

Blue Blood

A Historical Everton Fanzine

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**It's Only September
But Have Our Dreams
Already Gone Up In Smoke
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Price £1.50

On sale outside the Winslow before home games

VARIOUS PROPERTIES

123
A 15ct. gold medal, the obverse inscribed Football Association Charity Shield, the reverse inscribed Winners, 1932, Everton F.C., W. R. Dean (Captain) £1,500-2,000

Everton defeated Newcastle United 3-3 in this match, Dean scoring four of Everton's goals. A similar medal awarded to Dean's team mate John Thomson, sold in these rooms, lot 77, 10th October, 1990

128
A 9ct. gold medal, the obverse inscribed The Football League Champions Division I, the reverse inscribed 1927-28, Everton F.C., W. R. Dean £1,500-2,000

Everton won the Championship with 55 points, Huddersfield Town being Runners-Up on 51 points. Season 1927-28 saw Everton win the Championship for the third time in their history. It is, however, probably better remembered as being the season when Dean scored his record 60 league goals. This medal is sold with a letter of provenance

124
A silver and gold medal, the reverse inscribed L'Pool National Baseball League, Div. 2 Winners, 1936, Caledonians £70-100

Dean was not only a world-class footballer in his day, he also played, amongst other sports, baseball. The above medal represents his participation in the Liverpool National Baseball League

The following two lots were acquired by the current vendor in the late 1950's

125
A 9ct. gold medal, the obverse inscribed The Football League, England v. Scotland, the reverse inscribed Goodison Park, Liverpool, October 21st, 1936, with ring suspension £700-1,000

Having not appeared for The Football League since 1931, Dean played his last game for his country in the above match, helping the F.L. to a 2-0 win over the Scots. Westwood and Bastin scored the goals in front of 34,000 spectators

129
A 9ct. gold medal, the obverse inscribed The Football League, England v. Ireland, the reverse inscribed St. James Park, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 21st, 1927, with ring suspension £700-1,000

This medal represents the first of Dean's Football League honours. In a match dominated by the Football League side (who eventually won 9-1), Dean scored a phenomenal four goals

126
A 9ct. gold and enamel medal, the obverse inscribed The Central League, 1937-38, the reverse inscribed Everton F.C., W. R. Dean £200-300

Everton won the Central League this season with 65 points, Bolton Wanderers were Runners-Up with 55 points. A similar medal awarded to Dean's team mate J. Thomson, sold in these rooms, lot 79, 10th October, 1990

130
A 9ct. gold medal, the obverse inscribed The Football League, England v. Scotland, the reverse inscribed Villa Park, Birmingham, Novr. 7th, 1928, with ring suspension £700-1,000

The Football League defeated the Scots 2-1 in this match with Dean scoring one of the goals. This medal represents the last time Dean scored for The Football League, his total being nine goals in six matches

127
A 9ct. gold medal, the obverse inscribed Football League of Ireland, the reverse inscribed Runners-Up, Sligo Rovers, 1938-9 £300-500

Dean played a significant role in an attempt by Sligo Rovers to win the Irish League. He played 11 league games for the club and scored 11 goals in total

131-134
No lots



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Letters



E-Mails

Dear Blue Blood,

Why do we have to sell players before we can buy? Didn't we get extra money for 5th place and the Cup Final? Haven't we just signed a new sponsors deal? Everton will tell you all the money has gone, but ask where to and you will get blank looks and no replies? Moyes moans all the time about having to get players late every season, so why does he wait? Just go out and get them or is that too easy? Can only teams like Stoke and Hull do that? I am sick of his yearly bleats. The time has come for him to try and get his players to have a game plan. Don't tell me how good Pienaar is, when all I see is a player who runs around in and out and then losing the ball, 90% of his runs end in nothing coming from them. We have been brainwashed into thinking Neville can play football, that Yobo wont go missing if we pull the wall down around the pitch, that Hibbert will have more life in him than a used condom. That Leon Osman will not be on the floor more times than an British Boxer, that Tim Howard will see a ball coming from 25 yards away without binoculars . That Jo will go on a run and take the ball with him. That Fellaini will one day find a position on the pitch that will make him look like he can play football. Everton have no idea how to play football, we can't pass shoot or tackle, I agree with you George, this team needs better training, better coaching and better leadership but with Moyes in charge none of this will happen.

Peter Campbell.

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I don't agree with you about Moyes George, he has done well with little money, we have been in Europe and to Wembley and if he had the money other managers had he would have won something. I do agree some of the football is not brilliant but that's because we have had so many injuries that he hasn't had the chance to play his first team choice for a long time. Mack The Knife is unfair as well, he is looking back to a time when Everton were great and the Moores money was behind us. Those days have long gone, we are a Poor Club in a Rich League.

Kevin James

Blue Swayed Views

The
League Tables
of
EVERTON YOUTH TEAMS
(including F.A. Youth Cup Results)
1955 – 2008

This is not an attempt to be a history of Everton's Youth Teams, but rather an attempt to bring the 'league tables' from various sources into one publication.

Although one of the aims of this publication is to be as accurate as possible, it cannot be guaranteed. If you find any inaccuracies then please feel free to get in touch with any corrections and/or additions, so they can be incorporated into any possible future updates.

Any tables which do not 'balance' will be shown with the erroneous figures highlighted as red text.

Prior to 1955, Everton's Youth Teams played in a variety of other leagues. It is known that the 'A' team played in the Liverpool County Combination between 1931 and 1939, and it is believed that they remained in this League until their move to the Lancashire League in 1955. Also it is known that the 'B' team played in the Bootle JOC League in 1938-39 and it is believed that, after the War, they also played in the Liverpool County Combination. At present, the League tables for these years are not yet available but over time, the youth teams tables will undergo strenuous research and further updates will be produced.

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Elizabeth – a Toffee Lady

I've been invited to the launch of David France's Everton Collection on Thursday September 24, 2009 and have no doubts that the Trust which acquired the world's finest collection of memorabilia will put on a great exhibition at the Picton Library – given the 10,000 items, it would be hard not to. More important, I hope that the associated website reflects the comprehensive nature of the collection. It is the completeness of the collection – the remarkable unbroken sequences of home and away programmes, etc. - which makes David's obsession so peerless – in short, the envy of every other football in the world (although I've heard rumours that 'Dr Everton's Magnificent Obsession' has been bought by as many Reds as Blues). I think that the Trust's work since January 2008 should be judged on the challenge to demonstrate the completeness of the collection.

I'm looking forward to the event because I understand that both David and his wife will be there. It's always a delight to recall the good old days with Dr Everton but more than ever I'm looking forward to meeting Elizabeth again. I want to express my sincere thanks, and also those of the real Everton family, for her patience, tolerance, kindness, generosity and unwavering support. Now I've been lucky to know David for many years and am well aware of his tireless deeds. Of course, David is the first to tell you that it was a collaborative effort which involved many other Blues. I was thrilled to be on the panel which selected the first members of Gwladys Street's Hall of Fame. Also I'm proud to have helped organise the Adelphi Dinners and like to think that I aided in some small way during the formation of the Former-Players' Foundation (which was also known as Blueblood in its early days). Also I think that I may have contributed, again in some small way, to his books which tell the Everton story from so many different angles and know for sure that I added one or two rare items to his treasure trove of memorabilia. And I've had an opportunity to cast my critical eye over the contents of his final project - Toffeemen. My contributions are modest compared to some other Blues like his other half. Throughout these collaborative efforts there has been one very special Blue at David's side – Elizabeth France. They say that behind every great man is an even greater woman. And I believe that her contributions deserve special recognition.

Now Elizabeth doesn't classify herself as a Blue – not bitter enough she says. Personally I think of her as a diehard Blue who has been to more games than most of us. I don't know too many people who can talk with pride about standing in the horizontal rain at Burnden Park, the Baseball Ground, the Dell, Maine Road, Roker Park, Victoria Ground, as well as other familiar grounds. I love her story of an official feeling so sorry for them (drenched to the bone) at Derby that he gave them tickets for the main stand. It was the game immediately after our League Cup final loss to Villa. There was a massive turn out by Blues, however none of them were seated in the Main Stand. This became evident the moment that Big Bob scored and David and Elizabeth jumped to their feet to celebrate. They were alone. According to David, his wife has always been that fraction of a second slower in getting to her feet and a fraction of a minute slower in sitting back down. This was evident when the goal was disallowed and she was the only person standing and obviously receiving abuse from the Rams.

Well Elizabeth may be slow to sit down but in my eyes she has some rare qualities. For starters, she is natural, unassuming, tolerant, kind, generous and unwaveringly loyal. Yes, a real lady. Also she has the patience of a saint (or is

that of an Everton widow). She never complained about the amount of time that David was out and about (remember on the other side of the Atlantic) on his quests. She said nothing about him spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on securing Everton's history, that is until the day he spent £78,000 on a box of motley looking swag. She never moaned about the thousands of phone calls from Evertonians, memorabilia dealers and former-players. In her husband's absence, she would chat at length with the legends like Gordon Watson, TG Jones, Tommy Eglington, Wally Fielding, Dave Hickson, Brian Labone, Alex Young, Brian Harris and Alan Ball (who liked to refer to her as 'the other good thing from Farmworth') but remain in awe of her own favourites from the Seventies namely Connolly, Goodlass, McKennie and Latchford (and his lovely legs). Or for that matter, she never nagged about the time he devoted to writing his 15 books. I love her story about them selling the first publication. Disgusted that an individual wanted a back-hander to place the title on the shelves of the Megastore, they approached WH Smiths in Church Street. Elizabeth sat in their car which was crammed with boxes containing about 500 books while David went inside to make a cold sale. He returned triumphant. She asked: 'How many?' He replied: 'Three'. She said: 'Well, three boxes isn't a bad start'. He clarified: 'No three books!' She stifled her disappointment and by the end of that day WH Smith's had ordered another 100 books and by the end of the week they wanted to acquire the whole print run of 1,500.

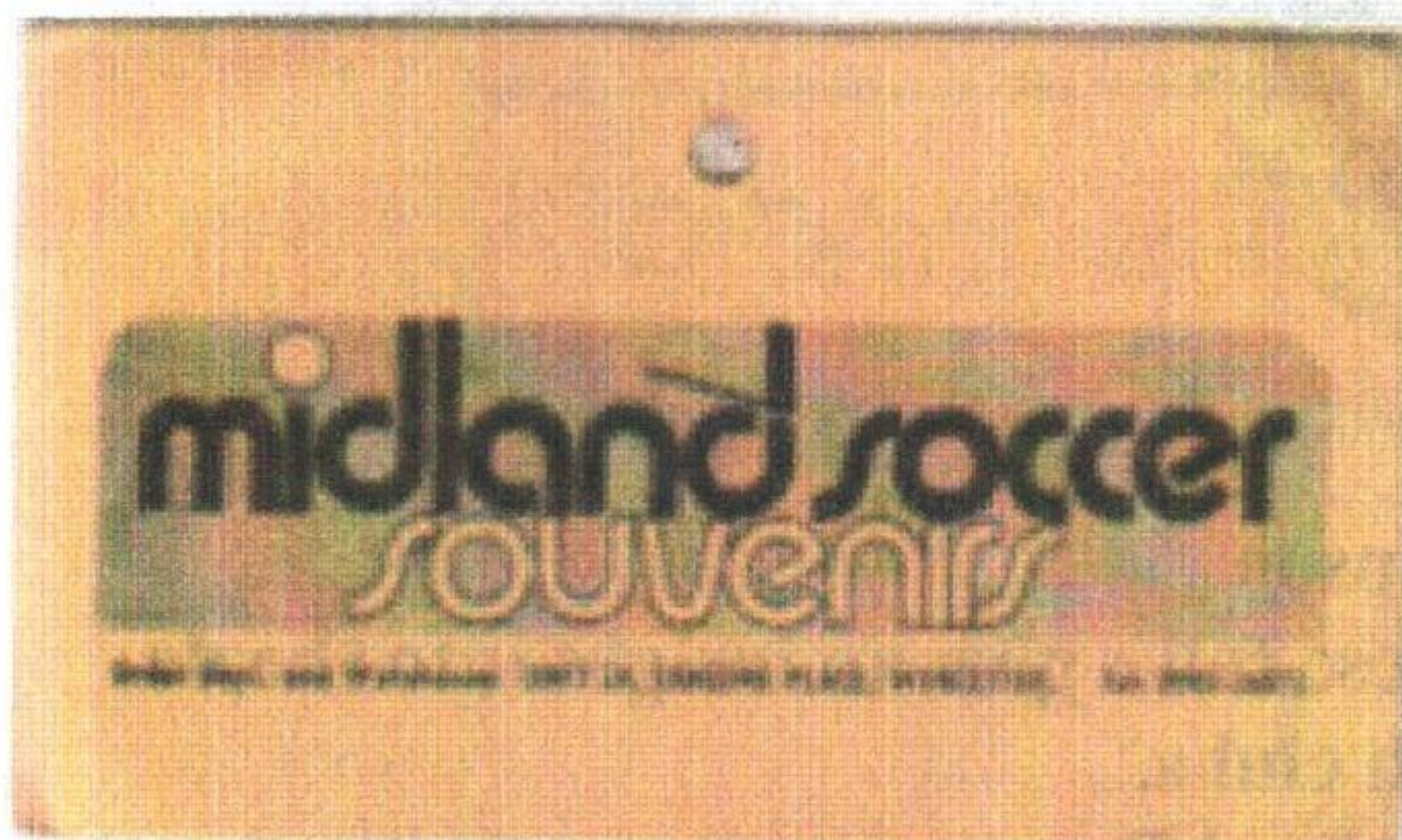
In summary, her support for the Everton cause equals that of her husband, especially in recent years as she watched his health deteriorate. While she has joked about writing a country song about their ordeal, many think that any other woman would have accepted their lawyer's advice and, at some point during the six years it took for the club to get its act together, taken the offers from outside parties at twice the Everton amount. (I've seen a letter from the Trust acknowledging that David and Elizabeth made a \$1.2 million contribution to the Trust.) Even that great optimist and even greater Evertonian Brian Labone had lost patience with the Club and sent her a metal medal. On one side was engraved the name of Christie's on the other it read Sotheby's. I can't imagine the unnecessary stress during those six years. Nevertheless David and Elizabeth kept the Everton Scriptures and remainder of his magnificent collection together.

Of course, you will remember David's saying 'Don't thank me, being a Blue is my reward'. Well, I don't that should apply to Elizabeth. If you bump into this real Toffee Lady, she has prematurely white hair and a genuine Lancashire accent (even after living in America for 30 odd years), then don't hesitate to thank her for the legacy that she and her husband have left behind for all Evertonians to cherish for generations to come. I encourage you to read her final words in Dr Everton's Magnificent Obsession. They are enlightening. 'While supporters of other clubs suffer from imperfect memories and air-brushed history books, Evertonians cultivate a special appreciation of the past which in turn has shaped their identity. Therefore I'm elated that the integrity of David's collection has remained in tact for the benefit of Blues and social historians. My husband was no more than the guardian of the Grand Old Club's Heritage and like him I consider it to be 'The Gwladys Street's Collection', 'The Sons of St Domingo Treasures' and 'The People's Collection'. It's now the fans' responsibility and I encourage all Evertonians to get involved and make sure that each and every one of these world-class treasures is taken care of.'

Thank you Elizabeth. Evertonians will never ever forget you.

George Orr

I Don't Believe it



**These two items have appeared on Ebay.
As John McEnroe used to say "You Cannot
Be Serious"**

**Did anyone ever buy these items when they
first went on sale? I will not print your
name if you confess before the next issue .**

The Everton Collection Talks



With Peter Lupson

Of interest to Everton and Liverpool fans, these talks give an insight into the development of both clubs.

Monday 28th September - Joint Everton /Liverpool Programmes

Incredibly, only 12 years after the acrimonious split of 1892, the two clubs began publishing joint match programmes. Produced until 1935, they contained team line-ups and news of off-the-pitch developments at both clubs and in the country more widely.

Wednesday 30th September - St Domingo's and the Birth of Everton FC

The role of St Domingo Chapel in the creation of Everton was crucial but little is known about the personalities involved. Meet some of these early pioneers, including the Rev. Ben Chambers, recently inducted into the Gwladys Street Hall of Fame.

Wednesday 28th October - John Houlding and the Road to Anfield

John Houlding, the father of Liverpool FC, has been condemned by many as a ruthless, ambitious businessman who was responsible for the bitter split at Everton in 1892. But was this the real John Houlding? It's time to find out.

Further talks in the series are:

Wednesday 11th November - Houlding, Mahon and the Battle of Anfield

Monday 7th December - Reconciliation and Forgiveness – The Cuff/McKenna Friendship

Wednesday 16th December - William McGregor and the Birth of the Football League

Sunday 20th December - Everton, Liverpool and the Moores Family

Peter Lupson is the author of "Across the Park" and "Thank God for Football".

There will be an opportunity to buy signed copies of his books at each event

All of these talks will be held at 2.00pm in the

Hornby Library, Central Library, William Brown Street

Admission is free, but places are limited.

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ringing the ticket hotline on 0151 233 5829



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