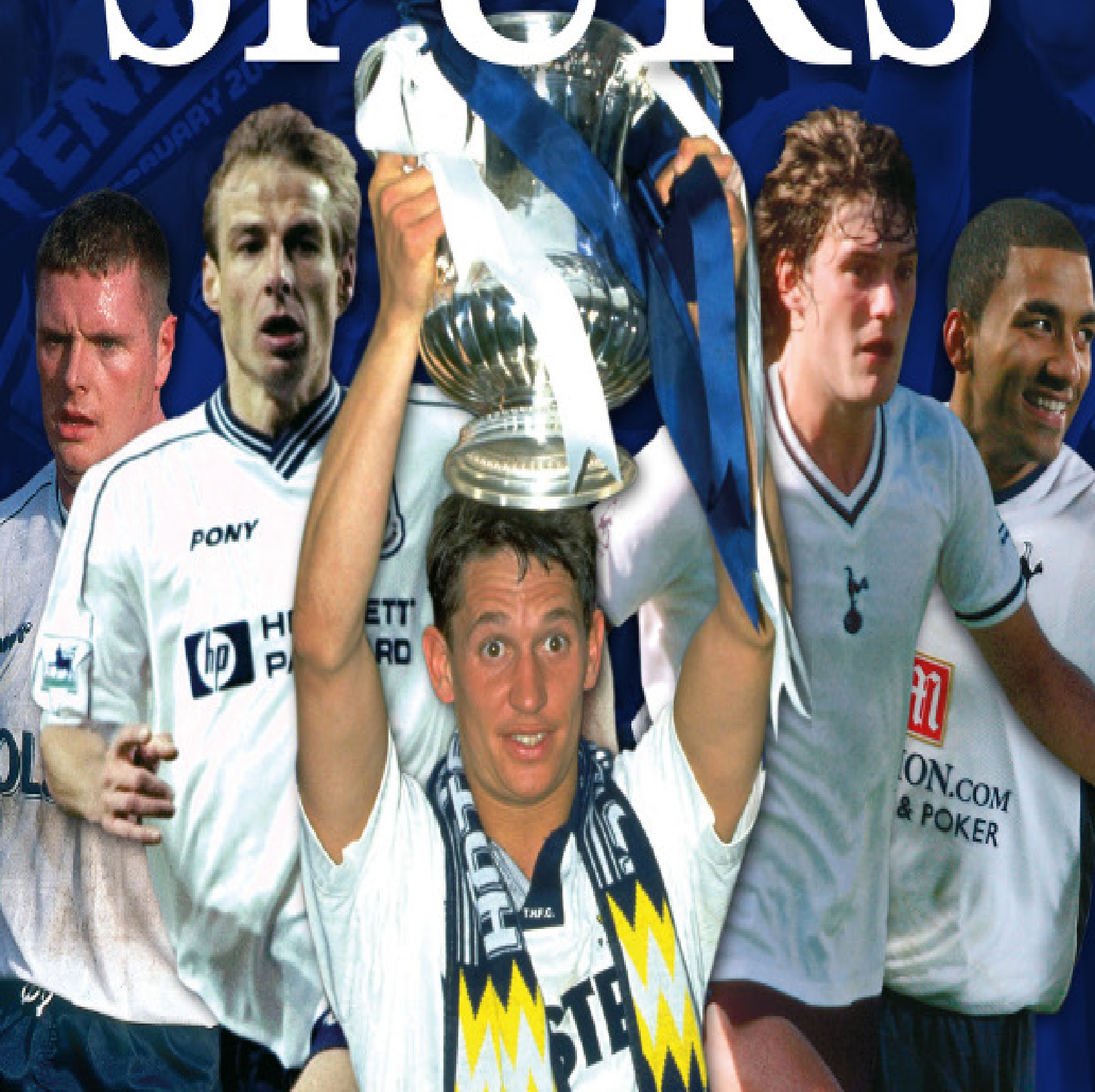


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Allen Family

One of the great footballing families, they have provided Spurs with three key players over the last five decades. Les Allen was born in Dagenham on 4th September 1937 and joined Spurs from Chelsea in December 1959 as part of a deal that saw Johnny Brooks make the opposite journey. Les linked especially well up front with Bobby Smith and scored five of Spurs' goals in the 13-2 cup replay win over Crewe Alexandra in 1960. It was the following season, however, that both Les and Spurs hit top gear, winning the League and Cup double, with Les an ever present and netting 27 goals. The arrival of Jimmy Greaves in 1961 was supposed to have been the end of Les' Spurs career but he continued to battle for a place and helped the club win the FA Cup in 1962 and the European Cup Winners Cup in 1963, even if he did not appear in either final. He remained at Spurs until 1965 when he left to join QPR, winning a League Cup winners medal in 1967.

His son Clive was born in Stepney on 20th May 1961 (two weeks after Spurs had completed the double) and also played for QPR and Spurs, beginning his career at Loftus Road and arriving at White Hart Lane via Arsenal, Crystal Palace and QPR a second time. He is best known for his exploits during the 1986-87 season when he rattled in 49 League and Cup goals, although all he had to show for his efforts was a runners-up medal in the FA Cup, to go with a similar medal from the 1982 final for QPR against Spurs. Clive later played for Bordeaux, Manchester City, Chelsea, West Ham, Millwall and Carlisle as well as a spell as kicker for American football side London Monarchs!



ABOVE Les Allen



ABOVE Paul Allen in action against Arsenal at White Hart Lane, 1988



ABOVE Clive Allen scores during the FA Cup Final against Coventry, 1987

Cousin Paul Allen was born at Avely in Essex on 28th August 1962 and became the youngest wplayer to appear in an FA Cup final when he helped West Ham overcome Arsenal in 1980. He joined Spurs in June 1985 for £400,000 and appeared in two FA Cup finals whilst with the club, collecting a runners-up medal in 1987 and a second winners medal in 1991. He left Spurs for Southampton in 1993 and later played for Luton, Stoke and Swindon before hanging up his boots.

Archibald

Born in Glasgow on 27th September 1956 Steve made his name with Alex Ferguson's Aberdeen side, helping them win two Scottish League Cups and the Scottish championship before a £800,000 to Spurs in May 1980. He developed an extremely successful partnership with fellow newcomer Garth Crooks and appeared in four finals for the club in the space of four years, collecting winners medals in the FA Cup in 1981 and 1982 and the UEFA Cup in 1984 and a runners-up medal in the 1982 League Cup. The 1982 League Cup was the only final he scored in, but he did net a total of 97 goals in 216 first team appearances for the club.



ABOVE Steve Archibald in action, 1980

A breakdown in his relationship with manager Keith Burkinshaw during the 1983-84 season, which ultimately affected his relationship with his

team-mates, saw him sold to Barcelona for £1.25 million in the summer of 1984 (although Burkinshaw had already left the club) where he would go on to win a Spanish championship medal in 1985 and a runners-up medal in the European Cup a year later. After a loan spell with Blackburn Steve returned to Scotland to play for Hibernian, later turning out for Espanol, St Mirren, Reading, Ayr United and Fulham before turning to management with East Fife.

Ardiles

Born in Cordoba on 3rd August 1952 Ossie impressed the watching world with his performances for Argentina during the 1978 World Cup and there was speculation that he might be one of the players heading for Spain after the tournament that Argentina won. The announcement that he had signed for Spurs, along with compatriot Ricky Villa in a £700,000 deal in July 1978 caused a major sensation. Although both players took a while to settle into the Spurs midfield, both would have a major impact on the club's fortunes over the next few years. Light on his feet and able to thread the ball with amazing accuracy, Ossie was a major factor in helping the club win major honours at the turn of the decade and brought out the best in Glenn Hoddle.



ABOVE Ossie Ardiles in action against Liverpool, 1987

After helping the club lift the FA Cup in 1981 and overcome Leicester City in the following year's semi final, Ossie headed back to Argentina to report for World Cup duty. The outbreak of the Falklands conflict caused him to go on a loan deal with Paris St Germain at the start of the 1982-83 season, but after things didn't work out for him he returned to Spurs in December 1982. A broken leg sustained in his fourth match back seemed to signal that the end was approaching his Spurs career but he recovered sufficiently to help the club win the UEFA Cup in 1984. Awarded a benefit match against Inter Milan in 1986 but still suffering from a succession of injuries, Ossie surprised everyone by bouncing back to his best the following season, helping Spurs reach the FA Cup final in 1987.



ABOVE Ossie Ardiles shields the ball from David Rocastle of Arsenal, 1987



ABOVE Ossie Ardiles kisses the FA Cup trophy after Tottenham Hotspur's 3-2 win over Manchester City in the FA Cup Final replay

He finally left Spurs in 1988 for Blackburn on loan before being released and finished his playing career with QPR and Swindon. Ossie then turned to management and in 1993 returned to White Hart Lane with Steve Perryman as his assistant, but his time in charge was not a success and he was relieved of his position in November 1994.

Arsenal

Although Spurs played Arsenal for the first time in 1887 and the Gunners can lay claim to being responsible for Spurs' move to White Hart Lane (a friendly fixture between the two sides at Spurs' old ground at Northumberland Park on Good Friday 1898 attracted a capacity crowd of 14,000, with 80 of these perched on top of the roof of the refreshment stand which subsequently collapsed!), the two did not become major rivals until 1913. Even then it was not the result of a clash on the field but the arrival of Arsenal at Highbury in North London that caused the initial rumpus.

The two clubs eventually learned to live in relative harmony, with Spurs sharing Highbury during the First World War whilst White Hart Lane was taken over by the Ministry of Munitions, before relations fell to an all time low immediately after the war when Arsenal got themselves voted into the First Division at the expense of Spurs! Since then the conflicts have been confined to the pitch, with the two clubs meeting in five major cup semi finals (Arsenal hold the upper hand, with victory in four). Arsenal fans delight in pointing out that they have also won the League title at White Hart Lane as many times as Spurs (two apiece), but it is a fact of North London football that periods of Spurs success have coincided with Arsenal being in the doldrums and vice versa – only once did the two clubs lift major honours in the same year, 1991, with Arsenal finishing League champions and Spurs collecting the FA Cup after beating their nearest rivals in the semi final. And whilst the two sides have never contested a major final, seven clashes at the semi final stage have seen Arsenal win five of the ties, although Spurs gained immeasurable revenge with a 5-1 victory in the Carling Cup in 2007-08.



ABOVE Celebrations, after victory over Arsenal, 2008



ABOVE Tempers flare in the Premiership match between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, Nov 1999. Spurs won 2-1

Competition	P	W	D	L	F	A
Premiership	40	8	17	15	48	66
Football League	110	40	24	46	158	168
FA Cup	5	2	0	3	5	7
League Cup	13	3	3	7	16	19

Other Leagues	14	6	3	5	25	18
Other Cups	11	4	3	4	14	16
Wartime	36	14	9	13	61	55

Assou-Ekotto

Something of a cult figure at White Hart Lane, as much for his constantly evolving hair style as for his frequent rampages down the left flank, Benny Assou-Ekotto considers himself lucky to be still playing football at the top level. A knee injury picked up in December 2006 saw him make just two appearances in the following season and a half, with the prolonged absence causing Benny to rethink his career. “When your surgeon tells you maybe you won’t play football anymore many things are different in your mind. Before, when you’re injured, your money comes into your account every month and everything is cool. But when they speak to you about the end of your career at 22 or 23... it’s why maybe I changed. I’m safe now but this gave me a lesson. That’s why I changed many things in my mind and in my life.”

That life has started so brightly. Born in Arras on 24 March 1984, Benny had started his professional career as a full back with RC Lens and quickly became considered one of the best full back prospects in Europe. Spurs swooped to pay £3.5 million for him in the summer of 2006 and he started the season as first choice left back until injury brought his career to a halt that December.



ABOVE Benoit Assou-Ekotto in 2009

When he finally came back into contention he was second choice, but a change of manager from Juande Ramos to Harry Redknapp saw Benny given his chance in the spotlight, one which he took advantage of, eventually seeing off the threat from Lee Young-Po. Since then Benny has become an established fixture in the team, usually operating just behind Gareth Bale and making Spurs a potent force down the left flank. Benny has also transferred that form onto the national stage, having collected 17 caps for Cameroon.

Attendances

These figures are Spurs' best and worst attendances at White Hart Lane.



ABOVE Frederic Kanoute and Robbie Keane celebrate with fans after scoring against Aston Villa, 2005

TOP FIVE

75,038	v Sunderland (FA Cup)	5/3/1938
71,913	v Preston North End (FA Cup)	6/3/1937
71,853	v West Bromwich Albion (FA Cup)	24/1/1948
70,882	v Manchester United (Division 1)	22/8/1951
70,347	v Bolton Wanderers (FA Cup)	16/2/1935

BEST

League	v Manchester United	22/8/1951	70,882
FA Cup	v Sunderland	5/3/1938	75,038
League Cup	v Arsenal	4/12/1968	55,923
Europe	v Benfica	5/4/1962	64,447

WORST

League	v Sunderland	19/12/1914	5,000
FA Cup	v Sunderland	9/1/1915	16,859
League Cup	v Barnsley	8/10/1986	12,299
Europe	v Grasshopper Club Zurich	3/10/1975	18,105