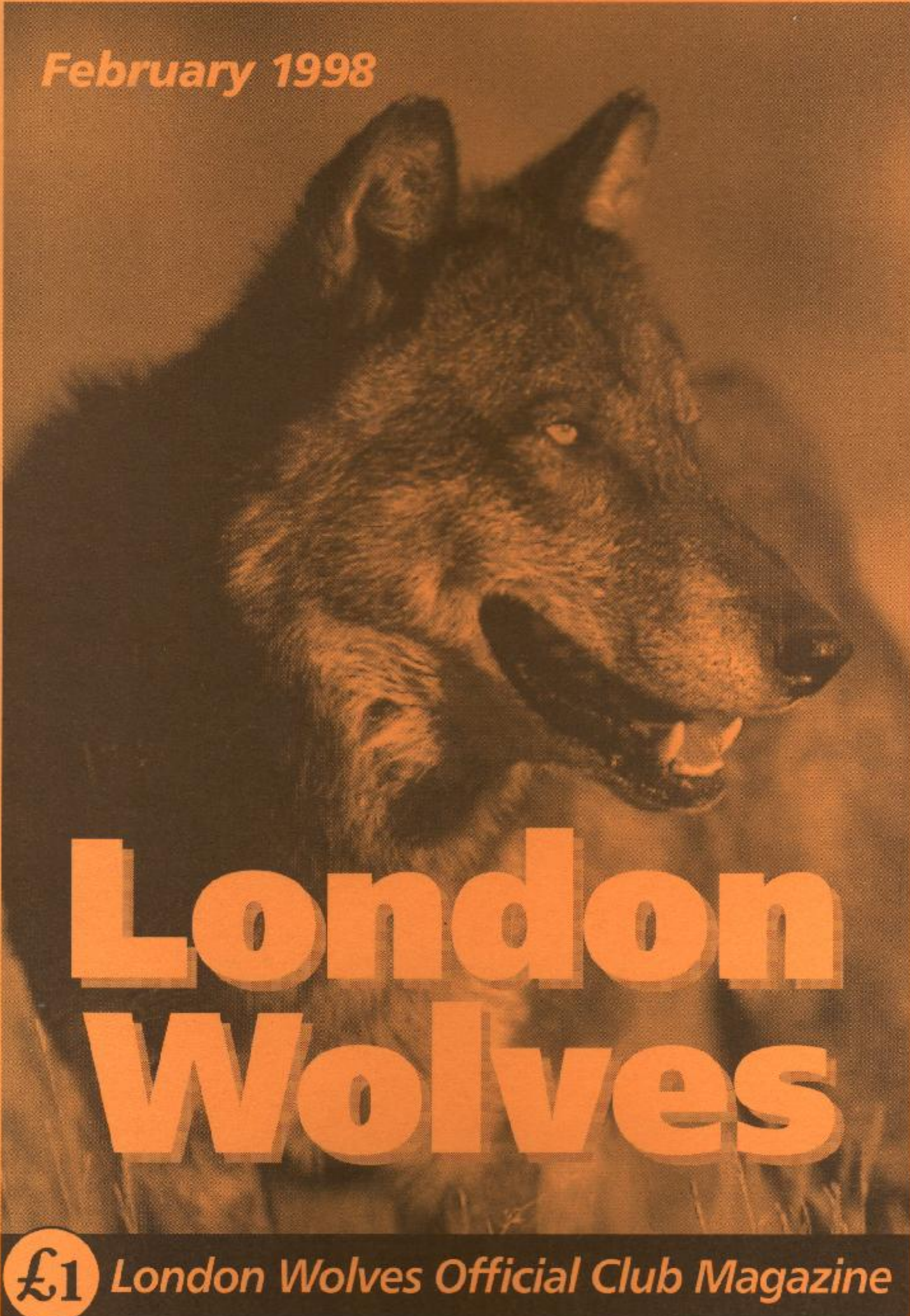


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From the Chair



Stuart Earl

Welcome to the first edition of 1998. I trust you all had a good Christmas, and that the new year brings us all that we desire for ourselves and for our football Club. By now, of course, we should be getting a rough idea of how the season is shaping.

Having taken maximum points from the Christmas fixtures, our hopes are certainly looking better as I write these notes at the end of January. You will probably have read about Mark McGhee's observation that we are 2 points better of now than we were at the same stage last season. Well, lets hope that that situation is at least maintained, or even improved upon, up to the end of the season.

I did hear that there were some grumblings from members who wished to travel to the Cup match at Darlington, but weren't able to get tickets. I can assure you that Peter Woodfield did all that was possible to obtain tickets but, unfortunately, these were only available to "Away Season Ticket" holders.

Sadly, we've had some bad news at the start of the new year. Some of you might remember Marion Rutherford, our former Chairman Martin's mother, who travelled with us on many occasions during the seventies. Sadly, Marion passed away shortly before Christmas, and we send our sympathies to Martin, Moira and the children.

As mentioned in the last edition of the magazine, you should have by now received raffle tickets to help finance what will possibly be our biggest and boldest venture yet, THE dinner and dance. Full details appear elsewhere in the magazine, but as stated, we have managed to arrange another 'Meet the Players' occasion which will take place prior to the dinner/dance. As I write, Tim Richards is hard at work on the preparations, so please do support this event, and get your raffle tickets, and function ticket orders, in early.

Regarding the magazine, we are a bit late with this issue because whilst we seem to have got the style and quality to a very satisfactory level, we've had to re-arrange our method of producing the contents in a more productive way. This has meant a change of Editor, and our commiserations go to Stef for taking on the job, whilst at the same time, our warmest thanks to John Engleman for his stint in the hot seat. John will, of course, continue to write his articles and match reports.

Right, I'm off to get some tan lotion now, as by the time you read this I'll be in Barbados preparing myself for the slog into the play-offs.

Stuart Earl, Chairman

Committee Profile



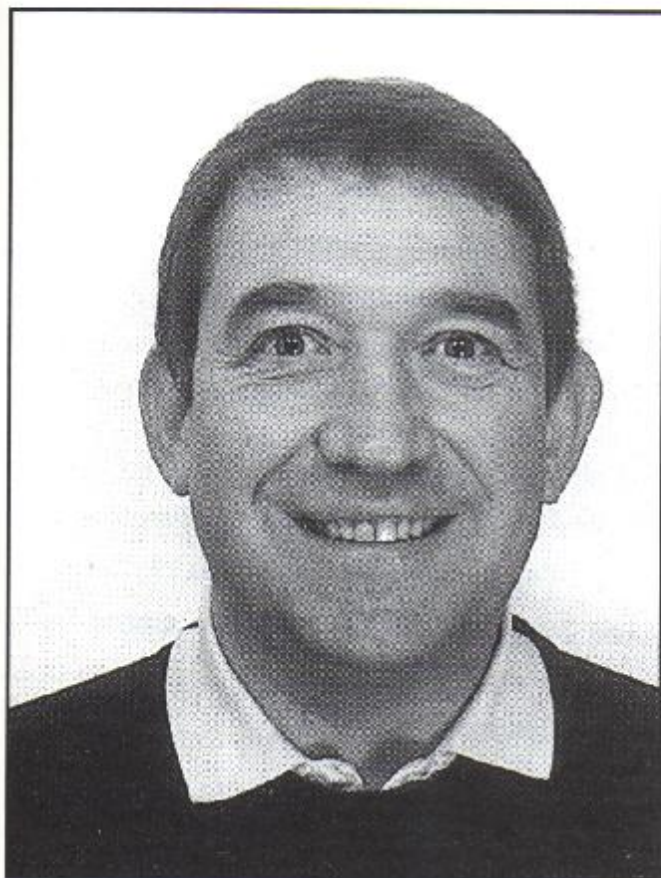
Tim Richards

Tim has been a member of the Club for some 8 years now. Within 3 years of his joining us, either fate or a masochistic streak led him to take on the role of Social Secretary, a part that he has played wonderfully well. Under his leadership, we have had very successful Club functions such as the Riverboat Disco (1994), a Greek Evening (1995), a Canal Cruise (1996) and, of course, last year's 30th Anniversary Dinner/Dance. He is obviously a natural organiser - perhaps we should nickname him "Filofax"!

He thinks his one claim to fame is that he was born within a mile of Molineux,

but surely a contender for that fame spot is the fact that he is the current Chairman of the London Junior Branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He is a Director of Aston Rose, a company dealing with commercial property advice, is married to Anne, a West Ham supporter (poor girl!) and has two children. He is a season ticket holder in the John Ireland stand and recalls that his first Wolves match was the one against Sheffield United in 1973.

Committee Profile



**Stefan
Leonard**

Stef joined the Committee some two and a half years ago, and we had the benefit of his experience of previous committee work immediately, as he assisted in our organisation of the 30th anniversary dinner and dance.

He's under 50, but not for much longer. He's married to Carmel, and has two children, Saoirse (12) and, of course, jumping Jack (10). He was born all those years ago around the corner from Molineux, in Chapel Ash, and moved to London, via Wales, whilst still in short trousers. He was employed by the Greater London Council as an architect,

and on the Council's demise in 1986, went 'solo' and now has his own company.

He recalls that the first ever football match he saw, was Arsenal v Wolves in April 1958, with the Wolves winning 2-0 on their way to becoming champions.

A season ticket holder in the Billy Quiet, Stef is a regular traveller on the train to all the home matches, trying hard, it seems, to lose enough money at the card game to pay for the Chairman's fare!



Wolves Diary

compiled by Peter Woodifield

- Nov 10** Paul Simpson expected to complete his £75,000 transfer to Wolves on Tuesday. Kevin Muscat will miss Wolves' next five matches as he has been suspended for 3 games, and is then in Australia's World Cup squad for their two play-off matches. His next match for Wolves will be on Boxing Day. Wolves' youth team crash out in the 1st round of the F.A. Youth Cup at Stoke 3-0.
- Nov 11** Another major injury blow for Wolves as Steve Bull is ruled out of action for two months after surgery to his left knee. Paul Simpson completes move. The away match at Portsmouth on 22nd November has been postponed due to international call-ups. Adrian Williams makes substitute appearance for Wales in their 3-0 defeat in Brazil.
- Nov 12** Simon Osborn and Michael Gilkes return to action in the reserves' 3-0 win v Oldham. Both play for about an hour without showing any ill-effects and could be included in the squad for Saturday's home match v Ipswich.
- Nov 15** IPSWICH TOWN (Home) 1-1 (Keane). Wolves are fortunate to take a point against an Ipswich side playing much better than their lowly league position suggests. Mike Stowell saves penalty, and Michael Gilkes and Simon Osborn both play, Osborn as a late substitute. Isidro Diaz is leaving Wolves at the end of his contract. Danish number two keeper, Mogens Krogh, has also left Wolves after a week's trial, with Wolves unlikely to pursue their interest in the player.
- Nov 17** John Richards takes up his new appointment as Wolves' Managing Director.
- Nov 18** Despite press speculation linking him with the vacant manager's job at Q.P.R., Colin Lee says that there has been no contact from them. Swindon reportedly set to sign Don Goodman for £300,000.
- Nov 24** Glen Crowe's loan to Cardiff extended by one month.
- Nov 26** Wolves have re-arranged the match at Portsmouth for December 9th.
- Nov 29** Q.P.R. (Home) 3-2 (Osborn, Goodman 2). Excellent finishing and a star performance by Robbie Keane maintain Wolves' unbeaten home record this season.
- Dec 3** Dean Richards has resumed full training after nearly 12 months, and could be included in the side for the Christmas games.
- Dec 6** MANCHESTER CITY (Away) 1-0 (og). An unfortunate own goal by Kit Symons gives Wolves all three points, but they are full value for this win. Steve Sedgley makes an

impressive return to the side after his 3 month absence.

Dec 7 The F.A. Cup 3rd round draw gives Wolves an away tie at Darlington.

Dec 9 PORTSMOUTH (Away) 2-3 (Westwood, Froggatt). A late fight back by Wolves nearly earns a point after Steve Sedgley is sent off in the first half after a clash with Pompey striker Mathias Svensson. Keith Curle misses a first half penalty.

Dec 10 Wolves are to appeal against the sending off of Steve Sedgley if video evidence shows that he did not strike Svensson. Dean Richards and Tony Daley make their comebacks in the reserves' 2-0 win at Port Vale, Richards plays for the full 90 minutes and Daley as substitute for the last half hour. Ian Ferguson's agent says that the Rangers midfielder will not be joining Wolves, despite recent media speculation.

Dec 11 Wolves decide not to appeal against Steve Sedgley's sending off and three match ban after studying a video of the incident. He will miss the league games v Oxford (home) and Port Vale (away), and the cup-tie at Darlington.

Dec 14 NOTTINGHAM FOREST (Home) 2-1 (Freedman, Robinson). A fine win and performance by Wolves, who are at last looking like genuine promotion candidates.

Dec 15 Dean Richards continues his comeback in a friendly v Stafford Rangers which was

played behind closed doors. He plays for the whole 90 minutes and could be in line for a recall to the first team on Boxing Day in place of the suspended Steve Sedgley. Tony Daley also plays for 45 minutes, but is still some way off full match fitness.

Dec 16 Wolves have released Spanish midfielder Jesus Garcia Sanjuan after a three month trial.

Dec 19 Wolves announce that they will go ahead and beam back the F.A.Cup tie at Darlington to Molineux. Jason Roberts joins Torquay on one month's loan.

Dec 20 READING (Away) 0-0. Wolves end their run of dismal results at Elm Park in an untidy match. Paul Simpson is sent off for allegedly striking Reading's Phil Parkinson.

Dec 22 Paul Simpson is hoping that video evidence will clear him from his red card offence at Reading. Dean Richards and Tony Daley both play for the full 90 minutes of a private practice match v Walsall.

Dec 24 Richard Leadbeater joins Hereford on one month's loan. Glen Crowe is back at Wolves after his loan spell at Cardiff.

Dec 26 OXFORD UTD (Home) 1-0 (Goodman). An early Don Goodman goal keeps Wolves on course for promotion. An impressive return to the side for Dean Richards after nearly 12 months out of action. Tony Daley is named as a substitute, but is not called upon. Richard Leadbeater scores a first half hat-

trick in the first match of his loan spell at Hereford.

Dec 28 **PORT VALE (Away) 2-0 (Muscat, Freedman).** Wolves move back into a play-off position after this win, two fine goals sealing victory against an unlucky Vale side.

Dec 31 John Richards says that the club are still intending to 'float' on the Stock Market, but only when they are a premiership club.

Jan 1 Paul Simpson, sent off for the first time in his career at Reading, has been suspended for three games. He will miss the Darlington cup-tie and league matches v Norwich (home) and Sheffield Utd (away).

Jan 3 The Darlington cup-tie is postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, and a forecast of more heavy rain and strong gales during the match. The new date for the tie is Wednesday 14th January.

Jan 4 The F.A. Cup 4th round draw gives Wolves an away tie at Charlton if they beat Darlington.

Jan 5 Steve Bull is targetting the Albion game on 31st January for his return to first team action.

Jan 9 Wolves Physio Barry Holmes says Steve Bull is still 4-5 weeks away from full fitness, and not expected to return to action until February. The Albion match is already a sell-out after the last remaining tickets are sold.

Jan 10 **NORWICH CITY (Home) 5-0 (Keane, Goodman, Freedman 3).** A magnificent hat-

trick by Dougie Freedman as Wolves demolish feeble Norwich. Tony Daley appears as a second half substitute, his first senior football in nearly two years. Australia announce that Kevin Muscat will not be required for a 4-team tournament in Australia in February, which would have meant him missing several more games for Wolves. Adrian Williams facing a fresh injury worry after the recurrence of an old ankle injury. He could be out of action for a couple of weeks. Michael Gilkes is also still some way from fitness.

Jan 14 **DARLINGTON (Away) F.A.Cup 3rd round 4-0 (Freedman, Paatalainen 2, Ferguson).** After being under pressure for much of the match, Wolves cruise through to the 4th round, although the margin of victory is somewhat flattering.

Jan 17 **SHEFFIELD UTD (Away) 0-1.** Wolves unbeaten run is ended by a dubious goal from Blades striker Marcelo, who appears to use his arm to control the ball before scoring.

Down Memory Lane -

The changing face of Wolverhampton

by John Engleman

When I was eight years of age, I was taken to watch Wolverhampton Wanderers for the very first time at Stamford Bridge. The year was 1955, and it was the year the champions of 1953/54 had to play second-fiddle to Chelsea, who claimed the first championship title in their history. Over the next forty two years a lot of things have changed.

Firstly, I didn't really know where Wolverhampton was. On most maps, it was a little town somewhere north west of Birmingham, and it was never highlighted.

It took another six or seven years for me to venture to the Black Country town. It was 1961 or 62, and Spurs were the opposition.

After alighting from the train at the low-level station and walking across the cobbled stones, I was surprised that the town was bigger than I thought. I walked down the street and asked someone where the ground was, (must have thought I supported Spurs).

As I passed the old houses near the ground, with the granddads and grandmas leaning on the garden gates in those little two-up, two-down houses, saying "hope its a good game"..... or, "I'm too old to go myself now". The impression I got was that they, those who loved the game, had seen the greatest club side in the fifties, although, of course, the Busby-Babes were just around the corner.

It was the turn of a new generation to

attend Molineux. Although the crowds were not as big as those earlier days, at that time Molineux could accommodate over 50,000 spectators.

In those days, supporters would go to a game in a bobble hat, rattle, and team colours, and the only blood spilt was if you nicked yourself shaving your bum-fluff off. It was a great atmosphere. Cigarettes were smoked by most supporters (no dangers were known), as the fans made their way to the Molineux Hotel for a jar or two.

But as the years passed and the fifties moved behind you, it was the turn of the early sixties players to capture your imagination and respect. The likes of Finlayson, Flowers, Crowe, Murray, Showell, Harris and Kirkham. And, of course there was Bill Slater, who in 1960 captained Wolves to victory in the F.A. Cup Final.

Wolves were not making many inroads as far as the championship was concerned, but today they were playing last season's double winning side, Tottenham. Wolves showed them a clean pair of heels winning by three goals to one; Wharton, McParland and Crowe being on target for the home side.

After supporting the side from the south of England for the first six or seven years, my first visit to Molineux was well worth the 250 mile return train journey. As I made my way back to the station over the cobbled stones, I knew that next time I came, I would not have to ask where the

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Meet the Players and Dinner & Dance

on SATURDAY 4th APRIL 1998

(After the QPR v Wolves game at Loftus Road)

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The price is £37.50 per member, £45 per non-member. This includes a pre-dinner reception where supporters can meet the players, three course dinner with a half bottle of wine per person, and live music. A pay-bar will be available. Please note that match tickets are not included when booking, if vegetarian meals are required please advise.

We also have a number of rooms booked at the hotel. A double room will cost £80, inclusive of breakfast. Please let us know as soon as possible if you require a room.

NB: The Carnarvon Hotel has undergone a substantial programme of refurbishment since our 1996 Dinner, and is now an even better venue.

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Letters to the Editor



Whilst travelling to Darlington by train last week Mark Everiss (another London Wolves member) and myself tried to write down the names of all 92 league clubs from memory. We both finished with 91 teams and, after consulting league tables, strangely found that we had both missed the same club. That club was Rotherham United. Does this mean that Rotherham are the most nondescript and easily forgotten league team in England? Perhaps our brains have deliberately wiped Rotherham from memory after that 6-0 FA Cup defeat!

Perhaps other members could ask their friends to try the same exercise and see who they cannot remember. Lets hope its not Wolves.

Yours sincerely

Tim Richards

Tim Richards - London Wolves Social Secretary

Match Reports

By John Engleman

Wolves v Middlesbrough
1st November 1997



Wolves - the boldness and class shine through, at last

Rather than producing our own match report on this game, we reproduce in full, this report which appeared in the Daily Telegraph. It's better than any report we could have written ourselves.

"There is a myth about English football widely accepted around the world; it is that the definitive English club are Manchester United. Or, 15 years ago, Liverpool. Or, 30 years ago, Tottenham. Wrong, the definitive club are Wolverhampton Wanderers, created as player, and then as manager, by Stan Cullis, by Billy Wright and Ron Flowers, and subsequently by John Richards and Andy Gray. And nowadays, Steve Bull. For Steve Bull read John Bull.

Wolves on Saturday, were a continuing reflection of so much that was good about the past. Cullis would have been proud of them. They epitomised the word that has always characterised their play. Bold.

The mood in Sir Jack Hayward's fine modern stadium was electric, as the sleeping giant of the domestic game began to stir again.

Whether the bold, direct, football of Mark McGhee's team is sound enough to gain promotion to the Premiership, let alone to stay there, is another matter. Yet succeed or fail, it is the kind of football that quickens the blood on a chill autumn afternoon.

That they ultimately won, 1-0, against a solid Middlesbrough formation who occasionally revealed more imagination, but lacked tenacity, was thanks to Robbie Keane. Eight minutes were remaining and Middlesbrough's clinging survival against a tide of attacks was reducing the near full-house 28,000 crowd to near dementia. Then Keane, 17, strode on to a pass from Dougie Freedman and, with the aplomb of a Peter Broadbent, the brains back in the 1950s, lobbed the ball over Mark Schwarzer.

The problem about Wolves' possessive style, traditionally strong on speed and physical challenge but short on subtlety, is that it can only go so far for so long. Cullis's teams won three League titles, two FA Cups, and epic friendlies with Honved, before being exposed in the

European Cup.

Since then the club have won two trophies with the creativity of Hibbitt and Wagstaffe, and the finishing of Richards and Dougan; the League Cup was theirs in 1974, outplaying Manchester City's fancied stars such as Bell, Marsh and Law, when Sunderland set up the winner for Richards; and the League Cup again in 1980, when equally fancied Nottingham Forest were outwitted by Willie Carr, Hibbitt, Peter Daniel, Richards and Gray.

Young Keane reminds one of Carr; quick, with control and vision. His flexible role in a 4-3-3 formation, playing in behind Bull and Freedman, or wide on the right, constantly extended Middlesbrough. He had missed the last two matches, including the defeat by Stockport, when absent with the Republic of Ireland Under 18s. On this form, he must be a candidate for the World Cup finals squad, should his elders overcome Belgium.

The man of the match was nearly Emerson. The sturdy Brazilian seems to have found an appetite for representing Middlesbrough, missing while they dropped out of the Premiership. He was the mainspring of their counter-attacks, and might have given them the lead shortly before half-time when his header cannoned off Derek Whyte and looped over the bar.

Nearly, because he faded under Wolves' storming assault in the second half. Around the hour mark, Steve Froggatt had a cross beaten out, Bull struck a post then had Schwarzer dive at his feet, and Freedman, having rounded the goalkeeper, saw Curtis Fleming clear his shot from a gaping goal mouth.

In the first half, Wolves had run plenty and

achieved little. Their closest chance was a typical diving header by Bull, nine yards out, to meet Freedman's low cross, the ball flashing two feet wide. That would have been his much-awaited 300th goal.

"Bully" has the same loyalty to the cause as the legendary Billy, whose rugged statue stands outside the main entrance. Yet his decline in pace does not augur well for a promoted club.

"We're on the way back, in contact with the front runners," a contented McGhee said. "We played three up, believing the pressure would create something. This was as complete a performance as we've had all season." Bryan Robson, who had stood expressionless in his overcoat alongside the dugout all afternoon, conceded that Middlesbrough had fallen short. "Wolves put us under tremendous pressure and deserved their goal," he said. "We looked as if we were content with a point, and that's not good enough."

Forced to make a forecast, I would say Middlesbrough, who lost their unbeaten away record, are the better bet for promotion. Paul Merson, lively as can be, might have snatched the lead moments before Keane scored. Yet at this level, Wolves' spirit counts for much.

Full time: Wolves 1 Middlesbrough 0

Wolves Man of the Match:
Robbie Keane, gets better with
every match. Att: 26,896

We had a good turn-out of 42 travellers on the Club trip; as popular as ever and good value for the £15 return fare.

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, WILLIAMS, CURLE, FROGGATT, ROBINSON, FERGUSON, SIMPSON, KEANE, BULL, FREEDMAN. Subs not used: ATKINS FOLEY, NAYLOR

Crewe v Wolves
4th November 1997

Ex - Palace duo Crewe - up for Wolves



Dougie Freedman and Kevin Muscat put Wolves on the road to their first away win in the league since the opening day of the season.

Freedman has scored three times in five matches, and he is now paying back some of the investment that manager Mark McGhee knew he was capable of.

After 14 minutes, a smart move by Simpson reached Bull, and his downward header found Freedman, who hit his shot from 15 yards with his right foot to score.

Wolves were at their best in the first half-hour and gave little away to a Crewe side, who seem to play better away from home (where have I seen that statement before ?)

Steve Froggatt was a constant pain to the Crewe defence, a lightning dash leading to a shot hooked off the line by Westwood being the best.

It was a fascinating clash of styles. Wolves intermingled patient possession football in deep areas, with frequent switches to their traditional directness. Muscat, who's powerful run from midfield ended with a scorching right foot drive to match from just inside the area, produced his first goal for Wolves after 63 minutes.

But nobody ever said Crewe were going to be easy opposition, and they certainly weren't.

Even in the absence of two members of their current trio of star pupils, the Gresty Road academy ran smoothly enough, but Wolves just had too many guns in their armoury.

So Wolves are up to sixth place. At the end of the season, if they are in the same position then there is always a chance of a place in the Premier League.

Full-time: Crewe 0 Wolves 2

Half time: Crewe 0 Wolves 1

Wolves man of the Match
Steve Froggatt. On the night a handful

in attack and defence. Att: 5,743

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, FROGGATT, ROBINSON, WILLIAMS, CURLE, KEANE, FERGUSON, FREEDMAN, SIMPSON
Subs not used: PAATELIANEN, ATKINS, NAYLOR.

Stoke City v Wolves
8th November 1997

Wolves crack at the Potteries



After their impressive display in mid-week against Crewe, Wolves fell to a Stoke side determined to halt the recent revival of their neighbours.

The first goal came on 8 minutes, and this was after Bull had rattled the bar looking for that elusive 300th goal for the Wolves.

Kavanagh received a square pass from one time Wolves player, Kevin Keen, and he let fly with a tremendous low right-foot drive which beat Stowell to his right and flashed into the corner of the net.

Stoke nearly had a second when Keen curled over a free-kick, and the ball travelled a long way across the Wolves penalty area before Forsyth crept in at the far post to head over from an excellent chance.

It was only a temporary reprieve, however, as Wolves fell further behind in the 23rd minute.

Tweed and Stewart linked up just inside the penalty area, and referee Wolstenhome spotted a handling offence. There were no significant protests from Wolves as the penalty was given, and Kavanagh cleverly sent Stowell the wrong way as he side footed low into the corner.

Wolves needed a quick reply, and, after Robinson had sliced horribly off target following a brilliant lay-off by Freedman, the Welsh under 21 international almost made amends. He received a short ball from Darren Ferguson and drove narrowly, and powerfully, wide from outside the area.

Froggatt escaped down the left for the first time, and his centre was deflected to the far post to Bull, who sent a looping header over the bar.

Half-time: Stoke 2 Wolves 0

Wolves spent most of the early moments of the second half on full attack. Ferguson, Keane and Freedman combined in a precise and impressive move, which ended with the former Palace striker firing goalwards from the edge of the area and seeing Muggleton pull the effort down, diving to his right.

The keeper again showed safe handling when he held a hanging cross by Froggatt under pressure from Robinson.

Wolves, with Keane and Freedman in particular, were a constant threat to the Stoke defence. On one occasion, Freedman produced some delightful touches to set up Keane for a shot that was superbly saved by Muggleton, although the Irish youngster had been flagged offside any way.

Next it was the turn of Paul Simpson to impress, who then saw the Stoke keeper scramble to his left to save a fierce shot. However, Wolves found themselves facing a 3 goal deficit on the hour.

The outstanding Keane made the running from midfield and when he was baulked, the ball ran loose for FORSYTH to hammer a magnificent 25 yarder into the top corner of the net, beyond the disbelieving Stowell.

Wolves, for all their efforts, were fighting a losing battle as Stoke moved level with their

West Midlands rivals, and even had the ball in the net for a 4th time, but Wallace's effort was ruled offside.

Full-time: Stoke 3 Wolves 0

The Club trip had 14 members travelling to the game, and John Golding won £14 in our regular "Guess the Score" competition. His match selections totalled 18 points.

Wolves man of the Match:
Keane, with a little bit more luck might
have scored a couple. Att: 18,490

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, FROGGATT, ROBINSON, (NAYLOR) WILLIAMS, CURLE, KEANE, FERGUSON, BULL, FREEDMAN, SIMPSON, Subs not used: ATKINS, PAATELAINE.

Wolves v Ipswich Town
15th November 1997



Wolves keep unbeaten home record going - but only just

Wolves have played nine home league games this season and are still unbeaten, in sharp contrast to last season, when most teams went away from Molineux with at least a share of the spoils, if not a victory.

Mark Atkins came in for the suspended Muscat, while Gilkes experienced senior football for the first time since a cruciate knee ligament operation. Atkins lined up at left-back in a reshuffle, designed to compensate for the loss of the injured Bull.

An attack by Wolves found Freedman, but he was dispossessed as he chose to go it alone, when Keane was in a better position.

Ipswich looked a much better side than their lowly position in the table suggested and

attacked strongly in the early minutes. Recent signing David Johnson, who has already scored here when playing for Bury, let fly with a 20 yarder that thudded into the chest of Stowell.

When Wolves threatened again, it was with two efforts from outside the penalty area. Froggatt sending the first straight at the keeper with his right foot, and then Simpson hammering narrowly wide with his left.

Ipswich were the more menacing in front of goal, and Johnson had another chance to score on his debut, but was denied. Against the run of play Wolves took the lead. Ipswich were caught napping, and a firm through-ball by Freedman, found Keane who from 12 yards duly put the ball into the roof of the net on 27

minutes.

Within two minutes the lead was under serious threat, as the impressive Johnson again escaped Gilkes and pulled back a centre which the diving Stowell beat down.

Again, it was the Wolves keeper who came to the rescue after 36 minutes, when he saved Tanner's penalty strike. The keeper made the save, but the loose ball found Legg who struck the rebound, and again Stowell made an excellent save.

But Wolves' luck ran out in the 44th minute. Geraint Williams played a short ball from which Johnson produced a superb turn, followed by a left foot drive that Stowell touched but could not keep out at his near post.

Half-time: Wolves 1 Ipswich 1

The second half was a low key affair, although both sides had their chances. Early on, Keane hit straight as Wright from a good opening.

Then Ipswich had two quick corners, but both were hit long by Legg and Johnson.

Wolves didn't produce anything of note in the

first 20 minutes of the half, and Ipswich sensed the game was there for the taking.

Holland tried to enliven it with a surge from midfield, but his low drive from 22 yards was well wide of Stowell's right-hand post.

Wolves at last got going, when Froggatt's deep cross was cleared only as far as Robinson, who set up Atkins for a clever side-step and a powerful low drive which whistled straight at Wright.

Although Wolves' efforts were not breath-taking, Ipswich's attacks always threatened the home defence. Legg, who scored the winner for Birmingham here last season, tried to engineer an opening for his side with a free-kick, which Holland headed powerfully wide at the far post.

In the end the spoils were shared. Wolves were grateful for a point, and Ipswich were disappointed not to get all three.

Full-time: Wolves 1 Ipswich 1

Wolves Man of the Match:
Mike Stowell, ensured Wolves remained unbeaten at home. Att. 21,937

The Club trip saw 37 members travelling to the game, with Dave Gilson winning £20 in the "Guess the Score" competition. He scored 18 points to runner-up Paul Sallis' 12 points. Paul won £8. In the Free Trip draw (entry is 50p a ticket), an embarrassed, but delighted, Peter Woodfield won. The prize of a free return trip from Euston to Wolverhampton is on offer on every Saturday home trip. See Dave Slape on the day for an entry ticket.

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, ATKINS, GILKES, ROBINSON, WILLIAMS, CURLE, FROGGATT, FERGUSON (OSBORN), KEANE, FREEMAN, SIMPSON, (PAATELAINEN), Sub not used: WRIGHT.

APOLOGIES

In the December issue of the magazine, please note;

1. On page 17, "NOSTALGIA 1", the missing text should have been "In November 1955, watched by millions on television, Wolves defeated Moscow Dynamo. Here, Williams makes a dramatic save from point blank range. Wolves 2 Dynamo 1.
2. The player shown in No.1 "Guess Who" was, of course, Dennis Wilshaw, not David.
3. In "THOSE WERE THE DAYS 2", the picture is from 1955.

Q.P.R. v Wolves
29th November 1997

Goodman back with a two-goal blast



Simon Osborn and Don Goodman had plenty to smile about against Queens Park Rangers at Molineux today.

Danger threatened for Wolves just after the quarter hour, when Sinclair found himself with only Stowell to beat but his hurried shot was well blocked by the keeper. At the other end, Goodman picked out Keane with a pass from which the Irish youngster had his effort deflected behind.

Sheron then gave Wolves a reminder of his threat, when he shot straight at Stowell after Froggatt had been beaten to the loose ball. For Wolves, Keane saw a left-foot shot loop over the bar following a defender's deflection.

Wolves made the breakthrough in the 44th minute after Froggatt had centred from the left. Goodman laid the ball back and Osborn fired home left-footed, and high, into the net from 15 yards.

Half-time: Wolves 1 QPR 0

After QPR pressure at the start of the half, Wolves appeared to be catching their second breath when Rangers equalised in the 60th minute when Sheron stabbed the ball past Stowell from six yards.

Wolves battled to gain a fresh foothold and had the bonus of a second goal in the 67th minute, when Goodman rifled hard and low inside the near post from 16 yards. They struck again in the 76th minute, Goodman again the scorer from a centre by Keane.

In the 86th minute, Peacock was totally unmarked to reduce the deficit and create a frenzied last 5 minutes.

Full-time: Wolves 3 QPR 2

Wolves Man of the Match: Don Goodman, a handful all afternoon.
Att: 23,645

A good turn-out of 41 members travelled on the trip, and the day saw Sheena Falconer win £20 for her 16 points in the "Guess the Score" competition. Sharing second place with £4 and 15 points each, were Derek Willis and John Golding. It was a particularly good day for John as he also scooped the win in the Free Draw trip.

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, GILKES, FROGGATT, WESTWOOD, WILLIAMS, CURLE, GOODMAN, ATKINS, KEANE, FREEDMAN (PAATELAINEN), OSBORN (FERGUSON). Subs not used: SIMPSON,



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