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This book is for my son Dan and our mutual friend Darrell De Souza. Between them they have clocked up many hours at White Hart Lane over many years.

It's also to the memory of Dave Mackay who was one hell of a player.

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INTRODUCTION

Hello Spurs fans and welcome to what I hope is the most comprehensive quiz on your club available.

A word or two on the League Cup is required here. Since its inception in the 1960/61 season, it has had several sponsors, among them five companies involved with drinks. Here's an early question for you. Who are they? To me it has always been the League Cup whatever transient sponsor it has at any moment in time. It is a tedious task to look up who is sponsoring it at any particular time, and therefore in this quiz it will be known as 'the League Cup'.

My choice of 12 players in the 'Super Spurs' section will probably differ here and there from yours, but if it provokes a few disagreements it's all to the good.

I hope you enjoy it.

QUIZ No. 1

ACROSS THE CAPITAL

All these players left White Hart Lane and moved to another London club. You are given the number of league games each of them played for Spurs and the year they left. Which clubs did they join?

1. Les Allen – 119 Games – 1965
2. Dean Austin – 124 Games – 1997
3. Johnny Brooks – 166 Games – 1960
4. Ralph Coates – 188 Games – 1978
5. Billy Cook – 63 Games – 1931
6. Terry Dyson – 184 Games – 1965
7. Don McAllister – 172 Games – 1981
8. Stuart Nethercott – 54 Games – 1997
9. Jimmy Robertson – 157 Games – 1969
10. Mitchell Thomas – 157 Games – 1991

QUIZ No. 2

ANYTHING GOES - PART 1

1. Martin Jol, Spurs manager between 2004 and 2007, played football in England as a wing-half with which two Midlands clubs?
2. A player in Spurs' double-winning team of 1960/61 shares a surname with a member of Arsenal's double-winning team of 1997/98. What is that surname?
3. Recent Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino kept what in his office to ward off negative energy? I'm at an age when any form of energy is welcome, and the negative variety is often preferable!
4. He came on once for Spurs as a substitute before leaving for Middlesbrough in 1972, becoming perhaps the greatest player to slip through the club's fingers. Who was he?
5. When Spurs beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 to win the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1963, one of their Spanish opponents had the same surname as one of the Spurs players. What was that unlikely surname?
6. Scott Houghton is a marginal figure in Spurs' history. He never started a game, coming on as a substitute ten times in total. However, on 16 November 1991 he got two goals for the club, matching Gary Lineker's contribution in a 4-1 win against Luton Town at White Hart Lane. Those were his only Spurs goals and he later joined the club he scored them against. What transpired that afternoon, for the first time since 17 December 1969 against Everton, that made the game memorable?
7. Spurs signed Peter Murphy from Coventry City in 1950 and he played 38 times for the club, scoring 14 goals before moving to Birmingham City in 1952. While there he played in the 1956 Cup Final and was involved in what incident?
8. Which Spurs player, who shares his surname with a prime minister, came to the club from Wimbledon in 2000, making 36 appearances before moving on to Leicester City in 2003?

9. On 22 July 1995, Spurs suffered their heaviest defeat when they lost 8-0 to Cologne in what competition?
10. A crowd of just short of 13,000 turned up at Home Park, Plymouth, in early December 1961 to watch a reserve game. Why?

QUIZ No. 3

ANYTHING GOES - PART 2

1. Pat Jennings played his last game for Spurs on 14 May 1977 at White Hart Lane. Strangely enough, the game ended with the same result as an earlier post-war Spurs FA Cup Final. Who did Spurs play in his final game and what was the score?
2. When Spurs did the 'double' in 1960/61 it posed a problem for the Charity Shield, the traditional curtain raiser to the new season, because normally the league champions played the FA Cup winners, but Spurs couldn't play themselves. Who did they play?
3. In which tournament in 1970 did Spurs beat Dunfermline and lose to Motherwell over two legs?
4. Three post-war Spurs managers have been followed in that role by a man whose surname began with the same letter as the departing manager. Which six managers are involved here?
5. When Tottenham Hotspur began their league residency at Wembley Stadium on 20 August 2017 against Chelsea, who scored their first goal in that ground?
6. On the opening day of the 2018/19 season, Spurs made the long journey to Newcastle and came away with a 2-1 win. Their first goal of that season was deemed by the technology to have crossed the line by 9mm. Who scored it?
7. In their first season in the Football League in 1908, the club Spurs met on both Christmas Day and Boxing Day sound like something you wouldn't want to eat because it's been hanging around for a while! Who were they?
8. When Spurs paid Newcastle £2 million for Paul Gascoigne in the summer of 1988, he made his debut for the club against which opponents?
9. Who is the odd man out of the following four players and why? Danny Blanchflower, Glenn Hoddle, Gary Lineker and Dimitar Berbatov.
10. In the mid-1980s, under the chairmanship of Irving Scholar, what business decision did Spurs take that made them unique among Football League clubs?

QUIZ No. 4

BIRTHPLACES

1. In which country was Nayim 'from the halfway line' born?
2. Sid Tickridge, Vic Groves, Clive Allen and Paul Miller were all born in an area of London that shares its name with a post-war England goalkeeper. Where were they born?
3. Alf Ramsey, Les Allen, and Terry Venables played over 500 games for Spurs between them and all shared the same birth place. What was it?
4. Tom Huddlestone and Jermaine Jenas were born in the same English city, and Martin Chivers and Darren Anderton also shared a birthplace about 160 miles south of that first city. Which two cities are involved here?
5. Tottenham's Eric Dier was born in the same town as Brian Jones of the Rolling Stones. Where?
6. The two Kyle's, Naughton and Walker, were born within two years of each other in the same city. Which one?
7. Micky Hazard, Andy Sinton, Terry Fenwick and Chris Armstrong all came from the same part of England. Which?
8. Spurs goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga was born in Argentina but you could be forgiven for thinking he was born in Ireland. Why?
9. Len Duquemin scored goals galore for Spurs in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Where did he hail from?
10. Les Ferdinand was born in a part of London celebrated by Van Morrison in his song 'Slim Slow Slider' from the album *Astral Weeks*. Where was Les born?

QUIZ No. 5

THE CHELSEA CONNECTION

1. Which two members of the double-winning side of 1960/61 had previously played for Chelsea?
2. Who is the only player to score over 120 goals for both clubs?
3. On 6 March 1982, he scored one of the goals at Stamford Bridge that helped Spurs beat Chelsea 3-2 in the FA Cup sixth round. In 1985 he crossed London to join them. Who was he?
4. Two men who played for Chelsea in the 1960s both went on to manage Spurs. Who were they?
5. Which striker did Spurs sign from Chelsea in 1991 who played 78 times for the club before his move to Glasgow Rangers in 1994?
6. Only two men in this century have managed both Spurs and Chelsea. Who are they?
7. This popular central defender started exactly 200 league games for Spurs between 1980 and 1986 and, after a short sojourn with Glasgow Rangers, joined Chelsea in 1988. Who was he?
8. Which Spurs player from the 1950s and 1960s went on to manage Chelsea in the 1970s?
9. Only one man in the post-war era has played for and managed both Chelsea and Spurs. Who is he?
10. A quality midfielder who could score goals as well, this Uruguayan played for Chelsea between 1997 and 2001 and then went to Spurs until 2004. Who was he?

QUIZ No. 6

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

1. This sounds incredible, but it's true. Between 1898 and 1907, in the Southern League, Spurs played the same team on the same ground on ten successive Boxing Days. Who were their opponents and what was the venue?
2. On Boxing day of 1912, a player who scored 74 goals in 159 league games for Spurs got a hat-trick at White Hart Lane in a 4-0 win over Manchester City. Who was he?
3. Two years later, on Boxing Day, Bert Bliss, a great goalscorer with a name to match, lit up White Hart Lane by scoring four times in a 6-1 win over which Yorkshire club?
4. Whatever method was used to allocate Christmas matches at this time, it was kind to Spurs in 1931 by pairing them with another London club. Spurs lost 1-0 away on Christmas Day, but beat the same team 5-2 the following day when free-scoring Yorkshireman George Hunt grabbed a hat-trick. Which London club did they play over Christmas that year?
5. In 1952 Spurs drew the short straw again and had to travel to Middlesbrough on 27 December, a match they won 4-0. On Christmas Day itself they had already hammered that club 7-1 at White Hart Lane. Which local lad scored four of the seven, those four ending up being crucial to his final total of 103 league goals for Spurs?
6. If the team that Spurs beat 6-0 at White Hart Lane on Christmas Day 1956 thought that was the end of their troubles on that ground they were in for a shock two years later when they lost by the same margin but a different score line in a match that has gone down in Spurs folklore. Who were they?
7. The team that took Spurs' league crown in 1961/62 were already in decline by Boxing Day of 1962 when they were put to the sword 5-0 at White Hart Lane, with Jimmy Greaves helping himself to three of them. Who were they?

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8. On Boxing Day of 1963 there were a record 66 goals scored in the ten top-flight games. Spurs played their part by sharing eight goals away to which Midlands club?
9. The next time Spurs were involved in a 4-4 draw on Boxing Day was in 1980 at White Hart Lane against Southampton, who were also the visitors at Wembley on Boxing Day 2017, when which Spurs player scored a hat-trick in a 5-2 win?
10. Spurs produced a torrent of goals at Christmas in 2018, scoring 11 times in their two games. It began with an away win at Everton on 23 December and concluded with victory over Bournemouth at White Hart Lane on Boxing Day. What were the two score lines?

QUIZ No. 7

'COME ON YOU SPURS' - FANS

1. 'Someone like you' could be a Spurs fan, according to this singer, who already is! Who is she?
2. The World Snooker champion of 2002 was a big Spurs fan. Who was he?
3. Fans of EastEnders will know the Spurs fan who played Ricky Butcher. Do you?
4. A massive Spurs fan was responsible for training Sixties Icon to win the 2006 St. Leger, the only time it was run at York. Who was he?
5. No wonder he always looked depressed and pissed off in *Wallander*, it turns out he was a Spurs fan. Which actor played the part?
6. The script of *Til Death Us Do Part* required Alf Garnett to be a West Ham fan, but in real life the actor who played him was to be found at White Hart Lane rather than Upton Park. Who was he?
7. Widely considered to be one of Britain's greatest comedians, he once did a sketch that featured a Spurs v Norwich game, and certainly earned his spurs when he was 'duffed up', in the terminology of the time, outside Old Trafford. Who was he?
8. A fan, as well as an insightful observer of the club, he wrote *The Glory Game*, a behind-the-scenes look at life at White Hart Lane in the 1970s. Who was he?
9. You have to be a bit philosophical to be a Spurs supporter, and that posed few problems for this man who was one of Britain's foremost philosophers of the 20th century. Who was he?
10. Who was the Spurs fan responsible for *Spurred on TV* who ended each show with 'Come on you Spurs!'?

QUIZ No. 8

CRYPTIC SCORERS AGAINST ARSENAL

A goal against Arsenal is always welcome. You are given a cryptic clue and the decade in which they scored. Can you identify the players?

1. English forest – 1990s
2. Legendary trumpet player – 1990s
3. Biblical doubter – 1980s
4. Nut – 1980s
5. Murdered king in Macbeth – 1970s
6. Big hitting English cricketer – 1950s
7. Jelly makers – 1970s
8. Lawbreakers – 1980s
9. Stoke City owners – 1970s
10. Best avoided on a golf course – 1980s

QUIZ No. 9

CRYPTIC SPURS

You are given the dates they played for Spurs and a cryptic clue in each case. Can you identify the players?

1. In a Western, the Sheriff is usually left with the unenviable task of assembling one of these to go after the outlaws. (1963–66)
2. What ducks do. (1985–89)
3. Dwelling place and football club. (1978–83)
4. An earlier version changed his name on the road to Damascus, but this one kept his. (1960–68)
5. He remained unspoilt by his success, like the boy next door. (1970–77)
6. The one in the centre of three unmarried girls. (1907–20)
7. The only member of the double-winning team gathering dust. (1954–65)
8. Small town on the north Norfolk coast. (1992–97 and 2001–03)
9. Shares a surname with a great jazz guitarist and something that happens hundreds of times in a game. (1907–08)
10. Two for the price of one to finish! A country and a capital city that begin with the same letter. (1966–75 and 1990–2000)

QUIZ No. 10

DOUBLE DIAMONDS

For those of you old enough to remember the TV advert for this beer, it was supposed to work wonders. How appropriate, because the 1960/61 team did just that. If you were a Spurs fan from that era, or just a football lover, the 11 names roll off the tongue like a mantra. Brown, Baker, Henry, Blanchflower, Norman, Mackay, Jones, White, Smith, Allen, Dyson. I have 11 stairs in my house and still use it in the dark to know when I've safely reached the bottom! Here are ten questions about that remarkable team.

1. When Spurs won the league ten years before, in 1951, they clinched the title with a home win over the same side that they beat at White Hart Lane to win the 1961 title. Who were they?
2. Only one of the outfield players failed to score during the 42-match league programme. Who was he?
3. Four Spurs players appeared in every league game and the others missed few matches. Who, due to injury, could only turn out 29 times in the league that season?
4. Spurs started the season with 11 straight wins. Which club broke the sequence by holding them to a 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane on 10 October 1960?
5. Consistency was the key in the FA Cup as well, ten of the 11 playing in all seven cup ties. Which team did they beat on the way to Wembley that they had defeated the previous year at the same stage of the competition?
6. In doing the league and cup double, their achievement was special because no club had done it in the 20th century where far more games had to be played to achieve it. Which two clubs had done it in the previous century?
7. Growing up in Malton, a Yorkshire horse-racing town, which member of that team started out with hopes of following in his father's footsteps by becoming a jockey?