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LUTON TOWN**  
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In today's Everton match programme . . .  
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**PROFILE ON**  
**ALAN HARPER**

# COMMENT

Live television is a contentious subject inside and outside the football world. This season's experiment is welcomed by many but disliked by others.

But one thing is for sure. The first match in front of the cameras was a winner in proving that the modern game is, to quote the *Daily Mail's* catchy headline, 'live and well.'

Their soccer correspondent, Jeff Powell, seemed to have no doubts about the success of the Spurs v Nottingham Forest match. 'To the astonishment, no doubt, of a nation tuned to Independent Television expecting confirmation of the game's decline, the old glory game came up smiling,' he wrote.

'Above all,' he added, 'ITV should express their gratitude to two teams who gave them a programme to remember for its vivid excitement as well as its novelty value.'

But Donald Saunders, of the *Daily Telegraph*, was less enthusiastic. He wonders, too, whether the public at home can gather sufficient partisanship to retain an interest. He wrote: 'Watching two teams, with whom one has not the slightest association, can become truly entertaining only if the standard of football is exceptionally high or the excitement gripping.'

Two media views, each reflecting a different theme, serve to illustrate the point that live television will always be an issue for debate.

OUR VIEW IS THAT THE MATCH CAME OVER VERY WELL ON THE SCREEN. IT WAS AN IDEAL GAME WHICH COULD ALMOST HAVE BEEN STAGED FOR TELEVISION.

The way Forest got an early goal and then defended their advantage illustrated how important it is to view a game in its entirety. The TV audience, brought up on a diet of edited highlights, were able to see that clubs play away from home as Forest did.

The majority try to close the game up, particularly if they are in front, and this is a problem from which we have suffered in most of our home games so far this season.

That is no criticism of Forest. They did their job well in holding off Spurs for a long time and, indeed, they had three or four breaks which might have added to their lead.

*But imagine if that game had been cut down to 15 or 20 minutes. Forest's attacks would have been shown and the impression might have been that of an even game.*

Live television, showing the full 90 minutes, gave a far more balanced picture. And it was an excellent spectacle.

Tottenham, of course, provided a lengthy programme of pre-match entertainment and reduced prices to attract a good crowd. But other televised games will stand on their own feet as an attraction.

**For example, our match at Anfield three weeks tomorrow. The opinion of both clubs is that the Merseyside derby will retain its appeal with those who want to see the game live at Anfield.**



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# TEAM TALK

Today we welcome Luton Town for the first of our three home matches in succession.

The worst thing we could do is to be complacent because of two impressive wins against Luton last season. They seem to have settled down after their relegation scare and have made a much better start than many people may have thought.

They are a good footballing side, probably with their strength in going forward, and, hopefully, we will have a different type of game compared with the first four at Goodison Park this season.

The public want to see two sides making a game of it. But it doesn't always happen that way, as we all saw in the first televised match when Nottingham Forest were hanging on to their early goal against Spurs.

No matter how much talent the home side may have, it is very difficult to break down teams who get players behind the ball.

That has been our problem in the previous games at Goodison, although we had chances to go in front when we dominated the first-half against Birmingham City. And really it was some slack defensive play which allowed them to take the lead in what was virtually their first attack.

We equalised immediately after half-time and, incidentally, there is no doubt it was a penalty after watching the incident on the video. Likewise, the referee was proved to be correct in disallowing a goal for Birmingham when one of their players was clearly in an off-side position in front of Jim Arnold.

Both sides could have won later in the game. We had chances in the last 10 minutes and they had opportunities as well. But it wasn't the impressive performance we were looking for after coming back from Tottenham with three points.

However, we must give credit to the opposition. Noel Blake, at the back, and Mick Harford, up front, were the main reasons for Birmingham taking a point. Blake coped with everything we threw into their box and Harford was always causing us problems.

For the following game at Notts County, I decided to bring in Alan Irvine to give us a bit of width. Unfortunately, it wasn't the best of games; indeed, it was one of the few matches in my two years here, where we have given the opposition so many chances and still come away with the points.

Normally, it goes the other way — we play well and get nothing. Still, I'm not complaining, and, as I often say, there's never a bad win. Some are just better than others!

Our goal came from a good break and another fine strike by Peter Reid.

Neville Southall made his first appearance of the season at Meadow Lane. Although our defensive record wasn't bad, I felt that Jim Arnold was a little bit on edge, and it was a case of letting him settle down again, although the player doesn't always believe this is the right thing to do.

We have two first-class goalkeepers and whoever is in the team knows that the other one is breathing down his

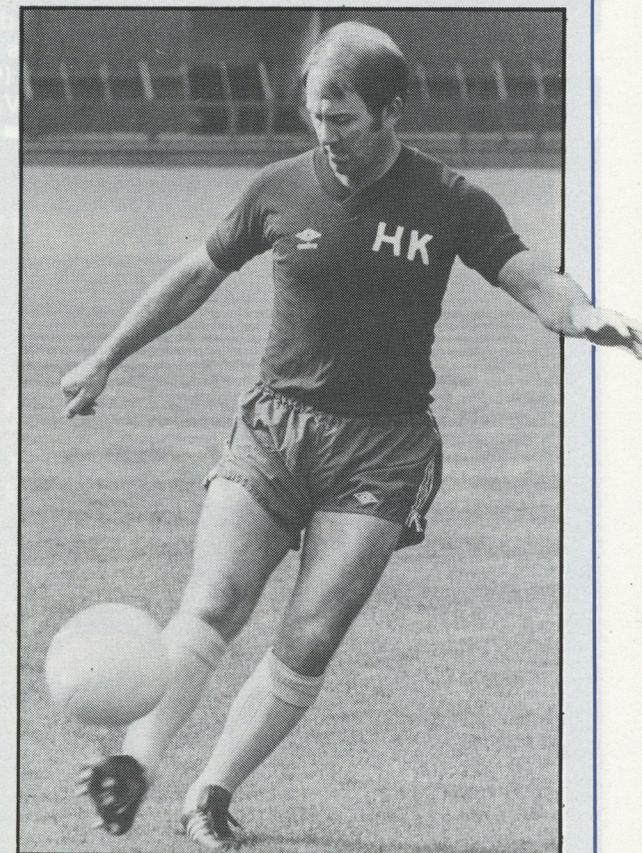
neck. We don't want it to become a pressure thing where they are worried about making a mistake, but we are looking for consistency. And that goes for any player in the team.

Our Milk Cup campaign began in very difficult conditions, with a gale-force wind blowing from end to end at Chesterfield. We had the advantage in the first-half when I felt we played well and, again, we could have been two or three up after establishing total control.

With the wind behind them after the break, Chesterfield applied some pressure. Neville's goal-kicks were reaching only half-way in our own half, but despite Chesterfield coming forward, they were allowed no more than a couple of half-chances. Overall, it was a professional performance, creating the platform for us to go out and finish the job in the second leg.

The two-leg situation was partly the reason for bringing in Kevin Richardson. I wanted to tighten things up in the middle and it worked quite well.

HOWARD KENDALL





Action from Everton's last match at Goodison when they shared the points in a 1-1 draw with Birmingham City. Our pictures show (above) Graeme Sharp firing a shot past former Evertonian Billy Wright and (below) David Johnson hitting one on the turn past Pat Van den Hauwe.



## EVERTON CROSSWORD

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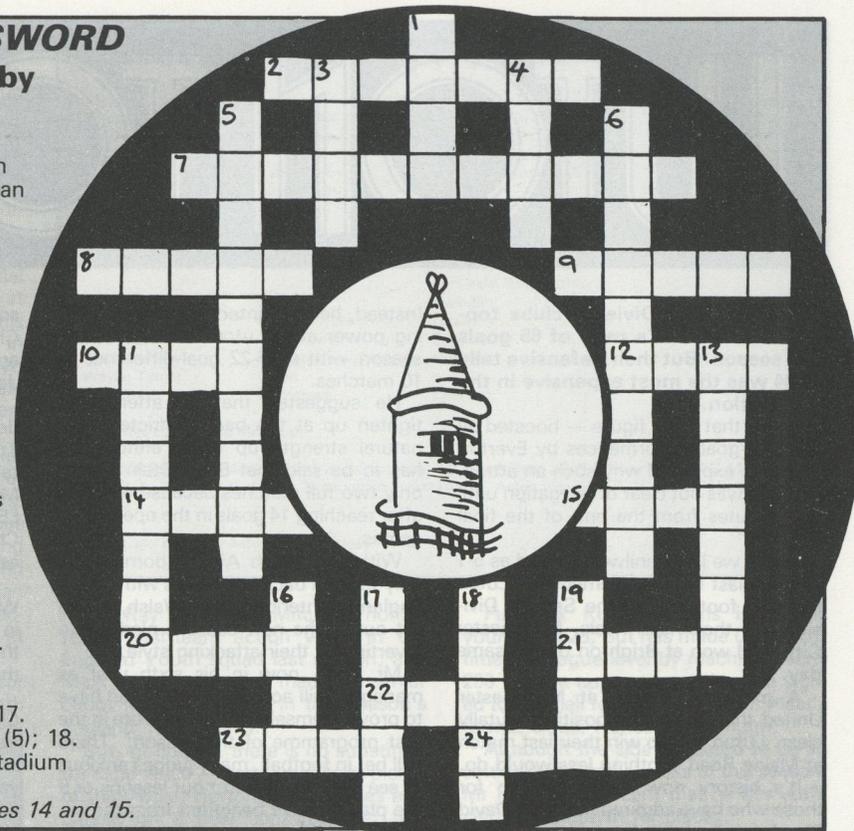
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### DOWN

1. See 12 across; 3. One of 52 ace players? (4); 4. Oxford's county? (4); 5. Forest's home city (10); 6. The gate? (10); 11. Portman Road club (7); 13. Favourite club here (7); 16. Singer under an umbrella (5); 17. Quivering in Bury's nickname? (5); 18. The Pirates play in East . . . Stadium (5); 19. Bowles' first name (4).

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# LUTON TOWN

Only four First Division clubs topped Luton Town's total of 65 goals last season. But their defensive tally of 84 was the most expensive in the top section.

It was that latter figure — boosted by two five-goal performances by Everton — which explained why such an attractive side was not clear of relegation until five minutes from the end of the final fixture.

When we left Kenilworth Road as 5-1 winners last May, it seemed that Luton had one foot back in the Second Division, for their main rivals, Manchester City, had won at Brighton on the same day.

A mid-week defeat at Manchester United then made the position brutally clear. Luton had to win their last match at Maine Road. Nothing less would do.

It's history now — happily so for those who have admired manager David Pleat's work — that Luton survived with an 85th minute goal by their Yugoslav substitute, Raddy Antic.

The 1-0 victory was only Luton's sixth clean sheet of the League campaign, yet, strange as it may appear, it was not exactly the defensive record which Mr Pleat blamed for the slide into trouble.

Instead, he pinpointed a decline in scoring power after Luton had started the season with a 25-22 goal-difference in 10 matches.

He suggested that an attempt to tighten up at the back restricted their natural strength up front, although it has to be said that Brian Stein played only two full matches because of injury after reaching 14 goals in the opening 18 games.

With the South African-born striker fully fit, and back in harness with fellow England contender, Paul Walsh, Luton set out in the new season, pledged to reverting to their attacking style.

Mr Pleat, now in his sixth year as manager, still accepted that Luton have to prove themselves. For he wrote in the first programme of the season: 'There will be, in football, many judges anxious to see if we have learnt our lessons or if the players have benefited from the experience of a season in the First Division. It will need a big effort from everyone to ensure that, in May, we are breathing more easily and, hopefully, have gained some silverware.'

There is only one new signing in the squad — goalkeeper Les Sealey, who had a call-up with the England Under-21

squad during his career with Coventry City. The 26-year-old Londoner cost around £120,000 as replacement for Jake Findlay.

But there are other changes in the defence since early last season. Wayne Turner has switched from midfield to take over at left-back from Richard Money, who joined Portsmouth for £50,000, and Paul Elliott, signed from Charlton for £150,000 in March, is establishing himself at centre-half.

Elliott and the strike pair, Stein and Walsh, who shared England's four goals in the first Under-21 game this term, are the bought players who have captured the attention of most managers.

For instance, none other than Brian Clough saluted Mr Pleat's skill in the transfer market. He said: 'I have spent millions on strikers over the last few years, but there are two in the Luton side I should have bought relatively cheaply.'

'I've also been looking for a centre-half for two or three years, yet Luton go and pluck Paul Elliott from the Second Division. He seems to have established at the higher grade overnight.'

'But it's a credit to David Pleat because every time he signs a player

now, other clubs are talking about it almost immediately.'

Elliott, only 19, is tipped as a future England player, while Walsh, who also came from Charlton, achieved full England status after only nine months in the First Division. He notched hat-tricks against Notts County, West Ham and Swansea last season, sweeping him forward to three caps in Australia in June.

Further international honours have come Luton's way. Defender Mal Donaghy, Mr Pleat's first signing at £20,000 from Larne in 1978, won his 25th cap for Northern Ireland in September, and Ricky Hill, discovered in North London Schools football, played in England's first two games last season.

Of the side who began this term with a long unchanged run, Hill is one of three players from the apprentice ranks. The others are Turner, who was prepared for the first team with a long loan spell at Lincoln in 1981-82, and Frank Bunn, a 20-year-old midfielder man from Birmingham who scored a spectacular goal in a 3-0 away win at Leicester last month.

The latter pair are the pacemakers for other young prospects at Kenilworth

## LUTON TOWN STATISTICS 1983-84

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	League/Cup*	
			Apps	Goals
Raddy Antic	Yugoslavia	Sioboda, Partizan, Fenerbahce, Zaragoza	— (4)	—
Trevor Aylott	Bermondsey	Chelsea, Barnsley, Millwall	1	1
Frankie Bunn	Birmingham	—	9	2
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	Larne	9	—
Paul Elliott	Lewisham	Charlton	9	1
Ricky Hill	Paddington	—	9	2
Brian Horton	Hednesford	Walsall, Hednesford, Port Vale, Brighton	9	1
David Moss	Witney	Swindon	8	3
Les Sealey	Bethnal Green	Coventry	9	—
Brian Stein	Cape Town	Edgware	9	3
Kirk Stephens	Coventry	Nuneaton	9	—
Wayne Turner	Luton	—	9	—
Paul Walsh	Plumstead	Charlton	9	3

\*Includes League and Milk Cup.

LEAGUE RESULTS: Arsenal (A) 1-2, Leicester (A) 3-0, Sunderland (H) 4-1, Norwich (H) 2-2, Manchester United (A) 0-2, Wolves (H) 4-0, Nottingham Forest (A) 0-1, Aston Villa (H) 1-0. MILK CUP: Rotherham (A) 3-2.

(Up to and including Saturday 8th October 1983)

Road. Ray Daniel and Mitchell Thomas tasted first-team action while in the England Youth squad last season, and Mark Watts, who also made his senior debut last January, is in this season's England Youth plans.

But, of course, there is no substitute for experience — and Luton have plenty of that. Brian Horton, now 34, has embarked on a new contract after two outstanding seasons in which he left Brighton to become Luton's promotion-winning captain and then led them to a First Division foothold.

David Moss, 31, and Antic, who will be 34 next month, also renewed their contracts this summer. Initially, Antic had to be content with the substitute's role, but Moss, an excellent buy at £110,000 from Swindon Town, was still first-choice winger, with more than 130 League goals in his career.

Full-back Kirk Stephens is a little younger at 28, but has made up for lost time at League level by reaching nearly 200 League appearances since he signed for a small fee from one of Mr Pleat's former clubs, Nuneaton Borough.

Although the side appeared to be so settled in the early weeks of this season, Mr Pleat is confident that he has sufficient competition for places.

Trevor Aylott, signed from Millwall in March, had plenty of experience with Chelsea and Barnsley and did a good job in the first team in last spring. And Luton began this season with two former first-team centre-backs on the first-team fringe — Mike Saxby, a £200,000 signing from Mansfield who was injured two years ago, and Clive Goodyear, his original successor who won a Second Division Championship medal in his first season.

## PAST 10 SEASON'S LEAGUE RESULTS

1951-52	H	1-3
	A	1-1
1952-53	H	1-1
	A	2-4
1953-54	H	2-1
	A	1-1
1955-56	H	0-1
	A	2-2
1956-57	H	2-1
	A	0-2
1957-58	H	0-2
	A	1-0

### Everton's scorers

1958-59	H	3-1	Harris, J. 2, Thomas
	A	1-0	Baynham (og)
1959-60	H	2-2	Hickson, Harris, J.
	A	1-2	Harris, J.
1974-75	H	3-1	Telfer, Dobson, Latchford
	A	1-2	Latchford
1982-83	H	5-0	Bailey, Sheedy, Curran, Heath 2
	A	5-1	Johnson, Sheedy 2, Sharp 2 (1 pen)

Our last League clash at Goodison:

Saturday 18th December 1982

EVERTON (2) 5 LUTON (0) 0

Bailey, 14,982

Sheedy, Curran,

Heath 2.

EVERTON: Arnold, Stevens, Bailey, Ratcliffe, Higgins, McMahon, Curran, Heath, Johnson (Sharp), Richardson, Sheedy.

LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Geddis, Walsh, Turner, Moss.

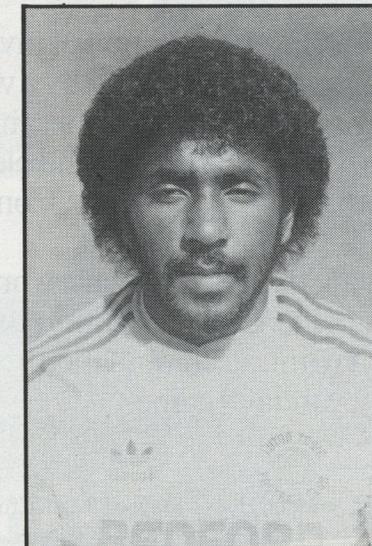
Our League record against Luton is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
- HOME	10	5	2	3	19	13	13*
AWAY	10	3	3	4	15	15	10*
	20	8	5	7	34	28	23*

\*3 pts for win from 1981-82.



Back row (left to right): Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Ray Daniel, Tim Breacker, Andy Beasley, Stacey North, Mitchell Thomas, Gary Parker, Mark Watts.  
Middle row: John Moore, Richard Money, Clive Goodyear, Les Sealey, Paul Elliott, Mike Saxby, Jake Findlay, Trevor Aylott, Frank Bunn, Trevor Hartley.  
Front row: David Coates, Kirk Stephens, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, David Moss, David Pleat, Brian Horton, Raddy Antic, Brian Stein, Paul Walsh, John Sheridan.

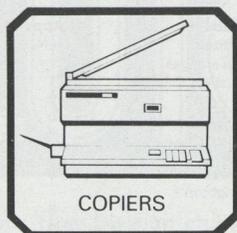


RICKY HILL



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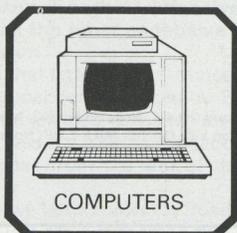
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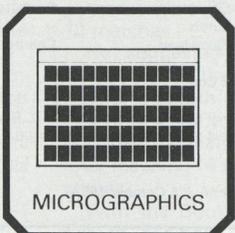
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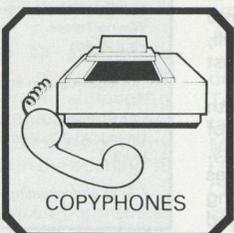
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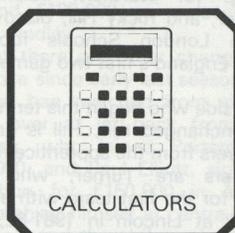
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# FACT FILE

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**Full name:**

Michael Gary Stevens

**Birthplace:** Barrow-in-Furness

**Birthdate:** 27th March 1963

**Height:** 5ft 11 1/2 in

**Weight:** 12st 8lb

**Married:** No, but engaged to Jane McKinnon

**League record:** Everton 47 apps, 1 goal

**International honours:**

Substitute for England Under-21 in Poland, March 1982, but did not play

**Nickname:** None

**Car:** BMW 316

**Favourite Newspaper:**

Daily Post

**Player most admire:**

Johann Cruyff

**Player for the future:**

Ian Bishop



**Favourite other team:**

Ipswich Town

**Football hero as a boy:**

Colin Bell

**Favourite other sports:**

Golf and Snooker

**Favourite other sports personality:**

John McEnroe

**Best-ever team:** Brazil's 1970

World Cup side. Everyone seems to say that – that shows how good they were

**Most memorable match:**

Last season's FA Cup-tie against Manchester United

**Biggest disappointment:**

Losing that match and not being in the first team this season

**Favourite away ground:**

Old Trafford

**Likes and dislikes:**

Nice relaxing weekend after winning . . . smoke-filled rooms and injuries

**Favourite singers:**

Genesis and Phil Collins

**Favourite actor/actress:**

Sylvester Stallone and Jayne Fonda

**Favourite holiday spot:**

Rhodes

**Best film seen recently:**

First Blood

**Favourite TV Shows:**

Hill Street Blues and sports programmes

**How you enjoy a day off:**

Sleep-in and then a game of golf

**Favourite food/drink:**

Steak and Lager

**Biggest influences on career:**

My parents and Colin Harvey

**Superstitions:** Try to go

out third. I did it once and played well, so it stuck!

**Pre-match routine:**

Like to go out early to warm up and still be back early to think about the game

**After-match routine:**

A drink with Jane and watching TV at home

**Personal ambition:**

To get back in the first team and stay there

**If not a player, what job would you be doing:**

Draughtsman

**Career after playing:**

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APPENDIX 'A' PART 4 — BY TONY PULLEIN

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

### Seasons 1900-01 to 1903-04

This proved to be a transitional period for the Toffees and, though we made a couple of bids for the League Championship, the team was not quite good enough to match the major teams of that era — Liverpool, Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday — over a 34 match programme.

The strange thing was that we achieved some of our best results against the top teams, though. When Liverpool won the title for the first time in 1901, we were one of only two clubs to take three points from them. But in the final analysis, we finished in seventh place, nine points behind the Anfield men.

In 1901-02 we were the only side to complete a double over Champions Sunderland. We smashed their unbeaten home record when we beat them 4-2 at Roker Park in November and in March ran up a 2-0 scoreline at Goodison. Towards the end of the season, when Sunderland began to show signs of nerves, there was a chance that we might catch them but in the end we finished runners-up for the third time in our history.

The team fell away the following season when we slumped to twelfth place as Sheffield Wednesday started a two-year dominance of the competition. But in 1903-04 the Toffees bounced back to take third position behind Wednesday and Manchester City.

Though we had, by this time, only achieved one League Championship Everton were now one of only five clubs who possessed an ever-present record in the First Division since the League's formation in 1888. Aston Villa, Blackburn, Derby and Wolves were the others.

The Football League was itself becoming more professional in its outlook and, at the annual meeting of 1904, it was decided to become a limited company. At the same time steps were being taken to improve relationships between clubs and to stamp out corruption.

'The Story of the Football League' — an official history published in 1939 — reports: 'It was not unknown for clubs to accept fees for more or less useless players from clubs seeking admission to the League.' This was in turn for an important vote at the AGM.

A move was made to prevent referees from overcharging expenses. It was also at this time that referees were forbidden from receiving fees from newspapers for reports on games they had handled.

Referees and linesmen continued to press for in-

creased fees but, at this time, these pleas were resisted by the management committee. Many linesmen had to be disciplined for simply failing to turn up for games. One argument put forward was that they were now coming under increasing criticism from club officials and this was another reason why they should be paid more.

It was at the turn of the century that agreement was reached with some of the railway companies to offer cut-rate fares for supporters travelling to away games — thus did the Soccer Specials come into being.

The official history expresses regret that 'even after twenty years, harmony and understanding between the Football League and the Football Association had not been reached.'

Concern was also shown at the number of postponements due to bad weather. It was then decided that referees should be the sole judge as to whether or not a game should proceed.

Up until around this time, when a match was abandoned the League would order that a replay of the unexpired time should take place. On one occasion Aston Villa had to travel to Sheffield Wednesday three months after the original game had been abandoned simply to play off the final 10½ minutes.

Though Villa's appeal against the decision was rejected, the League then agreed to introduce the present rule whereby, if a replay is ordered, the full 90 minutes is played again.

League record:

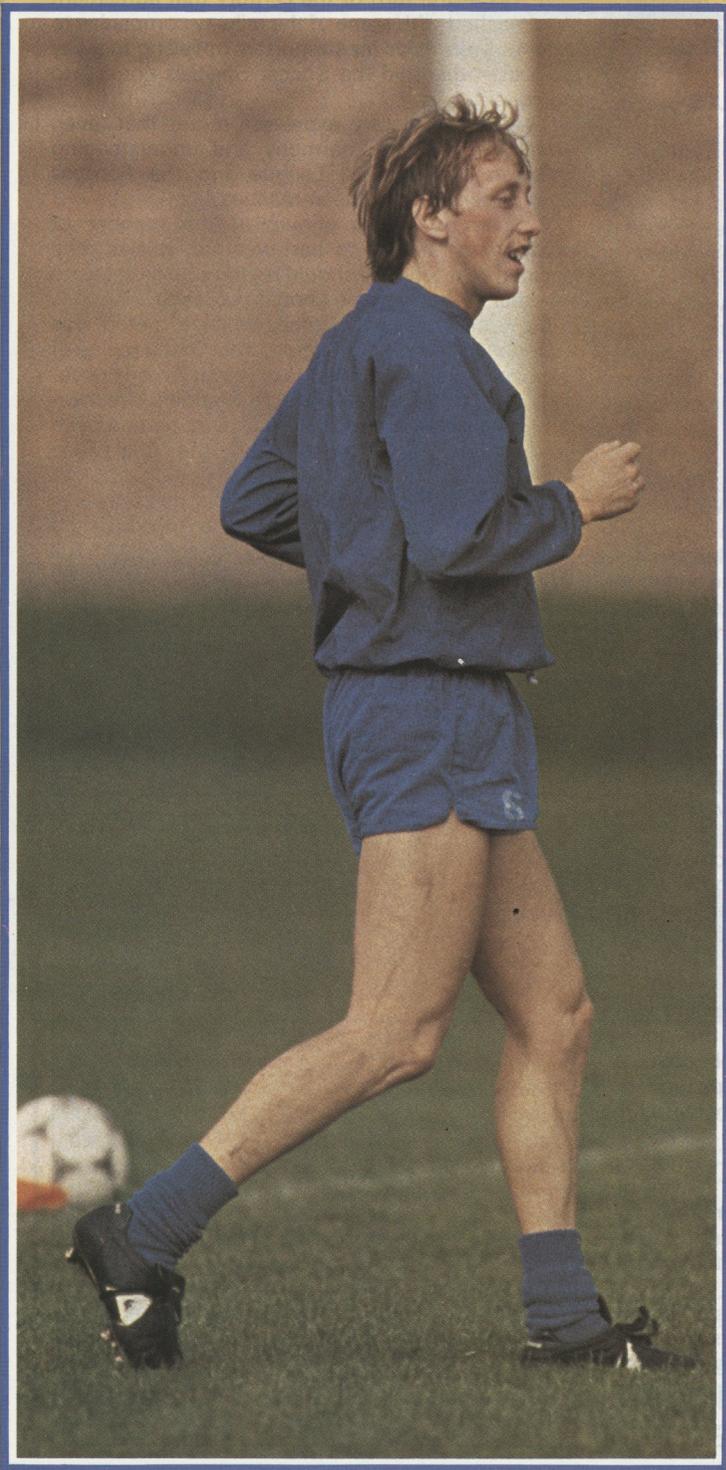
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1902-03	34	13	6	15	45	47	32	12th
1903-04	34	19	5	10	59	32	43	3rd

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Aston Villa	2-1	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-0	1-3
Blackburn	0-0	1-2	0-2	1-3	0-3	2-3	3-1	2-0
Bolton	2-3	0-1	1-0	3-1	3-1	3-1		
Bury	3-3	0-3	1-1	0-1	3-0	2-4	2-1	0-0
Derby	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-3	2-1	1-0	0-1	1-0
Grimsby			0-1	2-0	4-2	0-0		
Liverpool	1-1	2-1	4-0	2-2	3-1	0-0	5-2	2-2
Manchester City	5-2	0-1	3-1	0-2			1-0	3-1
Middlesbrough					3-0	0-1	2-0	0-3
Newcastle	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-3	4-1	0-1
Nott'm Forest	4-1	1-2	1-0	0-4	1-1	2-2	0-2	4-0
Notts County	0-1	2-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	0-2	3-1	3-0
Preston	4-1	2-1						
Sheff. Utd.	3-1	1-2	2-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-2
Sheff. Wed.	1-1	1-3	5-0	1-1	1-1	1-4	2-0	0-1
Small Heath*			1-0	1-0			5-1	1-1
Stoke	3-0	2-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	3-2
Sunderland	1-0	0-2	2-0	4-2	0-3	1-2	0-1	0-2
WBA	1-0	2-1			3-1	1-2	4-0	0-0
Wolves	5-1	1-1	6-1	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	2-2

\* Now known as Birmingham City.

# PROFILE



**Alan Harper signed on as a Liverpool apprentice some six years ago. Phil Neal was then in the early stages of his run of 417 consecutive appearances.**

This year Alan crossed the blue-and-red dividing line between Anfield and Everton. And Phil Neal still hadn't missed a game.

There, in a couple of sentences, is an outline of the frustration which prompted the 22-year-old defender to break a lifetime's allegiance to the club he supported as a boy.

'The funny thing is that it's only this season that Phil Neal has missed a match,' said Alan in rueful reflection of the time he spent in the shadow of England's right-back.

That was the position which Alan settled on while playing in the Central League last season, but he couldn't see a way of dislodging Neal and, finally, he came to the decision that he would have to leave Anfield.

When the time came, there was no hesitation. 'I couldn't wait to pick up the pen and sign for Everton. But I got some stick from my family. They were all Liverpool supporters and they still are, but, as I told them, it's my career.'

'Now they have started coming to Goodison Park, but they still say they're only here to watch me and not Everton! I can put up with the leg-pulling because Everton have given what I've always wanted — First Division football.'

It's not often that a player commands a transfer fee — a sizeable sum, too, if Alan fulfils manager Howard Kendall's expectations — before making his League debut. In fact, he was starting his seventh season when he lined up against Stoke City on the opening day of the campaign.

If it was a longer journey than Alan anticipated when he left Gateacre Comprehensive School in 1977, it was not without reward, for his trophy collection includes four Central League Championship medals.

Born in Liverpool, Alan lived in the Netherley area and played through the various age groups for Liverpool Boys, beginning with the Under-11s and finishing with an English Schools' Trophy medal

against Slough (including Arsenal's Brian McDermott) in 1976.

At the time, he was following in the footsteps of another Gateacre School old boy, David Johnson, but little did he realise that their paths would eventually cross, not only at Anfield but again at Goodison Park this season.

Unlike some of his Liverpool Boys' teammates, he didn't have to choose between the two Merseyside clubs when he looked ahead to a professional career. 'Liverpool were the only club who came in for me,' he recalls. 'But that was a dream come true for a Liverpool supporter.'

'Going there for the first time as an apprentice was a bit nerve-racking. To see all the top men, players like Tommy Smith and Emlyn Hughes, almost made me shake at the knees.'

'I could hardly say a word at first, but once I got used to the club, I found they were all very helpful to young lads like myself.'

Progress was quick for Alan. He started as an apprentice in June, played in the Central League in his first season and was a fully-fledged professional by the following April.

Originally, he was a midfield player at school, but it was not until his final year at Anfield that he had a regular position. 'I played at right-back and at centre-half in the Reserves and I even had a game up front. But it was only one match — I was that bad!'

'I didn't mind moving about as long as I was playing. The first year, I missed out on a Central League medal, but I got one for the next four years before we lost the title to West Brom last season.'

'There was a good spirit in the Reserves, with a lot of Liverpool lads sticking together.'

But that began to change during last season. One by one, they moved on — Colin Russell to Huddersfield, Howard Gayle and Mick Halsall to Birmingham, Robbie

Savage on loan to Wrexham (now he's at Stoke). And prior to them, there was Kevin Sheedy's move to Everton.

The break-up of that side gradually influenced Alan's thoughts about his future. 'I had always told myself that I would have to keep going and be patient,' he says. 'But after so many seasons, I became so frustrated that it began to get me down.'

'All my friends went from the Reserves and I was the only one left. The other lads seemed to be doing well with their new clubs and that's what set my heart on making a move last summer.'

'I had a talk with Bob Paisley and he told me that he couldn't offer a first-team place. But he wanted me to stay and when he offered me a new contract, I must admit I wasn't too sure about what to do.'

'Then Everton came on to the scene, and I knew straightaway that I wanted to come here. I wasn't given any hint that I would be playing in the first team, but, obviously, the opportunity was there for me if I could take it.'

'I've really enjoyed being here so far. It's meant a lot to have played in all the games up to now, but I'm only just getting used to the First Division. I certainly think I could be playing better than I have done.'

'But it's all been new to me. A different kind of pace and a different way of playing, as well as settling in with a new set of teammates.'

And with only three weeks to derby day, Alan has his sights on being in the team at Anfield. 'That would be really strange — not so much going back to Anfield but playing against Liverpool's first team,' he says.

The difference is that most players returning to a former club are facing their old pals, but, in Alan's case, he wasn't involved with the seniors at Anfield. 'In fact,' he points out, 'the first result I look for is Liverpool Reserves if they're playing on a Saturday!'

**● PERSONAL NOTE:** Alan and his wife, Margaret, were married in July and a family celebration is due on 1st November when he will be 23.



# NEWSDESK

## ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

It would be easy to simplify Everton's record and stress that the defence is one of the tightest in the First Division so far this season.

The figures look very impressive. Only Southampton and Liverpool have conceded fewer goals and, in the seven yielded by Everton, three were scored in one match at Ipswich.

But the defenders are not blameless. That's the honest conclusion of centre-back Kevin Ratcliffe.

'I don't think we have seen the best of anyone this season,' he says. 'Of course, the defensive record looks very good, but I know, for instance, that Mark Higgins and myself haven't played as well as we did last season.'

'We have to build back to that standard and the same probably applies in the rest of the team. Everybody can improve, especially on our home performances.'

'I'm really disappointed that we haven't played well at Goodison Park. And when that happens, we can expect the crowd to get on to us. But I can promise the fans that it hurts us just as much. If you play badly, you know well enough yourself.'

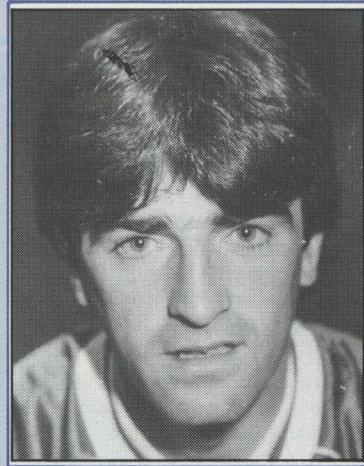
'I'm convinced that all we need is an early goal to get us going at home. Hopefully, we can do that today, but just because we scored five in both games against Luton last season, that's no guarantee it will happen again. We still have to go out and play.'

## WELSH CALL-UP

Kevin Ratcliffe and Neville Southall were again on duty with Wales in this week's friendly against Romania, but the real target comes up next month when they travel to Sofia for the European Championship match against Bulgaria.

'If we get something from that match, it will make our job a lot easier when we play our final game at home to Yugoslavia in December,' said Kevin.

The position is that Wales are unbeaten after four games, with Yugoslavia the most



"Defenders are not blameless" says KEVIN RATCLIFFE

likely country to challenge them for a place in the Finals in France next summer.

Yugoslavia were in action this week at home to Norway and have another home date with Bulgaria a week after their visit to Wales. If they were to win both home matches, that would give them seven points compared with Wales' current total of six.

That makes Wales' trip to Bulgaria so critical on November 16th. 'If we go out with the same approach as we had against Norway in our last match in Oslo, then there is no reason why we can't get a point,' says Kevin.

Obviously, the defensive aspect will be vital in Sofia — and Kevin has no doubts about the value of having Neville Southall in goal.

'He had a great game in Norway,' he said. 'He gives the whole team confidence, because we know that if we are beaten, they have still to get past big Neville. He hasn't let many goals in at international level.'



GRAEME SHARP puts the ball past Birmingham's Tony Coton from the penalty spot

The facts are quite startling. The Everton keeper has kept five clean sheets in his eight internationals, conceding goals only to England (2), Scotland (2) and Brazil (1).

And he has maintained that standard at all levels this season. His first team return in the 1-0 win against Notts County followed four clean sheets with the Reserves in the Central League and the one with Wales in European competition.

## POT-SHOT PETER!

Two goals in successive away wins at Spurs and Notts County pleased Peter Reid. Not because his name was on the scoresheet but because Everton captured maximum points each time.

His strike at White Hart Lane was from relatively close range but his 20-yard effort at Meadow Lane was particularly impressive as he beat former Everton keeper and ex-Bolton team-mate, Jim McDonagh.

'They're all the same whether they are from that distance or just a tap-in,' says Peter, who was never a prolific scorer at Bolton. 'My best was ten in the season we won promotion,' he added.

'The main thing is that I'm pleased to be involved in the first team and satisfied with winning a few games, no matter who scores the goals.'

'What we need now is a good win at home. The problem, I think, has been that the lads are a bit tense at Goodison. That's what I noticed when I came into the side against Birmingham, but it's not easy playing against sides like them. They will always make it awkward for you.'

## YOUTH HONOURS

Nice to report that Everton's youngsters are attracting the attention of the England Youth selectors.

Ian Macowat, who played in a recent international tournament in Yugoslavia, was on stand-by this week for the Under-18 side playing Iceland in Reykjavik.

Meanwhile, Darren Oldroyd, our only new apprentice this season, was training last week with the England Under-16 side prior to their match against Scotland at Middlesbrough.

David O'Brien, last season's England Schoolboy international, would have been there as well, but he was not available because of his studies at school.

We have been invited — and accepted — to play in an Under-16 Youth Tournament in Lille, France, at Easter. This will be a trip mainly involving the schoolboys who play in the Lancashire League squad at weekends.

## UNLUCKY IAN

Ian Marshall, the youngest and tallest of our apprentices, was just about the busiest Everton player at the end of last season when he was playing three and four games a week in the Central League, FA Youth Cup and Lancashire League.

But this season he has been sidelined by a thigh injury which only cleared up in time for him to play his first match in the Lancashire League last Saturday. As a result, he was unavailable when England asked about him for the early-season competition in Yugoslavia.

## TOUGH IN GREECE

Former Wolves manager John Barnwell tells us that he's well pleased with Trevor Ross's form for AEK Athens — especially a great goal the ex-Evertonian scored in the European Cup-winners' Cup against Ujpest Dozsa.

But the British contingent at the Greek club — former Chelsea striker Tommy Langley is also with AEK — have to reach demanding standards.

Mr Barnwell explained: 'Within a week of coming here, I took Trevor on one side and asked him how he reckoned he was playing. 'I think I'm doing quite well,' he told me. 'You are,' I said, 'but you've got to be great because you're British.'

Sadly, there wasn't a successful outcome to Trevor's European adventure. AEK beat their Hungarian opponents 2-0 at home, but lost 4-1 in Budapest.

## BRITISH IS BEST

League football is the best in the world. The tribute comes, not from Merseyside, Manchester or London, but from Hans De Roon, a 39-year-old clerk in Rotterdam Town Hall, who pays the compliment on behalf of a group of Dutchmen calling themselves 'The Continentals'.

They cannot be accused of failing to back their words with action. Some time in the near future they will attend their 1,000th League game since the formation of the group in 1978.

Why the passion for the English game? 'Because,' says Hans De Roon, 'we love all aspects of League football. It's a target for most of us to visit the 92 League grounds.'

Members of 'The Continentals' include a dentist, a confectioner, a teacher, a student, a sales manager and a shipping man. They have a uniform of black or blue blazer, grey trousers and club tie, which is worn on all formal occasions, including their visits to League grounds.

The most frequent visitor is 35-year-old Rudi Vermeer, an income tax officer from The Hague, who has been to nearly 80 League grounds. He says: 'My enthusiasm for English football started when my team, Den Haag, lost to West Ham in 1976. Since then, I have seen more than 170 matches in England.'

The Dutch loyalty to the English game will be stretched next week when Spurs play Feyenoord and Nottingham Forest tackle PSV Eindhoven in the UEFA Cup. But whatever the results, they'll have teams to support in the next round!

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution to Everton Crossword (see page 5). **Across:** 2. McMahon; 7. Bournemouth; 8. Shots; 9. Belle; 10. Lion; 12. Deep; 14. Weal; 15. Scar; 20. Hull; 21. Town; 22. All; 23. Park; 24. Lane.

**Down:** 1. Dale; 3. Card; 4. Oxon; 5. Nottingham; 6. Attendances; 11. Ipswich; 13.

Everton; 16. Ella; 17. Shake; 18. Ville; 19. Stan.

## QUIZ SPOT

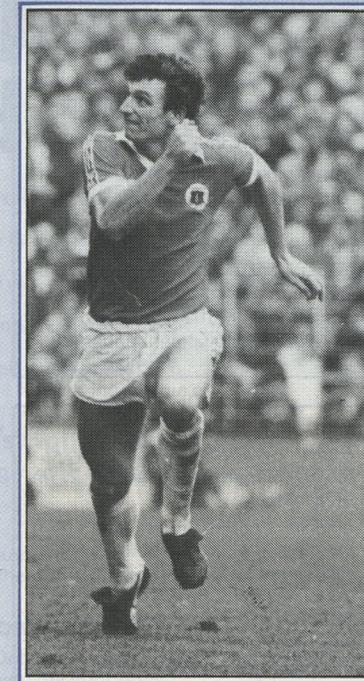
Winner of Quiz Spot No. 4 (v Birmingham City) was Michael Galley, of Pine Close, Westvale, Kirkby, who answered correctly that Chelsea were the last English club to win the European Cup-Winners' Cup and that Rangers and Aberdeen have won the competition since Chelsea's success.

Here is today's question:

Can you name the four players (including one who appeared as substitute) who played for England in Hungary in June 1981, and were also selected for this week's squad in Budapest?

Clue: You are looking for a goalkeeper, two midfield men and a striker.

The first correct entry examined next Thursday will win for the sender two tickets for a forthcoming home League game. Address your answers, on a POSTCARD, please, to: Quiz Spot No. 5, Everton FC, Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL.



TREVOR ROSS — pleasing Barnwell

## MILK CUP 2ND ROUND (2ND LEG) EVERTON v CHESTERFIELD Wednesday 26th October 1983

Kick-off 7.30 pm

Admission prices for the above game have been reduced by approximately 25% on usual League matches and will be as under:

Main Stand, Top Balcony and Upper Bulls Stands	£3.20
Lower Bulls and Gwladys Street Stands	£3.00
Lower Bulls (Blues Family Club — Junior only)	£1.50
Ground	£1.50
Paddock and Enclosure	£1.60
Adult/Junior in Enclosure	£2.50

Season Ticket Holders may claim their usual seat provided application is made to the Goodison Road Box Office from Monday 17th October 1983 to Saturday 22nd October 1983, during normal office hours.

Senior Citizens Season Ticket Holders in the Lower Bulls Stand may claim their normal seat during the same hours at a reduced price of £2.50.

Applicants must produce Voucher No. 22, together with the priority voucher from their Season Tickets showing correct row and seat number. Postal applications should also include the correct remittance, together with a stamped addressed envelope and the appropriate vouchers.

Admission to the Top Balcony (unreserved section), Ground, Paddock and Enclosure will be by cash payment at the turnstile. Season Ticket Holders for Ground, Paddock and Enclosure enter via normal Season Ticket turnstiles with appropriate voucher and correct cash.

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# BLUE MAIL

THE BLUE MAIL POSTBAG IS WELL FILLED THIS WEEK! There is always room in the magazine for your views . . . so please keep the letters flowing to: Blue Mail, Everton FC, Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL.

*From: Trevor Gauntlett, Secretary, Everton Supporters' Society, Sheffield University . . .*

Could you please grant us the honour of presenting our Player of the Season award to Kevin Sheedy on 15th October?

It would be ideal for us, as it falls at the end of the first week of term. We accept that it is a little bit late for an award from the 1982-83 season, but we found it to be very useful publicity when we presented Graeme Sharp with his trophy last season. This is our third annual presentation.

**EDITOR:** Delighted to have our friends from Sheffield with us this afternoon, and congratulations, too, to Kevin Sheedy on his latest recognition from our supporters. Incidentally, prospective members of the Sheffield University Society can write to Trevor Gauntlett at 127 Hunter House Road, Sheffield S11 8TX.

*From: Thomas J. Birt, 55 Eton Street, Liverpool L4 4DN . . .*

I write further to your comments (re matchday parking) in the programme for the West Bromwich match.

You may well have counted 13 cars, but before you make any further comments, perhaps you could look out of your windows. The name of the road in question is not EATON Street but ETON Street.

But, then again, you have only been local residents for 91 years!

**EDITOR:** My fault entirely! The views expressed were those of the club but the typing was that of an unobservant programme compiler.

*From: Mr E. Williams, Carousel, Sunny Bank Avenue, Newton-with-Scales, Preston PR4 3TN . . .*

The photograph (below) was taken recently whilst on holiday at Long Beach, California. My son, who owns the car, apologised for its colour (red), but was determined to publicise his support of Everton!



His initial request for a specialised plate using the seven letters of EVERTON was refused, as the option had already been taken up by someone else, so you do have at least two supporters in California.

The extra premiums derived from the sale of personal-choice plates apparently go towards the Wild Life Fund, whilst the plates themselves are made up by the inmates of the local penitentiary.

*From: Waldemar Ostrowski, 00-891 Warszawa, Chlodna 2/18 M25, Poland . . .*

I collect football badges and I'm a member of a collectors' club associated with Legia Sports Club in Warsaw. Could you possibly send me some addresses of badge collectors?

**EDITOR:** Perhaps some Evertonians would like to organise an exchange with Waldemar.

*From: Keith Cliffe, 6 Weymouth Close, Murdishaw 3, Runcorn, Cheshire . . .*

I will offer a fair price for any of the following programmes from the 1976-77 season — Homes v Ipswich, Coventry (League Cup), Leeds, Swindon (FA Cup), Derby (FA Cup), Liverpool, Manchester United, Sunderland; League Cup Final 2nd replay v Villa; FA Cup semi-final replay v Liverpool.

*From: J. S. Smithson, Bulls Road Season Ticket Holder . . .*

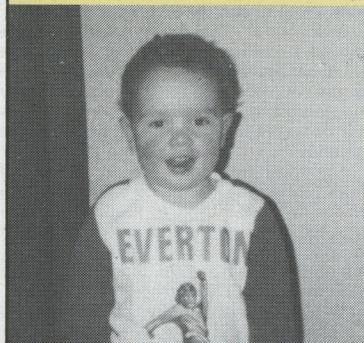
In the first two programmes of the season, the match against Watford on 22nd October was listed as an away fixture.

**EDITOR:** Thanks to a number of fans who pointed out this typographical error. To emphasise the point — Watford will be here at Goodison Park next Saturday.

*From: Gerard O'Connell, c/o 63A Park View Road, Croxteth . . .*

As an Everton supporter for 25 years, I think Howard Kendall is on the right lines with his young side. We are just a couple of players short of being a very good side.

I am sending a photograph of my son, Shaun (below), who is looking forward to his first visit to Goodison Park.



*From: Peter McGrath, 74 Avondale, Kilcohan, Waterford, Ireland*

This season's programme is excellent. You have worked very hard over the past years to develop the programme and this season the magazine has come to the fore.

I would like to hear from anyone who has away programmes for Everton matches in Europe, tour and friendlies for sale. Also wanted: signed and unsigned team and individual photographs of Everton players.

*From: Keith Brooksbank, 5b Sunnyside, Devonshire Road, Liverpool L8 3TD . . .*

I am a Luton fan who travels to every match, home and away, and I would like to contact any other Hatters supporters who may live in Liverpool, with a view to forming a Supporters Club.

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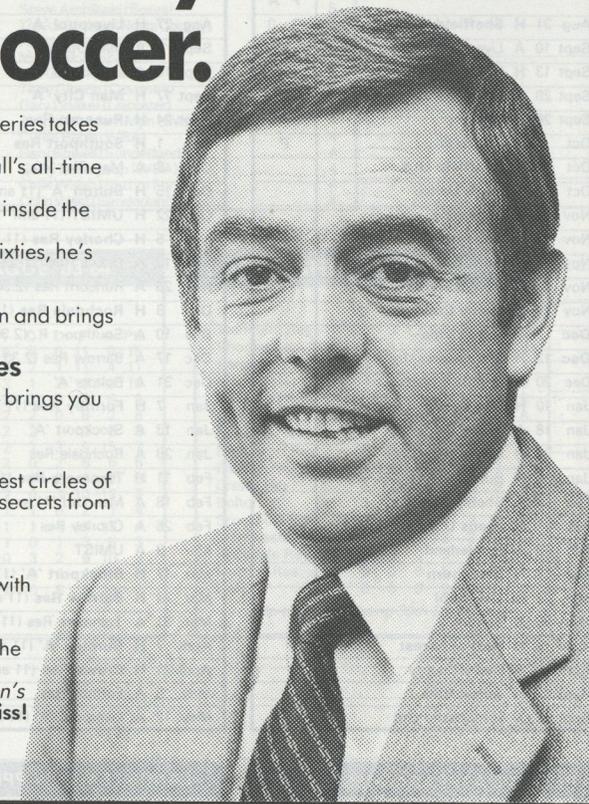
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26,293	18,314	QPR	8	3	1	0	8	2	1	1	2	7	6	14
34,246	30,372	Liverpool	8	2	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	4	2	14
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**CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1983-84**

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Aug 31	H	Sheffield Wed	2	0
Sept 10	A	Liverpool	2	0
Sept 13	H	WBA	1	0
Sept 20	A	Stoke City	3	0
Sept 28	H	Burnley	3	0
Oct 6	A	Blackburn		P
Oct 11	H	Sheffield Utd		
Oct 18	A	Leeds United		
Nov 2	A	Newcastle		
Nov 8	H	Sunderland		
Nov 15	H	Bolton		
Nov 23	A	Nott'm Forest		
Nov 29	H	Derby County		
Dec 7	A	Aston Villa		
Dec 13	H	Manchester Utd		
Dec 20	A	Sheffield Wed		
Jan 10	H	Newcastle		
Jan 18	A	WBA		
Jan 24	H	Stoke City		
Jan 31	A	Burnley		
Feb 8	A	Sheffield Utd		
Feb 21	H	Leeds United		
Feb 29	A	Sunderland		
Mar 13	H	Blackburn		
Mar 20	H	Liverpool		
Mar 28	A	Bolton		
April 3	H	Nott'm Forest		
April 10	A	Derby County		
April 17	H	Aston Villa		
April 23	A	Manchester Utd		

**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES 1983-84**

Date	H	A	F	A
Aug 27	H	Liverpool 'A'	3	1
Sept 3	A	Man Utd 'A'	1	1
Sept 10	A	Burnley 'A'	4	2
Sept 17	H	Man City 'A'	1	1
Sept 24	H	Runcorn Res	0	3
Oct 1	H	Southport Res	4	3
Oct 8	A	Man City 'A'	1	2
Oct 15	H	Bolton 'A' (11 am)		
Oct 22	H	UMIST (11 am)		
Nov 5	H	Chorley Res (11 am)		
Nov 12	A	Crewe Res (11 am)		
Nov 26	A	Runcorn Res (2.30 pm)		
Dec 3	H	Rochdale Res (11 am)		
Dec 10	A	Southport R. (2.30 pm)		
Dec 17	A	Barrow Res (2.30 pm)		
Dec 31	A	Bolton 'A'		
Jan 7	H	Formby Res (11 am)		
Jan 13	A	Stockport 'A'		
Jan 28	A	Rochdale Res		
Feb 11	H	Tranmere Res (11 am)		
Feb 18	A	Man Utd (11 am)		
Feb 26	A	Chorley Res		
Mar 3	A	UMIST		
Mar 17	H	Stockport 'A' (11 am)		
Mar 24	H	Barrow Res (11 am)		
Mar 31	A	Tranmere Res (11 am)		
April 7	H	Burnley 'A' (11 am)		
April 21	H	Crewe Res (11 am)		
May 5	A	Formby Res		
May 12	A	Liverpool 'A' (11 am)		

**RESERVE APPEARANCES 1983-84**

Name	A	G	A	G
Arnold	1	—	Mountfield	4
Bateman	5	—	Ratcliffe	1
Bishop	3	—	Reid	2
Higginbottom	4	3	Richardson	2
Hughes	5	—	Rimmer S.	5
Irvine	5	1	Southall	4
Johnson	1	1	Stevens	5
King	2	—	Wakenshaw	3
Morrissey	3	—		2

**LANCS LEAGUE APPEARANCES**

Name	A	G	A	G
Ashcroft	1	—	Macowat	5
Bateman	3	1	McIlvenna	1
Bishop	4	1	McKenzie	4
Coyle	6	—	Morris	1
Fielding	2	—	Morrissey	5
Hall	7	—	Mutch	1
Higginbottom	3	—	Oldroyd	6
Hood	5	1	Richmond	1
Hughes	6	—	Rimmer N.	1
Jones	6	—	Wakenshaw	6
Kilshaw	3	3		2

**FIRST TEAM RECORD**

Date	V	Opposition	F	A	Att	Pos
Aug 27	H	Stoke City	1-0	22,658	—	—
Aug 29	H	West Ham United	0-1	20,375	—	—
Sept 3	A	Coventry City	1-1	12,532	12	—
Sept 6	A	Ipswich Town	0-3	16,543	—	—
Sept 10	H	West Bromwich Albion	0-0	15,548	18	—
Sept 17	A	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1	29,125	15	—
Sept 24	H	Birmingham City	1-1	15,253	14	—
Oct 1	A	Notts County	1-0	7,949	13	—
Oct 4	A	Chesterfield (MC 2-1 L)	1-0	10,713	—	—
Oct 15	H	Luton Town				
Oct 22	H	Watford				
Oct 26	H	Chesterfield (MC 2-2 L)				
Oct 29	A	Leicester City				
Nov 6	A	Liverpool				
Nov 9		Milk Cup 3				
Nov 12	H	Nottingham Forest				
Nov 19	A	Arsenal				
Nov 26	H	Norwich City				
Nov 30		Milk Cup 4				
Dec 3	A	Manchester United				
Dec 10	H	Aston Villa				
Dec 17	A	Queens Park Rangers				
Dec 26	H	Sunderland				
Dec 27	A	Wolverhampton W.				
Dec 31	H	Coventry City				
Jan 2	A	Birmingham City				
Jan 7		(FA Cup 3)				
Jan 14	A	Stoke City				
Jan 18		Milk Cup 5				
Jan 21	H	Tottenham Hotspur				
Jan 28	A	Southampton (FAC 4)				
Feb 4	H	Notts County				
Feb 8		Milk Cup SF 1st Leg				
Feb 11	A	West Bromwich Albion				
Feb 15		Milk Cup SF 2nd Leg				
Feb 18	H	Leicester City (FAC 5)				
Feb 25	A	Watford				
Mar 3	H	Liverpool				
Mar 10	A	Nott'm Forest (FAC 6)				
Mar 17	H	Ipswich Town				
Mar 24	A	West Ham United (MCF)				
Mar 31	H	Southampton				
April 7	A	Luton Town				
April 14	H	Arsenal (FAC SF)				
April 21	A	Sunderland				
April 23	H	Wolverhampton W.				
April 28	A	Norwich City				
May 5	H	Manchester United				
May 7	A	Aston Villa				
May 12	H	Queens Park Rangers				
May 19		(FA Cup Final)				

**1983-84 RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12					
Aug 27	H	Stoke City	1-0	22,658	—	Arnold	Harper	Bailey	Mountfield	Higgins	Richardson	Steven	Heath	Sharp <sup>1</sup>	King	Sheedy	Johnson
Aug 29	H	West Ham United	0-1	20,375	—	Arnold	Harper	Bailey	Mountfield	Higgins	Richardson*	Steven	Heath	Sharp	King	Sheedy	Johnson
Sept 3	A	Coventry City	1-1	12,532	12	Arnold	Harper	Bailey	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Richardson	Steven	Heath*	Sharp	King	Sheedy <sup>1</sup>	Johnson
Sept 6	A	Ipswich Town	0-3	16,543	—	Arnold	Harper	Bailey*	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Richardson	Curran	Steven	Sharp	Johnson	Sheedy	Reid
Sept 10	H	West Bromwich Albion	0-0	15,548	18	Arnold	Harper	Bailey	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Steven	Curran*	Heath	Sharp	Johnson	Sheedy	Richardson
Sept 17	A	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1	29,125	15	Arnold	Harper	Bailey	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Reid <sup>1*</sup>	Steven	Heath	Sharp	Johnson	Sheedy <sup>1</sup>	Richardson
Sept 24	H	Birmingham City	1-1	15,253	14	Arnold	Harper	Bailey	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Reid	Steven*	Heath	Sharp <sup>1</sup>	Johnson	Sheedy	King
Oct 1	A	Notts County	1-0	7,949	13	Southall	Harper	Bailey	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Reid <sup>1</sup>	Steven	Heath	Sharp	Irvine	Sheedy	Richardson
Oct 4	A	Chesterfield (MC 2-1 L)	1-0	10,713	—	Southall	Harper	Bailey	Ratcliffe	Higgins	Reid	Steven	Heath	Sharp <sup>1</sup>	Richardson	Sheedy	King

**FIRST DIVISION STATISTICS 1983-84**

<b>Highest Home League Win:</b>	John Wark (Ipswich)	7
Ipswich 5 Stoke 0 — 10.9.83	John Barnes (Watford)	6
<b>Highest Away League Wins:</b>	Ian Rush (Liverpool)	6
Leicester 0 Notts County 4 — 27.8.83	Frank Stapleton (Man United)	6
Notts County 0 Arsenal 4 — 17.9.83	Dave Swindlehurst (West Ham)	6
Stoke 0 Watford 4 — 17.9.83	Peter Withe (Aston Villa)	6
Wolves 0 QPR 4 — 24.9.83	Clive Allen (QPR)	5
<b>Highest League Attendance:</b>	Steve Archibald (Spurs)	5
56,121 Manchester United v Liverpool — 24.9.83	Trevor Christie (Notts County)	5
<b>Lowest League Attendance:</b>	Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	5
7,949 Notts County v Everton — 1.10.83	Mark Falco (Spurs)	5
<b>Most Goals in a Match:</b>	Eric Gates (Ipswich)	5
3 Trevor Christie (Notts C.) v Leicester — 27.8.83	Terry Gibson (Coventry)	4
3 Dave Swindlehurst (West Ham) v Coventry — 10.9.83	Gary Lineker (Leicester)	4
3 Colin Walsh (Nott'm Forest) v Norwich — 17.9.83	Arnold Muhren (Man United)	4
<b>Leading Scorers:</b>	Cyrille Regis (WBA)	4
(Including League, Milk Cup & European games)	Gary Rowell (Sunderland)	4
Simon Stainrod (QPR)	Garry Thompson (WBA)	4
Paul Mariner (Ipswich)	Colin Walsh (Nott'm Forest)	4
	Colin West (Sunderland)	4

**1st TEAM APPEARANCES '83-84**

Player	League '83-84		Cups '83-84		Everton Career	
	A	G	A	G	A	G
Arnold	7	—	—	—	48	—
Bailey	8	—	1	—	130	3
Curran	2	—	—	—	9	1
Harper	8	—	1	—	8	—
Heath	7	—	1	—	66	16
Higgins	8	—	1	—	144	6
Irvine	1	—	—	—	33	4
Johnson	4	—	—	—	76	14
King	3	—	—	—	177	47
Mountfield	2	—	—	—	3	—
Ratcliffe	6	—	1	—	82	1
Reid	3	2	1	—	10	2
Richardson	4	—	1	—	43	5
Sharp	8	2	1	1	77	32
Sheedy	8	2	1	—	48	13
Southall	1	—	1	—	44	—
Steven	8	—	1	—	8	—

**CENTRAL LEAGUE '83-84**

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	5	5	0	11	0	15	
Liverpool	6	3	2	11	4	11	
Aston Villa	6	3	1	2	10	8	10
Derby County	5	2					

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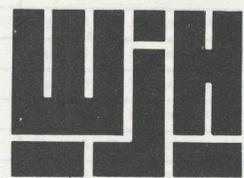
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More colour action from Everton's drawn match against Birmingham City . . . (above) City keeper Tony Coton retrieves the ball from the feet of Graeme Sharp with David Johnson joining in the chase . . . (below) Peter Reid shapes up to cut inside of defender Wayne Mumford.



# RESERVES

Played five. Won five. AND 15 points. That was the Central League team's record when Coach Colin Harvey spotted an up-to-date table in the *Echo*.

'It was the points position that caught my attention,' he said. 'We were two points for a win last season and, to be honest, I didn't realise we had gone over to three points this year.'

'I was going to look up the rules until the club received a table from the League, and there was a note on the bottom drawing my attention to the three points.'

The change seemed to have fooled most clubs, for numerous programmes showed tables under the old points system. Now we are all clear — and it was nice to know that our 100 per cent record gave us a six-point lead after five games.

Taking into account our record on the run-in last season, that meant we had won 12 games out of 13 and were unbeaten in 16 matches. But Colin was certainly not shouting from the rooftops.

'Everything was going right for us,' he pointed out. 'We had a penalty and scored. We gave one away and it was saved by Jim

**MATCHFACT**  
Wednesday 21st September 1983  
**CENTRAL LEAGUE**  
Stoke City Res 0  
Everton Res 3  
Scorers: Higginbottom (2), Rimmer  
Team: Arnold, Stevens, Hughes, Bateman, Mountfield, Richardson, Irvine, Bishop, Wakenshaw (sub: Morrissey), Rimmer, Higginbottom.

Arnold at Stoke. It's things like that which can make all the difference.

'At Stoke, for instance, there was nothing between the teams for an hour and we needed a double deflection from a free kick to open the scoring. Then we took charge to go three up before Jim saved the penalty.'

That was the week when Neville Southall was away with Wales. So, in the absence of another professional goalkeeper, Jim did two jobs, playing for the Reserves on the

Wednesday and the first team on the following Saturday.

Kevin Richardson had his first game with the Reserves at Stoke and young Andy Higginbottom registered his first two goals for the club.

The next match brought another 3-0 scoreline at home to Burnley. All three goals came in the first half when Colin rated the performance as probably the best so far.

Unfortunately, we lost a bit of discipline in the second half. 'They wanted to run with the ball, whereas, in the first half, they had passed it,' explained Colin. 'But all credit to Burnley. They were really enthusiastic despite going so far behind before the break.'

**MATCHFACT**  
Wednesday 28th September 1983  
**CENTRAL LEAGUE**  
Everton Res 3  
Burnley Res 0  
Scorers: Rimmer 2 (1 pen), Higginbottom  
Team: Southall, Stevens, Hughes, Bateman, Mountfield, Richardson, Irvine, King, Morrissey, Rimmer, Higginbottom. Sub: Coyle.

• The next home Central League match is not until Tuesday 8th November, when Sunderland, promoted from the Second Division last season, are the visitors at 7.00 p.m.

# & YOUTHS

Learn as you go along. That's always the message from Coach Graham Smith as he introduces schoolboys to the hurly-burly of the Lancashire League.

And there's nothing that pleases him more than a lesson learned. A recent example came when the 'A' team lost 3-0 to Runcorn Reserves but then beat Southport Reserves 4-3 in the following match.

'I said after the Runcorn game that it was a big lesson,' he explained. 'Runcorn were quite a physical side, mainly made up of players around the 20-to-21 age group. They not only competed well but they almost overran us by tackling hard and making their strength count.'

'No matter how hard our lads tried, they couldn't overcome the problems, but it was good from a coaching point of view. That's the sort of team our lads should beat, but to do that, they must compete with them. What ability we have should be better applied.'

**MATCHFACT**  
Saturday 24th September 1983  
**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE**  
Everton 'A' 0  
Runcorn Res 3  
Team: Hall, Jones, Oldroyd, Macowat, Hughes, Morrissey, Coyle, Hood, (sub: Ashcroft), Higginbottom, Wakenshaw, McKenzie (sub: Bannen).

Understanding of the points raised by the Runcorn match were put to the test against Southport; 'I was pleased to win, although with all due respect to the opposition, we should have scored five or six goals,' said Graham.

'We were two up at half-time, but they scored immediately afterwards and it was 2-2 after only 15 mins. Then it became a battle and this time our lads, because they had listened after the previous week, battled very well.'

'That's the interesting thing about this job. Each season, new players come into the side and we have to

learn similar things each year. The pattern of the past is now repeating itself once again, and the lads are picking up things as they go along.'

**MATCHFACT**  
Saturday 1st October 1983  
**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE**  
Everton 'A' 4  
Southport Res 3  
Scorers: Wakenshaw (2), Bishop, Bateman  
Team: Hall, Ashcroft, Oldroyd, Bateman, Macowat, Hood (sub: Richmond), Coyle, Bishop, Hughes, Wakenshaw, McIlvenna (sub: Rimmer, N.).

Congratulations are due to Darren Hughes, who was promoted from the apprentice ranks when he signed his first professional contract on his 18th birthday last week.

Born at Prescott and schooled at Grange Comprehensive, Runcorn, Darren joined us as a midfielder player at the start of last season but was switched to left back when Ian Macowat was injured in the later stages of the FA Youth Cup run.

Darren got into the Central League team at left back and has worn the No. 3 shirt regularly for the Reserves this term.

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10 KEVIN RICHARDSON	10 FRANK BUNN
11 KEVIN SHEEDY	11 DAVID MOSS
12	12

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