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Winners 1963-4 1974-5

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Winners 1957-8 Runners-up 1922-3

Football League Cup:

Runners-up 1965-6

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

F.A. Charity Shield:

Joint Holders 1964 Runners-up 1975

Football Association Youth Cup:

Winners 1962-3

Runners-up 1956-7 1958-9 1974-5

Semi-Finalists 1952-3

● Off the Record

by BILL REMFRY, Hammers' "DJ"

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How nice it was to return to Upton Park at the start of another season, particularly as there was a large mail-bag awaiting me.

It was very kind of you all to show your concern, but I am now fit and well, and doing my utmost to help the Hammers back to Division I. I can't play football, but I can play records for you—the fans of West Ham United. Nearly 26,000 turned up for the first match, and during the height of the holiday season!

You surely must be the *Greatest Fans in the Country*, Bar none!

Just recently I have been writing some new words to the famous Rod Stewart song "Sailing." The tune is an excellent one for crowd singing, so here's the first competition of 1978-9.

Write words concerning W.H.U. to the tune of "Sailing." The winners will be guests at a First Team match—and, who knows, the song may ring around Upton Park for many years.

Here's a few tips:

1. Use 16-line stanza only.
2. Use only the names of Hammers, West Ham and Upton Park.
3. Don't use players' names (they can become "dated"!).

Entries to me by Friday 8 Sept. Get cracking—and don't forget your record requests; we need those too.

West Ham Utd

- 1 Bobby Ferguson
- 2 Frank Lampard
- 3 Paul Brush
- 4 Pat Holland
- 5 Tommy Taylor
- 6 Billy Bonds (capt.)
- 7 Alan Curbishley
- 8 Alan Devonshire
- 9 David Cross
- 10 Trevor Brooking
- 11 Bryan Robson
- 12

Swindon Town

- 1 Chris Ogden
- 2 John McLaughlin
- 3 Andy Ford
- 4 Ray McHale (capt.)
- 5 Steve Aizlewood
- 6 Kenny Stroud
- 7 Ian Miller
- 8 Roy Carter
- 9 Chris Kamara
- 10 Chic Bates
- 11 Brian Williams
- 12 Russell Lewis

ANY CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Referee : M. J. TAYLOR (Deal, Kent)

Linesman (Red Flag) : R. E. CHAFFER (Windsor, Berkshire)

Linesman (Orange Flag) : A. R. GIRDLESTONE (Potters Bar, Herts.)

SCORERS:

TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. MICHAEL TAYLOR began refereeing while serving in the Royal Marines in 1958. He progressed through local leagues, the Kent League and the Southern League to the Football League line, supplementary list and then the full list.

He was on the line for a European Cup Winners Cup semi-final in East Germany in 1973-4, having refereed the Southern League Cup Final in 1971-2.

Retired from the Marines, and is now a Company Secretary.

Mr. Taylor was a training instructor in the Services, and apart from playing golf, he is a qualified coach in badminton, fencing, squash and tennis.

This is his second match here, as he refereed last season's League fixture against Newcastle United.

● Spectators are requested to keep off the pitch and not to sit on the West Enclosure fence.

A bit of a rush!

The draw for the Second Round of the League Cup took place on Thursday 17 August, less than a fortnight before the matches were to be played.

As two week-ends and a Bank Holiday intervened, the time available for carrying out administrative details was considerably reduced, and we had to move quickly when the draw gave us a home fixture.

Other than advising the date of the Second Round it was not possible to make any announcement in our opening match programme, but within 24 hours of the draw posters were produced and exhibited for the benefit of Season Ticket Holders and as a general announcement. Match tickets were also ready for the following Tuesday, and we have been able to meet most requests from Season Ticket Holders.

We were more fortunate than some clubs, as both Aston Villa and Middlesbrough had to await the outcome of First Round replays only eight days ago in order to know their definite opponents. But there might have been added complications, such as those facing Swansea City when they decided to make their home tie v Spurs an "all ticket" occasion.

The production of tonight's match programme also necessitated some speedy research, journalism, etc.; but thanks to the excellent co-operation of Swindon Town Secretary Bob Jefferies and his staff (and an on-time delivery by the Post Office!) their team-picture, biographies, etc., were in the hands of our Programme Editor on the morning after the draw. We do indeed thank the Robins' administration.

Although we have been able to provide a high information-content in today's *Hammer*, reduced production time due to last Monday's Bank Holiday (and another First Team home game next Saturday) necessitated a reduction in pages from the usual 20 to 16.

All 32 clubs staging home matches in the Round must have had similar experiences, and it is to be regretted that there was so little time allowed between the First and Second Rounds. Fortunately, for those who survive this stage, the number of days between the next three rounds should be sufficient to eliminate these particular problems.

A well-known soccer spokesman recently claimed that "there is too much football," and added that the problems associated with it could have been dealt with years ago. But as around 50% of English League clubs are "in the red," finance is of considerable importance, and the inauguration of the League Cup competition was a ready source of revenue to the Football League in general and most clubs in particular.

If it was not administratively possible to find a later date for the Second Round the problem could have been eased by making the draw for **both** the First and Second Rounds **before** the start of the season. All 92 clubs would have known their commitments for the Second Round to make suitable announcements in their first match-programme.

Inevitably, the official answer to this is likely to be that by making the draw for the **two** opening rounds much of the excitement of the draw would be lost; likewise that it could have an effect upon the teams involved in First Round ties if they knew who the winners were to meet.

The first response may be valid, although it must be considered that the draw for the Second Round of the League Cup does not have as great an impact as do similar occasions later in the season's schedule.

In the second instance it must surely be the hope of **all** clubs to progress through **every** Round to reap financial rewards.

In that sense it matters not whether you are at home to the League champions or away to the bottom club of the Fourth Division—the end-objective is inevitably an appearance at Wembley.

Cutting down on the Hooligans

SWINDON TOWN'S APPROACH

In an endeavour to reduce the incidence of misbehaviour among young fans, Swindon Town have introduced a special system in connection with the concession of reduced prices for those under the age of 16 attending their home matches.

To obtain entry at the price of **80p**, a Junior Supporters Card must be rented at an annual charge of 10p, obtainable by **personal** application at the Club Office. The club says that anyone aged 15 who looks older than that is advised to produce their birth certificate; the system is also available for those over 16 who are still at school, if they produce a letter from their Headmaster to confirm this.

A card-holder misbehaving at a match has the card confiscated and is barred from home matches, with a threat of an injunction being taken out on contravention of the ban.

It is a commendable effort to combat the menace of an irresponsible minority, and we wish the Town every success in their endeavours.

A LEAD FOR THE COURTS

Although it took several months for the case to reach Stafford Crown Court, the announcement of the outcome of an incident at the Walsall v Port Vale F.A. Cup Second Round tie last season must have given a lead to courts throughout the country.

On the opening day of the season it was revealed that a 19-year-old Walsall "supporter" had been jailed for three years and his 20-year-old colleague sent to Borstal. They had physically assaulted a 20-year-old policeman who had gone into the crowd to calm down a mob who were screaming abuse.

Walsall F.C. also stated that the police would take steps to bar the culprits from future entrance to the ground when they had completed their sentences.

PRESS OPINION

Without further comment we reproduce the following item from the *Daily Telegraph*—also on the opening day of the season:

"With the thought that old habits die hard, we turn reluctantly but inevitably, to the continued presence of the dark face of English soccer.

Despite the variation of the transfer system into the so-called freedom-of-contract arrangement, the practice of buying and selling players, which makes a mockery of loyalty, offends so many potential supporters and further undermines the League's already unstable financial foundations, is still with us.

So, alas, are the spivvery, the scandals, the obsession with money, the gamemanship, violence and hooliganism. The decent, honest, caring player, manager, administrator and spectator—and there are more than is always evident—can only soldier on stubbornly, in determined effort to win the battle.

There is rather more cause for hope of ultimate victory, than there was 12 months ago."

—DONALD SAUNDERS

Swindon Town



Tonight's clash is the eighth Cup meeting of Swindon Town and West Ham United during a 15-year period since November 1963. We have previously been drawn together three times in the F.A. Cup and twice in the League Cup, and these also involved three replays.

So far the count stands at three successes to one in favour of the Hammers, with three drawn games. But the most remarkable statistic to emerge from the records of the seven contests is that John Trollope played in all of them as Swindon Town's no. 3.

Since 1963 the Wiltshire club has fluctuated between the Second and Third Divisions, so on each occasion they were cast as "giant killers" against the First Division Hammers. Although we have dropped a grade this season, tonight's guests still retain their rôle, so we must expect them to be especially keen to lower our colours.

A perusal of the statistics of earlier meetings reveals that on two occasions (1964 and 1975) the Hammers' victories helped them to reach Wembley and to win the F.A. Cup. But in the second of these years it was an especially near-run thing, Pat Holland netting the winner with only five minutes left in a Fourth Round replay at the County Ground.

Swindon's presence tonight is at the expense of Portsmouth, as they eliminated the Sailors in a two-leg First Round tie.

There was a goalless draw at Fratton Park, and press reports opined that the second encounter was going the same way until Steve Aizlewood netted from 25 yards to put Town ahead. A 73rd-minute equaliser put Pompey back in the picture, but between the 81st and 83rd minutes the count rose to 4-2 in favour of the homesters.

An eventful game, highlighted not only by six goals, but also a missed

penalty, three bookings and a sending-off. It might well be claimed that the 7,343 fans had their money's worth!

The seven previous Cup matches between our clubs have produced 30 goals; a continuation of that goal-average would bring another memorable evening for everyone here, although we naturally hope that the margin will prove in favour of the Hammers.

This is, of course, also an opportunity to repay the hospitality accorded to us earlier this month, when we met tonight's guests on their ground in a pre-season friendly that ended 3-2 for our XI. Once again it's . . . welcome, Swindon!

A wonderful record of loyalty

JOHN TROLLOPE, M.B.E., remains in training as cover for Swindon Town's teams, but retired from the First XI to take up the post of Youth Manager this season.

Locally-born, he has been with the Club since his apprenticeship, and played in 737 League matches. He passed the old record for one-club domestic appearances, and could still beat Jimmy Dickinson's League appearances record for a single club player.

Voted "Player of the Year" by local fans last season, he received the accolade of M.B.E. for his wonderful record of loyalty that epitomised what is among the better sides of soccer in particular and life in general.

Previous Meetings

LEAGUE CUP : Fourth Round

Tuesday 19 November 1963 at County Ground

Swindon Town 3 : Turner, Dawson, Trollope, Morgan, McPherson, Woodruff, French, Hunt, Smith, Summerbee, Rogers.

West Ham Utd. 3 : Standen, Bond, Burkett, Peters, Brown, Charles, Sealey, Boyce, Britt, Hurst, Brabrook.

Scorers: Hurst (20), Brabrook (27), Rogers (36), Smith (39), Boyce (47), McPherson (84).

Attendance: 12,050.

LEAGUE CUP : Fourth Round replay

Monday 25 November 1963 at Upton Park

West Ham Utd. 4 : Standen, Bond, Burkett, Charles, Brown, Moore (capt.), Scott, Boyce, Byrne, Hurst, Brabrook.

Swindon Town 1 : Turner, Morgan, Trollope, Sproates, Hallett, Woodruff, French, Summerbee, Smith, Smart, Rogers.

Scorers: Hurst (1), Brabrook (50), Rogers (62), Byrne (67), Scott (84).

Attendance: 15,778.

F.A. CUP : Fifth Round

Saturday 15 February 1964 at County Ground

Swindon Town 1 : Turner, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, McPherson, Woodruff, Summerbee, Atkins, Stevens, Darcy, Rogers.

West Ham Utd. 3 : Standen, Bond, Burkett, Bovington, Brown, Moore (capt.), Brabrook, Boyce, Byrne, Hurst, Sissons.

Scorers: Hurst (11, 77), McPherson (34), Byrne (73).

Attendance: 28,582.

(A ground record at that time)

Receipts: £5,471.

F.A. CUP : Third Round

Saturday 28 January 1967 at Upton Park

West Ham Utd. 3 : Standen, Bovington, Burkett, Peters, Bickles, Moore (capt.), Brabrook, Sealey, Dear, Hurst, Sissons.

Swindon Town 3 : Hicks, Thomas, Trollope, Morgan, Nurse, Harland, Brown, Penman, Skeen, Smart, Rogers.

Scorers: Hurst (20, 30, 76), Rogers (26, 71), Brown (59).

Attendance: 37,440.

F.A. CUP : Third Round replay

Tuesday 31 January 1967 at County Ground

Swindon Town 3 : Team as above.

West Ham Utd. 1 : Standen, Bovington, Burkett, Peters, Bickles, Moore (capt.), Dear, Boyce, Byrne, Hurst, Sissons.

Scorers: Penman (15), Sissons (77), Rogers (84), Skeen (89).

Attendance: 25,789.

F.A. CUP : Fourth Round

Saturday 25 January 1975 at Upton Park

West Ham Utd. 1 : Day, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds (capt.), Taylor (T.), Lock, Jennings, Paddon, Best, Brooking, Holland. *Sub.:* Coleman.

Swindon Town 1 : Barron, Dixon, Trollope (capt.), Jenkins, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson. *Sub.:* Syrett.

Scorers: Jennings (75), Eastoe (82).

35,679. *Referee:* C. Thomas (Treorchy).

F.A. CUP : Fourth Round replay

Tuesday 28 January 1975 at County Ground

Swindon Town 1 : Team as above.

West Ham Utd. 2 : Team as above.

Scorers: Anderson (29), Brooking (58), Holland (85).

27,749. *Referee:* C. Thomas (Treorchy).

Town Statistics

PAST HONOURS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Div. III : runners up 1962-3, 1968-9

F.A. CUP

Semi-Finalists : 1910, 1912

LEAGUE CUP : Final

1969 Arsenal won 3—1

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

League position (Div. III) : Tenth

| | | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------|-----|----|----|----|----|------|-----|
| Home | ... | 12 | 7 | 4 | 40 | - 22 | 31 |
| Away | ... | 4 | 9 | 10 | 27 | - 38 | 17 |
| | | 16 | 16 | 14 | 67 | - 60 | 48 |

THIS SEASON'S MATCHES

Division III

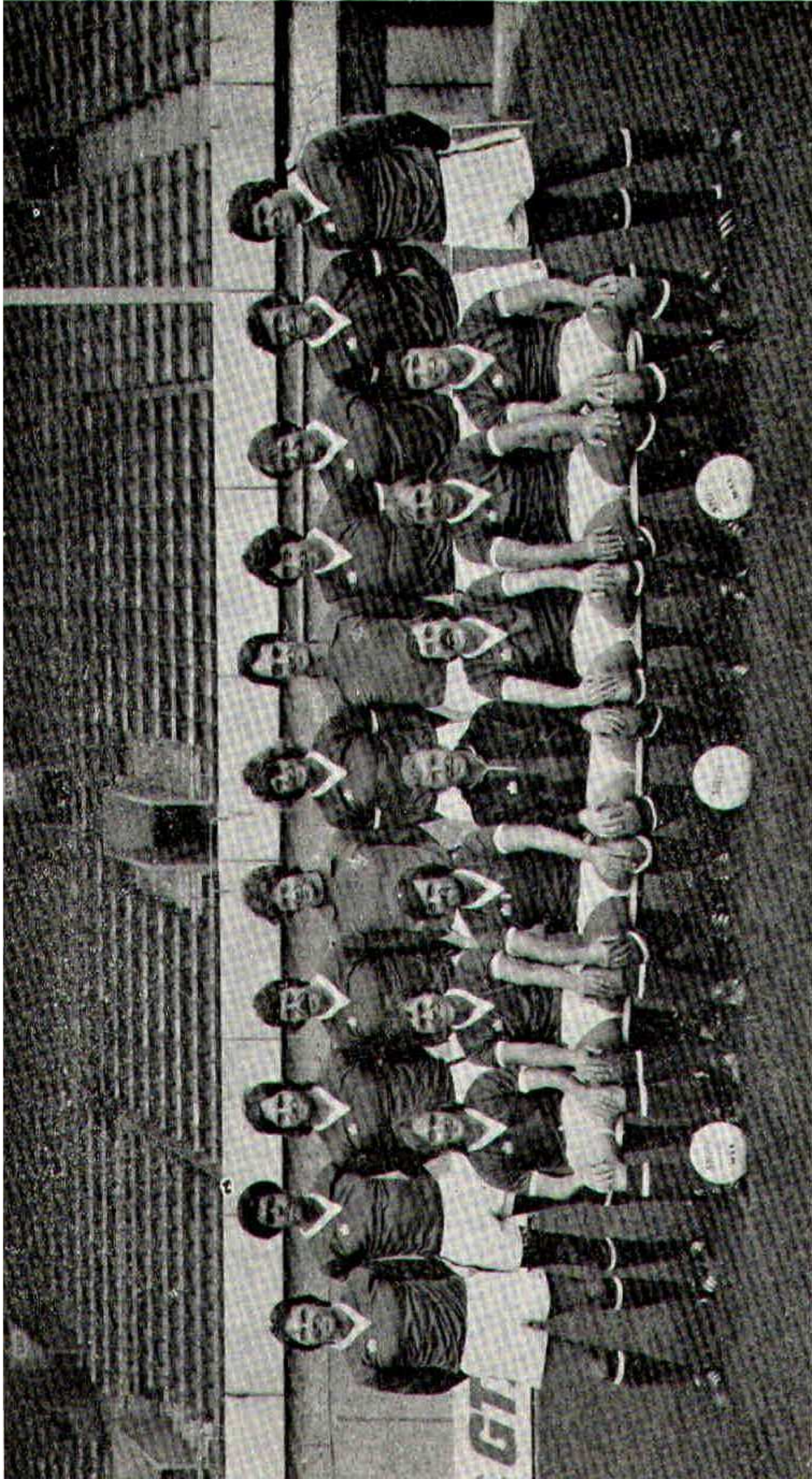
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|---------|-----------------|-------|---|-----|
| Aug. 19 | Bury | | H | 2—1 |
| 21 | Tranmere Rovers | | A | 1—1 |
| 26 | Shrewsbury Town | | A | |

Scorers: Bates, Carter, Miller.

League Cup : First Round

| | | | | |
|---------|------------|-------|---|-----|
| Aug. 12 | Portsmouth | | A | 0—0 |
| 15 | Portsmouth | | H | 4—2 |

Scorers: Aizlewood, Guthrie, Miller, Williams
Attendance: 7,343.



SWINDON TOWN: 1978 - 79

Back: JOHN McLAUGHLIN, CHRIS KAMARA, STEVE AIZLEWOOD, COLIN PROPHETT, JIMMY ALLAN, ROY CARTER, KEVIN ROBERTS, RUSSELL LEWIS, ANDY FORD, CHIC BATES, CHRIS GUTHRIE

Front: DAVID CUNNINGHAM, KENNY STROUD, BRIAN HUGHES, BOBBY SMITH (*Manager*), IAN MILLER, RAY McHALE (*Captain*), GUS GILLIGAN

Pen Pictures of the Visitors

STEVE AIZLEWOOD. Born in Newport. He began with his home-town club—Newport County—in 1969, and made 191 appearances for the Welsh club before transferring to Swindon in March 1976. Now approaching his century for Town. Welsh Under-23 cap.

PHIL "CHIC" BATES. Born in West Bromwich. Spent seven years as a part-timer in the Southern League before signing for Shrewsbury Town in 1974. Was top scorer there in two seasons and 160 games, before transferring to Swindon last January.

ROY CARTER. Born at Torpoint, Cornwall. Was with Falmouth Town in the Western League before joining Hereford United in 1975. A member of the team that gained promotion to Div. II in 1976. Transferred to Swindon in Dec. 1977 after 64 League appearances.

DAVID CUNNINGHAM. Born at Kirkcaldy. Played 44 Scottish League games with Brechin City, then came over the Border to join Southend United in 1973. Had 56 League games with the Shrimpers plus an on-loan spell with Hartlepool. Transferred to Swindon, and made 16 League appearances last season.

ANDY FORD. Born at Minehead, Somerset. Joined Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic as a pro, but made his League debut after transferring to Southend United in 1972. After 135 games he moved to Swindon at the beginning of last season, and had 28 League games in 1977-78.

CHRIS GUTHRIE. Born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and became a pro with his local United club. Made only five League appearances before transferring to Southend United in 1972. Was twice the season's leading scorer during 107 appearances, and then moved to Sheffield United in 1975. After 50 more appearances he became a Swindon Town player in the summer of 1977, scoring twelve goals in 38 games.

CHRIS KAMARA. Born at Middlesbrough. Made his League debut for Portsmouth in Sept. 1975, and after 56 League games transferred to Swindon before the start of last season. Had 37 League appearances in 1977-78, netting ten times.

RUSSELL LEWIS. Born at Blaengwynfi, and was signed by Swindon Town from Welsh League soccer in 1976. A youngster with half-a-dozen League appearances to the end of last season.

RAY McHALE. Born at Sheffield. Became a pro with Chesterfield in 1971, and had 123 games before moving to Halifax Town. Made 86 consecutive First Team appearances before signing for Swindon Town in Sept. 1976, and is now approaching his century for the Railwaymen. Team captain.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN. Born at Edmon-ton, London. Had 66 League appearances for Colchester United, and won England Youth honours. Transferred to Swindon on 3 Dec. 1973, and is a regular in the back four, with nearly 200 senior games.

IAN MILLER. Born at Perth. Came south to sign for Bury, and had several games before moving to Nottingham Forest. Did not make First Team grade there, so moved on to Doncaster Rovers in August 1975. Joined Swindon during last summer.

CHRIS OGDEN. Born at Oldham. He signed pro for his local club, and made a total of 128 League appearances with the Athletic. He was transferred to Town at the start of the present season and played against us in a pre-season friendly.

KEN STROUD. A Londoner. Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and full pro in 1970. Made his League debut in 1971, but took three years to earn a regular First Team place. Over 150 senior appearances.

BRIAN WILLIAMS. Born in Manchester. Signed pro for Bury, and had 148 games for the Lancashire club before transfer to Q.P.R. in the summer of 1977. 22 League games with Rangers last season, but signed for Swindon last June.

TEAM MANAGER

BOB SMITH was born at Prestbury, Cheshire, and was an England Schools cap.

He began his professional career with Manchester United in 1959, but although winning England Youth honours, he never played in the League whilst at Old Trafford.

Transferred to Scunthorpe United in 1964, Bob totalled 295 League appearances (scoring 18 goals) whilst serving another half-dozen clubs. These games were with:

Scunthorpe United (1964-66): 82
Grimsby Town (1966-67): 51
Brighton & Hove Albion (1967-70): 76
Chester (1970-71): 2
Hartlepool (1971-73): 79
Bury (1973-75): 5

Bob was appointed as coach at Gigg Lane in 1973, but after only two months took over as Team Manager from Allan Brown. He led the Lancashire club to promotion from the Fourth Division in 1974.

Bob moved to Port Vale last season, but had been Manager for only a few weeks when Swindon Town made an approach for his services; they paid the Valiants £10,500 compensation for this.

Match Review

CHAMPAGNE START

Like champagne, the opening League match of the season bubbled, sparkled, fizzed and gave a heady feeling for the first 20 minutes. It regained its liveliness as we topped up the glass to record a fifth goal 13 minutes after half-time. Then, on the hour, it began to go flat, and a couple of counters from the opposition left us with a slight hangover at the end of a hectic afternoon.

In a press-room interview after the match John Lyall expressed his disappointment that those two Notts County replies took the edge off a great performance, as our defence conceded two sloppy goals. But he was nevertheless reasonably satisfied with the final outcome, and this reflected the view shared by over 25,000 fans.

That attendance figure was another encouraging aspect of the afternoon. It was almost equal to last season's average gate for home matches, and reflected the wonderful support and loyalty of the Hammers' fans—for which we accord grateful thanks.

County's manager—Jimmy Sirrell—is one of the "nice guys" of football, and one could appreciate his feelings as he watched us take a 4—0 lead in the opening 17 minutes. But he was most philosophical after the final whistle blew, and said that to claw back a couple of goals was encouraging to a team that had taken a real grilling in a temperature around the 80-degree mark.

Jimmy added that earlier in the week he had been contemplating the possibility of gaining a point, but that it was unlikely that any side would have survived an opening onslaught that included an "own goal" to add to the tidal-wave that swept over the County rearguard.

Another after-match revelation was that David Cross was eventually credited with our first goal, thus putting him among the "hat trick" performers. It was accepted that the ball crossed the line before Bryan Robson added the finishing touch. There were no doubts about who netted the other goals, but the list of "assists" which led to them was voluminous.

It was great team-work

DOUBLE STRIKE

Lightning struck Newcastle United in the same place for the second successive season when we played them last Wednesday.

Our early-season visit to St. James's Park last September produced a 3—2 victory for the Hammers. This time it was a repeat win for us, and once more we netted three times with Bryan Robson again getting his name on the score-sheet against his old club.

The big difference on his occasion was that the Magpies failed to score, whereas last year they went into a two-goal lead midway through the first half.

Indeed, the homesters rarely got a look in, for although Trevor Brooking had to go off with a pulled muscle after 26 minutes, the claret-and-blue was already very prominent.

Alan Devonshire scored his second counter of the season in the sixth minute for our interval lead, but despite some strenuous efforts the Tyne-siders were unable to level the count. A Devonshire-Robson move down the left flank on the hour paved the way for David Cross to turn the centre into the net—thus putting him top-scorer of Division II with four goals.

Twelve minutes later hard-working Pat Holland deprived Terry Hibbitt of the ball in midfield, and then laid on the pass for Robson to set the seal on a 3—0 crushing to be added to Newcastle's 1—2 defeat at The Den v Millwall four days earlier.

Two games, four points: a great start!

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Our Reserves opened their season with two matches in three days, and gained three points to make a good start towards retaining the Combination championship.

On August 19 they visited Birmingham City at St. Andrew's, collecting their first point. It could well have been two, but a linesman's decision that the Blues had beaten our offside trap in the second half enabled the homesters to equalise the pre-interval counter. The Hammers' goal came from a good move; John McDowell centred, Billy Lansdowne headed it on and Geoff Pike tucked it safely away. Included in our line-up was triallist Paul Gilbert from Romford; we were also pleased to see Billy Jennings back in full action after his lengthy injury spell from last season.

We could have been a couple of goals up in the opening minutes of the home fixture v Leicester City on 21 August, but allowed the opportunities to slip away. By half-time it was becoming more unlikely that we would successfully terminate the moves which broke down the Filberts' defences, and with only a quarter-hour to go City must have been anticipating a point. Then a foray down the right flank found the centre being headed back across the visitors' goalmouth, and an overhead kick by Alan Taylor brought what proved to be the decider.

A mid-field collision caused the retirement of Mick McGiven in the 25th minute, as he sustained a slight concussion which affected his vision.

STH. EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE Division I

The under-18's made a very disappointing start, an XI including eight young pros and apprentices losing by a second half goal to Gillingham at Chadwell Heath on the opening day

Division II

The Juniors did well to win their first engagement on Aug. 19. They

were two goals down at half-time to Oxford United at Keble College, but made a great rally to net three times and gain a 3—2 final margin. The scorers were Vincent Barnes, Adrian Keith and Martin Riches.

● As we went to press before the week-end, reports of last Saturday's matches are held over until next Saturday's issue.

Match Statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. II

August 19 v Notts County at Upton Park
West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T.), Bonds (capt.), Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson. *Sub.*: Taylor (A.).

Notts County: McManus, Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley, Stubbs (capt.), Carter, McCulloch, Hooks (McVay 57), Mann, Vinter.

5—2 (H.T. 4—0). *Scorers*: Cross (9, 20, 58), Blockley (o.g. 10), Devonshire (17), McCulloch (60, 67).

25,387. *Referee*: H. Robinson (Woodbridge).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

August 19 v Birmingham City at St. Andrews
Day, McDowell, P. Gilbert, Banton, Crane, McGiven (capt.), Thomson, Pike, Lansdowne, Jennings, Otulakowski. *Sub.*: Smith.
1—1 (H.T. 1—0). *Scorer*: Pike.

August 21 v Leicester City at Upton Park
Day, McDowell, P. Gilbert, Pike, Crane, McGiven (capt.) (Banton 25), Thomson, Jennings, Lansdowne, Taylor (A.), Otulakowski.
1—0 (H.T. 0—0). *Scorer*: Taylor (A.).

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE: Div. I

August 19 v Gillingham at Chadwell Heath
Moseley, Wright, S. Hibbitt, Cowie, D. Adleman, Brignull, T. Maybin (P. Merrigan), Allen, Pugh, La Ronde (A.), Holt.
0—1 (H.T. 0—1).

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE: Div. II

August 19 v Oxford United at Keble College
B. Balkwell, G. Burville, V. Baird, M. Dansey (B. Hall), D. Banks, A. Keith, A. Wallace, K. Hayward, P. Miller (M. Riches), E. La Ronde, V. Barnes.
3—2 (H.T. 0—2). *Scorers*: V. Barnes, A. Keith, M. Riches.

Fixtures : Scorers : Attendances

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : Div. II

| | | | |
|---------|------------------------|---|-----|
| Aug. 19 | Notts County | H | 5-2 |
| 23 | Newcastle United | A | 3-0 |
| 26 | Crystal Palace | A | |
| Sept. 2 | Fulham | H | |
| 9 | Burnley | A | |
| 16 | Bristol Rovers | H | |
| 23 | Sheffield United | H | |
| 30 | Sunderland | A | |
| Oct. 7 | Millwall | H | |
| 14 | Oldham Athletic | A | |
| 21 | Stoke City | H | |
| 28 | Brighton & Hove Albion | A | |
| Nov. 4 | Preston North End | H | |
| 11 | Notts County | A | |
| 18 | Crystal Palace | H | |
| 21 | Fulham | A | |
| 25 | Leicester City | A | |
| Dec. 2 | Cambridge United | H | |
| 9 | Wrexham | A | |
| 16 | Charlton Athletic | H | |
| 23 | Luton Town | A | |
| 26 | Orient | H | |
| 30 | Blackburn Rovers | H | |
| Jan. 1 | Cardiff City | A | |
| 13 | Burnley | H | |
| 20 | Bristol Rovers | A | |
| Feb. 3 | Sheffield United | A | |
| 10 | Sunderland | H | |
| 17 | Millwall | A | |
| 24 | Oldham Athletic | H | |
| 28 | Wrexham | H | |
| May 5 | Blackburn Rovers | A | |
| Mar. 3 | Stoke City | A | |
| 10 | Brighton & Hove Albion | H | |
| 17 | Preston North End | A | |
| 24 | Newcastle United | H | |
| 31 | Leicester City | H | |
| Apr. 7 | Cambridge United | A | |
| 9 | Luton Town | H | |
| 14 | Orient | A | |
| 16 | Cardiff City | H | |
| 21 | Charlton Athletic | A | |

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

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| Aug. 30 | Swindon Town | H | |
| | (Second Round) | | |
| Oct. 4 | Third Round | | |
| Nov. 8 | Fourth Round | | |
| Dec. 13 | Fifth Round | | |
| Jan. 17 | Semi-Final (First leg) | | |
| 24 | Semi-Final (Second leg) | | |
| Mar. 17 | Final | | |

F.A. CUP

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| Jan. 6 | Third Round |
| 27 | Fourth Round |
| Feb. 17 | Fifth Round |
| Mar. 10 | Sixth Round |
| 31 | Semi-Final |
| May 12 | Final |

Scorers

Attendance

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Cross 3, Devonshire, own goal | 25,387 |
| Cross, Devonshire, Robson | 27,233 |

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------|---|-----|
| Aug. 19 | Birmingham City | A | 1-1 |
| 21 | Leicester City | H | 1-0 |
| 26 | Oxford United | H | |

Goalscorers

Football League : Division II

Cross 4, Devonshire 2, Robson 1, own goal 1.

Football Combination

Pike 1, Taylor (A.) 1.

Next Matches

Saturday 2 September 3 p.m.

FULHAM

Football League : Div. II

Saturday 9 September 3 p.m.

CARDIFF CITY Reserves

Football Combination

Saturday 16 September 3 p.m.

BRISTOL ROVERS

Football League : Div. II

Programme Fair

Leytonstone F.C. is holding its second Programme Fair on **Sunday next** (3 Sept.) from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

This will be held in the Cedars Club Room, adjoining the Ground in Woodlands Road, Leytonstone, E.11.

Several Hammers' fans attended last year and helped to make the event a great success.



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— R.I.P. —

It is with deep sympathy and regret that we record the deaths of two Hammers' fans.

Percy Dillon lived in West Ham all his life, and joined our match-day staff in 1946 after service with the Royal Artillery in World War II. He held several jobs at the Boleyn Ground in turn, and until the end of last season was "guardian" of the entrances to the dressing-rooms at First Team matches. He underwent a serious operation last year, but recovered to return to serve the club he loved until his death on Aug. 21.

Ernie Walker had a lengthy connection with the Hammers as a supporter, and his memories went back to pre-World War I days. During the early 1920's he worked for a bill-posting firm, and used to paste-up our match posters on the hoardings in East and West Ham. We regularly heard from Ernie, and although he moved to Hainault he continued to follow the club's fortunes. It was pleasing to know that his family helped to celebrate his 90th birthday in July; Ernie passed away on August 5.

Soccer Books

As usual at this time of the year, we are pleased to recommend soccer books which will provide interesting reading to fans of all clubs.

ROTHMANS FOOTBALL YEARBOOK 1978-79

Now in its ninth year. The current edition contains 880 pages, and provides a comprehensive book of reference to British, European and world-wide soccer. Leslie Vernon and Jack Rollin have again compiled the diverse information, with assistance from an Editorial Board and Advisory Panel which include other well-known journalists and personalities.

The price this year is **£3.25** (ordinary binding) or **£4.95** (hard binding) and—as ever—is excellent value.

Available at booksellers during early September.

PLAYFAIR FOOTBALL ANNUAL 1978-79

Edited by Peter Dunk and Lionel Francis. The pocket-sized book is easy for reference, and has 256 pages of English and Scottish club details, international honours, fixtures, tables, cup records, etc. The price is **70p**.

IF TONIGHT'S MATCH IS DRAWN . . .

the replay will be at Swindon on
TUESDAY next, 5 SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

All Season Ticket Holders may apply for seat tickets (**£1.50** each) at our offices on Thursday 31 August, Friday 1 September and Monday 4 September from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. using **Voucher G**.

● **Other applications** may be made on Friday 1 September and Monday 4 September for remaining seat tickets.



(left to right): John Sissons, Geoff Hurst, Alan Sealey, Martin Peters, Rudi Brunnemeir (capt. of TSV Munich 1860), Jim Standen, Bobby Moore, Ken Brown, Bill Jenkins (trainer), Joe Kirkup and Johnny Byrne.

Hammers' History

Our "*Those were the Days*" feature today dates back to **13 Dec. 1965**. The picture was taken at the B.B.C. "Sportsview Personality of the Year" show, when the Hammers were awarded the "Team of the Year" trophy for defeating TSV Munich 1860 in the Final of the European Cup Winners Cup.

10 years ago . . .

19 August 1968. After taking five points from three games we played Everton at Upton Park on a Monday evening. There was a 34,895 attendance, who read in the programme notes that the Merseysiders were quoted at 7-1 odds for the championship. It looked a good bet as the Toffeemen won 4-1, but the Blues eventually ended in third place.

20 years ago . . .

8 Sept. 1958. Over 36,000 were at Upton Park for the First Division fixture against Manchester United. Two days previously we had lost 4-1 at Luton, but on this memorable evening the Hammers went three up in the first hour. United rallied to score twice, but the 3-2 margin took us to the top of the table.

30 years ago . . .

30 August 1948. Two draws and a defeat left the Hammers seeking their initial victory of the season in a Second Division fixture v Sheffield Wednesday at Upton Park. We scored first, but eventually did well to end at 2-2 after the Owls had taken the lead before half-time.

Two days earlier our second-string defeated Swindon Town Res. by 4-0 to register their third successive win.



HAMMER

ALVIN MARTIN