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CLUBS THROW OUT NEW-DEAL PLAN

League Changes Look Remote

by John Camkin

WHILE attendances dropped again in the 1963-64 season the only changes made in the organisation of the game were those which were forced ones for one reason or another.

Thus the London Annual Meeting of the Football League in June refused point blank to contemplate the changes to its structure envisaged by the Management Committee. The proposals did not even get as far as the voting stage.

Indeed, nine of the members under the flag of Mr. Bob Lord, the Burnley Chairman, actually voted against the new players' contract—an amendment made as the result of a High Court ruling in the famous Eastham case.

The prospect of a reorganisation of the competition with a structure more suitable for the second half of the 20th century would appear now to be remote. There are too many factions carrying too many banners to reach universal agreement in the near future.

Nor did the destination of the Championship change greatly, moving only across Liverpool from Goodison Park to Anfield. As Tottenham Hotspur's long grip relaxed even more, Liverpool had no trouble in edging out their high-spending neighbours. In the process Merseyside was well and truly established as the football capital.

Liverpool are a solid and dedicated side and as worthy as champions as were Everton. But it remains to be seen if they have the imagination to bring honour to England's cause in Europe.

While the fine worth of the Champions remains to be tested, there is little doubt that the 1963-64 season was not a vintage one in the First Division. Indeed it might be that in the League competition, Liverpool were the only side to justify even the most modest hopes of their supporters. While Arsenal did improve slightly, Leicester City, Sheffield Wednesday, Aston Villa, Tottenham and Everton—who in fairness were upset by a string of injuries—were more disappointing than most.

Ipswich, Champions in 1962, completed a remarkable decline by sliding out of the First Division in company with Bolton Wanderers. Lucky Birmingham City promptly parted with manager Gilbert Merrick after performing their now familiar trick of escaping relegation in the final match of the season.

Tense Fight

Leeds United and Sunderland were promoted from the Second Division after a tense fight with Preston North End, themselves more than good enough for promotion in nine seasons out of ten. Each should maintain its new status with ease.

The Third Division Championship, so dead when Coventry City opened a nine points lead in January, became the most vigorous of all as City kept losing and Crystal Palace and Watford winning. Finally after dropping to third place, City regained their lead on goal average when they beat Colchester in front of 36,000 people on the last day of the season—and Palace, who also moved up, lost at home to Oldham.

Neither Everton in the European Cup nor Manchester United in the Cup Winners' Cup managed even to reach the final—although Everton were unfortunate to draw Milan—the ultimate winners—in the opening clash. It was typical of a season which was more enjoyable than outstanding.

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OUR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Bobby Moore (West Ham)

BOBBY MOORE, 23, is the personification of the new football era. He earns nomination as the personality of the year because of the manner in which he has borne the responsibilities of his position.

Added rewards mean inevitably, added burdens. Moore is the first of the great footballers to develop and reach maturity in the age of the unlimited wage.

In the past 12 months, he has established himself as a vital member of England's successful side, has become one of his country's youngest captains and has led his club to an F.A. Cup victory at Wembley.

Technically, Moore is not the perfect half-back yet. His mastery of the long, defence-splitting pass is not so complete as his ability to read a defensive situation and to seal a hole which might otherwise become a breach.

But, in his approach to football and its manifold problems, Moore has become the perfect example for every young man who might hope one day to establish himself in the realms of the £5,000-a-year player.



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THE FRONT COVER

Action picture of Jimmy Greaves England and Tottenham inside forward.

GRIMSBY—Keith Allen, forward, from Portsmouth.
HULL—Alan Jarvis, wing-half, from Everton; Dick Heath, forward, from Leicester.
IPSWICH—Frank Brogan, left-winger, from Celtic.
LINCOLN—Brian Jackson, right-winger, from Peterborough; Malcolm White, goalkeeper, from Walsall; Joe Jacques, half-back, from Preston.
LUTON—Billy Hails, winger, from Northampton.
MANCHESTER UNITED—Pat Dunne from Shamrock Rovers.
MANSFIELD—Gerald Graham, wing-half, from Peterborough; Geoff Anderson, forward, from Birmingham; Jim Cooper from Blackpool.
MIDDLESBROUGH—James Irvine, inside-forward, from Dundee Utd.
NORTHAMPTON—Harry Walden, winger, from Luton.
NOTTS COUNTY—Eddie Cavanagh, outside-right, from Cambuslang Rangers.
OLDHAM—Alan Lawson, wing-half, from Celtic.
PETERBOROUGH—Graham Birks, left-back, from Sheffield Wednesday; John Read, goalkeeper, from Sheffield Wednesday; Oliver Conny, inside-forward, from Huddersfield; Peter Deakin, inside-forward, from Bolton.
PORTSMOUTH—Cliff Portwood, forward, from Grimsby.
PRESTON—Tony Coleman, forward, from Tranmere.
ROCHDALE—John Turley, forward, from Peterborough.
SCUNTHORPE—Jim Ratcliffe from Blackburn; Jack Bannister, wing-half, from West Bromwich Albion.
SOUTHAMPTON—John Hollowbread, goalkeeper, from Tottenham.
SOUTHEND—Ian McKechnie, goalkeeper, from Arsenal.
SWANSEA—Ronnie Briggs, goalkeeper, from Manchester United.
SWINDON—Cliff Balsom, full-back, from Torquay; Keith East from Portsmouth.
TORQUAY—Bill Atkinson, inside-left, from Birmingham; Derek Panter, centre-forward, from Manchester City; Mick Somers, left-winger, from Chelsea.
TOTTENHAM—Cyril Knowles, full-back, from Middlesbrough; Pat Jennings, goalkeeper, from Watford.
TRANMERE—David Johnstone, full-back, from Stockport; George Sievwright, left-half, from Oldham; Jack Lornie, outside-right, from Carlisle.
WALSALL—John Leedham, centre-half, from Millwall; Terry Carling, goalkeeper, from Lincoln; Trevor West, full-back, from West Bromwich Albion.

Attendances

EVERTON RETAIN TOP HOME TEAM TAG

EVERTON retained their position as the team with the top average home attendance last season, and Manchester United replaced Tottenham as the team most people wanted to see as visitors.

Sunderland and Coventry also remained in top place for home gates in their respective divisions.

Southport at home, and Newport away in the Fourth Division are the least supported clubs.

These home and away tables are based on published attendance figures.

DIVISION 1

	HOME Pos'n	Average Att'd'ce	AWAY Pos'n	Average Att'd'ce	
Everton	3	49,380	Manchester Utd.	2	38,018
Liverpool	1	45,022	Tottenham	4	36,061
Manchester Utd.	2	43,663	Everton	3	30,704
Tottenham	4	43,474	Liverpool	1	30,435
Arsenal	4	34,797	Arsenal	8	30,155
Chelsea	5	30,907	Wolverhampton	16	28,527
Stoke	17	30,081	Stoke	17	27,964
West Ham	14	24,591	Burnley	9	26,458
Sheffield Wed.	6	24,226	W.B.A.	10	26,289
Leicester	11	24,148	Nottingham For.	13	25,911
Aston Villa	19	22,693	West Ham	14	25,854
Nottingham For.	13	22,213	Blackburn	7	25,814
Birmingham	20	21,993	Leicester	11	25,470
Wolverhampton	16	21,843	Chelsea	5	25,346
Sheffield Utd.	12	21,507	Sheffield Utd.	12	25,161
Blackburn	7	21,192	Sheffield Wed.	6	24,679
Fulham	15	21,048	Aston Villa	19	24,460
W.B.A.	10	20,739	Blackpool	18	24,237
Burnley	9	19,751	Birmingham	20	23,735
Bolton	21	16,835	Fulham	15	23,383
Blackpool	18	16,540	Bolton	21	22,831
Ipswich	22	15,945	Ipswich	22	21,105

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F. A. Cup

WEST HAM v. PRESTON IN TOP THREE

West Ham United...3, Preston North End...2.
(At Wembley, May 2nd, 1964).

ONLY twice in the whole history of the Second Division had a side won 56 points and failed to gain promotion. Birmingham in 1920 and, strangely, West Ham in 1935 now share the honours with Preston.

And few sides, if any, have ever played such fine football in a Cup Final at Wembley as did Preston—and finished without the precious trophy.

It is therefore small consolation to the men from Lancashire that their season will be remembered only by the fact that they shared the distinction of providing one of Wembley's best three post-war finals.

Indeed, remove the public reverence for Stanley Matthews which hung over the grey stadium when Blackpool and Bolton clashed in 1953, and the 1964 Final, as a football match, stands alongside the meeting between Manchester United and Blackpool in 1948.

Both West Ham from the First Division and Preston from the Second, deserve therefore the highest credit for restoring faith in Soccer's showpiece. This was a great final because each scorned negative tactics and nailed its flag to the masthead of attack.

The game, consequently, was a brilliant example of English football, midfield play curtailed to a minimum. The tally of goal-scoring attempts, 25 to 18 in Preston's favour, indicates both the extent of the excitement and the measure of Lancashire misfortune.

But it was a second-half change in tactics which ultimately earned victory for West Ham. Slack marking of Lawton, Preston's attacking half-back, led West Ham's defence into many errors in the first 45 minutes, particularly as centre-half Brown was also losing his duels in the air with the hefty Dawson.

A score of 2-1—Holden (10 mins.) and Dawson (40) for Preston and Sissons (11 mins.)—was a fair indication of the game's trend. The omens were not bright for West Ham.

Wisely, though, inside-forward Boyce kept a far tighter hold on Lawton after half-time and the whole West Ham defence marked their men more closely. When Hurst scored a slightly fortuitous goal from a corner-kick in the 52nd minute, his team were right in the picture.

Chances were wasted at both ends—Holden and Ashworth were particularly prodigal for Preston—before Wembley's most dramatic post-war climax came in the second minute of injury time. Hurst sent winger Brabrook away and his perfect cross to the far post was headed precisely home by Boyce.

Scorers: West Ham—Sissons, Hurst, Boyce. Preston—Holden, Dawson.

West Ham: Standen; Bond, Burkett; Bovington, Brown, Moore; Brabrook, Boyce, Byrne, Hurst, Sissons.

Preston: Kelly; Ross, Smith; Lawton, Singleton, Kendall; Wilson, Ashworth, Dawson, Spavin, Holden.

Referee: A. Holland (Barnsley).

First Round

Altrincham	0 0	Hull	2 3
Wrexham	0 3	Crewe	2 0
Barnsley	1	Kettering	1 3
Stockport	0	Millwall	1 2
Barrow	3	Maidenhead	0
Bangor	2	Bath	2
Bexley	1	Netherfield	6
Wimbledon	5	Loughborough U.	1
Bournemouth	1	Notts Co.	2
Bristol R.	3	Frickley	1
Bradford	3	Oldham	3
Heanor	1	Mansfield	2
Bradford C.	1	Oxford	2
Port Vale	2	Folkstone	0
Brentford	2 2	Peterborough	1 1
Margate	2 0	Watford	1 2*

Bridgwater	0	Q. P. Rangers	4
Luton	3	Gillingham	1
Brighton	0	Reading	2 4*
Colchester	1	Enfield	2 2
Cambridge U.	0	Rochdale	2
Chelmsford	1	Chorley	1
Chester	3	Southport	2
Blyth S.	2	Walsall	1
Corby	1	Sutton	0
Bristol C.	3	Aldershot	4
Crook	1	Tooting	1
Chesterfield	2	Gravesend	2
Crystal P.	8	Torquay	6
Harwich	2	Barnet	2
Darlington	1	Trowbridge	1
Gateshead	4	Coventry	6
Doncaster	3	Weymouth	1 0
Tranmere	0	Bedford T.	1 1
Exeter	2	Workington	4
Shrewsbury	1	Halifax	1
Hartlepool	0	Yeovil	1
Lincoln	1	Southend	0
Hereford	1 0	York	2
Newport	1 4	Carlisle	5

* After extra time.

Second Round

Barnsley	3	Luton	2
Rochdale	1	Reading	1
Brentford	1	Netherfield	1 1
Gravesend	0	Chesterfield	1 4
Carlisle	4	Newport	2
Gateshead	3	Watford	0
Chelmsford	0	Oldham	2
Bedford	1	Bradford	0
Chester	0	Oxford	2
Barrow	2	Kettering	1
Colchester	0	Port Vale	2
Q. P. Rangers	1	Workington	1
Coventry	1	Torquay	2
Bristol R.	2	Aldershot	3
Doncaster	1 2	Wimbledon	2 0
Notts Co.	1 1	Bath	2 4
Exeter	0	Wrexham	0
Bristol C.	2	Hull	2
Lincoln	2	Yeovil	3
Southport	0	Crystal P.	1

LEAGUE OF IRELAND 2, FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1

At Dublin, October 2, 1963

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: D'Arcy (Drumcondra); Keogh (Shamrock R.), W. Browne (Bohemians); Roberts (Shelbourne), Strahan (Shelbourne), Fullam (Shamrock R.); Fitzgerald (Waterford), Mooney (Shamrock R.), Bailham (Shamrock R.), Whelan (St. Patrick's Ath.), O'Connell (Shamrock R.).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Waiters (Blackpool); Armfield (Blackpool), Wilson (Huddersfield); Milne (Liverpool), Moore (West Ham), Peters (West Ham); Callaghan (Liverpool), Hunt (Liverpool), Byrne (West Ham), Melia (Liverpool), O'Grady (Huddersfield).

GOALS: League of Ireland: Bailham, Whelan; Football League: Byrne.
ATTENDANCE: 30,000.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2, SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2

At Sunderland, March 18, 1964

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Waiters (Blackpool); Cohen (Fulham), Thomson (Wolverhampton); Milne (Liverpool); Flowers (Wolverhampton), Moore (West Ham); Paine (Southampton), Greaves (Tottenham); Byrne (West Ham), Kay (Everton), Thompson (Liverpool).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Fursyth (Kilmarnock); Hamilton (Dundee), Kennedy (Celtic); Greig (Rangers), McNeil (Celtic), Baxter (Rangers); Johnstone (Celtic), Martin (Hibernian), McBride (Motherwell), Gilzean (Dundee), Wilson (Rangers).

GOALS: Football League: Byrne, Greaves; Scottish League: McBride, Martin.
ATTENDANCE: 9,513.

IRISH LEAGUE 2, LEAGUE OF IRELAND 2

At Belfast, April 15, 1964

IRISH LEAGUE: Kennedy (Distillery); Creighton (Glentoran), Campbell, Alan (Coleraine); McGeough (Derry C.), Campbell, Albert (Crusaders), Bruce (Glentoran); Smyth (Ballymena), Curly (Glentoran), Thompson (Glentoran), Johnston (Glentoran), Ferguson (Linfield).

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: D'Arcy (Drumcondra); Keogh (Shamrock R.), W. Browne (Bohemians); Roberts (Shelbourne), Strahan (Shelbourne), Fullam (Shamrock R.); Fitzgerald (Waterford), Mooney (Shamrock R.), Bailham (Shamrock R.), Whelan (St. Patrick's Ath.), Tuohy F. (Shamrock R.).

GOALS: Irish League: Johnston, Thompson; League of Ireland: Campbell Alan, o.g. Bailham.
ATTENDANCE: 7,000.

ITALIAN LEAGUE 1, FOOTBALL LEAGUE 0

At Milan, May 9, 1964

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ghezzi; Maldini, Castellotti; Guarneri, Picchi, Angelillo; Maroni, Suarez, Nielsen H., Haller, Barison.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Waiters (Blackpool); Cohen (Fulham), Thomson (Wolverhampton); Mullery (Tottenham), Norman (Tottenham), Flowers (Wolverhampton); Paine (Southampton), Hunt (Liverpool), Pickering (Everton), Charlton (Manchester Utd.), Thompson (Liverpool).

GOALS: Italian League: Suarez.
ATTENDANCE: 13,390.

European Cup

BRITAIN'S TOP CLUBS MAKE EARLY EXIT

THE 1964 European Cup was a further triumph for Helenio Herrera, now undoubtedly the highest paid executive in the history of football. He followed up his triumphs with Barcelona by leading Internazionale of Milan to victory in this competition.

In a disappointing final in Vienna, Real Madrid, the erstwhile champions, were beaten 3-1 by a blend of ultra defensive tactics and skilful, sharp break-away raids.

The undoubted control of men like Di Stefano and Puskas, no longer backed by the vigour of youth was insufficient to upset a defensive system which often called seven defenders and not infrequently eight, to the fringe of Milan's penalty area.

This Italian efficiency had ended any English hopes of grandeur back in the first round when Everton's gallant fight failed to produce dividends. It was indeed a black year for Britain. Not a single representative survived the first round.

For the second consecutive year England's champions had fallen to an Italian club. Ipswich Town went the way of Everton earlier and for prestige reasons the situation which was never bright had become serious.

In Everton's case especially a club who had ability sufficient to reach the semi-finals had failed to find its true form in Europe.

No longer could English clubs maintain that European competitions are unimportant compared to our domestic League programme. Continued failure was serving now to convince the English follower that even our best teams are second-rate compared to those of Italy, Spain and even Portugal.

SPORTING CLUB WIN TOUGH FINAL

BRITAIN held bright hopes of success in the European Cup Winners' Cup. Either Manchester United or Celtic, it appeared might join Tottenham Hotspur on the pedestal of clubs who have won a major continental competition.

But the later stages were more than disappointing. Glasgow Celtic who had already beaten two Iron Curtain sides, Zagreb and Bratislava, fell in the Semi-Final to M.T.K. Budapest, who on form were no stronger.

And Manchester United, approaching a pre Munich confidence beat Tottenham before building up a three goal lead against Sporting Lisbon at Old Trafford.

Even this margin, though, was insufficient to weather the storms of the English soccer calendar. United had to play an F.A. Cup Semi-Final against West Ham United four days before the return match in Portugal.

Defeat in England produced depression clearly present in Lisbon, and Sporting, who have taken over the mantle of Benfica, scored five goals with no answer from Denis Law and his men.

Sporting duly became the winners after a tough Final against M.T.K. Budapest. One is tempted to question the wisdom of a system which asks United to risk England's reputation in Europe so soon after a vital domestic match.

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CUP WINNERS' CUP FOR SPORTING CLUB

Second Round	Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals	Final
Celtic.....3 1	Celtic.....1 1	Celtic.....3 0	M.T.K. Budapest 1 0
Dynamo Zagreb (Yugosl.).....0 2	Celtic.....0 0	Celtic.....0 0	
Borough Utd. (Wales).....0 0	Slovan.....0 0		
Slovan Bratislava (Czecho.).....1 3			
Motor Zwickau (E. Germ.).....1 0	M.T.K. Budapest 2 1 1	M.T.K. Budapest ..0 3	
M.T.K. Budapest (Hungary).....0 2	Fenerbahce ..0 3		
Fenerbahce (Turkey).....4 0			
Linfield.....1 2			
Barcelona (Spain).....4 0 2	Hamburg ... 1 0		
Hamburg (Germany).....4 0 3			
Olympiakos (Greece).....1 2	Lyons1 2	Lyons0 1 0	
Lyons (France).....4 1			
Tottenham.....2 1	Manchester U 4 0		Sporting Club ...3*1 (At Brussels, replay at Antwerp).
Manchester Utd.0 4	Sporting Club 0 1 1		
Sporting Club, Lisbon (Port.) 16 2	Sporting Club 1 5		
Apoel Nicosia (Cyprus)1 0			

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1960-61 Fiorentina (Italy) beat Rangers 4-1 on aggregate.
 E. 1961-62 Atletico (Madrid) beat Fiorentina (Italy) 3-0 (after 1-1 draw).
 1962-63 Tottenham beat Atletico (Madrid) 5-1.