

Everton Mints

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Everton Mints are black and white striped mint sweets from Liverpool, and they have been tied up with football for well over a century.

What they are

An Everton Mint is a type of humbug: a mint flavoured sweet with black and white stripes. Humbugs have been part of British sweet shops for a very long time, and the Everton Mint is Liverpool's own version: see [humbugs](#).

Mother Noblett's shop

The story of Everton Mints is bound up with the story of Everton Football Club's nickname, the Toffees. The best known explanation for the nickname is a shop in Everton village called Mother Noblett's, which sold sweets including Everton Mints. It stood opposite the old lock up which now appears on the Everton crest.

Common Ground's England in Particular, a guide to local distinctiveness, tells the story this way: when Everton moved to Goodison Park in 1892, Mother Noblett's shop was nearby, and rather than copy Everton toffee, the shop created a new sweet in the colours of an early Everton team strip. It dates the sale of the recipe to the Noblett's company to 1894.

The Toffee Lady

The link between sweets and football survives in one of the game's odder traditions. Before an Everton match, the Toffee Lady, a girl, walks around the edge of the pitch throwing free Everton Mints into the crowd. The tradition symbolises the club's link with the toffee shops of the old village. See [Everton toffee](#).

Who makes them

According to England in Particular, Everton Mints and Everton toffee were later sold to the Liverpool sweet makers Barker and Dobson, and the brand came to be owned by Cadbury Trebor Bassett. Everton Mints are still sold today under the Bassett's name, which is now owned by Mondelez International: see [George Bassett, the liquorice allsorts man](#).

Stripes and mints

Striped mint sweets like these, with their contrasting dark and light stripes, are a familiar sight in British sweet shops. For other traditional mints, see [mint imperials](#) and [the story of Everton toffee](#).

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