

WEST HAM UNITED

LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division One

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WEST HAM UNITED F.C.

Formed in 1900

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

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

Football League War Cup: Winners 1939-40

Directors:

R. H. PRATT, J.P. (Chairman)

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Manager: E. B. A. FENTON Asst. Manager: W. ROBINSON

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Our Guests

When Luton Town visited Upton Park last season it was during the "pre-Cup Final period" whilst they were waiting to meet Nottingham Forest at Wembley. They were still in some danger of relegation, and the point they gained through a goalless draw was not only welcome to them but also damaging to our prospects of talent money; however, it was a fair result to a match dominated by defences. The Hatters had earlier won on their own ground by 4-1 to bring our first defeat of the campaign.

In charge of the visitors today is Syd Owen, appointed as manager during the close-season after twelve years' service as a player with the Bedfordshire club. Syd has not had an easy time so far, and last week he made drastic changes in his line-up in an effort to put more power into an attack which had netted only eight goals in ten games; Allan Brown and Gordon Turner (last season's top scorers) were dropped, and with Billy Bingham being released for International duty for Ireland the front line had a most unfamiliar look when they faced the Wolves. The Town did manage to score once late in the game, but as Stan Cullis's men had already netted five times by then it was apparent that the Hatters have still many problems to settle.

Incidentally, Luton Town will have another interesting fixture next Wednesday, when they meet Aberdeen at Kenilworth Road. This is the second game in the newly-introduced series between the English and Scottish Cup Finalists when the winners and runners-up of the previous season's national knock-out tournaments play each other; a couple of weeks ago Nottingham Forest and St. Mirren shared four goals in the clash between the victors, so it will be for the two runners-up to seek a "decider."

Last Season's Cup Finalists

The Luton Town team in last season's Cup Final was: Baynham; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Previous Meetings of the Clubs (Hammers' scores first)

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

Summary

	W	D	L	F	A
Home ...	15	6	5	48	17
Away ...	6	8	13	29	48
	21	14	18	77	65

Facts and Figures of Luton Town F.C.

Club formed: 1885

Nickname: The Hatters

Honours:

F.A. Cup: Finalists 1958-59

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

League Record last Season:

Home: won 11 drew 6 lost 4 goals 50 - 26

Away: won 1 drew 7 lost 13 goals 18 - 45

won 12 drew 13 lost 17 goals 68 - 71 position: 17th

Leading Scorers last Season: A. Brown 20, G. Turner 14, W. Bingham 8

Manager: Syd Owen. Born at Birmingham. Originally a wing-half with Birmingham City, he joined the Hatters in 1947 and became skipper and the regular centre-half for many years; was also chief coach of the club and now continues his service at Kenilworth Road as manager after retiring at the end of last season. Has many honours, including full England caps v Hungary, Yugoslavia and Belgium and a Cup Finalists' runners-up medal. Was elected "Footballer of the Year" for 1958-59 season.

Match Summary

A Point from Newcastle

The first full report of our match v Newcastle United at St. James's Park last Saturday was given on the B.B.C. "Grandstand" TV programme about a quarter-of-an-hour after the game had ended in a goalless draw.

The commentator was Sam Leitch, whose version was along these lines: "I have been to St. James's Park which is steeped in the mist of tradition . . . that's about all they have left there now . . . and they should take the black from the black-and-white stripes of Newcastle United and drape it around the ground . . . with captain Jimmy Scouler left standing in the middle to toll the bell . . . Newcastle couldn't even score with a penalty, Dwyer making a capable save from Eastham's kick . . . in fact Dwyer could always slap his hands at the ineffectual Newcastle forward-line . . . That was one penalty-kick awarded for the home team, and there was another they got away with when Whitehead fell on the ball—in fact he hugged it so long I thought he was going to write his name on it—but still no penalty!"

Pretty hard words from a Northerner about one of his "local" teams, but nevertheless shrewd comment. The Magpies certainly did not put on a show worthy of their tradition, and we could easily have gained full spoils from a game in which we were well able to contain the home forward-line by the simple process of well marking George Eastham. The Novocastrians likewise kept a close check on their former team-mate Vic Keeble (made captain for the day), but we showed that we had other players capable of scoring threats when John Dick twice hit the woodwork.

Certainly not a great game in general, but a most useful point

Newcastle United: Mitchell (S.); Whitehead, Ferguson; Scouler, Stokoe, Bell; White, Allchurch, Scott, Eastham, Mitchell (R.).

West Ham United: Dwyer; Bond, Cantwell; Malcolm, Brown, Smith; Grice, Woosnam, Keeble, Dick, Musgrove.

Continental Interlude

On a fine evening 22,500 spectators turned up at the Boleyn Ground for the visit of F.C. Austria last Monday, and they were rewarded by seeing a game which provided a pleasant contrast of styles. The Austrians defensive system was interesting to watch, although their attack was often too prone to make crossfield movements which were clever but which made little headway. On the other hand we were able to indulge in much more shooting, and but for some spectacular goalkeeping by Herbert Gartner we could well have won by a larger margin than 2—0; this was Gartner's second appearance at Upton Park, as he played here for S.K. Rapid in November 1955 and put up a fine performance then in helping his club to a 1—1 draw.

Each of our goals were well worth seeing. After an hour's play John Bond held off four men before parting with the ball to Phil Woosnam; our inside-right made ground and after inter-passing with Mike Grice sent in a shot from the edge of the box to put us one up. Thirteen minutes later Bobby Moore laid on the pass for Malcolm Musgrove to cut in and drive the ball inside the far post and set the seal on our victory.

A very enjoyable evening indeed, and a compliment to our XI who thus became only the second team to beat F.C. Austria in their last 26 matches against foreign opposition.

Reserves' Rally

After having the ball in the net twice in the first ten minutes our Reserves allowed the initiative to pass to Birmingham City Reserves in their Combination fixture here last Saturday. The Blues thus took a 3—2 lead and kept it until a quarter-of-an-hour from time when attacks inspired by Doug Wragg enabled our second-string to rally to a 4—3 victory after a most exciting second half. Ron Brett netted a good hat-trick and Bill Lansdowne scored our other goal from a penalty.

The Hammers' team was: Gregory; Kirkup, Lyall; Hurst, Moore, Lansdowne; Wragg, Cartwright, Brett, Smillie, Scott.

"A" Team Defeats

Saturday 3rd October v Headington United Res. (Metropolitan League Challenge Cup—1st Round), away

There was too much to pull back in this game when the homesters scored thrice in the first half-hour, and although the Hammers settled down and put in some good midfield play the Headington defence proved too strong in their own penalty-area. Derek Woodley and Ken White combined well for Ron Boyce to finish off a good move on one occasion, but the final score of 3—1 against us was a fair review of the play.

Our team was: Reader; Cripps, J. Burkett; K. White, D. Bickles, M. Peters; Woodley, Brooks, M. Beesley, R. Boyce, B. Maxted.

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Monday 5th October v Fulham "A" (Metropolitan League) at Spotted Dog Ground

Our defeat in this fixture came about through a combination of defensive errors, lack of thrust and a couple of "offside" goals. We were 1—3 down at the interval, and Fulham "A" ended with a 5—2 margin in their favour which perhaps surprised them as much as it disappointed us.

The Hammers' line-up was: Reader; Cripps, Lyall; Bovington, D. Bickles, Lansdowne; Wragg, Cartwright, Brett, Smillie, Scott. Bill Lansdowne and Andy Smillie were our scorers.

The Colts

Our Colts showed good form in the early stages of their South East Counties League game when they visited Luton Town Colts last Saturday, and were twice in the lead through goals by Roger Hugo (5 mins.) and Dave Cunningham (21 mins.). The Hatters equalised in the 17th and 25th minutes and went ahead through a penalty (52 mins.) and another good goal after an hour's play. A belated effort by our XI resulted in Micky Wright reducing the arrears (72 mins.), but there was no further scoring; we thus lost by 4—3.

The Hammers' team was: F. Caskey; P. O'Mahoney, D. Sandlin; L. Picking, E. Presland, D. Cunningham; J. Patten, R. Hugo, B. Dear, M. Wright, L. Cheesewright.

Here and There

Phil Woosnam gets a Coaching Appointment and another Cap

Phil Woosnam, a qualified F.A. coach, has accepted the appointment as coach to Oxford University soccer team, and will carry out his duties between playing for the Hammers. It is interesting to note that Phil's predecessor in the post was present Luton Town manager Syd Owen.

We also heartily congratulate Phil upon his selection to play for Wales v England in next Saturday's international match at Ninian Park. We shall, of course, not have Phil's services for our League fixture v Everton at Goodison Park on that day.



A Visit to Margate

We have been very pleased to accept an invitation to send our First XI to play against Margate F.C. on the occasion of the inauguration of their new floodlighting system on Monday next (12th October).

This match will give us the opportunity to meet several ex-Hammers, for in addition to manager Almer Hall the Seasideers have Albert Foan, Ken Tucker and Fred Kearns on their staff.

A Fine Compliment

Following our 4—1 home win against West Bromwich Albion on September 26th we were very pleased to read the comments of John Paul in "The Star" on the Monday after. Here are some extracts:

I don't suppose for a moment that England team manager Walter Winterbottom went to Upton Park in search of a plan. But my goodness West Ham laid out one for him—already to be rolled up . . . for further study.

Ted Fenton, designer of the power plant which crashed West Bromwich with ruthless efficiency, has always been a believer in wing men who get on with their job at lightning speed . . . Malcolm Musgrove and Mike Grice ripped the West Bromwich defence apart. . . .

Power, pace, purpose and precision. These are the key words in the Fenton formula . . . West Ham's quick-fire soccer is exciting, attractive and effective. Moreover, it suits the special talents of our players more than any mixture of ideas we can borrow from the Continent.

As for the individuals Winterbottom saw at Upton Park, I have no doubt he is . . . delighted with the expert wing-half performance of John Smith and envious because Phil Woosnam happens to be a Welshman!

A nice compliment, indeed, and one of which we can be proud. Of course it doesn't always work out so well, but our present position in the table and attendances both at home and away have proved that we have satisfied the majority of critics of a style which has provoked some interesting controversy.

Junior News

Our Juniors scored their second Forest League victory in two games by defeating Walthamstow Avenue Colts by 3—2 last Saturday. Some fine football was produced despite the hard, bumpy ground and the game was keenly fought. Playing his first match for the Hammers was ex-Arsenal Junior Ron Reynolds, and he played a major part in the victory; Alan Dickie also had an excellent game in goal.

The Hammers' XI was: A. Dickie; K. Claridge, D. Busby; H. Norden, M. Thomson, J. Main; P. Gray, F. Young, D. Riordan, R. Reynolds, R. Lugg.

Billy Dare



We were sorry to read that former Hammer Billy Dare sustained a fractured collar-bone when playing for Yiewsley at Folkestone in a Southern League match last month. However, the news regarding our ex-centre-forward is reassuring, and it is pleasing to know that when we telephoned him Billy was hoping to be back in action in about a month or so. Bill is a part-time player now as he also has a job with a coach-building company. He likes his new post and new surroundings, and doubly regrets his injury as the Yiewsley club made such a very good start to the season. We wish them all better luck—especially to Bill.

Ex-Hammers in the Transfer News

Three ex-Hammers in the transfer news last week-end were Jimmy Barrett (Jnr.), Frank O'Farrell and Bob Wyllie.

Jim Barrett became a Birmingham City player during the week by transferring from Nottingham Forest, where he has been recently playing for the Reserves after injuries had cost him his place in the First XI. Jim returned to League soccer in the game v Leeds United at St. Andrew's, scoring a goal in helping the Brummies to a welcome 2—0 victory.

Bob Wyllie also had a change of club, joining Mansfield Town from Plymouth Argyle, to whom he was transferred by us in June 1958. He played in the Third Division game v Shrewsbury Town at Gay Meadow, but had the unhappy experience of being beaten half-a-dozen times in a 3—6 defeat.

Although Frank O'Farrell has not been transferred from Preston North End, his present club have agreed that he can move from them at a time convenient to himself and the Deepdale management. Frank wishes to return south for domestic reasons, but until this is arranged he will remain with the Lancashire club.

Next Week's Cup Games

We would ask all patrons to note that the "all pay" rule will operate for our Cup games at Upton Park on Monday and Tuesday next. On each evening the seats of Season Ticket Holders will be retained for their use up till ten minutes before kick-off time.

Mick Beesley signs Professional

We increased our professional staff last Friday week when Mick Beesley signed professional forms, and extend our hearty congratulations to this promising young centre-forward upon taking this step. Born in West Ham, he played schoolboy soccer for West Ham, London and Essex before joining our ground-staff. Selected for London Youth last season, he also gained a runners-up medal in the F.A. Youth Cup.

Our Cover Photograph

... shows Ken Brown and Andy Malcolm in close attendance on Jimmy Greaves with John Smith and John Bond in the background (Chelsea v West Ham United at Stamford Bridge on 19th September 1959).

Photo: Sport & General Agency (courtesy of "Ilford Recorder")

Railway Excursion for Everton match

In connection with our League fixture v Everton at Goodison Park on October 17th, British Railways announce the following excursion at a fare of 32s. 6d.:

Euston	dep.	8.20 a.m.
Liverpool (Lime Street) ...	arr.	12.40 p.m.
Liverpool (Lime Street) ...	dep.	5.35 p.m. or 12. 5 a.m. (Sunday)
Euston	arr.	9.45 p.m. 6.11 a.m. (Sunday)

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Tottenham H.	11	5	6	0	26	12	16	Aug. 22	Leicester City...	H	3-0
W'hampton W.	11	7	2	2	36	18	16	25	Preston North End ...	A	1-1
Burnley ...	11	7	1	3	23	18	15	29	Burnley ...	A	3-1
Arsenal ...	11	5	4	2	18	13	14	31	Preston North End ...	H	2-1
West Ham Utd.	11	5	3	3	22	17	13	Sept. 5	Leeds United...	H	1-2
Preston N. E.	11	5	3	3	23	19	13	9	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A	2-2
Blackburn R.	11	5	2	4	20	16	12	12	Bolton Wanderers ...	A	1-5
Chelsea ...	11	5	2	4	27	25	12	14	Tottenham Hotspur ...	H	1-2
Manchester C.	11	6	0	5	23	22	12	19	Chelsea ...	A	4-2
Notts. Forest	11	4	3	4	12	14	11	26	West Bromwich Alb. .	H	4-1
Fulham ...	11	5	1	5	20	28	11	Oct. 3	Newcastle United ...	A	0-0
W. B. A. ...	11	3	4	4	25	28	10	10	Luton Town ...	H	3-1
Manchester U.	11	4	2	5	25	25	10	17	Everton ...	A	1-0
Leicester City	11	3	4	4	17	26	10	24	Blackpool ...	H	1-0
Sheffield Wed.	11	4	1	6	15	14	9	31	Fulham ...	A	0-1
Bolton Wan'rs.	11	4	1	6	14	14	9	Nov. 7	Manchester City ...	H	4-1
Everton ...	11	3	3	5	15	19	9	14	Arsenal ...	A	3-1
Newcastle U.	11	3	3	5	16	21	9				
Blackpool ...	11	3	3	5	13	19	9				
Leeds United	11	3	2	6	14	25	8				
Birmingham C.	11	2	3	6	16	21	7				
Luton Town...	11	2	3	6	9	18	7				

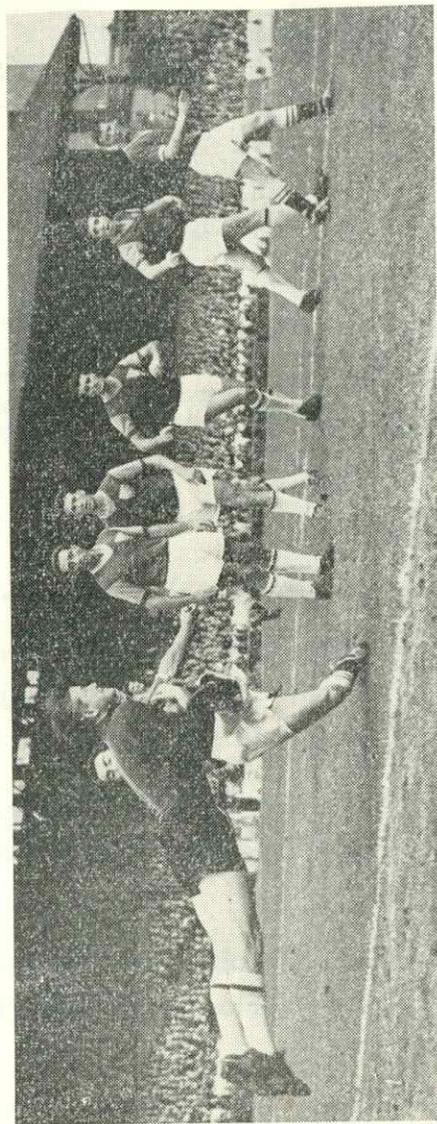
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The Strong Red Line at Stamford Bridge



A splendid action shot from the Chelsea v Hammers match at Stamford Bridge on September 19th; Noel Dwyer dives to take the ball from Jimmy Greaves' foot whilst a long line of Hammers' defenders watch anxiously. (left to right) Andy Malcolm, Ken Brown, Noel Cantwell, John Bond, Charlie Livesey (Chelsea)

Photo: Sport & General Agency (courtesy of "Ilford Recorder")

Half-Time Score Board

A	Birmingham City	0	J	West Bromwich Albion	0
	Sheffield Wednesday	0		Fulham	3
B	Burnley	1	K	Cardiff City	2
	Blackpool	2		Leyton Orient	0
C	Chelsea	0	L	Charlton Athletic	0
	Bolton Wanderers	1		Swansea Town	1
D	Leeds United	2	M	Derby County	1
	Everton	1		Portsmouth	0
E	Leicester City	1	N	Liverpool	1
	Blackburn Rovers	1		Brighton & Hove Alb.	0
F	Manchester United	1	O	Brentford	0
	Arsenal	2		Tranmere Rovers	1
G	Newcastle United	0	P	Mansfield Town	2
	Nottingham Forest	0		Queens Park Rangers	0
H	Preston North End	1	Q	Crystal Palace	4
	Manchester City	2		Barrow	0
I	Tottenham Hotspur	2	R	Exeter City	1
	Wolverhampton W.	1		Millwall	1

Monday 12th October at 3 p.m.

CHELSEA "A" **Mid-Week League**
at The Spotted Dog Ground

Monday 12th October at 7.30 p.m.

HENDON **London Challenge Cup (First Round)**

Reserve Team Prices

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Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 p.m.

MILLWALL **Southern Floodlight Cup (First Rd.)**

First Team Prices

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