

WORLD CUP WILLIE SAYS...

F AVOURITISM is a mixed blessing. At least, that is what teams with their eyes on the World Cup next year seem to think. Have you noticed, for example, how many of the spokesmen for the various countries tend to plump for somebody else to win the trophy?

If you listened to all of them and took a consensus of opinion, you would almost certainly come up with England as favourites to carry off the World Cup at Wembley on

July 30 next.

Their reasoning is logical enough. Host nations invariably do well. Since the war, for example, only one host country has failed to reach the semi-finals—Switzerland in 1954.

Those same spokesmen seldom fail to point out that, while they are not just advocating success for the home country on the score of visitors being pleasant to their hosts, the one thing they wish to do more than anything else is to ensure that the mantle of favouritism is shifted from them.

They all want to be underdogs, to give the impression of coming from behind to win. Yes, that even includes Brazil, winners of the trophy in Sweden in 1958 and Chile in 1962, and now bidding for outright possession of the Cup by registering a hat-trick.

HE'S IN CHARGE

MR. JIM FINNEY, 41-year-old brewery representative from Hereford, was appointed to the Football League list in 1959 and in six years has achieved the game's highest refereeing honours, with International matches, European Cup-ties and the 1962 F.A. Cup Final (Tottenham v. Burnley) among his distinctions.

Born at St. Helens, Lancashire, Mr. Finney graduated to Football League status via the Birmingham League and Southern League. His other sporting hobby apart from soccer is bowls—he has appeared seven times in the E.B.A. Championships.

Chelsea v. Leicester City Past League Results

Season	Home	Away	Season 1	Home	Away
1905-06	3-3	1-0	1937-38	4-1	0-1
1906-07	1-0	1-1	1938-39	3-0	2-3
1908-09	1-0	2-5	1954-55	3-1	1-1
1910-11	2-0	0-1	1957-58	4-0	2-3
1911-12	2-1	0-2	1958-59	5-2	3-0
1924-25	4-0	0-4	1959-60	2-2	1-3
1930-31	1-0	1-2	1960-61	1-3	3-1
1931-32	1-0	0-1	1961-62	1-3	0-2
1932-33	4-1	1-1	1963-64	1-0	4-2
1933-34	2-0	1-1	1964-65	4-1	1-1
1934-35	3-1	0-1			

Chelsea's score given first in each case.

Summary

Home Away		 P 21 21	17	2	2	52	19	Pts 36 13	,
	Total	 42	21	7	14	76	55	49	

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