



SHIRTS OFF YOUR BACKS

FIFTEEN Evertonians are planning to visit CD Everton in Chile next month (March 2005) and they want to kit out hundreds of South American footballers in Goodison blue.

So they are asking Evertonians to bring to the Manchester United cup-tie any unwanted kit and to hand it over at St Luke's Church over before the game.

From 2pm until 5pm on Saturday (19 February) members of the Ruleteros Society will be upstairs in the church, accepting shirts, socks, shorts of any team.

The kit will be put into bundles of 11 and given free to the various junior and youth teams of CD Everton, in Viña del Mar, plus supporters clubs as well as selected schools in the area.

Spokesman John Shearon said: "Football kits are relatively a lot more expensive in Chile and many amateur, youth and junior teams really struggle to put a kit together.

"The more Everton kits we can get people wearing over there, the better. But we will take football kits of any kind. They will all get used, large and small."

During the trip, the Evertonians plan to see several CD Everton games and one of Chile's World Cup qualifiers.

The Ruleteros Society takes its name from the nickname of the Chilean Everton club, situated in the Pacific resort city of Viña del Mar, famous for its casinos and roulette wheels. Ruletero is Spanish for a roulette player, or casino-goer.

The Chilean club was formed in 1909 shortly after Everton had sailed from England to South America where they enjoyed an unbeaten exhibition tour. They play in the top flight of Chilean football. Their ground was the venue for one of the 1962 World Cup semi-finals.

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