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NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

I must apologise for the delay of this Newsletter but, as in the past, we have had some difficulty in finding suitable printers, so we have quite a bit of news to catch up on. The response to the train trips has slackened over the past month and through lack of support there was no train to Burnley, and this is at a time when Wolves are beginning to show some of the form and there has been a revelation in the play of some of the youngsters, especially Ken Hibbitt.

It was decided at the last committee meeting that female members should travel at a reduced rate on our train trips, as was the case when the Club ran coaches. It was also pointed out that the Club rules agreed upon at the last A.G.M. had been omitted from the last Newsletter, so they are printed below:

CLUB RULES

1. The organisation shall be named Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club.
2. The committee for the above named Club shall be formed from eight members elected at the A.G.M.
3. The subscription shall be 10/- (50 N.P.) per annum (June 1st to May 31st).
4. When travel is booked for matches, a deposit of 5/- (minimum) to £1 will be necessary and 5/- (25 N.P.) shall be retained for expenses should the depositer be unable to travel.
5. Any hooliganism whilst travelling could lead to permanent banishment from future Club activities.

AUGUST MATCH SUMMARY

Now that the first month of the season is over we find the WOLVES sadly near the bottom of the 1st Division.

The season kicked off at Newcastle where the Wolves came out losing 3:2 in a keenly contested game. Playing both their close season signings, Hegan and Gould, Wolves at one stage were 3:0 down but goals by Dougan and Curran gave a more respectable score-line.

The next game, at home to last season's surprise side Derby, turned out to be a goal feast. The game's 6 goals all came within 20 minutes of each other. Alas Derby decided that that was enough and played a cautious game in the second half to turn out 4:2 winners. Wolves goals were again scored by Dougan and Curran.

The following Saturday saw Wolves play Spurs at Molineux. Many of you will have seen the game on T.V. There is little to say about this game because Wolves display, to say the least, was bad. This is the sort of display that you see at the end of the season, not at the start.

So to Coventry, the next Tuesday, and what a change! Wolves gave, in my opinion, their best display for 2 years. The change from Saturday was unbelievable, every player was outstanding. The goal, after 68 minutes, was a brilliantly executed move involving Bailey, Wagstaffe, Gould and the scorer Curran. Possibly the two really outstanding players for Wolves were Holsgrove and Munro.

The final game of the month at Nottingham started hopefully when Curran scored after 4 minutes with a tremendous left foot shot from 18 yards. But alas it wasn't to last and Forest drew level after 9 minutes. Holsgrove's absence, he was injured in the first half, began to take its toll in the second half. Forest took control and scored 3 more goals to inflict on Wolves their heaviest defeat of the season, 4:1.

So a bad month for Wolves with only 2 points out of 5 games. I am sure that improvement is only just around the corner but it is going to take time and that is something you don't get in the 1st Division.

MATCH SUMMARYF.A. SCORERS

Aug.15	Newcastle	away	2	3	Dougan (87 min.)	Curran (89 min.)
Aug.19	Derby	home	2	4	Curran (18 min.)	Dougan (29 min.)
Aug.22	Spurs	home	0	3	-----	
Aug.25	Coventry	away	1	0	Curran (68 min.)	
Aug.29	Nottn. For.	away	1	4	Curran (4 min.)	

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via Dougan's head. Burnley once more equalised, but Gould scored the winning goal with a fine run and shot.

A four goalless draw at home to Dundee saw Wolves through to the second round of the British Cup.

Overall, a much better month for Wolves.

RESULTS

F.A. SCORERS

Sept. 1	Ipswich	away	3	2	Curran (15 & 23)	Gould (18)
Sept. 5	Stoke	home	1	1	Curran (13 min.)	
Sept. 9	L.C. Oxford	away	0	1		
Sept. 12	Chelsea	away	2	2	Hibbitt (10)	McCalliog (35)
Sept. 16	B.C. Dundee	away	2	1	Gould (2)	McCalliog (41)
Sept. 19	H'field	home	3	1	Curran (23)	Gould (38) Richards (85)
Sept. 26	Burnley	away	3	2	McCalliog (41)	Dougan (58) Gould (76)
Sept. 29	B.C. Dundee	home	0	0		

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8	4	3	1	14	10	11	16

CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS

Last season was a disappointment to Wolves. The first half of the season showed great promise and until Christmas they were well up with the leaders. The start to 1970 heralded their slump and they finished in the lower half of the table.

Wolves only scored 55 goals in 42 League games. Twenty of these were scored by Hugh Curran, next came Jim McCalliog with eight goals in 42 appearances. The scoring power may be increased this season by Wolves two transfer surprises. Bill McGarry captured Albion's unsettled player, Danny Hegan, for £30,000 and Arsenal's striker, Bobby Gould.

Last season McGarry tried to sign Hegan from Ipswich and was prepared to pay £70,000 but Albion pipped him and bought Hegan in a £90,000 deal. Hegan never settled at the Hawthorns, he lost his first team place and was disciplined by the club for various misdemeanors. Irish international Hegan threatened to quit football but in May he had a change in heart when McGarry stepped in to buy him. Hegan made his debut for Ipswich in 1963-64 and for Albion last season. Although a Scotsman, he was born in Coatbridge, he has recently played for Northern Ireland, qualifying because one of his parents is Irish.

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TRAVEL NEWS

Support was not very good last month. In fact, of the three proposed trips only two were run.

The trip to the Stoke game was successful, but then on the trip against Huddersfield the first loss on the train trips was incurred. We, you may remember, decided to run a trip to Burnley if another support was given, but out of the eighty Club members fewer than twenty were interested, so the trip had to be cancelled. I realise that some of our members cannot afford to go every week, but we are running the trips for your benefit so come on lads, let's see some more new faces.

It was agreed upon at the last committee meeting that female members should travel a little cheaper, the fare reduced to 22/6. (25/6 non-members).

TRIPS THIS MONTH

Oct. 17	Newcastle	home	27/6
Oct. 24	Manchester City	home	27/6
*Oct. 31	Liverpool	away	£2/10
Nov. 7	W.B.A.	home	27/6

*Will be run only if responsive bookings allow.

Send deposits (5/- minimum) to:

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29, GAUNTLETT COURT,
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A few interesting articles would be appreciated as suitable material is short. Articles should be sent to:- The Editor, W.W.L.S.C., 40 Harrowdene Road, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2JB, (enclosing a S.A.E. if work is to be returned).

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