



Wolverhampton Wanderers LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB founded 1966

NEWSLETTER

From the chair

No sooner has the euphoria of Cardiff subsided, than we begin the harsh realities of life at the top. (Well, at the time of writing, the bottom of the top!). And it seems that some things never change.

Peter Woodfield has had to re-schedule some of our train journeys due to engineering works on the tracks and is still struggling to conjure up sufficient tickets for the demand we are getting. Once again my thanks to him for his efforts.

Please bear with us on the ticket. Stefan Leonard has spoken to, and I have written to, Jez Moxey (Wolves CEO) in an attempt to secure a few more seats for London Wolves members. Unfortunately, as I am sure you will appreciate, there are very few available, especially for the matches with the bigger clubs in the league. Please don't forget that there are seven club season tickets available on a first-come first-served basis and a number of members who hold season tickets do make theirs available through Peter when they are unable to attend matches.

The AGM was, to say the least, an eventful affair and it was excellent to see the large turn out of members at "The Pied Bull". Minutes of the meeting can be found inside this newsletter.

Let's hope that by the time the December edition of our magazine appears, that we will have some better news, both on the team front as they climb the table, but on the ticket and travel scene.



Left to right: Dave Bracher, Dave Slape & Jack Sammuels



Back row (from left): Keith Downing (reserve team coach), Adam Proudlock, Ivar Ingimarsson, Jody Craddock, Joleon Lescott, Mark Clyde, Isaac Okoronkwo, Mark Kennedy, Marlon Walters, Barry Holmes (physio).
Middle row (from left): George Foster (chief scout), Jimmi Lee Jones, Sammy Clingan, Kenny Miller, George Ndah, Matt Murray, Bobby Mimms (goalkeeping coach), Michael Oakes, Steffen Iversen, Silas, Ian McGrane, JJ Melligan, Duncan Russell (fitness coach/physio).
Front row (from left): Shaun Newton, Nathan Blake, Colin Cameron, Paul Butler (club captain), Oleg Luzhny, Paul Ince (team captain), Dave Jones (manager), Terry Connor (coach), Dean Sturridge, Alex Rae, Lee Naylor, Denis Irwin, Henri Camara, Kevin Cooper

Rachael Heyhoe-Flint MBE



Rachael, the former England Cricket Captain and a Director of Wolves, has been a great help to the Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club over the years. Rachael helps with facilitate all the arrangements

engagement, in order to represent Sir Jack and The Club.

Her job at Wolves began with in a public relations and community role in 1990, to which management and players remain fully committed. Rachael's association with the Wolves dates back to her childhood when she first visited Molineux with her brother, mum and dad, who were all season ticket holders.

Her father was director of physical education for Wolverhampton and took Billy Wright for training.

Rachael first met Sir Jack in 1973 when he sponsored the England women's cricket team and they have remained firm friends ever since with her elevation to the Board coming in 1997.

Rachael has a great sense of humour, and is a great addition to our guest list, and goes out of her way to be available on the phone as well as at functions.

Thanks Rachael for all your efforts in helping London Wolves.

for our annual presentation of the WWLSC Player Of The Year trophy on the pitch. Rachael found the time to attend our Former Players Association function in May despite having a prior dinner

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It's good to be back where we belong.

So here we are four matches into our first season in the Premiership and only 1 point to our name. Already the doom and gloom merchants are predicting a record breaking season for the Wolves in that we will get the "lowest number of points ever" and "the earliest relegation ever". It's hard to deny that the opening 2 matches were terrible but signs of massive improvement were seen at Old Trafford and the future doesn't look quite so bleak. Of course we were targeted by the "experts" in the Man United game as going there for a hiding with many predictions of them breaking the Premiership record 9-0 scoreline (which they hold against Ipswich). In the end we perhaps should have won that match if Henri Camara had been a little luckier with his chances but we certainly gave a solid performance despite losing.

The new transfer windows don't offer much help to us. The early season window closed with us having spent some £4.75million on new signings (not including wages) and the fear is that we could be so far out of touch when it reopens in January that no-one will want to come and play for Wolves.

Is it realistic for Wolves to expect to survive with such little investment in new players? It's a very difficult question to answer at the moment as we are missing the heart of last season's promotion side. Joleon Lescott, Kenny Miller and Mark Kennedy are key players and their return from injury cannot come soon enough. The rest of the squad are starting to show some shape and fluidity but, in my opinion, these three hold the key to our survival.

Transfer deadline day passed with Wolves only making one successful bid – taking Hassan Kachloul on a 15 week loan from

Aston Villa. Dave Jones has worked with him before at Southampton so maybe we will get more out of this midfielder than the Villa did. It's fair to say that there was a great deal of activity in the final few days on other players like Emerson, Jason Roberts and Pavel Srnicek but all three were snatched from our grasp at the last minute. Emerson ended up with Rangers who simply bid more money and had just qualified for the Champions League (irresistible). Roberts finally decided to reject our approaches in order to join Wigan on loan and then changed his mind at the last minute and opted for an improved deal at Portsmouth who also signed Srnicek from under our noses.

As I write Kenny Miller is still struggling to recover from his hernia operation in June. There appears to have been a complication, which means he is still suffering the pains he had prior to surgery. It is likely that he may not return to action until October at the earliest. Joleon Lescott is still rehabilitating from the surgery on his knees in the summer, which looks like keeping him out of the team until November. On a happier note Mark Kennedy is about to resume full training and could be in contention for the match at Southampton.

On the news front the fact that Wolves are in the Premiership has dramatically increased the number of articles being published daily about the Club and I will try to bring the more unusual ones to your attention through the magazine. As was pointed out at the AGM, it's impossible to bring you up-to-the-minute news stories through this magazine due to its intended purpose.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the season and this issue of the newsletter – until November...

Missing consonants...

On Monday 11th August The Guardian newspaper carried an interview with Sir Jack Hayward. Astonishingly Sir Jack was directly quoted as saying: "Our team was the worst in the First Division and I'm sure it'll be the worst in the Premier League."

On Tuesday 12th August The Guardian newspaper carried a correction to the interview with profuse apologies to all concerned explaining that the grand old gent had just received a cuppa from a member of the Wolves staff, and that what he actually said was: "Our tea was the worst in the First Division and I'm sure it will be the worst in the Premier League."



Wolves Player Statistics Premiership Season 2003-2004

No.	Player name	Signed From	Date of Birth	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	% Goals per Apps	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per Apps
1	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	30 Oct 1973	3 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Denis Irwin	Man United	31 Oct 1965	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Lee Naylor	Youth	19 Mar 1980	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Alex Rae	Sunderland	30 Jun 1969	2 (1)	-	-	-	-	1	-	33.33
5	Joleon Lescott	Youth	16 Aug 1982	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paul Butler	Sunderland	2 Nov 1972	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	2	-	50.0
7	Shaun Newton	Charlton	20 Aug 1975	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Paul Ince	Middlesboro	21 Oct 1967	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	2	-	50.0
9	Nathan Blake	Blackburn	27 Jan 1972	3 (1)	-	-	-	-	2	-	50.0
10	Colin Cameron	Hearts	23 Oct 1972	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Mark Kennedy	Man City	15 May 1976	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Jody Craddock	Sunderland	25 Jul 1975	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Matthew Murray	Youth	2 May 1981	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Jorge Silas	Uniao Leiria	1 Sep 1976	2 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Kevin Cooper	Wimbledon	8 Feb 1975	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Kenny Miller	Rangers	23 Dec 1979	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Henri Camara	Sedan	10 May 1977	2 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	George Ndah	Swindon	23 Dec 1974	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Steffen Iversen	Tottenham	10 Nov 1976	2 (0)	1	-	-	50.0	1	-	50.0
21	Ivar Ingimarsson	Brentford	20 Aug 1977	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Oleg Luzhny	Arsenal	5 Aug 1968	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Mark Clyde	Youth	27 Dec 1982	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Keith Andrews	Youth	13 Sept 1980	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Isaac Okoronkwo	Shaktar	1 May 1978	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Joey Gudjonsson	Real Betis		0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Hassan Kachloul	Villa (loan)		0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Dean Sturridge	Leicester	27 Jul 1973	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	John Melligan	Youth	11 Feb 1982	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Sammy Clingan	Youth	13 Jan 1984	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Jimmi Lee Jones	Youth		0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Ian McGrane	Youth		0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Marlon Walters	Youth		0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Players on Loan

24	Keith Andrews	Stoke City	13 Sept 1980	4 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Jimmi Lee Jones	Forest Green		3 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

sale and fun stuff



LONDON WOLVES SALE

BERT WILLIAMS BADGE SET. Limited edition of 3 badges which depict: Bert's Wolves career, domestic honours won and England caps £15 for the set which has been personally signed by the great man.

LONDON WOLVES T-Shirts (reduced) Small / Medium £7.00 + 86p p&p eXtra Large £9.00 +86p p&p

WWLSC enamelled badges £2.50 (+sae)

WWLSC car fobs £3.00 (+sae)

WWLSC key rings £3.00 (+sae)

PROGRAMMES

2002-2003 home £2.00 away £2.00 (approx)

Friendlies £24 the complete set - Sporting Lisbon and Maritimo (team sheets), Kettering, Cardiff City, Kidderminster Harriers, Stockport County, Worcester City and Newcastle United.

A LOAD OF BULL (fanzine) £1.50 +30p p&p

OLD PROGRAMMES A few 60's and 70's plus, more from the 80's and 90's are available. Prices from 10p.

125 YEARS OF WOLVES Commemorative badge set £35.00 + £1.00 p&p Comprising eleven badges commemorating:- 4 FA Cup wins; 3 Football League titles; 2 Football League Cup wins; 2 Second division titles; 1 Third division title; 1 Third division (North) title; 1 Fourth division title; Sherpa Van Trophy winners; Texaco Cup winners; FA Charity Shield winners and League Founder Members.

All the above are available from: Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD

TEAM EFFORT

The missing words are all English or Scottish football teams

(The number of dots indicate the number of missing letters)

The sun shone **B** the day we set sail for the **O** in a ship with a **H . . .** riddled with holes. As we sailed down the river which **L** to the sea, we waived goodbye to a fair maid leaning against the **M**

The **C** was made up of Scots, Irish, and others of **C** descent. The exception was a cabin boy named **C** whose job it was to **S** the boilers. He had been careless once and had a large **B** on his arm as a result. He was illiterate, but won our **H** with his **S** efforts to improve his **R**. He was sent to **C** by some nasty sailors who had brought an **A** of weapons with them. They were a rowdy bunch, and after one drinking session they did in fact **W** furniture.

The trip made my **M** – the sea **A . . .** did her **C** lot of good. She had not had a holiday **F** too long.

We landed **L** the day on the **S** of the island, below the hills where the natives **B . . .** their dead. We crossed a **M** and entered a dense forest where **W** roamed freely. We walked in silence, **L** pack of them should hear us and attack. We **P** regardless and eventually met a group of park **R** who were dressed in **L** green. They warned us about ghosts and warlocks, but throughout our journey there was not a wizard **N** to be seen.

We soon grew hungry, so we caught some dark fish in a **B** and tried unsuccessfully to get some milk from some wild cows – they did not like having their **H**

At last we came to our destination – the home of the monarch - the

Q (We all admired her cascade of beautiful hair, but later realised she had a **W**) She greeted us with a friendly **A** but she was somewhat distraught as her **C** had collapsed when the **W** fell down. She had to live in a small **V** while her **N** was being constructed. Seeing her distressed state, we took our chance and made off with her treasure, piling the **L** to our ship. We agreed to put it in the **H** Building Society when we got home. That night, to celebrate our successful raid, we had a slap up tea of **C** buns, **D** cake, and some **O** which made us all quite ill.

To bring a smile to your face . . .

A boy is taken from his home because of physical abuse. After being in the orphanage for a few weeks, he tells a social worker that he wants to leave.

The social worker asks him, "Well, do you want to go back and live with your father again?" "No," replies the boy. "He beats me."

The social worker says, "Do you want to live with your mother?" The boy says, "No, she beats me too."

"Well, then," asks the social worker, "Who do you want to live with?" The boy answers, "West Bromwich Albion Football Club."

The social worker is taken aback. "The Albion? Why do you want to live with the Albion?"

"Because," replies the boy, "They don't beat anybody."



AGM

LONDON WOLVES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE PIED BULL, STREATHAM, SW16 SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2003

MEETING OPENED AT 16:30.

ATTENDANCE: 43 Members

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: P Abbott; D Archer; D Gilson; M Hawthorne; A Lewis; L Masters; G.Mastbraker; D.Pearl; B Ridgeon; B Richards; and T Richards.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS:

Stuart thanked the Committee for their work especially, Peter Woodfield, Dave Slape and John Engleman. Stuart added that the Former Players Association function was one of London Wolves best.

MINUTES OF 2001-2002 AGM: The minutes were read out. Proposed by P O'Connor and seconded by J Engleman. Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING: None

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Dave Slape reported the following:- Membership to date stands at 308; subscription revenue is £3,126 plus £12 in donations. Secretary expenses are £635 plus food at Committee meetings of £140. New badges have cost £133.27. Sales income includes £58 from the train competition (passed to the Travel Secretary at the meeting), programmes and sundry other items of £12.35, tee shirts £142, badges £50.01, car fobs £5 and key rings £17.50.

MATTERS ARISING: None. A vote of thanks was carried for all Dave's hard work.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Tim Richards was unable to attend the meeting but he had provided a balance sheet, which is reproduced on page X.

MATTERS ARISING:

D Bracher asked if WWLSC was a not-for-profit organisation. Stuart confirmed that it is but needed funds to operate. Despite the surplus it was not uncommon for the Travel Secretary to purchase match tickets and then claim the money back from the club. D Allen suggested a club credit card and was informed that this was not possible as WWLSC is an organisation. A vote of thanks, proposed by D Bracher and seconded by D Hodges, was carried.

TRAVEL SECRETARYS REPORT:

Peter Woodfield stated that despite engineering works on the Euston line, the Club still ran 27 home trips. The highest attended matches were Crystal Palace (47) and the play-off final (50). Peter thanked G Thomas for arranging and driving to the Stoke and Burnley games. Profit from the trips was £631.15 and it is hoped to subsidise, or part-subsidise, an early home trip in 2003-04. Virgin Trains have not informed a price increase, but there will be engineering works on 23rd and 30th August. Last season was the first handled from their Edinburgh office hence the requirement for earlier bookings and payments. Away trips require 22 days notice and home games 9 days. Members making bookings must cancel if unable to attend as they will still be liable for the rail and match ticket if they do not. £69 is owed by 4 members, £16 from the previous season and £107 from before then. Seven Season Tickets have been purchased in the 'Early Bird' scheme, costing £2,200. Peter thanked James and Adam in the Wolves ticket office plus G Thomas and D Slape. Travel details for the first few games will appear on the website (www.londonwolves.com)

MATTERS ARISING:

B Baker said he was unable to obtain a ticket for the Brighton away match. Peter replied that only Away Season Ticket holders gained tickets for this match. G Thomas expressed concern that Peter often ends up carrying cash on matchdays and asked if members could make payments by cheque to help reduce this. A vote of thanks for Peter, proposed by G Ondrak and seconded by G Stancombe, was passed.

SOCIAL SECRETARYS REPORT:

John stated the Former Player Association function was the best in WWLSC history. It was a personal honour to introduce the great players from Wolves past. Hopefully, the Club can host the FPA again next year.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

AGM



NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT:

Phil thanked Jane Preston (design), Bromley CopyPrint (print) and the Committee (articles) for assistance in the production of the magazine, which appears to be well received by members. The advert on the back of the last issue of the magazine was the only notification members had received for the AGM and it clearly demonstrated its effectiveness by the massive increase in AGM attendance. Phil expressed concern at the 'London Underground Wolves' (LUW) magazine, which had been distributed at the meeting and questioned the ability of the producers to consistently provide the magazine. Phil pointed out that it was hard enough producing a quarterly issue without the increased pressures and time-commitments of a fortnightly issue. A general debate on the merits of the two magazines then ensued.

MATTERS ARISING:

During the debate B Baker (LUW) requested that the WWLSC committee recognise the existence of their magazine. The threat being that if they didn't then he would no longer produce it. The Committee argued that they produce a quarterly magazine distributed to every member in line with the results of a questionnaire last season and therefore were unable to support a magazine, which was produced independently and made available only to members who travelled to matches. The debate ended when B Baker tore up an issue of LUW and threw it at the Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A proposal was put to re-elect the current committee en-masse. D Bracher proposed the Club appoint a Vice-Chair who would automatically become the Chair the following season with Stuart Earl moving to an honorary position. This was seconded by C Dorling. As it is a constitutional change to the Club rules it would need to return to the next AGM for approval. D Hodges then seconded the original motion of re-electing the Committee en-masse, which passed with 19 votes for and 5 votes against.

MEMBERSHIP FEE:

The Committee recommended no increase in the Annual membership subscription. The meeting carried this unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The matter of the London Underground Wolves magazine was raised again and a motion put that "WWLSC notes the existence of the magazine" was carried by 23 votes. The WWLSC Newsletter Editor reiterated that he would not be prepared to assist in the production of the LUW magazine if it ran into difficulties due to work commitments, which was accepted by the meeting.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 18:55.

TREASURERS REPORT TO THE AGM

London Wolves Accounts 2002-2003

INCOME

Fares	£18,186.30
Match Tickets	£25,451.50
Season Tickets	£2,504.00
Membership	£3,126.00
Postage	£23.74
Fares 2001/2002	£16.00
Merchandise	£226.86
Pontoon	£217.10
Golden Goal Draw	£239.50
Donations	£50.02
Social Pied Bull	£106.00
Wolves FPA Social	£1,802.50
Bank interest net	£72.56
Operating total	<u>£52,022.08</u>

PROFIT £1,290.89

Closing balance investec	£2,807.07
Closing balance HSBC	<u>£2,877.43</u>
Closing combined balance	<u>£5,684.50</u>

NOTES:

Expenses includes £2,325 of season tickets for 2003-2004 season.
Cost of June 2003 newsletter (approx £600) not included in these accounts.



letters

David Stallard
Newport
Isle of Wight

I feel I must write and tell you of our love and support of Wolves over the last 45 years. Both me and my father (Henry), who sadly passed away in June aged 87 years, have followed Wolves, my father since 1950! We joined the London Wolves in the 1960's after visiting West Ham at Upton Park and seeing your advert in the programme.

We had travelled with you to Molineux on a few occasions, such games as the Cup win over Charlton, and league games against Newcastle (5-0), Villa (1-1), and Southampton (our local enemies who beat us 1-0). Living on the island travelling to home games was a fairly long expedition, but we enjoyed the trips, especially when we won!

During the 60's and 70's we always saw Wolves when they came to London. Also we visited Bristol City and 'local' games at Brighton, Southampton and Portsmouth.

The two biggest occasions for Wolves in the last 30 years were of course the League Cup Final games at Wembley. In 1974, the 2-1 victory over Manchester City when we were lucky to see both Derek Dougan and John Richards in action, and the 1980 final against Nottingham Forest where Andy Gray grabbed the winner.

In the last 20 years, we have become 'armchair' fans of Wolves, but still look forward to the Clubs newsletters.

After 19 years of gloom it is lovely to look forward to Premiership football, playing teams like Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea and South Coast rivals Southampton and Portsmouth. With Paul Ince and Denis Irwin still playing and a couple of new experienced players I think we shall surprise a few clubs and finish in a respectable position especially after the great display in the play-offs where players like Matt Murray, Lee Naylor and Joleon Lescott showed they have the skills to help the older players to keep the team, and Sir Jack Hayward's, dreams alive for years to come.

Best wishes.

David Stallard

Publications

Thomas Publications are involved in two exciting new Wolves projects shortly coming to fruition.

Under the editorship of David Instone, a glossy 64-page souvenir magazine called "**Road to the Premiership**" is being launched on August 15th at a cost of £4.99.

This commemorative A4 brochure, in full colour, provides a match-by-match account of Wolves' promotion season, packed with colour photographs, facts and stats, and building up to the never-to-be-forgotten Bank Holiday Monday at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium. It's a souvenir no supporter should want to be without.

Furthermore, a new quarterly magazine all about the club is being launched in the early weeks of the Premiership season on September 26th. The publication, also 64 pages and again edited by David Instone, is an official Wolves magazine and is A4 size, full colour and crammed with features on players, forthcoming games, Molineux nostalgia and memorabilia, supporters at home and abroad, competitions and lifestyle matters all at a cost of £2.99 per issue.

Don't miss out when this gap in the Molineux market is filled because there will be something in there for fans of all ages.

Enclosed with the magazine is an order form for you to place your orders for these new publications or any of the previous books Thomas Publications have been involved with.



2/10/65: Norwich City 0 v Wolves 3 (Wagstaffe, Wharton, Knowles)

Team:- MacLaren; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 7th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
11 4 0 1 16 5 2 0 4 15 18 12

Goalscorers: Knowles 12; Wagstaffe 6; McIlmoyle 4; Woodruff 3; Wharton 3; Own Goals 2; Woodfield 1.

5/10/65: Bill McGarry declines an offer to be Wolves next manager, although he would like the job. Ipswich Town refuse to release him from his contract.

9/10/65: Leyton Orient 0 v Wolves 3 (Wagstaffe, Ferry 2 og)

Team:- MacLaren; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 6th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
12 4 0 1 16 5 3 0 4 18 18 14

Goalscorers: Knowles 12; Wagstaffe 7; McIlmoyle 4; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Wharton 3; Woodfield 1.

16/10/65: Wolves 3 v Middlesbrough 0 (Knowles, Hunt, Woodfield)

Team:- MacLaren; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
13 5 0 1 19 5 3 0 4 18 18 16

Goalscorers: Knowles 13; Wagstaffe 7; McIlmoyle 4; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Wharton 3; Woodfield 2; Hunt 1.

18/10/65: Norwich City want Bobby Woodruff. Wolves may buy Peter Rodrigues of Cardiff City and are watching Reading winger, Peter Scarrott.

22/10/65: Bobby Thomson made England under-23 Captain.

23/10/65: Huddersfield Town 1 (Leighton) **v Wolves 1** (Wharton)

Team:- MacLaren; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Buckley; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
14 5 0 1 19 5 3 1 4 19 19 17

Goalscorers: Knowles 13; Wagstaffe 7; McIlmoyle 4; Wharton 4; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Woodfield 2; Hunt 1.

30/10/65: Wolves 1 (Knowles) **v Crystal Palace 0**

Team:- MacLaren; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
15 6 0 1 20 5 3 1 4 19 19 19

Goalscorers: Knowles 14; Wagstaffe 7; McIlmoyle 4; Wharton 4; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Woodfield 2; Hunt 1.

1/11/65: Following Mike Summerbee's evidence, David Woodfield was cleared of any offence when sent off versus Manchester City on 30/8/65.

3/11/65: Bobby Thomson played for England Under-23's v France.

6/11/65: Preston North End 2 (Lee, Kendall) **v Wolves 2** (Knowles, Wharton)

Team:- MacLaren; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
16 6 0 1 20 5 3 2 4 21 21 20

Goalscorers: Knowles 15; Wagstaffe 7; Wharton 5; McIlmoyle 4; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Woodfield 2; Hunt 1.

13/11/65: Wolves 2 (McIlmoyle, Hunt) **v Charlton Athletic 2** (Bailey, Saunders)

Team:- Davies; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
17 6 1 1 22 7 3 2 4 21 21 21

Goalscorers: Knowles 15; Wagstaffe 7; McIlmoyle 5; Wharton 5; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Hunt 2; Woodfield 2.

15/11/65: John Kirkham transferred to Peterborough United

18/11/65: George Millar transferred to Hearts for £20,000

20/11/65: Plymouth Argyle 2 (Reynolds, Wilson og) **v Wolves 2** (McIlmoyle 2)

Team:- Davies; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
18 6 1 1 22 7 3 3 4 23 23 22

Goalscorers: Knowles 15; McIlmoyle 7; Wagstaffe 7; Wharton 5; Own Goals 4; Woodruff 3; Hunt 2; Woodfield 2.

24/11/65: Ernie Hunt and Bobby Thomson play for England Under-23's v Yugoslavia.

20/11/65: Wolves 8 (McIlmoyle 2, Flowers, Wagstaffe, Holsgrove 2, Woodruff 2) **v Portsmouth 2** (Wilson og, Hiron)

Team:- Davies; Wilson; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 4th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
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Goalscorers: Knowles 15; McIlmoyle 9; Wagstaffe 8; Wharton 5; Woodruff 5; Own Goals 4; Holsgrove 2, Hunt 2; Woodfield 2; Flowers 1.

Incidentally, Wolves led Portsmouth 6-0 at half time, and it took a late goal by Hugh McIlmoyle to make the final score 8-2.

22/11/65: Bobby Woodruff taken off the transfer list but Peter Knowles may move.

In the game against Charlton, a certain Mike Bailey starred and scored. He was, of course, to become Wolves Captain for many years. Also, Bill McGarry, who became Wolves Manager in 1968, was already interesting the club in this season. Howard Kendall, then a Preston teenager, went on to become famous at Everton.



E WOOD AVE SUITED US!

Blackburn Rovers 5-1 Wolves
16th August 2003



Wolves' return to the top flight turned out not to be the fairy tale we had all hoped for against a Rovers side full of experience and oozing class.

Amoruso looked a snip at £1.4 million and Wolves paid dearly for some slack defending as he put Rovers ahead when Newton blocked Murray's view for the home sides first.

Wolves could have been level shortly after when Cameron, put through by a great ball from Ince, squandered the chance.

After fifty-two minutes, and goals from Thompson and Emerton, it looked all over but the travelling fans were given some hope of a comeback when Iversen headed against the bar and then smashed the rebound home.



However, Blackburn's fourth goal took the wind from Wolves' sails as Cole, just on as sub, blasted his first of the season before the demoralisation was completed with Cole again, lobbing Murray from the edge of the area.

Opinion: If Rovers were not a good side, I'd hate to see one that is!
Man of the match: Butler.
Team rating: 5/10
Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Newton (Camara 86), Sturridge (Luzhny 71), Iversen, Cameron, Silas (Blake 60).

Unused subs: Oakes, Rae.
Bookings: Blake (85) High challenge
Attendance: 26,270



DEAR DIRE E, WHAT A DAY IT'S BEEN!

Wolves 0-4 Charlton Athletic
23rd August 2003

Well what can you say? A week after arriving in the Premiership, Wolves look completely shell-shocked! Only one shot on target to report and a defence that looked likely to concede a goal every time the opposition ventured over the half way line.



Newton looked to be in the wrong division. Blake was asleep. Silas may as well have stayed in Portugal and even Irwin looked as if he was still on his summer vacation.

Charlton were worth their four goals, and the match was effectively over after fifteen minutes, never mind waiting half an hour for the fourth goal.

Naylor, Butler and Ince tried to urge the others on, but this was embarrassing.



Opinion: If we played like this against Charlton Athletic I'd hate to meet a good side

Man of the match: Naylor. 110% effort.
Team rating: 3/10
Team: Oakes, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Newton, Cameron (Rae 45), Blake, Iversen (Sturridge 61), Silas (Cooper 45).

Unused subs: Murray, Luzhny.
Bookings: Iversen (24) Foul, Ince (48) Foul
Attendance: 27,327

THEATRE OF DREAMS?

Man Utd 1-0 Wolves
27th August 2003



This was more like it! The defence played it tight. The midfield harried and Blake looked more like an international centre forward!

Despite conceding an early goal, straight from a corner, Wolves gave as good, if not better than they got, and it is fair to say that they could have come away with one, if not three points from this visit to Old Trafford.

Debutant Henri Camara, feeding off of a couple of inch perfect passes from Blake, could have had Wolves ahead at the break but both chances spun agonisingly wide of the post. Towards the end, he went close again with an acrobatic overhead effort, which went narrowly over the bar.



Naylor and Butler played as if they had been in the top flight for ever and Irwin had his best game of the season so far, keeping the expensive new signings at bay with their hustling and bustling.

Wolves travelling contingent were in fine form throughout the night especially when pointing out to Sir Alex and the home fans that "he's not the real Ronaldo". Great fun.

match reports



Man of the match: Naylor.
 Team rating: 6/10
 Team: Oakes, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Newton, Cameron, Rae (Gudjohnsson 80), Blake, Camara.
 Unused subs: Murray, Iverson, Okoronkwo, Silas.
 Bookings: Butler (33) Foul, Rae (74) Foul, Ince (88) Foul
 Attendance: 28,860



Opinion: Play like this and there will be no worries.
 Man of the match: Butler.
 Team rating: 8/10
 Team: Oakes, Irwin, Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Newton (Silas 74), Cameron, Rae, Blake, Camara.
 Unused subs: Murray, Iverson, Okoronkwo, Clingan.
 Bookings: Butler (15) Foul, Blake (30) Foul
 Attendance: 67,643



HOORAY HENRI?

Wolves 0-0 Portsmouth 30th August 2003



The first point of the season on the board with a reasonable performance apart from the lack of entries on the score sheet.

Once again, the only player looking likely to hit the target was Henri Camara and surely it is only a matter of time before he opens his account. His speed is quite amazing with the ability to give opponents five yards start and still beat them to the ball. Camara was the only player to test Shaka Hislop in the Portsmouth goal apart from a weak effort from Cameron.

Paul Butler and Lee Naylor again gave their all, and the Jody Craddock / Paul Butler partnership seems to be gelling with Ince, Rae and Cameron working well in midfield.

When Portsmouth did breach the lines Steve Stone hit a fierce drive, which Oakes did well to parry and late in the game Butler cleared a half chance off the line.

Opinion: A solid show at the back, but come back Miller.



"Greatest Ever Midlander"?

The BBC is currently running a campaign to find out the "Greatest Ever Midlander". They can be dead or alive, and it so just happens, that in the shortlist of 10 is our very own Billy Wright.

The full shortlist of 10 are: Jasper Carrot, Neville Chamberlain, Sir Edward Elgar, A.E.Housman, Sir Stanley Matthews, R.j Mitchell, Ozzy Osbourne, William Shakespeare, Sir Frank Whittle and our Billy.

Why Billy Wright? Here is just a little reminder of his greatness:

- 105 England caps.
- 3 Goals for England.
- Captained England 90 times.
- Never booked or sent off.
- First player to win 100 caps and one of only four England players to have done so.
- Played for England in a world record 70 successive matches, all as captain.
- Captained his country at a record three World Cup final tournaments, in 1950, 1954 and 1958.
- Missed only three matches in 13 seasons as an England player, all in 1950-51.

If you believe Billy Wright is the "Greatest Ever Midlander" then place your vote by phoning 09001 44 77 10

In the interest of fairness, here are the numbers for the other contenders; (The numbers all start: 09001 44 77, and then add the two digit number by the name).
 Jasper Carrot - 01 Neville Chamberlain - 02 Sir Edward Elgar - 03 A.E.Housman - 04 Sir Stanley Matthews - 05 R.j Mitchell - 06 Ozzy Osbourne - 07 William Shakespeare - 08 Sir Frank Whittle - 09 **Billy Wright - 09001 44 77 10**

travel news



LONDON WOLVES TRAVEL NEWS

Provisional travel arrangements for matches during September, October & November 2003 are:-

Home Matches

Meet on the Station concourse at Euston outside the main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.

Fare from Euston:

Members £16
 Guests £19

Sat 20/9/03 v Chelsea (k/o 12.30pm)

Sat 8/11/03 v Birmingham (k/o 12.30pm)

Sat 29/11/03 v Newcastle Utd (k/o 12.30pm)

Outward
 Depart Euston 07.50 Arrive Wolves 10.46
 Return
 Depart Wolves 15.19 Arrive Euston 18.27

Tue 23/9/03 v Darlington (Carling Cup 2nd Round) k/o 7.45pm

Outward
 Depart Euston 14.45 Arrive Wolves 16.47
 Return
 Depart Wolves 22.45 Arrive Euston 02.08

Sat 4/10/03 v Man City k/o 3pm

Sat 29/10/03 v Leicester City k/o 3pm
 Outward
 Depart Euston 09.25 Arrive Wolves 11.47
 Return
 Depart Wolves 17.19 Arrive Euston 19.46

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.

Sat 13/9/03 v Southampton ALL TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged. Fast trains from Waterloo depart at 00 & 30 mins past hour. Journey time approx 75 mins. Return trains depart at 15 & 45 mins past hour.

Sat 27/9/03 v Bolton ALL-TICKET MATCH Fare TBA

Outward
 Depart Euston 08.25 Arrive Manchester Piccadilly 11.41
 Return
 Depart Manchester Piccadilly 18.27 Arrive Euston 21.44
 Local train between Manchester Piccadilly & Horwich Parkway

Sat 18/10/03 v Fulham (at QPR) ALL TICKET MATCH

No club trip arranged. Nearest Underground stations are Shepherds Bush/White City (Central line) & Shepherds Bush (Metropolitan line).

Sat 1/11/03 v Middlesbrough Fare TBA ALL TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Kings Cross 09.00 Arrive Darlington 11.31
 Return - Depart Darlington 19.06 Arrive Kings Cross 21.47
 Local train between Darlington & Middlesbrough

Sat 22/11/03 v Everton Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Euston 08.50 Arrive Liverpool Lime St 12.08
 Return - Depart Liverpool Lime St 17.52 Arrive Euston 22.17

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 for HOME matches please contact the Travel Secretary AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. Please enclose a s.a.e. with postal applications.

Please note that for all-ticket away matches, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET. Tickets for every away match go on sale to home season ticket holders 10 days before the match. Home season ticket holders can apply for away tickets, by ringing the ticket office on 0870 442 0123 between 6pm and 10 pm, and giving their Supporter Number.

There are 7 club season tickets available to members on a match by 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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Any member wishing to book a train ticket for travel to home or away matches from Euston, must now contact the 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/P.O'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