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- 6. Gaffney
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- 15. McGowan

# LIVERPOOL

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- 2. Neal
- 3. Thompson
- 4. Kennedy
- 5. Hansen
- 6. Lawrenson
- 7. Nicol
- 8. Souness
- 9. Lee
- 10. Whelan
- 11. Johnston
- 12. Dalglish
- 13. Rush
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- 15. Hodgson
- 6. Wardle



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- 1957: First League of Ireland Club to play in Europe,
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- 1968: Won first ever Blaxnit All-Ireland.
- 1969: / Broke their previous Cup record by winning six FAI Cup in a row.
- 1972: Mr. L. Kilcoyne appointed Managing Director of Shamrock Rovers.
- 1973: Shamrock Rovers All Ireland XI lost 4 3 to Champions Brazil.
- 1975: Toured Japan in 3 games against National Japan, team won one, drew one, lost one.
- 1977: John Giles appointed Player/Manager.
- 1978: First European game played at Milltown. Previously all home games were played at Dalymount.
- 1979: Supporters Club formed.
  Shamrock Rovers sponsored Ireland's 0-0 draw with Argentina

ASSISTANT MANAGER AND COACH, NOEL CAMPBELL came to Milltown having spent 8 seasons in Germany with Fortuna Cologne. While with Fortuna he won 7 international caps with the Republic of Ireland. Noel who is now in his third season with Rovers also played for St. Patricks Athletic before moving to Germany. It was with St. Pats that he won his first international cap v. Austria in 1971.



## **EDITORIAI**

It's with great pleasure that we welcome the players, officials and supporters of one of the truely great club sides of world football.

We could write reams about the success's of Liverpool F.C., both in English and European football, but most of you here for tonights game would know about them anyway.

They lay claim to a huge slice of the support that ferries over to England and Scotland every Satruday for the games there. Matched probably only by Man. Utd., for the size of their Irish following, they will certainly come onto the Milltown pitch tonight to a huge roar.

We would hope our own support can match it. Tonights game is a friendly in name, we certainly hope its a competitive one in spirit. Some years ago it was commplace for Shamrock Rovers to play against the top sides from across the water. It is to be hoped that tonights opposition is the first of many more.

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Pat Carey, Sec. Floodlight Committee. The Floodlight Club was initiated about 2 years ago, to provide the necessary funds for the installation of 'lights at Milltown. As you can see, here to night, the primary aim has been achieved, but the task is still far from over. Now comes the all important factor — they must be paid for!

Even in this age of high prices and inflation, £70,000, is still a huge amount of money. To alleviate the huge debt, various fund raising ventures have taken place in the past few months — Your support has been tremendous and, for it, we are very grateful.

But a huge debt still hangs over the club and we feel certain that your continuous support will not be found wanting. Your support, to night, together with your participation in forthcoming events, viz, Car Draw, Carbaret Nights, Poker Classics, Bumper Draw and Match Raffles is something really appreciated by all at Rovers.

For Shamrock to have the best facilities in L.O.I., only with your help can that goal be achieved.

Pat Carey, Sec. Floodlight Club. November '82.

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# Little Boy Lost

The little one was in a daze for a week and more. Friday seemed like an eternity away but, eventually, it dawned. That night the young fella would leave his friends to their games on the road and travel on the B and I to Liverpool, his first journey into the unknown and his initial visit to Anfield.

It was the start of the new football season and the nervous excitement of Darren Daly, who only recently made his First Communion, filled his Kilbarrack residence with joy. Tender kisses saw him on his way at the B and I terminal, and in the company of two elders, his voyage began.

The moving baggage carrier captured his attention and Darren confessed, with some probing, that he thought the ship was on the rocks at one stage as he lay snugly in his berth. Experience told it was merely the noise of the engines.

Merseyside had painted a lovely picture for his welcome. R.T.E. radio could be heard clearly on the streets of Liverpool as the sky bore the Everton colours. Clouds stood out like a scare-crow guarding the crops.

As the hours trickled on and the pavements around the Anfield Road were attracting more and more red. Darren's thoughts centred on acquiring a toy with the £5 a loving admirer give him on leaving the North Wall.

He focused on one in a small shop not far from the stadium and promptly drove the pleasant girl assistant to frustration as she toppled boxes all around here in a bid to fetch the one Darren desired. When the girl eventually obtained the box it was found that the main part of the equipment was missing. Decending from the step ladder, her smile hid a bucket-full of curses.

Darren went merrily on his way. He applauded warmly with the rest of the attenance as Bob Paisley was presented with his fifth 'Manager of the Year' award. Everything was fine and 32,652 people settled to watch Liverpool bid for their first points of the season.

15 minutes had passed and no score was

recorded. Darren, possibly bored by the lack of action, asked to be brought to the toilet. His co-travellers pleaded with him to wait until half-time but, according to Darren the need to find the convenience was urgent.

And so, accompanied by a disgruntled guide, he set off, distracting supporters in the next seats and, unbelievably discovering that the loo door was jammed after he had concluded the necessary chore. Some brute forced open the stubborn obstacle only for the pair to re-enter at the wrong section of the stand.

Annoyance is a word hardly adequate here. The two Dubliners were seeking their seats frantically but failure was on the prowl. Everytime they went under the stand in a bid to locate the correct entry point to their section cheers and ohhs echoed around the expectant ground. It was like being stuck in a long queue at the turnstiles with the match in progress and the excitement being transmitted from within.

They made it back alright after upsetting their near neighbours in returning to their places and, thankfully, Darren remained there until the close of the 90 minutes.

On the boat home the television showed highlights of Newcastle and Q.P.R. - Kevin Keegans debut at St. James Park in a black and white shirt. The Londoners were wearing a red strip and Darren enquired: "Isn't that the game we were at today?" When informed it was't he looked surprised and bemused. In the years to come he will understand that Liverpool are not the only team to play in Red. Many of the older generation on the Kop still possess Darren's

He had purchased his game - 'Operation' it was called - and Dublin dull and cold, welcomed the threesome home at 7 O'Clock on the Sunday morning. The scorers, Sammy Lee and Phil Neal - had faded from his mind and he didn't even enquire about how the Hoops got on against Bluebell. 'Operation' beat anything even the magical Paisley could conjuré.



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# LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB HISTORY

Formed in 1892, when they took over their present ground after Everton - the original tenants - had moved to Goodison Park, Liverpool spent their first season in the Lancashire League, though not by choice. Immediately following their formation they applied for membership of the Football League's Second Division but the Management Committee of those days turned them down, suggesting they should first prove themselves worthy of League membership. This Liverpool quickly proceeded to do, for they topped the Lancashire League at the first time of asking and also won the Liverpool Senior Cup. Renewing their application for Football League membership, they were this time accepted and thus began a career which has since seen them become one of the most famous clubs, not only in England but in Europe.

Before going into further detail, let us set out in simple form the club's achievements in football's main competitions:-

First Division Champions in

1900-01, 1905-06, 1921-22, 1922-23,

(English record number of

1946-47, 1963-64, 1965-66, 1972-73.

13 League Championship wins) 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80,

1981-82

Second Division Champions in 1893-94, 1985096, 1904-05, 1961-62

F.A. Cup winners in 1964-65 and 1973-74

Football League Cup Winners in 1980-81

Milk Cup Winners (former League Cup) in 1981-82

U.E.F.A. Cup Winners in 1972-73 and 1975-76

European Cup Winners in 1977, 1978 and 1981

Cup Finalists in 1914, 1950, 1971 and 1977

European Cup Semi-Finalists in 1964-65

European Cup Winners' Cup Finalists in 1965-66

European Fairs Cup Semi-Finalists in 1970-71

Although relegated from the First Division on four occasions, in three instances they regained their senior membership at the first time of asking. Although it took the club eight years to win promotion on the last occasion they suffered relegation, only once during those eight years did they finish lower than fourth.

When topping the Second Division in 1961-62 they won ten and drew one of their first eleven games and were never once deposed from leading position in the table throughout the campaign.

Liverpool were the first Football League Club ever to top the Second and First Division in consecutive seasons, which they did in 1904-05 and 1905-06.

Over recent years three new cantilever stands have been erected at Anfield. The Liverpool Club's ground is now one of the best an most up-to-date in the country, with a capacity of approximately 45,000 (seating 22,000 standing 23,000) virtually all of whom are under cover. The Club is fortunate in having a very loyal following, and throughout the whole post-war period attendances have kept to a very high level. In fact, their average home League attendance over the last four seasons has exceeded 40,000 spectators per match.

From 1905-06 to 1953-54 the Liverpool Club maintained an unbroken association with the First Division, a run of almost half a century in the top flight of football. Only Sunderland can boast of a longer un oken senior membership.

At the commencement of Season 1979-80 Liverpool were the first major English football club to introduce sponsor advertising on the official club playing strip.

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Record Defeat – 1-9 v Birmingham City – Div. 2, Dec. 1954.

Most League Points - 68 - Division 1, 1978-79 (First Division record under the

old points system of 2 win, 1 draw).

Roger Hunt — 41 (Division 2, 1961-62).

Highest League Scorer in Season

Most League attearances

- Ian Callaghan - 640 (1960-1978).

Record Attendance - 61,905 v Wolverhampton Wanderers (F.A. Cup, Feb. 1952.

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## Softly sipping his (Bell's) Whiskey from a Silver Galaxy

The portly figure came from the Anfield tunnel and the crowd rose to him. He walked towards the centre of the pitch, arms aloft and acclaiming the cheering thousands. The sun was in the sky, the ground he trod on was immaculate and the reception will not be bettered in Liverpool for quite some time.

Bob Paisley was the benefactor of the tremendous welcome by the Merseyside faithful and their ovation signalled the collection of his sixth 'Manager of the Year' award prior to the West Brom match last August. Don Revie, once the lord of Elland Road, is the nearest challenger with three successes.

Bill Shankly, as much a part of the city as the River Mersey Aself, had seen enough after the F.A. Cup Final win over Newcastle in 1974. The following July the quiet; dignified person that had lingered, mostly in the background, at Anfield since May of 1939, surprised the nation by taking command.

The legend has retired and there to fill his boots was a homely soul who liked cricket and who is known to spend his spare hours joyfully cleaning out the horse stables of his good pal, the trainer Fred Rimell.

Surely, this was a monstrous decidion on the part of the Liverpool directors. Paisley's knowledge was certainly deep regarding any football injury but Shankly's shadow was sure to engulf him.

How, in his final season as captain of the Anfield Road, Bob meanders gently along, as he always does, silently smiling as the man who overcame the legend. The memory of Revie still hangs over Leeds as does that of Busby at Old Trafford, Clough at Derby and Stein at Parkhead but not so within the corridors of the greatest club side in the world.

Paisley, as ever remains the simple man. His words dont send the listeners scurrying to their dictionaries and his theories, like himself, are as uncomplicated as bread and butter.

And, essentially, that is what Paisley represents. The glamour of the cup competitions only come second to him. His biggest thrill as boss of Liverpool was claiming the 13th title last year. He introduced five young players into that team - Grobbelaar, Lawrenson, Whelan, Johnstone and Rush to reform a crumbling spirit.

On Boxing Day the Reds were defeated at home by Manchester City and stood in 12th place with a mere 24 points from 17 games. Grobbelaar, the eccentric goalkeeper, appeared to be nothing more than a spectular clown and the Anfield title dream seemed in shatters.

The attention focussed particularly on Paisley for making Grobbelaar the number one 'keeper in the wake of Clemence departing from Spurs. The pubs and the street corners condemned his judgement until the army began to gather strength and confidence. And the critics were left floundering by the time Liverpool took the crown in style in their final home fixture of the season against Spurs. The wise old owl was proved correct yet again.

A tale that sums up his character vividly is that he prefers the Anfield boat room to his office for discussing team matters. His existence has tended to stray away from the cigar and champagne image.

Paisley lives in the Liverpool suburb of Woolton and his wife, Jessie, has granted them three children, two boys and a girl. Bob is a grandfather and his family, like all down to earth beings, are one of the great comforts of his life.

Away from the action, Bob is reserved but on match days his voice hardly yields as he watches his players strive to carry the toil of Melwood into positive action. Not one for boasting, Paisley would be the first to praise Messrs. Fagan, Moran, Saunders, Twentyman, Evans and the rest for all their fine help in the overwhelming success.

Denis Law, forever the beloved hero of Old Trafford, said that none of his clubs could have matched Liverpool's performance in the 1977 European Cup final versus Borussia Monchedgladbach in Rome. The reasons being, declare Law, was that Liverpool never forfeited their simplicity. The character of the manager echoes those sentiments very strongly.

Bob has never tasted the glory of an F.A. Cup victory. In 1977 United stole the prize and in this, his last farewell, it would be a marvellous conclusion if Liverpool could bring the cup back to the Mersey. Stanley Matthews, in 1953, brought tears to the aged and the young with his eventual capture of the elusive medal. If Bob should climb those 39 steps in a similar vein the admiration and awe of a sporting public would stretch long after the Paisleys, were content just to potter around the garden.

The truimphs of the most successful

manager the English game has ever known:-

1975-76: League champions, UEFA Cup Winners

1976-77: League champions, European Cup Winners, Charity Shield Winners.

European Cup Winners. Europ-1977-78: ean Super Cup Winners. Shared Charity Shield with Manchester United.

1978-79: League Champions.

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## LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB PEN PICTURES

BRUCE GROBBELAAR (Goalkeeper) Zimabew international goalkeeper, signed from Vancouver Whitecaps in the Spring of 1981. Bruce, who had a spell with Crewe Alexandra in between his stints with Whitecaps, impressed several top English clubs, but Liverpool signed him after protracted negotiations. Manager Bob Paisley flew to Canada initially to talk terms, and several months later Whitecaps agreed to the transfer, which involved a substantial fee. Bruce was an ever-present in season 1981-82 and after only one full season in First Division football he collected League Cup and Championship Medals.



PHIL THOMPSON (Defender) Merseyside-born Phil joined Liverpool as an apprentice, signed professional in January 1971, and became an England player at Under-23 and senior level. He has played in midfield, but is now recognised as one of the best central defenders in the game, and he has had a spell as Liverpool's captain. He has also captained England. By the end of last season he had totalled 436 games for Liverpool and claimed winner's medals in most of the major competitions. His six League Championship medals with one club constitutes an all-time record. Phil went to Spain with England for the 1982 World Cup.



PHIL NEAL (Defender) Signed from Northampton town in October, 1974, Phil made his debut in a derby game against Everton at Goodison Park the same season and has been a regular first-teamer ever since, graduating also to England international status. Remarkably consistent, and a winner of medals in Europe and in domestic competition with Liverpool, Phil had totalled 649 games (441 of them for Liverpool) and scored 70 goals at the start of season 1982/83. Phil was in England's 1982 World Cupsquad.





Back Row: (L to R) Alan Kennedy, Phil Near, Alan Hensen, Bruce Grobbeland Mark Lawrenson, Ian Rush. Centre Row: (L to R) Fayan, Craig Johnston, Ronnie Whelan, Steve Nicol, Ronnie Morant Front Row: (L to R) Sammy Lee, Phil hompson, Graeme Souness, Bob Paisley (Manager) Kenny Dalglish, Terry McDermott.

ALAN KENNEDY (Defender) Attacking left-back who can also operate in midfield. Alan joined from Newcastle United on the eve of season 1978-79. He had been on the losing side against Liverpool in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final, but was a regular in Liverpool's title-winning teams in season 1979-80 and 1981-82. Claimed League Cup medals in seasons 1980-81 and 1981-82 and scored the goal that took the European Cup to Liverpool for the third time. With Newcastle, he totalled 198 games and won England '8' honours, and by the start of season 1982-83 he had played 173 games for Liverpool.



MARK LAWRENSON Central defender who can also operate in midfield. Preston-born played for Preston schoolboys and signed for his home town club. After 3 years with North, End he was transferred to Brighton for £100,000 in June 1977. One month previously he had made his debut for the Republic of Ireland in international football He helped Brighton to gain promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history and has become a regular for the Republic of Ireland. Signed for Liverpool or August 14th 1981 in time to be eligible for the European Cup Campaign, and finished up with League Cup and League title medals Kicked off this season with 311 games be hind him, including 57 for Liverpool in his first season at Anfield.



ALAN HANSEN (Defender) Signed from Patrick Thistle in May, 1977, Alan played 26 first-team games in his first season at Anfield rounding off with an appearance in the European Cup Final. Capped by Scotland at Under-21, Under-23 and senior level, he succeeded Emlyn Hughes at the heart of Liverpool's defence, and ended season 1981-82 by having totalled 224 games for Liverpool and 332 in his career. Medals include League Championship, League Cup and European Cup. Was in Scotland's 1982 World Cup side.



this young defender arrived at Anfield early in season 1981-82, and Manager Bob Paisley pronounced the Scotland Under-21 defender as "one for the future". Steve can play in either full-back position. He played 18 League games for Ayr United in his first season, totalled 38 League games in his second with them, and he had played 11 League games for Ayr in season 1981-82 when Liverpool pipped Sunderland and Crystal Palace for his signature. He immediately became a member of Liverpool's Central League championship-winning side.



RONNIE WHELAN Voted the Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Footballer of the Year' at the end of season 1981-82, his first full season in League Football. The judges' panel was chaired by England Team Manager Ron Greenwood, and members of the panel were Bill Nicholson, Mike England, Joe Mercer, Stan Cullis, Bobby Collins and Jackie Milburn. Mercer said of Whelan: "He reminds me very much of Peter Doherty, one of the greatest players I've ever seen or played against." Ronnie twice won the monthly award as he made a midfield place his own at Liverpool. Signed from the famous Dublin club, Home Farm, Ronnie spent three years at Old Trafford during school holidays, from the age of 14, but Liverpool stepped in to sign him. He was also wanted by Glasgow Celtic. He played for Home Farm from the age of nine to 18, has been capped at schoolboy, youth, Under-21 and senior level, and has been at Anfield three years.



GRAEME SOUNESS (Midfield) A Scotland international, Graeme first played for Tottenham Hotspurs in English football, then was in transferred to Middlesborough. Liverpool paid a big fee to sign him in season 1977-78 and he rounded off his first few months at Anfield by winning a European Cup medal. By theend of last season he had added League Cup and title honours to his collection, and totalled 441 games, including 236 for Liverpool. In addition, he had taken over as captain at Liverpool and was a key man in Scotland's World Cup side.



KENNY DALGLISH (Forward) Holder of a record number of Scottish caps, Kenny kicked off season 1979-80 with the distinction of never having missed a game since his arrival at Anfield from Glasgow. Celtic in 1977, though he has since missed a few games because of imiury He scored on his debut for Liverpool, hit the goal which retained the European Cup for Liverpool in 1978, and has been a regular marksman throughout his career. Liverpool's recordpriced signing on the departure of Kevin Keegan for SV Hamburg, Kenny ended season 1981-82 with this careet total: 613 games, 284 goals (288 games and 118 goals for Liverpool). He was an automatic choice for Scotland's World Cup team in the Summer of 1982.



DAVID HODGSON Followed in the footsteps of Graeme Souness and Craig Jounston when he joined Liverpool from Middlesborough on the eve of season 1981-83. Gateshead-born, David played for Gateshead Boys and the district youth side, had trians with Ipswich and offers from Sheffield Wendesday and Bolton, but opted for Middlesborough. Made his League debut for Boro' as substitute in September, 1978, and quickly became a regular. Noted for his pace and ability to shrub off the /keenest tackle, he has graduated now to England Under-21 status, and made his debut for Liverpool on the pre-season tour, scoring a goal during his first game, in the Marvella Tournament.



IAN RUSH Signed from Chester for a substantial fee, Ian spent a good year in the reserve side at Liverpool, making his first-team debut towards the end of season 1980-81, then claimed a senior place again........... and started scoring goals to such good effect that he became one of the League's leading marksman. By the end of the season he had totalled more than 30 goals, and was neck and neck rival with Ronnie Whelan for the 'Young Player of the Year' award. In fact, these two players were out in front on their own. Ian is now also an established Welsh international at senior level.



CRAIG JOHNSTON (Midfield) England Under-21 midfield player. A South Africian by birth, he was brought up in Australia, although his father at one time played professional football in Scotland. He was playing for Lake McQuarrie F.C. when he saw Middlesborough on tour "down under" in 1975 and arrived in England to try his luck at Ayresome Park. Established himself in Boro's first team during season 1979-80, and by the Spring of 1981 was an England Under-21 international. Played at Anfield for England Under-21 against the Republic of Ireland, and twice for Boro' against Liverpool at Anfield before making the move from Ayresome to Merseyside. Liverpool agreed terms - a record fee for the clubs with Boro' just before the March with Boro' just before the March 1981 deadline, and Craig was signed some weeks later. Was ineligible for Liverpool's European Cup semi-final and final games, played a handful of reserve games at the end of season 1980-81. In season 1981-82 he broke through to the first team and scored vital goals as Liverpool claimed the League Cup and the Championship.





SAMMY LEE (Midfield) Local-born, Sammy signed professional in April 1976 and he has claimed England Youth and Under-21 caps. Towards the end of season 1970/80 he had a run in the side which clinched the League title, followed up by claiming League Cup and European Cup medals in season 1980-81 and League Cup and League title medals in season 1981-82. Has now totalled more than 100 games for Liverpool.

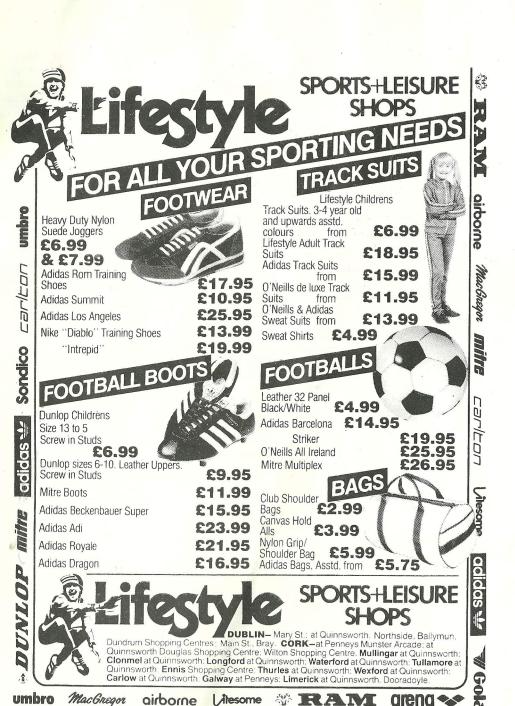
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The city of Dublin at Friday lunchtime is at it's peak. Prople rushing to and fro, looking forward to the weekend with the lucky ones perked by their weekly wage. Middle Abbey Street is a busy location and stridling through the crowds there recently came Paddy Daly, one of Ireland's top referees.

Paddy dressed in an attractive grey suit, portrayed his keen fitness with his brisk pace. He was a man in a hurry as he took time off from his job as a police officer in the ever-moving capital. He walked into the Ritz cafe and chatted, over a cup of coffee, about his rise to fame as a leading official.

It was in 1972 that his name first entered the ranks of the L.O.I. He had been a dedicated rower with the Garda Siochana and, on giving that up, he was left with no active participation in sport, a passion he was deeply involved in since his earliest days.

Paddy takes up the story. "I happened to meet Eamon Farrel and he asked me about becoming a referee. I used to play football with Eamon and I decided to give it a go just to keep fit."

"My first season was spent in schoolboy football and I loved being associated with the kids. After that it was the Leinster Senior League mostly. It was much harder because many of the players had taken part of the L.O.I. and they were all cute."

The unglamorous locations of junior soccer gave Paddy a solid foundation and from the deserted parks and the incessant abuse a referee must accept, he progressed to the senior league and, even more impressively, to the **E.U.F.A.** (international) panel in 1975.

As a consequence of this promotion, Daly has travelled to different parts of the globe and his passport has carried him to Spain, Portugal, Finland, Belgium, Norway, Britain, West Germany, Denmark, Holland and Iceland.

And it was in Iceland that Paddy went through his strangest experience. "It was in 1977 and Fram Reykjavik were playing Widjew Lodz from Poland. It was terribly cold and all the Polish team were wearing tights. Dominic Byrne, who is now retired, was in charge and Eamon Farrell and I were

on the line. The pitch was absolutely brutal. It was worse that a road with all little stones lying on it.

"That was an exception but generally the trips abroad are the highlight of your career. The job is not as easy as people make out and most of my colleagues in Ireland train on three nights at Dublin Airport. Sean Kinsella puts us through our paces with the country referees training on their own at home."

Paddy, living in Glasnevin with his wife and two children, is now 41 and has six years left at the pinnacle of Irish Football. 47 is the retiring age and he'd like another cup final as well as European honours to remember prior to this departure.

His prime accomplishment so far was being linesman along with his good mate Eamon Farrell, at last season's E.U.F.A. Cup final between Gothenburg and Hamburg. John Carpenter was in the centre to complete the Irish trio and that made them the first men from this country to control a major European final. They were in charge for the 1st leg in Gothenburg where the home team won by a lone score. They went on, surprisingly, to clinch the trophy with a commanding 3-0 away victory in Germany.



Pat Daly (The man in the middle tonight)

## Peter Farrell

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a kindly gent. In the days of the toe capped boots and the long shorts Fitzpatrick was a scout for Shamrock Rovers. Despite the toil involved he accepted no money for the chore. His job was in the higher offices of the Civil Service and all he required were two looks at the 15 year old in the Cabinteely team.

He saw Peter Farrell in action in a schoolboy cup final at Richmond Park and was impressed. Soon after he reported his findings to his good friend and boss at Milltown, Joe Cunningham. Farrell was duly signed and following an initial period in the reserves for most of his first season the clerk in the builders office fought his way onto the first team and actually represented the Hoops before his 17th birthday.

"I remember my first match", reflects Peter. "It was a cup game and Jimmy Dunne, who I thought was God, told me to report to the ground. I arrived and entered the dressing room and while I was glancing at all the famous faces Jimmy came up to me and said: 'Peter, your playing'.

"It was against one of the non league sides from Cork — I think it was Cobh Ramblers, and we won 8.4. I got another couple of appearances after that but the next term I commanded a regular place until I went to Everton".

Peter played behind the fabulous front line of Cochrann, Coad, Dunne, McIlden and Egglinton and it was with his fond pal, 'Eggo', that he travelled to Goodison Park.

It was in 1946 and Farrell recalls "Joe Cunningham told me they were interested but I didn't want to go. Other lads would have jumped at the chance yet I wasn't fussy. I didn't have any ambition but the main reason for not wanting the move was that I was so happy in my life at home and with Royers.

"Anyway, I eventually went and it was all very strange to me becuase I had never been to England before. The first morning I saw Goodison Park I could not believe my eyes. It was so big".

And it was there on that fateful September day in 1949 that Peter enjoyed his finest

triumph. He was inside right on the first foreign team to defeat England at home in one of the biggest upsets that international football has ever known. Con Martin scored the first from a penalty and Peter himself sealed the unforgettable victory with a goal six minutes from the end.

"I'll remember that the rest of my life", he comments. "All the Everton players were ribbing me about this Eire side. They even gave me a two goal start on the game in the bets that we had and I collected a tidy sum from some red faces the following day.

"The scenes were a bit unreal at the boat that night. There was green and white everywhere and half of them were elephants. Tommy O'Connor and Tommy Godwin were the only players on the 10 o' clock sailing as all the rest of use were English based".

Farrell collected 38 caps in all (29 for the Republic and 9 for North) and after a marvellous spell at Everton he experienced the bitter hardship of football when he was sacked as manager of Tranmere Rovers.

Peter, a jolly and good humoured character, holds no bitterness and a few months ago he was back at Prenton Park receiving a life membership of the club.

Farrell is often seen in Milltown at the L.O.I. games and he feels that the present set up in Glenmalure Park is good and that "the team is on the right lines". The attendances may not be quite the same as during his successful period but he says:

"The League needs a winning Rovers team. They used to go to see them get beaten in the past and you were either a Rovers fan or else you were completely against them. The crowds were just marvellous.

"I can recall getting the tram from Dalkey to the bottom of Aylesbury Road when I was a player and the crowds used to just stream towards the ground. It's a different now with cars and all that but in those afternoons it was the trek to Milltown and nothing else".

Peter is living in Foxrock and is semi-retired from business. Tennis has become a favourite sport of his and his bother, Jim,

who followed every step of the Farrell career and is a regular visitor to Glenmalure Park, often teams up for a pleasant session of doubles.

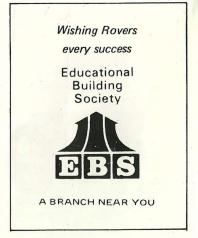
When R.T.E. radio are covering the home international matches in full Peter is there to aid Phil Greene and his comments, delivered in a nice relaxed tone, make interesting

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listening.

He concludes: "Rovers are a great club and they always have been. I was proud to be here as a 16 year old and to look up to all those well known names. It was a previlege and I must say I am delighted to have been associated with a team that won so much".



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## **ROVERS PEN PICTURES**

LIAM BUCKLEY: Born Dublin, 22 years ago, weight 11st. 2lbs. Height 5,11. Previously played for Manortown Boys and Shelbourne.



ALAN O'NEILL: Born Dublin 2/7/1957. Height 5'11", weight 12st. 8lbs. He previously played for St. Malachys. Alan has represented the League of Ireland and has been undoubtedly on the full international side on quite a few occasions.



NOEL SYNOTT: The oldest member of the squad at 31. Height 5'11". Weight 12 st. Previously played for Guildford City, Sligo Rovers. Has three full international caps and 5 inter league.



JIM BEGLIN: Born Waterford, 19 years ago, Height 6.0, weight 11st.10lbs. Previously played for Bolton and Bohemians of Waterford. Was given a run by Eoin Hand in the Don Givens testimonial V. Man. Utd.



ROBBIE GAFFNEY: Born 24 years ago in Dublin. Height 5'7", weight 10st. Previous club Rosemount F.C. Has 2 U-21 caps V France and Poland. Represented the League on 4 occasions.



GERRY MCGOWAN: Born Derry 22 years ago. He previously played for Leicester City Coleraine, Finn Harps. Height 5'11".



TOMMY GAYNOR: Born Limerick 29/1/63 Height 6'2" Weight 11st 10lbs. Previous clubs Limerick Utd., Vereker Clements.



**RONNIE MURPHY:** Born in Dublin 20 years ago. Played for Belevedere Youth Club and represented the L.O.I. V. New Zealand. Also has youth Caps.



**DENNIS CLARKE:** Born Athlone 10/4/59. He previously played for Man. City, Finn Harps, Athlone and the L.O.I.





GAY O'CARROLL: Born Dublin 21/1/64. Height 5'9", weight 10st 7 lbs. Previous clubs St. Malachys. Has Republic of Ireland Youth Caps.



**DEREK O'BRIEN:** Born Dublin 11/9/57 he previously played for Dundalk, Boston, Bohs. Has youth caps.



MICHAEL GILES: Born Leeds, 3/6/64. He previously played for St. Josephs Boys.

Other thrills were his involvement in the semi-finals of the E.U.F.A. Cup before 120,000 spectators in Barcelona and, at home, Paddy was the man who captured the headlines as the guard who officiated at the 1979 cup final between Dundalk and Waterford. The Border team, with goals from Sean Byrne and Hilary Carlyle, clinched the double that afternoon at Dalymount and Paddy appeared on the front page of the "Irish Press" in his working uniform as he had to return to duty that same evening.

He reflects: "While everybody else went out to enjoy themselves I had to go back to work. It was funny really because there was nobody else to drive the aquad car so I had to take it."

The officials are paid £14 for a match, plus expenses, and Daly travels to all venues in his Toyota Cressida. The only overnight

HARRY KENNY Height 5'8". Weight 10st. 4lb. Honours Schoolboy & Youth. Previous clubs, Villa Utd. 13/4/62 Dublin.

stay in Ballybofey and Paddy says: "Referees and linesmen are meant to be at the ground an hour prior to the start to check the surface, the nets, the balls and so forth. In the country you often arrive ahead of the set time, and thankfully, I have never being delayed or late for an assignment".

He continues: "Three points are needed to be a good referee. One is physical fitness, another is knowledge and interpretation of the laws and the final factor is firm control. The only aspect I dislike about my role is the long journeys at the weekends. There is nothing I really find difficult regarding the task. I have always gone to watch games and I still go even to junior matches. So the interest has always being there."

Paddy finished his coffee and rushed off through Middle Abbey Street as nimbly as he had entered it. The marathon, in which he finished, hardly raised a ruffle.



JOHN COADY 25/8/60 Dublin. Previous club Rangers schoolboys Y.M.C.A. Sandymount. Height 5'11". Weight 11st.

JOHN STILES Previous clubs none, Height 5'10". Weight 10st. 10lbs. Born 6/5/64 Manchester.



JACKO MCDONAGH: The target of many cross channel clubs, Jacko has played for Cambridge Boys, Shelbourne and Bohemians Gained youth and under 21 caps. Born in Dublin 20 years ago.