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Howard Kendall



Having reached second place in the table after scoring 10 goals in winning three games on the trot, it was a setback to lose 3-0 at Queens Park Rangers last Saturday.

Once again, it was a case of 'will he-won't he be fit?' with four players, and then on Friday, Kevin Sheedy — one of those we weren't talking about — pulled out of training with a calf injury.

Pat Van den Hauwe missed a couple of days' training with a virus, Kevin Ratcliffe was still having problems with the toe which had made him doubtful for previous games, and Derek Mountfield had a reaction to his knee operation.

But we have to say we didn't defend well; in fact, it was one of our worst displays for some time.

Even so, we did have opportunities and were possibly unlucky not to take the lead when Trevor Steven put the ball in the net but one of our players was ruled off-side. As he was on his way out of the box and not sighting the goalkeeper, it was one of those debatable decisions.

Apart from that, Graeme Sharp had a good chance, Gary Lineker had a couple of openings and Gary Stevens hit the bar. However, we couldn't be pleased with the defensive side of our game, although it is not easy for defenders on the artificial pitch.

They can't get off their feet; there are no sliding tackles and no lunges, and once a player is past you, he is gone. So when we weigh things up, maybe there were reasons for our defeat. But, hopefully, we won't defend as badly again this season.

I thought the last home game with Birmingham City was a convincing win with the help of a hat-trick by Gary Lineker. As he had scored at Spurs, people were looking to him to break his duck at Goodison, and he did that in style.

It's amazing that five of his six goals have come from headers, which has not been regarded as his strength, but he does get in front of defenders very well when we get good quality in from the flanks.

The other talking point against Birmingham was the sending-off. Personally, I don't believe the referee had any choice because he had called over Billy Wright and given the captain a last warning that if Ken Armstrong infringed the rules again, he would be off.

I think it was a case of the lad being awkward rather than deliberate, but he continually committed offences and the time comes when the referee has to say, enough is enough.

The following midweek, we went to Sheffield Wednesday for what is always a hard game. We decided to modify our side by bringing Graeme Sharp back, and while people might think it strange to change a 4-1 winning team, there were good reasons.

Apart from having Graeme's aerial threat in their penalty area, we wanted him to help us defending set pieces against their big men.

Wednesday started well and the thing that pleased me was our attitude after falling behind. The players were determined to make things happen for them and we could have gone in at half-time with a lead.

In the second half, we played ever so well, tearing them apart with some tremendous football. Probably, the scoreline was a surprise to a lot of people, as it was their heaviest defeat under Howard Wilkinson, but on the night, it was a well-deserved victory.

After today, we have our first taste of Cup football to look forward to, with a trip to Old Trafford in the new Football League Super Cup next Wednesday. A week later, we will be at home to Bournemouth in the first leg of the Milk Cup-tie.

We played Bournemouth in a pre-season friendly about three years ago, and if I remember correctly, it was a high-scoring game which we won by the odd goal. As yet, I don't know too much about Bournemouth, other than that they have a Merseyside connection in their two strikers, Colin Clarke, from Tranmere, and Colin Russell, from Liverpool.

Finally, today, I'm delighted to say that Trevor Steven and Paul Bracewell have signed new, four-year contracts.



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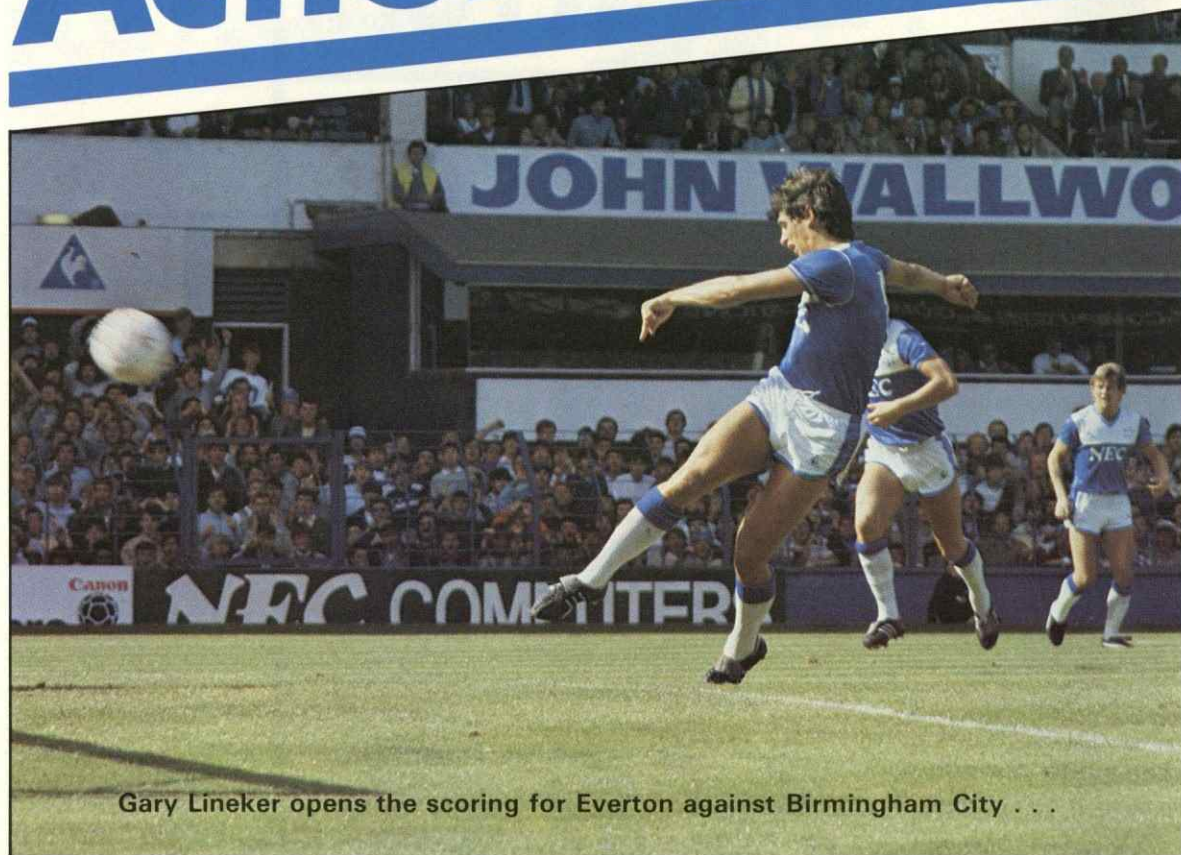
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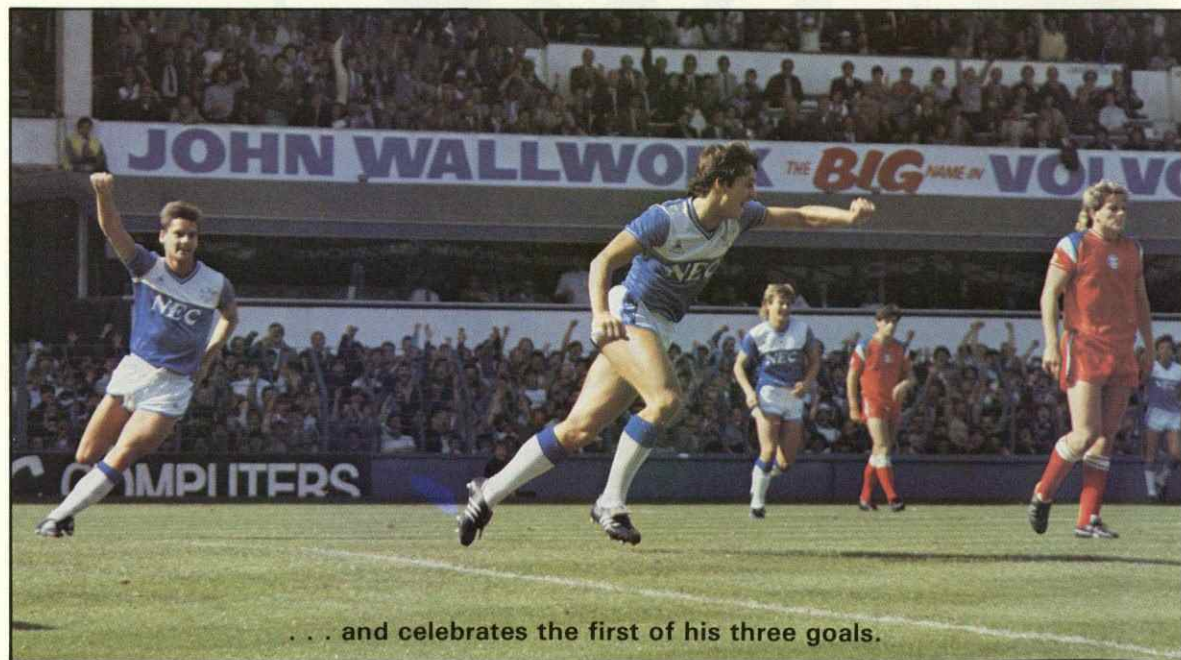
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Comment

The term, *Super Cup*, was coined to mean the best in Europe: a meeting between the holders of the Champions' Cup and the Cup-Winners' Cup. Next week, we welcome the advent of a new Super Cup — the Football League Super Cup. Again, it is meant to be the best — in this case, the best of British, or, to be more exact, English.

Manchester United versus Everton, and Liverpool versus Southampton, are the matches to launch a competition, which, while a temporary substitute for the UEFA competitions, is no less attractive in gathering the six English clubs who would normally have been involved in Europe this season.

Three of the six have won European Finals in the last two seasons and Manchester United are former European Cup holders who have appeared in the semi-finals and quarter-finals of major European tournaments in the past two years.

We venture to suggest that the pedigree of the new Super Cup is worthy of comparison with the highest level in Europe.

There are those critics, of course, who question both the wisdom and necessity of creating a new competition. But that was true of the League Cup a quarter of a century ago. Was it not regarded as something of an illegitimate child of the FA Cup?

Yet it grew to become a popular and worthwhile event on the English calendar.

There is now such a demand for the product that the National Dairy Council is sponsoring this season's Milk Cup to the tune of £560,000 in prize money.

The Football League Super Cup, although smaller in numbers, promises to be a big attraction, too. The mere mention of Manchester United versus Everton is stimulating because of recent meetings between the two clubs at Wembley.

Howard Kendall is in no doubt as to the attraction of next Wednesday's match at Old Trafford. 'With it being against United, our first game in the new competition takes on extra importance,' he says. 'I'm sure there will be a tremendous gate.'

The Everton manager is convinced that there is a market for the extra games between leading clubs, and he cites last Saturday's First Division attendances as a measure of what the public wants.

The attendances at Manchester United, Liverpool and Tottenham totalled slightly more than the other seven games put together. The 'big three' of the day attracted 107,098 whereas the other seven matches — including a derby fixture between Birmingham City and Aston Villa — pulled in 105,742.

'The fans want a chance to see the top sides,' he says. 'And I think a competition which brings them together for a few extra games will be very successful. If the football is entertaining and the clubs concerned are doing well, then people will turn up.'

'There's no doubt that these matches will be competitive. When you enter any competition, the idea is to win a trophy.'

The six clubs are split into groups of three, in which each club plays the other two on a home-and-away basis. The top two in each group will contest the semi-finals in the New Year.

The fixture list is:

Week	Beginning	Group One	Group Two
Sept	16	Manchester United v Everton	Liverpool v Southampton
Sept	30	Everton v Norwich	Tottenham v Southampton
Oct	21	Norwich v Everton	Southampton v Liverpool
Nov	4	Manchester United v Norwich	Liverpool v Tottenham
Nov	5	Everton v Manchester United	Southampton v Tottenham
Dec	9	Norwich v Manchester United	Tottenham v Liverpool

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CANON LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE

EVERTON

v

LIVERPOOL

Saturday 21st September 1985

Kick-off 3.00 pm

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Today's Everton mascot is 10-year-old Erin Roberts, of Caernarfon, North Wales. The matchday mascot's kit is supplied by Le Coq Sportif, who have kindly agreed that it should be retained as a lasting souvenir of the occasion.

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Autograph hunters at Bellfield this week haven't had much joy at all. The training ground that's normally buzzing with activity looked more like the Pier Head at six o'clock on a Sunday morning — simply no-one around.

'In fact, it's been like a ghost town — we've virtually had the place to ourselves,' commented one of the Goodison backroom boys. The reason? The resounding success of the Champs has meant that international bosses have dived headlong into the vast Everton pool of talent for their World Cup matches. An incredible total of 12 Everton players were involved in the World Cup squads of England, Wales,

Scotland and Eire this week, plus the England Under-21 pool to face Romania. As England international Peter Reid said: 'If ever anyone wanted proof that Everton have really arrived, this must surely have been it. 'When the squads were all announced, there was a bigger than usual buzz about the place with everyone apparently getting the call. There was a great feeling of pride about it all.' The Everton call-up brigade amounted to three more than Manchester United and, as Reid said: 'When you try to measure success, you always tend to look at what honours a team has and just how many players of international class they have.

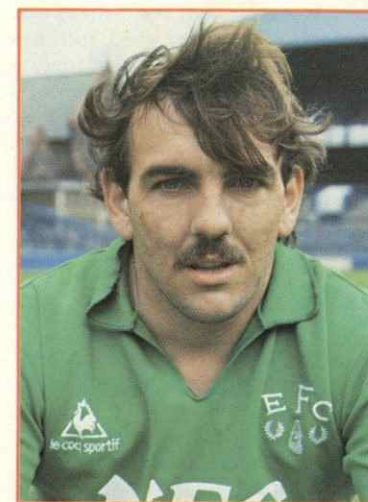
'Now I don't think there can be any doubt about the calibre of our current squad. In fact, if Adrian Heath and Derek Mountfield hadn't lost ground through injuries, who knows? The total number from here might have even been higher!' The international exodus saw no fewer than five of the Champs' first-teamers heading down the motorway to link up with the England party preparing to face Romania. Reid was the 'old boy' of the party and was joined by Gary Stevens, Trevor Steven, Paul Bracewell and Goodison's goalscoring newcomer Gary Lineker. Down in Wales, skipper Kevin Ratcliffe was one of a trio of Everton stars in the squad for that



STEVEN — ENGLAND



LINEKER — ENGLAND



SOUTHALL — WALES

vital World Cup clash against the Scots — the others being Pat Van den Hauwe and goalkeeper Neville Southall. Jock Stein's growing liking for Graeme Sharp meant he was with the Tartan Army ready for battle with the Welsh. Kevin Sheedy, of course, was with the Irish party that faced Switzerland in Berne. And, just to show that the talent of Everton is apparently endless, Paul Wilkinson and Bobby Mimms were in the England Under-21 squad. It all prompted boss Howard Kendall to declare: 'There wasn't much happening around here all week but it's a great accolade that so many of our players were involved in international duty.

'We had a marvellous season last season and did ourselves proud in the League and Europe. We have a strong squad here and the international calls prove just how highly our players are regarded by the national managers.' PFA Player of the Year Peter Reid, who has not lost any of the stunning form that brought him the award last campaign, summed up the feelings of the entire Everton contingent who were on international duty when he said: 'There's an elation at being chosen for a squad and an obvious disappointment if you don't make the kick-off line-up. But then you realise that you've actually been chosen as one of the best footballers in your country and you

think "it can't be all that bad, can it?" 'You also know that by representing your country you are proving that you are producing the goods for your club. 'And when, like here, you find that 12 have been called up you certainly get the message that here is a club that means business — a club the rest of the country should fear in the race for League honours. 'We all know we're good enough. Obviously the World Cup managers feel we're reasonably good players, too. Now I'm sure we can prove that, once again, to the rest of the First Division!'

KEITH FRANCIS, *The Star*



VAN DEN HAUWE — WALES



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Behind The Scenes



Chris Johnson is the 'voice' of Everton — the first link between supporters and club when you telephone Goodison Park.

If Chris had received a £1 note every time she answered, 'Hello, Everton', during the end-of-season rush last Spring, then she would be very wealthy by now!

'That was the busiest time on the switchboard in my 10 years with the club,' says Chris, who lives in Maghull and has been married to Dave for two years.

Her work as Receptionist also involves typing and dealing with general enquiries from personal callers to Goodison. But there was little time for those jobs when the phone was ringing non-stop from 9 am to 5 pm during the build-up to the Championship and two Cup Finals last season.

It was around that period that we installed a new switchboard system and brought in direct lines to the Ticket Office.

'This made the job easier from my point of view,' says Chris. 'The new switchboard is automatic, and instead of having to monitor calls to various extensions around the club, they now go straight through.'

Apart from the nine-to-five routine on weekdays, the switchboard stays open for evening matches until 10.30 pm and for Saturday games until 6.30 pm.

It can be hectic at times but Chris enjoys the job and her cheery voice creates a good first impression with callers to the club.

● **SUPPORTERS** can help Chris by taking advantage of the direct lines to various departments (see the list at the foot of page two in this programme). In particular, you are asked to use the Box Office and/or Information Numbers for ticket enquiries.

RESERVE REPORT

The need to get senior players sharpened to match tempo in the early weeks of the season was reflected in the strength of the 'A' team in a 1-0 victory over Burnley in the Lancashire League.

Eight of the side who played in the Central League in the same week were on duty and two of the three replacements, Alan Harper and Ian Marshall, appeared in the first team's win at Tottenham only six days earlier.

Yet it was not until five minutes from time that Ian Atkins grabbed the winner, turning his man on the edge of the penalty area before driving a shot into the bottom corner.

'Obviously, with the team we had out, plus the fact that Burnley were quite a young side, we might have anticipated scoring a few more goals,' said coach Graham Smith.

'But full credit to Burnley. They were really wound up, as we have done when we've had a team of apprentices facing older sides. Hard work and application made them hard to break down and they could feel proud of their kids.

'They had one corner whereas we had so much of the ball it was untrue. We hit the woodwork four or five times and yet there was that nagging feeling that they might breakaway and pinch a goal.

'In the end, we put Ian Atkins up front and, not for the first time, he gave us a reminder that he was a striker with Shrewsbury. His goal showed he still has the instinct of a front player.'

Saturday 31st August 1985

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Everton 'A' 1

Burnley 'A' 0

Scorer: Atkins.

Team: Deamer, Oldroyd, Atkins, Marshall, Bailey, Rooney, Danskin, Harper, Lundon (sub: Morrissey), Brooks (sub: Parker), Wilkinson.

The first home match in the Central League was a very similar affair. Coach Terry Darracott called it 'us against their keeper for the first 45 minutes.'

But newly-promoted Hull City held out for a 0-0 draw

which left us with one point from two games. It was a disappointing return, but Terry was much happier with the way things went against Hull.

'It was not a 0-0 performance,' he said. 'In fact, I was quite pleased. Some of our play, particularly in the first-half, was excellent and we did everything but get a goal.'

'We had three young apprentices in the team, and I think that playing with a few more experienced players helped them a lot compared with the defeat in the first game at West Brom.

'The whole display was quite good and lacking only in finishing power.'

Graeme Sharp and Paul Wilkinson were the strikers who had no luck in a constant bombardment of the Hull defence.

'Obviously, you have no right to expect goals, but I did feel that if we got some quality service into the box, we had the players to finish things off,' added Terry.

'But their keeper had an excellent game. If was one of those nights when he looked as if he filled the goalmouth. Nothing was going to squeeze past him. 'Still, the game was a step in the right direction. If we keep playing like that, I'm sure we'll start to put the chances away.'

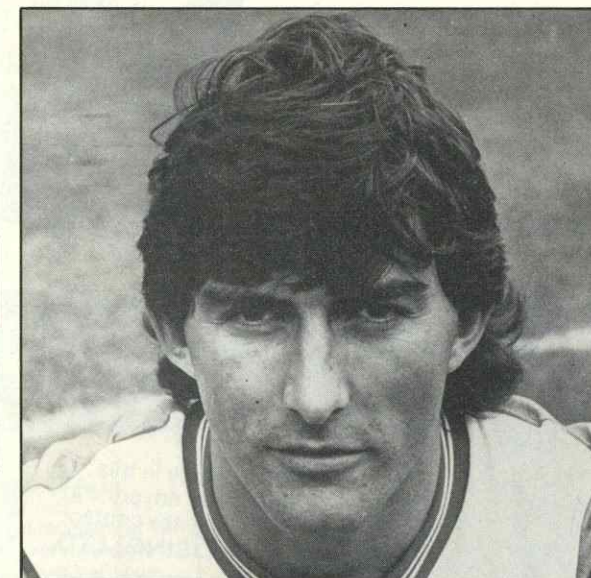
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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Everton Reserves 0

Hull City Reserves 0

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From: Stephen Gilmore, Mill Lane, Parbold . . .

● It made me realise how lucky we are at Goodison, after my recent trip to Leicester. The home fans had to pay £2.70 to get in the 'ground' while Evertonians had to pay £3 for an equivalent section.

This was obviously because we could hardly refuse to pay it after travelling 100 miles down there. I arrived at Leicester at 2 pm but it was 2.50 pm before I got into the ground, due to lengthy Police searches and the fact that there were only a couple of turnstiles open for Evertonians. The result didn't help matters and I was glad to get back to the comfort of Goodison Park on the following Tuesday night.

PS: Congratulations to Ian Marshall for two fine games at Goodison in the first team.

EDITOR: Pricing is the responsibility of the home club, but in fairness to Leicester and the Police, we should not quibble with searches which are designed to make sure each stadium is as trouble-free as possible. Coincidentally, there was praise for Leicester Police from Mrs Fleming, who went to Leicester with her niece's son, three-year-old Dillon Delahaunty. They were taken to the ground and back to the station later in a Police van. We would like to thank the Police on Mrs Fleming's behalf.

From: Erik Nielsen, Mariagervej 972, 8900 Randers, Denmark . . .

I am a Danish student. For the moment, I am trying to do some research for a university thesis on football crowd behaviour in England. I would like to hear of your positive and negative experiences at football matches, home or away. I am also interested in things like how often you go to the matches, where you stand or sit.

From: N. Smith, Palliser Road, London W14 . . .

Whatever the merits of the new fabric, *Tactel*, Everton's kit is hideous. No amount of waffle about 'keeping up with the fashion market' disguises the fact that the strip change is another effort to get money out of already hard-pressed fans.

It cannot be beyond the designers at Le Coq Sportif to come up with a plain royal blue shirt — they did it for Chelsea. And England revived their old shirt with Umbro.

Great teams such as Real Madrid, Juventus and Barcelona may carry advertising and use modern material, but they never change the basic shirt design. Everton is Everton, not some QPR look-alike.

EDITOR: Change inevitably attracts controversy and we are sorry that our London supporter is so disappointed by the new strip. We wonder, however, whether traditionalism should necessarily over-rule all thoughts of 'moving with the times'.

WHEN submitting photographs for publication in the programme, please send black and white pictures whenever possible. As you may have noted, colour shots do not reproduce in black and white; on the other hand, it is considerably more expensive to use them in full colour.

From: Lisa Riley, Dombey Street, Liverpool 8 . . .

Would you please print a message of thanks to Mr Bernard Ashworth for the six superb photographs of Mike Trebilcock? They gave my brother and family much pleasure.

From: Sue Coroneo and Julie Walsh . . .

Please could you print our Dads' names as it is their ambition to be part of the programme? Ken Coroneo and Terry Walsh are avid Everton supporters.

From: Terry Powell, Orrell Park, Liverpool 9 . . .

Adrian Heath showed his quality at the opening home game with two goals against West Brom. This should pose a few problems regarding team selection, but better by far than the problems of two seasons ago. I would like to wish Andy Gray all the

very best at his new club. He was a tireless servant and great ambassador for Everton Football Club, on and off the field. He deserves every success.

From: Kathryn Baldwin, 9 Brookfields, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1DJ . . .

I would like to congratulate Adrian Heath on making a great comeback after his cruel injury. Well done, Adrian!

Also, would the organiser of Adrian's fan club please get in touch with me, as I would love to join?

From: Debbie Matulewicz, St Teath, Bodmin, Cornwall . . .

I would like to mention my husband, Francis, who is recovering from a nasty appendix operation. We had to cancel our holiday to France, and I know it would give him a boost to see his name in the next programme in the League.

He is Everton-mad and we went to Rotterdam to see the Cup-Winners' Cup Final. What a fantastic experience! Hopefully, we will get to see a few home games when travelling permits.

From: Ian Kidd, Southdene, Kirkby . . .

A bit of nit-picking re-Puzzle Page (20/8/85): The first European country to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals was Italy. The holders automatically qualify.

EDITOR: A bit of a stickler for accuracy is Ian! But we are sure he would accept that the Puzzle Page question-master was referring to the *qualifying* competition. It could be argued that Italy have an automatic *entry*, although Ian is perfectly correct.

From: J. Brown, Northbrook Close, Liverpool 8 . . .

Hope you can print this photograph taken at the FA Cup Final. I think it shows that football can be for the family. My daughter, aged six, sees all the home games.



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Seat tickets will also go on general sale from Monday 16th September 1985 during normal office hours from the Goodison Road Box Office.

For the away Leg at Bournemouth (to be played on Tuesday 8th October 1985)

This game is ALL TICKET, and initially tickets will only be available to Season Ticket Holders presenting Voucher 26 at the Goodison Road Box Office between Tuesday 1st October 1985 to Friday 4th October 1985 during normal office hours. Seats are priced £3.50, Terrace tickets £3. As our allocation of tickets does not cover our number of Season Ticket Holders, we cannot guarantee all Season Ticket Holders tickets. Any unsold tickets will go on general sale on Saturday 5th October 1985.

SUPER CUP
MANCHESTER UNITED
v
EVERTON
 Wednesday 18th September 1985
 Kick-off 7.30 pm

This will be an ALL-TICKET match.

Allocation of tickets to 300/500 Club members, Shareholders and Season Ticket Holders were dealt with this week.

Any unsold tickets will go on general sale from the Goodison Road Box Office today between 9.30 am to 2 pm and then after the game (4.45 pm to 5.15 pm), and then during normal office hours from Monday 16th September 1985.

Team Talk



There's nothing that Alan Harper likes more than paying off what he describes as his debt to Everton by appearing in a winning side against Liverpool.

He treasures the fact that his only goal for Everton was in the derby match here in 1984. And last season he was proud to be a member of the first Everton side to complete a League double over Liverpool for 20 years. The motivation factor is always that much stronger for Merseyside-born players who were brought up as Reds or Blues — and even more so for Alan because he started his career with Liverpool.

But it wasn't until he moved across the park two years ago that he made his League debut, and that explains why he is grateful to Everton.

'I owe them a lot because they gave me a start,' he says. 'It's a big gamble for a club to sign a player who hasn't played in the first team, but Everton took that gamble with me.'

At the time of the transfer, Alan probably never dreamed that he would play at Wembley in his first season, and more than that . . . against Liverpool!

His old club eventually carried off the Milk Cup in a replay, but the tide was turning. Starting with the Charity Shield, Everton were 1-0 winners in all three meetings last season, and Alan was in the side for both League matches.

Now his thoughts turn to the next derby occasion in seven days' time. 'If I can't actually be in the team, I'd love to be sub next week,' he says. 'This is the one that everybody wants to play in, especially if you're a local lad.'

'It's amazing how many mixed families there are when it comes to football. Blues and Reds live in the same house, and my family is no different. Most of them support Liverpool, but when I'm playing, they're not so upset if Everton win!'

'After last season's results, the build-up will probably be a bit different next week. People might be saying it's about time Liverpool beat Everton, instead of the other way round. 'I think we're all made up for the Everton fans. They took a lot of stick for a good many years but last season

they found out what it's like to win derby games.'

Alan's contribution to the double was part of his remarkable habit of coming into the team for the big games and usually finishing a winner. He appeared as substitute in the vital League win at Tottenham and was involved in other tremendous away results, winning at Old Trafford in the Milk Cup, winning at Ipswich in the FA Cup quarter-final and drawing in Munich against Bayern.

In all, he appeared in 20 games and the only occasions he was on the losing side were at the tail-end of the season when the injury-weakened squad went down at Forest, Coventry and Luton.

Already, this season, he has carried on the winning streak by playing in two wins and a draw. And, once again, he displayed his adaptability by playing twice in midfield and at centre-half, then left-back when Pat Van den Hauwe was injured, in the win at Tottenham.

But he prefers not to be known as Mr Versatile. 'I never seem to be classed as a player for one position,' he says. 'People always refer to me as a utility player or versatile. In fact, I sometimes reckon the fans don't know what my position really is.'

'When I came here, I was classed as a right-back, but I can't remember the last time I played there. If I had a choice now, I'd say I was a midfield player. Although our midfield men are all internationals, I feel I have a better chance there.'

The ups and downs of life as a squad player were never more apparent than at the end of August when Alan played against Tottenham in the First Division and Burnley 'A' in the Lancashire League in the same week. 'From White Hart Lane to Bellefield in one easy lesson,' he said with a wry smile. 'It is hard to motivate yourself when you go from playing in front of 30,000 to a handful of spectators on the training ground.'

'But you have to grab the chance of a game when you can. At this time of year, you can miss a midweek reserve match by being with the first team but not actually playing.'

'That's why quite a few of us have

played in the 'A' team. If you miss that opportunity, you might not get a game for a couple of weeks.

'If you're not in the first team, it's frustrating not to be playing on a Saturday. The training all week is geared to that, but unfortunately, the reserves don't have many Saturday fixtures these days.'

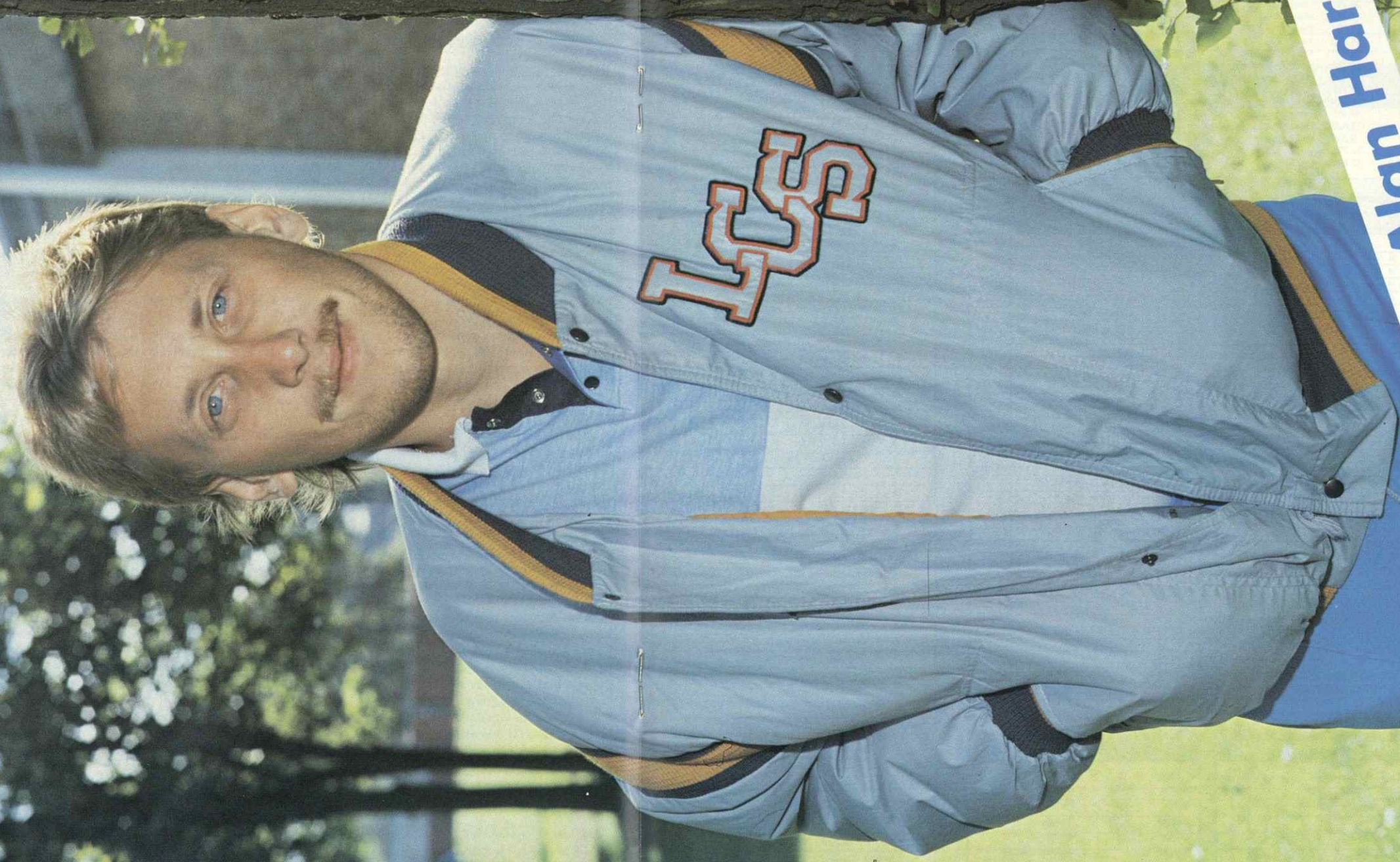
Alan will be 25 in six weeks and his concern is that he may have to try elsewhere for a regular first team place. 'I've talked with the boss, but really I don't want to leave,' he explained.

'Everton have been good to me and I can't grumble. The problem is that I've played in only 30-odd senior games at my age whereas there are teenagers around who have played 100 or more. 'The manager does his best to keep me involved. More often than not, he takes 13 or 14 players on away trips, but if you're not the sub, it means you're away for a couple of days only as a spectator.'

Alan reckons that the European ban on English teams is probably a bigger blow to the back-up squad than the regulars. Last season it was always something to look forward to; a time when the full squad travelled together and became completely involved because of the need for five substitutes.

'Europe is a great way of keeping players happy,' he says. 'That would have been especially true this year because of the European Cup. There aren't many clubs where you get a chance of playing at that level, and it was terrible news when we heard we had lost our opportunity.'

Alan Harper



ATTENDANCES AND CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1985-86

Home League Games

Highest	Average		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
51,820	50,860	Manchester United	7	4	0	0	12	0	3	0	0	6	2	21
38,261	31,544	Liverpool	7	4	0	0	12	1	0	2	1	4	5	14
30,065	24,370	Sheffield Wednesday	7	1	2	1	6	9	3	0	0	5	1	14
28,066	27,515	Everton	7	2	1	0	7	2	2	0	2	7	13	
37,145	25,749	Arsenal	7	2	0	1	5	4	2	1	1	5	4	13
16,534	15,863	Chelsea	7	3	0	0	6	0	0	3	1	3	6	12
16,544	14,011	QPR	7	3	0	1	6	2	1	0	2	4	7	12
29,670	25,333	Newcastle United	7	2	1	0	6	3	1	1	2	4	10	11
29,884	26,795	Tottenham	7	3	0	1	13	3	0	1	2	2	4	10
14,541	14,215	Watford	7	3	0	0	11	1	0	1	3	4	11	10
24,971	14,602	Birmingham City	7	3	1	0	5	1	0	0	3	1	9	10
20,197	14,206	Aston Villa	7	1	1	1	6	5	1	2	1	3	4	9
27,789	26,750	Manchester City	7	1	1	1	4	5	1	1	2	4	7	8
16,401	14,852	Southampton	7	1	3	0	5	2	0	1	2	4	6	7
11,318	10,680	Luton Town	6	0	3	0	4	4	1	1	1	4	5	7
26,274	15,761	Nottingham Forest	7	1	0	2	3	5	1	1	2	5	5	7
18,777	16,041	Ipswich Town	6	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	7	7
19,762	16,465	West Ham United	7	1	1	1	5	4	0	2	2	3	6	6
16,932	13,025	Leicester City	7	1	2	1	5	6	0	1	2	1	7	6
10,634	9,865	Oxford United	7	1	1	1	6	2	0	1	3	4	12	5
14,550	12,276	Coventry City	7	1	1	2	7	7	0	1	2	1	5	5
17,077	12,890	WBA	7	0	1	3	4	9	0	0	3	1	10	1

CENTRAL LEAGUE
FIXTURES 1985-86

Date	v	Opponents	F	A
Aug 21	A	West Bromwich Albion	0 - 2	
Aug 27	H	Hull City	0 - 0	
Sept 5	H	Leicester City	2 - 0	
Sept 10	A	Derby County		
Sept 14	A	Manchester United		
Sept 24	H	Leeds United		
Oct 1	A	Liverpool		
Oct 8	H	Wigan Athletic		
Oct 16	A	Aston Villa		
Oct 22	H	Manchester City		
Oct 29	H	Nottingham Forest		
Nov 6	A	Barnsley		
Nov 12	H	Blackburn Rovers		
Nov 20	A	Sheffield United		
Nov 26	H	Newcastle United		
Dec 3	A	Sheffield Wednesday		
Dec 10	H	Huddersfield Town		
Dec 16	A	Leicester City		
Jan 14	H	West Brom. Albion		
Jan 21	H	Derby County		
Jan 29	A	Hull City		
Feb 4	H	Aston Villa		
Feb 11	A	Manchester City		
Feb 22	H	Manchester United		
Feb 25	A	Leeds United		
Mar 4	H	Liverpool		
Mar 11	A	Wigan Athletic		
Mar 18	H	Barnsley		
Mar 26	A	Nottingham Forest		
Apr 2	A	Blackburn Rovers		
Apr 8	H	Sheffield United		
Apr 16	A	Newcastle United		
Apr 22	H	Sheffield Wednesday		
Apr 30	A	Huddersfield Town		

CENTRAL LEAGUE 1985-86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
Newcastle	3	2	1	0	9	6	7
Manchester Utd	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Aston Villa	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Sheffield Wed	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
WBA	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Manchester City	3	1	1	1	8	4	4
Hull City	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Huddersfield	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Everton	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Wigan	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Barnsley	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Nott'm Forest	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Blackburn	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Derby	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Leicester	3	1	0	2	2	8	3
Sheffield Utd	3	1	0	2	2	9	3
Leeds	3	0	0	3	1	10	0

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE
FIXTURES 1985-86

Date	v	Opponents	F	A
Aug 17	H	Bolton 'A'	3 - 3	
Aug 24	A	Southport Res	1 - 0	
Aug 31	H	Burnley 'A'	1 - 0	
Sept 7	A	Tranmere Res	5 - 2	
Sept 14	A	Rochdale Res		
Sept 21	H	Chester Res		
Sept 28	H	Crewes Res		
Oct 5	H	Barrow Res		
Oct 19	H	Liverpool 'A'		
Oct 26	H	Bury Res		
Nov 2	H	Morecambe Res		
Nov 9	A	Manchester City 'A'		
Nov 16	A	Manchester Utd 'A'		
Nov 23	H	Marine Res		
Nov 30	A	S. Liverpool Res		
Dec 7	H	UMIST		
Dec 14	A	Alsager College		
Dec 21	H	Southport Res		
Dec 28	A	Crewes Res		
Jan 4	H	Manchester City 'A'		
Jan 11	H	Rochdale Res		
Jan 18	A	Bolton 'A'		
Jan 29	A	Liverpool 'A'		
Feb 1	H	Tranmere Res		
Feb 8	A	Chester Res		
Feb 15	A	Morecambe Res		
Feb 22	H	S. Liverpool Res		
Mar 1	A	Burnley 'A'		
Mar 14	A	Stockport Res		
Mar 29	A	Marine Res		
Apr 2	A	Bury Res		
Apr 9	H	Manchester Utd 'A'		
Apr 12	H	Stockport Res		
May 3	A	Barrow Res		
May 7	H	Alsager College		
TBA	A	UMIST		

CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES
1985-86

	A	G		A	G
Atkins	3	—	Oldroyd	2	—
Bailey	3	—	Parker	—(1)	—
Brooks	2(1)	—	Rooney	3	—
Danskin	3	—	Sharp	1	—
Harper	1	—	Wakenshaw	1	1
Lundon	3	—	Walsh	2	—
Marshall	1	—	Ward	1	—
Mimms	3	—	Wilkinson	3	1
Mountfield	1	—			

Substitute appearances in brackets

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 85-86

Date	V	Opposition	F	A	Att	Pos
Aug 17	A	Leicester City	1-3	16,932	—	
20	H	West Bromwich Albion	2-0	26,788	—	
24	H	Coventry City	1-1	27,691	11	
26	A	Tottenham Hotspur	1-0	29,720	5	
31	H	Birmingham City	4-1	28,066	5	
Sept 3	A	Sheffield Wednesday	5-1	30,065	2	
7	A	Queens Park Rangers	0-3	16,544	4	
14	H	Luton Town				
18	A	Manchester United (SC)				
21	H	Liverpool				
25	H	Bournemouth (MC 2-1L)				
28	A	Aston Villa				
Oct 1	H	Norwich City (SC)				
5	H	Oxford United				
8	A	Bournemouth (MC 2-2L)				
12	A	Chelsea				
19	H	Watford				
23	A	Norwich City (SC)				
26	A	Manchester City				
29/30		Milk Cup 3				
Nov 2	A	West Ham United				
9	H	Arsenal				
16	A	Ipswich Town				
19/20		Milk Cup 4				
23	H	Nottingham Forest				
27	H	Manchester United (SC)				
30	A	Southampton				
Dec 7	A	West Bromwich Albion				
14	H	Leicester City				
21	A	Coventry City				
26	H	Manchester United				
28	H	Sheffield Wednesday				
Jan 1	A	Newcastle United				
4		FA Cup 3				
11	H	Queens Park Rangers				
14/15		Milk Cup 5				
18	A	Birmingham City				
25		FA Cup 4				
Feb 1	H	Tottenham Hotspur				
8	A	Watford				
11/12		Milk Cup SF 1L				
15	H	Manchester City (FAC 5)				
22	A	Liverpool				
Mar 1	H	Aston Villa				
4/5		Milk Cup SF 2L				
8	A	Oxford United (FAC 6)				
15	H	Chelsea				
22	A	Luton Town				
29	H	Newcastle United				
31	A	Manchester United				
April 5	H	West Ham Utd (FAC SF)				
12	A	Arsenal				
19	H	Ipswich Town				
20		Milk Cup Final				
26	A	Nottingham Forest				
May 3	H	Southampton				

KEY TO CUP COMPETITIONS

MC = Milk Cup
SC = Football League Super Cup
FAC = FA Cup

Aug 10	Manchester Utd (IFA Charity)	2-0	82,000	—
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+ Indicates own goal

*Indicates substituted player

STATISTICS SUPPLIED BY NEC COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Mountfield ¹	Reid	Steven	Lineker	Sharp	Bracewell	Sheedy*	Heath
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Marshall	Harper	Steven	Lineker	Heath ²	Bracewell	Sheedy	Atkins
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Harper	Marshall	Heath	Steven	Lineker	Sharp ¹	Bracewell	Sheedy*	Atkins
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Marshall	Harper	Steven	Lineker ¹	Heath*	Bracewell	Sheedy	Sharp
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Mountfield	Reid	Steven ¹	Lineker ³	Heath	Bracewell	Sheedy	Sharp
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Mountfield ¹	Reid*	Steven ¹	Lineker ²	Sharp	Bracewell	Sheedy	Heath ¹
Southall	Stevens	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Mountfield	Reid	Steven	Lineker	Sharp	Bracewell	Sheedy	Marshall

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES, SCORERS 1985-86

Player	Birthdate	Cups 1985-86		Cups 1985-86		Everton League Career		Previous League Career	
		Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl
Ian Atkins	16.1.57	— (1)	—	—	—	7	1	355	64
John Bailey	1.4.57	—	—	—	—	170	3	120	1
Paul Bracewell	19.7.62	7	—	—	—	44	2	167	9
Jason Danskin	28.12.67	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Neil Deamer	27.11.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alan Harper	1.11.60	3	—	—	—	44	1	—	—
Adrian Heath	11.1.61	5(2)	3	—	—	120	42	95	16
Gary Lineker	30.11.60	7	6	—	—	7	6	194	95
Ian Marshall	20.3.66	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Bobby Mimms	12.10.63	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	—
Derek Mountfield	2.11.62	4	2	—	—	73	15	26	1
Darren Oldroyd	1.11.66	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Kevin Ratcliffe	12.11.60	6	—	—	—	161	1	—	—
Peter Reid	20.6.56	4	—	—	—	82	4	225	23
Kevin Richardson	4.12.62	—	—	—	—	90	13	—	—
Graeme Sharp	16.10.60	4(1)	1	—	—	145	59	40	17
Kevin Sheedy	21.10.59	6	—	—	—	103	26	54	4
Neville Southall	16.9.58	7	—	—	—	127	—	48	—
Trevor Steven	21.9.63	7	2	—	—	74	15	76	11
Gary Stevens	27.3.63	7	—	—	—	118	5	—	—
Pat Van den Hauwe	16.12.60	7	—	—	—	38	—	123	1
Rob Wakenshaw	22.12.65	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—
Derek Walsh	24.10.67	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Paul Wilkinson	30.10.64	—	—	—	—	5	2	71	27



Double Take

A double take of Graeme Sharp with this flying header. He didn't find the target this time but made up for it later by heading home Everton's equaliser against Coventry City.



Quick Quiz: 1. Kevin Keegan; 2. Oxford United; 3. Paul Breitner; 4. Shrimpers; 5. Allison, Butler, Coppell, Davies.

Fact File

No. 4 IAN MARSHALL

Full name: Ian Paul Marshall.

Birthplace/date: Liverpool, on 20th March 1966.

Married: No.

Lives: Litherland.

Car: Don't drive.

Nickname: Big Bird.

Previous clubs: None.

International honours: None as yet.

Club honours: FA Youth Cup winners medal; FA Charity Shield medal as substitute.

Best English stadium played in: White Hart Lane.

Best foreign stadium played in: Olympic Stadium, Athens.

Magic moments in football: Making debut against West Brom; winning the Youth Cup.

Worst moment in football: Ankle injury last season.

Most memorable match: Playing in a winning team at Tottenham.

Player for the future: Steven Morrissey.

Favourite other team: Carlisle United.

Favourite player: Kevin Ratcliffe.

Club supported as a boy: Liverpool.

Biggest influences on career: Mom and dad, Tom and Lil; coaches at Everton.

What would you most like to change in football: Hooliganism.



Favourite other sports: Tennis, snooker.

Favourite other sports personality: Steve Cram.

Favourite TV show: The Invaders.

TV shows you like least: Eastenders.

Favourite reading: Daily Star.

Musical taste: Dire Straits and Bruce Springsteen.

Best film seen recently: The Terminator.

Dislikes/likes: Smoking and being injured/winning and playing well.

Hobbies: None in particular.

Holiday spot this year: Yugoslavia.

Favourite food/drink: Steak/lager shandy.

Pre-match meal: Scrambled eggs on toast.

Who would you most like to meet: John Carpenter, the Film Director.

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News Desk...



GOLDEN GARY!

Gary Lineker received a treasured Golden Boot for being equal top scorer in the First Division last season with 24 League goals for Leicester City. The presentation ceremony last week (pictured above) was a shared occasion with Kerry Dixon, of Chelsea, and by then, the new Everton striker had reached another landmark in his goal-scoring career. The match against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough was his 200th in League football — and he celebrated by scoring his 100th League goal.

His 'one in two' ratio is probably bettered at First Division level only by Ian Rush, who completed his League century in his 174th game at the back end of last season.

Gary's career is roughly a half-and-half split between Divisions One and Two, and it's interesting to note that his striking rate is actually better in the

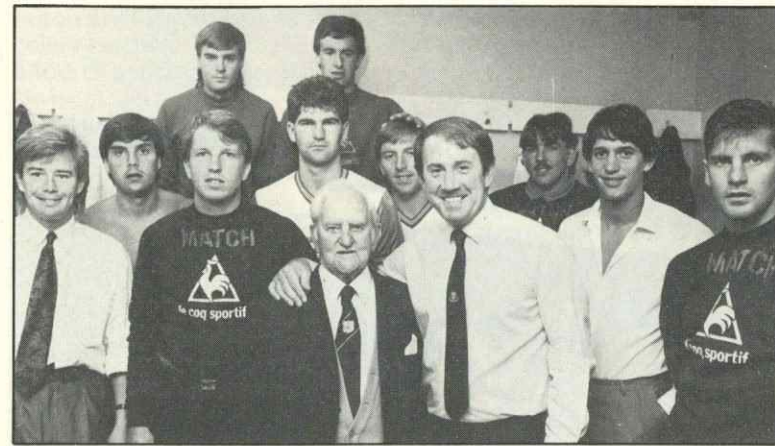
top division, where he has claimed 54 goals in 95 appearances — an average of 1.76 games per goal. Incidentally, his hat-trick against

Birmingham City was his sixth in first-team football. His previous 'trebles' were for Leicester, against Carlisle (11.9.82), Derby (23.10.82), Notts County (14.1.84), Aston Villa (27.10.84) and Burton Albion (5.1.85). There was something of an oddity about the last hat-trick in that the game was scrubbed and ordered to be replayed because of crowd interference.

Most statisticians automatically removed the goals from their records, but Leicester City successfully argued they should stand on the basis that the FA recorded a booking for one of their players in the original match. So Gary was allowed to keep his goals from 'the game that never was' in official FA Cup records!

HAPPY RETIREMENT...

After 21 years preparing 'home from home' food for Everton players and staff, Mrs Carol Holmes retired last week from her



by playing in four divisions in four years has died, aged 83, at his home in Stockport.

Bill Bocking played for Stockport County in 1929-30, made one appearance on joining Everton in our Second Division Championship season in 1930-31, played 10 times in our title-winning First Division team in 1931-32, and was a Central League regular in 1932-33 before returning to Stockport. A tall, strong defender, he continued to play until the late 1930s, captaining Stockport when they won the Third Division (North) in 1936-37. In all, he made 366 appearances for Stockport, which was a club record at the time. We extend our sympathy to Bill's wife, Ida, and his daughter, Ena.

job in charge of catering at Bellefield.

Carol (pictured below) first worked for the club at Goodison Park and then moved to Bellefield when the training complex was extended in 1966. 'It was only supposed to be a temporary job because the regular staff hadn't come in,' she recalls. 'But instead of being with Everton for a couple of weeks, it turned out to be 21 years!

'I've enjoyed every minute of the work and wouldn't have missed it for the world.'

Carol, who lives at Cherry Lane, Liverpool 4, plans to get out a bit more during her retirement, and is making a good start with a 17-day holiday in Crete, which was a present from her son, Michael.

Michael is a Liverpoolian but her husband, Albert, is an Evertonian, and Carol makes sure that The Blues have a majority in the Holmes family! Howard Kendall has enjoyed her cooking both as a player and as a manager, and says: 'On behalf of everyone at the club, I wish Carol well in her retirement. We have all appreciated her efforts over the years.'

BEHIND THE SCENES

One of our longest-serving supporters enjoyed a peep behind the scenes when he was invited

into the dressing room to meet the players at a recent match.

George Bailey, a Shareholder and former Chairman of the Supporters Club, is now 90 and asked if he could have his photograph (pictured above) taken with the team.

'We were happy to oblige,' says manager Howard Kendall. 'He has a magnificent scrapbook on Everton and apparently, his souvenirs have to be seen to be believed.'

FORMER EVERTONIAN

A former Everton centre-half who established something of a record



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gordon Watson, who continues to work for Everton some 52 years after joining the club as a player, and his wife, Olive, enjoyed a Golden Wedding party in the Trophy Room at Goodison Park recently. Family and friends gathered to make it an occasion to remember for the happy couple (pictured below). Gordon's regular job these days is acting as guide to parties touring Goodison Park in mid-week, and he also helps out behind the bars in the club complex when required.

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Luton Town

No doubt Luton Town's visit to Goodison Park today will revive memories of the desperate disappointment they undoubtedly felt after losing last season's FA Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park.

We can only imagine how David Pleat and his team reacted to Kevin Sheedy's late equaliser and Derek Mountfield's winning goal in extra time. One minute the Twin Towers were almost in view, the next Luton were back in the relegation struggle. When their Wembley dream perished, they were in the bottom three in the First Division, with 35 points and 10 games to be played. And Mr Pleat made their target quite clear — he wanted to watch the Cup Final knowing that Luton were safe.

The players responded by taking 13 points from six games in 21 days after the semi-final, and the formalities were eventually completed when Leicester were trounced 4-0 on the last official Saturday of the season.

Like ourselves, Luton were kept in action until the end of May. Coincidentally, we were both beaten in Coventry City's survival act and then Luton finished the campaign by beating a very young Everton side at Kenilworth Road. They finished in 13th place, which was distinctly more comfortable than their escape two years earlier when a goal by Raddy Antic at Maine Road made Luton safe but put Manchester City into the Second Division.



BRIAN STEIN

Luton are happily able to celebrate their Centenary with a fourth successive season at Division One level, and Mr Pleat did suggest that the FA Cup setback against Everton was possibly a blessing in disguise in terms of their League status. He wrote in the club programme: 'It may just be that the pain of that defeat in the semi-final was the medicine we were prescribed in order to get to work with the task in the League.'

The eventual escape probably represents a crucial phase in Luton's modern history. Most people felt they had a side capable of holding its own at First Division level and it was crucial that they didn't slip back before last season's changes took full effect. The appointment of David Evans as chairman before Christmas last year resulted in a £500,000 investment in four new players — former England centre-half Steve Foster from Aston Villa; midfield man David Preece from Walsall; dangerous target-man Mick Harford from Birmingham City; and Welsh international Peter Nicholas from Crystal Palace. Foster, who had an unhappy spell with Villa on leaving Brighton earlier in 1984, was appointed captain, and as in his time on the South Coast, he became the figurehead in a major Cup run.

Nicholas, always committed to the cause at club and international level, performed a similar role in midfield, while the aggressive style of Harford brought 15 goals in 22 League appearances and complemented the quick-breaking of the other front-runners, Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajobi.

Mr Pleat pinpointed the 'spirit and determination of new individuals' as an important factor in the revival. Foster, above all, was a major influence, particularly as Luton lost the services of Paul Elliott, an England Under-21 centre-

half who broke a leg in a Milk Cup-tie against Leicester. Foster and the Northern Ireland regular, Mal Donaghy, provided a solid core to a much-improved defence, which was completed by Tim Breacker and Mitchell Thomas, two young full-backs who were recognised as players with international potential. Thomas, in fact, was selected for the England Under-21 squad towards the end of last season.

Unfortunately, the back-four was unsettled at the start of the new campaign when Elliott, having re-appeared from his injury troubles, and Foster were both on the sidelines. This meant that Nicholas moved to centre-half and Rob Johnson came into midfield after spending a long time out of the game through injury.

The goalkeeping position has reverted to what it was at the start of last season, Welsh Under-21 international Andrew Dibble re-claiming the job after 12 months in which Luton used three players.

Dibble, signed from Cardiff for £125,000, was the man in charge until he damaged knee ligaments against Manchester United at Old Trafford in November.

Jake Findlay took over for a while, but was then hampered by injury and Les Sealey, a six-figure capture from Coventry in

1983, came in for the rest of the season. Findlay was later given a free transfer and joined Swindon Town, along with Luton's long-serving winger, David Moss.

Other summer departures were Frank Bunn and Wayne Turner, who played in the Cup run because Nicholas and Preece were ineligible but was released to Coventry for £75,000 and became the new captain at Highfield Road recently. England Youth international Garry Parker filled the other vacancy in the Cup team and will be expected to be pushing for a regular role as this season develops.

He is another example of the club's successful youth policy, which enables Luton to compete at First Division level despite attendances of around 10,000 at Kenilworth Road. Their buying-and-selling record is equally good. In 1983-84 they made a profit of £511,000 after selling Paul Walsh to Liverpool, and last season the restructured Board was able to sanction necessary team improvements.

This year there was a further major expenditure when Luton followed Queens Park Rangers example by installing an artificial pitch. The surface is said to be of a more advanced design and does not have the high bounce which can be troublesome at Loftus Road.

LUTON TOWN STATISTICS 1985-86

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	League Career		1985-86	
			Apps	Goals	League Apps	Goals
Tim Breacker	Bicester	—	40	—	3	—
Andrew Dibble	Cwmbran	Cardiff	81	—	6	—
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	Larne	294	15	6	—
Paul Elliott	Lewisham	Charlton	126	5	2(1)	—
Steve Foster	Portsmouth	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa	322	16	2	—
Ashley Grimes	Dublin	Bohemians, Man United, Coventry	132	11	1	—
Mick Harford	Sunderland	Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham	284	100	6	3
Ricky Hill	Paddington	—	322	44	4	—
Rob Johnson	Bedford	—	9	—	3	—
Peter Nicholas	Newport	C. Palace, Arsenal, C. Palace	259	15	6	—
Emeka Nwajobi	Nigeria	Dulwich Hamlet	39	12	6	2
Garry Parker	Oxford	—	39	3	3(2)	—
David Preece	Bridgnorth	Walsall	138	7	6	—
Brian Stein	Cape Town	Edgbare	295	95	6	3
Mitchell Thomas	Luton	—	72	—	6	—

LEAGUE RESULTS: Nottingham Forest (H) 1-1, Newcastle (A) 2-2, West Ham (A) 1-0, Arsenal (H) 2-2, Aston Villa (A) 1-3, Chelsea (H) 1-1.

Up to and including Saturday 7th September 1985

Back Track

It was on Easter Monday in 1959 that Goodison fans first became acquainted with Billy Bingham.

He came here as a Luton player but, on that occasion, he didn't have a great influence upon the game. Two goals from Jimmy Harris, plus one from Eddie Thomas, gave the Toffees a 3-1 victory. Bob Morton scored for Luton.

Billy came back to Goodison on the opening day of the following season. He scored Luton's opening goal in a 2-2 draw, all the goals coming in the second-half. Jimmy Harris, again, was on target for Everton, Dave Hickson getting the other. Alan Brown hit Luton's second goal. That was a rare Goodison point for Luton who have been beaten in three of four subsequent visits.

His Goodison goal was the first of 16 that season for Billy, who ended up Luton's leading scorer. In spite of this, the Hatters were relegated and, during the early weeks of the following campaign, he was transferred to Everton for £28,000.

He never turned out for the Toffees against Luton but he had three successful seasons here, winning 13 Northern Ireland caps during his stay. He then moved on to Port Vale but his career was ended by a broken leg just over a year later.

He later managed Southport, Plymouth, Linfield and the Northern Ireland team before returning to Goodison as club manager in 1973. He remained for four years, then took over at Mansfield before returning to take charge of the Irish national team again. At the moment he is deeply involved trying to get them through to next Summer's World Cup Finals in Mexico.



BILLY BINGHAM

Our last game at Goodison:
Tuesday 1st January 1985.

EVERTON (1) 2	LUTON (0) 1
Steven 2	Harford 31,682

EVERTON: Southall, Bailey, Van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Curran, Sharp, Bracewell, Sheedy.

LUTON: Sealey, Breaker, Thomas (Bunn), Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Preece, Moss.

Our full League record against Luton is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	12	6	2	4	21	15	16*
Away	12	4	3	5	18	17	13
	24	10	5	9	39	32	29*

*3 points for a win from 1981-82.

EVERTON v LUTON Previous League Meetings

	Home	Away	Home	Away
1951-52	1-3	1-1	1958-59	3-1 1-0
1952-53	1-1	2-4	1959-60	2-2 1-2
1953-54	2-1	1-1	1974-75	3-1 1-2
1955-56	0-1	2-2	1982-83	5-0 5-1
1956-57	2-1	0-2	1983-84	0-1 3-0
1957-58	0-2	1-0	1984-85	2-1 0-2

Insight

The way to the stars was full of pitfalls for Luton striker Mick Harford. Tipped for the top by his first manager, Mick stumbled a little at Newcastle and was then the innocent victim of a financial collapse.

Now, after further set-backs, he is playing his best football for Luton whose creative style suits his own outlook on the game.

Last season Mick scored a personal best tally of 19 goals. After getting off the mark early, scoring against Newcastle and West Ham, he hopes to do even better this term.

He began his career with Lincoln City, making his League debut for the Red Imps at home to Gillingham in December 1977. They lost 0-2 and that left them only two points ahead of the bottom club in the Third Division.

Mick's introduction to the side gave it a boost. He began to knock home a few goals and a run of eight games without defeat lifted some of the gloom. Then came another slump and Mick found himself frantically involved in the relegation struggle until almost the last match. Lincoln finally scrambled to safety.

That gave them only temporary relief. Things got even worse the following season when the Red Imps endured a run of 18 games without a win. Manager Willie Bell was sacked and Mick lost his place in the side for a while.

But it was the arrival of Colin Murphy as the Lincoln boss that did much to improve Mick's game. Mick was one of few players retained in the side as Mr Murphy went about a complete rebuild.

Life in the Fourth was no bad thing for Mick. He began to hit top form and he finished top scorer with 16 goals. This included his first hat-trick against Wigan.

This time the late season tensions were of a more pleasant sort as Lincoln pressed for promotion. They just missed but Mick had proved to a few people in the game that he had potential.

If anyone had any doubts these were finally dispelled at the beginning of 1980-81. Mick hit eight goals in his first four games!

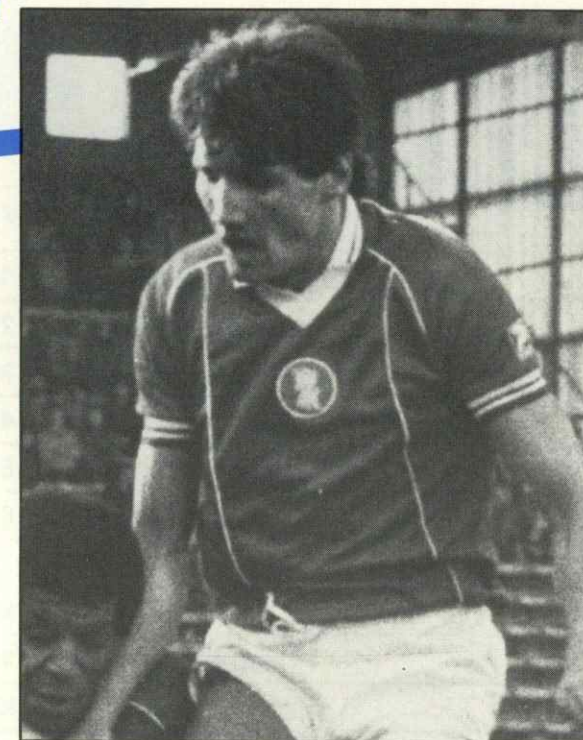
By December Mick had scored 13 goals for Lincoln and Newcastle United, top of the Second Division, swooped for his signature.

The £200,000 fee was the highest ever paid for a Fourth Division player but, though the money was welcomed by Lincoln, manager Murphy was sorry to see him go.

'Of course I would like to keep him in my team,' he said. 'But I believe Mick has the ability to make it right to the top and he deserved this chance.'

So, once again, Mick found himself in a cauldron as Newcastle tried to clinch promotion.

At St James' Park he found he was not getting the sort of service he had received at Lincoln and, though he scored a few goals, Newcastle lost ground in the race and finally missed out.



MICK HARFORD

His experience at St James' Park led him to believe his future did not lie there. So, during the 1981 close-season, he accepted a very different type of challenge. Bristol City had just equalled a dismal record by suffering relegation from the First to the Third Division in successive seasons. Needing an established forward to help them stabilise, they agreed a £150,000 fee for Mick.

The player soon started to repay the club with a stream of goals and he quickly established himself as their leading marksman. Sadly, City fell behind with their repayments to Newcastle and the club's finances were in such disarray that it almost collapsed under the strain.

Indeed, it was by deciding to sell Mick that City managed to carry on for a few more weeks.

Birmingham City agreed a £100,000 fee but Newcastle still had a call upon him. To ensure the Geordies received the balance of money due to them, a triangular transfer was arranged.

So Mick sat down with officials of Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham City. He signed forms to transfer him back to Newcastle on a free transfer, then moments later, he was transferred again to Birmingham who contracted to pay Newcastle the £100,000.

Mick's efforts brought only temporary relief for Birmingham. In 1984 they were relegated and, shortly after the start of last season, Mick moved on to Luton for £250,000.

He scored here at Goodison and went on to claim 16 goals for the Hatters. Adding the three he had scored for Birmingham, that gave him his highest-ever total of 19 for a season.

This season he confidently expects to smash that record.

Matchfax



EVERTON <i>Royal Blue Shirts, White Shorts</i>	v	LUTON TOWN <i>White/Orange Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts</i>
NEVILLE SOUTHALL	1	ANDREW DIBBLE
GARY STEVENS	2	TIM BREACKER
PAT VAN DEN HAUWE	3	MITCHELL THOMAS
KEVIN RATCLIFFE	4	PETER NICHOLAS
DEREK MOUNTFIELD	5	STEVE FOSTER
PETER REID	6	MAL DONAGHY
TREVOR STEVEN	7	RICKY HILL
GARY LINEKER	8	BRIAN STEIN
GRAEME SHARP	9	MICK HARFORD
PAUL BRACEWELL	10	EMEKA NWAJIOBI
KEVIN SHEEDY	11	DAVE PREECE
	12	

Officials

REFEREE: PETER TYLDESLEY (Stockport)

LINESMEN: G. P. DAVIES (Salford)
E. J. PARKER (Ribbleton)

STAND-BY-OFFICIAL: A. R. WHALLEY
(Knowsley Village)

Peter Tyldesley is a Sales Executive, married with two children. Started refereeing in 1967, and progressed via the Mid-Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues. Linesman for FA Trophy Final in 1976 and for Italy v East Germany in 1981.



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