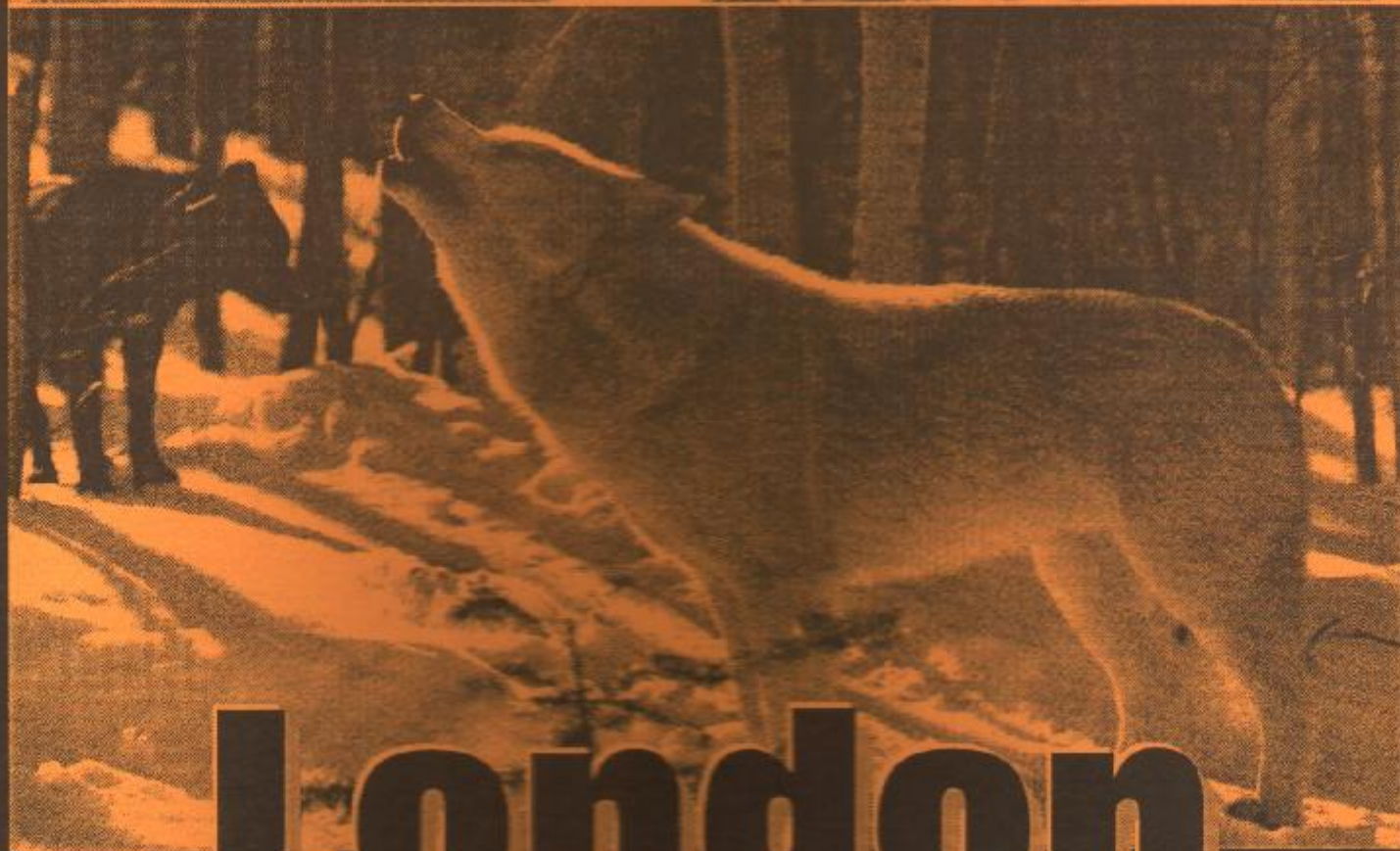
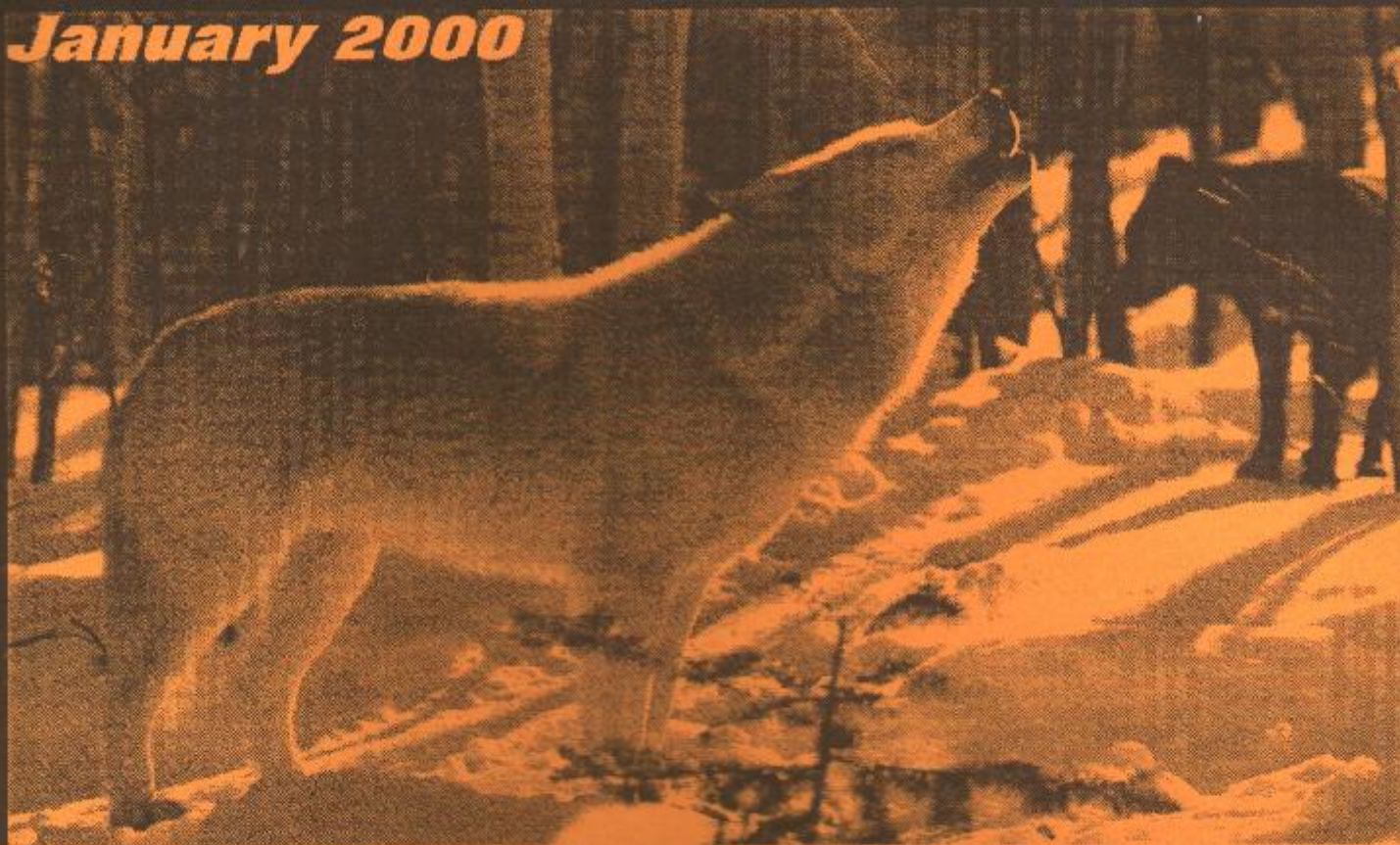


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FROM THE CHAIR

STUART EARL

A very happy New Year to all our members and other readers, and post permitting, this edition should have reached you within a few days of the new century. Hopefully the start of something big for THE team.

I will not be appearing in your next newsletter as very soon after this reaches you, I'm off for my usual break in Barbados. This time for six weeks, and as yet I don't know who will be running the show.

Unfortunately, I shall once again miss the annual "Meet The Players" do, but I'm sure you will have a wonderful evening. I am currently trying to arrange this event for the weekend of the Charlton game, (11/12 February), and am in discussion with John Richards and Colin Lee and hold high hopes of a repeat evening.

This edition is a bumper one, and some of the older members have put a few thoughts down about London Wolves since the beginning, and Dave and I have dug out some memorabilia which will amuse most of you, including some very embarrassing photos, and original letters sent by me to Dave. (More than the wife ever kept!!!).

Your next copy of our magazine is to be a trial of a completely re-vamped newsletter, The Committee are at present in talks with member Andrew Stevens, who has come up with a whole range of ideas, to give you a wider range of articles, and also a totally new style, so if you have any comments, please let us know and as usual, we welcome any articles you may wish to contribute.

Speaking of which, I received a very interesting item from Debra Rand, who has only attended two matches in her life, one the friendly with Liverpool, the other, away to Fulham, and she has penned an article which may strike a cord with some/many Wolves fans.

Stuart



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by Chairman Stuart Earl



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PEACHY'S PARTY

SOME MEMORIES FROM DAVE SLAPE

During the 1979/80 season, Wolves secured the signature of Andy Gray, and eventually went on to win the Football League Cup. Here are some memories of a cold December night in the fifth round, away to Grimsby Town.

Although this was a mid week tie, over forty London Wolves members made the trip by train and an outsider could have been excused for thinking they had stumbled across a party, with beer and spirits flowing freely. Most of this was because the then travel secretary, Terry Peachy, was celebrating his birthday.

On changing trains at Newark, we were informed that the train would not be stopping at New Clee (the nearest station to Blundell Park), but oh how wrong our informant was.

A British Rail official stood in the middle of the track and waved his lamp to alert the driver, and off got all the Wolves supporters. He then proceeded to guide us across the level crossing, holding the train up in the process.

The match itself was scoreless, with Wolves hanging on desperately at times, and more fun and games were to ensue on the homeward leg of our journey.

We reverted to our original travel instructions and proceeded to Cleethorpes, where our advance scouts had discovered two "Good Beer Guide" bars on the station. We took on more ale until the guard came in and asked everyone to board the London train.

En route, the train was stopped to pick up stray Wolves fans at New Clee and Grimsby stations, changed trains at Doncaster, and had a two hour wait for the next London train.

Too late for the pubs, we managed to find a disco, with an admission price of 60p, (which included a free burger).

After a few more beers, we left to catch the train, and finally arrived back in London, exhausted but happy, at 06.30 the following morning.

What a birthday party!

November 25, 1999

It is with some reluctance that I am submitting this article, partly due to the fact that I do not have any experience in the football world. I do, however understand about loyalty and support and my recent experience leads me to believe that the "loyal Wolves fans" seem to be somewhat lacking in their belief in the team. I am also aware that the contents are a potential catalyst and bringing this topic out of the closet will cause some of you to react. Good. That is the intention. The purpose of this article is to consider the possibility of how the performance of the team can be easily improved by changing our own individual thoughts and beliefs.

This is the good news.

In order to achieve this you will need to be willing to suspend your judgements and resistance to the ideas as presented. You will also need to be open to the possibility that your individual contribution affects the whole contribution. In fact, you do not necessarily have to believe any of this for it to work. The willingness to consider this alternative approach as a possibility will have an effect. But clearly, the more open you are to new possibilities and focus on a positive result the better it will be.

You as an individual and team supporter are crucial to the success of the team - as much as one of the players. It is perhaps easier to point out the faults of the players when the side is losing, but often that is when support is most needed. But consider the fact that the thoughts, beliefs and expectations of every one of the team on and off the field, the supporters in the stands, plus the supporters not even present at the match have an effect on the result.

If you are dissatisfied with the Wolves and really want to help them win and get promoted etc, you can effectively improve results by becoming aware of your subconscious or unconscious thoughts. If this idea seems far-fetched and off the wall to you and you are thinking 'what a load of rubbish', I would quietly suggest that you take a deep breath, regain your sense of humour and consider the facts. I am not making any assumptions here, but it would seem reasonable that most of you want to see the Wolves improving and successfully moving forward with a positive focus on promotion to the premier league. Fair enough?

So why do you not believe it? Why are most of you hoping that they will get lucky in the play-offs if they even get into the top 6, but secretly believing they won't?

Often, we have conflicting thoughts that negate any positive effect of really achieving success and sometimes we hold on to past glories not realizing they stop our present and future glory.

Who or what do you blame for the Wolves not winning any major title since 1980? Many of the younger supporters have grown up only hearing of the legend of the unstoppable Wolves throughout the 50s and early 60s. There's a feeling of that was then and this is now, we were great in those days. So why has there been such a drought of success since then?

Their number one player, Stan Cullis becomes manager and carries on the success, but then becomes ill, takes time off and is eventually sacked.

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It seems that the club is still suffering from the same illness of regret and despondency. This grief has been passed down silently through the years and seems to be embedded in the core of the club. Aren't you fed up with the club just plodding along, one step forward, three steps back? Let's make a positive decision to pull our resources together, to pull our thoughts together as one and really see the success that we deserve. 20 years is way too long without a major trophy and nearly 40 years away from the limelight is ridiculous.

Our attitude as well as our beliefs effect what happens in any given situation. For instance, when we focus our attention on what we want and keep focused through difficult periods, our chances of success are very good. If however, our attitude becomes negative, our focus waivers and we are far less likely to succeed and unfortunately this non-success becomes ingrained in our belief system. True support is 100% belief and commitment at all times.

Think about where you want Wolves to be....

In the premier league

Consistently playing well

Playing as a team with the confidence to win

Winning more matches

Attracting new players

Now think about your attitude toward the team, what do you really think of them? Be honest with yourself. If you are telling yourself they are great but in truth believing they are crap then nothing much will change.

Now think about how you could improve your attitude, commitment and thoughts about the Wolves, how would you like to think of them?

If you are waiting on the sidelines until they become a better team before you become a better supporter, then you could be in for a long stretch.

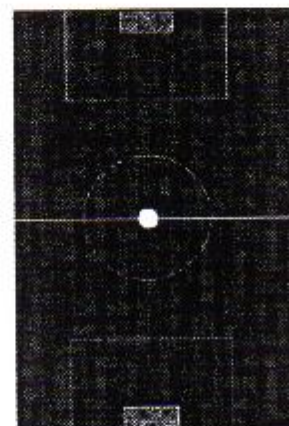
You can make that change now. You can make that difference now. Your change of mind and attitude could be the deciding factor in whether or not they get promoted. Think about that. You are the team.

Debra Rand

FULHAM V WOLVES

19th October 1999

EMBERS FIRES WOLVES



Unbeaten Fulham came at Wolves from the off, but the visitors were adopting their usual approach this season of packing the defence, and attacking on the break.

Keith Curle was, once again, outstanding in defence, but even he was unable to prevent a sharp Fulham move after twenty minutes, Uhlenbeck raced away down the left to make an opening for ex England man Clark, who sent a fierce drive crashing against a post. Wolves were looking decidedly second best.

They did, nonetheless, look dangerous on the few occasions when they ventured out, and Taylor tipped over Muscat's dangerous cross as it swayed in the breeze.

Half time: Fulham 0-0 Wolves

Once again, the pattern was the same, but on the hour, a break from the back led to Simon Osborn firing the fiercest

of drives, which Taylor in the home goal could only parry and Emblen, following up, fired home from five yards.

Fulham fired against the upright again, but the Wolves defence held firm, despite losing central defender Pollet, for a second bookable offence, which did look rather harsh.

This was Wolves' fifth win in six visits to The Cottage, and proved to be their third in successive matches, to move out of the bottom half of the division and into eighth position.

Full time: Fulham 0-1 Wolves

Attendance: 13,160

There was no trip to this match

**WOLVES : STOWELL, MUSCAT, BAZELEY, ROBINSON, CURLE,
EMBLEM, NAYLOR, SEDGLEY, FLO (LARKIN), CORICA (SIMPSON),
SINTON.
SUBS NOT USED: MUTONE, GREEN, ANDREWS**

Wolves v Port Vale
23rd October 1999

THATS ANDY, SINTON



Wolves huffed and puffed, but new strike partners Ndah and Akinbiyi failed to make any impression on Port Vale.

This was due more to the failure to supply the big two with ammunition, than any inability on their parts.

Taylor beavered away in midfield to no avail, and the defence looked fairly sound at this stage.

Half time Wolves 0-0 Port Vale

The second half looked to be heading in the right direction, when after only two minutes Steve Sedgley put Wolves ahead, and this signalled an all out effort to increase the lead.

But, with ten minutes remaining, it appeared as if suicide had been committed, when first

committed, when first Walsh, then Rougier put the visitors a goal in front, with their only two direct efforts on goal.

But, with a minute remaining, Sinton left the bench, picked the ball up on the half way line, and headed directly for goal, only to be up-ended in the area by Walsh.

Skipper Keith Curle made no mistake with the resulting penalty, and Wolves escaped with a point.

Full time: Wolves 2-2 Port Vale

Attendance: 20,488

WWLSC members on this trip: 40

**WOLVES: STOWELL, BAZELEY, EMBLEN, MUSCAT (SINTON),
CURLE, TAYLOR (ROBINSON), POLLET, OSBORN, SEDGLEY,
AKINBIYI, NDAH,
SUBS NOT USED: MAUTONE, NAYLOR, CORICA**

WOLVES V SHEFF. UTD.

28th October 1999

EMBERS GLOWS AGAIN



Neil Emblen, once again, proved Wolves' key man, as he turned in another scintillating display of skill and power.

It was Emblen who either supplied the ammo, or fired the bullets, in a first half which left a lot to be desired after the kick off had been delayed, to accomodate all who wished to witness the 2,000th game at Molineux.

He fired a shot just over in the opening minutes, and then moments later sent over a cross, which Scott Taylor just failed to convert.

But their best chance came, when Emblen again crossed, and the keeper, under presuure from Akinbiyi, dropped the ball, but before Taylor could net, Woodehouse stopped him with a tremendous tackle.

Emblen, unfortunately, was also involved in the one sour note of the game, when after thirty five minutes, he clashed with Ribeiro, who was stretchered off.

Half time: Wolves 0-0 Sheff. Utd.

The second period again saw Wolves continue to dominate, and visiting keeper Tracy turning in the obligatory visiting keeper's display, stopping brilliantly shots from Ndah and Taylor.

Tracy's heroics were however made to come to nothing, when substitute Andy Sinton came off the bench, to supply a last minute cross, which Emblen converted with his head, and keep Wolves recent impressive unbeaten run intact.

Full time: Wolves 1-0 Sheff. Utd.

Attendance: 24,402

WWLSC members on this trip: 16

**WOLVES: STOWELL, BAZELEY, MUSCAT, CURLE, EMBLEN, OSBORN,
AKINBIYI, SEDGLEY, POLLET, TAYLOR (SINTON), NDAH
SUBS NOT USED: NAYLOR, MAUTONE, CORICA, ROBINSON**

W.B.A. v Wolves
31st October 1999



ADE PROVES TO BE A THORN

Half time: WBA 1-0 Wolves

Wolves once again opted for a defend and break policy, and were under the cosh for most of this local derby.

They went behind after fourteen minutes, when a centre from Maresca was cruelly deflected off Hughes, and Mc Dermott pounced to drive an angled shot just inside the near post.

This blood and guts match erupted, when first Pollet was carried off, after a clash of heads with Keith Curle, and then Carbon broke new signing George Ndah's leg with a high tackle, that looked to be an arrestable offence.

Patched up Wolves never really looked like equalising, but with seven minutes left on the clock, the game took a different twist.

Andy Sinton, coming on as substitute for the industrious Taylor, found Darren Bazeley who centered from the right, and Akinbiyi, totally unmarked, rose at the far post, to head home his fifth goal since signing for Wolves.

Full time: WBA 1-1 Wolves

Attendance: 21,097

WWLSC on this trip: 16

**WOLVES: STOWELL, MUSCAT, BAZELEY, CURLE, EMBLEN,
OSBORN, SEDGLEY, POLLETT (ROBINSIN), TAYLOR (SINTON),
AKINBIYI, NDAH (CORICA).
SUBS NOT USED:: OAKES, SIMPSON.**

WOLVES v GRIMSBY TOWN

6th November 1999



ADE'S THE GRIM REAPER

Ade Akinbiyi ran Grimsby into the Molineux sod as he scored three, and could have had six, in this one sided encounter.

He was on the scoresheet with almost his first touch of the game, Andy Sinton centering from the left, and the big centerforward smashed an angled drive past the helpless Coyne.

Sinton terrorised the visitors and provided three guilt edged chances, which Steve Corica somehow managed to miss, and then blasted wide himself when it was easier to score.

Wolves task was made all the more easy, when four minutes before the interval, Groves was sent off for kicking Simon Osborn in the face.

Half time: Wolves 1-0 Grimsby
Wolves pounded away at the visitors,

but a mixture of fine saves, and Coyne's acrobatics, kept them at bay until eleven minutes before time.

Again it was Sinton who was the provider, lashing a pin point cross into the path of Akinbiyi, who headed a fine second.

The hat trick duly arrived with just a minute to go. This time Robinson provided the cross for the big man to complete the first treble of his Wolves career.

Full time: Wolves 3-0 Grimsby

Attendance: 19, 036

WWLSC members on this trip: 41

**WOLVES: STOWELL, BAZELEY, CURLE, SEDGLEY, NAYLOR,
TAYLOR, SINTON, OSBORN (SIMPSON), EMBLEN, CORICA
(ROBINSON), AKINBIYI.
SUBS NOT USED: OAKES, TUDOR, GREEN**

Blasts from the past!

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If you are interested in Joining a London Based Wolves' Supporters Club, please contact Mr Stuart Earl, Hambro House, Treville Street, SW15, or telephone PUTney 8517, giving your name and address.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS F.C.

LONDON SUPPORTERS

CLUB

TERRACE TALK

It all goes on Wolves, so
No cash for girls

AN 19 YEARS OLD London telephone engineer admits he has no money left for girl friends. He spends almost every spare penny he has on following Wolves during the past five years he has picked up 150 other teenagers. They're known as the South who do the same. London Supporters' Club. Says Wolves' general manager, Mr. Jack Molineux: "They're wonderful fans. They turn up everywhere."

Explains Stuart Earl of Hambro House, Treville Street, Roehampton, S.W.15: "I became a Wolves fan when they were beating all the foreigners on the television when I was a nipper. Even though I live five miles from Fulham's ground I never see them. Last year I only missed three games League, League Cup and F.A. Cup, home and away. Mind you, few of our members managed that many."

The club started when Stuart began meeting other Wolves fans from the South on the London

trains to Wolverhampton. To save money for the gang he began to organize special coaches. "It's cheaper but it still costs me nearly £100 a year."

● One couple have already become engaged through their meetings on the Wolves special. They are Bill Curtis of North London and Gay Tellow of Windsor.

Rival fans Get together

London-based fans of Manchester United and Wolves will be travelling north to matches to their Christmas. "We are out to prove that friction between rival supporters has been exaggerated," says an official of Manchester United's London fan club. They proposed to the London branch of the Wolves' supporters club a joint trip taking in the Boxing Day meeting of the parent clubs at Old Trafford and the return match at Molineux the following Saturday.

Hambro House,
Treville Street,
Roehampton,
S.W.15

PUTNEY: 8517

WOLVES

I AND a group of friends start from London every week and travel all over the country to watch the Wolves. At the time of writing I have travelled 4,500 miles. For some of these matches I have started at tea-time on Friday and arrived home late on Sunday.

Our party of Wolves supporters has grown sufficiently for us to hire a coach for most matches, which helps keep the cost down — but travelling is still expensive when we have to make a round trip of 250 miles for a home match.

Since Wolves found out that we travel from London they have been very good to us, and in the next season or so we are hoping to form an official supporters club in London.

I should be grateful if anyone interested in travelling to Wolves' matches would contact me.

Everyone seems to think we are mad because of the distances we travel for games. But we enjoy ourselves watching the club, who were great once and who have the right type of players in Ernie Hunt, Hugh McIlmoyle and David Wagstaffe to be again the greatest team in the country.

STUART EARL,
Hambro House,
Roehampton,
London, S.W.15.

Dear Dave

Starting from the first match next season, the fare for the coach journeys should be paid at least one week in advance. There will be a fixed price of 15/- return for each home match and most away matches will not be much dearer.

Also there will be a new meeting place and there is a map enclosed to show you where to pick up the coach.

We also hope to have some new badges which are designed and we are waiting for an estimate.

The one week in advance is because now the Wolves are back in Division One, there will be an even larger demand for places on the coach than before.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Earl

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WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS F.C. LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB.

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Roeampton,
S.W.15.

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Dave Slape.
Dave Grafton.
Dave Bell.
Neil Freed.
Terry O'Connor.



Dear Member,

As you will see from the above, we are now a proper supporters club, dealing not only with coach trips, but also social activities and news letters as a supporters club should.

Derek Dougan was asked if he would become President, and he readily agreed, and says he will do all in his power to help us.

Also a committee of seven members was elected, to ensure the club is properly run, and these seven are listed above.

We are now in need of funds to ensure we are not in debt for coaches, printing or any other necessities, so we are asking members for help by paying a fee of 2/6 to join the club and an annual subscription of 5/- this will entitle all members to the monthly magazine, which will be started during the first month of the new season; the use of a programme service; the opportunities of purchasing lapel badges (which have been designed, and we are awaiting estimates) also car stickers, ties and other souvenirs of the Wolves; and of course the coach, on which only members will be entitled to travel, for which we shall try to get a lower price than of recent, and also cheaper fares for the younger members.

The news letter will give members who are able to go only to London games an idea of how the team played, there will be general comments, details of coaches and raffles etc., and a letters page as well as other items of interest.

If you would like to help us in running the club, and helping more people who live away from Wolverhampton support them more often, please fill in the attached form and send it together with 7/6, your membership fee and first years subscription, up to the end of next season to the above address.

If a stamped addressed envelope were included, it would help us to speed up delivery of your receipt and membership card, and also save us a lot of time.

Looking forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

Stuart Earl.

WOLVES v SWINDON TOWN

20th November 1999

SWINDON STEM THE FLO



One man stood between Wolves and a flood of goals. Talia, the visitors keeper, kept up the tradition of the custodian of the underdogs, having the game of his life.

Although Wolves were not at full speed, he was still required to save bravely at the feet of both Akinbiyi and Emblen.

But it was Wolves who fell behind after twenty seven minutes, when an innocuous challenge from Muscat, saw Onuora fall awkwardly in the area and the referee awarded a rather harsh penalty which the aforementioned got up to convert, to put the visitors ahead.

Half time: Wolves 0-1 Swindon

Wolves upped the tempo after the break, but Talia again thwarted most of what they could throw at him, producing

marvellous saves from Osborn, Taylor, and once again from Akinbiyi and Emblen.

Even when he was deceived, he watched with relief as Osborn crashed a shot against the upright.

However, even the Aussies' heroics were in vain, when Flo, coming on as sub, hit an unstoppable shot from just inside the area, to give Wolves a deserved equaliser with less than ten minutes remaining.

This was Wolves' tenth match without defeat.

Full time: Wolves 1-1 Swindon

Attendance: 19,917

WWLSC members on this trip: 48

WOLVES: STOWELL, BAZELEY, POLLET, CURLE, MUSCAT, TAYLOR, OSBORN, (SEDGLEY), EMBLEN, SINTON, AKINBIYI, CORICA, (FLO),
SUBS NOT USED: NAYLOR, OAKES, TUDOR

IPSWICH TOWN V WOLVES

23rd November 1999

MID WEEK MISERY



The fine recent unbeaten run came to a sloppy end in a match that Wolves could and should have won..

Wolves started the brighter of a fairly dull pair of teams, and should have been ahead from their best effort.

Robinson beat the home keeper after twenty seven minutes, only to see McGreal clear his header from the line.

On thirty four minutes, Taylor drilled a superb through ball to Akinbiyi, which left the big man bearing down on goal, but the centre forward's ferocious shot was brilliantly beaten out by Richard Wright. The rebound fell directly to Neil Emblen who was tackled at the last second by that man McGreal who timed his challenge to perfection, to deny the Wolves man.

Minutes later, it was Emblen again who stabbed the ball wide of an inviting net

Half time: Ipswich 0-0 Wolves
Ipswich came out slightly more positively, and went close early in the second half when Scowcroft grazed the post.

But Stowell rarely looked troubled. So it was a complete surprise when the home side took the lead on fifty six minutes.

McGreal, proving a real thorn, surged down the right, to supply a harmless looking cross which Scowcroft got his head to.

The ball looped up goalwards, and an out of position Mike Stowell was left groping thin air.

Full time: Ipswich 1-0 Wolves

Attendance: 15,731

WWLSC members on this trip: 20

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EMBLEM, OSBORN, AKINBIYI, SINTON (SIMPSON), NAYLOR,
CORICA, (FLO),
SUBS NOT USED: POLLET, NIESTROJ, MAUTONE**

TRANMERE ROVERS V WOLVES

27th November 1999

'MERE MISERY



For the second time in three days, Wolves went down by the odd goal and started to fall behind the promotion pack they were just starting to catch.

This time, it was against ten man Rovers, who had defender Allen sent off before half time.

Wolves could have been in front by then, as both Taylor and new boy Branch failed to connect to good crosses from Akinbiyi.

Branch also fluffed a fairly easy chance, as he looked for a debut goal, but nevertheless, he turned in a lively display.

Half time: Tranmere 0-0 Wolves

Wolves came out determined to break down ten man Rovers, but seemed very lacking in ideas.

But it was Rovers who had the best opportunity, and Allinson missed a golden chance, when he mis hit a

punched clearance from Wolves' other debutant Michael Oakes.

It was the depleted home side who went ahead after fifty minutes, the ball broke cruelly for Wolves from a 50-50 tackle, and this time Allinson made no mistake.

Muscat was making inroads into the Tranmere area, and was unfortunate not to score after Emblen had put him through.

But the ten men held out, as Wolves appeared to run out of new ideas.

Full time: Tranmere 1-0 Wolves

Attendance: 8,017

WWLSC members on this trip: 16

**WOLVES: OAKES, BAZELEY, CURLE, POLLET (SEDGLEY), MUSCAT
TAYLOR, OSBORN, EMBLEN (ROBINSON), SINTON (ELO), BRANCH,
AKINBIYI**

SUBS NOT USED: STOWELL, NAYLOR.

Wolves v Manchester City 3rd December 1999



BRANCH FELLS CITY

Wolves turned in their best team performance of the season, to turn over the division leaders, on this blustery evening at Molineux.

As early as five minutes into this match, Sinton sent over a teasing cross, which Emblen headed onto the bar, and Akinbiyi reacted faster than keeper Weaver, to stoop and head the ball home.

Minutes later, City were almost level, when their debut boy Taylor thundered a shot against the bar. But Wolves went straight to the other end, and home debutante Branchbeat Weaver to put Wolves two up.

In a pulsating game, City fought back, and Goater scored an easy goal from Kennedy's cross as the Wolves defence hesitated.

But not to be outdone, Wolves added a third, when controlling the ball on the edge of the area, Branch turned two defenders to rifle an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

Wolves 3-1 Man City

The game continued as before, but it steadily looked as if Wolves would add more goals, and a fourth duly arrived, when Bazeley skipped down the left in acres of space, and crossed for Muscat to score, coming in at the near post

Wolves defence with Pollet and Curle outstanding kept the visitors attack subdued, and apart from a late Kennedy shot, they were now in total command.

This was the first time Wolves had scored more than three since Manager Lee's first game in charge last November. and suitably on his 50th in charge.

Full time: Wolves 4-1 Man City

Attendance:

WWLSC members on this trip:22

WOLVES: OAKES, BAZELEY, CURLE, POLLET, NAYLOR, MUSCAT, AKINBIYI, BRANCH(SUB CORICA 85), SINTON, OSBORN, EMBLEN.
SUBS NOT USED: STOWELL, ROBINSON, SEDGLEY.

WIGAN ATHLETIC V WOLVES

11th December 1999



WIGANA WIN THE CUP ?

Wolves went positively into this tough cup tie against the only unbeaten side left in the country, and could with a little more luck, and a less impressive display by home keeper Carroll, have been ahead on four separate occasions in the opening quarter of an hour.

Firstly, he tipped a Sinton thunderbolt around for a corner, and from the resulting kick, he saved well from Emblen's fierce shot.

Then he saved smartly from Corica, as the hard working Aussie closed on goal.

Wigan, as was to be expected, came more into the match, but the Wolves defence was looking good, with both Pollet and Curle mastering most of what Wigan could muster.

Half time: Wigan 0-0 Wolves

The second half was a different story, with Wigan in all out attack mode, and it did not help that the Wolves defence began to look less than secure.

A series of blunders, unusually by Curle, let Wigan get the upper hand, and only two

sensational saves by Oakes kept Wolves in the match.

Firstly he flew across his goal to tip a shot from Haworth for a corner, when he looked certain to score, and then he produced possibly the finest save seen this season, as he again denied Haworth, and tipped his effort over.

As the match went on, Wolves began to attack on the break, and forced a series of fine saves and corners, two of note, when it looked as though Akinbiyi would score.

Wolves however, stole the tie with almost the last touch of the game.

Two successive corners, resulted in Simpson picking out Robinson, who was hurtling in on the near post, to power a header into the top of the net.

Full time: Wigan 0-1 Wolves

Attendance: 10,531

WWLSC members on this trip: 33

WOLVES: OAKES, MUSCAT, POLLET, CURLE, NAYLOR, BAZELEY, EMBLEN, ROBINSON, SINTON (FLO), CORICA (SIMPSON), AKINBIYI.
SUBS NOT USED: STOWELL, TAYLOR, SEDGLEY.

CREWE ALEXANDER V WOLVES

14TH DECEMBER 1999

WOLVES HIT BY TAIT



Wolves' mid-week miseries continued at a cold and icy Gresty Road.

They took quite a while to settle, and Crewe were the first to show, when Oakes saved well from Macauley, who headed powerfully goalwards after good work from Lunt.

The conditions made for great entertainment, with chances occurring every few minutes, but both sides failed to take advantage, as defenders made errors, and Wolves main threat as usual, came from Akinbiyi, who failed to take advantage on several occasions, and Branch, who had several shots well saved by keeper Kearton, and a reasonable appeal for a penalty turned down, when fouled by Macauley.

Half time: Crewe 0-0 Wolves

Wolves seemed to take the initiative from the start of the second period, and Michael Branch should have given them the lead, when he stumbled in the area, with the goal at his mercy.

And shortly after this, Naylor powered a great drive just over the bar.

But, the draw or the win which would have taken Wolves to the fringe of the play-off zone was denied them with seven minutes remaining. Little crossing from the right, caught the visitors defence half asleep, and Tait popped up unmarked, to head home.

Full time: Crewe Alexandra 1-0 Wolves

Attendance: 6,018

WWLSC members on this trip: 18

**WOLVES: OAKES, BAZELEY, MUSCAT, CURLE, POLLET,
NAYLOR, EMBLEN, AKINBIYI, BRANCH, SINTON.**

SOME MORE SLAPE MEMORIES

It was October 1967, and Wolves were back in the old First Division, and our supporters club was one year old.

The Club had organised a coach trip for the Manchester City game, but unfortunately after spitting and spluttering, it finally ground to a halt at Northampton, and we had to wait while an alternative was sent out. But, after much delay, we set off for Maine Road, arriving at about four o'clock.

On leaving the coach we found that all the turnstiles were closed, and had to wait for the exit gates to be opened, which was around four twenty, but scampered up the steps just in time to see "The Doog" head the ball home. Unfortunately the goal was dis-allowed, and much to our dismay, we found that Wolves were two down.

On leaving the ground at the end of the match, (all twenty minutes of it), we had to wait in pouring rain for the bus, and it turned out, that in their haste to get to the game, everyone had neglected to bring their coats, and consequently we boarded like drowned rats.

The bus returned us to Northampton, where our now repaired first mode of transport was waiting, and returned very late to London.

Fourteen years later, saw us making the trip to Hillsborough for an F>A> Cup semi-final against Spurs, and this trip stands out because of the number travelling, 120

We were forced to share a special train for Spurs' fans, and for Adrian Lewis the then treasurer there was a great deal of difficulty trying to collect the monies owed, and to hand out the match tickets.

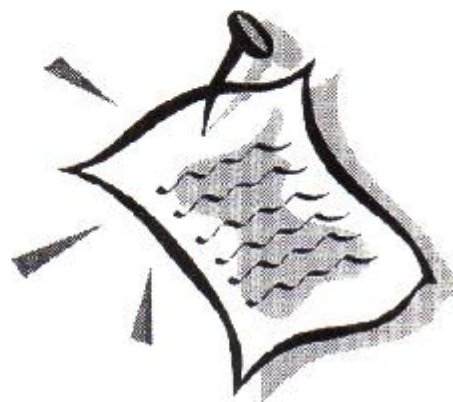
So, by the time we arrived in Sheffield, it was no surprise that all the money had not been collected. Also at the time, we took all the money in cash, and somehow, Adrian managed to spill this cash all over the platform. Fortunately the Spurs' fans were oblivious to the five and ten pound notes, and we managed to collect the cash, with Adrian looking the perfect mugging victim.

With the cash safely banked in Sheffield, we were off to Hillsborough, where many Spurs' fans had to sit around the edge of the pitch, due to congestion at The Leppings Lane End (ring any bells???), and at the time there were no perimeter fences.

The match itself finished 2-2 after extra time, with the drama of a last minute penalty, and Willie Carrs' sweet spot kick giving Wolves a deserved draw.

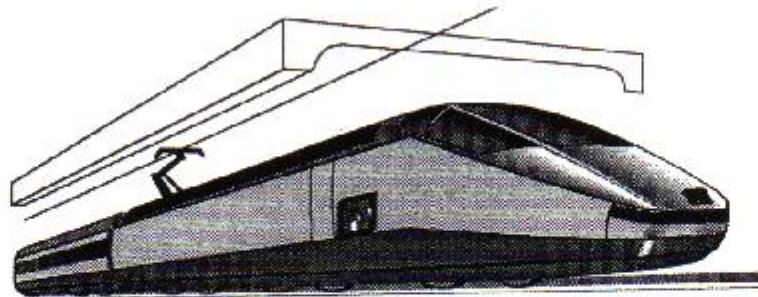
However, the late running of the match caused chaos at Sheffield station, and our party had to take pot luck with the train home.

My friends and I settled in one of the old six seater compartments on the Spurs travel club train, and some way down the track a Spurs' official looked slightly bemused when we politely declined his kind offer of tickets to the next away match at Nottingham Forest.



EARLY DAYS IN THE NORTH BANK!

L - R: SID GREEN, STUART EARL, BOB GODDARD, DAVE BELL.



Travel arrangements for matches during January and February are:-

Home Matches Meeting place: Euston Station concourse outside main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.

Fare: Members £15; Guests £18.

Sat 22/1/00 v Q.P.R.

Sat 5/2/00 v Crystal Palace

Sat 19/2/00 v Tranmere Rovers

Sat 26/2/00 v Nottm. Forest

- *Outward - Depart Euston 10.30 Arrive Wolves 12.44*
- *Return - Depart Wolves 17.19 Arrive Euston 19.36*

Tue 11/1/00 v Charlton

- *Outward - Depart Euston 15.45 Arrive Wolves 17.49*
- *Return - Depart Wolves 22.49 Arrive Euston 01.09*

Away Matches

The following times are provisional. Please contact Travel Secretary for confirmation of travel arrangements. Please also note that the majority of away matches are likely to be all-ticket for Wolves fans.

Tue 3/1/00 v Blackburn Rovers Fare to be advised ALL-TICKET MATCH

- *Outward - Depart Euston 09.00 Arrive Manchester Piccadilly 11.30*
- *Return - Depart Manchester Piccadilly 18.30 Arrive Euston 21.03*
- *Local train or bus between Manchester and Blackburn*

Wed 15/1/00 v Portsmouth

ALL-TICKET MATCH

No club trip arranged.

Sat 29/1/00 v Walsall Fare: Members £14; Guests £17 ALL-TICKET MATCH

- *Outward - Depart Euston 10.30 Arrive Birmingham New St 12.51*
- *Return - Depart Birmingham New St 17.45 Arrive Euston 19.36*
- *Local train between New St and Bescot Stadium*

Sun 13/2/00 v Charlton Athletic (kick-off 1 p.m.)

ALL-TICKET MATCH

No club trip arranged. Connex South East trains depart from Charing X, London Bridge & Waterloo East to Charlton. Journey time approx. 20 mins. Ground is a 2-3 mins. walk from station.

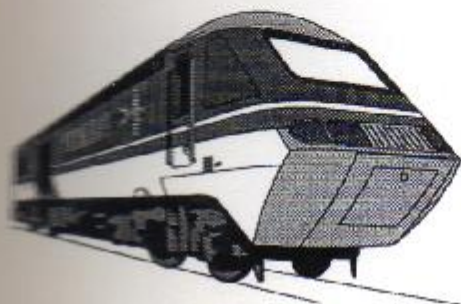
F.A. Cup Dates: 4th round 8/1/00; 5th round 29/1/00; **6th round 9/2/00**

Any member wishing to travel to home or away matches should contact Travel Secretary for Saturday/Sunday matches by the preceding Wednesday and for midweek matches by the preceding Sunday at the latest.

Members requiring match tickets please contact Travel Secretary AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. For all-ticket matches, particularly away matches, it is advisable to contact the Travel Secretary 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 TICKET ALLOCATION IS LIMITED, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET.

There are 7 club season tickets available to members on a match to match basis. Full match day price will be charged. Members must travel on the official club trip for the particular game for which the ticket is required. Please also note that some matches are likely to be switched to Friday/Sunday because of live TV coverage by Sky TV. Friday matches kick-off 7.45 p.m., Sunday matches kick-off 1.00 p.m.



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IMPORTANT NOTE

Despite notices in previous magazines, there are still some members who are booking trips and failing to turn-up on the day of the match, without notifying the Travel Secretary that they are unable to travel. Peter is therefore left waiting on the station concourse not knowing whether or not they are going to turn-up.

Members should note that if they fail to notify Peter, and the club incurs expense for unsold rail tickets, they will be charged for the tickets. This also applies to unsold match tickets which have been ordered.

Virgin Rail are this season operating a policy that if more than 5 train tickets are returned unsold, we will be charged. This is likely to change in the near future, and the club will be charged for all unsold tickets.

LATE TRAVEL NEWS

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (A) FA CUP 4TH ROUND

Saturday 8th January 2000

Depart: St Pancras 10.25

Arrive: Sheffield: 12.42

Depart: Sheffield 18.24

Arrive: St Pancras: 20.41

Fare approximately £15.00

SALES NEWS

BY DAVE SLAPE

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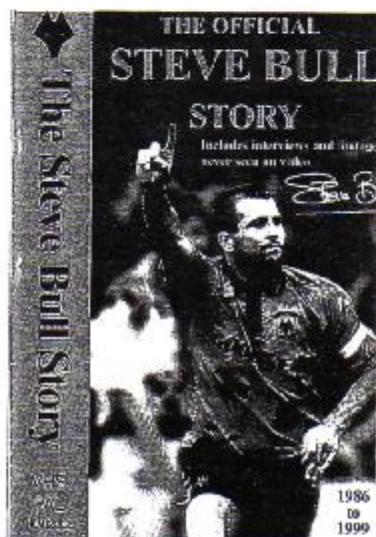
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Get Writing!

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!

