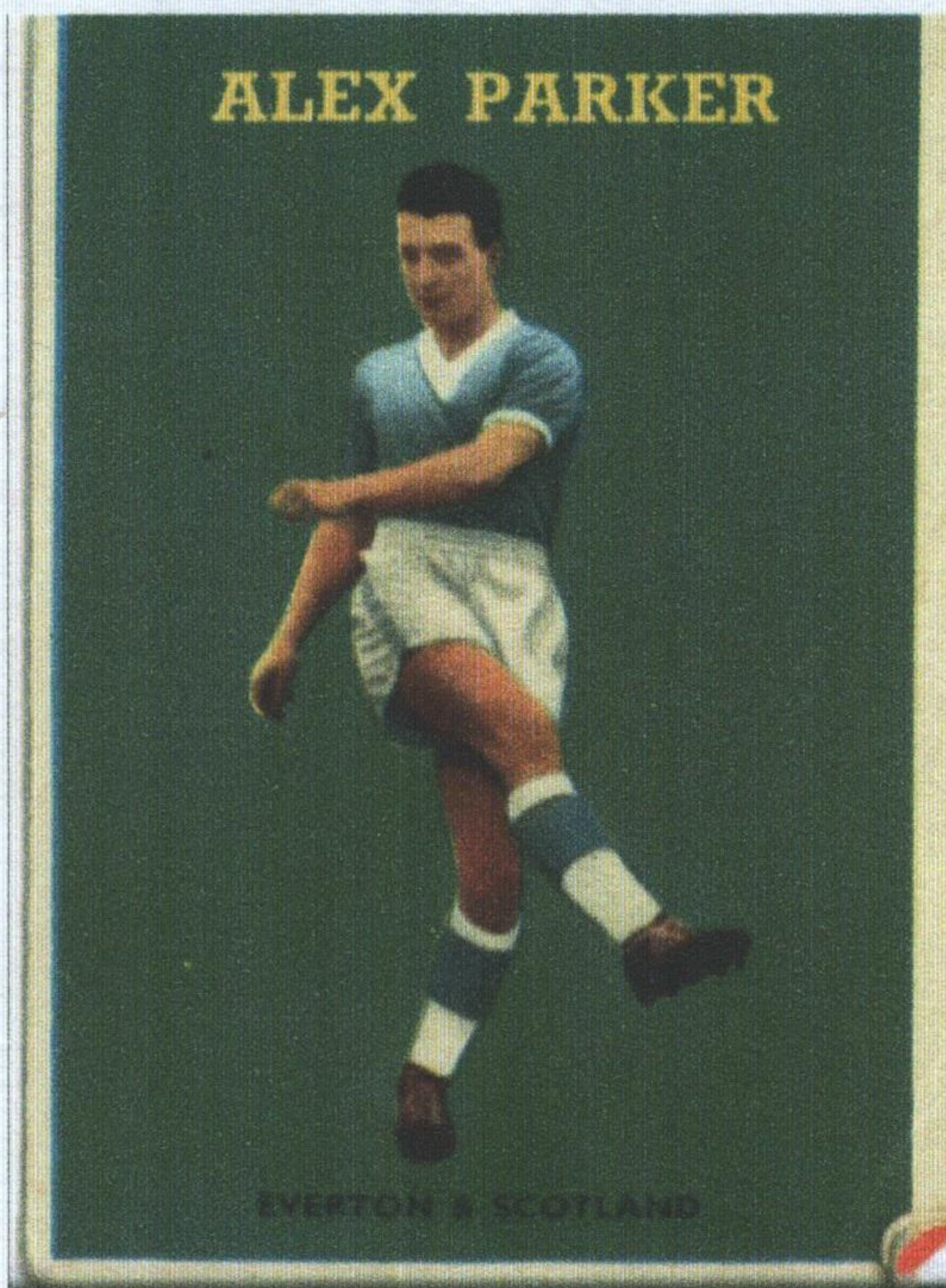


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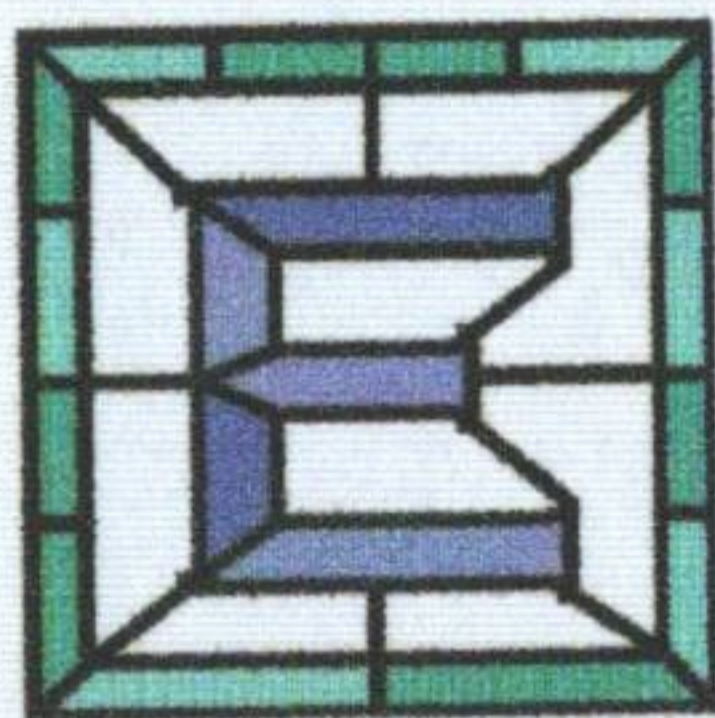
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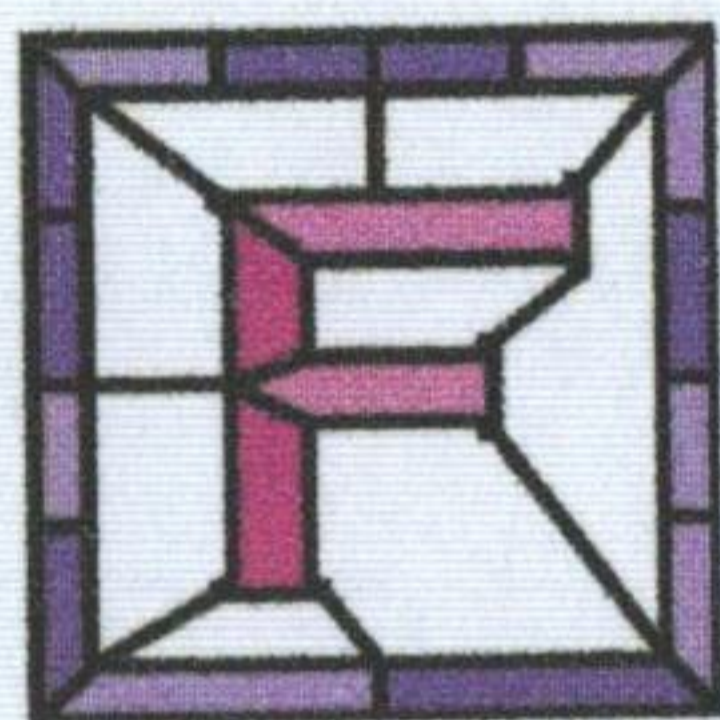
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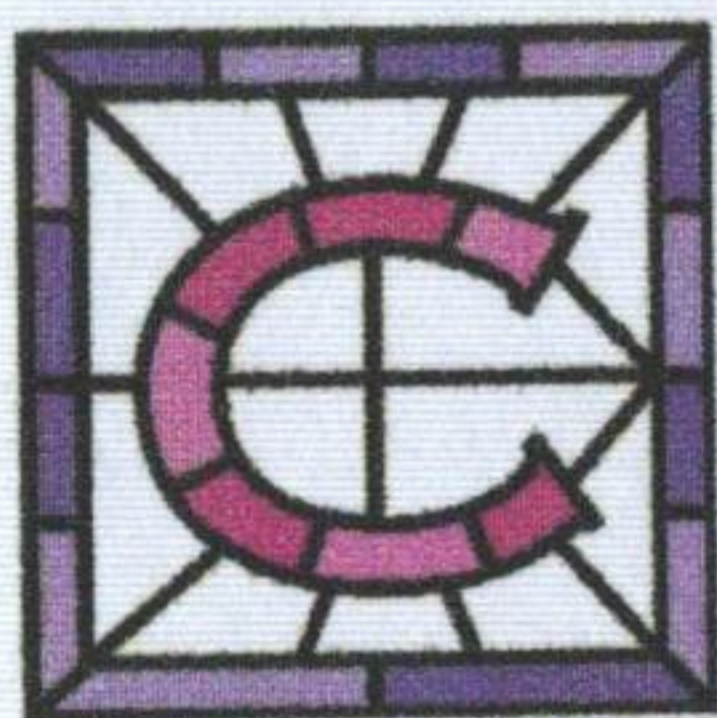


Thank you for all the articles and emails, keep up the good work. For those of you who are interested, on Friday nights between 8 & 8.30pm I do a small spot on Radio Merseyside 95.8fm, it's called Blue Watch and is all about E.F.C.



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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.



John Bailey

A local lad who was a character on and off the pitch but a great left back.

John played his heart out for Everton and never pulled out of a tackle.

A very good boxer in his younger days and a joker in the dressing room he played 220 games + 2 Subs and scored 3 goals

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Editors Page "Old Orr's Almanac"

The sad death of Alex Parker on Thursday 7th January 2010 was announced on the official Everton website. It was such a sad thing to read, for those of you too young to have known Alex Parker, let me tell you he was the best right back for Everton since the War and that is no disrespect to Tommy Wright who was brilliant.

The last time I was with Alex Parker was at Radio Merseyside when he came down with Alex Young for The Golden Vision Book signing and Billy Butler Radio Show.

I took a photo of Alex Parker, Alex Young and David France, it was used on the Cover of Blue Blood 54 and it is also the screensaver on my computer.

Alex was a full blooded old style defender, he was the Master of the 'Sliding Tackle'. Wingers would be in full flow racing down the wing with Alex in full flight after them, just when it looked as if the winger was about to float over a cross Alex came sliding in from the side taking the ball cleanly without touching the player. It was timed to perfection, a work of art, a truly brilliant piece of skill.

When Billy Butler interviewed him, Billy mentioned the sliding tackle and Alex grinned and said 'Yes, some people said I was faster on my arse than I was on my feet' the studio audience burst into laughter.

A really nice man, a brilliant footballer and an Evertonian, I talked to his daughter once at a Hall Of Fame Dinner, she was unaware just how much Alex was loved at Goodison and remembered, so I told her, she seemed amazed but I am so glad I did tell her.

For those of you that are interested I have now gone on twitter bluebloodefc so if you check it out there I will try to keep the pages updated.

Carlisle in the Cup and give them their due, Carlisle had a go, they stretched us and were unlucky but in the end I think the fitness told on them, Everton came good and the only thing that annoyed me (yes only one thing, is that a first) was at three minutes from the end Pienaar took the ball to the corner flag to waste time!!!! Its Carlisle in the Cup not Sheff Wed in the Cup Final (Jimmy Gabriel) or Leeds (Johnny Morrissey).

Arsenal away and believe it or not I did say on the radio the night before 1-1 or 2-2 but really we should have won. Donovan made his debut with the Sacred Number 9 shirt, he did well but was as is usual played out of position (welcome to Everton). Still we were positive, Pienaar is much more affective on the left than the right, Osman had a busy game and Phil Neville should only ever play at right back, for two reasons he plays well there and secondly the midfield passed the ball forward without him. In fact for the first time in ages I saw the ball being passed onto our forwards that were running into space and creating chances.

It makes you wonder why we cant be this positive all the time, if we can go to Chelsea and Arsenal score five goals and not lose then why do we go to Burnley and Hull and play crap?

I have said many times that the team is fine it's the tactics that are wrong and this Everton team, when they put their minds to it can play football and can score goals. Only Moyes on the touchline can change the tactics, no one else on this planet can make the Yak move from the wing to the middle, so when he feels like it we can attack, we can shoot from outside the box and we can pass the ball.

Man City at home and yet another Multi Millionaire outfit roll up thinking they only have to walk on the pitch for the points, they sacked Sparky and got in the Italian Scarf Man.

But they were given a football lesson, we ran them ragged and played with skill and flair, anyone watching would have thought we were the money team

Fellaini once again was outstanding, in his favourite position he looks brilliant, Johnny 'Hit Man Ger' also looks good, nothing seems to ruffle him and if they want to mix it well then Johnny says Bring It On.

Hardness and skill that's what Efc have been built on over the years Gabriel and Young, Kendall and Royle, Reid and Sheedy, etc etc.

This is what the moaners like myself have been asking for, just have a go pass the ball tackle and shoot when you can. We were always told you cant expect that, we have to defend and play one up front, we have to be cautious, well we don't. This team are good they only need to be given the go ahead to attack and create and be played in their right positions.



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Dear Mr. Dickinson,

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5th September 1963.

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th ultimo,
confirming that you have reserved a single room for me at the
Aelphi Hotel for the night of Thursday the 5th September.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Eric J. H. Wood

W. Dickinson Esq.,
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This letter was sent in by subscriber Richard Bate it shows that Walsall Football Club Director Eric Wood was invited to Everton's Championship Celebration Dinner. A single room had been reserved for Eric. It seems that Everton must have invited every League Club to the Dinner in Celebration of their winning the League in 1963.

A nice piece of memorabilia and if any readers have other items of interest please either email them to me or make arrangements so as I can display them.

Passing of Parker marks loss of Falkirk's finest from golden era

Full-back also revered in great Everton side

ALAN PATTULLO

ALEX Parker's death on Thursday, at the age of 74, leaves only five survivors from the Falkirk side who earned the club's second - and last - Scottish Cup victory in 1957. It was a golden age for the club, and Parker was the golden boy.

He will be remembered with affection not just in Falkirk, where he also collected the Scottish player of the year award in 1957. For although Parker won 14 of his 15 Scotland caps with Falkirk - and remains the club's most capped player - he went on to even greater things with an Everton team that benefited from the munificence of millionaire Littlewoods owner John Moores, who became an influential director of the club 50 years ago this month.

Tommy Ring, from Clyde, was the first 'big money' signing, and others soon followed, including Alex Young from Hearts. Despite the heavy investment, there was not a need to invest in another right-back. Parker was already considered by many to be the finest in the land and it



Everton team-mates Alex Young, left, and Alex Parker arrive at Turnhouse

is still regarded as perverse that he never won another cap after the 1958 World Cup finals, where he played in Scotland's defeat to Paraguay in Norkopping. He was dropped for the last match in Sweden against France, and, having made his international debut at the age of just 19, did not feature again.

"He wasn't in the Scotland team, but he was still the best in his position in Britain," Young told *The Scotsman* yesterday. "Players who could not lace his boots were getting a game. But Alex was such a nice man. He would just crack a joke about it."

"He signed a couple of years before I did, and so he made it his job to help me settle," Young adds. "He was highly regarded by everyone at Goodison. The apprentices loved him, as did the seniors. And of course the supporters had taken to him as soon as he started playing."

But the fans had to wait for Parker's debut for Everton, after he joined the club from Brockville in an £18,000 deal. At the time he was a National Serviceman with the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and his first appearances for Everton were delayed as he completed a tour of duty in Cyprus. Despite the sudden dip in his international prospects Parker went on to win a championship medal with Everton in 1963, when the Goodison Park club overcame the kind of big freeze which is currently causing such disruption to the British sports calendar. Parker's Everton did not play a league game between mid-December and mid-February, but returned to active service in good form and won the title with a 4-1 win over Fulham in May. Parker was one of four Scots in the team, with Young, Jimmy Gabriel and Alex Scott, who had signed midway through the season from Rangers, making up the quartet.

It was a fine time to be an Evertonian. The FA Cup was lifted in 1966 but Parker had left by then, and, indeed, did not last much longer after the title victory. Hamstring problems began to hinder him and accounted for his unusual move from one of the best sides in England to Southport, aged just 30. "A local lad called Tommy Wright took over at full-back, but



Alex Parker is Falkirk's most capped player but his total of 15 caps for Scotland did not reflect how highly he was rated on both sides of the Border - Picture: Falkirk Herald

there was no malice from Alex at all," recalls Young. "He wished him all the best. There was no chip on his shoulder."

Perhaps Parker, who was handed the inevitable nick-name 'Nosey', felt he had already achieved enough, from Scottish Cup winner to member of a side crowned the best team in England. He had certainly made his mark in the game as an adventurous full-back and is credited with perfecting the art of the sliding tackle. "It's something you don't see so much now," Young reflects. "You would think an attacker was getting away, but out would come the right leg from nowhere. He rarely fouled." When, last year, Parker told him he was having his left leg amputated below the knee, Young replied, with reference to the artful tackles for which the full-back was famed: "Well, at least it isn't the right one." Those who packed the terraces at Brockville in the Fifties had been fortunate enough to view Parker as he went about refining this talent. Alex Totten, who played for and

then managed Falkirk, was among them. "He was my hero," he says. "There is no-one else who comes close."

"I spoke to him on New Year's day, and he seemed in good spirits," adds Totten. "When I was a boy I signed for Liverpool and one of the thoughts which excited me most was that I might play against Alex." It turned out that Totten could only admire Parker from afar, although they became close friends. Parker was on top table at Totten's testimonial dinner in 2008. This is not the only place that his reputation helped reserve for him. He is in Everton's Hall of Fame as well as being named in Falkirk's team of the Millennium. He was also selected by no less an authority than Sir Matt Busby for his World XI. Further signifying his status is the Alex Parker Lounge at the new Falkirk Stadium.

It is a loss also felt by a game Parker blessed with his up-beat presence. "There will be bus loads coming up from Liverpool to pay tribute," predicts Young. "He was so adored."

This article was posted to me by subscriber Maurice Reid who had it sent to him by a friend in Scotland .

It is from the Scotsman Newspaper 9th January two days after the sad death of Alex.

This issue of Blue Blood contains many references to Alex Parker and rightly so, he was a TRUE Everton Legend a quality player from , in my opinion the best Everton Team I ever saw (1962 - 63) George Orr

Tommy Will Be Turning In His Urn

Star's son in
shock at move
for museum

THE son of legendary Everton footballer Tommy Lawton will take his father's ashes out of the National Football Museum if it moves to Manchester.

Tom Lawton Jnr says the former England striker, who died aged 77 in 1996, would be "turning in his urn" over the saga surrounding the future of the attraction.

Trustees meet next Wednesday to decide whether the attraction stays at Deepdale or moves to Manchester.

The ashes of Tommy Lawton – the successor to Dixie Dean and scorer of 70 goals in his 95 Everton appearances before the Second World War broke out – is one of the star exhibits.

His son, 53, said: "There is no way the ashes will go to Manchester.

"It is appalling that the *raison d'être* for the museum's location is

by **DAVID PRENTICE**

being ignored – based at the home of professional football. Is this another example of commercialism ruling the game?

"In placing Tommy's ashes in the museum, the family focused on the 'Coming Home to Lancashire' aspect.

"I believe the position was best summed up by a comment one of his oldest friends made: 'Tommy's ashes'd be turning in his urn'.

"He was a proud Lancastrian, not a Mancunian."

Mark Bushell, one of the museum's curators, persuaded Mr Lawton Jnr to donate his

LEGEND: Tommy in later years



father's ashes.

Everton fan Tommy originally wanted his ashes scattered at Goodison Park, home of the Toffees, but his family finally decided to place them in Preston following concerns Everton might relocate to a new stadium.

Farnworth-born Tommy Lawton played for Everton, Notts County, Arsenal, Brentford, Burnley and Chelsea and was a League Championship winner with the Toffees.

The youngest scorer in

Everton's history, a record he held for 65 years until Wayne Rooney's emergence, he arrived at Goodison from Burnley for a fee of £6,500 – astonishingly high at the time for a 17-year-old.

Though his stay at Goodison Park only lasted three seasons, some people thought he was a better all-round player than Dean but not the tram conductor who spotted him on the day he signed for the club in 1936.

The tale of his first visit to Goodison Park by tram has

gone down in Goodison folklore.

Lawton related the story on the club's first official video history in 1988.

"The conductor said to me 'You're young Lawton, aren't you?' and I said 'That's right', getting all big-headed. But he said back to me 'Well you'll never be as good as Dixie!'"

He scored 28 goals in 39 matches that season, and the following campaign went even better as he netted 34 times in 38 matches as Everton were crowned champions.

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Capacity: 60,000.

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Record receipts: v Inter Milan, European Cup 1963 (club game). Overall record receipts £49,648 Brazil v Portugal World Cup match 1966.

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Advance tickets: Reserve stand tickets at 11/-, 13/- are bookable three weeks in advance.

Ground facilities: Extensive alterations to the ground were carried out for the 1966 World Cup. The new Goodison Road stand was completed for this season bringing the total seating capacity of the ground to 25,000 and increasing the overall capacity to 60,000. The stand contains a Vice Presidents' club and a season ticket holders' club. Social facilities are available at the Supporters' Club near the ground for members of visiting supporters' clubs. Organised parties are catered for providing advanced details are arranged with the secretary.

How to get there: Liverpool Corporation buses run regular services, numbers 19 and 44 from Pierhead to Walton, 68 from Old Swan to Walton Lane, 3, 22, 25 and 500 from South End of the city to Walton Road and 30, 92, 92a, 92b and 93 from City centre to Walton Road. A large car park is situated at Stanley Park, five minutes walk from the ground.



From The Football League Review 1970

Parker, Alex

Elegant right back who lifted the League Championship in 1963

Alex Parker was one of a litany of gifted Scots to journey south of his country's border to play for Everton in the late-1950s and early-1960s. A graduate of the famous Scottish junior team, Kello Rovers, he made his name with Falkirk, lifting the Scottish Cup with The Bairns in 1957, and winning the first of 15 Scotland caps in 1955.

The right back signed with winger Eddie O'Hara in summer 1958 in a deal joint deal worth £25,500, with Parker valued at £18,000. His Everton debut was delayed by his National Service commitments with the Royal Scots Fusiliers in Cyprus, but his belated introduction in November 1958 helped lift a team shorn of confidence. Everton were facing a relegation battle having lost their opening six games of the season and had suffered their record defeat a month earlier. Parker, with Bobby Collins – signed shortly before his debut – and new manager, Johnny Carey, helped steady a listing ship and lift Everton to relative respectability by the end of the 1958/59 season.

Thereafter, he rarely looked back and was an important part of Everton's renaissance. Although stockily built and slightly lacking in pace, Parker compensated with an impeccable sense of timing when entering a tackle. It was said that Parker had 'elevated the sliding tackle into an art form.' He was also renowned for his last ditch clearances from the goalline. Bert Slater, who kept goal for Falkirk and Liverpool, used to joke that he was the best full back he ever played in front of. And yet, Alex Parker was always something more than just a defender. He possessed the skill and poise of a winger and his fine distribution was of particular benefit to his wingers. Billy Bingham later described Parker as the best full back he had ever played alongside.

Parker was an early exponent of the over-lapping full back role, passing the outside right and playing an early centre to one of the centre-forwards. He scored just five goals in his Everton career but few were better than his thirty-yard effort in the 6-1 drubbing of Nottingham Forest in January 1960. On one of his forays up the field, and not seeing an Everton player in a forward position to pass to, he curled the ball past the Forest goalkeeper, John Armstrong, to send the crowd wild. 'It wasn't Parker's first goal,' the *Daily Post* reported, 'But he will never score one so meritoriously.'

Parker also possessed the unusual distinction of being both an Everton player and close friend of the Liverpool manager, Bill Shankly. Both were Ayrshire sons, and longstanding family friends. At Falkirk, Parker played under his brother Bob Shankly, then a year after his arrival on Merseyside Bill Shankly took the Liverpool job. 'Bill would always give me stick for playing for Everton and he was a terrible swearer,' Parker would recall. 'Bill would say, "How are you getting on with those blue so and so's?" He told me it was the only mistake I ever made in my life!'

Arguably the right back played in the final era of great wingers. For Everton and Scotland he came up against such figures as Tom Finney, Stanley Matthews, Cliff Jones and even a young George Best. But seldom did he look ruffled, and he always seemed cool and composed. 'He was,' recalled Alex Young, 'the best right back in Great Britain during the late-Fifties and early-Sixties... His technique was laser-like. His timing was unparalleled, His execution was fluent. And his appearance was sophisticated. Possibly the only British players to have possessed his defensive skills was Jimmy Armfield at Blackpool and Ray Wilson at Huddersfield.'

In 1964, a year after Parker had won the First Division title, Wilson became an Everton player. It should have been world class full back partnership, but the reality was that persistent hamstring injuries had started to erode the right back's career. Parker and Wilson played just two games together at the start of the 1964/65 season and then injuries struck again. In his place a young Tommy Wright proved an excellent replacement, lessening the burden of his absence.

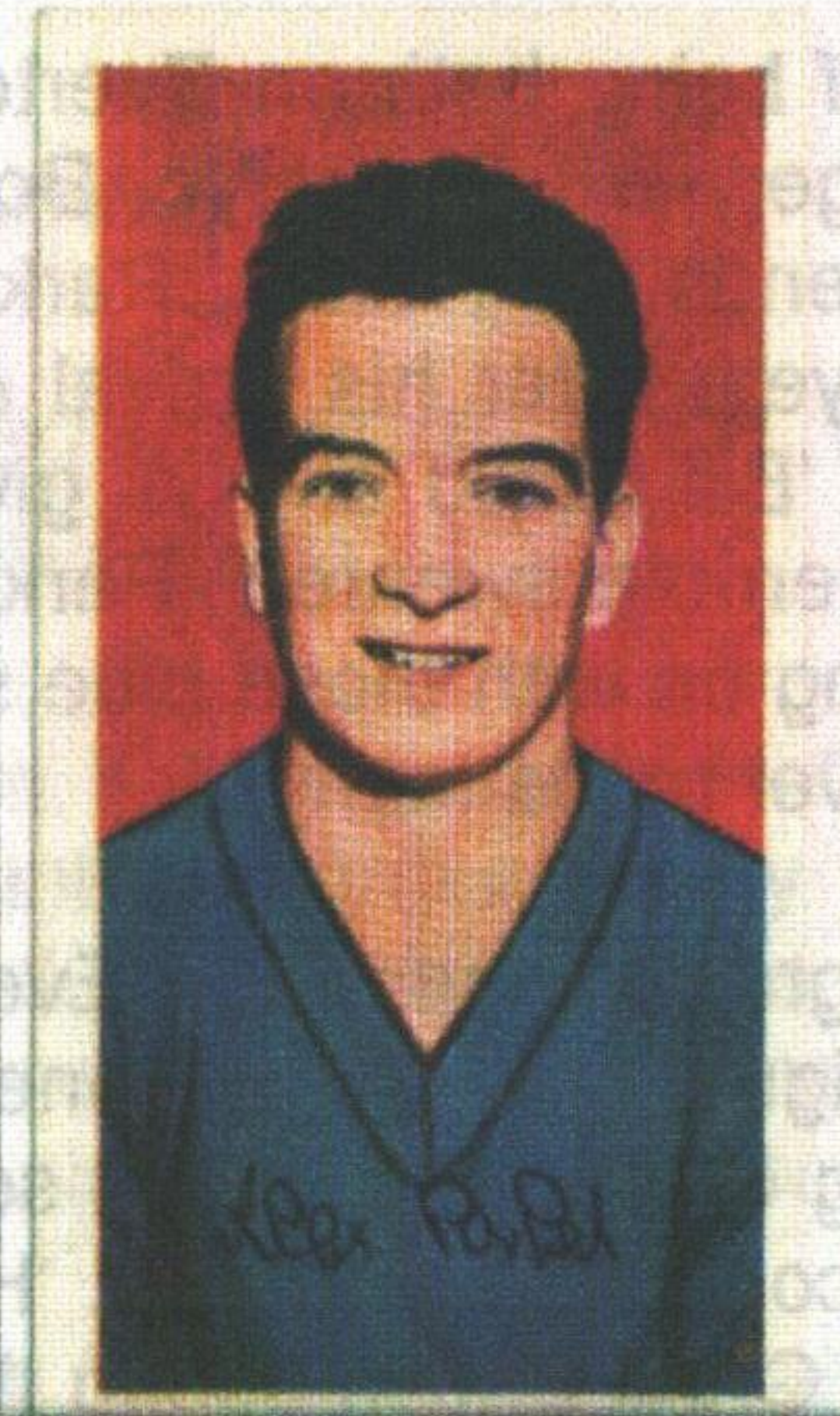
In September 1965 Parker, now aged 30, joined Southport for £2000. In 1968 he was appointed manager of Ballymena United in Northern Ireland. In 1970 he returned to Haig Avenue as Southport manager, but lasted just a year. He subsequently slipped out of the game, becoming a publican in the Scottish borders.

This article on the late Alex Parker is taken from the forthcoming 'Everton Encyclopaedia' By James Corbett. It chronicles Every Everton Players Club Record and has Career Details.

Further Information will be printed in Blue Blood when known

James Kindly allowed me to reproduce this article for Blue Blood.

More details from James Corbett on page 10



Alex Parker
 Born
 2nd August
 1935
 Died
 7th January
 2010

FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS
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ALEX PARKER
 (Everton)
 One of Everton's costly captures from Scotland, Alex moved from Falkirk—with whom he had gained a Scottish Cup-winners' medal—in the summer of 1958. But this stylish international right-back had to wait several months before making his debut in England, because Army duty took him to the trouble-torn island of Cyprus.
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Born: Irvine, 2 August, 1935
 Position: Right back
 Other clubs: Falkirk (1952-58); Southport (1965-68)
 As Manager: Ballymena United (1968-69); Southport (1970-71)
 Honours: 15 Scotland caps (1955-58); 1962-63 League Championship.

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	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
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1959-60	38	2	1	0					39	2
1960-61	41	0	1	0	5	0			47	0
1961-62	31	0	3	0					34	0
1962-63	33	2	3	0			2	0	38	2
1963-64	17	0	0	0			2	0	19	0
1964-65	12	0	0	0			0	0	12	0
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All details are from the forthcoming book the Everton Encyclopaedia compiled and written by James Corbett. Further details will appear in Blue Blood nearer the publication date. Blue Blood would like to thank James for the use of this article.

This article is taken from the May 1960 issue of Charles Buchan's Football Monthly.



by **ALEC PARKER**
 Everton and Scotland

*Soccer made
 a welcome
 change from
 terrorists*

IMAGINE returning home from a long international tour in Sweden where World Cup honours were at stake, to find a telegram telling you to go immediately to the South of England for embarkation overseas with the Army!

That's what happened to me one Tuesday afternoon in June, 1958. I got back to Glasgow, hungry and travel-weary after my journey from Sweden with the Scottish international party, and when I arrived home there was that telegram from my unit, the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

I hardly had time to greet my wife before I donned khaki, grabbed my kit-bag and caught the next train south.

When I arrived at the Fusiliers' depot in Shorncliffe, I learned that I was to go to Cyprus—an island trouble spot if ever there was one at the time.

I had been granted extended leave to go to Sweden with the Scottish F.A., but now my holiday was over with a vengeance.

What was even more inconvenient was the fact that I had only recently been transferred to Everton from Falkirk.

I had arranged to look over some houses in Liverpool with my wife that week-end, but now that was out.

I spent five months in Cyprus. And in between going out on infantry patrols in search of terrorists, I managed to play Soccer about twice a week—on the bone-hard grounds we had made inside camp. It was a welcome break from the tension.

In the meantime, my wife had set about the task of choosing a house for us in Liverpool.

While I was away she had been invited to live with my great friend Tommy Docherty and his wife, at Preston—I'll always be grateful to Tommy and Mrs. Docherty for their kindness at that time.

I make special mention of a house because this had an important bearing on my leaving Falkirk for Merseyside.

At the beginning of 1958 I was comparatively happy with Falkirk, for I had

already become a fairly established Scottish international.

I had just married, but the Falkirk club could not find me a house—and, believe me, there was a great shortage in the area at the time.

Falkirk told me that they could not help—it was apparently against their policy—and so, to cut a long story short, I was placed on the transfer list.

Glasgow Rangers and Nottingham Forest were interested in signing me, but the best offer came from Everton. As I thought I would like to try my luck in English Soccer, I readily agreed to go to Goodison Park.

The club knew that I had a few months still to do in the Army, but they hoped I would be able to get leave fairly regularly.

Little did they know that after signing me they would not even see me for six months, let alone have me in their famous blue shirt.

As it happened, my first game for Everton after my return from Cyprus was not at Goodison Park, but at Villa Park where we beat Aston Villa 4-2 and I collected my first bonus money in English football.

I still had four months to do to complete my Army time, and I was posted to Edinburgh—not very close to Liverpool, admittedly, but certainly more convenient than Cyprus!

At first I played at right-half in a new-look Everton line-up but after a dozen games or so, I was switched to my best position, right-back.

In March, 1959, I was demobbed and settled down to full-time training.

I was born in Irvine in Ayrshire, and began playing schoolboy football with the Irvine Academy team. At 15 I was centre-forward in the juvenile Springside Thistle side, and then I went into junior grade with Kello Rovers who moved me to wing-half.

Then Falkirk spotted me and in December, 1950, I signed provisional forms for them.

I stayed on with Kello for a while and in August, 1951, Falkirk recalled me. My first game for their league side was at inside-right against East Fife, but we lost by the only goal of the match.

For more than two years I was in and out of the first team, but then the reserves were short of a right-back and I played a couple of games in that position.

My senior chance at full-back came when the regular first team man, Ralph McKenzie, was taken ill just before a floodlight friendly game against Hull City.

So I stepped in against Hull and after that retained a permanent first team place.

So far, I have gained 15 full Scottish caps and have played nine times for the Scottish League team. I have also appeared on five occasions for Scotland's Under-23 side and, in fact, played my first game at Goodison Park two years ago in this grade of international.

It was against the young England team and I had the job of marking that very fine Liverpool left-winger, Alan A'Court.

My first full Scottish cap was gained against Portugal at Hampden Park, and I was then selected to go on tour with the Scottish F.A. party to Hungary, Yugoslavia and Austria—the first of three tours I have had with the international squad.

Probably my most memorable game was the Scotland v. Austria match in Vienna when a series of explosive incidents upset the crowd and they broke on to the pitch.

Admittedly, they must have been pretty incensed because we beat the Austrian side 4-1.

What happened was that we were well on top and some of the Austrian players began to cut up a bit rough.

Naturally, our boys stood up for themselves and that angered the crowd even more than the final score in our favour.

After the recent bad weather talk of a winter break has come out into the news again but this article from 1960 shows that its not a new idea



JOHN MACADAM
has
SECOND THOUGHTS
ON A
WINTER BREAK

OFTEN have I pleaded for a break in the Soccer season during that period of the winter when the weather can be depended upon to be at its worst—which is very bad indeed. I have not been alone.

You know the argument. In January and February we are liable to have snow and ice producing playing fields that are more like ice rinks and, if not that, torrential rain that converts them into swamps.

How can players produce anything like their true form in conditions like those? How can players avoid serious injury on such treacherous footing?

These are the main points of the argument, and they are sound enough.

The main argument against a break of this sort in the middle of the season is that it would mean an earlier start and a later finish—and hasn't the poor old County Cricket season been cut into too much already?

Well, there is an answer to that. With, say, six weeks out of the middle of the season, there certainly would have to be an earlier start and a later finish, and the overlap of Soccer on cricket would be decidedly extended.

But that would be only a matter of dates, and not necessarily of actuality, for these early- and late-season Soccer games could all be evening affairs.

There is nothing to prevent a fellow who takes his sport seriously watching a day's cricket and then, after a wash-and-brush-up and a meal, going along to take in a football match.

At places like Old Trafford and Nottingham the journey would be, literally, a matter of minutes. In London, all the League club grounds are easily-enough available from Lord's and the Oval.

So no great harm need be done to cricket—at least, no more harm than it is doing to itself with dull, unenterprising play.

What, then, is against a break in the Soccer season when the weather is such that teams cannot produce their normal form?

I would welcome it, for these two months are very trying in cold, draughty Press boxes, when icy fingers are ill-equipped to record the impressions of a cold-numbered brain.

Up there we have seldom got space even to stamp our feet, let alone keep

the circulation going with a heart-warming bellow from time to time!

But that is a frivolous and also a selfish reason for the cut; there is a very serious one.

Managers and trainers say: "You know how much trouble we have in getting players match-fit at the start of the season after their summer lay-off."

"Even the most assiduous of them slack off physically when they are not coming to the ground every day—Stanley Matthews is the exception!—and the opening training weeks are very trying."

"Some players come to match-fitness easily. Some don't. Some are prone to pulled muscles in these early days. There have been recent cases of players getting an injury in these early days and being out of the team for weeks after the season has started."

"Would you have us go through all that twice in a season?"

There is also the view of the rulers of the game.

They take the line that gates have already fallen dangerously all over the country, and they fear that during that winter break, public interest in the game would fade to such an extent that thousands who were deprived of their football — even in icy conditions —

would not bother to come back to it.

Once the fans found something to replace their usual football game on a Saturday afternoon they would incline to stick to it when Soccer opened up again.

Even now, on bad days, very many are staying home to watch the very comprehensive television coverage of the afternoon's general sport.

Would they come back if there were a mid-season break?

I think they would, and with renewed enthusiasm, too, for the human heart is inclined to pine greatly for what it cannot get.

Yet the authorities are afraid that a little absence would not make the heart grow fonder.

What of the players? They are the greatest sufferers, but, of course, nobody pays much attention to them.

They are paid to do a job and, say all the interested parties—League, Association, club officials and public—do it they will, should the skies fall!

I have given you all the other opinions I have heard in the hope that, by this time, you will have made up your own mind.

Now hear what at least one player thinks.

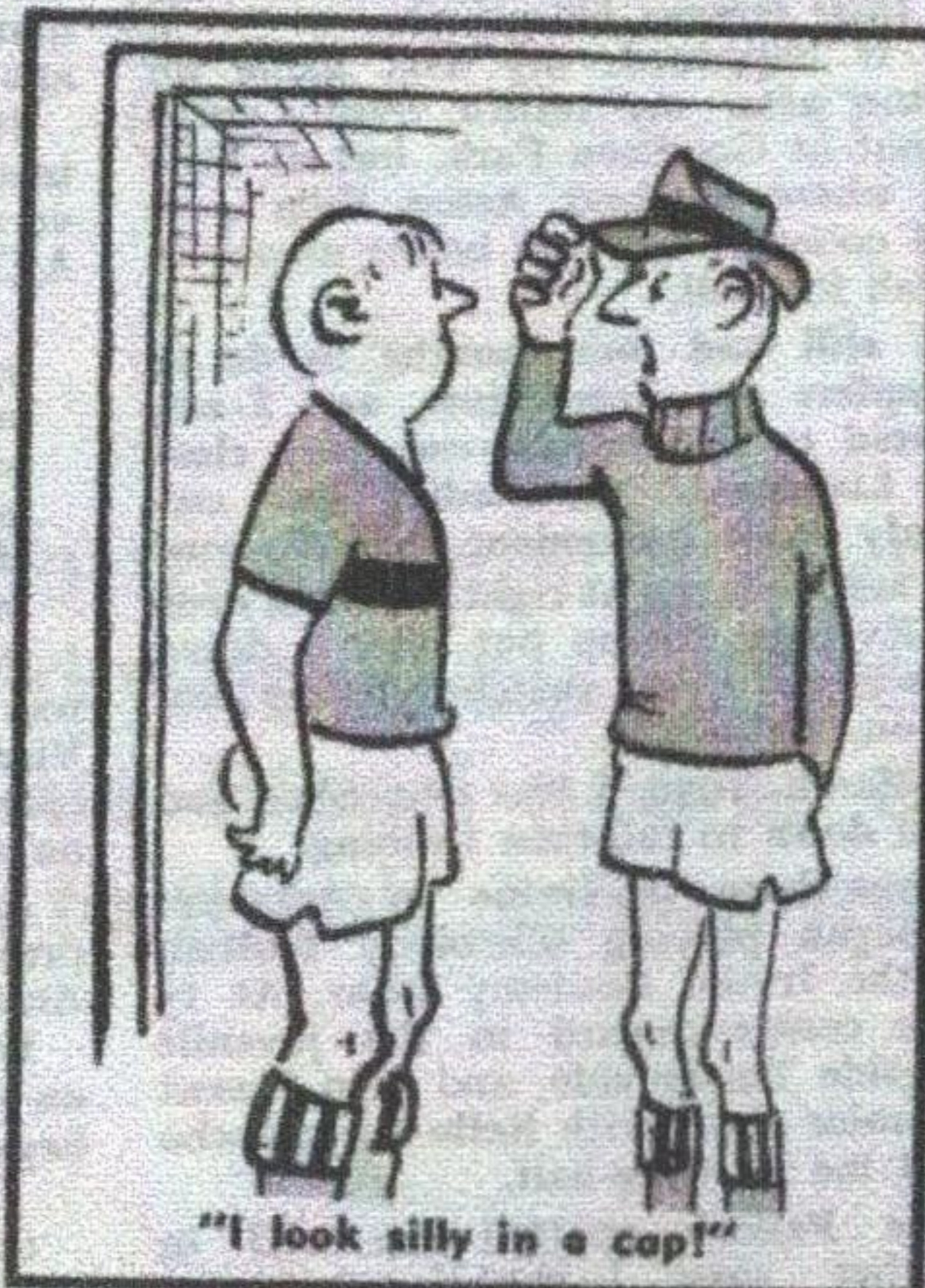
He is that football philosopher, Danny Blanchflower, of Spurs and Ireland, and recently—talking about a Spurs match on a wretched day to end all wretched days—he said: "The conditions were terrible, but we used them to better advantage . . ."

You see? He doesn't say that conditions were so bad that the game should not have been played—merely that Spurs used the ball better in the conditions that prevailed.

And I am slowly coming round to that point of view myself. There certainly are grounds that in some winter conditions are quite unplayable, and in such odd cases games should not be started at all.

I think the answer lies in these words of Danny's. "Football IS the national winter game, and it should be played in any conditions short of the absolutely impossible."

The rest is up to the players and the coaches. The players must adapt their game to the conditions and their clubs must see that they are properly equipped to do so.

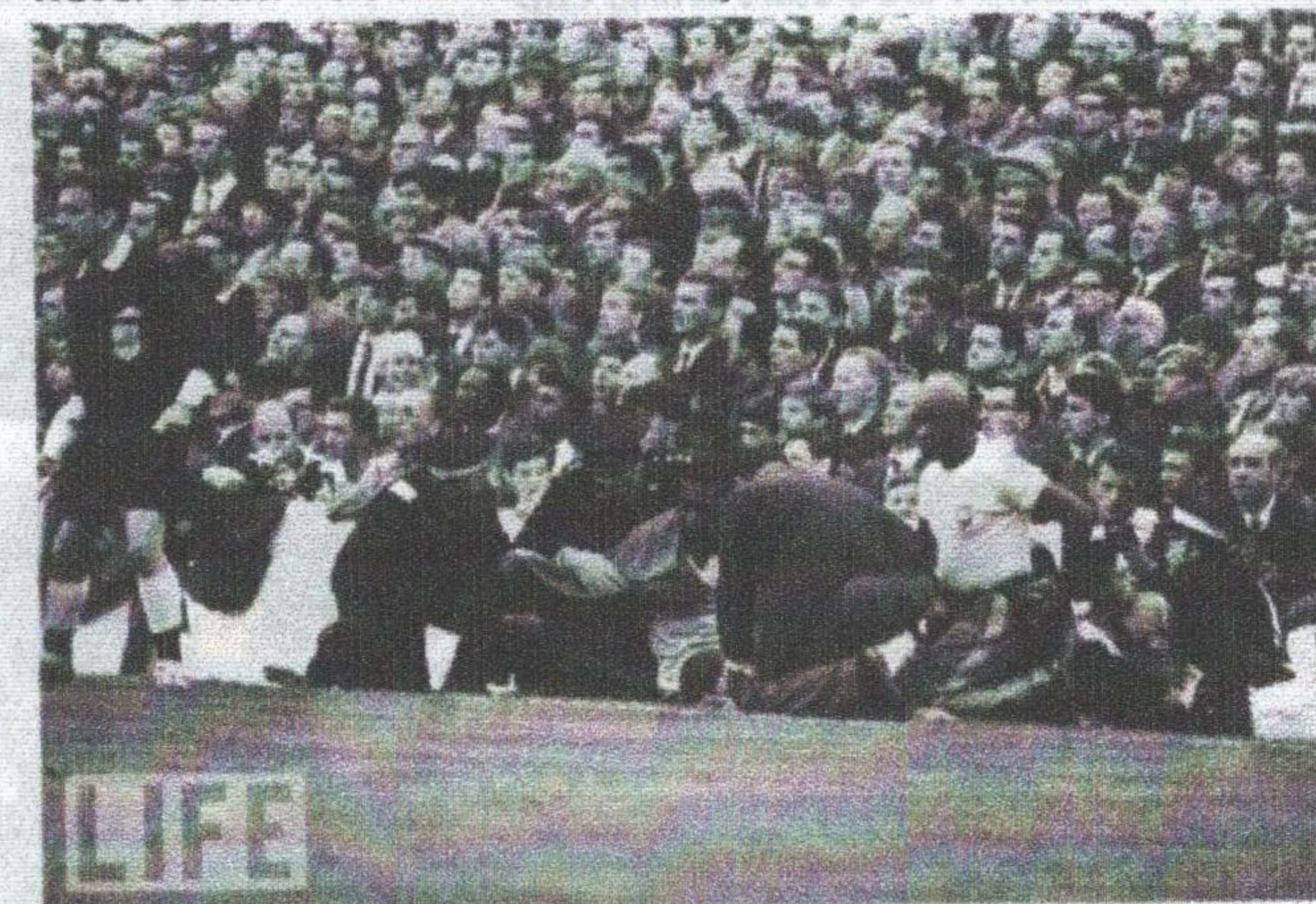


Pelé at Goodison

A fan reaches out for a reverent touch of the Brazilian legend as the national team enters Goodison Park for a match. But eventually, for the host nation, all the hype about Brazil—and Hungary, and Portugal, and several other teams in the tournament—all the hype was forgotten amid a torrent of elation as the English team, led by their great captain, Bobby Moore, stunned the world and left English fans with memories to last a lifetime. The home heroes roared through to the finals, where on July 30, 1966, they beat West Germany at Wembley Stadium, 4-2. It was England's first (and to this day, only) World Cup triumph. Four years later, in Mexico, Brazil would win its third World Cup; to this day, Pelé remains the only three-time winner.

Photo: Art Rickerby

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An injured, frustrated Pelé is tended to by Brazil's team doctor during the match against Portugal. Portugal won the game 3-1 with two goals by the great Eusébio, "The Black Panther," who scored an amazing nine goals during the tournament. Of the game against Portugal, in which Pelé was constantly hard-tackled, harassed, and otherwise abused, the LIFE team's update from England noted that "Pelé got creamed because he's so good. Even hobbling around he set up Brazil's lone goal." But there's also an acknowledgement that the game's English referee, George McCabe, let "the Portuguese get away with murder" in the way they flagrantly fouled and badgered the Brazilian star.

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Never-Seen: Pelé's 1966 World Cup

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Stopper

Not too many fans recall that Edson Arantes do Nascimento was a deadly scorer who also, incredibly, played goalkeeper in a few games during his time with the Brazilian club Santos. After all, he *was* pegged the "Athlete of the Century" by the International Olympic Committee, and many of his former teammates and opponents acknowledged that Pelé was such an amazing talent that he likely would have been the best at *any* position he chose to play.

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Brazil vs. Hungary, July 15, 1966

The 1966 World Cup was a rough one for Pelé and the reigning Brazilian squad. Pelé, badly injured, appeared in only three games—and only briefly in the one pictured here, a 3-1 loss to a formidable Hungarian team at Goodison Park in Liverpool. Still, his brilliance was evident every time he was one the pitch, and the English fans—passionate, discerning, and fully aware that they were witnessing genius at work and at play—followed Pelé's every move.

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Alex Parker

Scottish football internationalist

Born: 2 August, 1935, in Irvine, Ayrshire. Died: 7 January, 2010, in Gretna, Dumfries and Galloway, aged 74.

ALEX Parker, the former Falkirk, Everton and Scotland full-back, holds a special place in the history of both his major clubs and will be greatly missed by all who played with and against him, as well as the many supporters across the country who appreciated his skills and ability.

Parker was, and is, a hero to Falkirk fans. That he found a place in the Hall of Fame at Falkirk and Everton says it all. He was quite simply a class act. He was signed from Dumfriesshire junior side Kello Rovers as an inside right in season 1951-52 and made his first-team debut at Brockville against East Fife on 27 September, 1952, wearing the No. 8 shirt. He played three games that season, all of them at inside-forward.

Young Parker was not an instant success, and manager Bob Shankly tried him in a variety of positions. In November 1953, at Palmerston against Queen of the South, he scored twice in a 5-3 defeat, but his career was stalling. He recalled the early days at Falkirk, and of a time staying with the Shankly family in Kincardine. "Mrs. Shankly was keen that I got an education, and kept giving me books," he said. "I wasn't really interested, and one day she took me out into the garden for a game of headers. Any heading ability I had in football was gained by learning from Mrs Shankly."

He was tried at half-back, and then he was selected to play at right-back and went on to make the position his own, representing his country in that position on no fewer than 15 occasions. All but one of those caps he won as a Falkirk player.

He remains Falkirk's most-capped player, and was very much the first of the attacking full-backs. The influence of then Falkirk trainer Jimmy McPhie is obvious, as the development of this raw, untried inside-forward into an international-class full-back was no accident.

He won eight Scottish League caps and six Under-23 caps while he was a Falkirk player, and earned glowing reviews for his consistent displays. He was awarded the prestigious Scottish Player of the Year Award for 1957, and the event was captured for posterity on Pathe Newsreel. It had been quite a year for the player, who was at that time a national serviceman with the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

His first cap came when he was just 19, and reports of the game mention the supervision of George Young of the Falkirk debutant. Parker recalled it differently, saying: "Supervision? He was screaming blue murder at me to get back and cover my winger."

Parker was soon a regular in a star-studded army XI which played games against other army

sides for the Kentish Cup and against FA representative XIs and club sides. Among his army teammates were gunner Cliff Jones, private Gerry Hitchens and lance-corporal Bobby Charlton. The Falkirk contingent in the army team increased when trooper

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Thanks to Maurice Reid and his friend in Scotland once again for this article.

Maurice also said that Parker seemed to bend the ball around wingers to clear it, I know that he did do that but its so hard to explain it , the ball would seem to 'Bend' past the winger but not go out of play it was as if it was on remote control and hugged the touchline before going back into play.



Jimmy McIntosh of the Royal Scots Greys enlisted and the Falkirk friends enjoyed several sojourns abroad. Among their opponents in army games were future international stars such as Eusebio, Ramon Kopa and Just Fontaine. Parker's first appearances for

Everton after his £18,000 transfer from Falkirk was delayed as he completed a tour of duty in Cyprus.

He had some fierce competition for the full-back slot, notably from Eric Caldow of Rangers, but the two did play together in the national side. Parker made 151 appearances for Falkirk before the inevitable arrival of scouts from the big English clubs. He signed for Everton at the end of the 1957-58 season and made his final appearance for Scotland against Paraguay in the 1958 World Cup finals. Although technically an Evertonian, Parker considered he was still a Bairn when he played. It wasn't his greatest game, and it heralded the end of his career in the navy blue of Scotland, although he did play in subsequent trial matches. He watched the great sides in the 1958 tournament, and realised Scotland had a lot to learn.

As an Everton player, he won a League winners' medal in 1963, and is highly thought of on Merseyside. He is a member of the Goodison Hall of Fame, and played for the Toffees from 1958 until September 1965, when he joined Southport. He was coming to the end of his playing career, when he accepted the role of player-manager with Ballymena United in Northern Ireland.

His final playing assignment came in a spell with Drumcondra. He returned to Southport as trainer/coach before becoming team manager in May 1970.

In later life, he became a publican in Gretna and Carlisle, and he was a regular visitor to Falkirk games whenever the team were in the South-west.

It is fitting that Falkirk fans

voted him into their Millennium Team, even though many had never seen him play. Accepting his award, he displayed typical modesty, thanking all the grandfathers who had told their children about him. Modesty was one of his endearing characteristics, and he never failed to amaze with his genuine humility. He classed Tom Finney as his hardest opponent, and recalled meeting him in later life at Preston.

"I didn't recognise him from the front," he said, "as I usually only saw his back and a number 11 disappearing towards goal, with me left floundering."

He had a droll sense of humour, and, renowned for his goal-line clearances, he did a good double act with the late Bert Slater, whom he described as "the best keeper I ever played behind". In fact, Parker was often photographed rescuing club or country by a last-ditch kick off the line.

Of all the Falkirk players I have seen play, Parker was, without doubt, the greatest. His record is unparalleled in the history of Falkirk, and he represented the club well on the national and international stages.

Parker was never one to boast about his achievements. It would take a great deal of careful persuasion to start him talking about his football career, but when he did get going it was incredible. The stories and anecdotes were amazing, and at times hilarious as he recalled adventures in places all over the world, in the red of the British Army, the light blue of Everton or the navy blue of Falkirk and Scotland.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, and his son and daughter.

MICHAEL WHITE

Everton A Thesis By David Kennedy

David Kennedy has updated his Thesis on the 1892 Everton Split it can be found and downloaded from the www.evertoncollection.org.uk/article?id=ART74553 website
This Article is Taken from a Thesis by David Kennedy Originally done in 2003 at Leeds University more in forthcoming issues .

4.4 The Onset of Factional Opposition Within Everton FC

The extraordinary rise of Everton FC as a footballing force, and the financial growth of the organisation brought forth tensions between members of the club, however. In particular, there were concerns voiced by elements of the club's membership and committee over the role played in the club by their president, John Houlding. Specifically, the concerns raised related to the nature of the financial relationship between the club and Houlding. (This issue has been touched upon by many historians of the early period of Merseyside football and an elaboration and critique of this body of work is provided in the following chapter). Although it was widely accepted by both insiders and outsiders to the club that Houlding and his money had been instrumental in the development of the organisation, hostility grew amongst some members of the club the more it became apparent that their president, towards the end of the 1880s, had begun to insist on being remunerated for the financial commitments he had made to the club. This principally related to Houlding's demand for the full rate of interest agreed with the committee on money he had paid out for the club's Anfield Road ground and improvements made to that ground. Rather than a beneficent patron of the club, the president was viewed latterly as a *rentier* with self-interest uppermost in his transactions with the club committee.

The first time it became apparent that relations within the hierarchy of the club were not harmonious was the summer of 1888. With gate receipts increasing considerably, from approximately £400 for the season of 1885/86 to £1,456 for the season of 1887/88, Houlding insisted on drawing the full amount of money from the interest he charged the club for his purchase of the land on which the club ground stood. Houlding had paid £6,000 for the land in 1884. The club had previously paid Houlding £100 per season (roughly 1 1/2 per cent on Houlding's outlay). At the 1888 AGM it was agreed to pay Houlding the full £240 for annual rental of his land, which the club committee's initial agreement to pay 4 per cent amounted to. However, Houlding's refusal to commit himself to a long-term lease for the club to rent his land (the club committee negotiated annually with Houlding) brought about a decision by the committee to block any further loans from the president.⁶⁵ Houlding had previously charged the club five per cent interest on money loaned for improvements and the hiring of professional players.

The committee reasoned that no further investments should be made whilst the club was still at the mercy of its president's whim – a decision held to despite Houlding's reassurances that the club's tenancy would not be interrupted. Though the committee's resolve faltered only months later (in November 1888, seeking to cash in on the unexpectedly large response of the public to their matches in the inaugural season of the Football League, the committee took out another loan of £1,000 from Houlding⁶⁶), their underlying disquiet at the conduct of their president and his supporters, who comprised a minority on the club committee, would not go away.

In the run-up to the following year's AGM, in 1889, the local press was already reporting on meetings of members of the club preparing to unseat those on the committee they felt were incapable or unwilling to steer the club away from its apparent course of passivity or even collusion with John Houlding. For example, the May 25th edition of the *Liverpool Review* carried a report of members who were 'determined to oust the present executive and replace it by one of their own'. The 'clique', as the *Liverpool Review* named them, accused the serving officers of the club of 'laxity' in their financial management. Another of their criticisms was levelled at the absence of 'practical footballists'.⁶⁷ As we have seen, the number of committeemen with experience of playing football (and with Everton FC in particular) had been reduced by the latter half of the 1880s. The 'clique' proposed at its meeting a raft of members of the club whom they 'were prepared to elect at all costs'.⁶⁸ A week later those loyal to Houlding within the club held their own meeting, denounced the rebels' stance and agreed to organise opposition to the rebel's plans by putting forward their own candidates for the committee elections. The Houlding loyalists proposed the re-election of the bulk of the sitting committee.⁶⁹ The club's 1889 AGM was eagerly awaited. At the AGM, Houlding's and the sitting committee's detractors, in a heated debate over club finances, brought up the issue of club money having been spent on a building contract without either first being agreed to by the club committee, or being put out for competitive tender. Also, criticism was levelled at the club treasurer, and by extension the rest of the committee, for running up expenses (unspecified) that were not agreed to by the committee.⁷⁰ These criticisms were defended by the president himself, who was also forced by the floor of the meeting to explain the hike in rental costs the club had faced in the previous year, and which it would continue to face in the



Early days in Everton a prosperous district of the City the Toffee Shop and St Rupert's Tower played a major role in the foundations of Everton Football Club.

The name from the district was spread nationwide when St Domingo changed its football team name to Everton Football Club.

upcoming year (the cost of renting Houlding's land rose from £100 for the season of 1887-88, to £240 for the season of 1888-89, and to £250 for the season of 1889-90).⁷¹ Despite the opposition, Houlding was able to persuade the membership to re-elect a key ally, the sitting secretary, William E. Barclay, to the new committee. Barclay had seniority and a powerful voice in the club amongst the membership. Barclay was a man who would later become an executive officer in Houlding's Liverpool FC for many years. A vote to establish the rest of the committee for the coming season was deferred to a later date. It would appear that this strategy took the wind out of the sails of those members seeking wholesale changes to the executive. When the committee was selected, six of the thirteen-man committee were incumbent officers, with five other members of the old committee not having stood for re-election. However, two men who did make it on to the 1889-90 season committee were Abraham Thomas Coates and William Robert Clayton, new members to the club in 1889. Their presence must be viewed as an advance party that heralded the arrival on to the committee of a new generation of club members (there was a huge increase in the club's membership at this time, from approximately two hundred to five hundred) who were either unaware of or unimpressed by the personal history of key figures in the development of the organisation.⁷² This was a point of view arrived at by Thomas Keates, a member of the club at the time and a man who would go on to take up a position on the club's board of directors in the 1890s. In his own history of Everton FC, published in 1928, Keates wrote that 'out of the many members who joined the club in 1889...it is very suggestive that [some of these members'] names are to be found on the list of the provisional directors of the limited liability company into which the club was formed at Goodison Park'.⁷³

As the next two seasons unfolded – culminating in the crowning of Everton FC as English champions in 1891 – the outstanding issue of the club's security of tenure became an ever more pressing one for some in the club. More of the newer members of the club took up their positions within the club committee and posed a greater challenge each year to the old guard who had run the club from its inception as a district-based club in the early 1880s – men who had built up a working relationship with Houlding. Four of the 1889/90 committee fell into this category: Tom Marriott, a former player and treasurer of the club, Richard Stockton, Robert Wilson and J.C. Brooks (though the

last two men named went on to become Everton FC directors in the post-Houlding Everton FC). Houlding had supplemented these men from 1888 with men with whom he had personal and/or business connections. One of these, Thomas Howarth, was said to have attained a position as a Poor Law administrator through Houlding's patronage⁷⁴ (as mentioned, Houlding was a Guardian in the West Derby Union). Another, John James Ramsey, was Houlding's brewery manager. Houlding would have known Edwin Berry and another committee member, Joseph Williams, via their membership of the Liverpool Working Men's Conservative Association, and through their involvement in the ruling body of Liverpool Conservatism, the Constitutional Association (more on these political connections will be forthcoming in subsequent chapters). William E. Barclay had connections to Houlding via the West Derby Union – Barclay was employed as the governor of a boys' school controlled by the Poor Law Union. By 1891, however, the tide had turned against Houlding as the Everton FC membership loosened his grip on the committee. For the season of 1890/91, Dr James Clement Baxter, another newcomer to the club in 1889, joined the re-elected Abraham Coates and William Clayton on the committee. And in the AGM of the following year, 1891/92, James Griffiths, John Atkinson and Francis Currier, also later arrivals as club members in 1889, joined Baxter, Clayton and Coates on the club committee. All six men went on to become original directors of the newly formed Everton Football Club Limited Company in 1892. By this point, then, Houlding could definitely rely only on his own men who were re-elected or newly elected to the board: William E. Barclay, Thomas Howarth, John James Ramsey and Alex Nesbit (another man who had apparently gained his employment position within the West Derby Union via Houlding's intervention⁷⁵). The non-aligned members of the club committee, William Jackson, Richard Molyneux and Richard Stockton, held the balance of power.

Talk of the formation of the club into a limited liability company by those opposed to Houlding, a move motivated by the intention to buy out his interests in Everton FC,⁷⁶ threatened Houlding with the loss of control of an important social asset and, potentially, financial asset. With this existing state of affairs amongst those in control of the club the scene was set for a final reckoning for John Houlding and the manner in which the club had been administered.

4.5 Conclusion

In this chapter we have seen that Everton FC's development over the period 1878–1891 brought to the surface tensions between individuals who can be said to have held different motives for their involvement in the club. The club's drive towards becoming competitively successful – first at district and regional level, then nationally – necessitated greater capital investment. This led to a situation where many members of the club perceived an undue and increasing commercial influence upon club affairs, more especially in matters of administration. The competitive and commercial requirements driving the club forward by the end of the period, then, became a seriously contested issue amongst the club membership, who viewed their organisation, the 'Good Old Club',⁷⁷ in terms of a standard-bearer for communal pride and identity at least as much as they saw it as an organisation to collect trophies, and certainly more than its capacity to generate profits for those investing money for its development.

In the following chapter the crisis that engulfed the club in the latter part of 1891 and early 1892 will be analysed in detail. In particular, the main charges levelled against the club president, John Houlding, by his detractors regarding his motivation for involvement in Everton FC will be scrutinised. The purpose of this enquiry is both to highlight established accounts of the dispute, and the motives attributed in them to those seeking control over the club, and to offer my own perspective and conclusions on the events leading to the split of the Everton FC in 1892.



Another rare photo from the Everton Collection 1894/95 which shows Jack Elliot as a player. He was with Everton as a player, trainer, caretaker. He did everything for Everton and was on virtually every team picture from this date until 1927.

The History Of Everton season 1934-35

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

ONE CHANGE AGAINST HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

FEBRUARY 1 1935, DAILY POST

Everton will be without Britton when they meet Huddersfield town to-morrow he received a knock in the cup-tie and of course he is due to play for England on Wednesday. Mercer will take his place, this being the only change from the cup side.

GEORGE JACKSON FROM JUNIOR RANK TO MAKE DEBUT

FEBRUARY 5 1935, DAILY POST

The Everton club has discovered several excellent good footballers, by encouraging local talent, and the 'A' team venture has shown that it is well worth while, another player, who has graduated in the nursery is to have his chance in senior football on Saturday.

Jackson, the locally-trained full-back is to partner Cook, in the team against Wolverhampton at Goodison Park in place of Jones, who was hurt at Huddersfield town on Saturday. But who it is hoped will be fit for the cup-tie on the following Saturday. Everton are fortunate to have young backs like Jackson and Jones to back up first team duty. The latest recruit to the first team has progressed right from the time he was picked out during the annual trials for amateurs at Goodison Park, and from the 'A' team he has won his way to the centre-league side and now to the premier eleven. Jackson was born within ten minutes of Goodison Park, and learned his football under the shadows of the stands as it were. Jackson became prominent in Zingar Alliance football, was always notable for his fine defensive play, and it was not surprising that he secured a trial at the opening of the 1929-30 season. He has made his mark and played for the 'A' team, later when Marine needed a full-back, he was loaned to that club which he helped very reach the final of the FA Amateur Cup, it was in 1932, that he signed for Everton as a professional. He has of course greatly improved in tactical and positional play since that time. While his kicking has lost none of its power. He stands 5ft 8ins and weighs 11" 6lbs. Britton returns to his usual place instead of Mercer. Meanwhile Everton announce that all tickets for the cup-tie with Derby County on February 16 have been sold.

EVERTONIANS CAPS AT GOODISON PARK INTERNATIONAL

FEBRUARY 6 1935, DAILY POST

England play Ireland at Goodison Park in front of 32,000 (£2,179), England winning 2-1 Britton for England and Stevenson and Coulter played for Ireland. Stevenson scored for Ireland and Coulter missed a penalty for Ireland hitting the cross-bar.

EVERTON AT BUXTON

FEBRUARY 12 1935, DAILY POST

Everton seems to revel in the Buxton air, and the players are at the Derbyshire resort again, to prepare for the struggle with Derby County at Goodison Park Jones the young full back who was injured at Huddersfield is with his colleague and undergoing special treatment it is hoped that he will be all right but in the event of the players being unable to turn out presumably Jackson who did so well on Saturday will again partner Cook, following their stay at Saltsburn last week.

TWO CHANGES AGAINST CHELSEA

FEBRUARY 19 1935, DAILY POST

Cook and Britton are standing down from the Everton team to visit Stamford Bridge to-morrow, owing to slight injuries received on Saturday. Cresswell comes in once more, and Mercer is to deputise for Britton.

BRADSHAW TO MAKE DEBUT

FEBRUARY 22 1935, DAILY POST

Everton have, an able deputy in GF Bradshaw, and the former new Brighton goalkeeper, who earned a high reputation when a member of the Rake Lane club, will make his debut for the senior side to-morrow. It will be an excellent opportunity for Bradshaw to show his worth, as there are able marksmen in the Villa ranks. He has kept doing well in the central league side. Cunliffe who also hurt at Chelsea, and stands down Dunn coming in as partner to Geldard, Britton and Cook resume in place of Mercer and Cresswell.

SAME SIDE TO FACE BOLTON IN QUARTER FINALS

FEBRUARY 27 1935, DAILY POST

It is recognised by all, that Everton are set a severe task in facing the lively Bolton Wanderers side on Saturday, but hopes are high that Everton will reach the semi-final. For the eleventh time in their

history. The directors met last night to choose the team to represent the club, in the vital match, Sager, Cook, Jones, Britton, Gee, Thomson, Geldard, Cunliffe, Dean, Stevenson, Coulter: this is the side that defeat Sunderland. Apparently there are strong hopes that Sager will be completely fit, and Jones who did not show a trace of his recent injury when playing against Aston Villa reserves on Saturday is to take the place of Jackson who was hurt on Saturday. The players are at Buxton, are following their customary routine at the Derbyshire resort and yesterday they enjoyed ball practice in the morning and were able to take advantage of the fine weather in the afternoon, to enjoy walks and other exercise. The men are feeling fit, and they are hoping that the Buxton tonic will help to bring 'victory' as it has done in previous ties.

CHANGES AT ASTON VILLA

MARCH 2 1935, DAILY POST

It is unfortunate that Sager cannot keep goal for Everton, although Sager has made excellent progress since he hurt his shoulder at Chelsea, the directors decided not to run the risk of a breakdown and thus Bradshaw the reserve goalkeeper who played at Aston Villa takes up the important post in this vital game. Jones, who has been out of the team, injured resumes in place of Jackson.

COOK OUT FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

MARCH 7 1935, DAILY POST

Everton have been unfortunate in losing players through injury at a critical period of the season, yesterday the club received a severe blow when Cook the Irish international full back, injured his left leg, near the ankle and the damage will probably keep him out of the game for the remainder of the season. In tackling an opponent he recovered the ball and cleared, but immediately collapsed on the ground. It was obvious that something serious had happened but though Cook pluckily tried to carry on at outside right he eventually retired. He was taken to a specialist and it transpired that he had sustained a broken fibula. It is a clean break and he will require about six weeks to recovery.

MORE INJURIES FOR EVERTON

MARCH 9 1935, DAILY POST

Everton have struck a bad patch at the wrong time, and the team is undoubtedly handicapped in their efforts to gain a higher place, the injury to Dean and Cook. Rob the side of two of its main pillars, but the team are chosen well. I think give the Albion a good run. It will be quite a novelty for Everton to take the field with two local backs and the exploits of Jones and Jackson, will be closely followed. Mercer has proved an able substitute for Britton who to-day will be seen as a forward, where he will have ample scope to utilise his great skill and resource. Cunliffe who has proved a most versatile player in the Everton ranks, lead the attack Thomson celebrates his two hundredth appearance for Everton by acting as captain in place of Dean, Trentham of Albion also makes his two-hundredth appearance.

NEW LEAGUE RULES

MARCH 12 1935, DAILY POST

The question of a player who has left the field returning without the referee's permission was among the matters which engaged the attention of the rules revision committee of the Football Association, at their meeting in London yesterday, but no statement was issued to the press as the recommendations arrived at by the committee have first to go before the FA Council for consideration and confirmation. The point in question became a pressing one as the outcome of an incident in the match at Goodison Park last Wednesday. Without obtaining permission of the referee a Leeds player returned after being injured, and took part in a movement which produced a goal. Controversy was caused over the goal, which the referee allowed and a clearing-up of the rules concerned was generally deemed advisable.

COOK IN PLASTER

MARCH 18 1934, DAILY POST

There is better news regarding Cook the Everton back, who was injured in the match against Leeds United. It was first reported that he had a broken leg. I learn that the fibula-the small outer bone-of the left leg is slightly cracked vertically. The leg has been placed in plaster and is hoped it will be all right again in about a month.

GF BRADSHAW TRANSFERRED TO ARSENAL

MARCH 18 1935, DAILY POST

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Dear Sir, I was sorry to receive your letter with the sad news of the sudden death of your Chairman, Mr. Barker, and try to convey to the Directors & officials of your Club our most sincere sympathy with them in their great loss. Will you kindly also, on our behalf, tender the same to the members of his family.

Yours sincerely
Thos H. Wintosh

Only six hours before the expiration of the time for unrestricted transfer, arsenal secured the signature of GF Bradshaw the young everton goalkeeper. After moss injury against everton. Mr allison, the arsenal manager approached everton for the transfer of bradshaw. The fee is understood to be about £2,000. Moss is not expected to play again for some time. Bradshaw had experience with southport park villa and went to new brighton as a amateur, before signing professional forms. Everton later secured him on november 24 1934 and only spend four months at goodison park and he played in three first teams games for them against aston villa (league), leeds united (league) and the FA cup-tie at goodison park against halton wanderers in the six round and played 12 games in the central league for the second string. He stands 5ft 8ins and weights about 10 stone 8 pounds

DICKINSON FROM JUNIOR RANK TO MAKE DEBUT

MARCH 21 1935, DAILY POST

The younger generation of footballers are getting their chances on merseyside just now, and the following the introduction by everton of two cal backs, jackson and jones, the club on Saturday, everton are being out another promising recruit in dickenson, who is to lead the attack at portsmouth, in place of dean, who was injured yesterday's match dickenson came to everton on trial from the chester district and so well, did he play in the central league side that he was quickly signed on as a professional. He started scoring right away on the introduction to the reserves side, and he rarely missed obtaining a goal or two, since he, joined the club a dashing leader he holds out promise of being almost valuable addition to the staff. He signed amateur forms for everton in september having play for guilden sutton in the chester and district league. Well built for the position, dickenson scored twenty goals in the central league and seven in lancashire cup-ties stevenson will be fit to resume.

CENTRAL LEAGUE NEWS

MARCH 22 1935, DAILY POST

Everton have promoted three "A" team players, W hullett, J allen, and MW o'reilly to the reserves team for the central league match against newcastle reserves at goodison park.

A NUMBER OF CHANGES AGAINST STOKE CITY

MARCH 27 1935, DAILY POST

For the game with stoke city at goodison park, on Saturday, everton's team shows a number of changes from the side defeated at portsmouth, in every line except goal is changed. Williams and cresswell reappear at back after a long absence in place of jackson and jones, while white resumes at centre-half instead off gee, dean will again lead the attack in place of dickinson, stevenson coming back to partner coulter on the left wing.

COULTER BREAKS LEG, IN A INTERNATIONAL MATCH

MARCH 28 1935, DAILY POST

Ben williams played for wales in a 3-1 against ireland, coulter played for ireland, coulter brokes his leg, from a ben williams tackle at the racecourse ground in front of 15,000. The collision of clubmates coulter and williams fell to the ground locked in each others arms and remained in that postune for a fully a minute, while play went on. Later I learned from williams, who was very much upset at the affair, that instantly they fell coulter "said" "I have broken my leg I heard it snap" "whereupon williams held him in his arms to prevent any movement of the damaged member coulter was taken to hospital and was visted at night by the welsh and irish players.

STEIN TO TAKE COULTER PLACE AGAINST STOKE CITY

MARCH 29 1935, DAILY POST

Stein will take coulter's place in the everton team to meet stoke city at goodison park to-morrow. I understand coulter, who broke the shin bone of his right leg in the international match at wrexham is progressing favourabl. He was removed from wrexham yesterday to the northern hospital, Liverpool.

TWO CHANGES AGAINST MAN CITY

APRIL 3 1935, DAILY POST

Everton's side to visit maine road, to meet manchester city on Saturday, knows Two changes from the side which vanquished stoke city. The alterations are occasioned by international, calls upon britton and geldard, whose places at right half and outside right respectively, will be taken by mercer and leyfield. The latter played occupied the wong berth in the early matches of the season.

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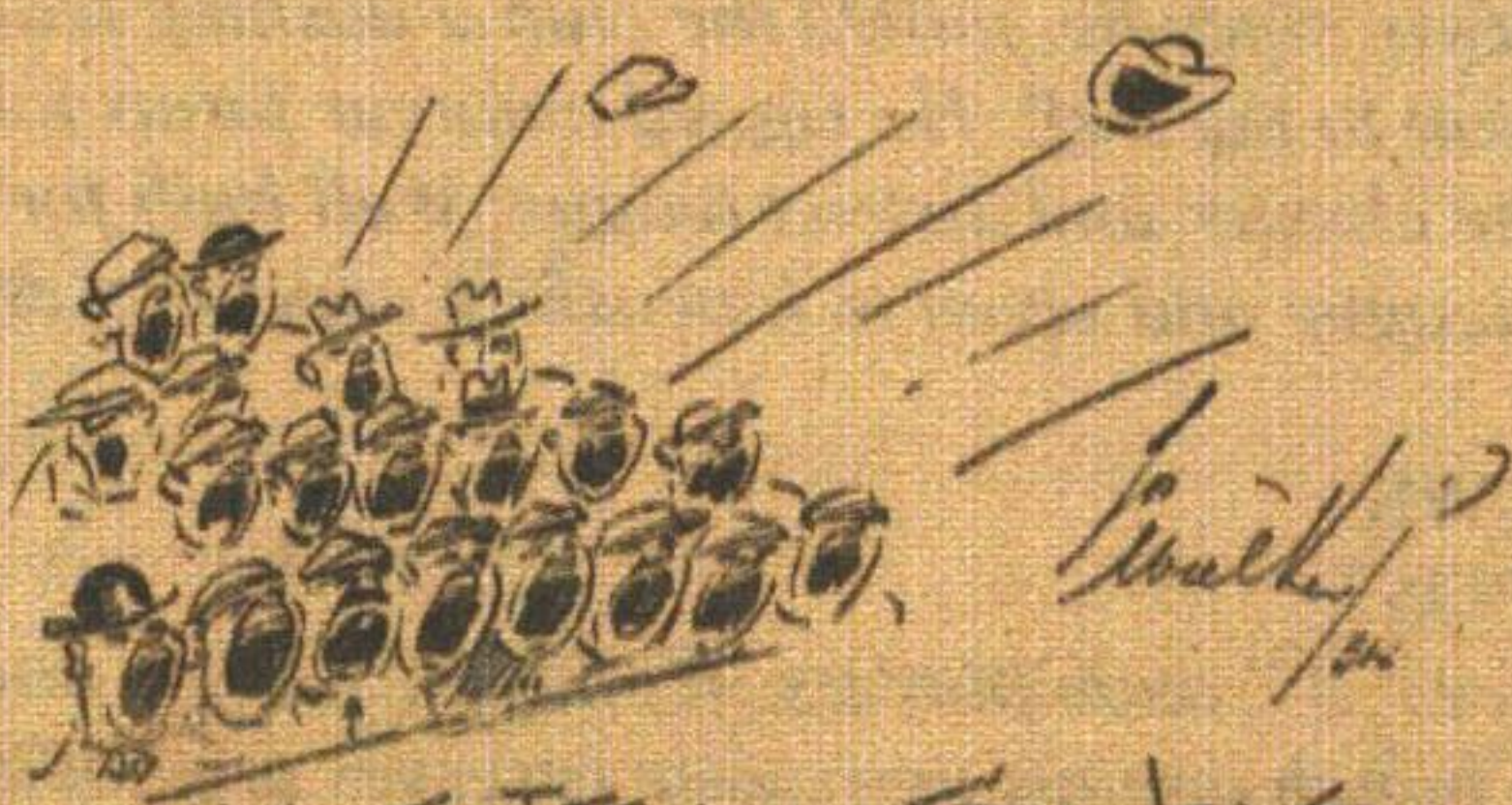
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TO ALL FIRST DIVISION
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Programme from the first game of the 1934 /35 season Spurs away .

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APRIL 6 1935, DAILY POST

England, lost too scotland 2-0, britton and geldard playing for the english in front of 129,693 at hampden park.

KING TO MAKE DEBUT AGAINST MIDDLESBROUGH

APRIL 10 1935, DAILY POST

King, everton youngest, reserve goalkeeper who has been doing so well of late gets his chance in the first eleven on Saturday against middlesbrough at goodison park. For he takes the place of sagar, who received a shoulder injury last week at manchester. King thus makes his league debut, britton and geldard resumes at right half and outside right respectively after internationals duty, mercer and leyfield standing down.

WHITE SUSPENDED FOR TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS

APRIL 11 1935, DAILY POST

White everton's international centre-half has been suspended for 28 days as from april 9, which means that he will be unable to play in any matches this season white was order off the field during a central league match at goodison park on march 23, together with J smith of newcastle united who as been suspended for 14 days from april 9. So gee returns to the everton first team to meet middlesbrough at goodison park on Saturday in place of white while clark talks the centre-half berth in the reserve team in place of gee.

DIRECTORS SELECTED TEAM TO FACE BLACKBURN

APRIL 17 1935, DAILY POST

The everton director's last night selected the team to do duty during the easter games on Friday the first eleven is not engaged, but the reserves have a central league at derby. On Saturday the first team are due at blackburn and the side includes jones in place of cresswell, with king in goal in place of sagar still on the injured list. On Monday everton visit derby county when the side again shows a change in the back division, this time jackson appears in place of williams, with cresswell as his partner.

FOUR PLAYERS ON TRANSFERRED LIST

APRIL 18 1935, DAILY POST

The everton announce that four players have been placed upon to transfer list namely dunn, higham, griffiths and deighton. The remainder of the players have been offered terms, and the majority have re-signed for next season, deighton is a goalkeeper, griffiths a centre-half and dunn and higham forwards. The most notable departure is dunn, the scottish international inside right, who joined everton from hibernians in 1928, and helped the club to win the second division championship, the first division championship and the FA cup in successive seasons. Dunn played six times for scotland. Higham a young centre forward from chorley played exceptionally well in several first team games last season.

J HANNON SIGNS PROFESSIONAL FORMS

APRIL 22 1935, DAILY POST

everton have signed on as a professional, J hannon, outside or inside left, who has been playing as an amateur, with the 'A' team and the central league side, hannon stands 5ft 9ins and weights 11" and is aged 18.

A NUMBER OF CHANGES AGAINST SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

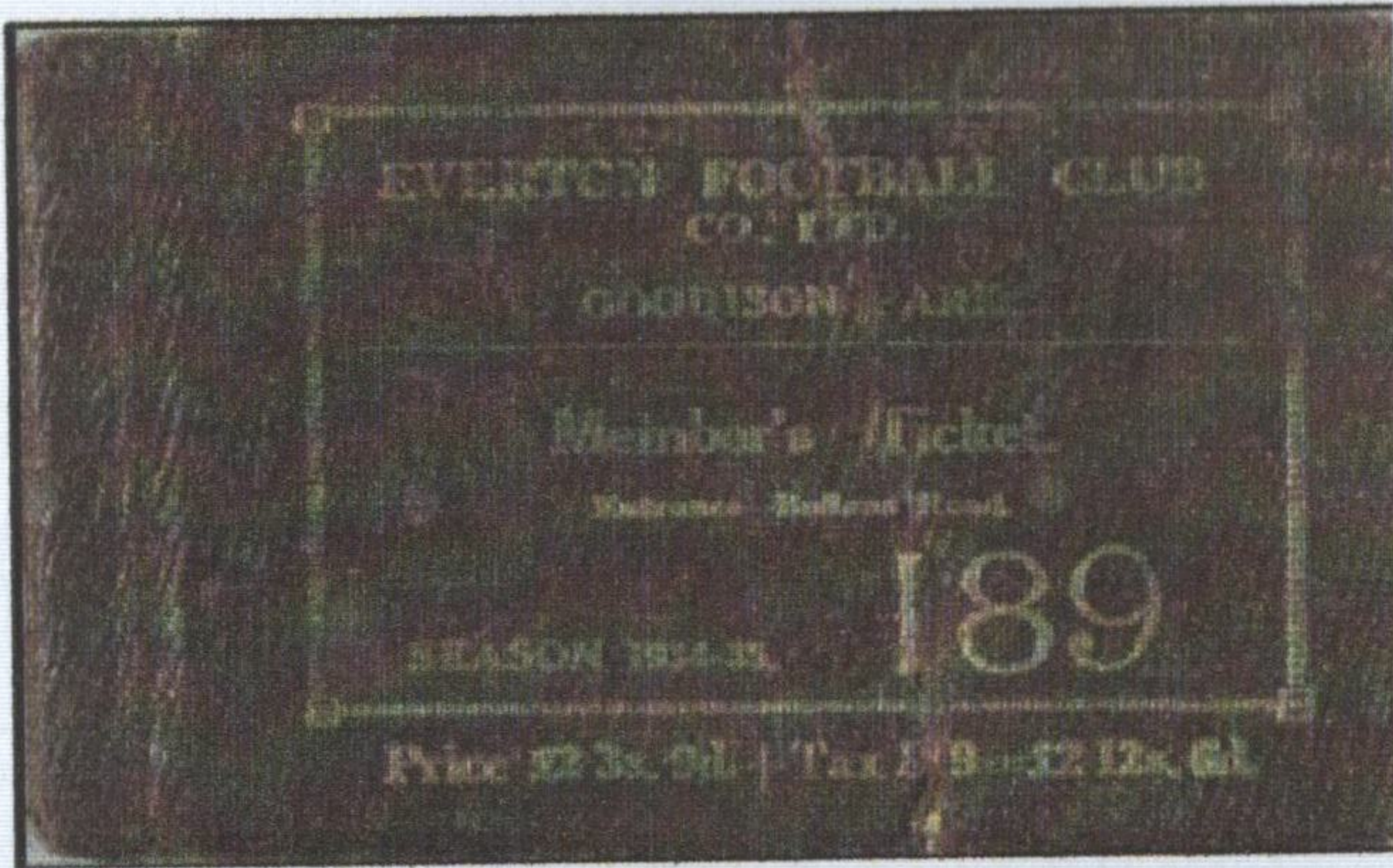
MAY 1 1935, DAILY POST

The visit of sheffield Wednesday, the cup winners to goodison park, this evening (kick-off 6-15) should attract a large attendance. This is the last league game of the season at goodison park. Everton have made a number of changes compared with the side that lost to derby county on eastern Monday, cunliffe is to lead the attack in place of dean, while williams and jones are the hacks instead of jackson and cresswell. Mercer and clark come in for britton and gee, and dunn is at inside right to enable xcunliffe to take up the centre-forward position.

SAGAR CARTILGE OPERATION

MAY 2 1935, DAILY POST

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A season ticket for the 1934/35 season

