

THE HOME TEAM



"I see everyone here isn't familiar with football"



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BOAT-TRAILER SAFETY (from Pg. 1)

that could cause shorting if not attended correctly. They could also cause failure in your car's electrical system.

- Remember when passing traffic and making turns at intersections, you have approximately 20 extra feet of vehicle attached to your bumper. Make turns wide enough to avoid cutting off other traffic.
- Check tension in tie down chains, holding the boat to the trailer, you may have to replace a small tension spring.

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Destiny may shape our ends, but our middles are of our own chewing...

THE SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May



Meet Derek Dougan

Derek Dougan, equipped with an artists' goatee and tapered tweed sports-jacket, could pass for a shopkeeper from Toronto's Yorkville Village. An added attraction is his Belfast brogue.

He doesn't look like an athlete, much less an athlete who was just purchased from a team by another for 50,000 pounds. And contrary to reports out of the European CommonMarket, that's still a hell of a lot of stirring, buster.

Dougan is a football player, not Green Bay Packers type, but rather, Wolverhampton Wanderers type — or as we have come to call it in North America — soccer. The Wolves purchased him from Leicester City for the bucket of quid after this six foot, three incher had starred for 10 years with some of the best sides in Great Britain.

"Doog" is an international star. In his first six games with the Wolves he scored five goals. His right foot was more of a conversation piece than The Rolling Stones' pot parties.

The first time I met the incomparable Dougan was at a press reception. He was the elder statesman of the Wolves. He is 28.

Most of the other players were busy extolling their virtues to the free-loading press or wolfing (I couldn't resist that one) down large hunks of sandwiches and meats, along with generous portions of beverages.

To many of these younger players it was a new toy, this trip away from home, but to Doog it was just another press conference to be followed by another game, to be followed by another plane ride, to be followed by another practice, and so on. He just couldn't join the excitement.

So Dougan leaned against the back wall nursing a glass of drink and watched the proceedings with a bored expres-

sion. He allowed the odd smile when he would overhear one of the younger players explain how he scored this goal or blocked this shot.

Captain Derek stayed in the same spot for just over an hour. Finally, as the tiny groups began to disperse and the news gathering types weaved their respective ways to the double-doored exit, Doog moved eight feet back to the bar. He wanted a refill. On his way he nodded a greeting to a couple of people and said a few words to team manager Ronnie Allen on his return to the wall.

This was definitely not the celebrated and controversial Irish international of the past decade.

No longer is Dougan the flamboyant figure off the field. Here was a man who, in his younger days with Aston Villa, shaved his head as clean as a billiard ball. When asked why he did it he replied: "We are all a little bit vain, a bit conceited. I thought I was going thin on top and I reckoned that if I cut my hair off it would help it to grow more strongly."

This prank earned him the nickname of Cheyenne.

But those days are gone. Doog today is not the Doog of the early sixties.

"I've changed," he says, "I'm slowly becoming less and less of an extrovert and more and more of an introvert. I'm keeping my thoughts, my feelings, far more to myself. I just get on with the job."

With the Wolves seeking First Division status again after a tour in the lower echelons of English Football, all eyes are focused on Derek Dougan. He is their Moses.

What does he think of it all? "I've never met a team spirit like I've found at the Wolves. They cap the lot. And that's why I say that with a tiny bit of luck we'll be there..."