



Bobby Moore

West Ham United F.C. has been home for many footballing icons but it is Bobby Moore who holds a special place in many fans' memories:

"I can remember my dad coming home and telling us 'cause I waited up I wouldn't go to bed until he came in and, uh, he said "I've just seen a young boy play his first game for West Ham" he said "His name's Bobby Moore" he said, "He was fantastic" he said "He's, he's gonna play for England that boy." Stephen (b.1948, fan)

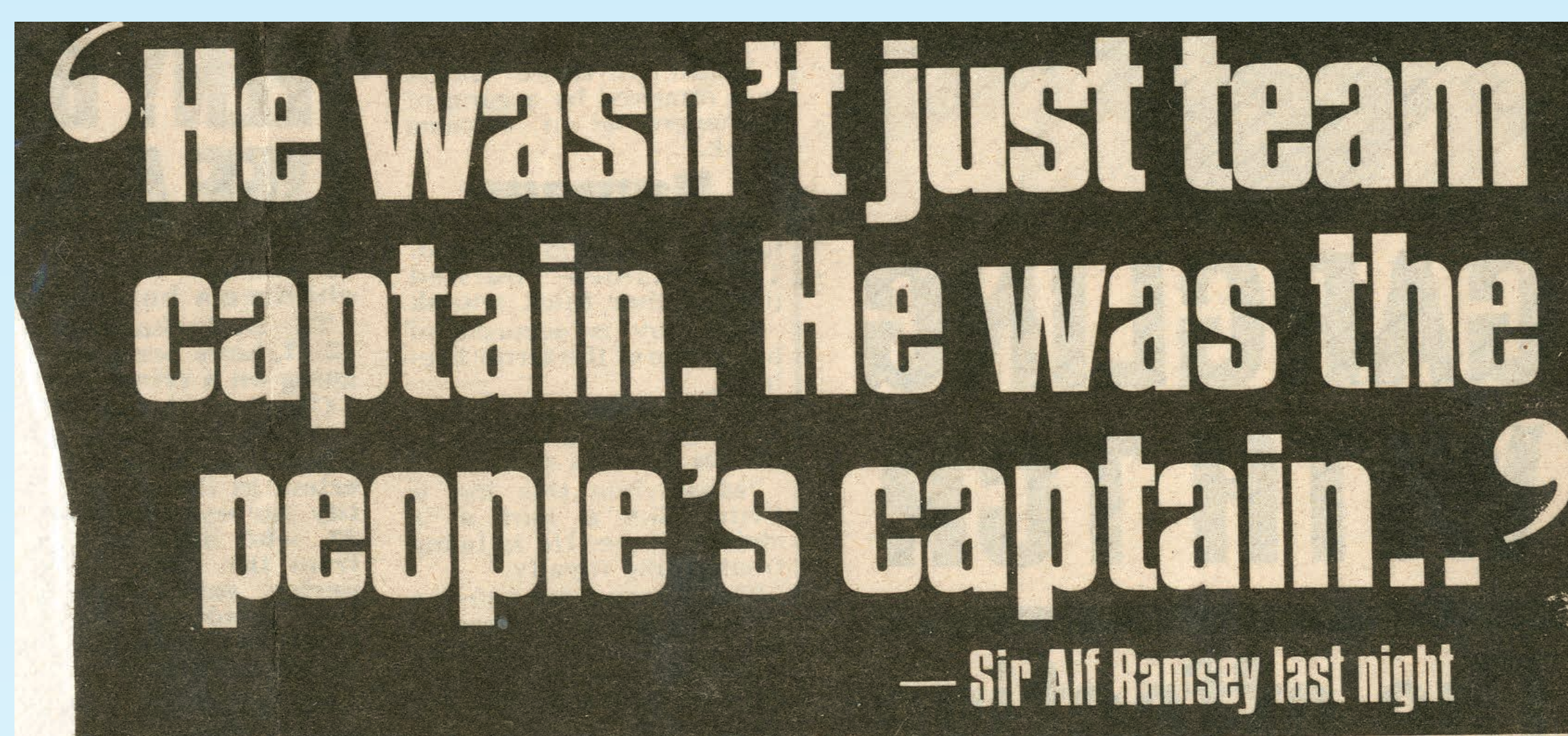


Bobby Moore played for West Ham between 1958-1974



Bobby Moore with wife Tina Dean

"I think people would always say that Bobby Moore wasn't early on ...wasn't the best player but he worked hard he'd keep trying and he never forgot where he come from he was a lad born in Barking so he was local to us so we automatically identified with him and he was successful but not successful on the back of anybody else he was successful because he put the work in and again I think that's what embodies local people within the East End." Lee (b. 1979, fan)



On the first home game after Moore's death, aged 51, on 24 February 1993:

"Everybody clapped and applauded and you see grown men, really hardened grown men crying it was, it was so raw so deep and emotional it was quite sad really and that, that sort of brought home to me what West Ham is, West Ham is family and even these people that have never seen Bobby Moore play, never met him, probably never seen any highlights him play but they felt so deeply that one of their own had passed away and that's what West Ham's about." Lee (b. 1979, fan)



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Moore raising the FIFA world cup in 1966



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