

Players Parade at Goodison Park

Appearance record to end of 1969-70 season

Football League – Division 1

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WEST HAM UNITED

Bobby Ferguson

BOBBY FERGUSON became Britain's most expensive goalkeeper when West Ham signed away £65000 for his transfer from Kilmarnock nearly four years ago. Agile and alert, the Scot from Ardrossan has sometimes struggled to find his best form in the First Division and lost his place for nearly a year to Peter Grotier. Ferguson established a fine reputation at Kilmarnock, where he won Scottish League and Reserve Cup medals. He also gained eight youth international caps before playing seven times for the Scottish side.

Bobby Ferguson's League career:

Kilmarnock Apps. 73

West Ham Apps. 10

Bobby Howe

BOBBY HOWE was a product of West Ham's FA Youth Cup-winning side of 1963. Born in Chadwell St. Mary, Essex, he signed full professional forms in December, 1962, and made his League debut in September, 1966.

Bobby has looked towards his future by gaining a fully qualified FA coaching badge.

Bobby Howe's league career:

West Ham Appearance 47 (2) Goals 1

Bobby Moore

A League championship medal is one of the few honours to have eluded BOBBY MOORE, O.B.E., captain of West Ham and England. An England regular since nine years, he has now totalled 85 full international caps and appears well placed to challenge Bobby Charlton's recently-set record of 106 appearances for England. Born in London, Bobby Moore took the first steps toward greatness when he turned professional for West Ham in June, 1958. The first signs of his stature came when he played 18 times (a record) for the England Youth team. Then came natural progression through the Under-23 and Football League sides – all leading to the peak of captaining England in two World Cup tournaments. He was invested with the O.B.E. in recognition of England's 1966 World Cup success when he also was voted Player of the tournament. He was Footballer of the Year in 1963-64 when West Ham won the FA Cup. He has also won West Ham's "Player of the Year" award on four occasions.

Bobby Moore's League career:

West Ham Apps. 401 Goals 18

Bryan Robson

BRYAN ROBSON's record as Newcastle's top goal-scorer in the last two seasons tempted West Ham to part with £100000 for the England Under-23 marksman in February and he responded with an opening goal against Forest. Bryan, who netted 22 League goals last season and won a European Fairs Cup medal the previous year, has already played at Goodison this season with Newcastle. But he became unsettled with the Geordies and welcomed the move to London. He is married to a former England table tennis international Maureen Heppel.

Bryan Robson's League career:

Newcastle Apps. 176 (1) Goals 72

Clyde Best

Tall and athletic-looking, CLYDE BEST achieved the unusual distinction of playing in the World Cup before getting a chance in English League football. For Clyde comes from Bermuda and represented his country in two qualifying for the Jules Rimet Trophy. He was still only 18 when he turned professional for the Hammers in April, 1969.

Clyde Best's League career:

West Ham Apps. 25 Goals 5

Frank Lampard

FRANK LAMPARD caught the eye as an all-rounder as a schoolboy, playing for West Ham and Essex at football and also representing Essex and the South in schools cricket. Born in West Ham, he signed professional for his local club in September, 1965, and two years later he emerged as a first-team regular until breaking his leg early in 1968. He won five England Youth Caps.

Frank Lampard's League career:

West Ham Apps. 50

Geoff Hurst

It was perhaps ironical that Greaves should team up at West Ham with GEOFF HURST, for it was the Hammers' international centre forward who dislodged Greaves from the England team during the 1966 World Cup. It's now history that Geoff became the first player ever to score a hat-trick in the World Cup final. Born in Ashton-under-Lyme, Geoff came south to play for Chelmsford Boys before joining West Ham in April, 1959. He won six England Youth caps, but were converted from wing-half to striker before adding further honours in the Under-23 and senior international sides. He has been West Ham's "Player of the Year" on three occasions. Also played cricket for Essex.

Geoff Hurst's League career:

West Ham Apps. 336 (1) Goals 156

Harry Redknapp

Lively wing raider HARRY REDKNAPP is yet another London schoolboy who found his way into the First Division via West Ham's network of scouts and coaches. After playing for East London and Middlesex Boys, he turned apprentice professional for the Hammers in 1962 and in his first season he was a member of the FA Youth Cup-winning side. He was also capped six times by England Youth team.

Harry Redknapp's League career:

West Ham Apps. 105 (2) Goals 7

John McDowell

Former England Youth international JOHN McDOWELL made his League debut at full back earlier this season. Born in East Ham, he represented Essex Boys before joining West Ham in July, 1967.

John McDowell's League career:

West Ham Apps. 25 Goals 5

Ron Boyce

One of the best products from West Ham's profitable youth scheme was 1964 Cup Final schemer RON BOYCE, who made his League bow as a 17-year-old in October, 1960. A local from West Ham, he stamped his name on the football scouts by representing East Ham, London, Essex and England Schoolboys and later he was capped by England's Youth team. His impressive industry made him a key figure in the West Ham side which reached the Finals of the FA Cup, European Cup-winners' Cup and League Cup in successive seasons.

Ron Boyce's League career:

West Ham Apps. 262 (4) Goals 22

Peter Eustace

One of the disappointments of PETER EUSTACE's outstanding career with Sheffield Wednesday was their defeat against Everton in the 1966 Cup Final. He was born Stocksbridge, Yorkshire, the tall, elegant Eustace joined Wednesday as a 16-years-old and developed as far as being called a couple of England training sessions. He cost West Ham an £80000 transfer fee in January, 1970.

Peter Eustace's League career:

Sheffield Wednesday Apps. 189 (3) Goals 20

West Ham Apps. 14 Goals 2

Jimmy Greaves

When West Ham sold Martin Peters to Spurs last season they received in part-exchange one of the greatest goal-scorers of all time –the incomparable JIMMY GREAVES. With his East Ham birth qualification, it was perhaps surprising that it took Jimmy so long to find his way to Upton Park! A brilliant teenager with Chelsea, Jimmy won England honours at youth, Under-23 and full levels before he tried his luck in Italy with AC Milan. But he had only six months there before returning to England in a £99999 transfer to Tottenham. He scored a hat-trick on his Spurs debut and helped them win the double in 1960-61. He amassed well over 200 goals for the Lilywhites, accumulating most of his 57 England caps while at White Hart Lane, and then moved to the Hammers in March, 1970. He scored twice on his debut, thus maintaining his record of always scoring in his first game for a new team at international and club level.

Jimmy Greaves's League career:

Chelsea Apps. 157 Goals 124

Tottenham Apps. 321 Goals 220

West Ham Apps. 6 Goals 4