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On paper we must be favourites this evening to beat our visitors from the First Division but the way the Cup has been going this season you can throw that idea out right away.

Luton have already beaten Newcastle United while Wolves overcame Ipswich Town to reach the quarter-final. The story has been much the same this year in the ties between Premier and First Division clubs with the teams from the Endsleigh League holding sway over the big names from the Premiership.

On form one might be tempted to suggest that Bolton had a good chance of upsetting Oldham and Wolves and Luton are not without a chance of making the semi-finals either. So this has been a very strange FA Cup year indeed.

When it gets to this stage of the tournament you are playing for very big stakes. Any side that has reached this far must be considered potential finalists so the competition is as tough as you can get.

The one advantage we do have is that we are playing at home and we must ensure we make the most of this.

We know what to expect from Luton. We played them twice last season in the First Division and they took four points from us so it is not going to be easy.

Our Youth team won through to the final of the South East Counties League Cup last week with a 4-3 win at Oxford United. So congratulations to the lads who will play

either Millwall or QPR in a final over two legs. Let us hope we can emulate their achievement tonight.

As you are probably aware we didn't do ourselves justice at Swindon last week. I was worried that there might be a reaction after

the sparkling performance against Manchester United and as it turned out it was very much a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show.

We were very sloppy in the first-half and if Swindon had made more of their chances the game could have been beyond us at half-time.

We did improve in the second-half and were at the end just two minutes away from winning the game. But to be honest it would have been a grave injustice to Swindon if we had taken all three points.

But that's football for you. One week a terrific game against the Champions which we were unlucky not to win. The next a sub-standard performance against the bottom club in the Premier League.

The press were a bit critical of our display pointing out we have won one in 10 games. You can also say we have lost just one in 11. It depends which way you want to look at it - where the emphasis is to be made.

I don't feel the team received the notices they deserved for their 2-2 draw with Manchester United and generally we have played well since the turn of the year.



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OUR ROUTE TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

3rd Round



MARSH MAGIC

MIKE MARSH supplied the answer for the Hammers to pull off a great escape against Watford.

The former Liverpool midfielder scored his very first goal for West Ham, just four minutes from time to snatch victory from a gallant Watford side.

The visitors had snatched the lead in the 25th minute from a disputed penalty f skipper Gary Porter and they still looked good for at least draw after Martin Allen's equaliser in the 65th minute.

Billy Bonds said: "We didn't play well and the players know it," but there was no doubt the penalty upset the Hammers rhythm. Ludek Miklosko had clearly got to the ball first as Bruce Dyer stumbled over him in the area but referee Dermot Gallagher pointed to the spot.

WEST HAM UNITED 2 WATFORD 1

M Allen, Marsh Porter (pen)

Att: 19,802



Mike Marsh fires home the winner.

4th Round



JONESY SAVES THE DAY

THE JONES BOY, who used to be a part-timer with Billericay Town, kept the Hammers bubbling with a brilliant goal to force a replay at Upton Park.

Notts County had taken a shock lead in the 38th minute when Ludo Miklosko rushed from his line to close down Devlin but did not make the challenge. The ball fell to Gary Lund who scored with a superb shot from the edge of the area.

Apart from this West Ham never looked in serious trouble. Martin Allen had a header saved and Ian Bishop squandered a good opening when he fired well over.

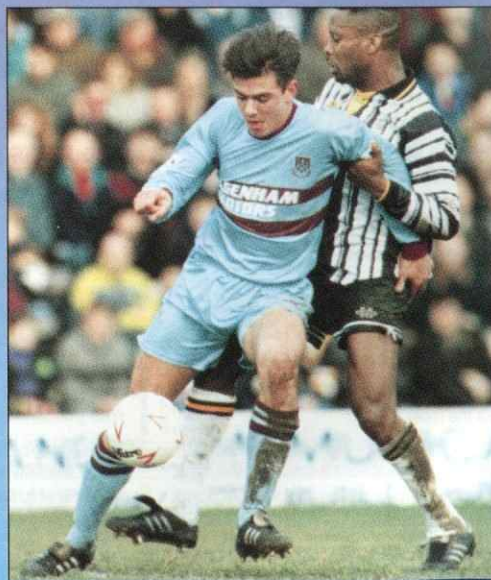
In the 41st minute 23-year-old Steve Jones made his mark. County's Charlie Palmer made a hash of his clearance and as the ball fell to Steve he spun round to crash his shot past Steve Cherry.

Jonesy nearly wrapped it up late in the game forcing a brilliant reflex save from the Notts 'keeper but they held out to force the draw.

NOTTS COUNTY 1 WEST HAM UNITED 1

Lund Jones

Att: 14,192



Steve Jones gets across Charlie Palmer

4th Round Replay



DREAM FINISH TO LEE'S NIGHTMARE

LEE CHAPMAN - who was on the wrong end of some cruel baiting from a section of the crowd, finished the hero of the night with a brilliant winner just three minutes from time. It had been a pulsating if frustrating tie as the Hammers and the Magpies strove for the vital breakthrough. After 90-minutes there was no score.

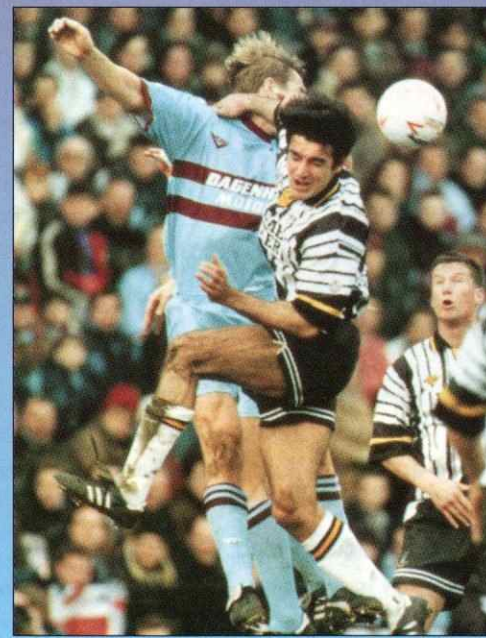
An extra-time barrage from the Hammers saw Ian Bishop, Martin Allen and Clive Allen all go close but still Notts held out.

As the second period of extra-time got under way the First Division side showed visible signs of wilting but even so everyone was preparing for what seemed the inevitable penalty shoot-out when Lee struck.

The flaxen-haired striker rose to head Tim Breacker's superb cross past Steve Cherry in the 118th minute. West Ham United were into a fifth round tie at Kidderminster.

WEST HAM UNITED 1 NOTTS COUNTY 0

Chapman



Lee Chapman the hero.

5th Round



LEE'S KILLER GOAL

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS were attempting to become the first non-league club since 1914 to reach the last eight but on the day they never really threatened to create an upset.

Even so there was a little tension as Clive Allen, Lee Chapman and Alvin Martin missed a host of chances in the first half which could have sealed victory in the first half-hour.

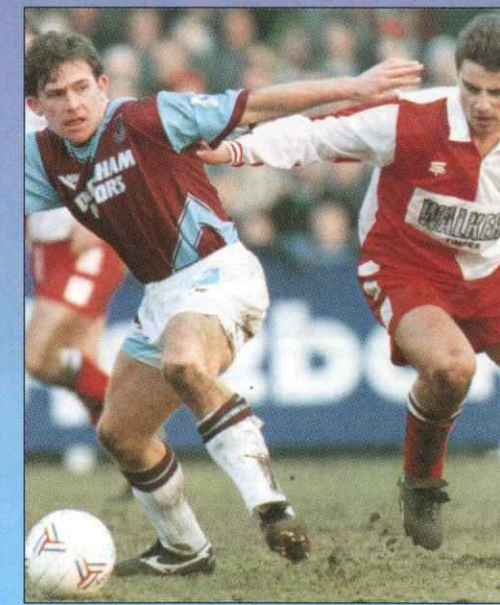
Billy Bonds confessed: "We were getting very fidgety on the bench. We had missed several chances in the first-half and I began to think they might put us in trouble with a shot out of the blue."

It was the 69th minute when Keith Rowland hoisted another cross from the left. Harriers goalkeeper Kevin Rose spotted the unmarked Chapman coming in from the right. He tried to get to him but was yards off as Lee met the ball and headed it over the stranded keeper into the empty net.

With Alvin Martin - playing his first game for three months - marshalling the defence superbly and Bish, Matt, Martin and Keith enterprising in midfield the result was never in doubt after this.

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS 0 WEST HAM UNITED 1

Chapman



Matty Holmes is kept at arms length by Neil Cartwright.

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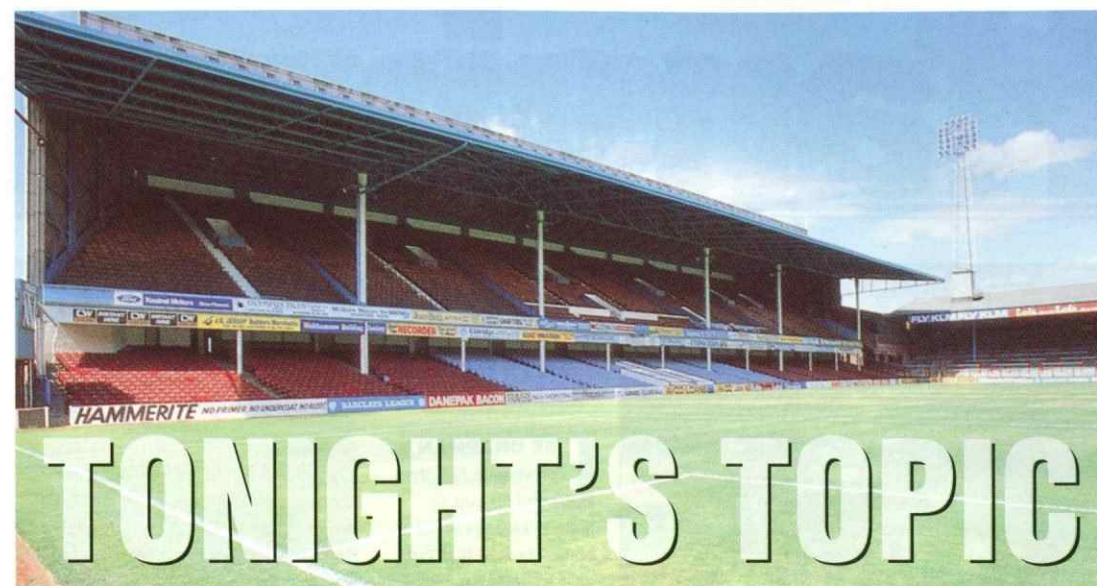
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If they conjured up some marvellous memories for you it is no wonder for their achievements set the standards which this club strives to maintain. Players of quality who provided entertainment as well as success.

That 1965 triumph over TSV Munich set Europe buzzing for after a long spell of depressing results in European club competitions the Hammers proved that English teams could go out and not only match the top Continental sides, in skill and imagination, but surpass them. It was indeed not only a triumph for the East End. It was a triumph for English football.

Those names are part of West Ham United's heritage and will always be remembered for their achievements.

Last week Upton Park paid tribute to the greatest individual to grace the claret and blue shirt. We did it in typical East End style with passion and pride and not a few tears.

Bobby Moore would have approved of the football as well. It was fitting that one of our most popular sons from the current generation, Tony Cottee, should open the scoring for the FA Premier XI, and even more fitting that the Hammers should respond with goals from Clive Allen and Jeroen Boere.

Tonight of course it is a much more public affair with the game going live to the nation on Sky Sports. The prize is just the same as that which the Boys of '64 strove magnificently to win. The FA Cup.

We were reunited with that past and the depth of feeling from the magnificent 20,311 crowd was genuinely touching. There could

surely be no finer tribute to our late captain than to emulate his team's first major triumph and win the FA Cup.

There's a lot to be done first even if Wembley is just two rounds away. Luton Town have certainly been no strangers to Wembley in recent years; and of course in 1989 it was at our expense when they beat us 5-0 on aggregate in the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup.

We did manage to avenge this embarrassment on our way to the semi-final in 1991 when in a fourth round replay at Upton Park we won 5-0! Two goals from Trevor Morley and one each from George Parris, Ian Bishop and Frank McAvennie, did the trick.

Talking of "SuperMac", it was great to see him back in action for Swindon. The popular Scot has joined them on loan from Celtic and made his full debut in the 1-1 draw with us at the County Ground. He sends his regards to all Hammers fans and wishes the lads every success tonight.

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Hammers Review



LEE THE CUP WINNER

LEE CHAPMAN is proving he has the head for cup tie action. It was his well placed header that put paid to Notts County's Wembley aspirations just two minutes from the end of extra-time of a tense and close-fought fourth round replay at Upton Park. It was his looping header that smashed little Kidderminster Harriers

"We were very very nervous. I was nervous before the game because in these matches you really can't win. You are expected to win and win by a lot of goals which takes the pressure off them and puts it on you.

"Of course if you were to get dumped out by a non-League team it is a humiliation that lives with you for a long long time; and you don't want a blot like that on your career.

"We went about it in the right way but I thought they performed very well. They worked extremely hard for each other and you can see why they are top of their league. They are used to winning games and had that confidence, and sort of arrogance, about them that comes with success.

Lee's goal took him into double figures this season and this evening he will be looking to make it three goals in successive cup appearances. Great stuff.

at the Aggborough Stadium.

The tall blond destroyer was grateful the goal came when it did at Kidderminster. He says: "The longer it goes at 0-0 the more apprehensive you become. You are always fearful of one of those 30-yard specials non-League teams seem to produce on these occasions.

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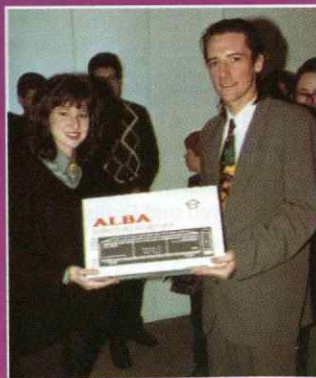
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MAN OF THE MATCH

Ian Bishop receives his prize from matchday sponsor's Alba after being voted Man of the Match against Manchester United



POETS CORNER

We recently received the following poems from West Ham United fans which unfortunately arrived too late to be included in the intended programmes but we felt you would enjoy them. The first was found by Tom Malone from the Northbrook Church of England Secondary School in London SE12 and is about Bobby Moore. The other is by Ian Jones who was influenced so by the recent death of Sir Matt Busby.

A TRIBUTE TO SIR MATT

It's goodbye to Sir Matt
A man most thought great
He showed us the way
In the year '68.

When his team conquered Europe
and brought England some glory
But ten years before
Was a complete different story.

When eight of his babes
Were killed as they flew
They thought he had died
But he somehow pulled through.

He began to work again
Building a team to beat the rest
Fashioned around players
like Charlton, Law and Best.

Then in 1969
He decided to call it a day
and no more championships came their way
until last year in May.

When the proudness shone upon his face
His team had won it by a mile
and he knew they'd done it
playing the Matt Busby style.

And now the great man's passed away
Great sadness across the Land
But his memory will never die
UNITED WE STAND.
Ian Jones
- A life long West Ham supporter.

BOBBY MOORE 1942 - 93 Captain of England

When in those years to come
Our children and their children
Ask us why we speak of him in hallowed tones
What shall we say
Of what we now must know?

That he was one who shunned
The brashy trickery of flick and flash
Whose turn of speed would not amaze
Who did not dazzle with exploding fire
And yet whose mark was unsurpassed

Whose better we have yet
A gentle, iron man with

With matching grace and monumental calm
none with more to teach
Than we, in all our seeking, dared absorb
Who reached and held the stars of fame
Replacing each, unsullied and unstained.

And in those far-off heady summer days
He carried for us
More than all we wanted then
In lifting gold he lifted us
Not as our transient superstar
But captain of us all.

We will not dare pretend
We knew him through and through
But in the going of this friend A part of all of us goes
too. And when in future time they ask us why, Our
special, silent memories will reply.



Soccer legends Martin Chivers (ex Tottenham Hotspur) Charlie George (ex Arsenal) and current stars Martin Allen of West Ham and Colin Calderwood of Spurs at the Carling Football Forum, recently staged at Enfield FC.

The Carling Forums are being staged up and down the country and give fans an unprecedented opportunity to put players on the spot.

In addition to the question and answer section of the evening, some of the fans joined the stars to take part in a 'Question of Sport style quiz' and others took part in the Carling Commentator Challenge, where they did their best to emulate the likes of John Motson.

Other football Forums involving Carling Premiership teams will be staged between now and the rest of the season.

GARY KEEPS IT IN THE FAMILY

OUR attempts to sign Yugoslavian international goalkeeper Dragoge Lekovic, from Red Star Belgrade were scuppered when the authorities refused to issue the 27-year-old custodian with a work permit.

With our number two choice, Gerry Peyton, quitting to take up a lucrative coaching job in Japan our needs were obvious and the man brought in to shadow Ludek Miklosko is 26-year-old Gary Kelly.

Now if the name seems familiar it is little wonder. Gary is the brother of Alan Kelly, the current Sheffield United goalkeeper, and both boys are the sons of Alan Kelly senior, who kept goal for Preston North End against the Hammers in the 1964 FA Cup Final, which we won



Colin Foster

3-2 at Wembley.

Gary has joined us from Bury on loan after losing his place through a

ligament injury. He says: "I had just come back from a spell with Notts County, after overcoming the injury, and found that West Ham had come in for us. It is a great opportunity I couldn't refuse."

It is strange that Gary's first senior involvement with the Hammers should also be in the FA Cup. How did he feel sitting on the bench at Aggborough?

"It was the fifth round, so a very important game, and we were on a hiding to nothing against Kidderminster. But the lads battled well, got the goal we needed and held out so no problems now. We are in the sixth round and obviously will take it as it comes now."

Does his father ever talk about that memorable Wembley Final?

"Not really. He doesn't mention it much but I have got all the cuttings and video and stuff like that. I've seen the game and know what it is about."

It would be a marvellous irony if Gary could get to this year's Cup Final with West Ham United.

News of another Hammer who has Wembley very much on his mind. Colin Foster who helped Notts County reach the Anglo Italian Cup Final which is staged at Wembley this month.



Gary Kelly

Colin has been on loan to Notts who have extended the loan agreement for one month after which they will complete a permanent transfer. The fee £150,000.

"Fozzie" was outstanding in County's semi-final victory over Southend United and had two great efforts cleared off the line. It finished 1-0 to Notts after extra-time on the night - 1-1 on aggregate - and their Final place was won in a penalty shoot-out.



Dragoge Lekovic



SHAME

What a shame that the booing of Paul Ince at the Manchester United match marred what was a marvellous game.

I have been a West Ham supporter for as long as I can remember and I used to be proud of a fair crowd and a 'family' feeling between players and supporters alike. I was ashamed as the boos echoed round Upton Park and it wasn't just a small section of the crowd either. I think people probably thought it was a bit of a joke, but it wouldn't have been a joke to the player on the wrong end of it, and in the end it was a joke that turned sour, turning what would have been a marvellous victory into a disappointing draw. All right Ince might still have got the equaliser but who is to say that the crowd's treatment didn't goad him into making an extra effort.

The crowd should have been proud of Paul Ince, as one of their own, who had learnt his football at West Ham and only left, if we are honest, when the West Ham Directors had been shown as somewhat lacking in loyalty themselves by the summary dismissal of John Lyall. That was not a happy season and what other young player would have turned down the chance to go to Manchester United at that time. In his years at Manchester United he has gained in stature and experience, played for his country and even on one occasion captained the National side. All, if the crowd could see it, based on the basic football skills he learned at the 'Academy'.

All West Ham's players who are with the club for any length of time seem to retain a loyalty and soft spot for Upton Park and the Claret and Blue even when they have moved through several subsequent clubs. Tony Cottee was another one who got booed when he came back. Both Paul Ince and Tony

Cottee were local boys who might have returned to the Club as mature players. I don't suppose they will now.

I haven't referred to the fact that some of the taunts were racial and that this is what the Press seem to have emphasised because I have not got words to express my disgust, and I am sure this was confined to a very small minority.

Having got that off my chest, congratulations to the Team and management for bringing the good days back to Upton Park.

**Yours sincerely,
Janet de Bruin
ILFORD, ESSEX.**

PETER'S CAKE

Here is a picture of me on my birthday, which was on February 21st, when I was 33.

On the cake you can see the West Ham crest and the home shirt.

I have been supporting West Ham for 11 years. I used to follow Queens Park Rangers and saw the error of my ways.

I am a season ticket holder in the North Bank and my favourite players are Tony Gale, Matt Holmes and Clive Allen.

Always an ardent West Ham supporter.



**Peter Wale,
Balham,
London SW12.**

FORGIVE AND FORGET

My 8 year old son and I are season ticket holders. He had his 15 year old cousin (a Man. Utd. fan) over from Ireland to watch the game last Saturday. They both made various disapproving comments about the treatment of Paul Ince. This prompted me to write in with the following comment.

The Paul Ince of 4/5 years ago would have reacted differently on Saturday and probably got himself sent off. I think he has matured extremely well and handled himself admirably, particularly when he scored. I think it was this immaturity that caused Paul Ince to deal with his move to Man. Utd. in the way he did. I doubt if today he was moving from one club to another, he would wear the strip of his new club before he moved.

It's about time we forgave and forgot. After all when he puts on an England shirt we will be supporting him, wont we ?

Incidentally my son wrote to Paul Ince for his comment. If he is lucky enough to get a reply, and Paul Ince is agreeable, we will let you know. Watch this space. Many thanks.

PAUL GODDARD - JUNIOR



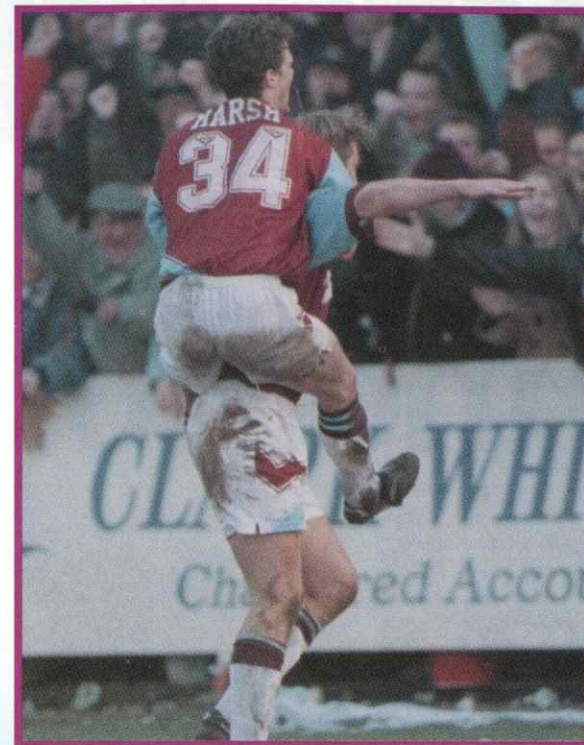
PAUL GODDARD, pictured here, celebrated his third birthday on February 20th.

I'm his dad and a season ticket holder in the Chicken Run and I reckon that even at three he manages to stay on his feet a bit longer than his more famous footballing name sake!

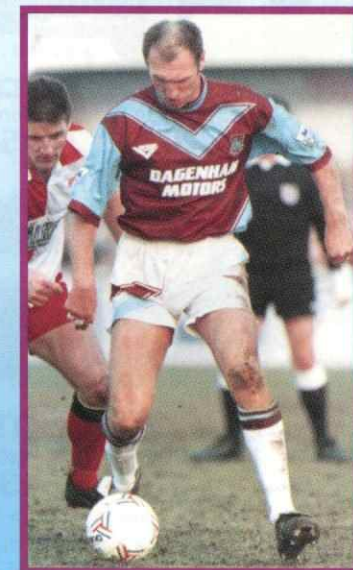
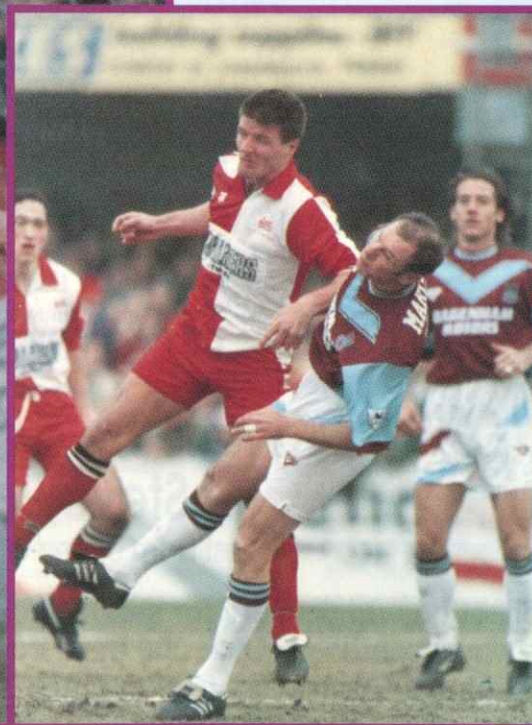
**Paul Goddard Senior,
(not the footballer), Romford,**

LEE HEADS HARRIERS OUT OF THE CUP

When Kidderminster goalkeeper Kevin Rose was caught out of position Lee Chapman knew what to do (main pic). His looping header arching towards the unguarded net for the match-winner! "Love-Lee" as Mike Marsh shows his appreciation (pic 2)...Alvin Martin made a great comeback and is seen in pic 3 showing Paul Davies the way. Alvin is again the winner as he clears from Colin Brooks (pic 4).



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HARRY'S Diary



FEBRUARY 26

What a tremendous performance against Manchester United...We gave them the fright of their lives. It was a great afternoon the only disappointment was we didn't win.

It is true of course that before the game I would have settled for a draw, and to be fair I think Bill would have too. But on the day we played so well, and with such assurance, that we deserved the lead we held until just before the end.

We went out with the intention of winning anyway. We never play for a point. I never tell the players to hold back and they didn't.

We played very well against Manchester City, earlier in the season, but this was undoubtedly our best

performance of the season against the best team in the land.

It was very encouraging. It proved we can play against anyone.

FEBRUARY 27

The rest of the week was a big anti-climax and went down hill very fast. First I was very upset by the media treatment of our 2-2 draw with Manchester United. The only thing you seemed to be able to read about was the crowd reaction towards Paul Ince.

It was very sad that a footballing event as good as this should be virtually forgotten in the column inches on the game. We deserved more credit for the excellence of our football. We came very close to beating them on the day.

MARCH 1

Watched a very poor Reserve game against Oxford United. We didn't pass the ball or play with any thought. It just wasn't a West Ham performance at all.

MARCH 2

Went to see the kids play at Oxford United and the first-half was just as bad as the previous night. Tony Carr got them going for the second-half which was a big improvement and they finished 4-3 winners in the end.

MARCH 5

The Swindon game was again a disappointing display. We didn't get to grips with them in the first half. Our passing was poor, there was no pattern to our game, and we kept giving the ball away.

We seemed too concerned about their system - playing McAvennie behind the front two. I don't see what the problem was we have tackled this sort of formation before without any difficulty.

But we got off to a good start in the second-half and having gone one up I couldn't see us not winning. Then we conceded a late goal. It was not a good performance.

MARCH 6

Watched a couple of schoolboy representative games in Bournemouth and noted one or two names who are worth keeping tabs on.

MARCH 7

The Bobby Moore Memorial match was a terrific reunion. It was lovely to see all the old faces again. Johnny Byrne, Johnny Sissons and Jim Standen who joined us from abroad as well as some of the locals we don't see a lot of such as Eddie Bovington and Brian Dear.

It was a smashing night and also gave us the opportunity to introduce a couple of lads into the first team environment, like Danny Williamson. He has been on loan to Doncaster and has the ability to become a very good player if he works hard.

MARCH 8

Billy went off to watch Luton while I took in the England v Denmark Under-21 game at Brentford. There are a couple of lads in the Danish side who have been recommended to us.



HATS OFF TO LUTON

Two defeats in 15 matches, prior to last week, and a well deserved place in the last eight of the FA Cup, is positive proof of the progress made at Kenilworth Road by manager David Pleat.

Pleat believes his emerging team are destined for great things. He has had to be patient for the last couple of years while they have developed but the sense of expectation that bubbles forth is backed by reality.

The whimsical skills of Scott Oakes have already earned him England Under-21 recognition while the likes of Ceri Hughes, Des Linton and John Hartson are attracting interest from clubs in the Premier League.

The Hatters experienced a terrible start to the season and were loitering with relegation issues for most of the time. Then things began to click. Success followed success, confidence grew, the

pressures were eased, and even after last week's 2-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest there was still a ten-point cushion between them and danger.

To add spice to their climb up the First Division ladder Luton have revelled in headline grabbing cup exploits and Mr Pleat enthuses: "I'm glad that we've been involved in a bit of a David and Goliath slaying this season along with other First Division clubs. I love it and it's been a massive boost for the small fry."

Referring to the Chinese Year of the Dog, the Luton boss insisted it was "the year of the underdog" after his side so efficiently dumped Newcastle United out of the FA Cup in a wonderful replay at Kenilworth Road.

Luton had beaten Southend United 1-0 in the Third Round, Paul Telfer's goal the decider. The dashing midfielder rounding off a classic passing move six minutes

into the second half.

The Hatters were given little chance at St James' Park. But the Cup is what dreams are made of and teenager Tony Thorpe came within a shuffle of a fairytale victory.

Picking up a loose ball in the 35th minute Thorpe thundered a 25-yard shot into Hooper's net. It looked like a winner until Peter Beardsley did his soft-shoe shuffle in the penalty box to draw a penalty from which he equalised.

In a highly-charged replay Luton, enjoying their best run for six years, took the lead in the 16th minute. A long ball from Trevor Peake sent Hartson through, and the young striker who was only in because Kerry Dixon was injured, clipped his shot past the on-rushing Hooper.

Eleven minutes from time an Oakes shot was parried by goalkeeper Hooper, but only as far as Linton who knocked it back

for Oakes to make it a convincing 2-0!

It was the battle of the giant killers at Ninian Park where Luton's heroes ran out 2-1 winners. There was controversy however, Cardiff boss Eddie May insisting his side had been cheated by the match officials. The point in question surrounding a Luton goal which Cardiff claimed was offside.

Scott Oakes had opened the scoring with a brilliant solo and Cardiff had made it 1-1 before Preece capitalised on a poor kick from goalkeeper Grew to cut inside and fire his shot into the bottom corner.

Luton Town were into the quarter-finals of the FA Cup!

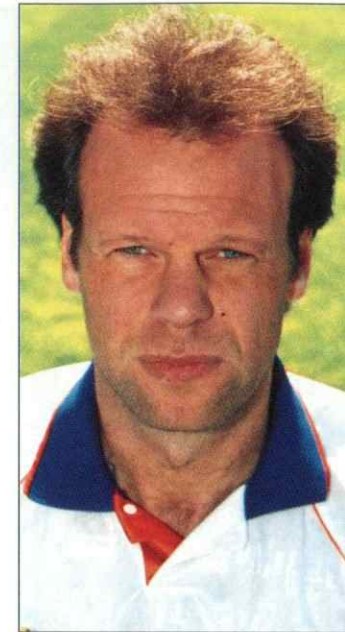
GOALKEEPERS

JUERGEN SOMMER (b. New York, 27.2.69) - Juergen joined the Hatters in August 1991 from Indiana University, U.S.A. He made his Town debut on the opening day of this season against Watford, but was substituted in the second-half after sustaining eight stitches in a head wound. Juergen has enjoyed extended first-team experience on loan at Brighton and Hove Albion and Torquay United.

ANDY PETERSON (b. Fremantle, Australia 26.9.69) - Andy originally arrived at Luton on trial from the Australian Institute of Sport, and was offered a contract at the beginning of season 1988/89. He had spent time on loan at Swindon Town and Ipswich Town before making his Football League debut on the opening day of last season at Leicester City. He also spent a second loan spell at Portman Road last term where he played Premier League football.

DEFENDERS

TREVOR PEAKE (b. Nuneaton, 6.7.57) - Club captain, Trevor started his career at Lincoln City in 1979 before moving on to



Trevor Peake



David Preece

Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1987. He joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991 and was immediately installed as club captain. Trevor was also voted last-season's joint Player-of-the-Year by Town supporters.

JULIAN JAMES (b. Tring, 22.3.70) - Julian joined Luton Town as a trainee and was introduced to First Division football five seasons ago. A former England under-21 international, he was the Town's first-choice right-back last season and captained the side in Trevor Peake's absence. He missed much of the opening half of this season with a broken hand.

MARVIN JOHNSON (b. Wembley, 29.10.68) - Fans' favourite, Marvin made his Football League debut against

Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a regular in the Town defence. A player who can play anywhere along the back line, he operated mainly at left-back last season after a lengthy spell out through injury.

JOHN DREYER (b. Alnwick, 11.6.63) - A recipient of the Player-of-the-Year award, John started his career as an apprentice with Oxford United. He spent loan spells at Torquay and Fulham before making his debut for the Manor Ground club in 1985/86. He joined the Hatters in 1988 for £140,000 and he has been a regular member of the side for the past four seasons.

DES LINTON (b. Birmingham, 5.9.71) - Des signed for Luton from Leicester City in October 1991 - along with Scot Oakes - as part of the deal which took midfielder Steve Thompson to Filbert Street. He was a regular member of the Town defence for the early part of last season and has been a regular this season.

LUTON IN THE FA CUP

Rd	Opponents	FA	Scorers
3	SOUTHEND	1-0	Telfer
4	Newcastle	1-1	Thorpe
4R	NEWCASTLE	2-0	Hartson, Oakes
5	Cardiff City	2-1	Oakes, Preece

MIDFIELD

CERI HUGHES (b. Rhondda Valley, 26.2.71) - Another Luton Town Welshman, Ceri re-established himself in the Hatters' midfield during the second-half of last season after a prolonged spell out through injury. He made his debut v Aston Villa in 1990 and is a Wales youth, under-21 and full international.

PAUL TELFER (b. Edinburgh, 21.10.71) - Paul is a former Luton trainee who made his debut at Everton, as substitute, towards the end of season 1990-91. Last season he established himself on the right side of midfield, but has also operated, when needed, at right-back. Paul is a Scottish under-21 international.

AARON SKELTON (b. Welwyn Garden City, 22.11.74) - A player who made tremendous strides in the past year, Aaron signed professional forms for the Hatters in December 1992. He was drafted into the first-team squad on a number of occasions last season, but his progress was halted during the summer when he ruptured a thigh muscle.

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FORWARDS

SCOTT OAKES (b. Leicester, 5.8.72) - Scott joined Luton in October 1991, along with Des Linton, and made his debut for the Hatters later that month. He developed in the junior teams at Filbert Street and made his League debut in 1990. Scott made his international debut during England's successful Toulon under-21 tournament in June 1993.

JAMIE CAMPBELL (b. Birmingham, 21.10.72) - Jamie is a former Luton Town trainee who turned professional in July 1990. He made his debut in a Zenith Cup tie at Ipswich two seasons ago and scored his first senior goal for the club on



THE MANAGER-DAVID PLEAT

It was at Kenilworth Road that David made a name for himself both as a player and a manager. He began his playing days at Nottingham Forest but played only half-a-dozen first-team games before joining Luton in 1964. In 1967 he was transferred to Shrewsbury Town and later played for Exeter and Peterborough, before retiring in 1971.

In 1974 he returned to Luton as reserve team coach, after a spell in charge at non-league Nuneaton Borough, and was promoted to first-team coaching duties three years later. He was finally appointed manager in 1978, in succession to Harry Haslam, and guided Luton into Division One four years later.

In 1986 David joined Tottenham Hotspur, leading them to an F.A. Cup Final appearance, before moving on to manage Leicester City in December 1987. He remained at Filbert Street until January 1991, before returning to Luton for his third spell in June 1991.

the opening day of last season at Leicester City.

GEOFF AUNGER (b. Red Deer, Canada, 4.2.68) - Geoff signed a two-year contract with the Hatters in September 1993 and scored on his debut at Crystal Palace in November. He started his professional career with the Vancouver 86ers in his

native Canada and has also had a spell in this country with Ipswich Town. Geoff is a Canadian international.

MARTIN WILLIAMS (b. Luton, 12.7.73) - Martin established himself regularly in the Town's 13 towards the end of last season. He made his first-team debut at Southampton in March 1992 and has also spent a loan spell in Finland. He joined the club from the youth ranks at Leicester City.

JOHN HARTSON (b. Swansea, 5.4.75) - A prolific scorer in both the youth and reserve teams at Kenilworth Road last season, John signed professional forms in December 1992. His prolific scoring rate has continued this term and he scored (and had a goal disallowed) on his Town league debut against Nottingham Forest in August.

TONY THORPE (b. Leicester, 10.4.74) - Tony joined the Hatters at the start of season 1992-93 following a spell at Leicester City. Initially at Kenilworth Road on trial, he was a consistent scorer in the Town's reserve side last season. Tony made his Town debut, as a substitute, during a 6-2 drubbing of Stoke City in November.

SCOTT HOUGHTON (b. Hitchin, 22.10.71) - Scott joined the Hatters in August 1993 on a performance-related transfer from Tottenham Hotspur. He started his career with the Town as a school-boy but joined Tottenham as a trainee in July 1988. A former pupil of the F.A.'s Centre of Excellence, he made 14 appearances for Spurs, and also served Ipswich, Gillingham and Charlton during his time at White Hart Lane.

KERRY DIXON (b. Luton, 24.7.51) - Kerry joined Luton in October 1993 after a five-month loan spell from Southampton. He started his career with Reading and scored 51 goals in 116 appearances, before joining Chelsea in 1983 for £175,000. At Stamford Bridge he enjoyed the most prolific spell of his career, which also yielded eight England international caps. He joined the Saints for £575,000 in July 1992.

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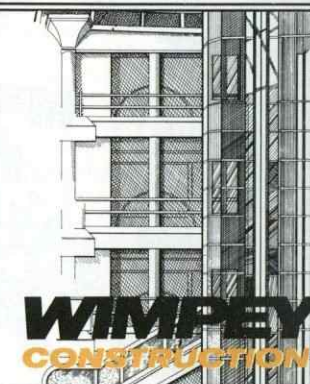
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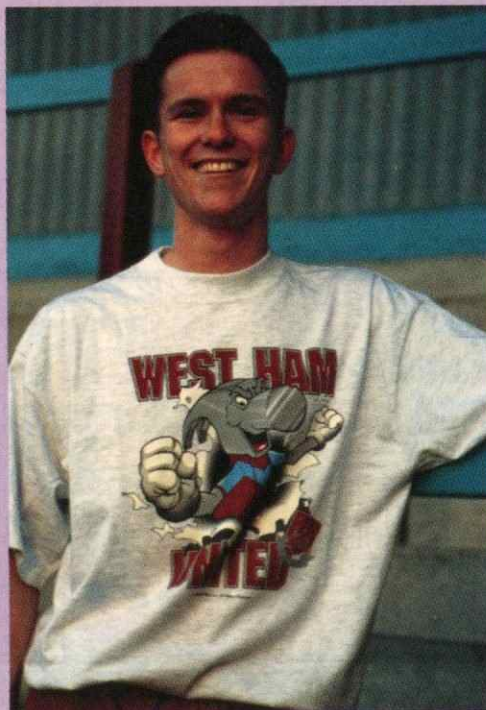
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ON THE ROAD



KIDDERMINSTER -
by DAVE GREGORY. EAST TERRACE
SEASON TICKET HOLDER

Initial reaction after watching the draw was that this was the one tie we didn't really want, particularly with thoughts of Newport and more recently Aldershot and Farnborough all too fresh in the memory - surely West Ham couldn't lose? Further analysis however turned thoughts positive - win this one and we are only two games from Wembley.

Having picked up Chas, Peter, Sue and Dave, we left Laindon shortly after 10 o'clock to ensure an early arrival at a Home Brew Pub south of Kidderminster.

The motorways were surprisingly devoid of traffic with the exception of the numerous Claret and Blue scarves hanging from the windows of passing cars. There seemed to be an awful lot of travelling fans for an official allocation of a little over 2,000. After a thirst inducing journey of two and a half hours, we arrived at the Pub where a warm welcome ensued from the Horse, 2 dogs and landlord. Thoughts turned to the match, with a goalless draw being the most popularly predicted result. By the way, congratulations to Chas who advised us that

this was his 400th League and Cup away match.

The ground was typically non-league, although undoubtedly better than some league grounds I could think of - Southend, Bournemouth, Oxford to name a few.

Spotted Steve Jones tucking into a hot dog outside the ground, which was a disappointing sign that he was not playing.

Much work is needed to bring the ground up to standard - a temporary stand had been specially erected for the match at £25 a seat, and much sympathy was extended to those supporters who ended up standing on the seats for much of the game.

At £1.50, the programme was a rip-off but commercially understandable.

From a personal view point, I was much relieved to see Alvin back in the centre of defence which looked to have more shape and balance than in recent matches.

My early nerves soon disappeared as Kidderminster, despite their effort and possession, posed little threat and West Ham soon took a firm grip on the game. Our midfield saw a lot of the ball but were guilty of being too wasteful, despite some uneven bounce, the pitch was in reasonable condition and could not be used as an excuse. Tim Breacker was our best forward

in the first half and also defended well when required. Alvin was superb and Steve Potts as calm and assured as ever. Clive Allen had a couple of half-chances and Matt Holmes forced the 'keeper into a good save just before half-time.

The second half began with Holmes and Rowland combining well with the latter delivering some useful crosses aimed towards Chapman who began to pose a much needed aerial threat. Holmes had the beating of his marker, and was crudely failed on a number of occasions without a resultant booking, much to the astonishment of the many Hammers fans.

Morley replaced the ineffective Allen and within a couple of minutes the goal arrived with Chapman heading in at the far post after a goalkeeping error.

West Ham survived a couple of late scares but overall a comfortable victory with Alvin getting my vote as man of the match. Bonzo also deserves credit for gambling on his fitness.

The journey home was made in the knowledge that we could go to work on the Monday and face all the Arsenal and Spurs fans with our dream of reaching Wembley still intact.

RAISTRICK'S RAMBLINGS

The great writers (Baudelaire, Sartre, Harry Harris) all agree that you should stick to writing about subject matter you know about.

Which, presumably, is why Tom Finn instructed me at the start of the season: Don't write about Football.

Funny, that. But I'll have to break the habit of the season by referring to The Beautiful Game in this instance – after all, like tonight, wasn't last Monday magical? Even Prosser managed not to screw anything up.

As Alvin said after the game: "It was a celebration of a great man's life." And I'm sure Mooro was up there somewhere thinking – how did we let Cottee score? I'm pleased that after the (in my personal view, unjustified) stick the fans got from "certain sections of the media" those selfsame opinionists were reminded the fans can welcome former players back. I spoke to both Dicksie and Cottee afterwards who both appreciated the

response – although JD was somewhat amazed at the fact we now have executive boxes at the ground! Here are the thoughts of a few of the mid-sixties players."

Johnnie Byrne: It's sad the person it's all about isn't here to share it with us. I spoke to Bobby four days before he died and he was cheerful. I cried a tear when I heard the news. A year later he can rest in peace knowing everyone has turned up for a great night.

"He is waiting up there for us, and I will be one of his players when I get there."

Jim Standen: "I was very touched when I walked out onto the pitch and stood there on my own. I looked at the two goals and thought I wanted to play again. I was quite close to Bobby and our wives were very close. But this was a brilliant night. And hopefully can bring West Ham some luck for next week. I played for Luton as well but I hope we beat them."

Eddie Bovington: "I don't know the present team and they don't know me. But I know the backroom boys Ronnie Boyce, Harry Redknapp and Billy Bonds. Bill used to be in awe of us, but now he has proved himself one of the top managers in the country. He, like Harry, was in the same mould as Bobby – a true gentleman."

Johnny Sissons: "It's been a very emotional, but wonderful night. In a sense I think Bobby Moore would have wanted all the old boys back together for him enjoying themselves. Soccer is about making memories, and this is one I will never forget."

Good grief! Even Bonzo was relaxed – "Marvellous. We won and I didn't even have to do anything!! George Graham smiled when I quizzed him about the FA side's cynical offside trap.

A moving night. Are we bound in May for the other stadium which honours Bobby Moore?

Chris Raistrick



Friendly greetings from Kidderminster fans to TV viewers at Upton Park

STAR OF THE WEEK TREVOR MORLEY

TWO GOALS IN TWO GAMES is the perfect response from striker Trevor Morley after being left-out of the starting line for five games.

His goals against Manchester United and at Swindon Town helped the Hammers collect a further two points in the Premier League as well as boost his own confidence. It is only the second time this season that Trevor has scored in successive games.

Goals are his stock in trade of course and he has no complaints about being relegated to the substitutes bench after a seven-match sequence without a strike.

He accepts: "I had a couple of games where I didn't play very well and the manager left me out - rightly so. Having got back it is my job to do my best and try and score some goals. This is all I can do.

"We have a big squad with seven

strikers fighting for places so there is plenty of competition which is good for the club.

"I don't pick the team I just do my best each week, but competition like this keeps you on your toes. There is no room for complacency."

About thirty-seconds before his goal at Swindon Trevor seemed to be in an identical position but the opportunity slipped away.

"It flashed through my mind to head it but I decided I couldn't score as there was not enough power in the ball to carry and as I waited for it to drop unfortunately someone nicked it away from me.

"Then came the second chance. A good knock-back by Lee and again I took my time but luckily nobody stuck their foot in on this one and I managed to put it away.

"Being dropped is an inevitable part of professional football. When it happens you just have to get your head down and work hard to attract attention again.

"If you are not doing the business, playing to a certain standard, then you expect the chop. This goes without saying really, especially when you get to the top level in the Premier League.

"Billy wasn't pleased with our performance at Swindon. The press like to suggest that we maybe had the FA Cup on our minds but that isn't so. I can't say that. We were just disappointing all round and no disrespect to Swindon but it was a game we thought we could have won. We just didn't perform well enough to do so.

"After taking the lead we seemed to sit-back a little bit. Having said that if we had hung on and nicked a result we would have been happy. As it was it was a late goal we conceded again.

"There was obviously frustration after giving away a late goal to Manchester United but that was because we had played so well and deserved better. At Swindon it was double disappointment as we didn't perform as well as we did the week before and gave the late goal away."



Trevor Morley volleys spectacularly wide as Fraser Disby advances



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TREVOR MORLEY

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Wednesday 16 March to Friday 18 March.

AWAY MATCHES

F.A. Carling Premiership

This match is subject to us not being involved in a replay with Luton Town.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS
Wednesday 23 March

Kick off 8.00 pm

**** THIS MATCH IS NOT ALL TICKET ****

Allocation: 3,138 seats @ £15

Season Ticket Holders: Voucher 70

1 ticket per voucher maximum 4 vouchers per person. On sale at present.

Club Members: Tuesday 15 March & Wednesday 16 March.

General Sale: From Thursday 17 March.

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F.A. Carling Premiership
CHELSEA

Saturday 26 March
Kick off 3.00 pm

**** THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET ****

Allocation: 2,437 seats @ £25

Season Ticket Holders: Voucher 71

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Club Members: Thursday 17 March.

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**** THIS MATCH IS NOT ALL TICKET ****

Allocation: 2,500 seats

@ £14 Adults £7 Children/OAP

(There will also be standing accommodation for 4500 on the night of the game).

NB: Reduced price seating for children/OAP available only in advance, not on the night of the game.

Season Ticket Holders: Voucher 72

1 ticket per voucher maximum 4 vouchers per person. On sale to Wednesday 16 March.

Club Members: Thursday 17 to Friday 18 March.

General Sale: From Saturday 19 March.

F.A. Carling Premiership
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Monday 4 April
Kick off 3.00 pm

**** THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET ****

Allocation: 3,000 seats @ £12

2,300 seats @ £15

Bondholders: Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 March.

Season Ticket Holders: Voucher 74

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Monday 21 March to Thursday 24 March.

Club Members: Friday 25 & Saturday 26 March.

General Sale: From Monday 28 March.

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THE BATTLE OF '89



Tim Breacker sets an arm out in an effort to stop Harriers' Jon Purdle in the last round

SUNDAY 12th February, 1989. A date which sticks in the throats of all Hammers fans. It was a Sunday afternoon at Upton Park as West Ham United faced up to Luton Town in the first-leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final. The sky was grey, the pre-match atmosphere in the ground a little subdued. Somehow you sensed this was not going to be our day.

It wasn't. A horrific display by Hammers' goalkeeper Allen McKnight undermined the team's confidence and Luton strode to a commanding 3-0 victory.

Two players on opposite sides that afternoon, but team-mates today, were Tim Breacker and Steve Potts who naturally both recall the occasion from different aspects.

Tim says: "The biggest thing I remember about that was turning up at West Ham and looking at the programme, which for some reason wound all our players up. It was like all about when we go to Wembley. We felt who do they think they are.

"We went out and got a great result on the day and it was virtually all over on the first-leg. Obviously a great memory for me

but not for the West Ham supporters.

"I think we can turn it around this time though it is not going to be easy. Luton deserved to beat Newcastle and played



Steve Potts

really well so they are going to be difficult to overcome.

"We have got to make sure we play our football on the day. Because of our style we tend to give opponents more space than we should and Luton are the type of side that can use this.

"I think it will be a good game with a passionate atmosphere."

It is certainly an interesting fixture for Tim who says: "There are only two or three of the old lads I used to play with left now. It will be nice to see them again. David Preece and John Dreyer. A couple of the young lads have come through like Hughes, Marvin Johnson and Julian James."

Steve Potts recalls the day just as clearly as Tim but with unhappy memories. He says: "I don't know why it worked out that way. We didn't take the game lightly but things like that will always happen in cup football. At Oldham we lost 6-0 which was even worse.

"That is in the past we just have to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"I'm not over confident at all about this one because I honestly think it is going to be a very tight game."

Steve has been one of our most consistent performers all season yet to suggest such to him draws a blanket of embarrassment over his response.

"There have been a few games in which I feel I have done well," he concedes, "but then maybe there have been some in which I feel I could have done much better...It is going all right. I'm just glad to be in the team.

"We didn't do at all well at Swindon but hopefully that will act as a kick up the backside, get it out of our system, because we didn't really deserve anything out of the game. We weren't at the races

"What we have seen of Luton this year it seems they have come into some very good form so we will have to be at our best. There is no way this is going to be an easy game. People are saying what a great draw. It will only be that if we win.

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THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

BRIAN HILL, a wages cost accountant from Kettering in Northamptonshire, is one of the most popular whistlers on the circuit. Took up refereeing in local football back in 1965 and within ten years was officiating at an FA County Youth Cup Final. In 1975 Brian ran the line at the FA Cup Semi-Final between Arsenal and Liverpool, and of course controlled the 1988 FA Cup Final when Wimbledon shocked the world by beating Liverpool. Brian's first appearance at Wembley was in 1977 when he refereed a schoolboy international. Was back again in 1983 to control the FA Challenge Trophy Final, and again in 1988 to officiate in the Mercantile Credit Festival of Football.



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TONY BIDES HIS TIME

TONY GALE is fit and able after missing six games following a calf injury picked up in that rousing 3-3 draw with Norwich City in January.

He was hoping to make the FA Cup Fourth Round replay against Notts County but intensive treatment, including three days recuperating in an oxygen chamber, failed to provide the desired effect.

Consequently Tony had to sit out that game, and more significantly the Sixth Round tie at Kidderminster, and is not too hopeful of making the team to face Luton either.

This will probably be even more frustrating for the popular defender for one has to accept one can not play when injured but when fit and not selected it can be so disappointing.

As he sat in the stand at Swindon last weekend he knew the score only too well. Says Tony: "I had a game in the reserves, trained for a week, so I'm fit and now part of the squad and looking to push for my place back.

"It will not be easy," adds Tony with a laugh. "Alvin is playing so well. I was playing well when I was in - according to other people anyway; I never judge myself - and this is how it should be. If you lose your place through injury, or loss of form, then you have to try and regain it. So that any player who gets into the side and does well should expect to stay in."

The Luton quarter-final is so crucial with the prize being a place in the semi-final of the oldest football competition in the world.

"Everybody wants to play in it," says Tony, "but there will only be 14 players involved on the day. I just hope I'm part of it. There are exciting times ahead."

For years now Tony has been yearning to play in a Wembley Final. So far it has eluded him. "That's right. I have played in three semi-finals since I have been at West Ham. Three defeats. Maybe this will be fourth time lucky perhaps."

Of course one of those disappointments came against Luton Town

in the semi-final of the League Cup.

"I remember that, it wasn't very good.

Unfortunately when they changed the date of the game for television they made it a Sunday afternoon. I'm really pleased they have made this one a night game because the atmosphere at Upton Park is always extra special under lights.

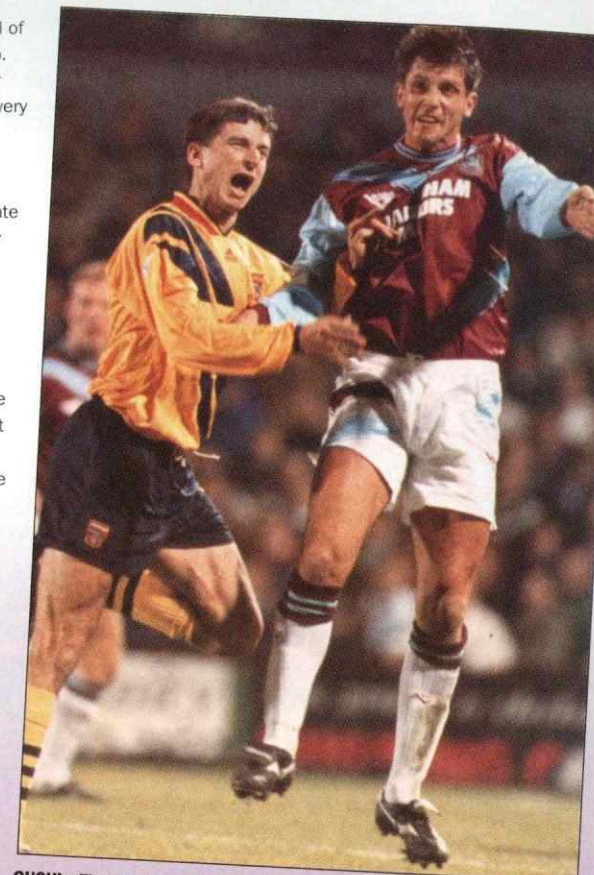
"It is not going to be easy. Luton are a good footballing side, and their manager David Pleat is highly respected.

And from what we have been hearing from Mitchell they have a lot of good youngsters in their side.

"You can say a footballing side should suit the Hammers but I think it will suit Luton as well that's the thing. It is hard to play your way out of Division One with pure football. We had a mixture last season and that is what Luton probably need now to get them out.

"Over the last six-weeks or so they have been showing promotion form but are down the table because of a bad start. But they are a good outfit."

That Littlewoods Cup clash in February 1989 was the first semi-final in which Tony had participated. In the silence of a



OUCH! - That hurt... Alan Smith winces in this clash with Tony Gale

depressed dressing room afterwards he privately wondered if that was his chance gone. Yet the door to Wembley has beckoned twice more since then but he has yet to find the key.

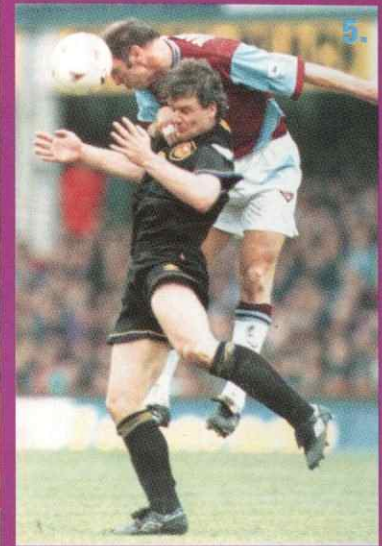
At 34 though time is running out with three hurdles to clear. Firstly Luton Town, then the semi-final. But first "I have to get back in the side. Because if you are not playing in important games like this you don't feel part of it.

"Success will be nice for all of the Club if it comes and I will be just as pleased as everyone else. But you need to be part of the action.



CHAMPIONS LUCKY

WEST HAM came within minutes of halting Manchester United's unbeaten run with a stirring performance at Upton Park. Lee Chapman opened our account with this goal (main pic)...Trevor Morley wheels away after making it 2-1 (pic 2) and the two scorers congratulate each other (pic 3). Former Hammer Paul Ince loses out to Martin Allen (pic 4); while Alvin Martin keeps Mark Hughes in his place (below).



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HAMMERS VERSUS HATTERS IN THE CUP

BY JOHN HELLIAR

The formation of West Ham United from the dying embers of Thames Ironworks in July 1900 led to the first clashes between the embryo Hammers and the more well established Luton Town F.C. who had been formed some fifteen years earlier.

Those meetings took place in the Southern League and continued for some twelve seasons until the Bedfordshire side were relegated to the Second Division of that competition. On regaining their senior status, after two years, rivalry continued until the outbreak of the First World War which resulted apart from a season's competition in the "war time" London combination.

At the conclusion of hostilities in Europe the "Hammers" were elected to the Second Division of the Football League whilst Luton did not achieve League status until twelve months later and then only in the Third Division where they remained for the next 17 years.

Cup football between the clubs was even more elusive and it was not until the Third Round of the 1935-36 tourney that we were first paired in the F.A. competition. The tie took place at Upton Park on Saturday 11th January 1936 when the Hammers; lying in seventh place in the Second Division, fielded the following XI: Herman Conway, Alf Chalkley, Albert Walker, Ted Fenton, Jim Barrett, Joe Cockroft, Peter Simpson, Dr. James Marshall, Dave Mangnall, Len Goulden, Jimmy Ruffell. A crowd of 42,000 saw the Hammers' open the scoring after nine minutes when Mangnall finished off an excellent move that involved the whole of the forward line including a pacey run by winger Jimmy Ruffell.

West Ham's mastery then fell away as they failed to keep up the pressure to equalise following a corner after half-an-hour. Although Doc Marshall was having an excellent game in midfield; feeding his team-mates with neat forward penetrating passes; the same could not be said of Alf Chalkley in defence, who had a nightmare of a match as he mistimed his tackles and miskicked the ball repeatedly.

With twenty minutes of the match remaining the visitors took the lead and it was only a late equaliser from Ruffell that saved West Ham's blushes and forced a replay.

Luton Town at the time were leaders of the Third Division South and were enjoying a long unbeaten run that stretched back over three months. The replay four days later was played on a hard and frosty pitch and there was a cold bite in the weather. The Hammers' started off tentatively being ill at ease with the underfoot conditions whilst the home side adapted to the Kenilworth Road pitch and moved with an easy confidence.

Strangely "the Hatters" did not score until six minutes into the second half but once they got in front their superior ball control and passing opened the floodgates.

A further three goals followed at regular intervals and by the end of the afternoon Luton finished as worthy winners.

Some thirteen years elapsed before the two clubs were once again drawn against each other as before in the Third Round. Luton Town had by now joined the Hammers' in the Second Division and that particular season their ground; where the tie was to be played on Saturday 8th January 1949; had become something of a graveyard for visiting teams as none of the twelve previous guests had succeeded in winning there.

In the opening period, however, it did appear that "thirteen" might prove lucky for the Hammers' as they held their own in a thrilling game, but "the Hatters" eventually gained the all-important first goal on the stroke of half-time. Just after the interval West Ham suffered a further blow when leading scorer Ken Wright twisted a knee and was left hobbling on the wing for the remainder of the game - no substitutes in those days!

Two further goals provided a comfortable cushion for the home side and although a fighting effort did bring a late consolation goal for Don Wade the Hammers' finally had to admit defeat to a team that had in the long run the better of the play. West Ham gained some revenge three months later when they returned for a League match and edged home by a solitary goal.

It was once again a Third Round tie that next matched the clubs on Saturday 15th January 1972 at Upton Park. A crowd of 32,099 saw the First Division Hammers' line-up as follows: Bobby Ferguson, John McDowell, Frank Lampard, Billy Bonds, Tommy Taylor, Bobby Moore (capt.), Harry Redknapp, Clyde Best, Geoff Hurst, Trevor Brooking, Bryan Robson with Peter Eustace as substitute.

Second Division Luton Town were rocked back on their heels after just two minutes play as Robson engineered the move which led to Trevor Brooking's skilful cross being headed home at the near post by Geoff Hurst. The visitors almost equalised immediately with a similar move but tragedy struck in the eighth minute for the Hammers' as Bobby Moore was carried off on a stretcher. A trapped nerve in his right ankle, following a tackle, resulted in a painful departure from the field, for a precautionary x-ray, as many of those watching feared Bobby had broken his leg.

The set-back caused West Ham a few problems at first but after 25 mins Harry Redknapp's close control near the right corner set up a second goal. His cross found the head of Hurst and visiting 'keeper Tony Read could only get his fingertips to the ball. The lurking Best smashed home the loose ball into the roof of the net.

Apart from a couple of efforts those watching considered Luton to be lucky to go in at the interval only two behind as the home side played some delightful soccer. Robson, Brooking and Redknapp tore holes



Bobby Moore being stretchered off the field of play during the 1972 third round tie at Upton Park.

in the visitors defence whilst Lampard and Bonds snapped and snarled like foxhounds on the scent and Hurst/Best front formation repeatedly cause problems.

West Ham opened the second half threatening to completely over-run Luton but were set back on their heels when Don Givens nodded home a corner seven minutes after the break. This brought renewed heart to his side and several times they went close even hitting the woodwork.

All seemed up for the visitors when one of Brooking's tormenting runs ended with him being tripped up in the penalty area with twenty minutes to go. Geoff Hurst's spot kick was brilliantly saved by 'keeper Read and although Redknapp later hit a post the game ended with a narrow West Ham win which did not truly reflect the balance of play.

Our most recent encounter was just three seasons ago when in a Fourth Round tie we took the lead two minutes before the interval only to see Luton force a replay at Upton Park with a 70th minute equaliser.

George Parris was on hand to once again score just before the break for the second match running and then two goals in two minutes by Ian Bishop and Frank McAvennie at the start of the second half became the "killer goals" as manager Billy Bonds called them.

Two further goals from Trevor Morley sent the 25,659 crowd home with a warm glow having endured near-zero temperatures on that Wednesday evening in January. It was the springboard that led to West Ham's march to the semi-final of the cup that season and a fateful meeting at Villa Park with Nottingham Forest.

As we extend a warm welcome to Luton Town tonight it is worth remembering an extract from the programme notes that were penned on the occasion of our 1936 meeting - "experience has taught us that League status is poor indication of likely cup form, and prophecies in favour of members of higher Divisions have often gone astray, so we will be content with saying that we regard our visitors as most keen, attractive and forceful opponents, and trust that a good game and a fair result may ensue from this meeting".

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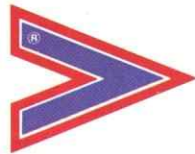


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★ MINI WORLD CUP DAILY

THESE EASTER SOCCER COURSES ARE OPEN TO BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND FIFTEEN.

EACH PLAYER ON A WEEK COURSE WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FROM WEST HAM UNITED F.C. AND AT THE END OF THE WEEK THERE WILL BE AWARDS AND PRIZES.

EXPERT COACHING IS GUARANTEED AS ALL OF OUR STAFF HOLD RECOGNISED FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COACHING AWARDS.

THE AIM OF THE COURSES IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TO ENJOY FOOTBALL. THE COURSES ARE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES. DURING THE COURSES, THE MORNINGS WILL BE DEVOTED TO COACHING IN ALL THE BASIC TECHNIQUES WITH THE AFTERNOONS CONCENTRATING MORE ON THE FUN AND GAMES ELEMENT. FOR AN EASTER OF GUARANTEED FUN FOR YOUR CHILD CONTACT THE COMMUNITY OFFICE ON 081 472 2422.

In The Community

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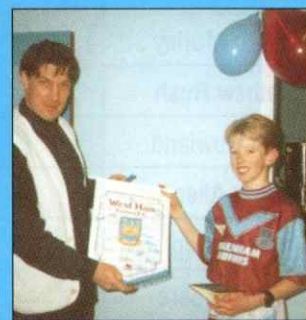
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR AT UPTON PARK

GROUND TOURS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE OF ALL AGES AND ARE FREE OF CHARGE. THEY TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30AM AND 2.30PM. THERE WILL BE NO GROUND TOURS IN APRIL HOWEVER, SO BOOK NOW FOR THE LAST FOUR TOURS OF THE SEASON IN MAY AND JUNE. THE NEW BOBBY MOORE STAND WILL NOW BE INCORPORATED INTO THE TOURS. TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PHONE THE COMMUNITY OFFICE ON 081 472 2422.

PICTURED ON THE RIGHT IS LEE HIPSON AND HIS FRIENDS CELEBRATING HIS 8TH BIRTHDAY AT UPTON PARK WITH PETER BUTLER. LEE AND HIS BROTHER PAUL ARE AT TONIGHT'S GAME.



PICTURED BELOW IS STEVEN EUSTACE CELEBRATING HIS 13TH BIRTHDAY AT UPTON PARK WITH TREVOR MORLEY.



JUNIOR HAMMERS



JUNIOR HAMMER PROFILE

NAME: GLEN McPHERSON

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: 7317

DATE OF BIRTH: 17/4/82

SCHOOL: STANBOROUGH SCHOOL, WELWYN GARDEN CITY

HOW LONG HAVE YOU SUPPORTED WEST HAM AND WHY?: ALL OF MY LIFE BECAUSE I CAME WITH MY DAD WHEN I WAS LITTLE AND ENJOYED IT.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: PETER BUTLER, MATT HOLMES, MIKE MARSH AND LUDO.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: AGAINST EVERTON AT HOME IN THE QUARTER FINALS OF THE F.A. CUP IN 1991.

WHERE DO YOU NORMALLY SIT/

STAND IN THE GROUND?: NORTH BANK

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: OLD TRAFFORD

THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT IN A JUNIOR HAMMERS PROFILE. WE

NOW HAVE ENOUGH TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON. APOLOGIES TO DEAN KINGHAM WHO WAS PROFILED IN THE MANCHESTER UNITED PROGRAMME UNDER THE NAME OF VINCENT RYAN, SORRY ABOUT THAT DEAN!



A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OLIVER NICHOL WHO WAS 15 ON THE 7TH OF MARCH. OLIVER HAS BEEN A JUNIOR HAMMER SINCE THE AGE OF 8 AND CURRENTLY HOLDS A SEASON TICKET IN THE NORTH BANK. OLIVER IS A GX BOWLING Y.B.C. LEAGUE MEMBER AND RECENTLY TOOK PART IN THE FINALS OF THE WEST HAM CHALLENGE AT BECKTON WHERE HE PLAYED IN A TEAM WITH TIM BREAKER.

ANOTHER BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ANDREW MILLIE ANDREW'S, PICTURED RIGHT, WHO WAS 12 YEARS OLD ON THE 7TH OF MARCH. FAVOURITE PLAYERS ARE IAN BISHOP, MARTIN ALLEN AND TIM BREAKER.



F.A. CUP QUIZ

1. WHO SCORED THE WINNING GOAL FOR WEST HAM IN BOTH THE 4TH AND 5TH ROUNDS THIS YEAR?
2. WHICH TEAM HAS BEATEN EVERTON, ARSENAL AND ASTON VILLA TO REACH THE 4TH ROUND?
3. LUTON WON 2-1 AWAY TO CARDIFF IN THE LAST ROUND. CAN YOU NAME THEIR GOALSCORERS?
4. MANCHESTER UNITED WON CONVINCINGLY AT WIMBLEDON IN

THE LAST ROUND. WHAT WAS THE FINAL SCORE?

5. HAVE LUTON EVER WON THE F.A. CUP?

6. WHICH CURRENT WEST HAM FIRST TEAM PLAYER STARTED HIS CAREER AT LUTON TOWN?

7. WEST HAM PLAYED AGAINST LUTON IN THE 4TH ROUND OF THE F.A. CUP DURING THE 1990/1 SEASON. THE GAME WENT TO A REPLAY, WHO WON AND BY WHAT SCORE?

8. HOW MANY PREMIERSHIP TEAMS WERE STILL LEFT IN THIS SEASON'S COMPETITION AFTER THE 5TH ROUND?



PICTURED LEFT IS MARK CARLAW WITH ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE PLAYERS IAN BISHOP. MARK IS A SEASON TICKET HOLDER IN THE EAST STAND TOGETHER WITH HIS DAD. HIS HOBBIES ARE PLAYING FOOTBALL, COMPUTER GAMES AND OF COURSE SUPPORTING THE HAMMERS. ALL HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WISH HIM A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THE 9TH OF MARCH WHEN HE WAS 9.

THE JUNIOR HAMMERS' CLUB IS PROUD TO BE SPONSORED BY



1. LEE CHAPMAN 2. BOLTON WANDERERS 3. SCOTT OAKES AND DAVID PREECE 4. 3-0 5. NO - THEY LOST 2-1 IN THE FINAL TO NOTTS. FOREST IN 1958/59. 6. TIM BREAKER 7. WEST HAM, 5-0 8. 4

QUIZ ANSWERS:

WEST HAM UNITED

LUDEK MIKLOSKO 1

TIM BREACKER 2

STEVE POTTS 4

MARTIN ALLEN 6

TREVOR MORLEY 9

IAN BISHOP 14

MATT HOLMES 16

ALVIN MARTIN 18

LEE CHAPMAN 25

DAVID BURROWS 33

MIKE MARSH 34

CLIVE ALLEN 10

GARY KELLY 13

KEITH ROWLAND 23

LUTON TOWN

13 JUERGEN SOMMER

3 MARVIN JOHNSON

4 JULIAN JAMES

6 JOHN DREYER

7 PAUL TELFER

8 SCOTT OAKES

10 DAVID PREECE

12 CERI HUGHES

19 DES LINTON

22 KERRY DIXON

27 ALAN HARPER

1 ANDY PETTERSON

2 MARTIN WILLIAMS

15 TONY THORPE

Match Officials: Referee - BRIAN HILL (Leicester) Linesman - J.F. Moore (Red Trim). M.R. Sims (Yellow Trim).
Reserve Official - L.R. Hermitage (Essex).

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Tonight we welcome Neil Bartlett aged 11 years from Gt. Wakering in Essex. Neil attends King Edmund High School in Rochford and his favourite hobbies are football, swimming and basketball. Neil's favourite team is West Ham United and his favourite player Lee Chapman. Neil's family have supported the Hammers for the past 40 years! We take this opportunity of wishing Neil and his family a very enjoyable evening.



We also welcome Adam Tucker aged 8 years from Liverpool. Adam attends St. Nicholas C of E Primary School. His favourite hobbies are football and computer games. Adam is hoping to make his school team next year and to play for West Ham Utd when he grows up! Adams' favourite players are Clive Allen and Steve Potts. His family have supported the Hammers for the past 25 years and Adam travels to home and away matches. We wish Adam and his family a very memorable evening!

COMING SOON

FA Carling Premiership
WEST HAM UNITED
v NEWCASTLE UNITED
Saturday 19th March
Kick-Off 3.00 p.m.

Neville Ovenden Football Combination
WEST HAM UNITED
v WIMBLEDON
Tuesday 22nd March
Kick-Off 7.00 p.m.