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NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

The New Year is now with us, with it the hopes of a good cup run and a place in Europe at the end of the season.

Reflecting over the past year we can feel well satisfied as the Club has now got firmly back on its feet after the crisis it had in the early months of last year. Now that the Club is in a reasonably healthy financial state, the committee agreed that the Club could finance a football side to represent us, which was generally thought to be what you, the supporters, wanted. Alas, the response has been very poor.

The Club is run by supporters for you, the supporters, and we like every member to take part in Club activities and to have a say in the running of the Club. It would be appreciated if you would try this year.

Any ideas, suggestions, articles, any matters concerning the Club would be a help, so come on let us hear from you. If anyone is still interested in the forming of a football side let me know.

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DECEMBER MATCH SUMMARY

Wolves began the Christmas month with a home match against lowly Blackpool, and Wolves enjoyed a fair share of luck.

An own goal by Terry Alcock put Wolves into an early lead. Hibbitt returned to the side after injury but Parkin, Bailey and Dougan were still missing from the Wolves line-up; Wilson continued in Bailey's position. This game, from a Wolves point of view, was best forgotten. Both teams finishing was atrocious, but Wolves goal scored after only two minutes gave them both points.

Wolves then travelled to London for the first of two difficult games against Arsenal and Tottenham, who at the time were the two sides immediately below the league leaders, Leeds.

The Arsenal game provided Bobby Gould with his first chance of showing his old team mates a thing or two, but it proved an anti-climax for both himself and Wolves generally, whose play was surprisingly disjointed. The return of Parkin and Dougan was a sad one. On the day, Arsenal were in a class of their own and the final score somewhat flattered Wolves.

Arsenal opened the scoring after heavy pressure, through Graham, whose shot from close in beat both the Wolves defence and Parkes. Wolves showed how much they were missing Bailey by rarely being able to penetrate the Arsenal defence and Arsenal went in a goal up at half-time.

The second half, while not living up to the quality of the first, was nevertheless exciting. Only ten minutes after the interval Radford seized on a ball just inside the area and scored with a low shot which flew between Parkes and the nearside post. With fifteen minutes to go, Dougan put Wolves back in the game with a well taken header from a Wagstaffe free kick, but Wolves made no further progress and Arsenal ran out with a convincing 2-1 win.

The following week Wolves were at White Hart Lane, the visitors of Spurs. This was an irritating game but with a satisfying result for Wolves. The only moments to savour from this match were wonderful saves from Parkes and Jennings from Gilzean and Shaw respectively. In the final analysis Wolves had the best changes with bad misses from Dougan and Gould and were unlucky not to run out winners, although I doubt if McGarry was dissatisfied with a point.

On Boxing Day Wolves entertained Everton and won in a most convincing manner. In true Christmas conditions, which Wolves easily mastered, Everton struggled and showed dubious tactics, with the result of their Captain, Ball, being booked. A comparison with Southampton's display earlier this season would not be unfair.

On the football produced in the game, Wolves provided it in quantity. Ken Hibbitt could have scored a hatful and Bailey and Gould were also perhaps unlucky not to find the net. It was left to Dougan to provide the goals, which he did with the aid of Gould in both the 47th and 85th minutes. Dougan had a fine game, making Labone's presence on the field a distinct embarrassment.

It was a fine way for Wolves to finish the year, especially as this was Wolves first victory over Everton in eight seasons. December proved a satisfactory month for Wolves with the return to form of Dougan and Bailey, and the continued brilliance of Hibbitt.

#### RESULTS

				<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Scorers</u>			
Dec.	5th	Blackpool	home	1	0	Alcock (own goal)			
Dec.	12th	Arsenal	away	1	2	Dougan			
Dec.	19th	Tottenham	away	0	0	—			
Dec.	26th	Everton	home	2	0	Dougan 2			
<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>PTS.</u>	<u>PTS. POSS.</u>		
4	2	1	1	4	2	5	8		

WOLVES FOR THE CUP?

Will this be the year for Wolves to win the coveted F.A. Cup again? It was exactly fifty years ago that Wolves played in the 1921 Cup Final and an omen is that Wolves appeared in the final in 1949 and again in 1960, a period of eleven years between both Wembley victories. So could this year be Wolves year to go to Wembley? It would certainly be a nice way to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their Cup Final appearance.

Let us recall that bleak Saturday way back on April 23rd 1921 at Stamford Bridge. Their opponents that day were Tottenham Hotspur who were riding high in Division One, whilst the Wolves were trying desperately to avoid relegation from Division Two.

Wolves beat Stoke, Derby, Fulham, Everton and Cardiff on the way to the final, whilst Spurs disposed of Bristol Rovers, Bradford City, Southend, Aston Villa and Preston.

The match was honoured by the presence of King George V and the Duke of York. It was a foul day and the heavy rain kept the attendance down to 72,805 with receipts of £13,414.

The game kicked off during a torrential downpour with Spurs enjoying most of the early play, both Cantrell and Dimmock going near to scoring for Spurs. Wolves replied with less enthusiasm than their Division One opponents and rarely troubled Hunter in the Spurs goal. Only once in the first half did Wolves look capable of scoring, when Sammy Brooks broke through the Spurs rearguard, only to lose the ball in the mud, enabling Hunter to gather his weak shot. The first half ended with Spurs attacking strongly and the Wolves keeper, Noel George, earning the acclaim of the crowd with two magnificent saves from Bliss and Grimsdell.

Wolves started the second half with much more determination than in the first and soon had the Spurs defence in all sorts of trouble with Sammy Brooks leading the Wolves assaults down the left flank. Spurs responded brilliantly to put Wolves under severe pressure again. A goal was certain to come and Bliss split the Wolves defence with a through ball to Jimmy Dimmock who recovered the ball after a tackle from Woodward to put the ball past George from an acute angle. Wolves stormed back but they could not penetrate a very tight and well organised Spurs defence and the final whistle sounded with Wolves still with the one goal deficit.

Teams that day were:

SPURS: Hunter; Clay, McDonald; Smith, Walters, Grimsdell; Banks, Seed, Cantrell, Bliss, Dimmock.

WOLVES: George; Woodward, Marshall; Gregory, Hodnett, Riley; Lea, Burrill, Edmonds, Potts, Brooks.

Referee: J. Davies (Rainhill).

If revenge was sweet, then surely Wolves should be at Wembley this year to play Spurs and lift the trophy this time - we shall have to wait and see. The Wolves are on their way after trouncing Norwich 5-1 and now have to go to Derby who Wolves met at the same stage of the competition in 1921. Let us hope that Wolves can take another step towards that coveted trophy, the F.A. Cup.

Colin Hawthorne.

#### TRAVEL NEWS

There is not that much to report this month, as only two trips were run, both trips showed a good response.

The F.A. Cup tie versus Derby County is fully booked so no more applications for this trip, please.

#### TRIPS NEXT MONTH

6/2/71	Blackpool	away	£2 - £2/10/Od.
13/2/71	Arsenal	home	27/6 or 5th round F.A. Cup.
20/2/71	Leeds	away	No fixed arrangement so far.
27/2/71	Liverpool	home	£1.37½p.

All above mentioned trips depart from EUSTON.

Meet 10.30 a.m. at the LOCAL BOOKING OFFICE.

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