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# COLIN HARVEY

**T**HE first defeat of a new season is always a disappointment, but there is no point in looking for excuses after the setback at Millwall last Saturday.

All I can say is that they were the better side on the side. They worked hard for everything they got and deserved to find themselves in third place in the table after only four matches in their first season in the First Division.

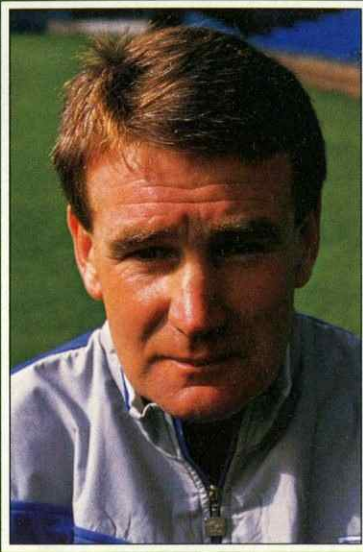
Millwall are not the first unheralded club to make an impact at this level. Watford began the trend by finishing second in their first season and we have seen what Wimbledon can do in the last couple of years.

Millwall are no different in that they play to their strengths. The two big men up front, Tony Cascarino and Teddy Sheringham, will be a handful for most defences.

A lot is written about The Den being an intimidating ground to play on, especially for players who are used to the big stadiums. It is difficult, but probably no more so than a lot of away grounds.

Millwall got their first goal at a good time. We had been on the rack in the first 20 minutes, but then had a good spell in which we created a couple of half-chances. It seemed that we were getting to grips with the game when Cascarino knocked us back again with a header.

We were able to call on Pat Van den Hauwe for the first time this season. He came through a try-out in a specially-arranged game with a Tranmere Rovers side on the Thursday and felt ready to ease himself back as a substitute in the second half at The Den. Though he missed a lot of match practice pre-season, he did most of the straightforward



work and will probably need only a couple of games to get sharpened up.

Kevin Ratcliffe is now kicking ball and doing a few twists and turns. He is ready to step up his training and then we will see how he goes from there.

Nobody wants to make a big thing about the injuries we have had, but it was particularly frustrating when Pat Nevin was hurt (in the last home game). The initial report is that he is likely to be out for six to eight weeks.

The most disappointing aspect was that we all felt he was beginning to show what a good player he is. He did good things in the first two matches and was putting it together more consistently against Forest.

At the start of the season, we had high hopes that Pat and Trevor Steven would provide the ammunition for the front men, but after only two weeks, they were both out of the side. Trevor is a lot better but up to last week-end, he still had a sore

point which was taking time to clear. The medical advice is that he should be pain-free before he plays again.

There has been a lot of speculation about certain players leaving the club, but perhaps I should make two points clear. Most of the talk is only speculation and secondly, we can't afford to let players go until the injuries clear up.

Today we welcome Luton Town to Goodison Park. They have made one or two changes since last season - notably the departure of their consistent goal-scorer Brian Stein - but they have always played neat football and I wouldn't expect them to alter their style.

If the game is anything like the one with Nottingham Forest, it should be entertaining, though, of course, we want to improve on the point we had to settle for against Brian Clough's team.

The goal they scored early on helped them play the way that suits them best. They got players behind the ball, soaked up the pressure and then hit us on the break. It all made for a very good game. They could have added to their lead but we might have snatched it at the end.

Finally, today, I would like to wish our Head Groundsman, Alan Storey, all the best in his retirement. His family has an unbelievable record of more than 80 years' service since his father joined the club from school.

I have known Alan since I first joined Everton. We have got on very well together and I have every admiration for him as a person and as a groundsman. Playing surfaces have generally improved around the country and he has made our pitch one of the best.



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# GROUNDWORK

**A** father-and-son link spanning most of the 20th century will end today when the final whistle blows on the last match before Head Groundsman Alan Storey retires on his 65th birthday tomorrow.

For the first time for 80 years or more the Goodison Park pitch preparations will not involve a member of the Storey family when we play our next game against Bury in the Littlewoods Cup next Tuesday.

Alan's father, Edwin, joined the office staff at the age of 14 in 1904 but then switched to the groundstaff and was Head Groundsman for many years prior to his retirement in 1960.

The job then passed on to Alan, and today there will be many happy memories to reflect on when he hands over to Duggie Rose, who moves from the Bellefield training ground after himself serving the club for 41 years.

Alan is pictured (left) displaying a 1954 programme article giving details of a dinner which was held at the Exchange Hotel in recognition of 50 years' service by his father.

Mr E.Green, the chairman, wrote ... 'in acknowledgment of this long and valuable service, he was the recipient of £500 free of tax. A more loyal and faithful servant no club ever had.'

Mr Storey Snr, who was always known as 'Ted', was joined at Goodison by his son in 1947. It was never Alan's intention to move into

football. On leaving school he worked at a firm of accountants, but on returning from service with the RAF, he was invited by Theo Kelly to join the office staff.

That was in January 1947, but it wasn't long before he moved to the groundstaff and learned the trade from his father.

'I don't have any regrets,' he says. 'I suppose the bad time was when we had problems with the pitch because of the under-soil electric wires in the 1960s.'

'The pitch we have today should be good enough to last for 20 years or more without major work. It was re-laid a few years ago and there is certainly no soil left from my father's time here.'

Alan, who is to be presented with a video recorder as a retirement present, leaves with the club's sincere thanks for his outstanding work and with best wishes for his future happiness. But he will not be severing all connections with Everton. He will continue with his matchday job, collating the gate receipts in the Counting House.

Duggie Rose's appointment at Goodison left a vacancy at Bellefield which has been filled by Bob Lennon (pictured below).

Bob began his career with Liverpool Corporation 14 years ago and his new job meets with the approval of his wife, Carole, a keen Evertonian who has been a season ticket holder at Goodison. They were married this year and have moved into a house in Maghull.



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# COMMENT

**E**NGLAND'S football team is selected by one man. England's cricket team is selected by a committee of four plus two co-opted members, i.e. the manager and captain.

The two systems are poles apart and yet there is a common bond. If results are poor, there is a torrent of criticism, sometimes vicious and never less than wounding to honest men trying to do a job to the best of their ability.

The rent-a-campaign mob thrives on the misfortune of others. There is no thought that Bobby Robson probably felt worse about the European Championship results than those who want him out. There is no thought that cricket chairman Peter May and his colleagues were personally hurt by 14 defeats in the last 15 Tests with the all-powerful West Indies.

Vilification on a personal basis is far too glib to be a credible solution. To begin with, there is no guarantee that we would have better players simply because those in charge had been made to walk the plank. The critics could finish up with a soaking as well.

There is already an irony in that the cricket lobby is calling for something that football has already. They want the selectors replaced by a manager. Should this come about, the chosen supremo would be advised to contact Mr Robson for a rundown on what he can expect.

Mind you, Micky Stewart, the England manager but not in charge of selection, is probably in no need of such advice. Already he takes the precaution of carrying a tape recorder into his press conferences. At least he knows what he said and in what context, even if the tabloids sometimes publish an exaggerated version.

Relationships in cricket became so bad at one stage this season that administrators and pressmen gathered in a Nottingham hotel to thrash out their grievances. The idea was to start again with a clean slate, but there was virtually a state of war between Lord's and one newspaper by the end of the Test series.

It is this basic lack of trust between sports people and the sports media that is so disturbing and mutually damaging. But the cracks now run so deep that they are irreparable in the eyes of Messrs Robson, May and Stewart, and understandably so in many instances.

The position of the public in this conflict is perhaps not easy to define. Obviously there is a market for the scandal which appears in the mass circulation newspapers. Likewise, disillusioned sports followers are often in agreement with 'sack the boss' stories.

But there are almost as many readers who prefer balanced coverage. Quotes from the players are not as important to them as a constructive assessment of the event they have watched or the team they follow.

Balance is the key word. Bobby Robson can't be wrong in every selection he makes and neither are the newspapers wrong every time they make critical comment.

Returning to cricket, this was evident in the mixed reaction to the selection policy which is likely to result in the cancellation of the winter tour to India. One body of opinion suggested it was provocative to pick a captain with recent South African connections; the alternative view was that England should not tolerate interference in its decisions on political grounds. In more than one case, both opinions could be found in the same newspaper. This was proper debate.



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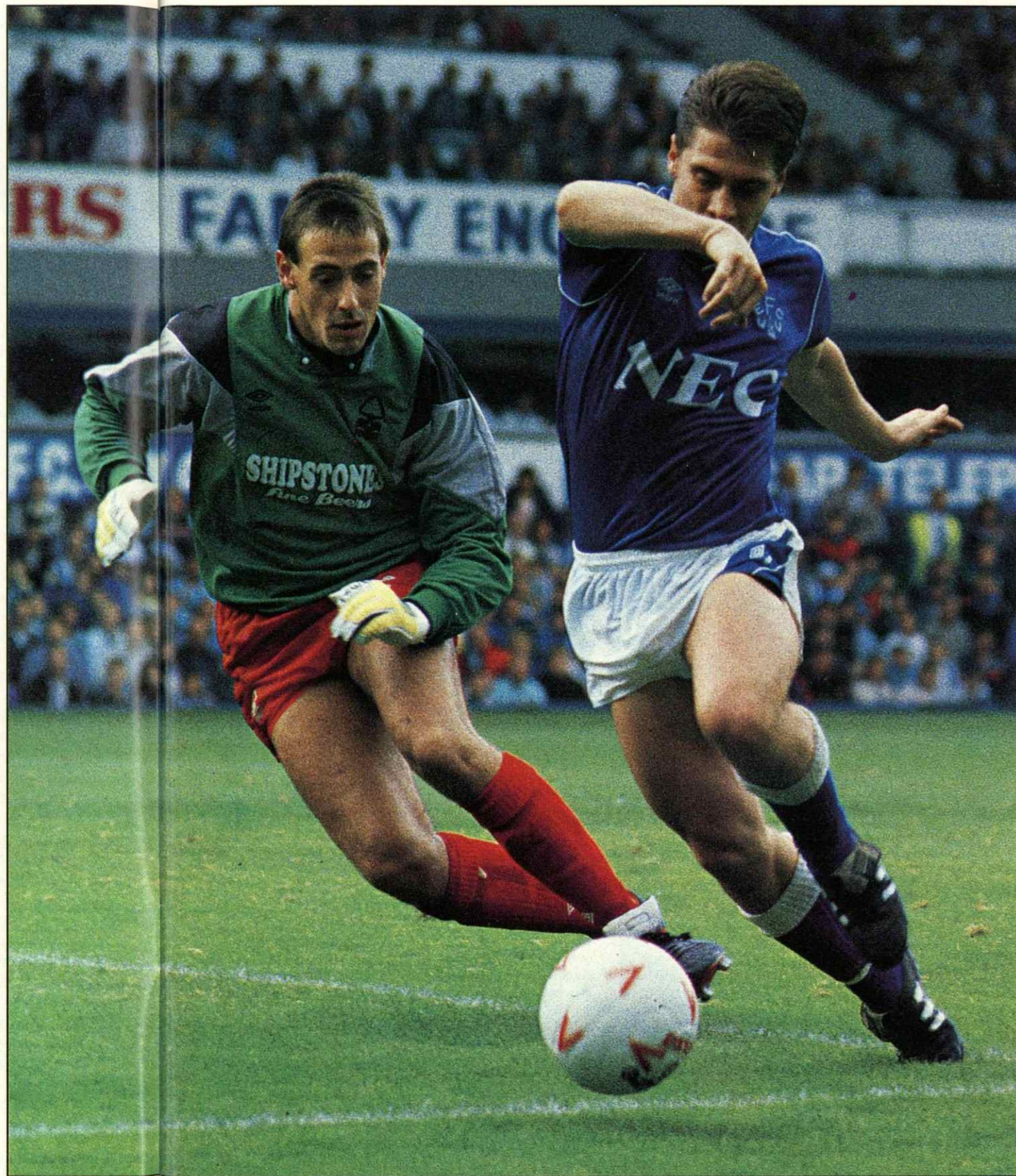
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# HEATH TO THE RESCUE



Stuart McCall and Graeme Sharp are first to congratulate Adrian Heath (left) after his 73rd minute equaliser against Nottingham Forest. Below: Des Walker and Peter Reid go full stretch for a 50-50 ball. Right: Steve Sutton comes off his line to close down Tony Cottee but finds the Everton man too slippery to catch.



# NEWS DESK

## THE BEST IN THE WORLD

One thing has not changed during Kevin Ratcliffe's eight months as an enforced spectator ... Neville Southall is still the best goalkeeper in the business.

The Goodison skipper (pictured below), who is making steady progress after his hernia operation, was left spellbound after two recent performances by his fellow-Welshman.

'His display at Coventry was possibly the best I have ever seen from a 'keeper,' says Kevin. 'And from what I saw on TV he played as well as ever in last week's international in Holland.'

'Perhaps the biggest compliment I can pay Neville is to say that we have come to expect this of him. The only trouble is that we expect such high standards all the time, and if he does let in a goal, you tend to ask where he has gone wrong.'

'It was his brilliance that kept Holland out for so long, but credit to the lads for putting up such a fight against the European champions. Barry Horne did a great job on Ruud Gullit, but you could see that he was shattered in the last ten minutes and that was when Gullit got the goal.'

West Germany's manager, Franz Beckenbauer, was in Amsterdam to study his country's rivals in one of the toughest World Cup groups.



He recognised that Wales could be a danger to the two favourites, especially when Southall is in such inspirational form.

Mr Beckenbauer said: 'Now I know he is one of the best goalkeepers in the world, possibly the best. I have always admired him, but he seems to be even better.'

The Dutch camp added to the tributes. Gullit, arguably the most gifted player in Europe, said: 'Ian Rush was right when he said Southall was one of the best in the world.'

## FOURTH CAP FOR COTTEE

Tony Cottee's 20-minute appearance against Denmark last week made him the seventh Everton player to be capped by England in the space of three years.

The list dates from November 1985 and includes Paul Bracewell, Peter Reid, Trevor

Steven, Gary Lineker, Gary Stevens and Dave Watson over a period which covered the World Cup Finals in Mexico and this year's European Championship.

Cottee's fourth cap came after only three League appearances for his new club and showed that Bobby Robson sees him as a strong challenger to the established partnership of Lineker and Peter Beardsley.

Kevin Ratcliffe watched his early games for Everton with interest, having marked him many times when he was with West Ham United.

'It was a big thing for him to start with a goal straight away on his debut,' says Kevin. 'I always found that even if I had done my job for 89 minutes, he needed only a second to make contribution. He pulls into good positions and his extra pace always makes him dangerous.'

'I thought that was evident

at Coventry where we always looked likely to sneak a goal with him in the side.'

## FAREWELL TO ENGLAND?

Peter Reid was not too disappointed when he was left out of the England squad after winning 13 caps since his debut in Mexico in 1985.

'I can understand the manager's decision to bring in younger players,' said Peter. 'I will be 34 by the time the next World Cup comes around and it would be asking a lot to be involved then.'

'Bobby Robson had a word with me after the game at Coventry and explained what he was planning to do. I was grateful for that, and if I don't play again, I have good memories to look back on.'

'I was glad that I had the opportunity to play in the World Cup but a little disappointed that I didn't get a game in the European Championship.'

The Everton representation in the England set-up was further thinned down by the transfer of Gary Stevens, but Peter is confident that the numbers will be increased before long.

He said: 'Dave Watson is still one of the best centre halves in the country and I'm sure he can get his place back. And I don't think there's much doubt that Trevor Steven will be back as soon as he is fit.'

## A SHADE OF OPINION

The re-styling of so many club shirts, particularly those incorporating thin stripes instead of a solid colour, means that Everton are not alone in having three strips available for away games.

The traditional royal blue is used whenever possible, but when a change is necessary, we have the official second

strip in silver/blue and white stripes and the alternative of all-yellow.

The ultimate decision is left to the referee of the day, and at Millwall last Saturday it was ruled that the new striped shirt did clash with the London club's kit, which is similar to our own home strip.

The picture (right) shows the contrast, as modelled by first-year YTS players Neil Sang (home) and Dave Whalley (away).

The subject was raised in a letter from John Waddington, a supporter from Ainsdale who wrote: 'The introduction of the new second strip has surprised myself and no doubt many other supporters, as this was attempted a few years ago without success. The side can wear this on very few occasions due to clashing with the home team's strip in some way.'

'This was proved at Coventry, where the old yellow strip made an appearance, and will no doubt be the case at Sheffield Wednesday, Millwall, Wimbledon, Aston Villa and West Ham, where the yellow was previously used.'

'However, may I congratulate the club on keeping the same home strip for a third consecutive season, and not exploiting the supporters with the introduction of a new kit.'

The answer is that the striped shirt was chosen for its modern styling, though we were aware that the yellow kit would be necessary on a few occasions.

## OLD BOYS

Andy King's career was extended with the help of hard work at Bellefield at the end of last season to overcome a serious knee injury.

The former Goodison favourite was invited to use Everton's facilities after being hurt while playing for his last

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League club, Aldershot. The remedial work paid off when Andy joined in pre-season training with Runcorn.

Having proved his fitness, he moved south to sign for Aylesbury United, and scored on his debut for the GM Vauxhall Conference newcomers in a 2-2 draw at Newport. Oddly enough, his second game was against Runcorn, and he was on the losing side on that occasion.

Derek Mountfield missed the start of the season with Aston Villa because of a thigh strain sustained in a Testimonial Match for skipper Allan Evans.

He was denied an early meeting with old foe Ian Rush in the drawn game with Liverpool, but eventually made his competitive debut for his new team in a Central League match against Manchester City last week.

Derek was also on the scoresheet in his first senior game last Saturday - but sadly it was with an own goal when a shot from Alan Devonshire rebounded from the woodwork and hit the defender in the back.

## WELCOME BACK

Martin Dobson and Mark Higgins will be combining business and pleasure when they return to Goodison

## Park on Tuesday for the first leg of the Littlewoods Cup-tie with Bury.

Martin is in his fifth season as manager of the Shakers, having won promotion from the Fourth Division in his first year, and Mark continued his injury-interrupted career by joining Bury from Manchester United in January 1987.

Neville Southall will be on the opposite side of the fence,

playing against his first League club for the first time since he moved to Everton in 1981.

Bury had announced that both legs of the tie would be played at Goodison Park, but the local police subsequently approved plans to stage the second meeting at Gigg Lane.

This match will go ahead at Bury on Tuesday 11th October, with an all-ticket capacity of 8,000.

## BENEFIT DANCE

Everton Supporters' Club are to hold a Benefit Dance on Friday 7th October (8.00 p.m.) in aid of Jamie Crawford.

Jamie is blind and suffers from cerebral palsy. His parents, who live at Redbourn Street, Anfield, have set up an appeal fund to raise money to pay for a trained physio-therapist to teach their son to walk.

Tickets for the Dance, price £2, are available from John Hogan on 051-263 5896.

## First lady's whistle-stop visit to Goodison

SOCCER fanatic Janice Monty has become the first woman to referee a match at Goodison Park. And although she was only blowing the whistle on a schoolboy game, the Y.M.C.A. worker admitted it was the most nerve-racking moment of her life.

She regularly referees local league matches on the Wirral. Janice from Convent Close in Birkenhead, took charge of a representative match between sides from Liverpool and Manchester as part of the final night of a police five-a-side tournament. It was reward for her helping out throughout this summer's Merseyside-wide competition - an annual event involving thousands of youngsters.

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## A FIRST FOR GOODISON

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## Our Opponents...

# LUTON TOWN

### FORMCHECK ...

Luton Town won the Littlewoods Cup and made three appearances at Wembley in what was arguably the most exciting four weeks in the club's history.

The 28-day timetable began with dismay but ended in delight when a penalty save and a last-minute goal snatched the Littlewoods trophy out of Arsenal's clutches in one of the most thrilling Wembley occasions of recent years.

What made it all the more satisfying was that Luton had the character and the skill to overcome earlier disappointments. On March 27th they were stunned by a 4-1 defeat by Second Division strugglers Reading in the Simod Cup Final. On April 9th they lost an FA Cup semi-final to Wimbledon at White Hart Lane. And on April 16th they were beaten by Manchester United in the first round of the Mercantile Centenary Festival at Wembley.

Yet there was the perfect ending when goals by Danny Wilson and Brian

Stein in the last seven minutes brought the Bedfordshire club's first major trophy back to Kenilworth Road.

The orange, white and blue ribbons decorating the Littlewoods Cup represented the culmination of ten years' hard work. The Hatters were at the lower end of the Second Division when David Pleat became manager in January 1978. They won promotion in 1982, and after flirting with relegation in their first season back in the First Division, they came forward to achieve their highest - ever position by finishing seventh in 1987.

Their success was based on shrewd recruitment in the transfer market, though there were notable exceptions when former apprentice Ricky Hill and non-League signing Brian Stein graduated to the England team. Like-

wise, Northern Ireland defender Mal Donaghy had no experience of League football before he was signed from Larne.

Luton's development gradually involved more home-produced players. Full backs Tim Breacker and Rob Johnson came through the ranks, and last season there were two especially exciting arrivals from the youth team.

Winger Kingsley Black was drafted into the Northern Ireland team three days after playing in the Littlewoods final, and Australian-born David Oldfield embarked on a career of high potential by scoring two goals against Everton in a Simod Cup - tie last February.

The 20-year-old striker finished the season with three goals in the last six league games - including one against Liverpool at Anfield in May - and during the summer he was the subject of a £500,000 transfer bid by Norwich City.

Nineteen-year-old Marvin Johnson also emerged towards the end of the season when he deputised for the injured Donaghy.

The new season began with Black and Oldfield in the starting line-up, but Hill was out because of a hamstring injury. The Hatters lost their first two away matches at Sheffield Wednesday (0-1) and Southampton (1-2) and drew 2-2 at home to Wimbledon.

### MANAGEMENT ...

**The Littlewoods Cup triumph capped a marvellous first season for manager Ray Harford.**

The Yorkshireman was in charge at Fulham before joining Luton as first-team coach in 1986. He took over from John Moore in June last year and was given a new three-year contract when the team signed off last season in ninth place in the First Division.

Skipper Steve Foster and two former Luton players, Jim Ryan and John Faulkner, were on the coaching staff

MICK HARFORD



Adrian Heath beats Les Sealey from close range for his second goal in last season's 2-0 win over the 'Hatters' at Goodison.

last term, but there was a change in the backroom team recently when former Shrewsbury and Stoke manager Richie Barker was appointed chief coach. Foster gave up his coaching duties to concentrate on playing.

Mr Harford played for half-a-dozen League clubs and went into coaching with Colchester United. His next move took him to Fulham as No 2 to Malcolm Macdonald and he was appointed manager at Craven Cottage in April 1984.

### TRANSFERS ...

**Andy Dibble, the Welsh goalkeeper who made a vital penalty save in the Littlewoods Cup Final, moved to**

**Manchester City in search of regular first-team football.**

Though an injury to Les Sealey enabled him to win an unexpected medal last April, Dibble was keen to take a new opportunity in the north. He was priced at £240,000 by an Independent Tribunal.

Luton then came to Goodison Park to sign Alec Chamberlain as a replacement. The Everton reserve 'keeper was one of four newcomers taken on at a cost of more than £600,000. Former England midfielder Steve Williams arrived from Arsenal £300,000, South African-born winger Roy Wegerle moved from Chelsea for £75,000, and full back John Dreyer was bought from

Oxford for £140,000.

Luton balanced the transfer budget with three sales. Apart from Dibble, they sold reserve defender Stacey North to West Brom last season and forward Mark Stein to Q.P.R. in August.

Stein was top League scorer with 11 goals last season and appeared in the Littlewoods Cup Final as substitute. His elder brother, Brian, also left Kenilworth Road after 11 years as a first-team regular. He was given a free transfer as a 'thank you' for loyal service and was snapped up by the newly-promoted French club, Caen.

Luton rejected a bid from Stoke for centre half Steve Foster earlier this month.

# MATCH OF THE DAY

## LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL

Player/ Birthplace/Birthdate	Previous Clubs	League Career		1988/89	
		Apps	Gl	Lge/Cup Apps	Gl
<b>IAN ALLINSON</b> Hitchin, 1.10.57	Colchester, Arsenal, Stoke	428	88	-(1)	-
<b>KINGSLEY BLACK</b> Luton, 22.6.68	-	17	1	4	1
<b>TIM BREACKER</b> Bicester, 2.7.65	-	143	2	1	-
<b>ALEC CHAMBERLAIN</b> March, 20.6.64	Colchester, Everton	199	-	-	-
<b>MAL DONAGHY</b> Belfast, 13.9.57	Larne	407	16	3	-
<b>JOHN DREYER</b> Alnwick, 11.6.63	Wallingford, Oxford	79	4	2	-
<b>STEVE FOSTER</b> Portsmouth, 24.9.57	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa	427	24	4	1
<b>ASHLEY GRIMES</b> Dublin, 2.8.57	Bohemians, Man Utd, Coventry	199	14	2	-
<b>MICK HARFORD</b> Sunderland, 12.2.59	Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol C., Birmingham	362	131	4	-
<b>RICKY HILL</b> Paddington, 5.3.59	-	404	51	1	-
<b>MARVIN JOHNSON</b> Wembley, 29.10.68	-	10	-	1	-
<b>ROB JOHNSON</b> Bedford, 22.2.62	-	83	-	3	-
<b>DARRON McDONOUGH</b> Antwerp, 7.11.62	Oldham	228	19	-	-
<b>DAVID OLDFIELD</b> Perth(Aust.), 30.5.68	-	12	3	4	-
<b>DAVID PREECE</b> Bridgnorth, 28.5.63	Walsall	202	9	2	-
<b>LES SEALEY</b> Bethnal Green, 29.9.57	Coventry	343	-	4	-
<b>ROY WEGERLE</b> Johannesburg, 19.3.64	Tampa Bay Rowdies, Chelsea	31	6	1	2
<b>STEVE WILLIAMS</b> London, 12.7.58	Southampton, Arsenal	377	22	4	-
<b>DANNY WILSON</b> Wigan, 1.1.60	Bury, Chesterfield, Nott'm Forest, Brighton	383	66	4	-

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(Up to and including Saturday 17th September 1988)

## FLASHBACK

John Willie Parker scored four goals in Everton's first three league meetings with Luton Town - but was never on the winning side in that spell. The Hatters were undefeated in five clashes until goals from Parker and Tommy Eglinton clinched an elusive first win for The Blues on December 19th 1953. Everton were promoted at the end of that season and Luton followed us into the First Division 12 months later. Our full league and cup record against them is: P36 W17 D6 L13 F65 A44.



## INSIDE TALK

Adrian Heath regards Luton Town as one of his 'lucky' teams after scoring seven goals in 11 league and cup meetings since they came back into the First Division in 1982.

'They have always been a good team for me, as regards to goals and victories,' says 'Inchy'. 'Even though I was injured at the time, the FA Cup semi-final in 1985 always stands out.'

'The fixture is usually good for a few goals and it's guaranteed to be competitive as well. I don't imagine it will be any different today. I played with Mick Harford in the England 'B' team and we all know what a handful he is. Likewise, you always know you are in for a hard game against Steve Foster.'

'It was a bit surprising to me when Brian Stein left, especially after the Littlewoods Cup Final, but they seem to be changing things around. My old Stoke manager, Richie Barker is now there as first-team coach.'

## LEAGUE LANDMARKS

**Biggest victory :**  
5-0 at home 1982-83

**Heaviest defeat :**  
Never by more than a two goal margin

**Last home win :**  
2-0 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 last season

**First meeting :**  
October 27th 1951  
LUTON TOWN 1  
EVERTON 1  
Parker

**Last meeting :**  
December 26th 1987  
EVERTON 2  
Heath 2  
LUTON TOWN 0

## DOWN THE YEARS

**5 YEARS AGO:** Graeme Sharp scores a penalty in a 1-1 draw at home to Birmingham City in a match watched by fewer than 16,000. Luton go down 1-0 at Nottingham Forest to a goal by Brian Clough's million-pound striker, Ian Wallace.

**10 YEARS AGO:** Our fine start continues with Bob Latchford and Andy King (penalty) on the mark in a 2-0 home win against Wolves. The Blues are undefeated in eight league and cup games. Luton, who scored 16 goals in their previous three home games, lose their 100% record at Kenilworth Road when they are held to 1-1 by Cambridge.

**15 YEARS AGO:** All the scoring comes in the opening eight minutes of the second half at Molineux. Joe Royle gives Everton the lead but Derek Dougan makes it 1-1. Barry Butlin's goal is sufficient to give Luton their first away win of the season at Sunderland.

**20 YEARS AGO:** The Toffees come from behind to draw 2-2 at Coventry. Jimmy Husband and John Hurst are the men on the mark. Luton's unbeaten record falls in a 0-1 defeat at Brighton but they stay on top of the Third Division.

**25 YEARS AGO:** Dennis Stevens, Alex Young and Roy Vernon are on target in a 3-2 home win against Sheffield Wednesday but it's a mixed start for the 1962-63 champions. They are in 11th place after seven games. Luton draw 1-1 at Mansfield with the assistance of an own goal by John Gill.

## LUTON'S TEN YEAR RECORD

Season	Div	Lge Position	Average Attendance
78-79	2	18TH	8,792
79-80	2	6TH	11,676
80-81	2	5TH	10,291
81-82	2	1ST	11,880
82-83	1	18TH	13,452
83-84	1	16TH	11,938
84-85	1	13TH	10,816
85-86	1	9TH	11,062
86-87	1	7TH	10,256
87-88	1	9TH	8,157

## EVERTON ROLL CALL

Player	1988-89		Everton Career		Other Career	
	Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl
<b>NEIL ADAMS</b> Stoke, 23.11.65	-	-	17(3)	-	32	4
<b>PAUL BRACEWELL</b> Heswall, 19.7.62	-	-	9(1)	1	7	4
<b>JIMMY CARBERRY</b> Liverpool, 13.10.69	-(1)	-	38(3)	3	18	1
<b>WAYNE CLARKE</b> Wolverhampton, 28.2.61	-(1)	-	34(4)	15	240	68
<b>TONY COTTEE</b> West Ham, 11.7.65	4	4	4	4	212	92
<b>JOHN EBBRELL</b> Bebington, 1.10.69	1	-	1	-	43	25
<b>ADRIAN HEATH</b> Stoke, 11.1.61	1(1)	1	201(20)	70	95	16
<b>PHIL JONES</b> Liverpool, 1.12.69	-(1)	-	69(10)	22	13	1
<b>STUART McCALL</b> Leeds, 10.6.64	-	-	1	-	238	27
<b>NEIL McDONALD</b> Wallsend, 2.11.65	4	-	4	-	180	23
<b>PAT NEVIN</b> Glasgow, 6.9.63	3	-	3	-	266	53
<b>NEIL POINTON</b> Warsop Vale, 28.11.64	1	-	1	-	53	9
<b>GARY POWELL</b> Heswall, 2.4.69	4	-	60(4)	4	159	2
<b>KEVIN RATCLIFFE</b> Mancot, 12.11.60	1	-	23(5)	-	22	1
<b>PETER REID</b> Liverpool, 20.6.56	-	-	259(1)	2	-	-
<b>GRAEME SHARP</b> Glasgow, 16.10.60	4	-	143(2)	7	225	23
<b>KEVIN SHEEDY</b> Builth Wells, 21.10.59	1	-	66(1)	5	36	2
<b>IAN SNODIN</b> Thrybergh, 15.8.63	4	1	230(10)	96	40	17
<b>NEVILLE SOUTHALL</b> Llandudno, 16.9.63	1	-	88(4)	35	5	2
<b>TREVOR STEVEN</b> Berwick, 21.9.63	1	-	173(4)	45	54	4
<b>MIKE STOWELL</b> Portsmouth, 19.4.65	1	-	62	21	7	3
<b>PAT VAN DEN HAUWE</b> Dendermonde, 16.12.60	-(1)	-	48(3)	2	239	31
<b>TONY WARD</b> Warrington, 4.4.70	-	-	19(1)	3	25	3
<b>DAVE WATSON</b> Liverpool, 20.11.61	4	-	219	-	48	-
<b>IAN WILSON</b> Aberdeen, 27.3.58	-(1)	-	85	-	5	-
<b>MARK WRIGHT</b> Manchester, 29.1.70	1	-	182(4)	42	76	11
<b>EDDIE YOUNDS</b> Liverpool, 3.5.70	-	-	71	10	23	5

Up to and including Saturday 17th September 1988

### KEY TO INFORMATION:

1st line = League games. 2nd line = Cup games. Other Career figures include games while on loan from Everton. Everton Cup records include all cup competitions and the FA Charity Shield. Other Career Cup records include FA Cup and League Cup only.

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## Ian Wilson

**Your 1-2-3 forecast for the First Division (not including Everton):** Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal.

**The team you expect to make most improvement:** Aston Villa.

**A tip for promotion from Division Two:** Leicester City.

**The best ground you have played in and the one you would most like to play in:** Wembley - next time I hope it's the FA Cup Final.

**Pick a team from players you have played with at club level:** Neville Southall, Steve Whitworth, Dave Watson, Kevin Ratcliffe, Jim Hermiston, Trevor Steven, Peter Reid, Kevin Sheedy, Arthur Graham, Gary Lineker, Graeme Sharp.

**Your tip for the top - a future international in the making:** Gary McAllister of Leicester City.

**Best player in your position:** Glenn Hoddle.

**The liveliest character you have met in football:** Adrian Heath.

**Details of your first match for your first professional club:** Aberdeen v Arbroath, 1976-77 - we won 1-0.

**Your worst moment on the football field:** An own goal against Spurs in the FA Cup semi-final, 1982.

**The funniest incident you have seen on the football field:** A similar goal to my own goal - scored by someone else!

**Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad:** Torquay ... Cyprus.

**The best place you have visited on a football trip:** Magalluf - the facilities are great.

**Your best pal in football:** Larry May of Sheffield Wednesday.

# PERSONAL OPINION

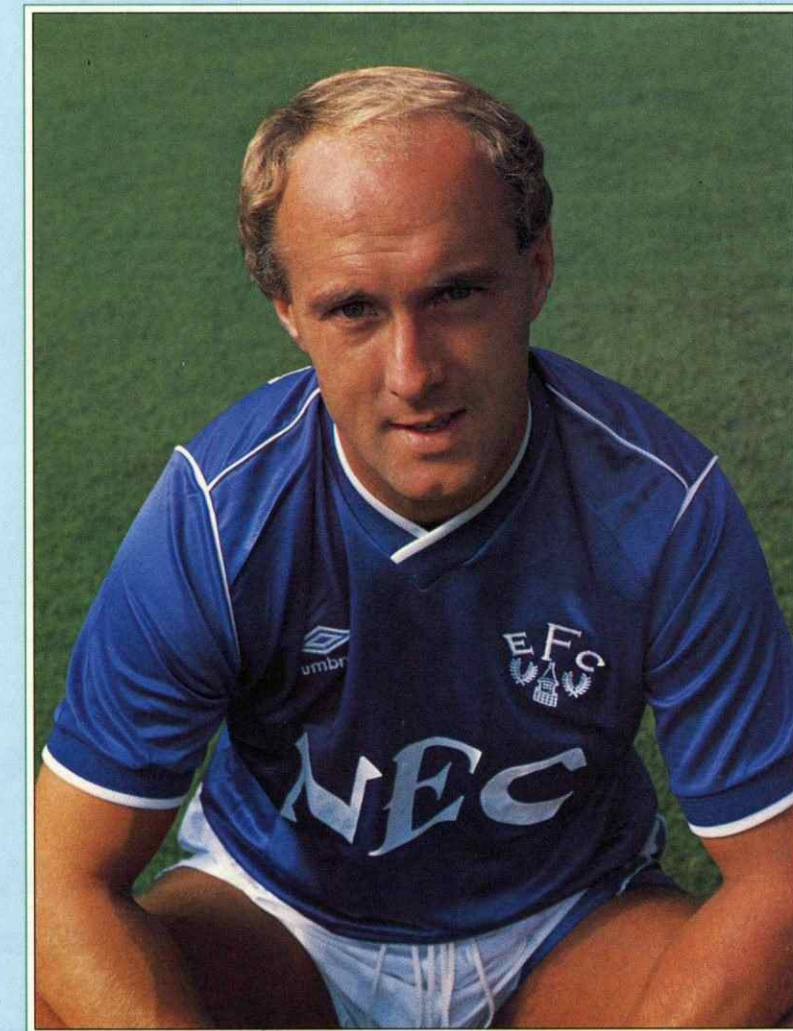
**Which TV quiz show would you like to have a crack at?** The Krypton Factor.

**Your favourite sports commentator on TV:** Peter Alliss.

**Your favourite newspaper for sport:** Daily Mirror.

**Your favourite item of clothing:** Tracksuit.

**The best and worst dressers among your team-mates:** The worst, Pat Nevin - but they all think they are the best!



# IN SUPPORT

## FAN FILE

**No 2 : DAVID HUGHES**

**Occupation:** Everton fan (aged 11).  
**Address:** Frampton Road, Walton.

**Length of time supporting Everton:** 8 years.

**Favourite player (present):** Graeme Sharp.

**Favourite player (past):** Andy King.

**Best goal by an Everton player last season:** Neil Pointon, v Luton Town.

**Best goal ever seen by an Everton player:** Graeme Sharp, v Liverpool, away, 1984-85.

**Best side to visit Goodison last season:** Bayern Munich.

**The player you would most like to bring to Goodison:** Ruud Gullitt.

**Favourite other team:** Celtic

**Favourite sports personality:** Jimmy Greaves.

**Sports personality who gets on your nerves:** Emlyn Hughes.

**Changes desired in press coverage:** They should stick to the facts.

**Improvements desired in football:** More involvement with local schools, and maybe a schools match at half-time.

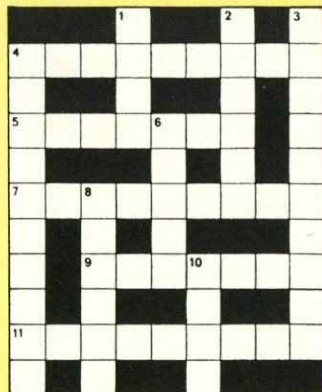
**Improvements desired at football grounds:** Better facilities for away supporters.

**Your all-time Everton team:**

1984-85 European Cup-winners' Cup ... Neville Southall, Gary Stevens, Pat Van den Hauwe, Kevin Ratcliffe, Derek Mountfield, Peter Reid, Trevor Steven, Andy Gray, Graeme Sharp, Paul Bracewell, Kevin Sheedy.



*SUPPORTERS are invited to submit their answers to the questionnaire and send their entry, on a plain piece of paper together with a good-quality photograph, to :*  
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## SPORTS CROSSWORD

**Across:**

- Scottish soccer club of over 100 years' history ... but no significant trophies and no capped players (9)
- Peter, Britain's world-record-setting sprinter of the sixties (7)
- Contemporary cricketing Kiwi brothers, their number including Test men Brendon and John (9)
- Soccer club which proved in 1988 that automatic relegation from the League doesn't necessarily lead to limbo (7)
- Controlled ways of climbing down from gymnastics equipment at the end of routines (9)

**Down**

- Either period in a two-period match (4)
- The wire joining the head and the grip of a hammer (6)
- Surrey site of the world's first custom-built motor-racing circuit (10)
- 'Balance-sheets' used by beach-bound contestants at the seaside... (10)
- ... while this is what lies in the opposite direction for big racing-yachts (5)
- British golfer of fame as a 'voice' on the game ... (6)
- ... in which this is a striking implement (4)

## NICKERS!

How well do you know your soccer nicknames? Can you say who are or were ... Corky and the Cat?

Answers: **Crossword** - 4. Shamrock Rovers; 5. Radford; 7. (Peter) Alliss; 10. club, Nickers - George Young and Peter Bonetti.  
hand; 3. Brooklands; 4. surfboards; 6. ocean; 8. Bracewell; 9. Lincoln; 11. dismounts 1. half; 2.

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## SUPPORTERS' REQUESTS

Brian Conlon, 18 Park Gate, Park Mains, Erskine, Renfrewshire PA8 7HQ, is a Rangers fan but 'with a soft spot for Everton'. He has been to a few Everton games and says the Goodison fans are as fanatical as the Rangers supporters. He is 20 years old and would like a female pen-pal, aged 16-23, who attends Everton games regularly. Would be willing to exchange programmes.

Larry Leahy, of 1 Nursery Road, Leagrave, Luton, Beds LU3 2RG, has been an Everton supporter for nearly 40 years. He would like to complete a set of Everton's programmes for FA Cup Finals. Would be willing to pay good prices for the Finals of 1893, 1897, 1906, 1907 and 1933.

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## BLUE MAIL

THE BLUE MAIL postbag is not as full as usual because of disruptions in the postal service, but correspondents are reminded that they can deliver letters by hand at any time. The postal address is: Blue Mail, Everton FC, Goodison Park, Liverpool L4 4EL.

*From: Cliff Green, Wem, Shropshire ...*

While there is no doubt that by recent standards, last season was not a very successful one for Everton, I am sure I am not alone amongst Evertonians in feeling aggrieved at the non-stop attention given to Liverpool.

Obviously, they had a very good season, but I don't remember such acclaim when we won the 1984-85 championship, and yet our achievements were more than comparable.

Although it is claimed that Liverpool equalled our 90 points record with two fewer games, Everton did reach 90 points from the first 40 games. It was only after two cup finals, injuries and with the championship won, that we played almost reserve sides at Coventry and Luton, and inevitably lost both games. Indeed, we lost the first two games of that season, so the 90 points came from the middle 38 games!

Perhaps more significant is that we were still playing league matches on May 26th and 28th because of our heavy involvement in European competition, which Liverpool did not have last season.

As Bob Paisley said, Liverpool looked so good last season because the rest of the First Division were so ordinary. I think that Everton will put that right this season and achieve the recognition they deserve.

Most importantly, given the choice of watching the 84-85 team of Steven, Bracewell, Sheedy, Reid, Gray, Sharp etc, or the Liverpool team of Barnes, Beardsley, Aldridge, McMahon, Houghton, Spackman etc. I know which I'd prefer any day!

*From: Tom Lowe, Secretary/Treasurer, Everton Supporters Club - Midland Area...*

ESC-MA runs a membership scheme, with coach travel to all Everton Saturday home games and a number of away games.

It is very pleasing to note that in 12 seasons of coach travel we have not had any trouble and have been made welcome at stops on our travels. We do not think we are unique but consider that we are a well-run club.

An item of further interest is that Trevor Steven has been voted our Player of the Season for 1987-88.

**EDITOR: For details of ESC-MA, please contact Mr Lowe at 74 Brooklands Avenue, Great Wyrley, Walsall WS6 6LG. Tel: 0922 418346 (home), 0902 602706/608473 (office).**

*From: Jacko Simms, Halewood ...*

I thought we would have had more in the programme about the matches in Spain and especially about Howard Kendall. Is he enjoying his job there? How is he getting on with the language?

**EDITOR: The trip to Spain crossed over our deadlines for the first programme and we thought match reports would be out of date for the second issue. Terry Darracott tells us that Howard is looking well and certainly seems to be enjoying life, having mastered the basics in the Spanish language. Athletic Bilbao won their first two league matches and had a particularly good result when beating Atletico Madrid 1-0 away from home.**

*From: J.G. Morton, Maghull ...*

While it's sad that players like Peter Reid are out of the England squad, I don't think anyone can argue with the decision to bring in younger players. As always, there will be arguments as to who the manager should pick.



*From: Patsy Hughes, Wallasey ...*

It would serve two purposes to print this photograph. Firstly, to delight my son, Duncan Hughes, who was celebrating his 13th birthday (and I might add we have visited The Toffee Shop for every one of those birthdays).

The second purpose is that I have brothers who attend Everton matches. I have spent all my life listening to their criticism of my cakes. I am a nurse and one of the doctors even commented that a crumb fell off one of my cakes and broke his leg! However, as you can see, 13 must have been my lucky number, and I would like this photograph to be printed for all to see. I will never be that lucky again!

and I suspect I'm not alone in querying two positions. Young Nigel Clough is one of the best all-round centre forwards but he can't get in. Peter Shilton has been a great servant but surely there must be a candidate to replace him now that he is 39.

Chris Woods may not be the answer, but David Seaman, from Q.P.R. is always in the squad and hasn't been given a chance yet. Steve Sutton, from Forest, and Tony Coton, from Watford, are two others who have impressed in recent seasons.

*From: Miss M. Johnson, Litherland ...*

You have printed letters from time to time from Evertonians complaining about higher admission charges when we go to certain grounds.

This problem seems to be getting worse with each year. Even big clubs like Spurs and Villa are getting in on the act. Apparently, The Reds fans had to pay £5 to stand up at Villa recently and no doubt we will be asked to pay that when we go there.

It's unfair that Merseyside supporters should be singled out in this way. We are paying for the success of the clubs in this city and for having the biggest away support.

**EDITOR: The home supporters also have to pay the increased price for these so-called 'premium' fixtures, though it doesn't apply to season ticket holders who of course pay their money in advance.**

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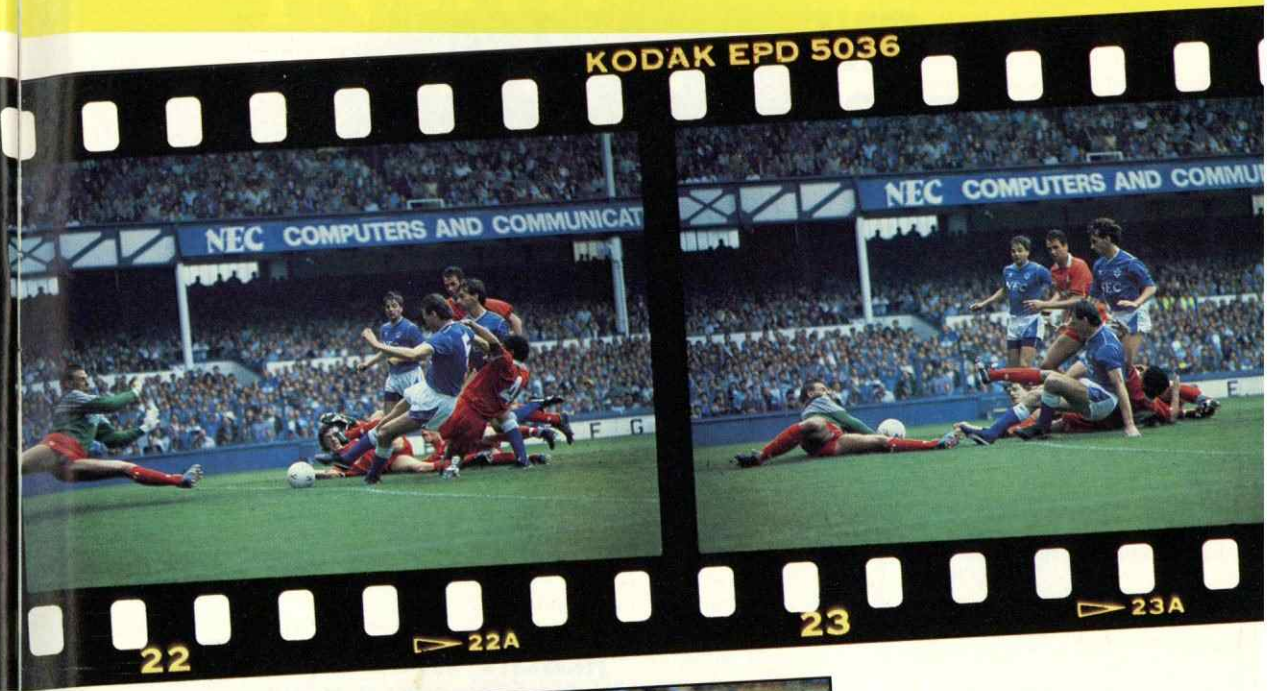
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# ALL FALL DOWN



**1** Δ Comical scenes in the Nottingham Forest goalmouth as Steve Sutton comes out to foil an Everton raid. Our photographer Terry Mealey captured the drama frame by frame as one player fell over another and then another and another ...

**2** ▷ Almost a repeat incident as Steve Hodge collides with Sutton and Tony Cottee follows them to the ground.



**3** ◁ Forest's Steve Chettle goes 'full out' to stop Tony Cottee in his tracks - and both players end up flat out.



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# INSIDE VERDICT

**T**HE England team against Denmark reflected Peter Reid's verdict on two of the key performers for Nottingham Forest in a 1-1 draw at Goodison Park only four days before the international at Wembley.

'I thought Des Walker was superb on the day and that Neil Webb had one of his better games,' said the Everton midfielder. 'Nigel Clough also did well in a team performance which was typical of Forest's organisation.'

'The worst thing you can do against them is to concede an early goal. When that happened, they were able to play to their strength. The midfield players get behind the ball and make them very hard to break down.'

'But we kept plugging away and eventually got the equaliser with a good strike by Adrian Heath. Even though we did not get the three points, it was an entertaining game for the crowd.'

'Perhaps the result could have gone our way if Graeme Sharp's header before half-time had gone in instead of hitting the bar. We had three or four chances in the first half but couldn't put them away.'

### MATCH DETAILS

*Saturday 10th September 1988*  
BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
**Everton 1 Nottingham Forest 1**  
Scorers: Everton: Heath. Forest: Webb. Everton: Southall, McDonald, Pointon, Snodin, Watson, Reid, Nevin (sub: Heath 61), McCall, Sharp, Cottee, Sheedy (sub: Wilson 74).

Forest: Sutton, Chettle, Pearce, Walker, Foster, Hodge, Crosby (sub: Carr 72), Webb, Clough, Gaynor, Rice. Sub (not used): Fleming.

*Right: Forest's Colin Foster climbs above a trio of internationals, Neil Webb, Graeme Sharp and Stuart McCall to head clear in the 1-1 draw at Goodison.*

**T**ONY CASCARINO, a member of the Gillingham side who lost to Everton in the FA Cup in 1984, took his revenge with two goals for Millwall last Saturday.

The newly promoted Londoners moved into third place with their 2-1 win and suggested they have quite a lot to offer in the First Division.

Graeme Sharp said: 'A lot of teams will find The Den a hard place to pick up a point. We were disappointed by the way we played but maybe that was down to Millwall.'

'Before the game a lot of people were comparing them to Wimbledon, but after playing against them, I would say there is more to their game. They are a better footballing side than Wimbledon.'

'The two lads up front certainly posed a few problems. I remember Cascarino from his Gillingham days, but it was the first time I had played against Teddy Sheringham. He looks a good player.'

*Saturday 17th September 1988*  
BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
**Millwall 2 Everton 1**

Scorers: Millwall: Cascarino (2). Everton: McLeary (own goal). Millwall: Horne, Salman (sub: Stevens 30), Dawes, Hurlock, Wood, McLeary, Lawrence (sub: Carter 87), Briley, Sheringham, Cascarino, O'Callaghan. Everton: Southall, McDonald, Pointon, Snodin, Watson, Reid, Heath, McCall (sub: Clarke 83), Sharp, Cottee, Sheedy (sub: Van den Hauwe 70).



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### MATCH DETAILS

*Wednesday 31st August 1988*  
CENTRAL LEAGUE  
**Everton Res 2 Newcastle United Res 0**  
Scorers: Heath, Clarke.  
Team: Stowell, Jones (P), Power, Norcott, Youds, Ebbrell, Adams, Heath, Clarke, Bracewell, Carberry. Subs(not used): Powell, Ward.

*Saturday 3rd September 1988*  
LANCASHIRE LEAGUE  
**Everton 'A' 2 Blackburn Rovers 'A' 0**  
Scorers: Powell, Cowlshaw.  
Team: Walsh, Ebdon, Youds, Van den Hauwe, Darkes, Quinlan, Ebbrell, Ward, Conlan (sub: Barlow), Powell, Cowlshaw. Sub (not used): Reilly.

**Everton 'B' 7 Blackburn Rovers 'B' 2**  
Scorers: Jones, S (3), Hinchcliffe, Finley, Sang, Gouldstone.  
Team: Barton, Hinchcliffe (sub: O'Neill), Finley, Feeney, Clifton, Spellman, Sang, Whalley, Gouldstone, Jones (S), Scanlan (sub: Wilson, D).

*Wednesday 7th September 1988*  
CENTRAL LEAGUE  
**Nottingham Forest Res 2 Everton Res 1**  
Scorer: Youds.  
Team: Stowell, Jones, Power, Norcott, Youds, Wilson(I), Adams, Heath, Clarke, Bracewell, Ebbrell. Subs(not used): Powell, Ward.

*Friday 9th September 1988*  
LANCASHIRE LEAGUE  
**Stockport County Res 1 Everton 'A' 2**  
Scorers: Powell, Quinlan.  
Team: Fantom, Ebdon, Youds, Feeney, Darkes, Quinlan, Ward, Sang, Carberry, Powell, Cowlshaw (sub: Barton). Sub(not used): Whalley.

*Saturday 10th September 1988*  
LANCASHIRE LEAGUE  
**Everton 'B' 0 Crewe Alexandra 'B' 1**  
Team: Walsh, Reilly (sub: Wilson, D), O'Neill, Hinchcliffe, Clifton, Spellman, Whalley, Conlan, Gouldstone, McDonough (sub: Dulson), Jones (S).

*Tuesday 13th September 1988*  
CENTRAL LEAGUE  
**Everton Res 1 Blackburn Rovers Res 0**  
Scorer: Clarke.  
Team: Stowell, Jones, Power, Wright, Youds, Wilson(I), Adams, Heath (sub: Powell), Clarke, Ebbrell, Carberry (sub: Ward).

*Saturday 17th September 1988*  
LANCASHIRE LEAGUE  
**Carlisle United Res 3 Everton 'A' 4**  
Scorers: Powell (3), Wright.  
Team: Fantom, Wilson (D), Feeney, Wright, Darkes, Barlow (sub: McDonough), Ebdon (sub: Whalley), Sang, Conlan, Powell, Quinlan.

**Carlisle United 'A' 1 Everton 'B' 2**  
Scorers: Dulson, Cowlshaw.  
Team: Barton, Spellman, Clifton, Moore, O'Neill, Christian, Reilly, Dulson, Jones (S), Scanlan, Cowlshaw. Subs(not used): Smith (P), McGee.

# GOODISON MAN

**ONE match changed Stuart McCall's life. In the space of 90 minutes his career plans switched from a job in a bank to an apprenticeship with Bradford City.**

Instead of counting fivers he was cleaning boots and sharpening up soccer skills which led to a Third Division championship medal, a Scottish Under-21 cap and an £850,000 transfer to Everton.

'Everything changed when I was coming up to leaving school,' he recalls. 'I was playing for Farsley Celtic, a good standard Saturday-Sunday league side. Out of the 11, there were nine lads fixed up with Nottingham Forest, Arsenal and Leeds United, but I was one of the two left.'

'I was writing to banks to try and get a job and thinking more about my exams than football, but then we had a match with Bradford before I left school. Afterwards, they invited me to have a trial at Valley Parade. I had four games with the juniors and four with the reserves, and inside a month, I was signed as an apprentice.'

'I didn't think twice about changing my plans. I stopped worrying about my exams and ripped up my letters to the banks!'

Bradford were a struggling Fourth Division club when Stuart signed for manager George Mulhall, but Roy McFarland took over to build a promotion team and the climb to the Second Division was later masterminded by Trevor Cherry and Terry Yorath.

'I had certainly had good teachers,' says the new Everton midfielder. 'I was substitute in the Fourth Division, but did not play that season. It was the following year when I made my debut at right back.'

'I was in and out of the side until Roy McFarland left, and then Trevor Cherry put me in midfield. I was only 18 but from that season, I made 149 consecutive appearances.'

While Bradford made good progress on the field, there were problems developing behind the scenes. In 1983 they were wound up in the High Court and there was a worrying summer for the players until a new company was formed to keep football in a city which had lost its other League club, Bradford Park Avenue.

'The pay cheques bounced a couple of times and we had to train in local parks, but I suppose we always thought the club would be saved,' says Stuart. 'I imagine it was the same at Middlesbrough and other clubs who got into money trouble - nobody will think it's going to happen until one club does fold up.'



'We were down to a squad of 14 and had to consolidate our position in the Third Division, but we put together a run of ten consecutive wins and this set us up for promotion in the next season.'

'We got 94 points and won the championship well. The team was made up mainly by free transfer players, but we had a good spirit after all that we had been through during the bankruptcy.'

## ANGLO-SCOT

● **The promotion campaign was made even more notable for Stuart when he was selected for an England Under-21 squad in Turkey. Paul Bracewell was captain of that side, but he was slightly doubtful with an injury, and in a practice match the day before the game, Stuart partnered Ian Snodin in midfield.**

However, Bracewell was passed fit and there was no place for the Bradford player - a decision that was to alter his international career. Having qualified for England by his Leeds birthplace, Stuart subsequently opted to play for Scotland. He was able to make the switch because his parents, Andy and Jean, are from Hamilton.

His father was a League player in England. He played with Matthews and Mortensen at Blackpool and finished a 12-year career with more than 300 appearances after transfers to West Brom, Leeds and Halifax.

Like so many families in Bradford, the McCalls were deeply affected by the Valley

Parade fire disaster in 1985. Andy was a proud father when Stuart received his Third Division championship medal but then became engulfed in the flames and spent a month in hospital recovering from burns.

Bradford were away from their headquarters for 18 months, playing their home games at Leeds, Huddersfield and the local Rugby League ground at Odsal.

'It was right that we played in Bradford for the sake of the fans, but the pitch at Odsal was not good for football and there was no atmosphere there,' says Stuart. 'After all the problems, it was an achievement to consolidate in our first season in the Second Division, and to the people of Bradford, there was something special in finishing above Leeds.'

'To be the top club in West Yorkshire was the best thing that could have happened, but after spending half of the next season at Odsal, we were bottom of the league when we went back to Valley Parade.'

'Though there had been a lot of speculation about transfer for myself and John Hendrie, the lads wanted to play back there and we had a really good season to finish tenth.'

'That put us in a confident mood for last season. We felt that we could finish in the top five, but probably we hit the top too early. At the start people would have thought it brilliant to get into the play-offs, but when we went six points clear, they started to think we were there and this got through to the players.'

'I was captain for my last 18 months with the club and I dearly wanted to lead them into the First Division. It was a big disappointment to lose in the play-offs, and when a club as big as Everton came in for me, I had to take the opportunity.'

'Now I have to establish myself in the first team at this level. It's a big jump to a club like this and everything is a new experience at the moment.'

The first game against Newcastle was certainly interesting. Everybody says that there is a bit more time to play in the First Division, but the first 20 minutes were played at a hectic pace. I was also struck by the atmosphere of the biggest crowd I have played in front of.'

● **PERSONAL NOTE: Stuart and his wife, Liz, have been married for two years and have a ten-month-old daughter, Carly. They were due to move into their new home in Southport this week.**

# STUART McCALL



# IN RESERVE

**I**F Everton's first three games are anything to go by, the standard of the Central League this season promises to be higher than for a number of years.

Despite injuries at senior level, we have been able to include players such as Adrian Heath, Wayne Clarke, Paul Bracewell and Neil Adams. And there has been a similar thread of experience in the teams we have met so far.

Nottingham Forest were particularly strong with the likes of Franz Carr, Tommy Gaynor and Lee Glover, as well as two players, Garry Parker and Nigel Jemson, who cost £400,000 at the end of last season. Then, Blackburn Rovers came to Goodison Park last week with Alan Ainscow and Nicky Reid in their midfield.

Looking farther afield, there was quite a parade of talent last week when Aston Villa beat Manchester City 6-2. Villa included Derek Mountfield, Neale Cooper, Andy Blair, Garry Thompson, Mark Lillis and Paul Birch, while City's goals were scored by Imre Varadi and Paul Simpson.

'From what I have seen, the squads seem to be much stronger, and not only because of the experienced players,' says Reserve Manager Mike Lyons. 'The YTS scheme has had a big effect now that players are filtering through.'

Clubs were able to take on more youngsters, and they can afford to keep a fair number on as young professionals.'

Mike was a bit disappointed when his side let the lead slip in a 2-1 defeat by Forest. 'On balance, we had more chances, but they put away the two that counted,' he said. 'With so many senior players involved on both sides, they probably gave each other too much respect.'

'In the games we have played so far, Paul Power has been our best player. The goal we got to win the game against Blackburn started with good work by Paul and the chance was knocked in by Wayne Clarke.'

Paul Bracewell missed the Blackburn match after picking up a groin strain at Forest, but Mark Wright was back for his first outing since fracturing his cheekbone.

Gary Norcott, the young defender who played in the first two Central League matches, has signed for Marine but could be available for reserve games here if required.

The 'A' team made it four games without defeat by winning 2-1 in a Friday night fixture against a physically strong Stockport County reserve side.

'It wasn't the kind of game I enjoy,' said Youth Manager Graham Smith. 'There was very little in the way of football from either side. Stockport favoured the direct style and we had to battle for a result.'

'To a certain extent, we had to forget about football and match them for effort and

commitment. But as I often say, winning leagues takes all sorts of performances. This was one to put in our experience bank.'

There was a minor setback for the young 'B' team when Crewe scored the only goal of the game with virtually the last kick. 'We were giving a bit away in terms of age,' said Coach David Gray. 'When the opposition is older and more experienced, you have to view the performance in a different way. The positive view is that it was a good part of the learning process.'

Michael McDonough, an England Schools striker last season, played for two-thirds of the Crewe match after recovering from an injury.

*Both teams travelled to Carlisle last Saturday and came back with a well-deserved double over the Brunton Park club.*

Gary Powell, who was kept out of the early Central League games by the Heath-Clarke combination, worked off any disappointment with a hat-trick to make his tally seven goals in four 'A' team matches.

'I was very pleased with his all-round contribution,' said Graham Smith. 'He showed a good attitude and worked very hard. The way he held the ball up in competition with a big centre half was a good example for young Michael McDonough to follow.'

'While Gary is still a young professional himself, he is that little bit older than most of the 'A' team and the other lads can learn from him. 'We had start at Carlisle, conceding a goal in the first five minutes, but we always looked the better team and it was a question of waiting to put away the chances we created.'

The 'B' team reversed the previous week's pattern by beating Carlisle 2-1 with a goal in injury time by Leigh Cowlshaw. After falling behind in the fourth minute, the youngsters - a mixture of schoolboys and YTS players - settled down to claim 90% of the possession. 'We didn't get on the end of things in the box in the first half,' said David Gray. 'But we made one or two alterations at half-time and Craig Dulson soon equalised from 20 yards.'

Robert Holcroft, a goalkeeper from Skelmersdale who plays for West Lanes, and Steven Chidlow, a right back from Kirkby who is in the Knowsley Boys team, have been signed on schoolboy forms after impressing in our Centre of Excellence at Bellefield.

Other schoolboy signings include: Barry Smith, a striker from Halewood who plays for Knowsley. Stuart Gelling, a Liverpool Boys midfield player from West Derby. Lee Duffy, a goalkeeper from Bootle who plays for his local representative team. Colin Murray, a Liverpool Boys goalkeeper from Broadgreen.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1988-89

Date	Opponents	Res
Aug 31	H Newcastle United	2-0
Sep 7	A Nottingham Forest	1-2
13	H Blackburn Rovers	1-0
20	A Barnsley	
Oct 1	H Liverpool	
4	A Sheffield Wednesday	
15	A Manchester City	
18	H Aston Villa	
Nov 1	H Sunderland	
12	A Manchester United	
15	A Derby County	
23	H Leeds United	
28	A Leicester City	
Dec 6	H Sheffield United	
13	H Huddersfield Town	
20	A Coventry City	
Jan 3	H Nottingham Forest	
11	A Newcastle United	
17	H Leicester City	
25	A West Bromwich Albion	
Feb 4	A Liverpool	
7	H Sheffield Wednesday	
15	A Aston Villa	
25	H Manchester City	
Mar 4	H Manchester United	
7	A Sunderland	
15	H Barnsley	
22	A Huddersfield Town	
29	A Blackburn Rovers	
Apr 4	H Coventry City	
12	A Sheffield United	
18	H Derby County	
26	A Leeds United	
May 2	H West Bromwich Albion	



**WAYNE CLARKE**  
Winning goal against Blackburn

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE FIXTURES 1988-89 'A' TEAM

Date	Opponents	Res
Aug 20	H Burnley Res	4-0
27	A Crewe Alex 'A'	4-4
Sep 3	H Blackburn Rovers 'A'	2-0
9	A Stockport Co. Res	2-1
17	A Carlisle United Res	4-3
24	A UMIST	
Oct 1	H Bolton Wan. 'A'	
8	H Rochdale Res	
15	H Marine Res	
22	H Morcambe Res	
26	A Morcambe Res	
29	A Preston N.E. 'A'	
Nov 5	H Bury Res	
12	H Accrington Stanley	
19	A Manchester Utd 'A'	
26	H Stockport Co. Res	
Dec 10	A Liverpool 'A'	
17	H Liverpool 'A'	
24	A Burnley Res	
31	A Manchester City 'A'	
Jan 7	A Blackburn Rovers 'A'	
14	H Carlisle Utd Res	
21	H Crewe Alex 'A'	
28	A Rochdale Res	
Feb 4	A Bolton Wan. 'A'	
11	A Bury Res	
18	A Marine Res	
25	H Manchester City 'A'	
Mar 4	H Manchester Utd 'A'	
18	H UMIST	
25	A Accrington Stanley	
Apr 1	H Preston N.E. 'A'	

## 'B' TEAM

Aug 20	A Oldham Ath. 'B'	0-2
27	H Tranmere Rovers 'B'	2-1
Sep 3	H Blackburn Rovers 'B'	7-2
10	H Crewe Alex 'B'	0-1
17	A Carlisle United 'A'	2-1
24	H Carlisle United 'A'	
Oct 1	A Preston N.E. 'B'	
15	A Bury 'A'	
22	H Chester City 'A'	
29	H Marine Youth	
Nov 5	A Manchester Utd 'B'	
12	A Chester City 'A'	
19	H Blackpool 'A'	
26	A Marine Youth	
Dec 3	H Wigan Athletic 'A'	
10	H Liverpool 'B'	
17	A Liverpool 'B'	
Jan 7	H Oldham Ath. 'B'	
14	A Tranmere Rovers 'B'	
21	A Stockport Co. 'A'	
28	H Manchester Utd 'B'	
Feb 4	A Crewe Alex 'B'	
11	A Blackpool 'A'	
18	H Bury 'A'	
25	A Wigan Athletic 'A'	



## HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Toxteth, refurbishment at Wembley to repairs at Welling, closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic, transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England, from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United.

1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

## WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

## CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

## SAFETY FIRST

Football grounds in England and Wales have reached their highest ever level of safety thanks to the £23,671,425 invested by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust since 1975.

Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been spent to enable them to improve facilities. In the past year alone FGIT grants to Football League clubs totalled:

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Safety Improvements	2,254,723
	770,561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1.5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.

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