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EDITORIAL



It is very encouraging for myself and the other gentlemen listed above to realise that, despite Wolves' unfortunate opening to the season, the enthusiasm of our members has not waned.

This is reflected, "first of all, in the 'attendance' figures on our train excursions to Wolverhampton. An average of fifty people are booking tickets with the Travel Secretary - not a great deal less than in 1977-78.

Secondly there has been a warm response to Mike Spittle's plea for more members to represent, or become part of, our Sunday Soccer Club. 25 players have now registered. More than last season - and enough for two sides!

Very gratifying, too, have been the number of letters recieved for publication in this issue, though lack of space means many of them cannot be printed.

This edition contains, apart from the usual mixture, two articles certain to cause argument.

First there is a characteristic no-punches-pulled piece by former Editor Tony Roche on the Molineux ground re-developments, while further on I have my own say on Sammy Chung's position.

There is also another contribution - by popular demand I should add - from cover-designer Alan Collier, this time a caricature of Geoff Palmer.



Travel arrangements for forthcoming games are as follows:-

HOME GAMES

ARSENAL(October 14), ASTON VILLA(November 11) and LEEDS UNITED(November 18). Meet at the local booking office Euston. Depart 1140 arrive Wolverhampton 1336. Depart 1729 arrive Euston 1925. Fare: £3.50

MANCHESTER UNITED(October 28). Details of this trip will be available from the Travel Secretary ten days prior to the game.

AWAY GAMES

MIDDLESBROUGH(October 21). Meet adjacent to platform 6 at Kings Cross. Depart 0900 arrive Middlesbrough 1247. Depart 1754 arrive Kings Cross 2122. Fare: £7.45

DERBY COUNTY(November 4). Meet platform 5 St Pancras. Depart 1101 arrive Derby 1302. Depart 1757 arrive St Pancras 2007. Fare: £3.65

BRISTOL CITY(November 21). Details of this trip will be available from the Travel Secretary ten days prior to the game.

Bookings will be accepted up to and including three days prior to the games(except Middlesbrough - 10 days).

Fares will be collected on the outward journey. Anyone wishing to pay in advance may do so, remembering that cheques and postal orders should be made payable to WULSC.

Guests may travel with the club, their fares being subject to a surcharge of 25p.

No member under the age of sixteen will be allowed to travel unless he is accompanied by an adult.

To collect your ticket(s) please be at the specified assembly point not later than 10 minutes before departure time.

When making enquiries please enclose an s.a.e. where applicable.

FINES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AND LATE CANCELLATIONS

If any member, having previously made a booking, fails to collect his ticket, he will be subject to a fine of £1.00. This must be paid before tickets for subsequent trips are distributed to the member concerned. The same penalty will be imposed on any member who cancels a booking after the advertised closing date.

There will be no exceptions to these rules.

Travel Secretary's address: 77 THE STREET, ASHTEAD, SURREY.

JOHN RICHARDS



I don't think I need to point out what a disastrous start we've made to the new season. It's all the more disappointing considering the form we showed at the end of last season, when we picked up seven points from the final four games.

The signs indicated an exciting time ahead, in particular with the emergence of Mel Eves as a natural, instinctive goalscorer, and the continued improvement of one of the discoveries of the year, Bob Hazell.

What has happened then? Admittedly, we have had a few injuries, but it's all too easy to blame everything on that. The truth of the matter is that several players aren't playing anywhere near as well as they can. A team can get by with one or two having a bad time, but four or five, impossible!

And with the results going the way they have done a lack of confidence in oneself and one another is inevitable.

I believe we have a good squad of players here at Molineux, better than a number of other First Division clubs.

I know its frustrating for the fans to see us at the wrong end of the table - and its just as frustrating for the players because we know we are better than our position indicates.

I am sure things will come right, hopefully the sooner the better, and once we get a couple of good results under our belts then we will begin to fulfill some of that pre-season promise.

As you know I've had my own problems with injury, but with a bit of luck I should be back fairly soon . . . to try and get my season's goal target.

I always aim to get twenty goals.

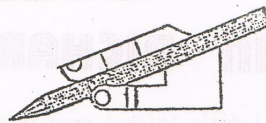
I think any First Division striker worth his salt should get that many.

Last season, I fell way short of that total, with only 11. I had ten by Christmas, but then four months without scoring.

Eager

Thats why I'm eager to make amends this season.

All the other strikers have got a good start on me, but I'm taking heart from the fact that last season's top marksman, Bob Latchford, is only one league goal ahead of me at the time of writing.



WRITE-IN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a new member, I would like to say how impressed I am with the club magazine, especially the fact that it contains criticism as well as praise of Wolves.

I look forward, with everyone else, to a more successful season for the 'babbies'!

PETER HALFORD, 2 ELM ROAD, LONDON SW14.

I've heard Wolves called some names in my time, but never the 'babbies'! - Ed.



On a recent business trip to Wolverhampton, I dropped into Molineux to buy a season ticket. I would like to say how well looked after I was by Mr Jack Robinson - I could not have wished for better attention.

RAY STOCK, 55 BURLINGTON ROAD, LONDON SW6.



The last copy of "London Wolves" was up to the usual high standard, but I was disappointed to read the section of the AGM report dealing with the decision not to allow under-16's to use the club's travel facilities.

I could only laugh at the way you made it seem that you were worried about their welfare. You claim that under-16's are a headache and need 'looking after'. I would say that anyone who wishes to travel with the club does not expect looking after.

Myself, I've had plenty of practice at looking after myself and I'm pretty good at it, so I have to say I found your word rather insulting.

Those are my feelings on the matter.

DAVID BARR (aged 15) 12 SOUTH STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

Let's get the facts straight. The ruling states that no member aged 15 or under may travel unaccompanied.

Secondly, I most certainly am concerned about the welfare of our members in this age-bracket.

We all know about the hooligans attending football matches these days. If I were a parent, I'd think long and hard before allowing a child of mine to travel to a match.

A number of the parents of our younger members feel the same way,

they have told me so. Those that do allow their sons to come along are entitled to feel that their children are not going to be set upon by a band of thugs (generally in the 12-15 age group themselves).

That, thank God, has never happened to any member of this club. But if it did ever happen, it's likely to be when the person is on his own.

We attracted quite a few 13 and 14-year-olds to the home game trips last season and, of course, we were delighted to see them. But because of other commitments (e.g. going straight to the Molineux offices on club business) it was virtually impossible for Terry Peachey or I to stay with the youngsters once we had arrived in Wolverhampton.

And unless they were with someone else, this meant that from arrival until departure time, four hours later, there was the constant worry for their well-being. The situation was unfair on them, their parents - and us.

It was with this in mind that the rule was introduced. Neither Terry or I want to be seen as abdicating our responsibilities. On the contrary, we believe that, far from feeling 'insulted', our younger members and their folks will see the reasoning behind the rule - Ed.



Having been a member of the WWLSC for a number of years, it's about time I made some sort of contribution by putting forward an idea of mine.

It concerns the Radio 1 disc jockey Peter Powell who is, so I understand, an ardent Wolves supporter. I wondered if it would be possible for the club to invite Mr Powell to travel on one of the excursions, as an official guest, to one of Wolves' home matches, or failing that to invite to write an article for the magazine. He may even like to become a club member!

On the subject of the magazine, which has always been really first class, I feel that it has a tendency to cover the Wolves 1st XI and we read very little of Wolves F.C. I'm sure that other members would like to hear about the reserve and youth sides, especially if the seniors are having a sticky patch and the others are doing well, space permitting of course.

That's about all the drum beating for now, let's hope Wolves will start beating other teams very soon!

MIKE McGRATH, 41 COLERIDGE WAY, ORPINGTON, KENT.

I wrote to Mr Powell just before we went to press and will print his reply - if there is one - in the next edition.

As for a section on the reserves, this is difficult since none of us attend reserve games! However, "Reserves Review" begins elsewhere in this issue, and I hope that it's adequate for the time being - Ed.

PRIORITIES ARE WRONG!

Says Club Member TONY ROCHE

There is something depressing about the prospect of a season which excludes your team from two of the major competitions before the pitches have lost a blade of grass.

But this, realistically, is the position in which Wolves find themselves once again. Out of the Football League Cup, beaten by Fourth Division Reading, and to all bar blind fanatics, hopelessly lost to the all-important League Championship race.

Perhaps a miracle will happen. Maybe Wolves will settle down and achieve a sufficiently high place in the First Division to bring European football back to Molineux. But it is doubtful that we face anything more than mid-table safety at best and could even suffer a repeat of last season's gut-wrenching struggle for survival.

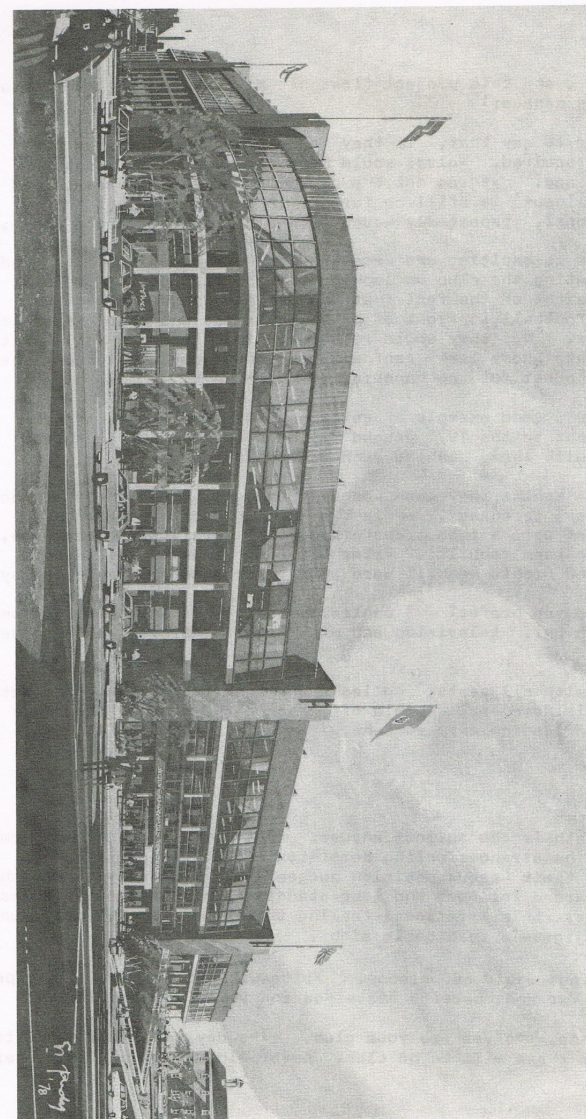
This situation, on its own, is enough to bring the blood of most fans back towards an all too familiar boiling point. But when the only headlines to come from Molineux activities concern the spending of a reported £10 million on a completely new ground, one begins to doubt the sanity of modern soccer.

Have we learned nothing from the experiences of Chelsea, Sheffield United or Sheffield Wednesday whose expensive ground improvements left them broke, struggling and relegated? Surely Wolves need to strengthen their team first then build a ground to accommodate the returning fans?

Higher costs

Well there are two sides to this argument. Wolves insist that they have made provisions for a separate fund to handle transfer necessities. And it is an undoubted fact that of all the top-club grounds, Molineux is the oldest, oddest-looking and most in need of a face-lift.

And let us not forget that the proposed work will take more than two years to complete. Probably more like four or five. If Wolves do not begin now, they face higher costs when they do



AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE NEW
MOLINEUX SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1984
Photograph by courtesy of "EXPRESS & STAR", Wolverhampton

start . . . and this project first hit discussion level when Stan Cullis was manager!

It is fair to say that, if they had recieved the various permissions required, Wolves would have embarked on this scheme some time ago. It was not the club's fault that the so-called 'Super-Molineux' is still no further in its development than a plastic model, repeatedly moved on and off the boardroom table.

The scheme is exciting and necessary. But accepting that, and congratulating the club on looking towards the future, we must not lose sight of the fact that Sheffield Wednesday play Third Division football in front of pathetic crowds who enjoy marvellous facilities. But they would rather sit in an outdoor toilet with wooden seats and a leaky roof watching Wednesday challenge Liverpool and Forest for top honours.

Forest are a good example of getting priorities right. When Wolves swept to the 1977 Second Division championship, Forest crept up with them, behind runners-up Chelsea.

Inside 12 months they were League Champions. But there ground did not have to change. Only the team. And this weird myth that Forest were a team transformed still persists. They were. In fact, a team rebuilt! Peter Shilton, Kenny Burns, David Needham and Archie Gemmill were bought for a considerable outlay.

What would you prefer? A centrally-heated box in the stand complete with bar, television and mink lined ashtrays, or a proven striker?

A ground with all seats, no leaks and room to park Concorde outside, or a midfield general capable of grabbing the team by the black lapels and leading them somewhere?

Jigsaw

To have both is the obvious answer. But I believe the team comes first. The strange feeling persists that Wolves are a better team than their League position suggests. It is easy to say this when you are a follower and long-standing fan. But nevertheless it lingers, this irrational feeling that just one more piece would make the jigsaw a formidable sight.

Your feelings would be welcome. Write without attempting a repeat volume of War and Peace-to Steve Roe and voice your opinions.

All the same, Wolves are your club. The day you, the supporters, stop going there will be no club, never mind a £10 million super-tomb.



SOUVENIRS AND PROGRAMMES

The items listed below are obtainable from Dave Slape. When ordering, please make cheques and postal orders payable to WWLSC.

- Scarves: Black and Gold Silk 80p + 9p postage.
Barred £1.70 + 12p. University £2.00 + 12p.
Wolverhampton Wanderers £1.60 + 15p.
- Car Stickers: 15p, 20p and 25p + 9p. Key Rings: 35p + 9p.
- Metal Badges: Wolves F.C. 38p + 9p. Stainless Steel
Centenary 40p + 9p.
- Programme Binder: £1.50 + 20p. Rosette: 25p + 9p.
- Photographs: First Team Squad 35p + 9p. Hibbitt and
Hazell (colour) 25p + 9p.
- Programmes: All this seasons home 20p + 9p. Away (all
20p + 9p) Aston Villa, Southampton, Everton.
- DAVE SLAPE'S ADDRESS: 26 BROCKENHURST WAY, NORBURY, LONDON SW16.



STAND TICKETS FOR FORTHCOMING GAMES

These are obtainable from Terry Peachey. Please remember to make cheques and postal orders payable to WWLSC and please make sure of enclosing an s.a.e. with any application that you make.

Tickets can be obtained for non-members. Please note however that in the event of a Wolves fixture being made all-ticket, the WWLSC's allocation will be distributed, in accordance with club rules, to members only (ratio: 1 ticket only per member).

<u>AWAY MATCHES</u>	<u>PRICES</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION</u>
Middlesbrough	£1.50/£1.60/£2.00	October 14
Derby County	£1.80/£2.00/£2.50	October 21
Bristol City	£3.00	November 7
Tottenham	£2.20	November 11

HOME MATCHES Prices are £2.00 and £2.20 and applications will be accepted up to two weeks before the games.

The WWLSC will accept no responsibility for tickets delayed or lost in the post or for any seat that affords an obstructed view.

TERRY PEACHEY'S ADDRESS: See page 2.

IT'S AGONY FOR
RICHARDS STAR
DAY FOR DALEY!

WOLVES GO
OUT FIGHTING

MATCH REPORTS

Aston Villa 1 - Wolves 0 19-8-78

This game was billed as a potential thriller. It turned out to be a dismal flop.

In a temperature touching 80 degrees, both teams became locked in a boring midfield stalemate and there was precious little entertainment for the 43,922 spectators.

Yet about the only moment worth recording saw Andy Gray nitch a 60th minute winner with the kind of finishing Scotland could have used in Argentina.

Defender Gordon Smith crossed hard and low from the left and Gray dashed between Bob Hazell and John McAlle to side-foot a close-range shot into the net.

Not until the last 20 minutes or so did Wolves put any worthwhile moves together. Then Steve Daley and Ken Hibbitt went close, though the best chance fell to substitute Norman Bell.

That came twelve minutes from time. Willie Carr took a flag-kick, Daley helped the ball on . . . and Bell blazed yards over when scoring looked easier.

Bradshaw(8); Daniel(7), McAlle(7), Hazell(6), Palmer(6);
Parkin(5), Daley(7), Hibbitt(6), Carr(6);
Rafferty(6), Eves(6).
Sub: Bell(for Eves) (6).

A BLUE NIGHT

Wolves 0 - Chelsea 1 22-8-78

If Wolves' tactics had not been so illogical, Chelsea might not have secured their second Molinaux victory inside the last nine months.

Wolves had most of the play but did little but pump a series of high crosses into the Chelsea area.

Trouble was the Londoners had Micky Droy and Steve Wicks. These two, though hardly the First Division's more subtle performers, are among the tallest defenders around, and they were able to deal confidently and really quite easily with the constant lofted centres.

Peter Bonetti was also in fine form for the Blues. Steve Daley saw one second half effort beaten out by the Chelsea veteran and Bonetti, on another occasion, clutched a dangerous centre from Geoff Palmer

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Chelsea, by that time, were well on the way to taking the points thanks to Tommy Langley, who notched his fifth goal in four games against Wolves in the 42nd minute.

Mel Eves, trying to feed Ken Hibbitt, could only lay the ball into the path of Kenny Swain.

The ball then moved swiftly from Swain to Clive Walker to Langley and the Southwark-born striker left Paul Bradshaw helpless from the edge of the area.

Bradshaw(7); Daniel(6), McAlle(7), Hazell(7), Palmer(7);
Parkin(5), Daley(8), Hibbitt(6), Carr(5);
Rafferty(5), Eves(6).
Sub: Bell(for Hazell) (6).

IMPROVEMENT IF NOTHING ELSE

Leeds 3 - Wolves 0 26-8-78

Its eighteen seasons since Wolves last scored a win at Elland Road - and at no time did they look capable of ending that dismal sequence.

But this was a better showing from Wolves, though not until Steve Daley inspired a late rally did they pose any sort of threat to the home goal.

Daley had one header brilliantly turned away by David Stewart. Then, after Willie Carr had struck the side netting, Daley saw another effort beaten away by the Leeds 'keeper.

It was heartening stuff - but it was far too late.

After an even opening, a goal from Ray Hankin in the 27th minute and a Frank Gray penalty three minutes later knocked the stuffing out of Wolves. Tony Currie got the third(55 minutes) to end the contest.

The second goal was the killer. Paul Hart headed goalwards, John Richards fisted the ball from under the bar and Gray made no mistake with the spot-kick.

Richards, in his first outing of the season, battled bravely up front, but he and Bill Rafferty badly lacked the service to make a real impact.

Manager Sammy Chung felt certain players "did not pull their weight". To add to his troubles Ken Hibbitt and George Barry were booked.

Bradshaw(7); Daniel(6), Barry(6), McAlle(7), Palmer(6);
Parkin(6), Daley(8), Hibbitt(5), Carr(5);
Richards(7), Rafferty(6).
Sub: Eves.

CUP CRASH

Reading 1 - Wolves 0 30-8-78

Wolves, in the words of the song, are at rock bottom!

And, lets face it, beaten by a Fourth Division side for the first time in their history, they can hardly sink much lower.

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No excuses please. Reading thoroughly deserved this League Cup victory. For on a night when frustration got the better of Wolves - Steve Daley, Ken Hibbitt, Derek Parkin and Norman Bell were shown the yellow card - the Berkshire team were always on top.

Their football was more controlled, they displayed greater team-work and understanding and they managed to get the ball into the net . . . something Wolves have yet to do this season.

Pat Earles got the all-important goal in the 50th minute, from, thats right, a set piece.

Defender Martin Hicks helped on a free-kick and Earles bent low to head past Paul Bradshaw from close range.

Bradshaw(7); Daniel(6), Berry(6), McAlle(7), Palmer(7);
Parkin(4), Daley(8), Hibbitt(4), Carr(3);
Rafferty(5), Eves(5).
Sub: Bell(for Eves) (7).

AT LAST, AT LAST!

Wolves 2 - Bristol City 0 2-9-78

Just when it seemed Wolves would never win another match, an own goal by David Rodgers set them up for their first points of the season.

The Bristol centre half nodded a Willie Carr cross into his own net after twelve minutes to give Wolves their first League goal of the season.

Ken Hibbitt powered in a second goal in the dying minutes to make it safe and that brought relief and a smile from manager Sammy Chung.

"There were a lot of nerves and tension early on. But we calmed down during the second half, played much more constructively and in the end I thought we were worth the win", said the Wolves boss.

Chung still has problems-a-plenty to solve, but at least Wolves have got out of the habit of losing. With that psychological barrier now broken, lets hope they start to climb the table.

Certainly the display of Steve Dalgy gives hope for the future. The Yorkshireman worked overtime to keep Wolves on top and, in this form, can't be far away from England honours.

Bradshaw(7); Daniel(7), Hazell(6), McAlle(6), Palmer(6);
Parkin(5), Daley(9), Hibbitt(6), Carr(6);
Richards(6), Bell(6).
Sub: Clarke.

HELL AT THE DELL

Southampton 3 - Wolves 1 9-9-78

How unfortunate that just when Wolves begin to find the net again, the defence starts to leak as well.

They conceded three - but for some poor Southampton finishing and a

great display by Paul Bradshaw it could have been six or seven.

One save was quite spectacular, with Bradshaw arching backwards to turn over the top a powerful Phil Boyer header.

Add to this, a penalty save from David Peach and its clear the Wolves 'keeper merits the ten marks below.

Boyer had given the Saints the lead in the 20th minute with Wolves equalising after 62 minutes.

This followed the introduction of substitute Wayne Clarke for Ken Hibbitt.

Clarke was obstructed by Peach and from the free kick Norman Bell climbed to plant a firm header wide of goalkeeper Wells.

The scores were level for eight minutes. Then Alan Ball took a free kick and Malcolm Waldron stole in unmarked to head Southampton back in front.

Ted MacDougall tapped home number three in the 81st minute, and to give the scoreline respectability Pete Daniel converted a last-seconds penalty.

Bradshaw(10); Daniel(7), Berry(5), McAlle(6), Palmer(6);
Parkin(7), Daley(7), Hibbitt(5), Carr(6);
Rafferty(5), Ball(6).
Sub: Clarke(for Hibbitt) (7).

SCHOOLBOY BLUNDERS!

Wolves 1 - Ipswich 3 16-9-78

For forty minutes, Sammy Chung's re-shuffled Wolves looked to have the beating of Cup holders Ipswich.

Twice they hit the woodwork. Then a Kevin Beattie own goal put them in front and victory looked a formality against a side weary from midweek European travel.

But when Paul Bradshaw dropped a cross straight at the feet of Paul Mariner for the England striker to equalise, the complexion of the game changed completely.

Three minutes later, Dutchman Arnold Muhren should have been picked up in the Wolves area. He wasn't. He scored.

But the gift-wrapped goal to beat them all - "The type of goal only Wolves could concede", said one long-suffering fan after - came in the 70th minute. Pete Daniel tried to hack away a cross, he missed. Geoff Palmer tried, he missed, too, and Trevor Wymark had only to jab out a foot to make it 3-1.

Consolation for Wolves fans - if there can be any at all - came in the display of teenager Wayne Clarke.

While some of his more seasoned colleagues had an afternoon to quickly forget, Clarke performed with credit on his Molineux debut, and only the thickness of a post kept his name off the score-sheet in the second half.

Bradshaw(5); Palmer(5), McAlle(6), Hazell(7), Parkin(6);
Daniel(6), Patching(6), Daley(9), Carr(5);
Bell(6), Clarke(7).
Sub: Rafferty(for Daniel) (6).

McMISERY

Everton 2 - Wolves 0

23-9-78

Christmas came early for Everton when two gift goals in the opening fifteen minutes helped them to a comfortable win.

The unfortunate "Santa" was John McAlle, who had a return to his native Merseyside he would prefer to forget.

The Wolves defender first allowed a cross through his legs and on to Bob Latchford for a fifth-minute opener, and fouled Micky Walsh in the Wolves area ten minutes later for Andy King to notch number two with a penalty.

Wolves tried hard enough to come back but their goal chances were few and far between.

Steve Daley, later booked, sent a drive dipping over just before the break and Peter Daniel, early in the second period, sent a low volley inches wide of George Wood's goal.

But not until the introduction of Mel Eves after an hour did Wolves put Everton under telling pressure. Eves added width to the attack and his partnership with Norman Bell looked both useful and effective.

Manager Sammy Chung summed up: "I felt sorry for McAlle because he has been our most consistent defender, but you can't vouch for mistakes like that"

Bradshaw(7); Palmer(7), Hazell(7), McAlle(6), Parkin(6);
Daniel(7), Patching(6), Daley(8), Carr(6);
Bell(7), Clarke(6).
Sub: Eves(for Clarke) (7).

MUCH BETTER

Wolves 1 - Queens Park Rangers 0

30-9-78

With the axe hanging over manager Sammy Chung, Wolves moved off the bottom spot in the table with a merited victory.

The relief on Chung's face was obvious after a 55th minute penalty from Peter Daniel, who later had a goal disallowed, had sealed the points.

Daniel made himself Wolves' top scorer after one of the strangest spot-kick decisions Molineux has seen.

A MOMENT TO CHEER . . . NORMAN BELL
SCORES WOLVES' FIRST GOAL AT SOUTHAMPTON

Photograph by courtesy of "EXPRESS & STAR", Wolverhampton



CHUNG MUST STAY

It should be quite apparent, even to the most unskilled of observers, that Wolves are facing a long, hard and very difficult winter.

I believe, though I don't like saying it, that Ken Hibbitt and his pals have one objective, the FA Cup apart, left this season - to make sure that come next May they are still First Division players.

I do not propose to offer instant solutions to Wolves' many problems. Frankly, there are no quick or easy answers.

But I am concerned about - and must comment on - the latest in the long line of Wolverhampton witch-hunts.

The target this time around is manager Sammy Chung. "Sack him" cry one section of our fellow-supporters, "Chung must go" wail others.

It is unpleasant and it is unsavoury. And when people stage a demonstration outside the Molineux offices - as happened recently - it does little to help and even less for the image of the club and its followers.

As someone who has always backed Mr Chung and his policies, I'll be the first to concede that the Wolves boss has made a number of mistakes this season.

Both his selections and substitutions, as well as some of the statements attributed to him, have, at times, been quite difficult to understand or appreciate.

Ignore

But having made that point, it's quite wrong to kick the man when he's down and ignore the very good work he has carried out in the past.

And talk of giving him his cards when the season is barely seven weeks old is talk that I, for one, find almost obscene.

RESERVES REVIEW

SUMMARIES OF WOLVES' SECOND X1 MATCHES

Wolves 0 - Blackpool 1. August 19

A game where defences were very much on top. Wolves went close through John Richards, Ian Arkwright and Wayne Clarke before a late John Betts goal clinched victory for the Seasiders.

Blackburn 2 - Wolves 2. August 23

Plenty of entertainment at Ewood Park. Hugh Atkinson and Craig Moss grabbed the goals for the reserves' first point of the season.

There was another promising display from Ian Arkwright and Chris Fleming also did well.

Wolves 0 - Stoke 1. August 26

Wayne Clarke impressed for Wolves, but this was another dour struggle, finally broken by the visitors in the 86th minute when a fine solo goal from Cook settled the issue.

Leeds 1 - Wolves 0. September 2

Yet another single goal defeat. Martin Patching, in a front-running role, could make little impact on the home defenders. But at the other end Bob Hazell was outstanding.

David Whyte scored the winner after 27 minutes.

Wolves 5 - Preston 0. September 9

Wolves' team included John Richards, Martin Patching, Mel Eves and Bob Hazell. All their experience showed as Preston were well beaten by goals from John Black, Richards(2), Craig Moss and Ian Arkwright.

Wolves 5 - Bolton 1. September 19

The best performance of the season so far! Ian Arkwright opened the scoring and Mel Eves made it 2-0 with a raking drive. Billy Rafferty bagged two more in the second half and John Black got the fifth from the penalty spot. An impressive debut here from defender Robert Coy.

Wolves 2 - Everton 2. September 23

Another brace from Billy Rafferty, but a last-second equaliser from substitute Burton gave the visitors a share of the spoils.

Huddersfield 2 - Wolves 2. September 30

Paul Moss and John Black on target in another entertaining affair.

NEWS & VIEWS

CHAMPIONS AGAIN ?

Nobody will need reminding that the WULSC were Second Division Champions last season in "The Home Counties Supporters' Club's Quiz League".

The quest for Division One honours begins on October 26th, with an away fixture against Chelsea at The PETERBOROUGH ARMS, New Kings Road, SW6. The opening home fixture takes place on November 16th, when we entertain Barking.

Selection for this season's squad of players will, as before, be based on trials. Martin Rutherford has arranged for these to take place on Thursday, October 19th at The DUCHESS OF YORK, the home venue in Battersea. Every member is invited to participate. The more the better, since we need to always 'field' the strongest side. Those unsuccessful in the team trials have the chance of entering the league's individual tournament.

If you wish to put your name forward for the trials, or would simply like to spectate, please contact Martin at 30a Woodgrange Avenue, London W5. Telephone 01-992 4871.

WE WISH THEM WELL

Congratulations to Mike Woodward, the WULSC's photographer at The Daily Mirror, who marries in October, and Jack Taylor, the former World Cup Final referee, on his appointment as Wolves' commercial manager.

MORE TRAVEL NEWS

Since the notes on page 2 were written, details have come to hand of the Manchester United(H) trip on October 28th. Tickets have been booked for travel on the 1100 train from Euston to Stafford. A local train will then make the short journey to Wolverhampton. The return journey will also be via Stafford. Bookings must be received not later than October 25th.

Both train and stand seat bookings for any match can now be made with Terry Peachey by telephone. Please ring Ashted 77660.

THE LAW AND I

Along with various other fan club officials throughout the country, I am presently assisting the Police College in Hampshire with a survey on crowd control. So if any newspapers tell you "A man named Steve Roe is helping Police with their enquiries", please don't be alarmed!

A REAL SUPPORTER

If ever a football fan deserved a pat on the back I offer the WULSC's Peter Abbott. His devotion not only to Wolves, but the game in general is quite staggering. As an example, look how he spent the two weeks between the 16th and 30th of September. 16th, at Molineux for Wolves-Ipswich. 17th, training as a

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member of the WULSC's Sunday team squad at Green Park. 19th, in Denmark for the England Under-21 international. 20th, still in Denmark, this time for the full England international. 22nd, a trip to the Valley for Charlton-Notts County. 24th, playing for "LondonWolves" F.C. in a pre-season friendly. 25th, Rochdale-Wimbledon. 26th, Darlington-Barnsley. 27th, Bradford City-Halifax. 29th, the Third Division this time, Southend-Shrewsbury. 30th, Wolves-QPR.

If I have missed anything - and I probably have - my sincere apologies to Pete. But at least I've given him recognition and it's much better than reading about hooligans.

WOLVES V LOS HOTSPURS!

Don't forget John McAlle's testimonial match on October 16th, when Wolves take on old rivals Spurs. A trip is being organised to the match and bookings can be made in the normal manner with Terry Peachey. The train will leave Euston at 1640. Let's hope McAlle gets the big crowd he so richly deserves.

SHE ONLY SAW THEM ONCE

And now for one of mine - and television's - best kept of secrets ... Sue Lawley is not a Wolves fan!

Although she has made several references to Wolves in her BBC "Tonight" and "Nationwide" programmes, Miss Lawley says she does not really qualify as a supporter. As she told me recently "I only ever went to one Wolves match (a goal-less draw) and the only other thing I know about them is that Billy Wright married the big Beverly Sister!"

Wolves - QPR(continued)

As Ra'chid Harkouk moved to the ball from a throw-in, it bounced up and struck the ex-Palace star on the arm. Deputy linesman Tom Reynolds waved his flag and despite Rangers' heated protests, deputy referee Tommy Banwell pointed to the spot.

Banwell, who began the game on the line, had taken over in the middle when George Nolan, the original referee, had been forced to retire from the game with injury.

But there was nothing false or farcical about the way Wolves outplayed the Londoners. True, they missed a glut of chances late on, but at least the defence looked strangely secure.

One reason for that was the display of Bob Hazell, the Under-21 international, who snuffed out with ease Harkouk and former Molineux striker Pete Eastoe.

Also back on song was Willie Carr. And there was a promising Division One debut from Ian Arkwright.

Bradshaw(7); Palmer(7), Hazell(9), McAlle(7), Parkin(8); Daniel(8), Daley(9), Carr(9), Patching(7); Rafferty(6), Eyes(7).
Sub: Arkwright(for Rafferty) (7).

Geoff Palmer



BACKTRACK

The following report is taken from "London Wolves" Feb/March 1975

UNBELIEVEABLE!

Wolves 7 - Chelsea 1 15/3/78

Someone had to suffer. It has been said for weeks that no team could keep creating chances the like of those created, and missed, by Wolves without some unfortunate side taking a real thrashing. History should have indicated Chelsea as the most likely victims.

It was one of those wonderful days. Willie Carr made his debut and won the hearts of the fans with a splendid display, capped with a superb goal. He showed all the skills of an international, and surprised many by fitting in with his new colleagues so quickly.

But Steve Kindon must take the man of the match award. He terrified a suspect Chelsea defence, created six goals and raised the roof by scoring one for himself.

The early exchanges saw Wolves in command, but Chelsea had their early moments before Kindon slammed a powerful drive against the post and John Richards whipped home the rebound.

Before the Londoners could recover, Kindon found Willie Carr on the penalty spot, and his instant banana whip left Phillips helpless. Carr and Hibbitt were too sharp for Chelsea's mixture of experience and schoolboys.

Charlie Cooke, another skilful player, never stopped trying and he was the architect of Chelsea's false hopes, a headed goal by Bill Garner. But three minutes from the interval, Kindon was involved again as Hibbitt steamed in to make it 3-1.

The second half was amazing. Chelsea could do nothing to stem the tide and were fortunate not to concede double figures.

Kindon, rapidly causing white faces in the Chelsea ranks, stormed up again, slotting the ball into Mike Bailey's path and a left-foot rocket shot did the rest for his first league goal of the season.

Sensing a slaughter, the crowd bayed for more and Wolves were only too happy to relieve the tensions and frustrations of 1975. In the 72nd minute, the crowd gave a very special roar as Steve Kindon smashed home a great goal for himself, then he set up partner John Richards for the sixth as stranded defenders watched in amazement.

Fans were dancing and singing as Kindon raced away, and crossed low for David Wagstaffe to crash his annual offering wide of Phillips, perhaps the most spectacular of all seven goals.

Chelsea, overwhelmed and battered, tried throughout to reduce the ever growing arrears. Their young players have obvious potential. But it was a day when the boys had to take a back seat and allow the men to show them what it's all about.

Pierce; Palmer, Parkin; Bailey, Munro, McAlle; Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Kindon, Wagstaffe. Sub: Withe.

STEVE DALEY



I would like first of all to thank Steve Roe for giving me the chance to have my say in the London Supporters' magazine.

It gives me the opportunity, among other things, to set the record straight regarding recent press reports.

These concerned my loyalty to Wolverhampton Wanderers and were, in my opinion, blown up out of all proportion.

After our match with Ipswich, I simply said I would not like to see Sammy Chung given the push from the managerial seat.

But for me to be quoted as saying "If the manager goes, then I'll be on my way", is quite ridiculous - especially after I have had half-a-dozen transfer requests turned down!

However, that is something that's in the past and I have now signed a five-year contract with Wolves.

It was during the match against Ipswich that I felt a very small section of the crowd were throwing unfair abuse at Mr Chung.

Personally I believe a manager can do just so much in preparation for a match.

He can discuss with the players the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition, the planning of free kicks, corners and so on.

But once the team run out, the talking has stopped and they are on their own. The manager cannot do anything about human error.

Well, two of the three Ipswich goals resulted from individual mistakes, and, as I say, I don't think Sammy Chung, or any manager, is to blame in that situation.

I really do feel that if the minority hurling abuse would get behind the lads, it would ease the pressure on everybody and, I maintain, help bring the right results.

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CLOSE-UP



MEL EVES

Photograph by courtesy of WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS SOUVENIR SHOP

THE THINGS THEY SAY

I must admit I'm looking forward to the experience of playing against Ardiles and Villa. For me and the rest of the lads it will be like playing in Europe

- Ken Hibbitt

The only answer to our problems is for all of us to put in some extra time or just work harder at our game.

- Willie Carr

The club pay my wages and I'm willing to play anywhere they want me to . . . in goal if necessary

- Derek Parkin

My only aim in football has been to continually improve my playing and enjoy the game

- John McAlle

When the team's going through a sticky patch I can't see how all the jeering and booing can do any good. In fact, it can only make things worse.

- Terry Peachey

If Reading played Wolves over six matches I know who would come out the winners - Wolves.

- Laurie McMenemy

In my second game for Wolves I took care of Joe Jordan and I thought 'Oh well, if you can look after him there can't be too much to worry about'

- Bob Hazell

I know there are enough experienced players to pull Wolves through this crisis as long as they get the right breaks.

- Mike Bailey

I asked Tommy Langley if he enjoyed playing against Wolves and he replied 'I don't just enjoy it, I relish it'

- Steve Roe

What struck me into believing what a fine player Bob Hazell was going to be was the fact that even in his early games he would try and use the ball. He wasn't one of those "kick anything above grass" defenders.

- Ken Hibbitt

Wolves without John McAlle? That would be like bread without butter.

- Steve Roe