

**September 1999**

A black and white photograph of two wolves howling. The wolf on the left is in the foreground, its head tilted back and mouth open. The wolf on the right is slightly behind and to the side, also howling. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a forest or night scene.

# **London Wolves**

*London Wolves Official Club Magazine*



# WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB

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# ***FROM THE CHAIR***

## ***STUART EARL***



Welcome to another season, the first for fourteen years to start without any prospect of seeing Steve Bull in a Wolves shirt again.

Sir Jack's comments before the match against Portsmouth, "What you have done for this club, this town, this England," proved me wrong, in that I thought there was nothing left to say about the man that I had not seen written, or heard on the media.

Thanks Steve for the many moments of ecstasy that you brought to me and countless others.

Yet again, I have to apologise for the newsletters, or lack of, last season.

The final edition had to be cancelled due to problems with printers, computers and not least, the sad death of editor Stefan Leonard's mother. Our thoughts go with you and your family Stefan.

This season, you WILL receive your newsletters on or as near to the first of the month as possible, even if I have to print them myself.

At my last meeting with John Richards, it was stated that the club wish to stamp out any behaviour that you think unreasonable, i.e. Swearing, racist language etc., and you need not be identified, just tell myself, or one of the other committee members, the seat number of the offender, and we will pass these details onto the club.

Apologies also for the lack of a summer function. This just proved impossible to arrange in the time twixt seasons, but hopefully, we will be able to have a meet the players after/before one of the London fixtures, and possibly something else later in the season.

Kevin Muscat was presented with our Player Of The Year trophy before the Portsmouth match, and hopefully we shall be able to publish photos of this event in the next issue.

Finally, many congratulations to member Peter Mayhew and his new wife Carolyn, who married in May, and who I understand had a wonderful honeymoon in St Lucia.

\*\*\* As this goes off to the printer, the news is coming in of Keano's transfer to Coventry, and one thing springs to mind----who scores the goal(s) now?

# ROBBIE IS THE MAINE MAN

This first game of the season gave us the chance to see the team assembled for as little as possible over the summer months.

City came at Wolves from the off, but rarely looked like scoring, but once Mike Stowell had pulled off one of the best saves likely to be seen this season, Wolves came more and more into the match.

Indeed, a less impartial referee could have awarded City a penalty, when Neil Emblen challenged Shaun Goater just inside the box, but the official waved the play on.

First Flo hit the post with a hopeful header, and then a wonderful move ended with the ball being flicked onto Robbie Keane, who took it in his stride, to blast an unstoppable shot past Nicky Weaver, who had done

everything right in narrowing the angle, but was left to pick the ball out of the net.

**WOLVES TEAM:** STOWELL, MUSCAT, NAYLOR, BAZELEY, ROBINSON, CURLE, EMBLEN, OSBOURNE,(SEdgeLEY), FLO, KEANE,(CORICA), SINTON. (SIMPSON).

**SUBS NOT USED:** GREEN, MAUTONE.

**Half time:** Manchester City 0-1 Wolves

Understandably City came out and tore into Wolves, but even with most of the possession, and the fact that Wolves went the whole game without winning a corner, they did not really look like breaking down the visitors defence, at the heart of which, Neil Emblen, Kevin Muscat and Keith Curle stood firm.

Paul Dickov worked hard for City, but all his best efforts counted for nothing against a side who had come to defend, and attack on the break.

**Full Time:** Manchester City 0-1 Wolves

Attendance: 30,782

London Wolves members on this trip: 13



10th August 1999

Wycombe Wanderers v Wolves

# Wycombe, we saw and we conquered

This mild summer's evening saw a new ground visited for some of us, and once again, as on Sunday, Wolves came up with the goods.

Fielding a side bereft of        of the players who had started at Manchester City, Wolves looked confident from the start.

Troubled rarely, despite the other WWFC having slightly more of the possession, Wolves gradually stamped their authority on the match.

Having the better of any chances going in the first half, Wolves even won corners in this game, and came close when a Flo header was well saved, and Carl Robinson had a fierce shot just cleared from a goalmouth scramble.

Mike Stowell had little to do, but when called into action mid-way through the half, the referee missed a blatant foul in the air, and the ball ran loose, but he was able to recover and gather the ball.

**Half time: Wycombe Wand 0-0 Wolves**

The second period, saw Wolves in a much more commanding role, and as on Sunday, they found the woodwork again.

However, from an almost identical move to the one leading to the goal against City, the ball was again flicked onto Steve Corica, whose effort was stopped on the line by Paul McCarthy's hand, and onto the bar.

Keith Curle blasted the spot kick home, and despite a few good runs by the unlikely named McSporran, Wolves again stood firm, and Neil Emblen was again outstanding.

New signings Steve Sinton and Darren Bazely worked hard, and looked useful

**Full-time: Wycombe Wand 0-1 Wolves**

Attendance: 4,564

There was no London Wolves trip

**WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, NAYLOR, BAZELEY, CURLE, EMBLEN, ROBINSON, SEDGELEY, FLO, CORICA (KEANE), SIMPSON.**

**SUBS NOT USED: MAUTONE, GREEN, NIESTROJ, SINTON.**



# NOT TOO KEANE ON VICTORY

Wolves played some watchable football at times, and on the whole, should have ensured a win, which would have maintained the one hundred percent start to the season.

With Pompey keeper Petersen looking particularly vulnerable, a couple of goals from the first half, was not asking too much.

Flo and Simpson had good efforts denied, and Robbie Keane seemed to strike fear into the visitors every time he went near the ball.

It was, however, the visitors who took the lead after thirty six minutes, when the normally reliable Keith Curle, attempting to chest the ball back to Mike Stowell, hardly made contact, and Pompey's record signing, Rory Allen, nipped in to lash a low shot past a helpless Stowell.

Indeed, it could have been even worse but for Neil Emblen, whose timely tackle with Stowell beaten, saved it from being a two goal deficit.

Wolves immediately fought back, but there was to be no reward in this half.

## **Half-time: Wolves 0-1 Portsmouth**

The second period was much the same as the first, with Wolves mostly in command, and Pompey making occasional darting raids on the counter attack.

But, within three minutes, Robbie Keane had netted another wonder strike.

From a long clearance by Stowell, Harvard Flo nodded the ball down, Keane flicked it over Jason Cundy with his right foot, before blasting a left footer past Petersen for a magnificent equaliser.

Once again, Neil Emblen was outstanding, but the usually noticeable Kevin Muscat was extremely quiet.

## **Full-time: Wolves 1-1 Portsmouth**

Attendance: 21,024

London Wolves members on this trip: 45

Free trip comp winner: David Hodges

Train comp winners: Derek Willis and  
Roger Martin

**WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, EMBLEN, CURLE, NAYLOR, BAZELY, ROBINSON, SEDGELY, SINTON, FLO, KEANE.**

**SUBS NOT USED: CORICA, MAUTONE, GREEN, SIMPSON,**



QUEENS PARK RANGERS V WOLVES  
21ST AUGUST 1999

# STEVE KEANE TO PROVE A POINT

The first game after the transfer of Robbie Keane to Coventry, left all Wolves fans wondering who would score the goals in a front line that had yet to click.

Despite Ranger's early pressure, one always felt that Wolves held the upper hand, and although the home crowd gave Sinton lots of verbal, the ex Gers man coped well and didn't react, and it was him who supplied the ammunition for Steve Corica to fire Wolves ahead.

On thirty-five minutes, Steve Sedgely picked up a badly mis-cued back pass from Baraclough, and fed Sinton out on the right. Picking out Aussie Corica with a pin point cross, the would be striker charged in on goal, and as it looked as if he had over done it, lobbed the ball deftly over the advancing Miklosko, to give Wolves the lead.

Sinton was in the thick of things again, when feeding Robinson, whose cross was headed over by Peacock.

Sedgely also came close, when a fierce header cannoned off two defenders, to spin wide for a corner.

**Half time: QPR 0-1 Wolves**

The second half was a familiar pattern, with Wolves defending resolutely, and counter attacking whenever possible.

The ever reliable Keith Curle however, once again turned into the villain, when with fifteen minutes remaining, the Wolves captain left a seemingly harmless high ball, and Peacock nipped in to crash a shot past the otherwise untroubled Stowell.

The three points that had looked in the bag, were once again reduced to one, but Wolves remain unbeaten as the season goes into week four.

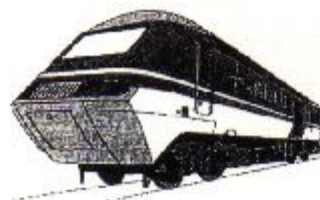
**Full time: QPR 1-1 Wolves**

**There was no trip to this match**

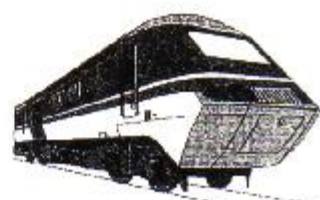
Attendance: 13,239

**WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, BAZELEY,  
ROBINSON, CURLE, EMBLEN, NAYLOR, SEDGELY,  
FLO, CORICA, SINTON**





# **TRAVEL NEWS**



## **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MATCHES DURING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ARE:**

### **HOME MATCHES    FARE £15:00 (GUESTS £18:00)**

**SATURDAY 4/9/99 V CHARLTON (POSTPONED NEW DATE TUES 9/11/99)**

**SATURDAY 11/9/99 V HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**

**SATURDAY 9/10/99 V BOLTON**

**SATURDAY 23/10/99 V PORT VALE**

OUTWARD - DEPART EUSTON 10.30 ARRIVE WOLVERHAMPTON 12.44

RETURN DEPART WOLVERHAMPTON 17.19 ARRIVE EUSTON 19.36

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OUTWARD JOURNEY NOW LEAVES AT 10.30**

**TUESDAY 26/10/99 V SHEFFIELD UNITED**

OUTWARD - DEPART EUSTON 15.45 ARRIVE WOLVERHAMPTON 17.49

RETURN - DEPART WOLVERHAMPTON 22.49 ARRIVE EUSTON 01.09

**SUNDAY 3/10/99 V W.B.A.**

OUTWARD - DEPART EUSTON 08.35 ARRIVE WOLVERHAMPTON 10.52

RETURN - DEPART WOLVERHAMPTON 15.45 ARRIVE EUSTON 18.22

### **AWAY MATCHES    FARES TO BE ADVISED.**

**SUNDAY 19/9/99 V NOTTINGHAM FOREST ALL TICKET MATCH**

OUTWARD - DEPART ST PANCRAS 09.00 ARRIVE NOTTINGHAM 11.34

RETURN - DEPART NOTTINGHAM 15.36 ARRIVE ST PANCRAS 17.23

**SATURDAY 25/9/99 V SHEFFIELD UNITED ALL TICKET MATCH**

OUTWARD - DEPART ST PANCRAS 10.25 ARRIVE SHEFFIELD 12.42

RETURN - DEPART SHEFFIELD 17.24 ARRIVE ST PANCRAS 19.44

**SATURDAY 16/10/99 V BARNSELY ALL TICKET MATCH**

OUTWARD - DEPART ST PANCRAS 09.25 ARRIVE SHEFFIELD 11.42

RETURN - DEPART SHEFFIELD 18.42 ARRIVE ST PANCRAS 20.41

**TUESDAY 19/10/99 V FULHAM ALL TICKET MATCH**  
THERE IS NO CLUB TRIP TO THIS MATCH. THE NEAREST U/G STATION IS  
PUTNEY BRIDGE ON THE DISTRICT LINE, WITH THE STADIUM 10/15 MINUTES  
WALK AWAY.

**SUNDAY 31/10/99 V WBA ALL TICKET MATCH FARE £14:00**

OUTWARD - DEPART EUSTON 08.35 ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM NEW STREET 10.43  
RETURN - DEPART BIRMINGHAM NEW STREET 16.12 ARRIVE EUSTON 18.16

ANY MEMBER WISHING TO TRAVEL TO HOME OR AWAY MATCHES, SHOULD  
CONTACT THE TRAVEL SECRETARY, FOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY MATCHES, NO  
LATER THAN THE PRECEEDING WEDNESDAY, AND FOR MIDWEEK MATCHES,  
NO LATER THAN THE PRECEEDING SUNDAY.

MEMBERS REQUIRING MATCH TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRAVEL  
SECRETARY **AT LEAST 16 DAYS** PRIOR TO THE MATCH, AND FOR ALL TICKET  
MATCHES, **AT LEAST 4 WEEKS** BEFORE THE MATCH.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR ALL TICKET AWAY MATCHES, SEASON TICKET  
HOLDERS HAVE PRIORITY. FOR AWAY MATCHES **WHEN WOLVES**  
**ALLOCATION IS LIMITED, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE**  
**GUARANTEED TICKETS.**

THERE ARE SEVEN CLUB SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ON A  
MATCH TO MATCH BASIS. FULL MATCH DAY PRICES WILL BE CHARGED, AND  
MEMBERS MUST BE ON THE OFFICIAL TRIP FOR THE MATCH TO WHICH THE  
TICKET IS REQUIRED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME MATCHES ARE LIKELY TO BE SWITCHED TO  
FRIDAY/SUNDAY BECAUSE OF LIVE TV COVERAGE BY SKY TV. FRIDAY  
MATCHES KICK OFF AT 19.45., SUNDAY MATCHES KICK OFF AT 13.00.

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# SLAPES BART AND MART

## MERCHANDISE

LONDON WOLVES TEE SHIRTS: SMALL/MEDIUM £9 + 80p

EXTRA LARGE/XXL £11 + 80p

WWLSC ENAMELLED BADGES £2 + S.A.E.

WWLSC CAR FOBS REDUCED TO £3:50 + S.A.E.

WWLSC KEY RINGS REDUCED TO £3:00 + S.A.E.

### PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE:

1999/2000 HOME (LEAGUE AND CUP) £2.00

1998/1999 WOLVES V BARCELONA £2:00

HEDNESFORD V WOLVES (Birmingham Senior Cup) £1:00  
(kindly donated by club member Roger Martin)

ALL OTHER PROGRAMMES (including pre-season friendlies) available plus  
'A LOAD OF BULL'

(postage 26p for one programme, 38p for two, 52p for more than two).

NEW BOOK: 'TALKING WITH WOLVES'

Normally retails at £16:99, but discounted by "The Express & Star" to members at £15.

The book is based on interviews/crosstalk between players of the 40s, and 50s, through to the 90s, and includes some superb photographs. P & P £4:50.

### RECORD

"I NEVER SAW HANCOCKS" BY DAVID LOVE £3:99 P & P £1:00

**ALL THE ABOVE, PLUS MANY OLD  
PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE FROM:**

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# LONDON WOLVES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Masons Arms, Maddox Street, London W1

1. Apologies received from Morris Jacobs, Michael Jacobs, G. Castro, P. Davies, S. Leonard, G. Mastbraker,

2. The Chairman welcomed the members, and thanked his committee for all their efforts during the past twelve months.

3. The minutes of the 1998 AGM were read, and agreed. Proposed by D. Bracher, Seconded by G. Blake.

4. The Chairman stated that the web site was obviously working, as people had turned up having seen the AGM advertised.

5. The Secretary reported membership stood at 287, and that his overall expenses were £746:69.

6. The Treasurer's report is published on the opposite page.

7. The Travel Secretary reported that trips had been organised to all league and cup matches (home) and to 13 away games. The highest attended attracted 52, and the average weekend attendance was 38.

Profit from trips amounted to £1494, and Peter was looking into the possibility of a subsidised trip next season.

Monies owed for travel amounted to £66, with a further £28 outstanding from previous years.

Eight season tickets had been held by the club, but will be reduced to seven because of losses incurred.

Thanks were proffered to James and Adam at the ticket office, for their help during the year.

8. The Social Secretary reported that because of the fixtures, it had not been possible to arrange a major function, but that the "meet the players" evening had been a great success.

9. Major problems with the newsletter will hopefully be resolved during the close season, but problems with the printers, and the serious illness of Stefan's mother, had played a major part in the failure to meet dates, and the non appearance of the last issue.

10. The Committee was re-elected en bloc. Proposed R. Goodard, Seconded Linda Baker.

11. Membership fee unchanged. Proposed G. Castro, seconded D. Bracher.

12. New yearly membership scheme to be introduced.  
New pontoon sellers required.

Kevin Muscat was voted Player of the Year. 39 votes, M. Stowell 12, N. Emblen 11.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 22.04

## INCOME

FARES	£17,580.00
MATCH TICKETS	£12,184.50
SEASON TICKETS	£2,276.50
MEMBERSHIP	£206.80
PONTOON	£56
MATCH TICKETS 97/8	£15.36
POSTAGE	£51.50
BADGE SALES	£180.00
BOOK SALES	£29.00
FREE TRIP DRAW	£30.00
MAGAZINE SALES	£84.00
MERCHANDISE	£3.00
PROGRAMME SALES	£126.00
TRAIN COMPETITION	£41.33
BANK INTEREST	£4.00
CHARGES	£7.50
DONATIONS	

TOTAL £35,443.49

## EXPENDITURE

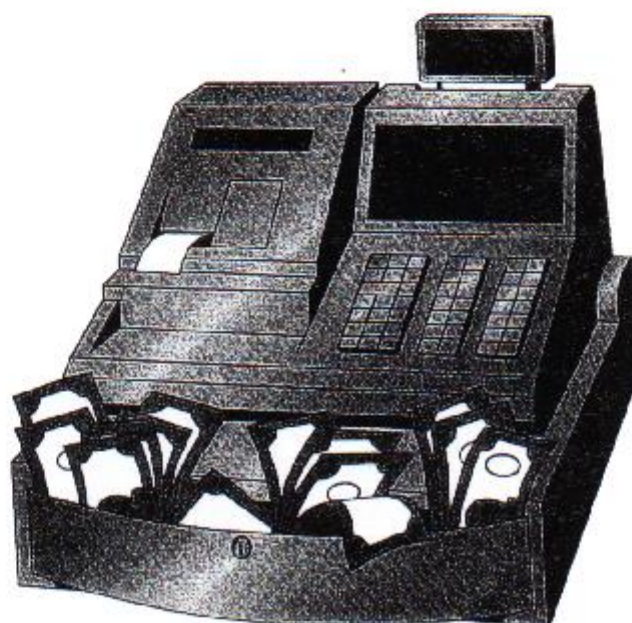
VIRGIN RAIL	£16,085.15
MATCH TICKETS	£12,234.00
SEASON TICKETS	£2,432.00
MAGAZINE X'S	£2,543.00
PONTOON X'S	£90.00
AGM/COMMITTEE	£180.49
STATIONARY	£70.00
WWLSC BADGES	£95.06
BOOK PURCHASES	£180.00
CHAIRMAN'S X'S	£147.50
SECRETARY X'S	£626.69
TRAVEL SEC X'S	£115.68
PALACE SOCIAL	£60.00
KIT SPONSORSHIP	£305.50
BANK CHARGES	£32.40
WEB SITE	£205.63
MEET THE PLAYERS	£17.50
CHARGES	£8.00

TOTAL £35,428.80

PROFIT FOR YEAR 1998/99	£14.69
BANK BALANCE AS OF 1/7/98	£1,982.12
BANK BALANCE AS OF 1/7/99	£1,996.81
DIFFERENCE BEING	£14.69

HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 1/7/98	£3,682.47
NET INTEREST FOR YEAR	£164.72
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNT BALANCE	£3,847.19

COMBINED BANK TOTAL AS OF 1/7/99	£5,844.00
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# FROM LEAGUE NEW BOYS TO GERMAN CUP HOLDERS VIA THE PREMIERSHIP

Dave Sape at the pre-season friendlies

On 20th July, Liverpool came to Molineux and won 2-0 in front of a crowd of 25,000, with Robbie Fowler scoring in the first half, emphasising the overall command that the visitors were in.

Wolves played some attractive stuff, and moved the ball around well, but were unable to supply the two front runners, Harvard Flo, and trialist Ronnie Ekelund with any sort of service.

Wolves upped the tempo from the start of the second period, and an improved performance saw Mark Jones hit the bar, and Carl Robinson have a good effort dis-allowed.

Carl Heinz Reidle extended Liverpool's lead, and Wolves introduced a more youthful look to the team, by introducing Shane Tudor and Joleon Lescott. Lescott looking very impressive.

Saturday 24th saw a hard fought game at Cheltenham, played in extreme heat, in front of 2,000 spectators, and won by a Carl Robinson shot in the first half. As against Liverpool, new signing Andy Sinton played out on the right, with Paul Simpson wide on the right.

Back to Molineux on the 27th, for the visit of German cup holders Werder Bremen, which was negotiated as part of the Harvard Flo deal.

The Germans made life very difficult for Wolves, but once again, second half substitutions saw them improve. Robbie Keane missed out on three opportunities, all with only the keeper to beat, but each time Rost got the better of him.

It was left to new boy Darren Bazeley to head the deserved equaliser, in front of a very disappointing 4,000 crowd.

The final warm up match saw Spurs as visitors on the 31st, and with over 20,000 in their seats, Wolves matched a Tottenham side playing well within themselves. Although Ginola showed some neat touches, Bazeley was not awe struck, and Lee Naylor was back to his best facing Darren Anderton.

Stefan Iversen gave Spurs the lead following a long period of possession, but Wolves equalised through Bazeley, following a neat move involving Keane and Sinton.

Overall, the friendlies were a good workout, although the strikers found difficulties ranging from the league new boys, through the premiership to the German Cup winners, with Bazeley being the pick of the signings, and Naylor, looking to be back to his best.

**Wolverhampton Wanderers London  
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# ***Magazine***

The magazine will be published on the 1st day of August, October,  
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## ***Get Writing!***

*If anybody has an interesting article, or a point of view, on any aspect of Wolves or football in general, please write to any of the Committee members above. This is YOUR magazine, and it is only as good as the articles that go in it. Don't forget it takes Committee members many hours to put together the magazine - but it need only take you a few minutes to jot down your most interesting match, or who your favourite players are, etc.*

*We look forward to your articles!*



