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NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

I would like to compliment the members who have travelled on the trains this season on their good behaviour. Those who travelled to the home match against Manchester United did extremely well in restraining themselves when provoked by United fans returning on our train. On the return trip from the Molineux game against Newcastle, when we had the pleasure of the referee, Mr. Nippard, a railway official complimented us on our good behaviour. One sour note is the lack of thought shown by a few members when disposing of empty cans of drink. Please use a little more sense and consideration in future.

At the last committee meeting Morris Jacobs took over the position of Treasurer, that position having been resigned by Dave Bell who felt that on top of the work he does as Travel Officer he could not do justice to the Treasurer's position.

We would like to wish Derek Clarke good luck with Oxford United; he was recently bought by former Wolves trainer, Gerry Summers, for a reported fee of £15,000.

Letters about the club or newsletter, or any articles would be appreciated and should be sent to:

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OCTOBER MATCH SUMMARY

After such a fine end to the fixtures of last month, Wolves looked forward to October. This month saw them at home three times and away twice.

The month kicked off at home to Manchester United - it turned out to be quite a game. After two minutes Wolves were 1-0 up, thanks to GOULD, eleven minutes gone and it was 1-1, GOWLING levelling after CHARLTON hit the bar. It was around this period of the game that Wolves looked all at sea. So it was quite a surprise when GOULD was again on target after 35 minutes when DOUGAN had split the defence with a fine cross-ball. From this point forward Wolves commanded the game. The score remained 2-1 at half-time.

Just after the interval GOULD completed his HAT-TRICK when he turned in McCALLIOG's centre from the right. With Wolves coasting through KIDD brought United back into the game with a 15 yard shot which beat PARKES.

The score remained 3-2 in Wolves' favour. This was the first time since 1963-64 that Wolves had beaten United, the score then was 2-0.

So on to Southampton the next weekend and hardly had anyone settled down before CHANNON had put the Saints 1-0 up, time: 35 seconds. Worse was to follow when HOLSGROVE, back after injury, brought down CHANNON. The penalty was duly missed by DAVIES who blasted wide. As in the previous weeks, Wolves got better as the half drew to a close. Two goals in a minute swung the game in their favour. First of all WAGSTAFFE scored and in the 40th minute DOUGAN slid the ball under the advancing MARTIN's body for what proved to be the winner. Half-time was 2-1 for Wolves.

The second half was played with frayed tempers. The Southampton players were really giving stick, but it is fair to say Wolves were no angels themselves though, I might add, there was one instance where McGRATH punched HIBBITT and nothing was said. This incensed some of the players and it turned into a rather nasty brawl of a game. The referee added seven minutes for stoppages, but at the end Wolves ran out 2-1 winners. This was Southampton's first home reverse of the season.

Newcastle were the next visitors to Molinoux.

Newcastle confidently outplayed Wolves in the first half and deserved their 1-0 interval lead, a goal by DAVIES after 44 minutes.

What a difference in the second half. Wolves really went to town. First of all BAILEY scored with a long-range shot and then GOULD scored, slotting home a McCALLIOG shot-cum-cross. Tragedy struck when HOLSGROVE scored with a header to put Newcastle back on terms at 2-2.

Dave WAGSTAFFE, however, scored the winner when he flighted the ball past McFAUL from the right wing. Full-time score: 3-2 to Wolves.

The Scots were next to suffer when Wolves went North of the Border to play Morton in the British Cup. Thanks to goals by DOUGAN (a header), GOULD (2 - header and shot), Wolves ran out 3-0 winners and looked assured of a place in the last four with the home leg still to come.

Back to Molineux the next Saturday for the visit of Manchester City and Wolves playing some of their best soccer of the season at home to come out on top 3-0. The goals came from McCALLIOG after 9 minutes with a penalty after GOULD had been pulled down. After 48 minutes GOULD scored from a DOUGAN flick and GOULD again after an eight man move which saw McCALLIOG centre for GOULD to head home. This was a superb performance with all eleven players on top form.

Alas! like most good things it had to end and at Liverpool the following week defeat met the Wolves for the first time in 10 games.

Wolves held Liverpool 0-0 at half-time.

Into the second half and two incidents which changed the game. With 48 minutes gone Shaw and Heighway went for a ball in the penalty area, both went down. Decision - a penalty, which was converted by SMITH. 3 minutes later GOULD is through, he goes to round CLEMENCE and is brought down, in my opinion, in the penalty area. Decision - free kick outside the area. The first incident, again in my opinion, was a harsh one. I certainly did not think it merited a penalty, and I have already given my thoughts on the second.

Wolves really went out to level but luck was not with them and in the 73rd minute EVANS scored from a HEIGHWAY cross. Full time: 0-2.

This month saw the promise of September fulfilled and though it ended in defeat it proved what WOLVES are capable of.

RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Goals</u>		<u>Scorers (Time)</u>		
			<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>			
Oct. 3rd	Man. Utd.	home	3	2	Gould (3) (2-35-51)		
Oct. 10th	Southampton	away	2	1	Wagstaffe (39), Dougan (40)		
Oct. 17th	Newcastle	home	3	2	Bailey (50), Gould (62), Wagstaffe (68)		
Oct. 21st	Morton	away	3	0	Gould (2) (20-83), Dougan (26)		
Oct. 24th	Man. City	home	3	0	Gould (2) (48-89), McCalliog (9)		
Oct. 31st	Liverpool	away	0	2	--		
<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Max.Pts.Poss.</u>
6	5	0	1	14	7	10	12

<u>Appearances (5 maximum)</u>		<u>Attendances</u>			
Parkes	5	McAlle	5	Man. Utd.	38,629
Shaw	5	McCalliog	5	Saints	21,769
Parkin	5	Hibbitt	5	Newcastle	24,083
Bailey	5	Gould	5	Morton	10,000 (approx.)
Munro	3	Dougan	5	Man. City	32,700
Holsgrove	2	Wagstaffe	5	Liverpool	45,391

DAVE WAGSTAFFE

Born in Manchester, 'Waggy', as he is known to Wolves' fans, started his career with Manchester City for whom he made his debut at the age of 17. He managed to keep his place for four years until he asked for a transfer and was sold to Wolves for £35,000 on December 26th, 1964. He made his debut for Wolves the same afternoon against Aston Villa at Molineux.

Waggy quickly made himself a firm favourite with the Molineux crowd, especially with the older followers who were reminded of Hancocks and Mullen, those dazzling wingers of Wolves' glory days. When Wolves went down in 1965, Waggy played a leading role in the fight to get back, and Wolves were duly promoted in 1967.

Since then, Waggy has caused no end of panic to even the best First Division defences with his brilliant solo runs and inch-perfect crosses. Though not a prolific scorer - Waggy has scored 24 goals in 220 games for Wolves - he has been the architect of so many Wolves' goals. He has the ability to wreck defences single-handed, a fact that Chelsea, to name but one, will find hard to deny, after being on the receiving end last December of Waggy's best display since joining Wolves.

It is surprising that representative honours have passed him by so far, probably due to the fact that there seems to be no place for wingers in Ramsey's system.

Unfortunately, Waggy's self-admission that he has 'the slimmest ankles in the game' makes him an obvious target for vicious tackles and this has resulted in him being out of action for spells, but this does not deter Waggy. He always comes bouncing back. After all, isn't that the trademark of a good winger?

Our thanks go to Brian Restall for the above article.

SALES NEWS: Any enquiries regarding the Sales List, which remains unaltered to last month's, should be sent to: Sales Officer, W.W.L.S.C., 26 Brockenhurst Way, London, S.W.16, enclosing a S.A.E.

TRAVEL NEWS

Last month saw the running of four trips, three to home games and one to Liverpool. All four were successful.

As some members will know, there was some trouble on the way back from the Man. Utd. home game. First of all may I say how sorry we are this happened and, secondly, thank our members for restraining from getting involved in what could have been a nasty incident.

From now onwards the time of the train back from all home games will be 6.15 (18.15).

May I take this opportunity to thank our members for being well-behaved on the trains. This has brought a compliment from one of the guards on the train back from a recent home game when he said we were some of the best behaved fans he had ever met. Keep it up lads.

Trips over the next month up until Christmas are as follows:

Nov.21st	LEEDS	home	27-6	11.15
Dec. 6th	BLACKPOOL	home	27-6	11.15
Dec.26th	EVERTON	home	<u>NO TRIP</u> *	

* A trip will run if the trains are running.

Please meet at local booking office Euston no later than 11.00 a.m.

All deposits should be sent to:

Travel Officer,
W.W.L.S.C.,
29, Gauntlett Court,
Wembley, Middlesex.

A SAD LOSS TO FOOTBALL

On the 6th of September 1969, Peter Knowles ran from the pitch at Molineux for the last time. Wolves' fans had chanted 'Please don't leave us' throughout the best part of the match with Nottingham Forest to the 23 year old starlet who turned his back on the glamour of professional football for his religious beliefs.

Peter Knowles scored his first goal for Wolves at home against Bolton five days after his debut at Leicester in 1963. In 1965-66 he took the 2nd Division by storm, scoring in six consecutive games and notched up 15 goals in the opening sixteen games, including hat-tricks against Carlisle and Derby.

Peter had a disagreement with the club and was dropped but his end-of-season goal tally was 19 - making him Wolves' leading marksman. The following season saw Wolves promoted and Peter kick the ball out of Fratton Park after equalising against Portsmouth. Back in Division One, Peter was rewarded for his consistent performances by being selected for England's Under-23 team four times.

Many criticised temperamental Peter for rough play, but I feel that this is a bit unfair because the one fault in his game was tackling. He would either not go in or go in hard, arms flying and then be penalised; and by showing his annoyance at this which he thought was a fair attempt to gain possession of the ball he would be warned or booked. On the bright side, his brilliant long passes often split opposing defences and he scored many a fine goal from acute angles. Few who were present at the Norwich match in 1966-67 season will forget the memory of his 16th minute equaliser from the acutest of angles.

Peter was the brains in the Wolves' forward line in the middle and late sixties and was always capable of the spectacular. In 1965-66 Peter beat Sheffield United goalkeeper Hodgkinson from 25 yards but the ball hit a post, hit the grounded goalkeeper and rebounded into the net for Peter's second goal in a 3-0 cup win. Against Newcastle in 1968-69 Peter scored his second goal of the match from a bicycle kick in a 5-0 win.

When talking about his great save from Pele in the recent World Cup, Gordon Banks said the best save he had ever made was in the Wolves/Stoke game 1969-70 from Peter. Peter scored in that game and was the best player on the field in a great Wolves' performance. Peter played eight more games and scored twice before his retirement in what promised to be his best ever season.

Yes, Peter Knowles is a sad loss to Wolverhampton Wanderers and football, but someday one can only hope that Peter will have a change in heart and return to help the club on the way to the top.

Peter Knowles' Goal Chart

	<u>League</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Other Matches</u>	<u>Total</u>
1963/4	4		2	6
1964/5	6		1	7
1965/6	19	2	1	22
1966/7	8		4 (U.S.A.)	12
1967/8	13			13
1968/9	9		5 (U.S.A.)	14
1969/70	3		1	<u>4</u>
				<u>78</u>