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- 2 John Ryan
- 3 Alan Slough
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TODAY'S MUSIC IS BY THE BRITISH LEGION BAND

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v STOKE CITY at OLD TRAFFORD

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Thanks, fans . . . and British Rail

The Hammers supporters who went to Hillsborough for our League Cup Semi-Final replay earned themselves a great reputation from the officials of British Rail.

Their excellent conduct on the journey both ways was enhanced by

the tremendous number who travelled—a total far in excess of that originally anticipated. As a gesture of appreciation for this, British Rail organisation has decided that it will run an excursion to Manchester for the second replay at a special reduced rate of £2.

● These tickets will be on sale in the forecourt on the Sunday before the match at the same time that match tickets are on sale (Sunday 23 January).

● **IF WE WIN THE REPLAY PLEASE DO NOT APPLY FOR FINAL TICKETS UNTIL NOTIFIED as your application will be returned**

Tickets would be allocated as follows:

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

All will be guaranteed a ticket, and in the majority of cases (if not all) these would be for seats.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF VOUCHERS

These would be issued at one of our future League matches at Upton Park, to ensure other regular supporters (other than Season Ticket Holders) have a chance of a ticket (both for seats and standing accommodation).

LUCKY PROGRAMMES

Also by means of vouchers which would appear in certain issues.

HAMMER

Editorial

Despite the modern influence of outside interests on soccer in general, tradition still dies hard in several aspects of the game, and today marks a major event in the sporting calendar for 1972.

The Third Round of the Football Association Cup holds a glamour of its own that cannot be usurped by any other comparable competition, for it is the time when a few non-League clubs who have made the grade through the tortuous preliminary rounds come up against the "big boys" who have been excused until this stage.

It is on occasions like these that one appreciates that even though the majority of soccer fans concentrate their attention on the 92 Football League clubs, there are thousands of other teams in the country who have their particular following. They are, like the League clubs, all under the jurisdiction of the Football Association, and it is to that body that they look for financial assistance from time to time. The national Association ploughs a lot of money back into the game, and without such help and administration the game in general would be a lot poorer.

It is a point worth remembering; and when one considers that part of the income from the F.A. Cup Final and international games goes towards this side of the sport then it makes it all even more worth while.

Where to play?

The venue of our second replay in the Semi-Final of the League Cup is even more disappointing for Hammers' fans than that of the first one. Whereas our supporters had to travel 159 miles from London to Hillsborough, Sheffield (as opposed to Stoke's 47), they now have to face an even longer journey of 184 miles while the Potters' travel ten miles less (37).

We dealt with the decision for the first venue at some length in the issue of *Hammer* for our home match on Jan. 1. Suffice it to say that we

cannot regard the subsequent arrangements to be greatly to our satisfaction, although these arose due to the decision that it was necessary to *toss* for choice of ground for the fourth meeting instead of reaching mutual agreement as in the first replay.

Having lost the toss we had no alternative but to accede to the Potters' selection of venue, and can only hope that if a *fifth* meeting is necessary we shall be able to fix it on a London ground (we would have chosen Highbury).

It is easy to have "hindsight" on this subject, but one can only ponder on the fact that at no time has the League made any suggestions regarding replay venues for Semi-Final ties—except to say that this can be settled by the toss of a coin. At this stage of the competition the choice of a neutral ground is not easy to settle amicably, and one can only hope that on future occasions a more specific directive will be made, as is the case with the venues for F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

We appreciate that the League Cup Semi-Finals are "two leg" affairs, but the choice of a mid-way venue for a replay would give both sets of supporters a reasonable opportunity to see their favourites in action for what is so far this season the most important occasion for both Stoke City and ourselves. If the scales firstly favour one, then they should be "tipped" to equate the situation the next time.

Today's Opponents

One of the advantages of Cup competitions is that they provide an opportunity to meet teams from other Divisions of the Football League, and it is so this afternoon when we again welcome old friends from Luton

It is a relationship that dates back to the days before either club was a member of the Football League; although the Hatters can claim to be several years older than the Hammers inasmuch that they were formed in 1885 by the amalgamation of the Wanderers and Excelsior clubs.

Our predecessors, Thames Ironworks, had an association with the Bedfordshire club from 1895 onwards, but this was confined to minor competition, as by the time the Ironworks became a pro club in 1898 (and admitted to the Southern League), the Town were already in the Second Division of the Football League.

However, it turned out to be a fairly brief introduction to major League soccer for Luton, who lost their status in 1900.

So, from thence onwards, we became fellow-members of the Southern League, which temporarily suspended when the London Combination was formed for war-time football in 1915. Subsequently the Hammers gained a place in the Second Division of the Football League in the season after the war ended, and in that same year Luton were founder-members of the Third Division (South).

In the ensuing fifty-odd years the Hatters have experienced the usual ups-and-downs of soccer existence, and have participated in all four Divisions of the League. This is their 19th in Division II, to which can be added five in Division I, 21 in Division III and three in Division IV.

They also have one F.A. Cup Final appearance to their credit, when as members of the First Division they met Nottingham Forest at Wembley in 1959—only to lose by 2—1.



BEHIND THE BADGE

Luton's badge was adapted from the Borough of Luton's Coat of Arms with the addition of the initials L.T.F.C. and the straw hat under the shield. The arm holding the ears of corn and the wheat sheaf in the top left section of the shield represent the hat-making industry in Luton with particular reference to straw hats. The beehive (top right) stands for a hive of industry.

Previous Meetings

It was not until 1937-38 that we met Luton in the Football League, but prior to then we had clashed for the first time in the F.A. Cup.

OUR F.A. CUP TIES

Saturday 11 Jan. 1936 (Third Round)

West Ham Utd.: Conway, Chalkley, Walker (A.), Fenton, Barrett, Cockcroft, Simpson, Marshall, Magnall, Goulden, Ruffell.

Luton Town: Coen, Mackey, Smith, Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes, Compton, Martin, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

A ding-dong struggle at Upton Park ended in a 2—2 draw, but the Hatters really "turned us over" in the return on the following Wednesday and won by four clear goals.

Saturday 8 Jan. 1949 (Third Round)

West Ham Utd.: Gregory, Yeomanson, Forde, Corbett (N.), Walker (R.), Moroney, Woodgate, Parsons, Wright, Dick, Wade.

Luton Town: Team not available.

Luton had an undefeated home record for the 1948-49 season when we visited Kenilworth Road, and they retained it with little difficulty. They

netted just on a half-time, and we sustained a further set-back when Ken Wright twisted his knee and had to move to the wing. The Hatters made it 3—0 before we got a late consolation goal. The homesters' scorers were Watkins, Arnison and Kiernan; Wade netted ours.

OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Hammers' scores first)

DIV. II	H	A	DIV. I	H	A
1937-38 ...	0—0	2—2	1958-59 ...	0—0	1—4
1938-39 ...	0—1	2—1	1959-60 ...	3—1	1—3
1946-47 ...	2—1	1—2			
1947-48 ...	0—0	0—0	F.A. CUP		
1948-49 ...	0—1	1—0	1935-36 ...	2—2	0—4
1949-50 ...	0—0	2—2	(Third Round)		
1950-51 ...	2—1	1—1	1948-49 ...	—	1—3
1951-52 ...	3—0	1—6			
1952-53 ...	0—1	0—0			
1953-54 ...	1—0	1—3			
1954-55 ...	2—1	0—2			

SUMMARY

	W	D	L	Goals
League: Home ...	6	4	3	13 - 7
Away ...	2	5	6	13 - 26
F.A. Cup: Home ...	0	1	0	2 - 2
Away ...	0	0	2	1 - 7
	8	10	11	29 - 42

CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

In the early part of last season Luton appeared to have a good chance of promotion, but fell away and at the same time suffered a serious financial crisis. However, much of that is of the past, and during an interview last week Mr. Robert Keens, the new Chairman, was quoted: "We are more than half-way out of trouble." He continued to say that they hoped that in the not-too-distant future the 51-year-old grandstand could be replaced by one more in keeping for a club with renewed First Division ambition.

SPORTS CENTRE

In addition to these aspirations the Luton Town club has opened a Sports Centre in renovated shop premises a few hundred yards from the ground. This sells equipment, kit, sports games, etc.; upstairs is the pools office, programme shop and ticket booking agency, where pre-match

tickets, train and coach bookings can be obtained.

Also, next to the ground, is the Hatters Club, a social centre that has catering facilities and is a venue for dances and other special occasions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENT

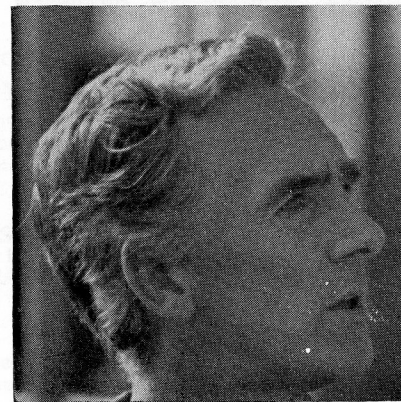
I can't help clubs coming in for Chris Nicholl and other players, and they can't help it if I say no. I'm employed to win matches, not to be a financier. That's why I need players of his calibre.

ALEC STOCK, in an interview with ROBERT OXBY of the *Daily Telegraph*

Other Connections

Among the visiting party today will be Jimmy Andrews, chief coach to Luton. Jim joined the Hammers from Dundee United in the 1951-52 season, and in the subsequent five years he had 115 League and 51 Combination appearances, netting 21 goals for the First Team. He left us in the summer of 1956 to join the staff of Leyton Orient under the management of ex-Hammer Dave Sexton.

In the ensuing 14 years Jimmy has been with a number of clubs, but has now settled down with the Hatters who come here today with an undefeated run of eight games.



Jimmy Andrews Asst. Manager

Another ex-Hammer we hope to see today is **Tommy Hodgson**, a full-back of the early 1920's who later played for Luton and is now their President after occupying many positions in the club. He served his period as Chairman of the Hatters, and has been featured at some length in our "Old Hammer" series during the current season.

Visiting Manager



ALEC STOCK is the seventh "manager" of Luton Town since World War II, his predecessors being Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Sam Bartram, Bill Harvey, George Martin and Allan Brown. However, the Club had adopted the title of "Chief Executive" instead of the former term, so in this respect our heading is something of a misnomer.

Born at Midsomer Norton, Somerset, Alec signed his first professional forms for Charlton Athletic in 1936. He transferred to Q.P.R. in 1938 but then had his playing career interrupted by the War, during which he served in the Royal Armoured Corps.

Alec resumed as player-manager with Yeovil Town when hostilities ceased, and was the man behind their great F.A. Cup successes in that period.

From 1949 to Feb. 1956 he was manager of Third Division Leyton Orient, and then had two months as Assistant Manager to Arsenal before moving back to the O's for another year or so until August 1957 (during which the East Londoners were promoted to Div. II).

From August 1957 until the following December he tried his hand in Italian football with F.C. Roma, but it was back to Orient for the third time from Dec. 1957 until March 1959.

In the following July he went to Q.P.R., leading them from the Third to the First Divisions and a League Cup Final win at Wembley.

Alec has also met with success at Kenilworth Road, and his ambitions to again manage a First Division club have been amply reflected in his comments about his present club.

As author of a successful book, "*Football Club Manager*," he has put many of his ideas into print. It is a volume well worth reading for all those who aspire to success in a sphere which (to quote Alec) "has its fair share of ups-and-downs!"

The Luton Players

PETER ANDERSON. Born at Hendon, and played for the local amateur club in the Isthmian League. Made his debut for Luton when still an amateur, and signed pro the following week. Plays on either wing.

DAVID COURT. Born at Bristol. Had 174 League appearances for Arsenal (17 goals), but moved from Highbury a little over a year ago when Luton Town paid a record club fee of £35,000 for him.

DON GIVENS. Born in Dublin, he has been a regular member of the Eire team for over two seasons. Had a few First Division appearances for Manchester United, before becoming a Luton player. Second-highest scorer for the club last season with eleven goals.

VIC HALOM. Born at Burton. Played in turn for Charlton Athletic (eleven games), Orient (53—12 goals) and Fulham (over a score of goals). The Cottagers recouped the £30,000 fee they paid Orient for his services, by transferring him for the same figure to Luton this season when the Hatters required a replacement for Malcolm MacDonald.

GORDON HINDSON. Born at Durham. Played a few games for Newcastle United before transferring to the Hatters at a fee of £27,500 this season. Aged 21, he is a promising striker.

MIKE KEEN. Born at High Wycombe. Was captain of Q.P.R. during their rise to the First Division and League Cup success, and had 393 appearances for the Londoners (netting 38 goals). Luton paid £18,000 for his transfer and appointed him skipper. Was presented with a silver salver to mark his 500th League game. Toured Australia with the F.A. Team last summer.

JOHN MOORE. Born at Hart Hill, Scotland. After a brief spell with Motherwell he was given a free transfer, and Luton snapped him up very quickly. Is the longest-serving member of the Hatters' staff with over 200 appearances.

CHRIS NICHOLL. Born at Macclesfield. Was a triallist with Burnley before joining non-League club Witton Albion, who sold him to Halifax Town for £750. After 42 League games for the Yorkshire club he moved to Luton Town for £30,000 a little over a year ago.

TONY READ. Born at Haydock. Joined Sheffield Wednesday, but made his League debut in goal after moving to Peterborough Utd. He also had experience as a forward with the Posh, and since moving to Luton has actually played in their League side as a striker. However, all but a few of his 200 games have been between the sticks.

JIMMY RYAN. A Scot from Stirling. He had 24 League appearances for Manchester United before being one of four players transferred from Old Trafford to Luton in a

£35,000 deal in May 1970. He can play either in midfield or as a raiding winger.

JOHN RYAN. A Londoner, he had a spell with Arsenal before moving to Fulham. After 41 League appearances for the Cottagers he was given a free transfer when the West Londoners were relegated, and during the past two-and-a-half seasons has missed very few games.

DON SHANKS. A Londoner. Was an apprentice with Fulham, but they did not offer him full-time terms. Moved to Luton, and was in the England team which won the European Youth Tournament last summer. Made his League debut this season.

ALAN SLOUGH. A local 23-year-old, he has played in defence, attack and midfield in over 200 League appearances, netting 22 goals up to the start of this season.

IF TODAY'S MATCH IS DRAWN . . .

. . . the replay will take place at Kenilworth Road next Tuesday (18 January) at 7.30 p.m.

The Replay would NOT be an "All Ticket" match
Seat Tickets would be on sale at our offices tomorrow (Sunday)

Prices : 75p, 60p

Season Ticket Holders using Voucher Y from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ("first come, first served").

Other applications : 11 a.m. to noon. OWING TO THE SMALL QUANTITY AVAILABLE IT IS LIKELY THAT ALL THIS ALLOCATION WOULD BE DISPOSED OF TO SEASON TICKET HOLDERS.

● There would be admission to standing accommodation available on the day of the match.

IF WE WIN TODAY

The Fourth Round takes place on Saturday 5 February.

IF WE ARE DRAWN AT HOME IN THE FOURTH ROUND

● SEASON TICKET HOLDERS must make application on Voucher M from Season Ticket Books (one voucher, one ticket), enclosing remittance and stamped addressed envelope not later than Saturday 29 January.

Admission prices : East Stand : 90p ; West Stand : C Block 90p ; B and D Blocks : 70p ; A Block : 60p.

PART SEASON TICKET HOLDERS : STANDING ACCOMMODATION ONLY in East Enclosure, tickets being 40p each. NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR EAST STAND SEATS FROM PART SEASON TICKET HOLDERS.

IF WE ARE DRAWN AWAY IN THE FOURTH ROUND

● Applications to be made as above ; priority given to full Season Ticket Holders. Prices of admission would be announced by means of posters and public address at the League match v Derby County next Saturday.

● Application envelope to be marked "ST" in corner.



Back: **PETER WOODS, VIV BUSBY** (on loan to Newcastle United), **ALAN GARNER, DAVID COURT, DON SHANKS**
 Middle: **KEN WHITFIELD** (*Assistant Coach*), **DON GIVENS, CHRIS NICHOLL, TONY READ, ROBIN WAINWRIGHT**
PETER ANDERSON, JIMMY ANDREWS (*Assistant Manager*)
 Front: **KEN GOODEVE, ROGER HOY** (now Cardiff City), **JOHN MOORE, JOHN RYAN, ALAN SLOUGH, JIMMY RYAN**

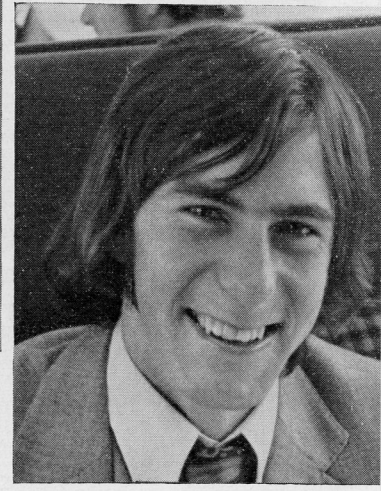


VIC HALOM

LUTON TOWN

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GORDON HINDSON



Match Review

Since our last publication we have played three matches—two in the League and one in the Cup. Each in its way has been different, apart from the fact that the trio was made up of a win, a draw and a loss.

The first—against Manchester United—saw us win by a margin which **might** be considered somewhat flattering; the second—the Cup tie v Stoke City—could have easily gone either way; and the third—another League fixture with Everton—ended with us being rather disappointed. Overall we “broke even,” but taking an objective view of the general run of affairs we do not feel that we ended up as well as we deserved to do.

Waiting it out

Bobby Ferguson takes a breather while Geoff Hurst is banging in a penalty at the other end v Manchester United at Upton Park.

Photo: Arthur Wilson, 'Evening Echo'



BEATING FOR UNITED

The League match v Manchester United at Upton Park on New Year's Day produced the anticipated “full house” and the attendance figure of 41,892 was only 430 below the ground record set last season.

The gates for standing accommodation were closed over half-an-hour before kick-off, and a large number missed seeing us make a great start to 1972 by defeating United 3—0. A considerable proportion of those “locked out” were visiting supporters and it was obvious from the first arrivals that our own following heeded the warnings to arrive early.

The three-goal margin might be considered by some to be a harsh reflection of our superiority, but irrespective of the actual score there could be no denying that it was a deserved success for the Hammers. We made the most of the run of the play, but at the same time had the ball working for us in a game where fluent movement was a keynote of 90 minutes of soccer spectacular.

Two goal-line clearances and a rebound from the inside of a post during the second half underlined for United that it was not going to be their afternoon, but they accepted their reverse with good grace in an encounter which proved just how

much efficient refereeing can play its part in really top-class football. It must have been just as fine a game to play in as it was to watch, and in that respect the spectators could envy the players their good fortune.

As a consolation, those who didn't get in had the opportunity to see extracts on TV the following afternoon, and even those who were here must have enjoyed watching the “repeat.” A great afternoon that merited a “thank you” to the participants, and an especial congratulation to our team for a well-executed win over the League leaders.

STILL NO DECISION

After five-and-a-half hours of play we have still to reach a decision with Stoke City in our League Cup Semi-Final, and after our third meeting at Hillsborough last week it was freely opinioned by the commentators that we could even be level after our fourth clash (and second replay).

That remains as one of the future problems, but if the next game with the Potters is as exciting as the previous ones (and it probably will be), then our tie will go down as a real “epic” among recent soccer history.

Those faithful (and fortunate) fans who were able to be at Sheffield Wednesday's ground on Jan. 5 had plenty to cheer about, and it was gratifying for our players to hear such encouragement from all parts of that fine enclosure. We “recruited” plenty of support from the “locals” up there, and the Potters certainly did not have it all their own way.

For those of us who were forced to remain at home there was the consolation of a radio commentary, but it was *really* agonising to have to listen without being able to fully appreciate what was happening on the field. Nevertheless, at least we could retire to bed soon afterwards . . . although not without a thought for those who had to face the difficulties of a homeward journey that did not just end when reaching St. Pancras!

With such spirit on and off the field we must have a great chance of reaching Wembley, and conclude with a “very well done” to our XI who fought so magnificently.

EVERTON'S POINTS

The news of Everton's victory at Goodison Park last Saturday was probably the best “tonic” that could have been given to their manager—Harry Catterick—who was detained in hospital over the week-end after he had gone there to have a health-check following a recent period of anxiety.

The Toffeemen had been without a victory since Nov. 20 when they defeated Southampton 8—0. With two goals in the bag at the end of a quarter-hour's play they must have visualised that they were on their way to another big-margin success, but when we pulled one back the game took a distinct turn in our favour. Our counter was netted from the penalty-spot, but was only merited justice as it took a two-handed save by a defender to prevent what would otherwise have been a certain goal.

A couple of similar saves in the closing minutes by goalkeeper Gordon West legitimately prevented an equaliser, and in the end the homesters were glad to hear the final whistle of a game that created quite a few problems for the referee.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Our Reserves sustained their third successive Combination defeat when they lost their away match to Swindon Town Res. on New Year's Day. The Hammers began well enough, but later found themselves facing an avalanche of goals, being powerless to prevent the Wiltshire club hitting the net on five occasions. We got two “consolations,” but the final count of 2—5 against us made it an unhappy afternoon.

Last Saturday's home game v Norwich Res. was postponed. There were doubts about the pitch, and in view of today's Cup tie the referee and visiting officials gladly co-operated. We thank them all.

The other man's viewpoint . . .

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

This was a match to savour. A glorious contest that took the New Year's honours in sheer entertainment.

JOHN JENKINS, *Sunday Express*

What a marvellous game of football this was. To West Ham went the spoils, and it would be churlish in the extreme to deny that they deserved them. Yet Manchester Utd. brought so much to the occasion that it seemed cruel that they had to leave empty-handed.

ALUN REES, *Sunday Telegraph*

When Old Trafford supporters have finished explaining about two hit posts, one clipped crossbar, an unlucky deflected goal, a daftly-conceded penalty and an injury-compelled team-change, the fact remains that United received their severest thrashing of the season.

MIKE LANGLEY, *The People*

West Ham, gaining steadily in authority after an untidy beginning, finished composed and thoroughly convincing winners. But there was to be no consolation for United; as Sir Matt Busby said afterwards, the year can only get better from here on in.

HUGH McILVANNEY, *The Observer*

A 6-5 victory to Hammers would have given a truer reflection of a game that I hope sets the soccer standard for the New Year.

NORMAN GILLER, *Daily Express*

If every match I watch during the remainder of the year is absorbing as this first one, then going to work in 1972 will be pleasanter than in 1971.

DONALD SAUNDERS, *Daily Telegraph*

It was one of those afternoons when you had to hug yourself at the end of it, and bless your good fortune that you were there on the day that West Ham United and Manchester United produced a game of breath-taking skill and invention. United found the Hammers producing their best form for a long while.

BRIAN MOORE, *The Times*

West Ham earned any luck that came their way. In full flight they have recaptured their old reputation as one of the most entertaining teams in the business.

REG DRURY, *News of the World*

That was probably our most satisfying League win this season. Beating United was a great result for us, but that Boxing Day win at Spurs turned the tide and took off a lot of pressure.

BRYAN ("POP") ROBSON

HILLSBOROUGH CLASSIC

The Stoke-West Ham League Cup semi-final replay is one of the finest goalless draws I have ever seen.

MAURICE EDELSTON, *B.B.C. Radio*

Neither of these teams deserved to lose by a fluke or a crucial error after 90 minutes of unforgettable football. Only one thing was established; either would grace Wembley.

ROBERT OXBYP, *Daily Telegraph*

There was so much noise from this pro-Stoke crowd . . . a less-partisan one might have protested enough to persuade the referee to book a Stoke player after two fierce tackles from behind. Fortunately Stoke let the footballers take over in the second-half, and the match returned to splendid spirit.

BRIAN SCOVELL, *Daily Mail*

Stoke emerged as points-winners on a count of chances created, but Clyde Best went closest to producing the knock-out blow. Only the brilliance of Gordon Banks saved Stoke (and I would be a rich man if I had a fiver for every time that has been written).

NORMAN GILLER, *Daily Express*

With both teams known for their love of the open, attacking game, it seemed impossible that they could be trapped in such a negative deadlock.

BOB DRISCOLL, *The Sun*

Both sides will take with them to Manchester the agonising memory of squandered chances.

KEN JONES, *Daily Mirror*

EVERTON COURAGE

It took all Everton's courage and spirited conviction to deny Hammers a point in the final hour.

DON HARDISTY, *Sunday Express*

West Ham were expected to fold; instead they grew stronger and ran Everton to a standstill.

COLIN WOOD, *Daily Mail*

The longer the game went, the more West Ham took control; but it had been a different story in the first half.

Daily Telegraph

West Ham, with an obvious advantage in skill, should have taken at least a point. The Hammers merely need more application to add to their skill.

TONY CARTER, *The Sun*

Although West Ham have suffered their customary defeats on Merseyside recently, they have established a new image.

DAVE HORRIDGE, *Daily Mirror*

A weary-looking diffidence in West Ham's defence at the start of the match was largely responsible for Everton's first goal, and it suggested an exotic score to come. But West Ham's recovery, towards the kind of thrilling fluency they showed against Stoke in midweek, made Everton lucky winners in the end.

ARTHUR HOPCRAFT, *The Observer*

Seldom did Hammers live up to their nickname. They didn't strike with sufficient force to make Everton shudder.

STAN LIVERSEDGE, *The People*

Goodison fans were thirsting for a rout, but West Ham struck back with venom.

EDGAR TURNER, *Sunday Mirror*

Gordon West swooped to bring off sensational saves in the dying minutes to rob West Ham of a point they deserved.

KEN MELVILLE, *News of the World*

The best West Ham side I have seen for years; they are a very good team.

Mr. GEORGE WATTS, *Everton Chairman*

Match Statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. I

Jan. 1 v Manchester United at Upton Park
West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T.), Moore (capt.), Redknapp, Best (C.), Hurst, Brooking, Robson.

Manchester Utd.: Stepney, Dunne, Burns, Gowling, Edwards, Sadler, Morgan, Kidd, Charlton (capt.), Law, Best (G.).
3-0 (H.T. 1-0). *Scorers*: Robson (40), Best, C. (56), Hurst (82 pen.).
41,892. *Referee*: J. Taylor (Wolverhampton).

Jan. 8 v Everton at Goodison Park

Everton: West, Scott, McLaughan, Kendall, Kenyon, Darracott, Johnson, Harvey, Royle, Lyons, Whittle.

West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T.), Moore (capt.), Redknapp, Best, Hurst, Brooking, Robson.

1-2 (H.T. 1-2). *Scorers*: Johnson (8), Harvey (14), Hurst (26 pen.)
38,482. *Referee*: D. Turner (Cannock).

LEAGUE CUP: Semi-Final replay

Jan. 5 v Stoke City at Hillsborough

West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T.), Moore (capt.), Redknapp, Best, Hurst, Brooking, Robson.

Stoke City: Banks, Marsh, Pejic, Bernard, Smith, Bloor, Conroy, Dobing (capt.), Ritchie, Greenhoff (Skeels 91), Eastham.

0-0 (after extra time). *Aggregate* 2-2.
46,916. *Referee*: R. Matthewson (Manchester)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Jan. 1 v Swindon Town Res. at County Gnd.
Marsh, Heffer, Charles, Eustace, Lock, Howe, Ayris, Pointer, Wallace, Llewelyn, Durrell.
2-5 (H.T. 0-2). *Scorers*: Howe, Pointer.

F.A. YOUTH CUP: Third Round

Dec. 28 v Q.P.R. Youth at Ellerslie Road
Day, Yallop, Fulton, L. Rands, Marchant, Lock, K. Carrigan, Kinnear (M. Cossey), R. North, Taylor (A), Oates.
1-3 (H.T. 0-1). *Scorer*: Lock.

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE: Div. I

Jan. 1 v Q.P.R. Youth at South Ruislip
Day, Yallop, Fulton, K. Carrigan, Marchant, L. Rands, Gregory, M. Cossey, B. North, Kinnear, Oates.
2-0 (H.T. 2-0). *Scorers*: Carrigan, Cossey.

Jan. 8 v Reading Youth at Chadwell Heath
J. Pye, Yallop, K. Carrigan, Kinnear, Marchant, K. Russell, Gregory, M. Cossey, R. North, Coker, Oates.
7-0 (H.T. 3-0). *Scorers*: Coker 2, North 2, Gregory, Kinnear, Marchant.

Join the "Pool"

Here and There

The Man in the Middle

TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. **KENNETH HOWARD BURNS** started refereeing in 1949 with the Cradley Heath & District League, the Worcestershire Combination and Wolverhampton & District Amateur League. He became a Football League linesman in 1958 and a referee in 1961.

Some of the more important matches he has officiated in are: F.A. Youth Cup Final and Channel Islands Cup Final (1963); F.A. Cup Semi-Final (1967); linesman F.A. Cup Final and referee in Football League Cup Semi-Final (1969); F.A. Cup Semi-Final (Liverpool v Everton) and Ireland v Wales international match (1971).

He was appointed to the F.I.F.A. list of referees in 1969 and has had several European and International matches.

Mr. Burns, a legal executive, is married with two daughters aged 14 and six years. He is interested in cricket (he had trials with Worcestershire and Warwickshire), golf and snooker. He took up refereeing following a serious knee injury playing football.

WELCOME BACK, NORMAN!

We have been pleased to appoint **Norman Corbett** as a member of our scouting staff, and welcome him back to Upton Park after an absence of nearly 20 years—although in the last two decades he has paid us several visits.

Norman came to us in 1937 from Heart of Midlothian at a fee of £450. He played a few games in our First Team in pre-World War II years, and upon his return from nearly seven years Army service became an established member of our Second Division side. His brother Dave was also on our books, and his other brother Willie (of Glasgow Celtic) played on many occasions in war-time soccer.

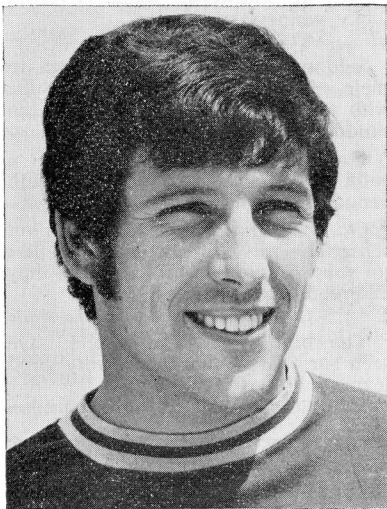
Norman retired in 1950 and had a benefit game at Upton Park. Subsequently he held a number of soccer posts, including that of manager of our near-neighbours—Clapton F.C. in the Isthmian League. Unfortun-

ately he was also seriously troubled by a hip complaint, but a recent operation has proved most successful and he is now back in good health.

GOOD LUCK, BOBBY HOWE!

During last week **Bobby Howe** was transferred to Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic. This followed an interest which has been maintained by Cherries' manager John Bond since the start of the season, and all parties concerned are now happy with the arrangements made which should aid Bournemouth's challenge for promotion. We wish Bobby and his new club every success.

Bobby, an ex-Essex Schools player, joined our youth section from school and signed full pro in December 1962. He was in our F.A. Youth Cup winning side of 1963, making his League debut as a substitute v Southampton in Sept. 1966. He had a total of 75 League and seven Cup appearances at the time of his transfer.



A VISIT FROM "BUDGIE"

Over the Christmas period we had a welcome visit from ex-Hammer **Johnny Byrne**. "Budgie" came to see us when we played Spurs at White Hart Lane, and later made a call at the Boleyn Ground. He has been playing for Durban City, and though somewhat "tubbier" than in his days in the claret-and-blue, has had a successful spell in South Africa.

FRED CHANDLER

It is with sincere regret that we record the death last week of **Alderman Fred Chandler** at his Bolton home. A really keen Hammers' fan, he had seen the Hammers play on every ground in Lancashire and Yorkshire when we visited the north, but his memories dated back to 1913 when he first visited Upton Park.

He wrote to us regularly until shortly before his death, and our mutual friend Les Yates (editor of the Spurs' programme) also sent him press cuttings to keep him in touch with his favourite London clubs.

MATCH PHOTOGRAPHS

During the middle part of the season **photographers have difficulty in obtaining first-rate action photographs at some grounds due to floodlighting conditions and indifferent weather.**

Fortunately our lights are among the more suitable for the purpose and photographers can usually cope with our demands; but as we were not fortunate in obtaining first-rate reproductions from the League Cup Semi-Final replay at Hillsborough we have not used them in this issue.

PEN FRIEND WANTED

19 BROAD COMMON ESTATE
OSBALDESTON ROAD
LONDON, N16 6NB

I would like a male pen friend, living in London, aged between 15 and 18 who supports the Hammers. I am 15 years old, and go to all West Ham's home games.

JANET SAUNDERS

Next Matches

Saturday 22 January 3 p.m.

DERBY COUNTY

Football League: Div. I

Saturday 29 January 3 p.m.

IPSWICH TOWN Res.

Football Combination

Away Matches

Wednesday 26 Jan. 7.30 p.m.

STOKE CITY at Old Trafford

League Cup Semi-Final, second replay

TICKET RESERVATIONS

On sale at Boleyn Ground

Sunday 23 Jan. from 10 a.m. to noon

BRITISH RAIL DETAILS

Special Excursion: £2.00 return

No reduction for children

TRAIN TIME DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS

These will be announced in next week's issue

Lacey's Coaches £1.70

Depart from East Ham (Gillett Avenue), Barking (Broadway), Ilford (Grasshopper Coach Station, Mayville Road) and Dagenham (Merry Fiddlers). Departure times will be given when booking at 222 Barking Road, E.6. (Telephone: 01-472 0311, 01-472 3626).

The match at Old Trafford will be "all ticket," with a gate limit of 53,000. Our supporters are therefore advised to ensure they have a ticket before travelling.

Saturday 29 January 3 p.m.

at IPSWICH TOWN

Football League: Div. I

TICKET RESERVATIONS

90p, 75p, available two weeks before the game

Apply to: Ipswich Town F.C.
Portman Road, Ipswich, Suffolk

BRITISH RAIL DETAILS

Cheap Day Return: £1.50

Liverpool Street	dep.	11.30	12.30
Ipswich	arr.	12.43	13.51
Ipswich	dep.	17.20	18.24
Liverpool Street	arr.	18.43	19.40

LACEY'S COACHES: 80p

Fixtures : Scorers : Attendances

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. I

Date	Home	Away	Score
Aug. 14	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-1
18	Derby County	A	0-2
21	Nottingham Forest	A	0-1
23	Ipswich Town	H	0-0
28	Everton	H	1-0
30	Coventry City	H	4-0
Sept. 4	Newcastle United	A	2-2
11	Chelsea	H	2-1
18	Manchester United	A	2-4
25	Stoke City	A	2-4
Oct. 2	Leeds United	H	2-1
9	Leicester City	A	0-0
16	West Bromwich Albion	H	1-1
23	Wolverhampton Wand.	A	0-0
30	Crystal Palace	H	1-0
Nov. 6	Sheffield United	A	3-0
13	Huddersfield Town	H	1-2
20	Manchester City	A	0-1
27	Liverpool	H	0-2
Dec. 4	Arsenal	A	0-1
11	Southampton	H	0-0
18	Newcastle United	A	3-3
27	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0-1
Jan. 1	Manchester United	A	1-0
8	Everton	H	3-0
22	Derby County	A	1-2
29	Ipswich Town	H	A
Feb. 12	Wolverhampton Wand.	A	A
19	Crystal Palace	H	A
26	Sheffield United	H	A
Mar. 3	Huddersfield Town	H	A
11	Leicester City	A	A
18	Nottingham Forest	H	A
25	Chelsea	H	A
31	Leeds United	H	A
Apr. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	H	A
8	Stoke City	A	A
4	Manchester City	A	A
15	Liverpool	H	A
22	Arsenal	A	A
25	Coventry City	A	A
29	Southampton	H	A

Scorers	Attendance
.....	27,420
.....	30,583
.....	17,185
.....	25,714
Best	26,878
Best 2, Hurst, Robson	28,176
Hurst, Robson	31,910
Best 2	36,866
Best, Brooking	53,334
Best, Moore	29,193
.....	30,942
Hurst	31,060
.....	20,740
Best	33,883
Best, Bonds, Coker	41,540
Robson	36,595
.....	14,177
.....	33,694
.....	43,399
.....	35,155
Best, Bonds, Brooking	20,506
.....	21,991
Best	53,888
Best, Hurst, Robson	41,892
Hurst	38,482

F.A. CUP

Jan. 15	Luton Town	H	A
	(Third Round)		

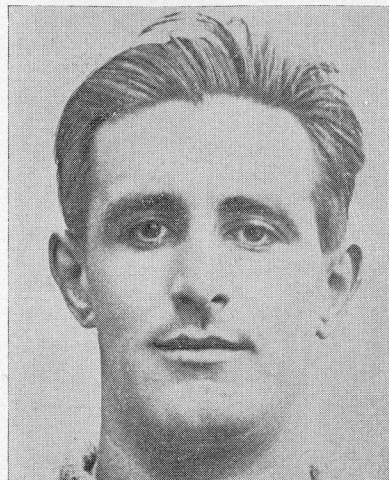
Goalscorers

Football League: Div. I
Best 12, Hurst 5, Robson 4, Bonds 2, Brooking 2, Coker 1, Moore 1.
Football League Cup
Best 4, Hurst 4, Robson 4, Bonds 1.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. II

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich City	25	15	8	2	39	19	38
Millwall	25	11	3	42	31	33	33
Queens Park Rangers	25	12	8	5	37	19	32
Sunderland	25	9	11	5	37	38	29
Birmingham City	25	8	12	5	36	25	28
Carlisle United	25	12	4	9	37	30	28
Middlesbrough	25	12	4	9	33	33	28
Burnley	25	11	5	9	43	37	27
Preston North End	25	10	6	9	35	29	26
Luton Town	25	7	12	6	29	28	26
Bristol City	25	9	6	10	35	32	24
Sheffield Wednesday	25	8	8	9	32	32	24
Swindon Town	25	8	8	9	22	24	24
Charlton Athletic	25	10	4	11	38	43	24
Blackpool	25	9	5	11	35	29	23
Oxford United	24	7	9	8	24	25	23
Portsmouth	25	7	8	10	39	42	22
Orient	25	8	5	12	33	43	21
Fulham	25	8	3	14	29	51	19
Cardiff City	24	6	6	12	32	42	18
Hull City	25	6	6	13	24	35	18
Watford	25	4	5	16	18	46	13

OLD HAMMER



VIC WATSON was born at Girton, Cambridge; a well-built 5-ft. 8½-ins., he weighed 11-stone and had a reputation as a useful boxer as well as being a promising footballer.

Spotted whilst playing for Wellingborough Town, he was signed at a £50 fee in March 1920. He did not have much opportunity in the League side during his first year, but a sparkling performance in a 2-1 win at Port Vale in April 1921 set him on the way to succeeding Syd Puddefoot who was leading Second Division scorer that season. When Syd went to Falkirk—in stepped Vic.

His 26 goals in 1922-23 contributed greatly to our promotion, and he maintained his scoring-rate in the First Division. In nine seasons in the top section he netted 201 times, and even in our relegation year had 23 to his credit. He brought his total to 105 in six seasons of Second Division football, and when he moved to Southampton in 1935 had set a club record of 306 in 462 matches.

His greatest single performance was six in a game, on a rainy afternoon in Feb. 1929 against Leeds United at Upton Park.

Vic was capped for England five times. The first two were v Wales and Scotland in 1923, and it was remarkable that seven years elapsed before he earned selection again v Scotland, Germany and Austria in 1930 (the season he hit 41 goals).

Vic had only one season with the Saints before retiring from soccer. He went back to his native Cambridgeshire to take up market-gardening, becoming most successful.

Vic still pays an occasional visit to the scene of his many triumphs, and with Jim Ruffell is a survivor of our 1923 Wembley appearance.

Hammers' History

10 years ago . . .

6 Jan. 1962. "Giant Killers" day in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup—and we were one of the victims. Goals by Carter (14 mins.), Williams (55) and Maloy (85), made it 3-0 for Plymouth Argyle at Home Park, and we were thoroughly thrashed.

20 years ago . . .

12 Jan. 1952. Another "Giant Killers" day in the Third Round, but happier memories for the Second Division Hammers. Visiting Upton Park was the following XI: Farm, Shimwell, Garrett, Johnston, Hayward, Kelly, Matthews, Taylor, Mortensen, Brown, Perry. Yes, Blackpool . . . and Second Division Hammers beat them. Jimmy Andrews got our first, Frank O'Farrell the second (after the interval) and Ernie Taylor made it 2-1 just before the end.

30 years ago . . .

Footnote. In our previous issue we mentioned a War League match v Aldershot on 10 Jan. 1942, and subsequently our Secretary, Eddie Chapman, recalled netting a hat-trick in the 5-1 away win.

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	25	14	7	4	50	33	35
Manchester City	25	13	8	4	48	25	34
Leeds United	25	14	6	5	38	20	34
Derby County	25	13	7	5	42	23	33
Sheffield United	25	13	6	6	45	33	32
Wolves	25	12	7	6	45	35	31
Tottenham Hotspur	25	10	9	6	40	28	29
Arsenal	25	12	5	8	35	27	29
Liverpool	25	11	6	8	30	26	28
Chelsea	25	9	9	7	32	28	27
Stoke City	25	8	8	9	24	28	24
West Ham United	25	8	7	10	27	25	23
Coventry City	25	6	10	9	28	42	22
Everton	25	7	7	11	26	27	21
Leicester City	25	6	9	10	25	30	21
Ipswich Town	25	5	11	9	20	34	21
Newcastle United	25	7	6	12	29	37	20
Southampton	25	8	4	13	32	50	20
Huddersfield Town	26	6	7	13	23	38	19
Crystal Palace	25	6	6	13	23	39	18
West Bromwich Alb.	25	5	6	14	20	36	16
Nottingham Forest	26	4	7	15	31	49	15

HAMMER



Tommy Taylor leaps over **Bobby Ferguson** at White Hart Lane in the match v Spurs on Boxing Day.

Photo: Arthur Wilson, Evening Echo

CUP TIES: 1971-72

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