

Today's Teams

Manchester United

- 1 Gary Bailey
- 2 Brian Greenhoff
- 3 Stewart Houston
- 4 Sammy McIlroy
- 5 Gordon McQueen
- 6 Martin Buchan (Capt.)
- 7 Steve Coppell
- 8 Jimmy Greenhoff
- 9 Joe Jordan
- 10 Lou Macari
- 11 Mike Thomas
- 12

Colours

Shirts: Red Shorts: White

Tottenham Hotspur

- 1 Mark Kendall
- 2 Don McAllister
- 3 John Gorman
- 4 Jimmy Holmes
- 5 John Lacy
- 6 Steve Perryman (Capt.)
- 7 John Pratt
- 8 Osvaldo Ardiles
- 9 Colin Lee
- 10 Glen Hoddle
- 11 Peter Taylor
- 12

Colours

Shirts: White Shorts: Blue

 C. L. Newsome (Shropshire)  J. McAulay (Leeds)  J. Smith (Liverpool)

SCOREBOARD KEY

16th December 1978

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| A Q.P.R. v. Manchester City | N Crystal Palace v. Leicester City |
| B Arsenal v. Derby County | O Fulham v. Newcastle United |
| C Aston Villa v. Norwich City | P Millwall v. Blackburn Rovers |
| D Bristol City v. Liverpool | Q Oldham Athletic v. Orient |
| E Everton v. Leeds United | R Preston N. E. v. Notts County |
| F Ipswich Town v. Bolton W. | S Sheffield United v. Cardiff City |
| G Middlesbrough v. Chelsea | T Stoke City v. Wrexham |
| H Nottingham F. v. Birmingham C. | V Sunderland v. Cambridge United |
| J Southampton v. Coventry City | W West Ham United v. Charlton A. |
| K Wolves v. West Bromwich Albion | X Blackburn Res. v. United Res. |
| L Brighton v. Luton Town | Y Stockport County v. Bradford City |
| M Burnley v. Bristol Rovers | Z Droylsden v. Altrincham |

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versus **TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**

15p



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Honours

European Cup: Winners 1968

European Cup Semi-Finalists
1957 1958 1966 1969

First Division League Champions
1908 1911 1952 1956 1957
1965 1967
Runners-up
1947 1948 1949 1951 1959
1964 1968

Second Division League Champions
1936 1975
Runners-up 1897 1906 1925 1938

F.A. Cup Winners
1909 1948 1963 1977
Finalists: 1957 1958 1976
Semi-Finalists: 1926 1949 1962
1964 1965 1966 1970

F.A. Charity Shield Winners
1908 1911 1952 1956 1957
Joint Winners: 1965 1967 1977
Finalists: 1948 1963

F.A. Youth Cup Winners
1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1964

Inter Cities Fairs Cup Semi-Finalists 1965

World Club Championship Finalist 1968

League Cup Semi-Finalists
1969 1970 1975



SAMMY DOES IT AGAIN

Members of the Helsby Branch of the Supporters Club are shown enjoying a drink with Manager Dave Sexton, Captain Martin Buchan and Sammy and Cynthia McIlroy, before their recent Dinner Dance in the Executive Suite. During the course of the evening, Sammy collected yet another Player Of The Year Award! So far this season Sammy has been voted 'Player Of The Year' by no less than six different branches with more awards still to come.



THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE

Our photographer called in at the laundry recently and found Mrs. Irene Ramsden trying hard to separate the mud from the kit after the game with Ipswich Town, quite a change from the previous Saturday, when in recognition of Mrs. Ramsden's 25 years service, she and her husband were guests of the Directors and watched the game from the Directors box. After the match, Chairman Mr. L. C. Edwards presented Mrs. Ramsden with a suitably inscribed pendant to mark the occasion.

Dave Sexton's Reflections

We welcome Spurs to Old Trafford this afternoon knowing we are in for a very close game that can have an immediate effect on our League position.

Both clubs have 22 points which means we are fighting for a place in the table against rivals who will also be well aware of what is at stake.

It is extremely competitive around our position in the League; in fact we have won both our last two games yet in that time we have gone down a place in the table.

This of course was because Arsenal played — and won — a fortnight ago when frost caused the postponement of our fixture against Norwich City at Old Trafford.

But it does go to show that there is little respite if you hope to stay in the top group of clubs challenging at least for a place in Europe next season.

CHALLENGE

Here at Old Trafford we are revelling in the challenge and I am delighted that we are able to step out this afternoon with two away wins behind us.

It was great to win at Chelsea to get the Everton defeat out of our system, and then it was marvellous to see the boys play even more impressively to notch a 3—1 win at Derby.

What particularly pleased me was the way the lads fought back after conceding a goal after only three minutes. This kind of early score, especially in an away match, can be a real stunner, but we settled down well.

From being in a situation that suggested we were going to be overwhelmed, we battled back to equalise after half an hour and then build a substantial victory in the second half.

There was the added bonus of seeing one of our youngsters, Andy Ritchie, have such a successful day on his promotion in place of the injured Joe Jordan.

He has a flair for scoring goals. He has done it regularly in the junior and reserve teams and I know he was disappointed when he didn't manage a goal when he had a run in the League side a year ago.

But he was only 17 then, and now another year older, I



Dave
Sexton
Manager

think he probably felt slightly more confident and he was able to express himself better.

DISCUSSION

Mind you, he and Sammy McIlroy have sparked a lot of discussion about who should be credited with the first goal. The dressing room view seems to be that Andy's shot was on its way into goal, but hadn't actually crossed the line when Sammy made sure by helping it on its way, which is always the best policy because you never know who is whipping across ready with a rescue act!

At half-time Sammy conceded the goal to Andy because he knows how a youngster feels about scoring his first ever League goal. Then when Andy scored in the second half there was no longer any need to be so generous.

So technically it's Sammy's goal but with the youngster still on the scoresheet . . . so everyone is happy as we set about our task of trying to beat Spurs today. I only hope that we shall finish the afternoon with similar arguments about who scored our goals!

Welcome to today's visitors

Spurs' manager Keith Burkinshaw took the biggest gamble of his managerial life when he invested £750,000 in two of Argentina's World Cup stars this summer — Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa. At first his sensational move appeared to be a spectacular failure as Spurs suffered some disastrous early results, including a 7-0 hiding at Liverpool.

Mr. Burkinshaw then made changes in defence, the team as a whole began to find its confidence and now, with only one defeat in their last eleven League games behind them, Tottenham are strongly placed in the top half of the table.

The Spurs' boss was the first to take advantage in the relaxation in the laws regarding the signing of foreign players he scooped all his rivals with his amazing £750,000 bid. Midfield man Ardiles, whose former club was Huracan, was a member of Argentina's World Cup winning team; Villa, who came from Racing Club, was in the 22-strong squad though he didn't play in the final.

Both new signings went straight into the side at the beginning of the season, a situation that initially didn't go down too well with some of the club's established stars. John Duncan, last season's top scorer, lost his place and has now moved on to Derby County. Neil McNab, the midfield man who stood down for Ardiles, has now made a fresh start with Bolton.

Glen Hoddle, who had risen to the brink of the full England team with his powerful and skilful midfield displays, was dropped and then recalled in an attacking role.

The irony of the whole situation was that it was only after Mr. Burkinshaw had taken the bold decision to drop Ricardo Villa that

Spurs began to win games! Villa, a powerful striker who is a big favourite of the White Hart Lane crowd, is now usually picked as substitute.

The new-look Spurs' side has included the two lanky front runners, Glen Hoddle and Colin Lee, and winger Peter Taylor in attack. Hoddle, who uses his height and deft ball skills to provide Lee and Taylor with the scoring chances, has scored only four goals himself and two of those were from penalties. Glen came into the Spurs' side three seasons ago and is now a regular member of the England under-21 eleven.

Lee began as a defender with Bristol City but was never good enough to get into their first-team. He switched to a striking role and made his League debut while on loan to Hereford in 1974/75. Torquay United paid £8,000 for him in 1976 but sold him a year later to Spurs for £60,000.

Mr. Burkinshaw had originally signed Colin as cover but, when he was hit by a series of injuries, he picked him for his Second Division debut against Bristol Rovers in October 1977 — and Colin celebrated by scoring four goals!

He went on to claim 11 last season as Spurs made a quick return to the First Division and, now playing in top-class soccer for the first time, Lee is looking very good indeed and has scored five goals so far.

Taylor is hoping his return to the First Division this season might give him another chance of adding to his four England caps which he gained in his Third Division days with Crystal Palace. Spurs signed him for £200,000 in 1976, soon after he had established himself in the England side, but he didn't enjoy a happy start to his First Division career and

he lost his international place. Now he is approaching his old-style form again and he has scored five goals this season. Peter, who began his career with Southend, joined Crystal Palace for £120,000 in 1973.

The guile and grace of Osvaldo Ardiles has brought an entirely new dimension to Spurs' midfield play. Now that things have sorted themselves out, Ardiles is usually partnered by Steve Perryman and John Pratt.

Perryman, a former England youth and under-23 international, has been in the Spurs' side since his debut in 1969/70. Last season he moved back into an unfamiliar role as a central defender but now he is playing again in his old, and best position, in midfield. Pratt is another player who came through from the juniors and he made his first appearances in their League eleven in 1968/69.

The back four has been lining up with Don McAllister, John Lacy, Jimmy Holmes and John Gorman.

McAllister opened his career with Bolton and joined Tottenham for £80,000 in 1975 and has proved his versatility by appearing in both full-back positions and at centre-back. Lacy, one of the tallest defenders in the First Division, was signed from Fulham last summer after an independent tribunal had ended an argument over the fee by fixing it at £200,000. John made his first appearances for Fulham in 1973.

While with Coventry, Jimmy Holmes set up a new record for the Republic of Ireland by becoming the youngest player ever to win a full cap for that country — he was 17½ when he made his first appearance in 1971. Tottenham paid £120,000 for him two seasons ago and he recently gained his 27th international cap against England in Dublin.

Tottenham Hotspur



Back Row (left to right): Chris Jones, Ricardo Villa, Colin Lee, John Lacy, Ian Moores, Glenn Hoddle, Gerry Armstrong.
Middle Row (left to right): Pat Welton Asst. Manager, Jim Holmes, John Duncan (now with Derby), Mark Kendall, Barry Daines, Don McAllister, Terry Naylor, Keith Burkinshaw Manager.
Front Row (left to right): Osvaldo Ardiles, Peter Taylor, John Gorman, Steve Perryman, John Pratt, Mike Stead, Neil McNab.

Gorman was once a reserve player with Celtic and it was after signing for Carlisle that he came into League soccer in 1970. He became one of the Second Division's outstanding left-backs and Spurs paid £60,000 to sign him in 1976.

Two other players who could come into the reckoning today are Terry Naylor and Gerry Armstrong. Naylor has been in at right-back for several games and is still very much a part of the senior squad. Terry has played over 200 League games for the club.

Armstrong is in the rather frustrating position of being a regular member of Danny Blanchflower's Northern Ireland team, yet being unable to get a place in his club team! Terry has played in all three N. Ireland internationals this season at centre-forward and now has 11 caps, yet with Spurs he is as likely to turn up as a stand-in centre-back as he is as an attacker! Spurs signed

Terry from Bangor for £25,000 in 1976.

Barry Daines, who spent so many years as the deputy to Pat Jennings, finally got his chance to take over last season after Jennings had moved on to Arsenal. Down the years he had made a few occasional appearances, when Jennings was injured, but last season he was ever-present.

When Daines was himself injured this season, young Mark Kendall was brought in for his first experience in League soccer and he played so well that he was retained even after Daines had recovered fitness. So it seems as if there is going to be a battle royal for the goalkeeper's jersey as the season progresses.

Tottenham ended an unbroken run of 27 seasons in the First Division when they were relegated in 1977. Though they always looked

good enough to regain their place at the first attempt, they had to endure a nerve-wracking late challenge from Brighton and it was only by drawing their last game at Southampton — who were already assured of promotion — that Tottenham clinched the third promotion place on goal-difference.

They opened this season with a creditable 1—1 draw at Nottingham Forest but a few days later were shocked when beaten 4—1 at home by Aston Villa. Shortly after that they suffered that humiliating 7—0 reverse at Liverpool.

The revival was not long in coming, though. Spurs won their first away game at Leeds (2—1) and have since won at West Bromwich (1—0) and Chelsea (3—1). They have picked up other points from Forest (1—1), Derby (2—2) and Norwich (2—2) but suffered defeats at Liverpool (0—7), Manchester City (0—2).

Club Information

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

Bolton Wanderers v. United
at Bolton, Friday 22nd December,
7.30 p.m.

Admission is by ticket only, and tickets have been on restricted sale since last Monday, up-to-date information will be announced during this afternoon's match.

United v. Liverpool
at Old Trafford, Boxing Day, 3 p.m.

Admission is by ticket only. An announcement regarding the availability of tickets will be made over the public address and on the electronic scoreboard during this afternoon's match.

United v. West Bromwich Albion
at Old Trafford, Saturday 30th
December, 3 p.m.

All reserved seats have been sold for this match, but admission to 4,000 seats in Stands E & K together with groundside and paddocks will be by payment at the turnstiles on entering the Stadium.

Coventry City v. United
at Coventry, New Year's Day, 3 p.m.

Admission is by ticket only. A very limited number of seats priced £1.80 are available to ST/LMTB Holders in the seating sections (not more than 2 vouchers per person). A small allocation of groundside tickets at £1 are also available to season ticket and league match book holders on production of voucher 34 weekdays from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

United v. Queens Park Rangers
at Old Trafford, Saturday 13th
January, 3 p.m.

An announcement regarding the availability of reserved seats for this game will be made during today's match. **This is not an all-ticket match.**

The Ticket Office will be open as follows over Christmas.

Friday 22nd December, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Sat. 23rd December, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Tuesday, 26th December, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Supporters are reminded that they can keep fully up-to-date with ticket and match information through the 24 hour Ansafone Service (061) 872 7771, as usual, this facility will be available throughout the Christmas period.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Editor,

May we, through the club programme, thank the Directors and Staff of Manchester United Football Club and the committees and members of the supporters club and branches for their lovely flowers and kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the funeral of Andrew Sharples, who died as a result of an accident in the coach park at Birmingham.

Your thoughts and wishes at such a sad time were deeply appreciated.

Nancy and Gordon Sharples and family.

New Arrival



His latest was on his former home ground of Wrexham against Turkey.

He has a married sister and two brothers still at home in Colwyn Bay.

Mike Thomas

in action at Chelsea



Mike Thomas is a lively lad from Wales, aged 24, and a bachelor, but hardly likely to be tempted by the bright lights.

After football, his favourite hobby is music and his collection of records.

Born at Mochdre near Colwyn Bay he didn't move far when he decided to become a professional after winning representative honours with North Wales. His choice of club was Wrexham where he has spent the last nine years.

His £300,000 move to Manchester United threw his world upside down and he didn't sleep for two nights from when the deal was set up to actually signing at Old Trafford.

But he has packed a fair amount of travel into his football with two seasons of European football for Wrexham in the Cup Winners Cup and 12 caps for Wales.

UNITED NEWSBEAT

Supporters Club News

Manchester United go into action against Spurs this afternoon right on the heels of the First Division pace-setters.

They lie joint sixth in the League in terms of points, very much in contention for a place in the UEFA Cup next season.

It's not bad for a team that has been on the receiving end of some fairly harsh criticism in recent weeks!

In fact the Reds are doing a lot better than last season when the first 18 fixtures gave them a total of 17 points. This year the same number of games have yielded a return of 22 points.

A five-point improvement is a substantial achievement and a fair indication of the progress being made by manager Dave Sexton and coach Tommy Cavanagh.

HOME DEBUT

Mike Thomas will be making his home debut for the Reds this afternoon and United fans will be impressed by the way he has so smoothly slotted into the team.

The Welsh international, signed from Wrexham for £300,000 had an immediate effect on the team that beat Chelsea and he played a key role in last Saturday's 3-1 success at Derby.

The team has a better balance again... and also an impressive strength in depth as Andy Ritchie showed at the Baseball Ground when he came in for the injured Joe Jordan and demonstrated that he is capable of applying his scoring prowess at first-team level.

The 18-year old Cheadle youth international is the club's top scorer with 12 goals in the Central League, five for the youth team and now one in the First Division — not counting the other goal "pinched" by Sammy McIlroy as it was about to cross the line.

THE ANSWER

If in doubt... ring the answering service!

That's the message to United's fans today if ever they are in doubt about a match being called off.

David Meek
Manchester
Evening News



I gather there have been a few complaints lately from fans who have failed to find out about the postponement of reserve and youth team games.

Sometimes a decision is made too late for announcement in the papers, but there is one information service that is bang up to date... and that's the 24-hour answering phone at Old Trafford.

PRIORITY

United pride themselves that literally within seconds of a match being called off they have had an announcement recorded and slotted into their answer phone.

The latest news is available on a 10-line number by phoning (061) 872 7771.

Ticket manager Ken Ramsden tells me: "Postponements are given priority on our answering service and we also include our latest ticket news and any dates for rearranged fixtures. We would like our supporters to make more use of the service to avoid any disappointments about games being called off. In bad weather we particularly recommend a check call, especially for Central League and similar fixtures that don't get such wide publicity."

U-NI-TED

All members are reminded that the Christmas edition of the club newsletter, **U-NI-TED**, is now available for collection from the supporters club office at Old Trafford.

Those members in **regular attendance** at home matches, and who marked their application form accordingly, are requested to collect their 'free' copy before or after today's game, or weekdays during normal office hours.

Please note that the 'official' membership card must be produced in order that the newsletter can be distributed to personal callers.

The majority of **Branch Secretaries** will have already received their branch allocation from the vehicle parked on Trafford Wharf at the entrance to the coach park, but any secretaries in doubt as to whether their copies were collected should call at the supporters club after the match.

Individual members, including overseas, who are **not** in regular attendance at Old Trafford and requested that their copies be posted should note that **postal distribution** should be completed in time for Christmas.

COLIN BELL TESTIMONIAL

A reminder to those branches and individual supporters who collected books of tickets for the Colin Bell Testimonial Draw that all counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets should have now been returned for inclusion in the draw, which will take place at half-time in the Testimonial Match — **Manchester v. Merseyside** — to be played at Maine Road this Wednesday, 20th December.

Any members who have forgotten to return their tickets are requested to do so at their earliest opportunity in order that they might be received **no later** than first post on Tuesday, 19th December.

LADIES' FOOTBALL TEAM

The supporters club Ladies' football team played their first competitive match recently against Gorton Youth Club and recorded a fine victory, winning 15-1. Scorers for the club were **Lesley Peters 4, Karen Brierley 3, Carol Laing 2, Angela Fury 2, Collette Hunt 1, Anne O'Brien 1, Gail Miller 1** plus 1 own goal.

Any members interested in playing for, or supporting the team should note that training is held most Sunday afternoons at **2.00 p.m.** at the **Mellands Playing Field**, Mount Road, Gorton.

The girls are now looking for more competitive fixtures prior to entering a league next season and welcome any enquiries from local Ladies' teams

SUPPORTERS CLUB TRAVEL

Supporters Club Travel is only available to Supporters Club members, who must show their membership card when booking and carry their card on all coach trips.

Supporters Club Travel will only be arranged for those members where an allocation of tickets has been made available by the home team.

Coach tickets, together with match tickets, will be on sale at the Supporters Club Office during normal office hours up until the morning of the **day before** each match. No match tickets can be guaranteed after such time because of the need for match tickets to be returned to the home club prior to the match.

Postal applications for coach and match tickets must include club membership card, correct remittance and s.a.e. to Supporters Travel Club, Manchester United Football Ground, Manchester M16 0RA.

Failure by any member to conduct themselves in an orderly manner whilst travelling with the Club will result in **immediate membership cancellation**.

Friday 22nd December BOLTON

Coach £1.15 Match £1.10
Depart 6.00 p.m.

Tickets available until **1.00 p.m. on Thursday 21st December** so long as coach and/or match tickets are still available.

Saturday 1st January COVENTRY

Coach £3.50 Match £1.00
Depart 12 noon

Tickets available from **Tues. 26th December** until **Saturday 30th December** so long as coach and/or match tickets are still available.

OFFICE HOURS 1978/79

MONDAY—WEDNESDAY—FRIDAY
10.0 a.m. — 5.00 p.m.

(closed for lunch 12.45 p.m. — 1.30 p.m.)

TUESDAY—THURSDAY
10.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m.

The Office is **not** open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

SATURDAY (1st Team at Home)

12.30 — 2.45 p.m. 4.30 — 5.00 p.m.

MIDWEEK (1st Team at Home)

5.00 — 7.15 p.m. 9.00 — 9.30 p.m.

FOCUS on the RESERVES & JUNIORS

Every footballer no matter how inexperienced remembers his first senior game. Certainly Gary Bailey and Tom Sloan will never forget the 2-0 victory over Ipswich.

They both made big impressions on their debuts and if they came down to earth with a bump on the Tuesday against Everton it will not detract from Saturday.

Both prepared and approached the Ipswich game in different ways. Tom woke up a couple of times in the night, Gary slept soundly and suffered far less from nerves.

"The first time I woke up," said Tom, the blond midfielder man from Northern Ireland, "I thought about how I'd feel if I scored a goal and had a good game."

"The next I wondered what would happen if I had a nightmare. I was really nervous Saturday morning but once I got out into the atmosphere like that and heard that big ovation I was alright."

"The Ipswich players were great as well. When I got cramp Paul Mariner came over to help me."

"Tuesday was different. The pace seemed slower, whereas on Saturday it was lightning fast."

Tom Sloan



Gary, the son of former Ipswich goalkeeper Roy Bailey, explained his feeling when he was told by United's manager Dave Sexton that he was playing.

"I had mixed feelings really. A mixture of apprehension and excitement. I was both grateful and pleased. I slept alright and I was very relaxed Saturday morning."

Gary Bailey



"I started getting nervous half an hour before the game. You ought to be nervous before the big event so that you can do your best."

"I had a good half an hour warm up. Before the game I noticed it was raining heavily and as I'm not used to conditions like that I put the ball into a bucket of water and got people to throw it at me."

"I got very little reaction from the Ipswich players, there was certainly no aggro. Paul Cooper, the Ipswich goalkeeper, had a few words with me before the start and wished me well."

"One thing I'd like to stress is how fabulous the fans were. The reception from the Stretford End was unbelievable. The boss said it sounded as if we'd scored before the start."

Gary was immediately christened Gary Glitter and was heavily praised in the press both the next day and on Monday.

"I certainly got my reply on Wednesday morning," he said ruefully. "I admit that I made mistakes that led to the first two goals. I was perhaps over eager to get into the game."

"I shouldn't have gone for the first cross. But I was a bit unlucky. The ball could have gone anywhere in a 180 degree arc but it went straight to Trevor Ross and he scored."

"I thought I had cruel luck too with the second. The ball came through a ruck of players."

Gary was honest enough to admit the mistakes though and as he said: "I put it down to inexperience. I just hope I get another chance."

As everyone knows he kept a clean sheet at Chelsea, and did very well at Derby last Saturday.

December 9th, 1978
Derby County 1, Manchester United 3.

High-flying Andy Ritchie.

Jimmy Greenhoff congratulates Andy Ritchie on his first goal in the First Division.

Jimmy Greenhoff acclaims his goal and United's second.



Statistics for Season 1978/1979

Date	Opponent	Att.	Res.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
19 Aug.	BIRMINGHAM C.	36,139	1-0	Rochester	Greenhaff (B)	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Mitani	McCreery	Grimes
23 Aug.	Leeds United	56,845	3-2	Rochester	Greenhaff (B)	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
23 Aug.	Swansea Town	21,902	0-3	Rochester	Greenhaff (B)	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
30 Aug.	SWANSEA (LC2)	21,902	0-3	Rochester	Greenhaff (B)	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
1 Sept.	STERLING	53,982	1-1	Rochester	Nicholl	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
9 Sept.	Everton Park Rangers	23,477	1-1	Rochester	Greenhaff (B)	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
16 Sept.	NOTTINGHAM F.	53,039	1-1	Rochester	Greenhaff (B)	Abiston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
23 Sept.	Arsenal	45,393	1-0	Rochester	Abiston	Houston	Greenhaff (B)	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
30 Sept.	MANCHESTER CITY	55,301	1-0	Rochester	Abiston	Houston	Greenhaff (B)	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
7 Oct.	WATFORD (LC3)	40,534	3-2	Rochester	Abiston	Houston	Greenhaff (B)	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
14 Oct.	MIDDELSBROUGH	45,402	3-2	Rochester	Abiston	Houston	McCreery	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
21 Oct.	Aston Villa	37,667	2-1	Rochester	Abiston	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
28 Oct.	BRISTOL CITY	47,211	1-3	Rochester	Abiston	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
4 Nov.	Wolverhampton W.	23,979	4-2	Rochester	Nicholl	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
11 Nov.	SOUTHAMPTON	25,279	1-1	Rochester	Nicholl	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
18 Nov.	Wolverhampton W.	25,279	1-1	Rochester	Nicholl	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
25 Nov.	IPSWICH TOWN	42,109	2-0	Buller	Abiston	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
2 Dec.	Everton	42,126	0-3	Buller	Abiston	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
9 Dec.	Chelsea	28,162	3-1	Buller	Greenhaff (B)	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes
16 Dec.	Derby County	25,180	3-1	Buller	Greenhaff (B)	Houston	McIlroy	McQueen	Buchan	Coppell	Greenhaff (J)	Jordan	Macari	McCreery	Grimes

Home games are given in capitals

*Subject to confirmation

Scorers in bold type

†denotes penalty

Substituted player given in brackets

ENCOUNTERS OF A PREVIOUS KIND — MANCHESTER UNITED v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Season	Division	Home	Away	Season	Division	Home	Away
1909/10	1	3-0	2-2	1959/60	1	1-5	1-2
1910/11	1	5-2	2-2	1960/61	1	2-0	1-4
1911/12	1	1-2	1-1	1961/62	1	1-0	2-2
1912/13	1	2-0	1-1	1962/63	1	0-2	2-6
1913/14	1	3-1	0-2	1963/64	1	4-1	2-0
1914/15	1	1-1	0-2	1964/65	1	4-1	2-0
1920/21	1	0-1	1-2	1965/66	1	5-1	1-3
1921/22	1	2-0	2-3	1966/67	1	3-0	1-2
1922/23	1	0-0	1-0	1967/68	1	3-1	2-2
1923/24	1	3-0	1-1	1968/69	1	3-1	1-2
1924/25	1	2-1	1-4	1969/70	1	3-1	2-2
1925/26	1	3-0	1-4	1970/71	1	2-1	0-2
1931/32	2	1-1	1-6	1971/72	1	3-1	1-1
1932/33	2	2-1	0-0	1972/73	1	1-4	1-1
1935/36	2	0-0	1-0	1973/74	1	0-1	1-2
1937/38	2	2-1	0-1	1975/76	1	3-2	1-1
1950/51	1	2-1	0-1	1976/77	1	2-3	3-1
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FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES
1978-79

Month	Rank	Club	Points
Aug	19	BIRMINGHAM C	53,501
	23	Leeds United	33,517
	26	Ipswich T	23,321
Sept	30	STOCKPORT C (L2)	1-1
	2	EVERTON	2-2
	9	Queens Park R	55,277
Oct	16	NOTTINGHAM F	23,367
	23	Arsenal	54,374
	30	MANCHESTER C	54,374
Nov	7	League Cup 3	0-0
	14	MIDLESBROUGH	46,332
	21	Aston Villa	40,237
Dec	28	Wolverhampton W	48,457
	30	SOUTHAMPTON	24,774
	11	League Cup 4	1-2
Jan	18	Birmingham C	28,085
	25	IPSWICH TOWN	59,547
	30	EVERTON	48,336
Feb	6	NORWICH CITY (P-P)	48,336
	13	League Cup 5	2-2
	20	Derby County	32,849
Mar	27	TOTTENHAM H	48,729
	30	League Cup 6	1-0
	30	WEST BROM A	21,278
Apr	6	Country Cup	2-0
	13	QUEENS PARK R	46,329
	20	Norwich F	0-3
May	27	F.A. Cup Final	3-1
	30	F.A. Cup 4	1-2
	30	ARSENAL	53,055
June	6	Manchester City	50,856
	13	Middlesbrough (S)	27,052
	20	ASTON VILLA	11,623
July	27	Bristol City	25,956
	30	WOLVERHAMPTON W (S)	48,674
	30	LEEDS	49,101
Aug	6	CHELSEA (SF)	54,951
	13	Norwich City	20,373
	20	BOLTON W	49,094
Sept	27	LIVERPOOL	55,726
	30	COVENTRY CITY	2-1
	30	Tottenham H	57,115
Oct	6	DERBY COUNTY	4-0
	13	West Brom A	26,622
	20	F.A. Cup Final	0-0

Home games are given in capitals

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	19	14	7	2	44	8	31
Everton	18	11	7	2	27	11	29
West Bromwich Albion	17	10	5	7	23	14	25
Arsenal	18	8	7	5	38	17	23
Nottingham Forest	17	8	6	7	19	11	22
Coventry City	17	8	6	7	4	25	22
Manchester United	18	8	6	4	27	28	22
Tottenham Hotspur	18	8	6	6	34	25	20
Leeds United	18	7	6	6	33	24	20
Aston Villa	18	7	5	7	22	19	19
Bristol City	19	5	7	7	21	26	17
Southampton	19	5	7	7	9	37	17
Derby County	17	5	6	9	25	22	16
Manchester City	17	4	8	5	28	16	14
Norwich City	17	4	8	5	28	14	14
Ipswich Town	19	6	4	8	10	35	14
Bolton Wanderers	18	5	3	10	25	37	13
Middlesbrough	18	5	3	10	21	25	13
Queens Park Rangers	18	4	4	13	13	35	9
Wolverhampton Wanderers	18	4	4	13	18	33	8
Birmingham City	19	2	4	12	11	36	8
Sheff Wed	18	2	4	12	11	36	8

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	23	17	2	4	2	19	56
Manchester United	17	11	4	4	2	41	17
Nottingham City	19	10	5	4	3	21	35
Norwich Forest	20	11	2	7	4	28	34
Leeds United	20	7	10	7	2	20	34
Sheff Wed	19	10	4	5	3	24	34
Stoke City	19	10	4	5	3	28	34
West Bromwich Albion	18	9	6	5	3	21	32
Wolverhampton Wanderers	20	8	6	5	3	22	32
Derby County	21	9	4	6	3	39	31
Burnley	21	9	4	6	3	21	31
Newcastle United	20	8	5	7	2	29	31
Sheff United	20	9	5	7	4	37	31
Coventry City	19	9	2	8	3	20	24
Everton	20	8	4	8	3	41	20
Aston Villa	18	7	7	8	2	29	25
Huddersfield	19	5	4	9	2	31	15
Bolton Wanderers	17	5	4	8	2	37	13
Blackburn Rovers	18	4	5	9	2	39	13
Sheff Wednesday	19	5	2	12	25	40	12
Blackpool	16	4	2	10	16	28	10
Bury	18	2	14	22	4	49	6
Preston North End	18	2	7	14	11	54	5

CENTRAL LEAGUE
FIFTIETH AND RESERVE 4-17-78

FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1976/75		F	A
Aug	19 Bury	5	2
"	26 SHEFFIELD WED.	4	0
"	26 EVERTON	4	1
Sept	2 Preston North End	3	0
"	9 NOTTINGHAM FOREST	2	0
"	16 Huddersfield Town	1	1
"	23 BURNLEY	1	1
"	30 Manchester City	2	0
Oct	14 SHEFFIELD UNITED	0	1
"	21 Stoke City	1	4
"	28 WOLVERHAMPTON W	2	1
Nov	4 Newcastle United	2	1
"	8 Liverpool	4	3
"	11 BURY	6	0
"	18 Everton	1	1
"	25 BLACKPOOL	3	0
Dec	28 PRESTON NORTH END	(postponed)	
"	2 West Bromwich Albion	(postponed)	
"	4 Aston Villa	(postponed)	
"	9 DERBY COUNTY	0	0
"	11 COVENTRY CITY	(postponed)	
"	16 Blackburn Rovers		
"	23 LEEDS UNITED		
"	30 Bolton Wanderers		

Home games are given in capitals

Soccer Around the World

By Tom Tyrrell

Our story this week starts in 1975, picking up the European Championships of 1974/76 in the early stages. England and Wales lead their groups, Northern Ireland are second in Group 3, and the Scots have lost their only game.

It was February 1975 when the first game of that year was played, and this was the vital clash between Scotland and Spain in Valencia.

The Scots had lost 2-1 at Hampden Park just over two months earlier, and pointless, were facing the Spaniards and their hundred per cent record.

Scotland lined up: Harvey, Jardine, McQueen, Buchan, McGrain, Bremner, Cooke, Hutchinson, Dalglish, Jordan and Burns.

Watched by a 60,000 crowd the Scots stunned the home fans by taking the lead in the first-half, thanks to a Joe Jordan goal. But Megido equalised in the second-half, and although the Scots picked up a valuable point, the Spanish had five in the bag from their three games and were still undefeated at the half-way mark.

Northern Ireland were next to take the stage, when on March 16th they met Yugoslavia in Belfast. The Irish knew that a draw was no good, they had to win to go top of their group, because they were in second place on goal difference.

Yugoslavia led the table, with Norway third, and all three nations had two points each.

It was Bryan Hamilton, then with Ipswich, who scored the vital goal. It ended Northern Ireland 1, Yugoslavia 0, and that put the Irish top of Group 3.

Their line-up: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, C. Nicholl, Hunter, Clements, Hamilton, O'Neill, Spence, McIlroy, Jackson.

A month later, England and Wales moved into action, with England meeting Cyprus at Wembley, while the Welsh were in Budapest to face the tough Hungarians.

For England it was a night to remember, as Malcolm Macdonald got himself into the record books by scoring all five goals in a 5-0 win. The Cypriots even tried two goalkeepers with Alkiviades being replaced by Constantinou, but they could do nothing to stem the English flow of goals.



Joe Jordan

England lined up: Shilton, Madeley, Watson, Todd, Beattie, Bell, Ball, Hudson, Channon, Macdonald, Keegan. Dave Thomas was brought on as a substitute in place of Channon.

While England's victory was simple, against a side which was not to score a single goal in the competition, the Welsh pulled off a remarkable victory in Hungary.

Goals from Toshack and Mahoney saw them through 2-1 with a line up of: Davies, Thomas, Page, L. Phillips, J. Roberts, Yorath, Mahoney, Griffiths, Reece, Toshack and James. Two substitutes were used, Smallman for Reece and Flynn for James.

By the end of April 1975 the four group tables involving the Home nations looked like this:

Group 1							Group 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
England	3	2	1	0	8	0 5	Wales	4	3	0	1	10	3 6
Czechoslovakia	2	1	0	1	4	3 2	Austria	3	2	1	0	4	2 5
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0 1	Hungary	4	1	1	2	5	6 3
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	0	9 0	Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	3	11 0

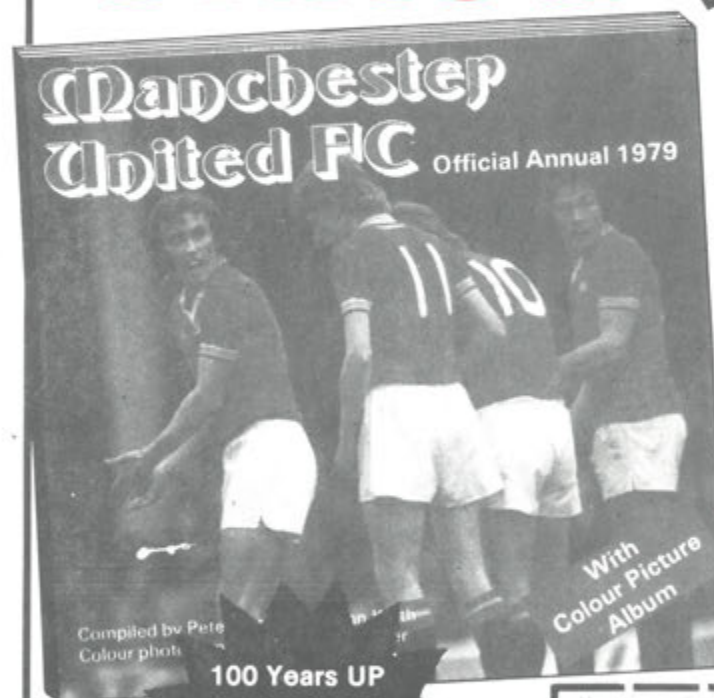
Group 3							Group 4						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
N. Ireland	3	2	0	1	4	2 4	Spain	4	2	2	0	6	4 6
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	3	2 2	Romania	2	0	2	0	1	1 2
Norway	2	1	0	1	3	3 2	Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	3 1
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	2 0	Denmark	2	0	1	1	1	2 1

Next time: The vital clash between Czechoslovakia and Portugal which was so important to England. Can Wales and Northern Ireland stay top, and will the Scots improve?

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The great ones, over the years with the reds

By Tony Pullein

Season 1963/64 FOOTBALL LEAGUE Division 1

	Home	Away
ARSENAL	3-1	1-2
ASTON VILLA	1-0	0-4
BIRMINGHAM	1-2	1-1
BLACKBURN	2-2	3-1
BLACKPOOL	3-0	0-1
BOLTON	5-0	1-0
BURNLEY	5-1	1-6
CHELSEA	1-1	1-1
EVERTON	5-1	0-4
FULHAM	3-0	2-2
IPSWICH	2-0	7-2
LEICESTER	3-1	2-3
LIVERPOOL	0-1	0-3
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3-1	2-1
SHEFFIELD UNITED	2-1	2-1
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	3-1	3-3
STOKE CITY	5-2	1-3
TOTTENHAM	4-1	3-2
W.B.A.	1-0	4-1
WEST HAM	0-1	2-0
WOLVES	2-2	0-2

F.A. CUP

Round 3 — SOUTHAMPTON	(a)	3-2
Round 4 — BRISTOL ROVERS	(h)	4-1
Round 5 — BARNLEY	(a)	4-0
Round 6 — SUNDERLAND	(h)	3-3
	(a)	2-2
	(at Huddersfield)	5-1
S.-Final — WEST HAM	(at Hillsborough)	1-3

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS CUP

Round 1 — WILLEM II	(a)	1-1
	(h)	6-1
Round 2 — TOTTENHAM	(a)	0-2
	(h)	4-1
Q.-Final — SPORTING LISBON	(h)	4-1
	(a)	0-5

LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Anderson W. 2, Best G. 17, Brennan S. 17, Cantwell N. 28, Charlton R. 40, Chisnall P. 20, Crerand P. 41, Dunne A. 40, Foulkes W. 41, Gaskell D. 17, Gregg H. 25, Herd D. 30, Law D. 30, Moir I. 18, Moore G. 18, Quixall A. 9, Sadler D. 19, Setters M. 32, Stiles N. 17, Tranter W. 1.



Phil Chisnall

LEAGUE SCORERS

Law 30, Herd 20, Charlton 9, Chisnall 6, Sadler 5, Best 4, Moore 4, Setters 4, Moir 3, Quixall 3, Crerand 1, Foulkes 1.

United recaptured much of our old glamour in a season which had us chasing everything played for. We finished runners-up in the League, we reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup and the quarter-finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

We led the First Division table for many weeks and, though we fell away a little as we became involved in our Cup runs, we were in contention until a very late stage when Liverpool pulled four points clear.

For a long while the League-Cup double looked a real possibility yet our F.A. Cup ambitions very nearly died at the first stage at Southampton — the side we had beaten in the previous year's semi-final.

The Saints stormed into a 2-0 lead by half-time but a great second-half revival saw Graham Moore, David Herd and Pat Crerand goals turn the game. A Denis Law hat-trick effectively shrugged off the challenge of Bristol Rovers while Barnsley offered very little resistance in round five.

It took three classic struggles before we could dispose of Sunderland in round six, though. Another Law hat-trick ultimately did the trick.

The double by now looked on. As we went into the semi-final against West Ham, we stood only four points behind First Division leaders Tottenham — and we had a game in hand.

Hillsborough proved a bitter disappointment, however, and we lost 1-3 to West Ham.

Four days later we travelled to Spain with a comfortable 4-1 lead under our belt in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. But Sporting Lisbon let loose everything to beat us 5-0.

So a season that had promised everything ended with United just missing on all fronts.



Tony Dunne

FINAL TABLE 1963/64 League — Division 1

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Liverpool	42	26	5	11	92	46	57
Manchester Utd	42	23	7	12	90	62	53
Everton	42	21	10	11	84	64	52
Tottenham	42	22	7	13	97	81	51
Chelsea	42	20	10	12	72	56	50
Sheffield Wed	42	19	11	12	84	67	49
Blackburn	42	18	10	14	89	65	46
Arsenal	42	17	11	14	90	82	45
Burnley	42	17	10	15	71	64	44
West Brom Albion	42	16	11	15	70	61	43
Leicester	42	16	11	15	61	58	43
Sheffield United	42	16	11	15	61	64	43
Nottingham Forest	42	16	9	17	64	68	41
West Ham	42	14	12	16	69	74	40
Fulham	42	13	13	16	58	65	39
Wolverhampton	42	12	15	15	70	80	39
Stoke City	42	14	10	18	77	78	38
Blackpool	42	13	9	20	52	73	35
Aston Villa	42	11	12	19	62	71	34
Birmingham	42	11	7	24	54	92	29
Bolton	42	10	8	24	48	80	28
Ipswich	42	9	7	26	56	121	25



Willie Anderson



SWAP SHOP



Dear Editor,

I must congratulate you on your new-look programme and especially on the "Swaps Corner". I would be obliged if you would print this on behalf of my son Gareth who is an avid United fan and keen programme collector. He has a collection of over 2,500 programmes all of which are in mint condition, and is trying to obtain a programme for each League Club for each season from 1960. He has many to exchange and would be happy to hear from any fellow collectors.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
P. Pearson,
71 Mossley Road,
Ashton-u-Lyne, Lancs.

Dear Editor,

I was very happy to see your new feature this season enabling United's loyal thousands to obtain some of those programmes they missed from those all important games. I too would like to put forward my "Wants" if you could find me a little space:-

the 1948 FAC Final and the same year cup run, 1956/57 FAC at Hartlepool, Wrexham and v. Everton, S.F. against Birmingham, 1957/58 FAC at Workington and West Brom, and v. Sheff. Wed. and West Brom. The 1957 and 1958 Charity Shields. European cup games of that time.

I would be interested to hear from anyone who specialises in the sale of 40's and 50's United programmes.

Will consider all prices for the above programmes provided they are in mint conditions with tokens.

Thank you very much,
Yours sincerely,
Nigel Taylor,
96 Fishers Lane,
Cherry Hinton,
CAMBRIDGE, CB1 4 HR.

Dear Editor,

Required:— Manchester United Books 1, 5 and 7 by David Meek. Will pay good price. Also require United Supporters Yearbook No. 1.

Yours sincerely,
M. McNulty,
Membership No. 12302,
12 Mere Close, Sale,
Cheshire, M33 2RT.

Dear Editor,

My name is Jonas Hellgren and I live in Sweden. I am a big supporter of Manchester United and I have, over the past few years, tried to build up a collection of programmes and books on United but it is, as you may understand, very difficult, almost impossible, to obtain programmes and books here in Sweden.

It was therefore, with much satisfaction I read in the first programmes this season that you had opened a "Swap Shop", where the fans could send their programme request.

I would be very glad if you could tell other fans, through the "Swap Shop", that I require programmes of United as I have not so many programmes yet. I require United programmes from all times.

I could also read that the Shop was only open for genuine fans and I hope you can say that I am a genuine fan. As I live in Sweden I can't attend United's matches, but it is my ambition to be "up-to-date" with the Club. I am a subscriber on "Pink Final" and I also subscribe on the United home programmes. I have also been a member of the Manchester United Supporters Club for three years. I hope that you can call that to be a genuine fan if you consider that I live in Sweden.

Yours sincerely,
Jonas Hellgren,
Slattevall,
54066 Sjötorp, SWEDEN.

P.S. Excuse my English.

THERE'S ONLY ONE UNITED—Part 2

by Geoffrey Green

Basically it is the loyalty of the genuine supporter, following fortune through thick and thin, who provides the moral strength to a Club. Like a conifer tree, bent down by the weight of trouble in the face of heavysnow and the elements, the tree suddenly springs upright again at the very moment it appears likely to snap in two.

Before me lies a letter in spidery handwriting from just such a true-blue devotee. It is signed, obviously with some amused relish, H. Dutton ('Legs of Mutton'). A pensioner of seventy-four years of age, he supported United in the open for over half a century and takes us back to the early 1920s with some of his shared memories. The mind plays funny tricks over such a length of time and on occasion he may have confused certain events. Even so, how much more worthwhile, warm and expressive this is in evoking a picture of the past than a mass of cold facts and figures. He wrote:

When I look back and think of the days of United I think what happy days. Then you could get in for a bob (1s), ladies a tanner (6d). At three-quarter time the gates were opened and those out of work and unable to afford the bob were let in free. You could get wet for nothing, as there was no cover in those days. The only covered stand was beside the railway and that was blitzed in the Second World War.

On the top of the terraces on the popular side were two or three wooden huts where you get a pint and a wad (meat pie). Then there were the players at that time such as Joe Spence, a good goalscorer; Tommy Meehan, a wing half, who was transferred to Chelsea after scoring two penalties against them one Saturday and who died tragically young; Billy Henderson, who arrived from Airdrieonians; and Frank Barson, the famous centre half who came to Old Trafford from Aston Villa. I remember in one match against Villa Henderson being fouled by him, getting up and threatening to 'do' him there and then. Two or three weeks later Barson joined United!

What trips you could have if you could afford the fare — to Bury, Bolton, Stockport and Liverpool. You could not afford to go very far in those days. What a difference now with all the cantilever stands, private boxes, air travel and money etc.

At Bury and Bolton you could get black puddings at half-time with mustard. A fellow brought them around in a bucket. At Oldham you could buy roast potatoes. A pal of mine once got one and put it in his pocket, forgetting he had a bar of chocolate there already. You should have seen the state he was in!

At this point the old gentleman's mind took a sudden leap forward some thirty years, like an evening gone. Memories have a way of finding their own convenient pigeon holes. He recalls the Cup Final of 1948.

Then there was the Wembley final against Blackpool which United won 4—2 after being 2—1 down. When captain John Carey was presented with the Cup he dropped the lid. I wonder how he felt in front of 100,000 spectators! He was a great player. The team at that final was: Crompton; Carey; Aston; Anderson, Chilton, Cockburn; Delaney, Morris, Rowley, Pearson, Mitten.

Other players I can still remember were Mew in goal; Moore and Silcock at full back; Meehan, Hilditch, Whalley, Grimwood, Montgomery, Neil McBain, and 'Tiny' Haslam, who stood 6ft. 6ins. All these I think were half backs. Then there was the great Spence (Give it to Joe). Those were the days when if a goalie held on to the ball too long he could be barged into the back of the net and it was a goal.

Then there were forwards like Lockhead, Hopkins, Thomas, Cape, Sapsford (who once scored eight goals for the reserves in a match against Stockport County). Bamford, Mutch, Patridge, Bissett, a Scot, and Myerscough. Oh! there are so many names to conjure with at my age. But I must mention Radford, who was a left full back. His knickers were so tight I don't know how he got them on or took them off. It was not just fat but hard muscle. He was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident.

I must relate a story about him. United were playing Hull City at Old Trafford. It was just after half-time. United got a free-kick on the stand side near the players' entrance. Up goes Charlie Radford to take it. Bang it goes towards the Hull City goal with a terrific wind blowing behind it. One of the Hull players tried to head it. It knocked him unconscious and the next moment the ball was in the back of the Hull net. I am not sure but I think United won 3—2. What players to try and remember! It is impossible.

Now they are carrying the torch for England in Europe. Good luck to them and to the chairman, directors and manager. They are all concerned with United. So even are the ground staff and ball boys. That's how we feel at Old Trafford. We're warm-hearted here in Manchester. They have had their sad days as we all know, but they always get over them because they give of their heart. They are a family. I have supported United for 52 years and I used to come with my married son, who is now out of work, until the crowd trouble got too much, not to mention the price. Also I have arthritis and cannot stand for long now. This is not a begging letter. It is all true. There is only one United!

What enjoyment, sadness and happiness United must have given 'Legs of Mutton' Harry Dutton over all those years. Every stroke of his pen must have brought a quickened heart beat as he retraced the past.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

With only 30 shopping days left to Christmas, Mrs. Lamb, of Barlowhall Road, Manchester, scooped the Development Association's 1st Pool outright on the 18th of November. She is seen here receiving her cheque for £4,216.31 from Director Mr. D. D. Haroun, J.P., also in the photograph with the lucky lady is, centre, Mr. Barry Moorhouse (Lottery Manager) and Mr. Bill Burke (commercial Manager). Mrs. Lamb's agent, Mr. J. Carroll, also received a bonus payment of £421.63.



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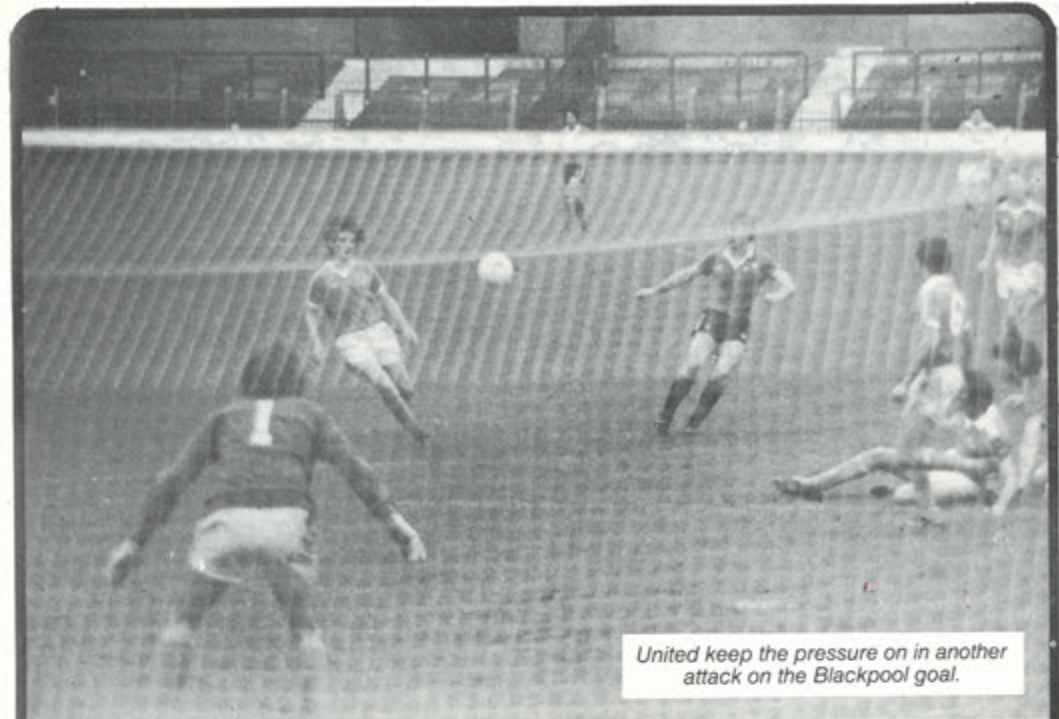
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Spain International — in Paris — in 1961.
Officiated in Italy for the 1972 Anglo-Italian
competition and also at the Bayern Munich v.
Anderlecht European Super Cup in 1976, and also
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