



What do you do if you are a London Wolves member and can't get a ticket for the away match at Brighton?

Wash the car? Go shopping? Sit in front of the telly and watch Teletext? Or, do you go to The Valley, like Stef Leonard did to watch Charlton v Everton, wangle a Director's Box ticket and find yourself sitting next to the England manager, Sven Goran Eriksson, who was there to check out Wayne Rooney, among others, before naming the England squad immediately after the game for the forthcoming fixture against Australia.

Stef assures me that although he's sitting at Sven's right hand, he has no intention of making a play for Tord Grip's role, nor that he had any influence in the teams selection or tactics for the Australia match! He did, however, manage to mention to Sven the names of Murray, Naylor and Lescott and was told "good players...ones for the future". But he does deny the rumours that his Charlton mates have put



round, that when the name Wolverhampton was mentioned Sven said "where is that?!"!!!!!!

At least Stef had a result that day, which is more than we did in that debacle on the south coast.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB ANNUAL FUNCTION

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London Wolves are running a train trip to the dinner on Saturday (cost is Members £16; Guests £19) returning after the match on the Sunday afternoon. Train tickets and match tickets must be reserved in advance from: Peter Woodfield, Travel Secretary, on: 01634 363704

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Dress code: Smart casual - no football colours!



Wolverhampton Wanderers LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB founded 1966

NEWSLETTER

From the chair

Part 1 - Stuart Earl

You will notice from this issue (see back cover) that our annual "do" is being organised. Obviously we don't know exactly which guests will be attending at present, but we are certain that at least fifteen (15) former players and other guests will be there. We also hope to be able to present our Player Of The Year trophy.

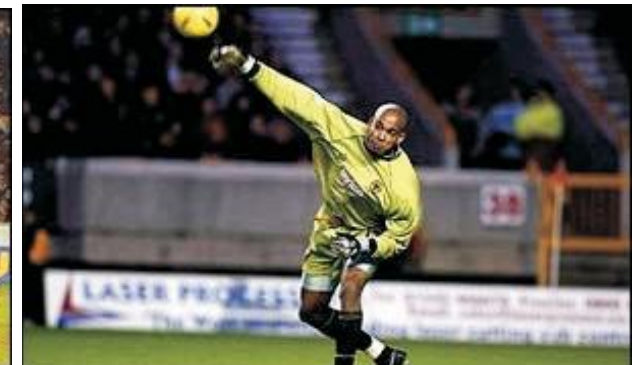
John Engleman is taking charge of arrangements for this, his first event as Entertainment Secretary, so please let him know asap if you will need hotel rooms. There will be a train excursion organised, both for weekenders and day trippers to the Leicester match alike.

Part 2 - Stef Leonard

So, Stuart has gone off on his annual attempt to consume all the alcohol in Barbados, an attempt that was provoked by the advert "Drink Canada Dry"! But it made me think seriously about the same holiday he took last year to the same place. The team had been on a long unbeaten run before he left, and they continued that form throughout his absence. And then he came back. Needing a football fix, the home game against Grimsby was his first game back and you will not need reminding what happened from then until the end of the season. I am convinced that we are still in this division from hell because of him!

Now, apart from the Brighton result, we've been on a good run of late, attaining a spot in the play-off zone and reaching the quarter finals of the FA Cup. The team are well capable of grinding out results in the next three home and one away fixtures before Stuart returns. But what then? Déjà vu? Please, no, not again.

As we are always short of articles for the magazine, perhaps you may care to write to me with your suggestions on how to cope with Stuart upon his return. If it helps the team, I'm all for sending him money to keep him out there!!!



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Sadly, this issue of the magazine will reach you just after the FA Cup Quarter-Final defeat against Southampton. A number of production problems has meant a 2 week delay in getting the magazine completed and I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The FA Cup was very exciting whilst we were in it and seeing the Semi-Final draw (Southampton v Watford) makes it doubly frustrating because we would have avoided our bogey team - Arsenal - until the Final. Twice we have succumbed to the Arsenal in semi-finals in the last 25 years and it is desperately irritating especially living and working amongst their fans.

In 1979, Wolves went into the Villa Park semi as favourites. It wasn't to be as Arsenal ran out comfortable 2-0 winners and went on to lift the trophy at Wembley. In 1998 Arsenal won 1-0, again at Villa Park, after Wolves started the match with Steve Bull and Robbie Keane both on the bench. A bizarre decision which brought much criticism from the fans.

In between those two semi-finals Wolves did reach another, in 1981, against Tottenham. I'm sure most of you will recall that Wolves earned a replay following a penalty resulting from a trip on Kenny Hibbitt in the dying seconds. I don't know who tripped Kenny as there didn't appear to be anyone within 5 yards of him at the time and the ball was equally far away but the referee, Clive Thomas, pointed to the spot and Kenny himself coolly slotted the ball home to make it 2-2 and force a replay.

For some bizarre reason the replay was arranged for Highbury, home of Arsenal, and less than a mile from Spurs. I don't remember a great deal about the match except that Wolves were thumped 3-0 and that the ground was completely packed with Spurs fans - attendance was over 52,000 - with the exception of

half the Clock End which was given over to Wolves. It was a very gloomy night all round.

It seems that Arsenal are associated with a lot of our recent FA Cup failures whether directly or indirectly but rather disappointingly it was an old-boy (Chris Marsden) who put paid to our chances this year. It's almost become the norm nowadays that if we play a team with a former Wolves player in their side that they will score - the most surprising exception being Ade Akinbiyi (now Crystal Palace) although Dougie Freedman (also Crystal Palace) more than makes up for that.

It is fascinating and frustrating being a Wolves fan at the moment. The standard scoreline appears to be 4-something to either side in our matches. It's almost a case of whoever reaches 4 first will win. In my opinion the cup run has completely rejuvenated the team. With the exception of the Brighton match, Wolves are starting to get the right results and may still be capable of making an automatic spot. Remember last season when we were as far ahead as Portsmouth and Leicester are now? It proves it can be done. The competition amongst players battling for places in the first team is certainly showing in the results.

Kenny Miller and George Ndah would never have been my choice of a starting line-up given the strikers we have in the club but they were performing exceptionally until George tore his hamstring in the Ipswich match. Kenny was unfortunate not to break the long-standing consecutive matches scored in record of 8 when he, and the team, drew a blank against Watford. Sympathies to Keith Andrews who has had a torrid time with injuries over the last couple of years and sadly broke his leg in a desperate defensive tackle against Southampton and is unlikely to appear again until next season.

Come on you Wolves!!!

1st December 2002

To the Chair,

Greetings from someone who dates back to the early 60's.

Received magazine from my old travelling colleague Dave Slape (We probably go back 36 years) and enjoyed it massively. The boys at my office hailed as it a very professional publication. So, hats off all round. Great stuff, loved the humour section and the colour pix.

Very moved by the back-page story. Had it been known earlier would have merited national newspaper coverage.

Dave's diary memories of Peter Knowles only served to depress me. I remember his final game, a 3-3 home draw against Forest. We were all there, hoping his madness would pass and England would have a class act.

Guys like Stuart and Dave know only too well what a star he was. And as for that irritating terrace bollocks comparing him with David Burnside, I found it beyond belief. One was a circus ball-juggler, the other a rare football talent.

Sorry, found myself going back in time.

Tony Roche



2002/03 Wolves Squad Statistics to 9th March 2003

	League Appearances	Cup Appearances	League Goals	Cup Goals	Strike Rate %	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Unruly %
1. Michael Oakes	6 (0)	1 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
3. Lee Naylor	21 (1)	6 (0)	1	0	3.6	0	0	-
4. Alex Rae	25 (4)	2 (2)	3	2	15.6	6	0	18.2
5. Joleon Lescott	35 (0)	5 (0)	1	0	2.5	1	0	2.5
6. Paul Butler	21 (1)	6 (0)	1	0	3.4	7	0	25.0
7. Shaun Newton	22 (3)	6 (0)	1	1	6.5	4	0	12.9
8. Denis Irwin	33 (0)	5 (1)	2	0	5.1	5	0	12.8
9. Nathan Blake	16 (1)	3 (0)	9	1	50.0	5	0	25.0
10. Colin Cameron	19 (3)	4 (0)	4	0	15.4	0	0	-
11. Mark Kennedy	19 (1)	4 (0)	1	1	8.3	4	0	16.7
12. Adam Proudlock	2 (11)	0 (4)	2	1	17.6	1	0	5.9
13. Matt Murray	29 (0)	5 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
14. Ludo Pollet	0 (0)	1 (0)	0	1	100	0	0	-
15. Kevin Cooper	12 (9)	0 (1)	3	0	13.6	5	0	22.7
16. Kenny Miller	25 (8)	5 (1)	14	4	46.1	3	0	7.7
17. Mo Camara	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
18. George Ndah	13 (6)	4 (0)	5	4	39.1	7	0	30.4
19. Keith Andrews	2 (7)	1 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	10.0
20. Michael Branch	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
21. Ivar Ingimarsson	10 (3)	2 (0)	2	0	13.3	2	0	13.3
23. Paul Ince	26 (2)	4 (1)	2	1	9.1	10	0	30.3
24. Marc Edworthy	16 (2)	1 (0)	0	0	-	2	0	5.3
29. Dean Sturridge	14 (15)	1 (2)	8	0	25.0	5	0	15.6
30. Mark Clyde	14 (1)	0 (1)	0	0	-	1	0	6.25
32. John Melligan	0 (1)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
33. Graham Ward	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
35. Kenny Coleman	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-

Squad members loan details (no appearances for Wolves included in stats)

12. Adam Proudlock (1)	5 (0)	1 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	16.7
12. Adam Proudlock (2)	3 (2)	0 (0)	2	0	40.0	0	0	-
14. Ludo Pollet	1 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	100
20. Michael Branch	4 (1)	0 (0)	3	0	60.0	1	0	20.0
21. Ivar Ingimarsson	6 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
30. Mark Clyde	4 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
32. John Melligan	21 (1)	3 (0)	8	2	40.0	2	0	8.0
35. Kenny Coleman	13 (2)	5 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	5.0

Loan Players from other clubs

39. Carlton Cole (Chelsea)	5 (1)	0 (0)	1	0	16.7	0	0	-
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Adam Proudlock (1) was at Tranmere Rovers

Adam Proudlock (2) was at Sheffield Wednesday

Ludo Pollet was at Wallsall.

Michael Branch was at Hull City.

Ivar Ingimarsson is at Brighton & Hove Albion.

Mark Clyde was at Kidderminster Harriers.

John Melligan and Kenny Coleman are at Kidderminster Harriers.

There have still been no Red cards for Wolves players this season which is both unusual and helps Dave Jones to pick a consistent side. Worries on the Yellow card front have eased now that the "5 by end of February" rule has passed. Any player picking up 5 yellows before the end of February would have automatically served a 1 match suspension but the punishment target has now been raised to 10 by the end of the season. Only Paul Ince has reached 10 yellows so far and is currently serving a 2 match automatic suspension (Southampton and Reading) matches. Shaun Newton, Nathan Blake, Mark Kennedy and Dean Sturridge were all one booking shy of a 1 match ban but kept themselves out of the referee's notebook in February.



THE BOOK: **FOREVER WOLVES** (By David Instone. Price £16.99)
A journey in time by Stef Leonard

Cruising up the M40 towards the Golden Palace, the enthusiasm I had when I started this 360 mile round-trip began to wane. As the windscreen wipers worked overtime and the usual crap drivers abounded, I started to question myself and my motives for going. Was I really going through all this just to get a book? - albeit a book that contained previously unpublished pictures and one that I could supplement with an autograph or two. Am I some sort of anorak or what? Hell, no. The chat I had a couple of days previously with David Instone was what persuaded me to make the journey. Apart from getting it £1 or £2 cheaper, he said, there would be many former players present - definitely worth the effort. As the rain stopped and the sun broke through, things suddenly looked brighter and even the crawl up the A4123 didn't look too bad, even for a Friday afternoon.

The queue outside the Terrace Bar in the Stan Cullis Stand had about 20 people in it as I pulled up some 35 minutes before the opening time of 4.30pm. Only 20 or so? Is that all that Wolverhampton could muster? Perhaps it had been cancelled? But no, out came a jolly Rachel Heyhoe-Flint to reassure us that it was definitely on, that the tables were being cleared after a good lunch (liquid for some!), and there were 'loads' of former players in attendance. Well, that was alright then. But where was everybody? As I turned round towards the Club Shop, it reminded me of the stands on match days....half empty until just before kick-off, and yet by the time the ref blows his whistle, not an empty seat in sight. Well, this queue stretched past the Club Shop and we at the front were told that it's end was along the side of the Billy Wright Stand. Well done, people!

In the Terrace Bar, the tables were set out like a horseshoe and each former player had a name plaque in front of him. Very handy for the older players! handy, that is, for us to know who we were talking to, or was it for them to remind themselves who they were? So, down the line we moved. In no particular order, there was Roy Swinbourne, Steve Daley, Gary Pierce, Mike Stowell, John Richards - surely he could still put on a kit and play for us, Bill Shorthouse, Malcolm Finlayson, Mel Eves, Bill Slater, my personal hero - Peter Broadbent, Bobby Thompson, Eddie Stuart, Bert Williams, Dennis Wilshaw, Sammy Chung, Ron Flowers, John McCall, Bill Gutteridge, Bill Crook, Bobby Mason, Les Cocker, Phil Parkes, the great Frank Munro, Leslie Smith, Ted Farmer, John Paxton, Johnny Walker, Ray Crawford - who didn't look any different from his playing days, Alf Crook, David Wagstaffe, Norman Deeley, Jimmy Dunn, Allan Jackson, and last but not least Sammy Smyth.

34 of Wanderers' finest over all those years, from pre-1949 FA Cup Final, the 3 League Championships, the numerous League runner-up spots, the 1960 FA Cup Final, the two League Cup successes, International cups galore, right up to our own Mickey Stowell. Christ, there was some talent in that room! It made the hairs on my neck stand on end when I thought of the achievements and glories those players had attained, for themselves, their countries, and for Wolverhampton Wanderers FC. Amazing, absolutely amazing, to be there in their company. By 6.30pm it was all over. The talk had been talked, the autographs got, and now it was time to walk the walk. The three hour drive back to Bromley went by in a flash - or was that a speed camera!

The book? Oh, yes, the book. Brilliant. Didn't see a single photo that I'd seen before. It was great to recall again the swagger of Richards, the agility of Finlayson and Williams, the industry of Carr and Hibbett, the power of Munro, Wolfie and the mascots at Bristol City, the determination of Curran, the leadership of Wright and Slater, the class of Parkin, the trickery of Wagstaffe, and of course, the Doog. Strange, though, that apart from the front cover, there was only one other picture of Steve Bull, and even that's in a group photo! However, there are many many more memories, but enough of all that - buy the book. It's well worth it.

**WWLSC Members can purchase this book for £15.00 plus £4.10 postage and packaging from:
Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD**

Dave's Diary

Opening Dave Slape's Wolves Diary of 1964-1965 we find...

...a disastrous season ending in relegation from the top flight after 32 years.

14/9/64: Wolves 4 (Crawford 2, G Harris, Knowles) v **West Ham United 3** (Byrne, G Harris OG, Brabrook)

Team:- Davies; Thomson; G Harris, Goodwin; Showell; Woodruff; D Thompson; Knowles; Crawford; Broadbent; Wharton.

Position: 22nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
8 1 1 2 5 8 0 0 4 5 15 3

Goalscorers: Crawford 4; Knowles 3; Wharton 1; D Thompson 1; G Harris 1.

15/9/64: Stan Cullis sacked after 30 years service.

16/9/64: Great controversy over the Stan Cullis sacking.

17/9/64: A statement by the Wolves board stated Stan Cullis was sacked because, the players and he had lost confidence in each other.

7/11/64: Stoke City 0 v Wolves 2 (Wharton, Woodfield)

Team:- Davies; Thomson; G Harris; Flowers; Woodfield; Millar; Wharton, Melia; Crawford; McIlmoyle; Buckley.

Position: 22nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
16 1 1 6 9 18 1 0 7 8 24 5

Goalscorers: Crawford 8; Knowles 4; Wharton 2; Thomson 1; G Harris 1; Woodfield 1.

21/4/65: Wolves 3 (Woodruff 3) v **Sunderland 0**

Team:- McClaren; Knighton; Thomson; Kirkham; Flowers; Millar; Wharton, Woodruff; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Buckley.

Position: 21st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
40 8 2 10 32 33 4 2 14 24 53 28

Goalscorers: Crawford 13; Woodruff 11; Wharton 8; McIlmoyle 6; Knowles 6; Woodfield 2; Millar 2; Buckley 2; D Thompson 1; G Harris 1; Le Flem 1; Wagstaffe 1; Kirkham 1; Flowers 1.

Wolves relegated 6 points behind Aston Villa with two games to play.

After 8 games, Wolves won at last but Stan Cullis lost his job the very next day. The shock of his sacking lasted weeks and was in the papers daily. The Stoke match was the next victory. In fact, Wolves managed four games without defeat, including three victories.

In the Sunderland match Bobby Woodruff scored all 3 goals with his head. At the time, Woodruff had the longest throw in British Football.



DAWSON CREEKS AS COOPERMAN SAVES WOLVES

Wolves 2-1 Nottingham Forest
23 November 2002

Cooper appeared from the bench with twenty-five minutes remaining. Until that time Wolves had failed to muster a single shot on target. How things change!

Forest had run things for the whole of the first half, and taken the lead during stoppage time when Harewood fired home.

But, with time running out Cooper altered things. Seizing on a slip by Dawson, he fed Miller just outside the box, and the Scot jinked past two men before firing into the far corner.



Before Forest had recovered from the shock Wolves had taken the lead. Again it was Cooper, crossing from the right, he found the unmarked Sturridge, who thumped a header past Ward, to rather undeservedly give the lead to the home side.

The final ten minutes saw Wolves survive some anxious moments, not least when Harewood drove a vicious shot low towards the bottom corner of the goal, but Murray threw himself to his right to get the faintest of touches, and turn the ball onto the post, from whence it was scrambled away

Opinion: Forest unlucky to come away with nothing, but then again, how often has the story been reversed?
Man of the match: Andrews. Always busy
Team rating: 6/10
Team: Murray, Edworthy, Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Clyde, Newton (Cooper 67), Miller, Sturridge (Melligan 86), Andrews, Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Butler, Ingimarsson
Bookings: None
Attendance: 27,953

THAT'S A JOLLY UN JOLEON Rotherham Utd 0-0 Wolves
30 November 2002

The injury situation saw the introduction of on loan Chelsea man Clayton Cole, as Wolves ground out a scoreless draw at Millmoor with a gritty performance that showed a lot of character.

Not many chances fell to either side, but it was quite an entertaining match all the same, with both mid fields grafting away, and the major chance of the first half fell to Lee, who drove wide after twenty-three minutes.

Pollitt, in the Rotherham goal, kept his side in the contest with a fine second half performance, including a full stretch effort to turn a free kick by Irwin around the post, and again from substitute Cole, when the debutant made space for himself just inside the box, and fired a shot which the keeper saved well.

The Wolves defence looked very strong with Unsworth, Lescott and Clyde knitting together well.

Opinion: The team worked hard and could have won it.
Team rating: 6/10
Man of Match: Lescott
Team: Murray, Edworthy, Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Clyde, Cooper, Miller (Cole), Sturridge, Ince, Kennedy, Cameron

Unused subs: Oakes, Butler, Andrews, Cameron
Bookings: Irwin (40 - pushing), Rae (53 - foul), Kennedy (69 - dissent)
Attendance: 6,736

THE COLEMAN DELIVERS Wolves 1-0 Norwich City
7 December 2002

This was one of the best displays of the season. From the start Wolves attacked with attitude, Kennedy giving a livewire show to feed the strikers in the centre, but there was scant reward for their efforts, and the only goal came from on loan Coleman.

The defence was so tight it restricted the visitors to only token efforts at goal, and Murray was never in any trouble.

In a fast and furious match, it always looked to be Wolves who would emerge on top, and only Green in the visitors goal kept a very hungry looking attack at bay.

It took Coleman only 37 minutes of his full debut to get his name on the score sheet, and it was Kennedy who created the chance, feeding Miller who slipped inside to fire a shot that Green could not hold onto, and collecting

the ball, about eleven yards out, the youngster placed a shot into the far corner.

Shortly afterwards Wolves were denied a penalty when Miller was bundled over in the area, and for the rest of the half they pressed for a second, but The Canaries held firm.

In the second period, Green again saved Norwich, bringing off fine saves from Miller, Kennedy, Coleman and late substitute Sturridge.

Opinion: Fine performance that would have beaten any in the division.
Man of the match: Kennedy. Looked to be back at his best.
Team rating: 8/10
Team: Murray, Edworthy, Irwin, Rae (Cameron 78), Lescott, Clyde, Cooper, Miller (Sturridge 81), Cole, Ince, Kennedy (Andrews 89). Oakes, Butler.
Unused subs: Rae (56 - handball)
Bookings:
Attendance: 25,753

WHAT THE DICKENS? A TALE OF TWO CITIES Wolves 0-2 Coventry City
14 December 2002

Wolves completely dominated this match, a fact that the scoreline does not reflect, and yet the visitors stole it with two wonderful strikes from the only two shots they had!

Marshalled superbly in midfield by McAllister, Coventry were content to sit back and soak up the pressure, and rely on breaks for their rare sorties into the Wolves' half.

Wolves came out with a vengeance, and poured wave after wave of attacks down on the Coventry goal. But it was McAllister who fired a brilliant shot from fully twentyfive yards to give City the lead after just eight minutes, giving Murray no chance as the ball swerved away from him.



Cole, Kennedy and Miller all went close as Wolves went in search of the equaliser, but no

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amount of effort got them to actually hit the target.

The second half was the same story, as Wolves piled into the opposition half, but still the shots were off target, and Coventry caught them dead again in the 65th minute, as Partridge cut in from the left, to fire an unstoppable shot across Murray.

Wolves finally managed a shot on target with the very last kick of the match, when Cooper, on for Andrews, fired a shot which was well saved by Hedegaard.

Opinion: Sadly lacking Ince, but huffed and puffed.

Man of the match: Rae
Team rating: 7/10
Team: Murray, Edworthy, Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Clyde, Cameron, Miller (Sturridge 69), Cole, Andrews (Cooper 53), Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Butler, Newton
Bookings: Rae (21 - foul)
Attendance: 25,577

IS THAT ALL WE TAKE AWAY?

Millwall 1-1 Wolves
21 December 2002

With less than fifty away supporters in the stadium, Wolves turned in a fine display, to leave with only a share of the spoils, as Millwall stole a goal on one of their rare excursions up field. This being due to some excellent defending by Wolves, especially Lescott, who had a good match.

Their superiority showed as early as the fifth minute, when Cole fed Kennedy, and, cutting in from the left, he fired a rising shot that gave Warner no chance.

Sturridge and Ndah both missed gilt edged opportunities to put the game beyond the hosts, but it was the hosts who scored. A corner on the right was floated into the box by Wise, and Roberts smashed an unstoppable volley past Murray.

The second half was all Wolves, and how they did not improve their lead remains a complete mystery, they just could not get the ball into the net.

Opinion: Goals needed to finish of teams.

Man of the match: Lescott. Like a Beatle, here, there and everywhere.

Team rating: 7/10
Team: Murray, Edworthy, Irwin, Rae (Cameron 85), Lescott, Clyde, Cooper (Miller 75), Sturridge Cole, (Ndah 58), Ince, Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Butler.
Bookings: Ndah (64 - foul), Sturridge (67 - foul)
Attendance: 9,091



NO CLARET SPILT IN TURF MOOR WAR

Burnley 2-1 Wolves
26 December 2002

Burnley turned the form book on its head with this win at Turf Moor over Wolves. The Clarets defence having leaked 10 goals in the previous two matches, looked solid from the start and Wolves failed to penetrate it until the closing minutes of a game dominated by the home side. Burnley attacked from the start and it was no surprise when Burnley took the lead after 24 minutes.

Taylor started and finished a flowing move by meeting Blake's cross and planting his close-range header in the back of the net. Wolves went further behind in the 32nd minute when Dean West hammered home a 30-yard shot into the bottom right hand of the net.

Denis Irwin had to be replaced by Paul Butler at half time after picking up a knock. In the second half Wolves' frustration began to show and Mark Kennedy, Kevin Cooper and Marc Edworthy all received yellow cards in the first 10 minutes to go with that issued to Sturridge in the first half.

Burnley took a while to re-establish their first-half dominance but gradually they began to take control again and Alan Moore had a well-hit 25-yard shot saved by Murray while Blake was just wide with another long-range effort. Wolves boss Dave Jones threw on a third striker in the shape of George Ndah to try and bolster the attack but Burnley's defence stood firm against some sustained pressure.

Burnley almost made it three with a fierce shot by Taylor but the ball was well taken by Murray. Wolves gave themselves a glimmer of hope six minutes from time when the Burnley defence failed to clear a corner and substitute Paul

Butler's 20-yard shot flew into the home net courtesy of a deflection off a defender. Paul Ince was also booked as Burnley held on.

Opinion: Always one gear behind a determined Burnley.

Man of the match: Lescott - raised his game in second half.

Team rating: 4/10
Team: Murray, Edworthy, Irwin (Butler 45), Rae (Cameron 54), Lescott, Clyde, Cooper (Ndah 64), Sturridge, Cole, Ince, Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Miller
Bookings: Sturridge (28 - foul), Kennedy (46 - ungentlemanly conduct), Cooper (51 - diving), Edworthy (55 - late challenge), Ince (89 - dissent).

Attendance: 18,641

BANTAM WEIGHTS

Wolves 1-2 Bradford City
28 December 2002

City came for a point and went away with all three after mustering just three shots during the match. (Sounds familiar?).

Wolves had all the possession, but wasted chance after chance, with the main offenders being Cole and, early on, Ndah, who was given a prize opportunity by Kennedy, but shot weakly at Davison. Sturridge, also freed by Kennedy, was left with an open goal, but managed to hit only the crossbar, and the ball went spinning away.

Cole also broke free of his marker to meet a centre from the right only to hit the keeper with a free header.

The second half saw City break out for the first time, and Jorgensen tapped home from close in as the defence went awol.

Just three minutes of being behind was enough for Ndah, as he cut across from the right, to smash an unstoppable effort home from thirty yards, for possibly the goal of the season.

The joy lasted just six minutes, as the defence were caught napping again, and Gray, unmarked at the far post, scored effortlessly, to leave the visitors the simple task of holding out.

Opinion: Lack of firepower was their undoing.

Man of the match: Ndah. Worked hard and scored a super goal.

Team rating: 6/10



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LONDON WOLVES TRAVEL NEWS

Provisional travel arrangements for matches during March, April & May are:-

Home Matches

Meeting place: Euston Station concourse outside the main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.
Fare: Members £16; Guests £19

Sat 22/3/03 v **Gillingham**

Sat 5/4/03 v **Rotherham**

Sat 19/4/03 v **Millwall**

Outward - Depart Euston 10.00 - Arrive Wolves 12.30
Return - Depart Wolves 17.15 - Arrive Euston 19.40

Tue 18/3/03 v **Stoke City**

Outward - Depart Euston 14.45 - Arrive Wolves 16.47
Return - Depart Wolves 22.49 - Arrive Euston 01.38

Sun 4/5/03 v **Leicester City** (k/o 1.30 pm)

Outward - Depart Euston 08.35 Arrive Wolves 11.22
Return - Depart Wolves 16.02 Arrive Euston 18.45

#A two-day trip will also be run to this match, departing Euston Sat 3/5 at 11.00, for those attending the London Wolves function. Return train as above.

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.

Wed 12/3/03 v **Reading**

ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged. Trains to Reading depart from Paddington. Journey time approx. 25 mins. There is a No 79 'Football Special' bus, which leaves just down from the station. Turn right outside the main station entrance and they are about 200 yards down the road on the opposite side - there is normally one waiting. The fare is £2 return and takes about fifteen minutes to get to the ground.

Sat 15/3/03 v **Portsmouth**

ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged. Fastest trains to Fratton depart from Waterloo at 08 & 38 mins past hour. Journey time approx. 90 mins. Return trains depart Fratton at 25 & 55 mins past hour.

Sat 29/3/03 v **Grimsby Town**

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Kings Cross 10.00 Arrive Doncaster 11.32
Return - Depart Doncaster 18.49 Arrive Kings Cross 20.33
Local train between Doncaster and Cleethorpes

Fri 11/4/03 v **Nottingham Forest**

ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged. Any member wishing to travel to this match, please contact the Travel Secretary.

Mon 21/4/03 v **Norwich** (k/o 5.35pm)

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Liverpool St 13.30 Arrive Norwich 15.28
Return - Depart Norwich 20.05 Arrive Liverpool St 21.59

Sat 26/4/03 v **Sheffield Utd**

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart St Pancras 10.25 Arrive Sheffield 12.42
Return - Depart Sheffield 17.24 Arrive St Pancras 19.43

Any member wishing to book a train ticket for travel to home or away matches from Euston, must now contact Travel Secretary AT LEAST 9 DAYS prior to the match. Bookings for travel with other train operators, must be made 3-4 weeks before the match. This is because early booking is essential in order to obtain the cheapest tickets. Fares will be collected on the outward journey. Payments in advance are accepted. Cheques/PO's payable to WWLSC.

Any member booking a train ticket, who subsequently cannot travel, must contact the Travel Secretary at least 9 days before the match to cancel, or they will have to pay for the ticket. This also applies to members who book a ticket and fail to show up on the day, as the train companies will not offer any refunds on unsold tickets, except in exceptional circumstances.

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 enclose s.a.e. with postal applications.

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 dates and times of matches are likely to be changed because of live TV coverage by Sky Sports.

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Wolves could have been three goals up within the first 20 minutes, had it not been for an inspired Chamberlain denying two strikes from Colin Cameron and one from George Ndah. His defiance knocked the stuffing out of the team's lively opening and thereafter, Wolves only had two further threatening strikes when Miller fired narrowly over midway through the second half, and Kennedy curled a shot wide with some ten minutes of the match left. Matt Murray had only one real shot of note to save.

Opinion: Disappointment for Miller
 Man of the match: Butler - rock-solid in defence.
 Team effort: 7/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince (Andrews 52), Lescott, Butler, Rae (Proudlock 61), Cameron, Ndah (Sturridge 82), Miller, Kennedy
 Unused subs: Oakes, Edworthy.
 Bookings: None
 Attendance: 24,591



MILLER THRILLER Wolves 4 v 0 Crystal Palace Saturday 1 March 2003

The Wolves put on a dominant and comfortable display against a poor, lacklustre Palace side. They totally dominated the match and it was a surprise that they only had Kenny Miller's 40th minute goal, from a Mark Kennedy pass, to show for their supremacy. The anticipated second-half onslaught from Palace never materialised, and it was only a matter of time before Wolves increased their lead. Dean Sturridge neatly slotted the ball home on 77 minutes to spark an end of match flurry of goals. On 83 minutes Miller bore down on the Palace goal and unleashed a powerful volley that gave the 'keeper no chance of even seeing it. Then, just before the final whistle, Miller completed his first hat-trick in English football, by converting a penalty. It was a fair result which pushed Wolves into 4th place in the division.

Opinion: Nice revenge for earlier disaster at Selhurst Park
 Man of the match: Miller - Hat-trick hero.
 Team effort: 8/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince,

Lescott, Butler, Newton (Sturridge 62), Cameron (Rae 86), Ndah (Proudlock 8), Miller, Kennedy Oakes, Clyde.
 Unused subs: Sturridge (79 - dissent)
 Bookings:
 Attendance: 26,010

ONE COSTLY LAPSE Wolves 1 v 1 Ipswich Town Wednesday 5 March 2003

Wolves stretched their unbeaten run to five games, or better still, only one loss in their last thirteen games since the start of the new year, but were left to rue the loss of two more crucial play-off/promotion points. The match was there for the taking against a plucky but toothless Ipswich side, with Mark Kennedy and Nathan Blake, making his first start for four months, wasting good chances in the first half.

Paul Ince, however, capped a superb Captain's and midfield display, by acrobatically volleying Wolves into the lead just three minutes after the restart. Kennedy and Sean Newton squandered further chances to reflect Wolves' dominance and ultimately paid the price when just six minutes from the end, one piece of slack marking at an Ipswich free kick, given away unnecessarily by Joleon Lescott, found Richard Naylor powerfully heading past an outstretched Matt Murray. Other results elsewhere meant that Wolves dropped to 6th place, 7 points clear of the next team, who have a game in hand.

Opinion: Should have taken all 3 points
 Man of the match: Ince - his goal capped a fine all-round performance.
 Team effort: 7/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Lescott, Butler, Newton, Cameron, Blake (Proudlock 62), Miller (Sturridge 79), Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Clyde, Rae.
 Bookings:
 Attendance: 26,901

A TALE OF TWO HAMPTONS FA Cup Quarter Final Southampton 2 v 0 Wolverhampton Sunday 9 March 2003

Wolves' FA Cup adventure came to a halt against a Premiership outfit that stepped up a gear when it was needed in the second-half. Unfortunately for the team, they failed to reach the performance levels achieved against Newcastle United and Leicester City, but still it

took a fluke goal and an own goal to beat them.

The first half was an evenly matched affair with Wolves more than matching their Premiership opponents. In the second-half, however, Southampton piled on the pressure and in the 56th minute, Chris Marsden, a former Wolves player, put in a soft overhead kick goalwards, and with Beattie distracting Matt Murray, the ball gently bounced into the net. Wolves huffed and puffed to get back on level terms but without success. 18-goal Kenny Miller was well shackled by the Southampton defenders and Mark Kennedy was likewise man-marked out of it.

Their fate was sealed in the 81st minute when a cross from the wing was completely missed by Beattie, and a stunned Paul Butler kned the ball past Matt Murray. It was a shame because Butler and Lescott had shackled the dangerous Beattie extremely well.

To add salt into the wound, Keith Andrews was stretchered off the field with a broken leg.

Opinion: As so often happens a former player inflicts a decisive blow.
 Man of the match: Irwin - never flustered, had total control of his side of the pitch.
 Team effort: 6/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Andrews (Rae 61), Lescott, Butler, Newton (Sturridge 75), Cameron, Blake (Proudlock 86), Miller, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Clyde.
 Bookings: Blake (33 - foul)
 Attendance: 31,715



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Team: Murray, Edworthy, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Clyde, Ndah, Sturridge (Cooper 72), Cole (Miller 55), Ince, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Butler, Andrews
 Bookings: Ndah (32 - foul), Ince (83 - dissent).
 Attendance: 25,812

DERBY AND JONES Wolves 1-1 Derby County 1 January 2003

A familiar story? Wolves at home to a side unable to salvage a point in four away trips, and an opportunity to catch up with the league's top sides. Yes a bore draw.

Behind after fifteen minutes to a Christie goal, scored after McLeod scuffed a shot at Murray, Wolves were fortunate not to be further adrift at the start of the second half, when Murray threw himself at the feet of Christie, and then horribly rose to parry an effort from McLeod.

For the third match running, Kennedy was marked by two defenders and was fairly ineffective.

Wolves did eventually level when Ince seized on a clearance from Grant, who had blocked a shot from Ndah, and drove a rasping shot home from the edge of the area.

Wolves should have won the match late on, as Newton crossed for Miller, and the resultant shot thundered into Ince and away to safety.

Opinion: Just not good enough
 Man of the match: Murray
 Team rating: 6/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Butler, Newton, Miller, Ndah (Cole 77), Ince, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Rae, Cooper, Clyde.
 Bookings: Butler (14 - foul), Kennedy (86 - kicking the ball away).
 Attendance: 26,442

ROBSON GREEN WITH ENVY Wolves 3-2 Newcastle Utd FAC 3rd Round 4 January 2003

What superlatives can you use for this magnificent advertisement for cup football? Marvellous, fantastic, wonderful, terrific.

Words are not enough to describe this spectacle, you just had to be there or view the game on Sky.

Wolves raced into a two goal lead with goals from Ince and Kennedy, but Newcastle replied through Jenas and a Shearer penalty.



These first half events only served to warm things up, as Ndah nudged the ball in to put Wolves ahead again just after the break.

But these events were nothing compared to the heart stopping moments still to come.

Lescott cleared from the line twice in the space of a minute, Solano blocked a Kennedy effort at the other end. Naylor was a fraction high from outside the box, and Newton scraped the post. Naylor cleared off the line from Lua Lua, and Given saved bravely from Cooper.

Breathless? So am I. We could not survive without a heart attack if this was served up too often.

Opinion: The perfect cup-tie.
 Man of the match: Kennedy. Looked a class act.
 Team rating: 10/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Cooper 83), Miller, Ndah, Ince, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Rae, Andrews.
 Bookings: Butler (24 - foul), Irwin (47 - dissent).
 Attendance: 27,316



JUNIOR? WALKER & THE ALL-STARS? Walsall 0-1 Wolves 11 January 2003

The panel of judges gave Junior the Man Of The Match. Strange.

Wolves fielded a side which a week previously

had produced some superb football to dump Newcastle out of The FA Cup. Could have fooled me.

Walker produced an item for "What happens next?" Brilliant.

On a pitch resembling Brighton beach football was always going to be difficult, and the only real incident of note came after sixty-four minutes, when, with little danger apparent, Carbon passed back towards Walker, who had advanced to meet the ball. Walker kicked to clear, the ball bobbed off of a divot, under his kick, and rolled towards the goal. Walker dived back and scooped clear what may have been already over the line, and Ndah was left the task of tapping home.

Hardly anything of note apart from this happened, and Murray was never under any threat. Of the two sides, Wolves looked the more likely to score, but did not force a decent save from the Wolves fans' new hero. Biggest cheers, apart from Walker's boob, were reserved for the four balls kicked over the stands. Missing, presumed stolen.

Opinion: Poor match. Good result.
 Man of the match: Naylor. Steady performance.

Team rating: 6/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Proudlock 56), Miller, Ndah, Ince, Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Rae, Cooper, Clyde.
 Bookings: Newton (15 - foul), Ince (67 - persistent fouling), Kennedy (86 - kicking the ball away).
 Attendance: 11,037 (ground record)

WHAT THE BUTLER SAW Wolves 1-1 Wimbledon 18 January 2003

Under one hundred visiting supporters saw their side commit robbery.

Wolves attacked relentlessly, but failed to score until three minutes before the break when Miller stooped low to head past Davis, following a rare accurate centre from Kennedy.

Earlier, Ince and Irwin had fired long range efforts which had Davis on his toes, and the lively Ndah had gone close after being set up by Cameron.

The defence went missing (yet again) within seconds of the restart, and allowed Leigertwood to cross, Ageymange to swing and miss the ball, and Williams to fire home, unmarked from less than ten yards.

It appeared that the game was won with ten

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minutes remaining. Butler rose with the keeper to meet a corner and headed the ball home, only to be denied by the referee's whistle for an offence that only he "saw."

Opinion: Yet again failed to beat a far inferior side.
 Men of the match: Ndah and Naylor. Both worked very hard.
 Team rating: 6/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Cooper 77), Miller (Proudlock 86), Ndah, Ince, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Clyde, Andrews.
 Bookings: None.
 Attendance: 23,716

PENALTY. R U TAKING THE MICKY ADAMS? Wolves 4-1 Leicester City (FA Cup 4) 25 January 2003

Another fine cup display despatched City from the FA Cup fourth round, with two goals apiece from Ndah, who had a marvellous match, and Miller, looking more like the player we saw during his loan period.

The first strike, just after the kick off, was a marvellous individual effort from Ndah. Setting off from half way he wove through the visitors defence and placed a shot past Walker.



Wolves were mostly in control, but as Leicester ventured out Dickov, that well known Olympic diver, was at it again in the Wolves area, and to the disbelief of all, the referee awarded the kick which was hammered home by the Terry Spinks impersonator.

Fortunately this was not a major set back to Wolves, and Ndah got a deserved second just before the break, rising to meet Irwin's free kick and head powerfully home.

The second half was all Wolves, and Miller got two fine goals, fed by superb passes from

Ndah and Ince, the second of which he slid home from an acute angle after rounding Walker.

A top class act which could have seen Wolves scoring several more goals.

Opinion: What's wrong with playing like this in the league?
 Man of the match: Ince. (I know its difficult to ignore the goal scorers, but this was a superb display).
 Team rating: 9/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Butler, Newton, Miller, Ndah (Proudlock 62), Ince, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Clyde, Andrews, Rae.
 Bookings: Newton (27 - foul), Irwin (44 - persistent fouling).
 Attendance: 28,164

DEVASTATION AT HILLSBOROUGH Sheffield Wednesday 0 v 4 Wolves Saturday 1 February 2003

Adam Proudlock returned to Hillsborough following his recent loan spell and hammered a couple of nails into Wednesday's relegation case.

Proudlock replaced the injured George Ndah to bring about Wolves first line-up change of the year, George having failed to recover from a slight hamstring strain encountered in the Leicester Cup tie.

Wednesday had most of the play for the opening 20 minutes going close through Kuqi, inevitably, and Quinn before Proudlock opened his Wolves account this season running onto a Miller flick and deftly passing the oncoming Pressman in Sheffield's goal.

Three minutes before half-time Proudlock collected a through ball from Mark Kennedy following some good work by Ince to stroll past Pressman and make it 2-0 at the interval.

In the second half Proudlock should have scored his hat-trick but somehow Monk managed to beat him to the ball and shortly afterwards Cameron hit the post. Wolves then had to survive a concerted onslaught from Wednesday before Kennedy crossed superbly for Miller to head home in the 67th minute.

Proudlock, Lescott and Kennedy all had shots blocked on the line before Sturridge, who had come on for Newton, topped off this fine display with a low shot following Ince's pass.

Opinion: Should have been a cricket score.
 Man of the match: Proudlock - despite recent

problems appears to be regaining form.
 Team rating: 8/10
 Team: Murray, Naylor, Irwin, Ince, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Sturridge 64), Cameron, Proudlock, Miller (Rae 90), Kennedy (Andrews 90).
 Unused subs: Oakes, Clyde.
 Bookings: Ince (90 - late challenge)
 Attendance: 21,381



BRIGHTON ROCK THE WOLVES Brighton 4 v 1 Wolves Saturday 8 February 2003

Brighton ended Wolves' six-game unbeaten run as yet again we failed to show decent form against a struggling club. After dominating the opening half hour without, again, having anything to show for it, Brighton scored after 31 minutes and again right on the stroke of half-time.

Moments after the restart Wolves found themselves 3 down and there was no way back. After 65 minutes, Kenny Miller headed in a Mark Kennedy cross for what was to be a consolation goal. Two minutes later Brighton made it four, and any fighting spirit that the team may have had disappeared completely.

Manager Dave Jones admitted it was a shabby and wretched performance, saying "..... nobody did their jobs properly today".

Opinion: Can't argue with Dave Jones' admission.
 Man of the match: No one worthy.
 Team rating: 4/10
 Team: Murray, Naylor (Clyde 71), Lescott, Butler, Edworthy (Rae 57), Newton, Cameron, Ince, Kennedy, Proudlock (Sturridge 74), Miller.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Andrews.
 Bookings: Miller (45 - ungentlemanly conduct)
 Attendance: 6,754 - 158 above their average



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CLASS TELLS.... IN THE END FA Cup 5th Round Wolves 3 v Rochdale 1 Sunday 16 February 2003

Wolves were always on a hiding to nothing in this potential banana skin of a Cup-tie. Because of the demands of television, this match was played at 7.00 pm on a Sunday - whatever happened to tradition?

Certainly, Wolves showed the traditional qualities of 4 time Cup winners in the first half, when they completely outplayed a nervy Rochdale side. But, again, all they had to show for this supremacy was a George Ndah goal after 32 minutes.

In the 2nd half, yet another Wolves old-boy, Paul Simpson, began to rattle our cage upon his return to Molineux. It took only 8 minutes for him to blast a shot goalwards from 30 yards, which took a big enough deflection from a Rochdale forward to end up in the corner of Murray's net. That signalled panic in the Wolves ranks and the thought of an upset loomed.

Wolves' second goal on 79 minutes was thumped in by Kenny Miller, after the goalkeeper failed to hold a Lee Naylor shot, although two Wolves players were clearly offside.

Adam Proudlock, with his only touch of the game, knocked in a rebound when Dale's 'keeper, again, failed to hold a Colin Cameron shot in the dying seconds of the match.

Opinion: The Cup dream stays alive.
 Man of the match: Kennedy - never a dull moment when he had the ball.
 Team rating: 6/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Rae 74), Cameron, Ndah, Miller (Proudlock 90), Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Clyde, Sturridge.
 Bookings: None
 Attendance: Attn: 23,921

"WE WANT FIVE, WE WANT FIVE" Ipswich Town 2 v 4 Wolves Wednesday 19 February 2003

When Ipswich scored in the second minute of the game, I cannot have been alone in thinking "oh, s..t, here we go again". What little faith I have.

In the 11th minute, Colin Cameron thumped a ball from 20 yards which the goalkeeper could not hold, and in came Kenny Miller to put the ball away. To say we rode our luck for the rest of the half would be an understatement. Ipswich missed two "sitters" in that period before we let in our customary goal in injury time. Instead of letting advantage play on after a Wolves foul some 30 yards out, the referee called play back and Ipswich captain Holland buried the resulting free kick.



However, having been nearly caught out immediately after the restart, Mark Kennedy delivered the most perfect cross from the left, that Miller crashed in after 63 minutes. No wonder Kennedy took all the supporters' applause in the style of an Eric Cantona Gallic strut.

11 minutes later, Lee Naylor volleyed a 25 yarder past a bewildered goalkeeper to send the away supporters ecstatic.

Wolves built on their new-found confidence and George Ndah ran in for a superb solo effort with just 9 minutes left.

Although the players had run themselves ragged, there were still two good chances at the end that fresher legs might have converted.

Opinion: Fortunately Ipswich only played for 60 minutes.
 Man of the match: Miller for his goals and Ndah for his fitness.
 Team effort: 7/10
 Excitement factor: 10/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Lescott, Butler (Edworthy 45), Rae (Andrews 86), Cameron, Ndah, Miller (Proudlock 79), Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Sturridge.
 Bookings: Rae (50 - foul), Miller (54 - foul)
 Attendance: 27,700

ANOTHER KENNY AND GEORGE SHOW Preston 0 v 2 Wolves Saturday 22 February 2003

Wolves maintained their play-off push with this victory. Preston were, however, the better side in the first half having squandered several good chances to take the lead. Matt Murray played well with some important saves.

Wolves improved after the break and George Ndah scored a truly stunning solo goal after 53 minutes. He collected the ball on the edge of his own penalty area, beat half the opposing team in his run at Preston's goal and drilled the ball home for his 8th goal in nine games. A sure contender for goal-of-the-season.

Paul Butler saw a fine header saved before Kenny Miller converted an Adam Proudlock cross in the 83rd minute to slam in his 9th goal in seven games.

Not wishing to tempt fate, but, with three consecutive home fixtures to come in the next ten days, once again our fate is in our own hands.

Opinion: Just what the doctor ordered.
 Man of the match: Ndah - stunning goal.
 Team effort: 8/10
 Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Lescott, Butler, Rae (Proudlock 79), Cameron (Andrews 42), Ndah, Miller, Kennedy.
 Unused subs: Oakes, Edworthy, Sturridge.
 Bookings: Ince (73 - foul)
 Attendance: 16,070

ANOTHER GAME, ANOTHER GOALIE Wolves 0 v 0 Watford Tuesday 25 February 2003

It will be intriguing to check the statistics at the end of this season to see in how many matches the opposition's goalkeeper has been named as "Man of the Match". This one will be definitely be included.

The Watford No.1 produced a one-man show of defiance to stop in-form Wolves continuing their charge up the table.

Kenny Miller was among those kept out by Chamberlain, which meant that he failed to break a Club record of scoring in 8 consecutive matches.