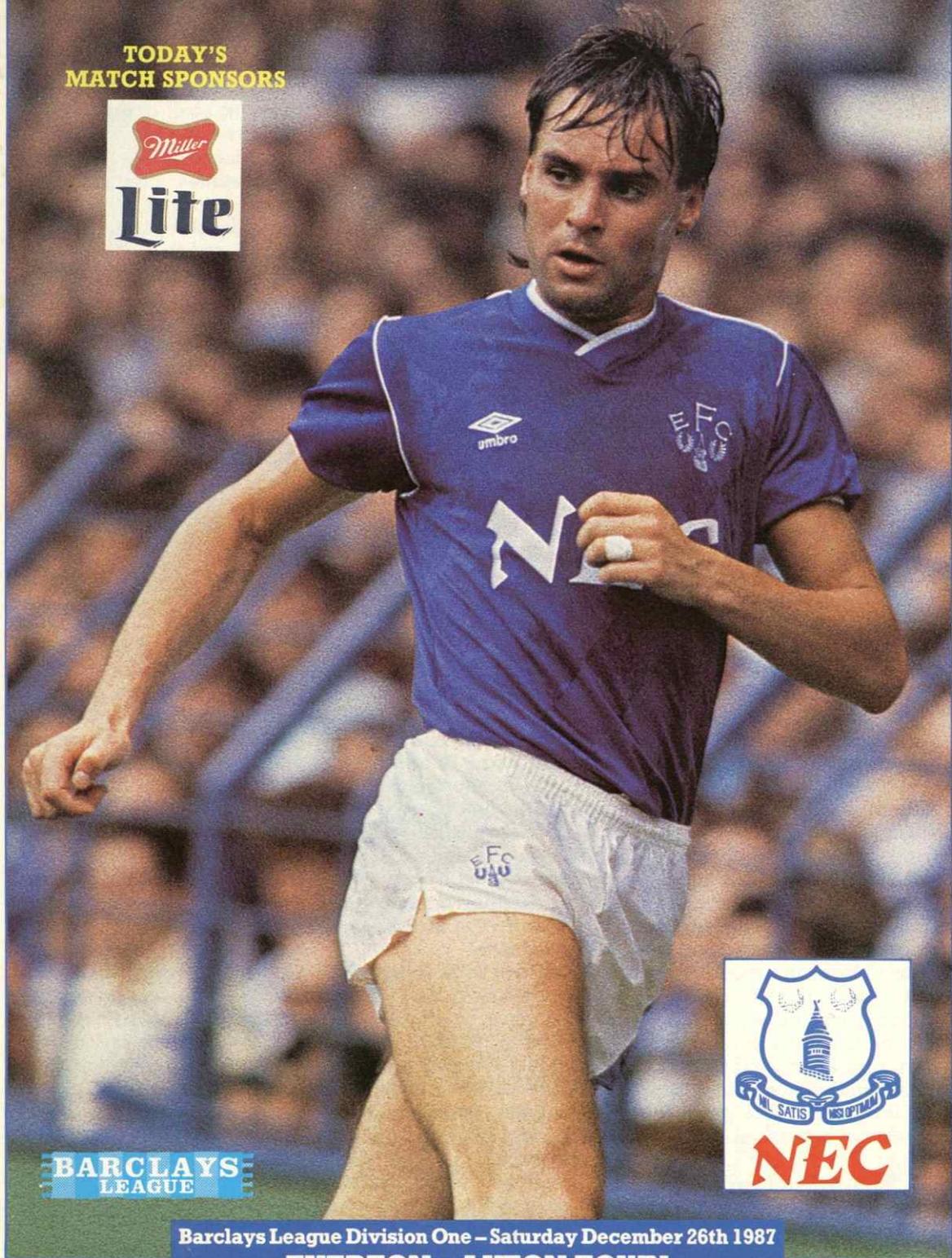


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COLIN HARVEY

The 3-0 win against Derby County in our last home match was what we needed after a couple of goalless draws.

The goals were spread around, we got our first penalty since September and Adrian Heath put the seal on the result with a neat finish which will have done his confidence a lot of good.

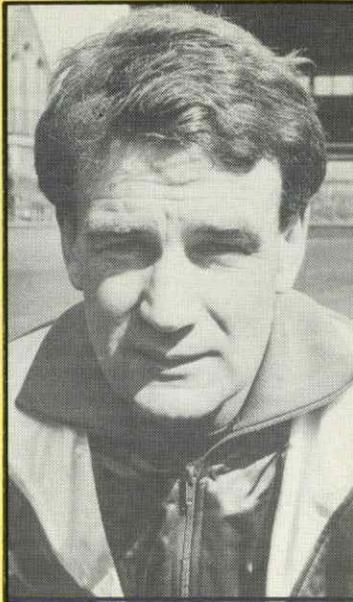
As we expected of a side managed by Arthur Cox, Derby fought hard and made us work for what we got from a competitive game. Our performance had to be a gritty one in the circumstances, and though there was not a lot of free-flowing football, we did turn it on at times.

There were a couple of hairy moments when they caught us with breaks through the middle, which is unusual for us because the centre backs have played so well this season. Fortunately, Neville Southall was at his best and I don't think anyone could dispute that he outshone Peter Shilton on the day.

In the week before the game with Derby, we had an eight-hour journey to Dubai for the challenge match with Rangers. Apart from not coming home with the Cup, it was a very enjoyable trip.

They looked after us very well and the facilities were first-class. The stadium was not particularly big, but it was very clean and modern, and the training pitches were in excellent condition. All in all, it made for a good occasion and I'm sure we created a favourable impression with the people who came to the game and those who watched on television.

The result was the big disappointment. We were playing well with a two-goal lead and



cruising along until a sloppy pass to one of their players gave Rangers the encouragement to stage a fight-back. Suddenly, from coasting at 2-0 we pulled back to 2-2 and scrambling when we should have been comfortably in control.

This meant we had to go to penalties, and it turned out to be a remarkable competition because the first 15 were converted. That made it 8-7 to Rangers when Ian Snodin took the 16th kick. He hit it quite well, but the 'keeper guessed the right way to dive and made a very good save.

While we were away, the draw for the third round of the FA Cup gave us an away tie with Sheffield Wednesday.

We are due to play them the week before in the League at Hillsborough, and it really is amazing how often you pull out the same team in a Cup competition. In fact, it's the second time for us this season, having played Liverpool twice in less

than a week.

Wednesday, always very fit and well-organised, can be a difficult side to play against. Possibly they will feel they have an advantage in being at home in each game, but you can never tell how things will go from one week to the next.

Sometimes, if the first result goes for you, there is a tendency to relax for the next one. It's important to treat each game on its merit and make sure you are match-tight on both occasions.

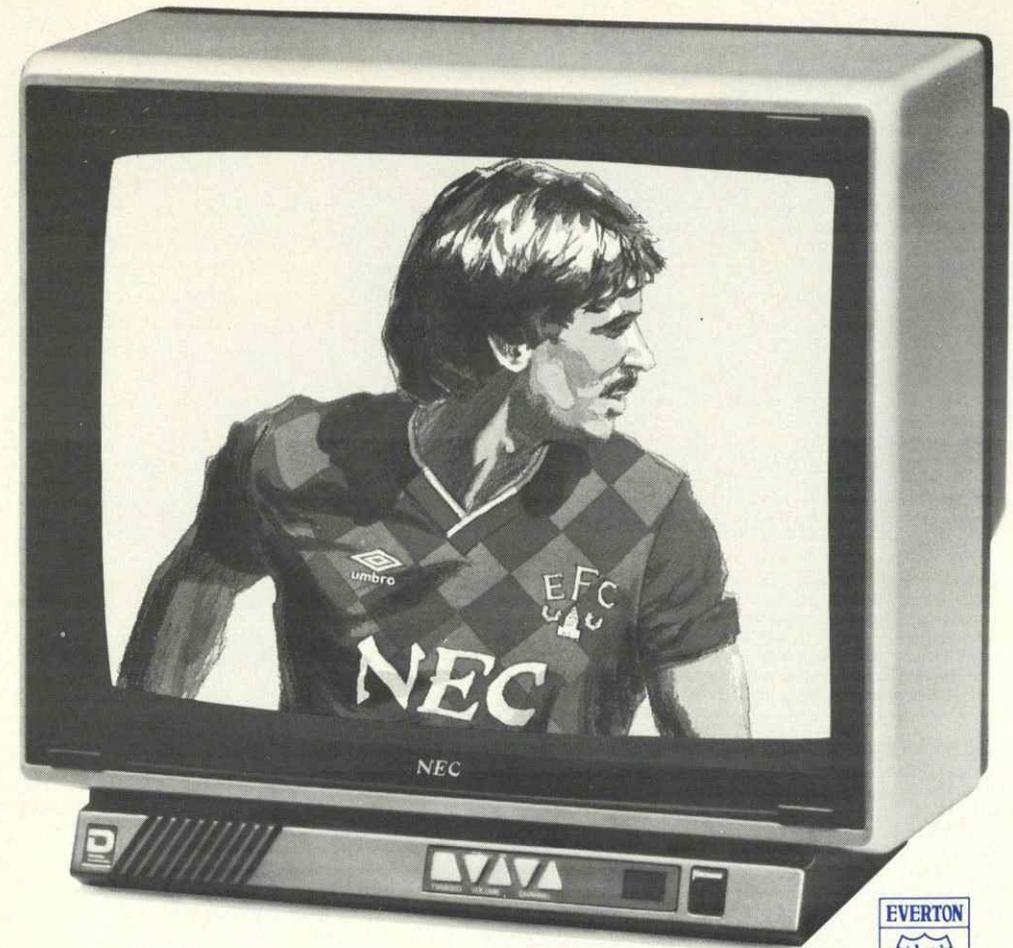
But while the Cup-tie is only a fortnight away, it seems a long time because there are four League games to be played in the next nine days. We start today against Luton Town, who are a good footballing side but with a bit of steel in their make-up as well.

We've had some very interesting games with them in recent years, notably an FA Cup semi-final in 1985 and two meetings in the quarter-final in the following season.

At the time of writing, we are hopeful that we will have almost a full squad to choose from for the Christmas programme. Pat Van den Hauwe (hamstring) and Wayne Clarke (knee) have been making progress, and with a bit of luck, we could be down to only the two longer-term casualties.

Derek Mountfield's knee is still in plaster, but there are encouraging signs from Paul Bracewell. He was going very well on the training ground and reached the stage where I was hoping to arrange a match for him to play in behind closed doors.

Obviously, we want to take things very carefully and the main thing for the moment is for him to stay clear of physical contact.



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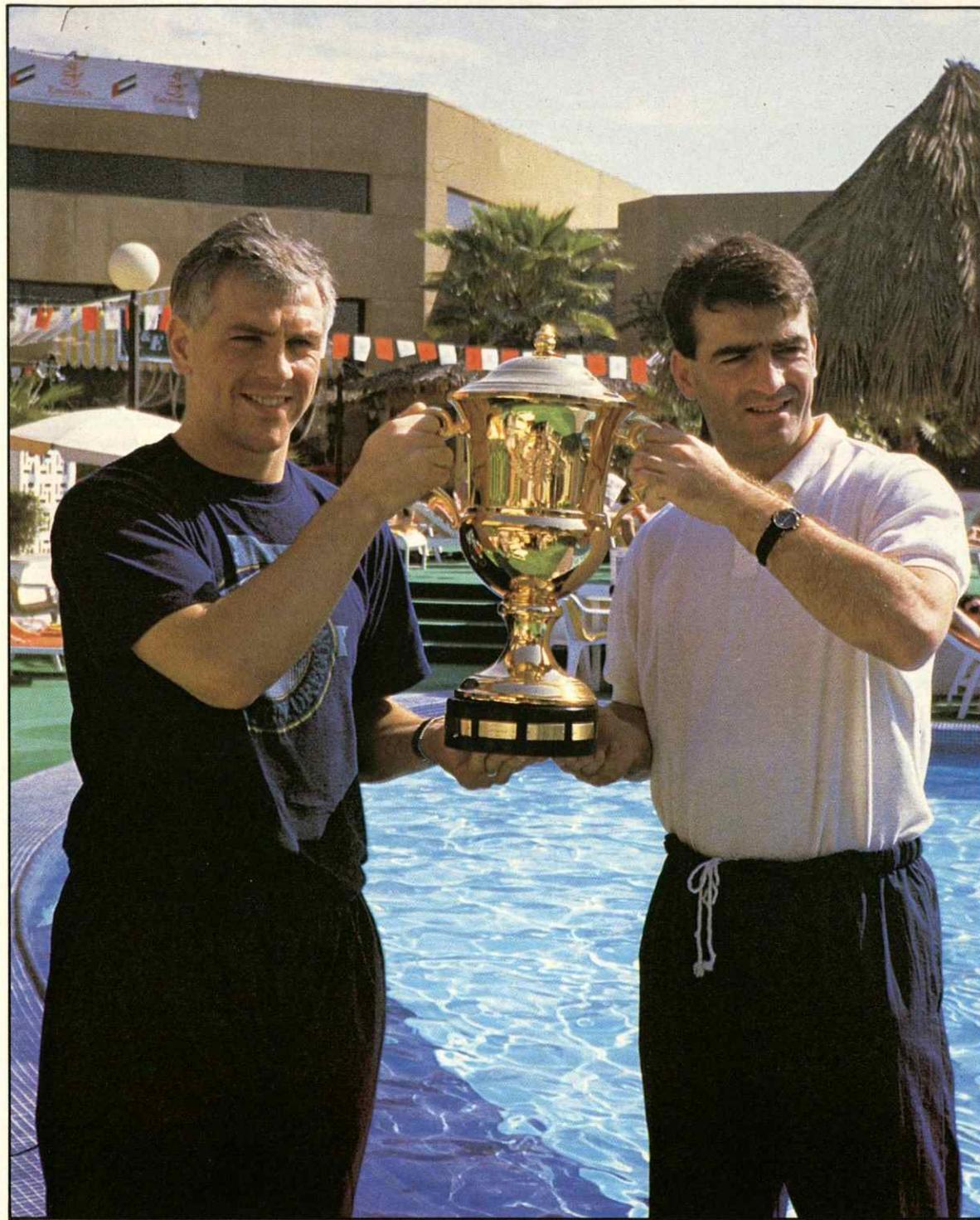
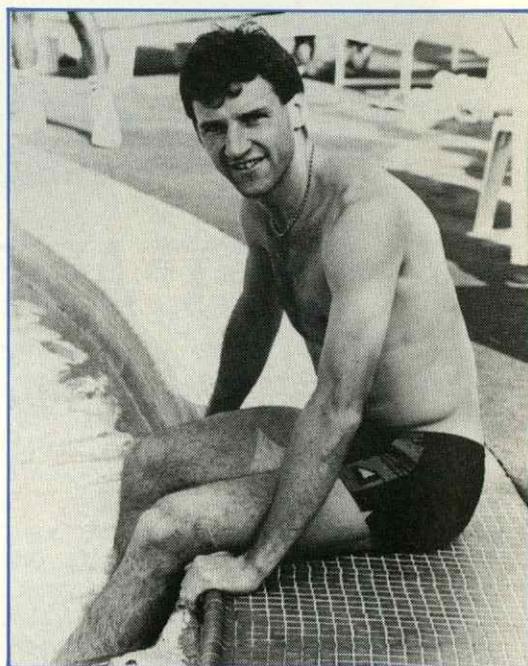
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The one to watch



The sunshine trip to The Gulf was undoubtedly a triumphant flag-waving exercise on behalf of British football. The impressive Dubai Gold Cup – displayed (right) by rival captains Kevin Ratcliffe and Graham Roberts – eventually went to Rangers after a penalty-kick decider. Our other pictures show . . . ABOVE: A pre-match Press Conference with Kevin Ratcliffe, Colin Harvey, Mr. Philip Carter, Graeme Souness and Graham Roberts among those on the top table. BELOW RIGHT: Dave Watson relaxing by the hotel pool. ACTION: Graeme Sharp battles with Rangers' Graham Roberts.

● See News Desk for a report by Mike Ellis.



DUBAI IN DECEMBER

WE'RE TALKING FOOTBALL.

"Blimey, the ground looks a bit different to Watford. Where's the dog track?"

LUTHER BLISSETT,
at Milan's San Siro Stadium, 1983.

"If ye dinnae score, ye dinnae win."

JIMMY SIRREL,
Notts County manager, 1983.

"No footballer of talent should play in the back four."

MALCOLM ALLISON, 1975.

"All visiting teams complain about the pitch - but they all seem to win."

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,
to Dunfermline players visiting Cyprus, 1968.

Source: *The Book of Football Quotations*, Peter Ball and Phil Shaw (Stanley Paul, an imprint of Century Hutchinson Ltd).



COMMENT

The world of cricket was thrown into turmoil recently by the public slanging match between the England captain and a Pakistani umpire.

The incident itself and the repercussions which followed struck at the game's dignity and apparently distanced the England team from their ruling body, The Test and County Cricket Board.

It is not our intention to debate the rights and wrongs of the flare-up in Faisalabad or the pressures which brought about a controversial and uneasy solution, but from a position in the neutral corner, we were fascinated by the media's handling of the subject.

We would imagine that those old enough to remember the infamous Bodyline Tour would consider the role of television. In 1932, there was only the written word to explain Australia's anger at the tactics employed by the England captain Douglas Jardine. In 1987, TV gave us a close-up of the finger-jabbing dispute between Mike Gatting and Shakoor Rana.

Consequently, public response, as well as the newspapers' appetite for the story, was more immediate, than more than half-a-century ago. Instant judgments were made from 6,000 miles away. Some London-based journalists were positively vindictive towards Gatting and others took a more general swipe at the level of sportsmanship in cricket, tennis, football etc.

Incompetent umpire

But there was an altogether different reaction from the reporters on the spot. They were largely supportive of Gatting from the start (the headline cutting was typical of the condemnation of Shakoor Rana) and totally sympathetic when he was directed to make a written apology.

One correspondent pleaded mitigation because . . . "few captains, if any, in Test history have been subjected to the treatment he received yesterday by a man who was unbearably officious and gave every appearance of enjoying being so."

When Gatting was ordered to apologise in the wider interests of the game, the same writer accused the authorities of humiliating their own party of players and management. He talked of "a mucky end to the matter" and blamed the TCCB for "stripping Gatting and his players of their self-respect."

The reader was clearly meant to be left in no doubt that the only pleasure in touring Pakistan was the trip to the airport to catch the plane home this week.

The frustrations were also indicated by the way in which the whole party closed ranks in defence of their captain. "The incident was sad for cricket, but the solution forced upon us is even sadder," they declared in an unprecedented statement which attacked the compromise demanded by their employers at Lord's.

The unity of the touring group would suggest that there was an unshakeable bond between players and press. Whether this made the reporting less objective than it might have been is something that can be known only to those who were together in Pakistan for nearly three months.

Some of their desk-bound colleagues obviously had their doubts. Patrick Collins, in *The Mail on Sunday*, suggested that British sport suffered from a lack of enlightened leadership at the top level and that an illusion of natural superiority lingers on.

"With it," he added, "goes a wilful blindness to the fact that our standards of behaviour are as poor, and frequently far worse, than those despised hordes beyond the channel."

Nothing so subtle from Mike Langley in *The People*. "Only an utter bonehead could have landed himself in Gatting's predicament," he raged without compassion and with scant regard for the stance taken by colleagues on the front line in Pakistan.

In many cases, there was complete contradiction in the words written in Faisalabad and London. With few exceptions, there seemed to be an inability, or maybe a lack of desire, to paint all the shades of a complicated story.

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Left: Graeme Sharp finds himself being used as a step up by Derby's England international duo, Peter Shilton and Mark Wright, as the visitors fight off an Everton attack. Above: Adrian Heath goes a flier after a challenge with Ross MacLaren.

● Mike Ellis of The SUN follows Everton to the Gulf.

Everton's reputation abroad received another boost after the highly successful trip to Dubai when they played Glasgow Rangers in the Gold Cup for the unofficial British Championship.

Apart from the result, it all went like clockwork and the 9,000 fans in the ultra modern Al Maktoum Stadium will be delighted if Rangers and Everton qualify to return in 12 months time for a repeat performance.

This was only the second occasion the event has been staged, but it is now set to become a permanent fixture because the organisers, sponsors and public all voted it an overwhelming success.

A year ago Liverpool won the trophy in a penalty shoot-out with Celtic, and although Everton's fate was settled in a similar fashion, it was the quality of their football in an incident packed 90 minutes which gained them so many new admirers.

Both managers promised it would not be a desert stroll which would produce a meaningless exhibition game and the players responded with a positive approach, much to the delight of the many British people working in Dubai and the local population who were not slow to show their appreciation.

MAN OF THE MATCH

Kevin Sheedy won the Man of the Match award, nominated by the Brazilian Carlos Alberto, who is now in charge of soccer in the United Arab Emirates.

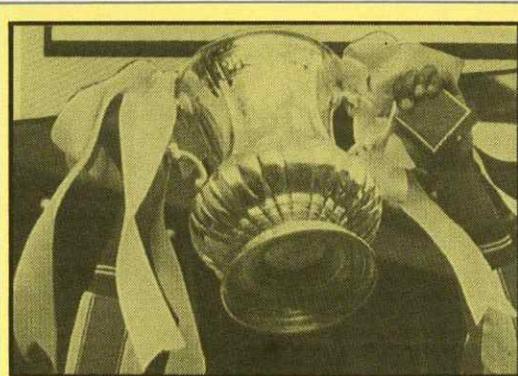
His choice pleased Kevin's Republic of Ireland boss Jack Charlton, who was a surprise spectator at the game, having arranged a business trip out there before the teams arrived.

Everton held the upper hand for 75 per cent of the game and with nine minutes remaining, they were two goals up through Dave Watson and Kevin Sheedy before Rangers staged a late rally to force a penalty shoot out with goals from Robert Fleck and Ally McCoist.

As the first 15 spot kicks were converted, Neville Southall and Chris Woods must have been thinking they would be needed as potential scorers rather than 'keepers because when Ian Snodin stepped up to take Everton's eighth, only Neville, Gary Stevens and Dave Watson had not been used.

Unfortunately for Ian, Woods guessed right and turned his effort away to leave Everton empty handed.

But it was a worthwhile trip, thoroughly enjoyed by both teams. Rangers joined Everton at Gatwick on



IT'S THAT OLD CUP MAGIC . . .

Now, be honest . . . would you have picked Coventry City as the FA Cup winners and Leeds United as their semi-final opponents before a ball was kicked in the third round last season?

Probably not, if we go by results of our competition to choose the semi-finalists. No-one named more than two of the four clubs, there were only a handful of votes for Coventry and almost none at all for Leeds.

But that's the fascination of the Cup, and because it's such fun to follow, we are again inviting Evertonians to forecast the last four on the Wembley trail this season.

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Saturday night, travelling down after beating Dundee United in a Premier League match while Everton had played in London against Charlton.

On Sunday morning before the flight Terry Darracott was able to celebrate his 37th birthday in some style with Buck's Fizz, courtesy of Emirates Airlines who were flying the teams to the Gulf.

Seven and a half hours later, and 3,600 miles from home, the Airbus was touching down at Dubai's spanking new international airport and the players barely needed to cross the road to reach their luxury hotel.

When they woke on Monday morning, the temperature was already edging towards the 80 mark, and while the players worked out in the sunshine the small but determined Press Corps managed a few hours around the swimming pool - you have to take the rough with the smooth in my job!

The Dubai International hotel is one of several modern complexes, in fact everything looks new in this bustling and very prosperous community down at the gateway to the Gulf.

FOOTBALL FANATICS

It never ceases to amaze me how some football fanatics will go to any lengths to watch their favourite teams.

It costs a lot of money to get to Dubai yet a couple of lads who support

Rangers everywhere dug deep into their pockets to make the trip.

Their only problem was finding accommodation when they arrived. Graeme Souness heard of their plight and promptly gave them his room while he moved in with Phil Boersma, another ex-Liverpool player who is now on the backroom staff at Rangers.

Such devotion to the team comes as no surprise to Evertonians who have also shown they are prepared to go anywhere and everywhere to support their teams. As Graeme was quick to point out, there is a similarity between the citizens of both cities.

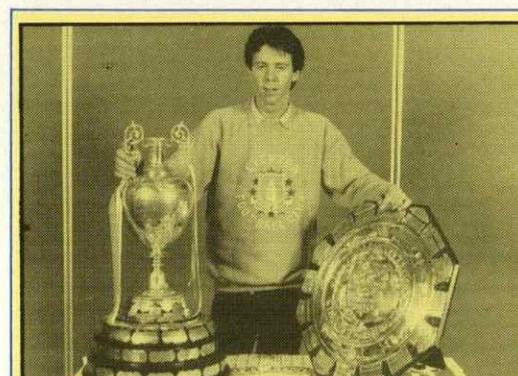
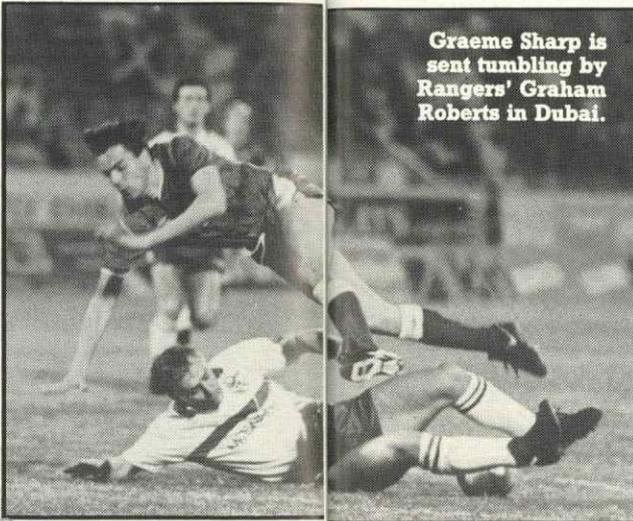
Apparently when Rangers played Kiev in the European Cup earlier this season, some of their fans joined the Young Communist Party because that was the only way they were sure to be admitted to Russia for the game!

One English businessman strolled into the hotel on the morning of the match and could not believe his eyes when he saw the blue track suited figures of the Everton players.

He had been on a whistle stop tour around the Middle East with Dubai his final port of call. He was not aware of the game but when he explained to the Everton players that his son was a big fan, they were happy to oblige with autographs to give him an unexpected present to take home.

Alcohol is only served in the hotels,

Graeme Sharp is sent tumbling by Rangers' Graham Roberts in Dubai.



but there is never any danger of a problem at the Dubai International because the man on the door of the disco stands a mere 7ft 3in!

He bore a striking resemblance to the actor who played Jaws in a James Bond film starring Roger Moore and we were told he was hired as a double to do some of the stunts. That was his story and nobody was going to argue with him.

Departure from Dubai did come as a shock to the system. They are four hours ahead of us so we were checking out of the hotel at 2.15 a.m. British time and back in Gatwick by mid-day. But even that seemed a minor inconvenience after experiencing a totally different life style and some sunshine if only for 48 hours.

THE TEAMS

Everton: Southall, Stevens, Pointon, Ratcliffe, Watson, Reid, Steven, Heath, Sharp, Snodin, Sheedy.

Rangers: Woods, Nisbet, Phillips, Roberts, Wilkins, Gough, Francis, Fleck, McCoist, Durrant, Ferguson. Subs: Souness for Francis (63 mins), Munro for Wilkins (70 mins). Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd).

DEVON DAY-TRIPPER . . .

Evertonians came from far and wide for the last photo-call with the trophies.

The prize of the day went to a Mr. Dring (pictured top left) for his 580-mile round trip from Devon. The full journey occupied the better part of ten hours - and he was at Goodison for no more than a minute before heading back to Sidmouth!

Another supporter was so determined to have a souvenir photograph to treasure that he caught a morning flight from London to Liverpool.

CHRISTMAS DRAW . . .

Paul Power and Lotteries Manager Nigel Coates (pictured left centre) made the draw for the E.F.C. Christmas Draw at the last match with Derby County.

The first prize went to P. Smith, of Bootle, who won £200 in cash, a Christmas hamper, and two VIP tickets for today's game.

The draw was a tremendous success and Mr. Coates would like to thank all those who took part.

DAVE'S AWARD . . .

Dave Watson was the NEC/Echo Player of the Month for November. He received his prize from Archie Searle, of NEC (pictured bottom left).

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Defeat at Goodison Park last May cost Luton Town their chance of a record-breaking finish in the top five in the First Division.

They went into the last month of the season in third place, but won only twice in eight games and had to settle for seventh. Though this was still their highest position in 90 years since they were first elected to the League, there was a deep sense of disappointment.

Skipper Steve Foster, who missed the run-in after rupturing a knee ligament at Anfield in March, put their feelings on record when he said: "Most of the players were a bit let down when we ended up seventh."

It was an understandable reaction after a season of such high hopes, but what really mattered was that Luton further consolidated their position as a First Division club. After escaping relegation in 1983, they improved steadily to reach the FA Cup semi-final in 1985 and then ninth place in the League in 1986.

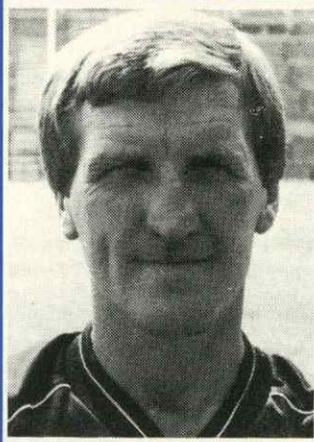
This season they were slow starters, scoring only three goals in five games without a win, and though they beat Everton in September, they were in the bottom six in mid-October. However, The Hatters reeled off four straight victories to reach the last eight in the Littlewoods Cup and their League form came good with maximum points in November.

Injuries were a problem from the outset, and even when they beat Spurs in one of their best performances of the season, three of their top players were on the sidelines. Midfield men Ricky Hill and David Preece were long-term casualties, and leading scorer Mick Harford was out for several weeks with a knee problem.

Mark Stein, 21-year-old brother of regular striker Brian, filled the gap in the attack with three goals in two matches, and there were places for former Oldham midfielder man Darron McDonough and Nigerian-born Emeka Nwajobi. Four teenagers - Kingsley Black, Gary Cobb, Richard Harvey and David Oldfield - were also given a taste of senior football.

Goalkeeper Les Sealey and defenders Tim Breacker and Foster were the only ever-presents at the start of December, but there was an encouraging sign when Hill returned as substitute after being out for nearly two months following a knee operation.

Unfortunately, his comeback coincided with a home defeat by Norwich which ended a run of five successive wins.



Management . . .

Ray Harford became Luton's second manager in a year when he took over from John Moore in June.

The 42-year-old Yorkshireman joined the club as first-team coach last season and was a natural successor when Mr Moore decided that "the high-profile role of a First Division manager" was not to his liking after working for nine years on the coaching staff.

Mr Harford played for six League clubs before moving into coaching with Colchester and Fulham. He was No 2 to Malcolm Macdonald at Craven Cottage until April 1984 when he was appointed manager on the departure of the former England centre forward.

His young Fulham side had a reputation for playing attractive football and many insiders thought them capable of reaching the First Division, but financial pressures forced them to sell their top assets and this led to relegation in May 1986.

Mr Harford resigned at that point and moved to Luton within a few weeks. On his promotion to manager, he made captain Steve Foster player-coach.

Results . . .

LEAGUE: Derby (A) 0-1, Coventry (H) 0-1, West Ham (H) 2-2, Chelsea (A) 0-3, Arsenal (H) 1-1, Oxford (A) 5-2, Everton (H) 2-1, Charlton (A) 0-1, QPR (A) 0-2, Man Utd (H) 1-1, Portsmouth (A) 1-3, Wimbledon (H) 2-0, Liverpool (H) 0-1, Newcastle (H) 4-0, Sheff Wed (A) 2-0, Tottenham (H) 2-0, Norwich (H) 1-2, Watford (A) 1-0. **LITTLEWOODS CUP:** Wigan (A) 1-0, (H) 4-2, Coventry (H) 3-1.

Transfers . . .

Few clubs can match Luton Town's record of making a profit on their transfer investments.

The trend was established when former manager David Pleat made in excess of £600,000 by buying and selling Paul Walsh and Paul Elliott. And it was carried on this year in Ray Harford's first three months in charge.

Luton did not want to part with Peter Nicholas, but the attraction of European competition with Aberdeen swayed the Welsh international and the club pocketed £350,000 for a player they bought for £155,000.

There was an even larger surplus on the sale of Mike Newell to Leicester City. In 20 months at Kenilworth Road, the England Under-21 striker's value increased from £85,000 to £350,000 on the strength of 19 goals, including a hat-trick against Liverpool last season.

Luton got their money back on former Millwall midfielder Robert Wilson by selling him to Fulham for £40,000 and banked a similar fee from reserve striker Marc North's move to Grimsby Town.

This gave Mr Harford plenty of scope to go into the market, though he needed less than half of the sales cash to bring in three new players.

Wigan-born Danny Wilson, who broke into the Northern Ireland squad last season, was signed from Brighton as a £150,000 replacement for Nicholas, and 22-year-old winger Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian for £200,000.

Former Arsenal forward Ian Allinson was the third newcomer after spending only three-and-a-half months with Stoke City. He joined The Potters on a free transfer and cost Luton a small fee. There was an early return on that deal when he scored two goals against Tottenham.

Two deals failed to get off the ground. Ian Wilson declined a move to Kenilworth Road before joining Everton, and Luton retained Mick Harford despite reports of a £1m bid by West Ham. The club then made every effort to keep their prolific scorer by offering him a long-term contract.

LUTON TOWN STATISTICS 1987-88

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	League Career		1987-88	
			Apps	Goals	League/Cup	Apps
Ian Allinson	Hitchin	Colchester, Arsenal, Stoke	407	88	6(1)	3
Kingsley Black	Luton	-	3	-	4(1)	-
Tim Breacker	Bicester	-	120	2	22	1
Gary Cobb	Luton	-	4	-	2	-
Andy Dibble	Cwmbran	Cardiff	100	-	-	-
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	Larne	388	15	20	-
Steve Foster	Portsmouth	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa	401	22	22	1
Ashley Grimes	Dublin	Bohemians, Man United, Coventry	182	13	19	-
Mick Harford	Sunderland	Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham	344	128	14	10
Richard Harvey	Letchworth	-	5	-	1	-
Ricky Hill	Paddington	-	399	51	13(1)	2
Rob Johnson	Bedford	-	60	-	5(3)	-
Darron McDonough	Antwerp	Oldham	214	15	13(3)	1
Stacey North	Luton	-	36	-	-	(1)
David Oldfield	Perth (Australia)	-	-	-	-	(1)
Emeka Nwajobi	Nigeria	Dulwich Hamlet	70	17	9(3)	2
David Preece	Bridgnoth	Walsall	196	9	9	-
Les Sealey	Bethnal Green	Coventry	326	-	22	-
Brian Stein	Capetown	Edgware	375	123	19	6
Mark Stein	Capetown	-	39	12	5(4)	3
Micky Weir	Edinburgh	Hibernian	56	6	10(1)	2
Danny Wilson	Wigan	Bury, Chesterfield, Nott'm Forest, Brighton	358	60	21	2

ALSO PLAYED: Robert Wilson (now Fulham) 2 apps; Mike Newell (now Leicester) 4(1) apps. League Career covers English and Scottish Leagues but does NOT include loan appearances to other clubs this season. In 1987-88 record (League and Littlewoods Cup), substitute appearances are in brackets. (Up to and including Saturday 12th December 1987)



BACKTRACK

DOWN THE YEARS . . .

● **5 YEARS AGO:** A second-half goal from Mark Chamberlain sent the Toffees to defeat in our Boxing Day match at Stoke City.

Clive Goodyear netted the only goal in Luton's 1-0 derby victory over Watford at Kenilworth Road.

Liverpool remained top of the table after crushing Manchester City by 5-2 at Anfield, Kenny Dalglish getting a hat-trick.

Wayne Clarke's two-goal hit for Wolves enabled them to win 2-0 at Shrewsbury and remain on top of the Second Division.

● **10 YEARS AGO:** What an unhappy Boxing Day for 48,335 fans at Goodison Park! The Toffees crashed 2-6 to Manchester United. Bob Latchford and Martin Dobson scored our goals with Lou Macari grabbing two for United. Jimmy Greenhoff, Sammy McLroy, Gordon Hill and Trevor Ross (own-goal) were their other scorers.

Luton drew 3-3 in a Second Division match at Crystal Palace, where Paul Price, Phil Boersma and Ron Fletcher were their marksmen.

Watford defeated Northampton 3-0 in the Fourth Division and, in the same division, Wimbledon went down 0-3 at Rochdale.

Dennis Tueart hit a hat-trick in Manchester City's 4-0 home win over Newcastle.

● **15 YEARS AGO:** Joe Harper's first-half goal gave us the advantage over

Birmingham at Goodison Park. But Bob Latchford hit back for the visitors after the break to make the final score 1-1.

Luton were held at home to a goalless draw by Sheffield Wednesday in Division Two.

Joe Jordan scored the only goal as Leeds defeated Newcastle 1-0.

Highest score of the day was registered at Brunton Park where Carlisle hit Preston 6-1 in a Second Division match.

● **20 YEARS AGO:** A Goodison crowd of 54,424 cheered goals from Joe Royle and Alan Ball in a 2-0 home win over Burnley.

Luton were chasing promotion from the Fourth Division and a crowd of 16,599 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see them play Bradford Park Avenue. Goals from Terry Branston and Ray Whittaker (penalty) gave the Hatters a 2-0 win.

George Best netted twice in Manchester United's 4-0 home win over Wolves.

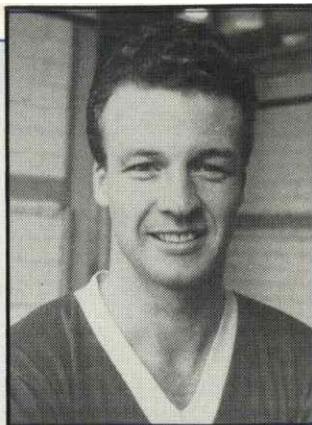
Brian Dean scored three times as West Ham ran up a 4-2 home win over Leicester.

● **25 YEARS AGO:** We were just about to enter the winter of the Big Freeze and our home game with Arsenal was one of the first of many victims.

Luton managed to play their home Second Division game with Chelsea but they were beaten 0-2, both the goals coming from Graham Moore.

Bert Lister scored six times for Oldham as they established the best ever win recorded in Fourth Division football. The Latics crushed Southport 11-0.

Jimmy Greaves contributed a hat-trick towards Tottenham's 5-0 home victory over Ipswich.



STAR SPOT . . .

Billy Bingham (pictured above) was a Luton player when he first figured in a League match between the two clubs. He came here with the Hatters' in the late fifties, though it was Sunderland who introduced him to English football in 1951.

Within two years of his arrival at Roker, Billy was already a permanent member of the Northern Ireland team. All told he won 86 caps - equalling Danny Blanchflower's record which stood until being beaten by Terry Neill - and, on one run, he appeared in 42 consecutive games for his country.

Perhaps the highlight of his international career was reached at the time he was about to leave Roker. He had helped the Irishmen get all the way to the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Sweden in 1958 - their best-ever achievement.

Billy played well over 200 first team games for Sunderland before moving on to Luton for £15,000 during the summer of 1958.

He spent two seasons with the club before they were relegated. It was in 1960 when he arrived at Goodison Park. He won a League Championship medal with the Toffees in 1963 before leaving for Port Vale, where a broken leg brought his playing days to an end.

He became manager of Southport, Plymouth, Linfield, the Greek national team and, of course, Everton. He later took charge at Mansfield and he is still very much in command of the N. Ireland side, building a squad which he hopes will make a mark in the next World Cup.

ROLL CALL

Player	Birthplace	Birthdate	1987-88 League		1987-88 Cups		Everton League Career		Everton Cup Career		Other League Career	
			Apps	Gs	Apps	Gs	Apps	Gs	Apps	Gs	Apps	Gs
Neil Adams	Stoke-on-Trent	23.11.65	3(1)	-	1	1	13(3)	-	8(1)	1	32	4
Paul Bracewell	Heswall	19.7.62	-	-	-	-	75	5	36	3	167	9
* Alec Chamberlain	March	20.6.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	-
Wayne Clarke	Wolverhampton	28.2.61	10(1)	5	3	2	20(1)	10	3	2	240	68
Darrin Coyle	Belfast	27.3.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
John Ebbrell	Bebbington	1.10.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-(1)	-	-	-
Alan Harper	Liverpool	1.11.60	10(2)	-	2	-	92(19)	4	35(7)	1	-	-
Adrian Heath	Stoke-on-Trent	11.1.61	11(3)	4	4(1)	-	188(16)	64	59(7)	19	95	16
Ian Marshall	Liverpool	20.3.66	1(2)	-	-	-	9(5)	1	7(1)	1	-	-
Bobby Mimms	York	12.10.63	8	-	1	-	29	-	8	-	98	-
Derek Mountfield	Liverpool	2.11.62	-(5)	-	-	-	96(6)	19	47(1)	6	26	1
Neil Pointon	Warsop Vale	28.11.64	13(1)	1	-(1)	-	37(4)	2	11(5)	-	159	2
Gary Powell	Heswall	2.4.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Power	Manchester	30.10.53	5	1	1	-	45	5	13	-	365	26
Kevin Ratcliffe	Mancot	12.11.60	20	-	5	-	255(1)	2	90	-	-	-
Peter Reid	Liverpool	20.6.56	17	1	5	-	124(2)	7	55(1)	4	225	23
Graeme Sharp	Glasgow	16.10.60	18	10	4(1)	-	212(10)	92	76(4)	28	40	17
Kevin Sheedy	Builth Wells	21.10.59	6(2)	-	2	-	162(2)	44	60	21	54	4
Ian Snodin	Thrybergh	15.8.63	18	2	4	1	33(1)	2	7(1)	2	239	31
Neville Southall	Llandudno	16.9.58	12	-	4	-	195	-	72	-	48	-
Trevor Steven	Berwick-on-Tweed	21.9.63	17	3	4	-	162(4)	39	60	8	76	11
Gary Stevens	Barrow-in-Furness	27.3.63	11	-	3	1	187(1)	8	73	4	-	-
Stuart Storer	Harborough Magna	16.1.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-
Mike Stowell	Portsmouth	19.4.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
Pat Van den Hauwe	Dendermonde	16.12.60	14	-	4	-	96	2	40(1)	1	123	1
Dave Watson	Liverpool	20.11.61	20	2	5	1	55	6	12	1	212	10
Ian Wilson	Aberdeen	27.3.58	6(3)	-	3	1	6(3)	-	3	1	285	17

Substitute appearances in brackets. * Alec Chamberlain on loan to Tranmere.

Other League career includes substitute appearances and games while on loan from Everton.

Everton Cup Records include all Cup competitions and the FA Charity Shield. Up to and including Saturday 19th December 1987

FOR THE RECORD . . .

Ground advantage has proved critical in most of our recent League clashes. We have won five of our last six home games, but in September, we suffered our fourth successive defeat at Kenilworth Road.

Last season we needed two penalties before we overcame Luton at Goodison Park. Mark Stein gave the visitors an early lead which they held until the 52nd minute when Trevor Steven converted his first spot-kick. He guided the ball home again six minutes later and, two minutes after that, Graham Sharp made things safe at 3-1.

Our complete League record against Luton is:

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Home	14	8	2	4	26	16	22*
Away	15	4	3	8	20	22	13*
	29	12	5	12	46	38	35*

*3 points for a win from 1981/82

Record victory:	5-0 at home 1982/83
Heaviest defeat:	Never by more than two-goal margin
Last home win:	3-1 last season
Last away win:	3-0 in 1983/84
Last home draw:	2-2 in 1959/60
Last away draw:	2-2 in 1955/56
Last home defeat:	0-1 in 1983/84
Last away defeat:	1-2 this season

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AA Recommended Routes:

MANCHESTER UNITED v EVERTON
Monday 28th December 1987. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Leave by M62 (signs Manchester) to junction 12. Forward to join M602 to **Motorway Terminal Roundabout**. Follow signs Stretford A5063. In 1 mile cross bridge the keep left (signs Manchester A56). In 0.2 mile at traffic signals turn right A56 (signs Chester). Shortly turn right into Warwick Road North unclassified. **Manchester United FC** (on left). Total mileage: 35 miles.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v EVERTON
Friday 1st January 1988. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Leave by M62 (signs Manchester) to junction 10. Branch left (signs Birmingham) for M6 South to junction 20. Follow signs Stockport to join M56 to junction 10. Forward to join M63 to **Motorway Terminal Roundabout**. Take 2nd exit A560. In 6.4 miles at roundabout take 3rd exit A57. **Hollingsworth**. Follow signs Barnsley A638. In 13.4 miles at crossroads turn right A616 (signs Sheffield). **Stockbridge**. In 6.9 miles at roundabout take 1st exit A61 (signs Barnsley). **Sheffield Wednesday FC** (on left). Total mileage: 75.8 miles.

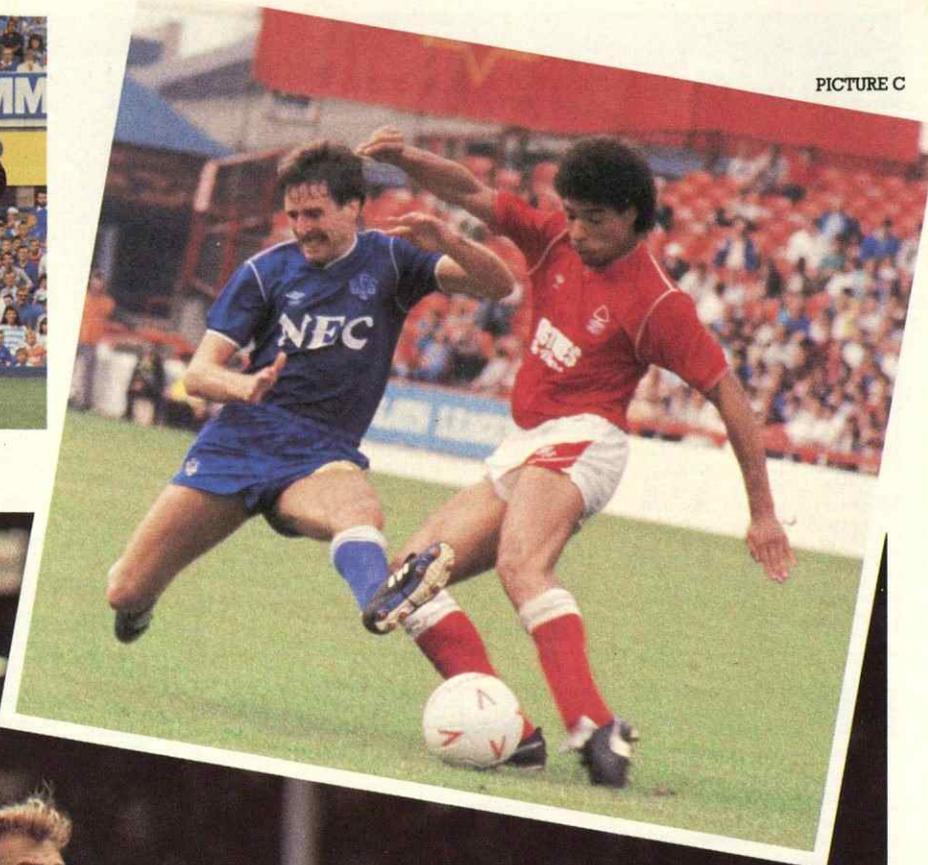
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Terry has chosen four of his photographs from this season's/years programmes and has listed them from A to D in order of his personal preference. Only he knows how they are rated, and to win the shirt, you have to try to match his judgement. In the event of more than one all-correct entry, the result will be decided by a lucky dip. The winner will be invited to a game at Goodison Park early in the New Year, to receive the prize. To enter, simply list your selections in order of merit (e.g. B,C,D,A) on the back of a postcard plus the name of the player of your choice along with your name, address and telephone number and post to: SHIRT COMPETITION, Everton FC, Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL. Closing date Saturday 9th January 1988.



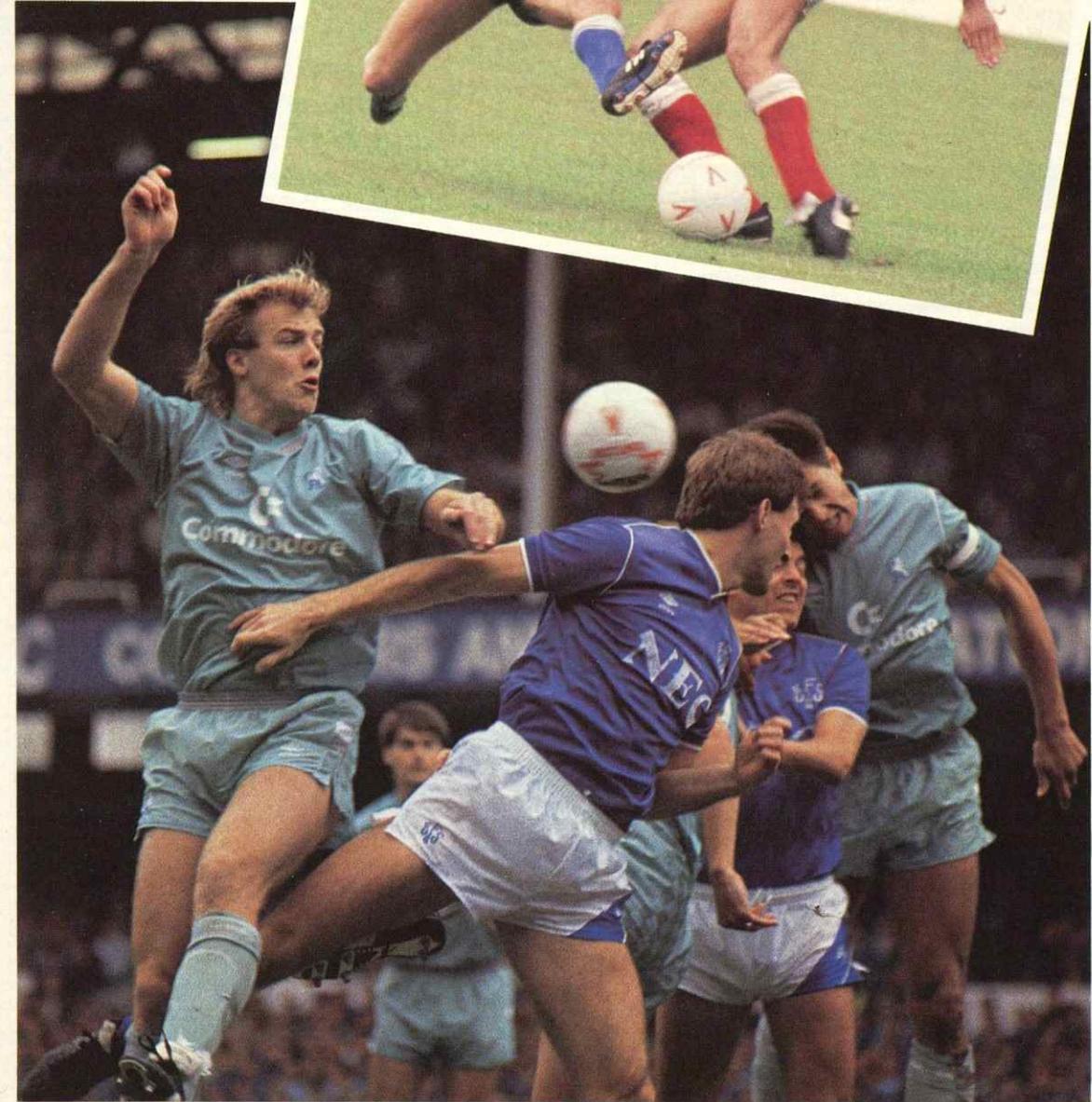
PICTURE A (below)



PICTURE C

PICTURE B (above)

PICTURE D (below)





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New FACT FILE

No. 13 ALAN HARPER

If you were a manager and money was no object, which player would you buy – and why? Ruud Gullit – the best all-round player in the world.

If you were given the choice of watching football, other than at Everton, where would you go? Real Madrid and Grange Cavalier, a local Sunday League team.

Which group of sports people do you most admire for dedication, courage and skill? Disabled sportsmen and women.

Which sports event, anywhere in the world, would you most like to see? The football World Cup.

Which sports personality would you travel anywhere to watch? Ian Botham.

Which sports, other than football, do you enjoy on TV? Cricket and American football.

If you were to host a Terry Wogan-type show, which three guests would you most like to invite? Joan Rivers, Lenny Henry and Phil Cool.

If you could change places with a film star, who would it be and who would you have as your leading lady? Bruce Willis and Sybil Shepherd.

If you were given a large sum of money to help others, which charity would you choose? NSPCC.

If you had lots of cash to spend on yourself and family, what would you buy? A luxury yacht in the Mediterranean.

Which three possessions would you take with you to a desert island? My wife, Margaret, my son, Iain, and a TV.

If you could be a fly on the wall, where would you most like to eavesdrop? Ian Snodin's home when he wants the TV turned over.

What's the silliest thing you have done in your life? Going to the Grange Cavalier presentation night.

What don't you like about yourself? I'm quick tempered.

If you had to choose another job, what would you like to do? Sports writer and presenter.

If you were to become a sports journalist, how would you change the coverage of football in the popular papers? I'd write about the match and make sure I got my facts right.

What, if anything, is your hidden talent? I've not found it yet.

What type of clothes do you feel happiest in? Jeans.

What type of pictures do you hang on the walls in your home? Landscapes.



FA CUP THIRD ROUND SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

v
EVERTON

In the event of the above game ending in a draw, the replay will take place at Goodison Park on Wednesday 13th January 1988 kick off 7.30 p.m.

Admission prices will be as for normal League games:

Main Stand and Top Balcony £5.50
Gwladys Street Stand £4.50

Tickets for these sections can be purchased only by the holders of Everton Clubcards or Season Tickets.

Upper Bullens Stand £5.70
Lower Bullens Stand £5.00

Season Ticket Holders in the Upper and Lower Bullens may purchase their seat at £5.50 and £4.80 respectively, provided Voucher 30 is presented with the Priority Voucher from their Season Ticket showing correct row and seat number. This price will apply whilst tickets are available although after Sunday 10th January 1988 normal seats cannot be guaranteed.

Panini Family Club - Adult Members only £5.50
Panini Family Club - Junior Members only £2.50

Season Ticket Holders may purchase their normal seat by producing Voucher 30 together with the Priority Voucher from their Season Ticket Books showing correct row and seat number from the following selling points on Sunday 10th January 1988 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.):

Main Stand, Top Balcony and Panini Family Enclosures Season Ticket Holders - from Goodison Road Box Office.

Upper and Lower Bullens and Gwladys Street Stand Season Ticket Holders - from Bullens Road Box Office.

Prices for Lower Bullens (OAP) & Wheelchair Enclosure Season Ticket Holders are £4.30 and £4.80 respectively.

Everton Clubcard members or Season Ticket Holders may purchase up to three guest tickets for either the Main Stand or Top Balcony from the Goodison Road Box Office and for Gwladys Street Stand or Paddock from the Bullens Road Box Office on Sunday 10th January 1988 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) then from Monday 11th January 1988 from the Goodison Road Box Office. Paddock Clubcard Holders wishing to purchase 'Guest' tickets in the three hours prior to kick-off are requested to apply to Bullens Road Box

Office. The cost of 'Guest' tickets are 20p extra to the normal members' admission price.

Seats for the Upper and Lower Bullens Stands will go on general sale from the Goodison Road Box Office from Monday 11th January 1988 during normal office hours (9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., first team home matches 9.30 a.m. to kick-off).

It is regretted that due to the short time available, postal applications cannot be accepted.

Admission to the Gwladys Street terracing will be by cash at the turnstile (£3). Junior Evertonians (£1.70 on production of their membership card). Bullens Road Paddock will be by cash at the turnstile (£3) on production of the Membership card or members' Guest card.

Season Ticket Holders for the Gwladys Street Ground and Paddock enter via normal Season Ticket turnstiles with correct cash and Voucher 30.

The Park End Stand and terracing have been reserved for Visiting Club supporters.

LITTLEWOODS CUP FIFTH ROUND EVERTON

v
MANCHESTER CITY

In the event of the above game ending in a draw, the replay will take place at Maine Road on Wednesday 27th January 1988 kick off 7.30 p.m. Reserved seat tickets at £4.50 will initially only be available to Shareholders, 300/500 Club members and Season Ticket Holders presenting Voucher 31 at the Goodison Road Box Office during the following times: Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd January 1988 (9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Saturday 23rd January 1988 (9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

We regret that due to the short time available, postal applications cannot be accepted.

Shareholders purchasing a seat ticket will be required to provide proof of identity.

Should any seat tickets remain unsold, an announcement will be made at the home game on Saturday 23rd January 1988 and these seat tickets would be on sale from the Goodison Road Box Office after the game on that day.

Admission to the terracing will be by cash at the turnstile (£3). Supporters are asked to enter via turnstiles 52-56b (visitors' section) with correct cash.

Supporters wishing to have seats for this game are requested to ensure that they have a seat ticket before travelling.

SOCCER CENTURION

Tot up exactly a ton adding the numbers indicated by these clues:

- Barnsley won the FA Cup, 19--
- Steve Bloomer's goals for England
- Peterborough United entered the League 19--

FIRST ELEVEN

Look at these soccer surnames and find the eleven matching first names hidden in any direction in the square - cross them through as you do. Get a goal if the uncrossed letters spell out a club.

N	A	D	N	E	R	B
S	C	R	N	J	T	O
O	K	A	O	C	P	B
K	E	H	R	A	H	B
D	N	C	T	L	I	Y
P	N	I	G	E	L	O
R	Y	R	R	E	T	T

Armstrong
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Valentine
Vaughan
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ON THE BALL

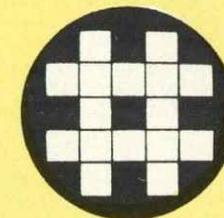
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Ex-ref Kirkpatrick

Hampton perhaps

Sword-sman?

Newport County colour



FITNESS TEST

Re-arrange all the letters of

GOALS AGAINST

to create four four-lettered words that fit down the edges of the diamond.



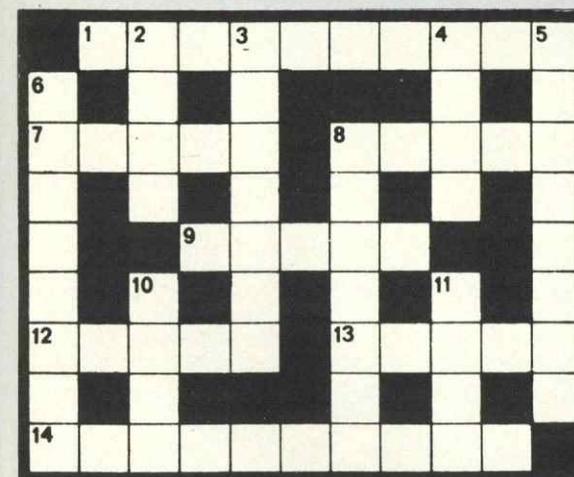
SOCCER PLUS ATHLETICS NINETY-NINER No. 13

ACROSS

1. Runner with well over a hundred sub-four-minute miles to his (inappropriate!) name (4, 6)
7. See 12 across
8. Defender with Scunthorpe in 1977 and 1987 but in between with Fulham, Liverpool, Luton and Portsmouth (5)
9. Aston ---, British long- and triple-jumper (5)
12. & 7ac. English soccer's top scorer in 1986/87 (5, 5)
13. See 11 down
14. Briton whose many long-run victories include marathon wins in London and Chicago (5, 5)

DOWN

2. Do they give a hoot at Hillsborough? (4)
3. Millwall's record League win - a score they equalled in the same season (4-3)
4. The clubs of this defender Jake include Shrewsbury, Wrexham and Cardiff (4)
5. Harry ---, American 400-metres man known as 'Butch' (8)
6. The fishiest-sounding of Charlton's assorted nicknames (8)
8. The country represented by record-shattering runner Said Aouita (7)
10. Fillery or Ferguson (4)
- 11 & 13ac. Obviously a biased bunch of supporters! (4, 5)



ANSWERS:
SOCCER CENTURION: (12 + 28 + 60)
ON THE BALL: Roger, Peter, Tommy, amber.
FIRST ELEVEN: Kenny, Dean, Phil, Fat, Bobby, Brendan, Richard, John, Carl, Nigel, Terry.
FITNESS TEST: (Sail/Long, Sags/Slag).
SOCCER PLUS ATHLETICS NINETY-NINER No. 13: Across: 1. John Walker, 7. See 12 across, 8. Money, 9. Moore, 12 & 7ac. Clive Allen, 13. See 11 down, 14. Mike, 11 & 13ac. home crowd.
Down: 2. Ows, 3. nine-one, 4. King, 5. Reynolds, 6. Haddicks, 8. Morocco, 11 down, 14. Steve Jones.

BLUE MAIL

BLUE MAIL is the supporters' platform for news and views, comment and even complaint. Each month we award an attractive prize to the best letter, so why not enter in January? Write to: Blue Mail, Everton FC, Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL.

From: John McGinn, Gwladys Street Stand Season Ticket Holder...

My first reaction on reading the price to be charged for tickets for the Mercantile Credit Challenge Match was that his was a "rip-off" and I would not bother travelling to the game, particularly for an 8 p.m. kick-off.

I am one of the Nottingham Blues, a group from which four to a dozen of us travel to all games, home and away. I found after the West Ham match, while waiting for the traffic to clear, that the others thought the same.

It looked as if none of us would see the game, but on second thoughts, while still thinking the prices for this friendly were too high, we realised that it was only what we are charged when we travel away almost anywhere but Anfield or Old Trafford.

It does give rise to a question that we have often wondered about. We get overcharged for inadequate facilities at half the grounds in the First Division, so why are visiting supporters allowed in so cheaply at Goodison Park?

It should not be too difficult to vary prices at the Park End so that visitors are charged what we were last charged on their home ground.

EDITOR: A Football Association directive requires clubs not to charge visitors more than home supporters.

From: V.A. Saunders, Thingwall, Wirral...

Re your Star Finder feature in the programme dated 14.11.87, I write to say that I am almost sure my late father, George Ernest Saunders is on the second row down and third from the right in the photograph.

He was taken to Everton by 'Dixie' Dean, whom he knew from where he lived in Birkenhead, and then went on to play at right back with such people as Cyril Lello, Tommy Jones and Dave Hickson.

After leaving Everton, he opened his own bookmakers in Birkenhead. He sold that in 1973 and went to work for a well-known firm of bookmakers (horses being his second love after football).

Unfortunately, my father died in January 1982.

From: Miss Jane Lythgoe, Huyton...

Further to the letter from Susanne Carlton, of Ormskirk, in Blue Mail (19.9.87), it was my great grandfather, Tom Fairhurst, who was the first Everton goalkeeper.

The man Susanne met would be my great uncle, Arthur Fairhurst (Tom was his father). According to my mother (Tom's grand-daughter), Tom was the first Everton/Liverpool goalkeeper who played for St Domingo Church.

Apparently, he was 'sacked' for smoking a pipe during a match!

From: Steve Bibby, 13 Meadow Road, Newton, Wirral, Merseyside...

Having supported Everton for some ten years, I am launching a 'Play By Mail' football management game and naturally, would like fellow-Evertonians to be given priority in playing the game.

Therefore, if any 'Toffees' fancy themselves as the next Colin Harvey, would they please contact me for further details?

From: Helen Taylor, Walton...

I remember reading an article about 'Miss Everton'. Is this an annual competition?

EDITOR: There is no official competition of this name. It could be that you are referring to a feature on an Everton supporter who became 'Miss Littlewoods'.

From: J.W. Thomson, Congleton...

It now seems beyond doubt that the transfer market is back on the upward spiral which brought about many problems for the game when players like Steve Daley, Kevin Reeves, Justin Fashanu and Ian Wallace were priced at £1m.

It was regarded as madness at the time, but at least the players who commanded the inflated fees in the late 1970s were valued for their attacking qualities.

Today the big money is being spent on defenders. In the last 18 months, three of the four centre-halves most frequently named in the England squad have been transferred - Dave Watson (pictured left) for £900,000, Mark Wright for £760,000 and Terry Butcher for £750,000.

Now we have Manchester United paying £800,000 for Steve Bruce, a defender who has yet to appear in a full international.

At this rate, I can't imagine what the fee will be for the next Gary Lineker!

From: Samantha Howlin, Liverpool 7...

I am writing to express my disgust at how many fans are treating the players.

At the matches with Watford, West Ham and especially Oldham, I was annoyed at the abuse hurled at the players. I know Everton did not play particularly well, but that's no excuse for these so-called fans to be so critical.

This won't make the team play any better. No one can play at their peak all the time. But maybe these shouters of abuse think they can do better. Let them get on with it in front of 23,000 fans and see how great the pressure is when you're one down in a cup-tie!

From: Mr L. Leedham, Boothtown, Halifax...

I have written to the *Daily Mirror* re the article (Full Frontal Attack at Mr Carter) on 1.12.87. These are some extracts...

"I have read the *Mirror* from being a schoolboy and have had it delivered for the last 12 years - but have now cancelled it.

"I am absolutely fed up with the 'Have a go at the Football League Committee' brigade.

"Mr Carter, whom I met in Linköping, Sweden, is, I believe, the perfect man for a difficult job. I found him to be genial and very friendly.

"He was voted in by the Football League clubs, including the Maxwell Family League.

"Football is in a better condition than it has been for some time, i.e. hooliganism down, attendances up, more goals scored etc.

"You complain re the admission prices for Everton v Bayern. You want to have a look at the admission prices at other clubs, including Derby, Oxford and Watford. I find that £4 is the general price."

EDITOR: We regret that space does not permit us to record many more points put forward by Mr Leedham.

ACTION REPLAY



Above: Ian Snodin unleashes an unstoppable drive to put Everton one up against Derby. Below: Adrian Heath tries a spectacular scissor kick.



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News of the 1969-70 side is as follows:

ALAN BALL: Back at Goodison only last month for the All Stars match with Liverpool. Now in his fourth season as manager of Portsmouth after previously being player-manager of Blackpool.

SANDY BROWN: After a season with Shrewsbury the popular Scottish defender ran a boarding house in Blackpool and played a few games for Southport. Later, he turned out for Fleetwood and was still enjoying his football with Blackpool Rangers in the West Lancs League after his 40th birthday. He took a job in a biscuit factory and was still living in Blackpool when we last heard from him.

FRANK D'ARCY: Ended his relatively brief League career with Tranmere and then went into the building trade. He is still a regular visitor to matches at Goodison Park.

COLIN HARVEY: No further information required!

GERRY HUMPHREYS: A Welsh Under-23 international who played for Crystal Palace and Crewe after leaving Goodison. Our last report was of him working as a taxi driver in North Wales.

JOHN HURST: Took his League career record beyond 500 appearances after joining Oldham, but was then lost to football. Now has a retail business in Liverpool.

JIMMY HUSBAND: Finished with professional football after scoring more than 100 goals for Everton and Luton. Also played in North America before taking a pub in the Luton area. Our last news was that he had a job as a salesman.

TOMMY JACKSON: An understudy midfielder player at Everton but capped more than 30 times by Northern

STAR-FINDER

STAR-FINDER'S research into the 1969-70 side detected a great deal of public affection for one of the most popular teams in the club's post-war history.

For most supporters in the 30-40 age group, the excitement that year was comparable with the celebrations enjoyed in the last three years by today's teenagers.

Yet many readers who have written in about their heroes of 1970 express some disappointment in that such an outstanding team did not go on to win more honours.

Of course, that does not detract from all that they achieved at the time, and perhaps the ultimate endorsement of a special group of players was that Howard Kendall and Colin Harvey transferred their talent to management and coaching in the next golden era for the club.



Ireland. Played for Forest and Manchester United before returning to Ireland.

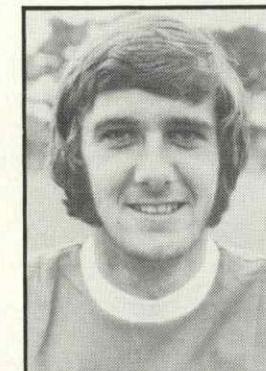
HOWARD KENDALL: Not much needs to be added other than that he enjoying life in his first season as manager of Athletic Bilbao.

ROGER KENYON: After winning a championship medal with Everton, he completed a rare double by adding a North American Soccer League title with Vancouver Whitecaps. Like

Ball and Hurst, he was on duty in the recent "old boys" challenge with Liverpool.

BRIAN LABONE: As a member of two championship-winning teams, Brian was covered in our recent look at the 1962-63 squad.

JOHN MORRISSEY: Like Labone, he was also a dual medallist before going into the property business on Merseyside.



ROGER KENYON



TOMMY WRIGHT

KEITH NEWTON: An England full back who came into the side after his transfer from Blackburn halfway through the 1969-70 campaign. Had a second crack at the First Division after winning promotion with Burnley and then went non-League with Morecambe and Clitheroe, where he was player-manager. Later, he set up a sports trophy business in Blackburn.

JOE ROYLE: A prolific scorer with more than 100 League goals before leaving Everton at the age of 25. Added to his England caps with Manchester City and then played for Bristol City and Norwich until retiring in 1982 because of a knee injury. Went into management later that year with Oldham.

GORDON WEST: The third member of the 1963 side who carried on to win a second championship medal in 1970. Later played for Tranmere and worked on the ground at Prenton Park. More recently, he took a job at RAF Woodvale.

ALAN WHITTLE: The blond bombshell who took Goodison by storm when scoring 11 goals in 15 games in 1969-70. He was only 20 at the time, but the early success petered out and he was sold to Crystal Palace for £100,000 in December 1972. Subsequently, he played for Orient and Bournemouth before going out to Australia. Now lives on the Wirral.

TOMMY WRIGHT: With Ball, Labone and Newton, he gave Everton a four-man involvement in the Mexico World Cup Finals immediately after the 1970 championship celebrations. Made 308 League appearances before retiring at 29. Still a regular attender at Goodison Park and works as a foreman in the docks at Garston.

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INSIDE STORY

Trevor Steven recently put his feet back on the ground after clocking up an estimated 60,000 miles in the air in 19 months.

His round-the-globe schedule, from the World Cup in Mexico to the club's recent trip to Dubai, is a classic example of how football has grown into a truly international game.

The jet-age player is familiar with the major airports of the world in the way that his pre-war predecessors knew every station from Lime Street to Euston. But the travel is not all glamour, and probably the most difficult part is spending so much time away from the family.

"Obviously, it's one of those things that footballers have to come to terms with," says Trevor. "There has to be a great deal of understanding. It's hard for the players, particularly at Christmas time, and difficult for their close family as well.

"It's not just the foreign travel that takes up so much time. If you were to put it all down on paper, you would start with the day-to-day programme in the League. We are away 20 times a season on Friday nights and that's without cup-ties."

A TRAVEL BROCHURE . . .

● *The itinerary for a top club then expands into numerous fixtures abroad – the pre-season build-up, friendlies during the season and perhaps a match or two in May.*

Add to that the extra demands made on international players, and you have a diary like a travel brochure.

On a rough calculation, we reckon that in a period of 82 weeks, beginning with the 1986 World Cup Finals, Trevor spent approximately 24 weeks away from home. Apart from games in this country and in Western Europe, he went to the USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Israel and Dubai.

The big difference compared with tourists is that footballers have a job to do. On most trips, there is very little room for sightseeing and much of the time is spent as a group in hotels.

"The World Cup was the exception because we were away for seven weeks," added Trevor. "We had time to do a lot of things, though it was still centred around the hotels. I did a bit of reading and watched a few films, and then we had the pool and the tennis courts.

"One good thing in places like Dubai these days is that there are English TV programmes on the video channels. We were also fortunate there to find a large snooker table and we organised a competition between all the lads.

"The Rangers players flew out with us from Gatwick and we stayed in the same hotel, but being together for a while didn't affect the way the game was played. It was quite competitive and both sides obviously wanted to win it.

"We dominated until the last ten minutes when they managed to get a draw. At that stage, it was down to penalties and the luck of the draw. I don't know what it is about these shoot-outs, but I can't

remember us winning one since I came to the club."

Oddly enough, penalties have been in short supply in the League this season. Trevor didn't take one for three months until he scored against Derby to register his 50th goal in League football. "It's very unusual to go that long without a penalty," he says. "Last season we had quite a lot and obviously that helped to make it my best scoring season in the League."

His achievement was recognised by the London Supporters' Club, who presented him with the Dixie Dean Memorial Trophy as the top marksman in First Division games. But that came as a surprise to Trevor.

"I didn't realise I was the top scorer until the season finished. I did score quite a few from penalties, but there again, they all count in the record books. This season I don't seem to have had many chances, so it was nice to get a goal in the last home match. Hopefully it was a good omen because I scored a few goals at Christmas-time last season."

A problem with a blistered foot – a legacy of the plastic pitch at QPR – bothered him for a month and then he had to miss a couple of matches because of a hamstring injury.

The target now is for a trouble-free second half of the season and an overall improvement in the goal-scoring department, both personally and for the team. "We know what we are capable of, but we haven't been doing it consistently," he says.

"Even so, I wouldn't say our record is altogether disappointing. It's just that Liverpool have played exceptionally well on a consistent basis, and this tends to make every team's record look worse than it is, and more so in our case because we are on their doorstep.

"We are not miles away from being contention and we are through to the quarter-finals in the Littlewoods Cup, but everybody tends to expect us to be playing well all the time. The players know that and we do want to play better."

EUROPEAN AMBITION . . .

● *Apart from the priority of trying to bring further success to the club, the other major interest in the next six months is the build-up towards England's appearance in the finals of the European Championship.*

The clinching performance in Yugoslavia in the qualifying group has fired the football public's interest and the feeling is matched within the squad.

"Everyone seems to think we have a good chance and certainly we believe we can win the competition," says Trevor. "We have developed quite a lot of confidence, and when you get that in a group of good players, things can happen.

"We are working hard together and are not giving much away. If we can maintain that level, we have as good a chance as anyone. Certainly, we will be going to Germany believing we can win it."

TREVOR STEVEN



IN RESERVE

The senior squad's trip to Dubai threw a heavy work-load on seven of the YTS trainees.

In the space of 24 hours, they played in a reserve match at Derby County and appeared in front of the television cameras as the club's representatives in the Guinness Soccer 6 Championships at the G-Mex Centre in Manchester.

"If we had been given the choice, we would have called off the reserve game," said coach Mike Lyons. "But Derby wanted to play and we had to go there with a very young side.

"To make it more difficult, they happen to be one of the stronger teams in the Central League. They put out seven players with first team experience and though we could match that with 600-odd League appearances between us, the trouble was they were nearly all mine!"

For the record, Mike played in 569 League games and the rest of the side could muster only 35 appearances - 14 by Mike Stowell on loan at Chester and 21 by Stuart Storer.

Derby eventually notched a 5-2 victory, though the score was 1-1 up to the 60th minute mark. "We didn't have much going for us," added Mike. "We all thought their second goal was off-side and three others went in off our players - one from me and two from Eddie Youds.

"As Eddie scored for us as well, you could say he got a strange sort of hat-trick. But there was not much we could do about the deflections."

● Gary Powell was injured at The Baseball Ground and had to withdraw from the six-a-side event in Manchester.

This meant that our squad of ten contained only three professionals and seven YTS lads. Lee McCombe, the 16-year-old full back from Wallasey, was the youngest player in a tournament packed with international-class opposition.

The Young Blues put up a very good show in drawing 0-0 with Spurs in the first

match but lost 4-1 to a Manchester United including the likes of Brian McClair and Gordon Strachan.

It was all good experience for them and there's no doubt they enjoyed the chance to play in a high-profile event which was covered by BBC TV.

● Gary Powell lost his position as the leading scorer in the 'A' team - without kicking a ball!

The four goals he scored against South Liverpool Reserves in August were scrubbed from the records when the Holly Park club withdrew from the Lancashire League.

● The draw for the third round of the FA Youth Cup has turned up an attractive tie against Newcastle United at Goodison Park on Monday 4th January (7.00 p.m.).

On the last occasion the two sides met, Newcastle won a second-round tie at St. James's Park in 1984 and went on to carry off the Youth Cup.

● A fortnight after playing his last match for Chester City on loan, Mike Stowell was back at Sealand Road, helping the 'A' team to a 1-0 victory in their 12th game without defeat.

The pitch was very tricky - greasy on top but solid underneath - and this added to the problems for the youngsters, many of whom were playing for the third time in four nights.

"They looked a bit jaded, but I couldn't fault the attitude," said Youth Manager Graham Smith. "Though the performance was disappointing, I couldn't see us losing, and all along, I felt that one goal would be enough to win it.

● Lee McCombe missed the trip to Chester when it was discovered that he had chipped a bone in a wrist in a collision with the advertising boards at Derby earlier in the week.

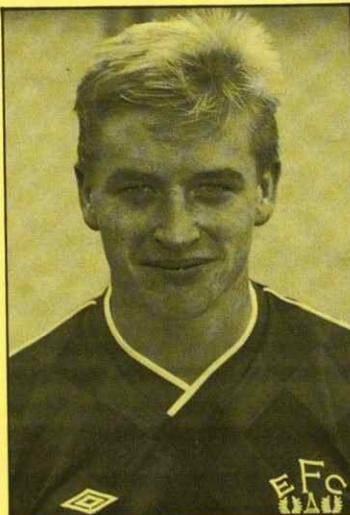
It seemed nothing worse than a cut at the time, but he was in pain on the morning after the six-a-side competition and X-rays revealed the damage to a small bone.

The injury is similar to the one Kevin Richardson had a couple of years ago and it was hoped that Lee would be able to play on with his wrist in a lightweight plaster.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	16	13	0	3	52	15	39
Man City	14	11	0	3	43	22	33
Nottm F	15	10	1	4	29	19	31
Derby C	13	10	0	3	43	17	30
Sheff Utd	15	8	3	4	31	23	27
Huddersfield	15	7	1	7	18	27	22
Leicester	15	6	3	6	24	19	21
Coventry	14	5	5	4	30	17	20
Hull	14	6	2	6	20	24	20
Everton	15	6	1	8	33	27	19
Sunderland	15	5	3	7	22	29	18
Man Utd	9	4	3	2	18	10	15
Leeds	13	5	0	8	18	27	15
Bradford	12	4	1	7	17	20	13
Sheff Wed	13	4	1	8	15	28	13
Aston Villa	12	3	2	7	18	27	11
Grimsby	14	2	0	12	8	52	6
Blackpool	12	1	0	11	6	42	3

(Up to and including Saturday 12th December 1987)



GARY POWELL
The 'lost' goals.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 87-88

Date	v	Opponents	Res
Aug 22	H	Manchester United	1-3
25	A	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2
Sep 1	A	Grimsby Town	1-2
9	H	Aston Villa	5-0
16	A	Nottingham Forest	2-3
30	H	Sunderland	2-0
Oct 10	A	Liverpool	4-1
13	H	Coventry City	4-0
21	A	Blackpool	4-2
Nov 7	H	Liverpool	1-3
10	H	Leicester City	0-0
18	A	Huddersfield Town	3-1
26	A	Leeds United	1-2
Dec 5	H	Manchester City	2-3
8	A	Derby County	2-5
15	H	Hull City	
Jan 6	A	Sheffield United	
12	H	Sheffield Wednesday	
23	A	Manchester United	
27	A	Aston Villa	
Feb 2	H	Grimsby Town	
9	A	Sunderland	
16	H	Nottingham Forest	
23	A	Coventry City	
Mar 2	H	Bradford City	
8	H	Blackpool	
15	A	Bradford City	
22	H	Huddersfield Town	
28	A	Leicester City	
Apr 5	H	Leeds United	
12	H	Sheffield United	
19	H	Derby County	
27	A	Hull City	
May 3	A	Manchester City	

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES 87-88

Aug 8	A	Preston N.E. 'A'	5-0
29	H	Manchester Utd 'A'	2-2
Sep 5	A	Liverpool 'A'	1-1
12	H	Marine Res	1-1
19	H	Stockport Co. Res	4-1
Oct 3	H	Bolton Wan. 'A'	2-1
17	H	Accrington Stan. Res	7-1
24	H	Carlisle Utd Res	2-0
31	A	Morecambe Res	3-1
Nov 14	A	Alsager College	6-1
21	H	Bury Res	3-2
Dec 11	A	Chester City Res	1-0
19	H	Chester City Res	
26	H	Preston NE 'A'	
Jan 9	H	UMIST	
16	A	Manchester Utd 'A'	
30	A	Marine Res	
Feb 5	A	Stockport Co. Res	
13	H	Burnley Res	
20	H	Rochdale Res	
27	H	Crewe Alex. Res	
Mar 5	A	Bolton Wan. 'A'	
12	A	Carlisle Utd Res	
19	H	Morecambe Res	
26	A	Crewe Alex. 'A'	
Apr 2	H	Alsager College	
6	A	Bury Res	
16	A	Manchester City 'A'	
TBA	A	UMIST	
	H	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	
	A	Rochdale Res	
	A	Accrington Stan. Res	
	H	Liverpool 'A'	
	A	Burnley Res	
	A	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	
	H	Manchester City 'A'	

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