

SPORT NEWS

IT'S BACK!



THE Premier League finally restarted on Wednesday 17th June, exactly 100 days since it was halted due to the coronavirus.

If you've been missing the footie, you're in for a treat. All remaining 92 games are going to be packed into the next 42 days and many of the matches will be on free TV channels, so everyone can watch.

Football won't be the same as before though. Games will take place in empty stadiums and crowd noise will be added to give the match more atmosphere. Players are being tested for the virus twice a week.

After the three-month break, Liverpool in particular will be raring to go. They are on the verge of winning the competition for the first time in 30 years.

At the moment they sit comfortably at the top of the table, a full 25 points clear of Manchester City in second. They only need two wins from their nine games left to play in order to gain the six points they need to be crowned champions and win the trophy (above).

Players will also have a chance to battle it out for the Golden Boot, awarded to the season's top scorer. Jamie Vardy of Leicester City is currently leading that table with 19 goals.

This week's matches on free TV

Weds 24th June	Manchester United v Sheffield United (6pm) – Pick TV
	Norwich v Everton (6pm) – BBC
Thursday 25th June	Burnley v Watford (6pm) – Pick TV
Sunday 28th June	Watford v Southampton (4:30pm) – Pick TV



Liverpool's Virgil van Dijk in action during a behind closed doors friendly against Blackburn

Questions on: 'It's back!'

- 1) What happened on Wednesday 17th June?
- 2) How long has the Premier League been suspended because of the coronavirus?
- 3) Why is it going to be a very busy six weeks for football players and fans?
- 4) Explain how the football matches are going to be different to before the lockdown.
- 5) Which option has a similar meaning to “raring to go”?

- Eager to begin
 - Keen to run fast
 - Desperate to win

- 6) What might Jamie Vardy win this year?

The award for

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- 7) Look at the information on the free-to-watch football matches and answer this quick quiz.

Who are Manchester United playing on Wednesday?	
What time does the Watford-Southampton match start?	
Which TV broadcaster is showing the Norwich v Everton match?	
What day and date is the Burnley v Watford match?	

- 8) Do you predict that Liverpool will win the Premiership this year?

Use the information from the report to answer, even if you don't know anything about football! Explain your opinion.