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A grainy, high-contrast photograph of two wolves. The wolf on the left is in the foreground, its head tilted back and mouth open in a howl. The wolf on the right is slightly behind and to the side, also looking upwards. The background is dark and indistinct. The entire image has a warm, orange-brown color cast.

# **London Wolves**

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**Swindon Town v Wolves**  
**18th March 1998**



# ***Missed chances are not good enough***

**F**A. Cup semi-finalists or not, Wolves were two days from the crunch that could determine whether they fell away completely as contenders for the play-offs.

A visit to Ipswich that had already been described by manager Mark McGhee as their most important League game of the season so far, took on added significance last night with this unedifying deadlock at the County Ground. A win at Portman road, and Wolves will have the fresh impetus they desperately need if they are still to make something of their ninth year at this level. Lose it, though, and the promotion challenge that has lacked conviction for a month and a half could be as good as doomed. Even a draw isn't really good enough. The stakes are as high as that.

It is becoming increasingly likely that Wolves will miss the top six unless they sign reinforcements or win at Ipswich or Charlton, or both. But, somehow, as they continue to keep things tight at one end, they have to find a way out of the goal shortage at the other end that is strangling their League campaign. Only Reading have scored fewer than Wolves' 13 away League goals and McGhee's side have mustered a meagre eight goals and 11 points from their last 10 matches.

This was a turgid game, shaded perhaps by Wolves, but never seized by them. They lacked rhythm and

pattern and once more performed only in patches; not good enough against a side who had lost 14 out of their last 21 League matches and gone out of the F.A. Cup at home to Stevenage.

Adrian Williams floated a header against the bar from Simon Osborn's corner in first-half injury time, and the recalled Mixu Paatelainen brought a sharp reflex save from Fraser Digby. Substitute Steve Bull dragged one reasonable opening wide and forced a scrambling stop from Digby in the last minute, but the only truly clinical effort from Wolves was a 25 yarder that screamed just wide from Don Goodman after the striker had superbly sidestepped two challenges.

Swindon were more dangerous after a dreadful first half lifted by the promotion from the bench of Chris Hay and right-winger Phillippe Cuervo. Hay, like Bull, threatened several times, notably when he shot over from close range nine minutes before time.

**Full-time: Swindon 0 Wolves 0**

**Wolves' Man of the Match:**  
**Don Goodman. No luck in his efforts and maybe he is running out of games for Wolves, so we hear.**

**Att: 7,770**

**WOLVES TEAM:** SEGERS, MUSCAT, NAYLOR, FROGGATT, WILLIAMS, CURLE,  
GOODMAN, ROBINSON, PAATELAINEN, FREEDMAN (BULL),  
OSBORN.  
**Subs not used:** KEANE, ATKINS.



Ipswich Town v Wolves  
21st March 1998



# Wolves outclassed by Town's finishing

Mark McGhee said, after the Swindon game, that this was the most important league match of the season. The only problem was Wolves didn't listen and they nose-dived to an Ipswich team who are on fire, especially at home. The only consolation, as far as Wolves were concerned, is that they let in less goals than the previous three teams to meet the Town at Portman Road this season.

Wolves gave a debut to loan man Stephen Wright, who came in for the suspended Muscat. There were two other changes from Wednesday's draw at Swindon, Bull replacing Goodman and Richards returning in a tactical switch, which meant no place for Goodman, who goes to Germany this weekend for specialist treatment on his heel.

The game was only two and a half minutes old when Ipswich went ahead in their first attack. Wolves were guilty of reacting slowly at the back as a through ball by Holland landed between the three centre-halves and Segers. They all seemed to hesitate allowing JOHNSON to motor forward and lob over the advancing keeper. Richards hooked the ball as it reached the net, but there seemed little doubt that it had crossed the line despite the protests to a linesman of Curle, Naylor, Froggatt and Richards himself.

Another slick move by Ipswich, with Uhlenbeek sprinting down the right on to a fine ball from

Mathie, but first Williams, and then Naylor, produced effective headed clearances when the ball arrived in the middle.

Naylor was already showing up well and crossed accurately with his right foot for Bull to steer home a close-range header, but the linesman's flag was already up for offside.

Wolves appeared not to have learned the painful lesson of casual work when Richards, with plenty of time, guided a headed back-pass away from the waiting Segers. The ball was running out towards the bye-line, but Johnson sprinted on to it and got in a narrow-angled shot which the keeper blocked at close quarters.

Bull had the ball in the net for a second time mid-way through the half and appeared unlucky to be called up for a foul on Clapham as he drove home a characteristic right-foot shot following a through ball by Paatelainen. The same combination worried Ipswich again shortly afterwards as Wolves' encouraging fight-back continued. This time, the Finn crossed deep from the left and his strike partner's fine header landed on the roof of the net.

Bull was proving a handful but squandered a glorious chance of an equaliser when superbly released by Osborn's long ball through the middle. The striker chested down and took it in his stride, only to drag wide by two yards with only Wright to beat.





Ipswich were grateful still to be ahead and went in search of a second goal when Uhlenbeek and Mathie had efforts from outside the area blocked before Johnson curled the loose ball way off target.

Segers was called into action seconds from the break, when saving going down to his left from an effort from Mathie.

Bull again had his sights on a goal following a pass from Froggatt, his long-range effort on the turn being comfortably gathered by Wright.

### **Half-time: Ipswich 1 Wolves 0**

The hungry Bull, having been caught offside from a pass by Robinson, was hovering dangerously when Paatelainen flicked on a clearance by Williams, but the ball narrowly eluded him and ran safely to Wright.

Suddenly, Ipswich found an extra gear and, after Segers had stretched to push away a dangerous cross from Petta, Dyer and Uhlenbeek progressed at high speed into the Wolves' area before seeing their crosses cut out in quick succession.

Bull was having an extraordinary monopoly on Wolves' opportunities, another half-chance falling his way when Mowbray headed out to the edge of the area after Osborn had impres-

sively sent Wright on the overlap to cross. The striker tried to make contact on the half-volley but got slightly under the ball and sent it yards high and wide.

Ipswich were inches away from a second goal when Petta easily wrong-footed Williams and unleashed a left-foot drive which deflected off Curle and was brilliantly saved by the diving Segers. But the resulting 57th minute corner by Petta was not cleared properly by Wolves at the near post, and HOLLAND turned well to fire home left-footed from eight yards.

Both sides made changes. Wolves sent on Keane and Atkins for Richards and Naylor and later Freedman for Paatelainen. Ipswich sent on Scowcroft, Sonner and Tanner, and it was SCOWCROFT who finally put the nail in Wolves' coffin, and maybe the season as a whole, as he fired home with his right foot from 15 yards after Uhlenbeek opened up the Wolves' defence.

### **Full-time: Ipswich 3 Wolves 0**

**Wolves' Man of the Match: Steve Bull.**  
**Best game since his operation and, with more luck and direction, the game could have read very differently.**

**Att: 21,510**

**WOLVES TEAM: SEGERS, WRIGHT, NAYLOR (ATKINS), RICHARDS (KEANE), WILLIAMS, CURLE, FROGGATT, ROBINSON, BULL, PAATELAINEN, (FREEDMAN), OSBORN.**





**Wolves v Portsmouth**  
**29th March 1998**

# ***Victory-but is it all in vain?***



**W**olves kept up the slim chance of a play-off place with a win that puts Pompey in dire trouble.

With QPR to play on Wednesday, before that little matter of a cup semi-final at Villa Park the following Sunday, this game was all huff and puff and all very turgid to watch. This was Wolves' lowest league crowd of the season, barely getting over that 20,000 target.

Manager Mark McGhee left out youngsters Carl Robinson and Lee Naylor and he also kept Robbie Keane on the bench. The new boys were given a warm welcome, though the newest of them, Robbie Slater and Steve Claridge, delivered pockets of promise in their energetic first-half contributions. But despite their efforts, Wolves never put together a worthwhile move to nullify relegation-threatened opponents.

It wasn't until the last seconds of the half that Wolves bridged the Pompey net. From a Steve Froggatt corner, GOODMAN powered home a fine header.

**Half-time: Wolves 1 Portsmouth 0**

The second half wasn't much better to look at, and Portsmouth did have their moments, one of them bringing a good save from Segers to deny Martin Allen.

Wolves, with one mind on this game and the F.A. Cup to come, made sure they were going to finish the game injury free. Steve Froggatt was the best player on the field and looks a cert to start the Cup match along with Keith Curle and Hans Segers. Goodman, Williams and Slater also look probables. The rest? Who knows! With a couple of minutes to go, one player who will be missing, Simon OSBORN, chipped a brilliant 20 yarder after a one-two with Claridge.

**Full-time: Wolves 2 Portsmouth 0**

**Wolves' Man of the Match:**  
**Steve Froggatt. Showed he can play at the back as well as on the wing.**

**Att: 20,716**

**WOLVES TEAM: SEGERS, WRIGHT, FROGGATT, SEDGLEY (SIMPSON), WILLIAMS, CURLE, SLATER (KEANE), EMBLEN, CLARIDGE, OSBORN, GOODMAN (BULL),**



## Queens Park Rangers v Wolves 1st April 1998

# *It's not much fun, is it!*



**T**his was a game that most supporters of either side would have been better off saving their money and drowning their sorrows in the local pub. There was no commitment by either side. Wolves had no midfield to generate any way past the Rangers' defence, and the home side just weren't interested.

The fastest shots in the West would soon be blown to bits if they had no-one supplying the bullets, and Steve Bull, Steve Claridge, Dougie Freedman and Robbie Keane found the barrels empty. The midfield have been the weakest department of the side all season, the chronic lack of a dominant ball-winner and the absence of penetrative running and passing bringing about the almost certain failure of yet another promotion challenge.

Simon Osborn, who was handed the captain's arm-band because of Keith Curle's precautionary sidelining, had the vision to deliver the goods when he is fitter than he has looked since his early season knee operation. Maybe, if he had been fit all season, Wolves

might have been more creative and scored more goals that would have taken them into near certain play-off contenders. But on this night, the damning bottom line was that Wolves didn't manage a single on-target effort throughout the match.

Wolves would settle for one goal against Arsenal, because in their last four away games they haven't even managed that.

This was a boring draw, a game to keep the supporters away. It's not much fun travelling 120 miles to a mid-week game when either side couldn't even raise a near miss to keep the public awake.

**Full-time: Q.P.R. 0 Wolves 0**

**Wolves' Man of the Match:**  
**Robbie Keane. The best of a bad lot, and that's because he only played the last ten minutes !**

**Att: 12,337**

**WOLVES TEAM:** SEGERS, MUSCAT, FROGGATT, SEDGLEY, WILLIAMS, RICHARDS, SIMPSON, EMBLEN, BULL (FREEDMAN), CLARIDGE, OSBORN, (KEANE)  
Sub not used: Robinson



Arsenal v Wolves (F.A. Cup semi-final at Villa Pk.)  
5th April 1998



# Sir Jack and Wolves' Wembley dream ends in defeat

Wolves gave their all, but it just wasn't good enough to unsettle the best team on form, Arsenal.

Wolves' fourth semi-final defeat on the trot, and, of course, you have to go back to 1960 to see their last success in the semi's; that, as you know, was against Aston Villa at the Hawthorns.

William Segers, one of the heroes from the quarter-final win against Leeds, made a terrible mistake in the 12th minute. He scuffed a clearance which fell to Vieira who caught Seodley napping and powered forward. Grimandi lost his footing and Vieira slid the ball to WREH, who provided a clinical first-time angled finish past Segers and into the bottom corner. The goal, dreaded by one-and-all connected with Wolves, was hard to swallow as the clearance by Segers proved him only human.

One minute later and Wolves were back-peddalling as Anelka threatened, before being halted by Curle and Williams on the edge of the area.

Wolves were playing some neat football, and in the 24th minute a through-ball by Richards caught out Adams, but Seaman reacted quickly to claim, despite a late challenge from

Goodman. Two minutes later, Froggatt burst past Grimandi down the left before delivering a low cross that found Claridge, but he was robbed by Vieira as he attempted to turn goalwards.

It was end-to-end stuff as Parlour capitalised on hesitancy in the Wolves' defence to burst into the area only to see Segers smother his shot, with Anelka then firing the rebound well wide from a tight angle.

In the 33rd minute, Segers was called on to make another save, this time from Overmars, going down to his right to save the low shot.

Grimandi was the first player to be booked after hauling Froggatt down as he broke free on the left.

In the last minute of the half Anelka appealed for a penalty after a challenge from Muscat. Appeals are waved aside as Goodman lead a rapid counter-attack. The ball was worked to Froggatt, but his long range effort was blocked.

## Half-time: Arsenal 1 Wolves 0

Wolves came out in the second half with all guns blazing. In the very first minute, Goodman set up Simpson who saw Seaman



unconvincingly block his first time shot. Keown, who needed attention after a clash of heads in the first half was replaced by Bould after only three minutes of the new half.

Steve Froggatt was again in the wars as he was pulled down by Grimandi, who was probably lucky to stay on the pitch, but the resulting free-kick came to nothing as Vieira coolly brought the ball under control and out of danger.

Wolves' best chance to date came in the 54th minute and again it was Froggatt involved in the move. His deep cross was dropped by Seaman, but Goodman failed to connect properly and saw his shot bobble wide of the target.

Just after the hour, Wolves survived two scares in quick succession as first Overmars went down under a Sedgley challenge and then Vieira powered forward again before seeing his shot blocked.

Arsenal pushed forward and Overmars dummied his way past Muscat out on the left before delivering a low cross that Curle dived to head away.

There was yet more danger for Wolves as Anelka danced his way into the penalty area with Robinson finally clearing his attempted pull back.

With twenty minutes to go, Mark McGhee introduced Bull to the arena in place of the hard working Don Goodman. It wasn't long before Bull was in the thick of things and Seaman sprinted out quickly to smother Claridge's effort after a fortunate rebound had given him a glimpse of goal. Vieira then sliced his attempted clearance back towards his own goal with Seaman again having to deny Claridge, before

Bull saw his follow-up effort cannon away to safety.

Wolves made a second change in the 71st minute when Slater replaced the tiring Robinson.

A sweeping Arsenal attack turned defence into attack and ended with Segers beating away Winterburn's well struck left-foot shot. Arsenal made their second change on 75 minutes when goalscorer Wreh was replaced by Hughes.

Five minutes later, Dean Richards was caught in possession by Overmars who then released Anelka, but, with Petit unmarked to his left, he elected to go it alone and was crowded out.

Wolves' last throw of the dice was when Keane came on for Muscat, while Arsenal replaced Anelka with Platt. The last few minutes belonged to Arsenal as they kept possession and even have a few shots at goal, in which one effort from Hughes forced Segers into another fine save. Williams' frustration boiled over and he was cautioned following a late tackle on Winterburn.

So Wolves' Wembley dream ended at the hands of the Gunners for the second time since they last got to the twin-towers in an F. A. Cup Final. They gave their best, but on the day the best was second best.

**Full-time: Arsenal 1 Wolves 0**

**Wolves' Man of the Match:**  
**Steve Froggatt. Superb on the wing and caused the Gunners some anxious moments.**

**Att: 39,372**

**WOLVES TEAM: SEGERS, MUSCAT (KEANE), FROGGATT, RICHARDS, WILLIAMS  
CURLE, GOODMAN (BULL), SEDGLEY, SIMPSON, ROBINSON  
(SLATER), CLARIDGE. Subs not used: Stowell, Naylor**



## **Charlton Athletic v Wolves** **7th April 1998**

After Wolves' defeat against Arsenal in the F. A. Cup, the rest of the season was really of no importance.

Wolves, who had to win most of their remaining games to get in the play-offs, fell at the very first hurdle against an in-form Charlton at the Valley. The scoreline was only a 1 - 0 defeat but it was all up hill at the final whistle. Clive Mendonca getting the all important goal.

**Charlton Athletic 0 Wolves 1**  
**Att: 12,337**

## **Nottingham Forest v Wolves** **13th April 1998**

Considering Wolves didn't have much to play for, they put up a good fight and Forest were flustered by the final scoreline of 3 - 0. It took the home side all of 32 minutes to break the deadlock, Johnson scoring from close-range. After 39 minutes, Forest increased their lead when Hooijdonk gifted a free header after Segers had saved from Campbell. It took Forest another 50 minutes to seal the game when, this time, Campbell scored from close-range.

**Nottm Forest 3 Wolves 0**  
**Att: 22,863**

## **Wolves v Manchester City** **11th April 1998**

Wolves could only manage a draw at Molineux against a side who needed just as many points as Wolves for very different reasons.

Pollock put City in front after 13 minutes only for City's Margetson to put through his own net in the 34th minute. City hit back in the second half and restored their lead when Horlock scored in the 63rd minute.

With defeat on the cards for Wolves, up stepped Simpson to level the game in the 85th minute.

**Wolves 2 Manchester City 2**  
**Att: 24,458**

## **Wolves v Reading** **18th April 1998**

At last, Wolves supporters and Mark McGhee had something to cheer about as the home side remembered how to win. The trouble with this victory is Don Goodman, who looks like leaving Molineux at the end of the season, scored two of the three goals.

Muscat put Wolves ahead after only nine minutes, only for Brayson to level in first half injury time, and the home side left the field to boos all around. Wolves and Don Goodman restored the lead against a side destined for the drop. He also got the third in injury time and the Wolves supporters shouting the disapproval, "are you watching Mark McGhee."

I think Don should be allowed to stay. After all, he's looked the best of the strike force for some time, and don't we need a goalscorer or what?

**Wolves 3 Reading 1**  
**Att: 19,785**



## **Wolves v Stockport County** **25th April 1998**

This was an end of season thriller. A game Wolves should have won, but lost because they let County off the hook.

Wolves took the lead through Keane after only five minutes and the youngster, who did so well for the Republic of Ireland in mid-week, is surely the find of the season. Stockport equalised after Segers had fouled Byrne, bringing him down in the penalty area. Cooper scored from the penalty spot. Against the run of play, Wolves went in front when Atkins scored in the 45th minute.

Stockport's first real attack of the second half brought them level, Byrne rifling home a left-foot drive. Robbie Keane scored his second to restore the lead when he controlled a chip and rounded the keeper to roll the ball into an empty net. In the 73rd minute, the youngster was brought down and he was given the task to increase the lead, but his spot-kick was poor and Nixon saved with ease. It proved to be a costly miss as Stockport then scored twice. Cooper fired home his second penalty, a harsh decision, for a foul by Curle. Then, with three minutes left, Byrne struck the winner and Wolves finished their home programme on a sour note.

**Wolves 3 Stockport County 4**  
**Att: 22,452**

So another season full of promise that never really materialised. After a good run of home matches without defeat, until the Albion invaded our territory, Wolves lost their way.

The F. A. Cup was Wolves' last throw of the dice to make something of a season that was dying on its feet. They had good wins against Wimbledon and Leeds, but Arsenal was one team too many and the 5th of April 1998 will

## **Middlesbrough v Wolves** **29th April 1998**

Amazing, this game of football. Wolves were given no chance against a side aiming to get back in the top flight at the first attempt, but it was they who drew first blood in the game's infancy. A far post cross found the head of Paatelainen, whose effort was headed away only for Atkins to control and hit a half volley from outside the box. It hit the foot of the post and went in. Supporters singing "1 - 0 to the Wanderers." But not for long, as Ricard equalised on 15 minutes, and for the rest of the game, Wolves never got a look in.

**Middlesbrough 1 Wolves 1**  
**Att: 29,878**

## **Tranmere Rovers v Wolves** **3rd May 1998**

There is only one way to sum up this 2 - 1 defeat, and that is Wolves gave John Aldridge the perfect send-off as he helped himself to both Tranmere's goal. Look out, with that ratio he might decide not to hang his boots up and haunt the Wanderers for another season.

**Tranmere Rovers 2 Wolves 1**  
**Att: 11,144**

go down as the date Wolves' season ended. The only consolation, we got beat by the F. A. Cup winners!

Still, there is always next year. Now where have I heard that before? Oh yes, last season, now I remember. Let's hope we buckle down and prove to the First Division we, the Wolves, mean business! So watch out the rest of you, we are going for broke, I hope!



# Sales News

From Dave Slape

## MERCHANDISE:-

WWLSC	Enamelled badges	£1.50 + s.a.e	
WWLSC	Tee shirts:	small / medium	£9.00 + 80p pp
		extra large / XXL	£11.00 + 80p pp
WWLSC	Car fobs	£5.00 + s.a.e.	
WWLSC	Key rings	£3.50 + s.a.e.	

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1997-98 Q.P.R. v Wolves CC Cup £1.50  
Reading v Wolves £1.80

Please enclose between 26p and 38p for postage

Other programmes and A Load of Bull Fanzines available

## BOOKS AVAILABLE:-

### WOLVES EXCLUSIVE

**WE ARE WOLVES - WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: THE FANS STORY**

Edited by Charles Ross, foreword by John Richards. From the A Load of Bull fanzine team - £9.95 plus £1.50 pp.

Above items available from  
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# Raffle result

1)	3122	£500.00	Pat Bignall
2)	211	Colour TV	Mark Perkins
3)	7483	£100.00	J.Hitch
4)	2204	Signed shirt	Ray Tuffey
5)	2461	Wolves mirror	E.Wilcox
6)	11330	David Instone book	Steve Yates
7)	11175	ALOB book	Leo Masters
8)	3886	Gift voucher	Terry Nicholas
9)	20711	" "	Belle
10)	1849	" "	Carol Randall
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14)	9038	" "	Dave Wallington
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Many thanks to all who participated in the raffle, and to Jim Heath for donating the ALOB and David Instone books.





# Travel News



Travel arrangements for matches during August, September and October are:-

## **Home Matches**      Fare £15 (Guests £18)

- ◆ 22 August 1998 v Swindon Town
- ◆ 31 August 1998 v Stockport County
- ◆ 12 September 1998 v Sunderland
- ◆ 26 September 1998 v Bury
- ◆ 10 October 1998 v Sheffield Utd
- ◆ 24 October 1998 v Grimsby Town
- ◆ 31 October 1998 v Barnsley

- ▷ Outward - Depart Euston 10.35 Arrive Wolverhampton 12.48
- ◁ Return - Depart Wolverhampton 17.19 Arrive Euston 19.30

- ◆ Tue 29 September 1998 v Q.P.R.

- ▷ Outward      Depart Euston 15.45 Arrive Wolverhampton 17.49
- ◁ Return        Depart Wolverhampton 22.49 Arrive Euston 01.10

## **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.

- ◆ Fri 28 August 1998 v Watford

No club trip arranged.

Nearest railway stations: Watford Junction is about 1.2 miles from ground. Take local train to Watford High St station. Trains run every 20 mins. Alternatively, take stopping train from Euston to Watford High St. 15 minute walk to ground. This is not an all-ticket match.



Sat 5 September 1998 v Ipswich Town Fare to be advised ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ▷ Outward Depart Liverpool St 11.30 Arrive Ipswich 12.33
- ◁ Return Depart Ipswich 17.45 Arrive Liverpool St 18.52

◆ Tue 8 September 1998 v Port Vale ALL-TICKET MATCH

No club trip arranged. Any member wishing to go this match please contact Travel Secretary.

◆ Sat 19 September 1998 v Huddersfield Town ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ▷ Outward Depart Euston 09.50 Arrive Manchester Piccadilly 11.30  
(local train between Manchester and Huddersfield)
- ◁ Return Depart Manchester Piccadilly 18.30 Arrive Euston 21.15

◆ Sat 3 October 1998 v Crewe Alexandra ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ▷ Outward Depart Euston 09.55 Arrive Crewe 12.08
- ◁ Return Depart Crewe 17.20 Arrive Euston 19.45

◆ Sat 17 October 1998 v Portsmouth ALL-TICKET MATCH

No club trip arranged.

Nearest railway station: Fratton

Trains depart: Waterloo at 00,20 and 40 mins past hour.

Journey time: 80-90 mins.

◆ Tue 20 October 1998 v Crystal Palace ALL-TICKET MATCH

No club trip arranged.

Nearest railway station: There are three stations near to the ground, all about 10 minutes walk. Thornton Heath and Selhurst (from Victoria); Norwood Junction (from London Bridge). Trains are frequent.

Journey time: approx. 25 mins.

Cup dates: Worthington Cup 2nd round 15th/22nd September  
3rd round 27th October



Any member wishing to travel to home or away matches, should contact the Travel Secretary for Saturday/Sunday matches by the preceding Wednesday, and for midweek matches by the preceding Sunday at the latest.

Members requiring match tickets please contact Travel Secretary, AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. For all-ticket matches, particularly away matches, it is advisable to contact the Travel Secretary AT LEAST 4 WEEKS before the match.

Please note that for all-ticket away matches, season-ticket holders have priority. FOR AWAY MATCHES, WHEN WOLVES' TICKET ALLOCATION IS LIMITED, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET.

There are 9 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.

Please also note that some matches are likely to be switched to Friday/Sunday/Monday because of live TV coverage. Friday matches kick-off 7.45 p.m./Sunday matches on Sky TV kick-off 1 p.m., Central TV kick-off 2.10 p.m.; Monday matches on Sky kick-off 8.00 p.m.

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## ***Members Note:***

Members who book for trips are reminded that should they become unable to make the trip, they must inform the Travel Secretary at the earliest opportunity. It's not fair on Peter to be standing on the station concourse, trying to guess if people who haven't turned up are coming and are merely late. Secondly, if you do fail to notify the Travel Secretary, and the Club incurs expense from British Rail on your behalf, you will be charged for the ticket!



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# **Memories of the North Bank**

by The 08:50 from Brighton

In the last issue of the magazine, we ran an article by John Engleman on his memories of his first visit to Wolverhampton. Continuing in that nostalgic vein, we print an article from another of our members that appeared in Issue 47 of A LOAD OF BULL. It is such a good read, we persuaded him to let us print it here.

'The walk down Molineux Alley, when it really was one, the Commissionaire at the old main entrance, Wolverhampton Wanderers spelt out in square yellow letters, all that old red brick: the gravel on the old North Bank car park, the tiny club shop, a glorified garden shed: queuing up to get in, starting to rain, through the turnstile, the smell of the bogs, the stairs going up, the long, dark corridor below the terrace, the pies, buying a pint of beer, the noise from hundreds of feet stamping onto the wooden terracing above your head, covering your pint to prevent bits of the roof from falling into it, the litter on the gravel slope below the terrace, a Bradford waiting to happen, there but for the grace of God... The stairs up to the terrace, pushing your way through the crowd to your place, the choir, a real one, the songs, the opposition coming out first, loudly booed and disappearing towards the South Bank, the Wolves, the cheering, the excitement, the tension, the apprehension; the end filling up, less and less space, packed tight, the girl in the red top with the page three bust clinging to the girders at the back.

The kick off. Wolves defending our end, Phil Parkes, Bernie Shaw, Derek Parkin, Munro and McAlle, Bailey organising the troops. Away fans sometimes in OUR End, the abuse, the coins, the anger, the Old Bill, out they go, the mocking songs, you'll NEVER take the North Bank. Halftime, the floodlights showing up the rain, the fight to get downstairs, the bogs, no roof urine flowing around your feet, rain falling on your head, the cold pie, another pint, more bits of roof.

Second half: Wolves kicking our way, Kenny and Jimmy Mac providing the ideas, Waggy the ammunition, the Doog and King John firing the bullets, the goals, Dougan's head, Richards' feet, the surge forward into the backs of unknown, untold people, the surge back again, scarves held aloft, the girl in the red long gone from her perch, regaining YOUR place, the heat, the rain. The tension, the songs, the stamping of feet, the boards sagging below you, the rain driving into your face; checking the clock on the Molineux Street stand, the whistle, the sheer joy, relief, the applause, hero worship; getting out, thousands heading for exits made for hundreds, urine mixed with rain beneath your feet, out into the street, the floodlights showing up the rain; the memories, the North Bank. R.I.P".

For all of you old enough to remember those days, (they weren't that long ago!), was that not the way it was?



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*We look forward to your articles!*



