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Andy Gray on the run

WHY IT MATTERED

Everton had gone 14 years without a trophy since being **League champions** in 1970. In that time, their city rivals Liverpool became the most successful English club, winning the League eight times between 1972-73 and 1983-84. But Everton finally got some success when they won the 1984 FA Cup. They won the Charity Shield against Liverpool at the start of 1984-85 and went on to win the League by 13 points!

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Everton got off to a bad start, losing 4-1 at home Tottenham on the opening day! But they soon recovered and six straight victories in the autumn – including a 1-0 win over Liverpool and a 5-0 thrashing of Man **Utd** – put them on top of the table.

The Toffees clinched the title with five games left by beating **QPR** 2-0 at the start of May. Welsh goalkeeper Neville Southall was voted as Footballer of the Year. Other key players included team captain Kevin Ratcliffe at centreback, tigerish midfielder Peter Reid and strike duo Graeme Sharp and Andy Gray. Everton also won the **European Cup-Winners** Cup (the old competition for

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national cup holders) by beating Rapid Vienna of Austria 3-1 in the final. They also had a chance to do a domestic double but lost 1-0 to Manchester United in the FA Cup final.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Manager Howard Kendall and his assistant Colin Harvey had also been stars in Everton's midfield when they last won the League title in 1970!

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WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Sadly, **Everton** did not get the chance to play in the European Cup the following season. This was because English teams were banned from Europe for five years after the crowd violence that led to 39 deaths at the 1985 European Cup final between Juventus and Liverpool.

Everton added more firepower for 1985-86 by buying England ace Gary Lineker from Leicester. Although he scored 30 goals the team failed to win anything. They lost the FA Cup final again, this time to Liverpool who also won the League and Cup double with Everton finishing second.

> Man Utd beat Everton in the FA Cup final

DIVISION ONE, 1984-85

At a time when Liverpool were

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Title-winners

Everton

winning almost every trophy going,

finally knock the Reds off their perch!

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it took their Merseyside rivals to

Top scorers Kerry Dixon, Chelsea and Gary Lineker, Leicester City (24) **Champions Everton Relegated Norwich City, Sunderland, Stoke City** FA Cup final Manchester United 1 Everton O League Cup final Norwich City 1 Sunderland O



Everton did the double over Liverpool this season with two 1-0 wins but they haven't done it since!