



THE LEGACY OF IRVING SCHOLAR

ONE FACT not even Irving Scholar's bitterest critic could challenge: his passion for Tottenham Hotspur.

I have not yet seen the autobiography in which the club's former chairman has expanded on his rise and fall at White Hart Lane. The extracts published in *The Daily Express* have dealt with the comparative trivia of the personalities rather than the substantive issues.

For example, WHY did it all turn sour and what is the nature of the legacy of what we might term Scholarism? Scholar was devoted to Spurs. His story was a classic of terrace to boardroom.

His departure, overthrown by Amstrad tycoon Alan Sugar and Scholar's own managerial choice, Terry Venables, must have been devastating. It was surely the fittest and Venables and Sugar were financially more match-fit when it came to kick-off, or kick-out.

Scholar envisaged a romantic leadership, restructured.

He wanted to reflect the club's history, recollected by Double. Double's enthusiasm for the club's history, long before the club's

surrounding Spurs, post Scholar, has centred on such as Venables's progression to business coach alongside the sideshow being produced by Paul Gascoigne.

Time then, now — for the first time — for the first time Scholar legacy.

He seized the partnership at a time when financial corner-cutting was enough to incur the wrath of the club's

launch the ancillary businesses which, it was envisaged, would mushroom all around the purely football activities.

Now, with all the benefits of hindsight, it is hard to consider the flawed role of football in the club's

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HOW SPARTAK

THE LIVERPOOL saga is not the first time Moscow Spartak have shot themselves in the administrative foot.

The previous occasion was in the spring of last year when Spartak beat Real Madrid in the quarter-finals of the European Champions' Cup thanks to striker Dimitri Radchenko's goals.

He scored twice in Spartak's 3-1 victory in Spain in the second leg. But it emerged later that his transfer to Spartak from Zenit Leningrad was the subject of dispute and had not been registered by the Soviet federation.

A week later Madrid protested but UEFA dismissed the



Too good... Spartak, the fifth club to win at Anfield in Europe.

YET ANOTHER BOOK LIST

MY LIST last month of the **Top Ten Football Books** created wide interest. I was then asked for my **Top Ten Football Reference Books**. I'm afraid I could not manage ten. But here are the **Top Seven** (again, listed in alphabetical order):

- Any current **Rothmans Football Yearbook** (edited by Jack Rollin, Headline Publications).
- Any current **Annuario del Calcio Mondiale** (edited by Salvatore Lo Presti, SET Turin).
- Any current **European Football Yearbook** (edited by Mike Hammond, Sports Projects).
- **Encyklopedia Pitkarskich Mistrzostw Swiata** — Polish who's who of World Cup history (edited by Andrzej Gowarzewski, Katowice).
- **Guinness Record of World Soccer** (edited by Guy Oliver, Guinness Publications).
- **The Encyclopedia of World Soccer** (edited by Richard Henshaw, published in 1979 by New Republic Books, Washington DC).
- **World Soccer from A to Z** (edited by Norman Barrett, published in 1973 by Pan).

