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EVERTON AND MANCHESTER CITY: TRIALISTS, TRIUMPHS AND TRIBULATIONS

Did you know that more than 50 players have worn the two shades of blue at each end of the East Lancs Road over the decades? They include a plethora of internationals and a cricketer!

One of the first to play for both Everton and Manchester City was William Lewis, the Toffees' centre-forward in the Club's inaugural Football League match at Anfield against Accrington in 1888. Lewis played only three times for Everton, scoring one goal, before leaving the Club for Bangor City. He was serving as a North Wales constabulary fireman and could not leave Wales. He later played for Manchester City in 1896/97.

Another player worth mentioning is the fabulously-named James Brown Meunier, who had spent a few seasons as a reserve player at City before making five Everton appearances between 1910-1912, eventually moving on to Coventry City, then in the



• Ian Bishop

Broad later held coaching positions in Spain, Turkey, Switzerland and South Africa.

David Johnson and Steve McMahon also played for both Merseyside clubs as well as Manchester City. Alan Harper started at Liverpool but never made a first-team appearance before serving Everton tremendously well across two spells either side of time at Sheffield Wednesday and City.

Olympic gold medallist Daniel Amokachi almost added his name to the Everton/City list, but our 1995 FA Cup semi-final hero suffered a knee injury whilst on trial at City during the managerial reign of Joe Royle.

The shortest Everton career from all the players who have played for both this afternoon's clubs belongs to Ian Bishop, who came on for 15 minutes against Manchester United in May 1984.



Southern League. A first-class cricketer who played for Warwickshire, Meunier reached the level of corporal in the 23rd Siege Battery Royal Garrison artillery during the First World War.

Our first FA Cup-winning goalscorer, Sandy Young, made 314 appearances for Everton, scoring 127 goals, before moving to Tottenham Hotspur in 1911 and then on to City later that year.

Peter Beardsley famously played for Everton, Manchester City, Liverpool and Manchester United almost 70 years after Jimmy Broad completed the Merseyside/Manchester quartet – albeit with New Brighton FC rather than Liverpool!

No fewer than eight Everton players have gone on to manage Manchester City: Jock Thomson, Joe Mercer, Ron Saunders, Howard Kendall, Peter Reid, Alan Ball, Joe Royle and Mark Hughes... and they also had Asa Hartford in a brief caretaker capacity.

Amazingly, Thomson, Mercer, Kendall, Reid, Ball and Royle all won the League Championship as players with Everton, Hughes with a few with Manchester United and Saunders won it as a manager with Aston Villa!

Royle is also one of only two former City players to have managed Everton – the other being Frank Lampard.