

FOOTBALLERS NEED MANNERS NOT MONEY SAY THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN

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As England's World Cup dreams have been shattered, the people of Britain are left questioning the behaviour of the players on the pitch. Extravagant lifestyles, excessive wages and a lack of teamwork have driven the people of Britain to vote our England boys as the least gentlemanly sportsmen.

But England players haven't always been so ungentlemanly. In fact, captain of England's 1966 World Cup winning team – Sir Bobby Moore – was ranked the nation's number one sporting gent. The poll, commissioned by mrgreen.com – the true gentleman of online casinos, demonstrates the need for sportsmen to work harder at being role models for those who look up to them.

Sir Bobby's mild-mannered temperament on the pitch was considered the trait of a true sporting gentleman, and the people of Britain now believe that the current England players need a lesson in gentlemanly conduct in order to stand a chance of ever succeeding in another World Cup victory.

Kat McClure, UK Country Manager for online casino, mrgreen.com comments: "Sir Bobby Moore is one of sport's true legends. Not only did he lead England to their last World Cup victory, but he was a great role model, both on and off the pitch.

"Many people look up to our sporting superstars so it's important they act like gentlemen and continue to be a good influence on fans. As well as being on their best behaviour on the field, this also means they need to keep their personal life in check."

Chelsea love-rat, John Terry and his team mate, Ashley Cole, who cheated on his popstar wife, Cheryl Cole are also voted 'ungentlemanly', followed by former footballer, Paul Gascoigne.

Researchers found that almost 89 per cent of people think sportsmen should make more effort to behave like a gentleman. And more than three quarters would go off their favourite star if they did something which painted them in a bad light. More than 61 per cent would even stop supporting them altogether.

Thirty-nine per cent also think those who fail to act like a gentleman should be stripped of any important awards or medals, while 72 per cent believe they should be stripped of any important positions or roles such as the captaincy.

Other sporting heroes to feature in the top ten of greatest sporting gentleman include, Olympic rower, Sir Steve Redgrave, former footballer, Gary Linekar and tennis star, Roger Federer. The mrgreen.com sporting gentleman survey also revealed that cricketers have the best reputation for acting like gentlemen, followed by golfers, snooker players and rugby stars.

Kat from mrgreen.com concludes: "mrgreen.com is the true gentleman of online casinos and the more refined way to play online. We're all about responsible gaming, offering an online arena for entertainment and the ultimate guide to being a gentleman. Sporting or otherwise, mrgreen.com recognises the traits of a true gent."

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Top 20 greatest sporting gentlemen

1. Sir Bobby More
2. Muhammad Ali
3. Bobby Robson
4. David Beckham
5. Bobby Charlton
6. Sir Steve Redgrave
7. Pele
8. Gary Linekar
9. Roger Federer
10. Jackie Stewart
11. Ryan Giggs
12. Johnny Wilkinson
13. Alan Shearer
14. Steve Davis
15. Ian Botham
16. Frank Bruno
17. Jenson Button
18. Damon Hill
19. Lewis Hamilton
20. Tim Henman

Top ten 'ungentlemanly' sportsmen

1. Mike Tyson

2. John Terry
3. Ashley Cole
4. Paul Gascoigne
5. Tiger Woods
6. Joey Barton
7. John McEnroe
8. Michael Schumacher
9. Dwight Yorke
10. Craig Bellamy