

One last push

By HARRY HARRIS
 STEVE McMahon revealed that the Liverpool players are absolutely shattered, but grimly determined to make one big final push to land the Double.

He said: "We can't afford to be tired — we're two games away from the championship."

Arsenal will be delighted that Everton forced Liverpool into a gruelling, energy-sapping extra-time, knowing that West Ham must win at Anfield tomorrow to stay up before the Gunners play the title decider on Friday.

But McMahon added: "No, we are not satisfied. We've got to at least draw our last two games, and we shall go for it."

"We'll have a few beers, celebrate the Cup, relax, and think about what has happened."

"Then on Sunday morning we'll begin to start thinking about West Ham and the League."



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● IAN RUSH is ready to reclaim his place against West Ham tomorrow night after six successive games as substitute, writes Harry Harris.

● Liverpool's FA Cup final hero, who came on at Wembley to sink Everton with two goals in extra-time, is set to start for the first time since playing Newcastle on February 4.

● Either John Aldridge or Peter Beardsley faces the axe at Anfield.

● Aldridge's brilliant opening goal in the final could count for nothing, and the 28-goal striker accepts that next season it will be a straight battle between him and Rush, now fully recovered from a knee operation.

● Aldridge warns: "You write him off at your peril."

● "He proved everyone wrong and he showed them at Wembley where it really counts."

● "I've been saying all along, 'Let's wait and look at him next season.'"

KENNY DALGLISH: His

ARMY




Dalglish shares his delight with the fans but Southall (left) is inconsolable.

By IAN GIBB
NEVILLE SOUTHALL revealed yesterday why he failed to follow his Everton team-mates up the Wembley steps to collect his FA Cup loser's medal. soled by his own superb performance.
 "I was so fed up, I felt like going straight off without rubbish and be running my medal. I so wanted to win around with the Cup." Southall finally got his medal after the match officials.
Neville's nightmare

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FINEST HOUR



NIGEL CLARKE
The stain on day of glory

This was just the greatest

KENNY DALGLISH, deep in the bowels of Wembley Stadium, reflected on all his marvellous former glories as player and manager, and without hesitation said: "This is the best one for me."

Dalglish as a player won every domestic honour in both Scotland and England, and he was also a European Cup winner three times. In his first season as a manager he led Liverpool to the League and Cup double.

It has been a career full of highlights, but he spoke from the heart about the greatest moment of his sporting life — winning the 1989 Memorial Cup Final.

The sheer delight and personal accomplishment at delivering the FA Cup, in the name of the 95 who perished at Hillsborough, to the survivors and to the families of the bereaved, oozed from him.

Liverpool's manager never sat down, despite the heat, during the enthralling 120 minutes, but after swapping his heavy red track suit for his shirt and tie, jacket slung over his shoulders, the sweat still flooded from his smiling features.

He said: "This has meant more than any other trophy I've been involved in."

"At times you can't enjoy it as much as you would like to until afterwards, when it's had time to sink in."

"Not this time. This



Ian Rush is the happiest man at Wembley after scoring and Steve McMahon is the proudest as he shows off the FA Cup



- IT needed only a few . . .
- And Liverpool's day of glory left football with another bad smell under its nose.
- Those few have sent Wembley scurrying to erect the fences again.
- And there were others outside the stadium who robbed their own fans of tickets in sinister snatch-squads.
- Liverpool were denied their lap of honour because, once again, the fans let down the name of the game.
- "We escaped by the skin of our teeth," said Wembley chairman Brian Wolfson as he reviewed the invasions that ruined the winners' coronation.
- "That was the last Cup Final under the present circumstances.
- "Next season we shall have an all-seater stadium, and the fences will be up," said Wolfson.
- Players' union boss Gordon Taylor was appalled, especially when an Everton fan confronted Trevor Steven.
- "I think he must have had a drink or two too many," said Steven of the fan who squared up to him.
- Taylor added: "I just thank God no one has been hurt. We are living on a knife edge."
- The truth is that Wembley has become as out-of-date as the Dads Army administrators who run the Cup competition.
- The stewarding was a disaster. Wolfson claims he wants to introduce a lower police profile.
- But at a time when he knew the fences were coming down, extra police should have been drafted in.
- As it was there were 400, and that was 200 less than last year's final.
- Instead he brought in 1,200 stewards, who in most cases were too busy celebrating the goals to watch for the pitch invasion.
- They were great at throwing buckets of water over the sweating few who used it as an excuse to get on to the perimeter track.
- But they were totally unable to do anything about the hundreds who defied the loudspeaker announcements to stay off the pitch.
- Has nothing been learned from Hillsborough?

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By HARRY HARRIS
Everton 2, Liverpool 3
After extra-time

time I got an immediate feeling of satisfaction. "It was an emotional experience, one that gave me a deep sense of happiness."

Delight

"There is a tremendous feeling of achievement by everybody at this club."

After the tragedy of Hillsborough, Dalglish and his players set out on a Cup crusade. "Go and win the Cup for us," were the expectations heaped upon them.

The burden was immense, the strain incalculable. Nottingham Forest were swamped by the emotion in the semi-final.

It was a great credit to Liverpool that they didn't crack under the strain at Wembley.

Genuinely, Dalglish felt sympathy, even felt sorry for their Merseyside rivals in defeat.

He said: "Someone had to be disappointed. It was Everton today, and unfortunately it had to be Everton in the

previous Merseyside final in 1986."

Dalglish is single-minded. That is the platform for his success. He wants to be a winner, nothing else will do and he needed to be a winner on this special occasion.

Daring

He pulled off one of the most daring Cup Final substitutions. There can't be many managers prepared to substitute a striker who has scored potentially the winning goal.

Yet, equally, there can't be many managers who have a player of the quality of Ian Rush sitting on the bench.

In the 73rd minute he took off John Aldridge and called-up Rush, who sank Everton with two brilliant goals in extra-time.

Dalglish explained the substitution the way he does every move he makes: "I just wanted to win the game. It is all about making decisions."

But edged a little further to elaborate he added: "It is why we are so successful. We have high quality players in the squad."

"We have 13 players who have got Cup Final medals today, but there are 23 players who have been involved all the

time. They have all made a contribution.

"That's what the club is all about."

It was a privilege to be at Wembley to see Liverpool's triumph after Everton's magnificent fightback.

Liverpool took an early lead with a scintillating goal from Aldridge, making up for his penalty miss against Wimbledon last year.

Everton eventually equalised with a last-gasp goal from substitute Stuart McCall.

Rush's double, setting a new record of 21 goals for Merseyside derbies, finally won the Cup despite another McCall equaliser.