



# Wolverhampton Wanderers

LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB

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## THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER ISSUE

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# FROM THE CHAIR



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**45.** Sometimes a figure stands out more than others, and the past few months have made me think about this particular one more often than not.

Forty five minutes into the final match of the season and I was depressed. Actually no I wasn't. I was very depressed. There was no good news arriving, and in front of me on the pitch, nothing but chaos.

After forty five minutes of the second period, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. A little bundle of Irish energy a few minutes earlier, had curled in a wonderful second goal for Wolves putting us firmly onto the last rung of the survival ladder.

As there's not much more to be said about Survival Sunday that hasn't already been said, documented, or shown on television, I won't even try. But boy, what an end to dramatic season that sees us in a third consecutive season in the Premiership.

To other matters, the Forty Fifth Anniversary Dinner was no less infuriating and exciting. Last minute cancellations for the hotel and the meal caused us a few heart-stopping moments, and the wonderful disappearing act by the magician also caused Stef and I a few anxious moments. However, all that was put in the shade by the appearance of Mick McCarthy, who had raced down from the team's friendly match at Crewe (keeping to the speed limit, of course). It was one of the few "secret" surprises of the event that Stef and I had managed to keep to ourselves.

It was a fantastic evening/night/morning. Stef has a write-up in this edition along with some marvelous pictures taken by our professional photographer. As I said earlier, the only downside of the event were the late withdrawals of Frank Munro, Denis Law and Steve Wicks (Chelsea) due to illness, along with the change of heart of Peter Knowles who had originally said he would attend.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped make the evening so great. These include those who were involved in organizing the event, those who helped decorate Charlton Athletic's Millennium Lounge, turning it from red and white to gold and black, and those who sold raffle tickets on the night. A special thank-you also to David Hodges for providing the excellent 70's music. Looking to the future, specifically our 50th anniversary, I can't see how we could improve on what was produced for this 45th! But, of course, we'll try!

I am now looking forward to the new season, especially with our new signings and the start of the re-modeling of the Molineux. I know it means some upheaval for a while at the beginning, with many of us moving from our "usual" seats temporarily, but eventually it will truly be a fantastic venue.

And finally, all that's left for me to do is to wish us a great season. I have high (well, maybe 12th position) hopes!

*Stuart*



## **WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BROCKLEY SOCIAL CLUB ON 2nd July 2011**

**Apologies for Absence:** Jack Leonard, Paul Coles, Roy Eagles, Matthew Hawthorne and Leo Masters.

**Chairman's Address:** Stuart welcomed everyone and informed the meeting of Morris Jacobs successful heart operation. Also, the Club had joined the Football Supporters Federation.

**Minutes from 2010 AGM:** Matters Arising: The election of officers proposal should read by D Gilson.

**Secretary's Report:** Membership stands at 240 with £2845 paid in subscriptions. Three separate train competitions had raised £180 and programme and badge sales £21.60. Of the new shirts and coats, seven and twelve had been sold respectively. Secretarial expenses totalled £472.32, of which £290.48 were for stamps. Dave thanked Peter Woodfield, Peter Bartlett, Leo Masters, Bob Goddard, Graham Stancombe and Bob Richards for their assistance during the season.

**Treasurers Report:** In Tim's absence, Peter Woodfield reported a £4807.49 surplus for the season. The current account stood at £9972.65 and the deposit account £2122.61. Peter Abbott asked why a large sum had not been transferred to the savings account. Peter replied large outgoings for match tickets and rail bookings made this difficult. Peter Abbott asked about the Hall Of Fame Dinner deficit. This was caused by the altered date and the away FA Cup fixture.

Guy Thomas asked about the Football Supporters Federation, to which Stuart answered membership was free.

**Social Secretary's Report:** Roy's report referred to ten pin bowling prior to the Stoke game and the now annual Christmas lunch, with guests Dave and Val Wagstaffe, Phil Parkes and Merlyn. The end of season weekend, included the greyhounds at Monmore Green, followed by a Chinese meal at Queens, on the night before the Blackburn game.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:** Stef stated the December magazine contained 24 pages and the next issue will be produced after the 45th Anniversary evening. He thanked Steve Ray for the seasons match reports.

**Election of officers:** Dave Gilson proposed the committee be returned en bloc, which was carried.

**Membership Fee:** Stuart said he could not see a subscription rise for two years. Guy Thomas asked regarding a reduction but it was decided to keep the current rate.

**45th Anniversary July 16th Dinner:** Stef stated 14 guests and partners are coming, 118 in total. The Millenium Suite at Charlton Athletic's Valley will be decked out in gold and black and Peter Bartlett will be doing a video presentation. Also, a professional magician and a comedian will be in attendance. A raffle and auction will take place with various prizes which include Derek Dougan's EFPA shirt donated by Merlyn Humphreys. Real ale will be available at the bar but a half bottle of wine per person will be at each table. Dave Hodges is supplying the music.

### **Any Other Business:**

Dave Gilson asked which players kit will be sponsored next season. Peter Woodfield replied availability and choice are not known at present.

Peter Bartlett is running two competitions, for a WBA DVD and a 2010-11 review DVD, both supplied by ILC Media.

Peter Abbott suggested a website report should be included at future AGM's and the Meeting agreed

Dave Slape asked if the Club was to do anything for Matt Murray's testimonial. Peter Bartlett suggested giving the proceeds of a auction item at the 45th Anniversary.

Meeting closed at 4.12 pm.

# 45th Anniversary



Having found the perfect venue for our 40th Anniversary celebrations, Saturday 16th July 2011 saw us return to the Millenium Lounge at Charlton Athletic FC's The Valley, for our 45th. With a team of helpers on that morning, the Lounge, which is in the main stand overlooking the pitch, was rapidly relieved of its red and white decor and transformed into a gold and black wonderland. There were 12 tables accommodating 118 partygoers.

From the outset, the Committee had agreed to let Stuart and Stef keep the theme of the event a secret which, of course, included the guest list. Fair play to the two of them because, with a few exceptions, they managed to do that right up to the moment the members saw the 1974 League Cup Final 'menu cards' on the tables. However, very few members, including the Committee, had any inclination as to what the two of them had lined up in terms of the full guest list. Right up to a few days before the event Peter Knowles and Denis Law had been persuaded to come! With great regret, though, they couldn't make it, but we were delighted when Stef, as the evenings' Master of Ceremonies, introduced, one by one from the 'Green Room', our Wembley heroes of that day. In came Phil Parkes, Geoff Palmer, Kenny Hibbitt, John Richards, David Wagstaffe, Barry Powell, Steve Daley, Steve Kindon and John Holsgrove. From the Football Club, Director John Gough and Club Secretary, Richard Skirrow, graced us with their presence. With everyone seated at their tables, a video address was played from the team's Captain, Mike Bailey, who re-lived some of the major moments of that day, on and off the pitch. The incident which brought the most laughter from the audience was when Mike recalled how the team coach driver, Sid Kipping, after the match, insisted on making a detour on the way back to Molineux via The Hawthorns! That was a great moment. An excellent meal with plenty of wine then followed, all served by a very attentive Charlton staff. A magician, who had been booked to entertain the diners was so good that, before he was due to appear, he made himself disappear! David Copperfield, eat your heart out!

During the break, many members took the opportunity to have their photographs taken with the League Cup, which was brought down especially for the evening. Guest, Rob Clayton, a professional photographer, was kept busy taking the 'snaps' and should anybody wish to purchase copies of them please look on our website for details. Many thanks to Rob for donating his time and expertise.

After a comfort break, John Richards spoke with great affection about London Wolves and, on behalf of the former players, thanked us for all the hospitality shown to them and their wives and partners. John Gough also addressed the assembled guests and thanked us for all the support we give to the parent Club from so far away. He went on to announce the Club's plans to build a world class Academy at Compton and gave us a brief insight into the £16million re-development of the Stan Cullis Stand. We were then royally entertained for nearly an hour by comedian Rod Peaks.

Before the auction could take place, Stuart and Stef had one last surprise for the evening. That day, Wolves were embarking upon their first pre-season friendly fixture, an away match to Crewe Alexandra. While an invitation to the evening had been extended to Mick McCarthy, the fact was that Crewe was many, many miles away and the match wouldn't be finishing much before 5.00pm. Well, could he come, would he make it? The Chairman and his Deputy were, therefore, like a couple of strutting peacocks when Mick strolled into the Lounge. Mick received a fantastic ovation, so much so, that it prompted him to take the microphone and announce "Thanks very much. That's the first time I've had a standing ovation at Charlton Athletic!" He went on to say that in the five years of his managership at Wolves, he liked the London Wolves events because of the positive reaction he always had from the members. Nice one, Mick, and well done all you members.

Before the festivities got under way again, Stuart was visibly taken aback by a special presentation from Merlyn Humphreys, Derek Dougan's long-time partner. 'The Doog' had, unfortunately, been unable to attend our 40th Anniversary Dinner, but was told how enjoyable the event had been by Stuart on the following Sunday. While on the phone, The Doog had doodled on his writing pad, drawing tears on the image because he'd been unable to attend the 'do'. Merlyn had the audience enthralled and, because Derek was known to Stuart as 'My Hero', the big man was silenced as she presented him with the original, framed, doodle, that told the whole story. It was a wonderful moment.

The excellent music that had been playing all evening, presented by our own Dodges Wolf, David Hodges, was halted as Stef then took to the floor to try and recoup some of the costs of the event by starting the auction of club memorabilia. There were several signed football shirts, many various DVD's, and many large, signed, 1974 League Cup Final posters. There were also two unique items of note, both donated by Merlyn; firstly, there was a pair of framed photographs of 'The Doog' on holiday and, secondly, there was a signed football shirt which was presented to 'The Doog' by Michael Laudrup in March 2007, to commemorate his membership of the European Former Players Association. You'll be pleased to know that all the items sold well, the raffle was a great success, and whilst the money is still being counted and the exact final figure is not yet available, the Committee are very pleased the event went well.

# 45th Anniversary



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Dear Stuart,

Thank you very much for including Helen and I at the Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner last Saturday evening.

You and your Committee had obviously spend time and energy to produce a fantastic evening, I am just sorry for you that two of your surprises could not make it, but the sight of Mick McCarthy arriving hot foot from our pre-season match at Crewe Alexander more than made up for it in my opinion.

Your theme, the 1974 Cup Final brought back great memories as I, like you were a young 25 year old at the game, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that 37 years later I would have my photograph taken with the Cup Winning Side.

I hope you will be able to take up Richard's offer and be able to attend next weeks game at Celtic as a member of our party.

I look forward to seeing you again in the near future, and hope you and your London Wolves colleagues enjoy the forth-coming Premier League season.

Best Wishes

John Gough  
Director

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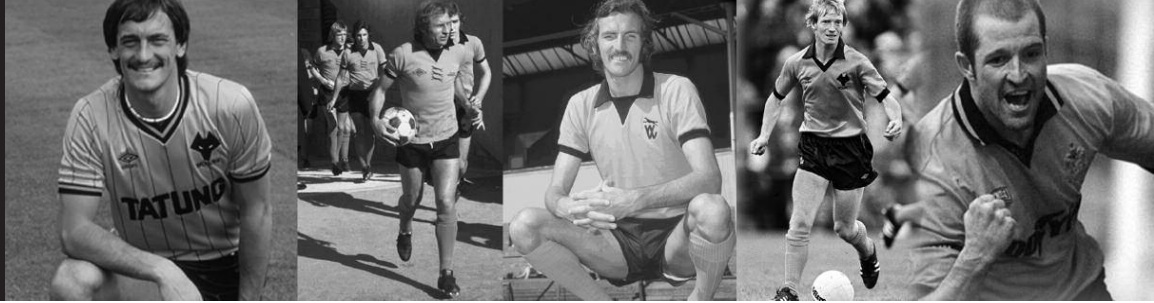
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# WOLVES POST



Hi Stuart

Lyn and I would like to express our sincere (belated) thanks for your very kind hospitality during the 45th Anniversary Dinner. We were completely spoiled by your attention to detail from arrival at the Hotel through to departure the next day. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, we had great company at our table and it was good to meet up with ex players and partners.

Please pass on our thanks to all members of 'London Wolves' and we wish you a very successful season supporting 'WW'.

The Website pics look great!

Kind regards

**Steve Daley**

Stuart,  
Thank you for a great night, it was obvious that you had gone to a lot of effort to make the weekend a memorable one for everyone. The venue, food, hotel and entertainment were excellent.  
It's nice for so many people with so many happy memories of a golden era to be able to get together and talk about something that means so much to them.  
Your passion and dedication in organising the event are a credit to you, and we know it was appreciated by everyone who attended.

Also, please pass on our thanks to anyone who helped you to make the night the success that it was.

Hope to see you soon,

Geoff & Polly.  
x

## **STOP PRESS**

We were very sad to hear about the death of Frank Munro at the age of 63. The Scottish international made 371 first team appearances for Wolves in the 60s and 70s. Frank was part of the Wolves side that made it to the UEFA Cup Final in 1972 and he gained a League Cup winners' medal two years later.

*London Wolves offer their condolences to his family and friends.*

# WOLVES POST



## GENERAL PRE-SEASON RAMBLINGS

I just want to say that I was sorry for missing out on the 45th Anniversary Dinner. From those who did go, all I keep hearing is what a great success it was. Well, that's it!! I ain't gonna miss the next one!

Whilst it was sad to see the North Bank being pulled down immediately after the Blackburn game, the new Stan Cullis Stand will look and be amazing. However, I'm spending a lot of my time trying to get used to the idea of sitting in the Steve Bull and looking where my seat in the North Stand used to be. It's gonna be weird until I get back there.

Next Monday (15th), the video company that are doing the first ESPN shoot of the season, want to do the filming where I'll be "representing" the Wolves as a supporter. I've to be in my gold shirt and, trust me, I'll try not to let London Wolves down if it comes to it!

Had a bit of a disappointment this week with the cancellation of the England v Holland game as I was taking a special-needs mate of mine, Danny Clarke, to the match at Wembley. Instead, I hastily rearranged our plans and we went to Brighton's new stadium to see them deservedly beat the Gills. It's a nice place, reminding me of the MK Dons' in Milton Keynes. All the fans were different too. They all seemed nice, unlike them at their other place where I found myself hiding in their crowd when I couldn't get a Wolves end ticket. The Amex is easy to get to by train as well, the station being right next to the ground.

I live near Faversham in Kent, with Faversham Town being my local team. I thought I'd do the right thing recently and went and bought their scarf so that I could wear it on my occasional visits there. Did you know that they are the only team other than the national team that are allowed to wear the 3 lions? Fancy that. Anyway, coincidences seem to crop up everywhere. There's me, a Wolves fan, and living next door to me is a Baggie, and next to him a Coventry supporter. Unique or what? So, this Baggie has loaned me Adrian Chiles' book to read and, don't boo me, I have to say that I'm enjoying it! Despite his silly affiliation with the club, he comes over as a really nice guy. Strangely enough though, Danny and I bumped into him at Oxford when we were on our way to beat Man United last season. I contacted Adrian later via email (well, we're not really on first name terms yet), to thank him for his good natured response and patience with Danny. Several months later, out of the blue, he contacted us offering free hospitality tickets for an England international match. It was to be the Holland game, hence the big disappointment. However, he's been in touch again and has promised to rearrange the hospitality for another game. The question is: surely the Baggies can't all be bad, can they? Or is Adrian Chiles a one-off?

*Tony Hughes*

## A WORRIED EDITOR

With the start of the new season sort of underway, I'm a worried man. Very worried. We're starting our third consecutive season in the Premier League but it feels so different this time, so unnatural. I couldn't at first work out why this was, .....and then the bulb shone bright! Not one, I repeat, not one football writer in the several newspapers I've read places us in the group of candidates for relegation! What do they know that we'd like to know!!! It'd be great if they're right.

**STEF**

# SOCIAL NEWS



## The Regents Canal Walk from Stepney to Camden



This year's London Wolves Walk, also known as the London Wolves' Pub Crawl, on Saturday 25th June, started with a breakfast at 10.30am in Wetherspoons' The Half Moon public house (well, alright then, the Half Moon pub), in Stepney Green. Local man Peter Davies (ex Farnborough and Rugby), eventually arrived but a phone call from Andy Coltman said that he would be late. This delayed the party's subsequent departure by about half an hour, or put another way, allowed them to have another pint or two!

Then it was off towards the start of the Regents Canal in Mile End. The first stop, (or should that be thirst stop?) was for a pint in The Palm Tree at Victoria Park saw the group meet up with Peter's partner, Caroline and baby Charlie. From there they progressed through Hackney and Haggerston to Islington, stopping off along the way in The Dove in Broadway Market, The Rosemary Branch and The Wenlock Arms. En-route to Camden, the group said farewell to the Davies' after some much needed sustenance in The Narrow Boat in Islington. Food, and another pint, was then taken in Wetherspoons' The Glasshouse. The penultimate stop on the journey was The Constitution pub in St.Pancras Way, before the weary, but sober(?), group finally settled in The Oxford Arms in Camden for a final pint or two, or in Dave Slape's case, a half. Camden Lock itself was absolutely heaving with people, no doubt because it was a gloriously warm and sunny Saturday. Memories are a bit vague at this point but I'm told that a great day finished at some time after 9.00pm when everyone went off on their separate ways. Apparently, even Geoff (Vasgo de) Castro had had enough!! Well done to all the 'trekkers' - Dave Slape, Peter Woodfield & Carol, Matthew Hawthorne, Geoff Castro, Stan Arnett, Peter Davies (with Caroline and baby Charlie), Andy Coltman, Bill Ridgeon, Simon Ivermee and Derek Archer.





# SOCIAL NEWS



## A Night at the Dogs

Hoping to be able to celebrate Wolves' survival, our Entertainment Officer, Roy Eagles, sent London Wolves to the dogs again on the Saturday night before the final home match of the season against Blackburn Rovers. It was exactly what was needed to relieve the stress that the previous 37 games had brought! To think, the whole season was hanging on the outcome of the final game. Yes, a night out was definitely what was needed.

The group, Roy & Ruth Eagles, Dave Slape, Peter Woodfield & Carol, Peter Bartlett & Merlyn, John Golding, Bob Goddard and Steve & Helen Wilcox, all met up at the Britannia Hotel in Wolverhampton. With suitably lubricated throats, a convoy of taxis took the party to the Monmore Green Stadium whereupon more beers and snacks were consumed. Apparently, some serious betting then took place, along with more liquid sustenance, which all added to a fun night out. Having left the Stadium at about 10.45pm, taxis took the party to a local Chinese restaurant for an excellent meal. Back at the hotel, tired bodies then retired for the night.

Sunday morning started with breakfast in the Wetherspoons' pub across from the hotel at about 9.00am, apparently with only tea and coffee being taken! I don't believe that for one moment. Knowing those who were there, I can assure you that when I arrived with the rest of the travellers from Euston, there were quite a few empty beer glasses on the table! With the result of the match seeing us retain our Premier League status for another season, it ended up as a great weekend.



# MATCH REPORTS



## SUBS TORPEDO MACAMS

### WOLVES 3-2 SUNDERLAND

Saturday 27th November 2010

Two late goals from substitutes Stephen Hunt and Sylvan Ebanks-Blake gave Wolves three precious points against Sunderland on a freezing cold day at Molineux. There were four changes to the previous week's line-up and following his erratic display in the shambles at Blackpool Marcus Hahnemann was the significant one with Wayne Hennessey returning in goal.

For the first time in four games Wolves managed to get through the opening minutes without conceding a goal, and in an end to end contest both teams created a handful of half chances before Wolves thought they had broken the deadlock in the 20th minute. Stearman slotted home from close range following a corner, but referee Mike Jones disallowed the goal in what seemed yet another poor refereeing decision at Molineux. Sunderland then went close on the half hour mark when Richardson rattled the inside of Hennessey's left hand post with a free-kick from outside the area.



After the pressure they enjoyed in the first half Wolves deservedly took the lead in the 50th minute when Foley reacted quickly to lash the ball in after Gordon has pushed aside a Jarvis shot into his path. Sunderland then turned the game on its head in a ten minute spell to take a 2-1 lead. Firstly Stearman was in dreamland when he allowed Bent to run through in the 67th minute and pick his spot before slotting past Hennessey, then in the 77th minute Welbeck was given acres of space to pick his spot and head home following a cross from the left.

Wolves fought back and the start of an incredible comeback started with nine minutes remaining, Hunt came off the

bench and made it 2-2 when he prodded home the ball after Gordon failed to hold onto Elokobi's header. Suddenly the impetus was with Wolves again and with a minute left on the clock they found the winning goal, it was Ebanks-Blake who had only been on the pitch only eight minutes who supplied it, he gathered the ball from a superb cross from Doyle and blasted the ball home from twelve yards to give Wolves the win they desperately needed.

**Opinion:** Great fighting spirit.

**Man of the match:** Doyle

**Team Rating:** 7/10

**Attendance:** 25,112

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Elokobi, Ward, Foley, Mancienne (Ebanks-Blake 50), Jones (Hunt 62), Milijas, Jarvis, Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Van Damme, Fletcher, Bent, Davis

**Bookings:** Ward (22 - dissent), Elokobi (30 - deliberate hand ball)

## THIRD DEGREE BURNS

### BLACKBURN ROVERS 3-0 WOLVES

Saturday 4th December 2010



The signs were never good having to play a team who were hammered 7-1 at Man United in their previous game, and following a bright start Wolves slumped to a three goal defeat at Blackburn after committing defensive suicide.

It was a great start for Wolves and they could easily have been two goals to the good as early as the fifth minute. Firstly Jarvis forced a finger tip save from Robinson and then Ward rattled a shot against the post. It was obviously going to be one of those days when Zubar followed up Ward's effort and his shot rebounded off the crossbar and down onto the post and clear.

Blackburn made the most of their lucky reprieves and slowly took control before

taking the lead in the 29th minute. A dubiously given corner was swung over from the right and Nelson beat the clueless Mouyokolo at the back post and headed back across to the unmarked Dunn to head home from a yard. Two minutes before the break Rovers added a second following more slapstick defending by Wolves, Mouyokolo was brushed aside like a rag doll by Roberts following a long ball through and he laid off the ball to Emerton who gave Hennessey no chance from 12 yards.

Mouyokolo's nightmare was ended at half-time when he was replaced by Ebanks-Blake and the defence re-shuffled by McCarthy, but it didn't make much difference, as was evident in the 50th minute. Wolves showed they were incapable of dealing with yet another routine set-piece, Pedersen's free-kick was hardly the sort to create havoc but Nelson was allowed to ghost in unmarked to steer a simple finish past Hennessey. Wolves rallied in the closing stages and even when they found a way through Elokobi and Hunt were denied by Robinson in the Rovers goal, but it was all too little too late.

**Opinion:** Woeful defending all game.

**Man of the match:** Jarvis

**Team Rating:** 4/10

**Attendance:** 22,314

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Mouyokolo (Ebanks-Blake 46), Berra, Elokobi, Ward, Mancienne (Hunt 52), Milijas, Foley, Doyle, Jarvis

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Stearman, Bent, Winnall, Doherty

**Bookings:** Berra (68 - foul), Hunt (82 - foul)

## BLUE'TIFUL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

### WOLVES 1-0 BIRMINGHAM CITY

Sunday 12th December 2010



After their capitulation at Blackburn the previous week the Wolves defence partly redeemed themselves by keeping their first clean sheet of the season, and in doing so helping the

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team to a massive three points against local rivals Birmingham. It was total domination from start to finish for the Wanderers and only Foster in the away goal kept the score down to 1-0 with chances created registering 15 to 3 in Wolves favour.

Wolves attacked Birmingham from the off and in the 10th minute Edwards set the trend when his goal bound header following a cross from Ward was saved at full stretch by Foster. Two minutes later Edwards and Ward combined again to find Hunt six yards out, but he was denied by a point-blank block by Foster.

With 38 minutes gone Ebanks-Blake went close once more for Wolves but Foster parried away his effort at the near post. Ebanks-Blake then put Ward through just before the break and even though he found the net he was flagged for offside. However just when it looked like being stalemate at the break Wolves made the all important breakthrough, Ebanks-Blake was again in the thick of things when he turned Johnson inside out before crossing to the near post where Hunt nipped in and scored from two yards out.



Edwards should have doubled the lead straight after the restart but somehow planted his header wide following a superb cross from Ward. Wolves continued to keep up the momentum and it was that man Foster again who produced his umpteenth save of the match to tip

Milijas's header over the bar. As the game approached the last minute the old foe Phillips had City's best chance of the game, but for once he got his angles all wrong and headed off target, it was no more than Wanderers deserved against a team that hadn't managed one single shot on target the whole game.

**Opinion:** Great team performance despite being decimated by injuries.

**Man of the match:** Ebanks-Blake

**Team Rating:** 8/10

**Attendance:** 25,150

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Berra, Stearman, Elokobi, Foley, Edwards (Fletcher 84), Milijas, Ward, Hunt, Ebanks-Blake

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Mujangi-Bia, Ebanks-Landell, Winnall, Rooney, Doherty

**Bookings:** Stearman (40 - foul), Foley (78 - foul)

## NOT TOO CLEVERLEY

### WOLVES 1-2 WIGAN ATHLETIC

Sunday 26th December 2010

After the superb performance against Birmingham it was back to the defensive incompetence witnessed at Blackburn three weeks ago. The display as a whole was a complete insult to the staff and volunteers who had given up holiday time with their families to help clear the snow and ice from the stadium and its surrounding areas in the build-up to the game.

In a bulletin posted on the official website two days previously fans were warned of potential problems that may arise at Molineux due to the frozen conditions. These conditions included frozen pipes and the closure of tea bar facilities etc, the fans were advised to bring along flasks of hot drinks, perhaps bringing along a pair of boots would have been more appropriate after witnessing the dross served up on the pitch.

Wolves started as though they were still digesting Xmas pudding, and Wigan looking much hungrier took the lead in the ninth minute when Caldwell hooked on Cleverley's cross and Rodallega easily turned Stearman before firing into the bottom corner. Ten minutes later things got even worse, from a Wigan throw Stearman dived in like a man possessed and missed it allowing Rodallega to run at the back four, Zubar was nowhere to be seen and Cleverley slotted home between the legs of Hennessey.



Wolves were denied a stonewall penalty and the chance of getting back into the game midway through the first half when the referee waved play on after Ward was wrestled to the ground by Gohouri. Ten minutes before the break it was obvious it wasn't going to happen for Wolves when Wigan enjoyed a massive slice of luck. A Milijas free-kick took a wicked deflection off the defensive wall and with the keeper diving in the wrong direction the gods looked down on Al Habsi as the ball hit his foot and bounced clear.

The second half was a non event with the Wolves players unable to raise the tempo, even though defeat would be sending them into the New Year rooted at the bottom of the table. Fletcher scored a consolation goal with three minutes to go but by then most of the faithful had gone home to thaw out.

**Opinion:** Certainly no Boxing Day fight here from Wolves.

**Man of the match:** Supporters who helped clear Molineux walkways from ice.

**Team Rating:** 3/10

**Attendance:** 26,901

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi (Fletcher 70), Foley, Edwards (Jarvis 54), Milijas, Hunt, Ward, Ebanks-Blake

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, David Jones, Bent, Mujangi Bia

**Bookings:** Zubar (65 - foul)

## FEAST OF STEPHEN

### LIVERPOOL 0-1 WOLVES

Wednesday 29th December 2010

What a roller coaster ride Wolves seem to be on at the moment, three days after the garbage served up against Wigan they put in their best ever away performance in the Premier League to record an unbelievable 1-0 win at Anfield. The win was no fluke with Wolves making a good account of themselves and even the Liverpool supporters saluting the Wolves team at full-time.

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Wolves needed their first away win in nine months to avoid starting 2011 at the bottom of the league, and they almost got off to a disastrous start when Liverpool created the first big chance of the game. Torres caught the Wolves defence flat footed when he took a quick free-kick which found Meireles in the clear, but Hennessey stood his ground and blocked superbly before Stearman ran across to head clear. Wolves' first sight of goal came when Hunt side footed over from the second of two corners during their first real spell of pressure, this was followed by a series of good attacks with Foley and Jarvis combining well on the right to put in a series of good crosses.

With ten minutes of the second half gone Wolves got that all important goal, Ebanks-Blake threaded a ball past two defenders into the path of Ward who clipped the ball over the advancing Reina into the bottom left-hand corner of the net. With Liverpool rocking and their fans calling for the head of Roy Hodgson Wolves almost grabbed a second when Foley found himself in front of goal, but Johnson put a last gasp block in to deny the right-back. With two minutes left Liverpool did have the ball in the Wolves net when Skrtel headed in Gerrard's free-kick, but he and another three others were well offside.

**Opinion:** Massive game against bottom side West Ham next, another performance like this should start to pull us clear.

**Man of the match:** Ward

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 41,614

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Foley, Milijas, Hunt, Jarvis (Edwards 89), Ward (Fletcher 78), Ebanks-Blake

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, David Jones, Bent, Mujangi Bia, Bath

**Bookings:** Elokobi (31 – foul)

## STILL HAMMERED ON NEW YEARS DAY

### WEST HAM UNITED 2-0 WOLVES

Saturday 1st January 2011



After the fantastic win at Liverpool Wolves travelled to bottom club West Ham knowing that another victory would take them out of the drop zone, instead a poor performance and a reverse 2-0 scoreline made sure they started 2011 propping up the rest of the Premier League.

Considering what was at stake the first half action can be at best described as tedious, both teams looked as if they had come straight to the game from a New Year's Eve Party still plied with a bucketful of alcohol. We had to wait half an hour before the first chance, and it fell to Carlton Cole who found himself with only Hennessey to beat following a mistake by Elokobi, but he shot wide with the goal at his mercy. Stearman then made a superb goal line clearance from a Sears shot five minutes before the break to keep the scores level going into the half-time interval.

Wolves made a much more positive start to the second half with Green making three good saves within the first five minutes of the restart, then just as things looked more positive West Ham scored with their first attack of the half. A long ball down the line found Piquionne who sent over a low cross that Cole failed to make contact with from six yards, but the ball hit the shins of Zubar and back past the wrong footed Hennessey into the net. Hennessey kept Wolves in it on the hour mark when he did brilliantly to touch an Upson header onto the bar before collecting the rebound. With 15 minutes remaining Ebanks-Blake headed against the bar from two yards when it seemed harder to miss than score, and that miss proved costly three minutes later when Sears added West Ham's second to

make it 2-0 and send Wolves to the foot of the table.

**Opinion:** January transfer window now open, get in there Mick.

**Man of the match:** Stearman

**Team Rating:** 5/10

**Attendance:** 33,500

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi (Fletcher 76), Jarvis, Foley, Milijas (Bent 87), Hunt (Edwards 76), Ward, Ebanks-Blake

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, David Jones, Mujangi Bia, Bath

**Bookings:** Stearman (55 – foul)

## TERRY'S ALL GOLD

### WOLVES 1-0 CHELSEA

Wednesday 5th January 2011



The roller coaster ride called Wolverhampton Wanderers continued when they bounced back from their defeat at bottom club West Ham to record a win over current Premiership Champions Chelsea. If you had read the newspapers the next morning you would have read all about a team that never turned up and one almighty epitaph laying the name of Chelsea to rest, but anybody watching this game knows that Wolves thoroughly deserved the victory, showing more hunger and desire against the pampered millionaires from West London.

Wolves attacked from the start like a team possessed, Saturday's own goal villain Ronald Zubar seemed intent on setting the record straight in the third minute when he hit a screamer from 40 yards that Cech just managed to tip round the post. However, from the resulting corner Wolves went in front, Hunt sent over a low cross that was attacked by Zubar at the near post and Bosingwa turned it into his own net under pressure from Fletcher. Wolves continued to hassle for every ball and Chelsea had to wait until the half hour

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mark before Hennessey was forced into his first save when he stuck out a foot to deny Kalou from close range.

Wolves had a lucky escape in the 53rd minute when Lampard played in Kalou, but he dragged his shot wide of the far post as Hennessey came off his line to narrow the angle. In the space of five minutes midway through the second half both teams went close, firstly Drogba clipped the outside of the post and then Hunt hit the top of the bar from a free-kick outside the area. But Wolves stood firm and apart from a close range effort from Malouda that went wide they played out time for a well deserved and valuable three points.

**Opinion:** What a pity we can't play against the lesser teams with the same spirit as we do against the so-called big guns.

**Man of the match:** Hunt

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 26,432

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Jarvis, Foley, Edwards, Hunt, Fletcher (Ebanks-Blake 69), Doyle (Ward 70), Ebanks-Blake (Milijias 82)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnmann, David Jones, Bath, Doherty

**Bookings:** None

## NEARLY DROWNED BY THE REF AT THE KEEPMOAT

### DONCASTER ROVERS 2-2 WOLVES

Saturday 8th January 2011 (FA Cup 3rd Round)



This third round tie was a great game to watch if you were a neutral but not if you're a Wolves fan. It was a game that flowed from end to end with both teams creating a series of clear-cut chances. Wolves went ahead, then fell behind just before the break, and after a second half penalty drew them level they looked like they would go on and win the game, but the sending off of Elikobi with 15 minutes to go subsequently had them hanging on for a draw.

It was all go from the off and this was typified by Ward who shot just wide with only 30 seconds on the clock. From that point onwards it was chances galore at both ends until Wolves finally went in front in stunning style in the 38th minute, Milijias picked up the ball in midfield before unleashing a stunning 35 yard effort past Sullivan.

Any thoughts that Wolves could rest easy until the break were dashed just three minutes later when Sharp picked up a ball in the box and hit a low shot past Hahnmann for the equaliser. Two minutes later the game was turned on its head when Rovers went in front, Oster's header into the box fell to Hayter and his right-foot volley beat Hahnmann again.

The pace slackened a little after the break but Wolves increasingly took control and the inevitable equaliser came in the 58th minute, Jarvis surged into the area and was unceremoniously tripped by Hird, a penalty was given and Hunt duly drilled home the spot-kick to Sullivan's left. Ward twice came close to putting Wolves in front and Jarvis fired just over, but their best spell of the game was brought to a halt in the 75th minute. Elokobi clashed heads with Coppinger on the halfway line, and after the imaginary waving of cards by some Doncaster players the Wolves defender was handed a straight red card by the unassertive referee.

**Opinion:** Harsh sending off that nearly cost us the game.

**Man of the match:** Milijias

**Team Rating:** 6/10

**Attendance:** 8,616

**Team:** Hahnmann, Doherty, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Jarvis, Edwards (David Jones 28), Milijias, Hunt, Ward, Fletcher (Doyle 69)

**Unused Subs:** Hennessey, Mujangi Bia, Davis, Winnall, Bath

**Bookings:** Milijias (33 – preventing free-kick from being taken)

**Sent Off:** Elokobi (75 – reckless challenge)

## BEATEN BY THE SHEIKH MANC BANK

### MANCHESTER CITY 4-3 WOLVES

Saturday 15th January 2011

In their previous league meeting at Molineux Wolves shocked the mega rich team from Manchester City when they came from behind to notch up a 2-1 win. In this return game they nearly snatched a point when they came back from 4-1 down



with a quarter of the game remaining to narrowly lose by 4-3.

On the back of a win against Chelsea in their previous league game Wolves showed lots of confidence in the early stages and deservedly took the lead after 12 minutes. Jarvis sent across a ball from the right and after a bit of pinball between the City defenders the ball was finally poked home by Milijias. Wolves continued to push forward and Jarvis looked odds on to score on the half hour mark but Kolarov managed a last ditch block at the expense of a corner. City equalised five minutes before the break, a corner from the left ended at the feet of Kolo Toure at the back post and he fired it through the legs of three defenders and agonisingly past Hennessey.

Within three minutes of the second half City took the lead for the first time, Tevez picked up the ball on the right hand side of the area and skipped the challenges of three defenders before slotting the ball under the body of the advancing Hennessey. City were now on the up and five minutes later it was 3-1, Dzeko sent Yaya Toure clean through after a break from his own defence and the midfielder made no mistake from ten yards. With 66 minutes on the clock City made it 4-1, Zabaleta crossed from the right and Tevez's header bounced in via the underside of the crossbar.

Just as it looked like a rout might be on the cards Wolves immediately pulled one back, Doyle was bundled over by Lescott in the penalty area and the striker got back to his feet to send Hart the wrong way from the spot. It was Wolves on the up again and with five minutes left Zubar pulled another goal back when he headed home following a corner on the left. The goal set up a frenzied finish and in the fourth minute of injury time Mujangi Bia nearly grabbed what would have been an incredible point, but his shot deflected off Kompany and went just wide.

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**Opinion:** Allow players like Tevez that amount of space and you're going to get punished.

**Man of the match:** Milijas

**Team Rating:** 6/10

**Attendance:** 46,677

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Ward (Mouyokolo 70), Hunt, Milijas, David Jones, Jarvis (Mujangi Bia 79), Doyle, Fletcher (Henry 69)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Vokes, Davis, Doherty

**Bookings:** None

## DON AND DUSTED

### WOLVES 5-0 DONCASTER ROVERS

Tuesday 18th Jan 2011 (FA Cup 3rd rnd replay)

Wolves cruised into the 4th round of the FA Cup with an easy 5-0 win in this 3rd round replay against Doncaster, it was their highest win of any kind since beating Gillingham 6-0 in 2003.

With only a few minutes on the clock Doncaster missed a glorious chance to take a shock lead when Sharp found himself with only Hahnemann to beat, but he shot straight at the keeper and that was that as far as Rovers were concerned. The importance of the miss became all too apparent just two minutes later when Wolves went in front, Hunt whipped in a cross from the left for Fletcher to glance home from eight yards.

The game was a one-sided affair and surprisingly Wolves had to wait until just after an hour for a second, and it was Mujangi Bia who had seconds earlier blazed over when clean through who scored, Doyle sent over a low cross from the left and this time the midfielder made no mistake from 12 yards.

The goal was the signal for the floodgates to open and five minutes later it was 3-0, Doyle turned Chambers inside out and squeezed in an angled shot in off the right hand post. Rovers had no answer as Wolves drove forward and sub Jarvis added the fourth in the 74th minute when he finished expertly with a side foot shot after being played through by Stearman. Wolves were not finished though, and in the third minute of injury time Jones swept home a Jarvis corner from 20 yards to put the icing on the cake and give them a home tie against Stoke in the next round.

**Opinion:** Good entertainment for the 10,000 who bothered to turn up.

**Man of the match:** Doyle

**Team Rating:** 8/10

**Attendance:** 10,031

**Team:** Hahnemann, Zubar, Stearman, Craddock, Mouyokolo, Mujangi Bia, Henry, David Jones, Hunt (Jarvis 69), Doyle (Vokes 78), Fletcher (Ward 77)

**Unused Subs:** Hennessey, Berra, Milijas, Davis

**Bookings:** None

## KOP OUT

### WOLVES 0-3 LIVERPOOL

Saturday 22nd January 2011



Less than a month ago Wolves went to Liverpool and recorded a 1-0 win courtesy of a Stephen Ward goal, there was to be no repeat on this occasion with Liverpool winning comfortably by a 3-0 scoreline. It was yet another defeat in front of the Sky TV cameras, but Wolves weren't the only losers on this occasion, presenters Andy Gray and Richard Keys were also big losers when they lost their cushy presenting jobs following remarks made during their expert analysis of a female lino.

Wolves dominated the possession early on but there was no cutting edge up front and the service to Doyle and Fletcher was poor to say the least. Torres missed the first clear cut chance in the 20th minute when Hennessey blocked his weak effort from just inside the box. But there was to be no mistake eight minutes from the break when Zubar played Meireles onside, this time Torres had the simple task of tapping the resulting cross into the net from six yards.

Wolves had two chances in the first half, each falling to Milijas. The first was a free-kick in the 25th minute which he skied over the bar, the second came at the end of the half when he poked effort from two yards that was blocked by the infamous card waver Reina.

Two minutes into the second half and Hennessey produced another superb block to deny Kuyt, but there was no respite two minutes later, a long punt forward was only

partially headed clear by Berra and Meireles lashed an unstoppable 25-yard volley inside Hennessey's left-hand post. Liverpool scored the third in time added on when Torres, on the counter-attack fired into the roof of the net after Kuyt's run into the area.

**Opinion:** A first win for Liverpool in Dalglish's new reign, it couldn't have been made any easier for him.

**Man of the match:** Hennessey

**Team Rating:** 3/10

**Attendance:** 28,869

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Ward, Jarvis, Henry, Milijas, Hunt (Hammill 72), Doyle, Fletcher

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, David Jones, Vokes

**Bookings:** None

## NO ENERGY AS E-ON CUP LIGHTS GO OUT

### WOLVES 0-1 STOKE CITY

Sunday 30th January 2011 (FA Cup 4th Round)



These days the oldest domestic cup competition in the world no longer has that magical aura that it used to with teams using it as a device to rest players and give the youth team a run out. In fact Man United didn't even bother to defend their title in 1999, instead opting to take part in a money spinning FIFA Club World Championship game in Brazil. The first ever FA Cup game was played on 11 November 1871 and won by Clapham Rovers by a scoreline of 3-0 against Upton Park. Wolves have won the competition on four occasions, 1893, 1908, 1949 and 1960. The reason for these trivial details is that this game between Wolves and Stoke was an absolute shocker with virtually nothing to write about.

The entertainment factor throughout the game was zero and the closest either side came to scoring in the first half was when

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Fletcher headed against the post from two yards out. With 10 minutes to go Wolves allowed a semi-mobile oil rig (sorry Robert Huth) to break the deadlock for Stoke, Etherington swung a free-kick in from the byline and no-one picked out Huth who headed past Hahnemann.

Then just as the board for four minutes of stoppage time was held up Huth tripped Milijas in the penalty area and the referee pointed to the spot. What was left of the crowd held their breath as Milijas stepped up, only for Sorensen to save what was can only be described as a feeble effort. Not only did Sorensen save the penalty but in doing so spared everyone the dire prospect of a replay.

**Opinion:** Attendance of only 11,967 speaks volumes about this game.

**Man of the match:** Hahnemann

**Team Rating:** 2/10

**Attendance:** 11,967

**Team:** Hahnemann, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Jarvis, Henry, Milijas, Hunt (Edwards 14), Ward (Vokes 84), Fletcher (Ebanks-Blake 75)

**Unused Subs:** Hennessey, Craddock, David Jones, Mouyokolo

**Bookings:** Zubar (64 – foul)

## ZUBAAAAAARGH !!!!!

### **BOLTON WANDERERS 1-0 WOLVES**

Wednesday 2nd February 2011



After a disciplined performance by Wolves Ronald Zubar gifted Bolton all three points with a dreadful backpass across his own area in stoppage time that left Daniel Sturridge the simplest of tasks of putting the ball into the net from six yards. It was harsh on his team mates, especially goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey who had more than matched Bolton in the preceding 93 minutes.

After a scrappy start Wolves missed a glorious chance to take the lead in the 10th minute. Bolton got their offside trap

all wrong leaving Jarvis clean through and in acres of space, the winger steadied himself before shooting from 12 yards, but the ball rolled agonisingly past the post. Hennessey then took centre stage with good saves from Elmander and Taylor to keep the scores level.

Wolves began the second half the brighter and Hammill embarked on a mazy run that ended with the midfielder seeing his shot blocked by Knight. Hennessey was then called upon to make another fine save, this time from his own player as Berra got his bearings wrong and volleyed Lee's cross powerfully towards his own net.

With three minutes left Doyle nearly scored what would have been a brilliant solo goal, he picked up the ball on the right and dribbled into the area before unleashing a shot that crashed back off the post with Jaaskelainen beaten. Then, with only one minute of the four minutes of time added on remaining, up stepped Zubar with that horrendous back pass across his own box to gift Bolton the win.

**Opinion:** Yet another point lost at the death.

**Man of the match:** Hennessey

**Team Rating:** 6/10

**Attendance:** 18,944

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Berra, Stearman, Elokobi, Hammill (Ebanks-Blake 89), David Jones, Henry, Edwards (O'Hara 75), Jarvis (Ward 75), Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, Fletcher, Milijas

**Bookings:** Stearman (57 – ungentlemanly conduct), Henry (33 – holding), Zubar (73 – foul)

## DOUBLE HEADER

### **WOLVES 2-1 MANCHESTER UNITED**

Saturday 5th February 2011

Whatever happens from now onwards until the end of the season nothing is likely to surpass this performance against the best team in the country, unless we beat our infamous neighbours by five goals in the forthcoming Black Country derby. Man United went into the game on an unbeaten run of 29 games and victory over Wolves would have created a new club record for them, but Wolves showed an astonishing work-rate and commitment to come from a goal down and deservedly win 2-1.

Wolves got off to a nightmare start, after just three minutes Nani dashed down the right, checked inside to leave Elokobi flat-footed



and then smash the ball past Hennessey at his near post to make it 1-0. Things could have been ever worse 90 seconds later but Rooney failed to get any pace on a shot from ten yards out. Wolves made the most of their reprieve when they grabbed the equaliser in the 10th minute, Jarvis swung in a cross from the right and who should be on the end of it but Elokobi who headed past Van der Sar into the bottom corner.

There were chances galore at both ends until Wolves finally took one of theirs with five minutes to half-time. Milijas provided a perfect cross from a free-kick on the right towards the near post, both Elokobi and Doyle dived in with Doyle seemingly getting the final touch to make it 2-1 going into the break.

United had the lion's share of the possession in the second half but never really threatened the resolute Wolves defence. United's frustration was summed up with five minutes remaining when in desperation Scholes tried to palm the ball in from five yards with both hands, but he still couldn't beat Hennessey. Unbelievably the fourth official signalled an inexplicable five minutes of time added on, and even though the referee added another minute on the top of that Wolves stood firm, and a deafening roar greeted the final whistle.

**Opinion:** Great response after the sickening injury time defeat at Bolton.

**Man of the match:** Doyle

**Team Rating:** 10/10

**Attendance:** 28,811

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Henry, Milijas (Ebanks-Blake 88), Hammill (Ward 64), O'Hara (Foley 59), Jarvis, Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Edwards, Craddock, Fletcher

**Bookings:** Henry (42 – foul), O'Hara (50 – shirt pulling)

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## DOUBLE DUTCH

### ARSENAL 2-0 WOLVES

Saturday 12th February 2011

There was never going to be a repeat of the heroics that saw Wolves come from behind to beat league leaders Man United the week before. They were run ragged for most of the game and only Wayne Hennessey and Richard Stearman stood between Arsenal and a cricket score.



With 16 minutes gone Arsenal scored the opener, Fabregas floated a cross in from the right channel and Van Persie drifted between two defenders to volley home from a horizontal position. On the half-hour mark Wolves somehow avoided going further behind twice in the space of a few seconds. Arshavin cut a ball back across the box to Van Persie whose shot was saved brilliantly by Hennessey, the loose ball then fell to Fabregas whose low drive was somehow cleared off the line by the retreating Stearman.

Wolves had another lucky escape with just a minute of the second half on the clock, Wiltshire played in Walcott but he blasted wide from six yards out. It was Hennessey again a few minutes later when he saved smartly with his foot after Stearman looked as if he might turn Walcott's cross over his own line.

Finally, with 56 minutes on the clock Arsenal made it 2-0. Fabregas played a long pass from the deep leaving Walcott and Van Persie with a two on one against Berra, the winger rolled the ball across to Van Persie who was in an offside position, the striker slotted home past Hennessey, but unsurprisingly there was no flag and the goal stood.

It wasn't until the last ten minutes that Wolves enjoyed some territorial advantage and this coincided with Ebanks-Blake coming on to assist Doyle up front. It was



in fact Ebanks-Blake who had Wolves best effort and it went sailing over the bar, and we had to wait until the 90th minute to witness it. Perhaps if Wolves had shown a bit more ambition earlier on we may have caused Arsenal a few more problems, as it was we were easily beaten and have now slumped to the bottom of the league.

**Opinion:** The shirt swapping at the end was the closest Wolves players got to Arsenal all afternoon.

**Man of the match:** Hennessey

**Team Rating:** 4/10

**Attendance:** 60,050

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Hammill, Jarvis, Henry, Milijas (Ebanks-Blake 63), O'Hara (Foley 63), Doyle (Fletcher 80)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, WardJones

**Bookings:** Zubar (42 - foul)

## A BLACK SUNDAY

### SANDWELL TOWN 1-1 WOLVES

Sunday 20th February 2011

For the sixth time this season Wolves conceded a goal in the last three minutes to throw away another two priceless points in the fight against relegation, that means a total of seven points lost after failing to shut up shop at the death. What makes matters worse was giving the low life down the road the opportunity to celebrate when really we should have had the game sewn up.

Wolves dominated the first half and confidently kept possession with O'Hara and Milijas dictating the midfield, and it was the same pairing who combined to give Wolves the lead five minutes before half time. Doyle won a free-kick when he was brought down by Tamas 25 yards from goal, Milijas squared the free-kick to O'Hara and his curling shot flew past Myhill into the roof of the net.



Jarvis wasted a golden opportunity to double Wolves lead after 51 minutes. Tamas made a mess of trying to head the ball back to Myhill and Jarvis nipped in with only the keeper to beat, but the winger made a real hash of it and dragged the shot wide of the far post. Jarvis partly redeemed himself for the miss with 20 minutes remaining when he headed off the line from Olsson's header.

With two minutes of the allotted four minutes time added on played, and with the party in full swing came a dagger through the heart, Odemwankie fed Morrison on the edge of the area and his tame shot was fumbled by Hennessey allowing Vela to poke in for the equaliser.

**Opinion:** Local bragging rights and two vital points thrown down the pan.

**Man of the match:** O'Hara

**Team Rating:** 7/10

**Attendance:** 26,170

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Foley (Ward 84), Henry, O'Hara, Milijas (Ebanks-Blake 68), Jarvis (Craddock 90), Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Fletcher, David Jones, Hammill

**Bookings:** None

## FOUR-GONE CONCLUSION

### WOLVES 4-0 BLACKPOOL

Saturday 26th February 2011

Wolves climbed out of the bottom three after this 4-0 demolition of Blackpool. It was a one-sided affair and even though the visitors had DJ Campbell sent off towards the end of the first half the result was never in doubt with Wolves dictating play from start to finish.

It took less than two minutes for Wolves to settle the nerves when Edwards and Hammill combined on the edge of the Blackpool area to open up space for Jarvis who picked his spot and curled the ball



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into the right-hand side of the net from twelve yards.

Blackpool who themselves have been dragged in to the relegation battle somehow kept the scoreline down to a deficit of just one goal despite the incessant Wolves pressure, including a disallowed goal from Elokobi to boot. Any doubts that Blackpool could get themselves back into the game were well and truly ended two minutes before the break when DJ Campbell threw the rattle out the prism and petulantly shoved Stearman in the face after a tussle in midfield, the referee had no hesitation in showing the red card to the striker.



Wolves eventually put the game to bed ten minutes into the second half, the Blackpool defence stood off O'Hara and he rifled in a 22-yard left-foot shot that bounced over the outstretched left hand of Kingson into the corner of the net. The one-way traffic continued and Ebanks-Blake came off the bench to finish the rout with two goals in the last twelve minutes. The first was a straight forward finish from a Doyle cross on the right, the other was a superb finish with an angled left-foot drive beyond Kingson right on the stroke of full time

**Opinion:** One for old favourite Dean Richards who sadly passed away the day before the game.

**Man of the match:** O'Hara

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 29,086

**Team:** Hennessey, Zubar (Ebanks-Blake 56), Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Hammill (Foley 36), Henry, Edwards (Ward 66), Jarvis, O'Hara, Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, Fletcher, Milijas

**Bookings:** Elokobi (83 – foul)

## COCKEYED HALSEY

### WOLVES 3-3 TOTTENHAM

Sunday 6th March 2011



In what the media described as a great advert for Premiership football Wolves deservedly grabbed a late equaliser against high flying Spurs, what a pleasant change to conceding late goals and giving away points which has been the Achilles Heel of the Wanderers all season.

Following a minute's applause from supporters in honour of former Wolves and Spurs defender Dean Richards Wolves kicked off attacking the South Bank End. The game was end to end from the first minute, and Milijas in for the ineligible Jamie O'Hara was in the thick of everything. Following a period of pressure Wolves took the lead in the 20th minute when a half cleared corner ended with the impressive Milijas sending in a cross that Doyle headed in from five yards.

The lead lasted ten minutes, until Defoe who hadn't scored a Premier goal for 323 days scored two goals in the space of five minutes. As the half drew to a close Hutton pulled back Milijas as he chased a loose ball inside the Spurs area and referee Halsey pointed straight to the penalty spot. Everything in the rule book pointed to a red card, Hutton was the last defender and Milijas was through on goal, yet Halsey only awarded a yellow card....Yet again another refereeing decision going in favour of the team chasing the Champions League place. Doyle stepped up and sent Gomes the wrong way from the spot to send Wolves into the half time break on level terms.

After getting themselves back into the game before the break Wolves surrendered the lead again just three minutes into the second half, poor defending let in Pavlyuchenko who blasted the ball past Hennessey from

just inside the area. To their credit Wolves came back again and with 20 minutes remaining Milijas was within a whisker of levelling when Gomes touched his low shot onto the foot of the post. The midfielder then missed a golden chance when he failed to hit the target from four yards out after a probing cross from Doyle.

With ten minutes left it all looked to be going pear shaped, referee Halsey disallowed what seemed to be a perfectly good headed goal from Stearman who was penalised for allegedly fouling Gomes. However justice was done with just two minutes left when Wolves made it 3-3 when substitute Fletcher levelled with a header from Jarvis's cross.

**Opinion:** At last a goal at the death for us and fully deserved it was as well.

**Man of the match:** Doyle

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 28,669

**Team:** Hennessey, Foley, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Hammill (Fletcher 73), Henry, Ward (Ebanks-Blake 60), Milijas, Jarvis, Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, Mouyokolo, Griffiths, Doherty

**Bookings:** None

## MAT'LL DO NICELY

### ASTON VILLA 0-1 WOLVES

Saturday 19th March 2011



Wolves beat Villa for the first time in 31 years and though the victory wasn't enough to take them out of the bottom three it meant that only three points separate eight clubs at the bottom of the table. Wolves performance was summed up by the sight of Villa fans streaming out before the final whistle, and those who did stay booed their team off and called for the managers head. No sympathy from me, that's what happens when you put a Frenchman in charge.

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Wolves set the tone with Milijas and Hammill both forcing Friedel into saves at the foot of his left-hand post in the first ten minutes. Having gone three games without defeat Wolves were full of confidence and in the 20th minute they had the ball in the net, but it was ruled out because Berra had headed in from an offside position. Ten minutes later and yet another effort was ruled out when Doyle headed in from a cross from Jarvis, this time the ball had supposedly drifted out of play.

After their total domination Wolves deservedly took the lead after 38 minutes, Milijas delivered a cross from the right and Berra flicked the ball on to Jarvis whose first-time volley from 15 yards flew past Friedel into the bottom right hand corner of the net. Thirty seconds before the break Wolves nearly undid all the hard work when Makoun was given a free header six yards out, but fortunately for the sleeping defenders he nodded feebly wide.

Chances were far and few between in the second half, Milijas forced Friedel into a diving save from a long range effort and with just ten minutes left Young crashed the ball against the Wolves crossbar. But that was it with Wolves taking all three points and the unbeaten run stretching to four games, and the day ended on a high when star man Matty Jarvis was named in the England squad for the European Qualifier against Wales.

**Opinion:** Undefeated in four games now and getting results at just the right time.

**Man of the match:** Jarvis

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 38,965

**Team:** Hennessey, Foley, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Hammill (Ebanks-Blake 64), Henry, Milijas, O'Hara, Jarvis (Ward 80), Doyle

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, Kightly, Fletcher, David Jones

**Bookings:** Stearman (30 – foul), Elokobi (80 – foul), Foley (90 – time wasting)

## LOONY TOON DEFENDING

### NEWCASTLE UNITED 4-1 WOLVES

Saturday 2nd April 2011

Wolves four game unbeaten run came to an abrupt halt when they put in a poor performance and were well beaten 4-1 by a Newcastle side whose own form is inconsistent to say the least. It was a lack-lustre effort from the off with United

looking the hungrier and keeping Hennessey constantly on his toes, and it was no surprise when they took the lead in the 22nd minute. A long ball was sent route one into the Wolves half and Berra was beaten in the air, Nolan watched the flight of the ball and followed up to fire past Hennessey with Foley and Stearman watching on like dummies.

The half was summed up two minutes before the break when Nolan was booked for a cynical foul on Hammill and the free-kick ended up with Harper saving a weak header from Ebanks-Blake. The keeper then cleared the ball up field, Berra cleared weakly and the ball ended up with a cross from the left where a bloke disguised as the Phantom of the Opera easily out-muscled Elokobi to head in at the far post.



Within 90 seconds of the second-half starting Hennessey saved well from Barton and Lovenkrands had hit the post, but there was no let-off in the 50th minute when Newcastle made it 3-0. Elokobi was left for dead by Coloccini on the right and the ball ended up with Barton who squared the ball to Lovenkrands who was the only United player among four defenders, but he still managed to find acres of space to slot home.

Even though their overall play was poor one thing about Wolves is they never give up the fight, and eight minutes later they were thrown a lifeline when Ebanks-Blake side-footed home after good work from Jarvis. Things could have been even better two minutes later when O'Hara sent over a pinpoint cross but Fletcher somehow headed wide from three yards out. Ebanks-Blake again went close in the 70th minute when his header was cleared off the line. In the second minute of injury time the debacle was completed when Newcastle added a fourth, the unknown Gutierrez was allowed time and space to run unchallenged into the area and complete a miserable afternoon for Wolves.

**Opinion:** Only plus of the day was the return of Kights from the subs bench.

**Man of the match:** O'Hara

**Team Rating:** 3/10

**Attendance:** 49,939

**Team:** Hennessey, Foley, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi (Ward 81), Hammill (Kightly 53), Henry, O'Hara, Milijas (Fletcher 30), Jarvis, Ebanks-Blake

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, David Jones, Mancienne

**Bookings:** Elokobi (4 - foul),

Milijas (15 - foul), O'Hara (43 – dissent)

## BASHED UP BY TOFFEE HAMMERS

### WOLVES 0-3 EVERTON

Saturday 9th April 2011



It was the first home game for a month and as with that previous game against Spurs it was another three goals conceded at home as Wolves went down 3-0 to an average Everton team. With the Sky cameras again at Molineux for the early kick-off Wolves had a great chance to climb out the bottom three and put pressure on their relegation rivals, wishful thinking is an understatement.

The previous weeks poor form at Newcastle was forgotten for the first twenty minutes as Wolves tore into Everton, but the closest they came to scoring was a Fletcher header that was cleared off the line and a penalty claim turned down when Ebanks-Blake went down in the area. Wolves paid the ultimate price for not turning that possession into goals when Everton scored with their first venture into the Wolves box. Elokobi was nowhere to be seen when Osman found himself in space out on the right, and his cross picked out Beckford who ghosted in unmarked between Berra and Stearman and in front of Hennessey to nod home.

Wolves responded instantly and Guedioura was only just wide with a curling attempt from 20 yards out. Beckford then came close to doubling Everton's lead in the 31st minute, again he was left totally

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unmarked but this time his downward header was brilliantly kept out by Hennessey. However Everton did make it 2-0 in the 38th minute, Hennessey did well to keep out a misdirected header by Elokobi from a corner, but the ball fell to Phil Neville on the edge of the area and his shot flew past the unsighted Hennessey into the roof of the net.

On the stroke of half-time it was all over when Bilyaletdinov picked up a misplaced pass from O'Hara towards the dopy Elokobi, he then ran ten yards with the ball before unleashing a 25 yard rocket past the unlucky Hennessey.

Three goals up at half time Everton were more than happy to sit back after the break and defend their advantage, but even though Wolves tried to rally they lacked any kind of invention in the last third of the field. On the hour Henry forced a good save from Howard with a long range effort and the keeper then parried out a Guedioura header from point blank range.

**Opinion:** You know things are desperate when the defence allows Neville his first goal for three years.

**Man of the match:** Guedioura

**Team Rating:** 3/10

**Attendance:** 28,352

**Team:** Hennessey, Foley, Stearman, Berra, Elokobi, Guedioura (Milijas 76), Henry, O'Hara, Jarvis, Ebanks-Blake (Kightly 46), Fletcher (Hammill 82)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Craddock, Ward, Mancienne

**Bookings:** None

## MURPHY'S LAW

### WOLVES 1-1 FULHAM

Saturday 23rd April 2011

As like most of the season it was Murphy's Law (not the mouthy Scouser in the white shirt) as far as Wolves were concerned "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong". It all looked rosy midway through the first half when Fletcher put Wolves in front, but it all went pear shaped when they couldn't hang onto the lead in this must win game and Fulham contrived a late equaliser.

Fulham started the brighter of the two teams and Hennessey was soon in the action when he pulled off a good save to deny Salcido in only the third minute. The visitors continued to boss the early stages



and Dempsey should have turned that domination into a goal but he skied the ball over the bar from six yards when left unmarked. Schwarzer was a virtual spectator in the Fulham goal and his first real touch of the ball was to pick it out of the net in the 22nd minute when Fletcher gave Wolves the lead, Henry broke clear on the right and he sent over an inch perfect ball which the striker rose to meet and direct with perfect precision into the top corner of the net.

Wolves had a scare soon after the restart when Hennessey flapped at a cross from Baird, but Henry saved the day by putting his foot in where it hurts to stop Gudjohnson latching onto the loose ball. Two minutes later it was Wolves who were on the attack and Guedioura sent in a low drive from outside the box but Schwarzer dived low to his right to catch it.

With twenty minutes left Kakuta shot wide for Fulham before Fletcher twice fired in shots for Wolves, one going off target and Schwarzer saving the other. That was the striker's last contribution as he was replaced by Ebanks-Blake, at the same time Johnson came on for Fulham. Within twenty seconds the Substitute made it 1-1, Zamora tussled with Berra for a ball in the box and it fell to Johnson who shot past the unsighted Hennessey into the net. Ebanks-Blake missed with a header five minutes from the end, but it was Fulham who might have snatched victory at the death, Kakuta bringing a save out of Hennessey and then striking marginally wide.

**Opinion:** Two vital points dropped.

**Man of the match:** Henry

**Team Rating:** 6/10

**Attendance:** 28,825

**Team:** Hennessey, Stearman, Craddock, Berra, Ward, Guedioura (Kightly 85), Henry, O'Hara, Jarvis, Milijas (Mancienne 59), Fletcher (Ebanks-Blake 77)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Vokes, Hammill, Foley

**Bookings:** Stearman (14 – foul), Craddock (93 – foul)

## NO STOKING UP ANY FIRE

### STOKE CITY 3-0 WOLVES

Tuesday 26th April 2011



If you thought we were poor in our last meeting with Stoke in the FA Cup then that was a master class performance compared with this shocker. In a game where our survival in the Premiership was balancing on a knife's edge not one of the Wolves players, except Wayne Hennessey can put their hands up and say they gave everything for the cause.

Wolves kicked off defending the end containing 2,500 of their supporters, they were to be rewarded for their loyalty with the performance of a team who looked like they thought they were already down. It was all Stoke and they inevitably took the lead in the 16th minute, Pennant collected the ball in midfield and strolled wide before floating the ball over to Jones who headed home from close range while being watched by Craddock and Stearman.

Stoke were running Wolves ragged, mind you they were given so much space by Wolves they must have thought they were playing against five men. Hennessey made the first of a series of superb saves when he somehow got his hand to a shot from Wilkinson. Two minutes before the break the keeper was there again to race out and block Whitehead when the striker was clean through, and on the stroke of half-time he did well again when he tipped over a header from Shawcross. But he had no chance as Stoke scored from the resulting corner, Pennant pulled the ball back to Whelan and his shot was deflected by Henry into the path of Shawcross who only needed to nudge the ball over the line.

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Things didn't get any better after the break and Stoke made it 3-0 in the 51st minute. Jones gave the ball to Walters on the right and his cross fell to the unmarked Pennant, his shot rebounded off Craddock and looped over the unlucky Hennessey into the net. Wolves did finally create a chance in the 62nd minute, but Berra headed high over the bar when well placed after Jarvis had whipped in a cross from the left. That was about it as far as goal efforts were concerned and the night was summed up when Fletcher limped off with 20 minutes left, thus compounding the injury crisis in the forward line department that's already missing the irreplaceable Doyle.

**Opinion:** Relegation a certainty on the strength of this performance.

**Man of the match:** Hennessey

**Team Rating:** 1/10

**Attendance:** 27,030

**Team:** Hennessey, Stearman, Berra, Craddock, Ward (Guedioura 79), Mancienne, Kightly (Hunt 74), Henry, O'Hara, Jarvis, Fletcher (Vokes 69)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Milijas, Mouyokolo, Foley

**Bookings:** Kightly (44 – foul), Hunt (88 – flare up)

## ANOTHER CASE OF THE BLUES

### **BIRMINGHAM CITY 1-1 WOLVES**

Sunday 1st May 2011

In a way this performance was worse than the one at Stoke, for over an hour Birmingham played with ten men but Wolves could only muster ONE shot on target, which really is woeful for such a crucial match. The game eventually ended up all square at 1-1, and on reflection most of the Wolves supporters would have settled for a point before the game, but in reality a golden opportunity was missed to pull out of the bottom three.

Wolves got off to the best possible start when they took the lead from the penalty spot within the first five minutes. Foster made a hash of a clearance that fell straight to Jarvis who immediately played in Ward, the keeper came off his line but only succeeded in bringing down the makeshift striker and the referee pointed to the spot. Fletcher stepped up and coolly sent Foster the wrong way to make it 1-0.

Birmingham went close to equalising on the 15 minute mark but fortunately for Wolves Larsson's free-kick from the edge



of the area crashed back off the crossbar with Hennessey beaten. But there was to be no let-offs in the 27th minute when a shocking mistake by Mancienne gifted Birmingham their equaliser, the WWLSC sponsored player looked like a sniper had got him when he made a real hash of a header when trying to deal with a long clearance by Foster, the ball fell to Larsson who made no mistake from ten yards.

Wolves were given a boost two minutes later when Birmingham were reduced to 10 men, Gardner who had already been booked following a spat with O'Hara was given a second yellow card for diving. However, even against ten men Wolves failed to force Foster into any kind of save and the only real chance before the break fell to Foley, but he hit the panic button and sliced horribly wide from eight yards out.

There was plenty of effort from Wolves in the second half, but without the injured Doyle there was no guile or anybody to create that extra yard of space that might forge an opening. There was a half chance in the 66th minute when a mistake by Bowyer let in Jarvis but he sliced his shot well wide. Wolves pressed for that all important winner, but a weak shot from O'Hara that was easily saved by Foster was all about Wolves could muster up.

**Opinion:** Loads of effort but not much finesse.

**Man of the match:** Henry

**Team Rating:** 5/10

**Attendance:** 26,072

**Team:** Hennessey, Mancienne, Stearman (Hammill 46), Craddock, Elokobi, Foley, O'Hara, Henry, Jarvis (Hunt 67), Fletcher, Ward (Vokes 82)

**Unused Subs:** Hahnemann, Berra, Milijas, Guedioura

**Bookings:** O'Hara (8 – foul), Craddock (33 – foul), Henry (54 – foul)

## DINGLE'S RULE

### **WOLVES 3-1 SANDWELL TOWN**

Sunday 8th May 2011



At last something to cheer about, a long awaited win in the Black Country derby, watching the local foe defend like we usually do and sending all the retards dressed in Tesco carrier bags back to their farmyard in Sandwell. It doesn't get much better than that. Steven Fletcher joined the ranks of the immortal with a double in a 3-1 win that incidentally took Wolves out of the bottom three for the first time in ten weeks. Wolves tore into A\*\*\*\*n from the off and their desire was epitomised by the ferocious tackling of Stephen Hunt who steamed in like a man possessed. It was just what the doctor ordered and the party got into full swing in the 15th minute, that man Hunt sent over a corner that found the chest of the unmarked Guedioura and as soon as the ball fell to the floor Fletcher pounced like a cat to ram the loose ball home. Twelve minutes later and another Hunt corner was headed back across goal by Fletcher and Guedioura volleyed home from four yards to make it 2-0 and send the long suffering Wolves fans into fantasy land.

Fletcher grabbed his second two minutes after the break after more woeful defending by A\*\*\*\*n, Hennessey bowled the ball out to Foley who hit a long pass up field, Meite under no pressure allowed the ball to roll under his foot and Fletcher ran in on goal to slot the ball past Carson to make it 3-0. Guedioura spoilt his copybook in the 54th minute when he upended Thomas in the area and Odemwankie scored from the spot to make the score 3-1. Hennessey produced a stunning save from Cox on the hour mark and two minutes later Thomas hit the post, but that was as close as it got for A\*\*\*\*n. Ward could have made it 4-1 five minutes from the end but he pulled his shot wide after he produced a great piece of skill to give himself the opportunity in the first place.

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**Opinion:** Happy Days.  
**Man of the match:** Hunt

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 28,510

**Team:** *Hennessey, Foley, Craddock, Mancienne, Elokobi, Guedioura (Jarvis 74), Henry, O'Hara (Stearman 80), Hunt, Ward, Fletcher (Ebanks-Blake 84)*

**Unused Subs:** *Hahnemann, Berra, Vokes, Milijas*

**Bookings:** Guedioura (54 – foul), Craddock (79 – foul), Henry (82 – foul)

## THERE'S THREE WAYS TO SKIN A BLACK CAT

### SUNDERLAND 1-3 WOLVES

Saturday 14th May 2011



Come the time and come the hour Wolves put on their tin hats and produced the goods to record a 3-1 win and an invaluable three points in their Premiership survival fight. But they had to face a first half onslaught from Sunderland before grabbing the game by the neck after the break.

Sunderland who were playing their final home game of the season had the majority of the play in the opening stages and Wolves had an early escape when Zenden hit the post with a long range effort in the 10th minute. Hennessey then made a terrific save from Sessegnon to keep the scores level before Wolves took the lead against the run of play in the 22nd minute. Hunt delivered a ball from the left and "There's only one Jody Craddock" met the ball perfectly at the back post with a firm volley that hit the bottom left hand corner of the net.

The goal settled Wolves down and O'Hara went close to doubling the lead on the half hour mark, but this time the crossbar came to Sunderland's rescue. After grabbing the lead Wolves then weakly surrendered the advantage in the 33rd minute with some poor defending, a corner from the left found its way to Sessegnon totally unmarked at the backpost, and with the

simple task of volleying the ball past Hennessey.

Matt Jarvis replaced Guedioura at the start of the second half and made an immediate impact when he was involved in Wolves second goal in the 53rd minute. The winger skipped past Bardsley on the right and dinked the ball to the far post where Fletcher climbed high above Mensah to head home.

Kevin Doyle replaced man of the match Fletcher in his first game for almost two months and showed what Wolves have missed when he won a corner within two minutes of coming on, unfortunately Elokobi headed over from the resulting dead ball kick when he should have scored. However Big George made amends twelve minutes from time when he met O'Hara's free-kick with a diving header to make it 3-1 and seal the win. The goal signalled a mass exodus of red and white shirts from the stadium and the Conga by the fans in the gold shirts. With a two goal advantage in the bag Wolves sat back and defended their lead to secure back-to-back wins for the first time this season.

**Opinion:** Destiny still in our own hands following this magnificent result.

**Man of the match:** Fletcher

**Team Rating:** 9/10

**Attendance:** 41,273

**Team:** *Hennessey, Foley, Elokobi, Henry, Craddock, Mancienne, Guedioura (Jarvis 45), Ward, Fletcher (Doyle 72), O'Hara, Hunt*

**Unused Subs:** *Hahnemann, Stearman, Ebanks-Blake, Berra, Milijas*

**Bookings:** None

## THEY THINK ITS ALL ROVER, IT IS NOW

### WOLVES 2-3 BLACKBURN ROVERS

Sunday 22nd May 2011



Things are never simple when it comes to Wolverhampton Wanderers. They picked the most important game of the season to produce their worst first half performance. As they went for their half-time cuppa they were 3-0 down, all at sorts, in the bottom three and destined for the drop.

Roberts started the nail biting in the 22nd minute when the ball luckily deflected off him from a Salgado shot to put Rovers 1-0 up. Worse was to follow for Wolves in the 37th minute when Emerton hit a stunning volley out of nowhere giving Hennessey no chance to make it 2-0. With seconds remaining of the first half Hoilett made it 3-0 with a low shot after leaving two defenders for dead in a mazy run. Wolves were going down, uncharacteristically without a fight and in total disarray.

With 55 minutes on the clock Hennessey made an absolute stunning save from Roberts to keep Wolves in it. After briefly climbing out the drop zone news of a Brum equaliser at Spurs meant Wolves were back in the brown stuff with about fifteen minutes left. Wolves were thrown a lifeline when Jamie O'Hara got one back in the 72nd minute after Hunt had set him up with a cleverly worked free-kick. But it was not enough and the fans screamed "We only need one goal" making the players aware of the precarious situation.

Knowing a goal would keep them up it was Wolves turn to pile forward and this time it was Rovers's goal leading a charmed life. With three minutes left and things looking desperate Hunt collected a long kick from Hennessey and scored with a brilliant curling shot that nestled in the top left-hand corner of the net. It was total bedlam, and with more news that Spurs had scored again against Brum the two teams knowing they were both safe played out the final five minutes at a leisurely pace in the Rovers half. Wolves players watched on until Howard Webb finally blew the whistle and confirm we were still in the Premier League for another season.

**Opinion:** As Mick said afterwards "A piece of p\*\*s !!!!!".

**Man of the match:** Hennessey

**Team Rating:** 4/10

**Attendance:** 29,009

**Team:** *Hennessey, Foley, Craddock, Mancienne (Ebanks-Blake 46), Elokobi, Jarvis, Henry (Guedioura 85), O'Hara, Hunt, Ward, Fletcher (Berra 90)*

**Unused Subs:** *Hahnemann, Stearman, Vokes, Milijas*

**Bookings:** Henry (18 – foul), Craddock (45 – foul), Hunt (88 – foul)

# TRAVEL DETAILS



## Provisional travel arrangements for matches during August and September are:-

### Home Matches

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

Fare : To be advised.

#### Sat 10/09/11 v Spurs

- ◆ Outward - Depart Euston 09:23 Arrive Wolverhampton 11:11
- ◆ Return - Depart Wolverhampton 18:45 Arrive Euston 20:55

#### Sat 17/09/11 v QPR

- ◆ Outward - Depart Euston 10:23 Arrive Wolverhampton 12:11
- ◆ Return - Depart Wolverhampton 18:45 Arrive Euston 20:55

### 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 27/08/11 v Aston Villa (k/o 12:05pm)

- ◆ Outward - Depart Euston 08:03 Arrive Birmingham New St 09:27
- ◆ Return - Depart Birmingham New St 15:30 Arrive Euston 16:54
- Local train to/from Witton

#### Tue 24/09/11 v Liverpool

- ◆ Outward - Depart Euston 08:07 Arrive Liverpool Lime St 10:15
- ◆ Return - Depart Liverpool Lime St 18:48 Arrive Euston 21:15

Any member wishing to book a train ticket for travel to home or away matches from Euston, must now contact Travel Secretary AT LEAST 9 DAYS prior to the match. Bookings for travel with other train operators, must be made 3-4 weeks before the match. This is because early booking is essential in order to obtain the cheapest tickets.

Fares will be collected on the outward journey. Payments in advance are accepted. Cheques/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 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 Travel Secretary AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. Please enclose s.a.e. with postal applications.

Please note that for all-ticket away matches where Wolves allocation is limited, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET. Tickets for every away match go on sale 21 days before the match to away season ticket holders & also to home season ticket holders, unless Wolves have a limited allocation. Home season ticket holders can apply for away tickets, by ringing the Wolves Ticketline on 0871 222 1877 between 9 am - 5 pm, and giving their Supporter Number.

There are 7 club season tickets available to members on a match to match basis. Full match day price will be charged. Members must travel on the official club trip for the particular game for which the ticket is required.

Members travelling or using WWLSC tickets are expected to be of good behaviour whilst travelling to or from the matches. Breaches of this will be considered by the Committee as grounds for expulsion from WWLSC under the WWLSC rules.

Please note also that dates and times of matches are likely to be changed because of live TV coverage.

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# AND FINALLY



## ???????? SURVIVAL SUNDAY ????????

*Tony Hughes ?? Upon the Telly ??  
Ugly Face ?? And a great big belly ??  
That sounds like me - Its true to say !!  
I went to watch my Wolves Team Play  
First Forty Five - they were not in it  
We couldn't see - how Wolves could win it  
But at Half time - Mick said his piece  
Just try and try - and never cease  
No game is lost till the whistles blown  
Although us fans may Cheer or Groan  
And in the end - Wolves saviour came  
A goal was scored - In another game !!  
The Blues were down - The Wolves were saved  
The whistle blew - fans misbehaved  
Ran on the pitch - to celebrate  
Emotionally - All in a state  
How can this game - Do this to us  
To Cheer or Cry or Clap or Cuss  
But every year - its just the same  
We cannot wait - for one more game  
Another chance - to climb the table  
We live to try - We hope we're able  
Now Saturdays throughout the Summer  
Will be for us - a little glummer  
But we can dream of Wins and Draws  
No more losses - bringing snores  
To follow our teams Red ? - Blue ? ( Mine Gold )  
Life's dedication - long bought and sold  
Our hearts are there - upon the pitch  
They are our team - we cannot switch  
Every fan - Man Boy or Girlie  
Will be there again - We'll turn up early  
To get our fix - That's footballs charm  
To spend some time - and do no harm  
So " Up the Wolves" - as I grow old  
We once were great - or so I'm told  
And maybe soon - we will again  
Heights of success - there to attain  
But the Joy is in the journey made  
Enjoy the game - Don't be afraid  
And Champions I'm sure we'll be  
Its clear as clear as clear can be  
And I'll be there - drinking in the joy  
A Sixty One year old - Wolves little boy*

### **UP THE WOLVES**

**Tony Hughes  
Graveney, Kent  
22.5.2011**

I was in the Off licence the other day,when I noticed a Wolves team before my very eyes. I first noticed Hennessy and then Bell followed by Bailey. Anyway here is the the **Wolves alcoholic X1:-**

**Hennessy (or Stowell ), Jack Short(s) (1950's), George Miller (1960's), Ron Flowers, Steve Stoutt, Les Smith (1950's), Mike Bailey, Colin Booth (1950's), Johnnie Walker (1950's) And up front Steve Bull and Norman Bell.**

*Dave Slape.*



If ever a picture screamed out for inclusion in a **caption competition**, it's this one.

The prize for the funniest entry is a DVD of Wolves' 2010-2011 season. Please send your entries to Stef Leonard, 22 Kinnaird Avenue, Bromley, Kent BR1 4HG or email him at [stefanleonard@hotmail.com](mailto:stefanleonard@hotmail.com). Entries to be received by Saturday 1st October.

## **FEEDBACK**

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# 45th Anniversary

