DEATH OF COLIN VEITCH

Versatile and Talented

Colin Veitch, a great England and Newcastle United footballer of a past decade, has died in Switzerland after being taken ill while on holiday. Veitch, who was capped six times for England and also captained his country's eleven, was known as the man who played "anywhere and everywhere" because of his versatility. Veitch played for United in every position except outside-left and goal. While he was with Newcastle the club reached the F.A. Cup final five times between 1905 and 1911, winning it once, in 1910, when they beat Barnsley after a drawn game. He received his first cap in 1906 when he played against Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. The following season he was chosen against Scotland and Wales, and in 1909 he received his last cap—against Wales.

During the reign of Veitch as one of the finest footballers in Britain Newcastle, besides their F.A. Cup feats, carried off the League championship three times. Veitch was captain and right half the first time Newcastle won the Cup. He gained chief fame as a half-back, and in internationals he played at centre-half and left half.

Veitch's versatility began in his school days. It is said he played at full-back for his school team on Saturday mornings and inside-left for a boys' club eleven in the afternoons, while his position in the City Boys' team was centre-half. Veitch, as captain, was a great believer in "round-table" conferences. He put down much of the success of Newcastle to these talks. Veitch's name was synonymous with honesty and good fellowship, and the men who played under his leadership would do anything for him. After his retirement from the game Veitch followed Newcastle as a sports writer.

"I could not speak too highly of him," said Mr. W. Pickford, president of the Football Association, in paying tribute to Veitch, "and his death is a great loss to football. He was a player of the highest type, both in his standard of play and his conduct, and a fine example to others."