

PRESS RELEASE



Derek Johnston Retires from Premier League

Derek Johnston, the long standing Media Accreditation and Licensing Manager at the Premier League, Football League and Football DataCo has decided to retire.

Derek joined the Premier League in 1995 from his role as Commercial Manager at Everton FC. Over the following 16 years with the Premier League, the last 10 including duties with the Football League and Football DataCo, Derek became the "face" of media accreditation for the English professional football game. Probably the highlight of Derek's career was being involved as Deputy Centre Director for the Euro 96 competition held in England.

Richard Scudamore, CEO of the Premier League said "Derek is one of only two original employees still working at the Premier League following its formation in 1992, Derek worked tirelessly for the Premier League cause and for this I would like to thank him, football will be marking Derek's retirement with a private dinner for him and his colleagues".

John Nagle, Communications Manager at the Football League said "Derek has been a valued member of the Football League team and I would like to thank him for his professionalism and dedication".

David Folker, General Manager of Football DataCo said "it has been a pleasure working with Derek for the last 10 years, Derek was a great help in the early days of the formation of DataCo which is owned by the Premier League and Football League. His vast knowledge of the accreditation issues surrounding sporting events has proved invaluable in building DataCo procedures, we all wish him well in his retirement".

Although formally retired from front line duty, Derek will continue to provide consultancy services to football. Media accreditation requests should be directed to Football DataCo on 0207 864 9163 or accreditations@football-dataco.com

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Premier League is the top tier of professional football in England comprised of 20 clubs. It was formed in 1992 and is now considered to be the most financially successful football league in the world being broadcast in over 200 territories.

Football League is the second tier of professional football in England and comprises 72 clubs in 3 divisions of 24 each. The Football League was formed in 1888 and was the first professional football league in the world.

Football DataCo is a subsidiary company owned 50/50 by the Premier League and Football League, formed in 2001 it manages media accreditation for English professional football, collection and marketing of match data worldwide (including the two Scottish professional football leagues SPL & SFL) and provides IP protection services to leagues and clubs.