

# Transcript

Speaker 1

Paul, Banks, Wilson, Hurst, Charlton, Bobby Charlton, Peters, Stiles, Jackley Charlton, Bobby Moore, the England captain. The Majesty arrives in the royal box.

Speaker 2

The streets were deserted. Everybody was in watching the television.

Speaker 3

The tension was enormous.

Speaker 4

That was the only time that I've ever really felt nervous.

Speaker 5

That noise will stick with me forever. There's not only 100,000 people in the ground, but the rest of the English nation.

Speaker 4

I usually went out behind Bobby Moore. He didn't seem to be sweating.

Speaker 5

There was something that he had as a leader more than just the football.

Speaker 6

He had the aura of a prince.

Speaker 7

If only they really knew the truth, how much more would he have been revered? He was a proper hero.

Speaker 8

Bobby and I grew up in the same part of East London. Some of our most amusing early encounters, we used to find ourselves at the old Ilford Pallet, which was the old pallet dancing.

Speaker 2

Big Lee was the bouncer there. He used to get us up the front of the queue. Gils used to put the handbags down, dancing around the handbags, didn't handbags, you know.

Speaker 8

I could understand it with me, but I couldn't understand why he, as well as me, would be standing up against the wall like wallflowers and could never get a dance. I mean, he was Adonis. He was a bit nervous about going and asking anyone.

Speaker 7

When I was just coming up to my 16th birthday, I'd gone to the Ortho Palais, and there was a song called Blue Moon, which was playing, and this young man with blonde hair had come over to me and asked me to dance, and it was Bobby. I thought he was a bit square. I was used to square Baby, I don't care He asked me to go out with him, but I wasn't terribly impressed by the fact he was a footballer. I said, No, I can't go out with you. But one day I was with my mother in a taxi going along Ilford, and there was a coffee bar, and he was sitting in it. And I said, Oh, look, Mum, that's the young man who'd asked me out. And she's leaned across, and she looked at him and said, Oh, he looks great. Bring him home for tea.

Speaker 2

He was a young kid doing Tuesday and Thursday night training at West Ham. And at the end of the year, they were taking 10, 12 places for apprentices, or ground staff, as they probably were called then. And Bobby looked like he was not going to be selected. It was between Bobby and another lad.

Speaker 8

There were mixed opinions of him initially. There were the questions of his natural talent and pace.

Speaker 2

Not great in the air, not quick, not particularly big.

Speaker 5

I always refer to Bobby when I talk about him. He was quite a green youngster. If you go back a few years when he was a kid at Barking Schoolboys, you look at the pictures of him there, he's a tubby little schoolboy.

Speaker 6

Your physique earned you a nickname. Do you remember what it was?

Speaker 9

Can I say it here? Yes. How dare I? It's Tubby.

Speaker 10

Tubby? Tubby and Fatso.

Speaker 6

Tubby and Fatso, yes.

Speaker 2

We went out one night, you know, we were chatting about football, and he said, Without Malcolm, he wouldn't have been a player. Malcolm Allison was such a powerful figure at West Ham. He said, You've got to sign him. I'm telling you, he's a different class, and they listened to him. So West Ham took Bobby on.

Speaker 11

So he's got on the bus, and he's never stopped asking me questions all the way. And he said to me, Mr Allison, what's the most important thing about football? What's the most important thing to do? I said, knowing what you're going to do with the ball before you get it.

Speaker 5

We used to have a practice match, and then he'd stop it and say, close your eyes. And he'd ask individual players where everybody else was. And Mora was fantastic, knowing exactly on the field. Immediately his eyes were closed on where the left winger was and where the right back was, the centre half was two yards behind him, and Joe Blogs is 10 yards over there.

Speaker 2

Bobby obviously had the intelligence to listen and learn what Malcolm was telling him and to put it into practice.

Speaker 8

After training, he would go back to the La Cafe up the road from Upton Park with Malcolm and get the salt and pepper pots out on the table, go through the moves and the strategies and where people were out of place.

Speaker 2

And he just loved Bobby, and Bobby responded to Malcolm, and he swears that without Malcolm, he wouldn't have made it.

Speaker 10

If all your life you've been dreaming of playing in West Ham's first team, and that dream gets realized, it's an absolute defining moment. From a fan's point of view, I think that's what relates them to the club, a local boy has come good and has played for his local team.

Speaker 9

Ticket holders, tickets, all got tickets. When I arrived at the ground about an hour to an hour and a half before the kickoff, I found that all the gates had been closed, I had to fight my way to the dressing rooms. And I thought at one stage, let alone play the game, I won't even see it.

Speaker 10

There'll be nerves, there'll be butterflies in the stomach. There'll be doubts whether you can perform at this level.

Speaker 7

The first night I actually did go out with him was the second match he ever played. It might have been Nottingham Forest. He apparently had had a poor game, and the after write-up in the paper was pretty grim. So he bought as many as he could and destroyed them. He was hurt. And I was trying to bolster his ego. He was a perfectionist, Bobby. Whatever he did, he had to do it to the best of his ability.

Speaker 12

Football came very easy to you. Didn't have to work too hard.

Speaker 9

I don't like the way when you say you didn't have to work too hard. It was bloody hard work all the time to be truthful.

Speaker 7

He would train tremendously hard every day.

Speaker 9

When I first joined West Ham, the first team players were always prepared to work that much harder to improve their own game and to improve the team. And when you grow up in that environment, you just want to copy. My life was totally committed, 11 months of the year, basically to football.

Speaker 4

You became aware of Bobby as you got picked for the under 23s, and you recognize that this guy could play.

Speaker 1

Leaving it for more and more going through, I love it more and.

Speaker 4

He had Ron Greenwood, who did wonders, of course, for West Ham. And I think he did wonders for Bobby Moore.

Speaker 2

Ron Greenwood was so far in front of anybody else, really. He was the best coach I've certainly ever been fortunate enough to meet.

Speaker 4

Winterbottom also was very good, I think, in those days for Bobby. I think he gave him a great deal of confidence.

Speaker 8

A surprise to everyone, very young at the time, Walter Winterbottom decided to take him to Chile for the '62 World Cup.

Speaker 9

Not having any full international experience, I thought I was going along for the right, and to see what a full international tour was like.

Speaker 8

They weren't letting on to him that it might be more than that, because maybe he had become a bit overawed by the prospect of playing against the great Brazilians and so on.

Speaker 5

I noticed how he took responsibility when he was first picked.

Speaker 1

Moore very much open the game in his first international, seen a lot of the ball in the first three minutes.

Speaker 5

Even a 20-year-old, he was taking corners. Things that normally allow the senior players to do. That's just a part of his character.

Speaker 1

Moore, onto Greaves. A chance here for Greaves, a great chance.

Speaker 4

Jimmy Greaves was phenomenal.

Speaker 9

Greaves, and Greaves again, #3 for Greaves, #4 for England.

Speaker 13

Bob and I became roommates. We know each other as teenagers. He was a barking boy. I was a Dagenham schoolboy. And we literally had a month in this corrugated iron mountain shack. And we never ever thought we'd get home from that trip. We were very lonely. And there was a big bond between us. I think we were united on that tour.

Speaker 1

It's a corner to Brazil on the left wing.

Speaker 9

It was always a sheer delight to play against the Brazilians. And I think, you know, whenever you had the chance of pitching your wits against them on an international football pitch, I mean, you knew that that was something very, very special. It was even in those early days.

Speaker 1

Garinja. It's a goal, a beautiful goal by Garinja. Brazil have beaten England, so reached the semi-final of the World Cup.

Speaker 7

Bobby was a very romantic man. He was very caring, I mean, right from the word go. He was really charming. I would go to bed, he would slip notes underneath my pillow, or I'd put my hand in the dressing gown. There would be like a love note. We went out for about a year, and then he asked me to get married. When we went to the church, there were photographers outside, quite a crowd of people, and I was shocked that they'd come to see Bobby Moore get married. He was quite unique. He used to do my hair. When I used to have really blonde hair, he would do my roots. He was like my mate. England will win the World Cup in 1966.

Speaker 3

We didn't really look at it like that at the time.

Speaker 8

At the start of the tournament, they were aware that this could become a very important moment in their lives.

Speaker 1

It now gives me great pleasure to declare Open the eighth World Football Championship.

Speaker 8

For the opening game against Uruguay, the country was not yet alive and throbbing and demanding.

Speaker 5

The game itself was an honour draw. It's always a difficult first game as a home team.

Speaker 4

Against the Mexicans, Bobby Charlton got the ball progressed into their half. Shooting's a feeling, Bobby had this sort of thing that he was going to hit him.

Speaker 12

And it flew in the top corner.

Speaker 4

That ball entered the goal egg-shaped.

Speaker 12

Just the fact that he'd hit it like he hit it and he'd scored it like he scored, all of a sudden, hey, hold on a minute, we can win this.

Speaker 14

From then on in, the lads started to believe that they had a chance of winning it.

Speaker 7

Bobby wanted to have a life outside of football, and I don't think Ron Greenwood at West Ham could really understand that.

Speaker 2

He loved a night out with the lads, that's for sure.

Speaker 15

Drink to run and run to drink. That's what he did. He trained like a demon.

Speaker 2

Sometimes he'd come in on Sunday, wore his dinner suit on still, straighten the night out.

Speaker 6

He used to come to the ground on a Sunday.

Speaker 15

Put his tracksuit on the bin liner, the black bag, and then he'd go and do 12 laps.

Speaker 2

He'd train harder than anybody, sweat it out of him.

Speaker 15

Say, for about 11 o'clock, he'd come out and he'd be immaculately dressed and go up to the pub.

Speaker 5

In 64, the biggest game in the Cup run was against Manchester United.

Speaker 6

He won 3-1.

Speaker 16

So Ron Greenwood, it was the greatest achievement of his career to that date. He always thought from that moment on he lost Bobby Moore to all the showbiz types who Bobby seemed to attract like a magnet.

Speaker 2

We all came from the youth team at West Ham together, all undergrown players.

Speaker 1

Number 5. And Hurst. I'm going to have a sensational ending. Yes, we did more. West Ham United have won the FA Cup.

Speaker 6

If I had any heroes, it would be probably more. We've actually done more for the East End. Forget about the football, but the image of the East End.

Speaker 11

It was great for the East End. It was great for West End.

Speaker 2

And that was our life. It wasn't the West End. We were East End boys. That's where we'd go and have a drink.

Speaker 6

They all worshipped him. He'd walk in and the place used to light up. I had an artist used to come to games. And she absolutely adored him. She said, He had the aura of a prince. And she used to shiver all over. Just look at him.

Speaker 8

Argentina were probably stronger than Brazil. We were geared up for a big fight, and Alf didn't shy away from it. He made the remarks about animals, which was, you know, not well received in the blazered circles of the game.

Speaker 1

We had stalled to produce our best, and this best is not possible until we meet the right type of opposition. That is a team that comes out to play football and not act as animals.

Speaker 5

Germany played Argentina in their group in the earlier round, and that was probably one of the nastiest games you'd ever wish to see.

Speaker 6

When I invite someone to my house, I don't treat him as an animal.

Speaker 1

Act as animals, as animals.

Speaker 8

We've got people who aren't going to play fair. This is the home of fair play. It sent the nation into that game with determination. They could sense the drums beating.

Speaker 14

They were shocking, and especially the captain. Rattan? They were up to all sorts of things.

Speaker 5

Probably one of the most aggressive, tough, bordering on violent games I think I've ever played in.

Speaker 12

You know, all of a sudden your mind with something else, not about winning the game, it's about getting your own back on an individual player.

Speaker 1

Rattan is fighting with death. He's arguing with the referee.

Speaker 8

I often needed someone of the stature, the personality, the commanding presence, but above all, the cold, calculating intelligence to be himself on the pitch. It was Bobby's character. It was Bobby's intelligence of the game. Bobby's ability, although Alfred might not always enjoy it, to change things while the match was going on if he didn't think it was going properly. He wasn't just a lieutenant. He saw Bobby as himself on the pitch.

Speaker 14

Nothing ever affairs Bobby.

Speaker 7

Bobby just distanced himself, compartmentalised the thing, let them get on with it.

Speaker 3

The referee went off, and he looked down at him because he was quite tall, and the referee was only small, and he goes... Shook his head like he wouldn't go off.

Speaker 4

Magnificent player. He just couldn't shut up.

Speaker 3

He waved to his players, Come on, we're all going off. I wanted to take the players off the field. And by this time, officials would come on saying, If you take your team off, you forfeit the game, England will go through.

Speaker 1

Bobby Moore wanted to be able to take the freak and get off of it.

Speaker 7

But it's clever, because he didn't get ruffled, and then he went on to play his normal game.

Speaker 5

That was Moore. That was just typical of how the man was.

Speaker 17

Bobby Moore handled all that stuff really well. I think that's the key to being a captain, not to get riled. This.

Speaker 1

Is Moore.

Speaker 5

It's interesting to have three or four players from one team who played with each other since they were kids, and Martin's cross was just inch-perfect. The near-post cross, the West Ham goal.

Speaker 4

He was absolutely incensed. He'd just come up and he said, George, you're not changing that shirt with this player. Words to that effect. I've got the message.

Speaker 3

Captain's got sent off, lost one, they'll can't get all of an England shirt, they ain't best pleased. All of a sudden through the plate glass door comes a chair. Crash! Glass all over the place. He wanted to fight it in the tomb. Well, I think they wanted to fight, but I think they would have lost.

Speaker 7

Bobby groomed himself, his manners, he watched people, he learned. He was aware that he carried a responsibility of being the captain of England.

Speaker 3

More. That'll do.

Speaker 17

He was one of the Rovers. He was Dan Dare. I think he personified what a captain in those days should be, a leader.

Speaker 5

You just looked up to him as a player and as a person. He wasn't a captain that shouted and screamed at people. I think if he just lifted one eyebrow, you knew you were in trouble. That was his style on and off the field.

Speaker 2

Yeah, he had that look. I remember playing at Leeds, getting sent off at Leeds one day in the first time. As I walked past more, he went to me. He used to do that with his arms. I could see him stood on the halfway line there, and, you know, that was enough, like...

Speaker 9

It's obvious that Portugal, who we play tonight, are a very attacking side, and, you know, we're looking forward to playing against him a great deal.

Speaker 4

Bobby had a presence. On the pitch, you felt that presence was, you know, very necessary to his game and to the players around him. You say that was never allowed to turn at all, except to play the ball out wide, and Bobby played him completely out of the game. Bobby knew that the players knew what they were doing, but if somebody made a mistake, he made sure that he was around or somebody else was around to rectify.

Speaker 3

He was the best captain that I think I've ever played with. He didn't just play his own game. He helped others while he was out there.

Speaker 5

It says a lot for more of it. He was comfortably the captain in a group of people with a lot of very, very strong personalities. A tough bunch of boys.

Speaker 1

He was in the final of the World Cup.

Speaker 8

The savior was to leave the pitch in tears. emotionally distraught because when Pele went out of the tournament, he was the superstar of the tournament.

Speaker 7

I was about seven months pregnant with Roberta in 1964, and Bobby had noticed that he'd had an injury, and he had a very swollen testicle and very, very painful. They operated on him, and he said to the nurse, I need to phone my wife, and he rang me, and he said, it's all over, and I said, how are you? Everything's fine. The surgeon was waiting for me, and he said, Tina, I've got really, really bad news. It was cancer. I was devastated. I didn't know whether or not he-- oh, dear. I didn't know whether or not he'd live or die. Bobby was absolutely demoralized, gutted. He didn't know whether or not he would play football again. It was the most horrendous, horrendous time. We used to sit at home and cry about the fact that he'd lost what he thought was part of his manhood. He was proud and he was embarrassed. He was humiliated. I had a major time bolstering his ego again. When we went to buy swimming shorts, I used to go with him to make sure that nothing was revealed. He pleaded with me not to tell anyone.

Speaker 5

I wasn't really aware. It was kept very, very quiet.

Speaker 14

I didn't know, because usually in football circles, you know, it gets round.

Speaker 3

No, I didn't have any clue at all. In fact, I was quite shocked when I heard about it.

Speaker 11

The media were very good in those days. They weren't... witch hunt, they didn't witch hunt people that much.

Speaker 16

But in those days you didn't write the word cancer and so we put in the paper that Bobby had gone in the hospital for a groin injury and we didn't mention the fact that they had a testicle cut off.

Speaker 7

One day Ron Greenwood came in, Martin Peters filled Bobby's place. He said, yeah Bobby don't worry, Martin Peters is doing such a great job and I've looked at... Ron Green would like, if I could have killed him in my eyes, I would have done. And I thought, this is the last thing. And Bobby said I could see his eyes glazed over. And I know what Ron was trying to do was say, look, Bobby, he's doing a good job, but what he really wanted to hear was that we miss our captain. We want you back.

Speaker 4

It was very, very difficult. He was only 22-year-old.

Speaker 7

It was a terrible time for him. For five years after that, he had to go every three to six months. for checkups it was the start of his being an insomniac as well.

Speaker 16

You must lie awake at night wondering if the cancer still in your body but Bobby would never ever share that with anybody he didn't want you to know his weaknesses and I think his major weakness was that he used to worry himself sick at night.

Speaker 6

He was a insomniac terrible insomniac I used to go to the club doctor old Dr Bell and uh I'd say little Bobby couldn't sleep and make your a prescription out for some Mogadon, please, and that was it. And he always had a sleeper on a Friday night before again.

Speaker 7

I used to get up and if he, before we had Roberta, in the two months before she was born, he'd be gone. He'd be sort of pounding around the streets.

Speaker 18

I was a bad baby. I think I cried a lot and had colic. And he'd been unwell just before I'd been born. And obviously, that was a period of great anxiety for them, so he wasn't sleeping well. So I think he used to kind of look after me through the night. The midnight hours, they're very lonely and kind of solitary and isolating. So I think from a very early age, we bonded, and I was a real, real daddy's girl. I adored him. I think lots of fathers and daughters have that bond, and we had a very special bond.

Speaker 7

I think once he realized that he was going to survive, that he still felt manly, that he could still play the game that he loved, I think he wanted to prove to himself that he could be the best, not that he could be the best that there was.

Speaker 1

And now West Ham here in the European Cup Winner's Cup final.

Speaker 11

When Bob played well, everyone played well.

Speaker 5

We changed our format a bit. Bobby Moore played as a sweeper. We were very difficult to beat defensively because of that.

Speaker 11

Ron loved a little bit of flamboyance, so we had carte blanche to go with Ron. It was just an amazing game. We just moved around and we dropped in places. I got fouled outside the box, and Bob was a great passer of the ball. And I'm 30-40 yards. He was a smash ball to him tonight. We got knocked down and we were too high.

Speaker 1

West Ham, European Cup winners Cup. Fantastic performance by West Ham. Bobby Moore, who knows? Just over a year's time, he might be standing on the same spot with the World Cup in his hands.

Speaker 7

The build-up was phenomenal. When you walked out, it was quite electric.

Speaker 4

Jimmy Greaves was left out of the inside.

Speaker 7

Everybody was talking about it.

Speaker 5

Jimmy Greaves' record as a goal scorer is absolutely phenomenal.

Speaker 3

Everybody in this country knew what a great player Jimmy Greaves was.

Speaker 5

I know his record off by heart. 160-odd games for Chelsea, 130 goals in four seasons, 16 to 20. 360 games for Spurs, 260 odd goals. Patrick in his debut, 57 games for England, 44 goals. It was a huge decision for Alf, of course, to leave Jimmy out, because you couldn't put him on the bench. There were no subs, and people don't realise that. You're leaving one of the greatest golf scorers out in a World Cup final.

Speaker 7

Oh, Jimmy Greaves was absolutely inconsolable. I mean, Bobby was really upset for him.

Speaker 4

He's my oldest friend in football, Jimmy Greaves. We've known each other since we were 15. I have never been able to approach him on that particular score.

Speaker 7

And I think he found him packing the morning of the cup final and put his arm around him and tried to console him as best he could. I think Bobby was empathetic. He understood what he was feeling.

Speaker 8

They were strong right through the team. That great German ethic, they're never beaten until the final whistle blows. And they had the genius of Franz Beckenbaum.

Speaker 5

It was quite a quiet dressing room. Players were focused on themselves and their own preparation and what we're about to do.

Speaker 2

There was no one on the streets that day. Everybody was in watching a television.

Speaker 4

You heard the bell go in the dressing room. It sounded like a sign.

Speaker 3

Walking out into that tunnel and just standing there, just for a very, very short while, it was, oh dear, it was like nothing on Earth. The tension was honestly enormous, it really was.

Speaker 5

I remember thinking there's 100,000 people up there, not only 100,000 people in the ground, but the rest of the English nation were there hoping that we were going to win. And I thought to myself, we just cannot afford to lose this today. The crowd, it was almost like a flames coming back down the tunnel, you know, starting from the ground back down to where we were. And that noise will always stick with me forever. And talking about it today, the hairs on the back of the neck, you know, still stand up.

Speaker 4

The noise blew everything out of your mind. You couldn't think. That was the only time that I've ever really felt nervous. I usually went out behind Bobby Moore, you know, he didn't seem to be sweating. It was perhaps a calming effect. He would certainly not give the impression that he was scared of anything at all.

Speaker 5

There are big players, good players, who can freeze on big occasions. That will never happen tomorrow. I think the bigger the game, the better he played.

Speaker 3

As soon as that was all right, he played exactly how he would normally do. He was nice and calm and he was going to get on with his job and do what he got to do and help the others, help everybody, lift them if they weren't doing too well and calm them down if they were getting a bit too excited. What was the matter? you've just got to push that aside and carry on.

Speaker 5

It's important to get back in the game quickly. People talk about Mauro as a sweeper. Mauro got fouled in their last third of the field.

Speaker 17

Rather than retaliate, he backs off, puts the ball down, looks up.

Speaker 5

He starts us to take it. Probably knew I wasn't in quite the right position. Ron Greenwood used to say, the mind's got to be like an electric buzzsaw.

Speaker 17

You can be in a typical situation, but time stands still while you pick your money. And to me, that sums up probably more.

Speaker 6

Earth goes up. Torkovsky loses it.

Speaker 1

What a time second.

Speaker 17

I'd love to do that again. To score a goal anywhere is great, let alone it's the final of the World Cup.

Speaker 1

There's Martin Peters, the man who's scored the goal, which could well win the World Cup for England. Emmerick coming in. And it's... Oh, he's in the storm.

Speaker 3

Bobby Moore did exactly the same as Anne. We're going like this to the referee, you know. It's a handball. It's giving them the goal. It's his arm, so it's a free kick for us. We were winning and got the World Cup, and he lets that go, you know. Bobby Moore was not angry. It's a foul. Anyway, he didn't. He gave the goal.

Speaker 8

Big Jackie says that it's the only time that Bobby ever swore him in the course of the match. Jack doesn't particularly want to accept the blame, but Bobby turned around and said, Don't ever \*\*\*\*\* do that again.

Speaker 5

Losing the goal just at the end of the game, I think, was hugely disappointing. Put the World Cup final in context, it was only 20 years after the war. For a lot of people, it was slightly more than a game of football.

Speaker 8

Bobby is one of the war children. He and I were born during the war. Bombs dropped on us. The children of that era did grow up with that as very much part of their DNA.

Football really became, as it was subsequently described, the opiate of the masses. The relief from the horrors of war and the privations of the post-war years, people went to football to get away from that.

Speaker 4

I can't remember not playing. You'd come home with the sole off your feet. There wasn't too many places you could go. It was very dangerous. I remember my father looking for unexploded bombs.

Speaker 2

All we knew was going out every night when we got up in school playing football until it was too dark to see, and then find a bit of light somewhere, carry on having a little game.

Speaker 3

So then you can imagine the millions of young boys playing football at that time, and for you to be picked out of all those kids to become a professional footballer, it's fantastic.

Speaker 9

Every kid as a young boy probably all wanted to play professional football, all wanted to play in the cup final, and all, if they could, wanted to captain England.

Speaker 5

Any other team with a less competitive spirit, less camaraderie, less team spirit, I think possibly could have folded.

Speaker 9

Alf Ramsey showed his true self here when he said that you've already won the World Cup once, don't win it again.

Speaker 17

He's like a chairman, wasn't he?

Speaker 1

Not the ball. How's it going to have to pace themselves in this...

Speaker 14

Alan Ball in extra time was absolutely awesome. There was some brilliant performances.

Speaker 15

Banks, still impeccable. Ball irresistible.

Speaker 5

Well, the distributed goal's been talked about, and will always be talked about, as long as there's football, really. I couldn't see it.

Speaker 3

It jet hit the crossbar, and it went... A yard over the line. No, it was, you know, very close to the line, but spun out. And Roger, who was standing really close to it, he turned around, not to go. No.

Speaker 1

No, the linesman says no. It's a... All of the Germans don't mad at the linesman who can only speak Russian and Turkish.

Speaker 5

Had we had technology then, it would quite clearly show that the ball was over the line. Willie Schultz found himself in the right wing and knocked one of countless balls in the last few seconds of the game. Leading 3, two seconds to go, and it was going to bounce in a very dangerous area. And what does Moro do? He chests the ball down. And now I wasn't too bothered. I'd seen him do this. It was like a Sunday morning game to him.

Speaker 4

He brought the ball down on his chest. In the area.

Speaker 5

Shows you about the composure of Mauro. It summed up everything I've always felt about him.

Speaker 4

It was a very calm thing to do. But you have to have the vision and the fear to do it. And you have to have the balls to bring it down in the area in that situation. Jack was screaming, you know, so put it through tears up.

Speaker 3

And I said the same thing. I told him to clear it. But knowing Bob like I knew him. or he was not going to give that ball away. He was not going to give them that ball away. Well, that was his, it seems as though that was his motto.

Speaker 5

Calm and composed as you like. I think he threatened to knock it to George. The German front two opened up. He waltzed out to the edge of the box.

Speaker 3

I mean, he'd seen Jeff make this run now. He put his head down as quick as he could because there's somebody closing him down. Looked up, banging.

Speaker 5

And I remember looking back at Moro thinking, the game's over, immaculate as ever. pulling his socks up, preparing himself to meet the queen. That was Mora. I'm tired. The game is now over. I'm just now going to whack this ward with my left foot. It goes beyond the bar, beyond the sand, into the crowd. By the time the ball boy gets it back to the keeper, Tsiolkowski, the game's got to be over. And as you know, I mishit it. Some people are on the pitch. They think it's all over.

Speaker 1

This great moment in English sporting history, as Bobby Hall goes out to get the World Cup. Al Brunsen, walking forward to shake his hand.

Speaker 7

I laughed when he went up the stairs, because it was just so typically Bobby, he had dirty hands, and he's rubbed them against his shorts, so he wouldn't. muddy or sullied the Queen's gloves and wiped on the velvet balustrade. And I laughed because that was so much Bobby. Even in the heat of winning the World Cup, his thoughts were for somebody else.

Speaker 4

The crowd were ecstatic. Huge noise you can't describe. It was unbelievable.

Speaker 12

It was him holding it up, but he held it up for all of us.

Speaker 3

And now we were running around that field with the World Cup in our hands, and the fans were going absolutely berserk. Bobby made sure that every one of us had a little run with that World Cup in our hand and we all got a round of applause and then he'd take it back and then give it to us somewhere else. Wonderful, wonderful day.

Speaker 7

I looked at him and there's all these people standing up cheering, and I just thought, my God, what man? He survived cancer, which really meant more than all the football to

me, to be honest with you. And here he is holding up the Jours-Roumay Cup. I thought, if only they really knew the truth, how much more would he have been revered? He was a proper hero. Football exploded that night. There was a buzz. I mean, there was just a buzz around the country.

Speaker 8

Bobby became a star.

Speaker 2

He had film star status, and he deserved it. There was something about him, he just oozed class.

Speaker 19

He was the king, on and off the pitch. Always looked impeccable.

Speaker 7

He became so famous. People used to hold up babies for him to touch.

Speaker 20

Rock and roll, music, fashion, and football all combined, and the world has never been quite the same since.

Speaker 7

That night, the game changed. It became Totally glamorous.

Speaker 20

He had a really good taste, Bobby. Clothes, women.

Speaker 7

I never ever heard any stories that he was a womanizer. I always felt very secure and comfortable in my marriage.

Speaker 17

Football, before pop rock music came along, was the only way where working-class people would get out of their situation.

Speaker 21

West End won the World Cup in 1966. Martin Peters, Jeff Hurst, and, of course, Sir Bobby Moore.

Speaker 6

Everybody loves your daddy.

Speaker 18

He dealt with his fame differently. as he got more comfortable with it.

Speaker 7

We used to go to parties with the Beatles, the Stones, the Hood.

Speaker 20

And everyone had a few drinks and everyone got happy and God knows what.

Speaker 7

Then I started to realize that Bobby had gone into another stratosphere, really. Robert Mitchum, Sonny and Cher, Sammy Davis Jr., Omar Sharif, Michael Caine, you know, they were like, became like our mates.

Speaker 18

Sean Connery used to babysit for us.

Speaker 8

'66 changed the image of the footballer. What do you do? I play football.

Speaker 20

Football.

Speaker 8

They did become a part of the phenomenon which brought the working-class boy through their glass ceiling.

Speaker 7

We started to do modeling together. I started to get more recognition. It made you feel very special.

Speaker 20

So I get around there, and I see that Tina's not a bad-looking girl. said, Bobby, do you mind if she wears the England shirt? So he suggests we go out, and this was a picture, and it caused such a hoo-ha. I was treating the England shirt with disrespect, according to some people, but I wasn't, actually.

Speaker 7

After the World Cup, Dean was born. It was absolutely the most amazing occasion. It fulfilled his dream, and more than anything else, he'd fathered a son after he'd had that horrible operation.

Speaker 18

It's very difficult, you know, to live in the shadow of my father. He cast a very long shadow, particularly for Dean.

Speaker 20

Dean was a nice boy, you know.

Speaker 6

But how do you live up to your dad who was the captain of the World Cup, '66? Can't replicate that, can you?

Speaker 7

Being the son of a very famous father, it can sometimes be difficult. I think a lot of people expect an awful lot of you.

Speaker 18

Growing up with somebody very famous, it does have tremendous positives, but then it has its drawbacks. And it can be a dark place to be because you have to be mindful of people sometimes having other agendas.

Speaker 5

When we went out to Mexico in '70, we were arguably the team to beat.

Speaker 14

We were strong fans.

Speaker 3

It really was a good sign.

Speaker 5

We felt we were unbeatable.

Speaker 22

Bobby used to say '70 was a better team than '66. He thought that was a better, more balanced team, a more youthful team.

Speaker 8

En route to the finals in Bogota, the interest was phenomenal.

Speaker 5

In Bogota, the advice we were given is don't stray outside of the hotel. So there were obviously some elements of risk in that particular part of the world at that time.

Speaker 7

I had a phone call at 2 o'clock in the morning, and they said, Have you heard what's wrong with what's happened to Bobby? And I went, What do you mean what's happened to Bobby? Has there been an accident?

Speaker 10

Bobby Moore was off the pitch when Bobby Moore was arrested on a stopover in Colombia and charged with stealing a gold bracelet.

Speaker 3

How you feel, right?

Speaker 1

Nothing at all.

Speaker 8

The captain of the World Cup holders is detained, and it was huge.

Speaker 5

This is interesting that both Moro and the other body were both arrested, but the focus seemed to be a lot more on Moro.

Speaker 8

He had basically taken upon himself to bear that burden.

Speaker 3

We were ready to go to Mexico. Somebody come to me and said, Have you heard? Bobby's got to stay back here.

Speaker 8

The media storm then swirled around the world. The official plane had flown on to Mexico without him. Alf felt confident to leave him, get on with the job of trying to retain the World Cup. That tells you everything you need to know about Alf's belief in Bobby, that he was man enough to take it.

Speaker 18

I remember there being a phone call.

Speaker 7

And he just said, are you all right? And I went, Bobby, don't worry about how I'm, how you and the phone's gone dead.

Speaker 18

And off she flew.

Speaker 7

And I really didn't know what to do.

Speaker 22

It's May the 27th, the Foreign Office passed a Prime Minister. Every minute's delay in securing Moore's release militates against England's World Cup chances. The best urgent action at highest level. What happened to him was definitely a political job, and he knew it. He had some terrible, dark days over there.

Speaker 13

Bob's bomb-proof, and I think he's the only man I know that would have stood up to days in a Colombian jail.

Speaker 14

It was all nonsense to try and get us upset.

Speaker 7

Bobby was released, thank God.

Speaker 9

It's obviously been a difficult last few days for you. How do you feel now you're 20,000 feet over Colombia? I must insist that this is the first time I really enjoy flying. And I must say I'm delighted to be heading back to Mexico to meet up with the rest of the lads.

Speaker 5

I don't think he ever legally actually finally cleared his name.

Speaker 2

They picked on the wrong man because there's no way Bobby would do anything like that. Not a chance.

Speaker 5

He comes out of House arrests, not training, no preparation. He comes out and plays within a few days against Brazil and probably plays better against Brazil than he did in the final in '66.

Speaker 1

Bobby Moore across to read it, cross by Moore. And Bobby Moore takes it away from him.

Speaker 5

It's astonishing.

Speaker 8

He was phenomenal. He played as if nothing had happened.

Speaker 1

And again, Bobby Moore in there to stop him. What a few third plays for having his eyes.

Speaker 2

To come and play as he did, it showed the mark of the man.

Speaker 1

When you're champions of the world, everybody wants to beat you.

Speaker 22

At that stage, it was thought that Brazil and England were the best two teams in the world.

Speaker 3

Polly was the greatest player I've ever seen. This guy was absolutely fantastic.

Speaker 12

I don't care how old you are, you don't say Pele without knowing who you're talking about.

Speaker 14

I remember Pele going past one or two when he'd come with Bobby, and Bobby's just waiting. He was magnificent that day.

Speaker 1

And England supporters waving their legs and rising to Bobby Moore, the England captain.

Speaker 3

I thought it was a goal, and I now see the ball bounce behind the goal. Oh, wow! Bobby Moore walked towards him, and he went on to Banksy. Try and get a hold of him, for Christ's sake. No silly corners.

Speaker 22

He would talk about them in real reverential tones, but not just the Peles. He would talk about the whole of the Brazilian team, because he knew them, and he knew their abilities.

Speaker 2

Jasinho started to run in one against one and Jasinho had been murdering everybody in 1970 World Cup and he's running at Bobby from just over the halfway line. You thought, oh my god, one against one, he's clean in.

Speaker 14

And he just waited, waited and Bobby slid in. When his timing was right, boom. Bobby had a great game.

Speaker 1

That's a good one.

Speaker 14

We could have beaten him that day.

Speaker 2

Jeff had a couple of chances.

Speaker 1

One equalizer is all they wanted this moment. The game's over. England have lost it. There's a couple of...

Speaker 14

Great players at Billy No. 10 and Coby Moore for England. . . .

Speaker 8

On they went until the quarterfinal when England were up against Germany.

Speaker 1

Germany all in white, England wearing the red shirt they wore in 1966. The ball for.....

Speaker 9

Two goals in front, half for an hour, and we hadn't had any problems from the West Germans in any way whatsoever.

Speaker 1

That's volleyball again. What a great game this man is having. Beckergaard. Beckergaard, more, go down into Beckergaard. In the match. Beckergaard, score up. So that cuts me back a bit. There's Seiler. Seiler. There's the 90 minutes to go.

Speaker 14

From a team that was dead and buried, And as I'd stood there, there was only one team going to win.

Speaker 1

And there is the final whistle.

Speaker 14

It's all over. That was the worst feeling I've ever had in football.

Speaker 5

As much as the euphoria of winning it in '66, conversely, it's a huge blow to lose a game against the German team in the quarter-final.

Speaker 3

It was bad enough for me. I hadn't even played, but that's football.

Speaker 20

I think that really hit him that much. Coming back with the England team, he was led down the steps and taken to a hotel to sleep it off. I think he was drowning in his sorrows.

Speaker 6

Harold Wilson always blames it for why he lost the election, because the election was later that week. Suddenly, the national morale collapsed.

Speaker 2

After the World Cup, when it came to business, Bobby was always open to somebody with a good idea about opening a pub, opening a wine bar, making shirts, leather coats.

Speaker 16

But he'd give them away. He wouldn't charge people for it.

Speaker 2

One after the other, there were businesses that weren't successful.

Speaker 7

He did trust a lot of people that didn't prove to be terribly trustworthy.

Speaker 2

Someone tells you, I'm opening this business, I'll open that, and you go, Yeah, yeah, we've all done a fortune, and Bobby was no different.

Speaker 9

One of the things that became very public knowledge was being associated with a country club in the Chigwell area.

Speaker 7

Bobby, somewhere along the line, signed a guarantee. He was a guarantor. I don't know if it was he was totally on his own, but I think he was. And he ended up with a bill for 100,000, which in those days was fortune. And he paid it.

Speaker 6

Got taken to the cleaner's head. Yeah, it was nasty, nasty business.

Speaker 7

Yes, sir.

Speaker 1

I swear that this information is true.

Speaker 9

And is not a hoax, and those words are heavily underlined. But in the next few days, five.

Speaker 3

Men, four of the mound, are going ahead with their plans to kidnap Mrs. Tina Moore.

Speaker 7

Since then, police have been giving a close watch on Mrs. Moore and the two children. Somebody had been released from prison or was on bail or something, and he'd heard of this plot. And he said he was a huge West Ham fan, and he felt he had to let the police know.

Speaker 18

The threat of being kidnapped was very real for some time.

Speaker 7

All he wanted to do was to protect us and to care for us.

Speaker 18

It was scary. We had some detectives who moved in with us. They were there for about two weeks. Long time to kind of have strangers live with you and protecting you.

Speaker 7

And then somebody rang my cousin Jenny and said that Bobby was gonna be shot. So Jenny was really alarmed, she's rang the police, and at the time they were playing a match. They run on the pitch, surrounded Bobby and escorted him off.

Speaker 6

He made a good joke coming off the pitch. I didn't have that much of a bad game, did I? When there was about six coppers around him. This is Greens! Still there, Greens.

Speaker 15

I think Jimmy had just sighted us.

Speaker 13

Bobby got me into more trouble than any other footballer I've ever known, and I've played with some villains.

Speaker 2

Well, the incident in Blackpool was, I think the game looked like it was going to be off for sure.

Speaker 6

We thought the game was going to be called off.

Speaker 11

We were just sitting there, and Bob said, Do we fancy going up to see Brian London? So, to the nightclub, off we went.

Speaker 15

Don't forget, it's just night for a game.

Speaker 13

That was Bobby Moore, Brian Dear, myself, Robbie Jenkins, the physio.

Speaker 6

Yeah, we met Brian London, and he invited us. We were going for a walk, actually, and actually, if I can remember rightly, I think I possibly had forgotten the biggest sleeping pill.

Speaker 13

We came back quite early. We weren't the worst for wear. Then we went to bed.

Speaker 1

They were with a shot. It's in the goal. That is number four. And that is the disconsolate figure of Robert Moore.

Speaker 11

The papers got hold of the story of we'd gone to the nightclub. It was on the one o'clock news. Ron had been on the phone questioning us, and we were summoned to the ground. The directors really wanted us to chuck us out that day, I think. It was that bad. But something wrong just saved our grace and let us down gently.

Speaker 6

Well, I suppose, Bobby, you might think that we could have chosen a better week to say this is your life. It's not exactly the happiest week in West Ham's history.

Speaker 9

You can say that in your name, but nevertheless, it's all part and parcel of the job, and we have to take the rough of the smooth.

Speaker 11

They were thinking of scrapping it, but the damage was done.

Speaker 6

Bobby Moore, OBE, captain of England's World Cup team. Tonight, this is your life.

Speaker 16

We went through, did This Is Your Life, which was live at the time. That was on the Wednesday. And on the Thursday, they issued a statement. They suspended Bobby, Jimmy, and Brian Deer. And Bobby thought the way they handled it was disgraceful.

Speaker 11

I left at the end of the season. Jimmy left. Bob stayed, but it was never really the same for Bob then.

Speaker 9

What a task it's going to be for this reshuffled West Ham side, so recently demoralized by the events in Blackpool. But today they have a new captain, and it's Geoff Hurst, who should lift their spirits somewhat by coming back into the side.

Speaker 15

I think Darby were interested in Bobby. Brian Clark was making quite a lot of noise about it.

Speaker 9

Well, I just, you know, I'd like things to happen and get the sort of club that would appeal to me.

Speaker 10

The club, I think, at that time didn't want to let him go, and once the club didn't want to let you go at that period of time, you had no choice but to stay.

Speaker 9

Lovinsky.

Speaker 1

Banash. Farlan. Moore. Oh, in trouble. Lovinsky.

Speaker 9

Ball was too casual.

Speaker 1

Throwing out.

Speaker 8

Bobby was to make one mistake in the qualifying competition for 1974. Ball out near the touchline, turn inside, as he'd done a million times, got caught in possession, away they go.

Speaker 16

The first time I'd seen him even come close to losing it, he was pacing up and down, quite red-faced and agonizing over it.

Speaker 7

He was so upset that he'd let England down. And himself.

Speaker 16

We went for a walk one day and we met these FA councillors and had found Bobby fast asleep on a park bench. Couldn't sleep, got up, went out, laid there like a tramp on a bench.

Speaker 7

He was really, really beyond despair in a way.

Speaker 6

If you've been wondering what this is in my hand, it's a nail.

Speaker 10

And it's either going in.

Speaker 6

Poland's coughing, or it's going throughout.

Speaker 8

Having seen Bobby Moore make one mistake... ..you could guarantee with your life that he would never do the same thing again. It would be removed. That little tiny glitch in the computer would have been deleted. And by terrible irony, Norman Hunter replicated that mistake. I.

Speaker 14

Messed that up a bit down the halfway line, you know?

Speaker 1

Latter screaming down the right side. And now it's Latto against McFarlane and the duck is over there. The shot is on for Damaski. Oh, it's scored.

Speaker 14

You do things in your career. Nobody makes mistakes on purpose, and I made that howler, and then I couldn't wait to try and rectify that. And the chances were unbelievable, and we should have beat them three or four. If the keeper hadn't been so brilliant, I promise yes.

Speaker 4

The goalkeeper had a miracle game where he should have scored about six goals in.

Speaker 1

It. He knocks it back.

Speaker 16

Bobby kept saying to Alf, Get Kevin on, get Kevin on, get Kevin on.

Speaker 8

Too late, says Alf. Bobby says, No, it's not too late. He could still do it. There's space down that left side. He's perfect for this.

Speaker 16

Kevin Hector came on, had the best chance of the match, put the ball wide from 2 yards, and that was it. England morale. It's over.

Speaker 1

It's all over. And for England, one of the blackest days they've ever had. Sir Al Ramsey must be a very disheartened man.

Speaker 14

And I'll never forget that final whistle. And I've got my head down and I'm trudging off. And I'm thinking, well, that's it. It's the end of the international career. And Bobby was there, put his arm around me, and he said something, and then I can't really remember what he said, but I was just so upset.

Speaker 6

What about your own future now as the England manager? What about it? I'm the England manager, aren't I?

Speaker 8

There was a protracted and agonizing sort of sacking of Alf, which was well handled. Bobby was given the chance to get to the number of caps he did, but The castle was falling, and from then on, it's proved to be difficult to rebuild a castle with sand.

Speaker 1

Just 4 weeks after him for the 90th time, and thereby equals the record of Billy Wright.

Speaker 7

He got his 108 caps, which was a record, which he held for many a year. So he finished on a high, but I think in a way, although he was upset about the career coming to the end, he was excited because he was quite looking forward to the next period of his life.

Speaker 5

He was captain of England, dressed smartly, had a red Jaguar. He went to the best places and he lived the life of somebody that was and deserved to and was very

successful. But at the end of it, you can have a good life, but there's not a lot of money you can save during your career, no matter who you are and what you've achieved in the game.

Speaker 6

The last of around 650 appearances Bobby Moore made for West Ham came in the humble setting of a reserve match against Plymouth. Moore signed for Fulham, joining up with former England colleague Alan Mullery.

Speaker 23

We had quite a few offers, obviously, and to stay in the top division. I mean, we were in the old second division.

Speaker 10

There's a newspaper story this morning that you might pack up at the end of the season. I don't think you're taking that.

Speaker 9

Terribly seriously, but do you see this as your last chance to get to Wembley? I hope not. I'd like to go and play for as long as possible, Brian, and as I say, it's a great inspiration to know that you're knocking on the doorstep of Wembley again.

Speaker 15

The cup final was a great occasion for us. We were good mates, and I knew how he would have felt he wanted to win badly.

Speaker 1

And Bobby Moore comes out to the atmosphere he loves and knows so well. This is Moore's 47th appearance of Wembley.

Speaker 23

Just for Bob to get there in his final last couple of years, it was a dream come true when he beat him.

Speaker 1

You've done it all You've.

Speaker 6

Broken every code Called the rebel to the floor I wouldn't have minded getting beaten that day by Fulham. purely because it was Bobby Moore. The.

Speaker 15

FA Cup goes back to Upton Park. Straight after the game, he came up and shook hands with me on the pitch, and it was a different class, different class.

Speaker 23

He took in his stride, Bob. Played well on the day, but not quite good enough. After a match, we'd all go out, the whole team. We would go off down the King's Road, even if it was for an hour. Fans would bother him, wouldn't bother us, of course. Oh, it helped when George Best signed for us. He took a little bit of the load off Bob. Best.

Speaker 9

That's the best.

Speaker 6

Oh, my goodness, he hit the.

Speaker 15

First. I was involved with Marsh, Best and More in the fact that I was an apprentice and carrying their stuff all around Europe. Loads of European tours. Pre-season friendlies. It was just a place to be. They were like a travelling circus.

Speaker 1

We'll be cooking up something.

Speaker 4

But we loved his time there.

Speaker 6

Suited him really, because he liked the bars over there.

Speaker 1

Hurdle beautifully over. Took it off Rodney Mark.

Speaker 4

But you entertain and people went away, is that what? Did you see what Marsh did there? Did you see what best did there? Did you see what Bobby pulled off?

Speaker 1

More.

Speaker 9

That really was the nerve of a great player there.

Speaker 4

He wanted to see them. He wanted to see some magic. On to the.

Speaker 9

Right foot, gets it on the far post.

Speaker 1

What about the future? You can get to management or what?

Speaker 9

Well, if the right sort of opportunities come along, I'd very much like to.

Speaker 7

It's unbelievable that he had to go abroad to find a job. He was offered a job at Seattle Sounders.

Speaker 1

Abby Moore, playing in his fourth game of the season. He's 37 years old.

Speaker 7

Then we went to San Antonio Thunder and Denmark. I think he was a bit demoralized about that.

Speaker 10

Bobby retired after that.

Speaker 2

I think once you're out the limelight, I don't know, no one gives the monkeys about you, really. Let's be honest. When you're gone, you're gone. The most important thing is you've got your family around you.

Speaker 18

As a professional footballer, particularly then, you weren't prepared for the next stage of your life, and what are you going on to do?

Speaker 12

Elton John approached Bobby Moore to become the Watford manager.

Speaker 7

They were going to do like a big film on it about the two icons, the football and music. And Bobby was so enthused. He thought this was great. Anyway, we were on a holiday, and he was excited because by then he'd already had this conversation.

Speaker 12

There were other directors on the board, and Elton was very good at this. He wanted the directors to have their say. And their view was that it would be better if you went for me. Now, please, I'm not doing this to boast. Because I was only told that I had no idea. When I accepted the Watford job, I had no idea they'd spoken to Bobby Moore.

Speaker 7

He used to go for a run every morning and stop at the local sort of grocery shop. He's come in and he handed me the paper. He was ashen. They'd given Graham Taylor the job. Well, I mean, we were both gobsmacked. That was the biggest letdown, I think, of Bobby's life. I mean, he was absolutely shattered by that.

Speaker 18

He was a very proud man and it must have really hurt.

Speaker 7

We just thought it was a matter of time before another football offer would come in. Nothing came in. And you know, then when one did, it was a really lowly job at Oxford City. And actually it was very nice of the man to even give it to him, but it was a very, to a grim sort of start. Bobby had no money. Harry Rednap went to help him.

Speaker 2

I went to Oxford City. It was non-league. We didn't know the players. It was an impossible job.

Speaker 7

And then he started writing off for jobs, putting out that he wanted a job. Sometimes people didn't even return the letter.

Speaker 2

Bobby wrote to the FIA after John Rebby left, but I could well see him not getting a reply, you know? You.

Speaker 12

Didn't ever feel that there was a kind of conspiracy against you just pushing you out of football.

Speaker 9

I wouldn't have thought so, and I wouldn't have liked to think so, because, if there had been, I would like to have known the reasons why.

Speaker 15

England captain of the World Cup-winning team with a lot of knowledge about football, not offered a job. It seems crazy.

Speaker 2

As great a player as he was, and as much as he was loved, I wouldn't see them giving him a job. Ron Greenwood got a job, and maybe he had more of a relationship, especially with Jeff, you know?

Speaker 7

He was dejected. I mean, so awful to be spurned by... something that you've given so much to. There's no rhyme or reason to it.

Speaker 23

Only people in charge of football and in charge of clubs could tell you why they didn't. Maybe they were scared about the stories of his friends, if you like.

Speaker 20

Sometimes you're judged by the company you keep, and probably that's what they thought.

Speaker 8

There'd been all the great upset of the Bogota incident.

Speaker 5

Maybe that had an impact on the fact he was overlooked.

Speaker 7

It totally changed our financial position and it must have been a terrible, terrible burden on him. I haven't played football.

Speaker 23

For 20 years and I'm teaching LAR dealers, Bobby Moore, how to play football. Myself and Bob Moore, we work with the stars who doesn't play soccer.

Speaker 14

They teach us how to act, we teach them how to play soccer.

Speaker 6

Tonight it's Bobby Moore.

Speaker 7

He didn't want to sell more lands. He was very proud of the house. He'd worked terribly hard to get it. I think Bobby was so proud. He'd elevated himself and me and the children to such a level. He didn't really, I don't think he was, felt he was capable of dropping to a much lower level.

Speaker 1

Bobby Moore.

Speaker 7

His insomnia got worse. I think he turned inwards. I think he felt that he'd failed us as a family, and I think that looking back, I think that was depression.

Speaker 13

In general terms, Bob, what are you offering at the Bobby Moore Soccer School?

Speaker 9

Well, basically, you know, we are taking the boys on a week's course. It's A non-residential course that runs from a Monday to Friday from 10 o'clock till 4 o'clock every day.

Speaker 7

You meet your heroes as well as getting coached, you see.

Speaker 9

Well, that's what we think, but some of them can't even remember us.

Speaker 7

Bobby had died in all those years when he was neglected. I think he was crushed.

Speaker 9

What I want from you, lads, right?

Speaker 18

I think it broke his heart, actually. He would never have admitted it. But I know that, I know that, I know that it really, it really got to him.

Speaker 7

And I think that then Bobby withdrew into himself, and I'm sure... that's... When life got all too much, and I think after all the rejections, he just got very despairing. And I'm sure really that was the cause of what helped make him look outside of our marriage. He kept saying, Look, I've got a problem. I know he felt very guilty. I don't think he did it lightly. I think he found it a heartbreaking thing to do. He kept ringing me and coming round and seeing me. He couldn't make the break. As much as I was hurt and devastated, I think he was too. And he was such a decent man and such a good man. I think that it really impacted on him a great deal.

Speaker 18

He did the right thing. as much as he could in that situation. And he ensured we were all looked after. And as far as Dean and I were concerned, he was always there for us. Always there for us.

Speaker 9

It's been a difficult period for all concerned. I mean, not only for Tina and my children, but also for Stephanie and myself.

Speaker 24

When I met Bobby, I didn't know anything about him at all, because I didn't come from a footballing family. I just found him to be a very gentle, very understated, very correct, very dignified. He was just a very nice guy. Undoubtedly, making the decision to leave his family was an exceptionally hard decision for him to make, and I would only know the half of it. Because once again, he would try and protect everybody from the inevitable. Everybody was going to be hurt in that situation at some point. And he really wrestled with that, with his conscience. He was a very romantic man. One of my favorite songs at the time, and still is, is Autumn Leaves. And one day we were sitting at an airport and he'd gone off to the loo or whatever, and I was sitting facing the wall, finishing my coffee. And then I became aware in this crowded lounge, you know, where we were eating, Bobby was standing behind me singing Autumn Leaves to me. You know, he was a great romantic.

Speaker 11

First time I ever saw Stephanie was when he was a manager here and he brought it to Southend.

Speaker 24

Because he'd given up everything, even his car, things were difficult financially for some years. But Southend is a great club, the fans are fabulous. Real sense of community in Southend. He went there as a director and they were not in great shape financially or

football-wise. And matters only got worse. And then one day they sacked the manager and said to Bobby, well, you can take over.

Speaker 4

Southend did the right thing in trying to take him on, but I don't think it was big enough for him.

Speaker 24

He was given the job as they were facing relegation. They weren't going to avoid relegation. So he was given an impossible job, really. You just had to laugh and get on with it.

Speaker 9

One of the things that I realised I had missed when I first got back involved in a coaching capacity was the camaraderie that you get in dressing rooms and in training sessions where you're getting like 15, 16 players there, you know, chipping at one another, bantering with one another, telling jokes.

Speaker 24

We had a great couple of years there, all said and done.

Speaker 15

I don't know if he had the attributes to be a manager.

Speaker 6

To be honest with you, I don't think he was hard enough.

Speaker 2

Who knows? He could have been the best West End manager of all time. No one knows, given a chance to do the job. He could have been the England manager. He knew the game inside out. Why couldn't he have been a great manager? He just needed a chance, a good club with good players, to show what he could do, and he never got that opportunity.

Speaker 24

At the end, it was difficult. He was ready to leave and ready to move back to London, as was I.

Speaker 22

First time I met Bobby Moore was when I was at Capital Gold and we needed someone to be a really heavyweight co-compensator and he was working for Sunny Sport at the

time. I didn't think it was possible and then, lo and behold, a couple of days later, Bobby walked into the office and pristine, immaculate, which he always was, and a big smile on his face, and he said, All right, JP, and that was it, really, and we were set from then on. He was just like, Bobby Moore, 1966 World Cup-winning, the absolute hero, icon, God for me, and just a normal bloke. Bobby would insist on driving. Stephanie told me it's because Bobby thought I did all the work at the ground, and therefore he would do all the work and get in there and get him back. would cut up everyone, and there'd be people banging their horns and thumping their windows, something like that. And then they'd see it was Bobby and go, you know, Bobby Moore just cut us up. Everyone waving for Bobby, you know, stop at a traffic jam, then a bit further up. The car that you just cut up, they'd want his autograph.

Speaker 2

He shouldn't have been doing local radio, he should have been doing, sitting up in the stand at Wembley, and he should have been sitting in front right, West Ham, he should have been an ambassador.

Speaker 24

He was sad about that, but he was never bitter about it.

Speaker 2

I remember seeing him at Grimsby.

Speaker 14

Sat up here doing commentary during a really cold, bleak day.

Speaker 2

And I hear someone, Harry! I look up and there's more eyes looking at a pitch before the game. He's sitting up there, he's got a great big cap on eating fish and chips. And I looked at him and I thought, You shouldn't be here, you shouldn't be doing radio. getting 100 quid or whatever he's getting for a night's work. I felt embarrassed working at West Ham and he's not. Maybe I should be up there doing a raid and he should be down here.

Speaker 24

It wasn't very glamorous, a whole lot of it, but yeah, he loved the involvement and he loved the crack.

Speaker 22

And Stephanie said to me that, you know, it made him feel part of a team and close to football again, which I think was really important for Bob. Wherever he went in World Cup 19, Bobby was revered. We'd come to the semi-final with England playing Germany

up in Turin, and we've always called it the Tears of Turin. And if anyone wants to see a great game of football, that was a wonderful game of football. One of the last great World Cup games I think I've ever seen. It was brutally passionate, it was exotically skillful, and England went out, so cruelly. And at the end, I turned and in the commentary, and I was welling up in the commentary, Because it's my first World Cup and, you know, it's the closest I've ever seen to England winning the World Cup. But I turned to my right-hand side and Bobby was in floods. Because in 1990, that's what it still meant to him. That's what England still meant to him. That's what England in a World Cup still meant to him. And I think that was one of the defining moments of my relationship with him. So we plodded away through these jubilant German supporters, and we get to this square in Shirin. And it's like something from Dante's Inferno, you know. There's all these hooligans piling into one another and smashing each other up. These are bad days. We've got to get across this square, because we can see our hotel in the distance. And I said to Boblas, let's find a bar. I'm not doing that. I'm not going to go across there. And he went, I know, PSO. We'll be all right. So Bobby starts walking Don Quixote across this square, and I'm his Sancho Panza, you know, I'm hid behind him. But I didn't need to. As soon as Bobby hit the square, all these people punching the heck out of one another, bang, bang, bang. That's Bobby Moore. All right, Mora. All right, Mora. All right, son. I was thinking of the game, you had a bad penalty, wasn't it? Oh, it was a shocking penalty. It's Bobby Moore, it's Bobby Moore. What a bang, bang, bang, carrot on the fight. So we're walking across. It was like the parting of the Red Sea. Bobby and me and these hooligans having a go at each other. No-one touched us. No-one touched us. It was brilliant. Like being in the presence of a divine being. West Germany are through to the final. The only person Gasconne would talk to after being booked was Bobby Moore. Who?

Speaker 21

To turn to, you know, because sometimes you want to know the experience, what it would be like winning the World Cup, and obviously with him doing it.

Speaker 18

Gascoigne had run after him and said, Bobby, Bobby, can I have a word? I wasn't privy to it, but apparently Dad said to him, you know, you're okay. And he opened up to him. We.

Speaker 21

Had a little chat for a while and then I got to sit next to him, sitting next to us on a plane and that we chat all the way back. That time, that hour with him, was really nice to know. So that was one of the fortunate ones I actually got to meet the guy.

Speaker 18

People like Gascoigne, they knew that Bobby had lived it. He'd lived it, he'd experienced it, he'd coped. Because it was a lot to cope with.

Speaker 24

When he developed bowel cancer, and he was told that it wasn't curable, he was very stoic.

Speaker 18

I went to see Dad in hospital. He was lying in the bed, and he was just coming round from the op. And he looked at me, and he was literally just coming to him, and Stephanie was there, and he said, I think they've got it all. And I saw Stephanie's eyes well up, and then I just knew.

Speaker 25

He was very motivated to help anybody understand what cancer was about. He was... My impression was that he was a very private man.

Speaker 24

We decided that we wouldn't make it public. So nobody was really told, bar his immediate family, my immediate family.

Speaker 25

I think Bobby's greatest coping strategy is called Stephanie. She was absolutely wonderful in her support, not in a stupid, feather-bedded way, very practical, but obviously so concerned for his health.

Speaker 24

His calmness enabled me, when I was in his presence, to be exceptionally calm and controlled. But there were months and months and months where I was going to work and just in a terrible state, because I knew I didn't have him for very long now.

Speaker 25

He displayed what is called fighting spirit in a way that was very realistic.

Speaker 24

He didn't ask how much longer he had, but he made sure he lived every day to the full. There were certain things he wanted to do, places he wanted to go to, people he wanted to see.

Speaker 5

One of the things I remember about that period was a phone call he made to me and really asking me nothing. I think he just wanted to talk to me. And I felt, my wife felt very strongly that he was, he knew exactly what was going to happen. And I think he's called to say goodbye. I

Speaker 7

was on a train, it was rush hour. And all of a sudden, someone's come in and must have sat down, and they've nudged me. I went, madam. And I looked, and it was Bobby, and I didn't recognize him. I went, Bobby. But he looked so different. The golden, beautiful Bobby that I remembered wasn't there. Obviously, he wasn't well. Then he got up, and he went to get off the train. And just as the doors were about to close, he got back on. And then he stayed with me, and we chatted until I got off at my station. And then I walked away with a lump in my throat. I didn't see him again.

Speaker 18

He announced that he was ill, and then there was a match against San Marino at Wembley.

Speaker 1

Gascoigne takes it. And it's nice to see Bobby Moore. up in the press box working for radio. The best wishes of his many friends in football are with him tonight.

Speaker 18

England won convincingly. And he turned round to me at the end and he just kind of went like that. He'd done it. I think he wanted to say goodbye to Wembley Stadium. He kind of took stock and had done what he wanted to do, said goodbye in his own quiet way.

Speaker 8

He wanted to come to the Royal Garden Hotel. So it was a significant place. We came, we had lunch, and then we came and stood outside. It was not a cold day, but chilly. He had this long red leather coat, which it had been a gift from Malcolm Allison, which he was wearing against the weather, because he was feeling the weather a bit at that point. And then we both realized that this was going to be the end, and we just sort of embraced and looked at each other.

Speaker 22

A little bit later on that week, Stephanie phoned me up. We were due to go to West Ham. And Steph phoned me up and she said she didn't really want him to go to West Ham because she thought it would be a media circus. And I totally agreed with her. There'd be cameras everywhere. So she said, he won't take it from me. Will you tell

him? So I phoned up Bob and I said, Bobby, I don't think you'll go to West Ham. It's going to be quite cruel. There's going to be cameras. I didn't know how long Bobby had. Cameras, they're all over you and, you know, I don't think it would be best. And he said to me, Pierce, I will always respect your opinion. Will always. Will always respect your opinion, but I don't agree with you. And we'll talk on Monday.

Speaker 24

There was no way Bobby could have gone to that game, the press would have been all over him, it would have been horrendous. And Bobby was not well. It was the Saturday before he died.

Speaker 22

Sadly, the last words he ever said to me were, I respect what you say, but I don't agree with you. And I carry that.

Speaker 24

The doctor came at one point and said, We'll move him into hospital. And I went downstairs and I said to Dean, They want to take your father into hospital, I don't want this. I said, There's no way they're moving him out of this house. And Dean said, I'll deal with it. And he went and spoke to the doctor, and I don't know what they discussed, but Bobby stayed at home.

Speaker 18

I went straight around to his house, and, you know, he was only lucid for moments then, and was kind of in and out of consciousness. And he woke up and he saw me, and he kind of touched me on the nose and just went, Hello, Dolly drops. And that's one of the last things he ever said to me. And, um... I'll never forget that night. I mean, I was with him all night, as we all were. And, you know, it was the saddest night of my life. The outpouring of love was very comforting for those of us left behind.

Speaker 7

He was very beloved. He'd given an awful lot to West Ham. He was one of their own.

Speaker 20

They'd lost the sun, hadn't they?

Speaker 22

There was a huge outpouring of public emotion. The minute silence at grounds. You can see what the man meant.

Speaker 20

We didn't. As the FA, we probably didn't treat Bobby Moore as he should have been treated.

Speaker 22

I don't think Bob had a great deal of time, really, for the FA Mandarins. And clearly the way they failed to use him would suggest they had no, you know, no great time for him, which is incredibly sad.

Speaker 2

He should have been used by the FA. He should have been used by West Ham. Suddenly they want to name Stand after him. When he was alive, they didn't want to know him.

Speaker 22

At that stage, I think West Ham United did themselves a disservice, and I certainly think the FA did as well. It was too late. Bobby had gone.

Speaker 2

No disrespect to other footballers who've got knighthoods, and good luck to them. No one deserved a knighthood more than Bobby did amongst the footballers. You know, he should have had a knighthood for sure.

Speaker 5

Naturally, looking at the people who've been knighted in this country as footballing figures, without question you would put Bobby up there as somebody that should have been knighted. In fact, people, even today, still refer to him in conversation as Sir Bobby Moore.

Speaker 21

But I suppose some people are knighted by monarchs and other people are knighted by the people, and I don't know which one has more value.

Speaker 20

Since he died, Stephanie has worked tirelessly for her bowel cancer charity, and actually, in some ways, she has rebuilt Bobby Moore's name, I think. by putting his statue outside Wembley and saying, Here is the iconic player of his age. I do think we've made-up for that. I think we've said he matters, but I think it was belated. He should have been an ambassador.

Speaker 19

The FIO needs to have that. It needs to have a link to players that have been there and done it.

Speaker 13

They've done it in Argentina with Maradona, in Brazil with Pele.

Speaker 2

It's like Beckham Bale but Germany.

Speaker 13

For some reason, this nation of ours gets very embarrassed by anybody who becomes a hero.

Speaker 22

He could have been a great spearhead for our footballing nation. Would we have been in a better place seeking another World Cup in England than someone like Bobby Moore? As a figurehead, I think we would have been.

Speaker 1

And England supporters waving their legs and rising It.

Speaker 8

Would have been a significant contribution, and it could have dealt with some of the problems and the decline subsequent to his era as a pile. What?

Speaker 1

A few fair blokes to have in your side. I.

Speaker 16

Saw the greatest defender who ever stepped on the football field.

Speaker 5

His ability to read the game at the back, his composure. Good.

Speaker 1

Tackle by Moore.

Speaker 19

Go, hang on a minute. We all can't do that, otherwise it'd be an easy game. As a.

Speaker 10

Player and a man, I loved him.

Speaker 22

He wasn't just a footballer. He wasn't just 66. He was a man of great spirit and bravery and dignity, and I think his legacy goes on because of that.

Speaker 15

He's a great ambassador for life, not just football, but for life.

Speaker 2

You never heard anybody say a bad word about Bobby. There was no one ever I could think of who came in contact with him and wouldn't have liked him. You couldn't dislike him.

Speaker 24

Football was Bobby's life.

Speaker 14

He was born to play for England, won't he?

Speaker 21

Bobby Moore is one of the figures that will be in the final pantheon of Pele, Maradona, George Best, Johan Cruyff, Bobby Moore, like these players that are above. It's because you've connected to something in people that goes beyond sport.

Speaker 24

It's almost as though he's presiding over the game at the stadium that he most loved. He can't.

Speaker 13

That great victory has weighed on teams ever since.

Speaker 10

And that's no fault at all to the people who achieved it. just shows up the fact that they did something which none of us have been able to achieve in the 50 years that have succeeded that.

Speaker 19

But you can never lose sight of the fact that they did win it, and you have to go back to basics sometimes and remember that, be proud of that, and try and replicate it. And

why not? I think we should talk about it a lot. I think we should show the videos and try and inspire another group to go and do something the same.

Speaker 24

He said to me, You've no idea what it's like walking out onto that turf. It's levitating. I.

Speaker 13

Think 50 years for this country is too long. We want to change it. We want to try and create our own history. So people talk about us in 50 years' time, the way they speak about Bobby Moore. They give all the generations after something to believe in and something to look up to.

Speaker 5

Younger players look up to him and feel he's an inspiration to them because you couldn't possibly pick a better role model.

Speaker 22

Come the end of the day, there is a seven-year-old boy kicking a football who one day wants to lead his country. And you will never, ever beat the passion of kids who want to do that. Bobby would've loved that. Bobby.

Speaker 9

Moore, straight out the referee. Knocked out the referee. That really was a powerful header away by Bobby Moore, and the referee is completely knocked out. The.

Speaker 5

Taxman's taking all my dogs And a lot of people ask me, even up today, who's my hero? And I saved Bobby more.

Speaker 19

Bobby would come round the house and then as I became of an age to be aware of the fact that what he'd done in the game, you know, England captain and lifted the World Cup. And I was obviously quite excited about the fact that he was flicking the ball around in the garden with.

Speaker 10

Me.

Speaker 15

I don't think I've had the mental strength. and the physical strength to have come back from testicular cancer.

Speaker 10

And for Bobby Moore, 18 months after a diagnosis of testicular cancer, to lift the World Cup and then to go on and further his career, that's a remarkable achievement.

Speaker 1

The hard against Bobby Moore. It must be 101 against. And he's saved it.

Speaker 25

He had a wicked sense of humor. He'd never leave my consulting room without me having had a laugh. And staff outside, you know, who weren't listening in, but they'd say, Goodness, you've been laughing in there.

Speaker 2

He played center-forward one night at Stroudsbury in a friendly game, and he was fantastic. I don't think he got two or three. He might've got a hat-trick that night. But he could play anywhere more. He was the exact type of footballer, you know? Cruelty.

Speaker 1

Now what I'm telling you about to play more.

Speaker 21

My team, I really supported when I was younger. It was West Ham. I tried to go there when I was 17. Even though I played for Newcastle, I just wanted to go to West Ham, and I think so Bobby was one of the reasons.

Speaker 10

I was walking out the ground one day, car pulled up alongside me, and it was Bobby. And he said, where are you going? So I said, I'm going to Bow. He said, well, I'm going that way. I'm going up the station. Jump me in a gear lift. He dropped me off at Bow Church, and I was just hoping that there'd be someone walking along the road that knew me, that seen me getting out of Bobby Moore's car.

Speaker 1

Oh, save me, save me, save me from this queen I got a big fat mama trying to break me.

Speaker 17

We were banned for four years. We got banned in 1965. I don't know what we did. We were banned from working there. And that was a big slice out of our career because, you know, it was the biggest market in the world, so we had to come back here. So I wrote songs about England. And Sunday Afternoon was about England, and England won the World Cup. It's all so poetic.

