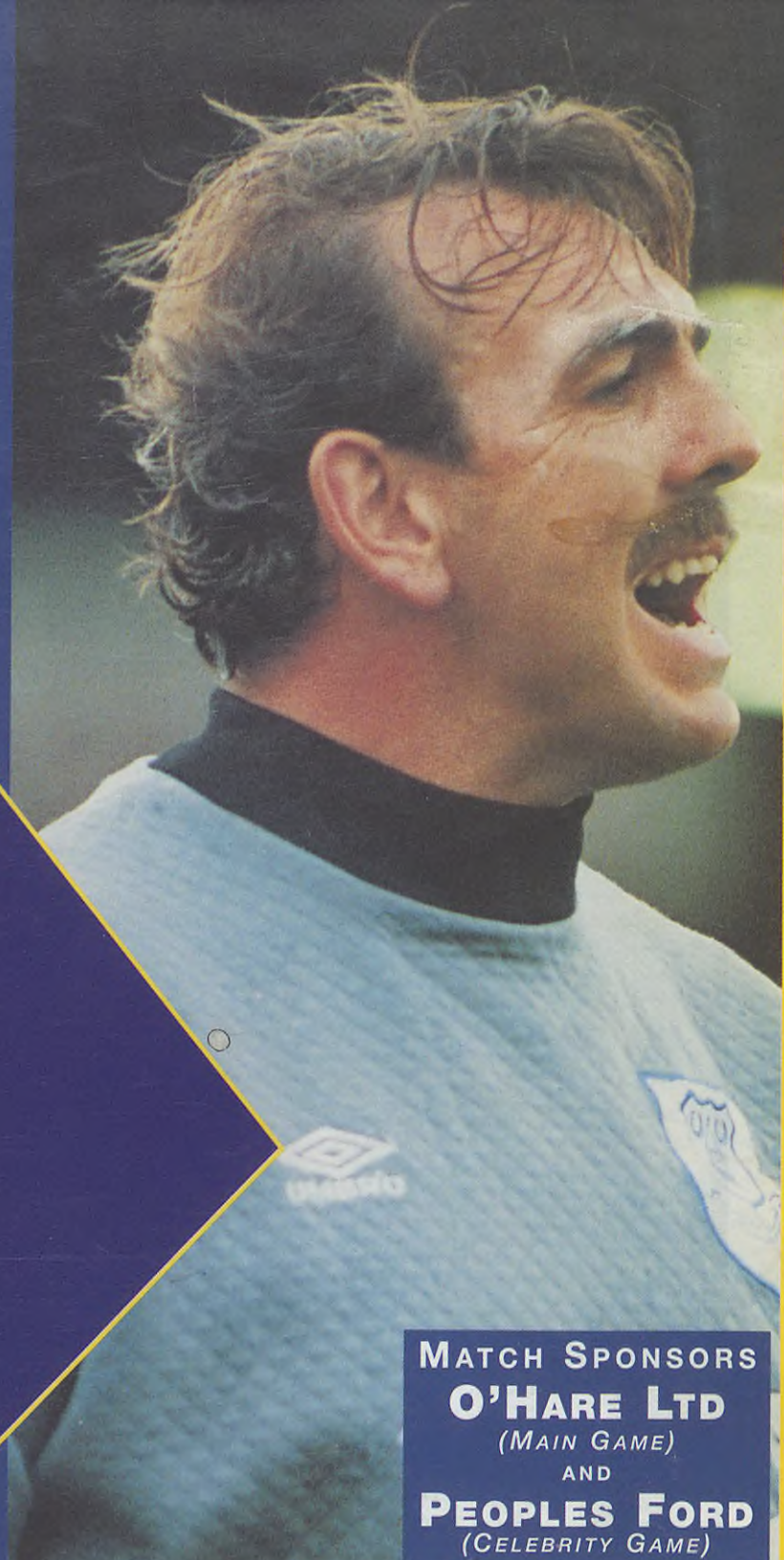


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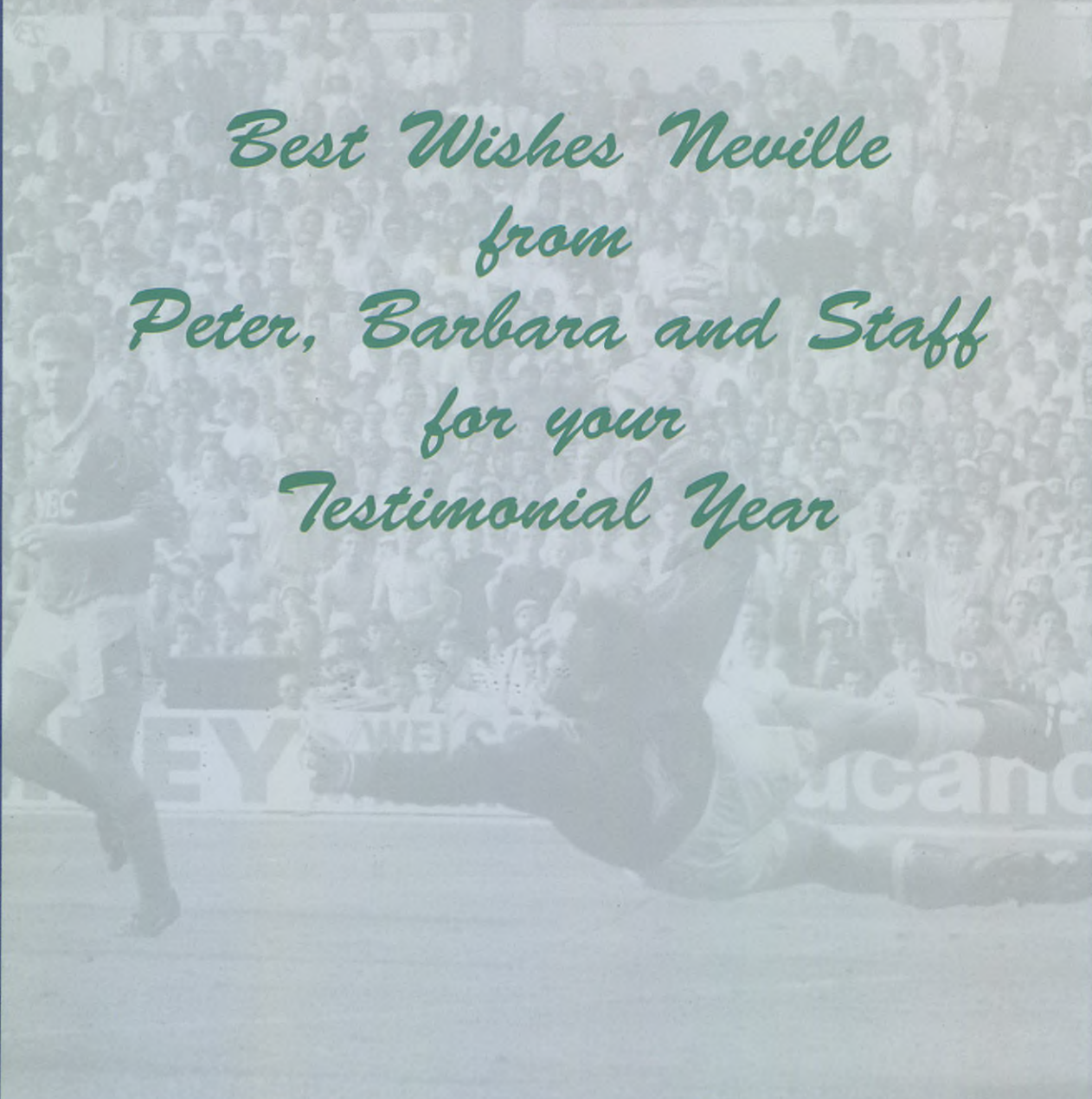




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*Best Wishes Neville  
from  
Peter, Barbara and Staff  
for your  
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# Tribute From *the* Chairman



*I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Neville's chairman and am delighted that Celtic have agreed to provide the opposition for his big night.*

My admiration for him as a great goalkeeper is immense but more importantly I respect him as one of the most genuine men I have ever met.

He is always willing to support a worthy cause and is very active in supporting the community.

He is very straight in all his dealings with anyone.

His dedication is so impressive and I still rate him as one of the top goalkeepers in the country.

It has been a great pleasure to work with him and I value his friendship so highly and am proud to know him.

My committee have worked incredibly hard this year and I must mention the efforts of, in particular Barbara Freeman and Les O'Hare who have supported me brilliantly so far.

Barbara has co-ordinated all the events and has been of major assistance to me.

I would also like to thank Elton Welsby for his valued contribution as a committee member and a true blue.

We have great entertainment planned for you tonight, so I hope you enjoy it.

Peter McIntosh  
Chairman.



Committee:  
Barbara Freeman, Les O'Hare, Elton Welsby.



# Tribute From *the* Media



**A**s his decision not to attend Everton's post FA Cup win celebrations this year indicate, Neville Southall is not your average footballer.

Having said that don't runaway with the idea that Nev is a rebel in the popular sense of the word. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If there's a more conscientious trainer, someone who cares more about trying to bring perfection to his trade then I've yet to see him or hear about him.

'The Big Man' is always first out onto the pitch warming up and he always takes a couple of the youngsters out onto the field to help.

But he always makes sure that they know who's got the quickest reactions, the hardest throw and strongest kick.

He even used to make his way from the team hotel to away

grounds on his own (along with his two stooges) before the rest of the team arrived in the team coach to make sure he was warmed up and his reflexes sharpened.

By the time he's warmed up he looks as though he's just walked out of the lion's den . . . and that's before the match.

Sartorial elegance has never been Nev's bag . . . he used to turn up for training on a bike . . . and he's got a cutting sense of humour.

But Neville Southall isn't a goalkeeping clown, he's nobody's fool and neither is he afraid to be outspoken on subjects he feels strongly about.

He doesn't speak often in front of a microphone, but when he does, he always has something different to say.

Yes, Neville Southall is different, in every way.

On behalf of 96.7 City FM – Have a great night Neville.

**Graham Beecroft**



**N**eville Southall has always had a thing about nicknames. Nobody who comes near him is allowed to use the name with which they were christened.

That was brought home to me very early in my Everton writing days when, within 24 hours of making the big man's acquaintance, my suede jacket earned me the moniker 'Trapper John', to be followed a day later by 'T. J. Hooker' because of an alleged resemblance of hairstyles between William Shatner and myself.

There's a few names I've called Neville myself, but only one is truly fitting – and that's Number One.

In 20 years of watching the Blues he's not only the best goalkeeper ever to grace Goodison – but the best I've ever seen . . . anywhere.

His list of accomplishments speaks for itself.

- 81 caps for Wales – a record.
- 494 League appearances for Everton – a record.
- 650 first team matches for Everton – a record.
- Seven first team games without conceding a goal during 1994-95 – a club record.
- Two Championship medals, two FA Cup winners' medals – earned 11 years apart, a European Cup Winners' Cup medal and finalists medals in the Milk Cup. FA Cup (twice), Simod Cup and Zenith Data Systems Cup . . . although Neville declined to walk up the steps at Wembley and collect his losers medal for the latter.

That said a lot about the man.

He is a winner and coming second means nothing to him. He was the best I had ever seen 10 years ago and he still is now. Few players deserve a testimonial more than him.

**Dave Prentice**