

# Nigel's Webspaces News

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## Issue 8

### A Panini 1970 World Cup question

Page 2 of the incredibly popular [Panini Mexico 70 World Cup](#) album features five images from the 1930 World Cup tournament held in Uruguay. One of the images is of the 1930 tournament poster, shown here in orange/red. Peter has sent in the yellow image, which is the image in his copy of the album. Does anyone else have the yellow image, or know why this different poster image may exist? Interestingly, Wikipedia shows the official poster of the [1930 World Cup](#) and it is similar to the yellow image. So, the real question may be where Panini got the red poster image from? Someone has suggested that the yellow poster may have come from later Panini albums, but I don't own them to be able to check. If you think that you might know the answer [please email](#).



### An Esso coins collection question

Rich has contacted the website with a question about the [Esso 1972/73 F.A. Cup Winners coin collection](#). Rich's Villa coin has Newcastle's wins on the back, so obviously a production error. A previous website visitor has suggested his Tottenham coin has Everton's wins on the back. Rich's Tottenham coin is OK, and both my Tottenham and Villa coins are OK. So, is this a small error by Esso? It seems strange that these errors are rare and not consistent?



A word of warning here... just in case you are tempted to check all of your coins, they are normally stored in the blue card and can be quite tight. If you do remove your cards please do so with extreme care! You won't harm the coins but you might tear the card.

### Mystery stickers - Derby County, FKS?

Andy runs an excellent website devoted to [Derby County football cards](#). He recently sent this image, suggesting that it might be the Championship trophy which Derby won in the 1974/75 season at the feet of the Rams Manager Dave Mackay. It would obviously form part of a bigger picture, however it is not known as an FKS sticker. The sticker has a plain back. Any ideas anyone? I don't know if the two black stripes helps date the Derby County strip? Any other Derby experts out there? I've checked the excellent [Historical Football Kits](#), but this doesn't seem to offer any clues. The size and printing style are definitely FKS.



### BAB, PVC stickers and shop displays

I've written in the past about the mysteries of the [BAB Souvenir Company](#) and the difficulty of identifying what is and what is not BAB. In particular I've always worried about 'PVC stickers' being attributed to BAB. In opinion BAB produced paper material only. Various rosettes, team and player shield stickers are often attributed to BAB only because we haven't known where else to put them.

Every now and again as a collector you come up with a 'Eureka moment' (from the Ancient Greek, Heureka - I have found it!). In this case, I didn't find it, but that's not the issue here. Alan contacted me with the story about someone

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selling badges from shop displays (see images below). The badges, of which only one or two were previously known, have been previously attributed to BAB but the shop display has the name and address of [Northern Transcessories](#) of Leeds.

The stickers are described on the shop display as 'Self-adhesive P.V.C.'. The address of Northern Transcessories is 7 Cherry Row, Leeds. I've checked Google Street View and they are not there now (pity). Does anyone remember this company, or the address? If so, [please email](#).



The first shop display shows [First Division Soccer Clubs](#), of which I now think there are 24 in the set (and not just Manchester United as shown in this display).

The second display shows [First Division Soccer Stars](#). Previously I was only aware of one or two badges from this set, but clearly there are a lot more than that. My website display now records at least 36 different examples.

The third display is of 'Badges'. I've not featured these on the website but I've shown them here in case they jog someone's memory about more products from this company. The badges display does not include the name or address of Northern Transcessories, so I'm not sure whether it is OK to assume that they are from the same manufacturer, but they were from the same source.



The most interesting question raised by these images is how much more did Northern Transcessories produce? Were they responsible for all of the PVC stickers from this era? Did you ever work for them? Do you know anything about them? Did you collect these stickers as a child? Now that they have been 'discovered' I'm hoping that someone will be able to help add more detail to their story.

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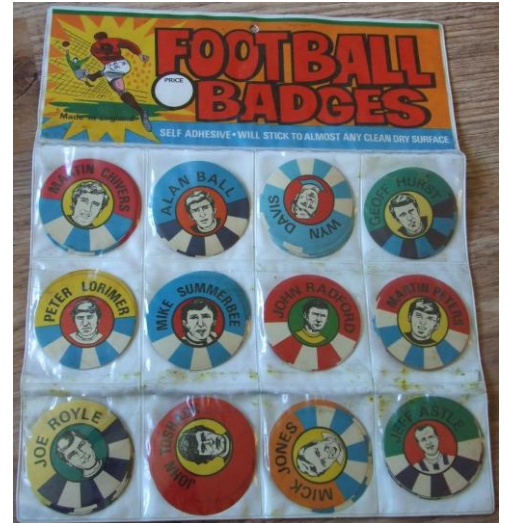
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## Another shop display - BAB or not?

As if this discovery wasn't enough, the shop display shown at right recently appeared. These badges have previously been attributed to BAB, but this must now be questioned. The shop display has no makers marks, only 'Made in England'. A display of the known 24 examples of these stickers is [shown here](#).

I own a shop display which clearly states 'A BAB product'. We also have Northern Transcessories, which refers to their products as 'Soccer', and now we have 'Football Badges' by an unnamed manufacturer.

Incredibly these shop displays are still turning up in lofts, car boot sales, and even in old shops. The owner of this one mentioned that she *'only just managed to rescue this before it was discarded'*. From a social history point of view they can provide valuable information about dates of distribution, sale price and perhaps manufacturers. Please keep your eye for any shop displays and, if you see any, please drop a line to this [email address](#).



## Recently observed sales

- Some of the Northern Transcessories Soccer Star stickers have been sold. Prices have ranged from 99p to £13 each. I'm guessing that they were rare when they were sold, so perhaps not too many people remember them?
- A Geoff Hurst sticker from the [BAB starburst player circles](#) set (which now may or may not be BAB) sold for £23.55.

When you spot what you think are interesting items or prices, either on ebay, in dealers catalogues or auctions, please forward a link or email to [cards@littleoak.com.au](mailto:cards@littleoak.com.au).

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