

## **The Manager & The Player**

Even when there is mutual respect and liking, the relationship between a manager and a player can be complex. Success for the team is their shared objective but there is an obvious difference in the pressures and anxieties they experience and that difference contains the seeds of conflict.

The manager must think collectively, sometimes being hard on the feelings of individuals in the interest of fielding an effective unit, and he has to live with the frustrating knowledge that ultimately his reputation is at the mercy of the talent and the will-to-win of other men.

A player, however honest his commitment to the team ethic, is bound to have a narrower view. Every game he plays is a statement about himself and any outside threat to his own perception of his worth, especially if it comes from his manager, naturally stirs resentment.

***A few paragraphs from the autobiography of a famous football manager and how true it is.***