

LIVERPOOL

THE SILVER JUBILEE



PUT YOUR IN LIVERPOOL

YOU will never have to stake your life, your house or your job on one football result. Neither will I.

But, if I had to, I know I would choose a team of Liverpool's type rather than one like Manchester United.

Liverpool's consistency, monotonous to their enemies, makes a team you can trust to produce a guaranteed level of performance.

Not United. They are a lovely, lively lot who have days when everything and everything clicks and works. They also have too many days when it disastrously doesn't—like last year's Cup Final.

Unbeaten

Liverpool also lose occasionally, but they don't fall apart—and they don't often lose to Manchester United.

Throughout his Old Trafford reign Tommy Docherty hasn't managed to win even one of six matches against Liverpool. And in all that time United have scored only one goal in nine hours of trying.

I wonder why I have taken so long to come right out and say that Liverpool, not United, should win the FA Cup at Wembley this afternoon.

It is partly a question of mood. Liverpool still have much on their minds, most notably the European Cup Final in Rome next Wednesday.

The recent games which took them to the League championship have involved immense strain. They had to



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fight for every point and at times have looked drained, exhausted men. They are finding goals hard to get.

United in contrast have won only two League matches since the semi-final, but have nevertheless given very convincing impressions of a carefree bunch of confident men, ready and eager to turn on the style again today.

True, Liverpool's treble incentive has to be greater, but United's is still considerable. Their desire to compensate for their flop against Southampton last year is real and deep.

They are a stronger team now than they were then. The youngsters are a year more experienced. The attack has been vastly improved by the signing of Jimmy Greenhoff.

Both sides are crammed with potential matchwinners — and with areas where each could be vulnerable.

Steve Heighway's greyhound speed could get him in behind either of the United full backs, Jimmy Nicholl and Arthur Albiston, for dangerous crosses

or a sudden thrust Liverpool winger has been in this season.

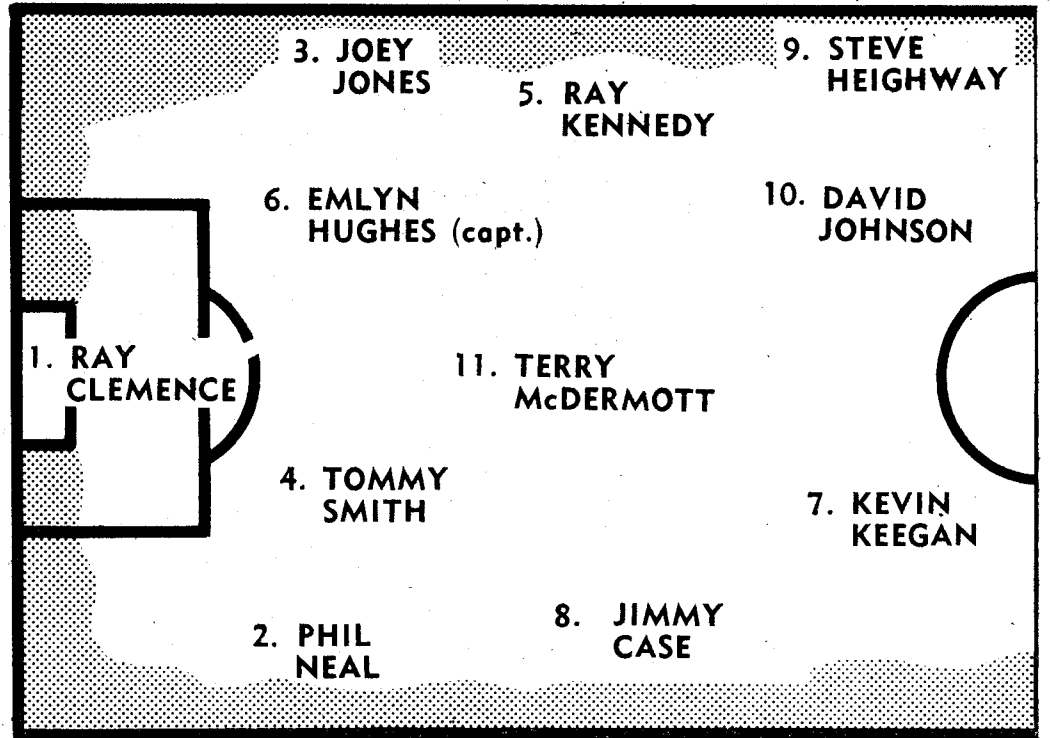
But then both United's Gordon Hill, are a riot against Phil Neal.

Efficiency

Although Martin is as efficient as he and Brian Greaves of United's defence could be exploited.

Against that, United know that now through the barbed wire of Tommy Smith's longer likely to turn his man.

Liverpool have a unique of making decisions by closing down



Substitute: IAN CALLAGHAN

Referee: BOB MATTHEWSON (Bolton) Linesmen: C. B. WHITE (Lancashire) Colours—Liverpool: White shirts, Black shorts. Manchester United: Red shirts, White shorts.

REPLAY (IF NECESSARY) AT WEMBLEY

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BBC1

- 11.30 Cup Final Grandstand: Cup Final Morning.
- 12.5 Women's FA Cup Final.
- 12.20 Cup Final Managers.
- 12.30 Cup Final Knock-out.
- 1.20 Boxing: Muhammad Ali v Alfredo Evangelista.
- 1.35 Inside Wembley—followed by Goal of the Season and Road to Wembley.
- 2.40 Abide With Me.
- 3.0 Kick-off.
- 3.45 Half-time.
- 3.55 Second Half.
- 4.45 Presentation of Cup Medals.
- 4.55 Meet the Winners.

ITV

- 12.0 World of Sport: Wembley Scene.
- 12.5 On the Ball.
- 12.30 Wrestling from Southend.
- 1.20 On the Coach.
- 1.25 News from ITN.
- 1.30 Australian Pools Check.
- 1.40 On the Pitch.
- 1.45 Final Forecast.
- 2.0 It's Goals That Count.
- 2.15 Wembley Pageantry.
- 2.50 Presentation.
- 2.55 In the Box.
- 3.0 Kick-off.
- 3.45 Half-time Verdict.
- 3.55 Second Half.
- 4.40 Final Whistle.
- 4.50 The Teams Talk.
- 5.10 Final Round-up.

United
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gerous individuals. That isn't United's more buccaneering style at all — and it could prove costly to them if it gives Kevin Keegan space.

In midfield for United, Lou Macari and Sammy McIlroy command enviable individual skills. Macari's perception is unrivalled.

Invaluable

But for balance and teamwork I prefer the Liverpool trio of Jimmy Case, Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy with the invaluable extra bonus of goal-snatching ability—though this has tended to dry up lately.

There could be a bonus for the crowd too of a really great final if neither side freezes up on the day.

I can't see that happening to Liverpool. I can see it as a possibility for United. It is one more reason for tipping against them.

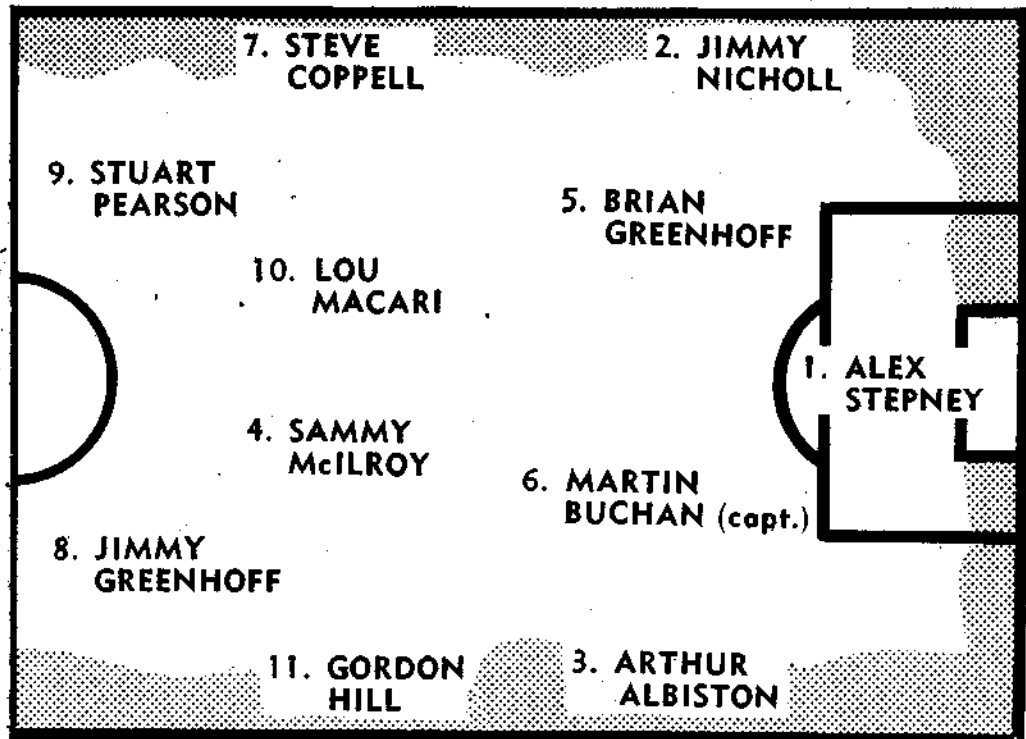
I deny emphatically a scurrilous rumour in Mirror Sport's office that another reason is that by going against a club for whom I have a known and declared affection I'm doing my best to make sure they win!

Drawings by
CHARLIE DUPONT

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Substitute: DAVID McCREERY

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WEMBLEY ON MONDAY JUNE 27

