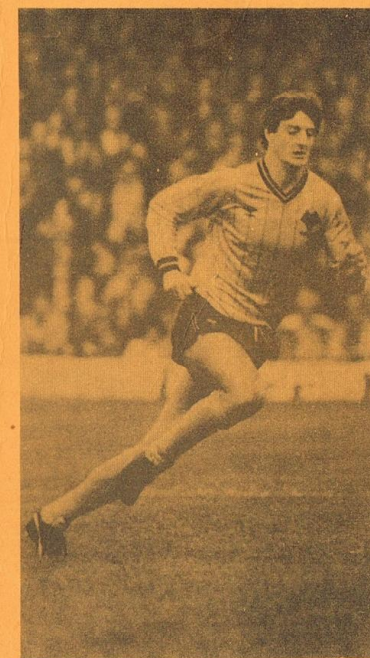
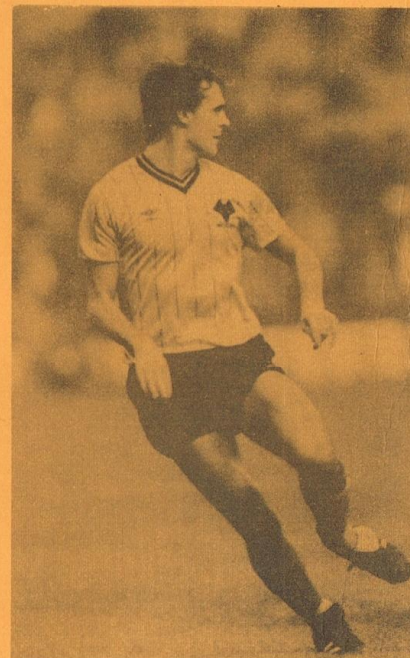




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## WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 1982.

### EDITORIAL

I know that members always welcome the chance to meet and chat to "Wolves people" and so I hope that W.W.L.S.C. Forum at the Lexpo next Wednesday goes well.

The Forum is to be an informal meeting between the new Molineux management, players at the Club and W.W.L.S.C. members. I'm only sorry that many of our membership will only read about it in the next issue of "London Wolves".

Only travelling members (25% of total membership) have been told in advance. Committee members didn't think it worth the expense - and at such short notice, too - to write to all members bearing in mind the poor response we had to our last end-of-season event.

Things might change on that score when members realise how readily the new Wolves agreed to come down to London. The new Wolves really do appreciate you - the supporter - now that the "Doog" and his merry men are in charge. I'm sure the Club would lay out the red carpet for every supporter on matchdays if it was really possible. Long may it continue.

Results just lately have gone against us but we're still up with the leaders which is where it counts at this stage. The start to the season was tremendous and we have to return to that sort of form to ensure promotion at the first attempt.

We all agree that Gordon Smith is the missing link at present and the sooner he can return to the side the better. Surely no Wolves player has become so indispensable so quickly.

Perhaps the now sacked Joe Gallagher could take a leaf out of Gordon's book as regards giving 100% to his club.

Finally back to a happier note, we welcome Alan Dodd from Stoke. And John Richards assures us that he still intends to finish his career at Molineux and the loan to Derby is not a permanent move. Great!

FRONT COVER: On the left John Humphrey and on the right Wayne Clarke.

## GRAHAM HAWKINS

Our biggest problem at the moment is that we're short on experience - a lot of our players are only just out of school, in fact.

But the kids who've turned out have done remarkably well. Remember, David Wintersgill for example is only 16 years of age, and John Pender is only 18.

Yes, we've a lot of young, untried talent at the Club and they are all under pressure to keep up the good work. It's not only physical though, there is a mental pressure too. They have to keep up the good work right through the week, not just on a Saturday.

It isn't often that you see an 18 year old lad like John Pender getting into a team and staying there. These kids hit a peak and then fade a little and it's then that they must be rested.

John partly lost the edge on his game but after a few weeks out of the side he will have recharged his batteries, as it were. Then he'll be brought back and be a better player for it.

We rely a lot on the youngsters because transfers are almost non-existent as money is short these days. Only swap deals or free transfers are likely at present. Talking of which, John Richards' move to Derby County is purely in order to motivate John by giving him match practice at a higher level than the reserve team football he has been playing since returning from injury.

I spoke of free transfers - I was very pleased that we managed to sign Gordon Smith. He is a class player, but unfortunately pulled a muscle against Leicester and is currently injured.

Results-wise, I'm not happy that in our last two away games we've conceded six goals - five against us from set-pieces.

At Cambridge we were the better side for the first half-hour, then they scored from a free-kick at which we should have defended better. In the second half it was even-stevens but we fell down again from another free-kick. Having said that, we had several good chances and should have converted them.

After the defeat at Oldham, I read that Joe Royle thought we were the best Second Division team he'd seen this season. Well Joe, I think we could have played better - it was bad defending which again let us down.

In general, I'm very pleased with the way things have gone this season. We've had one or two injuries, but we've had some good results.

Obviously, I'd like us to be top of the division, but we are still very much within striking distance. I know the players are disappointed with recent results but the dressing-room's not a morgue. We have a laugh and a joke. I know I'm enjoying the season so far and I'm sure the players are too.

Editor: I'd like to thank Graham for readily agreeing to the above interview, which took place the day before the Fulham defeat at Molineux.

### STOP PRESS:

VICE-CHAIRMAN DOUG HOPE, GOALKEEPERS' JOHN BURRIDGE, PAUL BRADSHAW AND DEFENDER MICK HOLLIFIELD ATTEND W.W.L.S.C 'LEXPO' FUNCTION - WEDS. DECEMBER 1ST.

MUCH APPRECIATED BY MEMBERS PRESENT - A GREAT EVENING....

FULL REPORT AND PICTURES IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF 'LONDON WOLVES'..... THANKS FOR COMING, LADS.



# MISC.....

## W.W.L.S.C. - YOUR SUPPORTERS' CLUB:

Dave Slape tells me that membership now stands at 245 (end of November). The final count in 1980/81 was 401 and in 1981/82 was 327, so we've a fair way to go yet, to catch up. If you know anyone who hasn't rejoined or someone who could be a new member, then tell them all about us and get them to write to Dave at 26 Brockenhurst Way, Norbury, London SW16 straightaway.

Programmes from the Jumble Sale are listed below and I'm told that to date members have raised approximately £16 from this. Further, we've had £175 as donations for Wolves and £115 from the Match Ball Raffle (Note: winner should be drawn on Dec. 1st, all being well). This is excellent, and in the New Year we will finalise details as to how to pass this over to the new Molineux regime. Well done, everyone.

## PETER REDFERN:

.....has been appointed as new Secretary at Molineux and we here in London wish him especially well. We've come to know Peter very well since his early days in the ticket office and wish him every success in his new post.

Peter had a hectic start as you all know and tells us that even now things aren't completely straight. "It meant a lot of work into the night to catch up - and still does in fact. Match days are always hectic especially now that I'm on permanent standby. There's always something to deal with." Is Peter enjoying it, though? "Yes, very much."

Peter has been at Molineux since leaving school and must be, at 26 years of age, one of the youngest Club secretaries in the League and at his home-town Club, too. Keep up the good work, Peter.

## JUMBLE SALE:

**Wolves Homes:** 1968/69 Chelsea, Man. Utd. 30p each. 1969/70 Kilmarnock (Fr.), Fiorentina (A/Italian) 20p. 1970/71 Huddersfield, Newcastle 20p. 1972/73 Leeds, Crystal Palace, Liverpool, West Ham, Birmingham, Spurs, Ipswich, Orient (LC), Sheff. Wed. (LC) 20p. 1973/74 Belenenses (UEFA) 20p. 1979/80 Bristol City, Middlesbrough, Man. City, A. Villa, Southampton, Watford (FAC) 20p. 1980/81 Man. Utd., Stoke, (FAC) 30p. 1981/82 Man. Utd. 40p. Postage: add 17p for one programme, then add 4p for each thereafter.

**Wolves Aways:** 1967/68 Rotherham (FAC) 30p. 1968/69 Chelsea, Sheff. Wed. 30p. 1969/70 West Ham 30p. 1970/71 Newcastle, Chelsea, Derby County (FAC) 20p. 1972/73 Man. City, Leicester, Liverpool, Coventry, West Brom, Southampton, West Ham 20p. 1978/79 Bristol City 20p. 1979/80 Brighton, Grimsby (LC), 20p, A. Villa 30p, Grimsby (LC at Derby), Leeds Utd. 25p. 1980/81 Stoke, Spurs, Coventry, 30p, Spurs (FAC SF at Hillsborough) 80p, Arsenal 30p. 1981/82 Coventry 30p, Mansfield (S. Weaver Test.) 20p. Postage as for Homes.

**Others:** 1975 Charity Shield West Ham v Derby 50p. 1977 England v Scotland 25p, England v Italy (WC) 30p. 1980 England v N. Ireland 30p, England v Switzerland (WC) 40p. 1981 England v Spain, Wales, Hungary (WC) 40p. 1982 England v N. Ireland 40p. Postage as above.

# MEL EVES

The following interview was obtained for "London Wolves" by Committee Member Ray Stock:

"At the end of last season things couldn't have looked bleaker both on and off the field. We had just been relegated and the threat of Wolverhampton Wanderers ceasing to exist seemed very real. I had said goodbye rather than "see you next season" to some good friends released by the Club. Along with everyone connected with the club, I spent a very worrying few months!

"Then nothing short of a miracle happened. A person backed by others who had faith in the viability of the Club stepped in. That person, as everyone knows, was Derek Dougan (who needs no introduction). A sleeping giant now stirred, things had started to happen off the field which at last made the players look forward to the start of the season.

"The first match arrived with a responsibility on the players to repay in some way the wholehearted effort that had gone into saving the Club. From a personal point of view, and I'm sure for everyone else connected with us, it was a memorable first match for Wolverhampton Wanderers (1982) Limited.

"We are now a club with everyone pulling in the right direction and with the tremendous support we are receiving from the stands and terraces we can now look forward to better times.

"Best wishes to all members of London Wolves."

# SALES

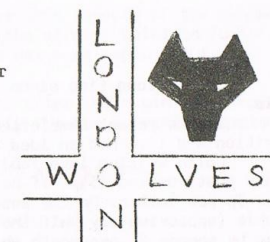
All being well, members should receive with this issue of "London Wolves" a printed list of souvenirs, etc., which are available from Molineux or from our very own Sales Officer, Doug Pearl. Doug's address is 17 Holbrook Road, Cambridge, but when writing please include a stamped addressed envelope or adequate postage, remembering to make all cheques and postal orders payable to W.W.L.S.C.

## LONDON WOLVES SWEATERS,

## SWEATSHIRTS AND TEE-SHIRTS.

These are available from Treasurer, Adrian Lewis. They are in black, but stocks are now low, so order today! Remember to state sizes and make cheques and postal orders payable to W.W.L.S.C.

SWEATERS	£10.00
SWEATSHIRTS	£8.50
TEE-SHIRTS	£4.50
<b>TREASURER'S ADDRESS:</b> 14 Coombehurst Close,	
Hadley Wood, Herts, EN4 0JU.	





# LETTERS...

137 Milward Road,  
Hastings,  
Sussex TN34 3RT.

Congratulations, great, well done, and thank God sanity has prevailed. The rot has stopped, the wheels thrown into reverse and the future is now very hopeful. But are you superstitious?

In 1960, the last time Wolves won a major trophy, (yes, I know about the two League Cup wins but the competition was not in existence then) the opponents were Blackburn Rovers and playing for them was Derek Dougan. The first match under the new Board is against Blackburn Rovers and who should be in charge at Molineux? Yes, Derek Dougan, Esq.

Further, on Saturday 28th August Wolves will be managed by Graham Hawkins who has played for both clubs.

Anyone who has followed Wolves for any length of time can talk endlessly about bad luck. (Camping out in Spurs' half for 89 minutes of a UEFA Cup Final and still losing 2-1, or having Bob Hazell sent off at Highbury with only a minute to go and seeing them score in the next move.) Well, that gentlemen is about to change, the 1950's are about to begin again.

The nucleus is there, the belief is there, the experience will come.

Good luck, Derek, get it together and remember the club's motto "Out of darkness cometh light", but please, please, get rid of those terrible black striped shirts!

G. Bentley

Editor: You were right, we won that important first match and we're off to a great start. Let's hope it continues for ever and a day. By the way, what do other members think of the new strip?

181 Ranworth Avenue,  
Hoddesdon,  
Herts, EN11 9NU.

It's a long time since I wrote to my readers, so I'm here to remedy this.

In the recent newsletter you commented on the W.W.L.S.C.'s impecunious position and I've had an idea as to how we can cut expenses.

Colin Whiting invariably sends me the monthly pontoon tickets by first class post costing 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. If he were to send them by second class post he would save 3p per letter. On the assumption that he sends tickets to two hundred people (approximately half the club members, but I hope it's more than that) then he spends £6 per month which is £72 per annum in unnecessary expenditure.

If the precedent set regarding John Richards is maintained and we

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are to expend in excess of £200 to everyone who has a testimonial, then economies will have to be made on a continuing basis.

Anyone else any ideas, please?

Martin Crofts.

Editor: The postage is not a problem, Martin. Reason being that only just over 30 members sell pontoon tickets for the W.W.L.S.C.! Judging by your assumption in the letter, you will be quite horrified to hear that only 10% of the membership participate in this scheme. Has anybody got any ideas as to how to improve on this, please?

5 Dudhill Walk,  
Rowley Regis,  
Warley, West Midlands.

If any of your members save Wolves programmes, I might have some of interest to sell. They range from 1967-68 to 1974-75 mostly, but I've also a few from the 1950's.

If anybody is interested, then they can drop me a line to the above address.

D. Johnson.

Wagnergasse 16,  
8008 Zurich, Switzerland.

Sincere thanks for your last letter. I can always see from your magazine that you fans are a really active group of people. But I think most fan-clubs in the world have this quality - it is simply the love of the club which stimulates this interest.

Now, apparently everything seems to be going very well for you. At Kaiserslautern we are registering an upward trend and I think I can say that us two - at least at the moment - must be the happiest of people. There is nothing so wonderful as having a feeling of success. Here at IFCK we were very surprised at our success in the UEFA Cup game in Naples.

A week before the game I was able to discuss various aspects of the Bundesliga with President Udo Sopp and Manager Rudi Kröner in the airport hotel in Zurich. It was very informative for me; the problems of the day were explained to me directly from experienced mouths.

In Switzerland, one is somewhat more optimistic after their win over World Champions, Italy. But I don't think they will qualify for the European Championship Finals.

Many hearty greetings from Zurich to you and all Wolves fans.

Eugene Koch.

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# TRAVEL...

Travel Details to the end of March are as follows:

<u>Home Games:</u>	Tues. Dec. 28th	v BURNLEY *	)	
	Mon. Jan. 3rd	v LEEDS UNITED	)	Meet local Booking Office,
	Sat. Jan. 22nd	v CHELSEA	)	Euston. Depart 11.40.
	Sat. Feb. 12th	v CARLISLE UNITED	)	Arrive Wolves 13.41.
	Sat. Feb. 19th	v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	)	Depart 17.30.
	Sat. Mar. 5th	v CAMBRIDGE UNITED	)	Arrive Euston 19.31.
	Sat. Mar. 26th	v OLDHAM ATHLETIC	)	Fare: £5.50.

\* Please note that this match is a 3.00 p.m. kick-off and not an evening game as advertised in our last issue.

<u>Away Games:</u>	Sat. Jan. 15th	v BLACKBURN ROVERS. Meet local Booking Office Euston.	
		Depart 10.45. Arrive Blackburn 13.59. Depart 17.27. Arrive Euston	
		21.16. Fare: £9.00.	
	Sat. Feb. 5th	v BARNSLEY. Meet adjacent platform of departure St.	
		Pancras. Depart 10.00. Arrive Barnsley 13.38. Depart 17.30. Arrive	
		St. Pancras 21.12. Fare: £7.50.	
	Sat. Feb. 26th	v LEICESTER CITY. Meet adjacent platform of departure	
		St. Pancras. Depart 12.00. Arrive Leicester 13.25. Depart 17.39.	
		Arrive St. Pancras 19.35. Fare: £4.50.	
	Sat. Mar. 12th	v DERBY COUNTY. Meet adjacent platform of departure	
		St. Pancras. Depart 11.00. Arrive Derby 12.57. Depart 17.59. Arrive	
		St. Pancras 20.15. Fare: £5.50.	
	Sat. Mar. 19th	v GRIMSBY TOWN. Meet adjacent platform of departure	
		Kings Cross. Depart 10.04. Arrive Cleethorpes 13.27. Depart 17.20.	
		Arrive Kings Cross 20.57. Fare: £7.50.	

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All times are subject to confirmation from British Rail. Please make all telephone bookings between 5 & 7 p.m. any day except match-days and Thursdays. Thank you for your co-operation.

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All bookings must be received at least 3 days prior to a game unless otherwise stated. Fares will be collected on the outward journey, but advance payments are accepted provided that cheques/postal orders are made payable to W.W.L.S.C. No "credit" will be given. Guests travelling with the club are subject to a surcharge of 50p. No member under the age of 16 will be allowed to travel unless accompanied by an adult. Train tickets are to be collected at the specified assembly point no later than 10 minutes before the advertised departure time. Please enclose an SAE when making enquiries.

## Fines for Non-attendance and Late Cancellations:

Any member having previously made a booking and failing to collect his/her ticket will be subject to a fine of £1.00. Until paid the member will not be allowed tickets for any subsequent trips. The same is imposed on a member cancelling a booking after the advertised closing date.

Travel Secretary's Address: 77 The Street, Ashted, Surrey. Tel.: Ashted 77660.

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NOTE THE PRICES TO HOME GAMES ARE STILL LOWER THAN TWO YEARS AGO - LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET MORE PEOPLE TRAVELLING TO AT LEAST ONE GAME THIS SEASON TO SUPPORT THE LADS, EH!

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# THINGS THEY SAY:

"From day one I will give you a categorical assurance that Wolverhampton Wanderers (1982) Limited is here to stay, and that what will be revealed - sooner rather than later - will wipe away any doubts and fears, and replace them with a blueprint that the rest of football will envy."

Derek Dougan

"We are grateful you are here - and will remain grateful whenever you come. Together we will walk tall."

Derek Dougan

"I have never had such an emotional Saturday in all my life. I looked along the line in the Directors' Box and all the Directors were in tears. I've never experienced anything like it."

Mike Rowland

"The artificial pitch at Loftus Road has been bad for me. It made me struggle for consistency. Switching from artificial surface to grass means you have to make adjustments every week."

John Burridge

"Working with the first team has been a tremendous experience. When you work on things in training and they come off in a game it is a wonderful feeling when there are 15,000 or so people there to see them."

Jim Barron

"Gray is one of the best players in training I've ever seen, and we're going to build our attack around him."

Graham Hawkins

"As well as helping the youngsters to relax I like to think some of my professionalism rubs off on them."

John Burridge

"It is quite an adjustment coming into the first team. It is the speed of the game which makes all the difference. You need six or seven matches to fully adjust and learn to pace yourself."

Bob Coy

"It's a thrilling sight to see a winger like him dashing down the line and putting over crosses, especially at Molineux where there is a long tradition of players of this type."

Graham Hawkins praising  
Paul "Bubbles" Butler

"I don't seem to have had the right breaks in front of goal so far. I strike the ball pretty well but often you see players mishit it and it goes in the net. That doesn't seem to happen to me but I'll just have to keep plugging away."

Billy Livingstone

"You won't find me rushing to tell all the things I supposedly thought were going wrong during my stay as there was nothing more or less to talk about than at any club."

Emlyn Hughes





PAUL BRADSHAW RECEIVES HIS SECOND SUCCESSIVE "WWL.S.C. PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR" AWARD FROM TERRY PEACHEY PRIOR TO THE GRIMSBY GAME. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE STAN ARMETT, PETER ABBOTT AND RAY STOCK.

## QUIZ NEWS:

A fine start to the season with victories in our opening two league games. Our first fixture was an away clash with London Nottm. Forest, promoted as Division Two Champions at the end of last season. But the step up to the higher grade proved a little too much for the "Reds" to handle and we ran out winners by 48 points to 28.

We followed this up with an easy 44-22 home win over Southend United. "London Wolves" line-up in both games was: Peter Abbott, Stan Armett, Peter Woodfield (Capt. Steve Howard, Brian Restall, Dave Slape.

As we go to press we are about to play a home game against Division Two side London Everton in the First Round of the League Cup. If successful we play Southend at home in the next round. Our next scheduled league game is January 13th 1983, at home to APFSCIL.

Home games are at The Crown, Brewer Street, W1. (Nearest Tube, Piccadilly Circus and spectators are welcome. But please telephone me a few days beforehand to confirm dates and starting times. Support is also welcome at away games (members in Essex should note we play Romford, Barking and Southend all away this season).

Quiz Team Secretary's Address: Stan Armett, Flat 3, 38 Priory Rd, London NW6 4S  
Telephone: 01-629-5071 (office).

### ALL-TIME TABLE ----- "LONDON WOLVES" QUIZ MATCHES.

Includes all games between October 1977 and October 1982. The "Success Rate" is calculated by awarding 1 point for a win and  $\frac{1}{2}$  point for a draw, divided by number of games played.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	- Score -		Success Rate				
					For	Against					
1. London Coventry	3	3	-	-	180	132	100%				
2. Dartford	2	2	-	-	124	90	100%				
3. London Newcastle Utd.	2	2	-	-	108	78	100%				
4. Hampton	1	1	-	-	69	20	100%				
5. Q.P.R.	1	1	-	-	60	31	100%				
6. London Bristol City	1	1	-	-	45	17	100%				
7= London Nottm. Forest	1	1	-	-	48	28	100%				
7= Chelmsford	1	1	-	-	62	42	100%				
9. Chelsea	1	1	-	-	44	25	100%				
10. London Rangers	1	1	-	-	50	42	100%				
11. Gravesend	1	1	-	-	45	40	100%				
12. Southend United	4	3	-	1	180	121	75%				
13. Romford	4	3	-	1	205	192	75%				
14. London Southampton	3	2	-	1	161	130	66%				
15. London Norwich City	3	2	-	1	133	114	66%				
16. APFSCIL	7	4	1	2	380	330	64%				
17. Sutton United	2	1	-	1	104	95	50%				
18. Barking	8	2	1	5	325	387	31%				
19. Dagenham	4	1	-	3	200	216	25%				
20. Wimbledon	3	-	-	3	113	162	-				
					53	33	2	18	2636	2292	64%



# IN'S:

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## JOHN BURRIDGE

- Goalkeeper, originally coming to Molineux on a loan basis, but around mid-September we paid £70,000 to sign him permanently from Q.P.R. Wolves debut, home versus Blackburn Rovers.
- Born Workington and began his career at the Cumbrian club.
- Full appearances record in the Football League reads as follows: Workington 27, Blackpool 134, Aston Villa 65, Southend (on loan) 6, Crystal Palace 88, Q.P.R. 39. Total: 359.

## GORDON SMITH

- Midfielder, ex full-back, also joining us on loan before signing at the end of September. Free agent as contract at White Hart Lane had ended. No fee involved. Spent the summer with John Barnwell on the ill-fated South African tour.
- Born Glasgow and won 4 Under-23 caps for his country.
- Full League appearance record is as follows: St. Johnstone 118 (11 goals), Aston Villa 79, Tottenham Hotspur 38 (1 goal). Total: 235. Wolves debut, substitute away at Chelsea.

## GRAHAM HAWKINS

- First managerial appointment, joining the club on August 4th only days after we were saved. Previously involved with coaching at both Port Vale and Shrewsbury.
- Born Darlaston, West Midlands.
- Playing career began at Wolves and full League appearance records are as follows: Wolves 28 (+ 6 as sub.), Preston North End 241 (4) and 3 goals, Blackburn Rovers 108 (1) and 4 goals, Port Vale 61 (1) and 3 goals. Total: 438 (12) and 10 goals.

## JIM BARRON

- Promoted to Assistant Manager during September.
- Born County Durham and also began his career at Molineux.
- Full League appearances record reads as follows: Wolves 8, Chelsea 1, Oxford United 152, Nottm. Forest 155, Swindon Town 79, Peterborough United 20. Total: 415.

## DENNIS CONYERD

- Appointed as Physiotherapist on a part-time basis during September after a successful trial period.

## FRANK UPTON

- Molineux's new Youth Team Coach since the beginning of October. John Jarman remains as Youth Development Officer.

# OUT'S:

## GEORGE BERRY

- Defender who joined Stoke City on a "free" in August. His last appearance for us was in the 1-2 defeat at home to West Brom. on May 1st last season.
- Welsh International, though born in Rostrup, West Germany. George made his debut for Wolves on May 7th 1977 in the 1-1 home draw with Chelsea in Division 2.
- The full appearance record is as follows: League 124 (4 goals), F.A. Cup 21 (3 goals), League Cup 14, and UEFA Cup 1. In addition George twice attended W.W.L.S.C. End-of-Season Banquets which was much appreciated. Good luck at Stoke, George.

## MICK KEARNS

- Eire International goalkeeper who has rejoined Walsall on a free transfer.
- His Wolves debut was in a 0-0 draw at West Brom. in April 1980, and the final match was at Molineux in another 0-0 draw - this time against Everton on May 4th 1981.
- Mick's appearance record for Wolves reads as follows: League 9, F.A. Cup 1. If you remember, the Cup appearance was at home to Watford and was the game in which we lost John McAlle for the rest of that season.

## IAN ROSS

- Coach who was brought to Molineux by John Barnwell and struck up again with John on that ill-fated South African tour during the summer.
- Last news I had was that Ian had joined Hereford United of the Fourth Division. I think as a player.
- From my records, Ian appeared for Wolves in three friendly matches during his stay at the club, and of course took over as temporary manager after John Barnwell had resigned.

## TOBY ANDERSON

- Club Physiotherapist who left Molineux during August after less than a year back in the job he first did in the early seventies.

## JACK TAYLOR

- Ex-Football League referee who became Commercial Manager at Molineux about five years ago.
- Helped us here at "London Wolves" on numerous occasions and we must thank him for the "programme-space" he arranged for us especially during the last couple of seasons.



# MOLI - NEW !

No introduction whatsoever is needed for the incomparable "Doog". Now very much a hero at Molineux (when wasn't he?) being Club Chairman and Chief Executive, and he remains the W.W.L.S.C. Honorary President of which we are extremely proud.

For the benefit of our younger members, Derek's career record in brief is as follows: Joined Portsmouth in 1957; Blackburn Rovers, 1959; Aston Villa, 1961; Peterborough United, 1963; Leicester City, 1965; then came to Molineux in March 1967 for a fee of only £50,000.

Derek retired at the end of the 1974-75 season having totalled 532 (+ 14 as substitute) League appearances for his clubs and having netted 222 League goals - more than any other Irishman.

As a Northern Ireland international he won 43 caps between 1958 and 1973 and his one "honour" won at Molineux was in helping Wolves to win the 1974 League Cup Final at Wembley.

Whilst at Wolves he was the P.F.A.'s Chairman and after his playing career had ended became manager at Kettering Town, then of the Southern League. For the last couple of seasons Derek has appeared as "front-man" for Yorkshire T.V.'s soccer programmes and has also found time to continue as the author of numerous books, not least his latest "How Not To Run Football".

Now, of course, Mr. Derek Dougan is supremo at the greatest club in the land - surely a fulfilled ambition. And what a reception at that first game:

"The former Molineux idol was given an incredible welcome at the Blackburn fixture. It was just like the coming of the Messiah and after Wolves' saviour had addressed his faithful worshippers and re-assured them that a prosperous future lay ahead, he joined the congregation massed on the North and South Banks to watch the game - when was the last time a football club chairman did that?"

- Stan Arnett.

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There's a new look about the officials at Molineux and they are as follows: President remains as John Ireland, Douglas Hope is Vice-Chairman, and other directors are Mike Rowlands - Managing Director of Allied Properties Ltd. - John Starkey, Wilbur J. Smith Jnr., and Roger Hipkiss. The General Manager at the club is Eric Woodward whilst Company Secretary is Roger Loveland, the club's financial advisor is Stewart Ross and Peter Redfern has been promoted to Club Secretary (more about Peter elsewhere in this issue of "London Wolves").

New names and new faces for all of us. "London Wolves" wish them all the very best luck at the dawning of this new era.

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The "new" football club at Molineux both on the pitch and behind the scenes has got off to a good start and we all hope it continues. The "new" Wolves don't seem to have stopped "doing" and "talking" yet. It's the like of which we've never seen before and it's great!

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OUR AUTOGRAPHED MATCH BALL HAS BEEN WON BY BILL FOREMAN OF NEWMARKET. PAUL BRADSHAW MADE THE DRAW AT THE 'LEXPO' FUNCTION AND WE THANK HIM FOR DOING SO. SECOND PRIZE OF AN AUTOGRAPHED PROGRAMME FROM THE SIXTIES WAS WON BY CLIVE HUGHES OF CARSHALTON AND THIRD PRIZE OF A 1982 ROTHMANS YEARBOOK WON BY LARRY COYTE OF HAROLD WOOD. WELL DONE AND THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED.

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BACK FROM THE UNITED STATES, KENNY HIBBITT FINDS LIFE TOUGH AGAINST FORMER WOLVES DEFENDER, JOHN MCALLE, IN THE 2-1 WIN OVER DERBY COUNTY.



## NEWS &

.....A new era for Wolverhampton Wanderers has begun and with a new-style matchday programme, too. It is excellent value at 40p and has already been described as the best Wolves programme ever. It contains all the news and views from Molineux and is incredibly informative compared with past seasons.

Why not treat yourself to a subscription? It's only £13.80 for a whole season and what better way to keep up to date if you can't always get to Molineux. Write to W.W.L.S.C. Sales Officer, Doug Pearl, at 17 Holbrook Road, Cambridge, or to the Club for full details.

.....It is with regret that I must inform members that long-standing member George Cripps passed away over the August Bank Holiday weekend. George hardly missed a game in years until overcome by illness last year. He was a superb Wolves supporter. An appropriate message was conveyed by the London Supporters Club through Terry Peachey and Charlie Jones. Our deepest sympathies go to all his friends.

.....I must thank the Express & Star Ltd., Wolverhampton, for allowing us to publish photographs in this issue of "London Wolves". I also thank DL Instant Print of London for the printing; and club member Martin Hall is to be applauded for the typing in this issue.

.....Kenny Hibbitt, as you must know by now, has rejoined Wolves after some initial delay on arriving back in England from the States. Whilst playing for Seattle Sounders alongside Steve Daley and Peter Ward, Kenny almost picked up a Super Bowl winner's medal. As it turned out, New York Cosmos beat the Sounders 1-0 with the goal coming from Chinaglia. So, bad luck, Kenny, you were almost there.

.....Congratulations are in order on the birth of Oliver Ashley Stock, to Committee Member Ray Stock and his wife Angie.

.....I never thought I'd see the day when Wolves wore a sponsor's name on their shirts. But, with finances being of prime concern to every League side, Wolves have broken with their tradition. The Bridgnorth concern of Tatung (UK) Ltd. are the company in question. First seen at the home defeat against Leicester City, Tatung are T.V. and Video manufacturers employing over 500 people in Shropshire. Despite being a traditionalist at heart, I must accept shirt advertising and wish this new partnership a successful season.

..... ON THE RESERVE'S SIDE OF THE CLUB, WE HAVE NO GOOD NEWS TO RELAY I'M AFRAID. AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER, WE'VE PLAYED NINE GAMES, LOSING ALL BUT TWO, WHICH WE COULD ONLY DRAW 0-0. FURTHER TO THAT THE YOUTH SIDE ARE OUT OF THE F.A. YOUTH CUP, LOSING 2-0 AT HOME TO LEICESTER CITY.

## VIEWS

.....On Tuesday 19th October the Wolves first team played and beat Glentoran in Northern Ireland, in a specially-arranged friendly game. My thanks to club member (and former Secretary) Ivan Gillespie for supplying the following information as our man-on-the-spot:

"Wolves went behind in the 16th minute to a goal from Cleary with Mel Eves levelling after 32 minutes. In the 54th minute both Mullan for Glentoran and Wayne Clarke scored to make it 2-2, before Mel Eves notched the winner three minutes later.

Wolves: Burridge, Humphrey, Palmer, Hibbitt (man-of-the-match, says Ivan), Pender, Coy, Daniel, Clarke (Rudge), Gray (back after injury), Eves (Miller), Butler. Attendance: 2,204."

.....On the subject of friendlies, John O'Shea of Cork in Eire has supplied a match report of a game Wolves played against Coventry City at the Flower Lodge Ground in Cork, way back in the ice-age of February 1963. Wolves won 3-0 with goals from Flowers, Stobart and Crowe. John has also settled the saga between him and Dave Slape as to a further friendly versus Coventry on the 20th, nine days after the game in Cork. After painstakingly scouring the local papers of the time, he has proved that the second game was not played in Cork as originally thought, but in Belfast. At last, John!

The second game was won 6-3 by Wolves, but going back to the first game, the line-up supplied by our Irish correspondent is as follows: Finlayson, Howell, Thomson, Kirkham, Woodfield, Flowers, Broadbent, Crowe, Farmer, Stobart, Wharton. Attendance: 6,500.

.....Colin Whiting, W.W.L.S.C.'s Pontoon Sales Officer tells me that there are a few extra sellers since our free issue of one ticket in our last "London Wolves" magazine. But we always need more, so come on members, become a Pontoon Ticket seller for your Supporters' Club now.

These tickets can be sold to family, friends, workmates, and you too can have a go. All profits are ploughed back into this club to enable it to function in the way you have come to expect.

Tickets are distributed in monthly batches by Colin and he'll be delighted to hear from you. Write to 51b Chichele Road, London, NW2.

.....Wolves have announced initial details of the new £20,000,000 ground scheme which was given local council approval in September. A Government Grant is now hoped for and news isn't likely before the New Year about this, but the aims are there. So we must hope that when it comes it will be good news.

Incorporated in the new development would be a supermarket, new Waterloo Road stand, leisure centre, Supporters' Social Club, trade centre, office facilities, and new housing. More news later.....

..... ANOTHER FRIENDLY WAS PLAYED AT BRIDGNORTH ON 23RD NOVEMBER. WOLVES WON 1-0 WITH JOHN LAWS SCORING IN THE LAST MINUTE. THE GAME WAS IN CONNECTION WITH 'TATUNG' WHO ALSO SPONSOR BRIDGNORTH.



# MATCH ACTION:

Wolves 2, Blackburn Rovers 1. Sat. 28th August 1982. Att: 15,605.

A perfect start for Molineux's new regime. The scene was all set for a celebration after the pre-match introduction of the new men at the helm.

Wolves were forced by injuries to give 16 year old midfielder David Wintersgill and Striker Billy Livingstone, 18, their debuts and had John Burridge making his first appearance between the sticks as a result of Bradshaw's long-term back problem, and another untried cub, winger Paul Butler, on the bench. Wintersgill became the second youngest player, after Jimmy Mullen, to have played for Wolves in a competitive game.

The "new" Wolves made a bright start, having early chances but not making them count. Blackburn soon began to threaten and after Palmer had cleared for a corner after the first 20 minutes, Stonehouse flicked the ball on at the near post for GARNER running in behind to head home from close in, giving Blackburn a 23rd minute opener.

The leveller came soon after the second half had started, with the ball being switched from left to right giving Daniel the chance to cross to the far post where the unmarked EVES had a simple task to head down into the net. Three minutes later, Wolves scrambled away a Blackburn attack, then Garner fired wide.

With a quarter of an hour left, Butler came on to make his first team bow, replacing Livingstone, and within two minutes he had set up the winner. His superb cross found EVES at the far post and he made no mistake with his header. What a magic moment that must have been for young Butler.

WOLVES: Burridge 6, Humphrey 7, Wintersgill 7, Palmer 7, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 6, Clarke 6, Livingstone 8, Eves 8, Matthews 7. Sub: Butler 7 (replaced Livingstone, 75th Minute).

Chelsea 0, Wolves 0. Tuesday 31st August 1982. Att: 14,192.

Neither set of players showed much inclination to attack in this rather sterile affair and it wasn't the sort of game to tempt back soccer's missing millions.

Chelsea's new signing, the veteran "Pop" Robson, the much travelled striker made no impact and the only Chelsea player to cause Wolves any problems was - through his sheer physical size - Micky Droy, when he went up for corners and free-kicks.

Former Aston Villa and Spurs utility player Gordon Smith, on a month's trial, was the Wolves substitute and in replacing Wintersgill early in the second half became the fifth player in two games to make his Wolves debut. Early on, Clarke headed onto the bar, Coy shot narrowly wide and Eves hammered in a 20-yarder which 'keeper Francis touched over. At the other end, Chivers unleashed a shot which Burridge smothered. In the second half, Chelsea did most of the attacking with a Droy header just wide and Walker's shot only inches away. Burridge came out, missed his punch and Matthews headed to safety, then Droy again went close as his powerful header was tipped over by Burridge. Then in the dying seconds, Droy headed into the penalty area, but Burridge saved Nutton's header and made sure of a useful point for Wolves.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 6, Wintersgill 6, Palmer 6, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 5, Clarke 6, Livingstone 6, Eves 6, Matthews 6. Sub: Smith 6 (replaced Wintersgill, 55th minute).

Leeds United 0, Wolves 0. Saturday 4th September 1982. Att: 16,462.

Wolves set out from the start to take home a point and to their credit, they achieved that objective. There was early pressure from the home side, despite an Eves shot being saved by Lukic when Wolves broke.

Worthington was offside when he netted, then Burridge made an excellent tip-over save as Butterworth headed in Graham's cross. Clarke headed over for Wolves just before the break, and in the second period Worthington nearly got on the end of a good pass but Humphrey booted away for a corner. Again on the break, Andy Gray, back from suspension and playing with his broken arm strapped, had an effort which was just too high.

There was a real let-off when Butterworth and Frank Gray combined well to set up Worthington with ample time and space, but under pressure from the advancing Burridge he lost control and the Wolves defence tidied up. With 20 minutes to go Wolves had their golden chance when Matthews' cross was laid off by Smith to Clarke, but under pressure he stabbed his shot wide. That proved to be Wolves' last chance and the last action of a disappointing game.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, Smith 6, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 5, Clarke 5, Gray 6, Eves 6, Matthews 6. Sub: Butler (not used).

Wolves 5, Charlton Athletic 0. Tuesday 7th September 1982. Att: 13,063.

The good start continues with this resounding win over poor Charlton. Wolves were soon in front with EVES giving us an 8th minute lead. Daniel's corner found Clarke whose header looped up high off a defender and looked to be going out of play until Bob Coy nodded it back into the middle for Mel to score from 6 yards.

Three minutes before the break, Wolves scored again with a text-book goal. Daniel's corner was perfect for GRAY to rise high and power home a bullet header. Gray collected a knock on his ankle, played on until half-time, but as the teams ran out for the second half Gray pulled up sharply and was replaced by Paul Butler at the earliest opportunity. Butler was soon in action, sending over a long cross that Walker needlessly handled presenting PALMER with the chance to blast home the penalty-kick in typical blockbusting style. The game was now won and Charlton were allowed to come back a little, Walker wasting a good chance.

Wolves came strongly again at the end. Eves crossed for Clarke to head wide, then Butler crossed for CLARKE who this time scored with his header. With four minutes left, MATTHEWS beat 'keeper Johns to make it a nap hand, and sadly to complete Charlton's night of misery, McAllister was stretchered off in the dying seconds.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 8, Palmer 7, Smith 7, Pender 7, Coy 7, Daniel 7, Clarke 7, Gray 7, Eves 9, Matthews 7. Sub: Butler 9 (replaced Gray, 46th minute).



Wolves 2, Barnsley 0. Saturday 11th September 1982. Att: 15,065.

Wolves' patience was rewarded against this Barnsley side, who did everything to make life difficult, with two second-half goals. The Reds denied Wolves space, played the ball around and their attacks caused Wolves a few problems.

An early Livingstone cross was headed down and Horn in the Barnsley goal fumbled the ball before it was scrambled away. An Eves attack broke down when Palmer shot well wide, but then sent a lovely 60-yard crossfield ball to Smith. He nodded down to Clarke who turned well, but his shot was off target.

On the hour, Livingstone broke through and headed for goal, then veered out to the left and sent in a fierce shot which Horn pushed out and HUMPHREY, following up, blasted it home to put Wolves in front.

Matthews blasted a shot over the bar when he should have passed to Smith, but after 66 minutes Wolves were 2-0 up. Palmer picked up a clearance, moved forward, played a one-two with Clarke and nodded the return pass to EVES. Mel looked to be offside, but he brushed aside Palmer, and with most people expecting a linesman's flag, took charge of the situation and beat Horn as he advanced from goal.

Former wolf, Alan Birch, missed scoring a consolation goal for Barnsley at the end, but his shot was too high.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Smith 8, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 7, Clarke 6, Livingstone 8, Eves 7, Matthews 7. Sub: Butler (replaced Livingstone, 79th minute).

Bolton Wanderers 0, Wolves 1. Saturday 18th September 1982. Att: 9,264.

A goal just six minutes from time - a fine solo effort from Billy Livingstone - gave Wolves a win they scarcely deserved and certainly didn't look like gaining. LIVINGSTONE picked up the ball from a Wolves throw-in on the right, squeezed between two defenders as they came across to meet him, ran square across the edge of the 18-yard box, then unleashed a low shot which just crept inside 'keeper McDonough's left-hand post. A moment of inspiration from the Wolves youngster, but rather out of context with the rest of this appalling game.

But Livingstone had been unlucky not to have given Wolves the lead as early as the second minute when he won possession on the right, beat two men and fired in a shot which the 'keeper just touched into the side netting. For the first half-hour Wolves were on top, but really the game never got going. As they lost some control Burridge saved a curling shot from Chandler, Bolton's most dangerous man.

A twenty-yard shot from Smith troubled Bolton and at the other end Burridge saved at Doyle's feet. Matthews and Clarke went close with volleys, and then a Smith header to Livingstone was turned only inches wide. But enough was enough and Livingstone claimed the points

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, Smith 6, Pender 6, Coy 6, Daniel 6, Clarke 5, Livingstone 8, Eves 6, Matthews 6. Sub: Cartwright (not used).

Wolves 2, Rotherham United 0. Saturday 25th September 1982. Att: 16,377.

This 2-0 victory not only made it an uncomfortable return to Molineux for Emlyn Hughes but extended Wolves' unbeaten start to seven games, maintained the 100% Molineux record and made it 608 minutes since a goal had been conceded.

Inside the first minute Ronnie Moore had almost given the Reds the lead, but two minutes later it was the visitors who were shocked when a high cross came over from the left and though Daniel mis-hit his shot, CLARKE stuck out a foot to divert the bobbling ball high into the net.

Rotherham hit back with McBride's shot into the side netting and Hughes shooting at Burridge from a 30-yard free-kick. Daniel was booked for dissent after the referee had penalised Palmer, and after the break Rotherham made every effort to get back on terms.

But Wolves broke out to score the decisive second after 68 minutes. John Humphrey charged through the middle, fed Eves on his right, Mel tried an angled chip which floated across goal to Clarke and he nodded the ball back into the penalty area where HUMPHREY edged Wolves towards victory "by a nose" virtually as he lay on the ground.

Wolves should really have increased their goal tally with Eves and Livingstone both missing good chances, but victory was again Wolves'.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 8, Palmer 6, Smith 6, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 6, Clarke 7, Livingstone 8, Eves 6, Matthews 6. Sub: Butler (not used).

Carlisle United 0, Wolves 2. Saturday 2nd October 1982. Att: 7,723.

Two first-half goals for Wolves were enough for victory, but this wasn't a convincing performance and if Carlisle's finishing had been better, then it would have turned out a long and fruitless trip for the Molineux men. Only the woodwork saved Wolves on two occasions and despite creating several more chances the Cumbrians' forwards just couldn't hit the target and Wolves were a little fortunate to catch them on a day when they had left their shooting boots at home.

After only four minutes, Livingstone on the left hoisted a long and seemingly harmless cross into the Carlisle box, but Swinburne was slow to come out of his goal and SMITH nipped in to head past the now stranded 'keeper.

Poskett replied by hitting the outside of a post with a swerving volley and then set up a low cross for Bannon who let it go. Then Wolves went two up after 35 minutes. Humphrey carried the ball out of defence, floated a pass to Eves who nodded down for Clarke. Wayne ran forward and chipped beautifully over Swinburne only to see his effort hit the underside of the bar and bounce out. Luckily for Wolves, Livingstone was following up and fired in the loose ball.



In the second half, Wolves sat back facing some stern pressure, especially when Staniforth headed against the foot of a post before John Humphrey booted clear. Shoulder shot wide late on, and Carlisle's last hope had vanished.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Smith 7, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 5, Clarke 6, Livingstone 7, Eves 6, Matthews 6. Sub: Laws (not used).

Wolves 1, Sunderland 1. Tuesday 5th October 1982. Att: 13,662.  
Football League Cup, 2nd Round, 1st leg.

Only a superb show by Sunderland 'keeper Chris Turner and the width of the South Bank crossbar prevented Wolves winning this 1st leg tie. Wolves matched their Division 1 opponents and twice Turner foiled Eves with world-class saves, and twelve minutes from time Gordon Smith's lob rebounded from the crossbar amidst a frantic scramble in front of the visitors' goal.

Sunderland took the lead in the 7th minute when Palmer brought down Rowell as he ran onto McCoist's through ball and ROWELL himself drove home the penalty - the first goal Wolves had conceded since the opening day of the season. Just before the break and after Eves' headers had been stopped brilliantly by Turner, Wolves levelled the score from a free-kick given for pushing. Humphrey took the kick and crossed with pin-point accuracy for EVES to rise and head home.

Both sides kept battling away in the second half, but it was Hindmarch who almost won it for Wolves as he turned a Butler cross towards his own goal, but Turner once again saved.

WOLVES: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 7, Smith 8, Pender 7, Coy 7, Daniel 6, Clarke 6, Livingstone 7, Eves 8, Matthews 7. Sub: Butler (replaced Livingstone after 76 minutes).

Sheffield Wednesday 0, Wolves 0. Saturday 9th October 1982. Att: 21,519.

This was a colossal struggle and both teams looked edgy and frightened of making a mistake, but nonetheless battled for every ball which meant little good football to savour but plenty of tension and excitement for the committed fans from both sides.

In the end, the Wolves defence came out on top and 'keeper John Burridge was the hero, making two outstanding saves from Wednesday's Gary Bannister to keep his amazing record intact - eight successive league clean sheets and more than 13 hours without letting in a league goal!

Eves, on the other hand, was presented with a back-pass from Bannister, but as Mel tried to centre for Livingstone he only succeeded in chipping the ball into Bolder's arms.

Wednesday should have scored ten minutes from time when Mick Lyons dived full-length for a header but put it wide, and then in the dying seconds Hibbitt - back from a US summer with Seattle Sounders - swerved a shot just off target.

WOLVES: Burridge 9, Humphrey 8, Palmer 7, Smith 7, Pender 8, Coy 8, Daniel 6, Clarke 5, Livingstone 7, Eves 7, Matthews 7. Sub: Hibbitt (replaced Livingstone after 77 minutes).

Wolves 0, Leicester City 3. Saturday 16th October 1982. Att: 15,782.

Wolves crashed to their first defeat of the season as their plans were severely disrupted when midfielder Gordon Smith limped off with a pulled hamstring after only 13 minutes. Leicester hit them in a five-minute spell either side of the half-hour mark and Wolves never recovered. City's third in the 89th minute rubbed salt in the wounds after we had battled well against a resolute Leicester defence.

The Blues' first goal came when a long centre from Lynex somehow found its way to WILSON who sidefooted it home on the volley. Then as Palmer attacked and crossed the ball, it was cleared by the Leicester defence to LINEKER who raced through from his own half, outpaced Pender, and slipped the ball past Burridge.

Late in the game, Hibbitt's twenty-yarder was tipped over by Wallington, then a Wolves attack was again thwarted. This time Lineker broke and passed the ball to ENGLISH who in acres of space and plenty of time beat Burridge and put the icing on the Leicester cake.

WOLVES: Burridge 6, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, Smith -, Pender 6, Coy 6, Daniel 5, Clarke 6, Livingstone 6, Eves 7, Matthews 6. Sub: Hibbitt (replaced Smith after 14 minutes).

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Our thanks once again go to ace reporter and our-man-on-the-spot, Stan Armett.

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#### LATE ITEM:

STAN & MYSELF HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM WATCHING WOLVES LOSE THE CENTENARY FRIENDLY GAME AT TRANMERE, 1-0.

JOHN ASPINALL SCORED THE ONLY GOAL AFTER 61 MINUTES IN FRONT OF A VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE OF 2,518.

WELL DONE WOLVES THOUGH, FOR READILY AGREEING TO THE GAME.