



# GOODISON'S HAT-TRICK HEROES

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In October 1888, Archibald McKinnon scored Everton's first Football League hat-trick in a 6-2 victory over Derby County at our then home of Anfield. Fifteen months later, the Rams went down 11-2 to the Toffees in an amazing FA Cup tie, the Blues haul including a hat-trick of hat-tricks from Alec Brady, Fred Geary and Alf Milward.

The first three-goal feat (or more) of the Goodison Park era came in December 1893, courtesy of Everton's Jack Southworth when he hit four past Sheffield Wednesday in an 8-1 win.

A week later he hit SIX in a 7-1 victory over West Bromwich Albion, creating an individual Everton record that hasn't been matched since.

The last hat-trick scored for the Toffees was by Dominic Calvert-Lewin, under Carlo Ancelotti, in a 4-1 win over West Ham United in September 2020 – just 11 days after claiming the match ball against West Bromwich Albion. Both games were played behind closed doors

due to the Covid pandemic, so the most recent hat-trick witnessed by a Goodison crowd was back in November 2017. Wayne Rooney's only Everton treble came in a 4-1 win against West Ham and was crowned with an effort from inside his own half!

In all, the Blues have scored 146 hat-tricks at Goodison Park (147 if you count Southworth's six in a match as two), with the peerless Dixie Dean getting 24 of them, including, of course, the three he netted against Arsenal to reach 60 league goals on the last day of the 1927/28 season. On six occasions two players have scored three goals or more in the same match, most recently when Bob Latchford (5) and Martin Dobson (3) enjoyed a goal-fest against Wimbledon in 1978.

Goodison has also enjoyed some none-Everton related trebles.

James Logan got three in Notts County's 4-1 victory over Bolton Wanderers in March 1894, in the first FA Cup final to be played outside of London. In May 1935, a fundraiser for



King George V's Jubilee Fund was played between an English League side and a joint Welsh-Irish League XI, and Jimmy Hampson of Blackpool scored five in the 10-2 English victory in a game that was unique in having two referees as part of a very short-lived trial.

In 1966 the legendary Portuguese international Eusebio scored four in his country's famous 5-3 victory over North Korea in the World Cup quarter-final and he later said in an interview: *'This stadium for me is the best stadium in my playing life!'*