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LUTON TOWN

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Monday 9 April 1979 : 7.30 pm

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Season 1978-79

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Winners 1963-4 1974-5
Runners-up 1922-23
Semi-Finalists 1932-3

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Winners 1957-8 Runners-up 1922-3

Football League Cup:
Runners-up 1965-6

Semi-Finalists 1963-4 1966-7 1971-2

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Runners-up 1956-7 1958-9 1974-5
Semi-Finalists 1952-3

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Who's Who: 1935

Thanks to the generosity of a Hammer's fan—Mr. R. WHITTAKER, of Bognor Regis, Sussex—we recently made a very interesting addition to our soccer library.

A bound copy of *The Football Who's Who*, published in 1935, was discovered by Mr. Whittaker at a second-hand bookshop in Chichester.

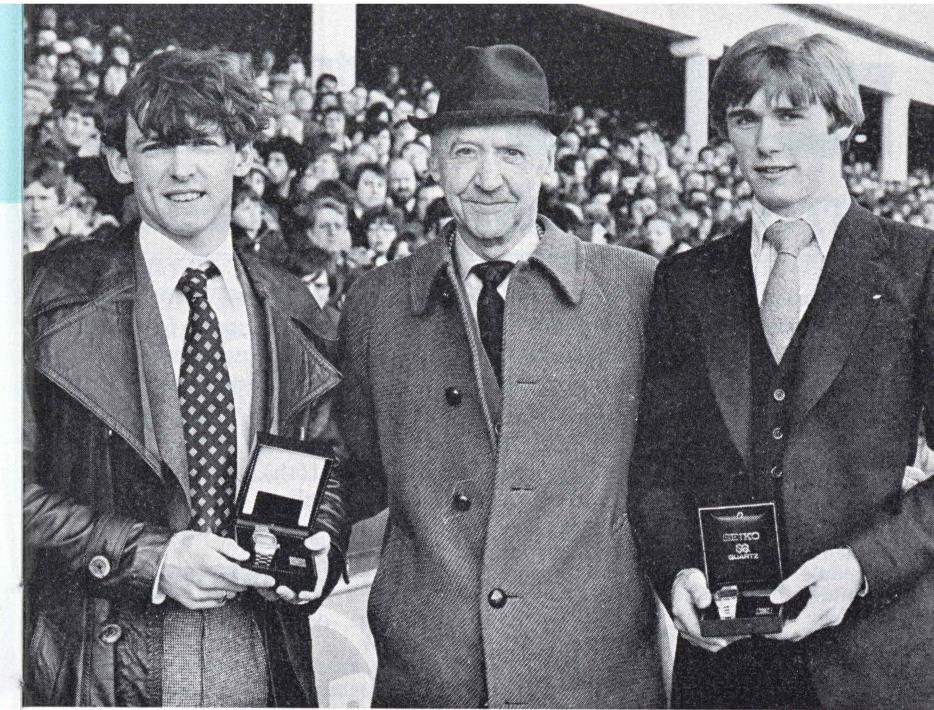
The 320 pages are profusely illustrated with photos and autographs of players of that era, plus several team-groups. There are pen-pictures of nearly 2,000 English and Scottish stars, among them being the following Hammers of that period:

Jim Barrett	Dave Mangall
Vic Blore	Dr. Jim Marshall
Albert Cadwell	Jack Morton
Jim Collins	Jim Ruffell
Ted Fenton	Arthur Tonner
Stan Foxall	Dick Walker
Len Goulsen	George Watson
Sam Jennings	Len Young
Harry Lewis	

A section on the "Stars of Yesterday" included lengthier summaries on two of our earlier players—Ted Hufton and Syd Puddefoot.

A further series listed the details of club officials. Apart from our then-manager Charlie Paynter, two of our former players were listed. They were George Kay (manager of Southampton) and Jack Tresadern (then manager of Tottenham Hotspur after being in that capacity at Northampton Town). Both were in the 1923 F.A. Cup Final side.

Altogether the book is a trip into nostalgia, and as a reference is invaluable. Our thanks to Mr. Whittaker.



Hammers' Chairman, Mr. Reg Pratt, presented watches to Paul Allen (left) and George Cowie as mementoes of their being capped respectively for England and Scotland Youth. The youngsters may well play against each other in this season's U.E.F.A. Youth Tournament. Photo: Stephen Bacon, "Newham Recorder"

PRESS COMMENTS

THE PRICE OF FAME

"Hurry, folks . . . and you can help Nottingham Forest foot the bill for Trevor Francis."

Forest are offering souvenir programmes of Francis's first two appearances—the "A" team game against Notts County and a testimonial at Exeter. Cost: 25p and 30p plus postage.

It takes time to make a million!"

—From the "Daily Mail"

EIGHTY YEARS A FAN

Charles Thompson is 90 today . . . and he celebrated the event with his workmates. For Mr. Thompson, who lives in Ilford, is still at work as a commissionaire with the Danish Bacon Company in the City.

Staff there presented him with a cake shaped as a football pitch to mark his birthday and his 80 years as a West Ham supporter.

Mr. Thompson, who started work at 13 for a Waterloo printer, said: "Working hard keeps you healthy, and I shall keep working as long as I can."

—From the "Evening News" of 19 March 1979

INTO THE HOME STRAIGHT ...

Tonight's fixture was originally due to be played here next Friday, but by mutual decision the engagement was brought forward from the Hammers' "traditional" Good Friday morning home date in order to ease the Easter schedule for both participating clubs.

Thus, only one of our four concluding home engagements in the Second Division schedule takes place on a Saturday, as after tonight we face Cardiff City next Monday (the 16th), Burnley (in a re-arranged game on Tuesday the 24th) and Wrexham (on the 28th).

Our away engagements also have a somewhat crazy pattern, as the original schedule marked us down to visit Cambridge Utd., Orient and Charlton Athletic on the first three Saturdays in April. Then unforeseen postponements added three in a row on opponents' grounds to finish the campaign.

Monday evening fixtures do not give any real scope to comment upon the events of the preceding Saturday, but we are hopeful that we might be able to include a "stop press" item in some of the programmes printed on this occasion.

However, irrespective of whatever we may be able to add, it was certain that our team was well-supported for the Hammers' first League visit to the Abbey Ground a couple of days ago. It was an "all ticket" affair, and pre-match purchases by our fans ensured that the "Bubbles" theme would be floating over Fenland during the tussle with Cambridge United.

With a little over a month to go, every club still has nearly a quarter of its schedule to complete. It's certainly a crowded finish, so the finalising of the promotion and relegation issues are not likely to be settled until mid-May.

Anton Otulakowski

ANTON OTULAKOWSKI was transferred to Southend United on 29 March, shortly before the deadline date for transfers.

Anton was born in Dewsbury, Yorks., and began his pro career for Barnsley. He played for the Oakwell club against us in a League Cup tie on 1 Sept. 1976, and was transferred to the Hammers on the following 27 Oct.

He made his League debut on 26 Nov. 1976 and totalled ten First Division appearances that season. Anton had another five League matches in 1977-78, but was not in the senior line-up during the present campaign.

Information Service

May we remind patrons that we have a **24-hour INFORMATION SERVICE**. This gives details of future matches, re-arrangements and other items. The number is **01-472 0704**. If engaged during daytime, please try during evenings.

Home Matches

Wednesday 11 April 3 p.m.
BRISTOL CITY Reserves
Football Combination

● To be played at Chadwell Heath

Monday 16 April 3 p.m.
CARDIFF CITY
Football League : Div. II

Saturday 21 April 3 p.m.
SWINDON TOWN Reserves
Football Combination

Tuesday 24 April 7.30 p.m.

BURNLEY

Football League : Div. II

Saturday 28 April 3 p.m.

WREXHAM

Football League : Div. II

Monday 30 April 7.30 p.m.

CHELSEA Reserves

Football Combination

Tuesday 1 May 3 p.m.

BRISTOL ROVERS Reserves

Football Combination

● At Chadwell Heath

Away Matches

Saturday 14 April 3 p.m.
at **ORIENT**

This match is "all ticket."

If there are any spare **Terrace Tickets** they will be on sale at our offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday), Wednesday and Thursday.

● Do not go if you do not have a ticket.

Saturday 21 April 3 p.m.
at **CHARLTON ATHLETIC**

TICKET RESERVATIONS

£2.00 (Grandstand)

Apply to: Charlton Athletic F.C.,
The Valley, Floyd Road, London, SE7 8AW.

GROUND ADMISSION

£1.00 (Juniors and OAP 60p)

DIRECTIONS BY ROAD

Via Blackwall Tunnel. Continue to junction of Horn Lane and Woolwich Road (A206). Turn left onto Woolwich Road and take the seventh turning on the right (Charlton Church Lane). Take the first on left (Floyd Road) and ground is on the right. **6 miles**

Nearest RAC offices : RAC, P.O. Box 100, RAC House, Lansdowne Road, Croydon, CR9 2JA; or, RAC Northern Home Counties, 130 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

Monday 14 May 7.30 p.m.
at **MILLWALL**

This match has been re-arranged for the above date.

Admission will be "all ticket."

We have been allocated **TERRACE** tickets at £1.00 each for sale to our supporters.

These tickets will be on sale at our Ticket Office on Mondays to Fridays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by **personal application** until Friday 4 May.

Postal applications will be accepted, but must be accompanied by **STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** and **REMITTANCE**. **Remittances must be in postal orders**, cheques not being acceptable as **no vouchers will be required**. Closing date as above.

Applications for **SEAT TICKETS** must be made **direct to Millwall F.C.**, The Den, Cold Blow Lane, London, SE15 5RH. Prices are : **£2.50** (Main Stand) and **£2.00** (Forecourt). **Personal application** there from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., **or by post** accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM

“BACKSTAGE UPTON PARK”

No. 23 of a series



ALLAN YOUNG is a former professional footballer, who played as a centre-half for Arsenal (three years), Chelsea (seven years) and Torquay United (two years). A knee injury ended his playing-career in 1973.

Allan then turned to the catering profession, and has been employed by P. S. Doran & Son for five years. He is catering manager at Upton Park, and also travels with the First Team to away matches; he supervises the catering facilities on the team-coach.

Allan and his wife live at Enfield, and have two daughters.

He claims he has no time to spare for hobbies, but is keen on house-decorating.

Off the Record

by BILL REMFRY, Hammers' "DJ"

Correspondence for **THIS** column only to : Bill Remfry, c/o West Ham United F.C. Boleyn Ground, Green Street, London, E.13

Mrs. M. Johnston of Stamford, Lincs., had trouble with her car in Peterborough a few weeks back. Her despair was relieved by three young "Sir Galahads," well-bedecked with club badges of the Hammers.

Having spent an hour or so working on the car, it suddenly purred into life—much to the delight of a grateful Mrs. Johnston, who promptly offered the three lads payment for their timely service.

"Buy us a pint when you are next in 'The Halcyon,'" said the lads—and went on their way.

"The Halcyon" is the "local" of the Peterborough Branch of the West Ham United Supporters Club. Mrs. Johnston wrote to ask me to thank the three lads in this column; their names are Ian, Mark and John.

Thank you, boys, for spreading the good name of the Hammers by a kindly action. Also, congratulations to the Peterborough Branch for their consistent support.

I am sorry to say that I will be absent this evening, as I have to be in Glasgow on business; it is a rare occasion when I miss a First Team match at Upton Park. So "on the mike" for tonight will be Mr. Len Couch; please give him all your encouragement.

Many thanks for your letters saying how you enjoy the records chosen each week. The top of the charts are, of course, always popular, but occasionally I slip in a new record and know you appreciate it.

● Visit the HAMMERS SHOP for Souvenirs

THE HATTERS



Luton Town are no strangers to Upton Park, although over four years have elapsed since we last met here in League competition. On that occasion—19 August 1974—we were both in the First Division, but the renewal of our acquaintance was short-lived as the Bedfordshire club was relegated at the end of that season.

A glance at the records of our previous League meetings show that the Hatters and Hammers opposed each other regularly in the 1940's and 50's, and there will be many who recall stirring clashes in substitute competitions during World War II.

The summary of our 33 League and F.A. Cup meetings so far show that the record is truly balanced at eleven wins, eleven draws and eleven defeats for both clubs. A remarkable statistic, although the Town can claim the edge on goals scored.

We did much to even up the goals-count a few weeks ago by winning a re-arranged fixture at Kenilworth Road with a 4-1 margin. A couple of late goals helped to make the score look rather more one-sided than the game itself, and we naturally expect that our guests will be exceptionally keen to prove that result was not a true reflection of their ability.

Among the likely guests here this evening is a notable ex-Hammer; the Luton Town Chairman—Tommy Hodgson—is certain to have a feeling of nostalgia as he gazes out on the pitch where he played so many notable games in our colours. Tommy was at Upton Park for eight years (1922-1930) before transferring to the Hatters and becoming their skipper. Welcome back, Tom!

Of course, our clubs were rivals long before that, and there are records of matches between the Hammers' predecessors—Thames Iron Works—and Luton Town F.C. that are almost lost in mists of tradition.

Luton's history is long and varied; it is particularly interesting to note that although members of the Second Division of the Football League from 1897 until 1900, they reverted to the Southern League and did not take up Football League status again until 1920.

OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Hammers' scores first)

DIV. II	H	A	DIV. I	H	A
1937-38 ...	0-0	2-2	1959-60 ...	3-1	1-3
1938-39 ...	0-1	2-1	1974-75 ...	2-0	0-0
1946-47 ...	2-1	1-2			
1947-48 ...	0-0	0-0	DIV. II		
1948-49 ...	0-1	1-0	1978-79 ...	—	4-1
1949-50 ...	0-0	2-2			
1950-51 ...	2-1	1-1	F.A. CUP		
1951-52 ...	3-0	1-6	1935-36 ...	2-2	0-4
1952-53 ...	0-1	0-0	(Third Round)		
1953-54 ...	1-0	1-3	1948-49 ...	—	1-3
1954-55 ...	2-1	0-2	(Third Round)		
DIV. I			1971-72 ...	2-1	—
1958-59 ...	0-0	1-4	(Third Round)		

SUMMARY	W	D	L	Goals	
League:	Home ...	7	4	3	15 - 7
	Away ...	3	6	6	17 - 27
F.A. Cup:	Home ...	1	1	0	4 - 3
	Away ...	0	0	2	1 - 7

Hatters' Squad

MARK AIZLEWOOD. Born at Newport, he played for his local County club in 38 League games. Was only 18 when Luton bought him for £50,000 in April 1978. Former skipper of the Welsh youth team.

ALAN BIRCHENALL. Born in East Ham, London. Began with Sheffield United, and gained Under-23 honours whilst scoring 31 goals in 107 League games for the Blades. Then transferred to Chelsea, for whom he netted 20 times in 75 League games. A further eleven goals in 41 appearances for Crystal Palace underlined his scoring ability. A transfer to Leicester City followed, 163 games for the Filberts bringing a dozen goals, plus five appearances on loan to Notts County. His next club was Memphis Rogues in the N.A.S.L., but he returned to England last September to join Blackburn Rovers. Alan played for them here last December, but moved to Luton on a free transfer last month.

DAVID CARR. Born at Margate. Spotted playing in local soccer near his home; joined Town in 1973 when he left school at the age of 16. 27 League games last season.

MAL DONAGHY. Played for Larne in the Irish League, transferring to Luton last summer. Several other clubs were interested in this central defender, who is a Northern Ireland Under-21 international.

JAKE FINDLAY. Born at Blairgowrie. Joined Aston Villa, and played 14 League games up to the start of this season. Transferred to Town last December for £100,000 to replace Milija Aleksic who had moved to Spurs.

BOB HATTON. Born in Hull, Luton Town are his seventh League club. Previously he was with Wolves (ten League games, seven goals), Bolton Wanderers (23-2), Northampton Town (33-8), Carlisle United (93-38), Birmingham City (175-58) and Blackpool (75-32). A fee of £50,000 took this whole-hearted player to Kenilworth Road last summer.

RICKY HILL. A Londoner, he was signed as a 16-year-old apprentice after leaving school. Won his place in the League side at 17, and was capped by England at youth level. Over 50 League appearances. Age 20.

GODFREY INGRAM. Locally-born, he graduated to the Town squad from schools football and was in the Hatters' reserve team at the age of 16. Signed apprentice in 1976, and at 19 has excellent future prospects. England Schools international.

FORBES PHILLIPSON-MASTERS. Born at Bournemouth. Signed pro for Southampton, and until the commencement of this season had played nine games in their League side plus six for Exeter City and seven for Bournemouth on loan. Made his debut for Luton last Saturday week.

PAUL PRICE. Born at St. Albans. Joined the Hatters from youth soccer in 1971, so is the Town's longest-serving player. Was on the verge of his League debut when he broke his leg in 1974, and then repeated the accident after recovery. Made the grade three years ago, and is now a regular in the side.

BRIAN STEIN. Formerly with Edgware in the Athenian League, he joined Luton Town last year, and is now their leading scorer.

KIRK STEPHENS. Was formerly with Nuneaton Town in the Southern League when David Pleat was manager there. He signed Stephens for £5,000 soon after taking over at Kenilworth Road.

STEVE TAYLOR. Born at Oldham. Signed pro for Bolton Wanderers, and scored 16 times in 40 League games, plus two in four on loan to Port Vale. Moved to Oldham Athletic, and netted 20 in 32 appearances during 1977-78. Transferred to Luton this season for £60,000.

CHRIS TURNER. Born at St. Neots. Was a playing-colleague of David Pleat at Peterborough, and made over 300 senior appearances for the Posh before Luton paid a £95,000 transfer fee for him last season.

ALAN WEST. Born at Hyde. A recruit from the Burnley youth scheme, he made 45 League appearances for the Turf Moor club and won England Under-23 honours. Transferred to Luton Town in Oct. 1973 for £100,000, he has played in over 200 matches for the Hatters. Among these was the game here over four years ago. Club captain.

THIS SEASON'S RESULTS

LEAGUE	Home	Away
Blackburn Rov.	2-1	Blackburn Rov. 0-0
Bristol Rovers	3-2	Brighton & H.A. 1-3
Burnley	*	Bristol Rovers 0-2
Cambridge Utd.	1-1	Burnley 1-2
Cardiff City	7-1	Cambridge Utd. 0-0
Charlton Ath.	3-0	Charlton Ath. 2-1
Crystal Palace	0-1	Crystal Palace 1-3
Leicester City	0-1	Fulham 0-1
Newcastle Utd.	2-0	Leicester City 0-3
Notts County	6-0	Millwall 2-0
Oldham Athletic	6-1	Newcastle Utd. 0-1
Orient	2-1	Notts County 1-3
Preston North E.	1-2	Oldham Athletic 0-2
Sheffield Utd.	1-1	Orient 2-3
Stoke City	0-0	Sheffield Utd. 1-1
Sunderland	0-3	Sunderland 0-1
West Ham Utd.	1-4	
Wrexham	2-1	

* played last Saturday

F.A. CUP

ROUND 3	York City	away	0-2
LEAGUE CUP			
ROUND 2	Wigan Athletic	home	2-0
ROUND 3	Crewe Alexandra	home	2-1
ROUND 4	Aston Villa	away	2-0
ROUND 5	Leeds United	away	1-4



LUTON TOWN: 1978-79

Back: PASQUALE FUCCILLO, DAVID CARR, STEVE TAYLOR, JAKE FINDLAY, CHRIS TURNER, ALAN JUDGE, BRIAN STEIN, GARY HEALE, STEVE SHERLOCK

Front: GODFREY INGRAM, KIRK STEPHENS, PAUL PRICE, GRAHAM JONES, ALAN WEST, BOB HATTON, MARK AIZLEWOOD, MAL DONAGHY, DAVID MOSS, RICKY HILL

Hatters' Statistics

PAST HONOURS

F.A. Cup : Finalists 1958-59

Football League :

Div. II: runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74
Div. III (South): champions 1936-37
Div. III: runners-up 1969-70
Div. IV: champions 1967-68

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

League : Division II : thirteenth

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	11	4	6	35	20	26
Away	3	6	12	19	32	12
	14	10	18	54	52	38

Average attendance : 9,252

Visiting Manager

When **DAVID PLEAT** took over Luton Town at the age of 33 in January 1978, he was one of the youngest managers in the Football League. It was a meteoric rise, as two months earlier he had two members of the staff senior to him in the managing and coaching rôle.

Prior to that appointment David had played for five clubs, including his present one. Beginning as a winger for Nottingham Forest, he won England Youth honours before transferring to Luton Town. Three seasons at Kenilworth Road were followed by spells with Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City and Peterborough United.

A succession of injuries affected David's playing-career, but he had meanwhile taken F.A. coaching courses and became manager of Nuneaton Town in the Southern League.

He returned to Luton in 1975 as reserve team coach, and moved up to take charge of the senior side when Roy McCrohan left to take a job in the U.S.A. Then manager Harry Haslam joined Sheffield United, so David was nominated as man-in-charge.

After a good start last season the Hatters slipped down the table, and David took the dramatic step of selling four players and introducing nine new ones to the squad, with a transfer turnover of £900,000. The results this season are average, but there are hopes for a better future.

David Pleat's chief assistant at Kenilworth Road is a man whom he first met at an F.A. coaching course.

KEN GUTTERIDGE began his professional soccer career as a winger with Birmingham City, Sheffield Wednesday and York City.

He turned to coaching with Notts County, and then took up appointments with Preston North End, Burton Albion and Brighton & Hove Albion.

Ken had four years at Brighton as chief coach, assisting Peter Taylor and then Alan Mullery. However, he had few doubts about his decision when invited to move to Luton soon after the appointment of David Pleat.

The last time we met here . . .

Monday 19 August 1974

West Ham United 2 Luton Town 0

(Division 1)

West Ham Utd. : Day, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds (capt.), Taylor, Lock, Holland, Paddon, Ayris, Brooking, Best. *Sub.* : Gould.
Luton Town : Horn, Ryan (John), Thomson, (capt.), Anderson, Litt, Garner (Shanks 38), Hindson, Husband, Butlin, West, Aston.
H.T. 2-0. *Scorers* : Lampard (4), Bonds (19). 23,182. *Referee* : R. Kirkpatrick (Leicester).

F.A. Cup Final Official Programme

The 1979 Final is at Wembley on **Saturday 12 May**

The match programme will be available in advance for the benefit of TV viewers and Radio listeners.

To obtain this programme, send your name and address on a **Gummed Label** together with remittance to :

Cup Final Programme Department, Wembley Gift Shop, Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middx., HA9 0DW.

Orders must reach the Department by **April 23**; programmes will be despatched approximately one week prior to the match. Receipt of orders cannot be acknowledged.

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2 copies	£1.40
3 copies	£2.00
4 copies	£2.75
5 copies	£3.25
Single Airmail copies	£1.25

This is the only programme sold in advance.

West Ham Utd.

- 1 Phil Parkes
- 2 Frank Lampard
- 3 Paul Brush
- 4 John McDowell
- 5 Alvin Martin
- 6 Billy Bonds (capt.)
- 7 Pat Holland
- 8 Alan Devonshire
- 9 David Cross
- 10 Geoff Pike
- 11 Bryan Robson
- 12 David Carr

ANY CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Referee : **D. V. REEVES (Uxbridge, Middlesex)**

Linesman (Red Flag) : **B. NICHOLAS (Selsey, Sussex)**

Linesman (Orange Flag) : **W. A. WHITTINGTON (Bexhill-on-Sea, E. Sussex)**

SCORERS:

Today's Referee

Mr. **DARRYL V. REEVES** commenced refereeing in 1961, and progressed via local leagues through the Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list. He refereed the 1973 Oxford v Cambridge University match at Wembley.

Married, with two children, Mr. Reeves is a Manager in the textile trade. His home interests are interior decorating and gardening; he also enjoys coarse fishing.

Luton Town

- 1 Jake Findlay
- 2 Kirk Stephens
- 3 Paul Price
- 4 Mal Donaghy
- 5 Forbes P.-Masters
- 6 Alan Birchenall
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Alan West (capt.)
- 9 Steve Taylor
- 10 Bob Hatton
- 11 Brian Stein
- 12 David Carr

Hammers' Pools

- **Sellers** are required for the Lottery on home match-days.
- **Agents** are still wanted for the BINGO COMPETITION and WIN WITH THE HAMMERS.
- **Apply to the Pools Office for details.**

Match Review

IMPROVED LEICESTER

Our home match v Leicester City last Saturday week turned out to be a different proposition from that when we visited Filbert Street in November; on the form they displayed it would be reasonable to say that the Midlanders are possibly the most-improved team in Division II.

The comment in our match-programme that 1979-80 could see City back among the honours once again has a good possibility of being fulfilled, and it will be interesting to see how our promotion-rivals fare in their visits to the Blues' arena. Stoke City were there last Saturday, and

both Crystal Palace and Sunderland have to face the prospect later on.

Our match could have gone either way in the second-half, for although we quickly equalised the Foxes' goal, there were opportunities at both ends for a decisive counter. We had the larger proportion, and John Lyall summed it up in the brief comment that Bryan Robson missed a hat-trick by about six inches. Alan Devonshire also hit the post in the last minute, but City earned their point mainly by some excellent defensive measures.

We did feel that we had justifiable claims for a spot-kick on one especial occasion when Alvin Martin found himself unexpectedly prone in the opposing 18-yard area. But right from the kick-off there was a premonition that this would be an occasion when penalty-kicks would be at a premium.

THE GOAL AGAINST LEICESTER. Bryan Robson popped up among the Blues' defence to equalise in the match here on March 31.



The conditions were liable to make anyone prone to misjudgment, but the near-24,000 attendance had some good entertainment on Grand National Day.

THE BLADES CUT DEEP

Sheffield United inflicted our heaviest defeat of the season when they hit three goals without reply in last Monday's re-arranged fixture at Bramall Lane.

It was a Hammers' performance very much out of keeping with a promotion-seeking team. A spell of ten minutes either side of the interval virtually settled our fate, the Blades netting twice to put them firmly in command.

Two minutes before the homesters went ahead they cleared a shot off their line, but it reacted to set them off on a period of pressure that resulted in Steve Finnieston heading home from a corner three minutes before the break.

The game had hardly re-started when Peter Anderson made it 2-0; the same player set the seal on his team's success by capitalising on a defensive mix-up that left him with a simple task with half-an-hour to go.

Blades' manager Harry Haslam was naturally delighted with a victory that could save his team from relegation. It was not a night for us to relish.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

The first half of our match at Edgar Street last Saturday week was goalless, and Hereford United were playing very hard. However, the Hammers continued to show the better football, and netted three times after the interval. Nicky Morgan scored two of these (making him 14 to date), and the one between took Billy Jennings' total for the season up to 21.

SOUTHERN JUN. FLOODLIT CUP

Our Semi-Final replay against Leicester City takes place at Filbert Street tomorrow evening.

STH. EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Two goals in each half took our Under-18's to a comfortable win against Fulham at Chadwell Heath on March 31. The Cottagers are not well-placed, and we were always in command. Young Bobby Barnes got a couple to boost his scoring-total; Ray Houghton and Gary Pugh were the other scorers.

Division II Cup

Our Juniors severely dented their prospects of finishing top of their qualifying group by losing 1-2 at home to Oxford United last Saturday week. That gave their nearest opponents a one-point lead with two matches each to play.



JOHN McDOWELL scoring our fourth goal in the match v Newcastle United on March 24. It was his seventh in the League (spread over seven seasons), but he then hit our fifth against the Magpies to net two in one match for the first time.

Photo: Stephen Bacon, "Newham Recorder"

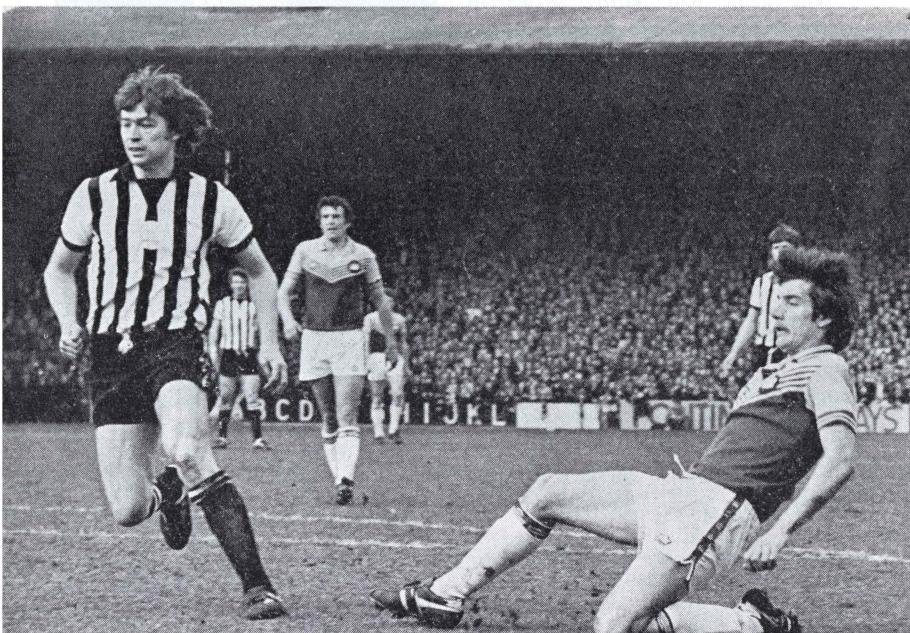


HAMMERS 5 MAGPIES .0

Photos: Stephen Bacon
"Newham Recorder"

(above): This shot by **Frank Lampard** (centre) was partially deflected into the net by Magpies' no. 9 **Peter Withe**.

(below): **Alan Devonshire** ended his solo run by slipping the ball past the Newcastle defence for our first goal.



News from UEFA



EURO - LEAGUE ?

Suggestions for the formation of a European Clubs League have been proposed on several occasions in the past, and a recent press report indicated that another attempt was being made to bring this into being.

Consequently, the following report from a U.E.F.A. information bulletin on 19 February is rather enlightening:

"U.E.F.A. has vetoed the scheme of Real Madrid to stage a 'Santiago Bernabeu Trophy,' at least in the present concept. The proposed competition, planned in memory of the late President of the Spanish club, Santiago Bernabeu, was envisaged to take the form of a tournament on a league basis, with home and away games between Real Madrid, AC Milan, Bayern Munich and Ajax Amsterdam. The matches were scheduled to be played on the next official U.E.F.A. dates.

The four above-mentioned clubs include teams which were eliminated in early rounds of this year's European club competitions (with the exception of Bayern Munich, which did not qualify for the 1978-79 season).

The Association took its decision based on the statutes of U.E.F.A., whereby only the Executive Committee is empowered to sanction or prohibit international tournaments formed by club teams belonging to the First Divisions of member associations.

According to U.E.F.A., the Spanish proposal would have meant the start of a European League Championship,

which U.E.F.A. alone is entitled to organise. U.E.F.A. is of the opinion that it is too early to introduce such a championship. In addition, the Executive Committee has ruled that no other international competitions should be played on dates reserved for U.E.F.A. competitions.

Should Real Madrid decide to go ahead with the 'Santiago Bernabeu Trophy,' they will be expected to submit revised draft regulations to U.E.F.A., with the preceding provisions taken into consideration."

FANS' MAIL

- In view of postal charges, we make the courteous request that fans requiring an answer to queries enclose a stamped addressed envelope, otherwise a reply cannot be guaranteed.

Paul Hindmarsh is a nine-year-old who formerly lived in Chesterford Road, Manor Park, E.12. He emigrated with his parents some time ago to Auckland, New Zealand, but still maintains support of the Hammers thanks to his former next-door neighbour **Mr. F. Cole**.

Mr. Cole regularly forwards copies of *Hammer* to Paul, and recently passed on a letter from the youngster who is a sporting enthusiast. Paul plays for the East Coast Boys Club, and netted their winning goal in the local Cup Final.

Mr. Cole does duty as a commissaire at the Boleyn Ground, and we thank him for maintaining yet another of the Hammers' contacts overseas.

John Driscoll of 1 Stephen Marshall Avenue, Finchingfield, nr. Braintree, Essex, CM7 4LZ requires the following home programmes of the 1970-71 season: v Arsenal, Leeds United, Manchester Utd., Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur. He will pay good prices.

Fixtures : Scorers : Attendances

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : Div. II

		Scorers	Attendance
Aug. 19	Notts County	H 5-2	Cross 3, Devonshire, own goal 25,387
23	Newcastle United	A 3-0	Cross, Devonshire, Robson 27,233
26	Crystal Palace	A 1-1	Taylor (A.) 32,611
Sept. 2	Fulham	H 0-1 25,778
9	Burnley	A 2-3	Cross 2 12,308
16	Bristol Rovers	H 2-0	Brooking, Robson 22,189
23	Sheffield United	H 2-0	Robson (2 pens.) 24,361
30	Sunderland	A 1-2	Cross 23,676
Oct. 7	Millwall	H 3-0	Robson 3 (1 pen.) 22,210
14	Oldham Athletic	A 2-2	Robson 2 10,143
21	Stoke City	H 1-1	Brooking 27,855
28	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 2-1	Robson 2 32,634
Nov. 4	Preston North End	H 3-1	Cross, Devonshire, Lampard 23,572
11	Notts County	A 0-1	Bonds 31,245
18	Crystal Palace	H 1-1 26,556
25	Fulham	A 0-0	Cross 2 16,149
Dec. 2	Leicester City	A 2-1	Robson 2, Bonds, Curbishley, Taylor (A) 21,379
9	Wrexham	H 5-0	Cross, Lampard, Robson 15,537
16	Charlton Athletic	H 2-0 23,833
26	Orient	H 0-2 29,220
Jan. 10	Blackburn Rovers	H 4-0	Cross, Robson, Taylor (A.), own goal 21,269
Feb. 10	Bristol Rovers	A 1-0	Robson 12,418
24	Oldham Athletic	H 3-0	Cross 2, Robson 24,998
26	Luton Town	A 4-1	Holland, Martin, Robson 26,052
Mar. 3	Stoke City	A 0-2	Cross 2, Devonshire, Robson 14,205
10	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 0-0 24,912
17	Preston North End	A 0-0 35,802
24	Newcastle United	H 5-0	McDowell 2, Devonshire, Lampard, Robson 15,376
31	Leicester City	H 1-1 24,650
Apr. 2	Sheffield United	A 0-3	Robson 23,992
7	Cambridge United	A 17,720

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Total home attendances : 433,792
Average home attendance : 25,517

F.A. CUP

Jan. 9	Newport County	A 1-2
(Third Round)		
	Scorer: Robson.	Att.: 14,124.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 30	Swindon Town	H 1-2
(Second Round)		
	Scorer: Robson.	Att.: 19,672.

Goalscorers

Football League : Division II

Robson 23 (3 pens.), Cross 17, Devonshire 5, Lampard 3, Taylor (A.) 3, Bonds 2, Brooking 2, McDowell 2, Curbishley 1, Holland 1, Martin 1, own goal 2.

F.A. Cup : Robson 1.

League Cup : Robson 1.

including last Tuesday

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Aug. 19	Birmingham City	A 1-1
21	Leicester City	H 1-0
26	Oxford United	H 2-1
Sept. 2	Ipswich Town	A 1-1
9	Cardiff City	H 3-1
16	Fulham	A 1-2
25	Arsenal	H 3-0
30	Plymouth Argyle	H 4-1
Oct. 7	Bristol City	A 3-2
14	Queens Park Rangers	H 1-2
18	Reading	A 7-0
28	Southampton	H 1-1
Nov. 4	Crystal Palace	A 3-3
11	Birmingham City	H 2-0
18	Oxford United	A 3-0
20	Ipswich Town	H 0-2
25	Hereford United	H 5-1
Dec. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	A 1-1
19	Orient	H 2-1
30	Chelsea	A 4-2
Jan. 15	Luton Town	H 2-1
Feb. 3	Arsenal	A 2-1
10	Plymouth Argyle	A 1-1
24	Southampton	A 1-3
27	Queens Park Rangers	A 2-5
Mar. 3	Reading	H 4-0
7	Cardiff City	A 0-0
17	Crystal Palace	H 1-0
20	Norwich City	H 1-0
24	Leicester City	A 3-1
31	Hereford United	A 3-0
Apr. 3	Orient	A 1-0
7	Tottenham Hotspur	H
11	Bristol City*	H
18	Norwich City	A
21	Swindon Town	H
24	Luton Town	A
28	Bristol Rovers	A
30	Chelsea	H
May 1	Bristol Rovers*	H
	Fulham	H
	Swindon Town	A

* played at Chadwell Heath

LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	34	25	6	3	95	35	56
West Ham United	32	20	7	5	69	34	47
Ipswich Town	28	20	5	3	63	25	45
Queens Park Rangers	28	19	6	3	68	31	44
Norwich City	31	17	9	5	63	29	43

including last Tuesday

F.A. YOUTH CUP

Oct. 30	Southend United	H 4-3
(First Round)		
Nov. 27	Tottenham Hotspur	H 1-2
	(Second Round)	

SOUTHERN JUN. FLOODLIT CUP

Oct. 24	Charlton Athletic	A 4-1
(First Round)		
Nov. 13	Oxford United	H 4-0
(Second Round)		
Feb. 5	Millwall	H 2-0
	(Third Round)	
Mar. 26	Leicester City	H 1-1
	(Semi-Final)	

Match Statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : Div. II

March 31	v Leicester City at Upton Park	
West Ham Utd.: Parkes, Lampard, Brush, McDowell (Curbishley 46), Martin, Bonds (capt.), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Pike, Robson.		
Leicester City: Wallington, Goodwin, Rose (capt.), O'Neill, May, Kelly, Peake, Williams, Henderson, Buchanan (Ridley 65), Smith.		
1-1 (H.T. 0-0). Scorer: Henderson (52), Robson (56).		
23,992. Referee: L. Shapter (Kingskerswell).		

April 2 v Sheffield United at Bramall Lane

Sheffield Utd.	Conroy, Speight (capt.), Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, Anderson, Riach, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson, Sub.: Cutbush.
West Ham Utd.: Parkes, Lampard, Brush, McDowell, Martin, Bonds (capt.), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Pike, Robson. Sub.: Cutbush.	
0-3 (H.T. 0-1). Scorer: Finnieston (42), Anderson (47, 59).	
17,720. Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield).	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

March 31	v Hereford United at Edgar Street	
Day, Lansdowne, Smith, Brignull, Taylor (T.), McGivern (capt.), Thomson, Banton, Jennings, Morgan, Cowie (Wright).		
3-0 (H.T. 0-0). Scorer: Morgan 2, Jennings.		
1-0 (H.T. 1-0). Scorer: Lansdowne.		

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

Semi-Final	
March 26 v Leicester City at Upton Park	
Moseley, Wright, Smith, Cowie, D. Adelman, Brignull, Banton, Allen, Pugh, La Ronde (A.), (R. Houghton), Holt.	
1-1 (H.T. 0-0). Scorer: own goal.	

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE : Div. I

March 31	v Fulham at Chadwell Heath	
Moseley, A. Keith, E. La Ronde, T. Maybin, D. Adelman, S. Hibbert, B. Barnes, R. Houghton, Pugh, N. Lane, Holt.		
4-9 (H.T. 2-0). Scorer: B. Barnes 2, R. Houghton, Pugh.		
S.E. COUNTIES LGE. : Div. II Cup Group		

March 31	v Oxford United at Chadwell Hth.	
S. Baker, G. Burvill, V. Baird, D. O'Mahoney, M. Riches, A. Banks, A. Wallace, K. Hayward, G. Elliott, B. Hall, C. Fairweather.		
1-2 (H.T. 1-1). Scorer: K. Hayward.		
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Hammers' History

10 years ago . . .

8 April 1969. A Tuesday evening match in the First Division v Stoke City brought a 26,577 attendance to Upton Park. The line-ups were:

West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, Charles (J.), Howe, Peters, Stephenson, Moore (*capt.*), Redknapp, Bonds, Brooking, Hurst, Sissons. *Sub.:* Boyce.

Stoke City: Banks, Marsh, Pejic, Lacey, Smith, Stevenson, Eastham, Dobby, Herd, Vernon, Burrows. *Sub.:* Mahoney.

A point of interest was that one member from both of those XI's played against each other when we met the Potters this season—Billy Bonds and Denis Smith.

On the previous occasion, this duo participated in a goalless draw. It was the City's fourth point from three matches in four days. Our programme report mentioned that some of our players spent a lot of their time tucking their shirts back into their shorts—from which you can draw your own conclusions about a game best forgotten!

20 years ago . . .

9 April 1959. A notable night for the youngsters at Upton Park, where 6,000 fans turned out on a rainy evening to see a Fifth Round replay in the F.A. Youth Cup against Aston Villa.

For those who care to remember that far back, the Hammers team was: Frank Caskey, Harry Cripps, Jack Burkett, Eddie Bovington, Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst, Derek Woodley, John Cartwright, Mick Beesley, Andy Smillie and Tony Scott.

At that time five were professionals: Cripps, Moore, Cartwright, Smillie, Scott. Eventually, the entire XI with the exception of Caskey and Cripps, played for us in the Football League at various times.

Individually, they won a lot of medals; Moore and Hurst in the World Cup, F.A. Cup and European

Cup Winners Cup; Bovington in the F.A. Cup; Burkett in the F.A. Cup and Cup Winners Cup.

The team was a source of tremendous potential, and on that night won a great game by 3—2. Eventually the Hammers reached the Final, only to lose by 2—1 on aggregate against Blackburn Rovers, after extra time in the second leg. The "West Ham Academy" was in being some years before the time generally accepted!

30 years ago . . .

9 April 1949. A Second Division match v Southampton at The Dell was subsequently reported as "indubitably our best away performance of the season." The Saints had previously dropped only two points at home (both drawn games) and topped the table at the time.

Each team missed a penalty. Ian Black pushed Steve Forde's shot against the bar, then Hammers' keeper George Taylor turned Ray Ellerington's spot-kick away for a corner. Billy Robinson scored a great goal to net the vital points. It was our fourth win in a row.

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