

FOCUS on our VISITORS

SINCE winning the League Championship in 1970, Everton have finished both times in the lower half of the table, but when, after this season's first eight games, they were unbeaten leaders of the First Division, it seemed as if Goodison Park was heading for glory again.

The most significant factor in the revival was that Joe Royle was getting goals again—in October he regained his England place and scored a fine goal against Yugoslavia at Wembley. Then Royle injured his back. He broke down again in training recently, and it is thought unlikely that he will play again this season.

Royle's injury sent Everton's fortunes sliding. Before they beat Tottenham at Goodison last Saturday they had lost six games in a row—all by the odd goal—and dropped to fifteenth. Two weeks ago they paid their record fee of £180,000 for Joe Harper, the little Aberdeen and Scotland striker, and on the same day recouped half the money by transferring Alan Whittle to Crystal Palace.

Harper was Everton's second forward capture in two months, following the signing of former Leeds United man Rod Belfitt from Ipswich in October. The newcomers have some sharpshooting to do to overtake Royle, who is still well in front as Everton's leading individual scorer for the season.

THEIR PLAYERS

DAVID LAWSON: Signed from Huddersfield last June for a British record goalkeeper fee of £80,000. Originally with Newcastle, he played for Shrewsbury

and Bradford before moving to Huddersfield in 1969. Born Wallsend-on-Tyne. 6 ft. 0½ in., 12 st.

TOMMY WRIGHT: This England full-back (11 caps) was recalled to first-team duty last Saturday. He joined Everton from school and made the first of nearly 300 league appearances in Oct. 1964. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. 3 lb.

ARTHUR STYLES: 22-year-old full-back who made League debut two weeks ago after three seasons as reserve. Former England Schoolboy International, he joined the club as a junior. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 10 in., 10 st. 10 lb.

HOWARD KENDALL: Everton's captain and distinguished midfield player was signed from Preston for £80,000 in March 1967. The youngest-ever F.A. Cup Finalist (17 years 345 days) for Preston against West Ham in 1964. Born Durham. Six England Under-23 caps. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st.

ROGER KENYON: Succeeded Brian Labone as Everton centre-half two seasons ago. Joined the club as junior, turning professional May 1964. Born Blackpool. 6 ft., 12 st.

JOHN HURST: Experienced defender with over 250 senior appearances. Began this season in reserves, but is firmly re-established in the first-team. Former captain of England Under-23 side (nine caps). Born Blackpool. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 5 lb.

BERNIE WRIGHT: This 20-year-old forward began last season as an amateur with Walsall; scored on his League debut in October and was transferred to Everton for £30,000 in February. Born Birmingham. 5 ft. 11 in., 13 st.

MIKE BUCKLEY: A former Everton apprentice who made League debut as substitute against Liverpool last March. Had made six First Division appearances at start of this season and was recently recalled. Born Manchester. 5 ft. 5 in., 9 st. 6 lb.

JOE HARPER: Became Everton's costliest player when signed from Aberdeen two weeks ago for £180,000—a record fee between English and Scottish clubs. Aged 24, with two full and two Under-23 Scottish caps. Previously with Morton, Huddersfield and Morton again, he scored 38 goals in Scotland last season and 24 this term. Born Greenock. 5 ft. 6 in., 11 st.

ROD BELFITT: 26-year-old striker who joined Everton from Ipswich in October at a £75,000 valuation in deal involving the reverse move of £125,000-rated David Johnson. Originally with Leeds. Born Bournemouth. 5 ft. 11½ in., 11 st. 11 lb.

JOHN CONNOLLY: This lively 21-year-old winger with one Scottish Under-23 cap cost £70,000 from St. Johnstone last March and has given some impressive displays in Division One. Was St. Johnstone's leading scorer for two seasons. Born Glasgow. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 7 lb.

MIKE BERNARD: At £140,000 was signed from Stoke last May as midfield replacement for Alan Ball. A former England Youth and Under-23 International (three caps), he was in Stoke's League Cup-winning side against us last March. Born Shrewsbury. 5 ft. 9½ in., 10 st. 10 lb.

COLIN HARVEY: England midfield player with one full cap and five for Under-23's. Has been with Everton since leaving school. Made the first of over 300 senior appearances in 1963 against Inter-Milan in European Cup. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 7½ in., 11 st.

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OFFICIALS

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Secretary: MR. BILL DICKINSON.
Manager: MR. HARRY CATERICK.
Assistant Manager: MR. TOM EGGLESTON.
Chief Coach: MR. STUART IMLACH.
Captain: HOWARD KENDALL.

HONOURS

Football League Champions 1891, 1915,
1928, 1932, 1939, 1963, 1970.
Div. II Champions 1931.
F.A. Cup Winners 1906, 1933, 1966.