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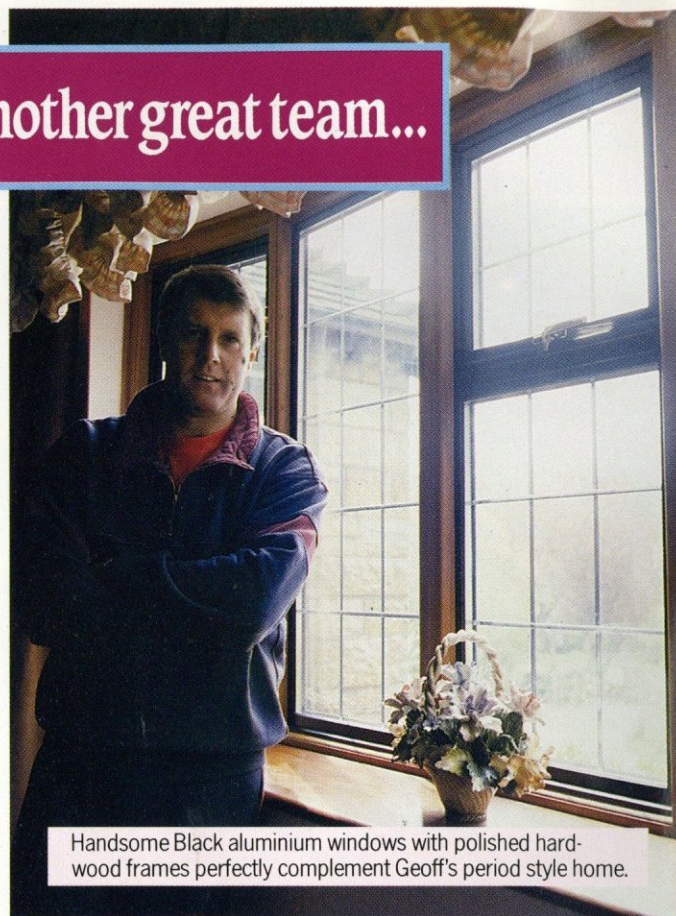
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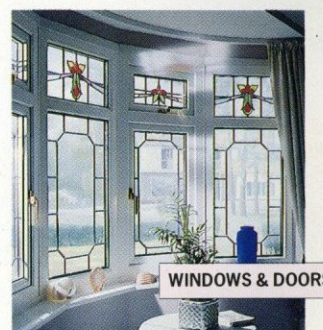
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## BILLY BONDS

**WELCOME** back to Upton Park for our opening game of the new season against Luton.

It's been a hectic summer. Apart from the training, we've had our usual schedule of pre-season friendlies and then those games in the Makita Tournament and the one against Botafogo here last Sunday.

We learned a lot from the Makita, in particular. We knew it would be hard from the start and the fact that so many players were either already injured, or were playing after just recovering from knocks, didn't do us any favours.

I don't want to use the long injury list as an excuse, though.

And nor do I wish to harp on about transfer fees and the prices being quoted for today's players, and the demands of the players themselves.

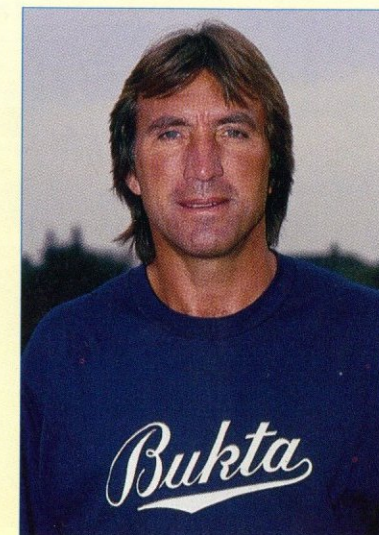
It is not for me to say whether or not I think, say, Teddy Sheringham is worth £2 million, or Keith Curle is a £2.5 million defender.

It doesn't matter what I think about those transfers or any of the other big money deals. The fact is, this is today's market and we've got to accept it.

Hopefully we have done some good transfer business ourselves, with the recent signing of Mitchell Thomas from Tottenham and Mike Small from Brighton. Mitchell brings more versatility to our defence (I've seen him have a blinder in midfield too), whilst Mike did very well up front for Brighton last season.

No one at West Ham is kidding themselves about the task facing us this season, now that the Club is back in the First Division. We enjoyed ourselves last season and though we were all bitterly disappointed not to have clinched the Second Division title itself, we still achieved what we set out to do - get promotion. The FA Cup run was a very nice bonus, too.

But this season we know it's going to be very difficult. At the end of the season it was obvious that we needed strengthening for the First Division and we - that's me, Eddie Baily, Ronnie Boyce and the coaching staff - got our heads together almost every day to discuss the people we might bring in and the various options open to us. I made many phone calls and had a number of talks.



As well as Mitchell and Mike, we've signed young Dean Martin from Fisher Athletic. He's been given this chance and we'll see how he develops. Kenny Brown has been signed on a month's loan from Plymouth, while 'keeper Tony Parks is here on a two months' trial. He could be useful back-up to Ludo.

We moved in for Kenny as our injury situation got worse. The central defenders, Alvin Martin and Tony Gale, are both unavailable at the moment, so by bringing in Kenny at right-back it released Tim Breacker to play in the middle of the back four. It's not Tim's position, but I thought he was one of our best players over the two days at Highbury.

To be honest, our form in the friendlies has not been good. But let's just hope that we will put that behind us now that the league season is beginning.

One of the biggest factors in our success last season was undoubtedly the great support you gave us up and down the country. As a player, I always knew how tremendous West Ham fans are - it's no different now I'm manager. The Makita Tournament showed, yet again, just how strong that support is.

I hope we can give you all something to cheer about over the next nine months...



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1958-59, 1974-75  
Semi-finalists 1952-53,  
1990-91

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# HAMMER NEWS

**BAC COMPLETE THE HAT-TRICK**  
BAC, our official club sponsors who have supported West Ham United for the past two seasons, are back this year to complete a hat-trick!

On the eve of the final game of last season, BAC Chairman Eddie Coventry attended a special press launch at Hammers' Chadwell Heath training ground, where it was announced that the replacement windows and conservatories specialists would be following us into the First Division.

It's great news for the Club, whilst BAC are convinced, too, that their excellent sponsorship is proving a big success.

Said Eddie Coventry: "BAC is proud to be associated with a prestige football club such as West Ham - our local team - and reaching Division One is a real bonus for all concerned."

Eddie is pictured here, on the day the sponsorship renewal was confirmed, with Hammers' team boss Billy Bonds displaying the brand new re-designed home shirt, bearing of course that distinctive BAC company logo.



## JIM FIXES NEW DEAL

FOR the first time in the Club's history, West Ham United have gained a major sponsor for our Centre of Excellence.

Jimmy Neighbour, Hammers' Youth Development Officer, pulled off something of a coup when he announced the five-figure sponsorship deal last Wednesday.

He has tied up a joint sponsorship package involving two Basildon-based companies - **ESSEX FORD** and **DOMINO PROMOTIONS**.

Said a delighted Jim: "This is great news for the Club. Running our Centre of Excellence coaching courses at Chadwell Heath three times a week is becoming a more costly business, so to attract this sort of excellent backing is tremendous."

"In these days of escalating transfer fees, it is more important than ever for clubs like West Ham to develop their own youth talent. So we hope that our own chances in that respect will be enhanced by this sponsorship, which will enable us to maintain the excellent facilities the kids already enjoy."

"In particular, I would like to thank Mike Pearson, of Domino Promotions, and Philip Maskell, from Essex Ford, for their superb gesture."

## STAN FOXALL

We were saddened to hear of the death last week of one of our old favourites, Stan Foxall.

A member of our 1940 War Cup-winning team, this popular right-winger played 106

League matches for the Hammers between 1934-40, scoring 38 goals.

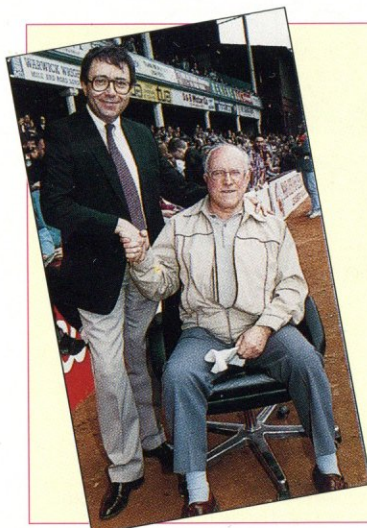
Stan passed away aged 78, and the Club sends sincere condolences to his family and friends.

A full tribute to Stan will appear in our next issue.

## MASTERMIND CHAMPS

CONGRATULATIONS to the first three supporters in our West Ham United Mastermind competition, the final of which took place prior to our last home game of the season.

The winner, who received £300 worth of holiday vouchers, was **TED LOWRIE**, of Burnway, Hornchurch; runner-up was **MARK SEXTON**, who received vouchers worth £200, of Hurstbourne Gardens, Barking; and third place went to **PETER KOCH**, of Rosebank Avenue, Elm Park, who collected £100 worth of vouchers.



## NEW BOYS WELCOME

MANAGER Billy Bonds' patience was rewarded last week when he clinched the signing of Brighton's leading striker Mike Small.

Small, who scored for the Seagulls in last season's league game at Upton Park and whose goals helped the south coast club to the brink of promotion, joins the Hammers for a fee of around £400,000.

His arrival follows the £500,000 capture of Tottenham defender Mitchell Thomas, who began his league career with today's visitors, Luton Town. Indeed, Mitchell, 26, made his debut for them here at Upton Park in January 1983.

The acquisition of Small and Thomas takes the Club's summer spending on new players to close on £1 million. That figure may not seem a fortune by modern day standards but the financial statistics detailing all close season transactions reveal that only six or seven First Division clubs have spent more money - net - on signings this summer.

Whilst several clubs have spent more money than West Ham on individual players, the majority have recouped a large proportion by selling their own players to help balance the books.

Billy Bonds underlined his determination to retain the Club's most highly-rated assets when he turned down a recent £2 million bid by Celtic for the exciting Stuart Slater.

West Ham began the summer by purchasing promising, young striker Dean Martin from non-league Fisher Athletic for a fee of £20,000.

As our injury problems mounted, Bill also moved in to sign right-back Kenny Brown, on a month's loan, after the player's contract at Plymouth Argyle had expired. Many supporters will doubtless recall Kenny's father, Ken senior, wearing the number five shirt with distinction in the early 60s.

We also recently added former

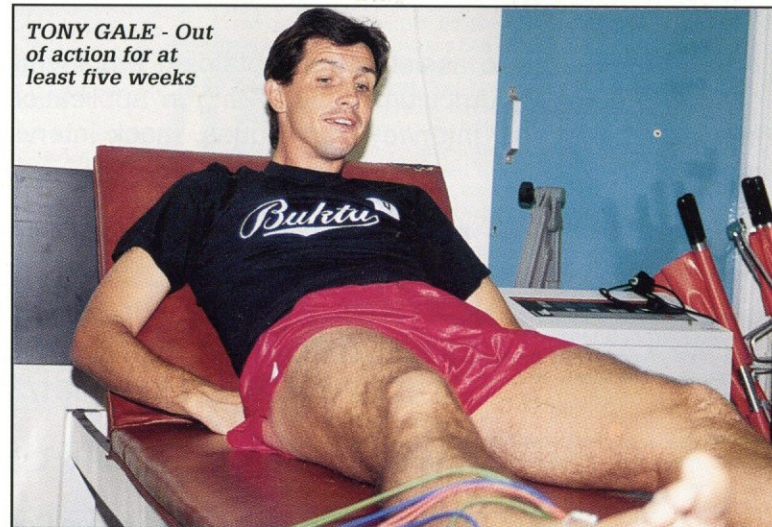


DEAN MARTIN

Spurs, Brentford and Southend goalkeeper Tony Parks to the squad, joining us on two months' trial.

Of the players who have left Upton Park since the end of last season, Jimmy Quinn has joined Bournemouth for £40,000, whilst Ray Stewart went to Scottish Premier League St. Johnstone on a free transfer.

## TONY GALE - Out of action for at least five weeks



## INJURY WORRIES

HAMMERS go back into the First Division battling to overcome mounting injury problems. Central defender Tony Gale was the latest to be hit by the jinx. He entered hospital last Monday for an operation on the sole of his foot and is expected to be out of action for at least the next five weeks.

The central defensive area poses particular problems, because the experienced Alvin Martin is still recovering from a foot operation.

And Steve Potts - our utility man who provided such excellent cover in many positions again last season - is certain to miss the start of the season, too, after breaking a bone in his foot during pre-season training.

Kevin Keen hoped to test his recent ankle ligament injury in Wednesday's opening Reserves' match at Oxford, whilst newcomer Mitchell Thomas (hamstring), Chris Hughton (groin) and Iain Dowie (ankle) were all receiving intensive treatment from Hammers' physio John Green in the build-up to today's game.

The most recent injury problems have tended to overshadow the determined efforts of long-term victim, Julian Dicks, who continues his rehabilitation programme.

Julian can join in five-a-side training matches, but is still rebuilding his shattered left knee and does not expect to be ready for a first team comeback until around February next year.



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# COMMENT

## PLAYERS AND FINANCE

**FOOTBALL clubs have spent a record £50 million on player transfers this summer.**

**West Ham United have been active themselves, taking their expenditure to #1 million last week with the capture of Mike Small from Brighton. Allowing for sales, this represents a commitment greater than the majority of First Division clubs.**

**Many Hammers' supporters have written to the Club asking questions about West Ham's financial policy in respect of players . . . and now Club Chairman MARTIN CEARNS takes this opportunity to respond.**

ONCE again this close season, a handful of First Division clubs have dominated the back pages of newspapers due to their substantial spending, notably Liverpool, Leeds United and Aston Villa. In the case of Liverpool and Villa, it's been more a case of juggling resources, because those two clubs have also released an England star apiece - Peter Beardsley and David Platt respectively - to help balance the books.

West Ham United Chairman Martin Cearn said: "Some clubs are spending more than us, but many of them are selling their best players to do that."

The Chairman has never been slow to acknowledge and appreciate the support the Hammers receive from their loyal fans and he is adamant that the Board of Directors at Upton Park are fully committed to bringing success to the Club.

He said: "The finances of a football club are a complex and delicate balance. However, it is fair to say that at West Ham all income received is spent to the ultimate benefit of the paying spectator. The main items of expenditure are the team (transfers and wages) and the stadium."

"The quality of the team and the entertainment value of the performances on the pitch are of course a subjective judgment; but the intention is always to give the best possible value from the financial resources available."

"Over the last two seasons," continued the Chairman, "we have overall spent more than we have earned. Following the acquisition of two players (Tim Breacker and Iain Dowie) for a total of £1 million, we ended last season with a Bank overdraft at a level probably higher than at any time in our history."

"That situation reflected the Club's policy to maintain a First Division structure, whilst spending two seasons playing in the Second Division. In particular, this has meant supporting a strong squad of players, and total players' wages last season exceeded those incurred during our last year in Division One."

"Despite a tremendous level of support through attendances, being a Second Division club restricted the amount of income available to the Club through television, advertising and sponsorship. These items do make a very significant impact on the total income coming into the Club."

Supporters will doubtless make the point that West Ham have, in recent seasons, received large fees following the sale of Tony Cottee and Paul Ince to Everton and Manchester United respectively.

In addition, successful runs to the semi-finals of the League Cup (in two successive seasons) and the FA Cup have generated increased revenue at Upton Park.

Season ticket sales, and home attendances in general, have again reached a very encouraging level.

But Martin Cearn said: "Although being in the Second Division for the past two years, during this period we did

spend on player transfers over £1 million more than we received in from transfers.

"Our present squad represents a commitment in transfers of some £6 million over the last three-to-four years. In all, a serious commitment to our present and future."

The Chairman concluded by saying that it is the Board's intention to keep West Ham supporters more informed of future developments within the Club.

So watch this space!

### THREE NEW RULES

THIS column will cover the more wider issues in football, too, and let's hope there won't be cause to comment too much on the so-called 'Professional Foul' rule that caused so much confusion (among everyone, including referees) and controversy last season.

To put you in the picture, the FA recently introduced three new rules, basically to close the loopholes that existed in the regulations concerning Law XII (Fouls and Misconduct).

New Rule 15 states: "If, in the opinion of the referee, a player who is moving toward his opponents' goal with an obvious opportunity to score a goal is intentionally impeded by an opponent, through unlawful means, i.e. an offence punishable by a free-kick (or a penalty kick), thus denying the attacking player's team the aforesaid goalscoring opportunity, the offending player shall be sent off for serious foul play."

The significant word here is "intentionally" sabotaging a goalscoring chance, rather than merely the act of unfairly impeding an opponent.

New Rule 16 states: "If, in the opinion of the referee, a player, other than the goalkeeper within his own penalty area, denies his opponents a goal, or an obvious goalscoring opportunity, by intentionally handling the ball, he shall be sent off for serious foul play."

This has been introduced to encourage the elimination of those particular handling-of-the-ball situations which have precisely the same effect on the game as the negative unfair characteristics it was sought to eradicate through the FIFA's Mandatoru Instruction.

However, it does not mean that every handball offence in the penalty area by a defender is punished with dismissal. Only those who commit the offence deliberately, either to prevent a goal or an obvious goalscoring chance, will get the red card. For example, goalkeeper who denies opponents by deliberately handling the ball outside his penalty area.

If a defender (other than the 'keeper) intentionally handles the ball, but does not prevent a goal, he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct and shall be cautioned.

The third new rule, number 17, is designed to stop goalkeepers from time-wasting. From this season... "the 'keeper will be considered to be in control of the ball when he takes possession of the ball by touching it with any part of his hands or arms. Possession of the ball would include the goalkeeper intentionally parrying the ball, but would not include circumstances where, in the opinion of the referee, the ball rebounds accidentally from the 'keeper, for example after he has made a save."

So if, after taking control of the ball, the 'keeper touches it again with his hand(s) or arm(s), without it in the meantime having been touched or played by another team mate outside the area, or by an opponent either inside or outside the area, he shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free-kick to the opposing team.

It has always been accepted practice that a 'keeper may bounce the ball on the ground and hold it again before kicking it, and this remains the same.



**FIVE months ago Northern Ireland international IAIN DOWIE left First Division Luton Town to take his chance with the Hammers in the Second Division promotion race. Now he's back in the big time and, as TONY McDONALD discovered, looking forward to the challenge...**

THERE cannot have been many players who would willingly have left a First Division team to start afresh elsewhere, in the Second Division.

But that is exactly what Iain Dowie did last March, when he switched from Luton Town to West Ham United in a £480,000 deal.

The move paid off, too, as the Northern Ireland striker scored in each of his first three home appearances and added another at Blackburn Rovers to take his goals tally to four in 12 games.

"But I never considered leaving Luton for West Ham a gamble," said the 26 year-old Dowie. "I followed West Ham's form closely at the time they were interested in me and I never had any doubt that they would gain promotion. Sooner or later it was inevitable and I joined them at a good time, when they were just coming out of a sticky patch."

Iain, who joined Luton from non-league Hendon for a £30,000 fee at the end of 1989, was in the Hatters' team that suffered a 5-0 FA Cup, fourth round (replay) defeat at Upton Park last January.

His Hammers' debut at Hull City, on March 23rd, was very much low-key - a dreary 0-0 draw that was hardly one for the memory bank.

Dowie played a key role in his

next game, at Oldham, where West Ham gained a deserved 1-1 draw with the eventual champions. And it might well have been victory had Dowie's scrambled shot not been disallowed for offside.

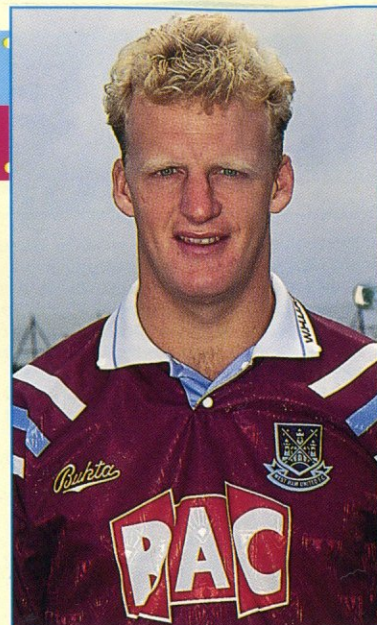
The artificial pitch at Boundary Park, which Dowie described as much more damaging than the Luton version, left him nursing bad friction burns which led to a virus.

With the aid of antibiotics, Dowie duly took his place in the Hammers' line-up against Barnsley here on Easter Monday - his home debut.

"In hindsight I shouldn't really have played in that game," he recalled. "I felt really rough and didn't get into the game at all. I thought there was a chance that Billy would take me off, and my home debut was going badly until I scored one of our three second half goals, which helped us to win the match 3-2."

"In the next home game, against Swindon, it was nice to score the goal that finally clinched promotion."

Dowie came to West Ham during Trevor Morley's absence through injury. And although Jimmy Quinn has now departed, Dowie knows that competition for places will still be intense, with Morley (last season's leading scorer), Frank McAvennie and Stuart Slater all



eager to claim a striking role, whilst Leroy Rosenior and newcomer Dean Martin won't be around in the Reserves purely to make up the numbers.

"Sure, there will be competition for places up front, and no doubt Billy would want there to be competition in every position. That doesn't worry me. It's good for the Club."

"Obviously every player believes he is the right man for the job and it's up to me to prove to Billy that I am worth my place in the side."

The tall, blond striker added a new dimension to West Ham's front line when he arrived from Kenilworth Road. His height and power in the air gave Hammers another option, although Dowie himself admits that it has taken him time to settle here.

"I think every player needs a

## IAIN DOWIE

period of adjustment," he said. "I have had to get used to playing the West Ham way. The Hammers have always preferred a slower build up and it used to be the same at Luton until they changed their style a bit midway through last season."

"Then I found that balls were played into the box much quicker. The majority of goals are scored in the penalty area, anyway, so it's not a question of whether you get the ball into the box, but WHEN you get it in there."

"I thought the fans were very good to me last season, and I know all about their loyalty and commitment to the Club from the semi-final at Villa Park. Being Cup-tied, I couldn't play in the game against Forest, so I sat in the stand, among all our supporters, instead. The atmosphere was incredible and it makes you really want to play for these people."

No one can doubt Iain Dowie's determination in that respect. Opposing defenders know they have been in a game when Dowie is racing around. Whether he is challenging strongly for every loose ball or stretching to reach another high cross, he is a handful. He will undoubtedly add more polish to his robust style with more experience of top flight football.

"The First Division will be very difficult this season. Other clubs have been spending a lot of money on reinforcements and we will have to adapt to playing at the higher level."

"But I am confident that we have the squad of players who can do that."

And if Iain has overcome an ankle problem in time to face his old club today, Hammers' supporters can rest assured that he will be out to do Luton no favours.

He told HAMMER: "I had good times at Luton and I don't want to forget them. I've still got friends at the Club, especially their goalkeeper, Alec Chamberlain, whom I play golf with. But I hope to make it an unhappy day for him - or, if I'm not playing, I hope my West Ham team mates will."



# I THOUGHT THE FANS WERE VERY GOOD TO ME LAST SEASON



# NATIONWIDE

THE transfer merry-go-round went into full swing this summer as clubs made a nonsense of the general recession to spend a total of more than £50 million on players.

Here is a brief summary of the major comings and goings in Division One...

**ARSENAL** - A rare exception, because they haven't spent a penny on new players! As reigning Barclays League champions, George Graham is obviously happy with his lot.

**ASTON VILLA** - Among the prime movers in the market. Ron Atkinson, who left promoted Sheffield Wednesday to take over from Josef Venglos, sold England's David Platt to Italians Bari (£5.5m) and Tony Cascarino to Celtic (£1.1m) to finance a long list of summer signings that include Dalian Atkinson and Kevin Richardson (both from Real Sociedad for a combined £1.95m), Steve Staunton (Liverpool, £1.1m), Paul Mortimer (Charlton, £350,000) and Shaun Teale (Bournemouth, £300,000). Cyrille Regis (Coventry) and Les Sealey (Man. Utd) were signed on frees.

**CHELSEA** - Snapped up Paul Elliott (Celtic, £1.4m), who had been linked with West Ham, and another Scottish-based star Tommy Boyd (Motherwell, £800,000). Joe Allon (Hartlepool, £400,000) is another new boy. Sold Tony Dorigo to Leeds (£1.3m), but new team manager Ian Porterfield turned down Spurs' £2m bid for Gordon Durie.

**COVENTRY CITY** - Completed the signing of former Hammer Stewart Robson (free) and their biggest signing is Peter Furlong (Enfield, £100,000). Brian Kilcline was sold to promoted Oldham (£400,000), but Terry Butcher also transfer-listed skipper Trevor Peake, Lloyd McGrath and Kenny Sansom for disciplinary reasons.

**CRYSTAL PALACE** - Steve Coppell has moderated his spending, with the signing of Lee Sinnott (Bradford, £350,000) and Chris Coleman (Swansea, £275,000), with Phil Barber (£100,000) departing to Millwall.

## PLAYING TODAY

Arsenal v OPR  
Chelsea v Wimbledon  
Coventry v Man City  
Palace v Leeds\*  
Liverpool v Oldham  
Man Utd v Notts Co  
Norwich v Sheff Utd  
Forest v Everton  
Sheff Wed v Villa  
Southampton v Spurs

\*Match postponed - Selhurst Park stadium refurbishment incomplete.

**EVERTON** - Peter Beardsley became the first Liverpool player to go direct to Goodison Park when Howard Kendall paid £1m for him, before the capture of ex-Hammer Mark Ward (£900,000) and Alan Harper (£400,000) from his old club, Man. City. Mike Milligan (£600,000) and Graeme Sharp (£500,000) have both gone to Oldham.

**LEEDS UNITED** - Set the ball rolling at the start of the summer with the double signing of Rod and Ray Wallace (£1.7m) from Southampton, and followed it with Tony Dorigo (£1.3) and Steve Hodge (Forest, £900,000).

**LIVERPOOL** - Manager Graeme Souness underlined his determination to bring the title back by swooping for Derby stars Dean Saunders (£2.9m) and Mark Wright (£2.2m) plus Rangers' Mark Walters (£1.3m), but that huge outlay was offset somewhat by the sale of Beardsley and Staunton, while the clear-out looks set to continue.

Second Division big-spenders Blackburn were reportedly on the verge of swooping for strikers Rosenthal and Speedie in a deal worth £1.5m, and Gary Gillespie (Celtic, £1m) is another set to move.

**LUTON TOWN** - Replaced Lars Elstrup (Odense, £250,000) with Brian Stein (free).

**MANCHESTER CITY** - Bought Ashley Ward (Leicester, £80,000) and were hoping to lure former favourite Paul Stewart back from Spurs for around £1.7m, having sold Ward and Harper to Everton. Splashed out a staggering £2.5m when Keith Curle joined them from Wimbledon to become Britain's most expensive defender.

**MANCHESTER UNITED** - Beat Spurs to the signing of England defender Paul Parker (QPR, £1.7m) and then went abroad to get 'keeper Peter Schmeichel (Brondby) and winger Andrei Konchelskis (USSR).

**NORWICH CITY** - Went into Division Two to recruit Darren Beckford (Port Vale, £925,000) and Rob Newman (Bristol City, £600,000).

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST** - Another club who spent heavily in the Second Division, on defender Carl Tiler (Barnsley, £1.4m) and the division's leading scorer last season Teddy Sherringham (Millwall, £2m). Recouped a chunk of that money from Leeds for Hodge, while Franz Carr - a loanee here last season - has gone to Newcastle (£250,000).

**NOTTS COUNTY** - The fourth promoted club have made hardly any changes, bringing in Richard Dryden (Exeter, £250,000) and releasing Nicky Platnauer (Leicester, free).

**OLDHAM ATHLETIC** - The Second Division champions helped finance the signing of Milligan (returning to Boundary Park), Sharp and Kilcline by selling Paul Warhurst (Sheffield W., £750,000).

**QPR** - New manager Gerry Francis, who replaces Don Howe, eased his club's financial pressures by selling Parker, and paying only £175,000 to Birmingham for Dennis Bailey.

**SHEFFIELD UNITED** - Apart from a couple of smaller signings from the lower leagues, Dave Bassett has paid Rangers £350,000 for Tom Cowan.

**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** - After Ron Atkinson's U-turn, new boss Trevor Francis followed his capture of Warhurst by signing England 'keeper Chris Woods (Rangers, £1.2m), whilst releasing both David Wetherall and Jon Newsome to Leeds for £275,000.

**SOUTHAMPTON** - Apart from the sale of the Wallace brothers, new manager Ian Branfoot has also released veteran Jimmy Case (free) to Bournemouth, bringing in Paul Moody (£50,000). Have done well to retain Matt Le Tissier and Alan Shearer.

**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR** - Following their protracted takeover, new chief executive Terry Venables and his financial co-director Alan Sugar have obviously had to keep a tight rein on the purse strings. But Spurs, who are team-managed by Peter Shreeves, have netted £500,000 from West Ham for Mitchell Thomas, while reports continue to link Paul Stewart to Northern clubs. Apart from Durie, Spurs have also been strongly linked with Forest's Nigel Jemson. The £5.5m transfer of Paul Gascoigne to Italians Lazio has been agreed, but Gazza remains on Spurs' books this season until he undergoes an independent medical check on his damaged knee next May.

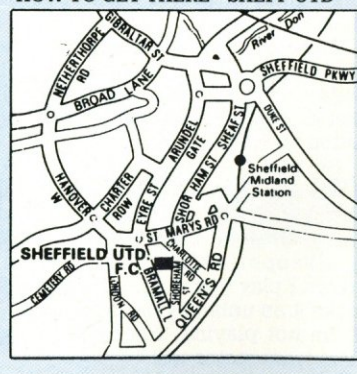
**WIMBLEDON** - An unsettled period for the Dons, who are moving their operation to Selhurst Park. Manager Ray Harford has already declared his intention to depart when he has served his period of notice in December, while his assistant Don Howe dropped a new bombshell last week when left the club. The loss of skipper Curle to Man. City is a huge one. Dons' biggest new signing is Robbie Earle (Port Vale, £775,000).

No doubt thousands - maybe millions - will continue to change hands between the time of printing this issue of HAMMER and it going on sale at today's game. Indeed, speculation was increasing that one or two West Ham players would be among those on the move...

## TRAVEL CLUB

Sheffield Utd - Tuesday, August 20th Coaches - £15, depart ground 2.45pm. Wimbledon (subject to Selhurst Park availability) - Saturday, August 24th Coaches - £5, departure time to be confirmed.

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Cost £6.50.

## v WIMBLEDON - away

Barclays League Division One  
Saturday 24th August 1991  
Kick-off 3 p.m.

THIS MATCH IS NOT ALL TICKET

Seats: £12; Terrace £7  
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## v ASTON VILLA - home

Barclays League Division One  
Wednesday 28th August 1991  
Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

ALL SEATS ARE SOLD

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## v NOTTS COUNTY - home

Barclays League Division One  
Saturday 31st August 1991 Kick-off 3 p.m.  
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Steve Staunton, Aston Villa, close season signing from Liverpool.



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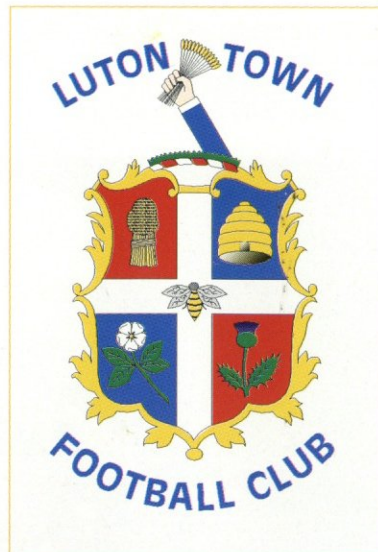
# LUTON TOWN

## HOUDINI HATTERS DID IT AGAIN!

LUTON Town won't recall their last visit to Upton Park with much affection, suffering a crushing 5-0 defeat in the FA Cup fourth round (replay) last January, after the teams had drawn 1-1 at Kenilworth Road.

But the Hatters are hoping for a lucky omen today, as they recall the last time they were the opening day visitors to the Boleyn Ground.

It was Saturday, August 16th, 1980, and Luton snatched a 2-1 victory in Division Two. No one knew it at the time, but the result



was to become part of Hammers' history some nine months later.

By then West Ham had been crowned runaway league champions, losing just one single home match . . . to Luton!

It equalled a Club record set by West Ham in their 1957/58 Second Division championship-winning campaign.

Hatters' manager David Pleat, returning to the Bedfordshire club after an absence of five years, would gladly settle for a repeat performance from his men in white and blue today.

For Pleat, back at Kenilworth Road after spells with Spurs and Leicester City, is determined that Luton will not have to pull off another Houdini act to avoid relegation from the top flight.

At the end of each of the last THREE seasons Luton have had to win their last league game to ensure survival in Division One.

Winning the final match of last season was not enough to keep Jim Ryan his job as manager, but no one at Luton doubts Pleat's credentials. Under his management the Hatters developed into one of the most enterprising teams in the country in the mid-80s, when he laid the foundations for the League Cup success Ray Harford achieved at the end of the last decade.

Pleat knows a thing or two about the West Ham players. He signed Tim Breacker as a schoolboy and gave him his league debut.

Before then, he had recruited and nurtured another promising, young full-back, Mitchell Thomas. When Pleat left Kenilworth Road in search of bigger things with Tottenham in the summer of 1986, his first signing at White Hart Lane was Thomas.

And if the reports are correct, he was very keen to take Thomas back to Luton with him - until Billy Bonds secured the player's signature instead.

In some ways, Pleat and Bonds have experienced a similar pre-season. Neither club have ever been



**Luton line up for the new season.** Back row: Julian James, Sean Farrell, David Beaumont, Graham Rodger, Alec Chamberlain, Darron McDonough, Marvin Johnson, John Dreyer, Richard Harvey.  
Front Row: Kurt Nogan, Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, David Preece, Mark Pembridge, Kingsley Black.

He's back! David Pleat



Kingsley Black

extravagant spenders in the transfer market. Indeed, in more recent months the men in charge at both clubs have had to fend off bids for their own most prized assets - Stuart Slater at Upton Park and Kingsley Black at Luton.

There was no way Slater was going to leave Upton Park. And Pleat has shown the same stubborn resistance towards clubs trying to lure the exciting Black away from Luton. He recently turned down a bid of £1.2 million by Wimbledon for Black - and they were by no means the only club chasing the highly-rated Northern Ireland star.

Luton hope the dynamic Black will have fully recovered from a recent ankle injury in time to play today.

Luton have been criticised for releasing their best players in the past, but there was little they could do to keep last season's leading scorer, Lars Elstrup, who has returned to his native Denmark.

Despite being one of the most talented players in the First Division last season, when he totalled 16 goals, the Dane decided to leave Kenilworth Road to join OB Odense.

To add insult to injury (Elstrup's contract had expired and he refused the offer of a new one), Luton are understood to have received a cut price fee of around £250,000 for one of their most accomplished players and main striker.

Now where can anybody buy a striker, who has scored 16 goals in one season at First Division level, at that price?

One player certain to get a warm reception from the visiting fans today is Brian Stein, the popular

### THE LAST TIME WE MET

Wednesday January 30th, 1991  
FA Cup fourth round replay

#### WEST HAM 5 LUTON 0

Scorers: Morley (2), Parris, Bishop, McAvennie.

Hammers: Miklosko, Breacker, Parris, Gale, Bishop, Hughton, Keen, McAvennie, Slater, Potts, Morley. Subs: Allen, Quinh.

Hatters: Chamberlain, James, Harvey, Williams, McDonough, Dreyer, Elstrup, Preece, Dowie, Pembridge, Black, Subs: Farrell, Johnson.

Att: 25,659



# LUTON TOWN

striker who is returning for his second spell with the Hatters.

Stein left England for France at the end of the 1987-88 season, and went in a blaze of glory, too, after scoring the glorious winner in the 3-2 League Cup Final victory over Arsenal. Stein had been at Kenilworth Road 11 years when he took up the new challenge of French football with SM Caen.

But following a brief stint with Annecy, he is back at Luton on a free transfer and determined to show that he has lost none of his old firepower in front of goal.

David Pleat's only other summer signing is Marc North, on trial from the manager's previous club, Leicester. North, like Stein, is going back to Luton... but as a striker, not the goalkeeper he used to be!

Marc North - Luton's new summer signing.



## LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL 1991/92

Player	Previous Clubs	International Caps
<b>GOALKEEPER</b>		
Alec Chamberlain	Ipswich, Colchester Everton, Tranmere (loan)	
<b>DEFENDERS</b>		
Marvin Johnson		
John Dreyer	Oxford, Torquay (loan), Fulham (loan)	Scotland u-21 (1)
Dave Beaumont	Dundee United	England u-21 (4)
Graham Rodger	Wolves, Coventry	
Richard Harvey		England u-21 (2)
Julian James		
<b>MIDFIELD</b>		
David Preece	Walsall	England "B" (3)
Darron McDonough	Oldham	
Kingsley Black		N. Ireland (15)
<b>FORWARDS</b>		
Brian Stein	Luton, Caen Annecy	England (1)
Marc North	Luton, Lincoln (loan), Southport (loan), Grimsby, Leicester.	
Jason Rees		Wales "B" Wales u-21 (2)
Kurt Nogan		
Mark Pembridge		

## FOR THE RECORD

West Ham's complete record against Luton is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Division One	18	16	16	16	56	58
F.A. Cup	5	2	2	1	10	8
League Cup	2	0	0	2	0	5
Zenith Cup	1	0	0	1	1	5
TOTAL	56	18	18	20	67	76

## LEAGUE LANDMARKS

Biggest victory: 3-0 at home in 1950/51.  
Heaviest defeat: 1-6 away in 1951/52.  
Last home win: 1-0 in 1988/89  
Last away win: 1-0 in 1983/84  
Last home draw: 1-1 in 1987/88  
Last away draw: 2-2 in 1987/88  
Last home defeat: 0-1 in 1985/86  
Last away defeat: 1-4 in 1988/89

## LAST HOME LEAGUE MEETING

Saturday May 6th 1989 - Division One  
WEST HAM 1(Dickens) LUTON 0  
Att: 18,686  
WEST HAM: Parkes, Parris, Dicks, Gale  
(Potts), Martin, Dickens, Ward, Slater,  
Rosenior (Kelly), Keen, Ince.  
LUTON: Chamberlain, Breacker, Dreyer,  
Preece, Foster, Beaumont, Wilson, Wegerle,  
Harford, Hill, Black (Cooke).

Welcome to today's referee...

**MARTIN BODENHAM**

**LIVES:** East Looe, Cornwall.

**AGE:** 41 years-old.

**OCCUPATION:** Guest house proprietor.

**MARITAL STATUS:** Single - no children.

**CAREER PROGRESS:** Started 1966 in Sussex, progressing to Sussex County League. On to the Football Combination level and then to League level as linesman in 1978/79. Became Football League referee 1981/82.

## MOST IMPORTANT MATCHES:

Linesman - Sarajevo v Slavia Sofia (UEFA Cup, 1981/82);  
Linesman - Chemnitz v Borussia Dortmund (UEFA Cup, 1990/91);  
Referee - England v France at Wembley (youth, 1986).

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES:** Cricket, squash.



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# THE BUILD UP TO TODAY

Jack Helliar reviews Hammers' preseason matches

**APART from the Makita Tournament and the game against Botafogo last Sunday, we played a series of pre-season matches against League and non-league clubs. Some were official and others arranged as convenient.**

Here are some brief reports.

A squad travelled to CHARLTON ATHLETIC'S training ground at Sparrows Lane on Wednesday 24th July. The South Londoners scored twice in the scratch game, with Iain Dowie replying for us.

On the following day the venue was STEVENAGE Stadium to meet the local Borough club. This was a return visit from last pre-season, when the Hertfordshire team scored a 7-2 success against a below-par Hammers' XI.

It was a vastly different story this time, the solitary goal being netted by Simon Livett during the first half.

There was plenty of good football to entertain a better than expected 2,500 attendance.

The starting line-up included Matt Holland from our youth squad, and our after-interval subs were goalkeeper Steve Banks, Michael Basham, Kevin Horlock, Stuart Slater and new signing Dean Martin, from Fisher Athletic.

The match on Saturday 27th July was against WYCOMBE WANDERERS at the new ground in Adams Park, with a picturesque background of the Chiltern Hills. The 3,260 attendance included many Hammers' fans, but they eventually had a disappointing afternoon.

A solitary first-half goal by Slater was the only success despite many chances being created.

Wanderers were also creating chances, and took a couple in the 70th and 73rd minutes to run out winners by 2-1.

Hammers made five second half changes, with Banks making a good double-save before Wanderers scored. The home side put out a completely new line-up for the second half, including ex-Hammer Steve Walford.

A mid-afternoon electric storm and torrential rain threatened to wash out the match at BILLERICAY TOWN'S New Lodge ground on Thursday 1st August; but it cleared up well before the kick-off, for which we lined up a mixed XI containing three seniors testing out after injury. Bishop and Morley came through in time for the Makita Tournament, but Keen remained out of action for the Highbury venture.

The Essex side played an open game, and with the Hammers responding the outcome was goals-a-plenty.

We went two up, but Billericay levelled the count before the interval. The home side led twice in the second half, but West Ham responded to force a 4-4 draw. The scorers were Simon Livett (2), Michael

Basham and Dean Martin.

The starting line-up against GILLINGHAM at Priestfield Stadium on Wednesday 7th August comprised 10 of last season's senior squad plus Kenny Brown (on a month's loan from Plymouth Argyle). Despite the rainy evening there was a 3,656 attendance.

Our squad had a fair share of the opening 20 minutes but were two down at the end of that period.

Slater and Breacker both had near-misses, but Rosenior had success with a grounder into the far corner after a good run to leave us 1-2 in arrears at the interval.

Gillingham's Cambodian goalkeeper Harvey Lim saved well from Rosenior early in the second half, but the Kentish side held on to their lead and eventually added two more goals in the closing seven minutes.

Each side made three substitutions during the second half, Gills' including ex-Hammer Paul Kelly.

On the same evening we sent a young squad to PURFLEET, who met the local club in torrential rain. The Essex club were two up at half-time but Tony Comerford headed in John Padington's cross to reduce the margin. We lost 1-2, but age and experience were the main differences between the respective teams.

Newly-promoted Second Division SOUTHEND UNITED had a 6,209 attendance at Roots Hall on Friday 9th August.

The fans saw Hammers take a 15th minute lead through Rosenior, and the East Londoners did well to hold the advantage for the remainder of the game. Indeed, the visitors assured themselves of victory when McAvennie made it 2-0 with only a couple of minutes remaining.

Southend used several substitutes during the second half, but in complete contrast Billy Bonds decided to stick with his starting line-up for the whole 90 minutes.

Altogether, it was probably the most pleasing of the pre-season friendlies.

The concluding "mixed XI" pre-season date was against BECKTON UNITED at East Ham Manor Way on Saturday 10th August. It was remarkable particularly because we took the lead some three seconds after the starting whistle. Simon Clarke tapped the ball to Simon Livett, who had spotted the opposing skipper some few feet off his line. Livett made a mighty kick and the ball sailed directly into the top corner of the net. Possibly worthy of an entry in the Guinness Book of Records?

That was the first of our eight goals; the scorers were Simon Clarke, Dean Martin (two each), with John Brunning, Tony Comerford, Livett and Matt Holland adding one apiece. Beckton hit three in reply.





# AROUND UPTON PARK

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**  
ALTHOUGH the Club have not yet confirmed exactly how - or where - they will achieve the all-seater stadium the Taylor Report insists all leading clubs must have by the start of the 1993/94 season (an announcement is expected shortly), facilities at Upton Park continue to be improved.

Supporters who enter the Boleyn Ground along the main forecourt will notice the new, relocated **TICKET OFFICE**, adjacent to the rebuilt Directors' and players' reception area.

The new building is twice the size of the old one and is much more accessible to supporters. Unlike the original ticket office which, because it was located within the stadium itself, had to close at certain times on match days.

Now, the new Ticket Office will be open before AND after every home game, as well as throughout the week.

The relocation of the Ticket Office has meant that the **JUNIOR HAMMERS** also have a new base... just a short way across the other side of the main entrance. For the first time this season, the Junior Hammers' office will be staffed every day of the week.

Organiser Bill Elliott and his assistants will share their new building with **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER** Roger Morgan, who has been working hard behind the scenes, in the schools and local boroughs, following his appointment last November.

## SAFETY FIRST ON EAST TERRACE

FOR the first time since it was opened in 1968, the East Terrace (or Chicken Run) has seen the introduction of new crash barriers, in accordance with local authority regulations governing ground safety.

By improving safety standards, we have also increased the capacity in that

part of the ground - by around 500, which raises the limit to 2,500 people.

But please don't apply for season tickets on the East Terrace, as they are already over-subscribed.

**WELCOME TO...CHARLTON**  
SECOND Division Charlton Athletic will make Upton Park their adopted home... for three games at the start of this season.

We were pleased to agree to their request to hire our ground while rebuilding work continues at The Valley, where the Robins will soon return following their switch to Selhurst Park.

Charlton - now under the player/managership of ex-Hammer Alan Curbishley and Steve Gritt - kick-off their 'home' programme here against Newcastle United on Sunday, August 18th (1pm). They face Fulham in the Rumbelows Cup on Wednesday, August 21st (7.45pm) and then conclude their Upton Park stint with another league game, against relegated Derby County, on Sunday, September 1st (3pm).

## YOUR NO.1 PAPER

OUR official Club newspaper, **HAMMERS NEWS**, are matchday sponsors for the first time today since the title was launched in January 1987.

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In addition to all the usual news and views on your favourite club, the August edition also features the popular IAN BISHOP column and interviews with GEORGE PARRIS, newcomer DEAN MARTIN and former Hammer LIAM BRADY, plus your letters, competitions and lots more.

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Skipper Ian Bishop has good taste in newspapers!

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# THOSE WERE THE DAYS

## HAMMERS AND HATTERS

The first competitive meeting of Luton Town and West Ham United took place on Saturday, October 20th, 1900 at a ground in Dunstable Road. The Bedfordshire club had moved there in 1897, having spent the preceding 12 years at the Excelsior Ground in Dallow Lane.

Luton beat us 2-0 in that initial Southern League meeting, but lost by the same score on the following February 9th at the Memorial Grounds; our goals were scored by Fred Corbett and Frank Taylor. The official attendance was 1,000, although there had been 4,000 at the earlier match.

Since that time, 91 years ago, both clubs have reached the peaks of English football, although experiencing various trials and tribulations interspersed with successes.

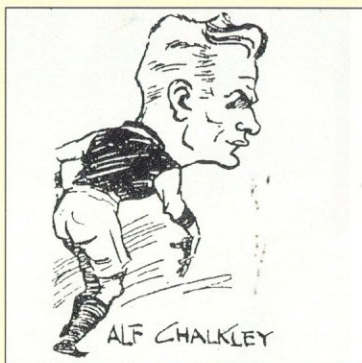
Indeed, Luton had already experienced one departure from the Football League by the commencement of the twentieth century.

Formed in 1885 by an amalgamation of the local Excelsior and Wanderers clubs, they became a limited company in 1890, and were the first club in the south to pay its players; three "stars" were on five shillings a week, others on half-a-crown for home games and "three bob" away, with a compensatory addition for time lost from work before noon on Saturdays. The playing-rig was navy blue and pink halves, with caps of the same contrasting hues. They subsequently affected two changes: in 1899 to "cochineal red" and in 1900 to a more eye-pleasing sky blue with white shorts.

Older fans will more easily remember the Hatters in the sober white shirts and black shorts, subsequently added to with orange and blue trims during the last decade.

Original members of the Southern League in 1894 and runners-up in that and the following season, the ambitious Town club attained Football League status in 1897; but at the end of three seasons of declining success they lost their Second Division place and reverted to the Southern League in 1900.

Within five years of that first Hatters-Hammers clash we both had new grounds: Upton Park in 1904 and Kenilworth Road in 1905.



We met for 13 seasons in the Southern League, interrupted between 1912 and 1914 when Luton were forced to spend two seasons in the Southern Division II before regaining their top status. Hammers' record in those games were:

Home: won 10; drew 1; lost 2; goals 36-9. Away: won 4; drew 3; lost 6; goals 16-18. Totals: won 14; drew 4; lost 8; goals 52-27

Overall, both clubs' gates improved. The 1906-7 game here drew 13,000 fans (although, for some reason, only 800 were here in 1902-3!), and there were 8,000 present at our visit to them in 1910-11.

The second year of the Great War brought the closure of the Football League and its then great rival the Southern League. West Ham United became founders of the London Combination in 1915, and Luton came into a supplementary competition in the latter half of the season (although we never met).

Hammers won both encounters in 1916-17 (4-3 away and 2-0 at home), but our senior ways then parted as Luton dropped from the Combination when travel problems, war-commitments, etc, made "local derbies" the rule of the times.

It was not until the 1937-8 season that we first met in the Football League, but two seasons prior to that Luton (then in the Third Division South) had thrashed us by 4-0 (in an FA Cup Third Round replay after a 2-2 draw on our ground).

There have been several Cup meetings between us since then (notably, last season) but this afternoon's concern is the 49th League

game between quite long-standing acquaintances.

Promotions and relegation have interrupted the Football League series on half-a-dozen occasions. The primary one was the advent of World War II, which brought a second suspension of League fixtures in 1939.

One Regional League South game in 1940 (two weeks after the first London "daylight blitz") and a couple of meetings in each of four seasons of the League South maintained our connections until the resumption of the more competitive issues in 1946.

The misplacement of figures in last season's club book gave incorrect statistics of our League meetings with Luton Town, but an exhaustive check produced a more accurate assessment. This reflects an even balance of points-sharing, and, in most cases, generally low scoring. The Hammers' figures read:

Home: won 11, drawn 6, lost 7, goals 27-17. Away: won 5, drawn 10, lost 9, goals 29-41. Totals: won 16, drawn 16, lost 16, goals 56-58.

Several players have been on the books of both clubs, but there was one occasion during World War II when Luton borrowed one of ours. It was in season 1944-45, when the Hatters turned-up short-handed at Upton Park.

Among those present that day was Alf Chalkley, who between 1931 and 1937 had made over 200 League and Cup appearances for us. Alf had subsequently returned for some war-time games, but at the age of 42 had finally decided to call it a day.

However, he consented to help out the visitors, only to find himself bedevilled by Charlie Whitchurch, who contributed a hat-trick in our 9-1 victory. Plaistow-born Alf's after-match comments were in true "East End style!"

The cartoon of fair-head Alfred - a great club man - is reproduced from the publication "Who's Who of West Ham United 1919-1986". The book records that his only goal in the Football League was scored against Manchester City at Upton Park in 1932, when a booted clearance from near his own penalty area sailed over goalkeeper Langford's head to give Hammers a 1-0 victory.

By Jack Helliard

## YOUR SAY ..

BY GEORGE - HE EARNED IT I AM writing to congratulate the three players who finished first, second and third in last season's Hammer of the Year award poll.

I don't think anybody had any doubt who the winner would be, as Ludo was head and shoulders above the rest - literally!

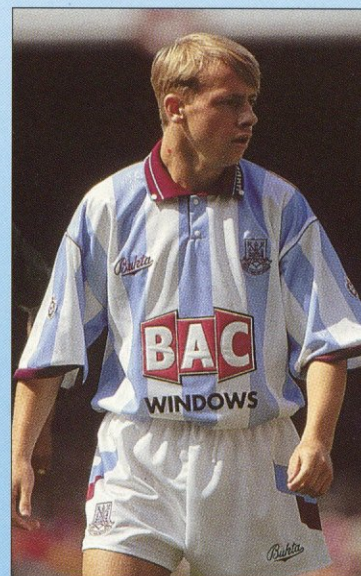
I was very pleased, though, to see two of West Ham's unsung heroes, George Parris and Steve Potts, get among the medals as well.

George, in particular, had a great season. We always knew that he would give the team 100 per cent every time, but now he is making a name as a goalscorer, too. Well done, George, on being the runner-up - you deserved it. Praise, too, to Potts, a very underrated player.

CLIVE MARKS  
Erith, Kent.

### LOOKING GOOD

HAVING attended the Makita International (both days), I have no hesitation in saying that I think the light blue and white striped shirts looks best (even if we do look a bit like Argentina!).



Dean Martin - In Hammers change strip.



I understand that the striped version is to be used as our change strip at away games, but it looks better than the new home claret design.

It seems that most teams change their kit design every other year these days, but I don't recall ever seeing any West Ham side play in a striped shirt before.

Personally, I would like to have seen the old away shirt revived - the one that was mainly light blue with two parallel claret bands. No other team had a shirt like it, and I haven't seen a similar design since that one appeared in the 60s.

TREVOR SCULLION  
Rochford, Essex.

### JAN WHO?

WHILST reading this week's 'Match' magazine I noticed that we had a new 'keeper for the Makita International tournament.

To quote their preview: "David Seaman will be a difficult 'keeper to overcome, as will West Ham's Czech international 'keeper Jan Stejskal who faces the prospect of keeping Gianluca Vialli and friends at bay."

Is this just a misprint or have we lost our super Ludo?

ADAM GOMM  
Berkhamsted, Herts.

A SAD NOTE - FROM THE FRIENDS OF LEE McELLIN COULD you please mention a few words in your opening matchday

programme, for a friend of ours who died tragically in a recent car crash.

As you can well imagine, the news of Lee's death, in July, came as a massive shock to us, and many of us are still having difficulty coming to terms with his sad loss.

Supporting West Ham, home and away, played a big part in Lee's life.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathies to all of Lee's family and friends. Lee will be greatly missed - by all his friends and his colleagues at the Royal Exchange - but he will never be forgotten.

Lee, from Upminster, Essex, was 23 and still had his life to live, so please give him a mention, as he gave so much of his life to supporting West Ham.

Mr. G.T. WICKS - on behalf of the friends of Lee McEllin

## YOUR SAY

Do YOU have an opinion on anything relating to West Ham United or football in general? Well, here is your chance to have YOUR SAY. Drop a line to: The Editor, Hammer Matchday Magazine, West Ham United FC, Boleyn Ground, Green Street, Upton Park, E13 9AZ.





**MIDDLE MAN**



**STUART  
SLATER**





## EARLY LIFE

**DID YOU EVER GET INTO TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?:** No, and one of the main reasons was that both my parents, although not teachers themselves, worked at my school and would soon have found out what I had been up to.  
**FAVOURITE/WORST SCHOOL SUBJECTS:** P.E., because I enjoyed playing all sports. Biology was a nightmare for me. In one lesson I dissected my finger instead of the frog!  
**YOUR TOP KIDS' TV PROGRAMME AS A BOY:** Scoobiedoo.

**BEST CHILDHOOD TOY:** My first racing bike, when I was about eight years-old. There's a bit of a story surrounding it, because I only had it about a week before it was stolen. Then we got a phone call from the police to say they had found it. I was so excited that, without thinking, I ran straight out of our house and across the street. Except I didn't reach the spot where my Dad's car was parked - I was knocked down by a woman motorist! Luckily I only suffered a few bumps and bruises, but we weren't pleased when she tried to sue me for damaging her car!  
**CHILDHOOD HERO:** Kevin Keegan of Liverpool.  
**MOST POPULAR BOARD GAME:**

Monopoly was the one I played most.

**FIRST RECORD YOU BOUGHT:** "Bye, Bye Baby" by Bay City Rollers (I think I should have kept quiet about that!). But at least I didn't have all the gear as well - I wanted it, but Mum wouldn't buy it for me!

## HOME LIFE

**WHERE DID YOU TAKE YOUR WIFE ON YOUR FIRST DATE?:**

The Milk Cup Final between Liverpool and Everton in 1984. I was a youngster with Luton and we got free standing tickets, so I took Jane along to Wembley to show her what top class football was all about. Trouble was, we only had standing tickets and Jane is about five foot nothing, so I don't think she saw much of the game. The match ended 0-0 - and I didn't score either! Still, she is still with me, so I couldn't have made that bad an impression!  
**MOST ROMANTIC THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE:** Jane says that I sang to her once (it's amazing what you'll do when you're young and in love!).  
**WHAT TIME DO YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING?:** 8.30. I'm watching the clock a bit more these days after me and Iain Dowie missed the flight to Tenerife, for the players' holiday, in May! Having said that, I was also late for training on our first day back!

**DO YOU EVER HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES?:** I used to do the cooking when we first lived together, but now I don't do much more than make the tea when guests visit and tidy up occasionally. But it's been confirmed today that Jane is expecting our first baby (hot news, there!), so it looks like I'll be doing a lot more work around the house in the future.

**FAVOURITE ROOM IN THE HOUSE:** The bathroom, where I go to read the newspaper without any interruptions from Jane!

**ARE YOU GOOD AT DECORATING?:** We've not been at our house at Epping long, so I've had plenty to do, although I'm

still learning and watch other people. I don't like doing it, because when you've finished you stand back and notice all the things - like wallpaper - that are out of line.

**FAVOURITE FRUIT:** I eat a lot of bananas.

## FUN LIFE

**WHICH TV PROGRAMME WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO APPEAR IN?:** Cheers.

**IF YOU WERE A CHAT SHOW HOST, WHO WOULD BE YOUR FIRST GUEST?:** Princess Di  
**WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR?:** It hasn't been invented yet. I'd like one that combines the speed of a Ferrari and the versatility of a Range Rover, being able to travel across rough land.

**IF YOU WON A MILLION ON THE POOLS, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?:** Easily. I'd like to travel round the world in one of those massive American mobile homes.

**IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT OTHER SPORT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUCCEED AT?:** Fishing - because if I was that good at it, I wouldn't have to lie about the size of my catches!

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MISTAKEN FOR SOMEBODY ELSE?:** Iain Dowie or another old Luton team mate, Ashley Grimes. Some people at West Ham still confuse me with Iain.

## SPORT

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Golf.  
**FAVOURITE SPORTSPERSON:** I always admired Daley Thompson for his all-round athletics ability.

**MOST BORING SPORTS:** Show jumping, ice skating.

## FOOTBALL LIFE

**WHERE ARE THE BEST FOOTBALL DRESSING ROOMS?:** Highbury, where they've got underfloor heating.

**IF YOU WERE A MANAGER, WHICH BRITISH PLAYER - IRRESPECTIVE OF COST - WOULD YOU TRY AND SIGN FIRST?:** I think every good team needs an outstanding

goalkeeper, so I would go for Arsenal's David Seaman (although if I could sign a Continental, I would obviously prefer Ludo).

**IF YOU WERE A REFEREE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE LIKE?:** Stubborn. I would try and talk to the players, but I wouldn't stand for any nonsense. I wouldn't put up with what a lot of referees tolerate from players today.

**DO YOU KEEP A SCRAPBOOK OR SOUVENIRS OF YOUR CAREER?:** I've got all the cuttings but haven't stuck them in a book yet. I always keep a programme from every game I play in, and have a lot of shirts and some old playing boots.  
**TIP FOR THE TOP:** Gary Charles (Forest).

**MOST ADMIRER PLAYER IN YOUR POSITION:** Amoros, the former French international.

**WHAT ASPECT OF TRAINING DO YOU ENJOY MOST/LEAST:** The small five-a-side matches are best. I have to do a lot of stretching exercises before I start training, which means getting out there a few minutes before the others, but I don't like having to do them.

## FUTURE LIFE

**IF YOU CAME BACK IN ANOTHER LIFE, WHO OR WHAT WOULD YOU BE?:** Reincarnated! Seriously (if it's possible to take this question seriously!), I don't really know. Probably a baby - so that I could start all over again!  
**CAREER AFTER FOOTBALL:** If I couldn't stay in football, I would like to go to college and study a sports-related subject. Basically, I'd like to be my own boss.

**HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE THE WORLD?:** Watching pictures of the starving millions from Third World countries on TV is frightening, so it would be good to put that right - perhaps by wiping out all their countries' debts. I think World Peace is what we all want above all else.







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## Scamell's Scribbles

Welcome back to Upton Park! (I bet every columnist in this programme has opened with that original line). I hope that you, like me, are recharged and raring to go - let's hope it's a season to remember!

In an effort to get fit, I spent my close season playing six-a-side football with some fellow Hammers. We are currently developing a reputation in the finest traditions of pub teams, with one win in about eight games.

Our record defeat? A slightly embarrassing 32-5 (yes, we're playing football, not rugby!), although one of our opponents had played in a European Championship qualifier earlier in the year!

Things are looking up, though - recently, I even managed to score a goal - something which happens about as often as England winning the World Cup. The only disappointing thing is that Billy Bonds hasn't offered me a contract yet!

Anyway, I am looking forward to receiving your requests again - remember, if you want a record played, try if possible to ask for it to be played BEFORE the game. Half-time doesn't last very long!

Please send your requests, letters and dedications to Colin Scamell, Hammers' DJ, West Ham United FC, Green Street, Upton Park, London E13 9AZ.



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## CONTINENTAL CONNECTION

**HAMMERS' had an eventful pre-season - on and off the pitch.**

The friendlies against local sides (reviewed on Page 15 of this issue) were in stark contrast to the three in which Hammers faced foreign opposition.

And as if their task was not already difficult enough, West Ham met Italian champions Sampdoria, Greek league and cup double winners Panathinaikos and Brazilian

s Botafogo with an injury crisis that would make an episode of TV's Casualty seem ordinary.

The two-day Makita International tournament at Highbury (August 3rd-4th proved a real eye-opener. The first match ended in an embarrassing 6-1 defeat for West Ham, whose manager and players were the first to admit that they had been completely outclassed by Sampdoria. It was little consolation to them that they will surely never face a team of such quality again this season - or that the Italians went on to beat hosts Arsenal on penalties in the final the following day.

Losing to Sampdoria had been an education but all credit to West Ham for the character and determination they showed in their second game, against Panathinaikos, who were a pale shadow of the side that had caused the Gunners problems in their albeit 1-0 defeat the previous day.

George Parris' first-half goal - his second of the tournament - was worthy of being the winner, but as the demands of playing two tough matches in 24 hours took their toll, the Greeks snatched an unlikely equaliser.

And so to the penalty shoot-out. Hopes were raised when new boy Kenny Brown comfortably slotted home the first spot-kick, and the large Hammers' contingent roared again soon after when Ludo dived low to his right to save their first pen.

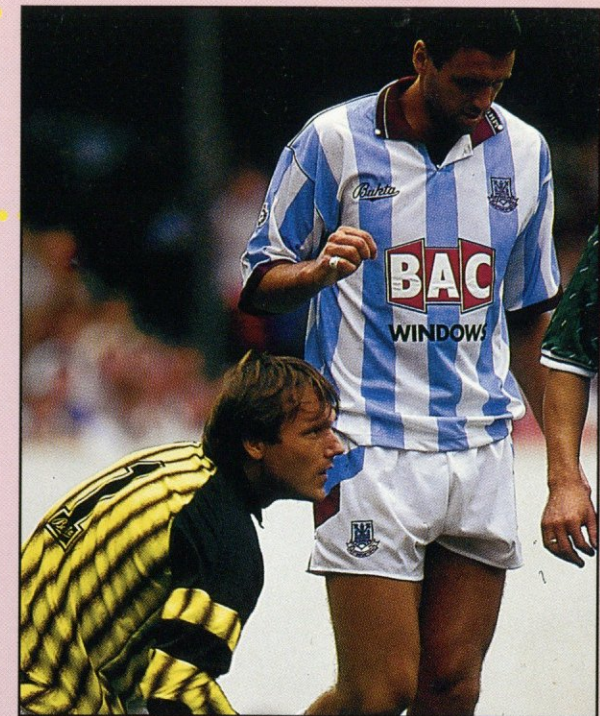
But when the Greek 'keeper stopped shots from Ian Bishop, Simon Livett and Martin Allen, we had to settle for fourth place overall.

Still, much pride had been restored and a tactical battle had been won, too, with Chris Hughton doing an excellent job "sweeping" behind Colin Foster and Tim Breacker.

Last Sunday's match against Botafogo was anything but friendly in the 57th minute, when Frank McAvennie got involved with the defender, Roberto, and was sent-off.

Now McAvennie is facing a three-match ban, which makes him unavailable for Hammers' next home games, against Aston Villa and Notts County, as well as the match at QPR.

\* Anyone who would like a copy of our souvenir programme for the game with Botafogo, can obtain one from the club. Simply send a postal order for 72p (to cover 50p programme cost plus postage) to our Sales Service Dept.



Ludo saves as Foster backs up v Panathanaikos.



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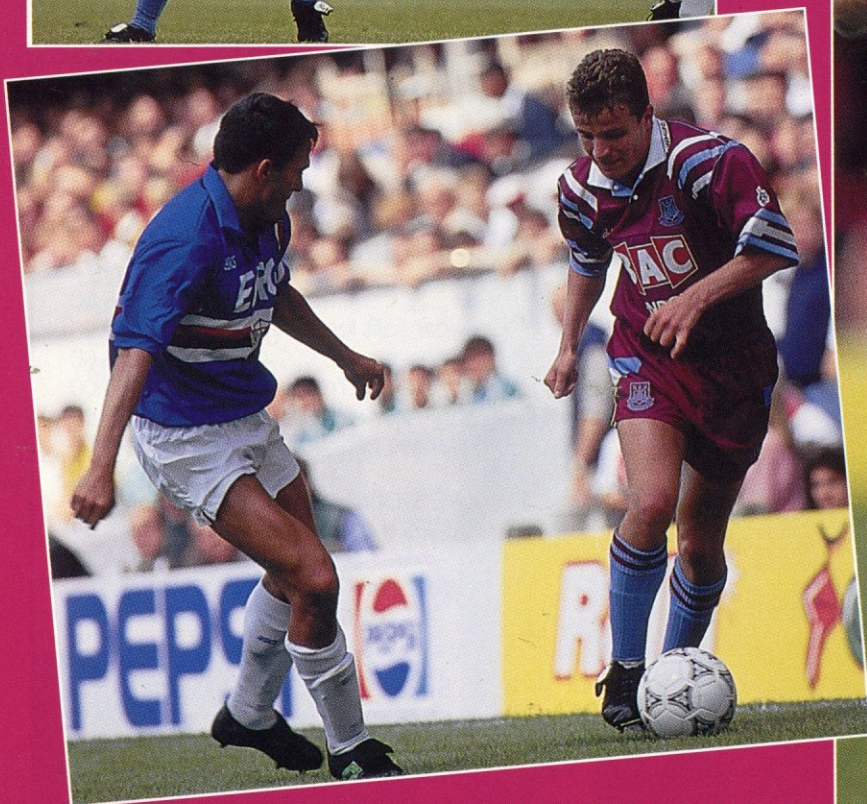
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# ACTION REPLAY



Top - George Parris celebrates his goal against Sampdoria in the pre-season Makita tournament.  
Above - Stuart Slater weaves his way past the Sampdoria. Right - Leroy Rosenior on the ball against the other visitors to the tournament Panathanaikos.





## NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION FIXTURES

Aug 14	A	Oxford
Aug 21	A	Southampton
Sep 3	H	Swindon Town
Sep 11	A	Brighton & H.A.
Sep 14	H	Queens Park Rangers
Sep 24	A	Watford
Oct 1	H	Luton Town
Oct 9	A	Swindon Town
Oct 15	H	Reading
Oct 22	H	Ipswich Town
Oct 29	A	Reading
Nov 3	H	Oxford United
Nov 11	A	Luton Town
Nov 19	H	Watford
Nov 27	A	Ipswich Town
Dec 3	H	Arsenal
Dec 10	H	Wimbledon
Dec 18	H	Southampton
Jan 4	H	Chelsea
Jan 8	A	Wimbledon
Jan 17	A	Norwich City
Jan 21	H	Charlton Athletic
Jan 25	A	Arsenal
Feb 4	H	Norwich City
Feb 11	A	Queens Park Rangers
Feb 15	A	Tottenham Hotspur
Feb 18	H	Crystal Palace
Feb 22	A	Portsmouth
Mar 5	A	Fulham
Mar 10	H	Tottenham Hotspur
Mar 17	H	Fulham
Mar 24	H	Portsmouth
Mar 30	A	Crystal Palace
Apr 7	H	Brighton & H.A.
Apr 14	H	Millwall
Apr 21	A	Chelsea
Apr 27	A	Millwall
Apr 30	A	Charlton Athletic

## OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION TABLE 90/91

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	38	24	7	7	93	43	79
Tottenham	38	24	6	8	79	37	78
Crystal Palace	38	21	10	7	90	44	73
Wimbledon	38	22	7	9	64	36	73
Southampton	38	20	8	10	68	50	68
Portsmouth	38	19	8	11	67	46	65
Arsenal	38	19	8	11	65	54	65
Norwich City	38	15	12	11	61	52	57
Luton Town	38	15	9	14	66	52	54
QPR	38	14	8	16	60	62	50
Charlton Ath	38	14	7	17	66	65	49
Oxford Utd	38	14	6	18	57	57	48
Millwall	38	11	11	16	63	69	44
<b>West Ham</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>44</b>
Swindon T	38	12	7	19	60	77	43
Ipswich T	38	11	7	20	40	66	40
Brighton & HA	38	11	6	21	48	69	39
Fulham	38	11	6	21	42	75	39
Watford	38	9	9	20	46	84	36
Reading	38	4	6	28	24	88	18

# RESERVES...

## NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

The three-year sponsorship of the Football Combination by Ovenden Papers ended last May; but Mr Neville Ovenden has kindly agreed to personally continue sponsorship for a further three year period, and the competition now bears his name.

The competing clubs are the same 20 as last season.

The 1991/2 fixture schedule has already begun, a week in advance of the commencement of the League programme. We had an away game versus Oxford United at the Manor Ground last Wednesday (14th August).

We visit Southampton at The Dell next Wednesday afternoon (21st August).

The Hammers' first home fixture is on Tuesday 3rd September versus Swindon Town Reserves; kick-off 2pm.

**APART FROM TWO EXCEPTIONS, ALL OUR HOME FIXTURES IN THE COMBINATION THIS SEASON WILL BE PLAYED ON TUESDAYS, WITH A 2PM KICK-OFF.**

The list shows two home and three away games on Saturdays. This will entail some problems in fielding three teams on those days possibilities of amendments, because three correspond with FA Cup round dates.

We experienced many difficulties through injuries when fielding Combination sides last season, but after a very indifferent start eventually achieved 14th place out of 20, using 43 different players. Three from the youth squad played in the majority of the 38 fixtures: Kevin Horlock (29), Paul Marquis (30) and John Paddington (26). That trio are now over-age for youth soccer, so can now be classified as "young professionals" with a fair amount of experience.

As such, they will be in line for regular Reserve Team appearances as a step towards eventual First Team selection.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

During the close season, a historical record of the Combination has been compiled, dating from its inception in 1915 as the twelve-club London Combination to the present time.

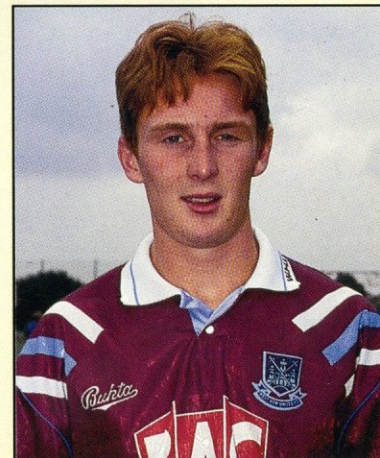
There have been 71 seasons of competition, and 53 clubs have participated at various times. Of those, only four have never missed a season: Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Fulham and West Ham United.

Consideration is being given to publication of the Combination history for general sale to soccer fans, but no decision has yet been reached.



John Paddington (above) played in 26 matches for the reserves last season.

Paul Marquis (below) 30 appearances in the combination team last season.



# ...& YOUTH

1990/1 was a season of near success for our Youth section, concluding with third place in the South East Counties League and Semi-Final elimination in both the FA Youth Cup and the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

Our youngsters under team manager Paul Hilton had a very good run until the closing weeks of the season; that included a club-record 21-1 Youth Cup victory and several other good performances against provincial clubs in the cups.

Unfortunate injuries at all levels in the Hammers' squads eventually took their toll of available strength, and several schoolboy players made occasional appearances to fill the gaps.

Six of those youngsters are among this season's YT signings, Scott Canham (midfield) played in five SECL matches, defender Roy Johnson in four and Antony Clarke in three. There were one substitute appearances for John Brunning (forward), Jason Knight (midfield) and Mark Reeve (striker). To these are added Darren Currie (midfield), Stewart Owens (goalkeeper) and Gary Waters (central defender).

We also have Paul Whitmarsh on non-contract forms; he played in four SECL matches last season.

## YOUTH TOURNAMENT IN HOLLAND

We have already provided reports of our visit to the Deventer Youth Tournament in "Hammers News" and elsewhere, so will not repeat them here. Suffice it to say that there was a modicum of disappointment that our team did not finish higher than seventh place, but there was an opportunity to gainsome experience against foreign opposition.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

The constitution of Division 1 of the South East Counties League remains the same as last season, so we shall have a 30 match schedule.

It commenced this morning with a home match against Arsenal, and we follow with two more games at Chadwell Heath on the next Saturdays in the calendar. Kick-off times 11am.

## YOUTH CUPS

South East Counties League: We are away to Bristol Rovers in the First Round. The winners meet Oxford United or Cambridge Utd at home.

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup: There are 34 entries (three from outside the SECL). We are at home to Brentford in the first round. The winners are away to Aston Villa or Portsmouth.

## COMBINATION APPEARANCES

	App	Sub	Gls		App	Sub	Gls
Martin Allen	9	-	1	John Lowe	5	2	-
Steven Banks	19	-	-	Mick Macari	6	6	1
Michael Basham	8	3	-	Paul Marquis	27	3	1
Simon Beard	5	1	-	Alvin Martin	7	-	-
Tim Breacker	5	-	-	Frank McAvennie	9	-	3
Franz Carr	4	-	-	Allen McKnight	19	-	-
Simon Clarke	33	1	7	Tommy McQueen	5	-	-
Tony Comerford	6	5	-	Trevor Morley	3	-	2
Julian Dicks	1	-	-	John Paddington	20	6	-
Eamonn Dolan	4	-	3	George Parris	2	-	-
Colin Foster	3	-	-	Steve Potts	6	-	-
Tony Gale	6	-	-	Jimmy Quinn	18	-	10
Darren Hancock	6	6	1	Peter Reed	1	2	-
Damien Harley	2	-	-	Tony Richards	-	1	-
Marvin Harriott	10	2	1	Stewart Robson	7	-	3
Steve Heffer	2	1	-	Leroy Reosnir	26	-	11
Matt Holland	-	2	-	Matthew Rush	29	1	4
Kevin Horlock	26	3	1	Stuart Slater	2	-	-
Kevin Keen	-	1	-	Ray Stewart	17	-	2
Paul Kelly	25	-	4	David White	2	-	-
Simon Livett	27	-	3	Danny Williamson	5	4	-
				Stuart Young	1	-	-

## YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES

	SECL	Cups
Michael Basham	12+4	6+3
Simon Beard	20+2	10
John Brunning	0+1	0
Scott Canham	5+0	0
Tony Clarke	2+1	0
Tony Comerford	18+2	8+1
John Embury	2+0	0
Paul Fletcher	1+0	0
Darren Hancock	18+3	11+1
Marvin Harriott	30	12
Steve Heffer	18+1	8+1
Matt Holland	13+7	3+6
M. Holman	0+1	0
Kevin Horlock	26	14
Roy Johnson	4+0	0
John Lowe	13+2	4+1
Mick Macari	26	13
Paul Marquis	22+2	13
Simon Miller	4+2	0
John Paddington	23+1	14
Peter Reed	1+4	6
Mark Reeve	0+1	0
Tony Richards	21+2	7+4
Keith Small	32	14
Danny Warden	1+0	0
David White	5+1	0
Paul Whitmarsh	4+0	0
Danny Williamson	21+7	0+2

SECL = S.E. Counties League and Cup  
Cups = F.A. Youth Cup and Southern Junior

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug 17	H	Arsenal
Aug 24	H	Gillingham
Aug 31	H	Portsmouth
Sept 7	A	Charlton Athletic
Sept 14	A	Ipswich Town
Sept 21	A	Bristol Rovers (LC1)
Sept 28	H	Norwich City
Oct 5	H	Cambridge United
Oct 12	A	Chelsea
Oct 19	H	Watford
Oct 26		League Cup 2nd Round
Nov 2	A	Leyton Orient
Nov 9	H	Millwall
Nov 16	H	Southend
Nov 23	A	Queen's Park Rangers
Nov 30		League Cup 3rd Round
Dec 7	A	Fulham
Dec 14	A	Tottenham Hotspur
Dec 21	A	Arsenal
Jan 4	A	Gillingham
Jan 11	A	Portsmouth
Jan 18	H	Charlton Athletic
Jan 25	H	Ipswich Town
Feb 1	A	Norwich City
Feb 8	A	Cambridge United
Feb 15	H	Chelsea
Feb 22	A	Watford
Feb 29	H	Leyton Orient
Mar 7	A	Millwall
Mar 14	A	Southend
Mar 21	H	Queen's Park Rangers
Mar 28	H	Fulham
April 4	H	Tottenham Hotspur



## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION ONE TABLE 90/91

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	30	24	4	2	84	30	52
Tottenham	30	20	7	3	82	36	47
<b>West Ham U</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>
Gillingham	30	15	6	9	59	50	36
Leyton Orient	30	12	8	10	52	42	32
Millwall	30	13	6	11	50	49	32
Watford	30	12	6	12	53	35	30
Norwich City	30	10	8	12	48	44	28
Chelsea	30	11	5	14	47	49	27
Charlton Ath	30	9	9	12	52	62	27
QPR	30	10	6	14	39	53	26
Fulham	30	8	8	14	31	47	24
Southend U	30	9	6	15	38	61	24
Portsmouth	30	6	7	17	36	56	19
Ipswich T	30	7	4	19	40	78	18
Cambridge U	30	4	5	21	41	99	13



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BRIAN BLOWER

### WELCOME TO SEASON 1991/92

It gives me great pleasure this afternoon to welcome all of our supporters back to Upton Park for the commencement of a new season. One that sees us playing back in the First Division, after a tremendous promotion-winning season under the management of Billy Bonds. All through the close season everybody has been working hard to ensure that the stadium is ready and our commercial activities are at full swing.

During the close season many changes took place behind the scenes which we hope will make it more comfortable for our supporters at Upton Park.

Our commercial team have also been working hard to ensure that everything runs smoothly, from a commercial point of view, this season and we are pleased to welcome back as Official Sponsors B.A.C. Windows and Conservatories whose new logo is seen on today's shirts. It's a newly-designed shirt, and we are pleased also to confirm that West Ham United continue an association with Bukta UK as official suppliers of our kits.

Many of our old friends

### THANKS TO BAC

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking B.A.C. for their continued sponsorship of West Ham United. Following negotiations with their Chairman, Mr. Eddie Coventry, on behalf of the B.A.C. Board, agreement was reached towards the tail end of last season that saw us sign an extended tie-up with B.A.C. Windows and Conservatories.

B.A.C.'s management and staff representatives are becoming familiar faces here at Upton Park and the company is attempting to break that all-time record for Club sponsorship set by our previous sponsors, Avco.

To Eddie Coventry and his team at B.A.C., we wish you a very enjoyable season and hope that you maximise your sponsorship with West Ham United.

## COMMERCIAL NEWS

return to Upton Park today to kick off a season hoping that, come May, we will all be celebrating and congratulating each other on yet another good season. Let's hope that things run well for the Club, Billy and his boys and, in particular, you, our loyal supporters.

**Welcome back, have an enjoyable afternoon.**

### MAKING THE NEWS

Welcome, too, this afternoon to our matchday sponsors - our very own Club newspaper, Hammers News!

**GLEN Sporting Publications** took over the running and production of the paper last May and very successful their big, new-look editions are proving as well.

The August edition of Hammers News is on sale for the first time around the ground today, so be sure to get your copy.

In the meantime, I wish the publisher and Managing Director, Philip Evans, advertising manager, Steve Gunter, and the representatives and staff of Hammers News and GLEN Sporting Publications, a very enjoyable day with West Ham United as our first matchday sponsors of the season.

### OUR NEW SHIRT

Our new West Ham United shirt was created by Bukta UK. This season, for the first time ever, we have designed three new strips. The traditional home strip of claret with a touch of blue and white; A new vertical striped blue and white design for use away; and then a third strip - white with claret and blue as a centre feature.

All three new shirts are available from our Sales Service Department, along with the West Ham United Collection of leisure and sportswear. Why not pay a visit to our Sales Service today or pick up information on items that are available to you, our supporters.

### EXECUTIVE CLUBS

Our Executive Club facilities here at Upton Park are almost sold out. Only a few memberships are available in the newly-refurbished and redecorated Executive Lounges - Boleyn and Thames. During

the close season a tremendous amount of work was carried out by **K & N Waite** to refurbish the Executive Lounges ready for the commencement of the season. The improvements will provide additional comfort and space for our members.

If you would like more information about joining the Executive Club, then contact Sue Page here at Upton Park on our Hotline Number.

### BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT

With the large influx of Memberships to our Executive Lounges, business entertainment is now at a premium. There are a few spaces available for Business Entertainment for the first four games here at Upton Park and if you would like to explore the possibilities of presenting an Entertainment Package, with a view to joining as a member, then contact either myself or Sue Page on our Hotline Number.

**We can help you promote your business by using the facilities here at Upton Park to maximise the benefits.**

### FRIENDS OF WEST HAM UNITED

For the past two seasons we have formed a group of business people known as Friends of West Ham United. This is still growing and if you would like to be part of the Friends of West Ham United, then send us your business card and we will send you detailed information on how you can benefit, socially and business-wise, just by being a Friend of West Ham United. Address your Business Cards to Brian Blower, Friends of West Ham United Football Club, here at Upton Park.

### END-OF-SEASON BALL

In May we held our End-of-Season Ball at the Hilton on Park Lane. It was a knock-out event. A fabulous evening was had by all of close on a thousand guests.

We are pleased to announce that we will be repeating our End-of-Season Ball next May, when it will be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane.

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# JUNIOR HAMMERS



**JOINT PRESIDENTS – Trevor Brooking MBE and Eddie Chapman ORGANISER – Bill Elliott JP**

Hello, Junior Hammers!

Well, it's arrived - we are in Division One and it's the start of yet another season. Our Junior Hammers Club is eight years-old and our membership at the time of writing these notes is 4,772.

It is a coincidence that today our visitors should be Luton Town, because eight years ago, when I started to form the Junior Hammers, I visited the Kenilworth Road ground and received a great deal of good advice and assistance from the then organiser of the Junior Hatters, along with their officials and players.

I feel sure the match today will be interesting and played in the true spirit of the game of football, with both sides working for a decisive win.

I did hear through the "grapevine" that referees and linesman are going to make a great effort to rid football of gamesmanship - I think this would be really good for everyone, players and supporters alike!

Another nasty habit has crept into football, and is often highlighted on TV - spitting. I wonder why the TV cameramen bother.

You will probably have noticed that the Junior Hammers' Office has been re-sited. We now have a splendid new office where the old Hammers Shop used to be.

It really is very "posh" and my thanks to the West Ham United Chairman, Martin Cearn, his fellow Directors, and of course hard-working

Secretary Tom Finn.

My new office can be found to the left of the turnstiles at the main entrance.

What do you think of the "new strip" of the Hammers? I have heard various comments - some even very funny, some quite critical. **WHY NOT WRITE TO ME, AND LET ME AIR YOUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.**

By the way, we now have a new Ticket Office where my old office used to be. Talking of matchday tickets, please contact **ALAN SMITH** and his staff, and **NOT** yours truly when enquiring about tickets for future matches.

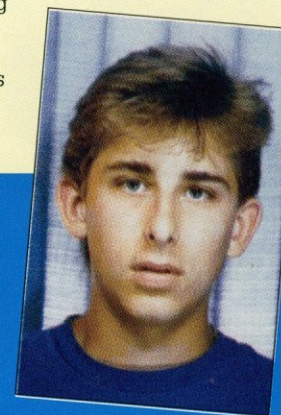
At present it is not possible to tour the ground on Sundays, but I will let you know when we are ready to resume this facility.

Enjoy the game!

**BILL ELLIOTT**

## YOUNG ONES

Meet Junior Hammer...  
**DANIEL BRACKEN**



Age: 16 (born 23/3/75). Lives: Wanstead.  
School: Wanstead High. Completed GCSE's in French, German, all Sciences, Geography, P.E., Maths, English Literature and English Language. My results are due on August 24th! Next year I hope to do A Levels in Biology, P.E. and Maths. Hobbies: All sports, especially football, cricket, tennis.

Joined Junior Hammers: August 1983.  
First game attended: September 6th, 1983, v. Leicester City, home, won 3-1, with my Dad. Most Memorable Match/Moment: West Ham's brilliant performance v. Liverpool (November 30th, 1988), when we beat them 4-1 in the League Cup.  
Favourite players: Stuart Slater, Trevor Morley. Points of interest: I have not missed a home game for three years. Going on holiday to Majorca after today's match.

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**Please send me details and an application form to join the Junior Hammers Club**

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Signature of Parent/Guardian





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**If you are a supporter of West Ham United Football Club you should be a member of the Supporters' Association.**

The Association formed at the start of last season and which has proven to be Top of the League with our supporters. Giving preferential service for matchday tickets, with so many anticipated all-ticket games this season, it's a must! It keeps you in touch with a FREE edition of Hammers News mailed to your door. Big discounts on holiday bookings. Full range of other special discounts...and lots, lots more for members.

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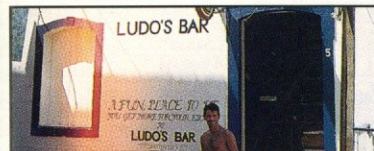
### ● SIGN OF THE TIMES

TOWARDS the end of last season you started a "Hammers on Tour" section in the programme, so we thought you would like this picture taken on holiday in Portugal in June.

We are both season ticket holders in the Chicken Run and follow West Ham home and away regularly, so we were delighted to find this sign, which shows that the Portuguese know who is the No.1 goalkeeper in the business.

We hope that you can use this in the programme, and we look forward to a good season back in Division One.

Mr N. White & Mr. L. Elson  
Grays, Essex.



### ● A TALL STORY

I HEARD on our ever-reliable Clubcall line that, this summer, Ludek Miklosko was staying at home to learn English.

Well, whilst on honeymoon, me and my wife, Beverley, tracked him down in his very own watering hole on the Algarve, in Albufeira.

When I knocked on the door I got no answer, so obviously our Ludo was studying hard.

You may be thinking, how does he know it's OUR Ludo?

Just look at the size of the door!

DARYL BIDDULPH

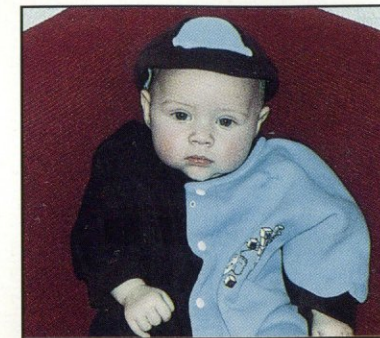
Leek, Staffs.

### ● HE'S DEVIN

LITTLE Devin Reece Flack was only six weeks old when his sister, Miss T. Flack, of Seymour Road, East Ham, registered him as a member of the Junior Hammers Club.

Miss Flack writes: "My Dad is 47 and Devin is his sixth child. He has followed West Ham for many years but, unfortunately, since moving out of the area and due to ill health, he is no longer able to visit Upton Park.

"It would be a very special moment for Dad if he could see Devin pictured (here at the age of three months) in the matchday programme."



**DURING** the close season the Club was saddened to receive news that the following three loyal supporters had passed away. West Ham United extends sincere condolences to their families and friends...

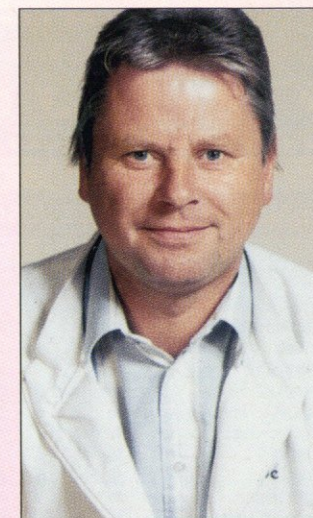
**MAXINE CULLEN** - On July 5th Maxine Cullen suddenly passed away at her home in Croydon, Surrey, aged just 28. Maxine loved West Ham and attended games with her husband, Pat. She leaves two young daughters, aged 3 and 14 months.

**KEN CURTIS** - Following a tragic accident, and a fight for life that lasted several weeks, Ken Curtis died on Sunday, July 7th. Ken assisted in our Pools operation in the Essex area and recently installed a lottery kiosk on Clacton Pier.

**TONY WISE** - A familiar face around the Executive Club, Tony sadly died on June 9th, aged 44.

A life-long Hammers' supporter, Tony collapsed and died while playing cricket.

He leaves a beloved wife, Anne, and children Ben, Andrew, Martin and Natalie. Today Tony's son fulfils one of his father's wishes by becoming our matchday mascot. His friends have dedicated today's matchday sponsorship in memory of Tony.



## FAN FILE No. 1

### TOM JORGENSEN

Age: 45

Home: Aarhus, Denmark.

Occupation: Butcher in a big supermarket in town.

Status: Married. One son: Bobby (aged 17).

Hobbies: I play in an "Old Boys" football league. Also, badminton, tennis.

How long have you supported West Ham?: Since Hammers won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1965.

Favourite all-time Hammer: Bobby Moore - we named our son after him. Although these days my favourite is Stuart Slater.

Where do you sit/stand at Upton Park?: Above the players' tunnel.

Why do you support West Ham?: Because they always try to play attractive football and don't sacrifice this just to get results. And for the family spirit among supporters.

Have YOU any unusual stories or photos of supporters relating to West Ham United which may be featured in our brand new IN SUPPORT column - the Page for supporters ABOUT supporters? Then send them to: The Editor, Hammer Matchday Magazine (IN SUPPORT), West Ham United FC, Boleyn Ground, Green Street, Upton Park, E13 9AZ. We can make YOU a star!



# STATISTICS

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FINAL TABLE

Final Table 90/91																
	Home							Away								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Oldham Athletic	46	17	5	1	55	21	8	8	7	28	32	88				
West Ham United	46	15	6	2	41	18	9	9	5	19	16	87				
Sheffield Wednesday	46	12	10	1	43	23	10	6	7	37	28	82				
Notts County	46	14	4	5	45	28	9	7	7	31	27	80				
Millwall	46	11	6	6	43	28	9	7	7	27	23	73				
Brighton & Hove Albion	46	12	4	7	37	31	9	3	11	26	38	70				
Middlesbrough	46	12	4	7	36	17	8	5	10	30	30	69				
Barnsley	46	13	7	3	39	16	6	5	12	24	32	69				
Bristol City	46	14	5	4	44	28	6	2	15	24	43	67				
Oxford United	46	10	9	4	41	29	4	10	9	28	37	61				
Newcastle United	46	8	10	5	24	22	6	7	10	25	34	59				
Wolverhampton Wanderers	46	11	6	6	45	35	2	13	8	18	28	58				
Bristol Rovers	46	11	7	5	29	20	4	6	13	27	39	58				
Ipswich Town	46	9	8	6	32	28	4	10	9	28	40	57				
Port Vale	46	10	4	9	32	24	5	8	10	24	40	57				
Charlton Athletic	46	8	7	8	27	25	5	10	8	30	36	56				
Portsmouth	46	10	6	7	34	27	4	5	14	24	43	53				
Plymouth Argyle	46	10	10	3	36	20	2	7	14	18	48	53				
Blackburn Rovers	46	8	6	9	26	27	6	4	13	25	39	52				
Watford	46	5	8	10	24	32	7	7	9	21	27	51				
Swindon Town	46	8	6	9	31	30	4	8	11	34	43	50				
Leicester City	46	12	4	7	41	33	2	4	17	19	50	50				
West Bromwich Albion	46	7	11	5	26	21	3	7	13	26	40	48				
Hull City	46	6	10	7	35	32	4	5	14	22	53	45				

## LEAGUE APPEARANCES

	App	Sub	Total
Martin Allen	28	12	40
Ian Bishop	40	-	40
Tim Breacker	23	1	24
Franz Carr	1	2	3
Simon Clarke	-	1	1
Julian Dicks	13	-	13
Iain Dowie	12	-	12
Colin Foster	36	-	36
Tony Gale	23	1	24
Chris Hughton	32	-	32
Kevin Keen	36	4	40
Simon Livett	1	-	1
Frank McAvennie	24	10	34
Alvin Martin	20	-	20
Ludek Miklosko	46	-	46
Trevor Morley	38	-	38
George Parris	37	7	44
Steve Potts	36	1	37
Jimmy Quinn	16	10	26
Stewart Robson	-	1	1
Leroy Rosenior	-	2	2
Matthew Rush	2	3	5
Stuart Slater	37	3	40
Ray Stewart	5	-	5

## CAREER RECORDS

	Lge	Cups	Gls
Allen	67+12	12	12
Bishop	53+4	9+1	8
Breacker	23+1	6	1
Brown	Not yet played		
Clarke	+1	-	-
Dowie	12	-	4
Foster	56+2	6	4
Gale	217+3	49+1	6
Hughton	32	7	-
Keen	120+23	25+8	19
Livett	1	+1	-
Martin A.	392+2	103	30
McAvennie	119+15	24+2	50
Miklosko	64	11	-
Morley	56+1	10	27
Parris	181+21	44+3	16
Potts	105+10	31+1	1
Rosenior	39+5	11+1	18
Rush	2+3	1	-
Slater	93+7	22+1	16
Small	Not yet played		
Thomas	Not yet played		

DATE	V	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	Pos
Aug 25	A	Middlesbrough	0-0	20,680	-
Aug 29	H	Portsmouth	1-1	20,835	14
Sep 1	H	Watford	1-0	19,872	8
Sep 8	A	Leicester City	*2-1	14,605	4
Sep 15	H	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-1	23,241	6
Sep 19	H	Ipswich Town	3-1	18,764	3
Sep 22	A	Newcastle United	1-1	25,462	3
Sep 26	H	Stoke City (LC2 1L)	3-0	15,870	-
Sep 29	A	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	28,786	4
Oct 3	H	Oxford United	2-0	18,135	4
Oct 6	H	Hull City	7-1	19,472	3
Oct 10	A	Stoke City (LC2 2L)	2-1	8,411	-
Oct 13	A	Bristol City	1-1	16,838	3
Oct 20	A	Swindon Town	1-0	13,658	3
Oct 24	H	Blackburn Rovers	1-0	20,003	3
Oct 27	H	Charlton Athletic	2-1	24,019	2
Oct 31	A	Oxford United (LC3)	1-2	7,528	-
Nov 3	A	Notts County	1-0	10,781	2
Nov 10	A	Millwall	1-1	20,591	2
Nov 17	H	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	23,082	2
Nov 24	A	Plymouth Argyle	1-0	11,490	1
Dec 1	H	West Bromwich Albion	3-1	24,753	1
Dec 8	A	Portsmouth	1-0	12,045	1
Dec 15	H	Middlesbrough	0-0	23,705	1
Dec 19	A	Luton Town (Zenith 2)	1-5	5,759	-
Dec 22	A	Barnsley	0-1	10,348	2
Dec 26	H	Oldham Athletic	2-0	24,950	1
Dec 29	H	Port Vale	0-0	23,603	1
Jan 1	A	Bristol Rovers	1-0	7,932	1
Jan 5	H	Aldershot (FAC3) **	0-0	22,929	-
Jan 12	A	Watford	1-0	17,172	1
Jan 16	H	Aldershot (FAC3 Replay)	6-1	21,484	-
Jan 19	H	Leicester City	1-0	21,652	1
Jan 26	A	Luton Town (FAC4)	1-1	12,087	-
Jan 30	H	Luton Town (FAC4 Replay)	5-0	25,659	-
Feb 2	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-2	19,454	1
Feb 16	H	Crewe Alexandra (FAC5)	1-0	25,298	-
Feb 24	H	Millwall	3-1	20,503	1
Mar 2	A	West Bromwich Albion	0-0	16,089	1
Mar 5	H	Plymouth Argyle	*2-2	18,933	1
Mar 11	H	Everton (FAC6)	2-1	28,162	-
Mar 13	A	Oxford United	1-2	8,225	2
Mar 16	H	Sheffield Wednesday	1-3	26,182	2
Mar 20	H	Bristol City	1-0	22,951	2
Mar 23	A	Hull City	0-0	9,558	2
Mar 29	A	Oldham Athletic	1-1	16,932	2
Apr 1	H	Barnsley	3-2	24,607	2
Apr 6	A	Port Vale	1-0	9,658	1
Apr 10	A	Brighton & HA	0-1	11,904	1
Apr 14	A	Notts Forest (FAC S/F) (3.30)	0-4	40,041	-
Apr 17	A	Ipswich Town	1-0	20,290	1
Apr 20	H	Swindon Town	2-0	25,944	1
Apr 24	H	Newcastle United	1-1	24,195	1
Apr 27	A	Blackburn Rovers	1-3	10,808	1
May 4	A	Charlton Athletic	1-1	16,139	1
May 8	H	Bristol Rovers	1-0	23,054	1
May 11	H	Notts County	1-2	26,551	2

\* Own Goal † Substituted \*\* Switched to Upton Park

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Miklosko	Potts	Dicks <sup>1p</sup>	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen†	Morley†	Quinn (63)	Parris (80)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Quinn (84)	Parris (70)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin <sup>1</sup>	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Livett†	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris (45)
Miklosko	Potts†	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop <sup>1</sup>	McAvennie†	Slater	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Quinn <sup>1</sup> (59)	Parris (59)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	Quinn†	Slater†	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	McAvennie (65)	Parris (74)
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Miklosko	Potts	Dicks <sup>1</sup>	Foster	Martin†	Keen	Bishop	Slater	Quinn†	Allen	Morley	McAvennie (68)	Parris (29)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster <sup>1</sup>	Martin	Keen	Bishop	Slater†	Quinn	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	McAvennie	Parris (68)
Miklosko	Potts <sup>1</sup>	Dicks <sup>1p.1</sup>	Foster	Martin	Keen†	Bishop	Quinn <sup>2†</sup>	Parris <sup>1</sup>	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	McAvennie (76)	Rush (76)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen†	Bishop	Parris	Quinn†	Allen <sup>2</sup>	Morley	McAvennie (61)	Gale (84)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn	Slater†	Allen	Morley	McAvennie <sup>1</sup> (58)	Breacker
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks†	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn†	Gale	Allen	Morley	McAvennie <sup>1</sup> (71)	Breacker (38)
Miklosko	Breacker	Dicks†	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn†	Gale	Allen	Morley	McAvennie (66)	Slater (81)
Miklosko	Breacker	Keen	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater†	Allen <sup>2</sup>	Morley	Rush (83)	Quinn
Miklosko	Rush	Keen	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn	Slater	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Livett	Kelly
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	Keen	Rush	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Livett	Clarke
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	Keen	McAvennie <sup>1</sup>	Allen†	Morley	Quinn	Rush (67)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster <sup>1</sup>	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie	Rush†	Keen	Morley	Quinn	Slater <sup>1</sup> (46)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie <sup>1</sup>	Slater	Keen†	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Quinn	Allen (75)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin†	Allen	Bishop	McAvennie†	Slater	Hughton	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Quinn (81)	Gale (44)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Potts	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie†	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn (86)	Rush
McKnight	Kelly	Parris	Gale	Potts	Livett	Allen	Quinn	Slater	Keen <sup>1</sup>	Morley	Rush	Clarke
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Potts	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie†	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn (65)	Livett
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Keen	Quinn	Slater <sup>1</sup>	Allen	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Rush	Potts
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Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster†	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn†	Potts	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Robson (80)	Clarke (89)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris <sup>1</sup>	Gale	Robson†	Hughton	Keen	Slater <sup>1</sup>	Quinn <sup>1</sup>	Potts	Morley <sup>2</sup>	McAvennie	Bishop <sup>1</sup> (15)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris <sup>1</sup>	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn†	Potts	Morley	McAvennie (79)	Livett
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris <sup>1</sup>	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen†	Slater	Allen	Potts	Morley	McAvennie (78)	Quinn
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris <sup>1</sup>	Gale	Bishop <sup>1</sup>	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie <sup>1</sup>	Slater	Potts	Morley <sup>2</sup>	Allen	Quinn
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris†	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie <sup>1</sup>	Slater†	Potts	Morley	Quinn (78)	Allen (79)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie†	Slater	Potts	Morley	Quinn <sup>1</sup> (73)	Foster
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale†	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie <sup>2</sup>	Slater	Potts	Morley <sup>1</sup>	Quinn	Allen (70)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen†	McAvennie	Slater	Potts	Morley	Allen (72)	Foster
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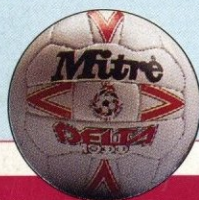


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LUDEK MIKLOSKO	1	ALEC CHAMBERLAIN
KENNY BROWN	2	DAVE BEAUMONT
CHRIS HUGHTON	3	RICHARD HARVEY
TIM BREACKER	4	DARRON McDONOUGH
COLIN FOSTER	5	GRAHAM RODGER
GEORGE PARRIS	6	JOHN DREYER (Captain)
IAN BISHOP (Captain)	7	JASON REES
FRANK McAVENNIE	8	DAVID PREECE
MARTIN ALLEN	9	BRIAN STEIN
STUART SLATER	10	MARK PEMBRIDGE
TREVOR MORLEY	11	KINGSLEY BLACK
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 RESERVE OFFICIAL: B. Goldstone (Essex)

## FIRST TEAM

NEXT HOME GAME  
 Hammers v Aston Villa  
 Wednesday, August 28th, 7.45pm  
 (Barclays League Div. 1)

## RESERVES

NEXT HOME GAME  
 Hammers v Swindon Town  
 Tuesday, September 3rd, 2.00pm  
 (Neville Ovenden Combination)

## MATCH MASCOT



Today we welcome **BEN WISE**, aged nine, from Loughton, Essex. Ben is the son of Tony Wise who sadly passed away during the close season. Tony was one of our very popular Executive Club members and his biggest wish was to see one of his sons walk out as Matchday Mascot for his beloved team, West Ham United. Tony's two other sons join Ben here today. Ben's favourite hobbies are football, squash and tennis. We take this opportunity in wishing Ben and his brothers a very special and memorable day here at Upton Park.