

Hammers Dream Comes Knocking



Football Focus 2009 Academy goalkeeper John Hall has accepted a two-year contract with West Ham United's coveted academy.

Also Prince Alfred College's (PAC) first XI goalkeeper, John joins the English Premier League club in October. John has been under the watchful eye of Football Focus Director and PAC Coach Jason Hayhurst for the last three seasons. 'John is a talented young keeper; his height is a huge advantage but he also has exceptional footwork which is rare to find in a keeper these days. John is committed; he trains hard and is a well-liked and respected member of the team,' said Jason.

'We are all extremely proud of John and wish him every success. I will be watching his progression with interest; I'm sure we will be hearing his name for some time to come. His story is proof for all aspiring young players that dreams really can come true!'

John hopes to follow in the footsteps of some of the world's best-known footballers. John Terry, Chelsea FC and ex-England Captain, Rio Ferdinand, Manchester United and newly appointed England Captain, are both graduates of the prestigious academy. Other football legends that have left their mark at the academy are the late Sir Bobby Moore, Sir Geoff Hurst, Sir Tevor Brooking plus of course Harry Redknapp, who also West Ham United's Manager for many years.

Congratulations John and Good Luck!