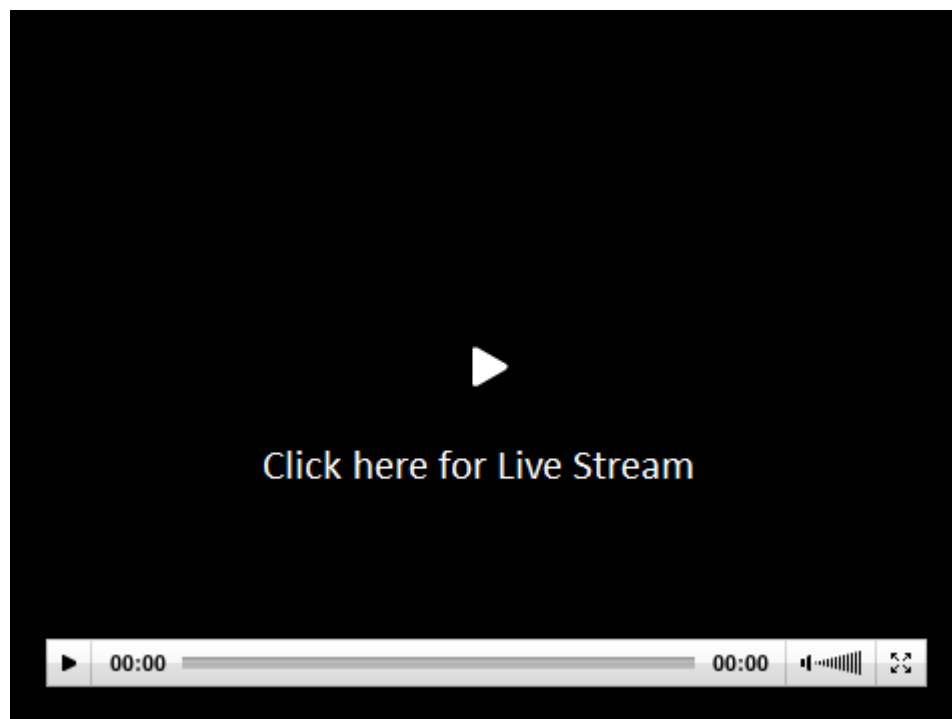


# [LIVEFREE] Everton vs Aston Villa 2022

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Everton's situation is dire. Down to sixteenth place in the table, six points above the relegation zone. No manager, no Director of Football, no head physio, no scouting team.. this is a bad situation for the Toffees. Well, enter the brave Duncan Ferguson, looking to use his enthusiasm and work ethic to drag this club back into some sort of form.

Visitors Aston Villa have also gone through a lean spell and a change in management, but thanks to some hefty spending both in the summer and this winter their prospects for the second half of the season look much better.

The onus will be on the Goodison Park crowd to be the twelfth man and push the Blues to a desperately needed win here. Seeing the familiar face of Steven Gerrard in the opposition dugout should ensure that Villa get a nasty reception even as former fan favourite Lucas Digne lines up in the visitors' colours.

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[Date and start time: Saturday, January 22nd at 4:30 a.m. PT / 7:30 a.m ET / 12:30 p.m. BST](#)

[Stadium: Goodison Park, Liverpool, England, United Kingdom](#)

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Lineups

Everton

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Last Meeting

The Blues have been flat against Villa ever since they returned to the Premier League, drawing  
two and losing three of the five games they've played since, scoring just twice in the process.

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The Toffees host the Midlands side at Goodison Park with Duncan Ferguson in temporary  
charge alongside Leighton Baines and John Ebrell in the dugout after Benitez was fired  
following the 2-1 defeat to Norwich last week.

And the opposing manager will be former Liverpool rival Steven Gerrard in what promises to be  
a heated contest.

The Toffees are in dire need of three points after just one win in their last 12 games.

Everton are without Tom Davies and Fabian Delph but otherwise have a fully fit squad to choose  
from against the Villans.

The match kicks off at 12.30pm and we'll have all the latest team news, goal updates and  
analysis from Goodison Park.

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11:40CHRIS BEESLEY

Choosing Yerry Mina as captain

There's also the decision to hand Yerry Mina the captain's armband for the first time. Ferguson  
himself was a surprise choice as skipper by Howard Kendall in 1997 when Everton were on a  
poor run. The big Scot responded by scoring a hat-trick in a 3-2 win over Bolton Wanderers that  
proved crucial come the end of the season.

11:35CHRIS BEESLEY

Ferguson shaking things up

Duncan Ferguson has certainly shaken things up with his team selection there.

Seamus Coleman, Vitalii Mykolenko, Michael Keane, Anthony Gordon and Salomon Rondon all  
drop out of the starting line-up from the Norwich City game. The caretaker boss is certainly not  
afraid of making some bold calls.

11:30JAKE BAYLISS

Everton team news is in!

Duncan Ferguson has named his Everton team to face Aston Villa...#EVEAVL #COYB  
pic.twitter.com/HNQ3PMq4xu

— Everton (@Everton) January 22, 2022

11:29CHRIS BEESLEY

Positive omen for Duncan Ferguson

It's just been brought to my attention that on this momentous occasion for one former Everton centre-forward as Duncan Ferguson returns to the dugout for a second stint as caretaker manager, it's also the anniversary of Dixie Dean's birthday. The Blues greatest goalscorer was born 115 years ago in Birkenhead.

11:28ADAM JONES

A few Everton narratives for today

Good morning everyone!

There's narratives everywhere you look today, isn't there?

Everton in the wake of the sacking of Rafa benitez will certainly be interesting, and fans will want to see how the side reacts after what was a dismal game last week.

Secondly, of course you've got the return of Duncan Ferguson for his second spell as temporary boss - and all of the new atmosphere that will hopefully bring.

Thirdly, you've got Steven Gerrard taking charge as a manager at Goodison Park for the first time.

And, of course, you've also got to consider the return of Lucas Digne to his former club - just a couple of weeks after leaving the club.

Four narratives, Adam? Four? That's insane.

Well, there they are.

11:10JAKE BAYLISS

20 minutes until team news...

Our Everton writers have had their say on who should Duncan Ferguson should start in his first game in charge.

The Blues host Villa in the early kick-off at Goodison, looking to reverse their fortunes after parting company with Rafa Benitez.

With places up for grabs and questions around which formation Ferguson will go for, there's plenty of possibilities for Everton.

Check out our predicted line-ups here

Everton caretaker manager Duncan Ferguson (Image: Lewis Storey - Everton FC/Everton FC via Getty Images)

11:03JAKE BAYLISS

A reminder to bring your boots to Goodison today

Evertonians have been urged to bring their boots to Goodison Park on Saturday.

Everton host Aston Villa in a crucial Premier League fixture at 12:30pm with Duncan Ferguson taking charge as caretaker manager after Rafa Benitez's sacking.

However, fans needn't worry, it's not like things have got so bad they're being drafted in to take to the turf themselves, rather they're being asked to support a campaign to donate unwanted football boots to needy children across Merseyside and beyond.

Everton defender Yerry Mina is an advocate of charityboots.org, who collect unwanted boots and offer them to underprivileged children, including shipments to his foundation in his native Colombia.

Read the full story here

Don't forget to bring your boots to Goodison Park today.

Yerry Mina is backing used football footwear donations going to underprivileged youngstershttps://t.co/AvgHgtq8nw pic.twitter.com/OTD7CKYwTG

— Christopher Beesley (@CBeesleyEcho) January 22, 2022