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WEST HAM UNITED

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# TED DRAKE CALLING . . .

THIS is the first of the four "local Derbies" due here this season and we take pleasure in welcoming to the ground our friends West Ham United. We remember with pleasure the splendid games last year when we were each successful in our home games; the standard



of football supplied by both sides was of excellent quality and we hope today's match will be equally entertaining.

Wednesday night's performance gave no indication of the trials and tribulations of Monday and Tuesday. On top of the players already on the injured list, which included first teamers, John Mortimore, Stan Crowther and Ron Tindall, our Club Doctor pronounced Sylvan Anderton unfit with a groin injury and ordered Bobbie Tambling to bed with food poisoning. However, so much greater the credit to those who played and came through so triumphantly. Jimmy's hat-trick delighted all, and that first goal!!!!

I cannot let this opportunity pass of congratulating the boys selected for the Under 23's International v. Hungary on the 23rd September, in particular, of course, our own three, Jimmy, Mel and Peter. England is indeed fortunate in having a wealth of talent to choose from in this age group and if the lads progress on normal lines and fulfil their early promise, our hopes for the future England side are very high.

# JIMMY GREAVES EARLY ON TARGET



Jimmy Greaves flicks the ball past Burgin as he is tackled by Ashall—our opening goal.



This looked like a second goal, but Bobby Tambling's header went just past the post. Greaves looks on.

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# AGAINST LEEDS AT ELLAND ROAD



Eric McMillan moves across to clear from Crowe.



Burgin goes down to stop a shot from Peter Brabrook.

# The Talk of Stamford Bridge

CONGRATULATIONS to Mel Scott, Peter Brabrook and Jimmy Greaves on their selection for the England Under 23 team to play Hungary Under 23 at Everton next Wednesday evening.

Mel Scott will be playing his fourth match for the Under 23's, as he played against Poland, Czechoslovakia and France

last season.

Peter Brabrook has already played seven times for the Under 23's and gained full England Caps against Russia in the 1958 World Cup and against Ireland last season.

Jimmy Greaves has also played seven times for the Under 23 team and gained full England Caps against Peru, Mexico and United States in the recent summer tour.

British Railways announce the following excursion train arrangements for our away League match with West Bromwich Albion on Saturday, 3rd October. Tickets (17/6 each return can be obtained from Paddington and are available to Hawthorns Halt. They are available by the following trains:—

Leave Paddington 10.10 a.m. or 11.10 a.m. Change at Birmingham (Snow Hill), thence by any train to Hawthorns Halt. Return by any train to Snow Hill. Leave Birmingham (Snow Hill) 6 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Arrive Paddington 8.30 p.m. or 10.15 p.m.

One or two people have been rather disgruntled when coming into the office to buy tickets for future matches to find that these are not on sale and can only be applied for through the post. This method of distribution may appear to be a complete absurdity to someone standing in the office with the money in his hand and the tickets only a couple of yards away from him. He is quite right in thinking that it is a complicated way of doing things, but, from our point of view, we believe it to be the fairest. Tickets are put on sale four weeks before the match. They are sold through the post for three weeks thus giving all our genuine sup-

porters ample opportunity of getting them. If any tickets remain, these are sold over the counter during the last week. By using this method we feel that supporters have every chance of getting tickets without having to queue for them, which they would otherwise have to do for big matches with the added probability of many tickets falling into the wrong hands.

The Football Association have asked us to announce that the F.A. Diary for 1960 (price 4/-) is now on sale and can be obtained from any stationer or direct from the Football Association, 22 Lancaster Gate, W.1.

We have been drawn at home against Wembley in the first round tie of the London F.A. Challenge Cup. The match will be played on Monday, 5th October and will be an evening floodlight fixture (kick-off 7.30 p.m.). Wembley, an amateur side, compete in the Corinthian League and finished in fourth place at the end of last season. They lost to Hendon in the semi-final of the London Senior Cup. They have made a good start to this season by getting five out of the first six League points at stake. This afternoon they are playing Hounslow in the 1st Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup.

The Kentish Cup match between the British and French Armies will be played at this ground on Wednesday evening, 6th April, 1960.

Jimmy Greaves' first goal against Birmingham City on Wednesday evening must have strong claims for the title of the "best goal of the season." He gained possession of the ball just inside our half, with the game only three minutes old, and went straight through to score on his own. On the way to goal he beat five defenders and left the goalkeeper helpless with a hard drive.

#### **OUR VISITORS TODAY**

THE old saying that he who laughs last laughs longest has been exemplified in the success of West Ham United since they returned, after their long exile in the Second Division, to the highest sphere of football. When they won promotion at the end of the 1957-58 season there were some folk who said that they were not good enough for the First Division. These dismal Jimmies erroneously prophesied that the Hammers would have a struggle to keep out of trouble.

Needless to say, nobody at Upton Park held that view, and subsequent events have proved beyond all argument who was correct in their estimation of the Hammers' strength and potentialities. Last year they started off brilliantly, fell away once or twice, but finished with a brilliant burst, despite being sorely handicapped by injuries to Vic Keeble and Phil Woosnam. Considering the absence of two such splendid forwards, the Hammers did amazingly well to complete the campaign in sixth position. The only "blot" if such it can be classified, on the success of the season was their early exit from the F.A. Cup. They went out in the third round to Tottenham at White Hart Lane, whom they had twice beaten over the Christmas holidays. This cup disappointment was considerably assuaged by the excellence on their subsequent League displays, however.

This season the Hammers have again made a very encouraging start. They opened their programme by beating Leicester City 3-0 at home, drew 1-1 with Preston North End at Deepdale, and then won 3-1 against Burnley at Turf Moor, a ground where few clubs will bag both points judging from the way Burnley have been serving up topclass football so far. The return with Preston at Upton Park saw them successful again, this time by 2-1, and then, a fortnight ago, they were somewhat surprisingly defeated by a similar score when home to Leeds United. Four days later they made the short journey to White Hart Lane to hold Tottenham to a 2-2 draw.

Now Keeble and Woosnam are both fit again and are playing their parts well. So, too, in recent matches, has been young Andy Smillie, who has deputised promisingly for inside-left John Dick, who was injured in the second game of the season.

Completing the front line are wingers Mike Grice and Malcolm Musgrove. Grice is the third ex-Colchester player in the Hammers team, the others being Keeble and right-back John Bond. The tie-up with Colchester is strong, due to both clubs being managed by brothers.

Bond and his partner, Eire international Noel Cantwell, are no believers in the view that a full-back's duty is solely to defend. Many times they are to be found well up in support of their forwards, and both have powerful shots which put them on the club's list of goal-scorers far more frequently than one usually expects from men in their positions. Both have also figured in the team at centre-forward. They played there last season following Keeble's injury.

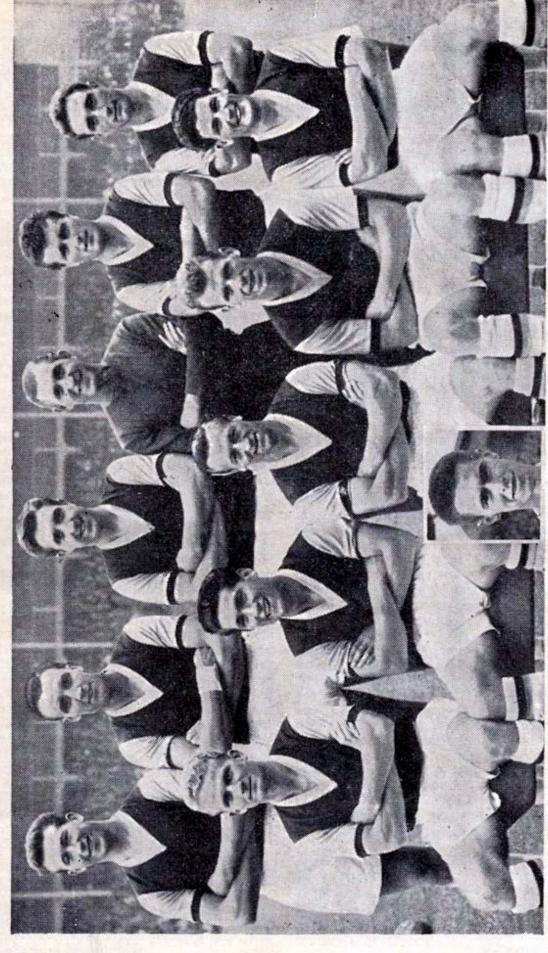
Not that they neglect their defensive chores. Far from it, indeed, and their work in the rearguard has had much to do with the small total of goals debited against the side.

The middle line of Andy Malcolm, Ken Brown and John Smith is strong and talented, with Smith having been a resounding success following his switch from inside-forward last season. While his performances have not always received the credit they deserve, Brown's value is well-known to Hammers' supporters. There are many experts from much further afield than Upton Park who rate his claims for representative honours very highly indeed.

Although Smillie is the only member of the younger element who has been given a chance in the League side so far this season, there are others waiting behind the scenes to show what they can do if the opportunity arises. them are full-back Joe Kirkup, who did well last term during Bond's outings in the front line, former England Youth International Bob Moore, who can fill any half-back berth, and Harry Obeney, who averaged a goal every other game in his half-dozen outings at inside-right last season. Also staking a claim for a senior place is Ron Brett, who signed from Crystal Palace in the Close season. Not the least of Brett's capabilities is his value as a utility forward.

The only defensive alteration this campaign from the West Ham team which did duty for most of last season has been in goal, where Noel Dwyer has (Continued on page 13)

# WEST HAM UNITED



Standing: K. Brown, V. Keeble, J. Bond, E. Gregory, N. Cantwell, A. Malcolm. Seated: M. Grice, J. Smith, W. Dare, J. Dick, M. Musgrove. Inset: P. Woosnam.

Colours—Shirts: Royal Blue (White Collars). Shorts: White. Stockings: Navy Blue, Blue and White Tops.

#### 1. (Goal) Matthews

2. (Right-back) Sillett (P.)

3. (Left-back) Whittaker

4. (Right-half) McMillan 5. (Centre-half) Scott

6. (Left-half) Compton

7. (Outside-right) Brabrook

8. (Inside-right) Greaves

9. (Centre-forward) Livesey

10. (Inside-left) Blunstone

11. (Outside-left) Harrison

Referee: Mr. J. G. WILLIAMS (Nottingham)



Linesmen: C. CLAPPERTON (Hoddesdon) [Red Flag] Mr. D. J. FARROW (Bury St. Edmunds) [Yellow Flag]

Musgrove

Dick

Keeble

Woosnam

Grice

11. (Outside-left)

10. (Inside-left)

9. (Centre-forward)

8. (Inside-right)

7. (Outside-right)

Smith

6. (Left-half)

Brown 5. (Centre-half)

Malcolm

4. (Right-half)

Cantwell

3. (Left-back)

Bond

2. (Right-back)

Dwyer 1. (Goal)

#### WEST HAM UNITED

Colours-Shirts: Claret and Sky Blue. Shorts: White. Stockings: Claret and Sky Blue Hoops.

# THIS AND THAT

#### By TRUE BLUE

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### ONE SEASON OF WONDER FOR WEST HAM UNITED

URING this season, in which we are now getting deeply involved, both Chelsea and West Ham United can each write a few lines concerning the results of the meetings between each other. A quick glance at the summary of matches given on another page provides the reason for such a start to these notes.

West Ham United have not won a League match at Stamford Bridge, but

they have taken home one point. And that, as you will notice, is more than Chelsea can claim to have accomplished at Upton Park. There we have played four League games and lost them all,

with the tally of goals against mounting up to thirteen.

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The foregoing summary means, of course that Chelsea haven't had the Hammers in opposition as often as they have met most of the other clubs now in the First Division. Those of us who have even a passing acquaintance with the days when the Blues were in the difficult teething stage don't need to be told that the games between the two clubs might have reached a much higher number.

If the door leading into the old Southern League had been opened for Chelsea to enter, West Ham would have been on our Southern League fixture list. As events worked out, it was West Ham who joined us as members of the Football League. That brings me to an important event in the story of West Ham.

The people responsible for the running of the club knew very well that they would be for it if they left the Southern Nevertheless, they took the plunge, and duly got what they asked for-a fine of five hundred pounds. It can well be imagined that the West Ham folk thought-eventually-that the risk of being left high and dry was worth

The application for membership of the Second Division received enough support. The cheque with which the fine was paid was framed, and it can still be seen by those allowed to poke their noses into the board room at Upton Park.

Up the Irons!

Let me dig a bit further back into the West Ham story. It is quite a romantic chapter. Right at the very beginningin the nineties of the last century-a small local team called Old St. Lukesplayed matches on the marshes in the Plaistow district. As near neighbours they had another ambitous junior team known as Castle Swifts.

The pair got together under the title of Thames Ironworks. In that fact, of course, is the proper answer if, today, you should hear the old-time rally call, "Up the Irons!" It isn't so much used as

it was in former times.

Admitted to the Second Division of the Southern League, the home was changed to Canning Town. A couple of years later, the championship of that section having been won, the club was promoted to the higher class, and that

meant the end of an era.

The net was spread for players other than those employed at the iron works. Professionals were engaged. The bottom position in the Southern League was the fate in the first season. The club was down, but certainly not out. A limited company was formed: the title was changed to West Ham United, and in 1904 another big decision was made-to move to Boleyn Castle to play on what was then described as a potato patch.

I wonder what the people who knew the place at the beginning would think of the present headquarters of the Hammers - the arena which in due course staged First Division football. Even supporters of Chelsea will notice, when they cross from west and east London later in the season, considerable difference as compared with last season. It was said, jokingly, that when the move to Boleyn Castle was made the club had enough unpaid bills to sink one of the battleships which the former players had helped to build.

A Talking Point Transfer.

Before coming to the real highlight piece in the history of the Hammers there is a bit about the way money was raised which deserves mention. George Hilsdon was transferred to Chelsea, and a then much more famous player, Danny Shea, brought in to the club a couple of thousand pounds when he was bought by Blackburn Rovers.

In 1922 a transfer was arranged which has a place of its own in the record books. Centre-forward Sid. Puddefoot had scored getting on for a century of goals for the Hammers when the club was approached by Falkirk regarding a possible transfer.

By way of putting an end to such a ridiculous idea the reply of the West Ham manager was to the effect that five thousand pounds was the price. To his surprise the official of Falkirk there and then wrote out the cheque for that amount, and the deed was done.

So for the first time at anything like that fee an established footballer made the journey, not from Scotland to England, but in the reverse direction. The original of that cheque is also included in the West Ham souvenirs.

In the Second Division, with and without Puddefoot, the Hammers had a reasonably successful time — gradually improving. Seventh, fifth and fourth were the finishing positions in three successive

seasons, and in 1923 second!

Not bothering unduly about relative importance there was an exciting League finish from the West Ham angle to the 1922-3 season. The last game of the campaign - at Upton Park - was in essence a fight for the championship. Notts County won the match and clinched the honour. There was sadness among the supporters of West Ham but they stayed to cheer to the echo when the news went round that Bury had beaten Leicester City in the last match and that West Ham had gained promotion on goal average. They had climbed to the very top class for the first time.

The One Cup Final.

That was indeed a consolation prize of the sort the supporters of few clubs have experienced. A few days earlier the players and their followers had their biggest disappointment—beaten on the first and only occasion up to now when they

reached the F.A. Cup Final.

There is very little new which can be written about that first Wembley Cup Final in 1923 which has not been set out many times — an historic day in more senses than one. Nobody who was there will ever forget; the mightiest crowd ever, what the policeman on the white horse did, the delays over the start, and stoppages during the game while the pitch was cleared of people.

Two items may be mentioned which are not generally known. Before the final tie day George Kay, skipper of West Ham United, told me he was confident that his side would win the Cup, and that the two extreme wingers under his charge—Richards and Ruffell—had it in them to play leading parts in the defeat of Bolton Wanderers.

Alas, for the best laid schemes of mice and men. Those wingers of West Ham weren't given enough room by the watchers who crowded the touchlines, and who were often on the pitch when

the play was in progress.

The other bit of news connected with that never to be forgotten final—not revealed until some time afterwards—was that goalkeeper Ted Hufton wasn't really fit to play, but was persuaded to turn out

to give his pals confidence.

He wasn't responsible for the defeat of the Hammers by two goals to nothing, and didn't worry unduly about that result because he—and the vast majority of the people present, did not believe that the result mattered: that the order would be forthcoming for the match to be replayed. But the result stood.

For nine seasons West Ham were in the First Division. In 1929-30 they finished seventh from the top, Vic Watson setting up a club record with forty goals in League games. In 1932 they went back to the Second Divison. The championship of that section in the season before last brought another day of rejoicing.

#### WEST HAM UNITED

Ground: Upton Park.
Colours—Shirts: Claret and Sky Blue.
Shorts: White. Stockings: Claret and
Sky Blue Hoops.
Attendance Record: 44,810 v. Birmingham
F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1923.
Relegated to Division II: 1932.
Division II Champions: 1958.
Division II Runners-up: 1923.

#### Chelsea v. West Ham United Past League Results

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1931-32				ie)	*****			*****	.3-1
1945-46	Round	4 (	Hon	ie)					.2-0
	Second	leg	(A	way)					.0-1
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			P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
League:	Home		4	3	1	0	8	5	7
	Away	900	4	0	0	4	4	13	
F.A. Cu			4	3	0	1	8	3	-
	T	otal	12	6	1	5	20	21	-

# Tables, Appearances & Goalscorers

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIV. I

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	AI	Pts
Tottenham	8	0	3	0	3	4	4	1	0	15	5	12
Wolverhampton	8	3	1	0	118	5	2	1	1	10	9	12
Arsenal	8	2	2	1	7	5	2	1	0	7	3	11
Burnley	8	3	0	1	10	7	2	0	2	6	8	10
Blackburn	7	3	0	0	8	1	1	1	2	6	7	9
Preston N.E	8	2	2	0	6	4	1	4	2	8	9	9
Nott'm Forest	8	1	2	1	5	7	2	1	4	4	3	. 9
Fulham	8	4	0	0	13	5	0	1	3	1	16	- 9
West Brom. A.	8	2	1	1	11	6	0	3	1	4	5	8
Manchester Utd.	8	2	0	2	10	8	1	2	1	11	9	8
CHELSEA	8	2	1	1	15	13	1	1	2	4	6	8
WEST HAM	8	2	0	2	7	5	1	2	1	7	9	8
Leeds United	8	1	2	1	7	7	2	0	2	5	10	8
Sheffield Wed	8	2	1	1	8	3	1	0	3	4	8	7
Blackpool	8	1	2	1	6	6	1	4	2	2	7	7
Leicester City	8	2	1	1	7	6	0	2	2	4	12	7
Manchester City	8	2	0	2	10	10	1	0	3	5	10	6
Newcastle Utd.	8	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	2	9	9	6
Bolton	8	2	0	2	7	6	0	1	3	3	6	5
Everton	7	1	2	1	5	4	0	1	2	4	8	5
Birmingham	8	1	2	1	6	6	0	1	3	4	8	5
Luton Town	8	0	1	3	1	4	1	2	1	6	7	5

#### Appearances

BLUNSTONE8	SCOTT5
BRABROOK8	WHITTAKER5
GREAVES8	McMILLAN4
LIVESEY8	NICHOLAS4
MATTHEWS8	MORTIMORE3
SILLETT (P.)8	TAMBLING3
ANDERTON7	TINDALL3
COMPTON5	HARRISON1

Goalscorers: Greaves 10, Brabrook 3, Livesey 2, Sillett (P) 2, Blunstone 1, Tambling 1. Total

#### SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.1	Pts.
Charlton Athletic	5	5	0	0	16	6	10
CHELSEA	4	4	0	0	21	3	8
Arsenal	5	3	1	1	16	4	7
Leyton Orient	3	3	0	0	14	4	6
Portsmouth	4	2	1	1	13	8	5
Pulham	4	2	1	1	11	8	5
West Ham United	4	2	0	2	7	9	4
Crystal Palace	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Tottenham Hotspur	3	1	0	2	7	10	2
Brentford	3	1	0	2	5	10	2
Watford	4	1	0	3	6	14	2
Luton Town	4	1	0	3	6	16	2
Bexleyheath	6	0	2	4	7	26	2
Millwall	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Southend United	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

#### Appearances

G. BOLLAND4	R. SEAMAN3
BONETTI4	A. CAIRA1
D. BUTLER4	R. CORNEY1
A. HARRIS4	R. HANLEY1
T. MORE4	R. LENNOX1
M. ROBINSON4	M. SCOTTING1
C. SHAW4	J. SMITH1
D. HARKNESS3	T. VENABLES1
A. MURRAY3	part of the second of the second of

Goalscorers: Shaw 9, Harkness 5, Bolland 3, Hanley 1, Harris 1, Murray 1, Robinson 1. Total 21.

#### FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIV. I (Up to and including Saturday, September 12th)

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. F	ts.
Leicester City	5	3	1	1	13	4	7
Portsmouth	4	3	1	0	14	8	7
Portsmouth Brighton & Hove Albion	5	2	3	0	12	7	7
Tottenham Hotspur	4	3	0	1	16	6	6
CHELSEA	4	323332	0	1	13	5	6
B'm'th & B'combe Ath.	4	2	2	0	6	3	6
Arsenal	5	3	0	2	9	7	6
Bristol City	5	2	1	2	11	10	. 5
Leyton Orient	5	1	3	1	5	5	5
Ipswich Town	4	2	0	2	11	10	4
Birmingham City		1	1	2	9	9	3
Luton Town		0	3	1	7	8	3
West Ham United	4	1	1	2	4	.9	3
Southend United	4	1	1	2	3	10	3
Nottingham Forest	4	1	0	3	7	14	2
Charlton Athletic	5	1	0	4	1	18	2
Southampton	4	1	0	3	9	13	2
Swansea Town	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

#### Appearances

BRIDGES4	GIBBS3
CORTHINE4	T. VENABLES3
HARRISON4	COMPTON2
ROBERTSON4	TINDALL2
SILLETT (J.)4	WHITTAKER2
ALLEN3	McMILLAN1
CLISS3	SCOTT1
CUNNINGHAM3	TAMBLING1

Goalscorers: Allen 4, Bridges 3, Cliss 3, Harrison 2, Corthine 1. Total 13.

#### METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

#### Appearances

BLOCK7	LEGG4
SHELLITO7	DELLAR3
SMITH (K.)7	CONROY2
WALL7	HOLTON2
ABREY6	SMART2
LONG6	ALLEN1
RAY6	BERRY1
BRADBURY5	HILLARY1
TENNANT5	F. MORRIS1
CARTER4	

Goalscorers: Block 7, Smith (K.) 6, Ray 3, Allen 2, Wall 1. Total 19.

#### Chelsea v West Ham United The Matches Last Season

Saturday, 20th September.

Lost to WEST HAM UNITED (Away) 2-4. Halftime: 1-3. Referee: Mr. R. H. Mann (Worcester).

Attendance: 31,500

Team: Robertson; Sillett (P.), Sillett (J.); Mortimore, Scott, Saunders; Brabrook, Greaves, Tin-dall, Nicholas, Harrison. Scorer: Greaves 2.

Saturday, 7th February.

Beat WEST HAM UNITED (Home) 3-2. Half-time: 2-2.

Referee: Mr. C. H. Sant (Crewe). Attendance: 52,968.

Team: Matthews; Sillett (P.), Sillett (J.); Mortimore, Scott, Crowther; Brabrook, Cliss, Bridges, Greaves, Tambling (R.).
Scorers: Tambling, Bridges, Greaves.

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succeeded veteran Ernie Gregory. Dwyer who the Hammers signed from Wolves in the middle of December, has confirmed the tremendous promise he displayed with the Midlanders. Gregory also showed that the passing of the years has had no effect on his form when he deputised for his younger colleague recently.

Consistency was a marked feature of the Hammers' play last season. This was particularly noticeable in the closing stages, when they lost only two of their last ten engagements, winning five and drawing the remaining three, and that, don't forget, despite the absence of two of their forward key-men.

Their least successful spell was in the weeks before Christmas, when they suffered four consecutive defeats. They put an emphatic end to that, however, with a 6-0 home win over Portsmouth on December

20, and over the holidays registered a double over Spurs, winning 2-1 at home and 4-1 at White Hart Lane, as previously mentioned.

Other big wins were gained at the expense of Aston Villa (7-2), Blackburn Rovers (6-3) and Leeds United (5-1), all

at Upton Park.

Away from home they registered six victories and three draws, a return which, while not so good as it might have been, again served to emphasise their ability to hold their own in the highest class. Three of their wins were over Bolton, Blackburn and Arsenal, none of whom are in the habit of making things easy for visiting

In short, the Hammers have thoroughly justified their return to the First Division, and have abundantly proved that they can hold their own with the best teams in the country.

#### Match Summaries

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 12th September,

Lost to LEEDS UNITED (Away) 1-2. Half-time: 1-0.

Referee: Mr. F. Stringer (Liverpool).

Attendance: 17,000.

Team: Matthews; Sillett (P.), Tindall; McMillan, Scott, Anderton; Brabrook, Greaves, Livesey, Tambling, Blunstone.

Scorer: Greaves.

#### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 12th September.

Beat SQUTHEND UNITED (Home) 7-1. Half-time: 3-1.

am: Robertson; Sillett (J.), Whittaker; T. Venables, Cunningham, Compton; Corthine, Team: Cliss, Bridges, Allen, Harrison.

Scorers: Corthine, Cliss 2, Bridges 2, Allen, Harrison.

#### METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Wednesday, 9th September.

Beat DARTFORD (Away) 3-2. Half-time: 2-1.

Team: Smart; Shellito, Legg; Dellar, Conroy, Long; Wall, Ray, Smith (K.), Allen, Block.

Scorers: Allen 2, Smith (K.).

Saturday, 12th September.

Lost to Headington United (Hendon) 1-2. Halftime: 1-1.

Team: Smart; Shillito, Legg; Dellar, Conroy, Long; Wall, Smith (K.), Abrey, Ray, Block. Scorer: Ray.

Monday, 14th September.

Beat WEST HAM UNITED (Away) 4-2. Half-time: 2-1.

eam: Tennant; Shellito, Legg; Bradbury, Abrey, Long; Wall, Ray, Smith (K.), Block, Team: Carter.

Scorers: Wall, Ray, Smith (K.), Block.

#### SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday, 5th September.

Beat MILLWALL (Away) 2-0. Half-time: 1-0.

Team: Bonetti; D. Butler, A. Harris; R. Seaman, J. Smith, T. More; D. Harkness, R. Lennox, C. Shaw, G. Bollard, M. Robinson. Scorer: Shaw 2.

Saturday, 12th September.

Beat TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (Away) 7-2. Half-

time: 3-0.
Team: Bonetti; D. Butler, A. Harris; M. Scotting, T. More, M. Robinson; R. Hanley, C. Shaw, D. Harkness, G. Bollard, A. Murray. Scorers: Bollard 3 (1 pen.), Harkness 2, Murray,



JIMMY GREAVES who scored his second hat-trick of the season on Wednesday evening.



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#### Metropolitan League

#### South-East Counties League

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Oct. 3	Eastbourne United Crawley Town	. Away		L	ondon Mid-Week	League	
" 17 " 24	Luton Town Headington United DUNSTABLE TOWN	. Away		1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Nov. 7	Arsenal Luton Town Haywards Heath	Away Away Away		Oct. 12 21 28	West Ham United MILLWALL CRYSTAL PALACE	Away Hendon Hendon	
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Mar. 12 " 19 " 26	Newbury Town Windsor & Eton	. Away		30	PORTSMOUTH	Hendon	
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" 16 " 18	Dunstable Town Newbury Town	. Away		- 79903	ther First Team		
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Vauxhalll, United Dairies	45	2/6d.
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## HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

#### FIRST DIVISION

A	Birmingham v. Leicester C.	*********
В	Blackburn Rovers v. Arsenal	
C	Blackpool v. Wolverhampton	
D	Bolton Wanderers v. Fulham	
E	Everton v. Sheffield Wed.	
F	Luton T. Nottingham F.	
G	Man. City v. Man. United	
н	Newcastle U. v. Burnley	
J	Tottenham v. Preston N.E.	
K	West Brom A. v. Leeds U.	
	SECOND DIVISION	
L	Brighton v. Plymouth Argyle	
M	Bristol Rovers v. Portsmouth	
N	Huddersfield v. Aston Villa	********
0	Leyton Orient v. Lincoln	
P	Middlesbrough v. Charlton	******
	THIRD DIVISION	
R	Port Vale v. Brentford	
S	Q.P.R. v. Bournemouth	
T	Reading v. Southend United	********
	FOURTH DIVISION	
U	Carlisle United v. Watford	
v	Crewe v. Crystal Palace	
w	Millwall v. Aldershot	

# FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT THIS GROUND

SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER

(Kick-off 3 p.m.)

# BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE

Football Combination

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER

(Kick-off 3 p.m.)

#### SOUTHAMPTON

Football Combination

MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER

(Kick-off 7.30 pm.)

#### WEMBLEY

First Round-London F.A. Challenge Cup

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER

(Kick-off 3 p.m.)

BOLTON WAND.

Football League

#### Seat Reservations for League Matches

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in advance, and should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed
envelope. It will be appreciated if separate application is made for each
match. Seats may be purchased, if still available, by personal application
at the club offices in the week preceding the match.