



The players were not allowed 'out to play' the night after. With preparations for their fourth round match against Tottenham Hotspur looming for the following Sunday, they were confined to their hotel. [Concerns about the team travelling away at such an important time must have been well forgotten by Sunday though when the Reds beat the Spurs 3-1]

The impending fixture didn't stop the team managers and a few others with the visiting party from calling on HMA at his DQ residence on Wednesday 23rd.

The reception had been organised to allow some of the people in Saudi who had been involved with arranging and promoting the fixture to meet Sir Alex and his party.

A few RGBB members had squeezed an invitation as well, including David & Liz Riley who had been among the lucky ones to have obtained tickets to the match. Liz & David are pictured below with Paddy Crerand and Roy Ashall.



Sir Alex, seen above with Peter Waddell and his wife also signed a copy of a book 'The Champions Story' donated by David Riley which will also be auctioned.

Seen below, Sir Alex poses with David Murphy, Chief Marketing Officer for Mobily who had been the main sponsor for the event.



Liz delighted Paddy with her story of getting into the game against the odds. With most of the stadium officials not recognising that women were allowed in, she had been refused entry at several points before David had exercised a little 'wasta'!

Following a few words of welcome from HMA, David Gill (below) presented Vanessa Patey with a souvenir shirt from the match signed by 15 of the players. The shirt will be auctioned off to the highest bidder to raise money for ICING (International Children in Need Group) where Vanessa is the Patron.



Photo right: Ken Ramsden the Club Secretary speaks with Godwin Montanaro the Ambassador of Malta

Bottom Right: HMA in a Ferguson sandwich

