

## IV. Scotland

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In 1890, the Scottish Football League established organized competitive matches between top-level clubs, and 3 years later, professionalism was officially recognized. By 1915, over 20 major clubs had adopted limited liability company status; shareholders and boards of directors had replaced members and club committees. An examination of the membership before and after the acceptance of company status revealed that the members remained overwhelmingly local. However, there was a

significant shift of domination from the manual working class to proprietors and employers, with those in the drink trade most prominent. Nevertheless, manual workers comprised almost half of all shareholders, and held about one-quarter of the shares; they also retained some influence in club policy. There was some continuity between the old club committee and the new board of directors. Class relationships in wider Scottish society do not appear to have been totally replicated within the soccer clubs. Based on primary and secondary sources; 22 notes; 4 tables.

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