

1. CONTEXT...

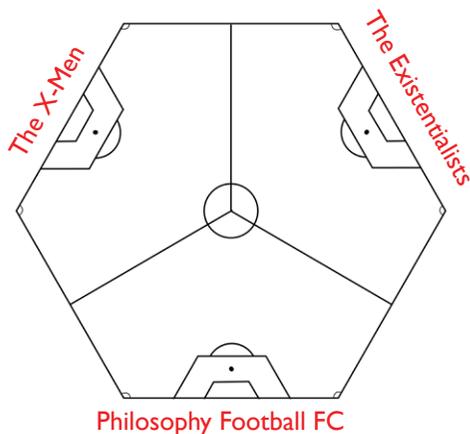
1.1 Three Sided Football makes its first ever appearance in Spain, with the arrival of Philosophy Football FC, the team which wears shirts adorned with the comments of famous philosophers about football.

1.2 Three sided football was created by the Danish Situationist Asger Jorn, who sought an alternative to the adversarial and conflict-ridden nature of society, reflected in football. His solution was to propose an alternative set of rules which would end the dual power of simple opposition between two hostile opponents, something which has been dominant in modern European football.

1.3 Instead, the emphasis would be on co-operation, diversity and tactical ingenuity. Football is the beautiful game but also a deeply philosophical game.

1.4 Three sided football offers a philosophical solution to the conflicts of the modern game. Your opponent can be your friend. The referee is the defender of justice. The players are free to express themselves as the true artists of the beautiful game.

1.5 This match will therefore involve three philosophical teams and be played on a hexagonal pitch, see image below



2. THE MATCH...

2.1 A special Three Sided Philosophy Football match in Madrid at Stadio Centro Deportivo Municipal la Elipa (Kick off 13.00) on Saturday 7 May will represent three different philosophical positions which sum up the dilemmas of the modern game, but which also suggest the virtues of a change of tactics to accommodate the three sided logic.

2.2 Solidarity, Satire and internationalism will be the three sided logic for this historic occasion. The X-men will represent the thoughts of classic Albert Camus, concerned as always with the situation of the outsider: 'All that I know most surely about morality and obligation I owe to football'.

2.3 The Spanish Existentialists will represent the thoughts of Jean-Paul Sartre, whose view was well-suited to the three sided idea.: 'In football everything is complicated by the presence of the opposition'.

2.4 Philosophy Football, from London, will revive the classic International Philosophers Football match between Greek and German philosophers of the British satirists Monty Python:

'There's Archimedes, and I think he's had an idea! "Eureka!" Archimedes, out to Socrates. Socrates back to Archimedes. Archimedes out to Heraclitus who beats Hegel. Heraclitus a little flick. Here he comes, on the far post. Socrates is there! Socrates heads it in! Socrates has scored! The Greeks are going mad! The Greeks are going mad! Socrates scores! But a beautiful cross from Archimedes. The Germans are disputing it! Hegel is arguing that the reality is merely an a priori adjunct of non-naturalistic ethics. Kant, via the categorical imperative, is holding that ontologic exists only in the imagination,

3. THE KITS...

3.1 The three teams will play in three distinctive Philosophy Football strips which commemorate the three philosophical positions:

3.2 X-Men - Albert Camus



3.3 The Existentialists - Jean-Paul Sartre

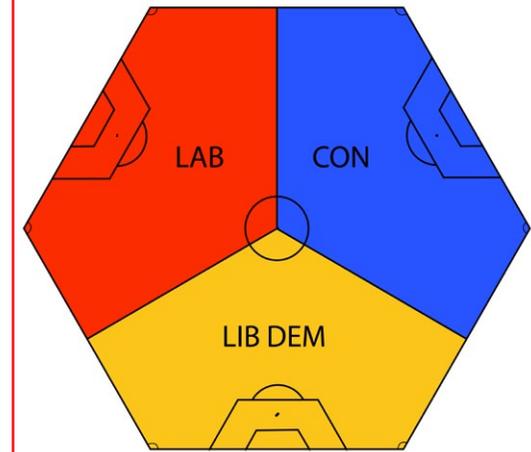


3.4 Philosophy Football - Monty Python



4. WHO WINS?...

4.1 Unlike conventional football, the winner is the team which concedes least, rather than scores most, goals. In May 2010, Philosophy Football took part in a three sided Football match in London, representing the Labour Party against the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats during the British General Election. See image below;



4.2 It was Labour's only victory. On the pitch, the Labour Party managed to prevent a Liberal-Democrat coalition. Yet shortly after the match, the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats formed the first coalition government for over 60 years. Will this match have a similar significance for football?

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5. THE RULES...

5.1 Scoring

A team does not count the goals it scores, only the goals it concedes. The winner is the team that concedes the fewest goals.

5.2 Throw-ins / goal-kicks / corners

On the hexagonal pitch, each team has two sides of the six-sided pitch: the side with the goal (the 'backside') and the side opposite to your goal (the 'frontside'). If the ball goes out on one of your two sides, you get the throw-in / goal-kick. If it went out off you, the throw-in or corner goes to the team whose own goal is nearest to where the ball went out.

5.3 Referees

While there is a temptation to have no referees with the following dictat in mind: 'The game deconstructs the mythic bi-polar structure of conventional football, where an us-and-them struggle mediated by the referee mimics the way the media and the state pose themselves as "neutral" elements in the class struggle', the match will have two referees, able to make discerning philosophical judgements.

5.4 Duration of match

Ideally, teams will play until people get bored, start to wander off, fall asleep etc: however, three thirty-minute 'halves' with teams rotating goals would work well

5.5 Other rules

There will be no off-sides. There will be rolling subs, rush goalies etc.

6. THE TEAMS...

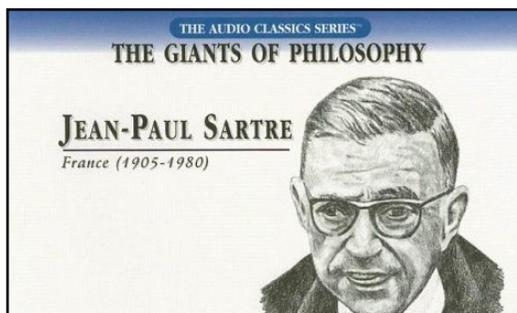
6.1 The X-Men-Madrid



6.2 Philosophy Football FC-London



6.3 The Spanish Existentialists-Madrid



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17th European Tour

THE PHILOSOPHERS' THREE SIDED FOOTBALL MATCH

Saturday 7th May 2011

Stadio Centro Deportivo Municipal la Elipa

Kick off: 13:00

The X-Men - Jean-Paul Sartre

v

The Spanish Existentialists - Albert Camus

v

Philosophy Football FC - Monty Python

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