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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.