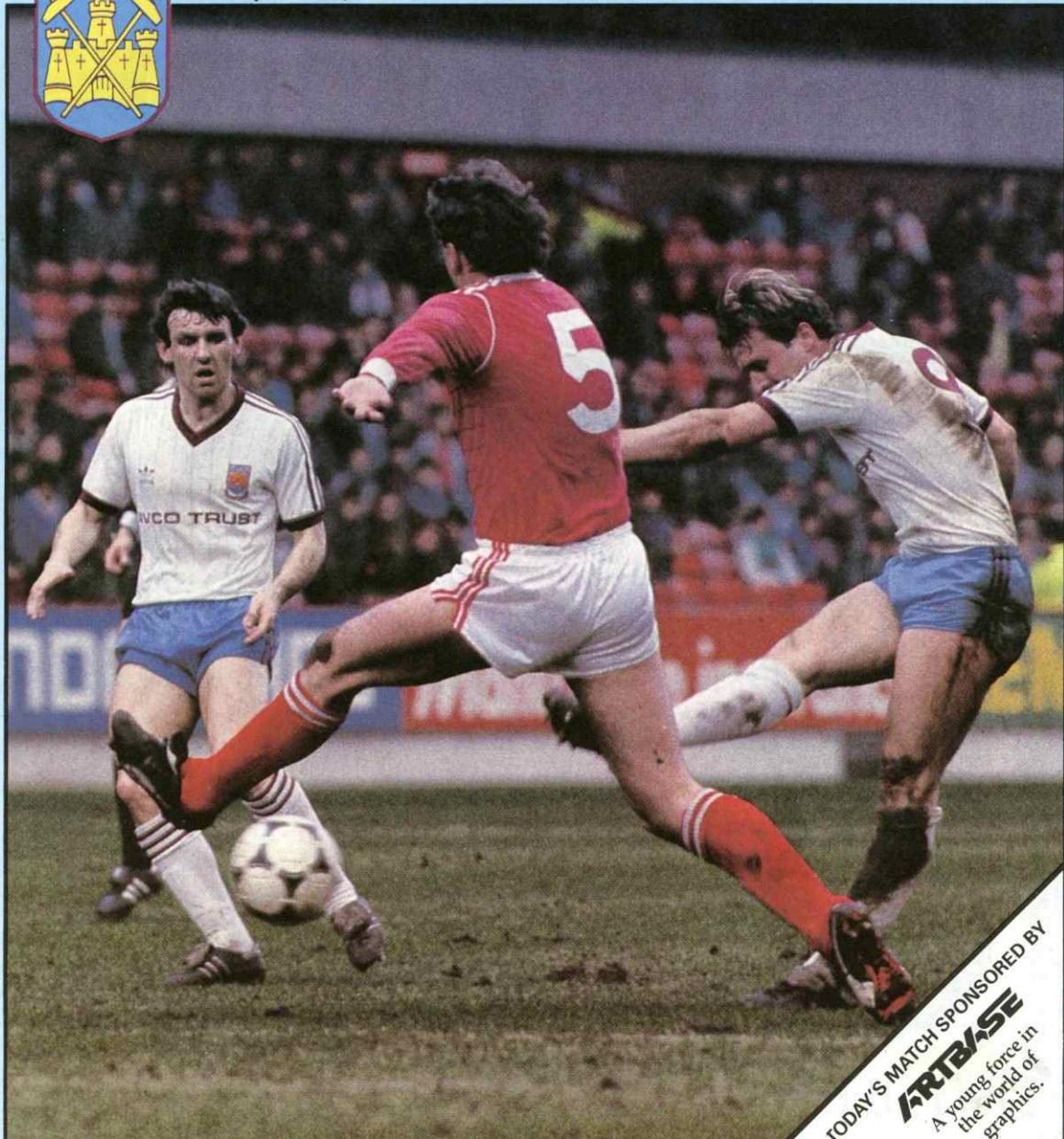


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SAY A LITTLE PRAYER

by Jack Helliar

A football club's postbag invariably includes a lot of letters from its fans, many requesting information (much of it statistical) and others bringing to light unexpected attachments.

We recently received a note from Mrs E. Holden of Walthamstow regarding two padres, and their affection for West Ham United.

Mrs Holden tells us that Father Hall of St. Joseph's, Leyton always puts something in his weekly News Letter about the Hammers.

At St. Patrick's, Walthamstow, Father Armitage gives out the week's notices after Mass and always talks about West Ham United; Mrs Holden adds that she thinks he is trying to convert the Spurs' supporters among the congregation!

It seems that when our two fans from the priesthood were in Rome last year they prayed at the Tomb of St. Peter for the club's success; and that more recently they asked for prayers to support the Hammers in the FA Cup against Wimbledon.

Presumably the Manchester United fans' prayers out-numbered those for the Hammers' in the next round!

Mrs Holden concludes by saying that both Fathers get their legs pulled by the parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's.

Without being irreverent, for our part we sincerely thank Father Armitage and Father Hall for their kind thoughts. We obviously would appreciate their spiritual and visible support for the remainder of this season at least!

"PRAISE WHERE IT IS DUE"

It cost over £6,000 to meet the required police supervision for our match v Chelsea on the morning of April 13 — about double the usual figure for home games.

The special increase was successful insofar that only one arrest was made in the ground area; so co-operation between the police and our officials was a matter for congratulations and worthy comment.

Unfortunately it was not forthcoming. However, it would apparently have been a different story had events turned out to be of a hostile nature. There were independent television cameras in Castle Street, obviously on hand to record incidents that would have provided a "newsworthy" story; when matters proceeded in an orderly fashion, the crews packed their equipment and disappeared back to base.

News reporters have a job to do, and we would not dispute their right to comment in a country where free speech should be an inalienable right; but it is unfortunate that it was not considered worthy of comment to show that crowd control on that occasion was top-rate. However, it was presumably a "non event" news-wise.

Decisions by some clubs regarding future control of their followers have received considerable publicity during the past couple of weeks. Some have been necessarily draconian, but apparently necessary. We must hope that in the long run there will be a decrease in the mayhem, but again emphasise that club control of unruly mobs is inevitably limited to a large extent — the laws of the land are there to deal with the uncivilized element which sets out to disrupt the nation's leading sport.

Three to go

We have three more League matches at home before the season's end. May we hope for some of that "Bubbles atmosphere" to help our team to a happy conclusion in a season that has had too many problems for comfort.

A "FAMILY" AREA

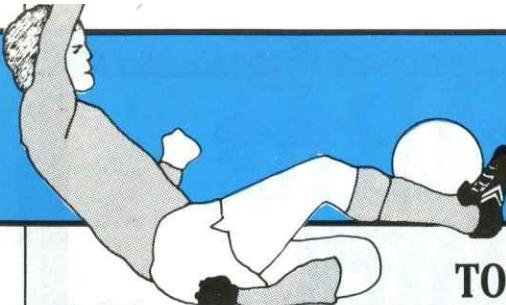
The continuing success of our Junior Hammers Club is reflected in the fact that it is now approaching the 1,000 mark in membership. In doing so it has created an atmosphere of cordiality between young supporters of several clubs, and has made many parents aware of the benefits gained by their children in joining Clubs of this nature.

In turn this led to a request for an area of the Boleyn ground to be set aside specifically for younger fans, who could be accompanied by their parents and be comfortably housed and segregated.

Our plans are detailed elsewhere in this issue. We feel that it is a step for the benefit of the game, and hope that it will provide a new outlook of benefit to those who seek soccer enjoyment. We would also appreciate appropriate publicity from our friends in the media.

What's in a Name?

Hammers' fans reading one press report last Sunday may have thought we had a League-debutant in the line-up at Roker Park last Saturday, as our No. 11's name was printed as HIGGINS. No, it wasn't Alex making an off-the-green-baize appearance; it was probably due to a bad phone line — it should have been DICKENS — Alan was the one "on cue".



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TICKET INFORMATION

Canon League Division One
v NORWICH CITY

Monday 6 May
Kick off 7.30 p.m.

Advance seat tickets for this match are on sale at the Ticket Office this Monday to Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., and next Saturday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Seat tickets for this match may also be purchased through our Dial-a-Seat service (01) 472 3322 this Monday to Wednesday quoting Access or Visa.

Postal applications are also accepted.

Seat Prices: £4.50, £5.50, £6.00 and £6.50.

Canon League Division One
v STOKE CITY
Tuesday 14 May
Kick off 7.30 p.m.

Advance seat tickets for the above match are on sale at the Ticket Office Monday to Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., and also via our Dial-a-Seat service (01) 472 3322 quoting Access or Visa.

Postal applications are also accepted.

Seat Prices: £4.50, £5.50, £6.00 and £6.50.

AGENCIES

Seat tickets for all our Canon League matches are also available from all Keith Prowse branches or by telephone on (01) 741 8989, subject to an agency booking fee.

TOM OUT FOR THE SEASON

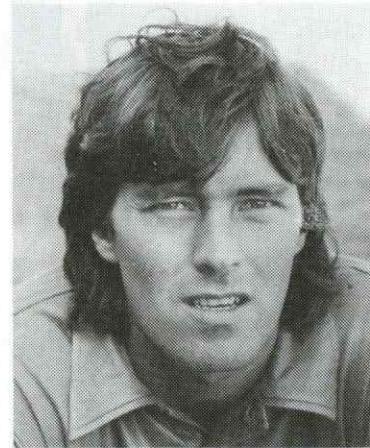
TOM McALISTER (pictured right) has been an ever present in the Hammers side, but he will not play again this season following the injury he received at Queens Park Rangers on Easter Monday, which has left him with broken ribs and a punctured lung.

It is a sad end to what had been Tom's happiest season at Upton Park, having stepped into the No. 1 shirt last August when Phil Parkes underwent a cartilage operation.

Now Phil steps back into the limelight but manager John Lyall has decided not to recall John Vaughan, the 20-year old reserve goalkeeper who made his Football League debut for Charlton Athletic on Easter Saturday.

John went to The Valley on loan last month in an agreement that covers the remainder of the season and his selection for the Charlton first team over the past few games is providing just the experience he needs.

Youth team goalkeeper Trevor Lake has thus been promoted to the Reserve team. There is an "immediate return" clause in John Vaughan's loan transfer agreement which we can use should it become necessary.



JOHN VAUGHAN spreads himself well to save Tony Finnigan's shot during his League debut for Charlton Athletic against Crystal Palace at The Valley on Easter Saturday.

FRONT COVER ACTION — Paul Allen watches as Paul Goddard shoots for goal during our Canon League victory at Nottingham Forest.

LIVERPOOL
Our home game against Liverpool, postponed because of the Merseysiders' involvement in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final, has been arranged for Tuesday, May 20th. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

NEXT AT UPTON PARK

Wednesday 1st May
Football Combination
BIRMINGHAM CITY
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Saturday 4th May
Football Combination
SOUTHAMPTON
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

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Payment can be made by cash, cheque, Access or Visa.

To assist with administration, when renewing please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the ticket.

The first class postal charges are:

One ticket 17p; two tickets 24p; three tickets 31p; four and five tickets 38p; six tickets 45p.

JOE "TEN-GOAL" PAYNE's double nap hand in his first League appearance as a centre-forward for Luton Town against Bristol Rovers, way back on Easter Monday, 1936, has become one of soccer's most chronicled feats.

Far less well known is his playing association with West Ham United just after the war and the fact that it was our former Chief Scout, Ned Liddell, faced with injury problems in his initial season as Hatters manager, who launched Joe into football folklore on that fateful day.

Although originally signed by Ned from Biggleswade Town as a bustling goalscorer, the muscular miner failed to impress in that role with Luton's Reserves and eventually made his Third Division South debut as a wing-half.

After only three First Team outings as a defender Joe found himself back in the "stiffs" with the future looking bleak.

At Easter, however, Luton were pressing for promotion, but had lost the services of their two recognised centre-forwards, Ball and Boyd, through injuries. In what was really a case of "Hobson's Choice," manager Liddell plunged Bolsover born Payne into the fray . . . with devastating results!

This is how the goals went in against hapless Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road: —

23 minutes: seized on a long punt upfield and beat advancing goalkeeper Ellis.

40 minutes: Ellis pushed out a shot by Stephenson. Ball ran to Payne who scored easily.

43 minutes: Close-range shot after Roberts had centred from the left.

49 minutes: Roberts — Stephenson move down left-wing. Payne met Stephenson's cross and crashed the ball into the net.

55 minutes: Centre from Rich. Payne headed ball down and beat Ellis.

57 minutes: The who-scored-it scramble goal awarded to Payne after the match.

65 minutes: Godfrey passed to Stephenson. He cut through and his centre to Payne was perfectly made and taken.

76 minutes: Another Stephenson centre and another fine header left Ellis helpless.

84 minutes: Stephenson forced a corner, took it himself, and Payne headed his ninth.

86 minutes: Payne fell, but shot as he lay on ground.

Surprisingly, after such an emphatic victory, Hatters were still pipped of a place in Division II at the end of the campaign by Coventry, who went up with 57 points, one more than Town.

The following season, during which he was capped by England against Finland, Joe proudly led the little Bedfordshire club to the promotion they deserved and scored the goals that clinched the success in the final match of the season v Torquay United.

In 1938 he left the home confines of Kenilworth Road for the wide open spaces of Stamford Bridge and First Division football with Chelsea. The fee £2,000.

But with war clouds gathering on the horizon Joe's career went into cold-storage along with those of so many other professionals of those troubled times.

In December 1946, Joe joined the Hammers in an exchange deal which resulted in goalkeeper Harry Medhurst going in the opposite direction; and although he only made 10 League and 1 Cup appearance in the claret and blue before moving on to Millwall, his six goal tally in those matches represent a scoring ratio which would be the envy of many a present-day striker!



WATFORD SET THE PACE FOR £4,000 PRIZE

Watford are the early leaders of the Canon League Spell and Win First Division table. But they are closely followed, in the chase for the £4,000 cash prize, by Luton, West Bromwich and Queens Park Rangers.

Club scores in the Canon Spell and Win game are calculated by dividing the total points contributed by supporters by a club rating based on the average at home matches earlier this season.

For example:-

Manchester United have the highest average attendance in the First Division, 44,704. Therefore their rating is 100. Arsenal's 35,942 gives them a rating of 80 and Luton's 10,451 earns a rating of 23.

Points scored would then be calculated as follows:

Points Contributed	Club Rating	Points Scored
17,000	100	170
18,400	80	230
5,340	23	232

Thus, in this example the table would be headed by Luton with 232 points.

Help your club and yourself to win one of the major prizes by sending in your entry soon. Remember, you can submit as many entries as you like. For details of all the prizes to be won, see the Canon leaflet in today's programme.

To help those fans whose clubs do not complete their fixtures until late in May, the last date for entries for both Spell and Win and Shoot for Goal competitions has been extended to 10th June, 1985.

MARVELLOUS

Well done Richard Livett, who completed the Mars London Marathon last Sunday in 3hrs 55mins. Our 19 year-old box office assistant raised £400 for MIND, an organisation for the mentally handicapped.

OFF TO RUMANIA

Best of luck goes with Paul Allen and Tony Cottee who fly off to Rumania tomorrow afternoon with the England Under 21 squad for the important European Championship game in Ploesti on Tuesday afternoon.

ALL SQUARE

Our youngsters drew 2-2 with Brighton in the first leg of the South East Counties Junior League Cup Final here on Monday night. The Hammers goalscorers were:

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



West Ham United would like to think that we consider the needs of all supporters and consequently next season we are introducing a family seating area. To ensure you are fully aware of the advantages this has for both you and your family read on and your questions will be answered.

Where is the family area situated?

A wing section of the East Stand has been specially selected for its convenience.

Do I have to queue for tickets with my family every week?

No. Admission is by season ticket to be paid only once a year. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, Access or Visa. It couldn't be easier.

Is my place guaranteed for every home match?

Your place is guaranteed for every Canon League match with priority for booking your seats for cup ties and free admission to the West Stand for all Combination fixtures.

How many members of my family can join?

A minimum of one adult and one child aged 15 or under.

What other advantages are there for my family?

Children who join, automatically get free membership to the Junior Hammers Club which includes regular newsletters, competitions, meeting the players and chances to tour the ground.

Children will be able to purchase their seats for cup matches at half price.

There is also a gift shop, sweet and refreshment bar directly before the entrance to the seating area.

What happens if I have any problems or enquiries on match days?

A special member of staff will be put at your disposal at each home match to give help wherever needed. This facility, as are many of the others, is exclusive to the members of the family enclosure only.

What happens when my child reaches the maximum age?

Priority will be given to allocate that party season tickets elsewhere in the ground.

How much does it cost for next season?

£110 for Adults

£55 for Children under 16.

How do I join?

Applications and enquiries to be made to:

Richard Livett, Ticket Office, West Ham United F.C., Green Street, Upton Park E13 9AZ. Tel: (01) 472 2740.



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ONE WHACK COSTS US THE GAME AT Q.P.R.

A whack in the ribs from Queens Park Rangers defender Steve Wicks (pic 1), proved a serious turning point in our Easter Monday game at Loftus Road, as Tom McAlister crashes to the ground in obvious pain (pic 2). Tom continued after treatment but then conceded Rangers' second goal and had to retire after five minutes suffering from broken ribs and a punctured lung which ends his best-ever season at Upton Park on a sour note . . . It was the 60th minute when full-back Ray Stewart stepped into Tom's position (pic 3) and the Scottish international full-back showed he could handle the situation (pic 4) . . . Alas he was beaten twice, once from the penalty spot, as Rangers went on to win 4-2.

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The East Ender has a tough uncompromising reputation. Add to this the fact that West Ham United and their supporters have a record of sportsmanship. To match this the Police of 'K' District seek to police by being both firm and fair. At a time when crowd problems have been given wide publicity at other grounds we have made special efforts to contain those who come to the ground to cause disruption, and who, if allowed could bring discredit on the Club and the people who live and work in the area.

Police arrangements are carefully refined to meet the needs of the local community, the fans, the Club and the Officers themselves, seeking out the 'Contract' which the Police need with the public to do their job effectively. The support given to local shopkeepers and stallholders before and after the game, assistance to ground officials in handling the crowds inside the stadium, controlling the consumption of alcohol and the job of establishing an understanding with the crowd themselves are demanding but rewarding tasks when things are going well.

Where things go wrong, our objective is to get quickly into the crowd, control trouble and deal with it decisively. Note the professional way our Officers deal with troublemakers — one Officer, one prisoner — this results from good training and briefing (and a mutual regard between Police and the fans). That the Club have still managed to avoid fencing the ground and the fact that supporters themselves take a pride in keeping off the playing surface are further indicators of the healthy relationships that exist between Club, officials and supporters.

Police arrangements are under the management of Chief Superintendent Bob Shepherd of East Ham Division but he and I pay tribute to the skills and operational control effected by Chief Inspector Peter Smith whose silver (or is it grey?) hair is a familiar

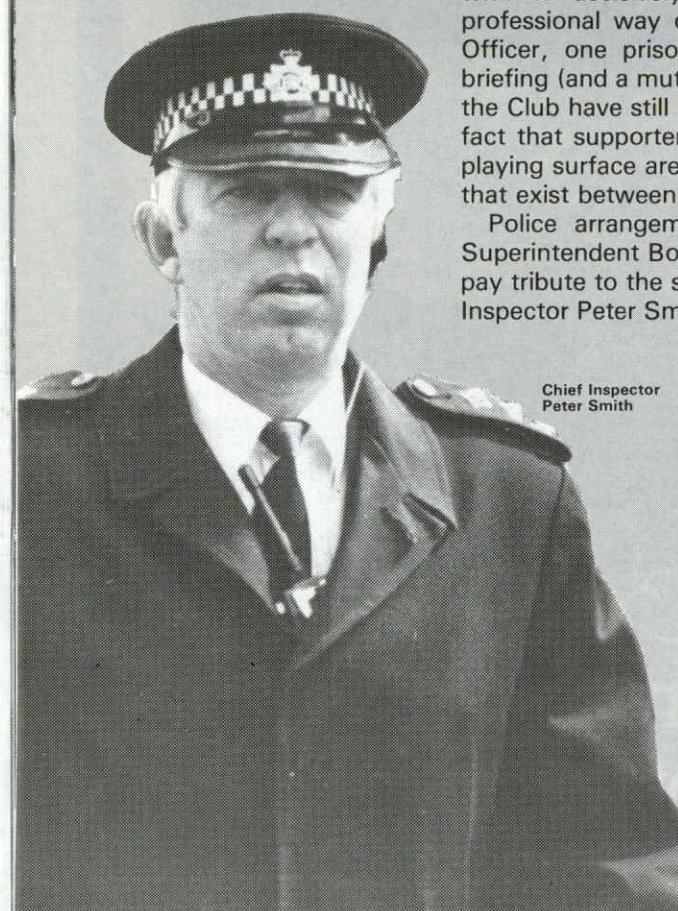
feature by the South Bank promoting a good relationship with the crowd, both home and visitors.

The enthusiasm, pride and loyalty which the supporters of West Ham have for the locality and the Club is shared by the Officers of 'K' District. We are determined to keep our standards high, and to help ensure the health and welfare of the Club for the future. We need your support, however, to keep off the pitch, prevent missiles being thrown, to isolate troublemakers, and help create the environment which will encourage others to join us and 'arrest' the decline in gates.

Meanwhile thanks to date for a trouble free season.



Commander Jones



Chief Inspector
Peter Smith

E. Jones
Commander 'K' District

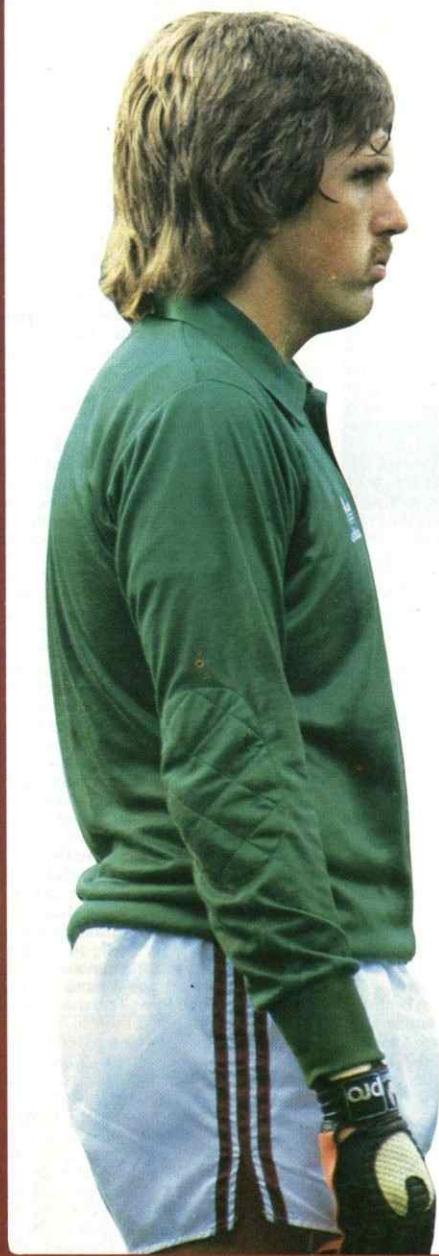
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Phil Parkes



IT is a very nice feeling to be back between the posts after nearly the whole season out of the first team. My only regret is that it has happened following a serious injury to Tom McAlister. That is the last way in which I wanted to do it.

Thank you very much for the great reception you gave me against Chelsea it was really nice. You know coming back into the side after such a long time is a little bit like starting all over again. This has been the longest break in my career so it was very much like making my Hammers debut again.

I always have a few butterflies in my stomach before a game but against Chelsea they were a little bit different . . . I can't say it is hard coming back into the side at this stage, I have been playing so long now all my habits are established and set for life, but you certainly have to readjust to the speed of senior football. It is so much faster than reserve team football.

A goalkeeper's situation is slightly different to that of an outfield player. During my career I have played with injuries which would have kept other players out for a couple of games, but because I don't do any running or tackling I have been able to carry them. But I must admit this season has been a bit of a nightmare really.

First of all I had the cartilage operation, in which they took just a bit of the cartilage out as it was not too damaged. Then I came back from that, played a couple of games in the reserves, and picked up a mysterious shoulder injury. That cleared up and a week later playing in the gym as an outfield player someone stepped on my calf and I was out for a couple of more weeks with a badly bruised leg. Then just after Christmas I went down with a really bad dose of flu.

Now I come back into the side at what for us is a very crucial time. We have six games to go with three of those games against teams below us in the League table which makes them doubly important. If we win them then we will virtually ensure our place in the First Division.

I am sure we are far too good a side to go down anyway. It is just circumstances which have thrown us into this position. I have always maintained a losing streak is a hard habit to get out of. You can play well and lose by a goal which is frustrating and it just needs a couple of results strung together to break the spell.

We started the ball rolling at Roker Park last Saturday with a very important but deserved win over Sunderland and we must follow that up with another good performance this afternoon against Luton Town.

It will not be easy, Luton are a much better side than their League position suggests as those of you who saw them beat Manchester United on the TV last Sunday will agree. But the ball is firmly in our court. It is up to us.

LUTON TOWN

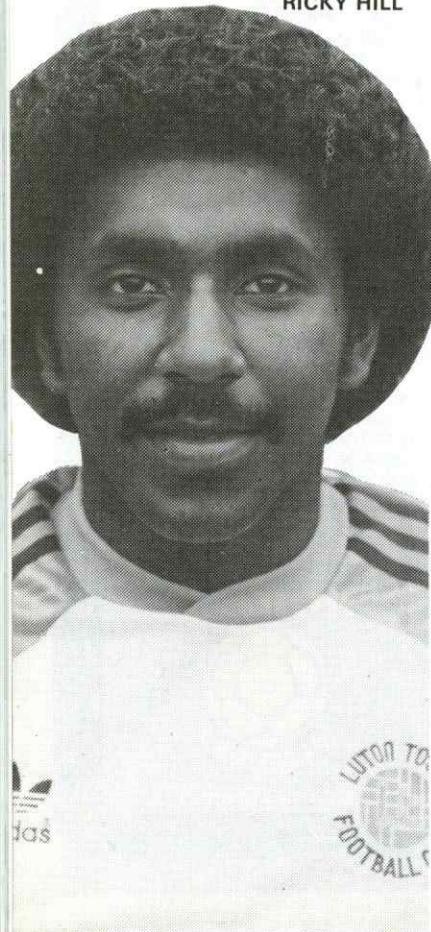
LUTON TOWN suffered a cruel turn of fate when they were beaten by Everton in the FA Cup semi-final after being just five minutes away from a glorious Wembley final themselves.

Yet there was no room at Kenilworth Road for self pity after that traumatic experience. The Hatters had to face reality and come to terms with their present precarious position, on the verge of the First Division relegation zone.

Manager David Pleat's rallying call was concise but clear. He said: "Now we have one goal, one aim, and that is to accumulate enough points to stay in the First Division."

His players rallied, shrugged off the disappointments of Villa Park and responded magnificently with a 3-1 win over Norwich City to set the survival run in motion.

RICKY HILL



where he makes full use of his six-foot frame. Still only 19.

MICHAEL THOMAS — Defender. Another local discovery. Has emerged from the apprentice ranks to establish himself in the senior side. A gangling six-footer, he is nicknamed "Viv" because of his resemblance to England and Arsenal full back Viv Anderson. Now 20, Mitchell made his League debut here at Upton Park, while still only 18, in January 1983.

STEVE FOSTER — Central Defender. Former England international who came to the forefront with Brighton when he played in the 1983 FA Cup Final for them. Was then sold to Aston Villa for £200,000 in March 1984 but new manager Graham Turner obviously did not rate him and David Pleat plucked him from the Villa reserve team for £70,000 last November. Still only 27, Steve started his career with his home town club Portsmouth and played four seasons in Pompey's senior team.

MAL DONAGHY — Defender. An established member of the Northern Ireland international team, Mal, Belfast born and bred, joined Luton from Irish League side Larne in June 1978, for £20,000. Made his League debut on the opening day of the 78-79 season against Oldham Athletic. Had ambitions as a goalkeeper when he first started his career but has done very well as an outfield player either in defence or midfield.

WAYNE TURNER — Midfield/Defender. Local lad who has emerged from the apprentice ranks. Thrives on hard work and made his League bow at Wrexham in the last game of the 1978-79 season, while just 18. Made 16 appearances for Lincoln City while on loan (1981-82) but his most successful season so far was '82-83, when he played in 30 League games for Luton.

PETER NICHOLAS — Midfield. Welsh international midfield general with a tiger in his tackle. Born in Newport, Gwent, Peter joined Crystal Palace as an apprentice in 1976, and made his League debut, at right back, at Millwall (20-8-77). Made 127 League appearances and was a key figure in the 1979 Second Division Championship team. Arsenal then splashed out £500,000 for his transfer in March 1981, and 60 games later he was back at Selhurst Park, in October 1983, for £150,000. Was unsettled with Second Division football and moved to Kenilworth Road for £100,000 this January (1985).

RICKY HILL — Midfield. Creative player who has been a regular for seven seasons now. Hails from North London and the Hatters just beat us to his signature as a youth player. Made his League debut at 17, as a sub v Bristol Rovers (19-4-76) and scored in a 3-1 win. Capped twice by England in 1983, as a sub v Denmark and against West Germany, he missed the last few months of last season following a hamstring operation.

DAVID PREECE — Midfield. Born Bridgnorth, he joined Walsall as an apprentice, making his League debut, as a substitute, against Chester in January 1981. Won a regular place in the Saddlers side two seasons ago and moved to Luton last December in a part-exchange deal which took striker Steve Elliott to Walsall. A talented player he has fitted in well on the left side and will not be 22 until next month.

BRIAN STEIN — Striker. Born in South Africa but was playing for Edgware Town when Luton persuaded him to become a professional in October 1977. Made his debut the following month against Manchester City in the League Cup and then came on as sub at Mansfield in a Second Division game. Missed some of the 1982-83 season after breaking a bone in his foot but came back to attain full England international honours last season when he played against France in Paris.

EMEKA NWAIJIOBI — Forward. Born in Nigeria, another player plucked from non-League soccer. Was playing for Dulwich

Just why the Hatters should find themselves in a predicament in the League can be attributed to the team's early form which produced just three wins from the opening 17 First Division games.

They had problems. First young England Under-21 central defender Paul Elliott broke a leg in October against Leicester City in the Milk Cup. Then Colin Todd — on a three month contract — needed knee surgery, and Micky Droy, on loan from Chelsea, withdrew after 20 minutes of the game against us with a pulled hamstring.

David Pleat eventually resolved his problem at the end of November when he paid Aston Villa £70,000 for England international Steve Foster. The central defensive position filled the next step was to find a midfield general to replace former captain Brian Horton and a striker to take over from Paul Walsh, the £700,000 export to Anfield.

The manager acted shrewdly. He laid out £250,000 to bring striker Ray Harford from Birmingham in December and after making a scoring debut — he had notched 9 goals in 12 League games — Mr Pleat claims; "he is playing as well as any centre-forward in the country." And a further cheque for £100,000 secured the services of Welsh international midfielder Peter Nicholas from Crystal Palace. To complete the recruiting, the transfer of 22-year-old midfielder David Preece from Walsall boosted Luton's spending spree to just over £500,000.

With former Crystal Palace winger Vince Hilaire sold to Portsmouth for £100,000 after making less than a handful of appearances, the balance of payments shows an overall profit.

Summer signing Andy Dibble started the season in goal but was injured at Old Trafford in mid-November and Les Sealey — an ever present last season — has regained his position and is playing particularly well.

Many believe the current Luton squad is the best ever assembled at Kenilworth Road. The team's performance against Everton would seem to support this suggestion, for their normal quixotic style has now got a solid spine ... Foster, Nicholas and Harford.

LES SEALEY — Goalkeeper. Born in Bethnal Green but signed as an apprentice by Coventry City, in 1975. Made his League debut at Queens Park Rangers (11-4-77) and played in Coventry's last 11 League games that season. In all made 178 senior appearances for the Sky Blues before transferring to Luton in the summer of 1983 for £70,000. Was an ever present last season but did not get into the team this term until mid-November.

TIM BREAKER — Defender. Comes from Bicester and has developed through the junior ranks. Made his League debut at Ipswich last March and started this season in the No 4 shirt. Has since been given a defensive role



THE MAN IN CHARGE

DAVID PLEAT — Soccer thinker and fully qualified F.A. Coach, has quietly earned an enviable reputation in this his first job as a Manager of a League side.

Promoted to the Manager's office in the spring of 1978, he inherited a team on the slide, and it took two years to turn it around.

After going close in season 1979/80 and 1980/81, Pleat finally achieved an ambition of taking Luton to the First Division as Champions after a record season in which they lost only four games in season 1981/82.

His loyalty to Luton stretches back to the mid-sixties. After playing for England at Youth level, he joined Luton from Nottingham Forest and played on the wing for three seasons.

A back injury finished his playing career at Peterborough United, but he stayed in the game as a Coach and learned the hard business of management on a limited budget as boss of Nuneaton. He rejoined Luton as Reserve team coach in 1975 and succeeded Harry Haslam as Manager three seasons later.

THE HATTERS LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

Opponents	F	A	Scorers
STOKE CITY	2	0	Bunn, Elliott S.
Ipswich town	1	1	Moss
W.B.A.	0	4	
LIVERPOOL	1	2	Donaghy
SOUTHAMPTON	1	1	Moss
Nottingham Forest	3	3	Moss
CHESLSEA	0	0	
Tottenham H.	2	4	Bunn, Moss
Q.P.R.	3	2	Stein, Elliott P., Elliott S.
SHIELD W.	1	2	Bunn
WATFORD	3	2	Bunn 2, Elliott S.
SUNDERLAND	0	3	
NEWCASTLE U.	2	2	Stein, Parker
Norwich City	0	3	
Manchester United	0	2	
WEST HAM U.	2	2	Stein, Nwaijobi
Arsenal	1	3	Stein
ASTON VILLA	1	0	Preece
Leicester City	2	2	Stein, Harford
W.B.A.	1	2	Foster
COVENTRY CITY	2	0	Stein, Daniel
Liverpool	0	1	
Everton	1	2	Harford
TOTTENHAM H.	2	2	Stein, Nwaijobi
Newcastle U.	0	1	
SUNDERLAND	2	1	Harford, Hill
Sheffield W.	1	1	Harford
Watford	0	3	
Q.P.R.	2	0	Harford 2
IPSWICH TOWN	3	1	Harford 2, Nwaijobi
Southampton	0	1	
Stoke City	4	0	Harford 2, Moss, Nwaijobi
NORWICH CITY	3	1	Nwaijobi 2, Moss (pen.)
MANCHESTER U.	2	1	Harford 2 (1 pen.)

Hamlet when Luton snapped him up in December 1983. Made his League debut the following month v Nottingham Forest and scored, but played in only another three games last season. A powerful runner he is perhaps a little unpredictable, but scores some spectacular goals.

MICK HARFORD — Striker. Capped a dream debut for Luton with a dramatic last minute header to earn a draw at Leicester (15-12-84). Signed from Birmingham City for £250,000 only three days earlier, he has already cracked in 12 First Division goals for the Hatters this season. Born in Sunderland he was playing for Lambton St Boys Club when Lincoln City discovered him and gave him his League chance against Gillingham (10-12-77). Scored 41 goals before his transfer to Newcastle United (£180,000), in December 1980. Played 19 League games (four goals) and was then sold to Bristol City for £160,000 in the summer of '81. Birmingham City then invested £100,000 in him in March 1982 and after making a scoring debut v Brighton, he netted 10 goals in 12 games to save the Blues from relegation.

FRANK BUNN — Forward. Birmingham born but signed for Luton as an apprentice. Made his League debut against Derby County in August 1980 but had made only nine appearances until last season when he added another 30 First Division games to his tally.

DAVID MOSS — Forward. Left sided player who also started his career in non-League football, with Southern League Witney Town. Swindon Town signed him in July 1969 and he played in 230 League games for them before moving to Luton in a £110,000 deal in May 1978. A deadly shot from the penalty spot, he has scored 87 League goals for the Hatters in seven seasons.

OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Hammers' scores first)

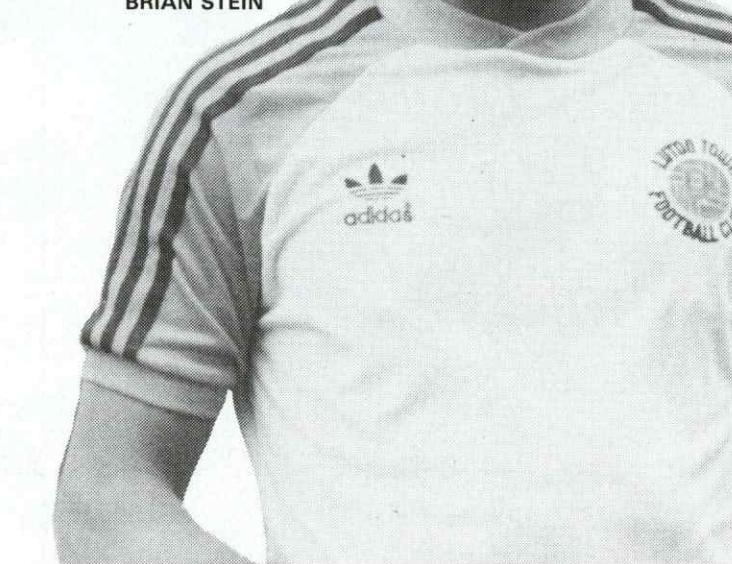
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1937-38	0-0	2-2	1978-79	1-0	4-1
1938-39	0-1	2-1	1979-80	1-2	1-1
1946-47	2-1	1-2	1980-81	1-2	2-3
1947-48	0-0	0-0			
1948-49	0-1	1-0	DIV. I		
1949-50	0-0	2-2	1982-83	2-3	2-0
1950-51	2-1	1-1	1983-84	3-1	1-0
1951-52	3-0	1-6	1984-85		2-2
1952-53	0-1	0-0			
1953-54	1-0	1-3	FA CUP		
1954-55	2-1	0-2	1935-36	2-2	0-4
			(3rd rd.)		
DIV. I			1948-49		1-3
1958-59	0-0	1-4	(3rd rd.)		
1959-60	3-1	1-3	1971-72	2-1	
1974-75	2-0	0-0	(3rd rd.)		

LEAGUE SUMMARY

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A
19	9	4	6	23	15	
AWAY	20	5	8	7	25	33
TOTAL	39	14	12	13	48	48

In addition, we met Luton Town in the Southern League and also several times in War-time League fixtures and the Football League (South) of 1945-46.

BRIAN STEIN



LAST SEASON HERE

Tuesday 17, April 1984
Canon League Division One
WEST HAM UNITED (2) 3
LUTON TOWN (0) 1
Hammers: Parkes; Stewart, Walford, Bonds (capt.), Martin, Barnes, Allen, Cottie, Swindleshurst, Brooking, Pike. Sub: Donald. Scorers: Cottie 23, 80; Martin 37.
Hatters: Sealey; Stevens, Thomas, Horton (capt.), Elliott, Donaghy, Parker, Stein, Walsh, Bunn (Goodyear 74); Moss. Scorer: Walsh 65. Attendance: 15,340. Referee: Darryl Reeves (Uxbridge).



West Ham United

Tony Gale

Portrait

TONY GALE — Was the only summer signing last close season when he left Fulham at the end of his contract to join the Hammers in a move which was valued at £150,000 by a Football League Tribunal.

Born in Victoria, London, in November 1959, Tony joined Fulham as an apprentice professional after coming to prominence in Schools football with representative honours for London, Middlesex and as an England Schoolboy triallist. Made his Football League debut against Charlton Athletic (20.8.77) and went on to score 19 goals in 277 League appearances for Fulham, helping the side to promotion to Division Two in 1982.

That same year Tony gained international recognition with an England Under-21 cap against Poland. Tony came straight into the West Ham United team for the opening game of the season, home to Ipswich Town, on August 26, 1984 and has been a regular ever since, missing just nine games with a knee injury which he received against Queens Park Rangers on New Year's Day.

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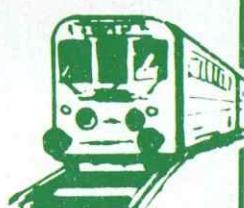
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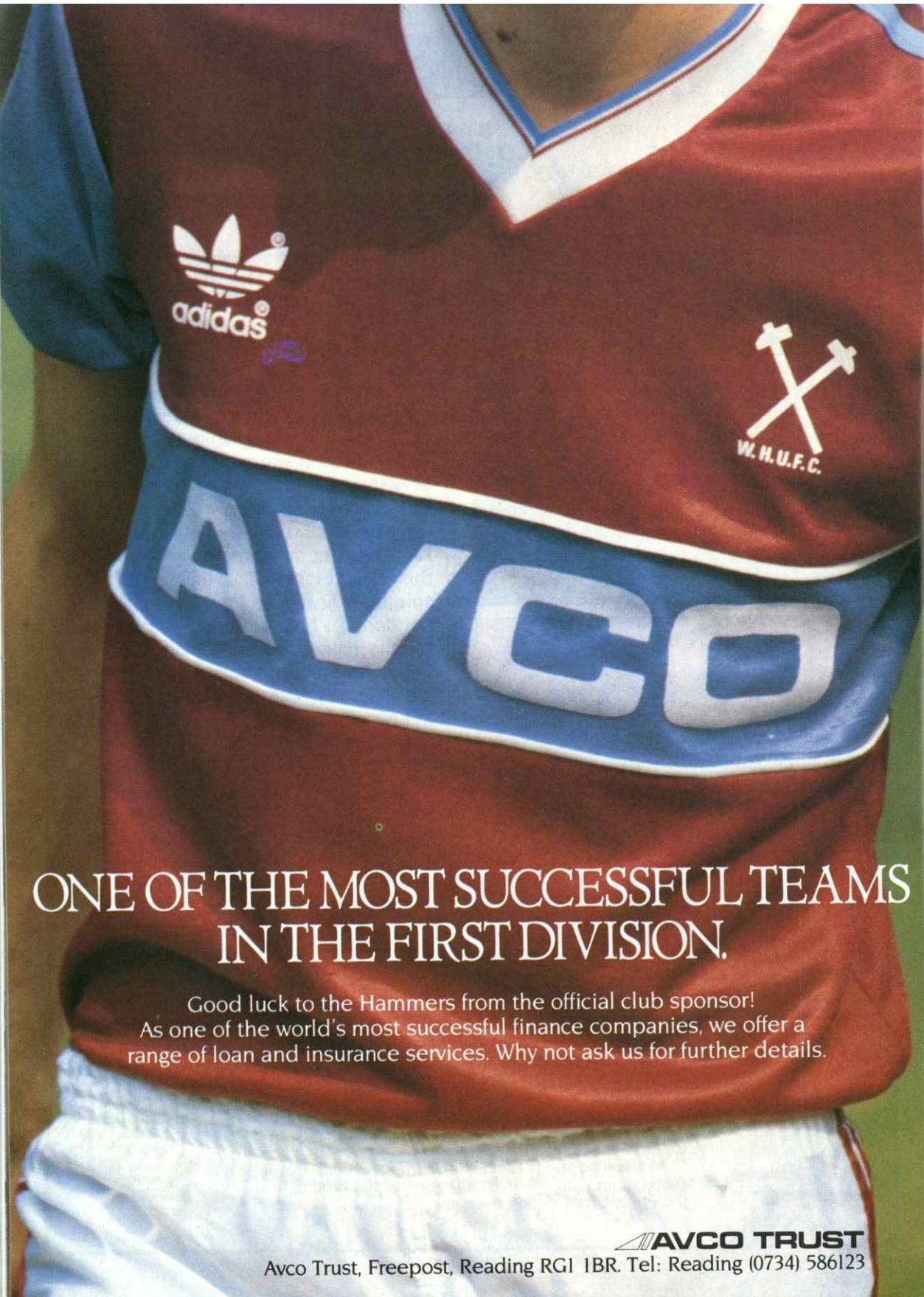
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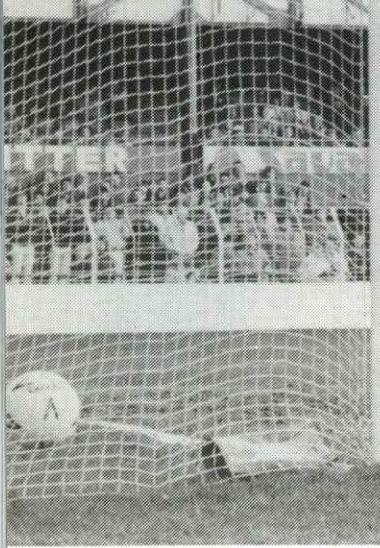
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SUNDERLAND SUNK BY GODDARD

It could be the most important goal of Paul Goddard's career (pic 1). Tony Cottee (right) and Paul Allen are certainly delighted as are the rest of the lads (pic 2). It was the winner at Sunderland last Saturday and provided three golden points... It was not without cost however — Paul displays his torn shirt (pic 3).

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match review

by JACK HELLIER

The Eventual Turning

It has taken us 16 years to partly prove the old adage that it is a long lane that has no turning; but the occasion was well worth waiting for, as our 2-1 away win against Nottingham Forest last Saturday came at a time when we badly needed three points.

Our opening goal at the City Ground was — according to the statisticians — our first there in 979 minutes of play since Geoff Hurst netted against the Midlanders in 1969. The move was initiated by a pass to Bobby Barnes, and the winger made ground before sending in an angled shot which rebounded from the far post for Tony Cottee to apply the finishing touch in the 20th minute.

We maintained the lead until after the interval, but Steve Hodge put the Reds on level terms in the 56th minute. The homesters kept up their pressure for a while, but our defence remained firm and we eventually regained the lead — after missing an easy chance. This time it was Cottee who carved the opening along the left flank, his centre being diverted by Paul Goddard to put our team deservedly on the winning trail.

Saturday Morning "Derby"

A couple of days before the match against Chelsea on April 13 we had a "head count" of our playing-staff to pencil in a possible line-up for the morning encounter at Upton Park. Eventually the printed list showed few variations, although one was enforced by the one-match suspension of Alvin Martin.

Ray Stewart took over as skipper, and made a contribution to our first-half goal by side-footing a free-kick to Tony Cottee for his team-mate to equalise the visitors' 17th minute in-off-the-post opener.

There were enough incidents during the first half to make an interesting duel on a mainly bright morning of weather, but all-in-all the 1-1 interval count was a fair representation.

A superb jinking run in the penalty-area by Alan Dickens led to what we first believed was a possible winning goal; but to the surprise of many the "goal" was disallowed for an infringement in the goalmouth.

Although disappointed by the "loss" of what we hoped might be the winner, our team continued to strive for the hoped-for three-points victory, but were foiled by a resolute defence that held out in yet another London derby draw.

For our part we were pleased that Phil Parkes showed that he has lost none of his goalkeeping ability during his lengthy absence from League football; and it was a further consolation that we apparently emerged

without further additions to our injury-list!

A point worthy of mention was the refereeing of Neil Midgeley; it was an example of the standards which can be attained in that branch of the game.

A Six-Pointer

There are occasions when a win brings a double-bonus, insofar that it dims the prospects of the losers overtaking the winners in the final reckoning. Such was the case at Roker Park last Saturday, when our victory put a two-point gap between ourselves and Sunderland at the lower end of the table.

The decisive goal came just about a quarter-hour after the start; Chris Turner parried Paul Goddard's first shot, but the Hammers followed up to crash home the rebound — albeit that the 'keeper again made a valiant effort to prevent us going one up.

After that it turned out to be a reasonably easy path to victory. Defence-wise we held the home attacks, and Phil Parkes was rarely bothered by the opposition. At the other end we might well have increased the count, but had to be satisfied with one-nil at the final whistle.

Most of the other results in Division One last Saturday turned out to our advantage, although soccer forecasting is such a hazardous occupation that one can never foresee what might happen. Talks of a "Super League" are often mere fantasy, especially when leading contenders for the Championship lose six matches out of seven in succession at home and have a better away record than on their own ground; that must be truly frustrating for the fans!

Football Combination

The Reserves' commitments during the remainder of the season are considerable. Statistically we have had to maintain a running record of all matches played for the past month, as owing to postal problems we have not been able to receive the weekly official League-table bulletin.

We took a two-goal lead in our mid-week fixture on April 10 at Oxford United's ground, but the home side came back into contention and levelled the scores before the interval. The second half was eventually more in our favour and Bobby Barnes netted what proved to be the winner; George Parris and Greg Campbell were our earlier scorers in a deserved 3-2 victory.

The match at The Valley on April 18 against Charlton Athletic marked the return of Billy Bonds after a lengthy absence through injury, and also a return of our skipper to his former club's spacious arena. The Valiants took a

first-half lead, but were pinned back with a Hammers' goal before the interval. We netted again in the second half to win 2-1. Steve Whitton scored one of our goals; the other was appropriately netted by . . . Billy Bonds.

Steve Whitton scored a hat-trick in last Saturday's match at Upton Park, and young Mark Pye netted two to open his account in Combination football. We led by three-nil at the interval, but although Fulham got one in the second half we ended very comfortable winners by 5-1.

We had a home game v Brighton and Hove Albion last Tuesday. It was played at Chadwell Heath.

We have away fixtures today and on Monday; then we conclude our schedule with four matches at Upton Park and an "away" engagement v Portsmouth which will be played on our Chadwell Heath ground.

South East Counties League

Senior Division

Ipswich Town have maintained constant pressure on our under-18s during recent weeks, and the race for the championship has fluctuated due to some rather surprising results. However, at the time of writing, four points from the remaining games should ensure us of the top place.

We were good winners in our mid-week fixture v Charlton Athletic at The Valley Leisure Ground on April 9, although a single goal was sufficient to bring the points our way. The margin might have been greater, but the Athletic fought well and only conceded when Paul Ince scored from an opening made by Kevin Keen.

We had an opportunity of virtually ensuring the winning of the championship on April 13, as our under-18s were at home to the current runners-up. Unfortunately we "blew it", and a 3-2 win was gained by Ipswich Town.

The visitors were gifted a goal in the opening minutes, but Paul Ince restored our status quo before half-time. Paul McMenemy put us 2-1 up in the second half, but we conceded an unnecessary penalty for the Town side to draw level. Then with five minutes to go came the winner; it was almost as surprising to the victors as to the vanquished, as overall we had looked the better side — except for the balance of goals!

Four up at half-time, our side cruised to a 7-1 victory against Gillingham at Brompton last Saturday with an excellent performance. Our septet of goals was spread among five players; Kevin Keen and Paul McMenemy had two apiece; one each went to Eamonn Dolan, Paul Ince and David Walker (his first this season).

South East Counties League

Junior Division

Our concluding League fixture of the season was against Brentford at Northolt. The Bees were out to avenge their Cup semi-final defeat, and a 2-0 interval lead put them in with a great chance. However, a second-half hat-trick by Steve Fletcher offset the lead, although Brentford got another to make it 3-3. We missed a penalty in the closing minutes, so had to settle for a sharing of the points.

We were due to play two legs of our Junior Division Cup Final this week; the first at Upton Park on Monday evening and the second at the Goldstone Ground on Thursday, with Brighton and Hove Albion as the opposition.

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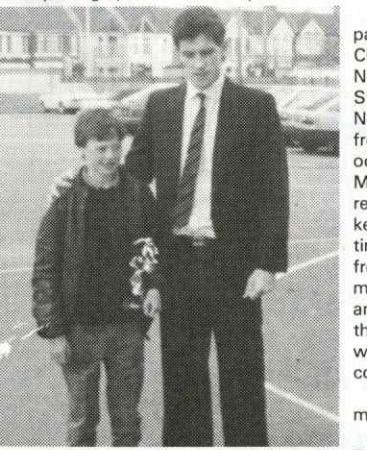
This afternoon, on your behalf, I extend a warm welcome to all members of the Junior Hatters Club, whether they be at the game this afternoon, or at home anxiously waiting for the result of this very important game here at Upton Park. When I was first asked to form the Junior Hammers' Club, I visited the Hatters, and I was able to obtain a lot of advice and help from Colin BALL who at that time was responsible for a very successful Junior Hatters Club — Colin is now a very active member of the Luton Supporters' Club — keep up the good work Colin!

On Thursday 18th April, I took a party of Junior Hammers to Highbury where we played Indoor Football against the Junior Gunners, and had a comfortable win — 7-1.

The F.A. COACHING COURSE held at the East London Stadium on 9th and 10th April, proved very enjoyable for the 35 Junior Hammers that took part — two of our members received trophies in recognition of their high standard of achievement — MARTIN O'BRIEN and STEPHEN O'RIODON (cousin of Tony GALE). This course was sponsored by ADIDAS, and was entirely free of charge.

At our Monthly Meeting held last Wednesday 24th April in the "LONG ROOM" at the Boleyn Ground, we held a special QUIZ COMPETITION for members and parents, and then ALAN SMITH (Ticket Office Manager) and his assistant RICHARD LIVETT gave details of the proposed scheme for a Family Enclosure in the EAST STAND next season. We also had the pleasure of first XI left back, PAUL BRUSH, in attendance, and he spent a good deal of time signing autographs and posing for photographs.

I send Special Birthday Greetings to the following Junior Hammers — Scott BALL, Joanne McMAHON, Peter BYRNE, Colin COOTE, Paul DAVIES, Steven NICHOLS, Mark JORDAN, June WILSON, Mark COLLINS, Joseph GOLIANI, Jamie MILLER, Lennon CHUNN, Robert FORD, Debby BAKER, Toby BLUCK, Paulo BURGESS, Daniel PAGE, Jami CONNOR, Jane BAKER, Daniel SUGDEN, and Daniel MARTINE. Each one will have received an Autographed Birthday Card with a photograph of all the Players.



Tony Gale with cousin Stephen O'Riordan.

Today the Junior Hammers parading the pitch in our exclusive Club Track Suits are Gute and Törl NYGREEN, Erica HALL, Juanita SPOONER, David SEATON and Nicholas FIELD. Gute and Törl hail from Norway; due to their father's occupation, they have been living in Milton Keynes, but in August they return to Norway. They have been keen members of our Club for some time, and with their mother have been frequent visitors to first XI home matches. I send good wishes to Gute and Törl and their parents, and I hope they will continue their membership with the Junior Hammers, and of course "keep in touch".

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BILL REMFRY

The inclement weather early this year certainly played havoc with the fixture list. Officials are having headaches trying to get the back-log of matches played off, none more so than our own club.

Having arranged my diary at the beginning of the season to fit in football with all the other things I am connected with, to have it all disarranged by ice and snow of a bleak cold winter is disquieting to say the least. These rearranged mid-week matches are proving a problem to me, and I shall be pleased when the middle of May has arrived and I can relax into a less active life.

Many dedications have had to go by the board because of the cancellations, and continuity has been lost. However things are picking up again. I get more letters saying how much that you enjoy the music that I play.

In fact I have had only one complaint, and it being the only one I think that perhaps I did not ought to mention his name. However, I can assure you 'Chris' that I have played Frankie Goes To Hollywood and Alison Moyet many times and most of the top pops. Chris, I have no intention of playing 'pop' music all the time. For one reason alone — that you can listen to that kind of music every minute of the day on some radio station or another. I will not become like other club DJs, and play the top 40 material all the time.

The percentage of supporters who want only 'pop' music is very much lower than you think. I will continue to share out the time as best as I can with big bands, country and western, trad jazz, modern jazz, brass bands, pop groups etc, etc.

I have had four letters recently from supporters asking me for the names of a particular record that I had played; needless to say that none of them referred to pop music.

You see, Chris, I have to please so many people, and each and every one has a particular form of musical presentation that they enjoy more than others. I don't want to ignore anybody, but if you listen carefully Chris you will hear that you get more than a fair share of the time available.

Meanwhile, I shall continue with my pot-pourri of music hoping that I am pleasing somebody somewhere.

Keep those 'Bubbles Time' dedications coming in, we only have a few matches left, so do not miss out.

Kindly send all correspondence regarding this column to BILL REMFRY, c/o West Ham United F.C., Green Street, London E13 9AZ.

CONGRATULATIONS
Our congratulations to Bill Remfry and his wife Beatrice, who recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary (40 years married). May they have many more happy years.

MATCH FACTS

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
April 6, 1985
WEST HAM UNITED (0) 1

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (1) 1
Hammers: McAlister; Stewart, Orr, Walford, Martin (capt.), Gale, Allen, Barnes (Swindlehurst 60), Goddard, Cottee, Dickens. Scorer: Dickens 84.
Spurs: Clemence; Thomas, Bowen, Roberts, Miller, Perryman (capt.), Ardiles, Falco, Galvin (Chiedozie 62), Hoddle, Crooks. Scorer: Ardiles 43.
Attendance: 24,435.
Referee: Ray Lewis (Great Bookham).

April 8, 1985
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (1) 4
WEST HAM UNITED (1) 2

Rangers: Hucker; Chivers, Dawes, Waddock, Wicks, Fenwick, McDonald, Filley, Bannister, Byrne, Fereday (James 45). Scorers: Byrne (40 secs.), Bannister 57, 65; Fenwick 70 (pen.).
Hammers: McAlister (Barnes 60), Stewart, Orr, Walford, Martin (capt.), Gale, Allen, Swindlehurst, Goddard, Cottee, Dickens. Scorer: Cottee 45, 84.
Attendance: 16,085.
Referee: Roger Milford (Bristol).

April 13, 1985
WEST HAM UNITED (1) 1 CHELSEA (1) 1
Hammers: Parkes; Stewart (capt.), Brush, Walford, Orr, Gale, Allen, Swindlehurst, Goddard, Cottee, Dickens. Sub: Barnes. Scorer: Cottee 23.
Chelsea: Francis; Jones, Dublin, Pates (capt.), McLaughlin, Bumstead, Nevin, Spackman, Dixon, Speedie, Jasper. Sub: Davies. Scorer: Speedie 17.
Attendance: 19,003.
Referee: Neil Midgley (Salford).

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HISTORICAL HAMMERS

By Jack Helliar

TEN YEARS AGO

Monday 28 April 1975

Our final League match of the season, with Arsenal as the visitors to Upton Park in a match deferred from the original date as we had been engaged in an F.A. Cup semi-final. There was nothing much hanging on the game as both clubs were around middle-of-the-table; but, nevertheless, 30,195 fans turned out to see our pre-Wembley appearance. The teams were:

West Ham United: Day, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds (capt.), Taylor (T.), Lock, Jennings, Paddon, Taylor (A.), Brooking, Holland. Sub: Gould.
Arsenal: Barnett, Storey, Nelson, Kelly, Mancini, Simpson, Ball (capt.), Brady, Hornsby, Kidd, Rostron. Sub: Rice.

We were off to a flying start, Graham Paddon scoring in the third minute. That proved to be the only goal of the game, but 'the last one before Wembley' was a happy evening, with the Gunners' fans joining in wishing both Fulham and ourselves a memorable all-London Final.

Among the comments in our match programme was one by Arsenal's then-manager Bertie Mee. He was opining that there would soon be foreign players playing regularly in English League soccer, and added that he had been scouting around foreign parts for three or four years. At that time there was still a two-year residential qualification, but Mr. Mee said that under the Treaty of Rome (EEC) he would be prepared to fight through the courts to confirm the right to engage Europeans without that formality. We know now how right he was!

A few days earlier we had played Ipswich Town at Upton Park in the first leg of the F.A. Youth Cup Final. The attendance was 10,227. Ipswich paved their way to a triumph with a convincing 3-1 victory.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Easter 1965

Good Friday morning (11 a.m. kick-off) was a memorable occasion for Brian Dear. He was originally credited with scoring five goals in 21 minutes, but this was later amended to 20 minutes in our official records to equal the feat of Fred Keetley of Lincoln City in a January 1932 Third Division engagement v Halifax Town.

The quintet were netted either side of the interval with Ray Potter the luckless 'keeper for West Bromwich Albion. Martin Peters also scored for the Hammers and we won by 6-1.

We made changes for our subsequent fixtures, actually using 17 players over the three holiday games because of the forthcoming second leg of the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final.

On Easter Saturday Gordon Banks was the key figure in Leicester City's home win, the Filberts annexing both points through Don Gibson's goal five minutes before the interval.

15,800 fans saw the game, in which Ron Boyce hit the post after City's counter and John Sissons had an "offside" goal disallowed.

We had two more "goals" disallowed on the following Monday at The Hawthorns — Brian Dear and Martin Peters were the unlucky ones that afternoon. Ken Foggo, Jeff Astle and Brown put West Brom three-up at the interval; Brown got another in the second-half, but Geoff Hurst's 20-yarder and Ron Boyce's shot on the turn made it 4-2 against us at the finish. Trevor Dawkins made his League debut.

Our concluding First Division match that season was on the following Friday. We defeated Blackpool 2-1 at Upton Park. Ian Moir scored in the sixth minute for the Tangerines, Ken Brown (47 mins.) and Brian Dear (79 mins.) replying for the Hammers.

A programme announcement listed Season Ticket prices for 1965-66 at £11 (B and D) and £13 (C).

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Tuesday 26 April 1955

We have come to regard Liverpool as such frequent visitors to Upton Park that the opening sentence of our programme notes on the above day came as a surprise when we read this: "In welcoming the players and officials of Liverpool F.C. to Upton Park this evening we do so for the first time in nearly 23 years."

The Merseysiders had been relegated to the Second Division at the end of the preceding campaign, which accounted for their first visit to the Boleyn Ground since February 1932.

The four League matches we had played prior to Liverpool's visit had ruined our promotion prospects, with defeats at Luton (0-2), Bury (1-4), a goalless draw at Fulham and a home reverse against Rotherham United (1-2). The 'Pool added to our misery by winning 3-0. The teams were:

Hammers: Taylor, Wright, Hallas, Malcolm, Allison, Parker, Hooper, Sexton, Dare, Bennett, Musgrave.
Liverpool: Rudham, McNulty, Lambert, Saunders, Twentyman, D. Campbell, Anderson, Rowley, Liddell, Evans, Payne.

The attendance was 9,000.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 28 April 1955

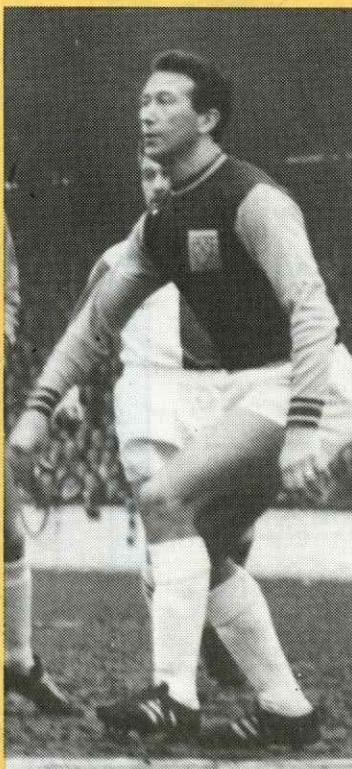
We are fortunate in having some newspaper cuttings of matches around the end of the World War II era. There are two of our match v Crystal Palace on the above date in the Football League South — one from the "Stratford Express" and the other from the "Sunday Express".

They recount that the Glaziers had a double set-back that afternoon. After 24 minutes their young right-back Harding — recently "discovered" by manager George Irwin, dislocated his left ankle; fortunately our club doctor, Oliver Thomas, was able to reset it immediately. Then Albert Dawes had a suspected arm fracture, but played through to the end.

That all helped to make it easy for the Hammers, although in general we were always the better side. Three goals came in the 10 minutes before half-time; Terry Woodgate converted a shot parried away by goalkeeper Tootill (according to the "Stratford", although Sunday's report said it rebounded from a post). Hall made it two from Norman Corbett's pass; and Sammy Small hit the third after a brilliant run by Charlie Whitchurch. Small's couple in the second half earned him a genuine "hat trick" (three in a row), so we ended five-nil up.

That kept us in contention for the Championship, but Spurs almost had it won by then.

6,257 were at the game. Our team was: Taylor, Bicknell, W. Lewis, Corbett (N.), Fenton, Wilson, Woodgate, Hall, Small, Goulden, C. Whitchurch.



Ken Brown — scored a rare goal.

WEST HAM UNITED



1 PHIL PARKES

Returned to the side for his first senior game of the season against Chelsea.

2 RAY STEWART

Our ace penalty taker who got first hand experience of the other side of the coin when he faced a penalty from Q.P.R.'s Terry Fenwick as the stand in goalkeeper at Loftus Road.

3 PAUL BRUSH

Returned to the side against Chelsea after missing five games with a knee injury.

4 NEIL ORR

Versatile performer who can play in defence or midfield where his ball winning ability is crucial. Had a superb game at Roker Park last Saturday.

5 ALVIN MARTIN (capt.)

Missed two games through suspension but came back into the side last Saturday at Sunderland.

6 TONY GALE

Had played 277 League games for Fulham before moving to Upton Park last summer in a £100,000 transfer.

7 PAUL ALLEN

Joined the Hammers from school in the summer of 1978 and has developed into one of the most exciting young talents in the First Division.

8 DAVE SWINDLEHURST

Has had an unhappy season with regard to injuries and found himself in hospital after the game at Q.P.R. for a precautionary X-ray after a blow on the jaw.

9 PAUL GODDARD

Scored that all important goal at Sunderland last Saturday after goalkeeper Chris Turner had parried his initial shot.

10 TONY COTTEE

Scored both goals against Q.P.R. at Loftus Road to boost his impressive goal tally to 21 - 14 in the First Division.

11 ALAN DICKENS

Another home product, Alan has graduated through the ranks. Made his League debut against Notts County in December 1983.

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LUTON TOWN



1 LES SEALEY

Former Coventry City goalkeeper transferred to Luton for £70,000 in the summer of 1983.

2 TIM BREAKER

Nineteen-year-old full back who has only been a professional for a couple of years. Had made only two League appearances before this season but has been a regular selection this season.

3 MITCHELL THOMAS

Tall rangy black defender picked up by Luton on the Youth Opportunities Scheme. Loves to push forward and is a great crosser of the ball.

4 PETER NICHOLAS

The man with a tiger in his tackle. Has captained both his former club, Crystal Palace, and Wales. Also played for Arsenal (60 League appearances).

5 STEVE FOSTER (capt.)

At his best a big strong commanding defender. Has added steel to the Luton defence. Always distinguished by his long hair and white head band. Has scored 16 League goals.

6 MAL DONAGHY

Was troubled by a hamstring injury last week but came through the game against Manchester United alright. Northern Ireland international.

7 RICKY HILL

Twice capped by England but has had an inconsistent season. Scored the semi-final goal against Everton a fortnight ago. Now 26, has been in the Luton team since he was 17.

8 BRIAN STEIN

Plucked out of non-League football at the age of 20, has gone all the way to play for England v France in February '84. Very quick in the box, is a skilled striker. Seven League goals this season.

9 MICK HARFORD

His two goals against Manchester United last Sunday boosted Mick's tally to 13 this season, with eight goals in his last seven games.

10 EMEKA NWAJIOBI

An exciting talent. This former chemist has scored seven goals in 28 League games, and four in his last six matches for Luton. Age 24, is strong and loves to run with the ball.

11 DAVID PREECE

Little midfield dynamo signed from Walsall this season. Has been described by manager David Pleat as a budding Archie Gemmill.

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REFEREE: ALLAN GUNN

(Burgess Hill, Sussex)

Purchasing Manager. Married with two daughters. Commenced refereeing in 1965 in Sussex and progressed via Football Combination. Interested in swimming and squash. Refereed F.A. Youth Cup Final in 1980, lined 1982 Charity Shield and France v Brazil in 1978.

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TODAY'S MASCOT —

Today, we give a special welcome to Darren Palazon of Quendon Place, Haverhill, Suffolk. Darren is aged 6½ and attends Westfield Primary School in Haverhill, Suffolk. His hobbies are bike riding, swimming and playing football. Darren was originally set to be our mascot for the West Ham United v Wimbledon game, but stepped down to allow Alan Devonshire's son to take his place. So it's a special thank-you to him today.



We also welcome with Darren, his brother and family and wish them an enjoyable and memorable afternoon at Upton Park.

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