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THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Any England fixture against Les Bleus captures the imagination but with France hosting next summer's European Championship, tonight's Wembley's clash takes on a special significance.

For England, the match offers an opportunity to put on a show for the fans who have already enjoyed a faultless Qualifying display for Euro 2016 – with Roy Hodgson's men making history by completing a perfect ten out of ten in Group E.

In doing so, they became just the fifth national team in history to repeat the feat, and that won't have gone unnoticed by the visitors, who will be among the favourites for next summer's tournament.

England rounded off their campaign with a comprehensive 3-0 win over Lithuania in Vilnius as Hodgson's young and vibrant side showed the kind of attacking edge that will mark them out as one of the teams to be wary of in next month's Euro 2016 draw.

The French, meanwhile, have recorded recent impressive wins over Denmark away in Copenhagen and Armenia and Serbia in Nice and Bordeaux respectively.

Les Bleus, of course, have history when it comes to performing well at major tournaments on home soil. Aimee Jacquet's side beat Brazil 3-0 in Paris to win the 1998 World Cup and spark country-wide celebrations across the Channel.

They also won the 1984 European

Championship, with a side containing greats such as Michel Platini, Jean Tigana and Alain Giresse, beating Spain 2-0 in the Final at the Parc des Princes in the French capital.

Like England, France boast a wealth of young talent, with Paul Pogba and Anthony Martial spearheading the next generation of French football stars. There are also some other familiar faces on show, with Arsenal's Olivier Giroud and Crystal Palace's Yohan Cabaye just two of the ten Premier League-based players in Didier Deschamps's squad.

Aimee Jacquet's side beat Brazil 3-0 in Paris to win the 1998 World Cup

For England, this evening's match offers them a chance to record their first win against France on home soil since 1992. Then, goals from a young Alan Shearer and Gary Lineker sealed a 2-0 win against a developing French side that included the likes of Jean-Pierre Papin and Eric Cantona.

Since then England have lost their last two Wembley clashes with the French, the most recent coming in November 2010 when goals from Karim Benzema and Mathieu Valbuena secured a 2-1 win, England's late consolation coming from Peter Crouch (see page 59).

Reversing recent fortunes this evening would send Hodgson's side into the winter break with a spring in their step.

ENGLAND IN POT ONE FOR EURO DRAW

England's perfect record in Euro

qualification has taken them up to third in UEFA's co-efficient rankings and secured a place as one of the top seeds in the draw for the Finals of Euro 2016.

They will be in Pot One for the draw in Paris on Saturday 12 December, alongside Spain, Germany, Portugal and Belgium.

Tonight's opponents France, as hosts, are automatically placed in position one in Group A next summer, which means they will not figure in the draw and already know they will play the tournament's opening game at the Stade de France on Friday 10 June.

Fifteen nations have already guaranteed places at the Finals, with the last nine spots to be filled after this week's play-offs. The Finals will see the 24 teams split into six groups of four, playing at ten venues – Bordeaux, Lens, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nice, Paris, Saint-Denis, Saint-Etienne and Toulouse.



The six group winners, six group runners-up and the four best third-placed teams will progress to the knockout round of 16, with the Final taking place back where it all began – the Stade de France – on Sunday 10 July.

THE BARBER

FA Historian David Barber

was a teenager when he first walked through the doors of The Football Association's old offices at 22 Lancaster Gate way back in 1970, a few weeks after the Mexico World Cup. In those days he worked in the International Department with three other people – one of whom was England's World Cup-winning manager Sir Alf Ramsey.

"Sir Alf still lived in Ipswich but would come into the office most days. His desk was only a few feet from mine," recalled Barber. "I would make him a cup of tea on his arrival – milk, no sugar, and always in a pea-green cup and saucer – and he would often

start the day by checking all the match reports in the newspapers to see who had played well."

Since then The Barber, as he is affectionately called by his colleagues, has worked in various departments at Lancaster Gate, Soho Square and now Wembley Stadium, and also managed The FA's library.

A grassroots fanatic, most days David can be seen at grounds around London, the Midlands and the south-coast, as well as occasional trips further afield to Liverpool and the north-east. He is fast approaching 7,000 games and his adventures have been the subject of a regular feature on TheFA.com.



David's current role is in the communications department where he works alongside the content team and, among other things, writes for this programme. But tomorrow signals the end of a glorious career as he says goodbye to The FA and heads off for retirement to watch even more football matches. Good luck David and thanks for everything.

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

18.30 General Admission turnstiles open, selection of music, general announcements

18.30-18.45

Teams arrive at the Stadium

18.45-19.05

Marching display on pitch by the Band of the Coldstream Guards

19.15-19.45

Players warm-up, England and France crests paraded around the pitch

Teams enter the arena, accompanied by player escorts

19.45 National flags paraded by the 1st Battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment and The Royal Air Force

19.55 National Anthems performed by the Band of the Coldstream Guards

Fair Play Handshake, Team photos, Exchange of Captains' pennants, Coin toss

20.00 Kick-off

20.45 Half-time

Vauxhall penalty shootout First-half highlights

21.00 Second half

21.45 Full-time.

Match highlights

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AN ENGLISHMAN IN PARIS

France are considered one of the world's best teams. And Englishman Sid Kimpton can lay claim to having played his part in getting them there...

When France ran out to meet Austria at the Stadio Benito Mussolini on May 27 1934, Hertfordshire-born George 'Sid' Kimpton created World Cup history – becoming the first Englishman to be involved in the fledgling World Cup.

To the east on the same day, this time in world's fashion capital, Milan, another coach from these shores, Bob Glendenning, an FA Cup winner with Barnsley in 1912, was leading the Dutch against Switzerland, but it was the involvement of Kimpton against Austria's fabled 'Wunderteam' that captured the imagination.

The globetrotting former Southampton star is listed on FIFA's review of the 1934 tournament as the head coach of the French national team but remains something of a mysterious figure in the history of the game across the Channel.

What's clear, though, is that he played a key role in helping the development of the game in France,

becoming a key figure for both the national team and for one of the country's biggest clubs during that period, Racing Club Paris.

France's assignment against Hugo Meisl's side, commonly regarded as one of the best in the world in the 1930s, couldn't have been tougher. As England had already found to their cost, though, French football was gradually asserting itself on the continent.

In six matches, all away from home, before May 1931, England had handed their hosts a hiding. The aggregate score in those

matches stood at 25-6 in England's favour. Few expected that to change as England headed to Paris's Stade Olympique for a late spring meeting that would provide one of European football's great shocks.

"Our team has no hope of winning," wrote Gabriel Hanot, the respected French journalist on the eve of the match. In *Football Nemesis*, which examined English football's relationship with Europe in the pre- and immediate post-war period, Brian Glanville wrote: "The French crowd, he (Hanot) said, looked forward to an English demonstration of the finer points of

At the time, Hertfordshire-born Kimpton was working across that continent, cutting a nomadic presence in Eastern Europe, working in both Czechoslovakia and Poland before spells at Le Havre and, briefly, Coventry City.

He then caught the eye of the French Football Federation, who were keen to enlist his help for the country's second shot at World Cup glory. France's first, in the inaugural tournament in Uruguay, had ended in disappointment, with a 4-1 win over Mexico followed up by defeats to South American opposition in the form of Argentina and Chile.

Now, with the 1934 tournament operating a straight knockout format, France found themselves facing the most daunting prospect imaginable. Austria and their star-studded line-up built around captain Matthias Sindelar, were one of the favourites for a tournament held in the shadow of Italy's notorious fascist dictatorship – and Kimpton's France were expected to provide nothing more than a flimsy obstacle in Turin.

The Austrians, though, had reckoned without the tactical nous of Kimpton, who intended to ensure that Sindelar's influence on the game was nullified by the robust presence of midfielder Georges Verriest. According to a book celebrating a century of French football *100 ans de football*, which was published in 1982, Kimpton instructed Verriest to follow Sindelar everywhere – "even to the toilet!"

When Rouen's Jean Nicholas opened the scoring, it looked as

though the Englishman had pulled a masterstroke. Unfortunately for Kimpton and his side, however, the elusively magnificent Sindelar escaped his shadow on the stroke of half-time to equalise. The score remained locked at 1-1 at 90 minutes, forcing another historic first – extra time at a World Cup. Goals from Anton Schall and the prolific Josef Bican then did for Les Bleus, who scored a late consolation goal through that man Verriest.

The Wunderteam would reach the semi-finals – losing out 1-0 to eventual winners Italy – but France returned home to a heroes' welcome following their performance. Kimpton then left his role, with mixed reviews.

"Although his tactical contribution earned him acclaim, his approach did not always endear him to the Frenchman in charge of the national team," wrote Gary Chalk, Duncan Holley and David Bull in *All the Saints: A Complete Who's Who of Southampton FC*.

His involvement, however, did provide a springboard for a successful coaching career in French club football. Kimpton won the double with Racing Club Paris in 1936 and, after being interned by the Germans in the French capital during the Second World War, he led Rouen to the French war-time championship.

He eventually returned to England in 1964, just two years before his home country lifted the Jules Rimet Trophy at Wembley. France would have to wait slightly longer for their moment of glory in 1998. By then, though, Kimpton's place in the football folklore of both nations had been assured.

Kimpton (above right) with the French team, made his name as a bustling Saints striker (right) before winning the Coupe de France with Racing Club Paris (below right)



After leaving the France post, in 1936 Kimpton won the league and cup double with Racing Club Paris, seen here taking on Chelsea in a friendly during that season

play, while he hoped England would remind it that the charge was still an element of football."

As it was, France tore England to shreds. Les Bleus putting five past Huddersfield's Hugh Turner, despite Sammy Crooks giving the away side the lead after 10 minutes. It was, in the words of the German football paper, *Der Kicker*, "like a bombshell over the Continent".



ORANJE: BOOM!

Tonight is the next step in a series of tests for the Three Lions, with Germany and Netherlands up next

After tonight's game England are not back in action again until March, when Euro 2016 will be just around the corner. And what better way to prepare for the tournament than by taking on two of the semi-finalists from the 2014 World Cup in Brazil?

On Saturday 26 March, Roy's boys head to Berlin to face the current World champions Germany before heading back here to Wembley Stadium three days later when they will entertain Netherlands.

The Dutch reached the last four of the 2014 World Cup before losing out to Argentina on penalties, but their Euro 2016 qualification campaign was one to forget. Netherlands missed out on a place in France after losing five of their ten Group A games to finish fourth behind Czech Republic, Iceland and Turkey.

Nevertheless, Danny Blind's team will still provide a tough test next March and tickets for the fixture are already on sale.

It will be the 20th meeting between the Three Lions and the Oranje, with the last being at Wembley in February 2012. On that occasion, Arjen Robben's injury-time winner completed a 3-2 victory for the Dutch.

England's overall record against Holland stands at five wins, nine draws and five defeats.

The game in March will come just three months before the 20th

anniversary of the Three Lions' last victory over Holland and one of the most memorable games at Wembley Stadium.

It was 18 June 1996 and an emerging England side, managed by Terry Venables, battered the much-fancied Dutch 4-1 in their third group fixture at Euro 96. At the time they called it "Orange Night" because of all the orange hats and scarves worn by the visiting fans in a crowd close to 77,000.

Holland boasted the likes of Dennis Bergkamp, Patrick Kluivert, Edgar Davids and the de Boer brothers in their ranks – but from the moment England took the lead, there was a sense that this would be the rampant hosts' night – and how.

It was Teddy Sheringham who sparked the Three Lions into life on a balmy evening, releasing the ball to Steve McManaman in the inside-right channel. Paul Ince surged into the box, using his instep to flick the ball on, and was sent flying by a Dutch defender. Alan Shearer slammed home the spot-kick. 1-0.

Early in the second half, England had a dreamlike 11 minutes in which they scored three times. Paul Gascoigne swung in a corner from the left and Sheringham found enough power with his header to beat Edwin van der Sar. Then Gazza helped to create the next, laying the ball on a plate for Sheringham. The Spurs man feinted to shoot and



cleverly diverted it to Shearer who drove it in with awesome force.

The Dutch dismay was complete as Sheringham notched his second and England's fourth after the 'keeper had pushed out Darren Anderton's effort. Substitute Kluivert later scored the consolation goal that kept Holland in the competition while England marched on to a quarter-final meeting with Spain. It was a game, and a summer, that will live long in the memories of England supporters.

To make sure you don't miss out on tickets for the next **England v Holland** game, visit TheFA.com/tickets to buy online or call **0844 847 2010**. Disabled supporters can call **0800 389 1966**.

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PETER SHILTON

(Aged 40 in 1990)

First capped in 1970, he was captain at Italia '90 where he kept three clean sheets, taking his total in World Cup Finals to a record 10.



STUART PEARCE

(37 in 1999) The thundering tackler was a hero at Euro '96, converting a penalty and making up for Italia '90 woes.



LESLIE COMPTON

(38 in 1950) First League match in 1932, first cap in 1950 as England's oldest debutant since 1873.



JACK CHARLTON

(35 in 1970) World Cup winner who scored six goals for England. Got a clean sheet in his last match, at the 1970 World Cup.



EPH LONGWORTH

(35 in 1923) Crazy hair, unreal stamina, even in his last international, a 2-2 draw in Scotland.



TOM FINNEY

(36 in 1958) His last goal, in 1958, made him the first to score 30 for England.



BILLY WRIGHT

(35 in 1959) Lionheart defender and the first player from any country to win 100 caps and captain a team in three World Cups.



FRANK LAMPARD

(36 in 2014) Scored a record nine penalties among his 29 goals in 106 matches for England.



STANLEY MATTHEWS

(42 in 1957) England's oldest-ever player and goalscorer with a 22-year scoring span.



TEDDY SHERINGHAM

(36 in 2002) Two-goal star of Euro '96 who also played at the 2002 World Cup Finals.



BILLY WALKER

(35 in 1932) Fast and skilful, England's most capped player in the 1920s, recalled after five years as captain in a win over Austria's 'Wunderteam'.

FANS! FANS! FANS!



The Three Lions will be supported by a group of young lion cubs tonight. Players and parents from Meadow Youth Lions Under-8s from Chelmsford in Essex will be roaring England on against France as they visit Wembley for the first time. The team and manager Daniel Chernanko are enjoying their first season and growing in every match. Enjoy the game tonight boys!



What a way to start for Rafi Posner who is here tonight to watch his first ever match as he celebrates his eighth birthday. Have great day and enjoy your 'debut' – Lots of love from Mummy and Daddy xxx



On a night of firsts, Daniel Newman is here to see his first England game. It's a surprise visit for his 25th birthday with his fiancée Sophie Knight. So seeing his name in the programme will be another one! Enjoy the match Daniel and Sophie

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