

WHO ARE YA?!

WEST HAM UN

THE CLUB

Founded 1895

Colours Claret and blue

Nickname The Irons, The Hammers

Stadium London Stadium

Record Attendance 59,950 v Fulham, 2019

Record Win 10-0 v Bury, 1983

Record Defeat 7-0 v Barnsley, 1919 & Sheffield Wednesday, 1959

Most Appearances Billy Bonds, 799, 1967-88

Most Goals Vic Watson, 326, 1920-35

Honours FA Cup winners, 1964, 1975 & 1980; Second Division champions, 1957-58 & 1980-81; European Cup-Winners Cup champions, 1965

FIFA 19 rating ★★★★★



HOME SHIRT

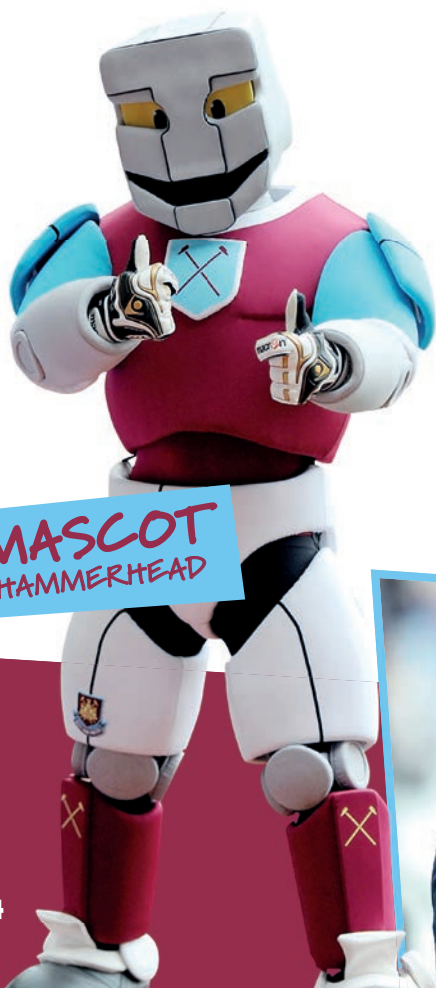


Can West Ham push higher and reach Europe?

Moving home is stressful for anyone – especially when the place you’re leaving behind is full of memories! It’s been a funny three years for West Ham fans after they left Upton Park in 2016, but after a summer freshening up their squad, a good 2019-20 could make the London Stadium really feel like home.

THE MANAGER

Manuel Pellegrini spent nine years at Villarreal, Real Madrid and Málaga before heading to Man City in 2013 where he won the Premier League and two League Cups!



MASCOT HAMMERHEAD



THE BOSS MANUEL PELLEGRINI



UNITED

One of the capital's biggest clubs, the Irons are hoping to keep up with their London rivals on the pitch!



The London Stadium, West Ham's big new home!

Hurst and **Martin Peters** were back at Wembley, this time to win the **World Cup** with England on home turf!

The Hammers were FA Cup winners again in 1975 and 1980. **Billy Bonds** was the captain for those games – his 799 appearances in claret and blue will probably never be beaten!

The club's **best league season** was 1985-86, when they finished behind Liverpool and Everton in an exciting three-team title race. Twenty years later the Reds got the better of them again when the Londoners were seconds from winning the **2006 FA Cup final** before an injury-time Steven Gerrard equaliser.

After three mid-table finishes in the last three years, can the Hammers nail down a European place?

track, but with a capacity of 60,000, lots more Hammers can watch their team's home games now.

THE FANS

The club's anthem is *I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles*, which caught on back in the 1920s. The lyrics aren't very cheerful, but the fans sing it loud and proud!

THE RIVALS

In the early days, players and fans of West Ham and **Millwall** worked for different shipbuilding firms on the River Thames and shared a fierce rivalry. Those "**Dockers Derby**" games are rare now – they haven't met since 2012!

THE HISTORY

Founded in 1895 as **Thames Ironworks**, the club became West Ham United in 1900. Having lost 2-0 to Bolton in the famous "**White Horse**" FA Cup final of 1923, they got another chance in 1964, beating Preston 3-2 with a brilliant comeback. Two years later West Ham team-mates **Bobby Moore**, **Geoff**

THE STADIUM

Between 1904 and 2016, the Irons' home was the **Boleyn Ground** (also known as **Upton Park**, the area of east London it was in). It seated 35,016 fans and was famous for its noisy atmosphere – but when a bigger stadium nearby became available after the 2012 Olympics, West Ham's owners thought it would be an improvement! Some people don't like the London Stadium's athletics

THE STAR PLAYERS

New signing **Pablo Fornals** is set to provide a spark in the Irons' midfield. If **Jack Wilshere** can stay injury-free the pair of them will cause problems for any defence!



LEGENDS
GEOFF HURST
BOBBY MOORE
MARTIN PETERS

DID YOU KNOW?

West Ham's old stadium was called the **Boleyn Ground** because it was built on the former home of Anne Boleyn, one of King Henry VIII's six wives!