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NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I daresay many of you, if not all of you, have heard of the newly formed Wolves Supporters Club as they were mentioned in the national press during their abortive talks with the Board of the Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club in an attempt to gain recognition. I have recently read their Newsletter which implied that the London Supporters Club was a branch of theirs. I would like to state clearly that this is not so. The Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club is recognised by the Club and has permission by the Chairman, Mr. Ireland, to use the club's name. It was thanks to Mr. Howley, the General Manager and Secretary, back in 1966, that the Club was founded.

Next season we hope to start our own Supporters Club football team and join a Sunday League. We have been trying for a long time to get a football team together and a few of the keener ones practice at Hyde Park every Sunday - anyone interested in playing for the side should write to:

Bob Webb,
7, Ascolon House,
Thessaly Road,
London, S.W.8.

A closing date of January 3rd for enquiries has been agreed upon and no replies will be sent until that date.

NOVEMBER MATCH SUMMARY

The month began with the second leg of the Texaco Cup match against Morton, at Molineux, having won the first leg 3-0 in Scotland. Wolves despite attacking for nearly all of the game, lost 2-1, Curran scored the Wolves goal coming on as a second-half substitute.

The months League programme started with the local derby against West Brom. Wolves began where they left off on the previous Tuesday, by attacking for nearly all of the game. After only two minutes, Cumbe, the Albion keeper, turned an in-swinging corner from Wagstaffe into his own net. That started the Wolves onslaught with Wolves controlling the game. It was only Cumbe who saved Albion from a hammering, but even he was powerless to stop a brilliant 35-yarder from McAlle which the ref. disallowed for off-side.

So to the second-half and Wolves scored without an Albion player touching the ball; Dougan, being the scorer, converted a left wing cross. With Wolves walking away with the game Lovett pulled back a consolation goal for Albion, so the Wolves ran out 2-1 winners.

On to London the following week for the first of 4 visits to the capital in as many weeks. West Ham were the hosts.

Wolves again found the net early through McCalliog who, following up a Curran shot, pushed the ball home. This goal put life into West Ham who forcefully came forward and deservedly equalised with a Best header. With the score 1-1 at half-time the second-half promised much.

We were not to be denied more goals for long. After 50 minutes Bobby Moore 30 yards out volleyed a clearance past an astonished Parkes. Wolves were really up against it now. Then came a tremendous double blow: Best headed a third for West Ham and Parkin was carried off with a twisted ankle. It looked dismal for Wolves with only 10 minutes left and 3-1 down. Then Wolves sprung to life and within 5 minutes had levelled the score and Curran had also hit the bar. After 83 minutes McCalliog scored with a fierce 25 yard drive following a good run by Bailey; two minutes later Curran hit the bar after Richards had split the West Ham defence. A minute later Gould tapped the ball home after McAlle had sent the ball across the face of goal via a post. A good point after all seemed lost.

The League leaders, Leeds United, were visitors to Molineux in the third match of the month. In an evenly contested match Wolves were perhaps unlucky to lose by the odd goal in five.

The first-half was only 12 minutes old when Clarke put Leeds ahead following a Giles free kick. Wolves hit back and in the 23rd minute they scored through Gould. This followed probably the best move of the season: Curran sent a long ball down the wing to McCalliog who

centred for Gould to send a deft flick past Sprake. Alas, tragedy struck in the 37th minute when Holsgrove had the misfortune to put the ball in his own net. This disheartened Wolves and Madeley headed a neat third just before half-time. It looked all over for Wolves.

Wolves, however, were not finished and just after the interval Curran scored with a header following a Bailey free kick. Although Wolves kept up pounding the Leeds goal they failed to equalise; so Wolves suffered their third home defeat of the season.

So to the final game of the month and another visit to London, this time at Crystal Palace. This was a very drab game and could be due to the fact that both sides had five first team regulars missing from the line up.

Apart from the two goals in this 1-1 draw, there was little else to mention. Scott put Palace ahead after 36 minutes with a shot in off the post, and Curran slotted home the equaliser from a Wagstaffe cross in the 67th minute. Bernard Shaw's brave performance cannot be omitted - he received a head wound in the opening minutes and in the dying seconds he saved a point with a tremendous goal-line clearance.

RESULTS

				<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Scorers</u>
Nov. 3rd	Morton	home		1	2	Curran
Nov. 7th	West Brom.	home		2	1	Cumbes (O.G.), Dougan
Nov. 14th	West Ham	away		3	3	McCalliog 2, Gould
Nov. 21st	Leeds	home		2	3	Gould, Curran
Nov. 28th	C. Palace	away		1	1	Curran

<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>PTS.</u>	<u>PTS. POSS.</u>
5	1	2	2	9	10	4	10

PEN PICTURES

This months pen-pictures features two of Wolves youngsters who have come into the limelight this season.

JOHN RICHARDS

John Richards was born on the 9th November, 1950, in Warrington, Lancashire.

John's football career started whilst he was at junior school, when he captained Warrington junior schools side from 1960 to 1962; during this time he played in the position of right-half.

On leaving junior school he attended "Boteler Grammar School". It was whilst he was at Boteler that he switched to playing up front. Here John was enjoying fantastic success, for as well as playing for the Warrington Under-18 side, during which they won the Lancashire Cup and were finalists the following year, he also represented Lancashire Schools from 1967-69.

The highlight of John's school football career was yet to come. He represented England Senior Schoolboys against Wales at Reading, and against Scotland at Ibrox. John scored two goals in the 7-1 thrashing of Wales; the second, which he rates as his best to date, was a dazzling volley. John failed to find the net against Scotland and England lost 1-0.

After these internationals John was invited to join Wolves, and in April 1969 he made his Central League debut in which Wolves beat Derby 4-0. Soon after in June he signed professional forms with Wolves.

Many will remember his first team debut against the old enemy, West Brom., at the Hawthorns in February 1970, when he gave a creditable performance in helping Wolves to a 3-3 draw.

In his short professional career so far, he rates Larry Lloyd of Liverpool the best defender he has encountered, and he has a great admiration for Mike England. John says "He looks a tower of strength, except when against the Doog".

KEN HIBBITT

Ken Hibbitt was born in Bradford and he started his career with Bradford Park Avenue at the age of 15, and after 15 appearances, two as substitute, Wolves salvaged him from the ill-fated Bradford for £5,000 only two years ago. Apart from one appearance as substitute, he did not play in the First Division until this season.

Ken made his Wolves debut during the torrential downpour on the 12th September against Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge. Ken scored Wolves first goal in a 2-2 draw, which Ken says made it his most memorable game so far. Since the Chelsea match he has settled into the number 8 shirt in the Wolves side and is one reason for their recent improvement.

Although Ken is still only 19, he was a reserve for Englands Under-23 side in their recent match against Wales, which is a good start in completing his ambition of playing for England.

Ken, who is the younger brother of Leeds United star, Terry Hibbitt, says that the biggest influence on his career was his late father, and he has always been a great admirer of Everton's midfield dynamo, Alan Ball.

Our thanks go to Colin Hawthorne and Chris Dwyer respectively for the above articles.

TRAVEL NEWS

Two trips were run last month, both to home games and both were fully booked. It was nice to see fully booked trips. I hope this will continue even if the results go against us now and then.

Now, concerning arrangements for January, there will be trips to both home games and probably Derby. This trip will be run from St. Pancras.

Members should meet for the trips from EUSTON between 10.30 and 11.00 at the LOCAL BOOKING OFFICE.

TRIPS NEXT MONTH

				<u>Depart From</u>
Jan. 2nd	* 3rd Round F.A. Cup			
Jan. 9th	Derby	away	27/6	ST. PANCRAS
Jan.16th	Coventry	home	27/6	EUSTON
Jan.24th	* 4th Round F.A. Cup			
Jan.30th	C. Palace	home	27/6	EUSTON

* Depending on the Cup draw.

Any enquiries should be sent to:-

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

Times to Derby:

St. Pancras	Depart	10.30	Arrive	13-10
Derby	Depart	18.00	Arrive	20.33