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Don't forget! The Romford Bombers end their 1970 Season on Thursday, 22nd October, 7.45 p.m. with 16 top riders competing for the Boro Individual Trophy.

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## The Harry Obeney



## Testimonial Match **ROMFORD** V **WEST HAM UTD.** on Wednesday 21st, October **K.O. 7-30 p.m.**

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## TEAMS

Romford: From	West Ham Utd: From
Harry Obeney	Bobby Moore
Andy Smith	Peter Grotier
Bert Howe	Billy Bonds
George Andrew	Frank Lampard
Dave Bickles	Peter Bennet
Bobby King	Alan Stephenson
Dennis Sorrel	Bobby Howe
Roy Sanders	Clyde Best
Colin Flatt	Trevor Brooking
Robin Chandler	Geoff Hurst
Peter Tough	Jimmy Greaves
Terry Tapping	Harry Redknapp
Joe Nixon	Peter Eustace

### Tonights Officials:

Football League Referee: A. P. Oliver (Southend).

Linesmen: World Cup and Spurs Star

Martin Peters

Queens Park Rangers Manager

Les Allen

Match Ball donated by Romford Directors Mr. W. Muskett and F. Adams will later be autographed by both teams and raffled at the Harry Obeney Testimonial Dance.

HARRY OBENEY, tonight's man in the spotlight, first arrived on the Brooklands scene back in August 1965. And he made immediate impact.

Scoring two goals in his Boro debut against Charlton Reserves in a pre-season trial game, he added another in a 5-4 defeat at Wellington in his first Southern League run-out . . . and then went on to smash Jim Towers' individual goal record in the following April with two more against Margate.

He finished the season with 36 goals—five more than the Towers' tally—and that fire-power earned him a first-time Player of the Year award. Two seasons later he picked up the Player award again, this time playing wing half, his favourite spot, but by that time, Tom Barnett had cracked his goal record in the previous season, when Romford carried off the Southern League title.

In his career at Romford, now going into its sixth season, Harry has made nearly 350 appearances, scoring only a couple short of a hundred goals.

But tonight's testimonial match with star-studded Hammers is a far cry from Harry's first confrontation with the Romford club. He was 16 at the time and playing for the once-great Briggs Sports. The game was an FA Cup tie, which Briggs lost 2-0. But a fortnight later he helped them to an avenging 2-1 win over Boro in the London Senior Cup, which he then gained one his many cherished medals by going on to win the Cup with Briggs Sports.

Harry began his serious soccer in his early 'teens with the Dagenham schools side, a set-up that has produced such names as Jimmy Greaves, Martin Peters and Les Allen, stars you will see tonight, he joined Briggs, and soon picked up both Essex and England Youth awards.

He was quickly spotted by then West Ham boss Ted Fenton and signed professional forms at Upton Park at the age of 17 in August 1956.

The Royal Army Medical Corps then stepped into his life for two years, but he made his Hammers first-team debut against Notts County while still in khaki . . . and while West Ham were still in the Second Division.

In 1958 came his demob and his marriage, which brought him also his First Division debut with promoted Hammers, celebrating by slamming two goals against Bolton.

But during his stay at Upton Park, Harry made only a dozen or so senior appearances. And when Ron Greenwood took over as manager and put his youth policy into action, Harry found himself on the transfer list . . . and switched to Millwall under Ron Gray for a £3,000 fee.

There, converted to wing-half, he helped Millwall to the Fourth Division Championship, and in that 1961-62 success season he was voted the Fourth Division's best wing-half by the People newspaper.

But the following season a knee injury crippled his Football League aspirations. He left Millwall, and after a cartilage operation, spent a month at Colchester.

But his Football League career — in which he played in all four divisions — ended there. He moved into Non-league soccer with Dover and in his one season there finished top scorer with 25 goals.

And that's when Romford came into the picture. He signed for them in the 1965 close-season, and now over five years later, he'll be leading Boro out against his old West Ham club as Romford's newly-appointed skipper.



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I would like to take this opportunity tonight to say thank you to all the people who have helped me with my football career, to Romford F.C. to West Ham U.F.C. Teams and to you the supporters for making this a very memorable occasion for me.

*Harry Obeney*

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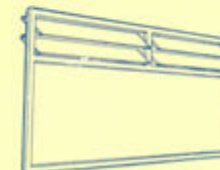


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