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West Ham V Tottenham Cup Replay

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Full of confidence, after that draw at Tottenham, West Ham came out first for this Sixth Round Cup Replay.

~~THEN THE~~ ^(in white shirts) Spurs ^{ready} for a grim fight before a capacity crowd.

Both teams were unchanged and Billy Dare sets West Ham going - sweeping down in attack - to try and score a vital early goal to hammer home their ground advantage.

First Division Spurs ^{reply} ~~to~~ those early raids and come fighting back.

~~a~~ high ball is brilliantly taken by goalkeeper Ernie Gregory.

Then - right on half-time ^{HARMER HEADED AN EASY GOAL TO GIVE SPURS} ~~Spurs~~ their first slice of cup luck.

The second half. West Ham mount ~~ing~~ storming attacks - battling for that equaliser.

And it came ^{from} from a harmless-looking throw-in. The ball is centred - and ~~it~~ Billy Dare ^{NO DS} it home.

West Ham were level: but not for long. A goalmouth mix-up, Duquemin gains possession and it's lucky Spurs again.

And Tottenham had several narrow escapes before that slender two-one lead took them into their third post-war semi-final.