

# Bill Shankly

## Quotes

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Denis Law could dance on eggshells.

~Bill Shankly

In my time at Anfield we always said we had the best two teams on Merseyside - Liverpool and Liverpool reserves.

~Bill Shankly

If you are first you are first. If you are second, you are nothing.

~Bill Shankly

What a great day for football, all we need is some green grass and a ball.

~Bill Shankly

At a football club, there's a holy trinity - the players, the manager and the supporters. Directors don't come into it. They are only there to sign the checks.

~Bill Shankly

The difference between Everton and the Queen Mary is that Everton carry more passengers!

~Bill Shankly

Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that.

~Bill Shankly

The trouble with referees is that they know the rules, but they do not know the game.

~Bill Shankly

The socialism I believe in is everybody working for the same goal and everybody having a share in the rewards. That's how I see football, that's how I see life.

~Bill Shankly

If Everton were playing down the bottom of my garden, I'd draw the curtains.

~Bill Shankly

A football team is like a piano. You need eight men to carry it and three who can play the damn thing.

~Bill Shankly

Aim for the sky and you'll reach the ceiling. Aim for the ceiling and you'll stay on the floor.

~Bill Shankly

If you can't support us when we lose or draw, don't support us when we win

~Bill Shankly

Laddie, that man scored 200 goals in 270 matches - an incredible record - and he has won cup after cup as a manager. When he talks, pin back your ears.

~Bill Shankly

A lot of football success is in the mind. You must believe you are the best and then make sure that you are.

~Bill Shankly

Football is a simple game based on the giving and taking of passes, of controlling the ball and of making yourself available to receive a pass. It is terribly simple.

~Bill Shankly

When I've got nothing better to do, I look down the league table to see how Everton are getting along.

~Bill Shankly

Liverpool was made for me and I was made for Liverpool.

~Bill Shankly

For a player to be good enough to play for Liverpool, he must be prepared to run through a brick wall for me then come out fighting on the other side.

~Bill Shankly

If a player is not interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage, then he should be.

~Bill Shankly

If you get to the edge of the penalty area with the ball and don't know what to do next, just stick the ball in the net for now. We can evaluate the other options later.

~Bill Shankly

I don't drop players. I make changes.

~Bill Shankly

I have been received more warmly by Everton than I have by Liverpool. It is scandalous that I should have to write these things about the club that I helped build into what it is today.

~Bill Shankly

I always look in the Sunday paper to see where Everton are in the league - starting, of course, from the bottom up.

~Bill Shankly

Me having no education. I had to use my brains.

~Bill Shankly

It's to remind our lads who they're playing for, and to remind the opposition who they're playing against. (on the 'This Anfield' plaque)

~Bill Shankly

We are a team. We share the ball, we share the game, we share the worries.

~Bill Shankly

Yes, Roger Hunt misses a few, but he gets in the right place to miss them.

~Bill Shankly

Of course I didn't take my wife to see Rochdale as an anniversary present. It was her birthday and would I have got married during the football season? Anyway, it was Rochdale reserves.

~Bill Shankly

Football (soccer) is a matter of life and death, except more important.

~Bill Shankly

Although I'm a Scot, I'd be proud to be called a Scouser.

~Bill Shankly

Don't worry, Alan. At least you'll be able to play close to a great team. (to Alan Ball, who'd just signed for Everton)

~Bill Shankly

I never drop a player I only make changes.

~Bill Shankly

Chairman Mao has never seen a greater show of red strength.

~Bill Shankly

I'm just one of the people who stands on the Kop. They think the same

as I do, and I think the same as they do. It's a kind of marriage of people who like each other.

~Bill Shankly

If you're not sure what to do with the ball, just pop it in the net and we'll discuss your options afterwards.

~Bill Shankly

Football is a simple game made complicated by people who should know better.

~Bill Shankly

Just go out and drop a few hand grenades all over the place, son. (to Kevin Keegan)

~Bill Shankly

We absolutely annihilated England. It was a massacre. We beat them 5-4.

~Bill Shankly

If he isn't named footballer of the year, football should be stopped and the men who picked any other player should be sent to Kremlin. (on Tommy Smith)

~Bill Shankly

I was in the game for the love of football - and I wanted to bring back happiness to the people of Liverpool.

~Bill Shankly

With him in defense, we could play Arthur Askey in goal. (after signing Ron Yeats)

~Bill Shankly

I would have played Tom Finney in his overcoat - there would have

been four men marking him when we were kickin' in.

~Bill Shankly

What can you do, playing against eleven goalposts? (after 0-0 draw at Anfield)

~Bill Shankly

Its great grass at Anfield, professional grass.

~Bill Shankly

Tom Finney would have been great in any team, in any match and in any age, even if he had been wearing an overcoat.

~Bill Shankly

I want to build a team that's invincible, so that they have to send a team from bloody Mars to beat us.

~Bill Shankly

First is first, Second is nothing

~Bill Shankly

It's a 90 minute game for sure. In fact I used to train for a 190 minute game so that when the whistle blew at the end of the match I could have played another 90 minutes.

~Bill Shankly

The very word 'Anfield' means more to me than I can describe.

~Bill Shankly

The problem with you, son, is that all your brains are in your head. (to a Liverpool trainee)

~Bill Shankly

Train the right way. Help each other. It's a form of socialism without the

politics.

~Bill Shankly

I've been a slave to football. It follows you home, it follows you everywhere, and eats into your family life. But every working man misses out on some things because of his job.

~Bill Shankly

He's not just the best centre-forward in the British Isles, but the only one. (about Ian St John)

~Bill Shankly

It's the greatest thing in the world, natural enthusiasm. You are nothing without it.

~Bill Shankly

This city has two great teams - Liverpool and Liverpool reserves.

~Bill Shankly

I'm a people's man - only the people matter.

~Bill Shankly

My life is my work. My work is my life

~Bill Shankly

I was the best manager in Britain because I was never devious or cheated anyone. I'd break my wife's legs if I played against her, but I'd never cheat her.

~Bill Shankly

Tommy Smith wasn't born, he was quarried.

~Bill Shankly

I have not been short of invitations to other clubs and have been



received more warmly by Everton than I have by Liverpool.

~Bill Shankly

The best side drew (after a hard fought 1-1 draw)

~Bill Shankly

Forget the Beatles and all the rest. This is the real Liverpool sound. It's real singing, and it's what the Kop is all about.

~Bill Shankly

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