

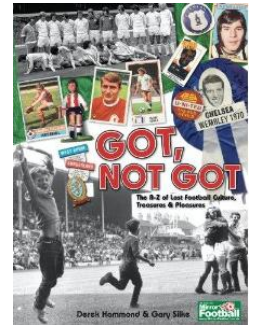
# Nigel's Webspaces News

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## Have you Got, Not Got?

I've been promoting it through my website, but if you don't already know about [Got, Not Got – the A-Z of Lost Football Culture, Treasures and Pleasures](#) then perhaps you should take a look. It's a big book filled with photos of all the memorabilia that you might have owned, or coveted, when you were small. I know it's a cliché but it really would be an ideal Christmas gift for any football fan who can remember the 1960s, 70s or 80s.

If you've already bought the book, why not [drop me a line](#) and let me know what your favourite bit of football memorabilia is.



## BAB rosettes



I often get asked questions about 'BAB rosettes' (pictured), particularly because I no longer feature them on my website. Many people still refer to them as 'BAB rosettes', and they are still sold as BAB items on ebay. A few years ago I had two galleries of these rosettes, referring to them as BAB items from 1971/72, set of 22, and 1972/73, set of 22. The logic was that Birmingham City and Norwich City had been added, and Huddersfield Town and Nottingham Forest removed, which coincided with the promotion and relegation from the First Division at the end of the

1971/72 season, which also happened to be the time that we know the [BAB Souvenir Company](#) was producing a wide range of football items. It was a neat theory, but then along came a rosette for Luton Town, a team which only made the First Division in 1974, a date at which BAB no longer seems to be producing football items.



The clincher for me was when I managed to acquire a shop display for these rosettes, complete with many of the rosettes. There are two clues on this display. The first is that the rosettes are clearly marked as PVC, rather than paper. All of BAB's other products are paper with glue backing. BAB was, and still is, a printing and publishing company i.e. paper. Secondly, there is no mention of BAB on the shop display, whereas the other BAB shop displays that I have seen all have BAB somewhere on the display.

I'm open to counter arguments about these rosettes. I don't know who produced them, as there are no markings on either the rosettes or the shop display. There are similarities between the rosettes shop display and the genuine BAB shop displays. The rosettes shop display says 'Sticks to any clean dry surface', whereas the BAB shop display for their badges (clearly marked 'A BAB Product') says 'Sticks to almost any surface'. The rosettes display says 'Collect these football rosettes', whereas the BAB badges display says 'Collect all these new Football Club badges'. Is this a coincidence? Perhaps different manufacturers but the same distributor?

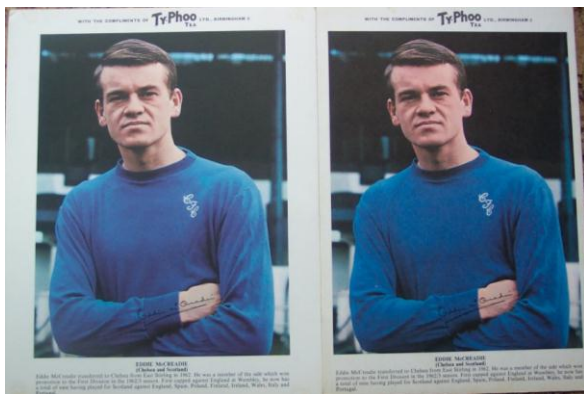
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## A&BC legal article

I came across this [interesting article](#) the other day. It refers to the court case A&BC Chewing Gum Ltd re Topps Chewing Gum Inc vs Coakley (1975). This was the case brought by Topps against the Coakley brothers as co-directors of A&BC, which led to the sad breaking up of A&BC Chewing Gum. The article notes 'A very restrictive approach to the granting of a stay in winding-up proceedings was enunciated by Plowman J. in *Re A and BC Chewing Gum Ltd : Topps Chewing Gum Inc v. Coakley and Ors (1975) 1 All ER 1017 at 1029. That case involved a dispute between directors of a company which was apparently trading profitably, the order for winding-up being made on the "just and equitable" grounds*'. While I am not a lawyer, the interesting thing about this case appears to be that Topps requested, and was subsequently granted, a winding up order against A&BC when the company was trading quite profitably. The dispute appears to have been about control of the company, and I know that the aftermath left the Coakley brothers quite bitter. Tony Coakley once told me that in later years legal experts had suggested to him that they were 'unlucky' to have lost this case, and that the decision could have easily gone the other way. Since the case is still being quoted in legal cases today it appears that A&BC, as well as producing fabulous football cards for many years, also created legal history.

## Typhoo tall, narrow card



Mark sent in this picture of his [Typhoo](#) premium cards. He says that the one on the right is narrower than the normal ones and about ¼ of an inch taller. He says that at first he thought that it had been trimmed, but he is sure that it has not. Does anyone else own any of these Typhoo cards of the taller variety?

I've seen a large number of these cards, and never before come across one that is of a non-standard size, but who knows? They are normally referred to by their size, 10" x 8", so having a non-standard variety would throw a spanner in that works!

## Lyons Maid error card



Newsletter Edition 13 highlighted a Lyons Maid error card. Martin has since advised of another. The [Lyons Maid](#) Soccer Stars card number 28 purports to be Ron Davies. Martin has pointed out that the player in the photograph is actually Denis Hollywood not Ron Davies. In the background is Ken Jones, Hollywood and Jones were the Southampton full-backs at the time. Hollywood joined Southampton in 1962 as an apprentice and stayed with the Saints until 1972. If you want a really difficult question for a football trivia night, Denis Hollywood's middle name is 'Fallen'.

## Recent sales

A Coffer postcard of George Best sold recently for £15, while one of Jimmy Greaves sold for £1. A Top Sellers Football 73 card of Pele sold for £15. These prices tend to reflect the 'celebrity status' of the featured players, rather than the values of these cards in general. The U.S. market for sports cards relies heavily on the fame of the featured stars (particularly their 'rookie' cards), so perhaps the UK market is heading the same way. If that is the case, hang on to your George Best, Pele and Bobby Moore cards!

Until next time...**Nigel**