months after he left, he got much of the credit for Blackburn reaching the 1960 Cup Final. I don't think we shall see him leading out Everton at Wembley until his team has improved to a standard that lives up to the club motto—"Nothing but the best satisfies."

And if, by that time, the bespectacled ex-right-winger John Moores has become known to millions of soccer fans for something other than his millions it will be no surprise to me.



relaxing moment for manager Johnny Carey ("I don't think any man in my position is ever satisfied")... and an anxious one for forwards Wignall (left) and Collins during match with Burnley, which attracted over 75,000 to Goodison



England and Sheffield United goalkeeper Hodgkinson appears to give Everton's Wignall some support for a high-jumper's act in this FA Cup-tie

Mickey Thomas didn't stay long at Goodison just ten games played in all and he thought somehow that he was given a poor deal read the story below .

4: Frankly, Mr Kendall

Howard Kendall had taken over the helm at Everton in May from Gordon Lee after the Merseyside club had fought a battle against relegation all season. With their neighbours consistently adding silverware to the trophy cabinet on the other side of Stanley Park, it was a job for a single-minded, no-nonsense man. Howard Kendall was the man. A veteran of the club's last championship winning side in 1970, Kendall had formed a holy trinity in the Goodison midfield with Alan Ball and Colin Harvey.

The new Goodison boss acknowledged the emerging talents of Steve McMahon, Kevin Ratcliffe and Paul Lodge, but at thirty-four, he still intended to pull on his famous number four shirt when needed. Kendall wasted no time in showing his more ruthless side, sacking Lee's assistant, Geoff Nulty, and first team coach, Eric Harrison. He brought Mick Heaton with him from Blackburn and let his assistant spell out the facts of life for the players.

'He's fair, but he doesn't like being crossed,' he warned them.

Chapter 4: Frankly, Mr Kendall

'Not many players step out of line because they know he'll be down on them.'

Mickey Thomas arrived as one of seven new faces at Goodison as part of a £450,000 player-plus-cash deal with John Gidman going the other way. And while full-back Gidman was taking his medical at Old Trafford, Mickey was grinning like a kid with the keys to the sweet shop at Everton.

'I watched my first game of football as a six-year-old at Everton,' he revealed at the time. 'And ever since, I've wanted to play for them.'

The new season's official squad photo saw Mickey on the front row between Joe McBride, about to be dropped, and Asa Hartford, about to leave for Manchester City. These were unstable times at Goodison. Mickey wasn't too forthcoming about the departure from United but he claimed it was for football reasons.

'I was never completely happy in the position I played at United,' he said. 'Dave Sexton always used me wide on the left, almost as a winger, but I don't like playing that way. Howard Kendall has his own ideas about how to use me and what he has made plain is that he wants to see me getting forward into the penalty area and scoring a few goals.'

And on leaving Old Trafford?

'There aren't many places you can go after Manchester United are there? But, in my opinion, I have taken a step in the right direction. Everton are on the way back.'

Mickey's first task as an Everton player was to arrange a tour of the ground for his Dad, Reg.

Mickey Thomas

'I asked the manager's permission to do that straight away. I stood and watched football here with my Dad on the Gladwys Street end for many years.'

Mickey certainly looked set for a long stay. He wasted no time answering a 'Super Focus' questionnaire in *Shoot*. It made entertaining reading.

FULL NAME: Michael Thomas

BIRTHPLACE: Mochdre, N. Wales

BIRTHDATE: July 7, 1954

HEIGHT: 5ft 6ins

MARRIED: Yes, to Debbie

CHILDREN: Aaron, 15 months

CAR: Capri Injection

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wrexham, Manchester United

JOB BEFORE TURNING PRO: Joined Wrexham straight from school

NICKNAME: Mickey

NEWSPAPER: *Liverpool Daily Post*

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Glenn Hoddle

PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: Kevin Ratcliffe and Andy Ritchie

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Wrexham

CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Alan Ball

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Tennis

BEST EVER ALL-TIME XI: Banks, Kaltz, Beckenbauer, Charlton,

Wilson, Ball, Hoddle, Cruyff, Pele, Law, Best

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1979 FA Cup Final v Arsenal

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not signing for Everton sooner

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BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: Wembley
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Cornflakes and tea
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES & DISLIKES: Playing with my son, Aaron – Hangers on
FAVOURITE SINGER: Bryan Ferry
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway
HOLIDAY RESORT: Marbella
TV SHOW: Benny Hill
BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*
FAVOURITE DAY OFF: The beach with Debbie and Aaron
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad Reggie, PE teacher Richard Dodd and former Wrexham boss John Neal
SUPERSTITIONS: I put my boots on three times before the match
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cornflakes
PERSONAL AMBITION: To win the First Division with Everton
IF NOT A PLAYER WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO: Pilot
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Pope John Paul

Presumably if he ever met the Pope, the pontiff and Mickey could discuss *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*.

By the end of October it had become apparent that Kendall's sweeping changes hadn't worked. He used nineteen players in the first ten games, winning just four of them, and though Mickey had played in all ten he picked up a hamstring strain in the home win over Ipswich. Mickey and fellow newcomer, Alan Ainscow, were criticised for not providing the depth and bite

Mickey Thomas

that was sorely lacking in midfield, but it was always going to be difficult to accommodate so many new faces at the same time.

Kendall had begun to reintroduce more established players, many of whom had feared their Everton days were numbered as the new recruits were given their chance. Peter Eastoe, John Bailey and Joe McBride were all given a second chance, but one old boy who failed to survive the shake-up, Asa Hartford, reckoned they would struggle.

'Only keeper Jim Arnold has really helped improve on last season's team,' he reckoned. 'But I'm sure even Howard would admit there's no way they are going to win the League.'

Mickey was struggling with his hamstring injury and Kendall was determined his new acquisition should take time to fully recover. Mickey found it almost impossible to rest. He even claimed he got bored sleeping! He stood up to his manager. It was a mistake, and the last he'd make as an Everton player.

'Thomas let me down, the players and the supporters,' thundered Kendall. 'I was not going to be told by anyone who played in my team.'

Many First Division managers were interested, but it would take a brave man to take a chance on Mickey.

'I fell out with Howard Kendall and it was all my fault,' he admitted later. 'I'd been injured but I considered myself fit and ready to play against Manchester City but Howard wanted me to take a little longer so I'd be ready to face Liverpool the following week in a big derby match. He marked me down for a reserves game in the meantime but surprise, surprise I didn't turn up. I told the manager that I'd never had to prove my fitness before

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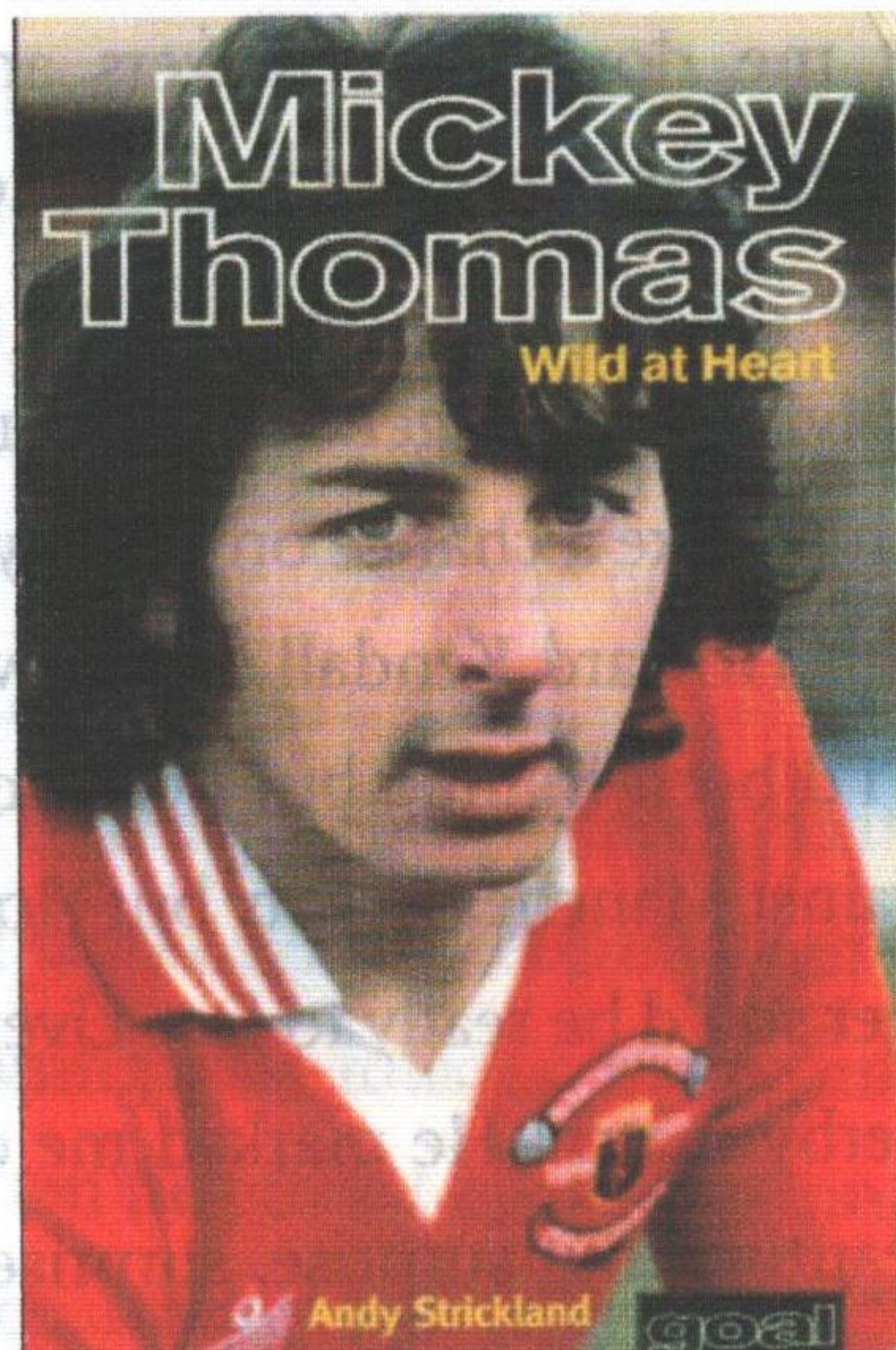
and I wasn't about to start now. At the time, I believed my stand was right but looking back on my decision, I suppose I was too hasty.'

There was a lot of bad blood between player and manager, but Thomas denied reports that he'd claimed forgetting Everton wouldn't be too hard because he'd never enjoyed himself at the club.

'I didn't say that. I love Everton. I stood on the terraces as a boy and it was like a dream come true signing from Manchester United. What I said was that Everton were a part of my past and I had to get on with the job at my next club. I didn't get on with Howard Kendall but that's a different matter.

'I never knew where I stood with him and I don't think I was alone in that. I think he wanted to sell somebody around the time that I was pushed out and I gave him the excuse he needed.'

Mickey, his Everton dream in tatters, was about to make the biggest mistake of his career.



So there you have it Mickey Thomas a Legend in his own mind

The History Of Everton season 1930-31

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yesterday that the bristol rovers club had communicated with everton, stating their willingness to discuss the question of the transfer of dix'' we are quite ready to talk things over in added mr cuff''but we shall now make a move until we know definitely whether dix is now willing to leave bristol. If we get the assurance that he will join everton than I shall go to bristol to negotiate for the transfer. Dix, who is twenty years of age, is a schoolboy international, when everton first approached bristol rovers they wanted both dix and britton. They were given an option on both players for £3,200 or £1,600 for either. Britton duty came to walton, but when everton went for dix, the rovers said ''no'' contedint that dix was worth £3,000 or £4,000.

FEB 11, everton go to blackpool on Saturday, to resume their search for their lost form the leaders will lack the service off gee, who is nursing an injury and mcclure will take his place, but otherwise the team will be the same as that which lost to arsenal.

FEB 17, the directors at their meeting last night, made three changes in the side for Saturday game compared with the team beaten at blackpool. The most intersting change is the return of dunn, the scottish international replacing white at inside left, stein comes back at outside left in place of rigby, while gee, who has been out of the side through an injured ankle, is again at outside-half instead of mcclure.

FEB 20, everton realise that they have a stiff task in front of them in trying to carry off the league championship, and with a view to improving the play of the team, the players travel to buxton after the match to-day, and they stay in the derbyshire centre for an indinite period of special training to prepare for the heavy matches ahead, and fifteen players are to form the party.

MAR 16, to-day marks the end of the period for signing new players tp participate in the remaining league games, players signed after to-day cannot participate in matches in which championship promotion and relegations question are concerned. Ther were a few signing yesterday,, the chief of which from a merseyside point of view being the transfer of luton town to everton of G turner ,, an outside left of much promise. Turner was a reserve for the notts county last season, when he scored nineteen goals, in midland league games, and joined luton town at the beginning of the present campaign turner who stands six feet in height and weights over twelve stone, played in only a dozen games for luton town.

MAR 16, dean and johnson played for england against the rest at huddersfield, the rest winning 4-1.

MAR 22, russell, the left half back of the strathclyde club, who was watched by an everton represtative on Saturday, is I am told likely to come to goodison park shortly. I am told by one who has seen him play that russell is a well built youngers, who is likely to make a name for himself. Everton are not alone in spotting this player for newcastle united have had him under review.

MAR 23, three games in the space of four day days will test the resource of many league clubs, over easter and everton are among them, on good Friday the leaders oppose west brom at goodison park visit chelsea on Saturday, and go to west brom on Monday , no changes expected for the match at goodison against west brom.

MAR 28, the everton ''A'' team won the Liverpool challenge cup, to-day, beating skelersdale united 4-2, garston royal 4-2, blundellsands 4-0, prescot cables 3-1, whiston 1-1, 5-1 and winning to-days final 5-0 against earle.

APR 6, for the match with leicester city, at leicester on Saturday, everton have chosen white, the utility forward to take johnson's place at inside left, stein regular partner of course will be assisting england.

APR 8, williams the everton full-back is suffering from an influenza cold, at buxton where the players are staying, but it is hoped that he will be fit to assist his club in the vital game at leicester to-morrow. The men have been able to train on the buxton football ground though snow has restricted their activites.

MAY 2, the long-drew out race for the championship, was settled on Saturday, and everton claimed the honours of the campaign. It was not a spectacular finish for the champions only scraped through by the only goal against bolton wanderers. Everton being handicapped by an injury to gee, it was fitting that dean who has led the side so well, should have scored the goal which ensured that the championship of the first division should follow the championship of the second division to goodison par.

MAY 4, everton journey to newcastje united to-day to meet the cup-holders, and though the champions will be below strenght they are expected to make a bold bid. The meeting should prove a decidedly intersting one. Gee of course is not able to turn out, and mclure will deputise. Another important alteration is that dean, being unfit, will be absent, and his place as leader of the attack will be taken by white.

MAY 7, the closing-down match at goodison park should prove a memorable occasion,, and I have no doubt the usual large band of enthusiasts, will turn out to witness the dropping of the curtain on a season of, triumph for everton. A victory to-day against portsmouth would be a fitting wind-up to the winning of the football league champions, and the presentation of the league cup by mr john mckennia, the president of the league. Will be an intersting ceremony, everton should win this game, and the club in that event, would claim 58 points for their season's work. The kick off is 3.15

MAY 7, everton have signed john mcgourty, inside forward from patrick thistle. He stands 5feet 7 inches and weights 11" 4lbs and is only nineteen years-of-age. Little more than eight months ago, mcgourty was an unknown, who went to play a trial with patrick thistle. He became a regular member in the league team within a month or two, of his arrival, and so well has he played that half a dozen english clubs, have recently been watching him. Everton took a great fancy to him, when they saw him play against motherwell. He makes up for his lack of inches by being sturdily built. Before joining patrick thistle, he played a few amateur games with edinburgh city last season.

MAY 19, richard parker, right or left full back from everton has signed for chester city parker who has been with everton for two seasons is 23 years of age, standing 5ft 8 and a half inches and weights 11" 9lbs. Prior to going to everton parker was with burscorth rangers in the lancashire combination.

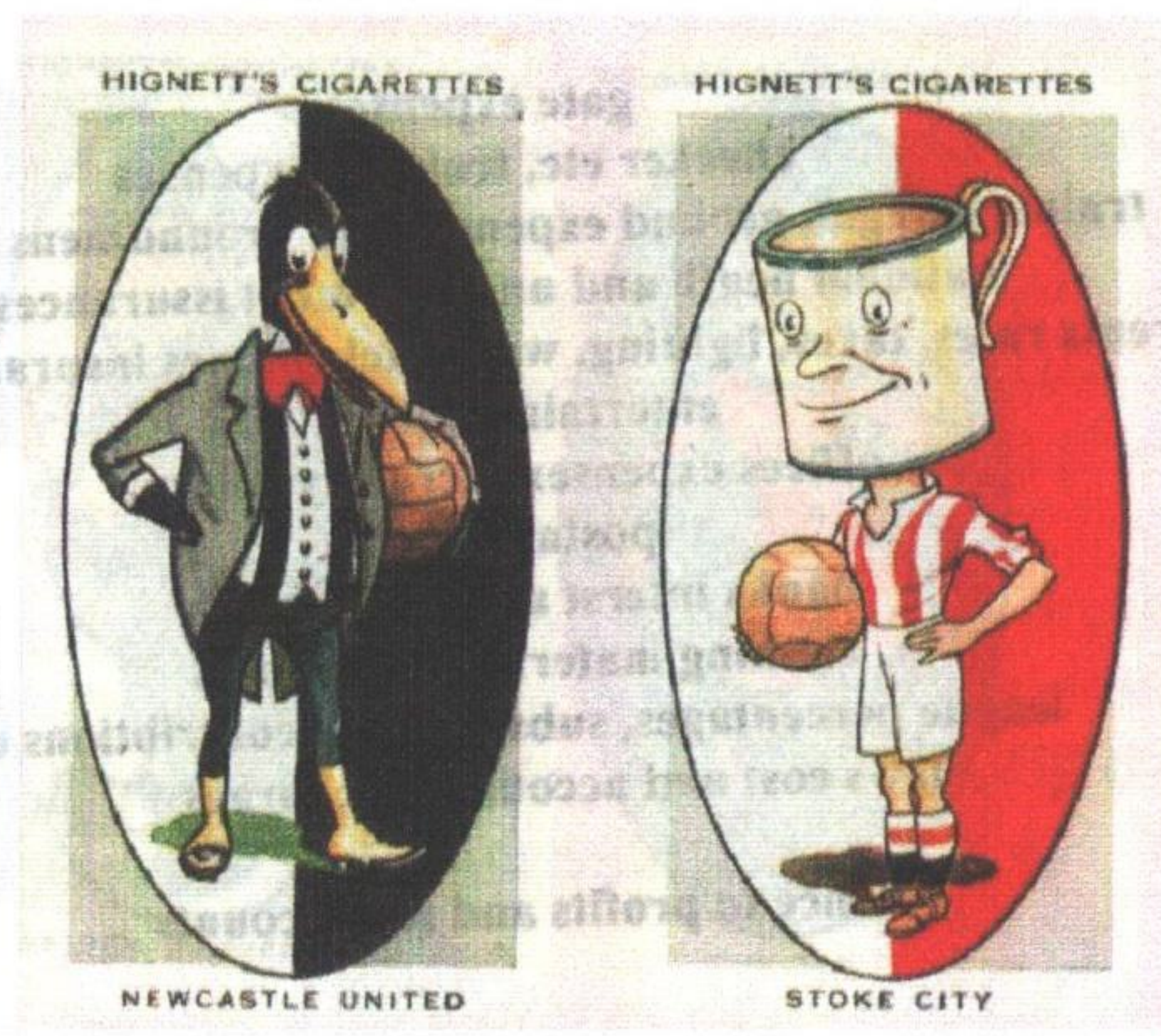
JUNE 7, after their fine season in winning the championship, everton football club are able to show a profit of £10,166 89s 7d on the income and expenditure account, which is the greatest in the history of the club. In 1931 to profit amounted to £9,755 17s 7d.

The gate receipts for the season amounted to £54,338 6s 8d, compared with £43,929 3s the previous season, when the club won the second division championship. The proceeds of matches played away away last season amounted to £4,977 2s 2d, compared with £7,021 1s 3d in the previous campaign. Players wages and transfers fees cost £13,457 compared with £10,658 10s in 1931. The gate division to vistors was £7,991 11s, as against £7,829 13s 4d in 1931. The directors recommend the payment of a dividend of seven and hald per cent, and the amount carried forward to next year is £58,705 15s 7d.

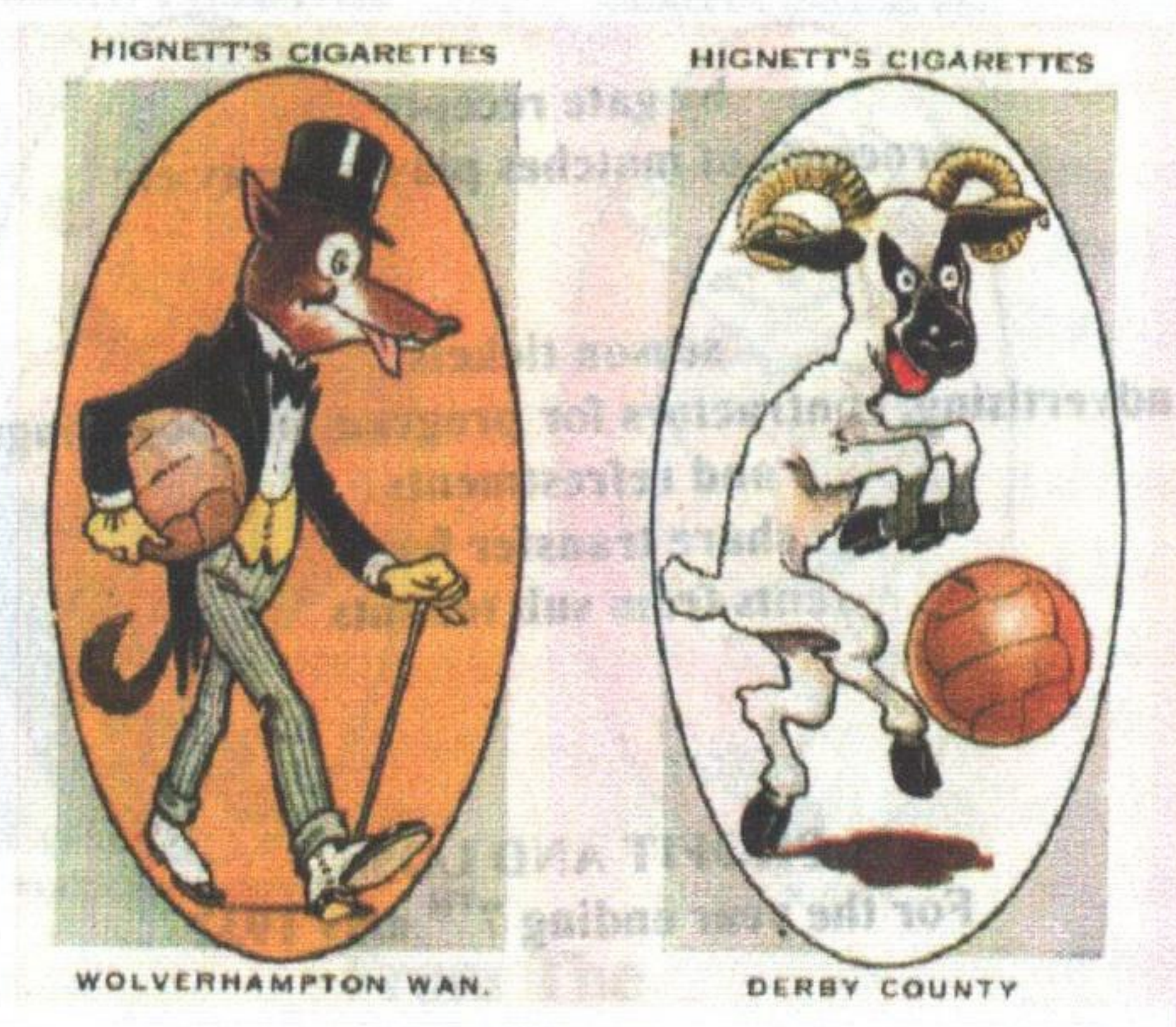
The annual meeting of the club will be held on the 17TH at the law association rooms cook-street Liverpool at 730pm. The retiring directors are messr H banks, WC gibbins, C hayes, who offer themselves for re-election. No ther nominations have been received and the retiring directors will be accordingly declared elected for the ensuring three years.

THE ACCOUNTS

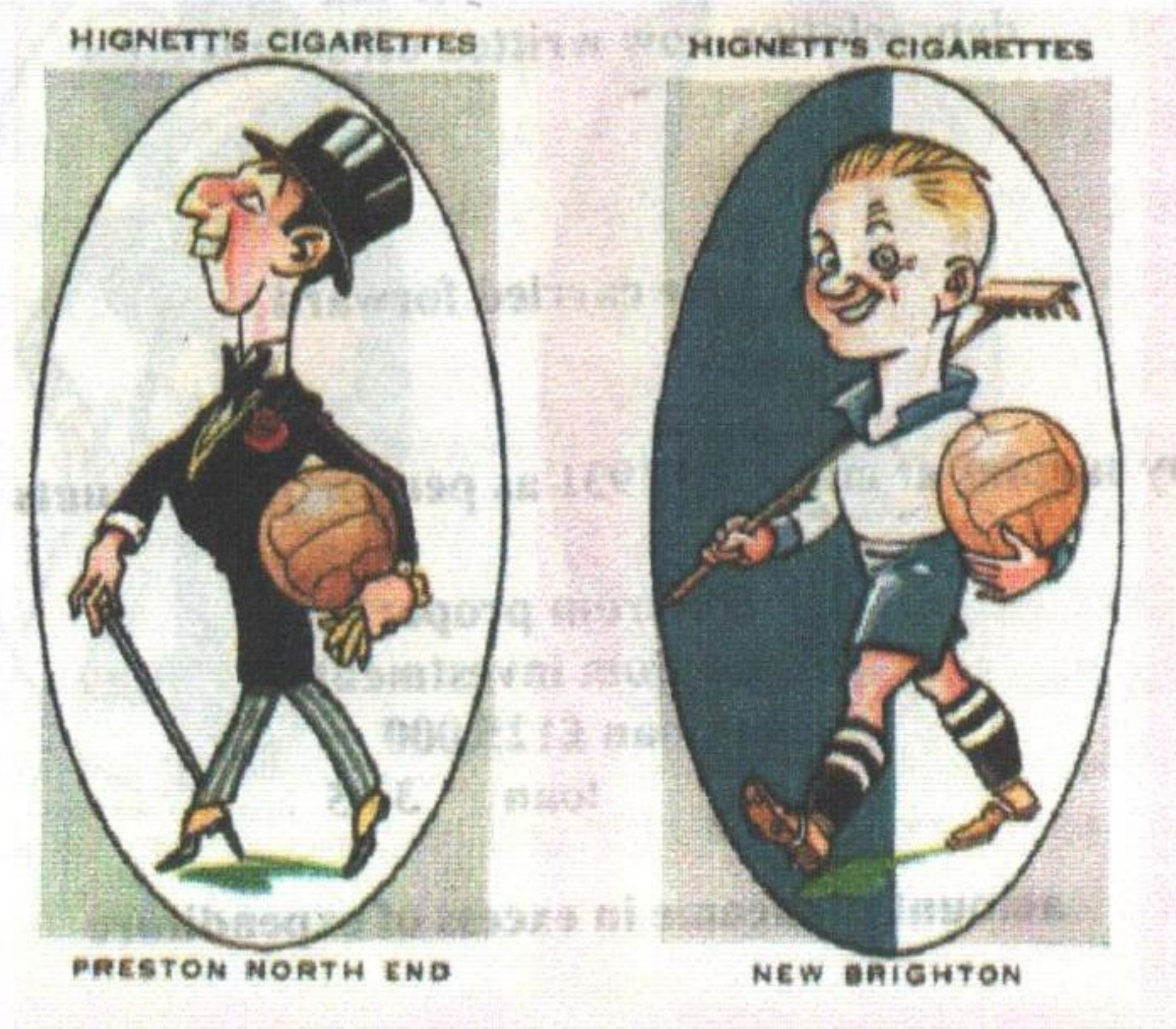
1931		EXPENDITURE		may 7 th 1932	
£	s d			£	s d
£10,658	10s 0d		to players wages and transfers fees etc	£13,457	0s 0d
£01,015	0s 0d		players benefits, medical fees, players accident insurances	£3,534	16s 6d
£00,399	14s 5d		etc	£00,531	1s 2d
£07,829	13s 4d		gate division to vistors	£07,991	11s 0 d
£03510	6s 0d		travelling expense, advertising billpost printing and stationery	£03, 534	16s 6d



Nicknames



From The 1930's



£00,365 6s 7d	gate expenses	£00,360 16s 2d
£01,382 7s 3d	checker etc, training expenses	£01,462 6s 4d
£00,926 7s 3d	trainers wages, ground expenses and groundmens wages	£01,401 17s 1d
£04,002 2s 10d	national health and unemplment insurances	£03,170 8s 6d
£00,145 14s 2d	rents rates, taxes, lighting, water, telephones insurance etc	£00,174 12s 0d
£02,220 14s 10d	entertainment tax	£02,934 5s 5d
£06,716 14s 2d	offices expensex secretary salary,	£01,075 9s 4d
£01,062 7s 2d	postages etc	£01,075 9s 4d
£00,569 2s 7d	banks interst and commission	£00,228 5s 0d
£00,345 18s 3d	clothing materials, and stores	£00,407 5s 9d
£00,617 14s 10d	league percentages, subscription, contribtions etc	£00,729, 3s 9d
£00,285 14s 0d	laws cost and accountacy charges	£00,079 10s 9d
£42,053 7s 8d		£50,106 18s 6d
£09,755 17s 7d	balance to profits and lossaccounts	£10,166 8s 7d
£51,809 5s 3d		£60,273 7s 1d

INCOME

May 1931		may 7 TH 1932	
£	s d	£ s d	
£43,929	3s 0d	£54,328	6s 8d
£07,021	1s 3d	£04,977	2s 2d
£50,950	4s 3d	£59,305	8s 10d
£00,438	17s 6d	£00,550	7s 6d
£00,291	1s 0d	£00,291	2s 0d
£00,003	12s 6d	£00,001	17s 6d
£00,125	10s 0d	£00,124	11s 3d
£51,809	5s 3d	£60,273	7s 1d

PROFIT AND LOSS
For the year ending 7TH may 1932

1931		may 7 TH 1932	
£	s d	£ s d	
	to dividend declared 28 TH may 1931 at 7 and half %		
£00,113	4s 4d	£00,113	4s 4d
£02,577	5s 7d	£02,424	2s 4d
£02,690	9s 11d	£02,537	6s 8d
£50,146	7s 8d	£52,815	6s 6d
£52846	17s 7d	£61,352	12s 12d
	balance carried forward		
	by surplus at may 2 ND 1931 as per certifies accounts		
£42,056	5s 4d	£50,146	7s 8d
£00,896	10s 2d	£00,911	12s 5d
£00,125	0s 0d		
£00,003	4s 6d		
£09,755	17s 7d	£00,128	4s 5d
£52,836	17s 7d	£10,166	8s 6d
	amount of income in excess of expenditure	£61,352	13s 2d



BOLTON WANDERERS



CHELSEA

Nicknames



BLACKBURN ROVERS



LINCOLN CITY

From The 1930's



NOTTS COUNTY



NORTHAMPTON TOWN

The History Of Everton Football Club 1931-32

JUNE 10, George Leopold Stevens the centre-forward at the new Brighton club, was yesterday transferred to Everton. Stevens was a Wallasey Corporation tramcar conductor when he received a trial with new Brighton in the spring of 1931, and was signed on as an amateur in his first season with the third division club. He scored thirteen goals in nineteen first team matches, and last season was again top scorer with twenty goals. Stevens who is twenty-two stands 5ft 9ins, and weights 11 stone. He is speedy and a fine shot.

JUNE 18, in the course of the Everton FC's annual general meeting held at the law association rooms, Cook-street last evening, Mr WC Cuff in reply to a vote of thanks and confidence in the directors said the club aimed at a repetition of the league championship win, or success in the FA Cup- preferably both! The three retiring directors Messrs. H Banks, WC Gibbins, and C Hayes, were re-elected.

Mr. Cuff said the season had been highly successful financially and while the profit of £10,166 was not a record, it approached the record figure, and was only exceeded by that of the 1927-28 season when Everton figured prominently in the FA Cup. Last season's expenditure of players' benefits £3,601, was the highest the club had paid in this respect. The balance sheet figures spoke for themselves and went to show how successful the season had been. The reason for this was twofold. First, the interest aroused in the club's efforts to secure the championship, and secondly the result of the sound policy of the directors and the acumen they display to giving the public football in attractive form.

Everton's football he continued had always been stylish and attractive and that was the kind of football that paid, in addition to being appreciated by the thousands of loyal supporters.

There is not an optimist who would have expected our signal success after being relegated to the second division," added Mr Cuff. We tackled the business on hand at the start, and by mid-october the team was at the head of the table and retained that position. We are proud of our players, and it is difficult to find adequate expression of our indebtedness to them. Their loyalty was beyond praise. We shall give the players encouragement for a repetition of our latest championship success."

Mr. Cuff congratulated Mr. Tom McIntosh, secretary of the club, on his recovery from a serious illness and trusted he would have many years of services left. The accounts and balance sheets were approved and passed. A shareholder, Mr Russell asked whether the sum of £6,525 figuring under "sundry debtors" was an asset, or whether it was a doubtful asset. Mr Cuff explained that £6,000 was the fee agreed upon for the transfer of Griffiths to Bolton Wanderers, and this deal had not been settled. When Mr Russell raised a point on the crowding of the Everton shareholders stands on the occasion of the Liverpool home game last season, another shareholder said that the anti-Everton feeling on the Everton shareholders stand on the occasion of that match was disgraceful. Mr Cuff explained that when all shareholders attended there were 120 spare seats on the shareholders stand.

When proposing the vote of confidence in the directors, Mr Denaro said that he was sorry the meeting was so badly attended, as he had noticed people were handy to complain, but not so handy to turn up to cheer when the club had done well.

Players retained for the season 1932-33 are:- Sager, Coggins, Holdcroft, Backs: Williams, Cresswell, Bocking, Lowe, Common, Jones, Jackson, Half-back: Clark, Gee, Thomson, Britton, McClure, Macpherson, Chedgoy, Archer, Forwards: Critchley, Dunn, Dean, Johnson, Stein, Griffiths, Cunliffe, White, Leyfield, McGorty, Birtley, Fryer, Turner, Webster, Stevens (new Brighton).

BLUES 5 WHITES 5
AUGUST 15th 1931
PRACTICE MATCH
GOODISON PARK
REFEREE CE TAYLOR
GOALS MARTIN (1-0) (2-1) DEAN () () DUNN (1-1) () GRIFFITHS (P) () () JOHNSON () () CUNLIFFE ()

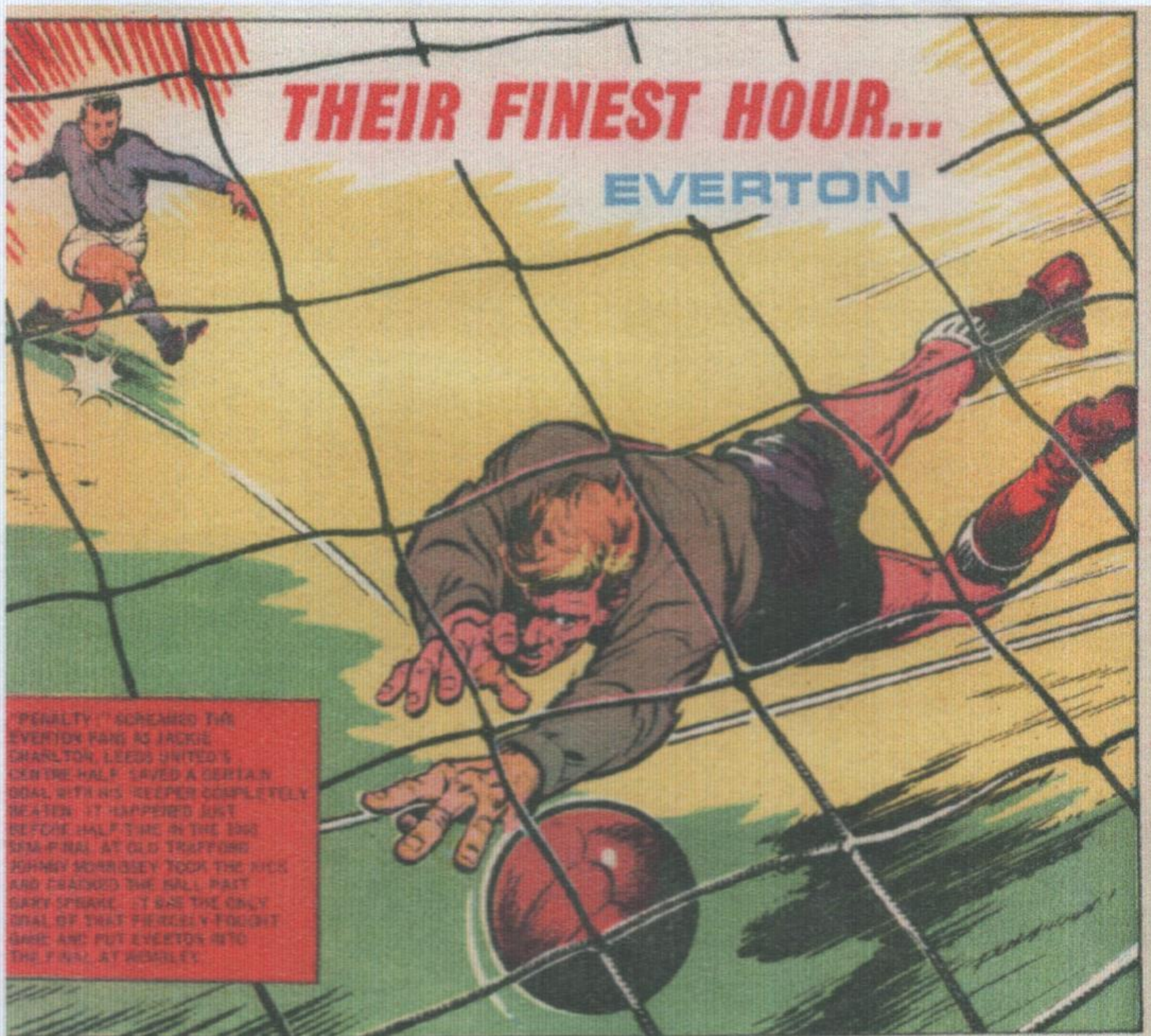
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ATT 13,000

BLUES 6 WHITES 0
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PRACTICE MATCH
GOODISON PARK
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ATT 9,000 (164)

1931-32 SEASON	ARSENAL	ASTON VILLA	BIRMINGHAM	BLACKBURN	BLACKPOOL	BOLTON	CHESEA	DERBY	EVERTON	GRIMSBY	HUDDERSFIELD	LEICESTER	LIVERPOOL	MAN CITY	MIDDLESBRO	NEWCASTLE	PORTSMOUTH	SHEFF UTD	SHEFF WED	SUNDERLAND	WEST BROM	WEST HAM
ARSENAL	X	1-1	3-0	4-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	4-0	1-1	2-1	6-0	4-0	5-0	1-0	3-3	0-2	3-1	2-0	0-1	4-1
ASTON VILLA	1-1	X	3-2	1-5	5-1	2-1	1-3	2-0	2-3	7-0	2-3	3-2	6-1	3-1	7-1	3-0	0-1	5-0	3-1	3-0	2-0	5-2
BIRMINGHAM	2-2	1-1	X	2-1	3-0	2-2	4-0	1-1	4-0	2-1	5-0	2-0	3-1	1-5	3-0	4-1	3-1	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-0	4-1
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1 EVERTON	42	18	0	3	84	30	8	4	9	32	34	56
2 ARSENAL	42	14	5	2	52	16	8	5	8	38	32	54
3 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	42	14	4	3	60	28	8	2	11	36	54	50
4 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	42	11	8	2	47	21	8	2	11	33	42	48
5 ASTON VILLA	42	15	1	5	64	28	4	7	10	40	44	41
6 WEST BROMWICH ALBION	42	12	4	5	46	21	8	2	11	31	34	46
7 SHEFFIELD UNITED	42	13	3	5	47	32	7	3	11	33	43	46
8 PORTSMOUTH	42	14	2	5	37	21	5	5	11	25	41	45
9 BIRMINGHAM CITY	42	13	5	3	48	22	5	3	13	30	45	44
10 LIVERPOOL	42	13	4	4	56	38	6	2	13	25	55	44
11 NEWCASTLE UNITED	42	13	5	3	52	31	5	1	15	28	56	42
12 CHESEA	42	12	4	5	43	27	4	4	13	26	40	40
13 SUNDERLAND	42	11	4	6	42	29	4	6	11	25	44	40
14 MANCHESTER CITY	42	10	5	6	49	30	3	7	11	34	43	38
15 DERBY COUNTY	42	13	5	3	51	25	1	5	15	20	50	38
16 BLACKBURN ROVERS	42	12	3	6	57	41	4	3	14	32	54	38
17 BOLTON WANDERERS	42	15	1	5	51	25	2	3	16	21	55	38
18 MIDDLESBROUGH	42	12	3	6	41	29	3	5	13	23	60	38
19 LEICESTER CITY	42	11	3	7	46	39	4	4	13	28	55	37
20 BLACKPOOL	42	9	4	8	42	40	3	5	13	23	62	33
21 GRIMSBY TOWN	42	11	4	6	39	28	2	2	17	28	70	32
22 WEST HAM UNITED	42	9	5	7	35	37	3	2	16	27	70	31

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Semi Final 1968
Johnny Morrissey Gets The Only Goal
From The Penalty Spot