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## WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB

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### EDITORIAL

Derek Parkin's return to the first-team brought the following comment from manager Bill McGarry: "I feel as if I have just been presented with £100,000 defender for nothing." The crowd gave the player a wonderful reception during the Newcastle United match and Parkin played as if he had only missed seven days.

It can be no coincidence the defence has tightened up a great deal since his return, and the news that his suspected heart condition was a false alarm was the first bright light McGarry has received for months in an injury torn season.

Since his arrival from Huddersfield, Parkin has become an accepted part of the club and was, to some extent, taken for granted until his absence. In the players own words: "I never realised how much I'd miss the game. I will never take it for granted again. It's great to be back."

Our President has hit peak form recently and scored some stunning goals. On behalf of the club, I would like to say how proud we are to have Derek Dougan as our President and how proud we are that he wears a gold shirt!

HE HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT DATE AS SUMMER 1974. PERHAPS HE WILL CHANGE HIS MIND - WHO KNOWS.

Editor,  
105a Salisbury Road,  
Barnet, Herts.



TRAVEL NEWS by Steve RoeTravel Arrangements for April 7th to end of Season

FA Cup semi-final v Leeds United at Maine Road, Manchester.  
 Train from Euston ... depart 10.00 - arrive 12.44.  
 Depart 17.40 ... arrive Euston 20.32. Fare £2.25.  
 Meet at the booking office no later than 15 minutes before departure.

Home Games. Everton (April 14); Norwich (April 23); and Coventry City (April 28). Meet at Euston local booking office.  
 Depart 11.10 ... arrive 13.04. Depart 17.55 ... arrive Euston 19.49.  
 Fare £1.75. (Females and under-14's £1.50.)

Away Games. The remaining away trips will both be made by coach.  
 Ipswich Town (April 21). Meet Elizabeth Bridge, Victoria, to depart at 11.15 arriving at approx. 2.15. Depart 5.00 to arrive at approx. 7.45. Fare £1.25.

Stoke City. (April 24). Meet Elizabeth Bridge, Victoria, to depart at 2.15, arriving at Stoke approx. 6.45. Depart 9.30 to arrive approx. 1.30. Fare £2.25. To be arranged: Derby County.

Bookings for all matches must be received at least two days prior to the game. Please make your booking with me, not other committee members as this can be confusing. All cheques and P.O.'s should be crossed and made payable to WWLSC. Please enclose SAE where necessary.

Please write to:-

Steve Roe,  
 10 Selbourne House,  
 Great Dover Street,  
 S.E.1.

SALES NEWS by Dave Slape

Metal Badges: 25p + 3p postage. Silk Scarves: 55p + 3p postage.  
 Barred Woollen Scarves: 75p + 5p postage. Blazer Badge: 25p + 3p postage.  
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For any of these items, please send correct remittance to:  
 Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, Norbury, S.W.16.

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Brian Restall

At the time of writing we have 158 members and hope you are satisfied with the facilities supplied by the Club.

We have the second biggest London Supporters Club of the Midland and Northern Clubs and we want to become the biggest. This can only be achieved with your continued support so I hope you will rejoin next season.

The more members we have the cheaper the trips. Everyone benefits from a well-organised club so any complaints or comments are welcome. Please write to me.

Our semi-final match is all-ticket. If you have not already booked up, please write to Steve Roe or myself without delay. Tickets are obtainable for club members only. The closing date for applications for the Final, should we get there, will be April 21st and must be sent with a SAE and cheque or P.O. valued £1.00. If we receive a limited number of tickets, they go to members who have made the most trips.

Please write to:-

Brian Restall,  
 81 Lansbury Crescent,  
 Temple Hill,  
 Dartford, Kent.

1973/4 SEASON: CHEAPER FARES SCHEME

This is an idea that we are putting into practice next season. The main idea of this scheme is obvious from the outset, to give everybody even cheaper fares. We also hope it will make everybody's life a little easier, yours by not having to pay on every single trip and ours by not having to ask you to.

What we would like you to do is pay for a specific number of trips, well in advance, in return for which you will get a much reduced rate. The number of trips can either be 5, 10 or 15 (Schemes A, B and C) applying to SATURDAY HOME GAMES by TRAIN ONLY.

The fares would be: (THE FIGURES IN BRACKETS ARE FOR FEMALES AND UNDER 14s ONLY):

<u>SCHEME</u>	<u>NORMAL RATE</u>	<u>REDUCED RATE</u>	<u>SAVE</u>	<u>COST PER TRIP</u>
A: 5 @ £1.75 (£1.50) = £ 8.75 (£ 7.50)	£ 8.00 (£ 6.75)	£0.75	£1.60 (£1.35)	
B: 10 " " " = £17.50 (£15.00)	£15.50 (£13.00)	£2.00	£1.55 (£1.30)	
C: 15 " " " = £26.25 (£22.50)	£23.00 (£19.25)	£3.25	£1.53*(£1.28)*	

\* These last two figures are approximate.

Naturally this is just an idea for those who wish to use it; we still want to see you next season whether you apply for any of the above schemes or not! If, however, you are interested then please read the rest of this information very carefully.

Because you have paid for, say, 10 trips, it does not mean you have to attend the first 10 home Saturday trips of the season. If, for example, you miss two out of the first ten, then your credit will simply be applied to the next two home trips you attend. If by the end of the season any person has failed to use up all the trips they have paid for, or for any reason at some stage decide to pull out of the scheme, then those games that they have attended will be charged up at the standard rate (1.75) and any money outstanding will be returned to them by a crossed cheque. For example, on 10 trips paid for but only 8 used:

<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>	<u>8 USED AT £1.75</u>	<u>MONEY RETURNED</u>
£15.50	£14	£1.50

It is possible that, during the coming season, British Rail will put up their fares, which will possibly effect this scheme. It may therefore be necessary to take more money on, say, the last trip in anyone's quota, but it is impossible to look that far ahead and we hope the question will not arise. In any case, a good saving will still be gained.

PAYING: Under 14s. All those males who are under the age of 14 on the 1ST AUGUST 1973 are eligible to apply for the cheaper fares, along with all females. Otherwise, will everybody applying please take careful note of the following:

- A) This offer is only open to members of the club, but there is no need to pay your 1973/4 membership yet. A circular will be sent later in the year for this purpose.
- B) Make sure your application reaches us no later than 1ST JUNE 1973. None will be accepted after this date.
- C) The receipt of your money will be acknowledged.

Also please make sure of the following:

- 1) YOU STATE CLEARLY YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.
- 2) YOU MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR WHICH OF THE THREE SCHEMES (A, B or C) YOU ARE USING.
- 3) YOU PAY BY CROSSED CHEQUE, POSTAL ORDER, MONEY ORDER, etc., MADE PAYABLE TO W.W.L.S.C.

ON ACCEPTING ANY OF THE ABOVE SCHEMES YOU MUST AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE ABOVE RULES.

Please send your application, or any enquiries to:  
Morris Jacobs, 11 Marsdene, 1A Mercier Road, Putney, SW15 2AN.

### Bailey's Bullet

Wolves 1 (1) v Manchester United 0 (0) - 13/1/73

A thundering drive into the top corner by skipper Mike Bailey gave him his first goal for a year, and Wolves a fully-deserved FA Cup fourth round tie with Bristol City.

The all-important goal came in the second minute following a free kick. Bailey slammed home from the edge of the area.

The game was spoilt as a spectacle by too much whistle and too many petty offences. Wolves pinned their struggling guests into a huddle of confusion in the opening stages, and a fine 'goal' from Dougan's ageless forehead was disallowed for an infringement.

The joy of victory was soured when Bailey limped off before the interval with a broken bone in his foot.

United, for all their huffing and puffing, made little impact. Law hit the bar with a characteristic header and Davies saw a shot deflected by Parkes' leg. Wolves provided the rest. Richards and Hibbit missed chances and Stepney made some fine saves, but it was never as close as the final score suggests. Wolves were far the better team.

Kindon, on for Bailey, received some unwelcome attention that brought a booking for Sadler and, finally, marching orders for Dunne.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, Jefferson, McAlle; Bailey, Hegan, Hibbitt; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Kindon.

### Liverpool Crushed!

Wolves 2 (1) v Liverpool 1 (1) - 27/1/72

Liverpool will probably win the title. But if anyone watched both sides for the first time in this game they would have a very different opinion. Wolves could have had five in their best display for months.

Hegan was suspended, Bailey injured and Hibbitt ill. Shaw and Sunderland in midfield, with McCalliog back again, were superb.

This remarkable patched-up midfield tore the heart out of Shankley's powerful Pool and with Jefferson in fine form and the front three clicking as of old, Lloyd and Co. were always in trouble.

The old combination worked like a dream. Wagstaffe to Dougan - a delicate flick and McCalliog's mis-hit shot went off Hughes' boot for the opener.



Toshack headed down for Keegan to blast a fine equaliser, but ten minutes of Liverpool form apart, they never again troubled Munro and Jefferson.

Wagstaffe improved when he got a better service and Richards had a fine header disallowed for offside. Wagstaffe blasted a fine drive inches wide and Lloyd all but undressed Dougan to stop him in full flight for a goal.

Urged on by a wildly delighted crowd, Wolves regained the lead following some fine work in midfield by Shaw. His pass was beautifully taken on the turn by Richards who remained calm to slot inside the post as Clemence advanced.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, Jefferson, McAlle; Shaw, McCalliog, Sunderland; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Kindon.

#### Flash of Genius!

Wolves 1 (1) v Bristol City 0 (0) - 3/2/73

John Richards blasted Wolves into the FA Cup fifth round for the first time in seven years with a magnificent piece of vintage striking seconds before half-time. McCalliog nodded down a free kick and Richards turned before Merrick could move, blasting home a left-foot cross-shot.

His 22nd goal of the season must sound like a clarion horn to Alf Ramsey and his erratic England squad.

This was a typical cup-tie. Hard and uncompromising. Three men: Jefferson, Gould and Ritchie were booked in the opening ten minutes as the referee established who was going to be boss. Wolves were just the better side throughout. McAlle headed City's best chance off the line when Gould beat Munro to a cross, but Dougan could have had a hat-trick. Always a menace to City's defence he went inches wide twice, then hit the woodwork.

The defence is looking stronger with every outing, but the goals tally appears to have dropped. However, it may be that Wolves have stopped entertaining the other 91 League Clubs and started emulating them ... sacrificing excessive entertainment for results and eventual success.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, Jefferson, McAlle; Shaw, Sunderland, McCalliog; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Kindon.

#### Robbed!

Manchester United 2 (0) v Wolves 1 (0) - 10/2/73

One moment of amazing stupidity on the part of the referee cost Wolves two points and probably kept Manchester United in the First Division.

They say teams destined for the drop don't have luck. United had more than that, they had a present. Macari ran into Munro on the edge of the area ... having already lost possession. At worst, the very worst, an indirect free kick could have been disputed ... but Bobby Charlton rolled home a penalty to give United the lead while Wolves were recovering from the shock.

With Bailey, Wagstaffe and Dougan out, Wolves had a weak-looking trio in Richards, Kindon and Daley. The defence played well in a scrappy first-half with few chances, but the penalty inspired United to great attacking heights and Charlton exploded a 15 yard shot into the far corner to make it 2-0 three minutes later.

A defensive error that highlighted United's current problems handed Wolves a goal minutes later. Hegan did well to rob Holton and chipped over Stepney as he came out without changing stride.

Wolves suddenly found their attacking form and the game changed in appearance. United, needing their first win under Docherty, clung on for dear life to repel a late rally.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, Jefferson, McAlle; Hegan, Shaw, McCalliog; Richards, Kindon, Daley.

#### Double-Act!

Wolves 1 (1) v Newcastle United 1 (0) - 17/2/73

The Hibbitt brothers, Kenny and Terry warned the frozen supporters with a goal each, but Wolves should have sewn up both points before the interval. They blazed away merrily as if time mattered not and wasted chances while Newcastle struggled to survive.

Hibbitt was the hot-shot of the match and tested the United custodian time and again without scoring. His one successful effort, a blistering cross-shot from the right, flashed into the net and seemed to have opened the flood-gates.

But when Dougan rounded McFaul only to trip over his own feet with an open net yards away, the United defence settled down to change ends one goal behind.

They looked a much tougher bet after the interval and Terry Hibbitt brought it back to square one with a shot that grazed Jefferson to deflect wide of Parkes.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, Jefferson, Parkin; Hegan, McCalliog, Hibbitt; Richards, Dougan, Daley. Sub: Kindon.

#### Quarter-Finalists!

Wolves 1 (1) v Millwall 0 (0) - 24/2/73

One clinical, sweeping move and an example of perfect finishing floored Millwall's brave FA Cup hopes and put Wolves in the sixth round for the first time since 1965.

This tie was settled as were the previous two, by a first-half goal, but Wolves made us sweat towards the end. The goal came when Dunphy fouled Hegan in the centre-circle. Munro's accurate free-kick found Dougan on the left of the box and the resultant header across goal was volleyed home by John Richards.

With Wagstaffe in the stiffs, Jefferson and Bailey injured and certain individuals off form, the team was somewhat lacking in bite and drive. Millwall had, in Dunphy and Burnett, two intelligent and positive midfield men, whereas Hegan, Hibbitt and McCalliog were only effective in flashes.

Parkin had another fine game while Munro held Alf Wood, but Millwall's late flourish had Parkes and Co. scrambling around the box in desperation. Daley had a miserable afternoon, leaving Wolves two effective strikers. Richards almost sealed it when Munro charged past Bolland and sent Dougan sprinting for goal. His pass to the left was hammered past King by Richards, but struck the post and flew out.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, McAlle, Parkin; Hegan, Hibbitt, McCalliog; Richards, Dougan, Daley. Sub: Kindon.

#### Doug's Cracker!

Birmingham City 0 (0) v Wolves 1 (0) - 27/2/73

Derek Dougan interrupted one of his quietest performances of the season to score one of the most spectacular goals of his career as Wolves gradually wore down and finally outclassed struggling Birmingham.

The goal arrived early in the second half. Richards ran at the defence while Dougan moved clear on the right of the box. Steaming forward, he met a measured pass with a fierce right-foot shot that swerved across into the far top corner.

City, facing their biggest crowd of the season, came at Wolves from the start and Munro and Co. were kept busy. But Munro made one error in 90 minutes and completely blotted Latchford out of the game, as he did to Alf Wood three days before. Parkes saved bravely from Francis and both Parkin and Taylor did well on the flanks.

With Bailey and Jefferson injured and Kindon suspended, the team grafted in midfield where Hegan worked hard and both Hibbitt and McCalliog found gaps in City's defence. Only Roberts, a rugged individual, kept City together.

The most pleasing aspect of the game, however, was the return to form of Wagstaffe. He tackled back, fought for every ball and took on men down the line ... the old 'Waggy' back on song.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, McAlle, Parkin; Hegan, Hibbitt, McCalliog; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Daley.

#### City Crushed!

Wolves 5 (3) v Manchester City 1 (0) - 3/3/73

The brilliant combination of Derek Dougan and John Richards tore cup-sick Manchester City to shreds. City, minus Lee and Summerbee, were otherwise at full strength. But Wolves, minus Kindon, Bailey and Jefferson, were, if anything, the worse off.

City were expected to have a hangover from their Sunderland cup exit, but what happened was totally uncharacteristic of Wolves recent goal drought.

Bell and Marsh saw Parkes save two goalworthy efforts before Dougan opened the scoring. Picking up a midfield ball, he fed Wagstaffe on the left and raced in to meet his low cross with a left-foot drive that flew into the far corner. From then on, it was no contest. Richards scored an amazing goal, dribbling into the area on the right, beating two men in a matter of feet and firing inside the near post. Minutes later, he popped up on the left to take Dougan's measured ball and drive it between Corrigan and the upright.

As the crowd went wild with delight, Dougan sprinted through to score but it was disallowed. He was proving too much for Booth to handle.

In the second half, City's hopes of a comeback were shattered inside three minutes. Richards rounded Jefferies yet again and when Corrigan beat away his fierce shot, Dougan moved in on the right to score with ease and accuracy.



Corrigan performed marvels to keep out shots from Hegan and Hibbitt before Wolves scored the fifth. Again, it was Richards, thundering through the middle and blasting in a drive that Corrigan managed to push across goal. Dougan beat Donnachie to scrow it home from the narrowest of angles.

Wolves relaxed too much towards the end and when Mellor slipped over a low cross, Marsh, City's only man on form, hit a low shot past Parkes.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, McAlle, Parkin; Hegan, Hibbitt, McCalliog; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Daley.

#### Deadly Duo!

Chelsea 0 (0) v Wolves 2 (0) - 6/3/73

The old one-two from you know who floored Chelsea before their lowest gate of the season at what is now a graveyard-like Stamford Bridge.

With Parkin scarcely putting a foot wrong, McCalliog finding space, Hibbitt grafting and hustling, Wolves were fed and nursed by the talented Hegan, spraying long and short balls from deep positions.

Dougan made and scored the first goal after the interval. Taking Hegan's ball, he shot across goal for Hinton to clear. Wagstaffe's inswinging corner beat Hinton and Dougan powered a header past Phillips.

That ended the destination of the points. It only remained for the brilliant Richards to reap some reward for unselfish work. Wagstaffe was again the provider, pushing the ball to him from the left. Richards turned as only he can to rocket the ball high into the far top corner with Hollins feeling rather inadequate.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, McAlle, Parkin; Hegan, Hibbitt, McCalliog; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Daley.

#### Munro Grabs Point

Crystal Palace 1 (1) v Wolves 1 (0) - 10/3/73

Frank Munro abandoned his defensive duties midway through the second half of this mediocre non-event to ram a header past Jackson and thus deny Palace a precious point in their battle against relegation.

Hegan was the man of the match until his injury in the 68th minute. His departure took a lot of steam from a Wolves team that looked superior despite trailing for most of the game, and not trying as hard as they can.

Palace took the lead in the 38th minute when Rogers took Whittle's pass, turned inside and blasted a left-foot volley wide of Parkes.

Wolves were superior in midfield and deservedly equalised in the second half when Richards had a shot cleared off the line. Kindon's corner eluded Jackson in the blinding sun and Munro's powerful header found the net.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, McAlle, Parkin; Hegan, McCalliog, Hibbitt; Richards, Dougan, Kindon. Sub: Powell.

#### Outclassed!

Wolves 2 (1) v Coventry City 0 (0) - 17/3/73

Wolves reached the FA Cup semi-finals for the first time in 13 years despite fielding yet another injury-wrecked side and losing McCalliog after 12 minutes.

Playing without Hegan, Jefferson and Bailey, Wolves faced a fully fit Coventry City ... and outclassed them where and when it mattered. Dougan outclassed Barry to make both goals and just fail to score two himself. He nodded Munro's headed pass on for Richards, who outclassed and outsped Parker to slot past Glazier after only seven minutes. The majestic Munro outclassed Stein as he did Wood, Osgood, Craven, McDonald and Latchford in recent weeks.

Wolves had Kindon on for McCalliog but managed to keep their heads and a grip throughout, despite some attractive play from City.

Dougan, who had a fine goal disallowed unfairly and just nicked the post soon after, headed through and Richards was sent sprawling by Coop and Parker. Ken Hibbitt slotted his penalty into the corner and the crowd roared until hoarse as Wolves marched on to meet Leeds United in the semi-final at Maine Road.

Wolves: Parkes; Taylor, Munro, McAlle, Parkin; Shaw, Hibbitt, McCalliog; Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub: Kindon.