

II. United Kingdom

II-1 Lewis, Robert W. "The Genesis of Professional Football: Bolton-Blackburn-Danven, the Centre of Innovation, 1878-85." *The International Journal of the History of Sport*, 14, no. 1 (April 1997), 21-54.

Much of the professionalization of association football in England prior to 1885 may be traced to the Lancashire area. That professionalization was accepted by Lancashire was evidenced by a willingness to break from the Football Association to create an openly professionalized league. Instead of espousing the amateur ethos, the Football Association engaged in various illicit activities to acquire the best talent. Professional football's popularity spread quickly, creating local rivalries and loyalties with its exciting play. Based on primary and secondary sources; includes 64 notes.

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II-2 Sheard, K. G. "'Breakers Ahead!' Professionalization and Rugby Union Football: Lessons from Rugby League." *The International Journal of the History of Sport*, 14, no. 1 (April 1997), 116-37.

Rugby League football dealt with issues of professionalism; middle-class organizers used the league as a means of social control, dispelling labor-class discontent through the distraction of football. Organizers lacked public school educations and the concomitant amateur ideal. They balanced the economic viability of professionalism with the utility of football as a means of social control. The game form was studied to make it more attractive to spectators. Based on primary and secondary sources; includes 50 notes.

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