

# Nigel's Webspaces News

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## A&BC Scottish set re-dated

An email from Tony prompted me to review the dating of the [A&BC Chewing Gum Scottish cards](#) from the mid-1960s. Tony suggested that the cards dated as 1966/67 should actually be dated 1967/68, meaning that they were probably designed in May/June 1967 and sold to the public from July or August 1967 onwards. The obvious reason is the picture of Celtic as winners of the European Cup. The Final was held on 25 May 1967, fitting in with dating of the set to the 1967/68 season. Thanks to Tony for helping to correct this error. I updated my website in January to reflect this change.



## Topps metal club badges



This advertisement is from the Topps Company for their 1979/80 set of 396 footballers. The text of the ad says: *Chew the Gum. Collect the Cards. Save the Wrappers. Get Free Badges. These metal Footballer badges are worth 35p. To get one, collect the wrappers from 20 packets of Footballer Gum. Then send them off with a 10p cheque or Postal Order to cover postage and packing.*

*The offer is open all season and there's a Footballer badge for every team in the English First Division and Scottish Premier League. So keep this advertisement, and try and collect a whole set.*

*The address to write off to is Bazooka Joe, Free Badge Offer, P.O. Box 83, Chelmsford CMS 1LS. (Don't forget to state your address and the team badge you want).*

I've never collected badges, only football cards, so I was not aware of the existence of these Topps badges, and I wonder how common, or how rare, they are. At 10p each (for p&h) I wonder whether anyone ever collected more than one at the time. I also wonder if anyone has tried to put the full set together since 1979. If you collect them, or have a scanned image of one, please get in contact with [Nigel's Webspaces](#).

## Ian Mellor



Ian Mellor began his top-level footballing career in December 1969 with Manchester City, before being transferred to Norwich City in 1973. His playing career continued until 1984 with a total of 337 Football League appearances. The reason that he is interesting to this website is because his 1972 and 1973 FKS football



stickers highlight the use of painting to cover for his transfer. In this case the timing is interesting; he was transferred to Norwich in March 1973 to help Norwich with their end-of-season struggles. This should have given FKS ample time to obtain a photograph of Mellor in Norwich colours for their 1973 stickers, but instead they went for the 1972 sticker, repainted. What is your favourite repainted sticker?

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## Love heart medals

This advertisement appeared in the Warlord comic in 1976. By buying Swizzel's Love Hearts and sending 20p and two wrappers you received one 'medal', of your choice.

The teams available were Arsenal, Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Blackburn Rovers, Blackpool, Bolton Wanderers, Brighton and Hove Albion, Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Carlisle, Chelsea, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Derby County, Everton, Fulham, Ipswich Town, Leeds United, Leicester City, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Mansfield Town, Middlesbrough, Newcastle United, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Portsmouth, Preston North End, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, Stoke City, Sunderland, Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United, Wolverhampton Wanderers, England, Scotland, Wales, Ayr United, Celtic, Rangers, Hearts, Hibernian and St. Mirren.

A total of 48 according to my count, including one or two which would be very rare indeed (may I suggest that there is not too much Mansfield Town memorabilia around, and hope to be proven wrong?). Have you ever seen these medals before? Are they made of metal? Please send any memories to the website.

## Recent ebay prices

- A Top Sellers Football 72 album, part complete with 106 cards in overall good condition sold for £34.
- An original sealed counter box of Transimage Football 1979/80 containing 100 unopened packets sold for £48.
- A single Panini Mexico 70 sticker, the England flag, sold for £151. Wow!
- A full set of 16 A&BC Chewing Gum 1970 World Cup posters sold for £58, while another sold soon afterwards for £45.
- A full set of A&BC Chewing Gum 1970 pin-up posters sold for £32.
- The wrapper from the pin-up posters series sold for £42.

## Roy Race Football Club Badge mystery

Derek recently sent me an email which began an as-yet unsolved mystery hunt. Apparently Derek and I both own a sheet of stickers (pictured) which we have assumed belong to the 1967/68 Roy Race Football Club Badges album. However, Derek pointed out that the sheet sticker numbers do not match the album numbers (and therefore do not match the checklists published on my website). Further investigation has revealed other anomalies.

I checked the sheet numbers with the album. For example, Arbroath is number 4 in the book/album, has number 4 printed on the sticker, but our sheet has this sticker with number 5, so it is not just an anomaly between stickers and album. There are actually stickers which exactly match the album (I own a complete copy of the album where the stickers line up with placement and team names in the album).



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The full set of stickers from this sheet, compared to the album, are:

	Album place and sticker number	Sticker number (from sheet)
<b>Cardiff City (with Cardiff A.F.C.)</b>	22	23
<b>Chester (different badge)</b>	27	28
<b>Everton</b>	40	41
<b>Manchester United</b>	59	61
<b>Notts County (different badge)</b>	69	71
<b>St. Johnstone (different colours in badge)</b>	86	85
<b>Tottenham Hotspur (different badge)</b>	101	101
<b>Arbroath</b>	4	5
<b>Bradford Park Avenue</b>	15	16
<b>Dundee (different colours in badge)</b>	37	38
<b>Gillingham (different colours in badge)</b>	44	45
<b>Liverpool</b>	56	58
<b>Northampton Town (different badge)</b>	67	69
<b>Rotherham United</b>	85	84
<b>Tranmere Rovers (different badge)</b>	102	102



So what is going on here? Do Derek and I own a sheet from a different set altogether? Was this Roy Race album issued more than once? Were there different versions? Did Fleetway issue the same type of album and stickers with any of their other comics? Pictured at left is a sheet listed once on ebay which matches the stickers in the album, but the stickers are in the same placement and order as the sheet that Derek and I own, so whoever produced one also produced the other.

It appears that the sheet may pre-date the album. The brilliant website [Historical Football Kits](http://Historical Football Kits) offers some clues. If you look at Northampton Town you will see that the town crest (the version on the sheet) was used from 1963 to 1967, but the version in the Roy Race album appears to be the more recent and current crest, suggesting that the album stickers are later than the sheet.

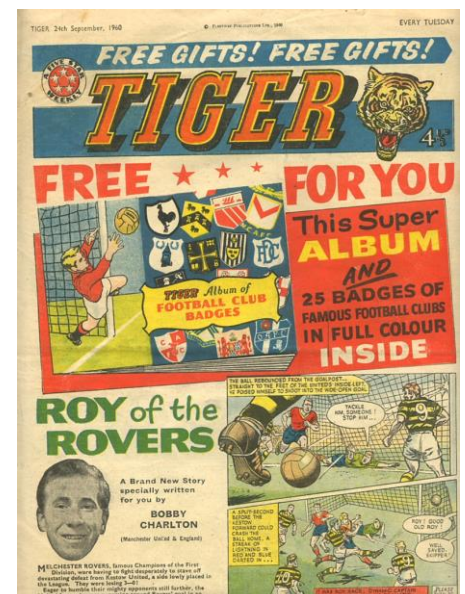
If you could shed any light on this mystery it would be appreciated. Also, if you have sheets of the other stickers it would be good to know which teams and badges are included.

## And the answer to the mystery is....

Thanks to Alan and Bob. Apparently, 7 years before this set was issued as the Roy Race set, it was issued by the Tiger comic. So, the sheet is from the original 1960 issue, and the other stickers are from the album issue of 1967. As you can see from the image kindly sent by Bob, the album and first 25 stickers were given away as a free gift in the September 24, 1960 issue of the Tiger.

Alan kindly contributed a checklist for the 1960 set:

1. Aberdeen
2. Accrington Stanley
3. Airdieonians
4. Aldershot
5. Arbroath
6. Arsenal
7. Aston Villa



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8. Barnsley
9. Barrow
10. Birmingham City
11. Blackburn Rovers
12. Blackpool
13. Bolton Wanderers
14. Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic
15. Bradford City
16. Bradford Park Avenue
17. Brentford
18. Brighton & Hove Albion
19. Bristol City
20. Bristol Rovers
21. Burnley
22. Bury
23. Cardiff City
24. Carlisle United
25. Celtic
26. Charlton Athletic
27. Chelsea
28. Chester
29. Chesterfield
30. Colchester United
31. Coventry City
32. Crewe Alexandra
33. Crystal Palace
34. Darlington
35. Derby County
36. Doncaster Rovers
37. Dumbarton
38. Dundee
39. Dundee United
40. Dunfermline Athletic
41. Everton
42. Exeter City
43. Falkirk
44. Fulham
45. Gillingham
46. Grimsby Town
47. Halifax town
48. Hartlepool
49. Heart of Midlothian
50. Huddersfield Town
51. Hull City
52. Ipswich Town
53. Kilmarnock
54. Leeds United
55. Leicester City
56. Leyton Orient
57. Lincoln City
58. Liverpool
59. Luton Town

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60. Manchester City
61. Manchester United
62. Mansfield Town
63. Middlesbrough
64. Millwall
65. Morton
66. Motherwell
67. Newcastle United
68. Newport County
69. Northampton Town
70. Norwich City
71. Notts County
72. Nottingham Forest
73. Oldham Athletic
74. Patrick Thistle
75. Peterborough United
76. Plymouth Argyle
77. Portsmouth
78. Port Vale
79. Preston North End
80. Queens Park Rangers
81. Rangers
82. Reading
83. Rochdale
84. Rotherham United
85. St Johnstone
86. St Mirren
87. Scunthorpe United
88. Sheffield United
89. Sheffield Wednesday
90. Shrewsbury Town
91. Southampton
92. Southend United
93. Southport
94. Stockport County
95. Stoke City
96. Sunderland
97. Swansea Town
98. Swindon Town
99. Third Lanark
100. Torquay United
101. Tottenham Hotspur
102. Tranmere Rovers
103. Walsall
104. Watford
105. West Bromwich Albion
106. West Ham United
107. Wolverhampton Wanderers
108. Workington
109. Wrexham
110. York City