



## Title information



**1953**

Life in Football Seventy Years Ago

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### Key features

- Why Queen Elizabeth II's coronation year was an extraordinary one in British football
- Draws on new research and archive material to bring us original insights into how life was in football in 1953
- Exhaustive coverage of every division's season and details on the matches that mattered
- Explores the lives and achievements of all the year's key players, managers and personalities
- Blow-by-blow account of the England v Hungary match and the political background to the game
- Thrilling accounts of the Coronation Cup, fought out between England and Scotland's top teams
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

*1953* offers a unique snapshot of life in and around football during Queen Elizabeth II's coronation year – exploring the matches, personalities and events that lit up the game. Wembley saw its most exciting FA Cup Final ever with Stanley Matthews finally lifting the trophy. The top flight witnessed its closest-ever finish, and internationally the Mighty Magyars gave England a footballing lesson, as did Uruguay and an Argentina XI on their South American tour. Sheffield Wednesday's star striker Derek Dooley tragically lost a leg after a double fracture turned gangrenous, and exasperated players went on strike over the unfairness of the contract system and the maximum wage. Others travelled to Colombia in a bid to make mega-money in a FIFA-banned rebel league. Many negotiated the first-ever image rights deals and endorsed everything from football boots and Lucozade to cigarettes and paint. In a fitting tribute to the new queen, eight of England and Scotland's best teams would clash in a one-off tournament to mark the start of Elizabeth II's reign, the Coronation Cup.

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