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Congratulations

To our wonderful Lionesses, Champions of Europe!

*From the Senior Tigers to the young Lionesses we send our Congratulations, for not just the Final victory but for a fantastic tournament. England scored more goals than in any previous Finals, and just 2 goals conceded in six matches. Record attendances and no rolling on the pitch when someone caught one of them, just good, honest and successful football. England have the Player of the Tournament, the Golden Boot and the European Trophy. Football has come home! Let's hope that at grass roots their game will develop. Let's get ready to back our own **Hull City Ladies!** Well done to our Lionesses and 3 cheers for our Tigresses.*

MEMORABILIA TEAM ARTICLE

Origins of Football & Ebenezer Cobb Morley

Last month I wrote about the origins of Hull City and how local football and Rugby League helped the formation of our club. Following on from that I thought it appropriate to give more detail on the formation and development of the game itself.

Games involving a ball have a long history and games similar to football have been played for hundreds of years but the modern game is relatively new. Football in its current form arose in the middle of the 19th century. Other versions had been around for a long time before that. Team games involving a ball have appeared in many former cultures. 3000 years ago a Mesoamerican culture is believed to have had a game with a ball made of rubber. The Aztecs also had various versions.

The first known game involving kicking took place in China in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC. Their ball was made of leather segments stitched together and filled with fur or feathers. A similar game was developed in Japan. While emigrants to Australia found the Aboriginal Australians playing a game with a ball made of leaves and roots. A leather ball filled with hair is known to have existed in Ancient Greece. The Romans also had a ball game, but in neither culture did the games appear in their famous sports arena events.

The Romans probably brought their ball games to Europe and the British Isles (Britannica) but what influence they had is unknown. In 12th Century England, a game resembling football took place in meadows and on roads and involved lots of people and was often rough and violent. There was an equivalent in Florence in Italy. This pastime caused damage to towns, injury and sometimes death to players, so it was banned for several centuries. However, in the 17th Century, a similar football-like game returned to the streets of London but was banned in 1835. At the same time, a similar game was being established in Public Schools. It involved the handling of a ball and was the start of what we know as Rugby. Rugby School and Eton developed their own rules with Rugby School being like Rugby and was called "the running game", whereas the Eton game used feet and was known as "the dribbling game". An attempt to write proper rules for these games took place in Cambridge in 1848, without success.

However, in 1863 a major step forward took place when the first Football Association was formed. There is a very good drama on Netflix that portrays the story of the formation of the modern game. The drama is called The English Game and well worth a look. There were still many variations of the rugby and football games. Different rules were applied in different areas

and even the styles of play differed greatly between England and Scotland. The game of football had largely been played in Public Schools but with industrialisation large groups of people were drawn to the towns and cities for work and took up the sport for recreation. Churches also got involved and soon clubs were formed. These clubs gradually took control, paying wages to attract the best talent and so started the transition which is still ongoing today. The game spread internationally, spectators watched in large numbers, competitions and cups were played for and money became the big influencer.

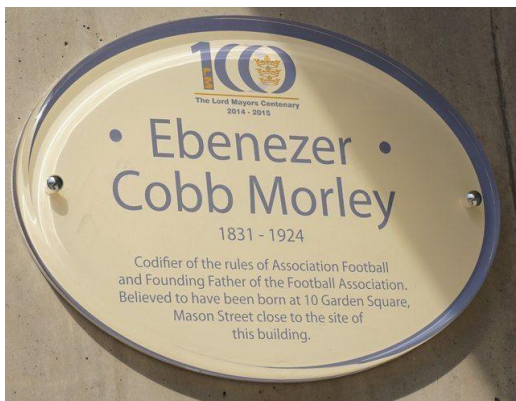
It is suggested that the first club was formed in Edinburgh in 1824 but the accepted belief is that Sheffield FC was the first club in the world, being formed in 1855 and the oldest professional club is Notts County, which was formed in 1862 and both still exist today.

As we know Hull City didn't arrive on the scene until 1904 but someone from Hull had a great influence on the game as we know it today. As stated above the FA was established in 1863 with the help of a man from Hull called **Ebenezer Cobb Morley**. He is regarded as the "Father of Football". Ebenezer was born on 16 August 1831 at 10 Garden Square, Princess Street. His father was a local Nonconformist minister. Ebenezer qualified as a solicitor in 1854 and moved to London in 1858 with his wife Hannah Cobb. He formed Barnes FC in 1862.



He suggested that football should have a set of rules in the same way the MCC had for cricket. The suggestion was published in a newspaper and before long he was part of a group that formed the Football Association. He became the secretary and was asked to draft the rules of football. He continued in the role until 1866 when he resigned. A major factor being he objected to FA member clubs playing under other rules and also said the pressure of work as a solicitor was too much. He continued as a committee member and also became President and had the honour of presenting the FA Cup at the first FA Cup Final. He was a busy man with other interests, these included Rowing and Fox Hunting. He was also an Agent for an

MP, a member of Surrey County Council and a Justice of the Peace.



Lord Mayor's Centenary Plaque in Hull

He died of pneumonia in 1924 and is buried in an abandoned graveyard in Barnes. His legacy, apart from the great work he did for football, is that the house at 26 The Terrace, Barnes, in which he drafted the FA Laws, carried a Blue Plaque. Unfortunately the property collapsed in 2015 during building work.



The plaque in London

A few years ago Hull City Council recognised that he was a very influential son of the City and a Blue Plaque was installed at the Hull History Centre. A great man in football, not always remembered for what he achieved but we in Hull should be proud of what he did for the "Beautiful Game".

Tony Conway.

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For a bit of fun you can Google Ebenezer Cobb Morley Google Doodle and see the animated Google Doodle issued on his birthday (2018)

LAUGHING OUT LOUD (LOL)

Farmer: "Isn't it wonderful how the little chicks get out of their shells?"

City visitor: "Indeed. But what gets me is how they get in there in the first place!"

Mother in a Storm

One summer evening, during violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mummy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said, "I have to sleep with your daddy. "A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big coward."

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Senior Tigers'



Thursday, 4th August

1.45 pm - in the Dug Out

plus an Interview with City's Goalkeeper



MATT INGRAM

from Wycombe Wanderers to QPR and then to the Tigers in 2019.

Members who have already paid their £10 membership fee will be able to collect their new membership card.