

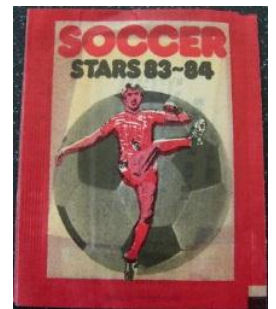
Nigel's Webspaces News

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In this month's issue we initially focus on some recent eBay sales, which featured some brilliant lots and some interesting prices:

- An [FKS 1967/68 album](#) with 139 stickers in fairly poor condition, sold for £63, which shows that collectors of this rare album will always go for quality if they can get it.
- A number of full FKS counter boxes sold:
 - Soccer Stars 1976/77, with 150 packets, £350
 - Euro Soccer Stars '77 stickers, with 150 packets, £310
 - Soccer Stars 1977/78, with 150 packets, £300
 - Soccer Stars Argentina 78, with 200 packets, £132
 - Soccer Stars 1978/79 Golden Collection, with 100 packets, £300
 - Soccer Stars 80, with 100 packets, £175
- An [Americana Munchen](#) 1972/73 Soccer Parade counter box, empty, sold for £90.
- An AVA Americana Football Special 79 counter box with 200 unopened packets sold for £157.
- A Panini Argentina 78 World Cup counter box, empty, sold for £101.
- A single, unopened pack of Quadriga Soccer Stars 83/84 sold for £13.
- A complete set of Quadriga Soccer Stars 83/84 sold for £300.
- A complete set of FKS Argentina 78 stickers (300 in set) sold for £67.
- A complete set of Panini Argentina 78 stickers (350 in set) sold for £339.
- A complete set of Panini Euro Football 78 sold for £170.
- A complete set of Top Sellers Football 77 cards sold for £123.



Topps Scottish sheet



Martin sent through this interesting item which was for sale firstly through an auction house, and then through eBay (unsold at £250). It is an uncut printers sheet of the [A&BC Chewing Gum, Scottish 1974/75 Green backs](#), set of 132. It shows that the cards were printed in rows of 11 across, and 12 deep, making up the 132 total.

A few of these printer sheets are known to exist from other A&BC Chewing Gum sets, including both the English and Scottish footballer sets. Nonetheless it is a rare find. The seller was trying to sell this one framed, but I suspect that if he/she could take it out of the frame and sell it as a loose sheet they would find a willing buyer.

A&BC Green back Series 2 dots

In my webpage recording [A&BC Chewing Gum variants](#) I've previously noted that for the 1969/70 English Green backs the first two series do not have a dot or full-stop after the card number, but Series 3 cards do.

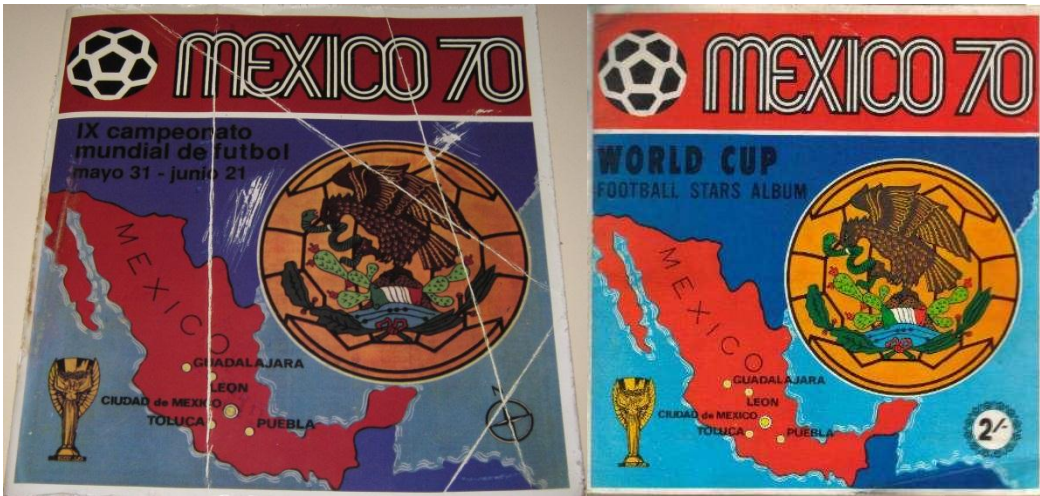
However, Ray wrote in and pointed out that in his cards numbers 85 and 95 from Series 2 also have the dots. I checked my own cards and he is right. Does anyone have cards 85 or 95 without the dots? It's hard to imagine how or why this might have happened. Series 2 cards would have been designed before Series 3, so it doesn't make much sense how a feature introduced into Series 3 would appear on only two Series 2 cards. Any ideas anyone?



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Panini Mexico 70 album versions



Boris wrote in and asked about the different [Panini Mexico 70 album](#) versions. Obviously there is a difference between the version on the left with Spanish wording and the English language version on the right. There is also an original Italian version. Does anyone know if there were only ever these three

versions? The Spanish and English-language albums appear to have the same contents on the inside, though I haven't done a very thorough check. Boris suggests that the Italian and the Spanish-language (international?) versions have the same contents. I'm not an expert on these albums, but do know how valuable they now are, which raises the question of which versions are the most valuable?

Italian early 60s

Glyn sent in the following request:

Don't know if you can help but I recently picked up some early Italian football cards, probably from about 1961 - 1965 era. Don't think they are Panini as they have on the back what appears to be the manufacturer or organisation that gave the cards away - EDI Milano via Vigevano, 45. 6 cards are of Italian teams in team poses - Fiorentina, Juventus, Lanerossi Vicenza, Padova, Roma & Sampdoria. 3 cards have titles - Bulgaria, Italia and Germania - in team pose.

The cards are in colour, measuring 94mm x 65mm, white border 3 - 4 mm, landscape format, red dot in bottom right hand corner of card, no numbers, grey back with information on team histories. The last season mentioned is 1960/61.

Do you have any information about them - dates of issue, number in set, whether sold or given away etc?

Can anyone help identify these cards?

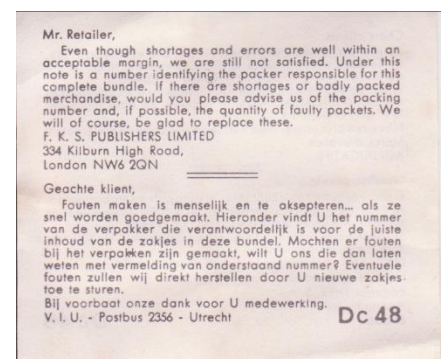
A&BC Chewing Gum and FKS Publishers- packing notes



Graeme kindly sent in this image of a wrapper from the A&BC Chewing Gum [1964/65 English Football Quiz](#) series complete with original packing note. Graeme and I agree that not many of these would have survived!

Compare this with an FKS packing slip from my own collection. I love the way that it begins 'Mr. Retailer'. 334 Kilburn High Road is now an Italian-style café, though it was once the centre of FKS in England. I'd love to get in

touch with anyone who used to work for FKS to hear some stories, so if you know of anyone please get in touch.



Until next time...**Nigel**