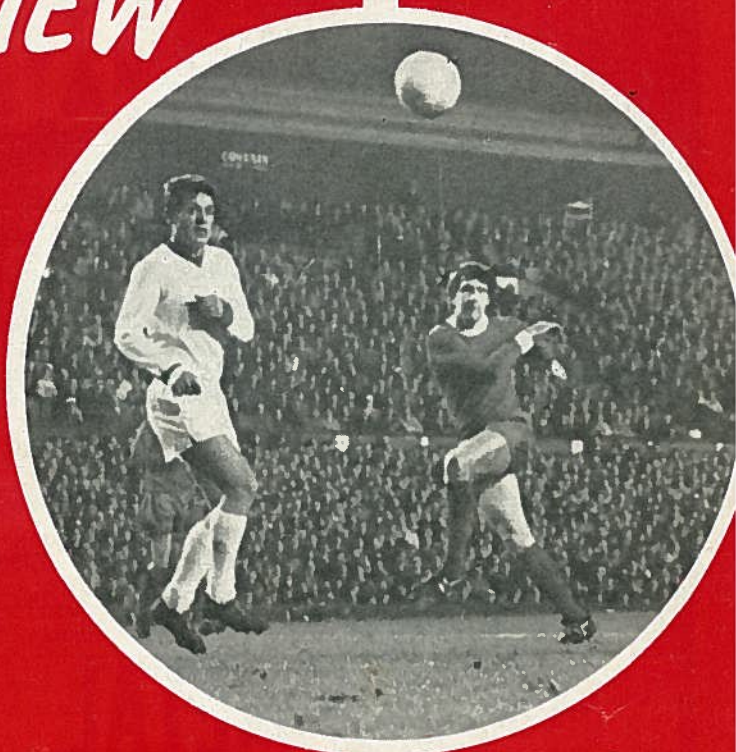


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EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP
FIRST ROUND—SECOND LEG

LIVERPOOL

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PEOPLE

by BOB BALDWIN

A FEW WEEKS ago, the *Review* featured the exploits of two travelling Hull City fans who turned their backs on the Costa Brava and went on a holiday with-a-difference to the grounds of all 92 League clubs. It took them 12 days.

It took Michael Savage, a 17 year old student and Preston North End follower considerably longer to complete his round-the-grounds trip, four years in fact, but he also watched a match at every ground he visited.

His first port of call was at Carlisle in August 1967 where he watched United play Preston North End. A few weeks ago, he called in at ground number 92 to watch the Norwich City-Portsmouth Second Division game, leaving Preston at three in the morning and getting home in the early hours of Sunday.

● What makes a soccer fan fork out something in the region of £250 and spend nearly every weekend in the season on the move, covering some 25,000 miles? Says Michael: "I wanted to see how The League grounds varied in size and standard. The trip entails not only one of the best tours

Back home . . . **MICHAEL SAVAGE** at Deepdale, Preston after visiting all 92 League grounds.



A programme from every club, souvenirs of **MICHAEL SAVAGE'S** soccer travels.

of England but also provides the soccer fan with a sense of adventure and a good geographical background."

The grounds that impressed this particular travelling fan the most were:

Division One: Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal and Coventry.

Division Two: Sheffield Wednesday, Hull City, Queen's Park Rangers and Preston.

Division Three: Aston Villa, Blackburn, Bolton and Bristol Rovers.

Division Four: Southend, Bury, Doncaster and Colchester.

The best games he watched on the tour? Michael lists them as follows: *Sheffield United v West Ham United in April 1968, Queen's Park Rangers v Derby County (F.A. Cup), February 1970 and Scunthorpe United v Mansfield Town (F.A. Cup), December 1970.*

A NICE idea from South Wales. With the co-operation of Cardiff City, the Post Office operates a special match-information service providing the latest scores and details of City's away games. The City fan who is unable to travel to away matches dials a number and receives all the up-to-the-minute news. The service takes a lot of pressure off the Ninian Park switchboard.

The telephone plays a vital part in the day-to-day life of a football club but it can be the number one nuisance at times. Cardiff City secretary Graham Keenor once received some 200 calls from fans enquiring about tickets for an important European match. *What annoyed Mr Keenor was that he was at home at the time.*

OXFORD UNITED'S General Manager



Arthur Turner (*in-set*), has been involved on many scouting missions in his time . . . but few match the one he mounted at the start of the season. Top of his wanted list were six pretty girls to join United's Manorettes team, girls who brighten up the ground before the kick-off selling golden goal tickets.

Points from the Press . . . Bruce Robinson put forward a very sensible view in a recent edition of the *Eastern Football News* from Norwich. He wrote: "On principle, I disapprove of football clubs attacking the public for not supporting them, or suggesting, as some have, that such-and-such a town does not deserve its club. Because I believe, by and large, that football clubs make their own success and failure."

I am inclined to agree but there is another side to the story. The *South Yorkshire and Rotherham Advertiser* recently published a 22 page supplement commemorating the centenary of the Borough

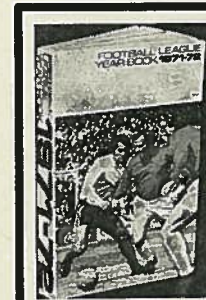
of Rotherham. Most local organisations seemed to be included . . . with one notable exception. *I could not find a single mention of Rotherham United F.C., something I thought strange considering the club has played a prominent part in the town's history for most of those hundred years.*

TWELVE months ago, the *Review* recommended the first *Rothman's Year Book* to all eager fans who thrive on facts, figures and comprehensive statistics about the game. "If it's not here, it never happened," we claimed, and the same goes for the second *Rothman's* book, on sale now, price £1, and published by *The Queen Anne Press Ltd.*

What has happened in the last 12 months is all logged in the new edition compiled by Tony Williams and Roy Peskett. There are more than half a million facts and figures on the game contained in nearly 1,000 pages and there are noticeable improvements to last season's edition, with each League club being covered in greater depth, a detailed section for pools enthusiasts and enlarged European and international coverage.

One of the criticisms about last year's publication was the number of errors and the sharp-eyed reader will no doubt find the occasional slip in the new edition.

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FACTS

WALTER PILKINGTON
praises the runners-up in
League and Cup double bids.

NOTHING seems too fantastic for us to do now . . . It is understandable super-confidence born of pride in a superb achievement. It was the feeling at Highbury after Arsenal had come from behind to win League and F.A. Cup honours.

The same unbounded optimism radiated from White Hart Lane 10 years ago, when Tottenham Hotspur had done 'the double' for the first time this century. The late, lamented John White said so.

At least the 'Spurs while well aware that their precious scalp would be the more keenly sought in the ensuing season, came near realising what most people would regard as the unattainable in modern football—a double 'double.'

They again won the F.A. Cup and finished third in The League Championship, but with 14 fewer points than the 66 which had gained Tottenham the title the previous season. Promoted Ipswich Town, the Second Division Champions, won it with 56.

Sadly from Arsenal's point of view, their lofty ambitions quickly suffered a hard knock. Stoke City joyfully avenged their F.A. Cup Semi-final replay defeat.

Winning at Highbury—an invincible fortress last season, they rubbed in the smart of their shock 5-0 home win against Arsenal 12 months ago. The new setback was Arsenal's second home reverse.

Obviously it is not going to be easy for the Champions to remain supreme. Let their team and supporters find solace in a fact I have discovered: allowing points for Cup wins and draws Arsenal set up the highest total in 'double' feats.

They played 51 matches in the two competitions, and on a points basis would have been credited with 80, compared with Tottenham Hotspur's 79 from 49 games. Relatively, however, it is not the best of the four 'double' performances.

The goals totals, for and against, in the League and Cup matches played were:

	F	A	Av
Preston North End	85	15	5.66
Arsenal	87	36	2.41
Tottenham Hotspur	136	59	2.30
Aston Villa	90	45	2.00

A table showing points per game again gives Preston North End pride of place:

	G	Pts	Av
Preston North End	27	50	1.82
Tottenham Hotspur	49	79	1.61
Aston Villa	37	59	1.59
Arsenal	51	80	1.56

Here, for general perusal and, in particular, the pleasure of enthusiasts who never tire of seeing evidence of their favourite team's most laudible successes, is a summary of what was done by four famous clubs in achieving the "double":

FOUR LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLES

NOTE THAT for the purpose of making a table points have been added for wins and draws in the F.A. Cup tournament.

Club/Season	Comp	Goals									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Preston N.E. (1888-89)	League	22	18	4	0	74	15	40*			
	Cup	5	5	0	0	11	0	10			
		27	23	4	0	85	15	50			
Aston Villa (1896-97)	League	30	21	5	4	73	38	47			
	Cup	7	5	2	0	17	7	12			
		37	26	7	4	90	45	59			
Tottenham H. (1960-61)	League	42	31	4	7	115	55	66*			
	Cup	7	6	1	0	21	4	13			
		49	37	5	7	136	59	79			
Arsenal (1970-71)	League	42	29	7	6	71	29	65			
	Cup	9	6	3	0	16	7	15			
		51	35	10	6	87	36	80			

* Still highest percentage of League points for one season: Preston were undefeated and, in the Cup, did not concede a goal—an unequalled feat.

† Equalled the then League record of 66 points in Division One set up by Arsenal 30 years earlier, when gaining the first of a record eight Championship triumphs. Leeds United in 1968-69 went one better by getting 67.

As there seems to be no glory nowadays for the soon forgotten runners-up in any competition, even F.A. Cup losing Finalists who should be envied the honour, I was interested and a little surprised when a medical student friend asked how many clubs had been candidates for the coveted 'double' and narrowly missed.

There have been as many as 14 such acute disappointments in the 72 seasons since Preston North End in The League's inaugural campaign were irresistible. Seven of them have been added to the record during the present postwar period.

EQUAL SHARE OF THE GLORY

FROM Sunderland's League baptism in 1890 for the third season the clubs became redoubtable foes. Aston Villa were at their pinnacle as a Cup fighting side soon afterwards. Sunderland, known as "the team of all talents," started by outshining them in The League, winning the title in their second and third seasons.

The mighty men of Roker Park were the first to score 100 goals in one season. Finishing second to Villa in their fourth year, Sunderland hit back to wrest the title from Villa the following season.

Villa finished third, but won the Cup. On the rebound they proved their power

by winning The League Championship four times in the next five years and did the 'double.'

So this cut and thrust went on, one or the other, or both, constantly being in the forefront until the stage was set for a dual bid for double honours.

Either could win the Championship when their eagerly awaited clash for the prize of the Cup drew a record 120,081 crowd to Crystal Palace in 1913.

Sunderland knocked out Burnley to get there, but only at the second attempt. Villa reached the Final in one try and made their Cup scoring record 19 goals to one. Three of their victories were by five-nil.

When the rivals got through the Semi-finals both had the chance of winning The League as well as the Cup, but Villa's hopes gradually receded. In the end it was Sunderland's title by four points.

Ironically, Sunderland drew a League match at Aston four days after the Final and won their next two, leaving Aston Villa the runners-up. In that memorable season Sunderland had five players capped, Villa three.

Shortly I will recall the other unsuccessful bids for double glory.

PLAYERS ON THE MOVE IN AUGUST

THE FOLLOWING transfers were registered with The Football League in August:

Hamilton, Linfield to Ipswich Town.
Davies, Newcastle United to Manchester City.

Lloyd, Southend United to Wrexham.
Livesey, Wrexham to Chester.

Flowers, Doncaster Rovers to Port Vale.
Foggon, Newcastle United to Cardiff City.

Lindsay, West Ham United to Watford.
Hibbitt, Leeds United to Newcastle United.

Irvine, Preston North End to Brighton & H.A.

Sweeney, Morton to Bristol City.
Brogan, Ipswich Town to Morton.

Harkin, Shrewsbury Town to Finn Harps (Eire).

Green, Albion Rovers to Blackpool.
Fairclough, Drogheda to Huddersfield Town.

Hoy, Luton Town to Cardiff City.
Craggs, Newcastle United to Middlesbrough.

Joicey, Coventry City to Sheffield Wednesday.

Clements, Coventry City to Sheffield Wednesday.

Parmenter, Orient to Gillingham.



Anglo-Italian Brochure

A limited number of the official souvenir handbook for last season's Anglo-Italian tournament are available, price 10p (post free). Detailed facts and figures on the competition and features on:

- Blackpool
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- Stoke City
- Swindon Town
- West Bromwich Albion

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