## **KEVIN RATCLIFFE**

## Former Everton & Wales Defender & Captain

A Natural Leader - Strong, Fast and Resolute

Key Defender in the Eighties Team, was the Heartbeat and the Hub. Everton's most successful ever Captain, in the History of the Club. Victories then were commonplace, throughout England and Abroad. In 1984 Kevin lifted the FA Cup, when Sharp and Gray both scored. Next year the proud League Champions, a Wembley Cup Final too. Rotterdam, we won the Cup-Winners Cup, a good time to be a Blue. As the Welsh International Captain, was the Quickest Man around. Tough, Resilient and Commanding, both in the Air or on the Gound. Central-Sweeper his best Position, also a very competent Left-Back. Led the way by good example, Defence equally important as Attack. Instinctively he could sense Danger, would react First to snuff it out. Firm, Assertive and Demanding, if he saw slackness he would shout. For a Decade, such great service. Skippered us with Steel and Pride. Evertonians cherish Happy Memories, of Kevin Captaining our Side. Copyright - John McEwan - Everton Poet