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QUICK MOVER!

Terry Curran didn't need asking twice when Sheffield United manager Ian Porterfield told him he was wanted for a loan spell at Everton.

The 27 year old Yorkshireman rubber-stamped the deal almost as soon as he was called into a lunchtime meeting at Bramall Lane. 'The manager said I could go to a certain club and when I knew it was Everton, I had no hesitation,' he said.

'He suggested I should think it over, but my mind was made up straightaway. I told him, "Let's not think about it — let's get on with the job!"'

Returning to the First Division for the first time since he left Southampton three and a half years ago tapped Terry's ambition for the big-time. 'The taste is always there, especially at a big club like Everton, and once you know you're back in the First Division, you are buzzing,' he says.

Terry's determination to seize this opportunity, even if it's only for the month agreed so far, has committed him totally to Everton. Although it would not have been impossible to commute from South Yorkshire, he booked into a Liverpool hotel to make sure there were no travelling problems.

'I want to be here nearly all the time, although I'll go back when we get a day off,' he explained. 'It's no good treating it as a joy-ride because I really hope that I can help to get Everton back on the winning trail.'

Terry was born at Kinsley, near Geoff Boycott's hometown, Fitzwilliam, and



TERRY CURRAN . . . tackled by Birmingham's Kevin Dillon, on his Everton debut.

although he played in his local district schools team, he didn't play any football for two years after starting work. He eventually started again in a junior side, but was 18 by the time he began his professional career at Doncaster Rovers.

Within two years he was signed by Brian Clough for Nottingham Forest, and his subsequent moves introduced him to other big-name managers — Tommy Docherty at Derby, Lawrie McMenemy at Southampton and Jack Charlton at Sheffield Wednesday.

'Everyone bought me as a winger,' he says, 'but Jack Charlton decided to use me up front. I scored 23 goals when Wednesday came out of the Third Division and really enjoyed playing off a big striker like Andy McCulloch.'

'I believe this is my best position, but Wednesday then pulled me wide again and, obviously, I wasn't going to get so many goals. I had to do a certain job, and instead of being up front, I was back in deeper role.'

Terry decided to move on when his contract ran out last summer and despite receiving two offers from First Division clubs, he negotiated his own move to neighbouring Sheffield United.

The cross-city deal inevitably captured the local headlines. 'Some people thought it was controversial but I didn't think so. It was just a good move for me,' he says.

'I had been with Wednesday for three years and didn't think they were ambitious enough. Of course, they want to get back to the First Division, but I felt they weren't looking beyond that. United appealed to me because they have a new chairman who wants First Division football and the steps that follow, into Europe and trying to win the major honours.'

Straight-talking Terry believes that both Sheffield clubs belong at the top. He says: 'When you talk about derby matches, United v Wednesday is the equal of the others round the country, make no mistake about that. I played before two full houses — 50,000 at Hillsborough and 45,000 at Bramall Lane, and that was in the Third Division.'

JIMMY'S BACK

Jimmy Husband, a popular member of Everton's last League championship side in 1970, has been keeping fit at Bellefield before returning to America for another campaign with Oklahoma City.

He has been playing in the States for five years and, at 35, he has no plans for retirement. 'Playing on Astro-turf tends to make the football a bit slower over there and that suits me,' he smiled.

Jimmy is due back in America for a series of coaching clinics in schools, but will be home in the New Year, prior to returning to Oklahoma for the start of the new season in April.

He will be watching today's match closely after his 88 goal League career which was divided almost exactly between Everton and Luton Town. He joined The Hatters in their promotion winning season in 1973-74 and played here on their last League visit in 1975.

Luton were relegated that season and Jim-

my recalls: 'I seem to remember that we didn't do much before Christmas, but then we started winning games and almost got out of trouble. We would have stayed up if Tottenham had not won their last match.'

There was another Everton connection with that campaign. Andy King, then 18, made his League debut as substitute in their final fixture at home to Manchester City. Since leaving Kenilworth Road, Andy has played in only one League game against Luton — and he was on target for QPR in November 1980.

GOODISON REUNION

Mick Ferguson's early return to Goodison Park with Birmingham City prompted a spot of good-natured leg-pulling with Mark Higgins.

'He asked me how my nose was before the match, but, thankfully, he didn't do any damage,' says Mark, who has received more than his share of facial damage from big centre forwards like Fergie!

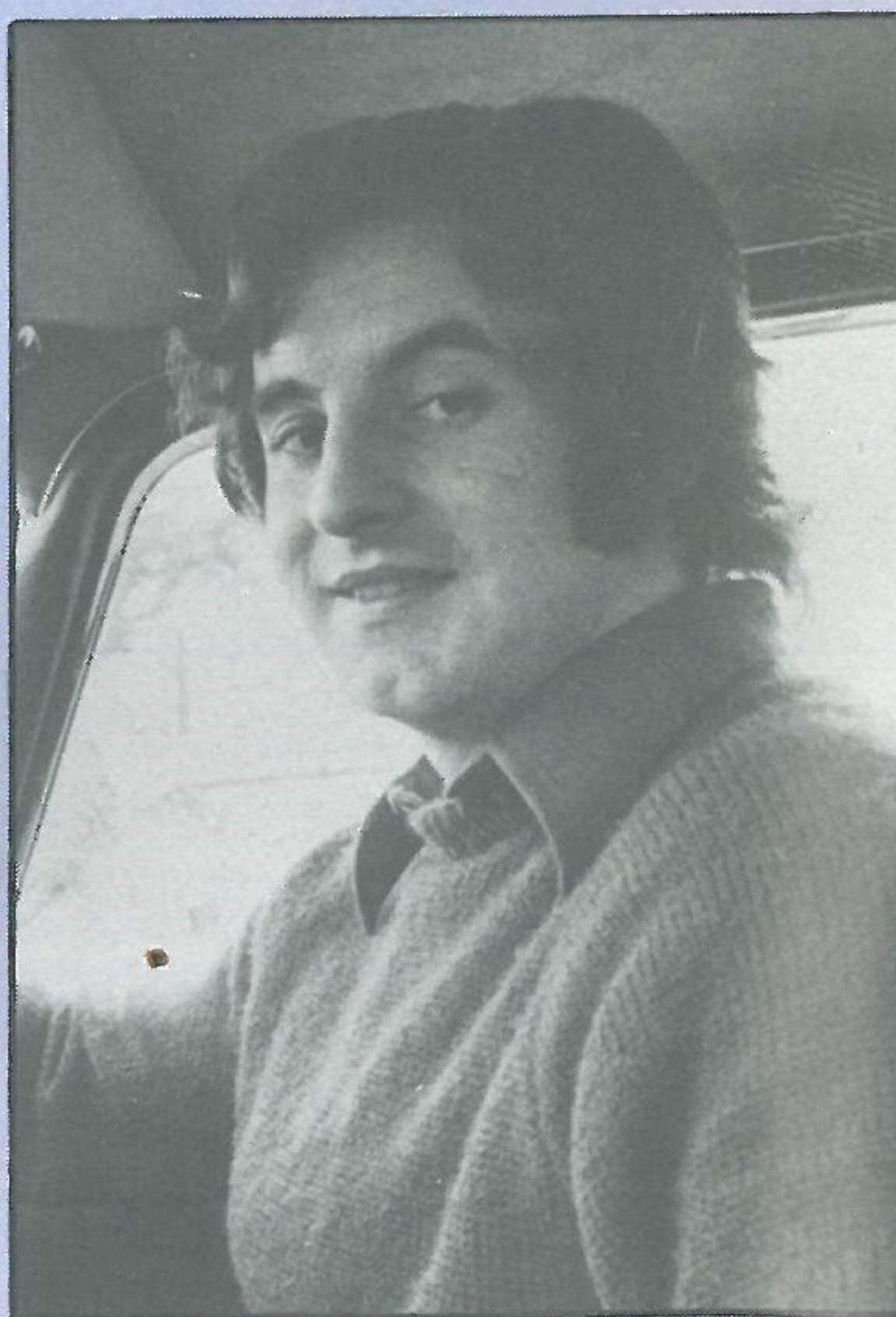
'I've met a lot of old pals coming back to play Everton and it always adds a bit of spice,' added Mark. 'There's always a smile if we do have a bump, but while we're giving everything on the field, we're friends off the park.'

'Fergie missed an early chance and I'm glad that didn't go in because the lads would have killed me.'

'Of course, I've played against him before when he was at Coventry, and like all big lads, he can be good in the air. I enjoyed our tussle but I would have enjoyed it a lot more if we had got an extra two points.'

MORRISSEY TO STEP UP?

John Morrissey, son of our big former



JIMMY HUSBAND

winger, Johnny, has been offered professional terms when he reaches his 18th birthday on March 8th.

Like his dad, young John plays on the wing, but on the right instead of his father's position on the left.

Jason Danksin, a midfield player from Winsford, has signed for Everton on schoolboy forms. We have also agreed to sign David Colman, a centre back from Warrington who plays for Cheshire Boys, and Peter Byrne, a midfield player with Liverpool Boys.

YOUTH CUP PREVIEW

Coach Graham Smith missed last Saturday's 'A' team game against Liverpool so that he could look at our FA Youth Cup opponents. He watched Port Vale against Lincoln City in a match to decide which team visits Goodison Park on or before January 8th.

JOHN'S LANDMARK

John Bailey is due to make his 99th League appearance for Everton today, and here's hoping that he reaches the century before the year is out.

The former Blackburn defender clocked up 73 games in his first two seasons at Goodison Park, but injury problems have delayed his progress to the 100-mark in the last 18 months.

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Everton will play in the first national six-a-side competition at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on January 25th-26th.

Eight teams will be split into two groups with the top two in each section going forward to the semi-finals.

Manager Howard Kendall welcomed the Atari-sponsored tournament. He said: 'We are delighted to give the event our support. The matches will be played on a surface similar to that in our indoor training centre at Bellefield, and I know by that experience that the players will enjoy playing competitive matches on this sort of pitch.'

'The competition will be different from the Daily Express five-a-side championship at Wembley. It will be more like a normal game of football with players allowed to head the ball.'

PROGRAMME FAIR

The Wigan Christmas Programme Fair will be held tomorrow at Wigan Scout Centre, Greenough Street, Wigan (near to Wigan

Rugby ground), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: 20p.

GLENN RETURNS

Glenn Keeley who played in one first team match and five Central League games for Everton has returned to Blackburn Rovers. Manager Howard Kendall said: 'We decided that as soon as we had a definite answer, we would tell Glenn rather than keep him waiting until the end of the second month of his loan.'

Another decision taken last weekend was that Billy Wright would not be considered for the first team until reducing his weight. Mr Kendall said: 'Billy was warned two weeks ago and when we weighed him again last Friday, there was no improvement. It is unfortunate when these things happen and I was disappointed to have to take this action.'

NEWPORT AGAIN

The FA Cup draw has paired us with Newport County for the second time this season. Howard Kendall is looking for a repeat of our 2-0 win at Somerton Park in the first leg of the

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by Jim.



Milk Cup-tie in October, but says: 'There is no way we will underestimate them because of what they showed in the second leg at Goodison Park.'



Fifty years of schools football was commemorated recently by a shield presented to Everton Chairman Mr Philip Carter by Mr Norman Bell, Chairman of Liverpool Schools FA.

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Any unsold stand tickets will go on general sale from Tuesday 4th January 1983.

Admission to the Terraces will be by cash at the turnstiles price £1.90.

Will supporters please note that the Box Office will be closed from the 1st to the 3rd January 1983, inclusive.

In the event of a replay being required this will take place at Goodison Park on Tuesday 11th January 1983, kick-off 7.30 p.m. providing Liverpool FC do not require a replay in their FA Cup-tie at Anfield, in which case the replay will take place at Goodison Park on Wednesday 12th January 1983, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Admission prices for this fixture will be as for normal football League home games.

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Season ticket holders may purchase their normal seat ticket by producing voucher number 26 together with appropriate remittance and priority voucher from their season ticket showing correct row and seat number, on Sunday 9th January 1983, before 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the following selling points:

Main Stand, Top Balcony and Gwladys Street Stand season ticket holders from Goodison Road Box Office;
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Senior citizens may purchase their normal seat ticket during the same hours at a specially reduced price of £3.

Stand season ticket holders may also purchase their normal seat ticket from the Goodison Road Box Office on Monday 10th January 1983, between 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

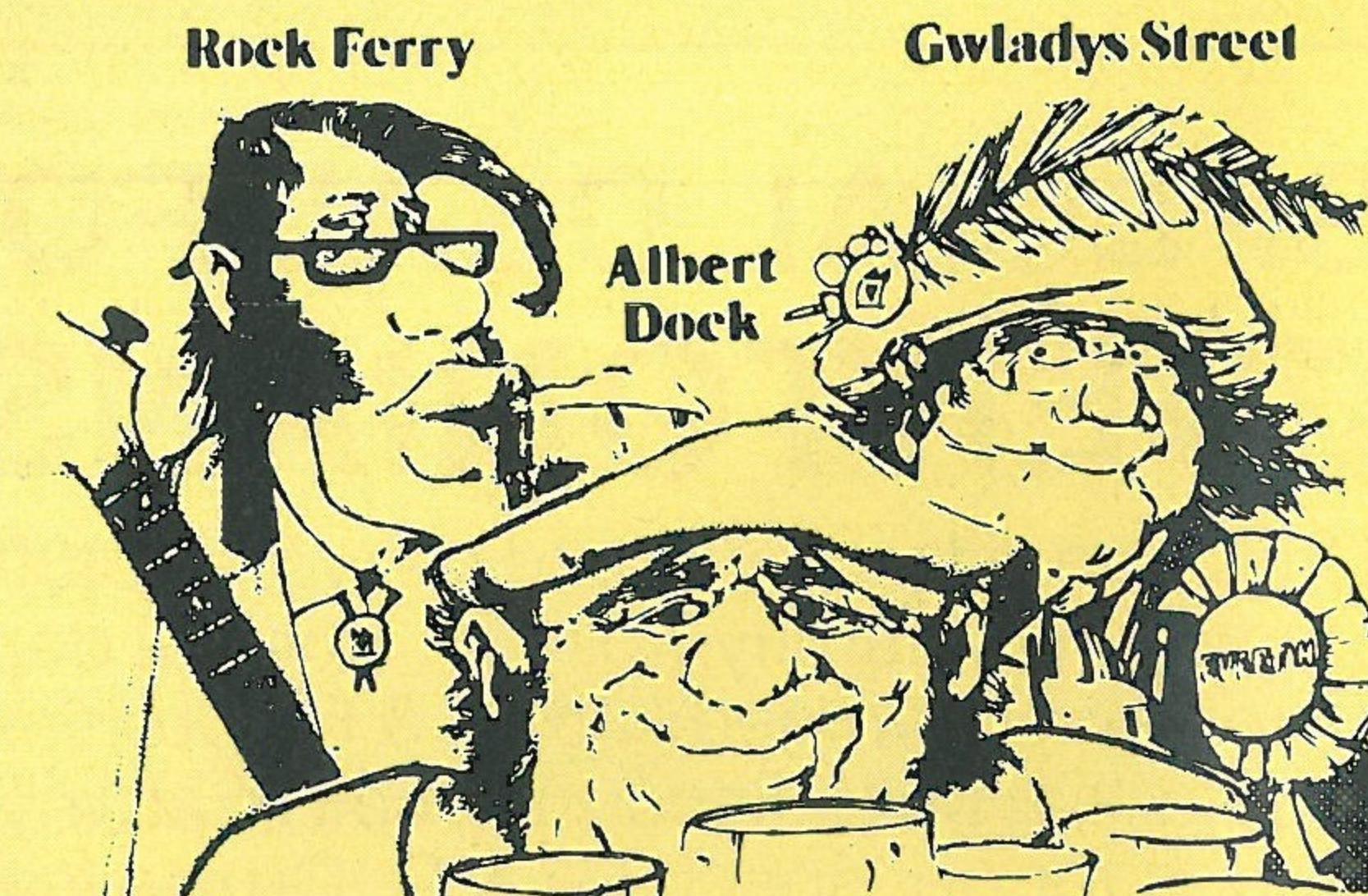
Seat tickets will go on general sale from the Goodison Road Box Office during the same hours, on Sunday 9th January 1983 and during normal office hours 9.30 to 5 p.m. and from 9.30 a.m. to kick-off time on the day of the match.

Admission to the Park End stand and Top Balcony (in reserved section) in addition to the Ground, Paddock and Enclosure, will be by cash at the turnstile. Season ticket holders for the Ground, Paddock and Enclosure enter via their normal season ticket turnstile with the appropriate voucher and correct cash.

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HOWARD KENDALL

Today, we welcome Luton Town, who have created a very favourable impression this season by bringing their attractive brand of football into the First Division.

When I played for Blackburn Rovers, they were one of the best footballing sides in the Second Division and I think they have carried on with that style at the higher level.

I have tremendous admiration for their manager, David Pleat, for the type of football he has continued to encourage. It's good for the game when sides like Luton are successful.

They were excellent Champions of the Second Division last season, and while they have not been able to maintain such consistency this season, they have still achieved some good results against top teams.

We all want to play attractive football, with plenty of skill and lots of goals, but we also want to win, and, at the moment, both Luton and ourselves are in the same boat — trying to give the public what they want but not winning as many points as we would like.

There is a more positive outlook in the game today. The thing that has changed over the last 12 months is that more sides are going forward and more managers are trying to select forward-going players in the middle of the park.

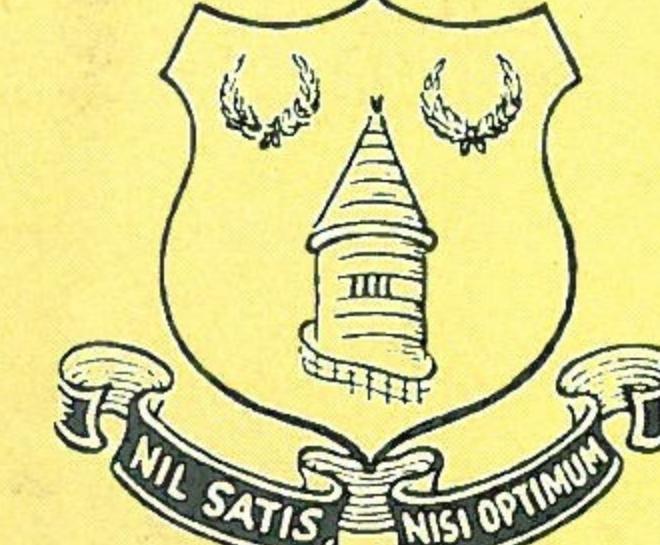
In the past, teams were concerned about being solid in midfield. Very few would play a winger and, in many cases, they would prefer to put in a defender. The outcome was that teams would look solid without really threatening, particularly away from home.

Now, I feel that managers are prepared to change if they can find that type of attacking player. If there is one on the staff, then clubs are turning towards wingers and, also, those attacking midfield men who can score goals.

Maybe the three points for a win has had something to do with it. Sides are certainly taking more chances because winning has become more important in a system where a 0-0 draw can mean dropping two points on sides around you in the table.

But it is not easy to carry out these ideals, as we saw when Birmingham City played here a fortnight ago. They had scored only five goals in eight games, but had conceded only three in that time, and their defensive record was sufficient to keep them unbeaten for two months.

In their position, the manager has to work out how best to get results, and if you are in trouble, what course does he take?



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Everton recorded only their second goalless draw of the season when they met

Birmingham City at Goodison in our last home match, but it was the fourth consecutive game that Everton failed to score.

Our pictures show (opposite) Tony Coton having to deal with just one of 23 corners conceded by Birmingham during the match. (Top) Andy King shooting for goal . . . (Left) Byron Stevenson and Graeme Sharp challenging for another Everton corner.

LUTON

Life at the top has been an education for Luton Town. And one thing is for sure. They have contributed as much as they have learned from four months in the First Division.

Their free-wheeling, expressive style of attacking football has surprised some of soccer's top teams. None more so than on their previous visit to Merseyside for a 3-3 thriller against Liverpool in September.

They lost goalkeeper Jake Findlay with the score 1-1, went behind by half-time, but bounced back to lead 3-2 before Craig Johnston levelled the scores. 'Playing against Luton was like playing against Liverpool — it seemed as if they had 14 players!' praised Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson.

That match was part of a breathtaking package served up by Luton in the five-game September programme. They had an equally spectacular draw when sharing eight goals at Stoke City and they won two home games with five goals each time. The only defeat was by 4-1 at Aston Villa.

Inevitably, there have been times when Luton's crusading tactics

have got them into defensive trouble. Indeed, they moved into December with 35 goals conceded (the highest figure in the First Division), but they had also scored 33 in 16 games (a total beaten only by Liverpool and Watford).

Mention of Watford is a reminder that Luton's promotion partners have confounded last season's Second Division form by doing better at the higher level. Whereas Luton won the championship by eight points after leading the table for 32 weeks out of 36, Watford have progressed to join the First Division title contenders.

At one time, the two promoted clubs were in close contact — Luton were in eighth place early in October — but a spell of nearly two months without a win caused the Kenilworth Road club to slip to 18th at the start of December.

But manager David Pleat was not unduly concerned, describing their results as 'steady but unspectacular' as points were dropped in a number of drawn games at home.

His desire to entertain was still the priority, as Luton proved by coming from two down to draw 3-3 with Southampton in a BBC *Match of*

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fixture. It was this attitude which marked Luton's development from the time Mr Pleat took over a modest Second Division team in January 1978. After a relegation near-miss in his first full campaign, he led The Hatters into the promotion race for three years before they were eventually successful last May.

He said then: 'Our success has been a triumph for skill, confidence, endeavour, and the ability to finish our attacks in the manner that will pull the crowds back — with goals.'

He might have added another vital factor — his personal skill in the transfer market. Only two members of this season's regular team — top scorer Brian Stein and new England cap Ricky Hill — were at the club when he succeeded Harry Haslam after a spell as manager of Nuneaton and three years on the coaching staff at Luton.

He has since spent around £1m in assembling the current side, paying a top fee of £350,000 this year for England Under-21 forward Paul Walsh, who scored a First Division hat-trick soon after leaving Charlton. That deal was partly financed by transferring Steve White to Charlton at an estimated valuation of £100,000.

Four other Luton players have six-figure price tags. Goalkeeper Findlay moved from Aston Villa for £100,000; free-scoring winger David Moss arrived from Swindon for £110,000; skipper Brian Horton came from Brighton for £100,000; and defender Mike Saxby cost £200,000 from Mansfield.

Saxby has missed more than a year's football because of injury, while Mark Aizlewood, the first choice left back until Richard Money's move from Liverpool earlier this year, was also sidelined for several months and then had the misfortune to be concussed in a reserve comeback appearance.

Consequently, the defence has taken on a new shape in the last 12 months. Clive Goodyear stepped in at centre half to win a championship medal in his first season out of reserve football. He is partnered by Irish international Mal Donaghy, with former non-League signing Kirk Stephens and Money in the full back positions.

Findlay is regarded as the No. 1 goalkeeper, although injury and suspension to the Scotsman created extra opportunities for Alan Judge, a former apprentice who

was briefly on loan at Reading earlier in the season.

The 'crown jewel' of Luton's midfield is 23 year old Hill, who made his first England appearance as substitute in Denmark in September and later played in the friendly international against West Germany at Wembley. He was wanted by West Ham as a schoolboy, but Luton moved in first and he was in their League side at 17. Last season he was voted Player of the Year.

While Hill's ability to accelerate past opponents makes him the 'flair' player in midfield, the steady role is played superbly by 33 year old skipper Brian Horton. He led Brighton from the Third Division to the First and, on joining Luton 16 months ago, he became Mr Pleat's first signing from a First Division club.

One of Luton's local discoveries, Wayne Turner, is now emerging in the third midfield spot, having stepped above Yugoslav international Raddy Antic and Lil Fuccillo, whose promising career suffered a major setback when he spent more than a year out of football after twice breaking a leg.

Another contender is Billy Kellock a much-travelled Scotsman who was brought from Peterborough last summer in a £30,000 deal designed to strengthen the squad for First Division requirements.

Goalscoring seems to be the least of Luton's worries. With Walsh tipped as a potential England star of the future and Moss striking from the left flank, they have two versatile players who blend in perfectly with the main striker, Stein.

Although born in South Africa,

Stein has been on the fringe of the England squad since arriving in the First Division this season. He scored a hat-trick against Brighton as part of a September spell of seven goals in three games (including two against Liverpool at Anfield).

First on the line of attacking deputies seems to be Midlands youngster Frank Bunn, who marked his seasonal debut with a goal against Blackpool in the Milk Cup. This competition also provided full back Mitchell Thomas with a senior debut at Charlton.

The arrival of such players suggests that Luton are preparing for a bright future. Mr Pleat sees the club's development continuing along the lines of Ipswich Town, for he says: 'I'd like to think that I can do for Luton what Bobby Robson accomplished at Ipswich.'

LUTON TOWN STATISTICS 1982-83

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	Milk Cup/League Apps	Goals
Raddy Antic	Yugoslavia	Sioboda, Partizan, Fenerbahce, Zaragoza	5(8)	—
Frank Bunn	Birmingham	—	—(2)	1
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	Larne	21	1
Jake Findlay	Blairgowrie	Aston Villa	17	—
Lil Fuccillo	Bedford	—	6	2
Clive Goodyear	Lincoln	—	21	1
Ricky Hill	London	—	21	3
Brian Horton	Hednesford	Walsall, Hednesford, Port Vale, Brighton	22	1
Alan Judge	Kingsbury	—	5	—
Billy Kellock	Glasgow	Aston Villa, Cardiff, Norwich	31(1)	2
Richard Money	Lowestoft	Millwall, Kettering, Peterborough, Lowestoft, Scunthorpe, Fulham, Liverpool	21	—
David Moss	Witney	Witney, Swindon	22	8
Brian Stein	S. Africa	Edgware	22	15
Kirk Stephens	Coventry	Nuneaton	19	—
Mitchell Thomas	Luton	—	1	—
Wayne Turner	Luton	—	14(1)	1
Paul Walsh	Plumstead	Charlton	22	7

LEAGUE RESULTS: Spurs (A) 2-2, West Ham (H) 0-2, Notts County (H) 5-3, Aston Villa (A) 1-4, Liverpool (A) 3-3, Brighton (H) 5-0, Stoke (A) 4-4, Man. United (H) 1-1, Birmingham (A) 3-2, Ipswich (H) 1-1, WBA (A) 0-1, Forest (H) 0-2, Arsenal (H) 2-2, Sunderland (A) 1-1, Coventry (A) 2-4, Southampton (H) 3-3, Swansea (A) 0-2, Man. City (H) 3-1. MILK CUP: Charlton (H) 3-0, (A) 0-2, Blackpool (H) 4-2, Spurs (A) 0-1.



Luton's Kirk Stephens outjumps the Birmingham defence.

EXTRA

QUIZ SPOT

Winner of Quiz Spot No. 11 (v Birmingham) was Miss Della Ashton, of Canterbury Road, Rock Ferry, who answered correctly that Jimmy Rimmer, then of Arsenal, was the last goalkeeper, other than Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton or Joe Corrigan, to be capped by England.

Here is today's question:

Which former Everton player appeared for Luton Town in the 1959 FA Cup Final?

Address your answers, on a POSTCARD, please, to: Quiz Spot No. 12, Everton FC, Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL. The first correct entry scrutinised next Thursday will win for the sender two tickets for a forthcoming home League game.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Today is a double celebration for Benny Sedgewick, of Park Avenue, Kinmel Bay, Rhyl. His ninth birthday coincides with his selection as Everton's mascot this afternoon. The matchday mascot's kit is supplied by Umbro International, who have kindly agreed that it should be retained as a lasting souvenir of a very special day for Benny.

GET DOWN TO GOODISON!

Two of Britain's £1m strikers will be in partnership at Goodison Park in the next home match against Nottingham Forest on Tuesday, December 28th (kick-off 3 p.m.). Ian Wallace, bought from Coventry City for the magical seven-figure sum, and Garry Birtles, sold to Manchester United for £1.2m but re-signed for a much smaller fee, will be hoping to maintain Forest's push for a European place or even a tilt at winning the championship. In their first 18 games together, they scored 22 goals between them and lifted Brian Clough's side to third position at the end of November. Other well-known faces in an attractive Forest team are ex-Evertonian Colin Todd, Scotland winger John Robertson, and the Merseyside-born duo, Kenny Swain, on loan from Aston Villa, and Ian Bowyer, the club captain.

RAC TRAVEL

Stoke City v Everton, Monday 27th December (3 p.m.).

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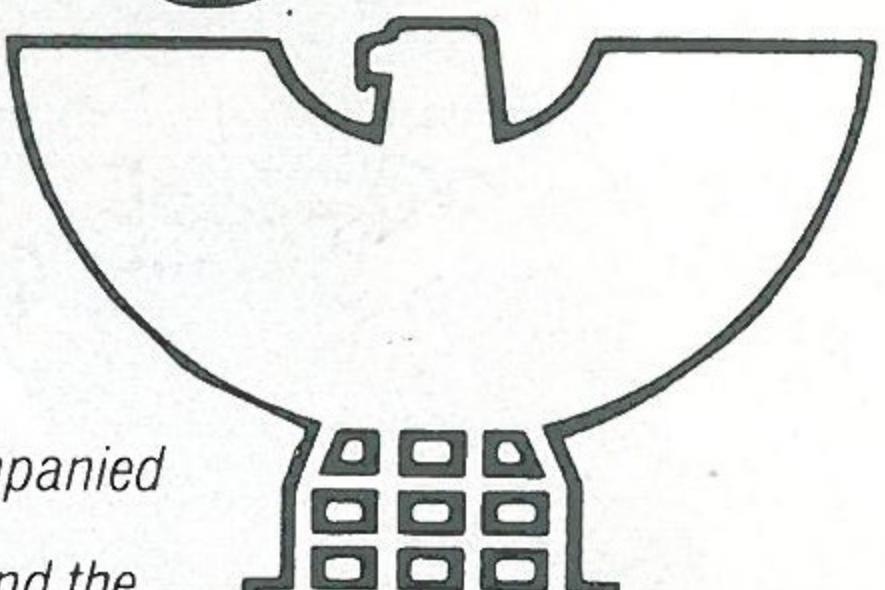
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Coyle	3	—	Kendall	1	—	Southall	3	—
Ferguson	7	6	Leonard	7	2	Stevens	9	—
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EVERTON A-Z

PART 11 — By TONY PULLEIN

DAVIES, Jos Jos was the Toffees' outside right in the very early days of League Football. He won his first Welsh cap in a goalless draw with Scotland at Wrexham in April 1889. Wales, in fact fielded two Jos Davies in those days for Newton Heath (now Manchester United) had a Welsh centre half of the same name. Our Jos Davies picked up two of his 11 caps whilst an Everton player. He was transferred to Chirk in 1890 and later served Ardwick (Manchester City nowadays), Sheffield United, Manchester City (for a second period), Millwall and Reading.

DAVIES, Stanley Stanley was a centre forward who joined us from Preston in 1921. His stay at Goodison Park was brief and he made only 20 League appearances and scored nine goals — but he won three of his 18 Welsh caps as an Everton player. Stanley enjoyed greater success after moving on to WBA, where he was on four occasions top, or joint-top scorer. He was transferred to Rotherham in 1930.

DEAN, William Ralph (Dixie) 'Dixie' was one of the greatest goalscorers of all time. He emerged at a time when big, bustling centre forwards were in vogue and he became the prince of them all —



in spite of the fact that, as a teenager, he fractured his skull in a motorcycle accident. Later that same head was to earn fame by scoring more goals in First Division football than was ever achieved by anyone else with headers. 'Dixie's' 60 goal hit in season 1927-28 remains a Football League record and his career total was a fabulous 379. 'Dixie' scored 12 times in his first five games for England and went on to collect 16 caps. Everton signed him from Tranmere Rovers in March 1925 and he won a League Championship medal and an FA Cup winners' medal during 12 glorious years at Goodison Park. In 1938 he signed for Notts County where he was to complete his League playing days. League record:

	Apps	Gls
Tranmere	1923-24	2
	1924-25	27
Everton	1924-25	7
	1925-26	38
1926-27	27	21
	1927-28	39
1928-29	29	26
	1929-30	25
1930-31	37	39
	1931-32	38
1932-33	39	24
	1933-34	12
1934-35	38	26
	1935-36	29
1936-37	36	24
	1937-38	5
Notts County	3	—
	1938-39	6
	437	379

DOBSON, Martin Martin was signed from Burnley for £300,000 in 1974 and won his fifth England cap as an Everton player. One of the most cultured midfield players of his day, Martin enjoyed five very successful seasons at



Goodison Park before returning to Burnley in 1979. League record until the end of last season:

Bolton	—	Apps	Gls
Burnley	1967-68	11(3)	3
	1968-69	22	4
	1969-70	36	5
	1970-71	25	4
	1971-72	42	9
	1972-73	41	12
	1973-74	40	4
	1974-75	3	1
	1974-75	30	5
	1975-76	42	5
	1976-77	40	8
	1977-78	38	7
	1978-79	40	4
	1979-80	29	5
	1980-81	46	7
	1981-82	44	3
	529(3)	86	

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL Champions Cup

1963-64 — Inter-Milan (h) 0-0 (a) 0-1.
1970-71 — Keflavik (h) 6-2 (a) 3-0;
Borussia Moenchengladbach (a) 1-1 (h)
1-1 (won on penalties); Panathinaikos
(h) 1-1, (a) 0-0 (lost on away goals).

Cup Winners' Cup

1966-67 — Aalborg (a) 0-0 (h) 2-1; Real
Zaragoza (a) 0-2 (h) 1-0.

UEFA Cup (including Fairs Cup)

1962-63 — Dunfermline (h) 1-0 (a) 0-2.
1964-65 — Valerenga (a) 5-2 (h) 4-2;
Kilmarnock (a) 2-0 (h) 4-1; Manchester
United (a) 1-1 (h) 1-2.
1965-66 — Nuremberg (a) 1-1 (h) 1-0;
Ujpest Dosza (a) 0-3 (h) 2-1.
1975-76 — AC Milan (h) 0-0 (a) 0-1.
1978-79 — Finn Harps (a) 5-0 (h) 5-0;
Dukla Prague (h) 2-1 (a) 0-1 (lost on
away goals).
1979-80 — Feyenoord (a) 0-1 (h) 0-1.

EVERTON FC Everton's roots can be traced back to a Sunday School team known as St Domingo and it was in 1878 when the present title was adopted and the club put on a firmer footing. The first home ground was at Stanley Park but in 1882 the headquarters was moved to Priory Road. Two years later the club took over the Anfield ground but, when the landlord demanded a huge increase in rent in 1892, it was decided to come here to Goodison Park. The club was turned into a limited company in 1892.

Watch out for Part 12 in our A-Z. We shall be recalling our former Irish wing wizard TOMMY EGLENTON and covering a full list of our results in the FA Cup. This will form yet another important part of your history of Everton FC.

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PROFILE

Kevin Sheedy's personal file showed just 54 League appearances when he joined Everton. A modest statistic hiding a remarkable cross-section of experience.

For instance . . .

● **CELEBRATING** the Third Division Championship on his debut day in his first month as an apprentice with Hereford United.

● **BECOMING** a regular in a side which reversed its rapid rise from the Southern League by slipping to relegation in consecutive seasons.

● **PLAYING** for the Republic of Ireland partly because Wales would not offer the smallest hint that they wanted him as well.

● **JOINING** the most successful club side in Britain but finally leaving Liverpool because four Central League Championship medals could not compensate for missing a first team place.

● **SIGNING** for Everton as the first player to be involved in a transfer between Merseyside's top clubs for 20 years.

The sequence of events really began when Kevin's parents moved from their public house in Builth Wells and took over another hostelry on the Abergavenny side of Hereford. This eventually brought him under the spotlight of his local League club when he played for his school and the County Boys team.

He also turned out for a Boys' Club team which became a real family affair, with his dad driving the boys to their matches and his mother washing the kit. And that led to a place in Hereford United's Youth team when he was still at school.

'I signed on when I was 17, and because Hereford did not have a very big staff, a first team opportunity came a lot sooner than if I had been at a bigger club. I played a few games in the Reserves in the Football Combination and got my debut in the last game of the Third Division promotion season in 1976.'

'We won 3-2 and the thing I remember most is that Dixie McNeil scored the hat-trick he needed to become joint top scorer in the whole of the League.'

It wasn't long before the international selectors were knocking on the door. But Kevin had a dual qualification. His father, Michael, is an Irishman from County Clare, his mother, Jean, is Welsh, and, of course, Kevin was born in Wales at Builth Wells.

'My decision was really made for me,' says Kevin. 'The Republic came along first and said I was in their Youth side, but before I replied to them, I rang up the Welsh FA and asked whether they might be considering me.'

'They said the team had been selected but they couldn't tell me before the official announcement. That made it a bit easier for me to say "yes" to Ireland, but the day afterwards, Wales rang up and said they wanted me.'

'I told them that I was committed to Ireland by then, but whether I made the right decision in the long-term remains to be seen. I have played for the Youth and Under-21 teams but not the senior side, although I was selected whilst at Hereford and couldn't go because the club was threatened



by relegation and needed me for a League match.'

'They asked me again last summer, but their South American tour was at the time of the Argentinian troubles and I also wanted to be at home to sort out my future at the end of my Liverpool contract.'

So Kevin is still looking for his first full cap, an honour which again eluded him recently when he was called up for a European Championship match against Spain but had to withdraw because of injury.

However, he is philosophical on this subject, pointing out that establishing himself in the First Division comes first and that, if he is successful at that, he will have a better chance of playing international football.

One of the men in possession for Ireland is Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan. They shared the same digs when they were together at Anfield and were obvious contenders for the midfield spot vacated by Ray Kennedy last season.

Hindsight might suggest that an injury to Kevin may have cost him first his chance at filling that job. He recalls: 'I got into the side against Birmingham (in February 1981) and the next week I was substitute at Brighton. Then I played for Ireland's Under-21s the following Wednesday and got injured. That put me out for three weeks, and in that time, Ray Kennedy was injured and Ronnie got into the team.'

Even so, Kevin doesn't put any particular emphasis on the way things turned out, nor does he believe that he and his former Liverpool teammate are direct rivals for a place with Eire.

'Ronnie has been a regular at Liverpool and, obviously, he will be a first-choice in the Republic side,' he says. 'The way I look at the situation is, if they think I am good enough, they will try to make room for me.'

In any case, Kevin places a priority on the regular League place he has been chasing since he left Hereford in 1978. 'That move came to a head when Hereford were relegated for a second time,' he recalls. 'I did not fancy going into the Fourth Division and I knew that a number of clubs were interested.'

'But the move to a club like Liverpool was really out of the blue. It seemed tremendous then, but then there have been times since when I have wondered whether I did the right thing in going to Anfield as a teenager.'

'As each season went by without a real chance in the first team, it became a bit frustrating, and I knew that it would be best to look for another club at the end of my contract.'

'People say it's not easy to leave the success they have at Anfield, but that's not quite true. You are only part of that success if you are in the first team, and the competition there was such that I didn't get that many trips when they were taking 16 to European matches.'

The last thing Kevin imagined, as he pondered over his future earlier this year, was that he would be exchanging a Red shirt for the Blue of Everton. The prospect excited him, and although he shares everyone's disappointment with recent results, there's no doubt that he thinks it was the right move.

'I've enjoyed every game for Everton,' he says. 'I know we have been going through a sticky patch, but the players are more than good enough to get us out of trouble. Mind you, that's not really the right phrase. I don't believe that we are in trouble at all, and if you look at the teams below us, they are much more likely to struggle than Everton.'

● **PERSONAL NOTE . . .** Kevin and his wife, Debbie, whom he met when he was still at school in Hereford, have moved into a house at Ainsdale following their marriage last month.



UMBRO SPORTSWEAR
THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1982-83			F	A	Att.	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 28	A	Watford	0-2	19,630	—	—		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	Heath	McMahon*	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Aug 31	H	Aston Villa	5-0	24,025	3	—		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Irvine*	Heath	Sharp	King ¹	Sheedy	Richardson
Sept 4	H	Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	30,553	6	5		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright ¹	McMahon ¹	Ainscow	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Sept 8	A	Man United	1-2	43,186	6	10		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Ainscow*	Heath	Sharp	King ¹	Ross	Richardson
Sept 11	A	Notts County	0-1	9,197	6	14		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Irvine*	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Sept 18	H	Norwich City	1-1	20,281	7	13		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Ainscow	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Sept 25	A	Coventry City	2-4	9,319	7	16		Southall	Richardson	Walsh	Ratcliffe	Wright	McMahon	Irvine*	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Ross
Oct 2	H	Brighton & H Albion	2-2	17,539	8	17		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright ¹	McMahon	Heath ¹	Johnson	Sharp	King ¹	Irvine	Richardson
Oct 5	A	Newport County (MC2-1L)	2-0	8,293	—	—		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath ¹	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Oct 9	H	Manchester City	2-1	25,158	11	13		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath*	Johnson	Sharp	King ¹	Sheedy	Richardson
Oct 16	A	Swansea City	+3-0	11,183	14	10		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath*	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Ross
Oct 23	H	Sunderland	3-1	20,360	17	7		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath*	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Irvine
Oct 27	H	Newport County (MC2-2L)	2-2	8,941	—	—		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath*	Johnson	Sharp	King ¹	Sheedy	Richardson
Oct 30	A	Southampton	2-3	18,141	17	11		Southall	Borrows	Bailey	Higgins	Wright ¹	McMahon	Heath*	Johnson	Sharp	King ¹	Sheedy	Irvine
Nov 6	H	Liverpool	0-5	52,741	17	13		Southall	Bailey	Keeley	Wright	McMahon	Heath	Johnson*	Johnson	Sharp	King ¹	Sheedy	Richardson
Nov 9	H	Arsenal (MC3)	1-1	13,089	—	—		Arnold	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath	Johnson*	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Nov 13	A	Arsenal	1-1	23,067	18	11		Arnold	Stevens	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath	Johnson*	Johnson	Sharp	King ¹	Richardson*
Nov 20	H	West Bromwich Albion	0-0	16,001	19	14		Arnold	Stevens	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath	Johnson	Sharp	King	Irvine	Richardson
Nov 23	A	Arsenal (MC3 replay)	0-3	19,547	—	—		Arnold	Stevens	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Nov 27	A	West Ham Utd	0-2	21,424	19	15		Arnold	Stevens	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Heath	Johnson	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Johnson
Dec 4	H	Birmingham City	0-0	13,703	20	15		Arnold	Stevens	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Curran	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Richardson
Dec 11	A	Ipswich Town	2-0	17,512	23	14		Arnold	Stevens	Bailey	Higgins	Wright	McMahon	Curran	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy ¹	Richardson
Dec 18	A	Luton Town																	
Dec 27	A	Stoke City																	
Dec 28	H	Nottingham Forest																	

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1982-83

Aug 28	H	West Brom. Albion	F	A
Aug 31	A	Coventry City	0-1	
Sept 4	A	Manchester United	3-0	
Sept 14	H	Leeds United	1-1	
Sept 21	A	Sheffield Wednesday	0-0	
Sept 28	H	Coventry City	3-0	
Oct 13	A	Aston Villa	3-1	
Oct 21	A	Sheffield United	1-1	
Oct 30	H	Liverpool	0-0	
Nov 9	A	Bury	3-0	
Nov 24	A	Huddersfield Town	2-0	
Nov 30	H	Wolves	0-0	
Dec 8	A	Stoke City	1-0	
Dec 15	A	West Bromwich Albion		
Dec 22	A	Newcastle United		

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Jan 1	A	West Bromwich Albion	F	A
Jan 3	A	Tottenham Hotspur	3-0	
Jan 8	A	Newport (FAC 3)	1-1	
Jan 15	H	Watford	0-0	
Jan 22	A	Norwich City	3-0	
Jan 29	FA Cup 4			
Feb 5	H	Notts County		
Feb 12	A	Aston Villa		
Feb 19	A	Manchester City (5)		
Feb 26	H	Swansea City		
Mar 5	A	Sunderland		
Mar 12	H	Southampton (6)		
Mar 19	A	Liverpool		
Mar 26	H	Arsenal (Milk Cup F)		
April 2	A	Nottingham Forest		
April 4	H	Stoke City		
April 9	A	Brighton & H Albion		
April 16	H	Man United (FAC SF)		
April 23	A	Birmingham City		
April 30	H	West Ham Utd		
May 2	A	Coventry City		
May 7	A	Luton Town		
May 14	H	Ipswich Town		
May 21	FA Cup Final			

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Jan 5	H	Sheffield United	F	A
Jan 19	A	Blackburn Rovers	0-1	
Feb 2	A	Blackpool	3-0	
Feb 8	H	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	
Feb 15	H	Bury	0-0	
Feb 22	H	Aston Villa	2-0	
Mar 8	H	Blackburn Rovers	2-0	
Mar 15	A	Leeds United	2-0	
Mar 22	H	Blackpool	2-0	
Mar 26	A	Liverpool	2-0	
Mar 29	H	Huddersfield Town	2-0	
April 12	H	Stoke City	2-0	
April 20	A	Wolves	2-0	
April 26	H	Newcastle United	2-0	
May 7	H	Manchester United	2-0	

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Up to and including	Saturday	11th December	
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FIRST DIVISION STATISTICS 1982-83

(League games only)	Lowest League Attendance:	
Highest Home League Win:	8,054 Coventry v Brighton	
Watford 8 v Sunderland 0	4.12.82	
Highest Away League Win:	25.9.82	
Notts County 0 v Ipswich 6	25.9.82	
Most Goals in a League Match:		
4 Luther Blissett (Watford) v Sund'land	25.9.82	
4 John Wark (Ipswich) v W.B.A.	30.10.82	
4 Ian Rush (Liverpool) v Everton	6.11.82	
3 Bob Latchford (Swansea		

TEAMS

EVERTON

5 (2)

Royal Blue Shirts, White Shorts

1	JIM ARNOLD
2	GARY STEVENS
3	JOHN BAILEY
4	KEVIN RATCLIFFE
5	MARK HIGGINS
6	STEVE McMAHON
7	TERRY CURRAN
8	ADRIAN HEATH
9	DAVID JOHNSON
10	KEVIN RICHARDSON
11	KEVIN SHEEDY
12	SHARP

LUTON TOWN

6 (0)

1	JAKE FINDLAY
2	KIRK STEPHENS
3	RICHARD MONEY
4	BRIAN HORTON
5	CLIVE GOODYEAR
6	MAL DONAGHY
7	RICKY HILL
8	BRIAN STEIN
9	PAUL WALSH
10	WAYNE TURNER
11	DAVID MOSS
12	FUCCILLO



REFEREE:
M. G. PECK

Kendal

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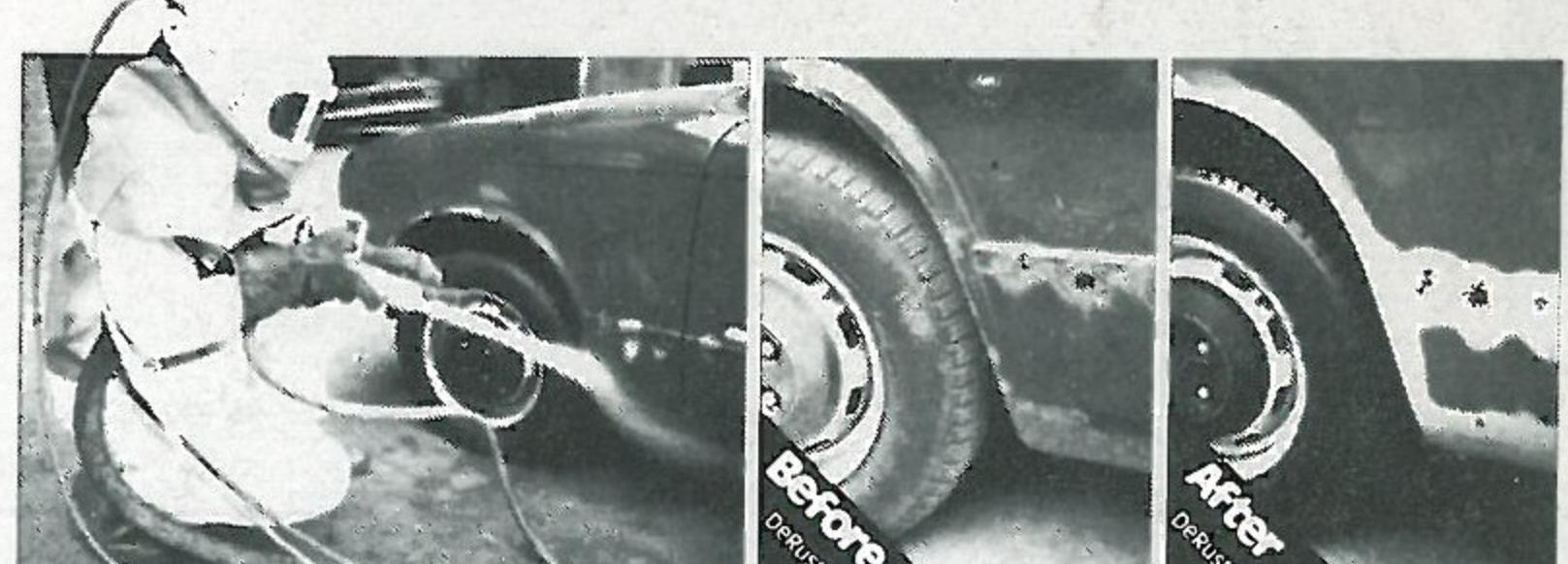
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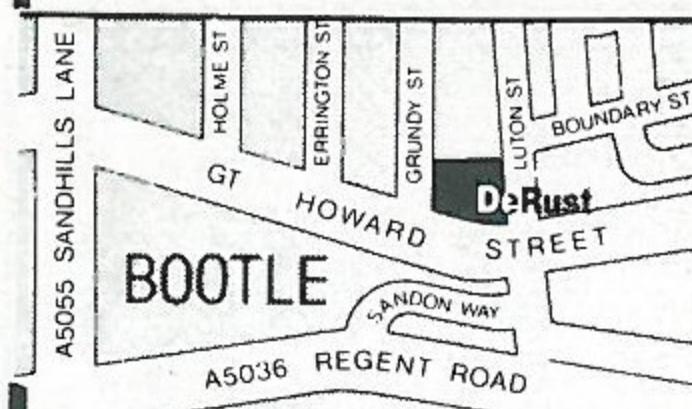
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