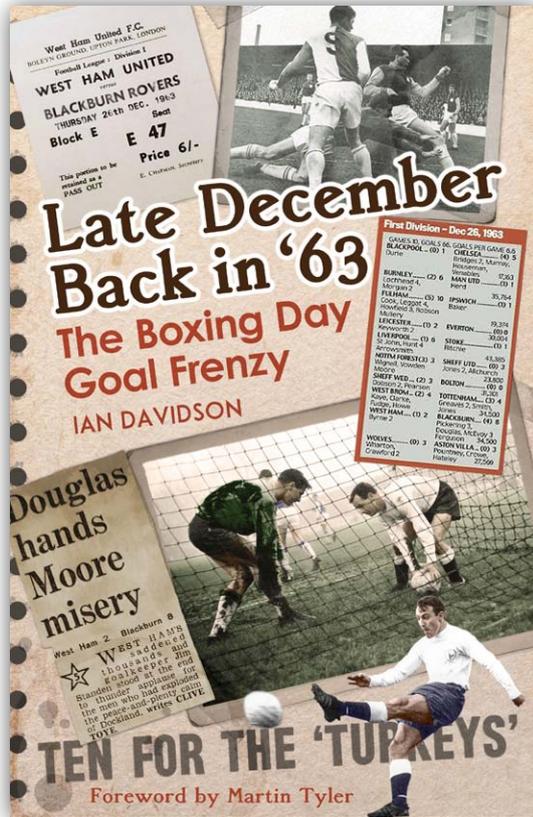




# Title information



## Late December Back in '63

The Boxing Day Football Went Goal Crazy

By Ian Davidson

### Key features

- Fascinating story of one of the most amazing days in English football history, which separates truth from myth
- Detailed club-by-club research of the fixtures and how they fit into the socio-economic changes in English society of the time, as Britain accelerated its recovery from World War Two and developed a new identity in the early 1960s
- Explores the geographic spread of the clubs playing in the top flight in 1963 and how that was changing in light of the cessation of the maximum wage in 1961
- Features in-depth descriptions of many of the characters who contributed to the day and their individual stories
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

### Description

*Late December Back in '63* tells the story of an unforgettable day in top-flight English football – when 66 goals were netted in just ten fixtures on Boxing Day 1963. The author brings each match to life through archive reports and images, exploring how such a staggering tally of goals was scored. This was the age of attacking formations, just before the era of more defensive disciplines, but what other factors were at play? The book examines and tests the veracity of various myths that surround that extraordinary day. Along with club line-ups, match reports, programmes and images from the fixtures, *Late December Back in '63* takes an in-depth look at the careers of the various characters who played their part. It also offers a snapshot of where the national sport stood less than 20 years after World War 2 and the socio-economic changes taking place in the 'Swinging Sixties'. You'll get a picture of the state of the game less than three years before the summer of 1966 and how our future World Cup heroes were doing in their careers.

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