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● OUR FANS ARE A CREDIT

DESPITE our obvious disappointment at losing last Sunday's FA Cup semi-final to Nottingham Forest, West Ham United still emerged from Villa Park with great credit.

The players did their best in very difficult circumstances, but the support from our fans was something else.

Their non-stop singing, and fine behaviour, was unbelievable. Even when we were losing 4-0, the fans were tremendous - a credit to the Club.

It shows that, in football, as in all sports, winning is not everything. Attitude means a lot and on Sunday I felt particularly proud of our supporters and the way they handled the huge disappointment we all felt.

The major talking point was, of course, the sending-off of Tony Gale - undoubtedly the turning point of the game. But here again, I would like to thank all those fans who have written to express their sympathies and given words of encouragement to Tony, who I know is very grateful.

I won't comment here on the decision that had such a big effect on our hopes. We can't change the result of the game, although the Club have sent a video tape of the incident to the FA in the hope that the referee will reconsider his interpretation of the so-called 'Professional Foul'.

Before Tony went off the game had gone much as we thought it might do. We'll never know what the result would have been had we not lost a man.

But you have got to give credit to Forest. It's never easy beating 10 men, but they did it well and made the most of the break they got. It's not their fault that Tony was sent-off - they simply made the most of their chances.

Now we have got to put that result behind us and look ahead to the important League games that remain.



It was very pleasing to bounce back with a 1-0 win at Ipswich on Wednesday, which put us three points clear of Oldham with a game in hand. Our title hopes were also boosted by the fact that Sheffield Wednesday lost at Newcastle - our visitors next Wednesday - that same night. When the opportunity came, Trevor Morley took his goal well. But it was a good, all-round team performance again. We always looked in control of the situation, although it would have been nice to have scored a second - just to ease the pressure a bit. Still, one goal has been enough quite a few times this season and so it proved at Portman Road.

It's just as well that we are getting points in the bag, because injuries are leaving us a bit stretched in defence. Colin Foster pulled his hamstring just after half-time and had to come off. And with Tony Gale facing suspension, and Alvin Martin and Tim Breacker still injured, we can't afford any more problems if we are to go on and achieve our aim of winning the title.



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● **HAMMERS' MASTERMIND FRED HOUSEGO** will be out in the centre-circle before today's match conducting our "Mastermind" quiz which has now reached the semi-final stage.

There are five qualifiers from the previous heats. Each will answer a series of questions on Hammers' History (set by Jack Helliard), and the three top scorers will go forward to the final, due to take place prior to the start of our last home League match of the season (versus Notts County on May 11th).

This afternoon's contestants are: Ted Lowrie, Burnway, Hornchurch; Peter Koch, Rosebank Avenue, Elm Park; Ian Stevenson, Oglethorpe Road, Dagenham; Dean Evans, Halsham Crescent, Barking; M.J. Sexton, Hurstbourne Gardens, Barking.

SHATTERED DREAM

● THE dream of a unique Second Division and FA Cup double turned into a personal nightmare for Tony Gale on Sunday, but the players and the supporters can feel proud of their efforts.

We will never know what the Hammers could have achieved against First Division Nottingham Forest had we not been robbed of the services of our experienced central defender after only 25 minutes of the semi-final.

What there can be no doubt about is that referee Keith Hackett's controversial decision to dismiss Gale changed the course of the match.

For until Gale's shock dismissal for his apparently innocuous tussle with Gary Crosby, West Ham had looked solid in defence and, if anything, had the slight edge over the young, talented Forest side.

Going out with pride

Even after Gale was ordered off for the first time in his long and trouble-free career, Hammers could have gone into the lead. Alas, George Parris' rocket rapped the right upright. And, as if to confirm that it was not going to be our day, Stuart Slater was similarly foiled by the woodwork when the score stood at 1-0.

It was sad, though inevitable, that the extra man would prove so decisive. The longer the game went on, as Hammers' legs became more weary in the Birmingham sunshine, the Forest players grew in stature and they finished overwhelming winners at 4-0.

Yet, whilst Forest deserve credit for exploiting our problems with

some style, the dismissal of Tony Gale will cast a shadow over their progress to the FA Cup Final against Tottenham. No one in the West Ham camp could believe their eyes when the referee showed Gale the red card for what he interpreted as a 'Professional Foul', least of all Gale himself.

Afterwards, displaying remarkable self-control, Gale said: "I'm gutted. I've only been booked six times in more than 600 games and never been close to being sent off. I'm just not the sort of bloke who deliberately fouls people."

Gale, who had battled in the week prior to Villa Park to shake off a calf strain sustained at Port Vale, described the incident in detail:



Martin Allen fires in on the Forest goal as defender Steve Chettle moves in to block

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"He nipped in front of me, we were tussling to get the ball and the next thing I knew, we'd both fallen down in a heap. There was certainly no intention on my part to trip him or pull him back. He was running towards the corner flag. I didn't actually think it was a foul - we just fell over."

Gale shed tears in the dressing room at half-time before re-emerging to watch the second-half on the bench alongside Billy Bonds.

Continued Gale: "Forest are a good passing side with 11 men against 11 men, but they are the best exponents of using the spare man - and they made us pay."

The referee's decision to dismiss Gale received widespread condemnation, but all the sympathy in the world cannot alter the fact that from the moment Gale left the field, Hammers were facing a monumental task. It was, indeed, one of those days.



Kevin Keen wins this battle as he outpaces Forest's Gary Parker

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TALKING POINTS

WE'RE KEEPING LUDO

● **THERE** is nothing like a fine performance (or 50) to spark reports and rumours of a 'transfer swoop'.

In this case the man at the centre of a reported £1.3 bid by Manchester United was our goalkeeper, Ludek Miklosko.

The fact is there has been no bid by United, or any other club for that matter.

And even if there had been, the response from Upton Park would be a polite 'hands off!'

Manager Billy Bonds, baffled by the newspaper report, put Hammers' fans minds at ease when he declared that Ludo is not available for transfer.

Ludo did, in fact, sign an extension to his current contract at the start of this season, which keeps him at Upton Park until at least 1993.

He and his family are very happy here, having



settled in the Buckhurst Hill area, and have no desire to move to Manchester or anywhere else.

Mind you, we can quite understand why just about every other club in the country would like to get their hands on our Czech international No.1!

BISH IS SPOT ON

● **WE** have covered our penalty-taking problems in some depth in this column before, so it's nice to report that our captain, Ian Bishop, has emerged as the successful new candidate for this unenviable task.

The Penalty King himself, Ray Stewart (who actually missed one for the Reserves the other week!) was full of praise for Bish's strike that gave Hammers the lead at Oldham on Good Friday.

WELCOME, GLENN

● **FOOTBALL** purists everywhere will doubtless welcome the introduction of Glenn Hoddle to the managerial world.

Hoddle, admired by his fellow pros as an enormously gifted midfield player, was always a delight to watch, even though he was perhaps not appreciated by everyone.

Skilful, imaginative players are in increasingly short supply at domestic football and international level, and Hoddle can consider himself very unfortunate not to have added many more England caps to the 53 he earned.

Swindon - and the British game - can surely only benefit from Glenn Hoddle's presence as manager.

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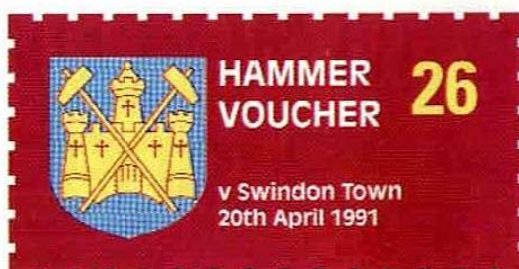
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*Ian Bishop scored the only goal of the
game against Blackburn Rovers at
Upton Park last October.*

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HAMMER NEWS

KEVIN SIGNS

● **A MEASURE** of how highly Billy Bonds regards Kevin Keen is that the talented midfielder recently signed a new two-year contract with the Club.

"Kevin is a highly-valued member of our squad," said the manager.

PALACE HONOUR HILTS

● **CRYSTAL PALACE**, currently riding high in third place in their first season back in the top flight, will be Hammers' opponents in the PAUL HILTON TESTIMONIAL GAME.

Hilts, who is now in charge of our successful Youth team, after persistent knee problems forced him to quit playing professional football, confirmed that Steve Coppel's high flying Eagles will be at Upton Park on the evening of MONDAY, MAY 13th (KICK-OFF 7.45pm).

Said Hilts: "Palace captured the attention of the whole nation when they knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup last season and went on to meet Man United in the final at Wembley.

"They have done very well since getting back in the First Division this season, giving Arsenal and Liverpool a good run for their money.

"I'm very pleased that Palace have agreed to come and I'm sure we're in for a competitive and entertaining game."

TWO GOING FREE

● **GOALKEEPER** Allen McKnight and young midfielder Paul Kelly are to be given free transfers by the Club.

MARTIN MISSES THE POINT

● **NO**, the item in our last programme (v Barnsley) about Martin Allen's anticipated ban WASN'T an April Fools Joke!

It transpired that our combative midfielder had not reached quite the disciplinary points tally

anticipated by the Club, thus escaping any suspension at that time.

LOANS END

● **TWO** players have returned to their respective clubs after spending a month on loan.

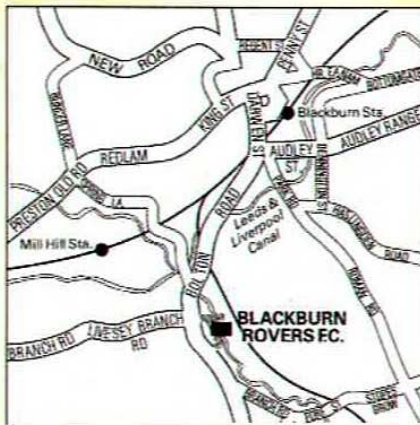
Stewart Robson chose to return to Upton Park after a brief spell with Coventry City, whilst Franz Carr re-joined Nottingham Forest after travelling with the Hammers' squad to Brighton.

TRAVEL UPDATE

● **REMEMBER** last season's 5-4 thriller at Ewood Park? Well, we're off to Blackburn Rovers again next Saturday (27th) in search of three more vital Second Division points.

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HAMMERS HISTORY

..... *By Jack Helliars*

APRIL FOOLS AND THE HOT CROSS BUN MAN

● Our previous League match at Upton Park was on April 1st, and there was naturally some joking about it being All Fools Day, a traditional British custom that older folks might well remember being celebrated by schoolboys more in years ago than in modern times. Now, it seems, 'Red Nose Day' has taken over.

With a two-nil score against us at the interval it appeared quite likely that it would be the Hammers in line for being fooled that afternoon; but eventually the tide turned in our favour and the 'early leavers' who vacated their places when we were still in arrears were possibly the ones who felt foolish when they heard the final count was 3-2 in our favour - they had missed the fun.

However, the absence of anything of great consequence on the 'telly' that evening prompted a little private research into what had happened on past April Fools Days to West Ham United; although the statistics could be rightly dismissed as useless, they nevertheless brought out some interesting points.

Curiosity prompted a start in the days of our predecessors - Thames Iron Works. Their only League game on April 1st was against Third Grenadier Guards in the London League of 1896-7. T.I.W. lost five-nil and it cost them the championship against the soldiers.

West Ham United's first Southern League game on April 1st was in 1904. They won that by three-nil and in subsequent years beat Southampton (away) by 3-2 in 1907 and Exeter City (home) 4-1 in 1909. We lost twice against Reading (home) 0-2 in 1905 and Watford (away) by 6-0 (!) in 1914. A drawn game v Bristol Rovers (2-2) in 1911 made our overall First of April Southern League record: won 3, drew 1, lost 2, goals 12-13.

The Football League list is much lengthier, and is worth listing:

1922 Sheffield Wednesday H 2-0 (att 20,000)
1933 Stoke City H 0-0 (att 23,000)
1950 Brentford H 2-2
1961 Newcastle United H 1-1
1967 Manchester United A 0-3 (att 61,380)
1969 Everton A 0-1

1972 Tottenham Hotspur H 2-0 (att 30,763)
1975 Leicester City A 0-3
1978 Coventry City H 2-1
1980 Cambridge United A 0-2 (att 8,863)
1989 Tottenham Hotspur A 0-3
1991 Barnsley H 3-2

A diversity of attendances and an adversity of results: won 4, drawn 3, lost 5, goals 12-18.

Incidentally in 1922 we played Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on the day after April 1st. Wednesday won 2-1 but only 4,000 turned up to see them.

THE HOT CROSS BUN MAN

● Although Alf Earl was a stalwart Hammers' full-back in the late 1920s and early 1930s, he is not particularly remembered as much for his 181 League and 15 Cup appearances as the unusual event in which he participated on one Good Friday.



Alf Earl

Nobody appears to be sure of the actual date - it could have been either 1927, 1929 or 1930 at Upton Park; it might even have been hearsay! But tradition says that Alf ate four hot-cross-buns before a match, and then collapsed on the field! Perhaps it was on April 3rd 1930, when we lost here to Bolton Wanderers by 4-1. Alf was born on 19th March 1903 and died at the comparatively early age of 48 on 17th August 1951.

SWINDON TOWN

First for Glenn

● **NEW Swindon Town manager Glenn Hoddle entered a new era in his illustrious career on Tuesday, when he gained his first victory as a manager.**

The Robins came from behind to win 2-1 at Wolverhampton and considerably ease their relegation fears.

They visit Upton Park today in 18th place in the division, although with three of their last four matches at home, the signs are encouraging that they will avoid the drop.

Hoddle, the world class midfield maestro whose brilliance lit-up the First Division and international stage for so long, has breathed new life into the club following his appointment as Ossie Ardiles' successor earlier this month.

Ardiles, like everyone else associated with the Wiltshire club, was shell-shocked by their demotion from Division One last summer for 'financial irregularities', having earned their right to play in the top flight by beating Sunderland in the end-of-season play-off final at Wembley.

He had indicated all along that, no matter what happened this season, he would almost certainly go in search of a new challenge elsewhere at the end of the campaign. And it was somewhat ironic that in his last game as Swindon boss he guided

them to a home victory over Newcastle United... the club he moved to.

Ardiles brought his own footballing beliefs to the County Ground, a policy that Hoddle will uphold as he continues to rebuild morale at the club.

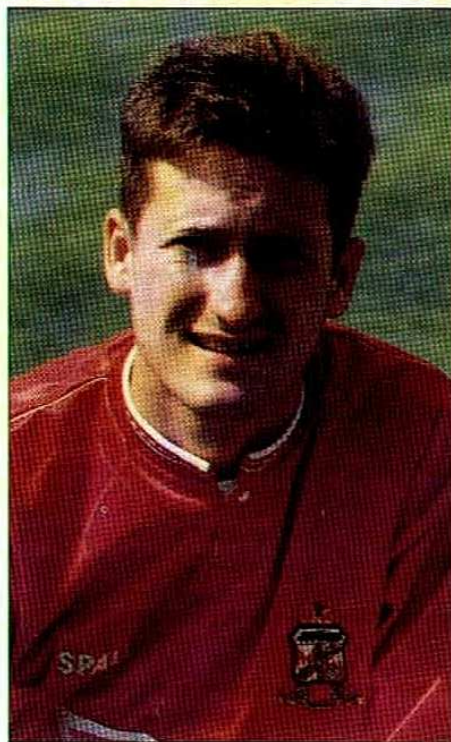
And in his former Tottenham team mate Micky Hazard, he has just the creative player to orchestrate things from midfield. Hazard - who missed a slice of the season with ligament damage sustained against West Ham back in October - has scored vital recent goals against Newcastle, Plymouth and Wolves and his influence will be important to Hoddle and the team itself.

● **Hazard was Swindon's major signing when he joined them from Portsmouth in September, although experienced striker Paul Rideout - who is on loan from Southampton until the end**



Swindon Town, 1990-91 - Back row: Tony Galvin (assistant manager)*, Neil Tomlinson*, Adrian Viveash, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Steve White, Liam Dixon*, Nicky Summerbee; Middle row: Andy Rowland (reserve team coach), Tony Clarke*, David Hockaday*, Tom Jones, Ross Maclaren, Jon Gittens, Fitzroy Simpson, Paul Bodin*, Greg Costello*, Kevin Morris (physio); Front row: Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, David Kerslake, Colin Calderwood, Osvaldo Ardiles (manager)*, Chic Bates*, Alan McLoughlin*, Shaun Close, Paul Trollope; Seated: Darren Hall, Jason Braidwood, Robert Spence, Edwin Murray, Barry Williams, Lee Spalding, Wayne O'Sullivan, Marcus Phillips, Andrew Thomson.

* no longer with the club.



David Kerslake

of the season - is another experienced recent recruit.

The Robins generated some vital revenue with the sale of three players for large sums - Alan McLoughlin (£1 million), Paul Bodin (£650,000) and Jon Gittens (£450,000).

Their star player, though, is striker Duncan Shearer who scored Swindon's first at Molineux on Tuesday night to extend his goals haul for the season to an impressive 22.

THE LAST TIME WE MET

Barclays League Division Two

Saturday, October 20th, 1990

SWINDON TOWN 0 WEST HAM UNITED 1

Robins: Digby, Kerslake, Bodin, Hazard, Tanner, Gittens, Jones, Simpson, White, MacLaren, Foley.

Subs: Close, Viveash.

Hammers: Miklosko, Potts, Dicks, Foster, Martin, Parris, Bishop, Quinn, Gale, Allen, Morley.

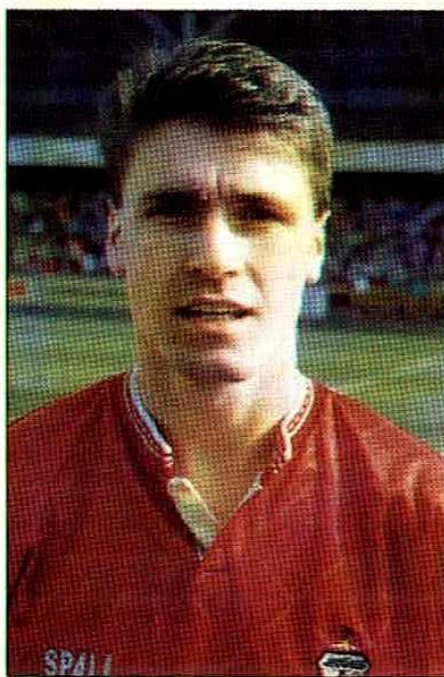
Subs: McAvennie, Breacker.

Scorer: McAvennie.

But the most important signing of all could ultimately be Hoddle himself.

Although the former Spurs and Monaco star is not eligible to play this season after registering with Chelsea, he is available to appear for Robins' Reserves. Provided he has recovered from a thigh strain, Hoddle could well attract the biggest-ever crowd for a reserve game at the County Ground when Swindon's second string face Millwall at home next Wednesday!

And if he is fully fit for next season, Hoddle will bring even more flair to a Swindon side that is re-emerging from the doldrums.



Paul Rideout, on loan from Southampton to strengthen the Robins' attack.

Swindon Mascot



A special welcome today to Swindon's mascot, 11 year-old **ADAM**

FRASER. Adam attends St Peter's

Junior School in Marlborough, although he was born in Bolton, Lancashire.

He spends most of his spare time playing football and is a member of Marlborough Town under-12's, where he has made his mark as goalkeeper.

THE ROBINS' LEAGUE RECORD

Opponents	F	A
Charlton Athletic	A 2	1
Ipswich Town	H 1	0
Bristol City	H 0	1
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DAVE BENNETT

Born Manchester. Former FA Cup winner with Coventry, signed from Sheffield Wednesday for £50,000 on September 20th. Given little chance to display his silky skills, sustaining a double break of his right leg in a League Cup tie at Darlington just five days later. Began his career at Maine Road and also served Cardiff City. Brother to Sunderland defender Gary.

COLIN CALDERWOOD

Born Glasgow. The club captain and one of only two Town players with an ever-present record in 1989/90, but recently recovered from badly torn knee ligaments sustained in only the sixth game of the season. Signed from Mansfield Town in 1985, Colin is the sole survivor from the club's record-breaking Fourth Division championship.

SHAUN CLOSE

Born Islington, London. A £70,000 signing from AFC Bournemouth in September 1989. With the Shearer-White partnership yielding over 50 goals last season, his first team opportunities were limited. It was 13 months before the former Tottenham apprentice hit his first senior goal for Swindon, in a Rumbelows League Cup victory over Darlington in October.

FRASER DIGBY

Born Sheffield. The former England Under-21 'keeper missed just one game in 1989/90, the first time he had been absent in over two years. A former Manchester United apprentice, Fraser also spent a loan period with Oldham Athletic before making his League debut for Swindon in September 1986. He has since made over 200 appearances for the club.

STEVE FOLEY

Born Liverpool. Missed the first three months of last season through injury, but was soon buzzing again as the Town fielded an unchanged line-up in 22 successive League and Cup games. A knee injury forced him out again in the spring. Steve spent four years at Anfield, without making a senior appearance. Signed from Sheffield United for £35,000 in 1987.

RICHARD GREEN

Born Wolverhampton. Signed for the club on January 3rd, after a period on trial, following his release on a free transfer from Shrewsbury Town in the close season. He made nearly 150 senior appearances for the Gay Meadow club, where he was previously an apprentice.

NICKY HAMMOND

Born Hornchurch, Essex. Made his first senior appearance for Swindon in two and a half years against Darlington in the Rumbelows



Colin Calderwood

League Cup, having suffered two broken legs during that time. A former Arsenal apprentice, he was signed on a 'free' from the Highbury club in the 1987 close season.

MICKY HAZARD

Born Sunderland. Former manager Ossie Ardiles' most notable addition to his ex-Tottenham stable at the County Ground. Signed from Portsmouth on September 28th for £130,000. Spent eight years at White Hart Lane, during which time he collected both FA Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals, before moving across London to Chelsea for a £300,000 fee in 1985.

TOM JONES

Born Aldershot. Made a speedy recovery from a cartilage operation in the 1989 close season and clearly enjoyed the short ball game favoured by Ossie Ardiles. A former Chelsea apprentice, Tom arrived at Swindon in September 1988 via the circuitous route of Farnborough Town, Weymouth and Aberdeen.

DAVID KERSLAKE

Born Stepney, London. Signed for £110,000 from Queens Park Rangers in November 1989, David stepped in at right-back and became a firm favourite with the fans with his forceful runs upfield. Represented

ROBINS

England at schoolboy, youth and Under-21 levels. He joined the Loftus Road club as an apprentice and made his first team debut in a UEFA Cup tie in 1984.

NESTOR LORENZO

The Argentinian, who played in the World Cup Final, is Swindon's most recent signing, from Italian club Bari, for a reported £400,000 - a club record fee. Nestor has appeared 25 times for his country and was previously with Argentinos Juniors. He made four appearances while on loan, scoring against Portsmouth on his League debut on November 10th.

ROSS MacLAREN

Born Edinburgh. The other ever-present in the Swindon side last season, along with Colin Calderwood, Ross assumed the role of skipper in the absence of his fellow Scot and is the 'anchor man' of midfield. Signed two years ago from Derby, where he won a Second Division championship medal, and previously with Shrewsbury Town and Glasgow Rangers.

PAUL RIDEOUT

Currently on temporary transfer from Southampton. Born in Bournemouth, Paul originally signed as an apprentice for Swindon Town in 1981 making his debut while only 16. He appeared in a total of 101 games scoring 41 goals before a move to Aston Villa in 1983. Paul spent three years in Bari followed by a £430,000 transfer to Southampton in July 1988. Paul is a former England full and U21 international.

DUNCAN SHEARER

Born Fort William. Joint top scorer with 27 goals last season, Duncan has topped his club's scoring list for a fourth successive season (twice with Huddersfield Town) and leads

the way again this term. Signed from the Yorkshire club for £250,000, he was previously released by Chelsea on a free transfer.

FITZROY SIMPSON

Born Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. A former trainee, he made a 30-second debut as a substitute at Shrewsbury in December 1988. Was sent off twice last season, but has since fought to overcome his disciplinary problems. Injury setbacks at the club gave Fitzroy the chance to play 'up front' and he celebrated a recent recall with a goal against Sheffield Wednesday.

NICKY SUMMERBEE

Born Altrincham. Yet to start a game for Swindon, he played just 22 minutes of League football in 1989/90, although he has been called upon as substitute on several recent occasions. Son of the former Town, Manchester City and England forward Mike Summerbee.

ADRIAN VIVEASH

Born Swindon. Acquitted himself well in Swindon's pre-season friendly with Everton in Dublin, but had to wait until mid-October for his League debut, in the local derby with Bristol Rovers. Injuries and suspensions have since given Adrian the opportunity to claim a regular place and he has acclimatised to 2nd Division football well.

STEVE WHITE

Probably the best free transfer signing ever made by Swindon Town, Steve was the other half of the club's 54-goal partnership last season. Previously with Bristol Rovers (twice), Luton Town and Charlton Athletic. He missed the first five weeks of the season with a back injury, sustained during a pre-season tour of Ireland. Scored five goals in four games during January.

GLENN HODDLE

● Appointed at the beginning of this month following Ossie Ardiles' departure to Newcastle United. One of the most naturally gifted players, in his playing career Glenn won two FA Cup winners' medals while at Tottenham Hotspur and helped Spurs with their UEFA Cup win in 1984.

Glenn won 53 England caps (he scored on his debut against Bulgaria) before a move to top French club Monaco.

A serious knee injury threatened to wreck his career and he was subsequently released from his contract last December. Hopeful of resurrecting his playing career next season, Glenn admits that the chance to manage Swindon Town came at the right time for him.

Glenn brought John Gorman, the former Celtic, Carlisle and Spurs player and former youth team coach with Leyton Orient, with him to the County Ground.



HAMMER POSTBAG

SOUTH BANK SEASONS

Steve Pulvernis, Highgate, London, N6.

● I'VE been to every home game this season and yet I have not got a season ticket. This is because I stand on the South Bank, where we have not got the option of buying season tickets, unlike supporters watching in other parts of the ground.

Not only do I spend a lot more money, but I am not guaranteed Cup tickets.

Could we, please, see the introduction of season tickets for the South Bank next season.

A VERY fair request, Steve, and the Club is pleased to confirm that, for the first time, season tickets for the South Bank will be available for next season. Full details will be announced shortly - Ed.

MATCH OF THE DAY

Philip M. Horn, Milford Haven, Dyfed.

● THROUGH your Postbag column could I just say how magic, brilliant, knockout, over the moon (as all the best footballers say) I am that my girlfriend of over two years, Paula, has agreed to marry me next year.

We are both fanatical supporters of the Hammers, and wish them all the best for our final push into Division One.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Mrs S. McNulty, Heaton, Bolton, Lancs.

● MY husband is the area manager in the North for Stadia Catering, the same company that holds the contract at West Ham, and I am catering manageress at Manchester City FC.

There are certain times when my husband calls upon myself and my staff for extra help, particularly for big games when crowd capacity is full. We took our mobile unit to Oldham for the Good Friday game against the Hammers.

I recently wrote to the Secretary of Liverpool FC, following their team's visit to Maine Road, stating that it would have been far nicer to feed the animals in the zoo than cater for the foul-mouthed monkeys that we had to indulge that day. I felt so strongly that I wrote to Liverpool to complain.

Which brings me to my point. I feel it is only right to praise you on the conduct of your fans. I have worked in football for approximately ten years and I must put the behaviour, manners and honesty of the West Ham supporters at the top of my list. Never have we met such a polite crowd.

● WE'VE a welcome this afternoon for MARK NEWMAN who is among our special matchday guests.

A supporter since he was a baby in nappies, 18 year-old Mark, from Colchester, Essex, suffers from the hereditary disease Marfan Syndrome.

Mark's 14 year-old brother, Darren, wrote to Billy Bonds asking if it would be possible to arrange for Mark to meet the players, and we're delighted to make it possible today.

We were a bit apprehensive at first, being inside the visitors' section among such a large crowd, but we had nothing to worry about.

Even though I am an ardent Bolton Wanderers fan, I close by wishing West Ham all the luck for their future in the First Division. Because, what I have seen of their fans, they deserve it.

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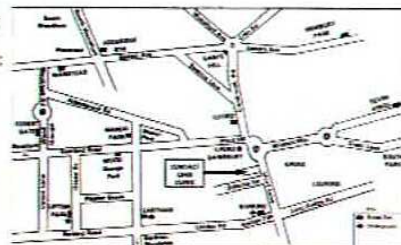
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TRIBUTES TO THE FANS

● THE most positive thing to emerge from Sunday's hugely disappointing FA Cup semi-final was the common resolve among West Ham's players . . . to win the Second Division Championship.

As the team coach pulled away from Villa Park, all the players paid tribute to the tremendous support they received from the 18,000 supporters wearing claret, blue and white.

And captain **IAN BISHOP** summed up the mood when he said: "We don't only want promotion now - we want the title itself. We want to do it for the fans."

Bishop caught the eye again with a classy performance in midfield against Forest. And at the end of 90 minutes, he admits it was hard to believe that he wasn't on the winning side.

"The fans lifted some of us up at the end - anyone would have thought we'd won, not been beaten 4-0! Our fans were incredible from start to finish, but I didn't hear a word out of the Forest fans until they scored."

TREVOR MORLEY, who had made his first team comeback at Brighton the previous Wednesday, fought a lone battle up front



"They were tremendous"

-Trevor Morley

against Forest. He worked hard for little reward, although there was no shortage of encouragement from the fans.

Said Morley: "The crowd were tremendous. They out-sang the Forest fans and all credit to them. For 20 or 25 minutes in the second

half, the singing never died down. We're all very disappointed for them that we couldn't get to Wembley.

"It's just a shame that a game like this - that means so much to so many people - can be affected by a decision like that. But that's football, I suppose.

"The annoying thing is that we will never know how the game would have gone if Tony hadn't been sent off."

JIMMY QUINN, the striker who replaced Morley with 17 minutes of the semi-final left, was another full of praise for the vocal support and encouragement from the terraces and stands.

He said: "The fans were absolutely brilliant - I've never seen anything like it. I just hope that we can win the championship for them. They deserve it."

Quinn, like everyone else, had great sympathy for his team mate Tony Gale, saying: "He's not been booked for five years. He's not a malicious player - he's a footballer. If the referee thought Tony had fouled the fella, he should have known that he didn't do it with any intent.

"That decision spoiled it for everyone associated with West Ham."

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RAY WINS HIS BIGGEST BATTLE

TWO years and 85 days after serious injury threatened to cut short his illustrious career, former Scottish international RAY STEWART made a first team comeback at Brighton on the evening of Wednesday, April 10th, 1991. It was an emotional occasion for popular 'Tonka', who's talking here to TONY McDONALD . . .

● RAY STEWART was easily the most experienced player aboard the West Ham United coach that headed towards the south coast and a vital Second Division date with Brighton & Hove Albion. With 426 League and Cup appearances under his belt, the Scottish defender had seen it all before.

He has known pressure - real pressure, like taking the penalty kick in the last minute of a Wembley cup final to secure the Hammers a draw with Liverpool. He scored, of course, just as he did on 75 (yes, seventy-five) other occasions from the spot. West Ham's undisputed Penalty King missed only 10 from the spot - an incredible record that speaks volumes for Stewart's ice cool temperament.

But on this warm spring afternoon in April, Wembley glory seemed a million miles away. All Stewart was concerned about was playing his first 90 minutes first team football for 27 months. He had played nine consecutive Reserve games, after hamstring and calf injuries interrupted his comeback bid earlier in the season, and now he faced the toughest test.

The nerves began to jangle. While the rest of the players sat in the hotel lounge watching live TV coverage of Manchester United's European demolition of the Poles, Raymond borrowed my watch and decided to take a stroll along the

seafront, pausing only to ask what time he had to be back to catch the coach when it left for the Goldstone Ground.

Said Stewart: "I was so keyed-up and it was the first time for a long, long time that I was so nervous before a game. I had to get out of the hotel and go for a walk.

"It was a hard situation to be in. Billy told me the day before that I was playing, and I really expected to be playing centre-half. (Tony Gale was ruled out by a calf strain). But Billy asked me before the game to play right-back and said: 'Nay problem. If he'd said centre-forward, I would have played there.

"It was just so nice to be back. I got a good reception from the crowd and I was really pleased.

"I was quite pleased with every

aspect of my game, although it was a shame that we lost. But the spirit was good and we didn't play badly.

"I felt good and didn't have a single fear in the back of my mind about my fitness. I knew that after a run in the Reserves, I could step up a gear if need be.

"I felt a little bit tired towards the end, although that was understandable because I had to get forward as much as I could in the second half, as we pushed for an equaliser."

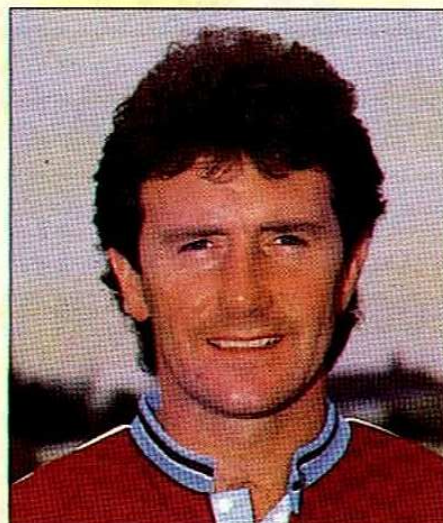
Renowned for his powerful shot, Stewart almost marked his return with a typical piledriver, but Seagulls' keeper Perry Digweed, enjoying an outstanding game, was perfectly placed to block the shot.

"I knew Bish was on penalties, so I thought I had to do something else to try and score!" laughed Ray.

● After more than two years in the football wilderness, undergoing a series of operations to repair the knee ligaments he ruptured during the First Division game at Derby County on January 14th, 1989, Raymond could be forgiven for thinking that the glory days were over.

The man who played a key role in West Ham's last FA Cup triumph, in 1980, and who had established himself as a popular character on and off the field, was on the outside looking in. He could play no part in Hammers' battle against relegation at the end of the 1988/89 season, or in the effort to gain promotion at the first attempt last season. It was 11 years ago that Stewart was a regular, dominant feature of the Second Division title-winning team. But there were only eight League matches left when he laced up his boots at Brighton.

There have been times, during the long, lonely battle to overcome the knee injury, when Stewart admits: "I



was battling away and thought to myself, 'Is it worth my while? I'm not getting anywhere'. But people would say wee things to me, and then it would click. It made me realise that things weren't so bad, and it would spur me on.

"Being involved in a lot of charity events helped too. It took my mind off my own problems, because I was with people who were a lot worse off than myself.

"I'm a bad supporter, because I don't like watching games that I might have been involved in. But having said that, I'd like to think that I've learned a few things from the sidelines in the last couple of years, which should stand me in good stead."

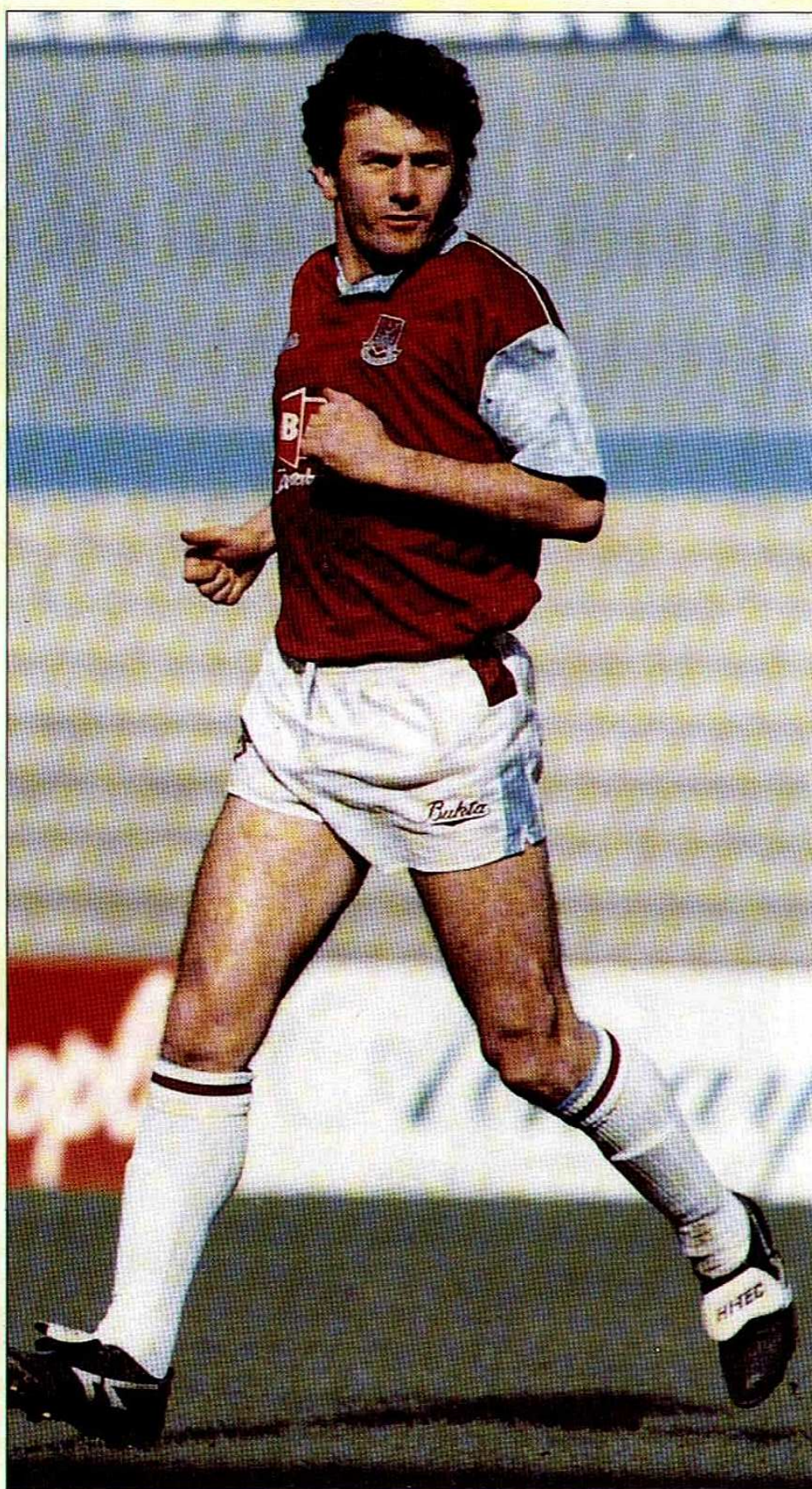
During his long absence from the first team scene, Stewart has continued to remain active. Apart from the long slog in training, no other West Ham player has done more to boost charitable causes - as several nearby hospitals will gladly testify. He has been fortunate to have the backing of his wife, Carolyn, and three year-old daughter, Kerri.

But even during his darkest moments, Raymond has remained a fine ambassador for the club throughout his 11-and-a-half-years at Upton Park, and it was during his lay-off that he took the opportunity to put his experiences - good and bad - into words, with the recent publication of his autobiography 'Spot On With Tonka' (on sale from the Hammers Shop, priced £5).

● Now, at the age of 31, with his present contract due to expire in June, and with his well-earned Testimonial game set for next season (probably September), he is determined to create a few more headlines before he enters a new chapter in his career.

He told HAMMER: "I just want to show people that I can play again. People have written me off loads of times, but that just spurs me on and makes me want to prove them wrong.

"It's just so satisfying to play even one game, although obviously I'm looking for more ..."

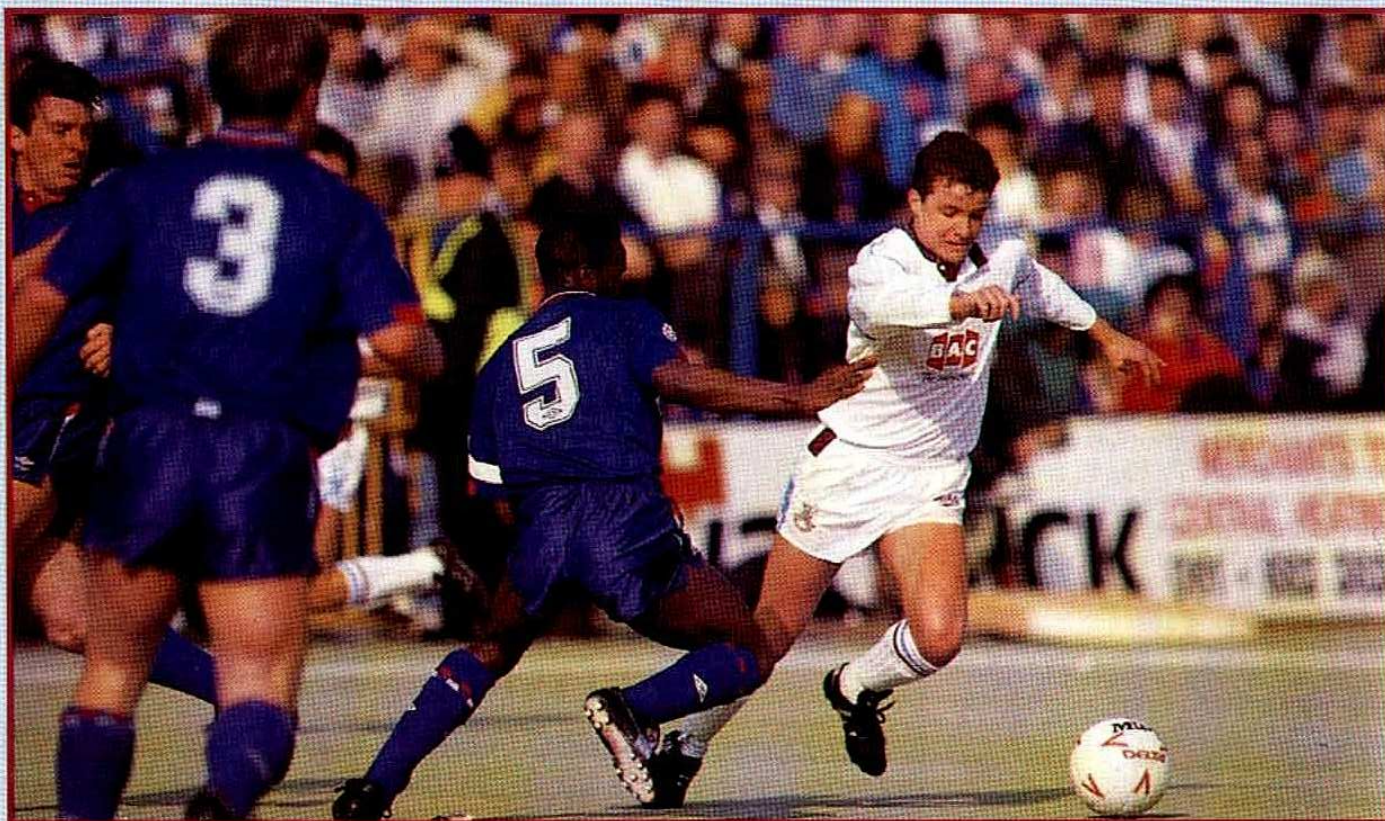


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(above): Stuart Slater goes past Earl Barrett and heads for goal.
(below): A promising 'Bish' run comes to grief on the Latics' plastic.





HAMMERS IN ACTION

WEST HAM 3 BARNSELY 2
(above): George Parris joins the attack and takes on Carl Tiler.
(below): Colin Foster links up with Iain Dowie and Frank McAvennie to split the Barnsley defence.



PROFILE ON IAIN DOWIE

FAMILY: Engaged to Deborah. Brother - Bob (29).

HOME: Slip End, Bedfordshire.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hatfield, Hertfordshire/January 9th, 1965.

FAVOURITE FOOD/DRINK: Chicken and leek pie/Real ale.

FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE: Dairy Milk - and lots of it!

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Junipers and Codys (at Stevenage).

BREAKFAST CHOICE: Weetabix.

NEWSPAPER: Independent.

MUSIC LIKES: Mariah Carey and George Benson.

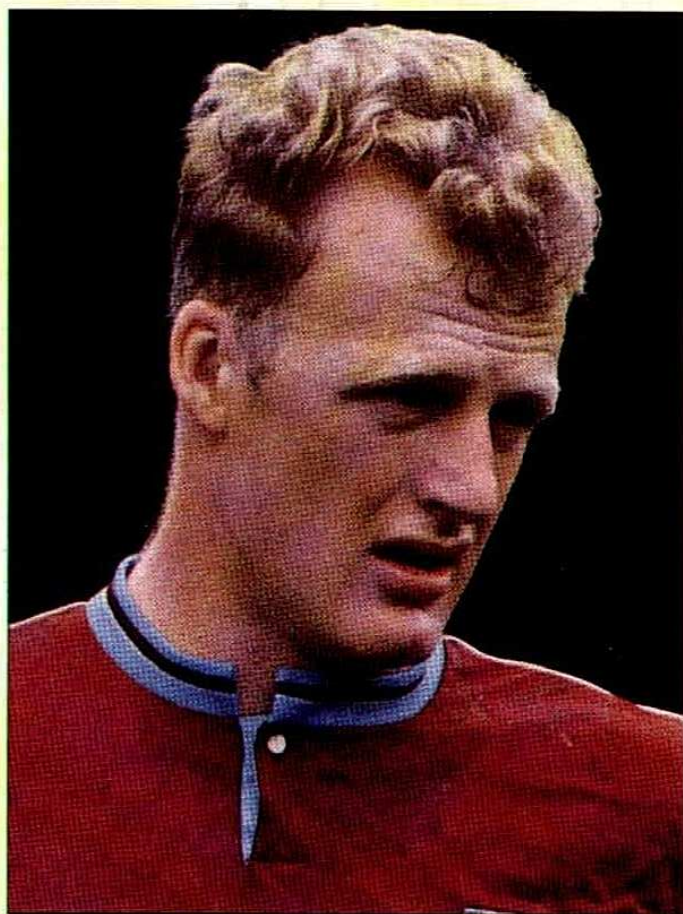
MUSIC DISLIKES: Heavy metal and Deborah's singing in the bath!

FAVOURITE TV: Spender, LA Law.

BEST FILM/VIDEO: Gandhi.

BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS: Gene Wilder/Meryl Streep.

FUNNIEST COMEDIAN: Dame Edna Everidge (Barry Humphries).



BEST CARTOON CHARACTER: Foghorn.

FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: My scarlet jacket.

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue.

FAVOURITE NUMBER: Nine.

HOBBIES: Poetry (Sir John Betjeman is my favourite), golf, travel and eating.

TOP HOLIDAY RESORT: Ventura, California, USA.

FIRST CAR: Austin 1300 (it was a nightmare - I spent most of the time pushing it!).

CURRENT CAR: Austin 1300! No, I had a Vauxhall Cavalier, but it was recently stolen. I could do with a sponsorship deal!

SILLIEST THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE: Being caught in possession by Bish during Luton's FA Cup replay at Upton Park. He started the move and finished it off with his header for Hammers' second goal. Otherwise, it would have to be the 'dead fly' impression I performed at my mate's wedding reception!

BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL: Brother Bob. At Luton, it was Alec Chamberlain, while at West Ham it's my new room partner Tim Breacker.

MOST TREASURED POSSESSION: My first Northern Ireland cap (v Norway at Windsor Park). Despite reports that I made my debut in Malta, I was only sub for that game - a travelling sunbather really!

WHAT FRIGHTENS YOU MOST: Illness among close friends and relations. I'm also afraid of heights.

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU DO IN THE MORNING: Check to see that my car's still there!

YOUR BEST FEATURE: Eyes.

WORST HABIT: Slurping my tea!

WHAT ANNOYS YOU MOST: Lazy people.

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF: I wish I didn't pull such horrible faces in pictures!

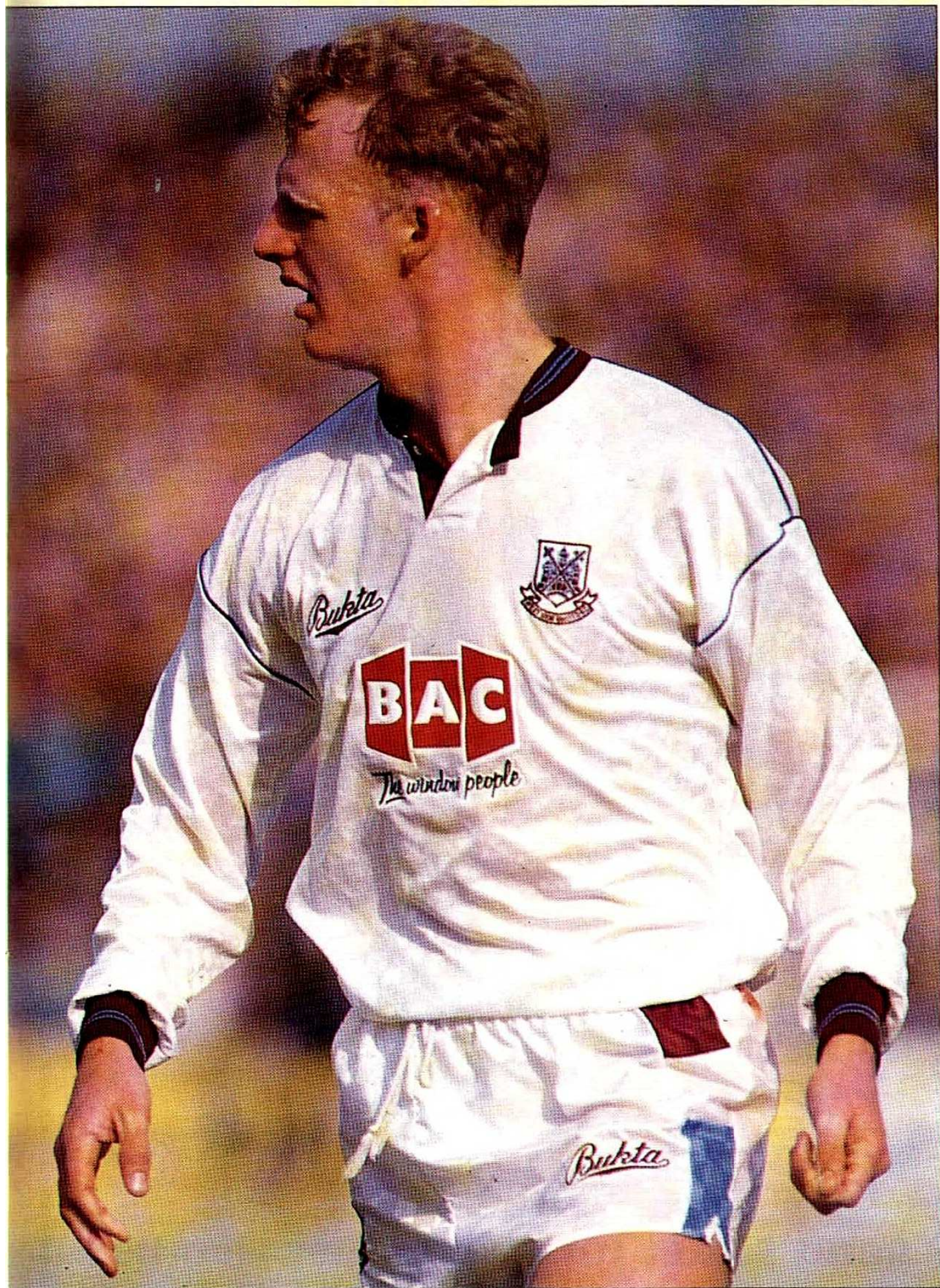
FOOTBALL BOOTS WORN: Diadora.

OTHER PLAYERS/CLUBS ADMIRER: Norman Whiteside/Liverpool.

FAVOURITE STADIUM: San Siro (Milan) - I'd love to play there. But the best stadium I've played in in England is Anfield.

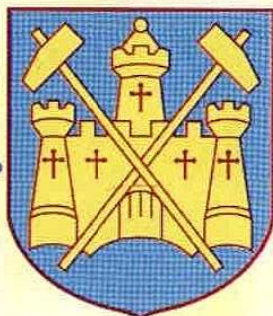
MOST FAMOUS PERSON MET: That has to be Dragan Stojkovic, Yugoslavia's top player - I met him really close up in the 80th minute when I was booked for a tackle on him!

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Michael Angelo - I've always greatly admired his work.



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ALVIN'S NOT FINISHED

● **ALVIN MARTIN** has played his last game of this season - but has no intention of calling it a day.

Currently hobbling around on crutches with his injured left foot in plaster, the 32 year-old central defender is already looking forward to helping Hammers enter a new era - hopefully in the First Division.

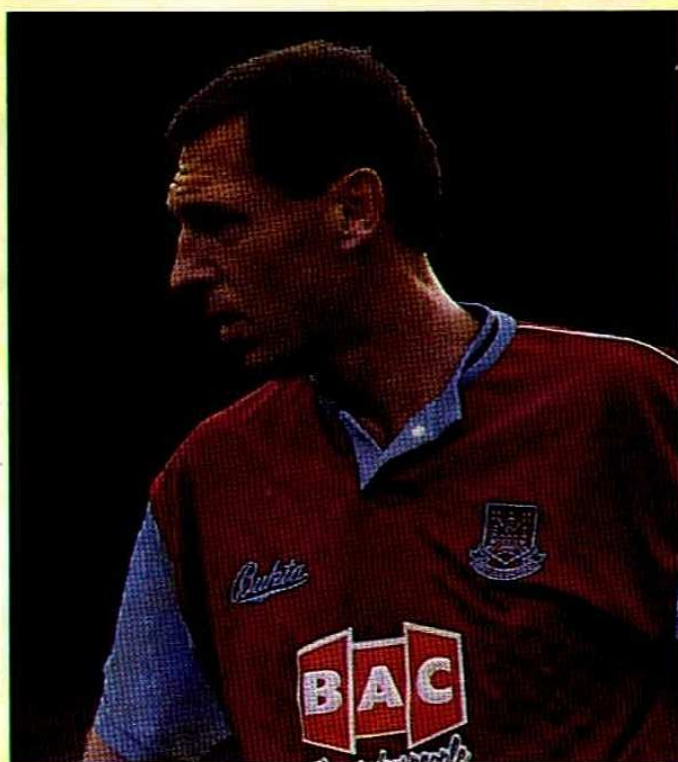
It was a hamstring injury, sustained during the game at Portsmouth on December 8th, which brought to an end Martin's ever-present record this season. At the time he was enjoying one of the most impressive spells of his distinguished career, apparently having shaken off the injury jinx that has plagued him since the 1986 World Cup.

In November 1987, Martin underwent a bone graft operation on his right instep. Soon after that he felt similar problems with his left foot . . . but only now has he revealed that the problem even existed.

Explained Martin: "It was the hamstring that stopped me playing, but I was having trouble before that game with my left foot. About a month, maybe six weeks, before that, my foot was getting more and more sore.

"Although I was playing well generally, I thought about four or five games before the one at Portsmouth that I was starting to struggle. Although I was getting away with it, I wasn't 100 per cent happy.

"So when I did my hamstring, and couldn't train for four or five weeks, when I did actually come back my foot had degenerated quite a bit - I couldn't believe it.



"I think the inactivity had caused arthritis to set in and even when I came back to the Reserves, I tended to struggle and my foot was getting worse.

"I was on standby for a while, when Fozzie and Galey were injured and we had a lot of games in a short period, but once they were both fit again I decided the time was right to have the operation.

"I had the op' on March 27th. It was important to get it done as quickly as possible because I've got to spend six weeks in plaster. And then if the staples have got to be taken out, that means another three weeks off. When I had my right foot done, I had problems after the op', so if that were to happen again I will have eaten into the start of next season."

Instead, the experienced former England international is already looking forward to fighting for his place next season.

"I was in the same position last year - really, for the first time in many years I wasn't sure of my first team place, having missed the end of the previous season," he recalled.

"We've got a strong squad at the club, and the side has done really well this season, but it needs to be stronger and no one is pulling the wool over our eyes.

"Next season is going to be a battle for a lot of people. It was a challenge for me last pre-season, not knowing if I would be in the side from the start, and I think the next pre-season will be the same. I'm looking forward to it.

"Whenever you go back after a break - whether it's three weeks of three months - you are enthusiastic.

"I've been playing with this injured foot for a long, long time now, but I didn't mention it to anybody because I knew what they would think . . . 'Oh, here we go again'. It has hindered me in the last 18 months to two years, but I'm looking forward to starting next season with two decent feet. And if I do, I'll feel a lot better in myself."

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(Up to and including 6th April, 1991)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	25	18	5	2	73	29	41
Arsenal	24	18	4	2	63	26	40
West Ham United	25	17	5	3	68	35	39
Gillingham	26	14	5	7	56	41	33
Leyton Orient	28	12	8	8	52	35	32
Millwall	27	13	4	10	47	43	30
Norwich City	28	9	8	11	45	42	26
Charlton Athletic	27	8	8	11	48	56	24
Watford	24	9	5	10	43	30	23
Chelsea	25	8	5	12	33	42	21
Fulham	25	7	6	12	29	44	20
QPR	26	7	6	13	32	49	20
Southend United	24	7	5	12	30	52	19
Portsmouth	26	5	7	14	30	48	17
Ipswich Town	28	6	4	18	36	73	16
Cambridge United	26	4	5	17	39	79	13

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES

(Up to and including 6th April)

	App	Sub	Gls
M. Allen	8	-	1
S. Banks	14	-	-
M. Basham	8	1	-
S. Beard	4	1	-
T. Breacker	3	-	-
F. Carr	4	-	-
S. Clarke	28	1	7
T. Comerford	3	4	-
J. Dicks	1	-	-
E. Dolan	4	-	3
C. Foster	2	-	-
T. Gale	6	-	-
D. Hancock	6	6	1
D. Harley	2	-	-
M. Harriott	5	2	-
S. Heffer	2	1	-
K. Horlock	18	3	1
K. Keen	-	1	-
P. Kelly	16	-	1
S. Livett	23	-	2
J. Lowe	1	-	-
M. Macari	5	5	1
P. Marquis	20	3	-
A. Martin	7	-	-
F. McAvennie	3	-	2
A. McKnight	15	-	-
T. McQueen	5	-	-
T. Morley	3	-	2
J. Padington	16	3	-
G. Parris	2	-	-
S. Potts	6	-	-
J. Quinn	12	-	8
P. Reed	1	2	-
S. Robson	7	-	3
L. Rosenior	19	-	9
M. Rush	21	-	4
S. Slater	2	-	-
R. Stewart	15	-	2
D. White	1	-	-
D. Williamson	3	-	-

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● It's time for the results of my Supporters' Survey! Firstly, the music questions:

Best Radio Station for music:

1. Capital FM.

Best Disc Jockey: 1. Chris Tarrant, 2. Steve Wright (in the afternoon!).

Best Male Artist: 1. Cliff Richard (honest!), 2. George Michael.

Best Female Artist:

1. Madonna, 2. Kylie Minogue (?).

Best Group: 1. Level 42, 2. Queen.

The reason that only Capital FM is listed in 'Best Radio Station' is because it won by a mile! But can they win 'Best Sports Radio Station' as well? The results of the sports questions will appear in the next programme. Can you bear the excitement? No? Oh well ...



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YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES

(up to and including 6th April - Qualification 4 appearances)

	SECL	Gls	FAYC	Gls	SJFC	Gls
M. Basham	8(4)	1	4(1)	2	2(2)	-
S. Beard	18(2)	10	5	4	4	1
T. Comerford	13(2)	2	3(1)	4	5	1
D. Hancock	17(3)	4	5(1)	-	5	1
M. Harriott	25	-	7	-	4	-
S. Heffer	18(1)	5	4(1)	3	4	1
M. Holland	7(7)	2	1(4)	-	1(2)	-
K. Horlock	23	10	7	6	6	-
J. Lowe	7(1)	1	2	-	2	-
M. Macari	23	17	6	6	6	3
P. Marquis	21	2	7	2	5	-
J. Padington	21	6	7	4	6	-
P. Reed	11(4)	1	3	-	3	1
T. Richards	19(2)	4	4(1)	4	3(3)	2
K. Small	26	-	7	-	6	-
D. Williamson	16(6)	5	6(1)	2	4(1)	-
Others	12(4)	3	-	-	-	-
Own Goal	-	1	-	-	-	-

() indicates substitute appearances.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION 1990-91

(Up to and including Sat. 13th April 1991)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wimbledon	32	20	7	5	57	26	67
Chelsea	31	20	4	7	76	36	64
Tottenham H.	32	20	4	8	60	36	64
Crystal Palace	30	16	8	6	65	36	56
Portsmouth	33	16	8	9	61	41	56
Arsenal	32	16	8	8	56	44	56
Southampton	33	16	7	10	56	46	55
Luton Town	33	13	7	13	55	44	46
Millwall	34	12	9	13	60	54	45
Norwich City	32	11	11	10	48	45	44
Oxford United	34	12	5	17	53	51	41
Q.P.R.	31	11	7	13	52	54	40
Ipswich Town	34	11	7	16	38	51	40
Swindon Town	31	10	7	14	47	62	37
West Ham Utd	30	11	4	15	48	66	37
Charlton Ath.	30	10	6	14	44	52	36
Brighton & H.A.	33	9	6	18	38	56	33
Fulham	31	9	5	17	34	60	32
Watford	31	6	8	17	35	73	26
Reading	33	4	6	23	22	72	18

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(Up to and including 14th April)

	League			Cup matches		
	App	Sub	Gls	App	Sub	Gls
M. ALLEN	25	8	2	6	-	2
I. BISHOP	33	-	4	8	1	2
T. BREACKER	20	1	1	6	-	-
F. CARR	1	2	-	-	-	-
S. CLARKE	-	1	-	-	-	-
J. DICKS	13	-	4	2	-	1
I. DOWIE	5	-	1	-	-	-
C. FOSTER	33	-	3	6	-	1
T. GALE	19	1	1	8	1	-
C. HUGHTON	25	-	-	7	-	-
K. KEEN	32	2	-	10	1	2
P. KELLY	-	-	-	1	-	-
S. LIVETT	1	-	-	1	1	-
F. McAVENNIE	24	7	10	3	2	1
A. MCKNIGHT	-	-	-	1	-	-
A. MARTIN	20	-	1	3	-	-
L. MIKLOSKO	39	-	-	10	-	-
T. MORLEY	31	-	11	10	-	5
G. PARRIS	30	7	3	10	1	3
S. POTTS	29	1	1	10	-	-
J. QUINN	16	8	6	7	2	3
S. ROBSON	-	1	-	1	-	-
L. ROSENIOR	-	2	-	-	-	-
M. RUSH	2	3	-	1	-	-
S. SLATER	30	3	2	10	-	2
R. STEWART	1	-	-	-	1	-
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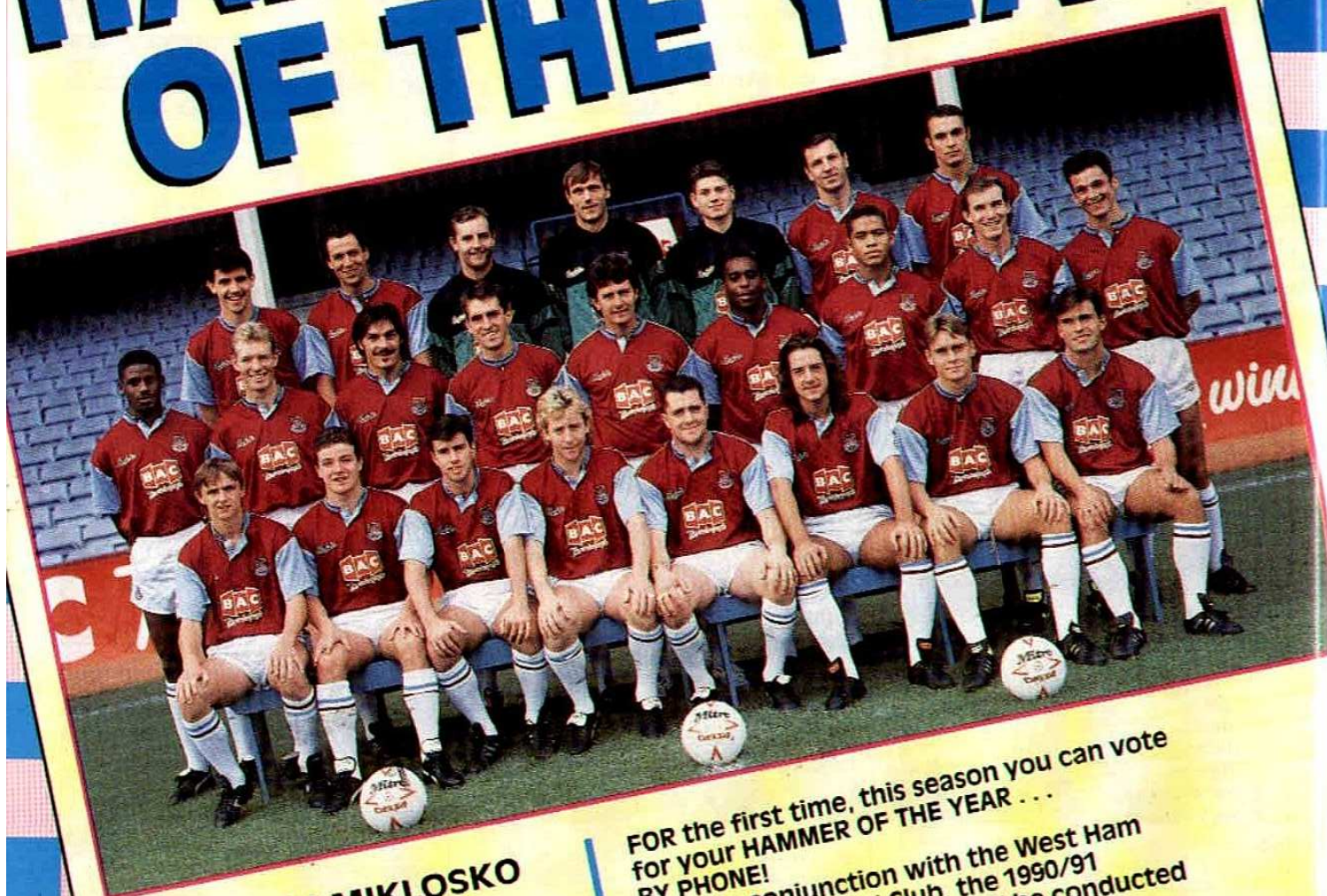
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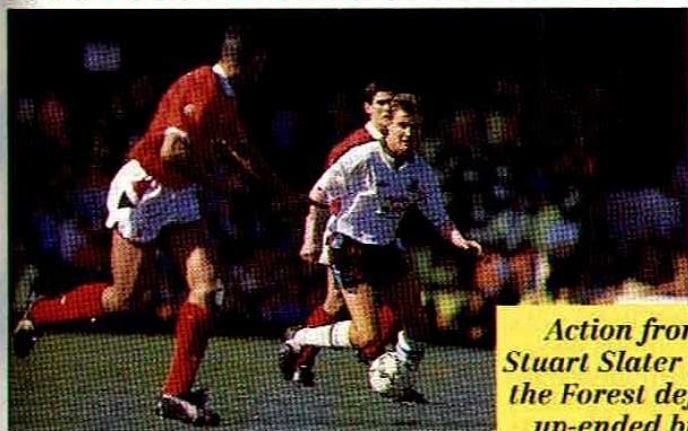
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So when you have made up your mind
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for his outstanding performances for West
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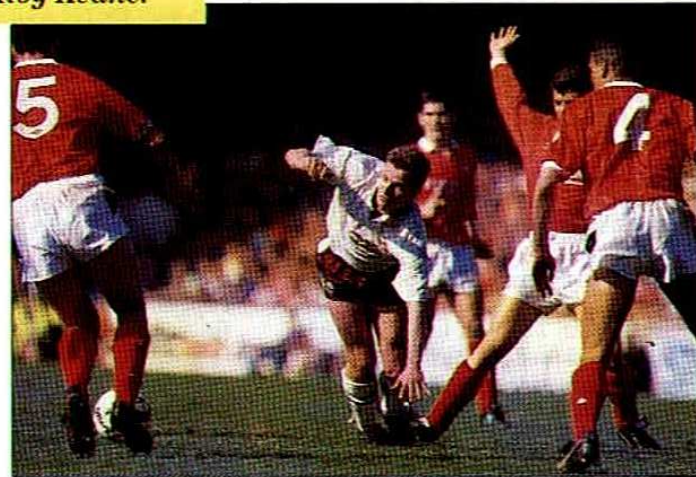
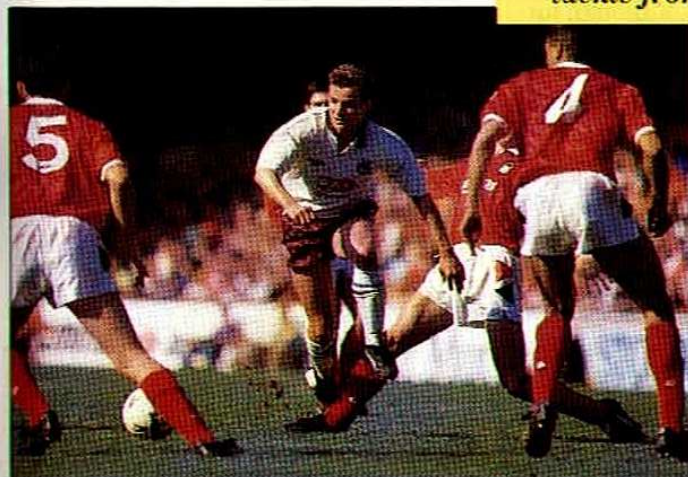
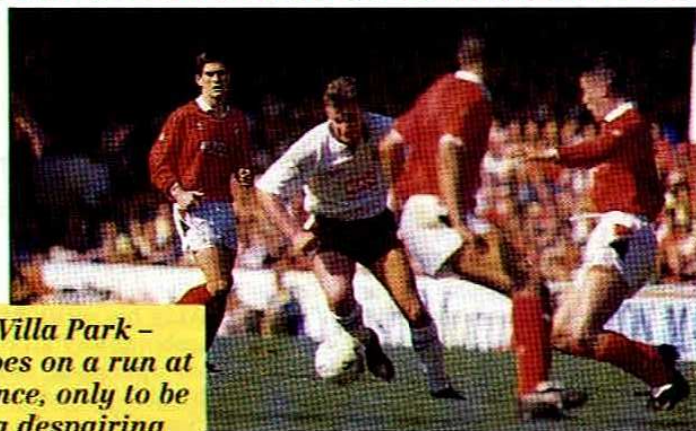
The phone lines are open today, so don't
delay ... let us know who you think is West
Ham United's Hammer of the Year!

For supporters wishing to vote in the
normal way by post, ballot forms will be
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IN RESERVE

by Jack Helliard

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

● The month of March began with a series of four away fixtures for our second-string, the last of which was at the Goldstone Ground against Brighton & Hove Albion on the 27th.

Our starting line-up and subs included six members of the youth squad with four young pros and a leavening of three with considerable Football League experience. Overall they created the better chances and might have won, but at the end of the evening a 1-1 draw was a pretty fair result.

We had two penalty awards, both spot-kicks being taken by Ray Stewart. The first with the score at nil-nil, was not converted; the second came after the interval; the Seagulls had netted in the first half, so it proved 'second time lucky' to level the count with a quarter-hour to go.

● Three days later (on Saturday the 30th) we had a re-arranged fixture at Upton Park against Oxford United Reserves.

We were able to welcome back two players after recent absences from action. Trevor Morley's return was much earlier than originally anticipated, but it has taken Paul Kelly over three months to regain fitness for a trial run.

Although it was a pre-match agreement that Morley would only play the first 45 minutes, he could possibly have remained on the field for at least some of the second half. However, we kept to the original plan, despite him scoring twice, as we built up a three-nil lead. Oxford scored on the stroke of half-time.

The 3-1 interval lead was deserved, although the visitors had shown plenty of initiative; they certainly came well into the picture early in the second half, and Allen McKnight produced a couple of good saves to preclude them reducing the margin still further.

However, the Hammers then hit the goal-trail again; Leroy Rosenior made it 4-1 with about a quarter-hour to go and Simon Clarke (a non-playing sub at Oldham on the previous day) added his second to leave the final count at 5-1 in our favour. A good win, but perhaps the score was a little flattering to us.

● The home match against Wimbledon Reserves on the evening of Thursday 4th April

was a hard one, with the Dons chasing Combination honours. They put out a strong team, but we also fielded several members of the first team squad.

These included Tim Breacker, having his second try-out in a Combination fixture following his knee operation, and Trevor Morley who also played the full 90 minutes.

Simon Clarke maintained his ever-present Reserve record this season (28 successive games), although he was one of a double-substitution in the 70th minute. The other member of the starting line-up to be replaced was Paul Kelly, also a recent returnee from the casualty-list.

Wimbledon took an interval lead, which would have been two-nil but for Steven Banks saving a spot-kick.

A tremendous 30-yards, left-foot drive produced our second-half reply, and it marked Simon Livett's first Combination counter of the season.

Opinion was that the Hammers might have won, but aftermath reviews concluded that it was probably a fair result.

Reports of other recent Reserve team games will appear in next Wednesday's match-programme v Newcastle United.

MATCH FACTS

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Wednesday, 27th March, 1991

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION 1 WEST HAM UNITED 1

Hammers: Banks, Paddington, Horlock, Stewart, Marquis, Rush, Carr, Livett, Rosenior, Clarke, Beard (Harriott).
Sub: Hancock (not used).
Scorer: Stewart (pen).

Saturday, 30th March, 1991

WEST HAM UNITED 5 OXFORD UNITED 1

Hammers: McKnight, Morley (Paddington 46), Harriott, Stewart, Marquis, Rush, Carr, Kelly, Rosenior, Clarke, Quinn.
Sub: Horlock (not used).
Scorers: Morley (2), Clarke (2), Rosenior.

Thursday, 4th April, 1991

WEST HAM UNITED 1 WIMBLEDON 1

Hammers: Banks, Rush, Livett, Stewart, Breacker, Morley, Carr, Kelly (Marquis 70), Quinn, Rosenior, Clarke (Horlock 70).
Scorer: Livett.

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FA YOUTH CUP

● There was an attendance in excess of 1,000 for the first leg of our FA Youth Cup Semi-Final against Millwall at Upton Park on April 2nd; but that was poor in comparison with the days when such matches attracted far bigger attendances on our ground.

Our South East Counties League matches against the Young Lions this season both ended in our favour; but the one-nil score away and the 2-1 home success (due to a late winner) presaged a none-too-easy-task for our youngsters.

As anticipated, the teams proved to be equally balanced during the opening stages; but Millwall had a slight edge, and just on the half-hour mark Sean Devine sent in a hard drive from around 15 yards to put his side ahead.

The Hammers responded with a couple of spirited attacks as Michael Basham fed the flanks with 50-yard passes; but our team did not reach the standard displayed in previous rounds, and the visitors capitalised on a major mistake to go further ahead.

A lofted back-pass failed to reach the penalty-area; Keith Small advanced and got a hand to the ball; it appeared to be outside the 18-yard line, but as the ball fell to the feet of Devine, referee Peter Don played the advantage rule and the Millwall player put it into the empty net.

Two down at the interval called for a change of tactics, so Matt Holland came on as sub for the second half.

The effect was quickly apparent

YOUTH FOCUS

By Jack Helliar

when Kevin Horlock moved upfield and forced the visiting 'keeper into his first difficult save so far. Emberson again came to the rescue of his colleagues, when Holland's header at the far post from Horlock's centre was pushed away for a corner.

Twenty minutes from time Marvin Harriott jarred his foot in an edge-of-the-box tackle, and that was the signal for both managers to put on a substitute.

Hammers continued to press, and Danny Williamson had a couple of drives at goal; but Millwall retaliated, and almost put possible recovery out of reach, the ball just grazing our upright after a breakaway attack.

Heartened by the let-off, our XI finally made its mark, albeit that it was from the penalty-spot. Skipper John Paddington took the kick and beat the 'keeper by a combination of speed and direction. It was the signal for a last-gasp effort, but a good chance was blazed over the bar and the score remained at 2-1.

Millwall had defended well, and with a goal advantage in hand for their home leg last Monday were obviously confident of gaining the right to meet Sheffield Wednesday

or Manchester United (who drew their first leg 1-1) in the two-leg Final. The Sheffield side had eventually qualified for the last four by defeating Hull City 5-1 after two 1-1 draws.

A report of our second leg will appear in our next issue of 'Hammer', but for the present we confirm that the score at The Den was: Millwall 2, West Ham United 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

● We have had two 'blank' Saturdays (March 30th and April 6th), but resumed the schedule with an away fixture against Spurs last Saturday (April 13th).

The scheduled fixture v QPR on April 6th was postponed as the opposition was participating in a Youth Tournament.

Tottenham Hotspur's 5-1 away win on April 6th deposed us from the top of the table on goal-difference, and Arsenal also maintained their challenge.

We met Spurs last Saturday (13th) and that match will also be reported in the next issue.

MATCH FACTS

FA YOUTH CUP SEMI-FINAL (1st LEG)

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1991

WEST HAM UNITED 1 MILLWALL 2

Hammers: Small, Paddington, Horlock, Harriott (Comerford 70), Marquis, Williamson, Hancock, Heffer (Holland 46), Macari, Beard, Basham.
Scorer: Paddington (pen).

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them what kind of products they want. The public does not know what we do, but we do. So instead of doing market research, we refine our idea on a product and its use and create a market for it by educating the public. Communicating with the public is a product idea strikes me as a natural.

As an example I can cite a product everybody knows of, the Walkman. It took shape when Ibuka came to my office one day with one of the stereo tape recorders and our standard-size headphones.

In a short time the first external unit with new, miniature headphones was delivered to me, and I was struck with the small size of it. High-quality sound the headphones produced. In conventional stereo headphones, most of the energy to produce the sound is wasted. Only a fraction of it goes to the listener's ears. The rest of the sound bounces off the walls and the window. My unit needed only a small trickle of battery power to the amplifier. The tiny lightweight headphones produced the fidelity that came through the

idea that the Sony Walkman was successful, not to say a sensation that would spawn many imitators. This small item has literally changed music-listening habits of millions of people all around the world. My friends in the music world, such as conductors Herbert von Karajan, Claudio Abbado, and Lorin Maazel, and virtuoso Isaac Stern, have contacted me and more Walkmans, a very real confirmation of the excellence of the idea and the product itself. The idea of developing small, lightweight products for the Walkman series, was a

idea. But it's not easy. I had been mulling an idea on my mind for a while, and now it came into focus as Ibuka talked to me from my own experience at home. Young people cannot seem to live without music. Almost everybody has a stereo at home and in the car. In New York, even in Tokyo, I had seen people with tape players and radios perched on their shoulders blaring out music. I remembered that one time when my son, Naoko, came home from a trip upstairs before even greeting me and first put a cassette in the stereo.

It didn't sell, and it embarrassed me. I was so excited about a product that I thought would be a dud. I was so confident the product was viable that I said I would take personal responsibility for the project. I never regretted it. The idea took off from the very beginning. The Walkman was a runaway success. I not only liked the name Walkman, but it has caught on everywhere. I was away on a trip when the name was taken by some young people in Japan, and when I got back I ordered to change the name to Sony.

I started playing the cassette player set and watched his expression. He was surprised and delighted. His wife, Hiroko Nakamura, a pianist, was playing the Grieg piano concerto. He smiled broadly and was saying something, but he couldn't breathe. We were both hooked up to headphones. He recognized this as a potential product. My solution was to have my stereo button-activated microphone. I asked him to be listening to his music. In a short time, buyers began to see the portable stereo sets as very popular. While I expected people to buy the Walkman, we found that

of our new stereo experiment for no more than thirty thousand. The accountants protested but I told them I was confident we could make our new product. The numbers and our cost would go down as volume climbed. That's why we should start from a cheaper unit than the Pressman, but I chose the configuration of the Pressman. We made many parts for the Pressman available worldwide at our service, and we knew the unit was reliable. Therefore we could start without worrying that the thing would

predicted they had only seen the beginning. Since the first Walkman sale, we have sold more than ten million in more than seven different models — we've even made waterproof and sandproof models — and there are more versions to come. It is interesting that what happened with Walkman is that something that began by taking away features — a full-scale recording and playback — has now come almost full circle. The features we removed in the first



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COMMERCIAL NEWS

WELCOME TO UPTON PARK

● I take this opportunity of welcoming to Upton Park this afternoon our Official Club Sponsors, B.A.C. The Window People and their guests.

I also extend a warm welcome to our Matchball Sponsors this afternoon, **Tua Ltd.**

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We wish you all a very enjoyable afternoon with us at Upton Park.

TODAY'S MATCHDAY SPONSOR

● A special welcome back to Upton Park to Sony UK as our Matchday Sponsors this afternoon.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY EROL

● Happy 21st Birthday Erol Baduna. All at West Ham United would like to wish Erol a very happy 21st birthday.

Erol has been a keen West Ham United supporter since the age of

two, living right in the heart of Arsenal territory, but still proud to carry the name of West Ham United. Erol's (pictured below) favourite player is Ludek Miklsoko.

We hope Erol has a very enjoyable day with us at Upton Park - we wish him all the best for his 21st and his studies at the Polytechnic of Central London (Computer Studies).



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● I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating our supporters on the tremendous support that was given to our team at Villa Park last Sunday.

The last 20 minutes of the game was totally unbelievable. The response from our supporters to our team must have been the envy of every football club in the country. It appeared that every West Ham United supporter at Villa Park was on their feet, chanting the team on and giving them verbal encouragement throughout.

West Ham United supporters were a credit to football and on an afternoon when many clubs' supporters heads may have gone down, not so West Ham United supporters.

Sunday 14th April saw 55 coaches depart from Upton Park and four full trains departing from Euston, transporting West Ham United supporters to the venue. That's not counting the many thousands of supporters who made their own way and also the many other coaches that made the trip to the Midlands. The M1 and the M40 were a sea of claret and blue.

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JUNIOR HAMMERS

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

HALLO JUNIOR HAMMERS,

● On your behalf this afternoon I welcome all the young supporters of our visitors Swindon Town, and I trust their visit will be enjoyable.



Our membership seems to be galloping away. Last January it stood at 4,398; which means in 69 days we have gained 242 new members - quite a record! Perhaps we might qualify for a special Barclays Bank award!!

● Recently I have received a number of enquiries regarding "TICKETS AND JUNIOR HAMMERS" and so I must point out, once again, that being a Junior Hammer does NOT entitle one to any special privilege for purchasing tickets.

Members at the moment are able to attend home Reserve matches free of charge, and on 1st XI matches are able to get into the North Bank at half the

adult price up to the age of 16 years.

● The Coaching Course to be held at the Training Ground, Chadwell Heath, during the School Holidays at the end of next May, is now FULL UP - sorry about that, but I did advertise the course as far back as December 1990.

At the moment, as far as I can tell, the course will be in the very capable hands of Club coaches, Tony Carr and Paul Hilton, along with players Stuart Slater and George Parris - so it looks as though everyone will enjoy some good coaching.

● Don't forget, I plan to organise a Sponsored Run/Walk in aid of the Newham Children's Fund - Trevor Brooking is a Patron of this very deserving Fund, and I am one of the Trustees.

● I know today will be a special day for one of our new members - 10 years-old on 1st May next - Jamie Riley. Many

happy returns, Jamie.

Who knows, Colin Scamell might even announce something over his pet microphone. By the way, I do not normally mention birthdays in my notes - you should write to Colin Scamell, Hammers' DJ c/o West Ham United FC, Green Street, Upton Park, E13 9AZ

● Today's match should be quite a contest with that great footballer Glenn Hoddle now in charge at Swindon.

With footballers like Glenn coming into the management scene, it can only mean more skill and less "brute force" in the game. Good luck, Glenn, but not too much this afternoon!

Enjoy the game
BILL ELLIOTT
Club Organiser

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

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Address _____

Postcode _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____



ROBBI'S PARENTS SAY 'THANKS'

● THE parents of Robbi Reardon, the lovable matchday mascot who died recently aged only five after suffering an incurable brain tumour, have written to the Club expressing their thanks.

Ian Reardon writes: "I would like to thank Tony Gale and Ian Bishop -

or Ian Bish, as Robbi would say - who gave Robbi and ourselves a lot of pleasure, but I would like to thank the whole playing squad and Billy Bonds for what they've done.

"I would also like to thank Brian Blower, and Gary and Adrienne Williams, for the way they treated Robbi and for attending his funeral.

"My admiration and support for West Ham has always been strong,

but now I have a deep respect - not only for the players, but the backroom staff and the loyal supporters of the Club. I hope with all my heart that they go on and win the Second Division Championship."

● IT is with regret that we report the recent deaths of three more Hammers' supporters:

KEN O'NEILL - a staunch supporter and season ticket-holder for many years. Ken, from Shenfield, Essex, died aged 63 on March 6th. He leaves three supporters (two sons and a daughter).

JACK HARRIS - followed West Ham since he was a lad and even worked on the turnstiles for a while. Jack, from Grays, Essex, passed away on March 13th, aged 73.

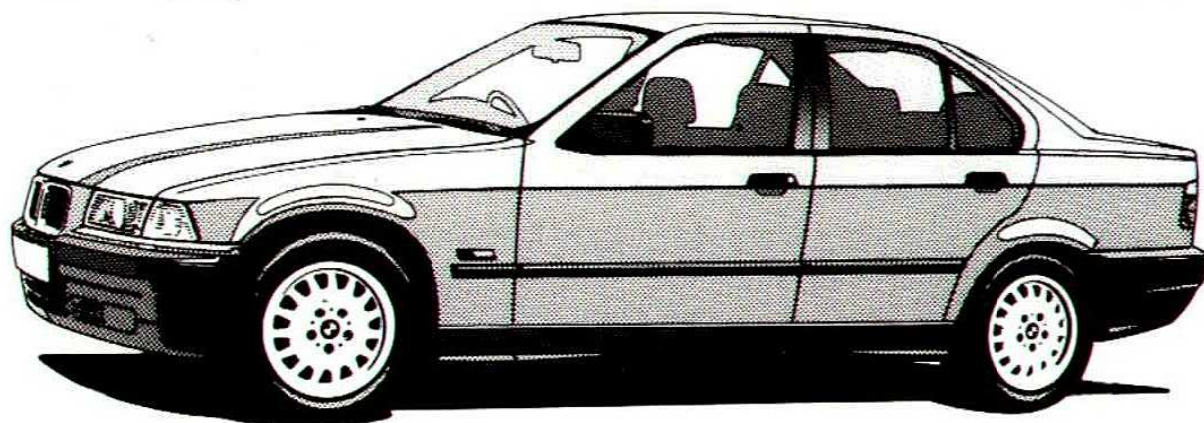
HARRY KENNEDY - saw the 1923 Cup Final and used to occupy a seat in J row of the East Stand. He died, aged 80, on March 28th.

The Club sends sincere condolences to their family and friends.



Colin Foster collecting his new BMW 520i from Graham Farrant, Sales Manager, at Hunters BMW of East London.

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WAYNE'S TONIC

● **INJURIES** sustained in a fall from scaffolding six months ago have confined roofer Wayne Mills to a wheelchair, but the 19 year-old life-long Hammers' fan received a timely tonic recently.

After expert treatment at Stoke Mandeville, Wayne returned to his Rainham, Essex, home last month.

And among his first visitors were West Ham stars Stuart Slater and Ian Bishop, who spent some time chatting to Wayne and generally making him feel better.

"It was a real thrill - a great surprise," said Wayne, whose Mum, Carol, helps run the catering at Upton Park. "It's brilliant to be home again and getting a visit from Stuart and Bish has really given me a lift."

Wayne - who was visited during his time at Stoke Mandeville by Slater and Eamonn Dolan - damaged his spinal cord and fractured his skull in the fall which left him paralysed in both legs.

Said Wayne: "Doctors don't know how long it will take me to make a full recovery, but I can already feel a bit of movement in my legs, so that's progress."

Wayne played football for local non-league sides Rainham Town and Collier Row, but if he cannot play competitively again, he is still in love with the game ... and his favourite team.

"I'll be back at Upton Park supporting the lads again next season," he pledged.



Ardent West Ham United supporter, Wayne Mills and mom - pictured 'at home' with Stuart Slater and Ian Bishop who popped in to check up on Wayne's progress.

JOIN THE ELITE AT UPTON PARK

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

THAMES AND BOLEYN EXECUTIVE CLUBS

Our two Executive Lounges situated on the Lower West Tier have given Members the opportunity to wine and dine on Matchdays. To take in the excellent surroundings of the Executive Lounges. Also, have the opportunity of parking your car adjacent to the Ground.

Guarantee of Match Tickets for all big games.

A person within the Club to deal with your enquiries and requirements for Matchday services.

Why don't you consider Membership to one of our Executive Lounges.

The advantages: Private Lounge • Dining Facilities • Bar - two hours before the game and after match service • Light refreshments at half-time free of charge • Seats in the centre of the Lower West Tier • Parking facilities adjacent to the ground (extra charge) • A person within the Club to deal with your enquiries •

It pays to be a Member of our Executive Lounge.

For more information on Executive Club Membership contact Sue Page on 081-472 5756.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER - £700 inc. of next season

THE ACADEMY SUITE

The Academy Suite was opened at the beginning of this Season. Already, a much admired facility by Members and guests. Just examine the benefits:

A limited number of Members • Top Class surroundings to the highest possible standards • Service matching the surroundings of the Lounge • Facilities and amenities within the Suite area - first class • Seating - this is in a very selected area self-contained in the same style as our Directors Box • Exclusivity in Membership • Your own car parking space free of charge • Be the envy of your business colleagues and associates! If you would like to join that unique group of people as a Member of the Academy, then contact Kim Montague on 081-472 7352.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER - £1,200 inc. of next season

IF MEMBERSHIP IS TAKEN BEFORE 30th APRIL '91 'FREE LUNCH PER MEMBERSHIP GIVEN'

STATISTICS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

As at 17th April

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Home	Away
West Ham United	40	13	5	1	36	15	9	8	17
Oldham Athletic	41	14	5	1	48	18	7	8	26
Sheffield Wednesday	40	9	9	1	35	20	10	5	34
Millwall	42	10	6	5	40	25	8	7	22
Brighton & Hove Albion	41	11	4	5	35	26	8	3	10
Middlesbrough	41	10	4	7	32	17	8	5	7
Notts County	40	11	4	5	36	27	6	7	25
Barnsley	39	12	5	2	36	13	5	5	10
Bristol City	40	14	4	3	42	23	4	2	13
Oxford United	42	9	9	3	38	27	3	10	8
Newcastle United	40	8	9	4	21	18	6	4	9
Bristol Rovers	41	10	6	5	26	19	4	6	10
Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	10	5	6	42	34	2	12	7
Charlton Athletic	42	7	6	8	25	23	5	10	6
Port Vale	42	9	3	9	28	22	5	6	10
Ipswich Town	40	7	8	5	26	24	4	9	7
Portsmouth	42	9	6	6	31	25	4	5	12
Swindon Town	41	7	6	7	24	24	4	8	9
Plymouth Argyle	42	8	10	3	30	19	2	7	12
Blackburn Rovers	41	7	5	9	22	25	5	4	11
West Bromwich Albion	41	7	9	5	24	19	3	4	13
Leicester City	41	10	4	7	38	32	2	3	15
Watford	41	4	7	9	19	27	5	7	9
Hull City	42	5	10	6	33	31	3	4	14

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION 1990/91

AUG 29	A	Watford	0-2
SEP 6	H	Millwall	3-2
8	A	Southampton	0-5
20	H	Norwich City	0-0
26	A	Reading	0-3
29	A	Luton Town	0-1
OCT 11	H	Crystal Palace	1-3
18	H	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4
23	A	Wimbledon	0-3
31	A	Fulham	1-2
NOV 8	H	Chelsea	1-5
15	H	Arsenal	3-0
22	H	Swindon Town	4-3
29	A	Oxford United	1-0
DEC 6	H	Reading	3-0
12	H	Ipswich Town	1-0
18	A	Portsmouth	1-1
JAN 5	A	Ipswich Town	0-5
9	A	Arsenal	2-4
24	H	Charlton Athletic	5-4
FEB 19	A	Chelsea	3-4
28	H	Brighton & HA	1-0
MAR 6	A	Swindon Town	4-1
15	A	Norwich City	3-2
19	A	Queens Park Rangers	1-2
27	A	Brighton & HA	1-1
30	H	Oxford United	5-1
APR 4	H	Wimbledon	1-1
6	H	Portsmouth	1-3
11	H	Southampton	1-4
16	A	Tottenham Hotspur	0-3
18	H	Fulham	
22	A	Millwall	
25	H	Queens Park Rangers	
29	A	Crystal Palace	
MAY 2	H	Luton Town	
6	A	Charlton Athletic	
9	H	Watford	

(at Chadwell Heath, KO 5.30pm)

Kick-off times: Thursdays 7pm

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

AUG 25	A	Arsenal	2-2
SEP 1	H	Gillingham	4-0
8	A	Portsmouth	0-2
15	A	Charlton Ath. (LC1)	6-3
18	A	Leyton Orient (SJFC)	0-0
22	H	Charlton Athletic	6-1
29	H	Ipswich Town	2-2
OCT 6	A	Norwich City	6-1
13	A	Cambridge United	4-1
15	H	Orient (SJFC 1Rep)	3-1
20	A	Wimbledon (LC2)	1-3
27	H	Chelsea	3-1
NOV 3	A	Watford	2-0
5	H	Horndean (FAYC 1)	21-1
10	H	Leyton Orient	2-1
13	H	Coventry C. (SJFC 2)	2-1
17	A	Millwall	1-0
24	A	Southend United	3-1
DEC 1	H	Queens Park Rangers	3-1
3	A	Aldershot (FAYC 2)	1-1
8	H	Fulham	3-1
10	H	Aldershot (FAYC 2R.)	4-0
15	A	Fulham	0-0
22	H	Tottenham Hotspur	3-3
JAN 2	A	Oxford Utd (SJFC 3)	1-1
12	A	Southend Utd (FAYC 3)	5-1
19	H	Portsmouth	3-0
21	H	Oxford U. (SJFC 3Rep)	4-2
26	A	Charlton Athletic	1-1
FEB 2	A	Ipswich Town	4-2
20	H	Birmingham C. (FAYC 4)	2-0
23	A	Chelsea	2-1
MAR 2	H	Watford	0-5
9	A	Leyton Orient	6-4
16	H	Millwall	2-1
18	H	Notts County (FAYC 5)	3-1
23	H	Southend United	2-1
25	H	Arsenal (SJFC/SF)	0-2
APR 2	H	Millwall (FAYC/SF 1)	1-2
13	A	Tottenham Hotspur	1-3
15	A	Millwall (FAYC/SF 2)	0-2
27	A	Gillingham	
MAY 4	H	Arsenal	
11	H	Norwich City	
15	H	Cambridge United (2pm)	
TBA	A	Queens Park Rangers	

Kick-off: Saturdays 11am / Midweek 7pm

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1990/91

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	N	Nottingham Forest (FAC S/F)	0-4	40,041	-
Apr 17	A	Ipswich Town	1-0	20,290	1
Apr 20	H	Swindon Town			
Apr 24	H	Newcastle United			
Apr 27	A	Blackburn Rovers			
May 4	A	Charlton Athletic			
May 8	H	Bristol Rovers			
May 11	H	Notts County			
May 18		FA Cup Final			

* Own Goal † Substituted ** Switched to Upton Park N - Played

ATTENDANCES - APPEARANCES - GOALSCORERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie ¹	Slater	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks ^{1p}	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen [†]	Morley [†]	Quinn (63)	Parris (80)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Allen	Morley ¹	Quinn (84)	Parris (70)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin ¹	Keen	Bishop	McAvennie	Livett [†]	Allen	Morley	Quinn	Parris (45)
Miklosko	Potts [†]	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop ¹	McAvennie [†]	Slater	Allen	Morley ¹	Quinn ¹ (59)	Parris (59)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen	Bishop	Quinn [†]	Slater [†]	Allen	Morley ¹	McAvennie (65)	Parris (74)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks ^{1p}	Foster	Martin	Keen ¹	Bishop	Quinn ¹	Slater	Allen [†]	Morley	McAvennie	Parris (63)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks ¹	Foster	Martin [†]	Keen	Bishop	Slater	Quinn [†]	Allen	Morley	McAvennie (68)	Parris (29)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster ¹	Martin	Keen	Bishop	Slater [†]	Quinn	Allen	Morley ¹	McAvennie	Parris (68)
Miklosko	Potts ¹	Dicks ^{1p.1}	Foster	Martin	Keen [†]	Bishop	Quinn ^{2†}	Parris ¹	Allen	Morley ¹	McAvennie (76)	Rush (76)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Keen [†]	Bishop	Parris	Quinn [†]	Allen ²	Morley	McAvennie (61)	Gale (84)
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn	Slater [†]	Allen	Morley	McAvennie ¹ (58)	Breacker
Miklosko	Potts	Dicks [†]	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn [†]	Gale	Allen	Morley	McAvennie ¹ (71)	Breacker (38)
Miklosko	Breacker	Dicks [†]	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop ¹	Quinn [†]	Gale	Allen	Morley	McAvennie (66)	Slater (81)
Miklosko	Breacker	Keen	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater [†]	Allen ²	Morley	Rush (83)	Quinn
Miklosko	Rush	Keen	Foster	Martin	Parris	Bishop	Quinn	Slater	Allen	Morley ¹	Livett	Kelly
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	Keen	Rush	Allen	Morley ¹	Livett	Clarke
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	Keen	McAvennie ¹	Allen [†]	Morley	Quinn	Rush (67)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster ¹	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie	Rush [†]	Keen	Morley	Quinn	Slater ¹ (46)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie ¹	Slater	Keen	Morley	Quinn	Allen
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris ¹	Foster	Martin	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie ¹	Slater	Keen [†]	Morley ¹	Quinn	Allen (75)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Foster	Martin [†]	Allen	Bishop	McAvennie [†]	Slater	Hughton	Morley ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	Allen	Morley ¹	Rush	Potts
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Keen	Quinn	Slater	Allen [†]	Morley	Potts (38)	Rush
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Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster [†]	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn	Potts	Morley	Rush	Livett (45)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster [†]	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn [†]	Potts	Morley ¹	Robson (80)	Clarke (89)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris ¹	Gale	Robson [†]	Hughton	Keen	Slater ¹	Quinn ¹	Potts	Morley ²	McAvennie	Bishop ¹ (15)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris ¹	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	Slater	Quinn [†]	Potts	Morley	McAvennie (79)	Livett
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris ¹	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen [†]	Slater	Allen	Potts	Morley	McAvennie (78)	Quinn
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris ¹	Gale	Bishop ¹	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie ¹	Slater	Potts	Morley ²	Allen	Quinn
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris [†]	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie ¹	Slater [†]	Potts	Morley	Quinn (78)	Allen (79)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie [†]	Slater	Potts	Morley	Quinn ¹ (73)	Foster
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale [†]	Bishop	Hughton	Keen	McAvennie ²	Slater	Potts	Morley ¹	Quinn	Allen (70)
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Bishop	Hughton	Keen [†]	McAvennie	Slater	Potts	Morley	Allen (72)	Foster
Miklosko	Breacker ¹	Parris	Foster	Bishop	Hughton [†]	Keen	McAvennie	Slater	Potts	Quinn	Allen (75)	Martin
Miklosko	Breacker	Parris	Gale	Foster ¹	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater ¹	Potts	Quinn [†]	Allen	Keen (75)
Miklosko	Breacker [†]	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie	Carr [†]	Potts	Quinn ¹	Keen (78)	Slater (54)
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton [†]	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater	Keen	Quinn ^{1†}	Allen (67)	Carr (67)
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale ¹	Foster	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie	Slater [†]	Keen	Quinn [†]	Allen (46)	Rosenior (59)
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie [†]	Dowie	Keen [†]	Allen	Rosenior (76)	Carr (76)
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Bishop ^{1p}	McAvennie	Dowie	Slater	Allen	Keen	Clarke
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster ¹	Hughton	Bishop	McAvennie ¹	Dowie ¹	Allen	Slater	Keen (46)	Rosenior
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Bishop ¹	Slater	Dowie	Keen	Allen	Quinn	Carr
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Stewart	Foster	Hughton [†]	Bishop	Keen	Dowie [†]	Morley	Slater	Allen (77)	Quinn (77)
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster	Hughton	Bishop	Slater	Allen [†]	Keen	Morley [†]	Quinn (72)	Stewart (79)
Miklosko	Potts	Parris	Gale	Foster [†]	Hughton	Bishop	Slater	Dowie [†]	Keen	Morley ¹	Allen (54)	McAvennie (80)
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WEST HAM UNITED

1 LUDEK MIKLOSKO

Having an outstanding season, Ludo was one of three Hammers named in the PFA's Division Two Representative team. Debut v Swindon.

2 STEVE POTTS

Showed his versatility and value again last Sunday when he switched from right back to central defence in the FA Cup semi-final.

3 GEORGE PARRIS

Another utility man who has shone in midfield this season, although reverted to full back after Tony Gale's dismissal against Forest.

4 TONY GALE

Received the sympathy of the nation when he was sent off for the first time in his career at Villa Park, having just returned after a calf strain.

5 COLIN FOSTER

Tall, dominant centre-half who can be effective at both ends of the pitch. Has three goals to his credit so far this season.

6 CHRIS HUGHTON

Returned to the Eire squad last month and was among the subs against England at Wembley. Yet to score for the Hammers.

7 IAN BISHOP (captain)

The second Hammer to be selected for the Division Two PFA team this season, is enjoying a fine season at the heart of West Ham's midfield.

8 FRANK MCAVENNIE

An ankle injury ruled him out of our last match against Swindon last October, but the flying winger is back to his best these days.

9 MARTIN ALLEN

Recalled to the starting line-up for the FA Cup semi-final, where he played an effective role in a revamped five-man midfield.

10 KEVIN KEEN

Yet to get off the mark in the League this season, he recently signed a new contract with the Club he joined as a boy.

11 TREVOR MORLEY

Returned to the side at Brighton after a nine-match absence. Our leading score, he is the third Hammer selected for the PFA Divisional Team.

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SWINDON TOWN

1 FRASER DIGBY

Highly-rated former England Under-21 keeper who has enjoyed some good performances against the Hammers, home and away.

2 DAVID KERSLAKE

A product of the East End, he is one of the most accomplished right-backs in the Second Division. Signed from QPR for £110,000.

3 ADRIAN VIVEASH

Local lad who made his full debut last October. Had the misfortune to concede an own goal in the 85th minute of the 3-3 draw at Plymouth.

4 MICKY HAZARD

A former team mate of Glenn Hoddle's at Spurs, he moved on to Chelsea before joining Robins last September. Very talented midfield playmaker.

5 NESTOR LORENZO

Signed from Italian club Bari for £400,000, the gifted Argentinian star joined Swindon last November after playing in the World Cup Final.

6 COLIN CALDERWOOD (captain)

Recently returned to the side after missing a large chunk of the season with badly torn knee ligaments. Town's longest-serving player.

7 TOM JONES

Usually plays right-midfield. Has experience at lower league level and with Scottish Premier Division side Aberdeen.

8 DUNCAN SHEARER

Swindon's leading scorer, he took his tally for this season to 21 (20 in the League) with a brace at Plymouth last Saturday.

9 PAUL RIDEOUT

Has an impressive striking pedigree, has full England honours and had spells with Aston Villa and Italian club Bari. On loan from Southampton.

10 ROSS MACLAREN

Joined the Robins from Derby, where he won a Second Division title medal. Midfield dynamo, was captain during Calderwood's absence.

11 STEVE FOLEY

Bounced back from injury last season to prove an integral part of the Robins' midfield. Began his career at Liverpool.

12 FITZROY SIMPSON

14 STEVE WHITE

• Referee: J E MARTIN (Hampshire) • Linesmen: J A Elwin (Red) N J Ludlow (Yellow) • Reserve Official - D Gill

NEXT HOME GAME

Barclays League Division Two

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Wednesday 24th April 1991

Kick-off 7.45pm

NEXT HOME GAME

Ovenden Papers Combination

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Thursday 25th April 1991

Kick-off 7.00pm

Match Mascot

Today we welcome **AARON KING**, aged 11 years. Aaron lives in Vange, Essex and attends Greenstead Juniors in Basildon. His favourite hobbies are football, cricket and collecting football stickers. He plays football for Trinity United U-11s, Basildon District and also QPR Juniors in a goalkeeping position. His favourite team is West Ham United and his favourite player is Ludek Miklosko. Aaron's family have been life-long supporters and Aaron attends Upton Park regularly with his father Steve. We take this opportunity of wishing Aaron and his family a very memorable and enjoyable day with us here at Upton Park. The mascot today has been sponsored by Shoot Magazine.



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