

THE UEFA-INTERTOTO CUP

Sixty teams compete for the UEFA-Intertoto Cup

The UEFA-Intertoto Cup Commission met in Geneva on February 15. On the agenda were applications for participation in the first UEFA-Intertoto Cup, to be held this coming summer. Of the 49 UEFA member associations, only ten (Albania, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Moldavia, Northern Ireland, Russia, San Marino, Spain and Ukraine) showed no interest in the new competition which, as you may recall, opens the door to the preliminary round of the next UEFA Cup to four teams.

Schedule of games

National associations must register their clubs by May 31, 1995. The twelve groups of five will be picked by lot on June 7, in Nyon. Each team will play two home and two away games. These are the dates: June 24 and 25, July 1 and 2, July 8 and 9, July 15 and 16, July 22 and 23. The twelve group winners, and the four best second-ranking teams, compete in an eighth finals on July 29 and 30, with the competing teams for each game determined in Nyon on July 24. Participants in the quarter finals of August 2 are also determined by lot on that day. For the four winners of this quarter final, the great adventure of the preliminary round of the UEFA Cup begins on August 8.

Oversubscribed competition

Each association was entitled to register four teams for the competition. The 39 participating associations registered 110 teams, 50 more than the Commission's stipulated limit of 60. As a basis for the selection process the Commission made use of the classification system for places in the 1995-96 UEFA Cup. Accordingly, it decided that associations entitled to have four of its teams compete in the UEFA Cup, could have a like number take part in the UEFA-Intertoto Cup. Likewise, associations with three teams participating in the UEFA Cup could enter three in the UEFA-Intertoto Cup, and so on. Of course, the Commission included in its considerations the position of associations that didn't



therefore were not in a position to register teams for the UEFA-Intertoto Cup.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, and the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia also applied but were turned down because of their position at the bottom of the list. The applications submitted by Yugoslavia and Luxembourg, the latter applying on behalf of Avenir Beggen, have not been decided upon. Should Avenir Beggen have previously qualified for one of the UEFA club competitions, that place would go to one of the associations without an accepted team. □

apply for a place or failed to make use of one assigned to them. Those places were made available to associations not entitled to participate in the UEFA Cup which



Entitled to enter four teams	Entitled to enter three teams	Entitled to enter two teams	Entitled to enter one team	Entitled to one of the free places
France Germany	Belgium Portugal England	Yugoslavia Netherlands Austria Greece Turkey Switzerland Denmark Romania Sweden Poland Israel Bulgaria	Scotland* Hungary Norway Iceland Finland Cyprus Wales Slovenia Croatia Irish Rep. Malta Georgia	Slovakia Luxembourg Belarus Faroe Islands Czech Republic Estonia Lithuania
8 clubs	9 clubs	24 clubs	12 clubs	7 clubs

*Scotland, entitled to two teams, applied for only one.