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IF recent Everton sides are a guide, almost half the players lining up for them this afternoon will be playing at Stamford Bridge for the first time, for Goodison Park finds itself this season in a transitional stage of team rebuilding.

A few days before Christmas Everton shocked the soccer world by transferring Alan Ball, dynamic England midfield player, to Arsenal for a new British record fee of £220,000. Just how much of that amount they will need to invest in the transfer market grows increasingly doubtful because, with young players rising to the challenge, Everton have been undefeated in six games (three wins, three draws) since Ball's departure.

Four of those matches were against London opponents, with a League draw earned away to Arsenal, two points at home to West Ham and last week's 3-2 F.A. Cup replay win against Crystal Palace following a 2-2 draw at Selhurst Park.

The sequence will have served as a pick-me-up to manager Harry Catterick, who was taken ill and admitted to hospital early this month. In his absence team matters have been in the hands of Everton's chief coach Tommy Casey.

THEIR PLAYERS

GORDON WEST: Is in his 11th season at Goodison and, since joining Everton from Blackpool in March 1962, at a then record goalkeeper fee of £25,000, has gained two League Championship and an F.A. Cup winners' medal. Born Darfield. 6 ft. 1 in., 13 st. 2 lb.

PETER SCOTT: Full-back, 19, promoted on first day of this season, and has done well in absence of injured Tommy Wright. Previously played midfield. Signed professional from juniors July 1970. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 10 lb.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN: Dynamic full-back who, after five seasons with Falkirk, joined Everton for £50,000 fee in October. Thinning hair makes him look older than 23. Born Falkirk. 5 ft. 6 in., 10 st. 2 lb.

HOWARD KENDALL: Alan Ball's successor as Everton team captain, he has been one of the

club's most consistent players since his £80,000 transfer from Preston in March 1967. Former England Under-23 cap. Became Wembley's youngest Cup Final player (17 years, 345 days) for Preston v. West Ham in 1964 F.A. Cup. Born Durham. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st.

TERRY DARRACOTT: Made League debut as an apprentice, turning full professional in July 1968. Appeared twice last season but has played frequently in the defence this term. Age 21. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 8 lb.

DAVID JOHNSON: With nine goals this season is Everton's new and, to many, unknown top scorer. This former Liverpool Schools player signed professional from apprentice in April 1969 and scored on his League debut last season. Age 20. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st.

COLIN HARVEY: England midfield player (1 cap) who joined the club at 16. In 1963 made his first-team debut against Inter-Milan and has now played more than 250 League games. Recently out with groin strain. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 7½ in., 11 st.

JOE ROYLE: Everton's top scorer last season (23 goals) but substitute last Saturday. Joined club from school, debut season 1965-66, England Under-23 cap. Born Liverpool. 6 ft. 1 in., 13 st. 8 lb.

MIKE LYONS: Scored on League debut v. Nottingham Forest—his only senior game last season. Turned professional July 1969 and now getting the chance to establish a place. Age 20. Born Liverpool. 6 ft., 12 st. 2 lb.

ALAN WHITTLE: Fair-haired striker who really burst into soccer limelight two seasons ago. England Under-23 cap. Professional since August 1967. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 7 in., 11 st. 4 lb.

JIMMY HUSBAND: Made League debut April 1965, having joined Everton from school, and is an always busy, sometimes match-winning, forward. Three England Under-23 caps. Born Newcastle. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st.

STEVE SEARGEANT: Another of Everton's many local discoveries, he is 20 and was given a standing ovation by the Goodison crowd last Saturday, when making debut in back four v. W.B.A. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st.

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OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. GEORGE WATTS.
Secretary: MR. BILL DICKINSON.
Manager: MR. HARRY CATTERICK.
Chief Coach: MR. TOMMY CASEY.
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.