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LEAGUE SAYS YES TO SUBSTITUTES

Will new law hold declining spectator interest?

By JOHN CAMKIN

FOR thirty-one years the First and Second Division clubs have resolutely refused a system of four up, four down in promotion and relegation. And yet a few minutes after the annual formal vote on this topic, the 1965 Annual Meeting adopted the controversial principle of substitutes in League games almost without discussion.

Such is the unpredictability of the Football League. Substitutes in the world's most important soccer competition is, without doubt, far more controversial than a wider system of promotion and relegation.

The events of the coming season alone will decide if this was a statesman-like decision or a blatant concession to public clamour—which is more often wrong than correct. I confess I would not like to have held a casting vote.

Much will depend on managers. How wide a definition will be applied to the term 'injury'? Perhaps, for the sake of peace and quiet, it will be wise to adopt a tacit agreement that the term covers loss of individual form as well as mobility.

Still, there is no doubt that substitutes will add to the public interest in a competition which, despite a healthy standard of play, lost more than 800,000 spectators last season.

And this, too, in a season of respectable achievement by our leading clubs. Manchester United, subtle and inventive, in the best Old Trafford traditions, won the Championship: West Ham United, modern and attractive, won the European Cup Winners' Cup and Liverpool, efficient and adaptable,

virtually lost the European Cup only by a debatable goal in the semi-final at Milan.

Liverpool's achievements were, I think, the most meritorious for the gulf between the European Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup is wide and, besides their efforts on the Continent, they still found time to triumph in the F.A. Cup.

On the international field, too, England were a good advertisement for present standards. A season without defeat culminated in a hard successful tour to Yugoslavia, West Germany and Sweden—three bastions of modern European football.

Once again, therefore, it is clear that responsibility for shaping the game into an attractive idiom rests in the legislative chambers and it is equally apparent that the paths of the League and Football Association are in no danger of converging.

The furore over alleged rough play—in actual fact the game has never been more clean—and the dispute over the televising of the Cup Final appeared to originate in Lancaster Gate and certainly found no echo of sympathy in Lytham St. Annes.

It may well be that the future of the game depends on the ability of the respective legislators to find a new and more harmonious relationship between the governing bodies.

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OUR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Bobby Charlton (Manchester United)

FOR six years Bobby Charlton of Manchester United and England hovered on the verge of true greatness. In his seventh season, the talented forward with the deceptive stride and powerful shot achieved maturity.

Maturity, in his case, was largely a matter of consistency. Restored to a permanent position on the left wing, he was a principal factor in United's Championship win.

The pattern of success at Old Trafford depended rather more on individual brilliance than at Anfield or Elland Road.

And, in this framework Charlton shone as brightly as Law, Crerand, Connelly or Best.

In the England side, the experience of Charlton spread again over six seasons, was a prop upon which Alf Ramsey could build. In his new mood, Charlton will be a vital factor in the World Cup next year.

And, as the mature, consistent winger, he can remain for many seasons as one of the most formidable forces on the British football stage.



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THE FRONT COVER

Action picture of Bobby Moore, West Ham and England.

COLCHESTER—Bobby Blackwood, forward, Ipswich; Jack Bell, wing-half, Norwich; Reg Stratton, centre-forward, Fulham; David Raine, full-back, Doncaster; Arthur Kaye, outside-right, Middlesbrough.

CREWE—Alan Bradshaw, forward, Blackburn.

CRYSTAL PALACE—Ian Lawson, centre-forward, Leeds; Ernest Yard, forward, Bury; Terry Holsgrove, centre-forward, Wolverhampton.

DONCASTER—Trevor Ogden, centre-forward, Manchester City.

EXETER—George McLean, centre-forward, Grimsby.

FULHAM—Terry Dymn, forward, Tottenham; Mark Pearson, inside-forward, Sheffield Wednesday.

GILLINGHAM—Bob Moffatt, right-half, Portsmouth; Ralph Miller, full-back, Charlton; David Stocks, full-back, Charlton; Tom Taylor, Portsmouth.

GRIMSBY—Bob Ross, defender, St. Mirren.

HARTLEPOOLS—Ernie Phythian, centre-forward, Wrexham.

LEEDS—Bob Williamson, goalkeeper, Barnsley.

LEICESTER—Jackie Sinclair, right-winger, Dunfermline; Derek Dougan, centre-forward, Peterborough.

LEYTON ORIENT—Gordon Ferry, centre-half, Arsenal; Colin Flatt, centre-forward, Wisbech.

LINCOLN—Alex Farrall, half-back, Gillingham; Geoff Hudson, full-back, Gillingham; Peter Wakeham, goalkeeper, Charlton; Michael Farmer, half-back, Birmingham.

LUTON—John Moore, left-half, Motherwell.

MIDDLESBROUGH—Edwin Holliday, outside-left, Sheffield Wednesday.

NOTTS COUNTY—John Beesford, inside-forward, Chesterfield; Frank Kirkup, left winger, Carlisle; Tony Moulden, Peterborough.

OXFORD—Ron Spelman, outside-right, Watford.

PETERBOROUGH—Tommy Ross, right-winger, Scotland.

PRESTON—Ray Veall, outside-right, Everton.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS—Alan Wilks, inside-forward, Chelsea; Jim Langley, full-back, Fulham; Keith Sanderson, forward, Plymouth.

READING—Maurice Cook, centre-forward, Fulham; Terry McDonald, left-winger, Leyton Orient.

SCUNTHORPE—Keith Burkinshaw, half-back, Workington; John Colquhoun, forward, Oldham; Frank Burrows, Raith.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY—Brian Usher, winger, Sunderland.

SHREWSBURY—Geoff Fellows, Aston Villa.

SOUTHAMPTON—David Walker, wing half, Burnley; Fred Kemp, inside-forward, Wolverhampton; Ken Jones, full-back, Bradford.

SOUTHEND—Eddie Firmani, centre-forward, Charlton.

SOUTHPORT—Derek Panter, forward, Torquay.

STOCKPORT—John Price, forward, Burnley; Richard Young, forward, Bury.

SUNDERLAND—Jim Baxter, wing half, Glasgow Rangers.

TORQUAY—John King, outside-left, Cardiff.

WALSALL—George Kirby, centre-forward, Swansea; Dick Smith, full-back, Leicester.

WATFORD—Cliff Holton, centre-forward, Crystal Palace; Bert Slater, goalkeeper, Dundee.

WOLVERHAMPTON—Ray Gaston, Coleraine; John Holsgrove, Crystal Palace.

YORK—John Pearson, inside-forward, Manchester Utd.; Ken Morton, winger, Manchester Utd.

Attendances

MANCHESTER UNITED GO BACK ON TOP

LEAGUE champions Manchester United are once again the team that most people want to see. Their average home and away gates take them to the top of last season's attendance tables.

Coventry, who were promoted from Division III last year, are second to Newcastle in Division II following.

The big signing spree by Hull failed to get them promotion from Division III, but it took them to the top of their section as crowd-pullers.

Brighton nearly doubled their average attendance. Least supported club was Southport with an average of 2,870.

Total attendances fell by 893,854 last season.

DIVISION I

HOME	League	Average	AWAY	League	Average
	Pos'n	Att'd'ce		Pos'n	Att'd'ce
Manchester Utd.	1	46,520	Manchester Utd.	1	40,285
Everton	4	42,062	Spurs	6	34,732
Liverpool	7	41,138	Leeds	2	32,275
Sunderland	15	40,636	Chelsea	7	30,957
Spurs	6	39,391	Liverpool	7	29,716
Leeds Utd.	2	37,489	Everton	4	28,754
Chelsea	3	37,054	Arsenal	13	27,941
Arsenal	13	31,326	West Ham	9	27,127
Nottingham F.	5	27,426	Nottingham F.	5	26,832
West Ham	9	25,857	West Bromwich	14	26,630
Stoke	11	25,786	Sunderland	15	26,602
Aston Villa	16	22,215	Sheffield Utd.	19	26,056
Wolves	21	21,499	Blackburn	10	25,866
Sheffield Wed.	8	20,187	Sheffield Wed.	8	25,852
Sheffield Utd.	19	20,005	Aston Villa	16	25,240
Leicester	18	19,962	Stoke	11	24,939
Birmingham	22	19,714	Leicester	11	24,850
West Bromwich	14	18,849	Fulham	18	24,749
Blackpool	17	18,641	Wolves	20	24,528
Fulham	20	17,562	Blackpool	17	24,217
Blackburn	10	16,109	Burnley	12	23,864
Burnley	12	15,739	Birmingham	22	23,095

CUP DATES 1965-66

F. A. CUP

QUALIFYING COMPETITION: Preliminary round: August 21, 1965; First round: September 4; Second round: September 18; Third round: October 2; Fourth round: October 16.

COMPETITION PROPER: First round: November 13; Second round: December 4; Third round: January 22, 1966; Fourth round: February 12; Fifth round: March 5; Sixth round: March 26; Semi-finals: April 23; Finals: May 14.

EXEMPTIONS

The following 44 clubs are exempted until the Third Round of the Competition Proper:

Arsenal, Aston Villa, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bristol City, Burnley, Bury, Cardiff, Carlisle, Charlton, Chelsea, Coventry, Crystal Palace, Derby, Everton, Fulham, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton Orient, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham Forest, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Rotherham, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, Stoke, Sunderland, Tottenham, West Bromwich Albion, West Ham, Wolverhampton.

The 50 clubs exempted until the First Round of the Competition Proper are:

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The following 24 clubs are exempted until the Fourth Round of the Qualifying Competition:

Bangor, Bath, Bedford T., Cambridge Utd., Chelmsford, Corby, Crook, Dartford, Enfield, Gateshead, Gravesend & Nthft., Hereford, Kettering, King's Lynn, Netherfield, Romford, Scarborough, South Liverpool, South Shields, Weymouth, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wycombe Wadrs., Yeovil.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

First round: September 1, 1965; Second round: September 22; Third round: October 13; Fourth round: November 3; Fifth round: November 17; Semi-finals: December 1 and 15; Final: Jan 12 and February 2.

SCOTTISH CUP

First preliminary round: January 8, 1966; Second preliminary round: January 22; First round: February 5; Second round: February 19; Third round: March 5; Semi-finals: March 26; Final: April 23.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: September 15 and 22; Semi-finals: October 6; Final: October 23.

F. A. Cup

EXTRA TIME BRINGS FINAL TO LIFE

Liverpool...2, Leeds...1
after extra time

THE 1965 F.A. Cup Final was memorable at least in one respect. The regular inhabitants of Anfield's Spion Kop brought a new dimension to Wembley, both in noise and colour.

It was appropriate therefore that the Cup should go to Liverpool as the game flared vividly to life in the first period of extra time for 18 years.

The final followed a predictable path. Two of England's finest defences—each conceded only two goals in seven cup games before Wembley—dominated the first 90 minutes.

The breach was finally made early in extra time when Stevenson and the gallant Byrne on the left, made a chance for Hunt at the far post. Wembley became a gay theatre of Merseyside melody.

Leeds, incredibly, snatched that goal back. The indefatigable Bremner, who had moved forward to bolster the attacking deficiencies, shot brilliantly from Charlton's opening.

But, fortunately, for Liverpool's European Cup programme, Leeds did not immediately settle for a replay. Tiredness perhaps obscured the correct tactics and Callaghan provided the decisive goal for St. John.

It was a pity that the vast majority of the loyal Liverpool crowd was outside the grey stadium. The noise and colour of the closing scenes were magnificent compensation for a certain drabness of play.

Scorers—Liverpool: Hunt, St. John. Leeds: Bremner.

Liverpool: Lawrence; Lawler, Byrne; Strong, Yeats, Stevenson; Callaghan, Hunt, St. John, Smith, Thompson.

Leeds: Sprake; Reaney, Bell; Bremner, Charlton, Hunter; Giles, Storrie, Peacock, Collins, Johansson.

Referee: W. Clements (Birmingham).

TRIUMPHANT WEST HAM BRING NEW HOPE

THE European Cup Winners' Cup was carried in triumph around the grey Wembley Stadium on 19 May, 1965. Holding it aloft was Bobby Moore, captain of West Ham United, whose team had brought lustre to English football.

In the stadium and on television screens millions watched superb entertainment as West Ham beat T.S.V. Munich by 2-0. Thousands may well be converted into customers at League grounds next season.

English football deserved a stroke of luck of this calibre—an English club on an English ground sharing in a match which, because of the contrast of styles, produced perhaps the finest spectacle since Real Madrid beat Eintracht in a memorable European Cup final in Glasgow.

By the highest standards the Germans did not measure up to Real Madrid, Inter-Milan or Benfica. Yet their open attacking ideas won them many friends at Wembley and, because of West Ham's goalmouth misses, Munich were still very much in the picture at the three-quarter mark. Then two goals by outside-right Alan Sealey in the space of 90 seconds settled the game. It was a worthy victory.



Liverpool, the 1964 champions, fought an altogether sterner fight in the tougher European Cup. If luck had been with them against Cologne in the quarter-final—they survived by toss of a coin after the Germans had a goal disallowed in the third meeting—it certainly deserted them in Milan. A brilliant 3-1 victory in the first leg of the semi-final came only four days after the F.A. Cup was won at Wembley. A bitterly-disputed goal set them on the road to a 3-0 defeat in Milan a week later.

It was a very, very brave try. In the present state of fix-ture chaos England's champions can do no more.

CUP WINNERS' CUP FOR WEST HAM

Second round	Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals	Final
Valkeoskoki (Finland)0 0	Torino1 2	Torino.....2 1 0	T.S.V. Munich0
Torino (Italy)1 5	Dynamo Za. 1 1	T.S.V. Munich ...0 3 2	
Steaua Bucharest (Rumania)1 0	Legia Warsaw 0 0		
Dynamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) 3 2	Galatasaray (Turkey)1 1 0		
Legia Warsaw (Poland)2 0 1	F.C. Porto (Portugal)0 1		
Galatasaray (Turkey)1 1 0	T.S.V. Munich 4 0		
F.C. Porto (Portugal)0 1			
T.S.V. Munich (W. Germany) 1 1			
Slavia (Bulgaria)1 1 2	Lausanne1 3		
Lausanne (Switzerland)0 2 3	West Ham ...2 1		
West Ham2 1	Spartak Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0 2		
Spartak Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0 2			
Sporting Club (Lisbon)1 0	Cardiff2 0		
Cardiff2 0			
Dundee2 1	Zaragoza2 1		
Zaragoza (Spain)2 2			

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1960-61 Fiorentina (Italy) beat Rangers 4-1 on aggregate.
 1961-62 Atletico (Madrid) beat Fiorentina (Italy) 3-0 (after 1-1 draw).
 1962-63 Tottenham beat Atletico (Madrid) 5-1.
 1963-64 Sporting Club, Lisbon (Portugal) beat M.T.K. Budapest (Hungary) 1-0 (after 3-3 dr.).