

# WEST HAM UNITED

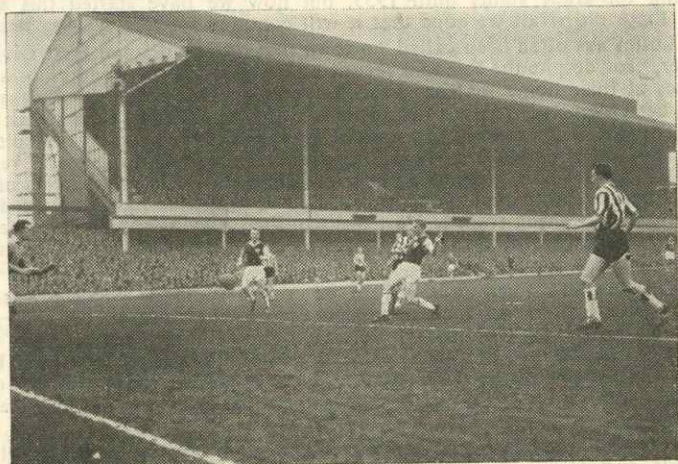
## LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division One

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# WEST HAM UNITED F.C.

Football League (Div. II): Winners 1957-58 Runners-up 1922-23

F.A. Cup: Finalists 1922-23 Semi-Finalists: 1922-23 1932-33

Football League War Cup: Winners 1939-40

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## A Visit by the Cup Finalists

Although we have been playing matches against Luton Town since our club was formed at the beginning of the present century, it was not until this season that we had the opportunity of meeting them in a First Division fixture. This has, of course, been largely due to the Hatters not gaining top-grade status until 1955, but now we have started this series with these old rivals we hope that it will continue for a very long time!

Luton has often been called "a town that doesn't deserve First Division soccer," for despite the splendid record of the Kenilworth Road club, attendances at their home matches have not been in proportion to what might have been expected from a town of its size and nature until their recent Cup run brought their name into national prominence. However, in spite of these and other difficulties, the Hatters have maintained a successful record in the First Division, and among their present staff are several players of the very highest ability including skipper Syd Owen who has announced his intentions of retiring from a most distinguished playing-career after he has completed the task of leading his team to a hoped-for victory at Wembley on the first Saturday in May.

This season's Final bids fair to be a real football "classic" as the styles of the Hatters and their opponents are based on real soccer skill. We can well testify to Nottingham Forest's ability in this respect, for they helped to provide one of the season's most entertaining duels at Upton Park when they visited us in January, and we can assure today's guests of a hearty appreciation if they can likewise contribute to a similarly pleasing 90 minutes.

We also number many good friends among the Bedfordshire club's officials, and none is more welcome to our ground than our former player Tommy Hodgson—now a Director of Luton Town F.C. Tommy will undoubtedly meet many of his old acquaintances if he is in the visiting party this evening, and he will certainly receive hearty greetings from Charlie Paynter, ex-playing colleague Ted Hufton and many others.

The Hatters have often been quoted as being one of the Hammers' "bogey clubs." The most likely reason for this is because they twice knocked us out of the F.A. Cup (the first time as a Third Division club, after forcing a draw at Upton Park). However, a check of our records against them shows that we have proved the more successful in our meetings, and that although they have beaten us at Upton Park on three occasions since the start of the 1938-39 season the margin each time has been 1-0.

On the other hand we can certainly point to very few successes at Kenilworth Road during that same period, and it will indeed take much to wipe out the memory of our last two visits to their enclosure. In 1954-55 a 2-0 margin tipped the scales in our opponents' favour when we visited them for a vital "promotion" match during the Easter holidays and our last trip to their ground (at the beginning of this season) brought our first defeat since returning to Division I.

## Previous Meetings with Luton Town (our scores first)

Season	Competition	Home	Away	Season	Competition	Home	Away
1900-01	S'thern Lg.	2-0	0-2	1947-48	Division II	0-0	0-0
1901-02	S'thern Lg.	4-1	3-0	1948-49	Division II	0-1	1-0
1902-03	S'thern Lg.	4-1	0-4	1948-49	F.A. Cup	—	1-3
1903-04	S'thern Lg.	0-0	0-1	1949-50	Division II	0-0	2-2
1904-05	S'thern Lg.	6-2	2-0	1950-51	Division II	2-1	1-1
1905-06	S'thern Lg.	1-2	1-1	1951-52	Division II	3-0	1-6
1906-07	S'thern Lg.	5-1	1-1	1952-53	Division II	0-1	0-0
1907-08	S'thern Lg.	1-0	3-0	1953-54	Division II	1-0	1-3
1908-09	S'thern Lg.	4-0	0-1	1954-55	Division II	2-1	0-2
1909-10	S'thern Lg.	1-2	2-4	1958-59	Division I	—	1-4
1910-11	S'thern Lg.	2-0	1-1				
1911-12	S'thern Lg.	3-0	1-2				
1914-15	S'thern Lg.	3-0	2-1				
1935-36	F.A. Cup	2-2	0-4				
1937-38	Division II	0-0	2-2				
1938-39	Division II	0-1	2-1				
1946-47	Division II	2-1	1-2				

### Summary

	W	D	L	F	A
Home ...	15	5	5	48	17
Away ...	6	8	13	29	48
	21	13	18	77	65

## Facts and Figures of Luton Town F.C.

Club formed: 1885.

Honours:

F.A. Cup: Finalists 1958-59

Football League: Champions of Div. III (South) 1936-37  
Runners-up of Div. II 1954-55

League Record last Season:

Home: won 13 drew 3 lost 5 goals 45 - 22  
Away: won 6 drew 3 lost 12 goals 24 - 41

won 19 drew 6 lost 17 goals 69 - 63 position: 8th

Leading Scorers last Season: G. Turner 33, A. Brown 12.



## News of Hammers — Past and Present

### John Dick's Record

John Dick's selection as Scotland's inside-left for the International v England at Wembley last Saturday prompted many enquiries regarding his records for the Hammers, so we hope this pen picture will provide the information required.

John was born in Govan and learned his soccer in that area. As a schoolboy he gained representative honours and later a Scottish Junior cap in 1950 whilst playing for Maryhill.

He came over the Border whilst in the Army and was stationed at Colchester with R.E.M.E. His performances in Army soccer earned him a cup as a memento, and he was asked to play for Crittall Athletic in the London League and the Eastern Counties League. We "spotted" him in the latter competition when he played against our "A" Team and, as he could not also play for the Hammers in that tournament, he turned out for us in the Mid-Week League (making his debut v Fulham "A" at Craven Cottage on 19th February 1953).

When his term of National Service was ended John received offers from several clubs, but the persuasive powers of Ted Fenton during two visits to John's home enabled the Hammers to secure his services, and he became a professional during the summer of 1953.

John was selected for our first League game of the following season (against Lincoln City at Upton Park on 19th August 1953) and his rapid rise to the top soon attracted the attention of the Scottish selectors, for in March 1954 he played for Scotland "B" v England "B" at Roker Park, Sunderland; unfortunately a leg injury received during that game did not permit John to prove his full worth, and no further representative honours came his way until last week.

However, in the meantime John has built up a remarkable record for the Hammers, and it can truthfully be said that he has only been kept from a 100% attendance through injuries intervening. The full tally is:

Season	League Games	Goals
1953-54 ... ..	39 ...	13
1954-55 ... ..	39 ...	26
1955-56 ... ..	41 ...	14
1956-57 ... ..	38 ...	8
1957-58 ... ..	40 ...	21
1958-59 (to date) ...	37 ...	25

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John has set several new "marks" in compiling these figures and his total League appearances must be somewhere near the record for a Hammers' inside-forward. His 106 goals to date certainly puts him in third place in the Hammers' all-time scorers' list, only Vic Watson (306 from centre-forward) and Jimmy Ruffell (161 from outside-left) having also passed the century mark. John's 26 goals in the 1954-55 season is a record for a Hammers' inside-forward and actually equalled Bill Robinson's record post-war mark (achieved in 1950-51); the odds are certainly upon him setting a "new high" during the current campaign.

During our promotion season of 1957-58 John actually scored in seven successive League games, and his personal best was his four goals in our 8-0 win over Rotherham United at Upton Park on 8th March 1958.

For one who has achieved so much it is perhaps most fitting that John should be the first Hammer to gain a full Scottish "cap," and we heartily congratulate this popular player whose reticent manner off the field is such a contrast to his terrific verve when in action.

### Noel Cantwell leads Eire to Another Victory

Noel Cantwell played a real captain's part when he led Eire to a 2-0 victory over Czecho-Slovakia in the European Nations Cup (Preliminary Round) at Dalymount Park, Dublin last Sunday week (April 5th). He scored from the penalty-spot to put his side in the lead and also gave a very impressive performance in defence.

### Ex-Hammers in Football League Management

Whilst welcoming one of the F.A. Cup Finalists this evening our thoughts inevitably turn to the team which they defeated in the Semi-Final. The gallant performance of Norwich City stirred the entire soccer world, and like so many others we were somewhat disappointed when the Canaries failed at the last hurdle in their effort to set a record by being the first Third Division side to appear in the F.A. Cup Final. These sentiments did not adversely reflect upon Luton Town, for there is always a tendency for the neutral "fan" to favour the under-dog, but we were particularly interested in the Canaries who have an ex-Hammer as their pilot.

Archie Macaulay has done a good job for the East Anglian club this season, and he becomes yet another ex-Hammer to join an ever-growing illustrious group of former Upton Park players who have or are making their mark as soccer managers. We at the Boleyn Ground consider it an honour to find so many former wearers of the Claret-and-Blue being appointed to that position, and it is worth noting that four of the current Football League managers have intimate connections with the Hammers (the others are, of course, Ted and Ben Fenton and former trainer Harry Hooper).

Each of this quartet can look back upon the 1958-59 season with considerable satisfaction, and we hope success will continue to come their way.

### Re-Union Evening

*"Once a Hammer, always a Hammer."*

Ted Hufton echoed those words when he was speaking about a Re-Union Dinner which is to be held in May. This will be a unique occasion, for it will be attended exclusively by "Hammers" (past and present) who will be reviving their acquaintance with the club at this private function which continues a series started some time ago.

Among those present will be the five surviving members of our 1923 F.A. Cup Final Team—Ted Hufton, Billy Moore, Jim Ruffell, Jack Tresadern and Vic Watson—as well as two Hammers' managers—Charlie Paynter and Ted Fenton.

Functions like these do much to help to maintain the traditional Club spirit, and several reminiscences will certainly be swapped that evening!



## Pen Pictures of Luton Town Players

**RON BAYNHAM.** Born at Birmingham. First played for Worcester City before joining the Hatters in 1951; displaced Bernard Streten in the First XI during the 1952-53 season and went on to gain international caps for England v Denmark, Spain and Ireland.

**BILLY BINGHAM.** Born in Belfast. Played for Glentoran before joining Sunderland and became a Luton player in July 1958. Has played for Ireland in every international game since 1952.

**ALLAN BROWN.** Born at Fife. Began his League career with East Fife, came south to play for Blackpool and then transferred to Luton during the 1956-57 season. Fourteen Scottish caps.

**GEORGE CUMMINS.** Born at Dublin. Came to England when he signed for Everton and then transferred to the Hatters in 1953 for a five-figure fee. Has now eleven Eire caps.

**SEAMUS DUNNE.** A native of Wicklow, he was with Shelbourne F.C. before transferring to Luton in 1950. Also has a dozen caps for Eire, being full-back partner to the Hammers' Noel Cantwell.

**TONY GREGORY.** A local youngster, he played for Bedford Youth, England Youth and then gained a full Bedfordshire amateur cap in the Southern Counties championship. Now in his fourth season with the Hatters, he became a full-time pro this season upon completing his apprenticeship in motor engineering.

**JOHN GROVES.** Born at Derby. Joined Luton after leaving school and has played at centre-forward as well as at wing-half.

**KEN HAWKES.** Born in County Durham. First spotted by a Hatters' scout whilst playing for Shotton Colliery Welfare F.C., he made considerable progress after rejoining the Kenilworth Road staff when his National Service was completed.

**TERRY KELLY.** Another local youngster, he has done very well as deputy for Bob Morton or Syd Owen in the half-back line. An excellent club cricketer.

**BRENDAN MCNALLY.** Born in Dublin. Also came to Luton from Shelbourne F.C. and like Dunne is a full-back of high calibre.

**BOB MORTON.** Born at Aston. Although originally a wing-half he has been filling the centre-forward berth in recent games. Reserve for England v Russia at Wembley this season.

**SYD OWEN.** Born at Birmingham. Originally a wing-half with Birmingham City, he joined the Hatters in 1947 and has since become skipper and the regular centre-half for many years; he is also chief coach to the club and will continue his service at Kenilworth Road if he decides to retire from playing this season. Has many honours, including full England caps v Hungary, Yugoslavia and Belgium.

**DAVE PACEY.** Born at Luton. Made his name with Hitchin Town and was still an amateur when he joined the Forces. Became a pro for Luton in 1956.

**GORDON TURNER.** Born at Doncaster. Has played for the Football League and selected as reserve for England "B." Top scorer for the club with 33 goals last season.

## WEST HAM UNITED

Colours: Claret Jerseys with Light Blue Sleeves and Collars, White Shorts

11	GRICE	7	MUSGROVE
10	CUMMINS	8	DICK
9	MORTON	10	DICK
8	BOND	9	KEEBLE
7	BINGHAM	8	BROWN
6	PACEY	7	OWEN
5	OWEN	6	SMITH
4	MALCOLM	5	BROWN
3	KIRKUP	4	GROVES
2	DWYER	3	MCNALLY
1	CANTWELL	2	BAYNHAM

Referee: Mr. F. V. STRINGER (Liverpool)

Linesmen: Mr. H. G. NEW (Red Flag) and Mr. S. W. PLANK (Yellow Flag)

## LUTON TOWN

Colours: White Shirts, Black Shorts

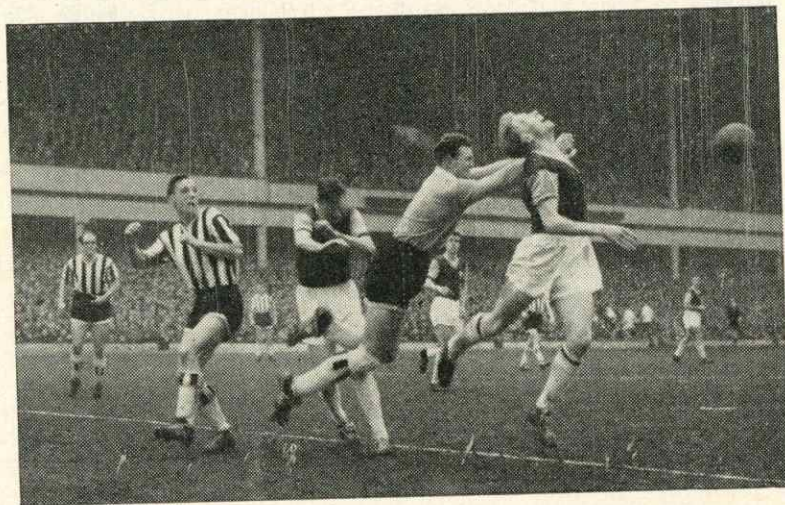




**West Ham United v Newcastle United (March 27th)**

(Above): John Smith hurdles over Noel Dwyer as our 'keeper gathers a low shot; (below): A study in expressions as goalkeeper Brian Harvey punches clear from John Dick (left) and Harry Obeney.

(Photos—Thompsons, E.12)



## Here and There

### Jeff Hall

Although the players and spectators who attended our match v Everton on April 4th were able to participate in an impressive pre-match ceremony this is the first real opportunity which we have had of paying a written tribute to Jeff Hall, the Birmingham City full-back who so tragically passed away that day.

The Hammers who had played against the young England international knew him as a redoubtable and fair opponent, and although we have only had the pleasure of seeing him here once this season we keenly felt the loss of one of soccer's stars. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and club.

### Sets of 1958-59 Programmes

We shall have sets of our 1958-59 Official Programmes for sale at the end of the season and these will be available for the first 200 applicants—this being the limited quantity available. Each set will contain nearly 60 programmes and these provide a comprehensive record of the Club's matches during the present campaign.

The price of each set will be 5s. 0d. (including postage) and they will be despatched in mid-May.

Application should be made in writing to our Offices and must be accompanied by remittance.

### Essex Professional Cup

We took a long while to make up an XI to meet Colchester United in the Semi-Final of the Essex Professional Cup at the Boleyn Ground last Wednesday evening, but finally decided upon this team: Rhodes; Bond, Smith; Pyke, Brown, Lansdowne; Wragg, Obeney, Dare, Hills, Grice.

The match was played before a 2,200 attendance on another wet evening, but there were seven goals to brighten up the conditions. The Hammers actually netted three of them (through John Bond, Mike Grice and David Hills), but as another was an "own goal" by Colchester's left-back we gained a 4-3 victory in a game of swaying fortune.

We now meet Leyton Orient in the Final, the O's having won by 3-1 at Clacton on the same day.

### Our Cover Photograph

... shows an incident in the West Ham United v Newcastle United match on Good Friday. The Hammers in the picture are Mike Grice (left) and Harry Obeney.

(Photo—Thompsons, E.12)



## Lucky Programmes and F.A. Cup Final Tickets

Our "Lucky Programme" scheme of allocating 48 F.A. Cup Final Tickets to our patrons has continued to meet with approval and we now announce details of how these are to be claimed.

Each Holder of a "Lucky Programme" must make personal application to our offices as soon as possible, producing the following at the time of application:

- (i) The Programme bearing the "lucky" number;
- (ii) Six other programmes issued for our matches this season;
- (iii) A postal order valued at 3s. 6d.;
- (iv) A stamped addressed envelope.

The programmes produced will be marked by us to preclude re-use and will be returned to the holder. The ticket will be forwarded as soon as available.

The "lucky numbers" used so far this season are:

130 (February 28th) .....	Fulham Reserves
135 (March 7th) .....	West Bromwich Albion
142 (March 14th) .....	Ipswich Town Reserves
146 (March 21st) .....	Bolton Wanderers
150 (March 27th) .....	Newcastle United
157 (March 28th) .....	Bristol Rovers Reserves
161 (April 4th) .....	Everton
163 (April 11th) .....	Bristol City Reserves

A list of winners will be published in our issues during next week-end.

### TOMORROW EVENING

Boleyn Ground      Kick-off 7.30 p.m

F.A. Youth Cup — Semi-Final (First Leg)

**WEST HAM UNITED COLTS v ARSENAL COLTS**

The "all pay" rule will be in operation and prices of admission will be as for Reserve Team matches.

The seats of Season Ticket holders will be retained for their use up till 15 minutes before kick-off.

## "Backstage at Upton Park" — 6



(left to right): MRS. JESSIE GREGG, MRS. LILIAN GWYNNE, MRS. NANCY MCCARTHY, MISS CONSTANCE GWYNNE.

Today's picture in our "Back Stage" series shows some of the members of our feminine staff, and as indicated by the photograph they are the ones who have the teapots "at the ready" during the intervals of our matches. Unfortunately at the time the photograph was taken Mrs. FARROW (another member of the staff) could not be present.

Mrs. Gregg and Mrs. McCarthy are "full timers" at the Boleyn Ground, and among the other duties they so ably perform are the laundering of the players' kits. The spick-and-span turn out of the Hammers proves how well they do this job, but the brand of washing-powder they use to obtain that "snowy-white" look remains a well-kept secret!

● Keep this Programme — it may be "Lucky"

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## *“Where are they now” series*

Two former Upton Park personnel among those featured in the most interesting *News Chronicle* “Where are they now” series are David Mangnall and Ned Liddell, and their names brought back memories to many of our older “fans.”

DAVE MANGNALL joined the Hammers during our promotion drive in March 1935 from Birmingham City, having previously played professional for Leeds United and Huddersfield Town. In the last ten League games of that campaign he netted half-a-dozen goals and followed with another 20 in 1935-36 before leaving us near the end of the season to join Millwall. Dave ended his playing-career with five years in Queens Park Rangers' colours before becoming manager at Loftus Road; he guided the Rangers' promotion side in 1947-48, but in 1952 quitted the soccer profession to become landlord of the “Golden Fleece” Hotel at Chelmsford. Now aged 53, Dave has two children—Jimmy (aged 22) and Jacqueline (aged 18, and a keen horsewoman).

NED LIDDELL was on our staff as assistant manager during the pre-World War II period.

As a player he had served Southampton, Gainsborough Trinity, Clapton Orient and Arsenal after moving south from his native North of England; he took up administration duties as manager of Southend United after the 1914-18 War and moved to Queens Park Rangers and Fulham (as assistant) before joining the Upton Park staff.

Following an offer from Luton Town he again occupied the managerial chair at Kenilworth Road, afterwards returning to assistant duties with Brentford.

Ned will be 81 next month and for several years has been a representative for the Spurs, seldom missing a day without seeing a game of soccer somewhere or other. He often visits our ground (as he is living quite near us at Wanstead Lane, Ilford), and we shall undoubtedly again have the pleasure of his company before this season ends.

Saturday 18th April at 3 p.m.

**WEST HAM UNITED v PRESTON NORTH END**

**Football League — Division I**

Monday 20th April at 7.30 p.m.

**WEST HAM UNITED v MANCHESTER CITY**

**Football League — Division I**