



Corinthian-Casuals Football Club

The History of the Corinthians



The team that toured in 1910

The Corinthians were founded in 1882 by N.L."Pa" Jackson, Asst. Hon. Sec. of the Football Association. His aim was to develop a club side capable of challenging Scotland at international level.

Within four years, calling on the best amateurs from the public schools and universities, there were nine Corinthians in the England team. Twice, the national squad consisted of all Corinthian players. The Corinthians went on to challenge some of the top professional teams in the land including, in 1904, beating Manchester United 11 - 3, still their worst defeat.

They also took football round the world, touring in South Africa, Canada, the United States, South America and across Europe, including Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Denmark and Germany.

In 1910, after a visit to Sao Paulo in Brazil, the locals were so impressed they founded a Corinthians of their own, now Corinthians Paulista, one of the most successful clubs in South America; in 2012 they beat Chelsea to become the current World Club Champions.

Real Madrid, and some say the English National Team, play in white shirts and navy shorts partly in tribute to the Corinthians.

Corinthians in the Cup

This was the first time Corinthians had entered the FA Cup.



Brighton v Corinthian Casuals Cup tie:
January 22, 1923

Over a ten year period in the 1920's the Corinthians' cup matches against the professionals caught the imagination of the footballing public and drew extraordinary crowds:

- 45,000 at Stamford Bridge in 1923 against Brighton and Hove Albion
- 50,000 at West Bromwich in 1924
- 30,000 in 1926 against Manchester City
- 40,000 at Maine Road for the replay
- 60,000 in 1930 at Stamford Bridge for a midweek replay against Millwall
- 56,000 in 1927 against Newcastle. This game was only the second game covered live by BBC Radio.

In 1930, after the Corinthians has beaten the Swiss Cup holders, Young Boys of Berne, by 7-1, the local paper, Der Kicker' wrote:

"The Corinthians were superior in control of the ball, trapping and passing, body control, lightening starts and speed on the run. The tactical subtleties of the game, carried out in worthy, clean sporting and almost youthful joy, were dainties for the connoisseur."

The History of the Casuals



The Casuals were founded in 1883 with a membership restricted to the Old Boys of three public schools, Charterhouse, Eton and Westminster, although that was soon changed to include all ex-public school and university players.

Casuals were a strong force in the early amateur game, runners up in the first FA Amateur Cup Final in 1894, founders members of the Isthmian League in 1905, first holders of the A.F.A Senior Cup in 1907, winners of the Amateur Cup in 1936.

"Casuals' victory in the Amateur Cup Final came after beating Ilford 2 - 0 in a replay before 28,000 at West Ham after a 1 - 1 draw at Crystal Palace. It was crowned by a civic reception in Kingston.

W.H. "Tagge" Webster, one of the goal scorers, later became President of Corinthian-Casuals. Centre half Bernard Joy also played for Arsenal and later that season was chosen for England against Belgium, the last amateur to gain a full England cap."

History of the Casuals

Founder Member of the Isthmian League and the Southern Amateur League

1884/85 F.A.Cup 1st Round

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1887/88 F.A. Cup 1st Round London Senior Cup Finalists

1888/89 London Senior Cup Finalists

1890/91 London Charity Cup Winners

1892/93 London Senior Cup Finalists

1893/94 Amateur Cup Finalists London Charity Cup Winners

1894/95 London Senior Cup Finalists

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1896/97 London Charity Cup Winners

1900/01 London Charity Cup Winners

1903/04 London Charity Cup Winners

1904/05 London Charity Cup Winners

1907/08 A.F.A. Senior Cup Winners

1908/09 A.F.A. Senior Cup Finalists

1912/13 A.F.A. Senior Cup Winners

1929/30 Surrey Senior Cup Winners

1935/36 Amateur Cup Winners

1936/37 Isthmian League Runners-up

The Corinthian Spirit

“As I understand the breed, he is one who has not merely braced his muscles and developed his endurance by the exercise of some great sport, but has, in the pursuit of that exercise, learnt to control his anger, to be considerate to his fellow men, to take no mean advantage, to resent as dishonour the very suspicion of trickery, to bear aloft a cheerful countenance under disappointment, and never to own himself defeated until the last breath is out of his body”

NL ‘Pa’ Jackson – Founder Corinthians FC

When penalties were first introduced in 1891, Corinthian C.B.Fry called the new law: *“a standing insult to sports men to have to play under a rule which assumes that players intend toe tip, hack and push opponents and to behave like cads of the first kidney”*.

Penalties!



There is a famous story that once, on the second South African Tour in 1903, the referee adjudged one of their players to have committed a foul in the penalty area and such was the ignominy, the Corinthian goalkeeper stood to one side to give the opposing team a free shot.

Less well known and almost 100 years later is the tale of the Corinthian-Casuals' Schools X1 who, in 1999 against Bembridge School in the Isle of Wight, were awarded a penalty that several thought was harsh. Rod Haider, captain and one-time England Amateur captain, gently kicked the ball into the hands of the goalkeeper!