

When Clough grabbed me by the privates

Geoff Shreeves on getting up close and personal with the biggest names in football

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Wimbledon's £10m handout

James Gheerbrant

The All England Club has announced that it will donate £10 million of prize money to 620 players after the cancellation of this year's Wimbledon championships.

The top 128 players in the men's and women's singles rankings will each receive £25,000 in recognition of the fact that they would have expected to appear in the main draw.

The next 112 players in the rankings, who might have expected to feature in the qualifying competition, will be awarded £12,500 each.

A payment of £6,250 will be made to the top 120 doubles players, while 16 wheelchair players will receive £6,000 each, and four competitors in the quad-wheelchair singles will get £5,000.

Players can elect to donate the money if they wish — an option that is Continued on page 15

Gay footballer wants change

Matt Trench

A gay Premier League footballer has written an open letter, aimed at fans and the game's authorities, in which he reveals the torment he has felt in keeping his sexuality secret from his team-mates. The unnamed player says he feels unable to come out in the present climate and that "radical changes" would be required for him to take that step.

His letter is being supported by the Justin Fashanu Foundation, a charity which campaigns against homophobia in the sport. Fashanu suffered sustained abuse after his sexuality was revealed and took his own life in 1998. The letter was released through *The Sun* last night. In it, the footballer said: "I am gay. Even writing that down in this letter is a big step for me. But only my family members and a select group of friends are aware of my sexuality. I Continued on page 10

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