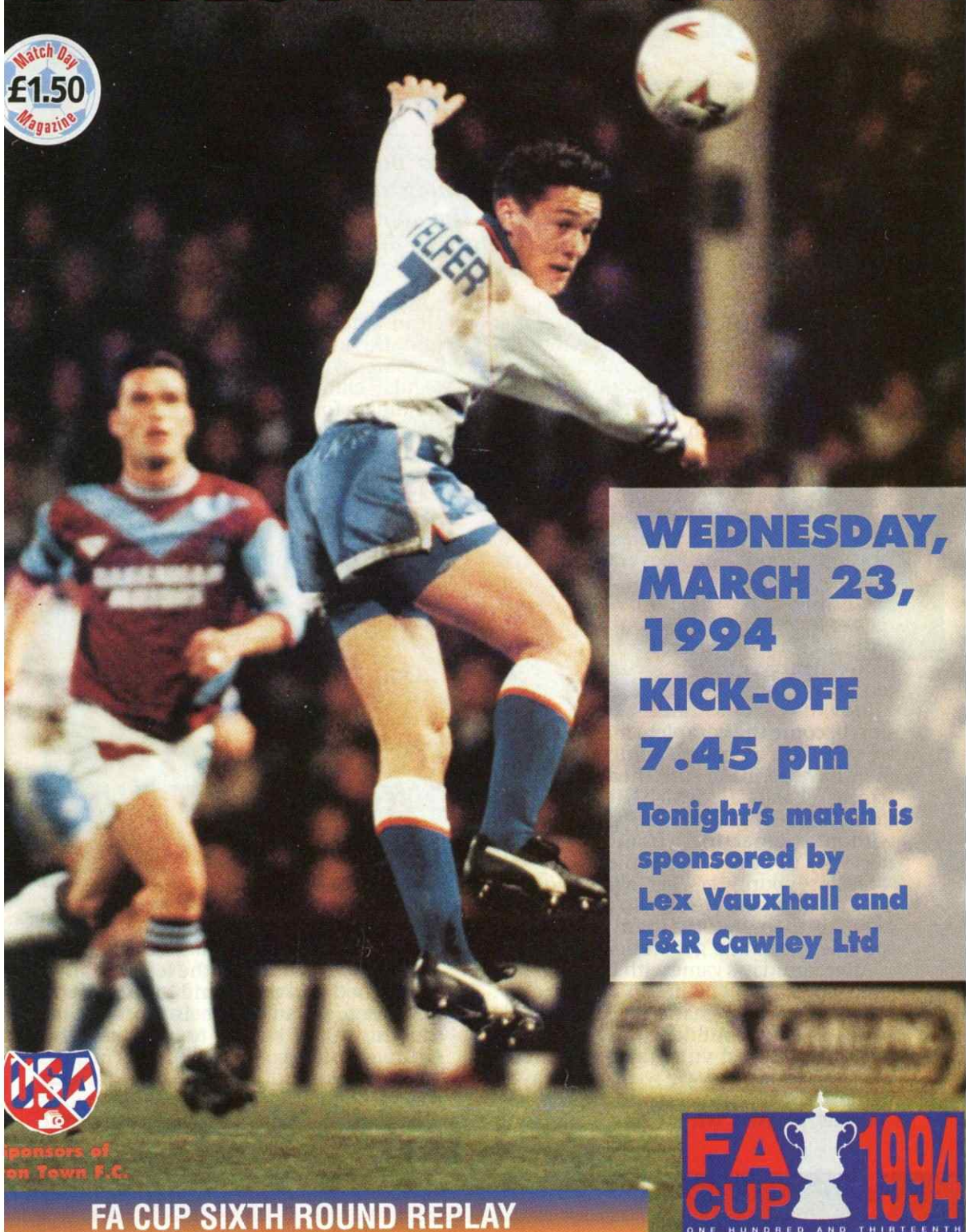


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ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT

A warm welcome this evening to our Premiership friends from West Ham United. It is an important game, but provided both sets of players perform in the spirit of the game and the supporters encourage their teams fairly, we can look forward to an exciting tussle.

The prize looms large but it is vital that we try and play the passing football which has brought about our improvement this season. A style not unlike, of course, that which flourishes at West Ham, a style which was instigated by Ron Greenwood, continued by John Lyall and developed further by Billy Bonds and Harry Redknapp.

We are also quietly pleased to welcome back the television cameras of Sky TV. Without doubt, their coverage of soccer this season has been a boost for the football enthusiast. It would be fascinating to look into the crystal ball and ascertain the relationship between football and television in ten years time.

Providing we do not let television become the complete master, we still have a chance. Some wise men have to make sure there is a happy balance which keeps money flowing into the game, without detracting from the necessity to have a live audience.

Unless youngsters get a sniff of the 'real theatre' and are able to practice and emulate their heroes, then we will not see a new, exciting generation of players.

After Saturday's game with Birmingham, I did not know whether to laugh or cry. We had spurned chances against a side struggling for confidence. By the same token, we looked vulnerable to conceding goals. That said, we were four players light of our recent team.

I was pleased with Andy Petterson's

clean handling and general contribution. David Greene played like a lion and for sure, will stake a massive claim for regular club football as well as being a candidate for Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland senior team. It is very hard to find leaders among young players. Arsenal found one with Tony Adams and I believe David will follow that same path.

John Hartson up front carried the attacking role but he did not look at his sharpest, which is not surprising consid-

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ering his last 90 minutes was two-and-a-half weeks ago in a reserve fixture. Mark Burke, on loan from Wolves, had a difficult but disappointing game. In attempting to give us width on the left, we failed to get good possession and Mark's efforts were not rewarded. It is hoped that tonight we will be able to announce the return of Kerry Dixon, Ceri Hughes, Trevor Peake and Juergen Sommer, who was suspended for Saturday's match.

In the last few weeks our commercial



Des Linton and David Burrows battle their way to the 0-0 draw at Upton Park last Monday.

department report more brisk business. I cannot emphasise too much that only with supporters' contributions on lotteries and other projects, and the goodwill and backing of our business community, can we hope to thrive. Every season overheads increase, salaries do not decrease, while crowds fortunately stay similar.

To cover expenditure each season, we need continued financing by the loyal backing of our sponsors and supporters. It is our hope that tonight we can help ease that burden a little by gaining a semi-final place, which will also help expose Universal Salvage Auctions and our other commercial partners to a wider audience.

The prize is massive and if we succeed,

it will be a worthy reward for our players' application. If we fail, we wish West Ham every success and hope they will go on to lift the most valued prize of all - the FA Cup.

Finally, I would like to welcome tonight's match sponsors F& R Cawley Ltd and Lex Vauxhall. We welcome your support and hope you have an enjoyable evening with us.

Enjoy the game.

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AROUND THE TOWN



HATTERS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The media spotlight has fallen on Kenilworth Road in the past few days as journalists, camera-men and television crews have descended on the club. The lads are enjoying their brush with stardom and, as David Pleat states: "make the most of it while it lasts". Looking ahead to tonight's game, the Hatters are in a confident frame of mind. David Preece, who had such an outstanding game last Monday, said: "You have to be confident playing at home, but not too over-confident. We know West Ham's strengths, and we will be trying our hardest to stop them. We want to progress for those fans who have stuck by us. They haven't had much to cheer about in recent seasons."



Kerry Dixon: his big chance to meet his former club.

Kerry Dixon is another player hoping for victory tonight. His former club Chelsea await the winners in the semi-finals, and he would love the chance to pit his wits against his former pals. "I still have a lot of friends at Stamford Bridge, so to meet them would be ideal. I have never played in an FA Cup semi-final, let alone a final, so this is the chance and I have to take it."

SKELTON ON THE WAY BACK

Aaron Skelton, our promising midfielder who ruptured his thigh muscle last summer and who suffered a groin injury on his comeback last month, made a comeback for the reserves against Bristol Rovers, last week (see page 26 for further details). It was his first 90 minutes of football this season.

IN THE WARS AFTER BRUM

Following Saturday's game with Birmingham City Andy McDade was overworked treating the walking wounded. David Greene suffered ten stitches in a cut above his left eye and Julian James was nusing a black eye (this after receiving stitches in his ear the previous week). Trevor Peake was still being treated for his hamstring injury while Paul Telfer played the game with a slight heel problem.

LET'S NOT FORGET THE LEAGUE

Amid the excitement of the FA Cup, manager David Pleat has been emphasising the importance of our league campaign and that retaining our First Division status is the number one priority. After last weekend's matches, the nearest relegation place was still only eight points below the Town. "Our super little run has given us a breather, although we are by no means out of the woods yet," said Pleat. "Although it is unwise to set targets, it looks as if 50 points will be the safety net this season."

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Brian Hill lives in Kettering is married with two children. He started refereeing in local leagues in 1965 and progressed via the United Counties and Southern Leagues before joining the full League list in 1975. He refereed the 1988 FA Cup final and lists his hobbies as sport, music, reading and photography.



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ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE



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■ In the event that the score after 90 minutes of tonight's FA Cup replay is level, extra time will be played. If the score still remains level, then the tie will be decided by penalties.

■ If we win the tie, our opponents in the semi-final will be Chelsea at Wembley Stadium. The game will be played on Saturday, April 9, with a 5.00pm kick-off. Details of ticket arrangements and prices can be found on page 15 of tonight's match magazine.

■ For the second time this season, we are delighted to welcome Sky Television, who are broadcasting tonight's match live. We also extend a warm welcome to the BBC Radio sports team who are broadcasting full match commentary.

■ Unfortunately, our league match with Bolton Wanderers last Wednesday

was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. As yet, we have not arranged a new date. One outstanding fixture that has, however, been re-arranged is our home game with Wolverhampton Wanderers. This will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 1994. Kick-off 7.45 pm.

■ In common with all other Endsleigh League Division One clubs, our home fixture with Stoke City on Saturday, May 7 has now been changed to Sunday, May 8. All games, on this the final day of the season, will kick-off at 3.00 pm.

■ The Bobbers Travel Club are running coaches to Barnsley on Saturday. The cost will be adults £9.00, children/OAP's £7.20 and coaches will depart from Cranfield at 9.30 am and from Luton at 10.20 am. To book, please contact Paul Deason on (0234) 750996.

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It's only half-time as we pursue our Wembley dream

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE



With home advantage in tonight's replay, many people now see us as favourites to go through to the semi-finals. You will not hear any talk like that in our dressing room as we prepare for our biggest game in recent seasons.

We know the task ahead will be just as difficult tonight as it was at Upton Park. West Ham will know they will have to work harder for the win tonight and the carrot of a game with local rivals Chelsea will make them all the more determined to go through.

We were pleased with the way we contained the Hammers last Monday and, in the end, we were unlucky not to go through at the first attempt. It was extremely frustrating for me sitting on that bench not able to play, but the lads on the pitch did us all proud. A special mention must go to David Greene who, despite his inexperience, played like he

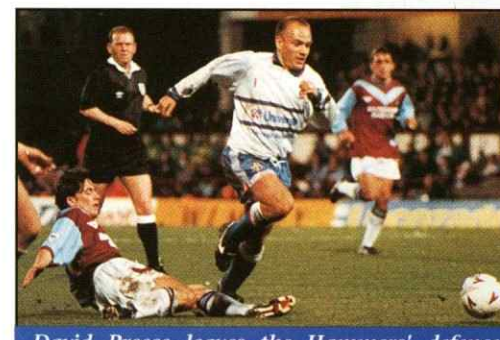
had been in the team all season. His was just one of many good, individual performances.

Hopefully, I will be in contention to start this evening after my hamstring problems. It has been important not to rush back too soon. Remember, I am not getting any younger and injuries take longer to heal for me these days! The rest of the lads missing on Saturday should also be fully fit for tonight. All we hope for now is that the team can fire on all cylinders.

I am sure we will. We seem to lift ourselves for the big occasions, as we proved against Newcastle United and Cardiff City in the last two rounds. They were games which we fully deserved to win.

The whole town has been buzzing again with excitement and we are anticipating a full house this evening. Your support has been magnificent as we have progressed in the Cup this season, so let's turn up the noise again tonight. I've said it before, but your vocal support can really be like a goal's head start for the lads.

Enjoy the game and help
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David Preece leaves the Hammers' defence sprawling, during another fine individual display.



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WEST HAM UNITED V LUTON TOWN: WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

The Hammers and the Hatters fought out a tense, nail-biting sixth round tie at Upton Park under the spotlight of Sky TV last week. With three First Division teams already knocked out that weekend, Luton were carrying the Endsleigh League flag. Happily, that flag is still flying high.

A 0-0 draw was the final scoreline to a game which saw a Des Linton effort cleared off the line, Hammers' Mike Marsh thunder a shot against the post and Trevor Morley rue the referee after a clash with Juergen Sommer. 'GLAD HATTERS' said *Today*, whose reporter Rob Shepherd said: 'Luton ensured the under-dog spirit of this season's FA Cup prevailed. They did the Endsleigh League proud. They first frustrated the Hammers, and in the end threatened to snatch a momentous victory.' With regards to the Morley/Sommer incident, he went on to say: 'Although Morley felt he had been impeded, a penalty never seemed likely'.

The *Daily Mail* also concentrated on the Endsleigh v Premiership battle with the headline 'HAMMERS HOLD-UP'. Neil Harman was to the point when he said: 'Luton denied the Premiership its third day of strutting arrogance with a performance which emphasised the degree of quality the elite has contemptuously left behind. In the fourth round they outplayed Newcastle. They will not be daunted at the prospect of a repeat performance in the replay'.

'MERRY KERRY' was the *Sun's* back page headline, focusing on Kerry Dixon's dream of playing his former club Chelsea in the semi-final at Wembley. Reporter Pat Sheehan enlightened us further 'Luton's battling FA Cup quarter-final draw at West Ham kept alive a dream for Kerry Dixon. He is desperate to play against his old club Chelsea in the semi-final. Dixon said: "My

ideal situation would be to face Chelsea and score the winner in the last minute, because I'm a Luton man through and through now". 'PLEATY'S A SWEETIE' was the headline inside where Brian Woolnough said: 'Romance is still alive in the FA Cup thanks to David Pleat's Luton. We thought that Bolton would provide the quarter final shock. Perhaps Wolves. It turned out to be Luton'.

Rob Hughes, in *The Times* praised the form of David Greene, coming in for only his third Town appearance. 'The Eire under-21 player made three emphatically headed clearances in the first half, barely noticing that Chapman is the acknowledged master in that sphere. This was particularly praiseworthy since Greene was operating in another night of swirling, devilish wind'.

The Independent's Trevor Haylett also pointed out the impressive display by Greene. 'The pressure would be fiercest on Greene. Immediately, the Eire under-

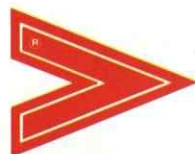
21 international was to the fore, coming across to smartly shut out Trevor Morley. The impressive Greene saved Luton once again after five minutes when the rookie cleared off the line from Morley'.

The anticipation of tonight's tie was summed up by Cathal Dervan in the *Daily Star*. 'HAMMERS HAVE A HILL TO CLIMB' was the headline. 'There's much to suggest last night should have belonged to West Ham - and that Wednesday week will spark a Mad Hatters tea party'.



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A LETTER FROM AMERICA

Dear Sir,

I have been a Luton Town supporter since 1958 when my parents used to take me to all the home matches. I've supported them through thick and thin ever since.

Unfortunately, I was made redundant 18 months ago and have struggled to find work until I was offered a job over here in the USA.

My leaving Luton seems to have coincided with what must be one of the most successful runs in Luton's history. My last game was against Derby County and I will never forget Scott Oakes' goal - what a memory to bring with me.

I phone my wife to find out our result every Saturday and managed to see our goals against Newcastle United on television, but generally 'soccer' is very much a minority sport here. How come they got the World Cup?

Good luck to the Hatters for the rest of the season, particularly in the FA Cup. If we get to Wembley I will do everything possible to return and watch the final.

Richard Jenkins, 1646 Kirts Blvd, Apt 207, Troy, Michigan USA, 48084.

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Dear Sir,

I am 17-years-old and a Luton Town supporter.

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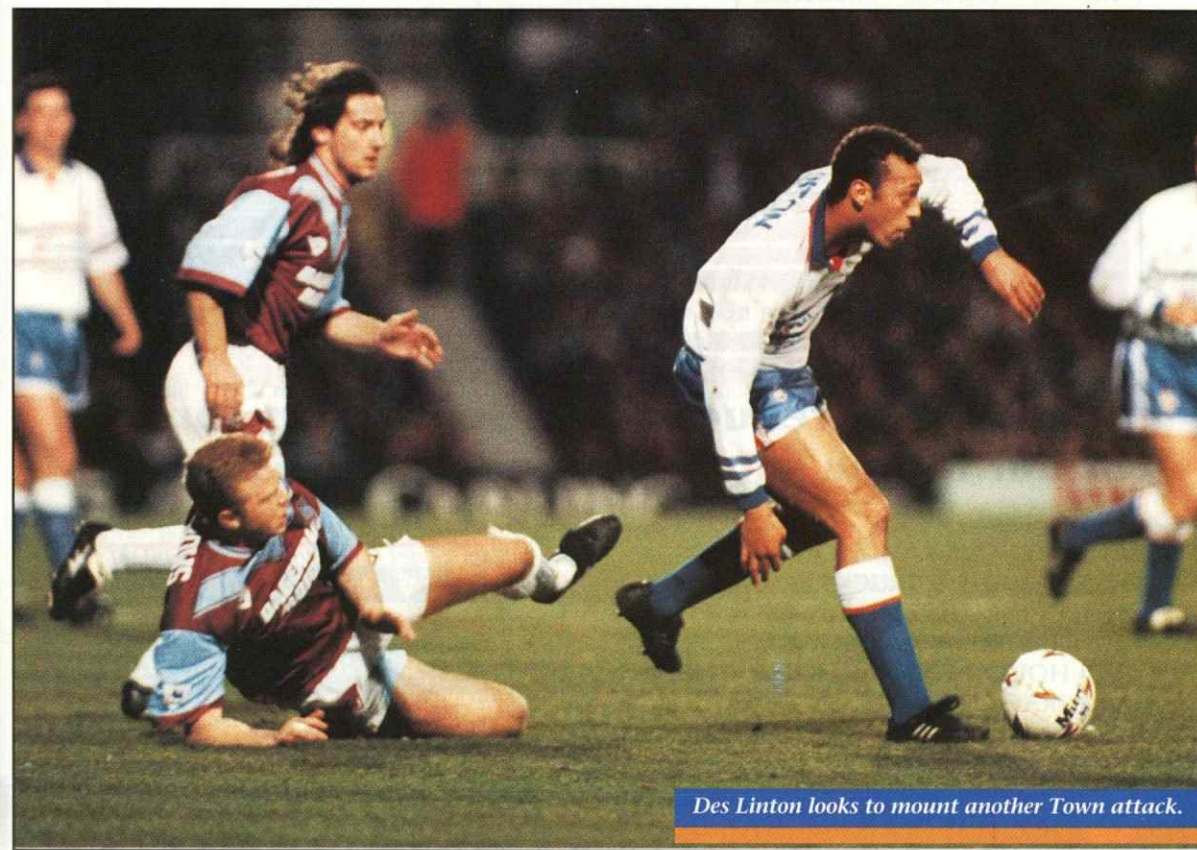
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Paul Telfer breaks free from the attentions of David Burrows.



Des Linton looks to mount another Town attack.

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Ticket Office news update



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

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Wednesday, March 30, 1994 - kick-off 7.45 pm

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Any remaining tickets would go on sale on Tuesday 5th April until Friday 8th April.

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Spotlight on tonight's visitors

WEST HAM UNITED 1993-94



■ West Ham United visit Kenilworth Road tonight looking for a marked improvement in their FA Cup form following the 0-0 draw against the Hatters at Upton Park last Monday. A derby game with London rivals Chelsea in the semi-finals, at Wembley, is only 90 minutes away, but manager Billy Bonds states that the task ahead will not be an easy one. "It is our turn to sacrifice home advantage, and we will need to impose ourselves more at Kenilworth Road," he said. "You could see in the first game that some of our players were too tense, and that reflected in our play. But we are only half-way through the game. It is all there to play for."

■ The Hammers have defeated Watford, Notts County and Kidderminster on their way to the sixth round. Their Cup displays have also reflected a marked improvement in their Premiership form. Their 2-2 draw with Manchester United a fortnight ago highlighted this fact, and since the turn of the year, the Hammers have lost just once (at Aston Villa).

■ For a club tipped for relegation during the first few weeks of the season, such results have brought an air of optimism at Upton Park. It is no coincidence that the run has evolved since Mike

Marsh, David Burrows and Lee Chapman have settled in, following their moves from Liverpool and Portsmouth respectively. "A magic wand has been waved over the Hammers," reported one journalist recently, and following the Town's trip to east London last week, it appears to have descended over Upton Park as well.

■ The new Bobby Moore Stand is testament to such a fine ambassador of the game. Upton Park is moving towards the next century in a positive manner, with the aim of hosting one of the leading clubs in the country. The foundations are there, and success in the Cup this season would go a long way to realising that dream...

■ West Ham United were originally formed as Thames Ironworks FC in 1895 by employees of this shipbuilding yard. Short of funds, the club was wound up in June 1900 and re-launched a month later as West Ham United. In 1920 the Hammers were elected to the Football League and drew their first match, in Division Two, 1-1 with Lincoln City. West Ham have won the FA Cup on three occasions, in 1964, 1975 and 1980. Other notable successes are their European Cup Winners' Cup triumph in 1965 and Division Two championship wins in 1958 and 1981.



Back row (left to right): Tony Gale, Clive Allen, Ludek Miklosko, Alvin Martin, Gerry Payton, Steve Jones, Colin Foster.
Middle row (left to right): Martin Allen, Trevor Morley, Danny Williamson, Matt Holmes, Paul Mitchell, Kenny Brown, Tim Breacker.
Front row (left to right): Keith Rowland, Mark Robson, Peter Butler, Julian Dicks (now Liverpool), Dale Gordon, Ian Bishop, Steve Potts.

VISITORS ON PARADE

LUDEK MIKLOSKO (goalkeeper) - Ludek was signed from Banik Ostrava for £300,000 in 1990. A Czechoslovakian international, he kept 21 clean sheets in his first league campaign of 1990-91.

TIM BREACKER (defender) - Billy Bonds' first signing, from the Hatters, in October 1990. Tim joined the Hatters from school, making his league debut against Ipswich in 1984. He played in successive League Cup finals for the Town, in 1988 and 1989 and was an England under-21 international.

STEVE POTTS (defender) - Club captain, Steve captained both the Hammers' reserve and youth teams in the mid-eighties, when he also won England youth honours. American-born, he is one of the Premiership's smallest centre-halves, standing at 5' 8".

ALVIN MARTIN (defender) - One of West Ham's greatest servants, Alvin has made over 400 league appearances for the Hammers, since making his debut in 1978. He has won FA Cup, and Division Two championship medals in his time at Upton Park, and has also won 17 England caps.

DAVID BURROWS (defender) - David has been a more than adequate replacement for Julian Dicks, following his arrival earlier in the season. A former England under-21 international, he started his career with West Brom, before moving to Liverpool for £500,000 in 1988.

MARTIN ALLEN (midfield) - Martin started his career with QPR, making his debut against the Hatters in 1985. He was transferred to Upton Park for £600,000 in 1989 and has now made over 150 appearances for the Hammers.

IAN BISHOP (midfield) - A player who served his apprenticeship with Everton, Ian started his career in earnest with Carlisle United before Harry Redknapp signed him for Bournemouth in 1988. A year later he was on his way to Manchester City for £700,000 and helped the club into the top flight. He joined the Hammers in a shock move later that year, along with Trevor Morley.

MATT HOLMES (midfield) - Luton-born, Matt started his career at Bournemouth, but made his league bow on loan at Cardiff City. He cost the Hatters £40,000 in 1992 and has since established himself as a regular in the first team.

MIKE MARSH (midfield) - Arrived with David Burrows from Liverpool in September, Mike started his career with Kirkby Town, before joining Liverpool in 1987. His versatility also saw him play at right-back as well as midfield during his time at Anfield.

KEITH ROWLAND (midfield) - Keith was signed from Bournemouth last summer for £110,000. He made his debut for the Hammers on the opening day of the season against Wimbledon and has also made the breakthrough into the Northern Ireland side this season.

TREVOR MORLEY (forward) - A former Derby County apprentice, Trevor played for non-league Corby and Nuneaton before re-joining the league scene with Northampton. He 1988 he joined Manchester City for £175,000, before moving to Upton Park with Bishop in 1989.

LEE CHAPMAN (forward) - A much-travelled striker, Lee started his career with Stoke, before spells at Arsenal, Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday, Niot, Nottingham Forest and Leeds United, where he won a championship medal. He signed for the Hammers at the start of the season after a brief spell with First Division Portsmouth.

CLIVE ALLEN (forward) - Clive has played for six London clubs, the others being Arsenal, Tottenham, Chelsea, QPR and Crystal Palace. Away from the capital he has also had spells with Manchester City and French club Bordeaux. He joined the Hammers from Chelsea for £250,000 and is a full England international.

MEET THE BOSS



Billy Bonds MBE started his footballing career with Charlton Athletic in 1964 before signing for West Ham in a £50,000 deal in 1964.

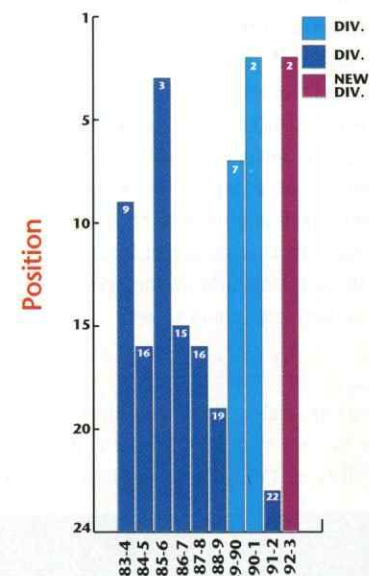
At Upton Park he became a folk-hero, collecting FA Cup winners' medals in 1975 and 1980 after succeeding the late Bobby Moore as Hammers' captain in 1973.

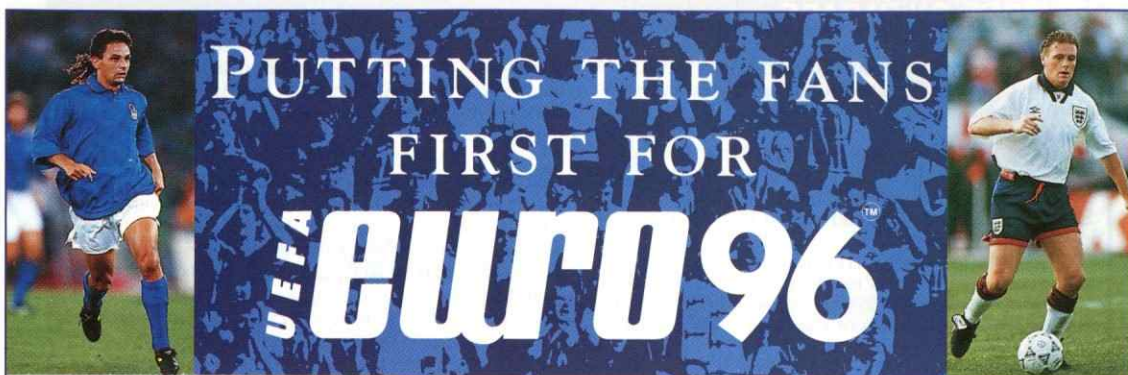
Over 500 appearances after making his West Ham debut, Billy decided to hang

up his boots at Upton Park at the age of 41. He was rewarded with two testimonials but kept his close link with the club by becoming team manager on February 22, 1990.

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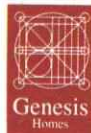
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JUNIOR HATTERS

A warm welcome to the young supporters of West Ham United who are with us tonight. It is going to be a great occasion for all of us and whatever the final score tonight, have a safe journey back to east London.

Tonight's game should be a great occasion at Kenilworth Road, so let's hope the scoreline matches our wonderful performance against Newcastle United, the last time we played at home in the F.A. Cup. Let's hear all you Junior Hatters make as much noise as possible: 'We're all going to Wembley...'

On Thursday, March 31, Pizza Hut (UK) are holding a national evening to raise funds for the 'Whizzkids' charity, an organisation which helps children with mobility problems. If you buy a meal at any Pizza Hut branch within the UK on that evening, a donation will be made to Whizzkids. At our local Luton and Dunstable Pizza Hut branches, Luton Town players will be present to lend their support, so come along for a fun evening where you will be helping a worthwhile cause at the same time.

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Hobbies: All sports
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Who accompanies you to matches:
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JUNIOR HATTERS TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for the away game at Barnsley is as follows:

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The price for all matches this season has been fixed at £5.00 for Junior Hatters and £8.00 for accompanying adults (price includes tickets for the match). Booking and payment can be made via the Ticket Office up to four days prior to the match.

JUNIOR HATTERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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THE LAST TIME WE MET AT KENILWORTH ROAD

With the Hammers chasing a place in the Premier League and the Hatters desperate for the points to escape the threat of relegation, something had to give at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, April 13, 1993.

The biggest crowd of the season to date - 10,959 - packed in to see a highly entertaining game, where the quality of football was high and the speed was intense.

Chances were created at both ends, but with both Alec Chamberlain and Ludek Miklosko in outstanding form in both goals, the game was looking likely to end goalless.

The Hatters trump card was still to be played. The fresh pair of legs of Scott Oakes and Martin Williams in mid-field replaced Paul Telfer and Ceri Hughes, and Luton found another gear.

Goals followed from Phil Gray (penalty) and a fine effort from Williams, following a free-flowing Town move secured the victory. The Town were now making tracks towards safety, while the Hammers still had a little way to go before promotion was assured.

Pictured in action are Kerry Dixon (above), who rounds Ludo Miklosko to no avail, while Marvin Johnson (left) sees his shot fly narrowly wide.

Town team: Chamberlain, Dreyer, Telfer, Johnson, James, Peake, Hughes, Kamara, Dixon, Gray, Preece. Subs used: Oakes, Williams.

Hammers team: Miklosko, Breacker, Dicks, Potts, Bishop, Butler, Keen, Gale, Allen, Morley, Speedie. Sub used: Holmes.

Attendance: 10,959.



Neville Ovenden Football Combination Season 1993-94

Wed	18 Aug	West Ham United	4-1
Wed	25 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	4-2
Wed	1 Sept	Watford	5-1
Wed	8 Sept	Wimbledon	1-1
Thu	16 Sept	Norwich City	2-3
Wed	22 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2
Mon	27 Sept	Langford (BPC)	2-1
Wed	29 Sept	Oxford United	4-3
Wed	6 Oct	Portsmouth	4-2
Wed	13 Oct	Swindon Town	2-1
Tue	19 Oct	Watford	2-4
Wed	27 Oct	Southampton	1-3
Mon	1 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	1-3
Wed	10 Nov	Southampton	1-1
Wed	17 Nov	Arsenal	1-1
Wed	24 Nov	Portsmouth	0-1
Mon	29 Nov	Oxford United	0-4
Fri	3 Dec	Crystal Palace	0-1
Mon	6 Dec	Stotfold (BPC2)	1-0
Tue	14 Dec	Arsenal	3-2
Fri	17 Dec	Norwich City	1-4
Mon	17 Jan	Barton Rovers (BPC3)	1-0
Wed	19 Jan	Bristol Rovers	1-0
Mon	24 Jan	Chelsea	1-5
Wed	2 Feb	Ipswich Town	2-2
Wed	9 Feb	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-1
Mon	21 Feb	Millwall	1-2
Thu	3 Mar	Ipswich Town	2-3
Tue	8 Mar	West Ham United	0-1
Wed	16 Mar	Bristol Rovers	1-2
Wed	23 Mar	Millwall	
Mon	28 Mar	Charlton Athletic	
Tue	5 Apr	Crystal Palace	
Fri	6 Apr	Brighton & HA	
Thu	7 Apr	Bedford Town (BPCF1)	
Tue	12 Apr	Bristol City	
Wed	13 Apr	Bedford Town (BPCF2)	
Mon	18 Apr	Swindon Town	
Sat	23 Apr	Tottenham Hotspur	
Thur	28 Apr	Chelsea	
Mon	2 May	Bristol City	
Wed	4 May	Charlton Athletic	
T.B.A. Wimbledon (a)			

Neville Ovenden Football Combination League Table (up to and including 12.3.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	27	18	6	3	60	26	60
Ipswich Town	25	14	4	7	55	37	46
Southampton	28	13	7	8	48	47	46
Bristol Rovers	27	11	10	6	39	33	43
Swindon Town	24	13	1	10	34	28	40
Norwich City	28	11	7	10	48	45	40
Millwall	26	10	8	8	45	42	38
Arsenal	29	11	5	13	52	54	38
West Ham United	22	10	7	5	31	23	37
Q.P.R.	25	10	4	11	38	38	34
Crystal Palace	26	8	9	9	32	33	33
Wimbledon	25	7	11	7	26	32	32
Portsmouth	27	8	8	11	35	43	32
Tottenham Hotspur	23	8	6	9	39	29	30
Oxford United	27	7	9	11	42	46	30
Brighton & H.A.	22	7	8	7	27	22	29
LUTON TOWN	26	8	5	13	45	54	29
Bristol City	24	5	6	13	27	56	21
Watford	23	5	5	13	33	49	20
Charlton Athletic	22	5	2	15	22	41	17

RESERVES

A PLEASING PERFORMANCE DESPITE THE RESULT

**Bristol Rovers 2
Luton Town 1
Neville Ovenden
Football Combination,
Wednesday, March 16, 1994.**

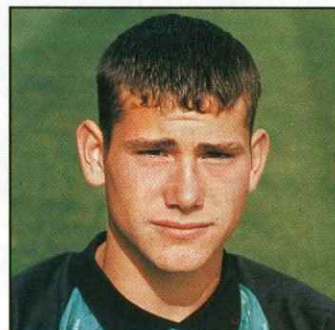
With the first-team squad travelling to Bolton Wanderers the same day, Wayne was again left with a very young squad to face Bristol City last week. With a back four containing no player over 19 years of age, he was pleased with the performance, despite the result. "The result was not a fair reflection on how things went," he said. "I was delighted with the youngsters and the way the whole team pulled together. We created enough chances to have warranted at least a draw in the end." Wayne played a similar system to the first team on their away travels, with only one attacker. Aaron Skelton also returned to the side after injury and had an effective game, sweeping up in front of the back four. "All we

asked him to do was sit there and not do any running and he loved it," added Wayne. "He sprayed the ball around comfortably and it was good to see him finally get through 90 minutes of football. Let's hope all his injury worries are now behind him and that he can put five or six games together." Geoff Aunger scored the Town's goal, but Rovers won the game through the sheer power and strength of the men they had in the team. Continued Wayne: "We were hustled out of a set-play for their opening goal, and the second was a complete fluke. Kelvin Davis did not have much chance with either goal, but overall he had another good game. "We again lost by the odd goal which was disappointing, but I am not too unhappy this time. We played well, and the younger players gained some valuable experience at this level. Another pleasing point was that we had no injuries to report."

Team: Davis, Jukes, Simpson, Philp, Rioch, Gentle, Woolgar, Thorpe, Skelton, Ryan, Aunger 1. Subs: Chenery, Issott.



Aaron Skelton.....back in action.



Kelvin Davis.....another competent game.

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AND TERRY WESTLEY

SCHOOLBOYS LEARN THE HARD WAY

**Bristol City 5
Luton Town 1
South East Counties League
Division Two,
Saturday, March 12, 1994**

Terry Westley's youth side came crashing down to earth after their encouraging display at Colchester a week earlier. He again packed his team with schoolboys, who learned the harsh reality of life in the South East Counties League.

"The schoolboys were all telling me how much they enjoyed the Colchester match, but I think this game taught them that it isn't always going to be like that," stated Terry. "They are in a learning process at the moment and having to get up at six o'clock in the morning, travel to Bristol and then play is something they will have to get used to."

"Too many players did not perform, and it took the schoolboys until half-time to start playing. All credit must go to Bristol though. They are struggling at the moment but played particularly well." In the second-half, and 3-1



Paul McLaren.....on the comeback trail.

down, Terry decided to push the full-backs into midfield to try and save the game. Unfortunately, it had the opposite effect and City scored two more. Bright spots for Terry were the impressive displays by schoolboy Chris Wilmott and the goalscoring attributes of Matthew Woolgar, who netted his 15th goal of the season from midfield.

"In the end, the result is a major disappointment and ended any chance we had of winning the title," Terry admitted. "But we are building for next season, that is our priority, and from what I have seen so far, I am very encouraged. We are looking towards 1994-95 very optimistically indeed." On the injury front, both Jamie Woodsford and Paul McLaren are responding well to treatment for their ankle and knee injuries respectively, and Terry is hoping they will both be included in the side before the end of the season.

Team: Davis, Wilmott, Jukes, Simpson, Chenery, Sharpe, Power, Evers, Goodridge, Woolgar 1, Butler. Subs: Issott, Turner.



Matthew Woolgar.....15 for the season.

South East Counties League Division Two Season 1993-94

Sat 14 Aug	Swindon Town	1-1
Sat 21 Aug	Crystal Palace	1-1
Sat 28 Aug	Reading	1-2
Sat 4 Sept	Wimbledon	1-0
Sat 11 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	0-1
Wed 15 Sept	West Ham United (SJFC1)	1-1
Sat 18 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECLC1)	3-1
Sat 25 Sept	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-3
Sat 2 Oct	Oxford United	1-1
Mon 11 Oct	West Ham United (SFJC1R)	3-1
Sat 16 Oct	Brentford	1-1
Sat 23 Oct	Chelsea (SECLC2)	2-5
Tue 26 Oct	Derby County (FAYC1)	1-1
Sat 30 Oct	Bournemouth	2-1
Thu 4 Nov	Cambridge City (EJC1)	4-1
Sat 6 Nov	Southampton	2-1
Sat 13 Nov	Colchester United	5-3
Tue 16 Nov	Derby County (FAYC1R)	1-1
Sat 20 Nov	Bristol Rovers	1-0
Tue 23 Nov	Arsenal (SJFC2)	1-2
Wed 1 Dec	Derby County (FAYC1, 2R)	0-1
Sat 4 Dec	Bristol Rovers	0-5
Sat 11 Dec	Swindon Town	2-0
Sat 18 Dec	Crystal Palace	2-1
Sat 1 Jan	Reading	2-1
Sat 22 Jan	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-4
Sat 29 Jan	Oxford United	1-4
Sat 5 Feb	Bristol City	4-0
Mon 7 Feb	East Thurrock (EJC2)	2-1
Sat 12 Feb	Brentford	1-4
Sat 19 Feb	Bournemouth	3-2
Sat 26 Feb	Southampton	1-2
Sat 5 Mar	Colchester United	3-0
Sat 12 Mar	Bristol City	1-5
Sat 26 Mar	Wimbledon	
Sat 9 Apr	Tottenham	
Thu 21 Apr	Cambridge United (EJCQF)	

South East Counties League Division Two Table (up to and including 12.3.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	20	11	5	4	44	27	27
Wimbledon	23	13	1	9	57	42	27
Brentford	23	10	7	6	38	27	27
Swindon Town	21	10	6	5	38	22	26
Oxford United	21	11	4	6	43	31	26
LUTON TOWN	24	11	4	9	39	43	26
Bristol Rovers	23	9	4	10	39	42	22
Brighton & H.A.	23	8	6	9	33	39	22
Reading	18	7	7	4	29	24	21
Southampton	21	6	6	9	22	24	18
Colchester United	25	6	6	13	31	53	18
Bournemouth	22	8	1	13	34	45	17
Tottenham Hotspur	22	7	3	12	30	42	17
Bristol City	20	4	4	12	26	42	12

David Greene: a performance belying his years



PLAYER INTERVIEW

Trevor Peake's omission from the Town squad at Upton Park last Monday was seen as a huge blow to the Town after his impressive displays this season. Heads turned when it was announced that David Greene would take his place. Supporters started feeling edgy...they need not have worried.

There was some cause for concern as 20-year-old Greene, starting only his third game, took the field at a lush, electric Upton Park. How would he cope with the experience and power of Lee Chapman and Trevor Morley. Would the pressure get to him? And how would he react to the intensity of the partizan home crowd?

The answer: very easily. "I found the game against Middlesbrough at Kenilworth Road the week before harder to get to grips with," was David's bold assessment after the game. "Boro's forwards were more of a threat to us than West Ham's were and the pitch was quite bumpy at Kenilworth Road that night which made timing of tackles and passing quite difficult."

After that 1-1 draw, David was due to return to the reserve side for the remainder of the season, as Trevor lined-up to re-claim his place against the Hammers. However, by the weekend of the game, it was quite clear that Peake was still struggling to overcome his hamstring problem. Greene was in line for the biggest game of his very short career.

"I knew I was playing at about 12 o'clock on the day of the game," continued the Republic of Ireland under-21 international. "I had prepared myself to play anyway, and I think that helped."

"All I kept worrying about was the fact that I must not let the team down. This was the club's biggest game for a long time and I had to be strong and hold my own. John Dreyer was a big help out there though. He was always encouraging me and telling me what to do."

Words of wisdom and encouragement also came from Peake before the game, which set David on the right track. The game started brightly for the Hammers, but the Luton-born youngster settled in as if he had been a regular for a long while now.

"A couple of good, early tackles settled me down and, apart from a couple of slips, I felt comfortable throughout," he added. "People ask you if the opposing crowd affect you in such an intimidating atmosphere, but in all honesty you can't hear them

when you're out on the pitch. There is so much else to worry about that you just blank out all the noise."

"Saying that though, I would much rather play in front of 30,000 every week, than in an empty stadium on a cold, windy afternoon!"

David, who is likely to step down for tonight's game, will be able to see the Hammers from a different angle. He sees their main threat coming down both flanks and believes that if the Town play like they did last week, then they have a great chance.

"We cut out the balls into the box early which helped us," he pointed out. "Therefore their forwards did not have too many opportunities."

"All the lads are confident that we can do it at Kenilworth Road, but would be the first to admit that we are only half-way through the tie. There is still a long way to go, but we have got to fancy our chances having home advantage."

So what now for David? He is realistic enough to know that he will not walk straight back into the team, and that he will have to knuckle down in the reserves again and wait for the next opportunity.

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"Trevor and John have been playing so well that I don't think I will re-claim my place at such an important stage of the season. Next season, though, it will be time for me to stake a claim for a regular place. I will be 21 then and ready for it."



Luton step in where West Ham fear to tread



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

So said the headline in the newspaper the day after Third Division Luton has beaten their Division Two rivals in our first-ever F.A. Cup clash in January 1936. The surprise win set us up to visit Manchester City in round four.

In view of their Cup exploits during the previous couple of seasons, the Town had received an exemption until the third round and the pairing with West Ham at Upton Park created a great deal of interest. Over 9,000 Luton fans made the trip, swelling the crowd to 42,000. It is interesting to note that the return fare to east London was 3/- (15p).

The West Ham programme notes for the game, in welcoming the visitors, mentioned that the last time the teams had met in competitive football was in December 1916 for a London Combination clash, which ended 2-0 in the Hammers' favour. The notes went on: "We regard our visitors as most keen, attractive and forceful opponents, and trust that a good game and a fair result may ensure from this meeting".

The game itself saw West Ham take an early lead through Dave Mangnall but with everyone expecting the floodgates to open, Jack Ball equalised. In the second period, we took the game to our illustrious opponents and it was no more than we deserved when Fred Roberts put us into the lead with 20 minutes to go. However, it was not over yet. Jimmy Ruffell earned the Hammers a replay with a late, lucky equaliser.

The replay was played the following Wednesday afternoon and a crowd of 17,527, paying receipts of £2,099, turned up to see if the Town could finish the job and extend their unbeaten run which stretched back to September 28.

The game was equally as close as the first tie, with the scoreline goalless at the interval. But once Ball scored the opener for the Town after 51 minutes, there was only going to be one winner. On a frosty pitch, the Luton players adapted much better and with winger

George Stephenson running riot, further goals arrived at regular intervals.

First Wilf Crompton and then Roberts took full advantage of the trickery of Stephenson to increase the Town's lead before the winger capped a marvellous performance by scoring the final goal to make it 4-0 and send the supporters into raptures and the West Ham team back to London (along with the disappointed Fleet Street corps) with their tails between their legs.

Unfortunately, the newspapers the next day glossed over the Luton performance to concentrate on the shortcomings of the West Ham forward line as well as the state of the pitch. But the Town fans did not mind. Next stop Manchester.

Wembley dreams ended abruptly, however, as the Town lost 2-1 at Maine Road, but some consolation was gained by the gate receipts generated by a massive Maine Road crowd of 65,978.

Town team (both games): Coen, Mackey, Smith, Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes, Crompton, Martin, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

West Ham (both games): Conway, Chalkley, Walker, Fenton, Barrett, Cockcroft, Simpson, Marshall, Mangnall, Goulden, Ruffell.

Previous Cup Encounters

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	3	2	1	0	8	2
Away	4	0	2	2	3	9
Total	7	2	3	2	11	11



George Stephenson tormented the Hammer's defence in 1936.

DOWN THE YEARS

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The customary defeat at Manchester United saw us lose 2-0 on this occasion. Richard Cooke made his debut for the Town, coming on as substitute for Danny Wilson. (25.3.89).

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A dismal 0-0 home draw with Leicester City was brightened only by the return of David Moss, making his first appearance since the previous October. (24.3.84).

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Another game with the Foxes saw us lose 3-0, in a re-arranged game, at Filbert Street. Alan Birchenall made his Luton debut in this game on a night to forget. (23.3.79).

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After a fine 3-1 home win over promotion rivals Orient, the Town were brought down to earth, losing 1-0 at Bolton in front of a crowd of 15,616. (23.3.74).

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LUTON TOWN

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Who are the three ex-Luton players who have turned out for West Ham in the last couple of years?

Who played for David Pleat, then nearly did again, before joining West Ham?

What was unusual about the Town's 2-1 win at Upton Park on the first day of the 1980/81 season?

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Breacker aims to make it fourth time lucky!



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH TIM BREACKER

Former Town favourite and now Hammers' full-back Tim Breacker is desperate for Wembley glory. After losing two FA Cup semi-finals with the Hatters and having missed West Ham's semi-final debacle against Nottingham Forest through injury, he aims to make 1994 his year.

Tim's FA Cup heartbreak started nine years ago when, as a raw 20-year-old, he was part of the Hatters side which lost 2-1 to Everton at Villa Park. The agony of losing in extra-time did not really hit home at first, but as he tuned into 'Cup Final Grandstand', it affected him in a big way.

"When I saw Everton and Manchester United walking out of the Wembley tunnel, it really hit me. That could have been us. I could have been playing in that cup final. We were so near and to take Everton, who were the team of the moment, so close was agonising. I didn't want that experience to happen again."

Unfortunately it did. The Hatters faced Wimbledon at White Hart Lane in 1988, this time determined to make up for their previous experience. They were rated with a fair chance, having already reached Wembley in the League Cup against Arsenal and Reading in the Simod Cup, but after 90 minutes of an intense battle, the Town lost by that scoreline of 2-1 again.

"I never thought I would experience what happened at Villa Park again, but again we lost out to a late goal. I couldn't believe it at the time and it took a while to get over. It probably would have been worse if we had not beaten Arsenal in the Littlewoods final. That will more than make up for the disappointment and proved to be the highlight of my career at Kenilworth Road."

The West Ham defeat at Villa Park in 1991 also hurt, but for very different reasons. Tony Gale was given his marching orders for a so-called professional foul, which made a mockery of the tie. The Hammers were bitter, down

to ten men, and just couldn't get themselves into the game.

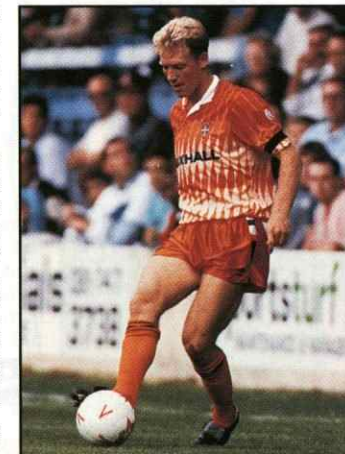
"It would be interesting to see how we would have got on with eleven players," he continued. "We were all amazed with the decision. It took the shine off the whole day and ruined our chances. It looked as if my 'cup jinx' had struck again. So I am determined to succeed this season. I think I am owed a bit of luck in this competition."

Looking back at last Monday's sterile first game, Tim admits that the Hammers were disappointing, but states there is much more to come, as Chelsea await the winners at the semi-final stage at Wembley.

"We didn't play at all well on the night and seemed to be tense with the occasion," he said. "But all credit to Luton. They came at us and could have even nicked the win. They were worthy of another game."

"From that game it is obvious they have a lot of talent in their side, particularly in mid-field. Players like Hughes and Telfer were coming through the ranks when I left and they are developing well. I can't quite believe where Luton are in the First Division at the moment. I am sure they can challenge for honours next season."

"From West Ham's point of view, we are hoping to find another gear tonight. We will want to pressure their defence more than we did in the first game. We have the skill in the side to overcome Luton and progress further. I think the game will be more open because the onus will be on Luton to come and attack. It should be good game."



Tim, pictured in action in 1991, is hoping 1994 will finally be his year.

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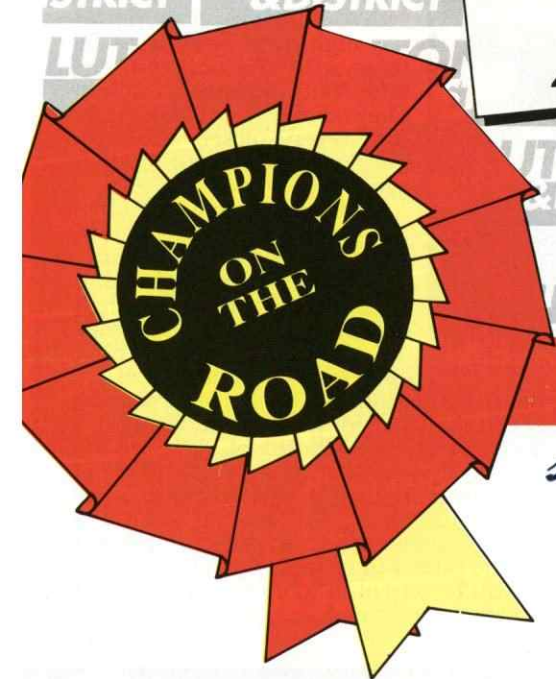
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Stories a-plenty as the Hatters hit the road to Wembley



THE HATTERS IN THE FA CUP BY TIM COLLINGS

The magic of the cup was all there at Upton Park when we played West Ham nine nights ago. There were plenty of old friends around too with Emeka Nwajiobi and Godfrey Ingram jerking memories. But it was not by any means our first appearance in the last eight....

According to my records, our first FA Cup sixth round tie came along in 1932-33. After a plucky run from the first round, we had overcome Kingstonian, Stockport, Barnsley, Tottenham and Halifax to earn a trip to Everton. The result was a 6-0 defeat for a team which included Andy Rennie at centre-forward in front of a 55,431 crowd at Goodison Park.

The next time we advanced as far as round six was 1951-52 with a team which was close to that of a roll-call of Town greats of the '50's. It included Bernard Streten, Bud Aherne, Bob Morton and Syd Owen, George Stobbs and Jack Taylor. Alas, the classy names could not triumph and Arsenal squeezed through to the semi-finals with a 3-2 win watched by 28,433 spectators at Kenilworth Road.

In 1958-59, we were there again on our most famous cup run of all. For those who cannot recite the vanquished as a litany, they were Leeds (5-1 in January), Leicester (4-1 in a replay with a hat-trick from Allan Brown after a 1-1 draw in the same month), and then Ipswich (5-2 away from home in February, one of the team's greatest performances) to set up a sixth round meeting at Blackpool.

A Billy Bingham goal secured a 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road in the first meeting on February 28 and the ground here was packed when it came around on March 4. There were a record 30,069 spectators and any number more disappointed outside after playing truant for the afternoon (Blackpool had protested at the idea of playing under untrustworthy floodlights).

Brown scored the only goal of a grim and abrasive match, sparking a pitch invasion, with typical pace and bravery from a classic through pass by Cummins. Owen remembered it as a similar strike to the one with which Brown had scored for Blackpool against Arsenal in the sixth round at Highbury in 1953, breaking his leg in the process.

"This time, thankfully, he was alright," said "Owen afterwards.

After that tie, the Hatters met Norwich in the semi-finals before securing their only FA Cup final appearance after a replay (thanks to Bingham at St Andrews) against Nottingham Forest.

The sixth round was reached again in 1972-73 when Crewe, Newcastle (a 2-0 triumph at St James' Park, thanks to two goals from Johnny Aston) and Bolton were defeated on the way. But the outcome at Roker Park was a sad 2-0 defeat for a team which included Keith Barber, John Ryan, Bobby Thomson, Don Shanks, Alan Garner, John Moore, Jim Ryan, Peter Anderson, Viv Busby, Gordon Hindson and Aston.

If that was heart-breaking for the Hatters, it was worse still in 1984-85 when we were beaten 2-1 in extra-time in a semi-final at Villa Park against Everton. Stoke, Huddersfield and Watford (after two replays) had taken us to a sixth round clash with Millwall. The night was infamous for other reasons than Brian Stein's winner.

The goalkeeper that night, of course, was Les Sealey (whose FA Cup exploits are worth their own book) who played behind both Tim Breacker and Mitchell Thomas, not to mention Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy, our current reserves coach Wayne Turner, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Mick Harford, Emeka Nwajiobi and Garry Parker.

Much the same team, met Everton in the sixth round a year later, drawing 2-2 here, then losing by a single goal at Goodison. Crystal Palace, Bristol Rovers and Arsenal (after two replays) were despatched on the way.

And so to 1988 when after beating Hartlepool, Southampton and QPR, we met Portsmouth in the sixth round. Goals from Danny Wilson, Mark Stein and Harford carried us to a 3-1 win and a semi-final at White Hart Lane against Wimbledon. That was one to forget, but the memory still hurts.



Danny Wilson scored for the Hatters the last time we reached the sixth round stage.

Cup fixture ensures a busy time for us all

COMMERCIAL FOCUS BY KATHY LEATHER



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