

# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1960-61

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Winning both the top division and the FA Cup was a rare achievement in English football – but the brilliant Spurs team of 1960-61 managed to make history!

1. Tottenham Hotspur
2. Sheffield Wednesday
3. Wolverhampton Wanderers
4. Burnley
5. Everton
6. Leicester City
7. Manchester United
8. Blackburn Rovers
9. Aston Villa
10. West Bromwich Albion
11. Arsenal
12. Chelsea
13. Manchester City
14. Nottingham Forest
15. Cardiff City
16. West Ham United
17. Fulham
18. Bolton Wanderers
19. Birmingham City
20. Blackpool
21. Newcastle United
22. Preston North End

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Tottenham Hotspur	42	15	3	3	65	28	16	1	4	50	27	66
2. Sheffield Wednesday	42	15	4	2	45	17	8	8	5	33	30	58
3. Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	17	2	2	61	32	8	5	8	42	43	57
4. Burnley	42	11	4	6	58	40	11	3	7	44	37	51
5. Everton	42	13	4	4	47	23	9	2	10	40	46	50
6. Leicester City	42	12	4	5	54	31	6	5	10	33	39	45
7. Manchester United	42	14	5	2	58	20	4	4	13	30	56	45
8. Blackburn Rovers	42	12	3	6	48	34	3	10	8	29	42	43
9. Aston Villa	42	13	3	5	48	28	4	6	11	30	49	43
10. West Bromwich Albion	42	10	3	8	43	32	8	2	11	24	39	41
11. Arsenal	42	10	3	6	44	35	3	8	10	33	50	41
12. Chelsea	42	12	3	6	44	35	3	8	10	33	50	41
13. Manchester City	42	10	5	6	61	48	5	2	14	37	52	37
14. Nottingham Forest	42	10	5	6	61	48	5	3	12	38	60	37
15. Cardiff City	42	10	5	6	41	30	6	2	13	28	45	37
16. West Ham United	42	8	7	6	34	33	6	2	13	26	59	37
17. Fulham	42	11	5	5	34	26	2	6	13	26	59	37
18. Bolton Wanderers	42	11	5	5	34	26	2	6	13	26	59	37
19. Birmingham City	42	12	4	5	53	31	1	6	14	24	57	36
20. Blackpool	42	12	4	5	53	31	1	6	14	24	57	36
21. Newcastle United	42	8	8	5	39	39	6	0	15	33	56	36
22. Preston North End	42	9	5	7	38	29	3	6	12	20	44	35



An old-fashioned open-top bus parade for Spurs



### WHY IT MATTERED

Tottenham's achievement was a big moment in the history of English football. The only team to win the League and the FA Cup in the same season before were Preston North End in the very first League season in 1888-89! Ten years after Spurs, their great rivals Arsenal also did the Double, in 1970-71. But it wasn't achieved again until Manchester United in 1993-94. Since then it has been done another eight times, including by Manchester City in 2018-19!

### DIVISION ONE, 1960-61

**Top scorer** Jimmy Greaves, Chelsea (41)  
**Champions** Tottenham Hotspur  
**Relegated** Newcastle United, Preston North End  
**FA Cup final** Tottenham Hotspur 2 Leicester City 0  
**League Cup final** Aston Villa 3 Rotherham 2  
**(on aggregate)**

Title rivals Spurs and Wednesday clash at White Hart Lane



The Spurs players celebrate winning the title in the communal bath!



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Spurs fans line the streets

## DID YOU KNOW?

Spurs manager Bill Nicholson had played for them when they won the League in 1950-51. He is still seen as the club's greatest-ever boss

# DOUBLE



Tottenham's legendary Double winners!

## WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The next season, **Spurs** strengthened their attack by signing England striker **Jimmy Greaves**. He had been the division's top scorer with **Chelsea** in 1960-61 then had a few months in Italy with **AC Milan** before moving back to London. Greaves went on to become the club's record scorer with 266 goals.

Spurs made a good attempt at defending their title, finishing third, four points behind surprise champions **Ipswich** (who had been promoted from Division Two in 1960-61). They also won the **FA Cup** again, this time beating **Burnley** 3-1. In the **European Cup** Spurs reached the semi-final before losing to the eventual champions, **Benfica** of Portugal.



A huge crowd watches Spurs beat Burnley in the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park

## TOP FACT

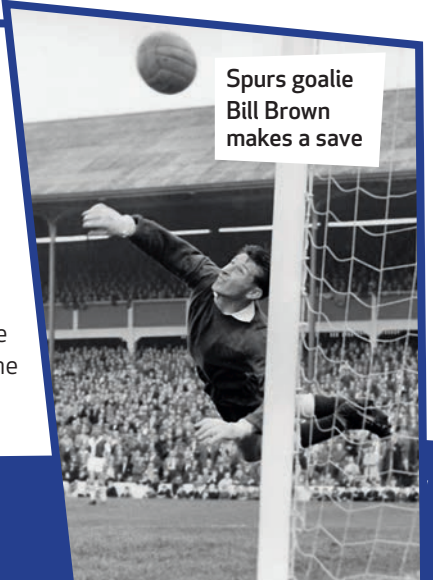
Preston, the first Double winners, have never been back to the top division since they were relegated this season

## THE STORY OF THE SEASON

**Tottenham** made a sensational start, winning their first 11 games, in which they scored a massive 36 goals! Their team was strong in every department, with the forward partnership of **Les Allen** and **Bobby Smith** scoring 51 goals between them. The inspirational captain was **Danny Blanchflower**, who had also led Northern Ireland in the **1958 World Cup** finals.

Rivals **Sheffield Wednesday** kept in touch and became the first team to beat

Spurs with a 2-1 win at Hillsborough in November. Spurs recovered from that setback and held a six-point lead with four games left when they met Wednesday on a Monday night at White Hart Lane in April. Spurs' 2-1 victory meant they couldn't be caught at the top – they were champions. The next month they beat **Leicester City** 2-0 in the **FA Cup** final to complete the first Double of the 20th century. They had become legends!



Spurs goalie Bill Brown makes a save