



## An insight into John Trice

By Stef Leonard

Last week in my overcrowded office, I was desperate to create more storage space, so I decided to go through the files in the cabinet and store/bin what was no longer current. Among those files, I came across one marked "WWLSC NEWSLETTER"; it wasn't a major size, but then every little helps (as Stuart keeps telling me!). Whilst looking through it, I found a letter addressed to John from the children's ward of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, which is shown below.

I didn't recall having seen it before, if I had I would have published it, but with John's recent passing I found it to be quite poignant, giving just a small insight into the type of man he must have been. I don't know if there was any specific reason for what he did but, hey, what a great gesture. Fair play to you John, wherever you may be. God bless.



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Mr John R TRICE ESQ

Dear Mr Trice

First of all I'd like to apologise for the lateness of my reply in thanking you for your donation to the ward. Unfortunately your donation was not brought to my attention until last week, so please accept my sincere apologies.

A huge thank you for your kind and thoughtful gesture of asking friends of yours from **The Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club & The Crown & The Anchor, Euston**, to buy you these gifts for your birthday. They were very much appreciated both by the children and their families. Many of the children in our ward can be patients with us for many weeks and months at a time and toys and games are a great way to relieve their boredom, staff sometimes welcome them too.

All the items you donated have been put to good use and are in the safe hands of our play specialist, Ruth.

Once again, on behalf of the children and families you have helped, a big thank you.

Yours sincerely

Kate Ring  
Ward Manager, Grand Union Ward



# Wolverhampton Wanderers LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB

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# NEWSLETTER

## From the chair

What a marvellous first effort from our Editor Phil O'Connor. I have received many comments on the last Newsletter, all good bar one, and that was from Phil who took Stef and I to task for some last minute changes to the order of his pages. Sorry Phil. *(You're forgiven (this time) - Ed)*

I suppose that if it's goals you want to see then a Wolves match has to be the place to go, as so far, in the middle of November, some sixty seven have hit the netting. Unfortunately a lot have been for the opposition, but with the advent of new young talent in Mark Clyde and Matt Murray, and the long awaited return of Mark Kennedy things seem to be getting better.

By the time this edition is published the train disruptions will hopefully be over. May I therefore take this opportunity to congratulate Peter Woodfield on keeping the trips going using alternative routes.

Nearly one third of London Wolves members replied to the questionnaire (an achievement in itself) about our annual social event and the majority of responses indicated we should organise a "do" in Wolverhampton. So, at the last committee meeting,

it was decided to hold this on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2003. The format has yet to be finalised, but it will involve ex-players and hopefully some of the present side and officials of the club. We may well take the opportunity to make our Player of the Year presentation at the event. Full details will be available in the March edition of the newsletter.

David Hodges, long standing committee member and Treasurer has announced that he will be moving to New Zealand, but as yet we do not know the final details. This obviously throws up a vacancy on the committee and I am grateful Tim Richards has agreed to move sideways to fill the role, with John Engleman taking over the role of Social Secretary. I would like to thank David for his all his hard work on the committee and wish him and Beverly all the very best for the future.

And finally, it is coming up to that time of year again, so it only remains for me to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Stuart.



Kenny Miller and ex-Wolf Darren Bazeley battle it out at the start of the season (Wolves 3 - 1 Walsall)



Ingimarsson takes on the Wednesday defence (Wolves 2 - 2 Sheffield Wednesday)

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The first time I saw Wolves play was an FA Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> round match at Highbury in January 1979. I'll never forget the excitement of travelling to the match with my Dad and taking our seats in the East stand, just prior to kick-off. We didn't have a colour TV so I'd only seen league football in black and white until that day and the sights and sounds were just awesome. The attendance was just over 49,500 and the atmosphere was electric, with Wolves fans housed in half the 'Clock' end. Wolves went behind early on to a Frank Stapleton goal but equalised with what I still regard as the best goal I've ever seen: Kenny Hibbitt collected the ball some 30 yards out and, seeing Pat Jennings standing on his 6 yard line, deftly chipped him. No run-up, no power - just fantastic precision. Jennings never stood a chance. Wolves defence easily kept Arsenal under control for the whole of the second half until the last minute when Bob Hazel, who had marked Malcolm 'Super Mac' MacDonald out of the game, made what can only be described as a schoolboy error. Wolves conceded a corner in the dying seconds and Bob bizarrely picked up the ball and refused to let go of it. Eventually the ball was forcefully removed from him by some Arsenal players and he responded by throwing a punch. By this time the referee was a close-up observer and he promptly (and correctly) sent Hazel off. The corner was taken and the ball swung into the middle of the 6-yard box where MacDonald, finally freed from the shackles of Hazel, leapt and powerfully headed the winning goal past

Paul Bradshaw. I don't recall there being time to restart the match so it was an unhappy end to a spectacular day.

Alan Sunderland played for Arsenal that day, having come through the Wolves ranks until his transfer a couple of months earlier. He was a regular for the Gunners for many years and was a solid and reliable midfielder. I often wonder what would have happened if Wolves had kept hold of him.

I bumped into Pat Jennings at a golf dinner in 1996 and reminded him of the Hibbitt goal. He recalled it instantly, but regarded it as lucky rather than skilful!

It would be fair to say that this season has been a little disappointing thus far, but it is by no means over. Losing Colin Cameron for a couple of months at the start of the season, and then again for at least a month after the Watford match, has clearly had an affect. It is good to see Mark Kennedy back in the team and I hope he can remain injury-free for the rest of the season. Competition for places is hotting up and it is really rewarding to see Mark Clyde, Joleon Lescott and Matt Murray currently keeping their places on merit, rather than because nobody else is fit.

Finally, a big thank you to Jane Preston of Moonstone, who voluntarily wades through the mess I send over to her and manages to produce this great looking magazine from it all.

## OBITUARIES



### CLIFF DURANDT

Also, earlier this month, former Wolves winger Cliff Durandt passed away.

Cliff, born in South Africa, died in his home town of Johannesburg.

He signed for Wolves in 1957, and up until his transfer to Charlton Athletic in 1963, made 49 appearances scoring 10 goals.

Cliff was unique in that he gained his first international appearance for South Africa against Wolves at the age of sixteen.

### ROB HINDMARCH

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death, on November 7<sup>th</sup>, of former Wolves central defender Rob Hindmarch. He was aged only 41, and died from motor neurone disease.

Rob signed for Wolves in July 1990 for £325,000, and went on to make 43 appearances plus one as sub, scoring two goals.

Rob, a father of two, had, since retiring, been running football coaching schools in Philadelphia, USA.



## 2002/03 Wolves Squad Statistics to XX November 2002

	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	10 (1)	2 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
4. Alex Rae	16 (1)	2 (0)	3	2	27.8	2	0	10.5
5. Joleon Lescott	18 (0)	1 (0)	1	0	5.3	1	0	5.3
6. Paul Butler	11 (0)	2 (0)	0	0	-	5	0	38.5
7. Shaun Newton	14 (3)	2 (0)	1	1	10.5	2	0	10.5
8. Denis Irwin	18 (0)	1 (1)	2	0	10.0	2	0	10.0
9. Nathan Blake	15 (1)	2 (0)	9	1	55.5	4	0	22.2
10. Colin Cameron	7 (0)	0 (0)	4	0	57.1	0	0	-
11. Mark Kennedy	2 (1)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
12. Adam Proudlock	0 (4)	0 (1)	0	0	-	1	0	20
13. Matt Murray	12 (0)	1 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
14. Ludo Pollet	0 (0)	1 (0)	0	1	100	0	0	-
15. Kevin Cooper	8 (5)	0 (0)	3	0	23.1	5	0	38.5
16. Kenny Miller	11 (6)	1 (1)	4	1	26.3	1	0	5.3
17. Mo Camara	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
18. George Ndah	5 (4)	1 (0)	1	0	10.0	5	0	50
19. Keith Andrews	0 (2)	0 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	50
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	11 (2)	1 (1)	0	0	-	5	0	33.3
24. Marc Edworthy	8 (1)	1 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	10.0
29. Dean Sturridge	9 (8)	1 (1)	5	0	26.3	0	5.3	-
30. Mark Clyde	7 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	14.3
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	4 (0)	1 (0)	0	0	-	1	0	20
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
30. Mark Clyde	4 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-
32. John Melligan	10 (0)	2 (0)	5	2	58.3	0	0	-
35. Kenny Coleman	4 (1)	3 (0)	0	0	-	0	0	-

Adam Proudlock is at Tranmere

Ludo Pollet is at Wallsall

Michael Branch is at Hull City

Mark Clyde and John Melligan were at Kidderminster Harriers

Kenny Coleman is at Kidderminster Harriers

It's interesting to note Paul Butler served a 1 match ban for reaching 5 bookings after only 13 games (as did Kevin Cooper). It appears that this proved very costly for 'Butts' as he has failed to win his place back in the team since serving the suspension. George Ndah and Keith Andrews both have a 50% chance of being booked in a match (Ndah having served his suspension whilst on the injury list). Paul Ince has been booked in a third of his appearances for the club. Nathan Blake will need to be careful when he returns from injury as he is currently 1 yellow card away from suspension.

Of our players who are out on loan Michael Branch is doing well at Hull City where he has a 60% strike rate and JJ Melligan did well enough at Kidderminster Harriers to earn a call-up to the Wolves bench for the Coventry match, where he came on for the final minutes.





## London Wolves Questionnaire - results

### London Wolves Magazine:

Would you like a magazine every 3 months (64) or 4 months (13) ?  
 Would you prefer a magazine / newsletter every 2 months?  
 Yes (43) No (36)  
 Do you prefer a booklet (22) or current A4 style (47) ?  
 Would you like your magazine sent by e-mail? Yes (19) No (56)

### General:

Would you like London Wolves to participate in sporting activities?  
 Yes (46) No (15)  
 If so, what?  
 Football (24) / Darts (14) / Pool (15) / Quiz (26)  
 Would you take part? Yes (33), No (29)

### Social Events:

Which of the following would you prefer?  
 The Pub (47) / Riverboat disco (14) / Formal dinner (23)  
 Would you attend any of the other choices?  
 Pub (5), Disco (7), Dinner (10)  
 If celebrity guests were unable to attend, would this deter you?  
 Yes (17) No (50)  
 Would you attend a London Wolves function at Molineux?  
 Yes (50) No (19)  
 Would you stay overnight? Yes (42) No (16)  
 Would you go horse racing plus a function at Wolverhampton on a Saturday before a Sunday match? Yes (24) No (46)  
 Are you interested in a night dog racing, including a meal? Yes (24) No (45)

## Photo news



(l-r) Stuart Earle, Tessa Carr, John Richards, Willie Carr, Mark Kendall and Chris Cox (Chairman DDCWWFC) at a recent dinner and dance.

## Dave's Diary

More recollections from Dave Slape's Wolves Diary 1963-1964

18/3/64: Former Wolves goalkeeper Bert Williams, played for Ken Barrington's team at Tooting and Mitcham United, in a 8 - 8 draw.  
 1/4/64: Peter Knowles played for England Youth v Austria in the 'Little World Cup'.  
 4/4/64: Peter Knowles played for England Youth v Portugal.  
 5/4/64: Peter Knowles scores for England v Spain in the final of the World Youth Cup.  
 Pat Buckley scored for Scotland v Portugal in a play-off.  
 18/4/64: Wolves 4 (Melia 2, Knowles, Le Flem) v Fulham 0  
 Team:- Davies; Showell; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Woodruff; Crowe; Knowles; Crawford; Melia; Le Flem.  
 Position: 16<sup>th</sup> P W D L F A W D L F A PTS  
 41 6 9 6 36 34 5 6 9 30 46 37  
 24/4/64: Bolton Wanderers 0 v Wolves 4 (Crawford 3, Knowles)  
 Team:- Davies; Showell; Thomson; Flowers; Woodfield; Woodruff; Crowe; Knowles; Crawford; Melia; Le Flem.  
 Position: 15<sup>th</sup> P W D L F A W D L F A PTS  
 42 6 9 6 36 34 6 6 9 34 46 39  
 Goalscorers: Crawford 26; Wharton 9 (1 cup); Crowe 6; Hinton 5; Broadbent 4; Melia 4; Knowles 4; Flowers 3; Le Flem 3; Farmer 2; Murray 1; Kirkham 1; Stobart 1.

In the match at Tooting and Mitcham, the half-time score was 1-2 and Bert Williams had made some really good saves. I spoke to Bert recently and he remembered the game which, was the only time I saw him play. For those who don't know, Ken Barrington was a Surrey and England cricketer in the 1950's. Incidentally, his football team also played a match at Hendon and lost 10-9.  
 What a player Peter Knowles was. He starred in the England Youth team which beat Spain 4-0 in the final of what was later to become the UEFA Youth Tournament. He then returned to play in Wolves first team.  
 The Bolton match was played on a Friday night and Wolves dropped one place on the Saturday to finish 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Almost 'arf a story

By Peter Eley. Price £9.99

Club member Peter Eley, has written a book about his football experiences over the last thirty five years. From paying for pub teams to following Taunton Town and Wolves to Wembley, Peter illustrates the highs and lows of football.

There are numerous photographs including, Molineux in the mid-eighties, as well as Stuart and Leo at a Surrey Oval do. The book is a good read, especially for those over forty. Half the book reflects Peter's Wolves' fortunes.

For a copy please send £9.99 to Squirrel Press Ltd, PO Box 606, Taunton TA1 2WE. No postage charge for WWLSC members.

## Images of sport - Wolverhampton Wanderers

By Geoff Allman. Price £10.99

128 pages of photographs, newspaper cuttings and programme extracts, dating from 1889. Send £10.99 plus £1.40 postage and packaging.

## Forever Wolves

By David Instone. Price £16.99

This is an Express & Star book with over 300 photographs dating from 1908, none of which have appeared in previous Wolves' books. With over 180 pages, the book is published to celebrate Wolves 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Members can purchase this book for £15.00 plus £4.10 postage and packaging

## Ooh Bully Bully

By Robert McNally. Price £6.00

Sadly, Steve Bull is no longer playing but his record lives on. This 105 page book of Bully statistics includes a complete record from Bustleholme Boys to Hereford United plus programme and memorabilia information. Members can purchase 'Ooh Bully Bully' from Rob, in the 'Red Lion', Great Hampton Street, Wolverhampton on match days. Or send £6.00 plus £1.10 postage and packaging.

These three books are available from Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD

### 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)

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### 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.

### 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.

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

## Wolves Books



## On Sale





## DERBY COUNTING

### Derby County 1-4 Wolves 24<sup>th</sup> August 2002

This match started at a cracking pace and saw both sides prepared to attack at will but Wolves always appeared in control even after a shock Christie equaliser on the stroke of half time.

Wolves seemed to be cruising when a fine move on the left after nineteen minutes, started by Naylor, ended with Ingmarsson and Newton combined to free Rae, who hammered a shot into the top corner.

Undeterred by this minor setback, Wolves took the second half to Derby, and this paid dividends with three goals in the last twenty-three minutes. Firstly Cooper hit a long range shot then, with three minutes remaining, Rae thundered a shot from fully twenty-five yards, which should have finished the contest.

But Wolves were not about to relax and Miller opened his account for the season in the dying seconds, when he converted a good cross from Blake.

Opinion: Fine away performance.  
Man of the match: Naylor (narrowly ahead of several other fine performances).  
Team rating: 8/10  
Team: Oakes, Irwin, Naylor, Ingimarsson, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Proudlock 87), Rae, Blake, Sturridge (Miller 76), Ince (Cooper 32)  
Unused Subs: Murray, Pollet  
Bookings: Ingimarsson (54 foul), Cooper (75 foul)  
Attendance: 29,954

## THAT'S THE WAY THE KUQI CRUMBLES

### Wolves 2-2 Sheffield Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2002

Wednesday did not, as a lot of people thought, come for a draw and Wolves had to muster all their strengths to break down a resilient defence and themselves salvage a point after twice being a goal down.

Less than ten minutes had gone when the visitors took the lead through former Wolves triallist Kuqi, who surged onto a crossfield pass to power a shot past Oakes.

It took nearly an hour before Wolves were level and this after a lot of huffing and puffing but no real on target efforts, and it was the first of a brace of headers. Newton picked out Blake, who headed home from close range.

Just two minutes later and it was all to do again, as Knight fed Kuqi, who nodded home. On other occasions this might have knocked the wind from Wolves, but spurred on (lets hope this continues instead of the fans getting on their backs) by the crowd they got the goal

that was needed, when Lescott crossed and a delighted Sturridge headed firmly in.

Opinion: Wolves of last season would have struggled to come back into this match after twice being behind.  
Man of the match: Rae, unselfish workhorse.  
Team rating: 6/10  
Team: Oakes, Irwin, Naylor, Ingimarsson, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Miller 85), Rae, Blake, Sturridge, Cooper  
Unused Subs: Murray, Pollet, Connolly, Proudlock  
Bookings: Blake (80 foul)  
Attendance: 27,096

## HELLHURST PARK A CASE FOR THE DEFENCE

### Wimbledon 3-2 Wolves 31<sup>st</sup> August 2002

Wolves appeared to make the same mistake as Derby had the previous week: assumed they had the right to win just by turning out.

Wimbledon had other ideas and, for all Wolves' possession, The Dons looked likely to score every time they set foot in the Wolves half, such was the instability of the defence.

It was an uphill fight from the moment Shipperly stabbed the ball home after four minutes, but on the quarter hour mark Naylor's corner was met by Ingimarsson who headed firmly home.

Instead of this putting them back in the driving seat, Wolves went behind just after half time to yet another soft goal, Gray, unmarked in the six yard box, tapping home with the defence awol.

Sturridge put them back in the match with twenty minutes to go, but with only Rae, Irwin and Naylor looking the part, Wimbledon made the most of a very inept display and took the points when Shipperly again beat debutant Murray after the slippery Gray had left the defence standing yet again.

Opinion: Worst defensive display seen for many a year.  
Man of the match: Rae, did not stop running. Shame some others did not follow his example.  
Team rating: 3/10  
Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ingimarsson, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Miller 67), Rae, Blake, Sturridge (Proudlock 87), Cooper Edworthy, Solly, Pollet  
Unused Subs: None  
Bookings: None  
Attendance: 3,223 (2,391 Wolves fans)

## POLLETS SWANS SONG

### Swansea City 1-1 Wolves Worthington Cup R1 11<sup>th</sup> September 2002

In a fast-paced, open match Wolves yet again let in a goal in the opening minutes. Thomas opened the scoring for the home side, in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute. Pollet, committing a foul on the edge of the box and Oakes, despite building a 5-man-wall, was well beaten by a shot that deflected in off the underside of the crossbar.

Wolves had plenty of chances through Pollet, Blake, Newton, Rae and Butler, but their headers and shots kept missing the goal.

Blake finally hit the target in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, following a Rae cross his glancing header just crept inside the post to make it 1-1. Wolves were clearly dominating the game at this stage but a bizarre incident in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute gave Swansea the lead back. Pollet tried to allow a long ball to go out for a goal-kick, fell over and the ball was played to Wood in the centre of the penalty area for an easy tap-in past Oakes.

Ten minutes later, Pollet went forward for a corner taken by Ingimarsson where he appeared to fall over again. However, as he toppled backwards he swung his foot at the ball and it rifled in just inside the post.

The second half saw a considerable drop in pace and Wolves were much more methodical in their build-up and approach play.

A series of corners finally saw Wolves take the lead for the first time in the match in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute. Miller hit a long ball in and Pollet just rescued it from a goal-kick by heading the ball to Rae. His powerful shot from 10 yards almost went through the defender on the near post.

Not the most convincing of wins, but a good result after the poor showing at Wimbledon.

Opinion: Battling performance to come from behind twice but shouldn't have been in that situation  
Man of the match: Blake.  
Team rating: 5/10  
Team: Oakes, Irwin, Naylor, Ingimarsson, Pollet, Newton (Proudlock 89), Rae, Blake, Sturridge (Miller 73), Ince  
Unused Subs: Edworthy, Murray, Cooper  
Bookings: Butler (69 - foul), Ince (88 - foul)  
Attendance: 4,799



## LONDON WOLVES TRAVEL NEWS

Provisional travel arrangements for matches during December, January & February are:-

### Home Matches

Meeting place : Station concourse outside main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.  
Fare from Marylebone: Members £14; Guests £17.  
Fare from Euston: Members £16; Guests £19

### Sat 7/12/02 v Norwich City

Outward - Depart Marylebone 09.20  
- Arrive Birmingham Snow Hill 11.43  
- Depart Birmingham New St 12.04 Arrive Wolves 12.20  
Return - Depart Wolves 17.19 Arrive Birmingham New St 17.45  
- Depart Birmingham Snow Hill 18.10 Arrive Marylebone 20.40

Sat 14/12/02 v Coventry City  
Sat 28/12/02 v Bradford City  
Wed 1/1/03 v Derby County #  
Sat 18/1/03 v Wimbledon  
Sat 15/2/03 v Watford

Outward - Depart Euston 10.00 Arrive Wolves 12.22  
Return - Depart Wolves 17.19 Arrive Euston 19.40  
#Please note that the outward train time for the Derby match is - Depart Euston 09.45 Arrive Wolves 11.50.

### 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 21/12/02 v Millwall

There are no match tickets available to Wolves fans for this match.

### Thu 26/12/02 v Burnley ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged, as there are no trains running on Boxing Day. Any member wishing to travel to this match, please contact Travel Secretary.

### Sat 11/1/03 v Walsall Fare £15 ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Euston 10.00 Arrive Birmingham New St 11.57  
Return - Depart Birmingham New St 17.45 Arrive Euston 19.40  
Local train between Birmingham New St and Bescot Stadium

### Sat 1/2/03 v Sheffield Wednesday Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart St Pancras 10.25 Arrive Sheffield 12.42  
Return - Depart Sheffield 18.24 Arrive St Pancras 20.43

### Sat 8/2/03 v Brighton ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged. Fast trains to Brighton depart at 08 & 38 mins. past the hour. Return trains from Brighton depart at 27 & 57 mins. past the hour. Journey time is 49 mins. Nearest railway station to ground is Preston Park (local train from Brighton takes 3 mins.)

which is about a 10-15 minute walk from the ground. On coming out of the station walk down to the bottom of the hill, turn left along the A23 for the stadium or right for the Preston Brewery Tap pub. There is a football special after the game back to Brighton.

### Sat 22/2/03 v Preston Fare £28 ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Euston 08.30 Arrive Preston 12.27  
Return - Depart Preston 18.20 Arrive Euston 22.12

### TBA v Ipswich Town Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward - Depart Liverpool St 16.13 Arrive Ipswich 17.28  
Return - Depart Ipswich 22.00 Arrive Liverpool St 23.31

### F.A. Cup dates :- 3rd round 4/1/03; 4th round 25/1/03; 5th round 15/2/03

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# game for a laugh!



## From Daily Express 8/11/02 Mitchell Symons

In the light of Victoria Beckham's battle with Peterborough Utd over the rights to the nickname 'Posh', can we expect to see David Jason & Nicholas Lyndhurst suing Bolton Wanderers for having the nerve to call themselves 'The Trotters', or Winona Ryder taking Newcastle Utd to court over the name 'Magpies'?

Meanwhile Scunthorpe Utd who are known as "The Irons," must be dreading a call from Dale Winton & Graham Norton.

## Come in number 10....

After Argentina's attempt to retire Diego Maradona's number 10 shirt was rejected by FIFA, the Argentinian manager has allocated the shirt to the third goalkeeper, meaning that the argentine number 10 will be allowed to use his hands.

No change there then.

Gary Megson goes into a building society to deposit some money. Whilst there, a robbery takes place, and the West Brom boss is knocked unconscious during the struggle. In a few minutes he comes round, but is still very confused. "What, er, how, er, where am I?" he mumbles. "Relax. Your in the Nationwide" says a paramedic. Megson replies: "Bloody Hell! You mean I've been asleep all season?"

## PLAYERS QUOTES

'It was like deja vu all over again.' - **Shaka Hislop**

'I was watching the Blackburn game on TV on Sunday when it flashed on the screen that George (Ndah) had scored in the first minute at Birmingham. My first reaction was to ring him up. Then I remembered he was out there playing' - **Ade Akingbiyi**

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'I'd like to play for an Italian club, like Barcelona' - **Mark Draper**

'He's a great little player...who scored it again?' - **Jack Charlton**

## URGENT: DUDLEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

At 00.54 on Monday 23rd September, an earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter Scale hit Dudley, West Midlands, causing untold disruption and distress.

Many were woken well before their Giro cheque arrived. Several priceless collections of mementos from the Balearics and Spanish Costas were damaged.

Three areas of historic and scientifically significant litter were disturbed.

Thousands were left confused and bewildered, trying to come to terms with the fact that something interesting had happened in Dudley.

One such resident, Donna-Marie Dutton, a 17 year old mother of three said, "It was such a shock, little Chantal-Leanne came running into my bedroom crying. My youngest two, Tyler-Morgan and Sierra Bonnet slept through it. My punter got dressed and left. I was still shaking when I was watching Trisha the next morning."

According to police, however, looting, mugging and joyriding carried on as normal.

The British Red Cross have so far managed to ship 4000 crates of Sunny Delight to the area to help the stricken masses.

Rescue workers are still sifting through the rubble and have found large quantities of personal belongings, including benefit books, heroin and jewellery from Elizabeth Duke at Argos.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Two Pounds buys chips, scraps and blue pop for a family of four.
- Ten Pounds can take a family to Stourport for the day, where children can play on an unspoilt canal bank among the national collection of stinging nettles.
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# match reports

## 20/20 VISION

### Crystal Palace 4-2 Wolves 14<sup>th</sup> September 2002

It couldn't happen two matches running could it? Yes the defence went AWOL again, and this time before many of us had found our seats.

Twenty million pounds worth of team, twenty pounds a ticket and a performance not worth twenty pence. So much so that many of the away following were gone long before the final whistle.

Routledge put Palace ahead after a couple of minutes, before Ingimarsson levelled to raise hopes, but, relaxing after scoring, Wolves fell behind again straight from the restart, as, left alone by the defence, Freedman made it two one.

Oakes needlessly felled Freedman, who slotted home the penalty to give Palace an extended lead before Blake gave Wolves a glimmer of hope. This was doused by Thomson, who exposed a more than shaky defence and left Wolves fighting a losing battle.

Opinion: Disgusting performance which, had it been at home, would have resulted in a massive reduction of the crowd for the next match.

Man of the match: Lee Naylor.  
Team rating: 2/10  
Team: Oakes, Irwin, Lescott, Butler, Naylor, Rae (Cooper 58), Newton (Proudlock 69), Ingimarsson, Ince, Blake, Sturridge (Miller 58)

Subs not used: Murray, Pollet  
Bookings: Ince (81 - foul), Proudlock (90 - dissent)

Attendance: 16,961

## READING THE RIOT ACT

### Wolves 0-1 Reading 21<sup>st</sup> September 2002

Wolves failed to impress for the third consecutive match, and in the first half failed to muster a single shot on target.

Things must improve for the second half, after Dave Jones has read the riot act. Wrong! Just under an hour gone, Hughes unleashes a magnificent drive from almost thirty yards to send panic surging around the ground.

Wolves do not look a lot better, but at least a shot from Ingimarsson strikes the post and Ince forces Hehmenmann to tip over.

The Wolves defence looks shaky every time Reading gets the ball.

Opinion: Reading are good value for the points.

Man of the match: Ingimarsson,  
Team rating : 4/10

Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Ingimarsson, Lescott, Butler (Cooper 64), Newton, Rae, Ndah (Blake 74), Sturridge, Ince  
Subs not used: Feuer, Miller, Edworthy  
Bookings: Newton (5 - foul), Irwin (38 - shirt-pulling), Ndah (945 - foul)  
Attendance: 25,560

## FOUR PLAY EXCITES (FOR A CHANGE!)

### Wolves 4-0 Preston NE 24<sup>th</sup> September 2002

No goals against. Is the tide turning?

This was actually due to a fine performance from Murray - commanding his area and directing the defence which, once again, looked vulnerable, and making several fine saves.

The attack was rampant and could have had seven with Blake in particular in menacing form, hustling and bustling the Preston defence throughout.

It was Blake who put Wolves ahead after twenty three minutes, latching onto a fine through ball from Rae and muscling away defenders before firing past Mullanen.

The second, just before the break, was special. Irwin and Blake combined to find Sturridge, who dragged the ball back before firing home.

A deal of Wolves pressure saw Blake fire against a post before he grabbed his second and Wolves third.

Miller, coming off the bench, finished off the scoring with five minutes remaining as he burst through the slow defence to fire a good goal.

Opinion: Still looks wobbly at the back but if the attack plays like this we could see lots of goals.

Team rating: 6/10  
Man of the match: Murray (Unusual when the strikers are on song).

Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Rae, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Edworthy 90), Ince (Ingimarsson 85), Sturridge (Miller 83), Blake, Cooper

Subs not used: Feuer, Pollet  
Bookings: Cooper (30 - foul), Rae (32 - foul), Butler (75 - shirt-pulling)

Attendance: 23,695

## WOLVES FLOP AS NAYLOR CHOPS DICKOV

### Leicester City 1-0 Wolves 28<sup>th</sup> September 2002

It looks as if we could be in for a long hard winter if this keeps on.

Restricting the home side to basically the one shot, the penalty after six minutes, Wolves failed to break the winning run at the new Walkers Stadium, even though the home side were reduced to ten men with 23 minutes remaining - Izzett being sent off for a second bookable offence.

Naylor had conceded the penalty, felling Dickov, after being duped into the tackle. The victim got up to convert the spot kick.

Wolves were restricted to shots from Rae, Lescott and Newton, who twice forced Walker into crisp saves.

Opinion: Possibly deserved a draw.  
Man of the match: Lescott - more like his old self.

Team rating: 6/10  
Team: Murray, Irwin, Naylor, Rae, Lescott, Butler, Newton, Ince, Sturridge (Miller 77), Blake, Cooper (Ndah 72)

Subs not used: Solly, Ingimarsson, Edworthy

Bookings: Rae (60 - foul), Ince (85 - dissent)

Attendance: 32,082

## WOLVES PAY THE PENALTY AS MILLERS GRIND THEM DOWN

### Rotherham Utd 4-4 Wolves aet (Rotherham won 4-2 on penalties) 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002

Wolves threw away a two goal lead in the last five minutes, having come back from yet another early goal to look home and dry at 3-1, in a match that had everything, provided you were a home supporter or a neutral!

Monkhouse had fired the Millers ahead in the fifth minute and Robins could have widened the margin moments later, but for a fine save from Murray.

Wolves were hardly in the first half, but equalised through a Newton penalty, after Butler got Branston in a bit of a pickle.

The second half was a different story, as Wolves opened up. Newton had a goal ruled out for offside, before Miller went on a run, cutting inside and firing home from 20 yards.

Rae seemed to have put the result beyond doubt when he lifted the ball over the advancing Pollitt, but Robins, from the spot, and Swailles, heading home a long throw in, took the game to extra time.

Barker then gave the home side the advantage, but as Wolves pressed for an equaliser Scott deflected past his own keeper to send the tie to a penalty shoot-out which

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was lost when Irwin had a shot saved by Pollitt, and Mullins sent Rotherham through.

Opinion: If it's goals that you want, follow Wolves.  
 Man of the match: don't know  
 Team rating: 5/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae (Irwin 102), Lescott, Butler, Newton, Ingimarsson, Miller (Ince 100), Blake, Ndah (Sturridge 85)  
 Subs not used: Solly, Connelly  
 Bookings: Ndah (75 - diving), Blake (90 - dissent), Butler (98 0 throwing ball away after conceding free-kick)  
 Attendance: 5,064

## BLADES FELL DULL WOLVES

### Wolves 1-3 Sheffield Utd 6<sup>th</sup> October 2002

The majority of the crowd had long gone before the referee put the remainder out of their misery. This was a dire performance, with even the Wolves goal coming from the visitors.

Lacking ideas in every department, and with only Rae in the outfield looking of any use to anyone, Wolves got the lift they required when Ullathorne diverted a cross from Ndah past his own keeper.

But instead of this inspiring Wolves it served only to fire the visitors who equalised in first half injury time when Tonge got the first of his two.

Within five minutes of the restart United were 3-1 up and the game effectively over. First Allison and then Tonge allowed many of us to visit the bar, hence this short report.

Opinion: Much more like this and the crowd will be gone and relegation likely.  
 Man of match: Matt Murray  
 Team rating: 3/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Butler, Newton (Sturridge 71), Ingimarsson (Ince 80), Miller, Blake, Ndah (Cooper 63)  
 Subs not used: Solly, Naylor  
 Bookings: Ndah (13 - foot-up), Newton (45 - foul), Cooper (76 - late challenge), Butler (90 - foul)  
 Attendance: 24,625

### CAMERON, BLAKE, RULE BRITANNIA

#### Stoke City 0-2 Wolves October 19<sup>th</sup> 2002

In a dour opening half Wolves rarely looked in trouble and steadily worked their way into this match, despite Stoke being denied the lead by an off-side flag, to be rewarded by a couple of late goals following long spells of attacking pressure, to end a long and frustrating spell of games.

Rae had already seen a close range header brilliantly saved by Cutler when it all came to a head with twelve minutes remaining, as Blake supplied the perfect through ball for Cameron, who raced onto the pass and smashed the ball home from the angle of the penalty area, despite a lunging attempt to clear from Clarke.

To put the icing on the cake of a, by now, jubilant and slightly relieved side, Blake added a second with the very last kick of the game as he cut in from the left to fire home.

Opinion: That's more like it.  
 Man of the match: Blake/Rae  
 Team rating: 7/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Clyde, Newton (Ndah - 61), Ince, Miller (Sturridge - 90), Blake, Cameron  
 Unused Subs: Oakes, Ingimarsson, Naylor  
 Bookings: None  
 Attendance: 16,885

## FOUR PLAY EXCITES

#### Wolves 4-1 Grimsby Town October 26<sup>th</sup> 2002

Those bogie-men of last season started to frustrate the crowd early in the match and dire defending let in Kabba, who slotted the ball past the diving Murray. In deed, it could have been much worse as minutes later it took a good, backward diving save from the Wolves' keeper to turn a shot around the right-hand upright.

Wolves did not despair and fought gamely, getting their just deserts when Irwin curled a great free kick wide of Coyne for the equaliser after twenty nine minutes.

The second half saw Wolves, with Ince driving them on, and Lescott and the, by now, heavily bandaged Clyde blending at the back, well in command. And it was Ince who contrived the second as he unleashed a shot of awesome power and, as Coyne could only parry, Miller tucked away the loose ball.

With twenty minute remaining Ndah stretched the lead and Sturridge, coming on as sub, failed to convert a penalty, before the latter made amends with the fourth in the dying seconds, with an angled drive.

Opinion: Slow, nervous start. Impressive later.  
 Men of the match: Ince. Looked more like his old self  
 Team rating: 7/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae (Ingimarsson 90), Lescott, Clyde, Newton (Ndah 69), Ince, Miller (Sturridge 84), Blake, Cameron  
 Unused subs: Oakes, Butler  
 Bookings: Ince (23 - dissent), Miller (45 - foul)  
 Attendance: 23,875

## IT'S A NAT-TRICK

#### Gillingham 0-4 Wolves October 29<sup>th</sup> 2002

Three wins out of three, another four goals, a hat-trick, and a very impressive performance to boot.

The usually creaky defence withstood an early Gills barrage and, after twenty five minutes, Wolves took the lead when Blake was fouled in the area by Nosworthy. Blake was carried off and Cameron converted the spot kick and the offender was shown a red card.

Blake was absent for treatment for about five minutes but, on his return, he proceeded to terrorise the home side, adding a second goal just before the break.

Before the hour mark had arrived Blake had completed the rout, scoring his second (Wolves third) with a far post header, and rounding off with a shot just inside the post, to claim the match ball.

Opinion: Lets keep this up!  
 Man of the match: Blake. Always a menace.  
 Team rating: 7/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Cameron (Ingimarsson 81), Lescott, Clyde, Ndah (Naylor 89), Ince, Miller (Sturridge 85), Blake, Cooper  
 Unused subs: Oakes, Butler  
 Bookings: Blake (38 - ungentlemanly conduct), Cooper (65 - foul), Ndah (76 - foul)  
 Attendance: 10,036



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### MURRAY KEEPS ALL AT BAY BAR COX

#### Watford 1-1 Wolves 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2002

Without a doubt, Murray earned Wolves this away point with two saves of outstanding quality. One in each half when the ball looked destined for the back of the net. He also dominated his area with the kind of authority that we have been waiting for.

Wolves had started off with a look of assurance that had us anticipating great things, but, apart from a cross shot from Ince, they rarely threatened after the first fifteen minutes and went a goal down after sixty-seven minutes, when Cox rose to head home at the far post.

Wolves seemed to have little idea until Sturridge appeared from the bench with ten minutes left and immediately made an impression. A late burst of attacking brought a reward, even if it was a little harsh on The Hornets. With seconds remaining Cooper smashed a shot goalwards, and the ball took a deflection from Hyde and left the keeper stranded.

Opinion: Lucky to get a point. The day will be remembered more for the rain and huge traffic jam afterwards.  
 Man of the match: Murray. Two outstanding saves  
 Team rating: 5/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Cameron (Rae - 66), Lescott, Clyde, Ndah (Newton - 72), Ince, Miller (Sturridge - 78), Blake, Cooper  
 Unused subs: Oakes, Butler  
 Bookings: Edworthy (61 - foul), Clyde (holding - 84), Cooper (goal celebrations - 92)  
 Attendance: 16,524

## DIE HARDS

#### Wolves 1-1 Portsmouth November 6<sup>th</sup> 2002

This was not a match for the faint hearted. In fact Pompey, or to be more precise, Diabate, had two Wolves players on their way to hospital before half time. Surprisingly the referee took absolutely no action whatsoever. Disgraceful! The official continued to be lenient and appeared only to notice fouls committed by Wolves players.

The early exit of Ndah did have one saving grace in that we saw the welcome return of Kennedy, albeit noticeably not fully match fit. All credit to Wolves as they battled away gamefully, and Sturridge, coming on as sub for the stretchered off Blake, continually terrorised the visitor's defence.

In fact, it was a travesty when the visitors

took the lead twelve minutes after the break. A free kick being awarded just outside the area led to Merson bending a shot round the defensive wall and beyond Murray.

Wolves, with Rae and Ince in magnificent form, sent down wave after wave of attack, and won a succession of corners - certainly into double figures. Their efforts were finally rewarded when, after sixty two minutes, Sturridge went on a jinking run, exchanged passes with Miller, and fired past a bewildered Hislop.

Opinion: Good performance under extremely heavy provocation.  
 Man of the match: Rae, just ahead of Ince.  
 Team rating: 8/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Clyde, Ndah (Kennedy 32), Ince, Miller, Blake (Sturridge 15), Cooper (Newton 82)  
 Unused Subs: Oakes, Ingimarsson  
 Bookings: Sturridge (67 - foul), Ince (88 - dissent)  
 Attendance: 27,032

## SEAGULLS MESS IT UP

#### Wolves 1-1 Brighton & Hove Albion November 11<sup>th</sup> 2002

One of the worst sides in the division could easily have held a three goal advantage by the break, however, good work by Murray meant that Brighton only led by one. But he could do nothing to prevent Zamora putting The Seagulls ahead after a quarter of an hour, when Clyde slipped chasing a through pass, and the striker lifted the ball over the advancing keeper.

Wolves were restricted to just two chances in the first period, both of these falling to Ingimarsson, but Kuipers saved impressively and Wolves rarely looked like breaking down a five man defensive set-up.

The second half saw a more positive approach and, driven forward by Rae, Wolves began to look as if they could level things, only to find Kuipers in fine form in the visitors goal.

Eventually the pressure paid off. Edworthy, breaking down the right, centered for Miller to drive home from just inside the area.

Opinion: Not good enough against a team of noticeably inferior ability.  
 Man of match: Edworthy.  
 Team rating: 5/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae, Lescott, Clyde, Ingimarsson (Andrews 70), Miller, Sturridge, Cooper (Newton 70), Kennedy  
 Unused Subs: Oakes, Butler, Naylor  
 Bookings: Andrews (70 - foul)  
 Attendance: 23,016



### LESCOTT, RAE BEWITCH COVENTRY

#### Coventry City 0-2 Wolves 16<sup>th</sup> November 2002

Wolves extended their unbeaten run to seven matches and attained their highest league position of the season in so doing.

With Rae, once again a major force in midfield and Lescott, holding the defence together, Wolves turned in a fine, fighting performance.

Lescott saved the day early on when his timely intervention stopped Chippo from giving Coventry the lead. Then his reactions to tap the ball home after a Rae shot struck the post gave Wolves the lead after thirty-eight minutes.

Murray was again in fine form in the Wolves goal and he needed to be, as City pressed for an equaliser in the second period. But, with a classic break away, Wolves effectively ended the contest thirteen minutes from time. As the ball broke to Rae on the edge of the area, he drilled a low shot into the far corner of the net to round off a fine display.

Opinion: The defence is looking firmer and scoring goals.  
 Man of the match: Lescott. Saviour and scorer.  
 Team rating: 7/10  
 Team: Murray, Edworthy Irwin, Rae (Melligan 90), Lescott, Clyde, Newton, Miller (Andrews 72), Sturridge, Ince, Kennedy.  
 Unused subs: Oakes, Butler, Ingimarsson  
 Bookings: None  
 Attendance: 18,998

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