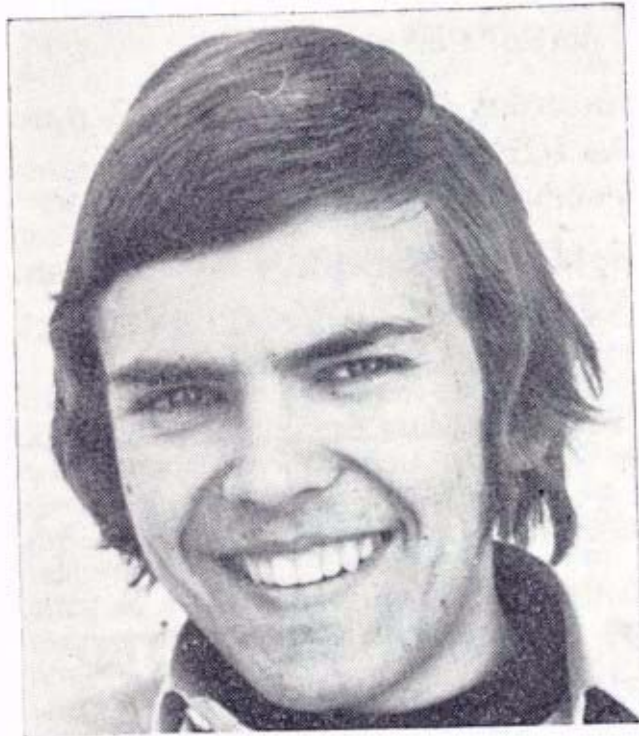


# Hammer's 'Fan of the Day'



Earlier this season we mentioned one of our supporters in South Africa — **Eric Ehlers** — who pays a special annual subscription to have a copy of "Hammer" **air-mailed** to him for every First Team match at Upton Park (it costs **15p** a copy for postage alone!).

Eric lives in Blairgowrie, Randburg, Johannesburg, and is an 18-year-old first-year pharmacy student at Witwatersrand University. He says:

*"I have been a supporter of West Ham for as long as I can remember. Since my primary school days I have always enjoyed playing and watching football, and from an early age have admired teams that played a clean, open and scientific game. It was thus only natural that on account of this, that I should become a Hammers fan.*

*Soon I learnt much about the individual players in the team, and although denied the opportunity of meeting and watching them in action, I developed a personal attachment, and my support for the team became even stronger.*

*Last July I met Bobby Moore and Geoff Hurst, when they came out to South Africa on a coaching trip."*

Eric mentions that he won a school contest on outstanding personalities with a feature on Bobby, and goes on to say: *"I hope to be in England in a few years' time (once I have qualified), and my dream of watching the Hammers play will be realised."*

Although the South Africans rarely see world-famous teams, Eric mentions about a stadium recently built in neighbouring Mozambique. Although it means a round trip of some 950 miles, Eric has travelled to see many games there, featuring the national sides of Portugal and Brazil, and clubs such as Racing, Benfica and Santos! Our correspondent adds: *"What a team was Santos! I would have given almost anything to have seen them in action against Hammers last year."*

**So—there's a real fan who has never seen us play!** Let's hope this opportunity will soon come. Meanwhile, we feel sure he'll enjoy reading **this** issue of "Hammer."

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## Charity Match

The London Fire Brigade XI is meeting an ex-Spurs All Stars XI at Vicarage Field (Barking F.C. ground) **tomorrow** (12 Sept.) at 3 p.m.

The match is in aid of London Fire Brigade charitable funds and admission is 20p by programme; children half-price on the day. Programmes may be obtained on the day also.

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## ERRATUM

In some copies of this issue the item dated **9 Sept. 1961** on page 19 has been inadvertently entered under the heading "20 years ago." It should, of course, have been moved up under the previous heading.

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