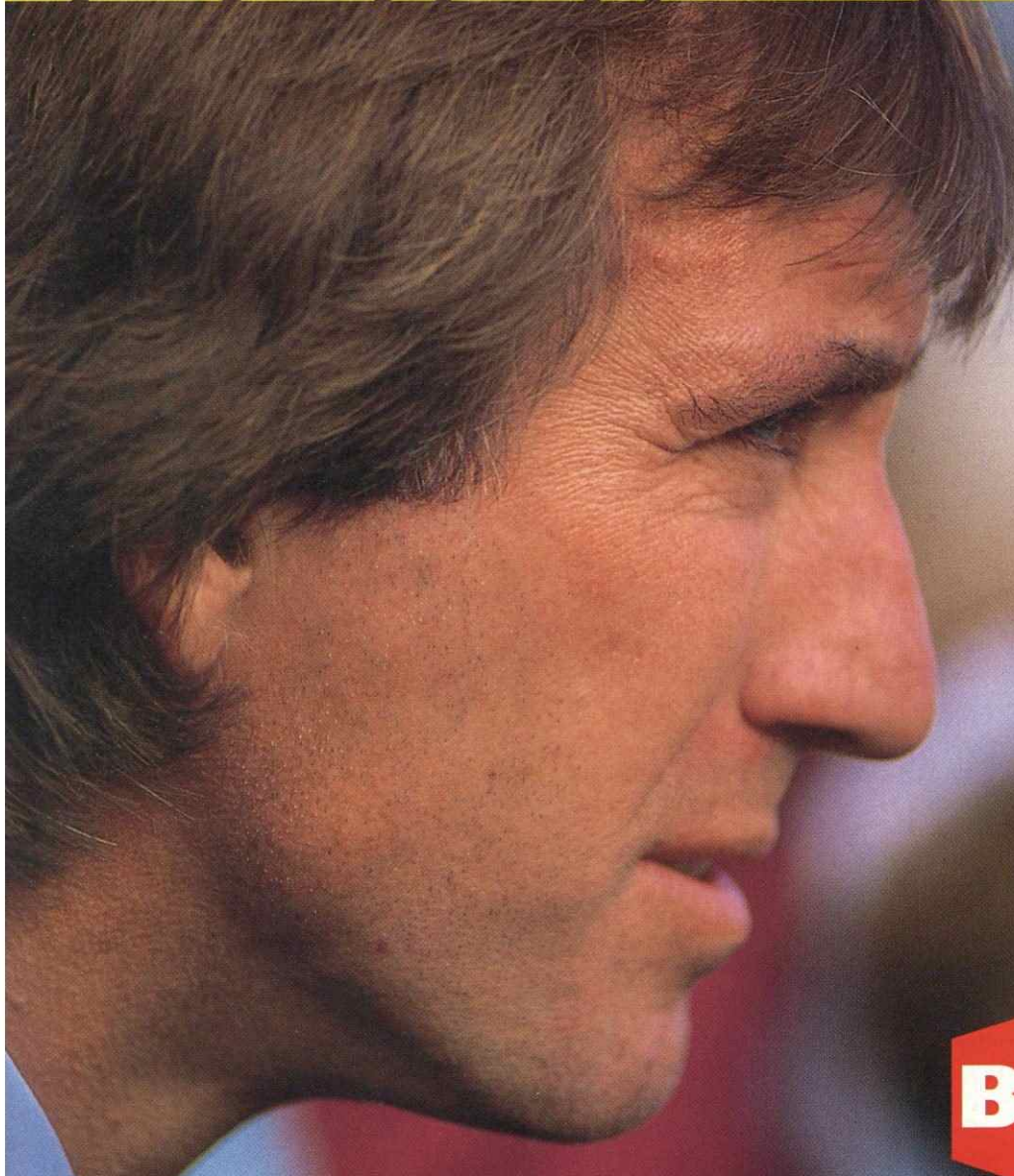


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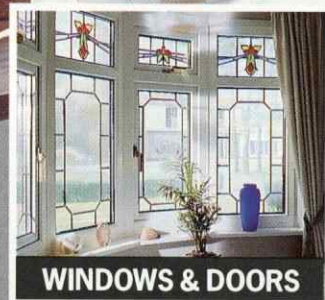
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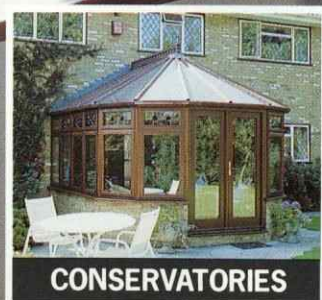
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BILLY BONDS

● NO doubt many people had written off West Ham when the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup was made. Their pessimism was based on our heavy 5-1 defeat at Luton in the Zenith Data Systems Cup in December, and the fact that we have gone down badly on plastic pitches, to Oldham and Luton, in the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup in the past two seasons.

Obviously we were pleased to prove those critics wrong last Saturday, when we came away from Kenilworth Road with a very creditable 1-1 draw.

We had to go into the game with a positive attitude and our performance and the result itself proved that we did. I didn't think the defeat there in the ZDS would have any bearing on last Saturday's tie, and there was certainly no way we were going to allow all the talk about plastic pitches to bother us.

I don't know of anyone who actually likes playing on artificial surfaces - I didn't, for sure - but you have to get on with the job. The important thing was to learn from our mistakes on our previous visit to Luton.

This time, we changed from our usual formation - abandoning 4-4-2 to play with only one man (Trevor Morley) up the middle, with two (Stuart Slater and Kevin Keen) wide. Martin Allen came back into the side after injury to bolster the midfield, and it worked well.

We saw Southampton succeed 4-3 in a recent league match at Luton playing with a similar formation - it's a line-up Luton themselves tend to favour, so in a way we copied them.

Prior to last Saturday's match we had spent just one day during the previous week practicing on the artificial pitch at Woodford. I didn't see the point in spending the whole week on the plastic, or in taking up the option to have a run-out at Kenilworth Road itself. It's all in the mind, this business of playing on plastic.

Besides, I don't believe that West Ham's record on plastic is as poor as some people claim. Before those much-publicised semi-final defeats



at Luton and Oldham, I can remember us getting a few results at Luton and a win or two at QPR in the days before they reverted to a grass surface.

We had to be pleased with the draw last Saturday - it was a result we would gladly have settled for before the kick-off. We went about things in the right way and could well have won.

Georgie Parris, scoring his third goal in three games, gave us the lead just before half-time.

Luton came back at us in the first five minutes of the second half, when Black could have sneaked in to score on the six yard box, and then Farrell shot into the side-netting. But apart from that I thought we defended well.

Even after Black equalised with just less than 20 minutes to go, we came back strongly in the closing stages and, in the last 10 minutes, created some decent chances. We sent on Frank McAvennie for Kevin Keen with 12 minutes to go and Frank was unlucky to have a header cleared off the line in injury-time.

Still, overall I think a draw was a fair result. I must say how pleasing it was to see and hear the vocal backing you, the fans, gave us at Luton - even though there was a very limited ticket allocation. You've been great all season and let's hope we can give you something to cheer about tonight...



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KEVIN'S KEEN ON LEAGUE GOALS

● **DESPITE Saturday's hard-earned draw at Kenilworth Road, Kevin Keen warns that Hammers should take nothing for granted against Luton in tonight's replay.**

Said Keen: "We did quite well in restricting them to only a couple of half-chances and the odd skirmish in the box, and now we're all looking forward to the replay.

"It should be a much better game than Saturday's - more open and attacking.

"But we must not write them off because it's at Upton Park. Luton have picked up some decent away results and they are, after all, a First Division side."



Playing wide on the right in a reshuffled five-man midfield formation, Keen agreed that the tactics employed at Luton worked well.

"Tony Carr watched Luton at home to Southampton the other week, and we basically played it the same way as they did.

"We had to do something after they gave us the runaround in the Zenith Data Systems Cup there in December."

The prospect of returning to the little ground so soon after that 5-1 ZDS drubbing didn't frighten the Hammers, though.

Said Keen - whose father, Mike, was a star with Luton in the 60's: "None of the players went to Luton with thoughts of that match in our minds. All the lads were confident that we could go there and do a job and we did.

"Obviously the main priority is to gain promotion back to the First Division, but doing well in the FA Cup is important too. All the players are trying their hardest to do well in the Cup, because we've got as good a chance as anyone of winning it."

Keen has a knack of scoring cup goals. His first-ever for the club at senior level was against Orient in the third round of the FA Cup four years ago. And his only goals so far this season have come in the Rumbelows League Cup, against Stoke City, and at Luton, in the ZDS Cup.

He admits, however, that he is eager to get off the mark in the league, having netted an impressive 10 in the league and three in the cups last season.

"I'm not over-pleased with my form," Keen admitted, "because I've not been scoring goals as I did last season. Even George Parris, who has got a few himself in recent matches, is giving me stick about it!"

Keen has scored his share of penalties in recent seasons but he says that he lost some enthusiasm for that job after seeing a crucial spot-kick saved by Everton's Neville Southall - one of the best goalkeepers in the world, it has to be said - at Goodison Park. Hammers' First Division status was slipping away from them at that time and it took great courage by the young Keen to shoulder such huge responsibility, while other, more experienced, team mates shunned the burden.

"I've not been too keen to take them since then, and I think Trevor Morley has the job now."

Kevin Keen is one of those players who rarely receive the recognition they deserve, but all true Hammers' fans surely appreciate the skill and tremendous attitude of this home-grown product.

BISH BACK WITH A BANG!

● **MIDFIELD maestro Ian Bishop came back after a six-week lay-off as though he had never been away.**

Only 15 minutes of the FA Cup third round replay with Aldershot had elapsed when, to a great roar from his Upton Park admirers, Bish stepped off the subs' bench to replace the unlucky Stewart Robson.

From the centre of midfield, the long-haired Liverpoolian dictated the play. Stroking the ball to the right and to the left, forward and back and, most effectively, diagonally beyond the Fourth Division defenders who, for all their resilience in the first game here, were now been stretched all over the show.

Hammers were well on their way to a fourth round showdown with Luton Town when Bishop prised open Shots' flat-footed defence to net Hammers' fourth goal. It involved a neat one-two with first Tony Gale, then Trevor Morley, before Bish collected the return pass, rounded goalkeeper Peter Hucker and planted the ball into the empty net.

Manager Billy Bonds commented afterwards that he had only intended to give Bishop a run-out in the last 10 or 15 minutes, easing him back in after his injury.

The talented midfielder had only been fit to resume training the previous Monday, yet there were no signs of fatigue as Bishop dominated proceedings against Aldershot.

He capped a superb performance in the unfamiliar number 14 shirt with a perfectly-flighted pass, from just inside the Aldershot half, into the path of Morley, who hooked the ball over Hucker for Hammers' fifth of six goals.

Leicester City proved much more testing opponents in the next Second Division game at Upton Park three days later, but Bishop again shone like a beacon. No wonder he is so popular among supporters and team mates alike. The fans know that, week in, week out, Bish will provide entertainment and the exciting brand of football for which West Ham United have become famous for.

His team mates know, too, that with Bishop in the side, they can expect a stream of accurate passes to feet - no mean feat in itself at any level of the game these days! Trevor Morley, Frank McAvennie, Jimmy Quinn, Stuart Slater and Kevin Keen - these are the players who profit most from Bishop's service.

It is a measure of his value to this current West Ham side that, when he was missing, Hammers not only lost their unbeaten league record, they didn't show quite the same flair and imagination. Though not that their results could be faulted.

No one found Bish's absence more frustrating than the man himself. Talking after last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Luton, he said: "It was horrible not being part of it. The lads were still winning and still doing well - they must have been because we're still five points clear at the top of the league.

"But I couldn't stand it - sat there watching it from the sidelines. It was awful knowing I wanted to be out there."

Luton's plastic top is detested by most players, but the ever-versatile Bishop has no complaints.

"I don't mind it, to be honest. It's just a matter of getting used to the roll on it, weighting the passes correctly. If you can keep the ball on

the floor and pass it about, that's the way I like to play anyway."

Despite taking the brunt of a heavy challenge from midfield rival Steve Williams in the early stages, which resulted in both players receiving the yellow card, Bish was pleased to report that the knee ligaments he damaged in a bad tackle at Portsmouth are withstanding the test.

"It's nice to get back in the swing of things and the good thing is that I can't really feel my knee that much. I can feel it when I stop - when I'm walking round or whatever - but not when I'm playing.

"I've not been wary of it during the last three games - well, I don't tackle anyway!" joked Bish.

The West Ham favourite thought that, in one incident at Luton, Williams came in a bit late. But he admitted: "It was probably my fault that we both got booked, because I reacted. If I hadn't, the referee would probably have given a free-kick and left it at that."

Williams has starred in the First Division for Southampton, Arsenal and now Luton Town. Ian Bishop had barely four months in the top flight with Manchester City before his move to West Ham, but there can be no doubt that his talents deserve to flourish at the highest level...



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STATEMENT FROM REFEREES

● THE 'Professional Foul' has dominated many of the football headlines in Britain this season and it's a controversial subject that has already had several airings in this column too.

It's one that looks set to run and run, as players continue to commit dubious fouls in dangerous areas of the field, and referees continue to interpret these offences inconsistently.

Consistency - or lack of it - is, as ever, the key word in this issue. But give the referees themselves credit for recognising that they do have a problem and for holding discussions to try and resolve matters.

On Sunday, January 13th, the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen held their meeting at Walsall. Afterwards, they issued a statement, followed by the full FIFA ruling that now insists the 'Professional Foul' is punishable by the red card, which, at the request of the Football League, we are pleased to publish as follows:

"Football League referees accept that it is in the best interests of the game for them to be seen to be applying the Laws of the Game with as great a degree of consistency as is humanly possible. This can be achieved by:

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INTERNATIONAL BOARD MANDATORY INSTRUCTION - JULY 1990

"If, in the opinion of the referee, a player who is moving towards his opponents' goal with an obvious opportunity to score a goal is intentionally and physically impeded by unlawful means, i.e. an offence punishable by a free kick (or a penalty kick), thus denying the attacking player's team the aforesaid goal-scoring opportunity, the offending player shall be sent off the field of play for serious foul play in accordance with Law XII (n)."

● Having fully discussed this mandatory instruction issued to all referees and in order to help players, coaches, managers and spectators,

the referees agreed that they should consider the following guidelines for any incident likely to come under this heading:

- a) Decide whether it is a foul or not.
- b) If it is not a foul, play will continue.
- c) If it is a foul - i.e. any physical offence, however minor, punishable by a free-kick or penalty - then consider:
- d) If the unfair, intentional impeding of the attacker denied an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.

NOTE: The degree, severity or physical excess of the foul tackle is not a consideration; the instruction covers any physical offence for which a free-kick (direct or indirect) or penalty kick is awarded.

In order to be consistent as to what constitutes an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, the following criteria would be considered:

1. Was the attacker moving directly towards the opponents' goal? - not towards the goal-line.
2. Where were the defenders positioned in relation to the site of the offence?
3. Where did the offence occur relative to the opponents' goal?

It was noted that even when a referee involves the use of advantage for such an offence, the punishment is not eliminated.

Clearly, for any such incident, the decision would be taken after the referee has considered all the above criteria, but the decision will always remain HIS OPINION of the situation and his judgement concerning the denial of a goal-scoring opportunity.

It is hoped that no player will have to be dismissed and that, on realising the dire consequences of their actions, players will rather be deterred from committing such acts - and the game will benefit."

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● ALTHOUGH it may not be difficult to identify the real cynical challenges which FIFA and the Football League are striving to outlaw from the game, the grey area surrounds whether the offence prevented a genuine goal-scoring opportunity. And there have been some well-publicised inconsistencies here.

The latest again involved England's top referee, George Courtney, who - as millions of TV viewers saw - sent off Southampton's Jimmy Case for tripping Manchester United's Bryan Robson some 40 yards from the visitors' goal and with Southampton defenders clearly converging on the England star ... yet issued only a yellow card to United 'keeper Les Sealey when he deliberately brought down Rod Wallace with an open goal at his mercy.

It meant that Sealey remained on the pitch to defend the penalty from Alan Shearer which, in the event, he did not save anyway.

But had he done so, no doubt Saints' manager Chris Nichol would have been far more bemused by it all than he already appeared to be in his post-match TV interview.

FROM THE TICKET OFFICE

IF we win tonight's match we have been drawn at HOME to CREWE in the F.A. Cup Fifth Round.

This match will be played on Saturday 16th Feb. 1991, Kick-off 3.00pm. Season Ticket Holders to apply as follows using Voucher 'T': Tues. 5th to Fri. 8th Feb, 9.30am-5pm; Sat. 9th Feb, 10am-5pm.

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IF we draw tonight's match the 2nd Replay will be played at Kenilworth Road on Monday 11th February 1991, Kick-off: 7.30pm.

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If available Terrace Tickets will be on General Sale on Sat. 9th Feb, 10am-5pm. There will be a limit of TWO TICKETS per person.

V WOLVERHAMPTON - away Barclays League Division Two Saturday 2nd February 1991 Kick-off: 3.00pm

THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET

No seats available. Terrace Tickets: £5.00. If any tickets are remaining after previous sales they will be available to All Supporters at the Portakabins before and after today's match and then from the Ticket Office tomorrow (Thurs) between 9.30am-5pm and Fri, 9.30am-4pm.

V IPSWICH T. - away Barclays League Division Two Tuesday 12th February 1991 Kick-off: 7.45pm

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V BRIGHTON & HA - away

Barclays League Division Two Saturday 16th February 1991 Kick-off: 3.00pm

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Season Ticket Holders to apply as follows using Voucher 'R': Seats: £10 (limited); Terrace: £5.50. Mon. 4th to Fri. 8th Feb, 9.30am-5.00pm. Postal applications will be accepted for Terrace Tickets only. There will be a limit of ONE TICKET per Voucher and FOUR VOUCHERS per person. Supporters Association Members can apply for Terrace Tickets only at the Ticket Office between Mon. 4th Feb. and Fri. 8th Feb. Your Membership Card must be produced when purchasing tickets and there will be a

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V NEWCASTLE U. - home

Barclays League Division Two Saturday 9th February 1991 Kick-off: 3.00pm

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Terrace admission is via the turnstiles on the day of the match.

V MILLWALL - home

Barclays League Division Two Sunday 24th February 1991 Kick-off: 12 noon.

THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET

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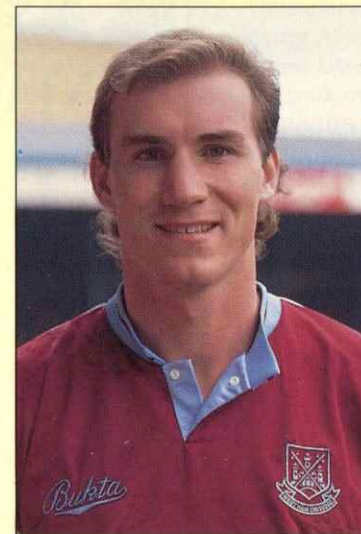
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Stewart Robson... hit by injury jinx

ROBBO JINX STRIKES AGAIN

● **THE injury jinx that has plagued Stewart Robson throughout much of his career struck again this month...within minutes of his return to first team football.**

Robbo, who played the last 10 minutes of the game at Watford on January 12th, was looking forward to his first full appearance in the senior side in more than eight months when Aldershot returned to Upton Park the following Wednesday.

But fate struck the former England Under-21 skipper another cruel blow when, just 10 minutes into the FA Cup third round replay against Aldershot, he went in hard for the ball and took a nasty whack on his head.

After receiving treatment from John Green, Robson bravely soldiered on in midfield. He didn't flinch from the tackle but it was soon clear that Robbo was feeling the effects of the earlier collision.

He left the field, concussed and unaware of what had gone on in the previous five minutes. After the game, as he made his way out to the car park, Robbo still had no recollection of events.

It was the latest in a series of unbelievable setbacks the robust Robson has endured. He was attempting a comeback after a bad thigh strain had sidelined him since the summer; having played just 13 league games in the previous two seasons due to a long-suffering pelvic injury.

Robbo's misery was compounded last week when, after regaining full consciousness, he contracted a bout of 'flu... enough to prevent him from training for five days.

The inactivity caused Robson to feel stiffness in his groin, which prompted his return to the specialist sports injuries clinic at

"It's an Achilles problem - I did it stretching for a ball late on in the Watford game," explained Fozzie.

"We'll have to see how it improves, but as things stand I'm hoping to be available for the match at Wolves."

ALVIN BUILDING UP

● **ANOTHER centre-half steadily regaining fitness is Alvin Martin, although he may need a few more Reserve team matches before he has fully shaken off the hamstring problem that has sidelined him since the match at Portsmouth on December 8th.**

Martin's most recent comeback game at Combination League level was last Thursday's eventful 5-4 home win over Charlton.

MAGPIES SWOOP FOR LUDO'S MATE!

● **CZECH First Division club Banik Ostrava are proving a good source of supply to British teams.**

Following the outstanding success of Ludek Miklosko at Upton Park, Aston Villa signed midfielder Ivo Stas last November (though tendon trouble has so far prevented him from making his debut)... and now Newcastle United have bought Banik Ostrava's Reserve team 'keeper Pavel Srnicek for £350,000.

It will be interesting to see if he gets clearance in time to play against us at Upton Park on Saturday week (February 9th).

Chiswick that has served him so well in the past two years.

But Hammers' physio John Green was quick to dispel any doubts that the former Arsenal star had suffered a recurrence of his old pelvic problem.

He told HAMMER: "After not being able to train for five days due to the concussion and then 'flu, Stewart felt a bit stiff and we agreed that things would return to normal more quickly if he went back to Chiswick. There is special equipment there that we don't have at Chadwell Heath, so it's ideal for what Stewart needs - he often goes there on his days off from training at the club anyway."

All Hammers' supporters will feel deep sympathy for Stewart Robson, and let's hope it won't be long before he is back in contention for a first team place again.

● **FOZZIE LOOKS TO WOLVES CENTRAL defender Colin Foster, a dominant force this season until his injury at Watford, is looking to be back in contention for a first team place in time for Saturday's League match at Wolverhampton.**

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● CREWE Alexandra - currently second from bottom of Division Three - await the winners of tonight's replay in the fifth round.

And if Hammers get

through, the tie on Saturday, February 16th will evoke fond memories for Ian Bishop.

For Bish made four league appearances on loan to the Railwaymen in season 1983/84, whilst still contracted to his first club, Everton.

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ALLEN SHOCK

● ALTHOUGH now recovered from the knee ligament injury that has sidelined him since the end of December, Martin Allen was shocked to gain a first team recall at Luton last Saturday.

He said: "I came back in the Reserves against Charlton last Thursday, but I thought I would have a few more games at that level before rejoining the first team squad.

"I was very surprised to be playing at Luton, but over-joyed to be back in."



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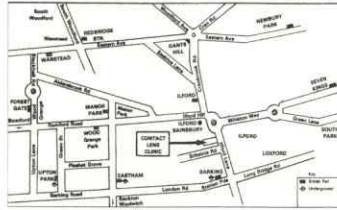
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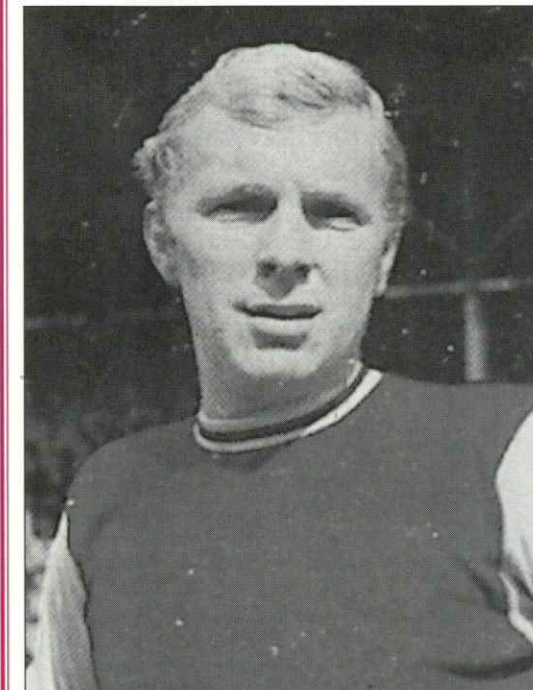
HAMMERS HISTORY

..... By Jack Helliar

"HOLDING THE FORT"

● During over a century of Football League competition, there must have been hundreds of occasions when an 'outfield' player was called up to deputise for an injured goalkeeper. Nevertheless, there have been some rather out of the ordinary, and we recently came across a photograph which sparked off some research in Hammers' history of such events.

Those with long memories can dimly recall 'Big Jim' Barrett standing in for one of our 'keepers in pre-World War II days, although the date is uncertain. However, we have on record at least four 'special deputies' during the past 30 years which are worthy of mention.



Despite heroically saving a penalty kick, Bobby Moore's goalkeeping efforts were to be in vain as we were beaten 3-2 by Stoke City in the League Cup semi-final second replay in 1972.

In April 1962 it happened to us twice in three days in successive matches; that might well be a record for one club.

On Easter Saturday of that year we were playing Arsenal at Upton Park and drawing 1-1 when Lawrie Leslie fractured a finger. John Lyall took over in goal and Leslie came back to play on the right wing. We then went 1-3 in arrears, but late goals by John Dick and Bill Lansdowne earned us a 3-3 draw.

Lyall missed the game at Cardiff on Easter Monday, Martin Peters taking over at left-back (having made his League debut at home against the Bluebirds on Good Friday). Brian Rhodes was the replacement in goal for Leslie, but at the end of an hour's play he dislocated his shoulder and was taken to hospital. Hammers were two down at that time, and under a lot of pressure, but the ten men - with Peters in goal - conceded only one more before the final whistle.

Moore landmark

Nearly ten years later - in January 1972 - it was Bobby Moore's turn to volunteer to don the green jersey. The occasion was a 'landmark' in our club history, being the second replay of the two-leg League Cup Semi-Final v Stoke City at Old Trafford.

When Bobby Ferguson was knocked unconscious 'Moore' defended gallantly and even saved a penalty-kick; but we eventually had to concede to a 3-2 defeat.

On 14th April 1973, again the unlucky victim was Bobby Ferguson. He collided with John McDowell when clearing a Leeds United attack, but played on until he collapsed again in the 66th minute.

This time it was 'hospital treatment' for Bobby, but the 'substitute rule' permitted us to send on Bertie Lutton as replacement. However, it was Clyde Best who volunteered for the goalkeeping job, and he held the visitors to a goal by Allan Clarke (77 mins). Inspired by a 38,804 attendance the Hammers fought back and Pat Holland equalised two minutes from time.

During the near-18 years since that match there have been several appearances of black goalkeepers in English League football. But it may well be that Clyde Best was the first to achieve that distinction. Incidentally, the latest news of the popular 'big fella' is that he is now living in Los Angeles.

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LUTON TOWN

Ringling the changes at Kenilworth Road

● **IT has been a hectic, and at times traumatic, year in the history of Luton Town FC. Just over a year ago, on January 11th, 1990, Jim Ryan took charge as manager of a club that was fighting for First Division survival and to keep their head above water financially.**

And former manager Ray Harford - who led Luton to two successive Littlewoods Cup Finals - was by no means the only one on his way out at Kenilworth Road.

Shortly before Harford left for Wimbledon, the Hatters sold striker Roy Wegerle to QPR for a club record £1 million, and it's no consolation to Luton fans now that Wegerle has established himself as one of the most talented and prolific goalscorers in the First Division.

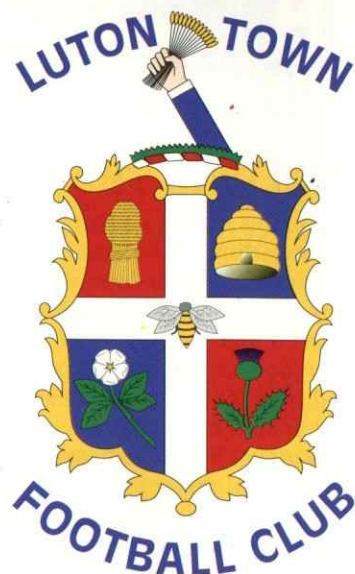
After Ryan moved into the hot seat, it was clear that the Bedfordshire club had to dispose of some more of their most prized playing assets.

Wegerle's old striking partner, Mick Hartford, left for Derby County; midfield hard-man Mick Kennedy went to Stoke City; 'keeper Les Sealey joined Manchester United on a free transfer and became their Cup Final hero.

Luton's most recent sale was that of right-back Tim Breacker, who signed for West Ham in a £600,000 deal last October.

But before he left, after making 254 first team appearances for the Hatters, Breacker had fully earned his place in Luton Town folklore.

For the Hatters had 'gone to the wire' to retain their Division One status in a nail-biting finale to the 1989/90 season. The odds were stacked against them. They had to win their last game at Derby County to have any chance of staying up. Even then, they had to hope, too, that Nottingham Forest won at Sheffield Wednesday, who were also battling against



relegation. It's history now that Luton took the lead at the Baseball Ground after just 66 seconds... a rocket from Tim Breacker. It was one of only three league goals he scored for Luton, but it was by far the best and certainly the most priceless!

Two more goals, both by Kingsley Black, earned Hatters a memorable 3-2 victory over the Rams. With Forest winning 3-0 at Hillsborough, Luton were safe.

The new regime in the Kenilworth Road boardroom maintain that Luton's priority is to remain in the top flight. But after last year's narrow escape - they eventually finished seventeenth in the table - the Hatters are finding it no less of a strain this term.

They are currently fifth from bottom, having lost on their own controversial artificial pitch to Manchester United, fellow strugglers Sheffield United and Southampton. Whilst Crystal Palace, Everton, Manchester City and Arsenal have all claimed draws on the plastic.

Luton's only away successes in the league this season have come at Southampton and Norwich City, and it would appear that they are in for another long, hard battle to



Kingsley Black

keep out of the relegation zone.

The problem is that having released so many talented, experienced players, Jim Ryan has had no option but to turn to youngsters. They are capable of serving the club well in the future but in the meantime, it can be a painful learning process. It explains, too, the inconsistency that has been evident this season.

In the past year, Ryan has, through the sale of the big names, yielded £1.46 million for Luton Town. Yet he has spent a mere £25,000... on another promising young prospect, Paul Holsgrove. He has joined Luton from non-league Wokingham, has yet to make his first team debut and cannot be involved tonight anyway, because he is cup-tied.

Indeed, the accent at Luton Town is now firmly on youth. Since succeeding Harford, Ryan has given first team debuts to the following six youngsters: Jason Rees, Kurt Nogan, Ceri Hughes, Sean Farrell (who scored twice against West Ham on his full debut in the ZDS Cup last month), Paul

Gray and Tim Allpress. Unfortunately Hughes has been ruled out for the rest of this season due to damaged ankle ligaments.

Injury also cost central defender Dave Beaumont his first team place this season. And since Darron McDonough took over at number five, there has been no room for Beaumont. Now the 27 year-old - who made his Luton debut at Upton Park in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup semi-final - is on the transfer list at his own request.

Midfield star Steve Williams is also on the list, but no one has snapped him up on a 'free'. Although his temperament may be suspect, there can be no doubting the ability of the former England, Southampton and Arsenal player who is currently Hatters' key man in midfield.

Williams has been the provider of so many chances for Danish striker Lars Elstrup, who is enjoying an outstanding season.

Elstrup, who possesses skill and close control, has so far notched 12 goals in the league and three more in the various cup competitions. He and Kingsley Black, operating on either flank, are recognised as Luton's 'danger men' in attack.

"WE KNEW IT WOULD BE TOUGH" SAYS RYAN

● **LUTON TOWN boss Jim Ryan was not in the least bit surprised by West Ham's fine performance at Kenilworth Road last Saturday.**

Afterwards he said: "We knew it would be a very tough game, and it was probably typical of FA Cup ties at this stage.

"We totally ignored our result against West Ham in the Zenith Data Systems Cup - we knew this would be much harder and it was.

"I know that, under Billy Bonds, they are a very resilient team. That's probably credit to him. We were prepared for exactly this kind

of cup tie. We weren't prepared to go one down against them but we were prepared to keep going until the end."

Luton's only injury worry on Saturday was David Preece. Explained Ryan: "He strained his hamstring, but hopefully it's not too bad and he'll be alright for the replay."

Ryan was pleased that his players didn't lose heart after George Parris gave Hammers the lead in the 42nd minute - his shot deflecting into the top right-hand corner of the net off 'keeper Alec Chamberlain, who made a brilliant save from the original shot by Stuart Slater after he had been set up by Martin Allen.

Continued Ryan: "West Ham were most dangerous in the last couple of minutes of each half, and we were obviously relieved when Jason Rees headed that Frank McAvennie header off the line in the dying minutes."

LUTON TOWN'S LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

Opponents		F	A
Crystal Palace	H	1	1
Arsenal	A	1	2
Southampton	A	2	1
Manchester United	H	0	1
Leeds United	H	1	0
Queens Park R.	A	1	6
Coventry City	H	1	0
Norwich City	A	3	1
Sunderland	A	0	2
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Derby County	A	1	2
Liverpool	A	0	4
Manchester City	H	2	2
Nottingham Forest	A	2	2
Arsenal	H	1	1
Crystal Palace	A	0	1
Tottenham Hotspur	A	1	2
Sheffield United	H	0	1
Chelsea	H	2	0
Wimbledon	A	0	2
Southampton	H	3	4
Leeds United	A	1	2



Lars Elstrup - The Hatters' Danish international, who is also their top scorer.

DAVE BEAUMONT - Defender
Another 1989 signing, from Dundee United, where he had been under study to international pair David Narey and Paul Hegarty. Made his Luton debut in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Upton Park where his calm performance ensured that he remained ever-present for the rest of the season. A former Scottish Under-21 international. David recovered from an ankle ligament injury to help guide Luton to safety last season.

KINGSLEY BLACK - Midfield/Winger
Hit the headlines with his performance in the Littlewoods Cup Final of 1988 which prompted both Billy Bingham and Bobby Robson to fight for his international services. He chose Northern Ireland and became a regular in 1988-89 which was also his first full term in the Luton first team. Last season he continued to develop and produce a two-goal winning performance at Derby County to keep Luton in the First Division.

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN - Goalkeeper
A tall and agile goalkeeper, Alec made his league debut for Colchester in January 1983 and after many fine displays, Everton were prompted to pay £80,000 for his services in the summer of 1987. Unfortunately, due to the form of Welsh international Neville Southall, he did not manage a single League appearance at Goodison Park but instead had a spell on loan at Tranmere. He signed for Luton in the summer of 1988 and secured first choice keeper at the latter end of 1988/89. He was ever-present again last season.

RICHARD COOKE - Forward
Began his career at Tottenham scoring on his debut against the Town at Kenilworth Road in 1983. Found it difficult to obtain a regular place at White Hart Lane and after a spell at Birmingham on loan signed for Bournemouth in 1986/87 where he became an instant success. Signed for Luton just before the transfer deadline in 1989 for £140,000.

IAIN DOWIE - Forward
A prolific scorer for non-league Hendon from whom he was signed for £30,000 early in 1989. Before turning professional, Dowie was a Development Engineer with British Aerospace and is determined to make as big a success with his footballing career. Last season he progressed greatly and scored goals and also won a place in Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland team.

JOHN DREYER - Defender
Signed at a cost of £140,000 from Oxford United in the summer of 1988, he joined Luton from Wallingford Town and appeared on loan for Torquay and Fulham before making his Oxford debut at home to Coventry in October 1986. Normally a left-back he was drafted into central defence last season when he made the number six shirt his own with a string of outstanding performances. He turned down a big money move to Crystal Palace.



Darron McDonough

LARS ELSTRUP - Forward
Danish international striker. Luton Town's record transfer signing in August 1989 from Odense, Denmark. A powerful goalscoring striker, Lars hit 6 goals in his first 12 international appearances for Denmark. He previously played for Ajax, Amsterdam. Luton paid a fee of approximately £650,000 for his services, but two cartilage operations last season held up his progress.

SEAN FARRELL - Forward
A 21 year-old striker who was born in Watford. Sean is a tall, strapping old-style centre forward with a good touch and great potential, but his career to date has been hampered by injuries. He returned from a year-long absence with a knee ligament problem and has forced his way into the first team squad. He starred in the recent Guinness Soccer 6 which Luton won and shared the title of top goalscorer.

PAUL GRAY - Forward
Promising Portsmouth-born youngster who is expected to press for a first team place this season after making the breakthrough last term. He made his debut in a Simod Cup tie at Everton in February 1988 and scored a vital goal against Coventry in the First Division last March.

RICHARD HARVEY - Full-back
Born at Letchworth, in April 1969, Harvey, following a number of fine

HATTERS

performances for the Combination side as well as captaining the successful Youth team, made his deserved full League debut at home to Queens Park Rangers in November 1986. He made four further appearances towards the end of 1986/87, showing maturity beyond his years and is now recognised as a first team regular. He has toured South America with the England Under-19 squad.

CERI HUGHES - Midfield
Age 19 and born in the Rhondda Valley, Wales. Signed as a professional player from being an apprentice in 1989, to make his first team debut against Aston Villa in March 1990. He was picked for the Welsh international U-21 side against Poland.

JULIAN JAMES - Full-back
Locally-born James is another from the Town's youth scheme hoping to make a name for himself after establishing himself in the first team last season. He came on as substitute three times towards the end of 1987/88 including the 1-1 draw at Anfield and appeared on four occasions in 1988-89. Last season he played 19 games in the First Division as a reliable and strong left-back. He was picked for the England U-21 squad for the mini World Cup tournament in Toulon last summer.

MARVIN JOHNSON - Defender
Another former member of the talented youth side. Wembley-born Johnson has appeared regularly in central defence where his exceptional pace marks him out as a man for the future. A popular player with the fans.

DARRON McDONOUGH - Defender
Belgium-born McDonough scored on his League debut for Oldham against Notts County in December 1980, thereby joining an exclusive club. He signed for Luton in 1986 in exchange for £87,000 to become a versatile and valuable member of the squad which reached Wembley four times in 14 months. He was unfortunate to be injured just

before the Town's Littlewoods Cup Final win in 1988 and was beset with further problems last season after taking over as centre-half in succession to Steve Foster.

KURT NOGAN - Forward
Born in Cardiff in September 1970. He signed as an apprentice in July 1987 and then turned professional in June 1989. He was picked for the Welsh U-21 squad against Poland and scored one goal. He then made his first team debut for Luton against Liverpool in January 1990.

DAVID PREECE - Midfield
Born at Bridnorth on May 28th 1963. He was picked for England's "B" team in midfield. He was signed by Luton Town from Walsall for £150,000 in December 1984. Scored on his debut against Aston Villa. A busy left-sided midfield player known for his accurate and imaginative passing.

JASON REES - Midfield
Born in Aberdare, Wales. Aged 20 and signed professional contracts from being an apprentice player to make his first team debut against Manchester Utd in March 1990. He was picked for the Welsh U-21 squad.

GRAHAM RODGER - Defender
Signed in 1989 from Coventry City where he had been an almost permanent understudy to Brian Kilcline and Trevor Peake. Glasgow-born Rodger is an England Under-21 international who scored the Coventry winner against the Town at Highfield Road two seasons ago. He had terrible luck with injuries and missed virtually all of last season.

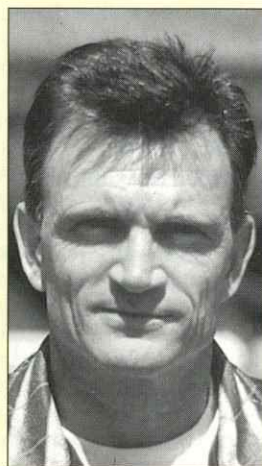
STEVE WILLIAMS - Midfield
Formerly the Town's record signing at £300,000, Williams brought with him to Kenilworth Road a wealth of experience gained playing for Southampton, Arsenal and England. He made his league debut for the Saints in 1975/76 and signed for Arsenal for £550,000 in 1984. Joined Luton in the summer of 1988.

JIM RYAN

● A former Luton Town and Manchester United player, Jim took over as manager on January 11th 1990, following the departure of Ray Harford. Born in Stirling in May 1945, he left Scotland in 1962 for a trial at Manchester United where his wing-play earned him his first professional contract. He collected a European Cup winners' medal in 1968, when he was a substitute for the famous United victory over Benfica at Wembley.

Joined Luton Town in 1970 and helped them to promotion from the Second Division in 1974. He stayed at Kenilworth Road as a player until 1976 when he moved to the United States and played for Dallas Tornado and Wichita Wings.

Gained his English F.A. Coaching Badge in 1982 and joined the Luton Town staff as a coach in 1986. He guided the Hatters clear of relegation on the last day of the season last May with a nail-biting 3-2 win at Derby.



HAMMER POSTBAG

THE INCREDIBLE CHRIS HUGHTON!

Eddie Edwards, Carlton Road, Romford, Essex.

● I WAS most interested to read your 'Hammerman' article in the programme of Wednesday, January 16th (v Aldershot replay).

My understanding is that Billy Bonds signed Chris Hughton in part because of Chris's vast experience. I never realised the extent and how vast the full-back's appearances are during his career since 1979!

Over an 11-year period our former Spurs defender has amassed 29,712 appearances, which makes Billy Bonds look a mere part-timer in comparison.

Such was the enthusiasm of Chris Hughton that, from 1979 to 1986, he pushed himself through 300-plus games every season. A truly remarkable display which must be some type of record!

His greatest season was 1979-80 when he played for our North London rivals in 391 games. Such was Chris's desire to play that he must have turned out for the youth teams in the morning and then rushed, regardless of distance, to the first team's venues. Not to mention playing in EVERY midweek game.

No doubt as Chris gets older he will cut back his burning desire to play football, and will confine his appearances for the Irons to only the first XI and the reserves!

I trust the club will suitably honour Chris when, in the near future, he breaks the 30,000 milestone!

On the other hand you may have made a mistake. P.S. When you print this educated observation in the 'prog', can I have two complimentary tickets in the West Stand to mark my 100,000th game at Upton Park?

NO! I'm afraid the 320 year-old Chris has already bought up all seat tickets for use by his 28,000 relatives (another all-ticket game?) who wouldn't miss his 30,000th league appearance for the world! But don't blame us - blame it on the 'technical hitch' at our printers that caused the figures in Chris's goals column to merge with the column (only the first two figures of which really apply!) detailing his appearance record - Ed.

LOYAL SUPPORT FROM THE WEST

Simon Brown, Post Office, Truro, Cornwall.

● PLEASE can you ask West Ham fans to stop complaining about travelling to Upton Park. I have now been living in Cornwall for almost two years.

Apart from coming to between 15-20 home games. I also travel to away games in the south-west. This means travelling 14,000 miles a season at a cost of almost £2,000.

To go to a Saturday game, I leave my house at 10pm Friday, depart from Truro at 10.52pm, arriving at Paddington at 5.20am on Saturday morning. This is the only way I can guarantee getting to the game on time. As trains don't run to Cornwall on Saturday after 18.05, the best I can do is get home at 3pm on Sundays.

If anyone can beat this for being a loyal supporter, I will be amazed!

P.S. It is hopeless trying to get tickets for all-ticket games in my situation.

TO THE HAMMERS BORN!

IRONS IN THE GULF

● SHORTLY before the Gulf War began, the club received a phone call from Captain Maw who wanted to wish everyone at West Ham United, the team and all supporters a Happy New Year.

Just days later, Captain Maw - a member of the West Ham United Supporters' Club - plus a number of his colleagues who also support the Hammers, were assigned to their unit, 32 Armoured Regiment, BSPO 104, for duty in the desert.

They are currently serving in the Gulf, and everybody associated with West Ham United would like to wish them - and, indeed, all of our other brave men involved in the war - a safe and successful mission. Not forgetting, too, the families of soldiers.

We hope to see them back at Upton Park very soon.

Jason Jacob, Vicars Walk, Putnoe, Bedford.

● WE were wondering if you could include a picture of our son, Jimmy, in the programme or 'Hammers News'.

Jimmy was born on January 3rd, 1991, at Bedford Hospital, weighing 7lbs 8oz.

My family and relatives all come from the London Boroughs of Newham and Havering, but we moved out, while my girlfriend's family is from South London and Kent.

My family have supported West Ham since the 1920's - maybe before then, I don't know.

In the photo is Jay, who is 18, and his son, Jimmy - pictured just one hour and 10 minutes old!



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FA CUP SCENE

FEW SHOCKS IN FOURTH ROUND

● **THERE** were few shocks in last weekend's FA Cup fourth round ties. The most eye-catching performance of last Saturday was by Second Division Brighton who clawed their way back from a 2-0 deficit to draw 2-2 against Liverpool at Anfield.

Mike Small brought the Seagulls back into contention from the penalty spot, before John Byrne headed their sensational equaliser 12 minutes from time to force a replay at the Goldstone Ground tonight.

But there was no fairytale on Merseyside for little Woking, the last of the non-league survivors. The third round conquerors of West Bromwich Albion did remarkably well to hold Everton to a goalless first half, and it took a typical Kevin Sheedy volley in the 59th minute to spare the First Division side's blushes. Still, great credit to Woking for not only causing Everton problems, but for trying to achieve the 'Impossible Dream' by playing creative football.

● **The hopes of the minnows' now rest with Shrewsbury and two other Third Division clubs, Cambridge United and Crewe Alexandra.**

One of the biggest upsets was Shrewsbury's 1-0 home win over First Division Wimbledon. Former Villa striker Gary Shaw put the Third Division strugglers into the last 16 of the competition with the winner in the 38th minute.

It was just the tonic new Shrews' manager, former West Ham favourite John Bond, needed after taking control of the team currently third from bottom in their division.

One place below them, Crewe, defeated bottom placed Rotherham United 1-0 at home - the first time Crewe have reached the fifth round in 103 years.

The winners of tonight's replay

will be determined that Crewe don't make history by reaching the quarter-finals!

Cambridge United got that far last year before losing to eventual beaten finalists Crystal Palace. On Saturday, however, Middlesbrough couldn't stop John Taylor from scoring the goals that took Cambridge into the fifth round.

Bolton Wanderers, those great cup traditionalists, bowed out at nearby Manchester United in front of the biggest crowd of the day, 43,293. Yet another Mark Hughes volley settled it.

Manchester City also went through, 2-1 winners at Port Vale - the only away cup success of the weekend. Darren Beckford equalised Niall Quinn's goal, but Clive Allen headed the winner with his first touch after coming on as sub.

Another match-winning substitute was Norwich City's transfer-seeking Dane Henrik Mortensen. After making his entrance 12 minutes from time, Mortensen scored his first goal for the club and then made the third for Robert Fleck as City struck twice in the last five minutes.

It was a miserable end to an afternoon that began brightly for Swindon. Steve White gave them the lead after 51 minutes... but the visitors were reduced to nine men after only 58 minutes! Nestor Lorenzo and Jon Gittens both got the red card for fouls on Fleck.

● **Notts County and Portsmouth are the only two Second Division clubs definitely through to the fifth round. Phil Turner and Craig Short secured County a 2-0 home win over Division Two promotion challengers Oldham.**

Portsmouth were emphatic 5-1 home winners over south coast rivals Bournemouth, with Guy Whittingham - a hat-trick hero in the previous round against Barnet - going one better this time to net four.

There were six goals and a sparkling individual performance, too, at White Hart Lane where Paul Gascoigne turned on the magic to score twice in Spurs' 4-2 victory.

Fit-again Martin Foyle was twice on target for brave Oxford, but Gazza stole the show with a dazzling display, scoring the

crucial third and fourth goals.

But probably the most exciting match of the weekend took place at The Den. Sheffield Wednesday seemed to have won a see-saw game until Alex Rae snatched the equaliser in injury-time to make it 4-4.

● **The only two all-First Division ties ended in draws. Coventry went ahead at home to Southampton through a scrambled effort by Brian Kilcline, but Alan Shearer shot Saints level from the penalty spot. The replay was scheduled for The Dell last night.**

There are four fourth round replays tonight, including Leeds United v Arsenal after the teams contested a 0-0 stalemate in front of the live BBC TV cameras on Sunday. Goalkeepers John Lukic, returning to Highbury, and David Seaman were the heroes, each making one brilliant save. But the Gunners were robbed of victory when Paul Davis headed them in front - only to be ruled out for offside, even though the TV replay proved conclusively that he ran from an onside position.

Fourth round replays:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29th:
Southampton v Coventry City.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th:
Brighton & HA v Liverpool;
Leeds United v Arsenal;
Sheffield Wednesday v Millwall;
West Ham United v Luton Town.

Not forgetting, of course, that Newcastle United will host the winners of the marathon third round tie between Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest, the second replay of which was due to take place at Selhurst Park last Monday.

FA CUP 5th ROUND DRAW

Coventry City or Southampton v Newcastle United or Crystal Palace or Nottingham Forest
Norwich City v Manchester Utd
Notts County v Manchester City
West Ham United or Luton Town v Crewe Alexandra
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HAMMERMAN

FRANK McAVENNIE

West Ham's record signing FRANK McAVENNIE talking to Tony McDonald about his latest injury scare, recent press speculation and his hopes and plans for the future . . .

● **THE prospect of scoring twice at Upton Park would normally be cause for celebration, but for Frank McAvennie it was more a case of relief. Relief that he is regaining fitness again after being troubled by an Achilles tendon that is still sore. The problem had existed for some time and ruled McAvennie out of six successive first team matches before his reappearance as a late sub for Jimmy Quinn in the last home game here, against Leicester City.**

There were only a few hundred people inside the stadium to see McAvennie grab his brace for the Reserves in the 5-4 Combination League victory over Charlton - a productive run-out for the £1.2 million striker who feared that his first team days were numbered.

Having already missed most of the previous season whilst recovering from a broken leg, sustained in the opening game at Stoke, the Scottish international was understandably shattered to receive news that he could have been facing an even longer lay-off.

Revealed Frank: "There was a lot of concern by the doctors because they thought the pain from my Achilles might have been an infection in the bone I broke last year. If that had been the case they were talking about a quick operation, which would have put me out of the game for between a year and 15 months.

"It was very frustrating, and it wasn't the best news a Scotsman could have had on New Year's Eve - to be told that his career could virtually be at an end.

"I went back to the hospital a couple of days, giving blood samples and so on. It was a lot of messing about but at the end of it it was worth it, because the tests showed that it was simply an Achilles problem.

"But I had to wait for about 10

days until the results of the tests came through. It was a bit frustrating because I couldn't train either - John, our physio, wouldn't let me, just in case there was something seriously wrong with me.

"Even when I got the all-clear from the hospital, John still didn't want me to train because I was still injured. But as soon as I knew I was OK, I went straight back into the gym and started smacking balls all over the place - it was just great to be involved again.

"It's a problem I've had on and off for a while now, and I still have treatment after training."

A huge favourite with the Upton Park crowd, McAvennie's popularity has not diminished even though he has not been able to consistently reproduce the sensational goal-scoring form that earned him 28 goals in his first season with the Hammers, following his original £340,000 transfer from St. Mirren in the summer of 1985.

He is a big occasion player who revels in the adulation of the fans. And whilst McAvennie enjoys a good living from the game, he has always had a strong desire to give the fans something in return. Which, sadly, cannot be said of every pro footballer.

"You can't motivate yourself in the Reserves," admits McAvennie, "but you have to remember that there are kids out there and you have to try and set an example and take responsibility. You've usually not got that full competitive thing, because it's usually a run-out to test an injury. But in the last Reserve game against Charlton, I wasn't only testing my Achilles, there was the added edge of competing for my first team place."

Despite the fact that McAvennie and Jimmy Quinn have been vying for the other striker's role alongside ever-present Trevor Morley this season, Frank confirmed that all three front-runners enjoy a good

friendship both on and off the field.

"We're very good mates. But competition for places never did anyone any harm. Unfortunately for me, I've not been able to compete for a first team place as much as I would have liked to, due to injuries."

Although McAvennie thrives on the limelight, at 30 he's a mature professional and can accept that the manager cannot keep everybody happy all of the time. So how does the 'glamour boy' of Upton Park take to being confined to the subs' bench?

"I start laughing when the fans chant my name because it gives Billy something to think about! But Bill was a big crowd favourite himself and he knows that the fans are trying to get me on - he's wise to it. Besides, it's my family and friends who do all the singing anyway," laughed Frank, displaying his typical sense of humour.

Even whilst McAvennie was still recovering from injury, it did not stop the tabloids from speculating about yet another big money move. Rumour had it that 'Super Mac' would be on his way back to Celtic in exchange for Paul Elliott.

McAvennie laughs again and says: "Elliott can't play centre-forward anyway!"

Although McAvennie clearly enjoyed his two seasons back at Celtic, where, between October 1987 and March 1989, he scored 35 goals and won Scottish league and cup medals, he claims he has no desire to return to Glasgow itself.

He told HAMMER: "I enjoyed the football at Celtic but I wished I could have played football there and continued to live in London.

"It's one of those situations where I've not spoken to the press, my agent's not spoken to the press and Billy's not spoken to the press. I've always been a candidate for a story. It depends on what Gazza's doing that day. If he's not doing much, they put me in instead!

"I love Glasgow - it's still my home town - but I haven't been back there since I re-signed for West Ham. Maybe I'll go back there when I finish my career . . . and play another 10 years in Scotland!" added Frank, bursting with laughter again.

Now in his tenth season of first team football, McAvennie believes he still has much to offer before he is ready to hang up his boots.

"It depends where I am. If I'm here, I reckon I've got three or four years left in me. I could drop back into midfield if I lose my sharpness, or even play sweeper?"

In the long-term, a future in



Left: Frank McAvennie playing the game with a smile on his face and (inset) showing 100% concentration as he makes a run off the ball.

management would have its appeal.

"I think I'd be a good manager," says McAvennie, "because not many players could get one over on me - I've done everything!"

Frank chuckles away to himself, and his love of the game comes shining through.

"It all comes down to management, and Billy has got the team going and everyone is smiling again. The team spirit at West Ham now is as good as I've ever known it to be.

"But a lot of people tend to forget that it's only a game. It's big money business now, but you've got to enjoy yourself. The people pay good money to be entertained.

"Less and less teams try to entertain the crowd. For them, winning and losing is the be all and end all. But we go out and try to play good football - whichever team I have played for has always tried to entertain. I couldn't play for a team that didn't play that way.

"If I wasn't with a team that played good football, I would have retired long ago."



HAMMERMAN

**FRANK
MCAVENNIE**



PROFILE ON TIM BREACKER

FAMILY: Married Jane last summer. I've got a sister, Shelley (23), and two brothers, Kevin (27) and Andy (22). My parents, Adrian and Joan, were both athletes and members of Tooting & Mitcham A.C. Mum was a long-jumper, whilst Dad represented England, winning Commonwealth Games and European medals as a sprinter. He was selected for the 1956 Olympics but had to withdraw due to injury.

HOME: Brought up at St. Neots, Cambridgeshire. Currently living in rented accommodation at Epping, Essex, but Jane and I have found a house nearby that we are planning to buy, so hopefully everything will go through soon.

BIRTHDATE/PLACE: July 2nd, 1965/Bicester, Oxfordshire.

STARSIGN: Cancer. But I don't pay any attention to my daily horoscope and will always turn off the TV when Russell Grant comes on!

FAVOURITE FOOD/DRINK: Chinese or Cantonese/Lager.

FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE: Rarely have any, but if I had to choose I'd go for dairy milk.

BREAKFAST CHOICE: Bran Flakes.

NEWSPAPER: Daily Mail.

MUSIC LIKES: Soul - George Benson and Luther Vandross are two particular favourites.

MUSIC DISLIKES: Cliff Richard - he's my wife's favourite and I cover up my ears when his music is played in the house!

TOP TV PROGRAMMES: I'm no different from the other players who enjoy Only Fools & Horses, Cheers and The Cosby Show.

WORST TV: Neighbours is not too bad - at least it's light-hearted stuff - but I really can't stand Home & Away.

BEST FILM/VIDEO: One I've got at home - Trading Places, starring Eddie Murphy. A Fish Called Wanda, starring John Cleese, is another big favourite of mine.

TOP ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman/Felicity Kendall.

FUNNIEST COMEDIAN: Steve Martin, Harry Enfield.



TOP TV COMMENTATOR: Brian Clough!

BEST CARTOON CHARACTER: Tom & Jerry.

FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: I always feel most comfortable wearing track suits.

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue.

FAVOURITE NUMBER: If I said No.2 it would be too corny, so I'll go for No.10 instead.

HOBBIES: I used to do quite a bit of fishing on the river bank at St. Neots. Some people reckon it's boring, but I find it a good way to relax.

TOP HOLIDAY RESORT: Devon. My wife's family run a pub at Ashburton, just on the edge of Dartmoor, and we always enjoy going there when we've got the time. Outside England, I'd recommend Hawaii, where Jane and I spent our honeymoon.

FIRST CAR: Mini Clubman, which cost me £400. It had an extra large sunroof but it kept stalling on me. I eventually sold it to Gary Parker, the Forest player, when he was still at Luton.

CURRENT CAR: Golf GTi.

SILLIEST THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE: It was during my 'stag week' in America, when - after having a few beers with my mates at a beach bar - I dived into a nearby swimming pool. I aimed to dive straight through one of those ring life-buoys. But I got one of my arms caught up and thought I was going to drown as I struggled to free myself!

BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL: At Luton my best mate was Emeka Nwajobe. Unfortunately he was forced to quit the game after badly breaking his leg, and - as a qualified chemist - he now runs his own shop in North London. I still keep in touch with a lot of the Luton lads, although Chris Hughton has been my room-mate since I arrived at West Ham.

MOST TREASURED POSSESSION: My main football awards, including two England Under-21 caps (both v Italy), and my Littlewoods Cup winners' and losers' medals. (I seem to have mislaid my Simod Cup losers' medal!). My favourite possession around the house is my video.

WHAT FRIGHTENS YOU MOST: Our phone bills! My wife spends a lot of time on the phone to her family in Devon.

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU DO IN THE MORNING: Open my eyes! I'm a slow riser, so I usually splash my face with warm water to try and wake myself up.

YOUR BEST FEATURES: It's really for other people to say. I suppose I'm easy-going and quiet, although maybe some people don't necessarily like that.

WORST HABIT: You'll have to ask my wife! I've probably got many bad habits, and I know she'll tell you that I watch too much TV.

WHAT ANNOYS YOU MOST: Bad drivers. The worst are those who poodle along at 30mph, but cause so much havoc all around them, by drifting across the road at roundabouts and things like that. People who stay in the middle lane of the motorway - even though the inside lane is empty - are also a pain.

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF: I'd like to have a more outgoing personality. It's not that I lack confidence, but I wish I could show it more.

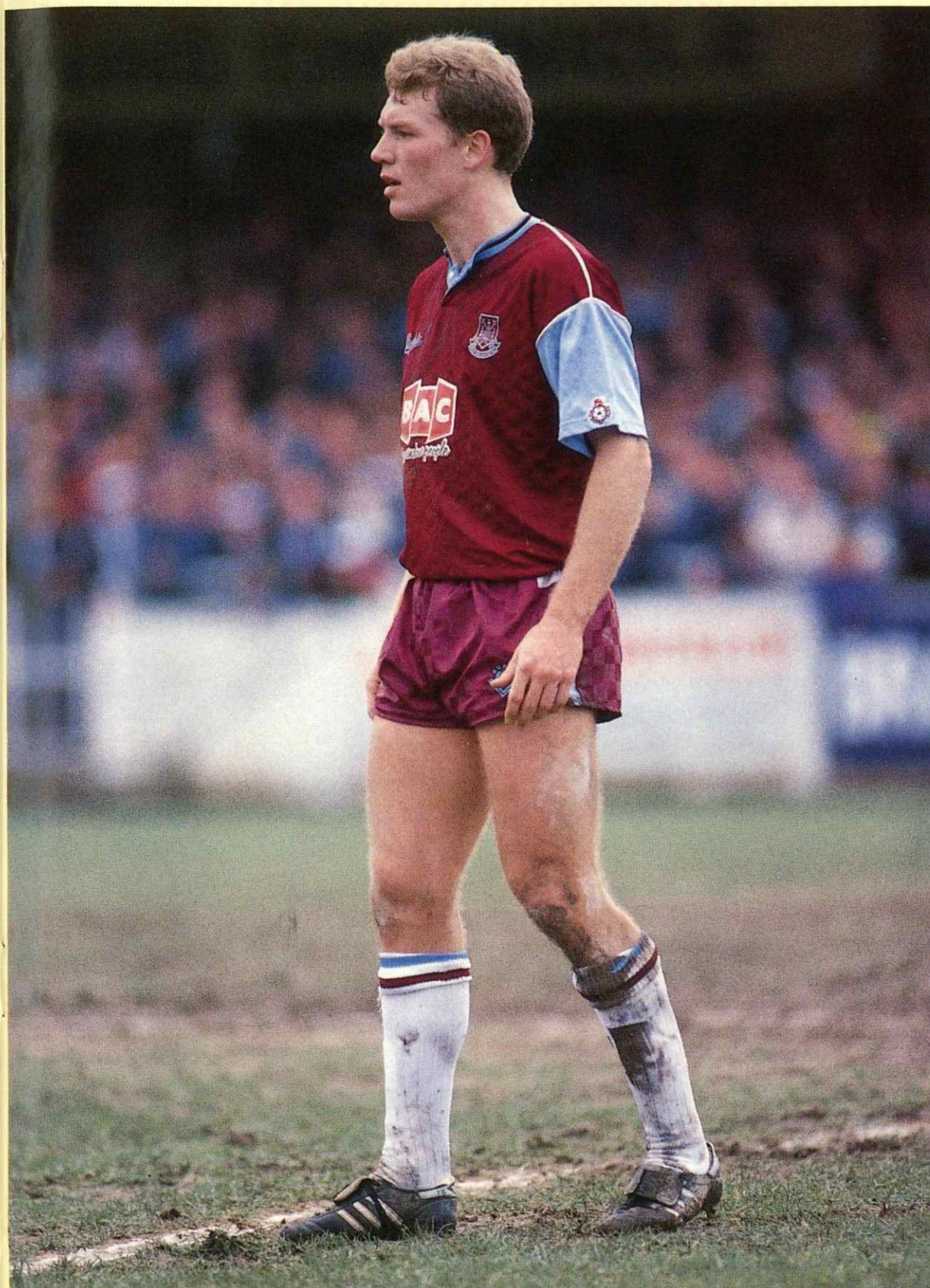
FOOTBALL BOOTS WORN: Adidas. I wear a pair sent over from France by my old Luton team mate Brian Stein. This pair offer more solid support in the heel area, whereas most of the boots in England tend to slip off my heel, because I've got a funny-shaped foot.

OTHER PLAYERS/CLUBS ADMIRER: John Barnes, Peter Beardsley, Chris Waddle, Glenn Hoddle - those who can do the things other players wouldn't even think of doing. Obviously I've still got a soft spot for Luton Town, where I spent 10 years after signing as a schoolboy.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield. As a kid, I was crazy about Liverpool. It was the Keegan/Toshack era and I used to have pictures of the players plastered all over my bedroom wall, yet the first time I went to Anfield was as a player.

MOST FAMOUS PERSON MET: The Prime Minister, John Major. I was about 14 at the time and he was our local MP at Huntingdon. Me and a few others carried out a transport survey in our area and I had to give a speech when we presented our findings to Mr Major at the local council offices.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Princess Di. She seems a nice, genuine person and does a very good job at bridging the gap between the Royal Family and the general public.

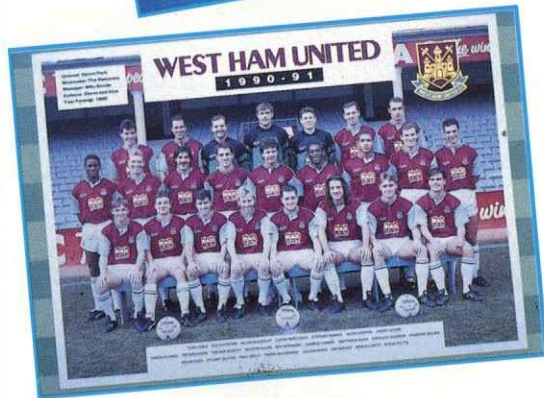


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● AFTER a lack-lustre performance in our "away" game with Aldershot at Upton Park, the Hammers really turned on the style in the replay here a fortnight ago.

Once we got the early goal, the struggling Fourth Division side were never really in contention - the third round replay was effectively over at half-time with Hammers holding a convincing 4-1 lead.

But it was still good to produce the goods in typical West Ham fashion for the benefit of the BBC cameras.

The dynamic pace and skill of Stuart Slater; an in-form George Parris; the neat touches of Ian Bishop; and the deadly finishing of Trevor Morley and Jimmy Quinn - they were all captured in goal-scoring mood by the Beeb.

The cameras also focused upon Ludek Miklosko - arguably the Hammer of the Year so far.

So wasn't it a pity that Ludo chose his "full TV debut" to make the kind of boob that could well be included in future "What Happened Next?" sections of Question of Sport!



Jimmy Quinn - captured on film

He seemed to have Adrian Randall's shot covered all the way... only for the ball to slip through his (cold) hands and into the net. Never mind, we can all make mistakes and at least we now know that our Czech favourite is human after all!

The way Ludo has defended his goal so well this season, he is entitled to that rare error - a simple lapse of concentration. As Billy Bonds remarked afterwards: "It wasn't a bad time to make that mistake - when we were already four up!"

By the way, that 6-1 victory over the Shots was West Ham's biggest FA Cup win for 45 years - since we beat Arsenal 6-0 at the third round stage back in 1946.

Our club record in this competition is the 8-1 hammering of Chesterfield in the first round of the 1914 FA Cup.

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(Up to and including Friday 11th January, 1991)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	17	12	4	1	50	17	28
Leyton Orient	19	10	5	4	34	14	25
Tottenham Hotspur	16	10	5	1	44	22	25
Arsenal	16	10	4	2	40	19	24
Millwall	17	10	2	5	37	28	22
Gillingham	16	8	4	4	34	23	20
Charlton Athletic	18	5	6	7	35	38	16
Fulham	18	6	4	8	25	31	16
Norwich City	18	6	4	8	29	33	16
Watford	14	5	4	5	21	16	14
Chelsea	15	5	3	7	19	26	13
QPR	17	5	2	10	18	33	12
Portsmouth	16	3	5	8	18	27	11
Cambridge United	18	3	3	12	31	56	9
Ipswich Town	19	3	3	13	22	50	9
Southend United	14	4	2	8	14	38	8

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES

(Up to and including 24th January)

	App	Sub	Gls
M. Allen	4	-	1
S. Banks	10	-	-
M. Basham	7	1	-
S. Beard	3	-	-
S. Clarke	19	1	4
T. Comerford	3	4	-
J. Dicks	1	-	-
E. Dolan	4	-	3
A. Gale	6	-	-
D. Hancock	4	5	1
Harley	2	-	-
M. Harriott	4	1	-
S. Heffer	2	1	-
K. Horlock	13	1	1
K. Keen	-	1	-
P. Kelly	13	-	1
S. Livett	15	-	-
J. Lowe	1	-	-
M. Macari	5	3	-
Martin	2	-	-
P. Marquis	14	2	-
A. Martin	1	-	-
F. McAvennie	3	-	2
A. McKnight	10	-	-
T. McQueen	5	-	-
J. Paddington	13	1	-
G. Parris	2	-	-
S. Potts	6	-	-
J. Quinn	8	-	6
P. Reed	1	2	-
S. Robson	5	-	1
L. Rosenior	11	-	4
M. Rush	13	-	3
S. Slater	2	-	-
R. Stewart	6	-	1
White	1	-	-

Scamell's Scribbles

● I have to start today's column with an apology - somehow the half-time dedications for the Aldershot replay were mislaid (a long-winded way of saying I forgot to do them!). Hopefully a mention here will in some way make up for it!

So, belated Birthday greetings to Mark Regan, who was 15 on that day, from Mum, Dad and all at Cheltenham Colts F.C. Also, Happy 20th Birthday to 'Ian in the Chicken Run', from Daniel Freeland. I understand that Ian was none too chuffed about having to come back to Upton Park on his birthday - but I bet he was glad he did!

I recently received my first correspondence from overseas - Melbourne to be precise, Robert Hirst wrote to tell me how he's been converting the locals to the Claret and Blue ranks. He also said that West Ham's long unbeaten run co-incided with his departure to the land of Oz. Who's going to pay for him to stay there?

Since those 'very nice men' at HMV Oxford Circus started providing the chart singles you hear at Upton Park, I have been encouraged to take a closer look at the chart. I can be quite hard working out



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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION 1990-91

(Up to and including Saturday 12th Jan. 1990)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tottenham H.	23	14	2	7	47	29	44
Wimbledon	22	14	4	4	34	18	46
Arsenal	20	11	4	5	36	24	37
Luton Town	22	10	5	7	39	30	35
Norwich City	21	9	7	5	33	24	34
Millwall	21	9	6	6	50	32	33
Chelsea	18	12	0	6	42	20	36
Portsmouth	22	9	7	5	33	22	34
Southampton	22	8	5	9	29	37	29
Crystal Palace	18	8	6	4	35	22	30
Ipswich Town	24	7	6	11	29	34	27
Charlton Ath.	20	7	4	9	34	36	25
Brighton & H.A.	19	7	3	9	28	30	24
Q.P.R.	21	7	8	8	33	36	27
Swindon Town	21	6	5	10	31	36	23
West Ham Utd	20	7	2	11	27	47	23
Watford	21	5	5	11	24	51	20
Oxford United	18	5	3	10	24	29	18
Fulham	20	4	3	13	23	45	15
Reading	22	4	3	15	17	46	15

which new releases will be successful. For example, last week I saw an innocuous looking Queen single hiding in the corner of the shelf. The next thing, it blasts straight into the chart at Number One!

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YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES

(up to and including 18th January - Qualification 4 appearances)

	SECL	Gls	FAYC	Gls	SJFC	Gls
M. Basham	6(2)	1	2(1)	1	2(1)	-
S. Beard	13(1)	7	2	4	3	1
T. Comerford	12(1)	2	3	4	5	1
D. Hancock	14(1)	4	3	-	4	1
M. Harriott	19	-	4	-	3	-
S. Heffer	13(1)	3	2(1)	2	3	1
M. Holland	6(4)	2	1(3)	-	1(1)	-
K. Horlock	17	8	4	5	5	-
J. Lowe	4(1)	1	1	-	2	-
M. Maçari	16	14	3	6	5	3
P. Marquis	15	2	4	2	4	-
J. Paddington	14	4	4	1	5	-
P. Reed	9(2)	1	2	-	3	1
T. Richards	13(2)	1	2(1)	4	2(3)	2
K. Small	19	-	4	-	5	-
D. Williamson	10(5)	3	3(1)	2	3(1)	-
Others	10(3)	2	-	-	-	-
Own Goal	-	1	-	-	-	-

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(Up to and including 12th January)

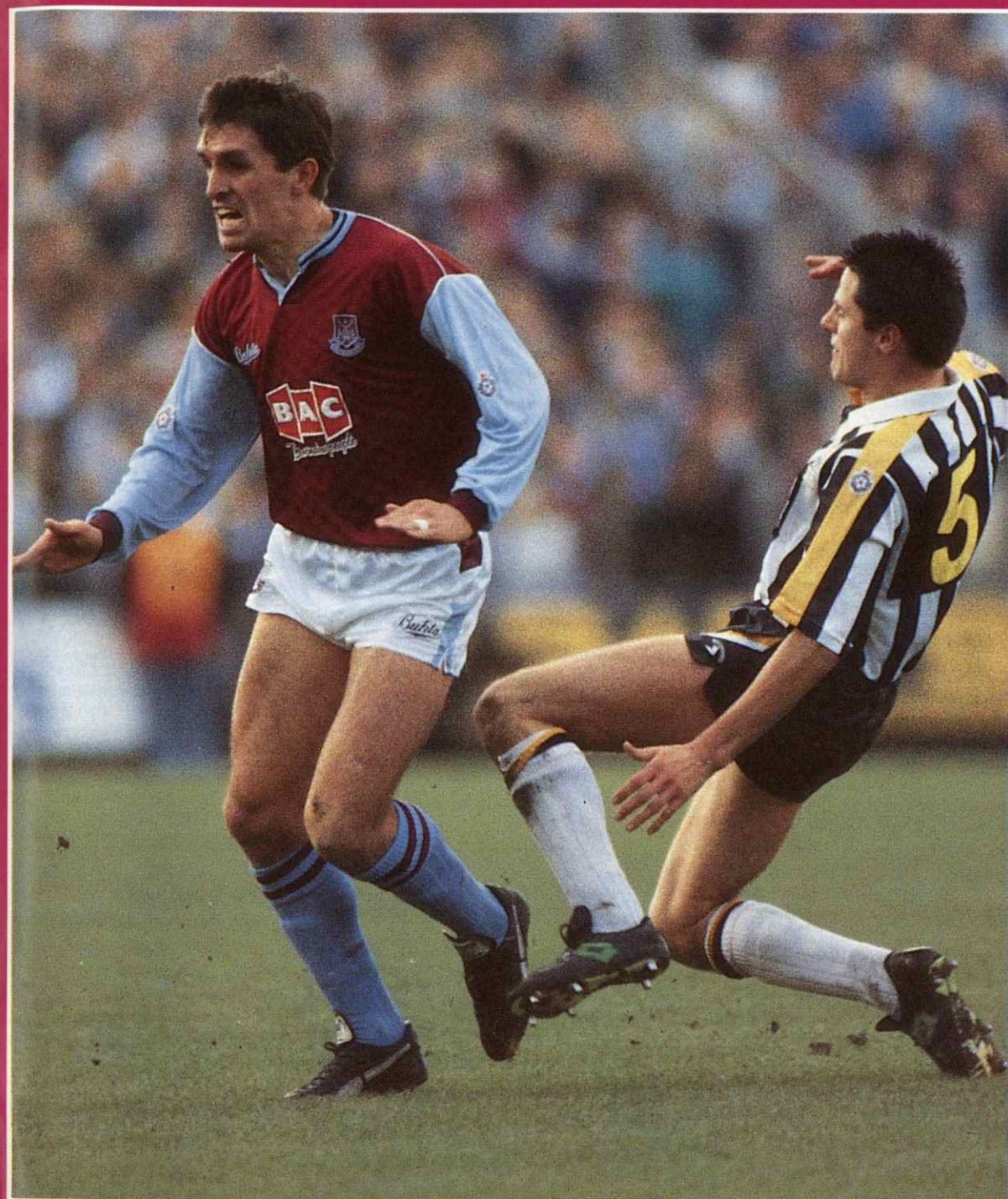
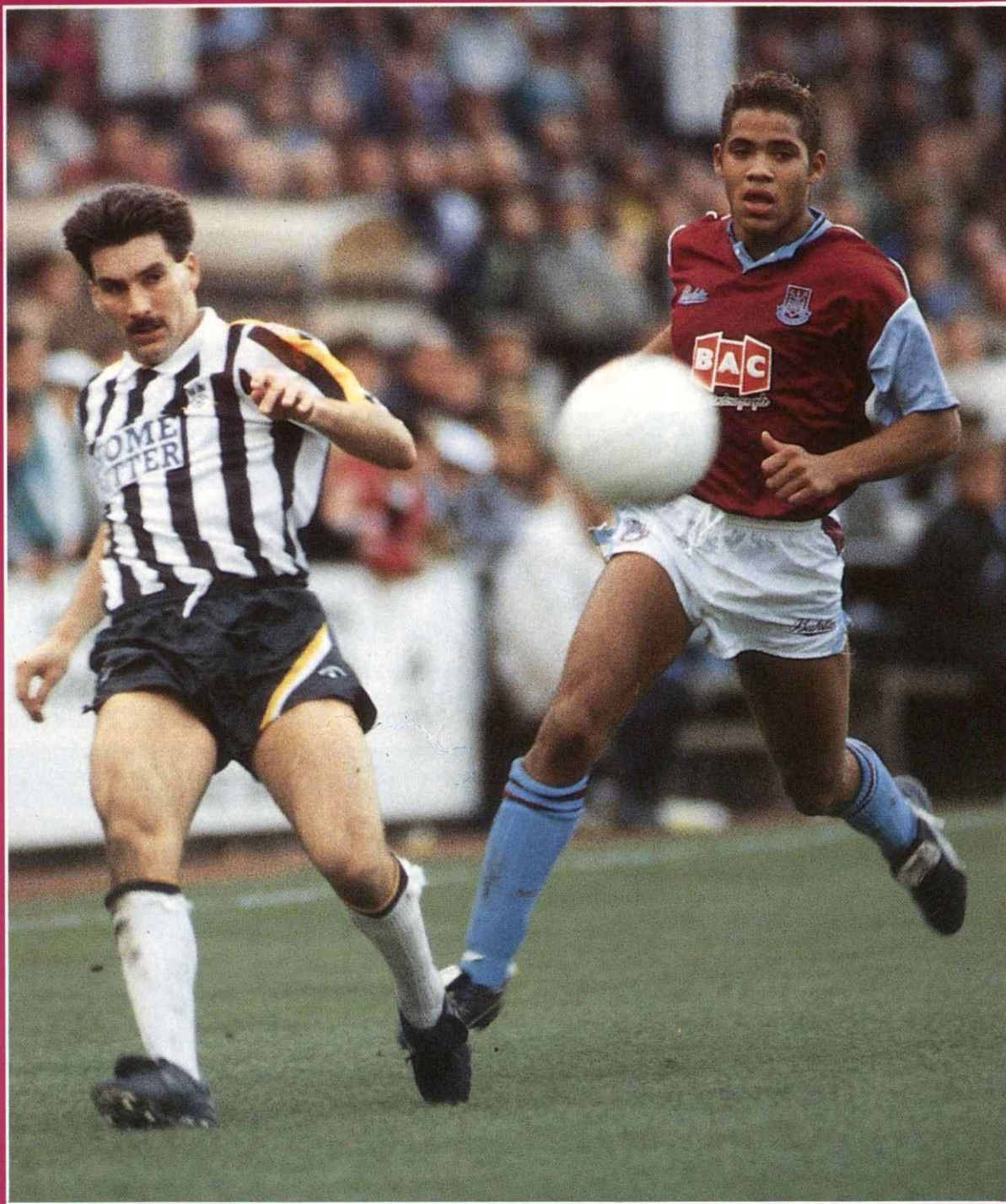
	League			Cup matches		
	App	Sub	Gls	App	Sub	Gls
M. ALLEN	22	1	2	5	-	2
I. BISHOP	21	-	2	4	1	1
T. BREAKER	15	1	-	3	-	-
S. CLARKE	-	1	-	-	-	-
J. DICKS	13	-	4	2	-	1
C. FOSTER	24	-	2	4	-	1
A. GALE	9	1	-	4	1	-
C. HUGHTON	13	-	-	3	-	-
K. KEEN	23	-	-	5	-	2
P. KELLY	-	-	-	1	-	-
S. LIVETT	1	-	-	1	1	-
F. McAVENNIE	14	7	6	-	2	-
A. McKNIGHT	-	-	-	1	-	-
A. MARTIN	20	-	1	3	-	-
L. MIKLOSKO	27	-	-	6	-	-
T. MORLEY	27	-	10	7	-	3
G. PARRIS	18	7	3	6	1	2
S. POTTS	17	1	1	6	-	-
S. ROBSON	-	1	-	1	-	-
M. RUSH	1	3	-	1	-	-
J. QUINN	12	6	4	6	-	2
S. SLATER	20	2	2	6	-	1

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HAMMERS IN ACTION

Left: Matthew Rush chasing back to cover against Notts County.

Right: Martin Allen feels the full force of a slightly late tackle from the Notts County number five.

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IN RESERVE

by Jack Helliar

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

● The Reserves resumed their Combination fixtures with a home match against Charlton Athletic on Thursday 24th January, and after away defeats at Ipswich and Highbury were seeking their first victory of 1991.

Hopes were fulfilled at the end of the 90 minutes, as we finished on the right end of a 5-4 score. It was generally accepted by the fans as a "nine goal thriller"; but the respective team managers possibly had different ideas, as several of the goals were down to a chapter of errors and bad marking by defenders.

Each side was composed of a mixture of younger pros and older ones undergoing injury tests with a view to returning to League action.

Frank McAvennie quickly proved his ability with a first-minute goal, and added another from a part-clearance in the 16th minute. Frank's second was actually an equaliser, as the opposition had netted twice in the interim. They had levelled the count in the second minute, and went ahead five minutes afterwards with a 25-yard ground shot that went just inside an upright.

A strong shot from Martin Allen was saved and a crucial tackle robbed Simon Livett of a chance, but Hammers were not to be denied. Allen beat three opponents and did a one-two pass with McAvennie before beating the 'keeper from close in.

However, Charlton took the lead for the second time with two goals in a minute just after the half-hour mark. A penalty-area foul brought a spot-kick equaliser, and the six-foot-plus Jason Lee looped a header into the top far corner for his second of the match. 4-3 to the Valiants at the interval.

Hancock subbed for Livett at the start of the second half and Harriott took over from McAvennie in the 57th minute.

During that short space of time we missed one good chance and

then Allen McKnight saved well to keep his colleagues in contention. But attackers continued to outpace and outwit defenders at both ends, and Charlton rattled our woodwork again.

However, the tide finally turned in our favour with two goals from Simon Clarke. He broke clear to net in the 77th minute, and seconds later ran the ball into an empty net after the visiting 'keeper's clearance rebounded from Leroy Rosenior with no other defender within 20 yards. That concluded the "comedy of errors" and the scoring see-saw for the final count of West Ham 5, Charlton 4.

The return game with Charlton Athletic at the Welling F.C. Ground is scheduled for Tuesday 5th February. We shall report in our next issue.

● The next Combination match at Upton Park is versus Watford on Thursday 14th February (7pm).



Simon Clarke bagged a pair in the reserve fixture with Charlton

MATCH FACTS

COMBINATION LEAGUE
January 24th, 1991

WEST HAM UNITED 5
CHARLTON ATHLETIC 4

HAMMERS: McKnight, Paddington, Horlock, Martin, Marquis, Rush, Allen, McAvennie (Harriott 57), Rosenior, Clarke, Livett (Hancock 46).

Scorers: Clarke (2), McAvennie (2), Allen.

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

● After a three-week break in League fixtures, our squad resumed their schedule with a home match versus Portsmouth on January 19th.

The change of our respective fortunes in this competition are reflected by current positions in the table, with the Hammers top of the standings and Pompey among the tail-enders. Portsmouth had only three wins to their credit prior to the kick-off, but one was against us in the match on their ground last September; that 0-2 had been our only loss in the League when the teams clashed for the return.

The Blues had prospects of completing the double as they put us under pressure during the opening quarter-hour; overall they had an adequate share of play up to the interval. However, a five-minute spell between the 55th and 60th minutes settled the eventual issue in our favour.

Mick Macari put us in the lead with a fine shot after a sharp turn in the box; four minutes later Kevin Horlock hit home from John Paddington's pass; and almost immediately afterwards Darren Hancock slid the ball past the 'keeper from Macari's opening.

Portsmouth held out from thence onwards, but the damage was done and we had continued our winning ways. The only other reverse to date was in the League Cup against Wimbledon on 20th October, so this was the Hammers' 18th successive game (League and Cups) without defeat.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

● As one of the founders of the South East Counties League in 1955, our club maintains its status in Division One of the competition; but the Second Division (formed ten years later) has many teams of equal strength, and the two groups of 16 might well be deemed as Sections A & B.

Oxford United are currently runners-up of Division Two, and their ability was amply displayed in the Third Round (Quarter-Final) against us. They possibly considered themselves unfortunate not to win our first

YOUTH FOCUS

By Jack Helliar

meeting on January 2nd (it was 1-1 at the Manor Ground); and they also came near to putting us out of the competition in the replay at Upton Park on January 21st.

Overall the visitors had the better of the first half, and after surviving a near-miss five minutes prior to the interval took the lead somewhat fortuitously as a partially-cleared centre rebounded into our net.

Team manager Paul Hilton made a double substitution prior to the start of the second half, and we gained more control of the exchanges. This led to an equaliser after a quarter-hour of pressure, an overhead pass by Mick Macari providing Tony Richards with space to run on and score.

However, Oxford's left-winger Chris Allen was always a threat to our defence, and in the 69th minute he cut in and planted the ball inside the far post.

The game had now become fiercely though fairly contested, but the U's conceded a free-kick in the following minute ten yards outside the penalty-area. Kevin Horlock side-footed the ball to Darren Hancock whose shot pierced the defence for our second equaliser.

With a quarter-hour to go Allen again beat his man, and a dive after the ball by goalkeeper Keith Small ended with the Oxford man "on the deck." The penalty-award which followed could well have settled the issue, but our 'keeper made the save of the match to keep the count at two-all.

It obviously unsettled the opposition, who then nearly conceded an "own goal," the ball somehow rebounding for a corner. The opposing defence was still in a tangle as the

kick was taken, and the half-clearance went to Peter Reed whose shot from close in put us ahead for the first time. That left Oxford with eleven minutes to save the day, but only three had elapsed when Macari was put in with a clear run to net our fourth.

It set the seal on a fine recovery, but the visitors earned full commendation for the part they played in a match that merited a larger audience. Perhaps the attendance will be increased when we play at Upton Park in the Semi-Final against Arsenal or Southampton; look out for the date! Millwall play Spurs in the other Semi-Final.

FA YOUTH CUP

● We have a Fourth Round tie in the FA Youth Cup against Birmingham City next Monday (4th February) at 7pm.

The Brummies are currently leaders of the Midland Purity League, which is the equivalent competition to the South East Counties League. Among the 17 clubs in membership, four are from the First Division of the Football League and five from the second. They have already eliminated Tottenham Hotspur (1-0) and Leyton Orient (2-1) from the competition.

MATCH FACTS

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE
January 19th, 1991

WEST HAM UNITED 3 PORTSMOUTH 0
HAMMERS: Small, Paddington, Horlock, Harriott, Marquis, Williamson (Beard 61), Lowe, Reed, Macari, Hancock (Richards 65), Comerford.
Scorers: Hancock, Horlock, Macari.

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3RD RND REPLAY

January 21st, 1991
WEST HAM UNITED 4 OXFORD UNITED 2
HAMMERS: Small, Paddington, Horlock, Harriott, Marquis, Beard (Williamson 46), Lowe, Reed, Macari, Hancock, Comerford (Richards 46).
Scorers: Richards, Hancock, Reed, Macari.

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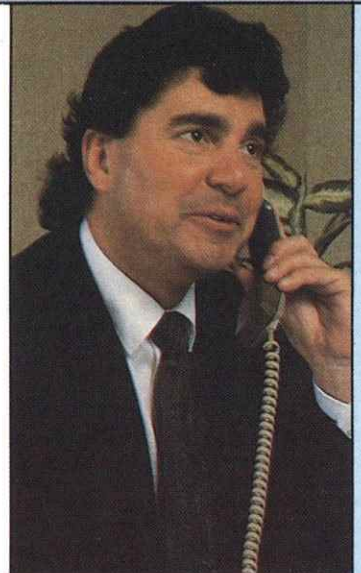


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By BRIAN BLOWER

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It's nice to see their supporters and ours join forces once again at Upton Park.

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THE BIG SCREEN

● Last Saturday saw us once again entertain supporters here at Upton Park for a live Big Screening of an away game.

6,169 people were present to see the thrills of George Parris hitting that first goal for West Ham United at Kenilworth Road. But hearing the cheer from the 4,000 plus supporters at Upton Park you would have thought that George had scored that goal in the Stadium.

The chants of 'Bubbles', 'Billy Bonds Claret and Blue Army' echoed around the stadium.

It was a great success, thanks very much to you all, hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we enjoyed entertaining you.

GOUNG DOG RACING

● Yes, we are literally going to the dogs on Thursday evening the 28th February 1991 at the Walthamstow Stadium, an excellent evening's entertainment Dog Racing, Superb Buffet and entertainment in the Goodwood Suite. All for £20.00 per person, why not join us.

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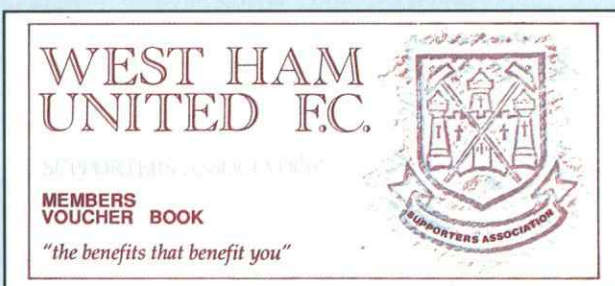
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● **WHATEVER else happens to the Hammers this season, George Parris has already achieved one personal 'milestone' - four goals in a season!**

The in-form Parris has never found the net so often in his seven seasons of first team football at Upton Park. Before this season he had just seven league goals and one in the FA Cup to his credit.

And the most he had ever scored in a season was three, going back to 1986-87.

But two goals in successive home games, against Aldershot in the FA Cup replay and the winner in the league against Leicester City, represented a scoring 'spree' for 'Bruno', who is essentially a ball-winner rather than goalscorer.

Not that many full-backs - with the notable exception of Ray Stewart, Julian Dicks and others who regularly take penalties - enjoy much goalscoring acclaim.

Which is one of the reasons why Parris is revelling in his role, under Billy Bonds, as Hammers' tough-tackling midfielder with a licence to attack.

"I'm really enjoying myself out there these days," said George, clutching his Man of the Match award presented to him by the GLEN newspaper group, sponsors of the Leicester game.

In a way, Parris is following the route taken, back in the early 70's, by Bonzo himself. Bill made his presence felt at right-back before switching successfully to central midfield, where his never-say-die attitude in every game won him much possession and even more admirers.

Parris began his West Ham career at left-back (he has also played on the right a number of times), but

now he's playing in the position he prefers.

"I always love to get forward," he says, "and obviously scoring a goal or two is a nice bonus, although I know I don't get many."

In recent games Parris has popped up in advanced positions. And in addition to the goals against Aldershot and Leicester, he was also unlucky to strike shots against the woodwork in both matches.

It's a lot different to the start of the season when, while still deliberating over the offer of a new contract, the 26 year-old Ilford-based Hammer was not even among the starting eleven.

He was a substitute for all of the first 10 matches, but played a part in eight of them. His first start was here against Hull City, when he scored one of West Ham's seven.

It coincided with the acceptance of a new contract and Parris has not looked back since. An ever-present in midfield, despite competition for places from the likes of Martin Allen and, more recently, Stewart Robson.

Parris looks

leaner and fitter than before, although George suggests that his fine form owes more to renewed confidence than any fitness campaign or calorie-controlled diet.

"A lot of it is having more peace of mind," he said. "I enjoy it more in midfield, but whenever I've played there in the past, it's usually been in brief spells. In the back of my mind I always had the feeling that I would be in and out of the side, or switched from midfield to full-back and vice-versa. Of course I'm not taking anything for granted now, but at least I know that if I do well in there, I'll keep my place."

One of the unsung heroes of this current Hammers' side, no one at Upton Park would begrudge George Parris his share of the limelight.



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STATISTICS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Home						Away						Pt
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
As at 26th January													
West Ham United	27	10	4	0	26	7	7	5	1	12	6	60	
Oldham Athletic	26	11	3	0	39	13	5	4	3	15	13	55	
Sheffield Wednesday	26	5	8	0	26	15	8	3	2	23	12	50	
Notts County	27	8	3	3	27	21	5	4	4	17	15	46	
Middlesbrough	26	5	2	5	15	9	7	3	4	24	16	41	
Brighton & Hove Albion	25	7	3	3	26	22	5	1	6	16	23	40	
Millwall	26	5	5	4	24	18	5	3	4	13	13	38	
Wolverhampton Wanderers	26	6	3	3	26	15	2	9	3	14	17	36	
Barnsley	26	6	4	2	23	10	3	5	6	12	18	36	
Bristol Rovers	26	6	4	4	17	13	3	5	4	18	19	36	
Swindon Town	27	5	4	5	15	14	3	7	3	24	23	35	
Ipswich Town	27	5	5	3	18	16	3	6	5	17	24	35	
Bristol City	26	7	3	3	26	17	3	1	9	13	26	34	
Port Vale	26	7	1	6	21	16	2	5	5	15	22	33	
Newcastle United	26	4	5	3	11	11	4	4	6	17	20	33	
Charlton Athletic	27	4	4	5	17	17	3	6	5	19	22	31	
West Bromwich Albion	26	5	6	3	16	11	2	3	7	15	23	30	
Blackburn Rovers	28	4	2	8	12	16	4	3	7	17	22	29	
Plymouth Argyle	27	5	7	2	19	12	1	4	8	11	28	29	
Oxford United	26	4	5	3	26	24	2	5	7	16	27	28	
Leicester City	26	6	3	4	24	22	1	3	9	10	31	27	
Portsmouth	27	4	5	4	20	20	2	2	10	14	28	25	
Watford	27	2	4	7	10	17	3	5	6	12	18	24	
Hull City	27	4	5	4	26	23	1	2	11	15	44	22	

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION 1990-91

AUG 29	A	Watford	0-2
SEP 6	H	Millwall	3-2
8	A	Southampton	0-5
20	H	Norwich City	0-0
26	A	Reading	0-3
29	A	Luton Town	0-1
OCT 11	H	Crystal Palace	1-3
18	H	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4
23	A	Wimbledon	0-3
31	A	Fulham	1-2
NOV 8	H	Chelsea	1-5
15	H	Arsenal	3-0
22	H	Swindon Town	4-3
29	A	Oxford United	1-0
DEC 6	H	Reading	3-0
12	H	Ipswich Town	1-0
18	A	Portsmouth	1-1
JAN 5	A	Ipswich Town	5-0
9	A	Arsenal	2-4
24	H	Charlton Athletic	5-4
FEB 5	A	Charlton Athletic	
14	H	Watford	
19	A	Chelsea	
28	H	Brighton & HA	
MAR 6	A	Swindon Town	
15	A	Norwich City	
19	A	Queens Park Rangers	
27	A	Brighton & HA	
APR 4	H	Wimbledon	
11	H	Southampton	
16	A	Tottenham Hotspur	
18	H	Fulham	
22	A	Millwall	
25	H	Queens Park Rangers	
29	A	Crystal Palace	
MAY 2	H	Luton Town	
T.B.A.	H	Oxford United	
T.B.A.	H	Portsmouth	

Kick-off times: Thursdays 7pm

SOUTH EAST COUNTRIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

AUG 25	A	Arsenal	2-2
SEP 1	H	Gillingham	4-0
8	A	Portsmouth	0-2
15	A	Charlton Ath. (LC1)	6-3
18	A	Leyton Orient (SJFC)	0-0
22	H	Charlton Athletic	6-1
29	H	Ipswich Town	2-2
6	A	Norwich City	6-1
13	A	Cambridge United	4-1
15	H	Orient (SJFC 1Rep)	3-1
20	A	Wimbledon (LC2)	1-3
27	H	Chelsea	3-1
NOV 3	A	Watford	2-0
5	H	Horndean (FAYC 1)	21-1
10	H	Leyton Orient	2-1
13	H	Coventry C. (SJFC 2)	2-1
17	A	Millwall	1-0
24	A	Southend United	3-1
DEC 1	H	Queens Park Rangers	3-1
3	A	Aldershot (FAYC 2)	1-1
8	H	Fulham	3-1
10	H	Aldershot (FAYC 2R.)	4-0
15	A	Fulham	0-0
22	H	Tottenham Hotspur	3-3
JAN 2	A	Oxford Utd (SJFC 3)	1-1
12	A	Southend Utd (FAYC 3)	5-1
19	H	Portsmouth	3-0
21	H	Oxford U. (SJFC 3Rep)	4-2
26	A	Charlton Athletic	1-1
FEB 2	A	Ipswich Town	
4	H	Birmingham C. (FAYC 4)	
9	H	Norwich City	
16	H	Cambridge United	
23	A	Chelsea	
MAR 2	H	Watford	
9	A	Leyton Orient	
16	H	Millwall	
23	H	Southend United	
30	A	Queens Park Rangers	
APR 13	A	Tottenham Hotspur	
27	A	Gillingham	
TBA	H	Arsenal	

Kick-off: Saturdays 11am / Midweek 7pm

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1990/91

DATE	V	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	Pos
Aug 25	A	Middlesbrough	0-0	20,680	—
Aug 29	H	Portsmouth	1-1	20,835	14
Sep 1	H	Watford	1-0	19,872	8
Sep 8	A	Leicester City	*2-1	14,605	4
Sep 15	H	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-1	23,241	6
Sep 19	H	Ipswich Town	3-1	18,764	3
Sep 22	A	Newcastle United	1-1	25,462	3
Sep 26	H	Stoke City (LC2 1L)	3-0	15,870	—
Sep 29	A	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	28,786	4
Oct 3	H	Oxford United	2-0	18,135	4
Oct 6	H	Hull City	7-1	19,472	3
Oct 10	A	Stoke City (LC2 2L)	2-1	8,411	—
Oct 13	A	Bristol City	1-1	16,838	3
Oct 20	A	Swindon Town	1-0	13,658	3
Oct 24	H	Blackburn Rovers	1-0	20,003	3
Oct 27	H	Charlton Athletic	2-1	24,019	2
Oct 31	A	Oxford United (LC3)	1-2	7,528	—
Nov 3	A	Notts County	1-0	10,781	2
Nov 10	A	Millwall	1-1	20,591	2
Nov 17	H	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	23,082	2
Nov 24	A	Plymouth Argyle	1-0	11,490	1
Dec 1	H	West Bromwich Albion	3-1	24,753	1
Dec 8	A	Portsmouth	1-0	12,045	1
Dec 15	H	Middlesbrough	0-0	23,705	1
Dec 19	A	Luton Town (Zenith 2)	1-5	5,759	—
Dec 22	A	Barnsley	0-1	10,348	2
Dec 26	H	Oldham Athletic	2-0	24,950	1
Dec 29	H	Port Vale	0-0	23,603	1
Jan 1	A	Bristol Rovers (KO: 12 noon)	1-0	7,932	1
Jan 5	H	Aldershot (FAC3)**	0-0	22,929	—
Jan 12	A	Watford	1-0	17,172	1
Jan 16	H	Aldershot (FAC3 Replay)	6-1	21,484	—
Jan 19	H	Leicester City	1-0	21,652	1
Jan 26	A	Luton Town (FAC4)	1-1	12,087	—
Jan 30	H	Luton Town (FAC4 Replay)			
Feb 2	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers			
Feb 9	H	Newcastle United			
Feb 12	A	Ipswich Town			
Feb 13		LC S/F 1L			
Feb 16	A	Brighton & Hove (FAC5)			
Feb 23	H	Millwall			
Feb 27		LC S/F 2L			
Mar 2	A	West Bromwich Albion			
Mar 9	H	Plymouth Argyle (FAC6)			
Mar 13	A	Oxford United			
Mar 16	H	Sheffield Wednesday			
Mar 20	H	Bristol City			
Mar 23	A	Hull City			
Mar 29	A	Oldham Athletic (3.00)			
Apr 1	H	Barnsley (3.00)			
Apr 6	A	Port Vale			
Apr 13	H	Bristol Rovers (FAC S/F)			
Apr 20	H	Swindon Town			
Apr 21		League Cup Final			
Apr 27	A	Blackburn Rovers			
May 4	A	Charlton Athletic			
May 11	H	Notts County			
May 18		FA Cup Final			

*Own Goal †Substituted **Switched to Upton Park

ATTENDANCES - APPEARANCES - GOALSCORERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie 1	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks 1P	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen†	Morley†	Quinn (63)	Parris (80)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen	Morley 1	Quinn (84)	Parris (70)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin 1	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Livett†	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris (45)
Miklosko	Potts†	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop 1	McAvennie†	Slater	Allen	Morley 1	Quinn 1 (59)	Parris (59)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	Quinn†	Slater†	Allen	Morley 1	McAvennie (65)	Parris (74)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks 1P	Foster	Martin	Keen 1	Bishop	Quinn 1	Slater	Allen†	Morley	McAvennie	Parris (63)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks 1	Foster	Martin†	Keen	Bishop	Slater	Quinn†	Allen	Morley	McAvennie (68)	Parris (29)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster 1	Martin	Keen	Bishop	Slater†	Quinn	Allen	Morley 1	McAvennie	Parris (68)
Miklosko	Potts 1	Dicks 1P.1	Foster	Martin	Keen†	Bishop	Quinn 2†	Parris 1	Allen	Morley 1	McAvennie (76)	Rush (76)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen†	Bishop	Parris	Quinn†	Allen 2	Morley	McAvennie (61)	Gale (84)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn	Slater†	Allen	Morley	McAvennie 1 (58)	Breacker
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks†	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn†	Gale	Allen	Morley	McAvennie 1 (71)	Breacker (38)
Miklosko	Breacker	Dicks†	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop 1	Quinn†	Gale	Allen	Morley	McAvennie (66)	Slater (81)
Miklosko	Breacker	Keen	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater†	Allen 2	Morley	Rush (83)	Quinn
Miklosko	Rush	Keen	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn	Slater	Allen	Morley 1	Livett	Kelly
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	Keen	Rush	Allen	Morley 1	Livett	Clarke
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	Keen	McAvennie 1	Allen†	Morley	Quinn	Rush (67)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster 1	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie	Rush†	Keen	Morley	Quinn	Slater 1(46)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie 1	Slater	Keen	Morley	Quinn	Allen
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris 1	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie 1	Slater	Keen†	Morley 1	Quinn	Allen (75)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin†	Allen	Hughton	McAvennie†	Slater	Hughton	Morley 1	Quinn (81)	Gale (44)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Potts	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie†	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn (86)	Rush
McKnight	Kelly	Parris	Gale	Potts	Livett	Allen	Quinn	Slater	Keen 1	Morley	Rush	Clarke
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Potts	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie†	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn (65)	Livett
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Keen	Quinn	Slater 1	Allen	Morley 1	Rush	Potts
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Keen	Quinn	Slater	Allen†	Morley	Potts (38)	Rush
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Keen	Potts	Quinn 1	Slater	Morley	Rush	Livett
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster†	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn	Potts	Morley	Rush	Livett (45)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster†	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn†	Potts	Morley 1	Robson (80)	Clarke (89)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris 1	Gale	Robson†	Hughton	Keen	Slater 1	Quinn 1	Potts	Morley 2	McAvennie	Bishop 1 (15)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris 1	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn†	Potts	Morley	McAvennie (79)	Livett
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris 1	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen†	Slater	Allen	Potts	Morley	McAvennie (78)	Quinn

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WEST HAM UNITED

- 1 LUDEK MIKLOSKO**
Has been outstanding in his first full season with the Hammers. Gained more than 50 caps for Czechoslovakia.
- 2 TIM BREACKER**
Yet to open his goals account with the Hammers – and would love to do so against his old club tonight!
- 3 GEORGE PARRIS**
By no means a prolific goalscorer, but has scored in each of the last three games to take his tally to five.
- 4 TONY GALE**
Regarded as one of the best footballing centre-halves and in recent weeks has been dominant in the air too.
- 5 IAN BISHOP (captain)**
Recently recovered from a knee injury, scoring on his return to the side in the last round against Aldershot.
- 6 CHRIS HUGHTON**
Had an exceptional game against Luton last Saturday when he did well to contain the dangerous Lars Elstrup.
- 7 KEVIN KEEN**
Has a habit of scoring vital cup goals, although has yet to score in the League this season. Dad, Mike, used to play for Luton.
- 8 STUART SLATER**
Exciting, young prospect who starred in the third round replay against Aldershot, scoring one of Hammers' six.
- 9 MARTIN ALLEN**
Returned to the side at Luton last Saturday after a month out of action with damaged knee ligaments.
- 10 STEVE POTTS**
Despite being small in stature, has formed an effective central defensive partnership with Tony Gale in recent games.
- 11 TREVOR MORLEY**
Club's leading scorer, he found the net twice in the replay with Aldershot to take his tally for the season to 13.
- 12**
- 14**

LUTON TOWN

- 1 ALEC CHAMBERLAIN**
Ever-present last season and has not missed a game so far this term either. Signed by Everton in 1987 before joining Luton a year later.
- 2 JULIAN JAMES**
Toured Toulon with the England Under-21's last summer. A local product, he got forward to score in the last home game against Southampton.
- 3 RICHARD HARVEY**
Came through the youth and reserve ranks at Kenilworth Road, he has established himself at left-back this season.
- 4 STEVE WILLIAMS**
Luton's anchor man in midfield, playing just in front of the back four, he previously made his name with Southampton and Arsenal.
- 5 DARRON McDONNOUGH**
Regained his team place last November and hasn't missed a match since. Booked in each of Luton's last two games.
- 6 JOHN DREYER (captain)**
Switched from left-back to centre-half, he's an ever-present this season and has scored three times in the League.
- 7 LARS ELSTRUP**
Luton's most outstanding player; the tall, skilful Dane is among the First Division's leading scorers with 15.
- 8 DAVID PREECE**
Diminutive, busy midfielder who was signed from Walsall. Limped off in the second half of Saturday's game with hamstring problems.
- 9 SEAN FARRELL**
Has kept Iain Dowie out of the side since scoring twice against Hammers on his first team debut in the ZDS Cup last month.
- 10 MARK PEMBRIDGE**
This red-haired 20-year-old really came into the first team reckoning on New Year's Day and has been in midfield since then.
- 11 KINGSLEY BLACK**
Talented winger – can play on the left or right – who netted Luton's equaliser last Saturday from close range in the 71st minute.
- 12**
- 14**

• Referee: R G GROVES • Linesmen: R J Harris (Red) P J Brennan (Yellow) • Reserve Official – J Jerden

NEXT HOME GAME

Barclays League Division Two
NEWCASTLE UNITED

Saturday 9th February 1991

Kick-off 3.00pm

NEXT HOME GAME

F.A. Youth Cup - Fourth Round
BIRMINGHAM CITY

Monday 4th February 1991

Kick-off 7.00pm

Match Mascot

Tonight we welcome **MATTHEW DIXON** as our Matchday Mascot. Matthew is aged 7 and lives at Elmshurst Gardens, Tonbridge, Kent. Matthew attends Woodlands Infants

School and his hobbies are Roller Skating, Football and Swimming. His favourite football team is West Ham United and his favourite player is Alvin Martin. Matthew attends regularly with his father and Neil Davey who is our Match Sponsor for tonight's game. We take this opportunity of wishing Matthew and his family a very enjoyable and memorable evening here at Upton Park.



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