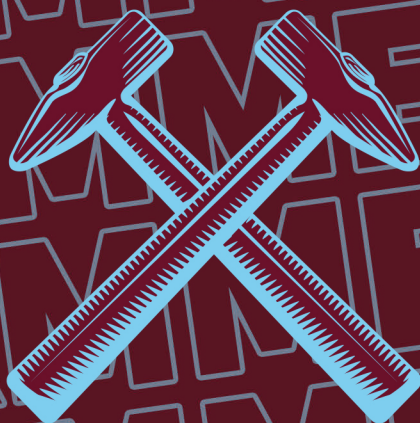


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INTRODUCTION

Hello West Ham fans everywhere, and welcome to what I hope is the most comprehensive quiz on your club available. A word or two on the League Cup is required here. Since its inception in the 1960/61 season, it has had several sponsors, but to me it has always been the League Cup, and that is what it will be called in this quiz. My choice of ten players in the 'Green Street Greats' section will probably differ here and there from yours, but if it provokes a few disagreements it's all to the good.

QUIZ No. 1

ANYTHING GOES

1. Which three West Ham United players appeared in both the 1975 and 1980 FA Cup finals?
2. Which West Ham goalkeeper shares his surname with a famous hotel in Oxford that featured in the *Inspector Morse* TV series?
3. Which two players with West Ham connections appeared in 43 games between them for Blackburn Rovers when they won the Premier League in 1994/95?
4. World Cup heroes Moore, Hurst and Peters paraded the trophy at Upton Park in the first game of the new season on 20 August 1966. Who were their visitors?
5. What links the inter-war seasons of 1922/23, 1929/30, 1932/33, 1937/38 and 1938/39 concerning West Ham and the FA Cup competition?
6. Which player appeared just once as a substitute for West Ham in the league early in his career before winning the league and FA Cup with Liverpool in the late 80s and early 90s?
7. Which 21st-century Hammer ended up winning the league title with two different clubs?
8. What was highly unusual about Alvin Martin's hat-trick in an 8-1 win over Newcastle United at Upton Park on 21 April 1986?
9. Who are the only two players to score in more than one FA Cup final before joining the Hammers?
10. West Ham United played their first football league game on 30 August 1919, drawing 1-1 at Upton Park with Lincoln City. Their scorer that day shares a surname with a West Ham manager. What is that surname?

QUIZ No. 2

BIRTHPLACES

Here are ten West Ham United players. Use the clues in each case to locate their birthplace.

1. David James – the place where Shredded Wheat is manufactured?
2. Geoff Pike – famous blues guitarist
3. Ray Stewart – Scottish city with a jumps track
4. Bobby Moore – unpleasant sound emitted by dogs
5. Hayden Mullins – looking at a book
6. George Parris – sounds like a sick car
7. James Tompkins – add an Everly brother to the owner of Fawltly Towers
8. Luis Boa Morte – where Celtic won the European Cup
9. Billy Bonds – former building society
10. Andriy Yarmolenko – setting for Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*

QUIZ No. 3

THE BOLEYN - PART 1

1. Which ground did Thames Ironworks and West Ham United play on between 1895 and 1904?
2. Which club did they beat 3-0 on 1 September 1904 in their first game at their new Boleyn Ground?
3. What was the attendance at that first match?
A) 5,000 B) 7,500 C) 10,000 D) 12,500
4. Unofficially, West Ham's biggest crowd at Upton Park is thought to be 43,528, and was set on 18 April 1936, but most sources now give that crowd as 41,500, and records were destroyed in the war, so no verification is possible. Which London club were the visitors that day, who ran out 3-1 winners?
5. Officially, the record was set on 17 October 1970 in a 2-2 draw watched by 43,322. The opposition that day were also the visitors in a friendly when floodlights were installed in 1953, and the first side to play West Ham when the ground was reopened in December 1944 after being hit in a V-1 rocket attack in August of that year. Who were those opponents on the three occasions?
6. The timber-and-corrugated-iron-covered enclosure at the front of the East Stand was demolished in 1968, with some of the atmosphere being demolished along with it. What was it affectionately known as?
7. The Trevor Brooking Stand that was built at the north end of the ground in 1995 originally had another name. What was it?
8. Previously, the Bobby Moore Stand had risen above what had been the South Bank in 1993, and in 2001 the new West Stand was built, becoming the largest single football stand in London. From 2001 to 2009 it was named after one of the club's sponsors, with an unintended nod towards the hooliganism of the 1970s and 1980s! What was it called?

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9. Who officially opened the West Stand in 2001?
10. Who became the only West Ham player to score a goal in an international at Upton Park when he got the only goal of the match between England and Bulgaria under-21s on 9 October 1998?

QUIZ No. 4

THE BOLEYN – PART 2

1. Which club did West Ham share Upton Park with in the early 1990s?
2. Which two countries beginning with the same letter played a friendly at Upton Park on 10 August 2010?
3. What was the ground's postcode?
4. On 12 November 2014 Argentina beat Croatia 2-1 at Upton Park in an international friendly. Which ex-Hammer played for the Argentinians and who scored for them from the penalty spot?
5. Who were the only club to concede ten goals on the ground?
6. West Ham's biggest league win is 8-0, with both games in which this score occurred coming at Upton Park, the first in 1919 and the second in 1958. Which two teams left the ground in a depressed state?
7. England's only full international at Upton Park came against Australia on 12 February 2003. It cost £35 to get in and Sven-Goran Eriksson was clearly unaware that there is no such thing as a friendly when England play Australia at anything! The overcharged crowd had to watch England lose 3-1 as the master tactician, whose arse as usual never left his seat, changed the entire team at half-time! The fans' feelings to the fore again! It was hard for anyone to avoid making their England debut in the circumstances, but which player who later joined West Ham played his first game for his country that night while with Charlton Athletic?
8. Who did West Ham beat on the night of the last game at Upton Park on 10 May 2016, and who were they supposed to be playing their last home game against when the fixtures were announced at the start of the season? At least one coach might have left the ground in better condition if they'd played their original opponents!

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9. Which player scored the last goal in the ground, as if you didn't know?
10. Who, on 21 August 2016, were West Ham's first opponents at the athletics track they had sold the soul of the club to play at?

QUIZ No. 5

BUBBLE BLOWING (FANS)

1. Watching West Ham can be an edge-of-the-seat experience, and this Hollywood director and West Ham fan knew more about suspense than anyone alive. Who was he?
2. Which West Ham fan has not often had to tell the Hammers faithful to 'turn it up'?
3. Which actor who played a West Ham fan so memorably on television in the 1960s and 70s was really a Spurs fan?
4. Holing the putt that won the Ryder Cup in 2002 was probably nearly as exciting as watching West Ham for which golfing Hammer?
5. Which West Ham fan struck gold in the 400m hurdles at the 1992 Olympic Games?
6. The author of the bestselling novel *Birdsong* is a West Ham fan. Who is he?
7. Who is the main presenter of West Ham TV?
8. Which singer, actor and Hammers fan has an appropriate county for a surname?
9. One of only 25 players in cricket history to score over 100 hundreds, this Essex opener and England Test cricketer is also a West Ham fan. Who is he?
10. When his rocker character clashed with Phil Daniels's mod in *Quadrophenia*, it was a case of West Ham vs Chelsea for the two actors. Who came out of the claret-and-blue corner for the Irons?

QUIZ No. 6

CRYPTIC HAMMERS – PART 1

You are given the dates of their time at West Ham, their total league appearances for the club, their position and a cryptic clue. Can you identify the player in each case?

1. Dock Green copper – centre-forward – 1952–54 – 39 games
2. *Catch 22* character – defender – 1981–87 – 146 games
3. Two kings and a famous footballer – defender – 1962–69 – 118 games
4. Flour producer – centre-forward – 1972–73 – 24 games
5. Boy next door – winger – 1979–82 – 73 games
6. Aussie word for food – winger – 1947–56 – 83 games
7. Country – winger – 1968–80 – 245 games
8. Cockney rhyming slang for ‘neck’ – goalkeeper – 1946–59 – 382 games
9. Scottish river comes out on top! – forward – 1969–75 – 186 games
10. Stiff breeze – defender – 1984–94 – 300 games

QUIZ No. 7

CRYPTIC HAMMERS – PART 2

You are given the dates of their time at West Ham, their total league appearances for the club, their position and a cryptic clue. Can you identify the player in each case?

1. Religious newspaper – defensive midfielder – 2000–07 – 158 games
2. Two Beatles for the price of one! – full-back – 2006–08 and 2012–14 – 95 games
3. Stick one letter on the front of his name and he'll build you a wall! – goalkeeper – 2013–18 – 125 games
4. Nineteenth-century novelist of some repute – midfielder – 1982–88 – 192 games
5. Masters golf champion 1991 – inside-forward – 1958–62 – 138 games
6. Fish or weapon – midfielder – 1975–86 – 291 games
7. Letters often start this way – forward – 1962–68 and 1970–69 games
8. Little – wing-half – 1936–47 – 108 games
9. Gloucestershire town – outside-right – 1951–56 – 13 games
10. Astronaut in 'The Eagle' – centre-forward – 1954–58 – 111 games

QUIZ No. 8

CRYPTIC HAMMERS – PART 3

You are given the dates of their time at West Ham, their total league appearances for the club, their position and a cryptic clue. Can you identify the player in each case?

1. West Ham World Cup hero becomes the victim of a scam – forward – 1982–84 – 61 games
2. US Open golf champion 2010 – right-back – 1970–78 – 249 games
3. *Robinson Crusoe* author – forward – 1999–2004 – 93 games
4. Well-known London street – attacking midfielder – 2013-15 – 69 games
5. County – attacking midfielder – 1976–89 – 358 games
6. Twenty-four hours – goalkeeper – 1973–78 – 194 games
7. Shares his surname with a famous goalkeeper who spent nearly all his career in the capital – forward – 1974–78 – 99 games
8. The next railway station to Twickenham – midfielder – 1983–84 – 39 games
9. Former golfer now on TV – centre-half – 1952–66 – 386 games
10. Liked nothing better than to get his head on one! – centre-forward – 1977–81 – 179 games

QUIZ No. 9

CRYPTIC HAMMERS – PART 4

You are given the dates of their time at West Ham, their total league appearances for the club, their position and a cryptic clue. Can you identify the player in each case?

1. Not a happy manager at Upton Park on 14 May 1995 – goalkeeper – 1967–79 – 240 games
2. Scottish king – wing-half – 1953–61 – 283 games
3. Richard – forward – 1953-62 – 326 games
4. More than one Richard – full-back – 1988-93 and 1994–99 – 262 games
5. Sounds like a European capital – defender – 1982–93 – 239 games
6. He takes it shaken but not stirred! – full-back – 1951-64 – 381 games
7. Add a letter – wing-half – 1967–87 – 663 games
8. Sounds like a Liverpool goalkeeper – half-back – 1950–57 – 238 games
9. Responsible for upkeep of church and churchyard – inside-forward – 1952-55 – 74 games
10. A figure somewhat higher in church circles – midfielder – 1989–91 – 98 games

QUIZ No. 10

CRYPTIC HAMMERS – PART 5

You are given the dates of their time at West Ham, their total league appearances for the club, their position and a cryptic clue. Can you identify the player in each case?

1. Excellent with a curry – defender – still at club
2. Colour and political party – goalkeeper – 2006–12 – 219 games
3. Archduke in Brazil – defender – 1996–2000 – 127 games
4. The first part is light, the second less so – outside-right – 1906–08 – 24 games
5. Shares a surname with a great trainer of horses – defensive midfielder – 2003–09 – 180 games
6. You could keep a lot of lions in one of these! – wing-half – 1901–04 – 91 games
7. Two kings, one from the Bible and one from a version of it – goalkeeper – 2001–04 – 91 games
8. Add one letter near the end of his surname and you produce two cars or people bumping into each other – midfielder – 2008–14 – 105 games
9. Michael Corleone's wife's name – centre-half – 1919–26 – 237 games
10. Occupation and *Eastenders* family – inside-forward – 1910–21 – 96 games