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### THE FRONT COVER

Gordon Banks of England and Stoke City in a magnificent leap during a England versus Scotland match at Wembley.

# FANS HAVE VOTED OUR TOP CLUBS REALLY SUPER

*1,695,616 on the gate*

BY THE EDITOR

**THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE** had one of its least spectacular yet one of its greatest seasons during 1966/67.

It more than maintained its high status when outside influences were stronger than ever before.

There was a theory that the winning of the World Cup would provide a new "live" audience for the game. Early season attendances quickly showed that the millions who had enjoyed watching the game during England's triumph, were content to remain armchair viewers.

European competition, too, was a distraction rather than a stimulus when it came to persuading people to pay at the gate.

*Yet attendances, at the end of the season, had risen by 1,695,616—the biggest increase for twenty years and only the third rise since the war.*

This season there was no longer serious talk of a super-league involving English clubs devoted primarily to European competition.

Followers of the game now see that the first division of the Football League IS a super-league. To play in it is ambition enough for most.

To do well in it requires high qualities and brings ample rewards. European football for the elite half-dozen clubs is sufficient variety.

Attendances were not only the quiet achievement. Without fuss or fanfare, the use of substitutes became part of the game. Perhaps this success explains the easy acceptance

by the F.A. of a move to increase the number of substitutes to two and to allow their introduction for reasons other than injury.

Free-for-all substitutes would end the necessity for players to feign injury at the behest of some coaches, and managers. Yet though there were occasional abuses of this kind, the existing rule was a practical success.

*To achieve this with such a revolutionary new rule was close to a miracle, to risk throwing it all away would be madness.*

Dangers to an extension of the rule are not obvious, but they would be real enough. Humiliation of players ordered off after a poor start is a drastic thing in a professional sport. What manager would want that public responsibility?

It would be an easy get-out for the temperamental player and it is certain that the crowds would try to influence the manager's decisions.

Last season showed that crowds should not be given further excuses for such conduct. As it is, there were still far too many instances of pitch-invasion and other hooliganism.

### *The illustrious trio*

Manchester United attracted the greatest crowds, home and away, and responded by giving their followers another League Championship.

Matt Busby's benign management worked its wonders again. His team, with great individuals like Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and George Best, were good to watch as well as winners.

*Manchester United have now equalled the record of seven championships held by Arsenal and Liverpool.*

Yet for all the talent at Old Trafford, Busby will not hesitate to spend freely on new players. The acquisition of goalkeeper Alec Stepney proved decisive in what was a close battle for many months.

Liverpool, the 1966 champions, were again the supreme professionals but lack of fire power beat them in the end. Nottingham Forest, playing with new vigour, challenged hard but found the Cup a distraction in the finish.

Blackpool, many times on the brink of relegation in

recent seasons, were doomed long before the end of this one. Newly promoted Southampton were in constant danger but 43 goals from Ron Davies helped pip Aston Villa.

Coventry, the ambitious, proved their vast publicity was not empty. They found a team blend to give them first division status for the first time. Wolverhampton returned to the top class to complete a Midlands promotion double.

Cardiff just managed to keep second division football for Wales but their once thriving neighbours Swansea, home of many great players, slipped into Division IV.

Queens Park Rangers won Division three by a record margin. Within a month of the start of the season it was obvious they were a class above the rest of their division.

The product of Alec Stock's fine youth scheme achieved a blend with veterans like Les Allen and Jim Langley.

Middlesbrough had to win their last game of the season to join Queens Park Rangers in division two. They did it and take a potentially huge following with them.

## Ron Davies is Top Scorer

### Leading League Scorers 1966-67

**DIVISION ONE**—37 Davies (Southampton); 29 Hurst (West Ham); 24 Clarke (Fulham); 23 Graves (Tottenham); Law (Manchester Utd); 21 Sinclair (Leicester), Tambling (Chelsea); 20 Martin (Sunderland), Moore (Nottn. Forest); 19 Clark (W.B. Albion), Dobing (Stoke), 18 Loshhead (Burnley); Gilzean (Tottenham)

**DIVISION TWO**—25 Dougan (9 Wolverhampton, 16 Leicester); 24 Gould (Coventry); 23 Sheffield (16 Norwich, 7 Doncaster); 22 Lee (Bolton); 21 Crawford (Ipswich), Wagstaff (Hull); 20 Hector (16 Derby, 4 Bradford), Hunt (Wolverhampton); 19 Large (8 Northampton, 11 Oldham); 18 Woodruff (Crystal Palace), 17 Chappell (Rotherham), Chilton (Hull), Dobson (Huddersfield), Julians (Millwall), Leighton (Huddersfield)

**DIVISION THREE**—30 Marsh (Q.P. Rangers); 27 O'Rourke (Middlesbrough), Towers (Oldham); 25 Rogers (Swindon); 24 Harris (Reading), Stratton (Colchester); 23 Biggs (Bristol Rovers); 22 Curry (Mansfield), Horsfield (Middlesbrough), Manning (17 Shrewsbury, 5 Tranmere); 21 Brace (Mansfield), Stubbs (Torquay)

**DIVISION FOUR**: 23 Phythian (Hartlepool); 20 Chapman, R. (Lincoln); 19 Mulvaney (Hartlepool), Smith (Southend); 18 Atkins (3 Stockport, 15 Halifax), Howarth (Aldersnot), McMillan (Wrexham), Mulholland (Barrow)

## Attendances

# BOOM YEAR FOR TOP LEAGUE CLUBS

THE individual attendance figures illustrate the Football League's great boom year. Liverpool increased their gates yet conceded their place as the No. 1 drawing club to Manchester United.

Eighteen of the 22 first division clubs showed an increase—even Blackpool's crowds went up, though the club was relegated to Division II.

How much of the increase was due to the weather, it was the mildest winter for more than a decade, remains to be seen. But it could be significant that gates in Divisions other than the top did not show a proportionately large rise.

Next season could see the First Division take an even larger share of the total attendances.

Yet in this period of prosperity seven clubs failed to attract enough spectators in a year to pack Wembley—and one of those struggling clubs was third division Workington.

### DIVISION I

	League position	Total gate 1966/67	Average 1966/67	Difference from 1965/66
MANCHESTER UTD. ....	1	1,074,940	51,188	+12,420
SHEFFIELD WEDNY. ....	11	634,597	30,219	+ 7,853
NOTT.M. FOREST .....	2	656,925	31,282	+ 6,698
SOUTHAMPTON .....	19	536,070	28,527	+ 4,484
West Ham .....	16	615,697	29,319	+ 4,108
Everton .....	6	894,727	42,606	+ 3,620
Spurs .....	3	880,750	41,940	+ 3,488
Chelsea .....	9	731,511	34,834	+ 3,292
Fulham .....	18	513,028	24,430	+ 2,739
Manchester City .....	15	655,369	31,108	+ 2,514
W. B. Albion .....	13	490,190	23,342	+ 2,138
Leicester .....	8	513,717	24,863	+ 1,429
Stoke .....	12	544,584	25,932	+ 1,195
Sheffield Utd. ....	10	432,600	20,600	+ 1,164
Arsenal .....	7	634,230	30,200	+ 1,098
Blackpool .....	22	362,942	17,283	+ 997
Liverpool .....	5	994,160	47,341	+ 541
Burnley .....	14	430,666	20,508	— 561
Leeds .....	4	739,697	35,224	— 885
Aston Villa .....	21	454,195	21,628	— 1,708
Newcastle .....	20	673,781	32,085	— 2,757
Sunderland .....	17	666,347	31,731	—

### DIVISION II

	League position	Total gate 1966/67	Average 1966/67	Difference from 1965/66
BIRMINGHAM .....	10	415,751	19,797	+ 5,399
COVENTRY .....	1	621,303	29,585	+ 4,215
Ipswich .....	5	340,536	16,216	+ 3,743
Crystal Palace .....	7	380,102	18,100	+ 3,291
Wolverhampton .....	2	520,519	24,787	+ 2,426
Millwall .....	8	339,484	16,166	+ 2,188
Hull .....	12	519,394	24,733	+ 1,906
Derby .....	17	333,205	15,867	+ 1,716
Bolton W. ....	9	277,939	13,235	+ 1,230
Blackburn .....	4	309,136	14,711	+ 1,109
Plymouth .....	16	299,898	14,231	+ 1,064
Bury .....	22	169,588	8,076	+ 409
Charlton .....	19	264,835	12,611	+ 340
Preston .....	13	301,358	14,350	+ 327
Rotherham .....	18	217,233	10,344	+ 248
Portsmouth .....	14	311,453	14,832	+ 188
Norwich .....	11	313,851	14,945	— 78
Cardiff C. ....	20	215,439	10,259	— 346
Cardisle .....	3	235,187	11,199	— 1,468
Aristol C. ....	15	303,059	14,431	— 2,866
Huddersfield .....	6	312,986	14,904	— 3,418
Northampton .....	21	258,513	12,314	— 6,320

### DIVISION III

	League position	Total gate 1966/67	Average 1966/67	Difference from 1965/66
Q. P. RANGERS .....	1	302,614	13,157	+ 4,895
MIDDLESBROUGH .....	2	404,474	17,586	+ 4,136
Mansfield .....	9	179,393	7,799	+ 1,713
Surewbury .....	6	147,538	6,414	+ 1,298
Bristol R. ....	5	235,823	10,253	+ 1,247
Watford .....	3	200,666	8,725	+ 1,030
Oldham .....	10	228,624	9,940	+ 997
Torquay .....	7	159,909	6,953	+ 745
Colchester .....	13	128,055	5,568	+ 417
Southporpe .....	18	120,492	5,239	+ 58
Workington .....	24	61,281	2,664	— 599
Exeterborough .....	15	147,715	6,422	— 815
Walsall .....	11	150,593	6,548	— 944
Bournemouth .....	20	122,645	5,332	— 996
Walsall .....	12	190,826	8,297	— 999
Wrighton .....	19	271,051	11,785	— 1,013
Wendon .....	8	271,085	11,786	— 1,338
Warrington .....	22	151,583	6,591	— 1,361
Wimby .....	16	134,562	5,850	— 1,388
Wanasea .....	21	148,975	6,477	— 1,392
Weyton Orient .....	17	137,556	5,981	— 1,397
Oxford .....	14	170,326	7,405	— 2,332
Reading .....	4	151,739	6,597	— 2,359
Roncaster .....	23	172,805	7,514	— 3,070

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## ATTRACTIVE TOTTENHAM OUTPLAY CHELSEA

Tottenham 2, Chelsea 1

**T**OTTENHAM deserved to win the 1966/67 F.A. Cup and only a Chelsea follower would deny they were the more attractive team at Wembley.

The Chelsea intention was to contain Tottenham players Greaves, Gilzean, Mackay and Venables. "Stop them and you stop Tottenham" they were advised.

*Only Gilzean was given any freedom yet Tottenham won because their unconsidered players had the ability to take advantage of the gaps which were left.*

Right back Kinnear played as well as he has ever done. Mackay unselfishly stayed back and gave Mullery the licence to move upfield.

### The Tottenham habit

The goal chances went to Robertson and Saul and they took one apiece to give Spurs command for most of the game.

*Tambling's goal for Chelsea came too late to make any difference, except to give Chelsea a 1-2 scoreline which did not represent Tottenham superiority.*

Winning THE Cup has become a Tottenham habit. This was their third visit to Wembley in seven years and the third time they have paraded the trophy from Edmonton to Tottenham Town Hall.

They have the ability to go on and win the European Cup Winners Cup as they did four years ago.

For Chelsea there is at least the consolation of having achieved a final place after two successive semi-final failures.

**Scorers—Tottenham: Robertson, Saul. Chelsea: Tambling.**

## UP-TO-DATE CELTIC CONQUER EUROPE

**T**HE jubilation was understandable when Celtic of Glasgow became the first non-Latin team to win the European Cup.

There was less excuse for the conclusions drawn from the Scots success against Inter-Milan in Lisbon.

To call this a triumph for traditional Scottish football insults Celtic generally and their manager Jock Stein particularly.

Stein is a modern. He had seen for a dozen years that British football was out of date and that Scottish football lagged behind the English.

*Add to that his intense dislike of losing and the ability to convey his ideas and feelings to his players and the triumph becomes comprehensible.*

The other false conclusion drawn from Lisbon is that Celtic's win was a triumph for attack against "method" football.

### Spirit

Again Stein and his men are denigrated. True they plan for their moments of inspired opportunism but all individuality comes second to the basic team plan.

Celtic were defending in Lisbon as intensely as the Italian team. The difference was that their speed and spirit allowed them to do that defending in Inter-Milan's half of the field.

Inter-Milan, still caught up in fierce domestic competition (eventually they lost their Italian League Championship) and without injured forwards Jair and Suarez, could not force Celtic away.

They could not prevent Celtic from making overlapping moves almost to the goal-line on both wings and this was to prove decisive.

Yet with eighty per cent possession in Inter's half, Celtic

did not score the winning goal until five minutes from full time.

Possibly Helenio Herrera, Inter's famous manager, calculated that Celtic would be unable to maintain the remarkable pace they set from the start. In that case he too underestimated Stein. He will not make that mistake again.

The European Cup was the peak of Celtic's achievements. Since no British club had even reached the final of this competition in the past it must rate even above Tottenham's League and F.A. Cup double as the greatest of all club feats by a team from this country.

Celtic won the Scottish League, the League Cup and the Scottish F.A. Cup, too. In 64 games they scored 196 goals and conceded only 48.

The other great Glasgow club, Rangers, have not yet achieved their tactical revolution. Yet they reached the final of the European Cup-Winners Cup and were beaten only by an extra-time goal by Bayern Munich.

Rangers delay in changing a system which has brought an unbroken decade of domestic dominance is understandable.

They have now developed the defence which is the essential for success but have yet to achieve the stage where they can turn command into goals.

### In final

Bayern Munich were almost as toothless yet they showed they have their priorities in order. Young Beckenbauer, seen in the World Cup to be a talented attacking player, is positioned in defence for his club and spends most of his time behind a back line of four.

This is how to achieve success. Entertainment?—too often that is another question.

England's representatives in the two major European competitions achieved little. Liverpool were knocked out by the little considered Ajax of Amsterdam and Everton failed against Saragossa.

Leeds exploits in the Fairs' Cup were more cheering. They reached the final (to be played early in season 1967/68) and had to beat another Scottish club Kilmarnock at the semi-final stage.