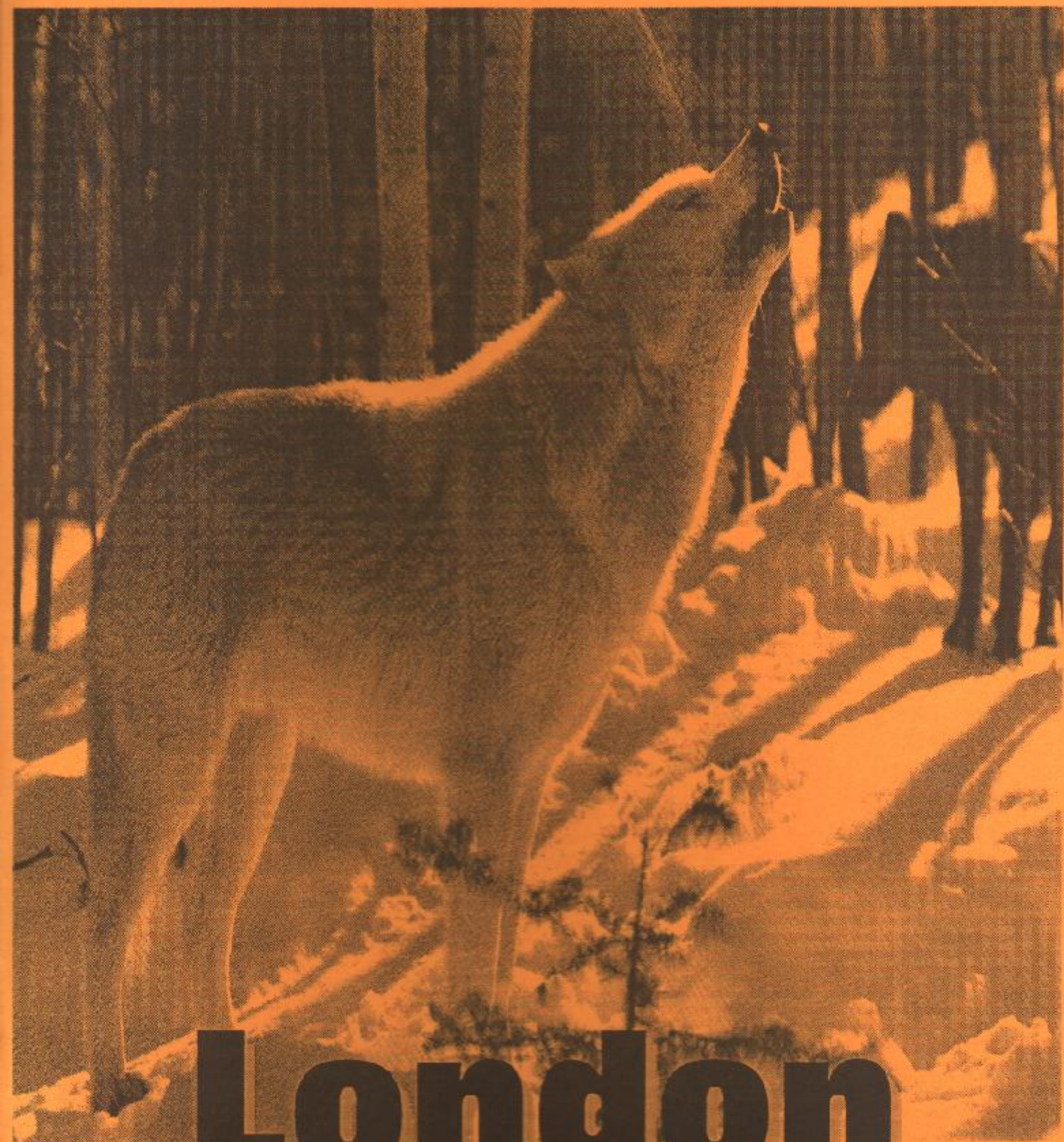


November 1999



London Wolves

London Wolves official club magazine



WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB

Founded 1966

Honorary Life President:	<i>Derek Dougan</i>
Honorary President:	<i>John Richards</i>
Chairman:	<i>Stuart Earl</i>
Honorary Member:	<i>Sir Jack Hayward O.B.E.</i>
Secretary & Sales Officer:	<i>Dave Slape</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Dave Hodges</i>
Travel Secretary:	<i>Peter Woodifield</i>
Entertainments Officer:	<i>Tim Richards</i>
Minutes Secretary:	<i>Leo Masters</i>
Magazine Committee:	<i>Stefan Leonard (Editor)</i> <i>John Engleman</i> <i>Geoff Newbound</i>
Committee Members:	<i>Stan Armett</i> <i>Stefan Leonard</i> <i>Geoff Newbound</i>

FROM THE CHAIR

STUART EARL

So your magazine should have arrived on time at the beginning of September, thanks to a great deal of help from our printer Robert, who ran around right up until the last minute, ensuring that we got out by the first of the month.

The cover should hopefully now be back to the standard we have come to expect, especially after the last edition's make do effort.

As was to be expected, the tributes to Bully have been pouring in and, later in this edition, we have an article from former editor Carl Conlon, others will follow when they have been sorted through. If you would like to try and help get Bully nominated in the honours list, please join the campaign by writing to: The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1 5DH.

On a personal note, I am pleased to see that the new signings are getting their game together. Ade Akinbiyi seems to have a similar "shoot on sight" policy to Bully, and both Darren Bazeley and Andy Sinton are giving the opposition plenty to think about.

Strange as it may seem, (because I'm writing this in the middle of October), It is now time for me to be wishing you all a merry Christmas. As usual, I wish you all you wish yourselves, and lets hope that by the January edition, our side is in a healthier position than as I put these notes together.



Chairman Stuart Earl chats with Manager Colin Lee & Managing Director John Richards at last Saturdays Daventry Supporters Club Dinner & Dance.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY, MR BULL

BY KARL CONLON

I suppose the only place to start is at the beginning. The very first time I saw Steve Bull kick a ball in anger was against Hartlepool at home in the 1986-87 season. After witnessing earlier in the season the farcical first replay against Chorley at home, I vowed never to return until the Bhatti brothers had disappeared over the horizon. Yes, like many supporters that season, I joined the end of season bandwagon and, like everyone else, I wanted to be able to say I had witnessed Wolves' final push for promotion and see our new god for myself. I cannot remember much about the game, but Bully hit a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory which clinched a dreaded play-off place. The 1987-88 season saw Mr Conlon firmly back in the London Wolves' fold. I notched up my record number of attendances and, on top of that, I watched a couple of Bully's U21 and B-International games for England. My memory not being brilliant for detail, I can only remember a few events of that season, such as Colchester Away. Bully might not like me for recalling this, but even today I recall it with a chuckle. Colchester had been awarded a corner in front of the Wolves' fans. Like the majority of people my eyes were trained on the Colchester player retrieving the ball. Suddenly there was uproar amongst the Wolves' supporters. When I looked to the penalty area, Bully and a Colchester player lay prone on the ground. The referee didn't have a clue as to what had happened - neither did I. The referee went over to his linesman and then, to my horror, promptly sent Bully off. It turned out that Bully and the Colchester player had been pushing each other when suddenly Bully nudded his opponent.

Another memory of that season was the last game away at Orient and the Wolves' fans not leaving until their hero had done another lap of honour well after the rest of the Wolves team. This was soon to become the norm after every last game of the season, no matter where it was played. Season 1988-89 brought another fifty goals from our hero, amongst them I witnessed seven goals within a three-week spell, a four-goal assault on Preston in a 6-0 win at home, followed by a hat-trick at home to Mansfield in a 6-2 win. Also during that season I saw Bully's England U21 debut on home soil at Ipswich. About half-a-dozen London Wolves supporters had caught the train down to witness the event and I remember standing gob-smacked in the pub as coach after coach full of Wolves supporters passed the window - 500 or more had made the journey. Once in the ground the Wolves supporters requested a goal from their hero and he duly obliged. At Plymouth it was similar - about 500 Wolves fans but, alas, no goal from our hero this time. Sadly, I was only able to watch Bully's full debut against Scotland on the telly down at the pub but as my friend always reminds me, this didn't stop me from having orgasms, firstly when he came on as sub, and later when he scored.

The 1989-90 season saw Wolves and Bully one league away from the promised land.

During that season I was among the many Wolves' supporters at Wembley wearing our Wolves' shirts. I overheard one guy moan, "This is supposed to be an England match". Once again our beloved hero came up with the goods, two goals, the first being an absolute beauty, a volley from a Gazza through-ball in a 4-2 win.

The league game which has to stand out in every Wolves supporter's memory that season has to be Bully's 4-1 demolition of Newcastle at St James's Park. Some of us had flown to the game (me from London). This was for several reasons. First, Wolves hadn't won there for something like sixty years and last but by no means least, Bully's 4-goal salvo which destroyed Newcastle. Amazingly, whilst leaving the stand at the end of the game, this thick Geordie commented that Steve Bull wasn't very good. Despite trying to keep a low profile amongst them, I couldn't let our hero be maligned by this idiot, so I piped up, "Not very good. He destroyed your lot today". His mate laughingly replied, "He's right".

As I said earlier, my memory isn't exactly spot on regarding each season, so I'd like to finish with some of the great moments Steve Bull has given me and, I am sure, many other Wolves' fans.

The two goals against Torquay Away in the Sherpa Van Trophy - 1-0 to win three minutes remaining and all seemed lost. Shame about the second leg. The 1988-89 season away to Bolton. We were losing 1-0 until Robbie Dennison scored a brilliant equaliser from a free kick. Then up popped Bully with the Goal of the Game. Even Bully said it was one of his best. I remember him for some strange reason going away from the goal with the ball. It appeared that the chance to score had gone with him. Suddenly the ball was unleashed and headed to the corner of the goal, nestling in the back of the net.

The very last game of the same season was at West Ham. I visited for the first and so far the last time. After the final whistle and a 4-0 drubbing, the Wolves' supporters were calling for their hero to return to the pitch for his customary "Thank you". At the time this did not seem possible as several Hammers' fans had invaded the pitch to enrol themselves in a mass sing-song with Wolves' supporters. This would have meant our hero walking through the mass of Hammers' fans. To our amazement, Bully and, I think, Andy Mutch re-appeared. Not only did they walk through the mass to accept our applause but I remember Bully especially received slaps on the back from the Hammers' supporters who wished him luck for the forth-coming World Cup in Italy.

These are only a few from many great memories which Steve Bull has given me. The 1999-00 season will not be the same with the absence of the Tipton lad in the number nine shirt.

Many, many thanks, Steve!

WOLVES V WYCOMBE WANDERERS
24th AUGUST 1999

WYCOMBE WACK WOEFUL WOLVES



The usual first round misery against lower league opposition continued at Molineux in this return leg of The Worthington Cup.

Leading by the away goal of the first leg a fortnight previously, Wolves came out and produced a shocking performance.

As early as the 11th minute, our "Player Of The Year," Kevin Muscat had put through his own net.

Michael Simpson's cross was met by Sean Devine, and although Mike Stowell was able to parry the effort, the rebound hit Muscat, and the visitors were ahead.

They went further in front after 26 minutes, when McSporran slotted past Stowell, after beating Emblen.

Half time: Wolves 0-2 Wycombe

Although outplayed, Wolves contrived some consolation, when Colin Larkin scored his first senior goal after 71 minutes, converting Paul Simpson's cross.

McSporran fired Wycombe's third, before Ryan headed home from a corner to make it 1-4.

Emblen scored in the dying seconds to make the score line slightly more respectable.

Full time: Wolves 2-4 Wycombe
Attendance: 13,723

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, MUSCAT, BAZELEY, ROBINSON, CURLE, EMBLEN, NAYLOR, SEDGLEY, FLO, (LARKIN), CORICA, (SIMPSON), SINTON. SUBS NOT USED: MUTONE, GREEN, ANDREWS

WOLVES V WALSALL
28th AUGUST 1999

TANNED BY THE SADDLERS



Wolves looked like a side bereft of their main asset, whilst Walsall turned up with an orthodox centre forward.

This was proven as early as the third minute, when Barras rose head and shoulders above the home defence, to head home from a Wrack centre.

Wolves came level rather fortunately after half an hour, when Carl Robinson was able to take advantage of a defensive mix up to guide the ball home with his knee.

This good fortune lasted only half an hour when a non-existent defence let Rammell through to put Walsall ahead on the stroke of half time.

Half time: Wolves 1-2 Walsall

The second half was more memorable for the off field demonstrations than the action on the field, but Robinson did manage to hit the woodwork, and Flo missed when it was easier to score.

In the end, had it not been for Stowell, the embarrassment could have been worse, but this looked a poor side for one which had been high on the bookies list of promotion favourites. Only Sinton and Stowell looked to be giving full value for money, although you could not fault the effort of debutant Larkin, or Corica

Full time: Wolves 1-2 Walsall
Attendance: 24,439

WWLSC members on this trip: 42

WOLVES TEAM: STOWELL, BAZELEY, EMBLEN, MUSCAT, CURLE, CORICA, (NAYLOR), ROBINSON, OSBORN, SINTON, FLO, LARKIN, (SEDGELY), SUBS NOT USED: SIMPSON, MAUTONE, WILLIAMS



FIRST ADE REQUIRE

Ade Akinbiyi made his debut for Wolves, but the new signing could not get them off to a winning start.

He did, however, give the attack a much more balanced look and it looked as if the new target man will add some venom to the front line.

He could have put Wolves ahead as early as the fourth minute, when he just failed to latch onto a nod on from Flo.

Then Robinson crashed a shot against a post as Wolves pushed forward, looking much sharper than of late, with Sinton in particular, giving the visiting defence a torrid time down the left hand side.

Half time: Wolves 0-0 Huddersfield

The second half continued much in the same vein as the first, with Wolves doing most of the attacking, and this time it was Flo, who managed to float a

header against the far post.

But it was the visitors who took the lead, when Emblen appeared to bundle over Stewart. The referee pointed to the spot and the forward picked himself up from the floor to make no mistake with the resultant penalty.

Wolves manages to hit the woodwork yet again, but there was to be no joy in yet another home defeat.

Full time: Wolves 0-1 Huddersfield
Attendance: 20,385

WWLSC Members on this trip: 42

WOLVES: STOWELL, MUSCAT, EMBLEN, CURLE, NAYLOR,
(SIMPSON), BAZELY, ROBINSON, (POLLET), STINTON,
AKINBIYI, FLO. SUBS NOT USED: JONES, CORICA, MAUTONE.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST V WOLVES
20th SEPTEMBER 1999

BAZELEY PROVES A POINT



Wolves looked a far better side than of late, and gave Forest no end of trouble, so it was little surprise when they took the lead in the 17th minute. Osborne quickly took a free kick just inside the Forest half, and when Crossley palmed away a shot by Akinbiyi, the ball bounced straight to Bazeley, who gleefully prodded it home.

Forest got more into the game now, and Ian Wright was always involved. Firstly he demanded a penalty when challenged by Neil Emblen, and then on the stroke of half time, the same player flashed a header just wide.

Half time: Nott'm for 0-1 Wolves
Within two minutes of the re start, Forest were level, and it seemed as if

Wolves' players were less than attentive after their break.

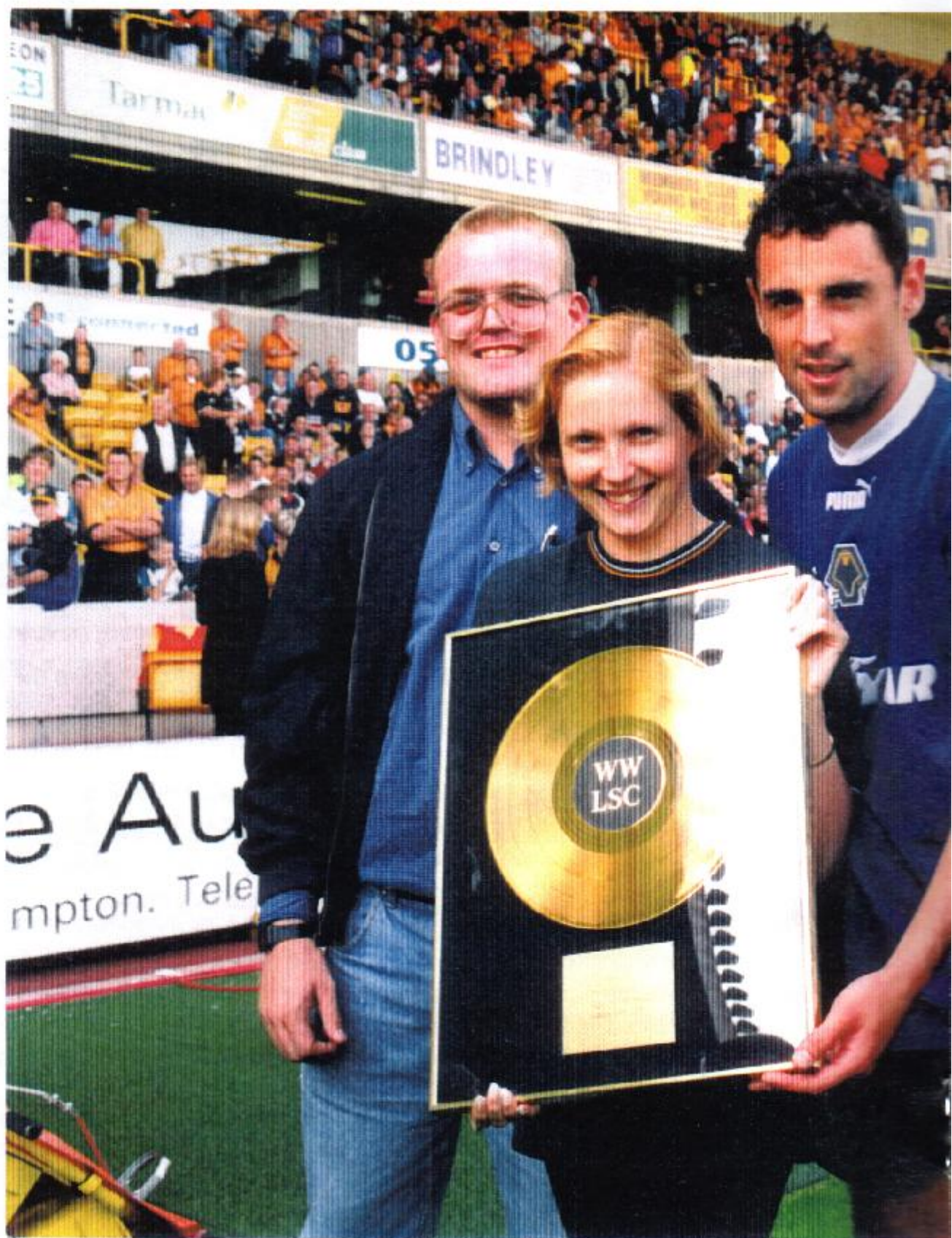
Rogers broke quickly down the left, and centered for Allou to rise high above the defence, to head smartly past Mike Stowell.

Wolves had chances in the second period, but the match always looked likely to end in a draw.

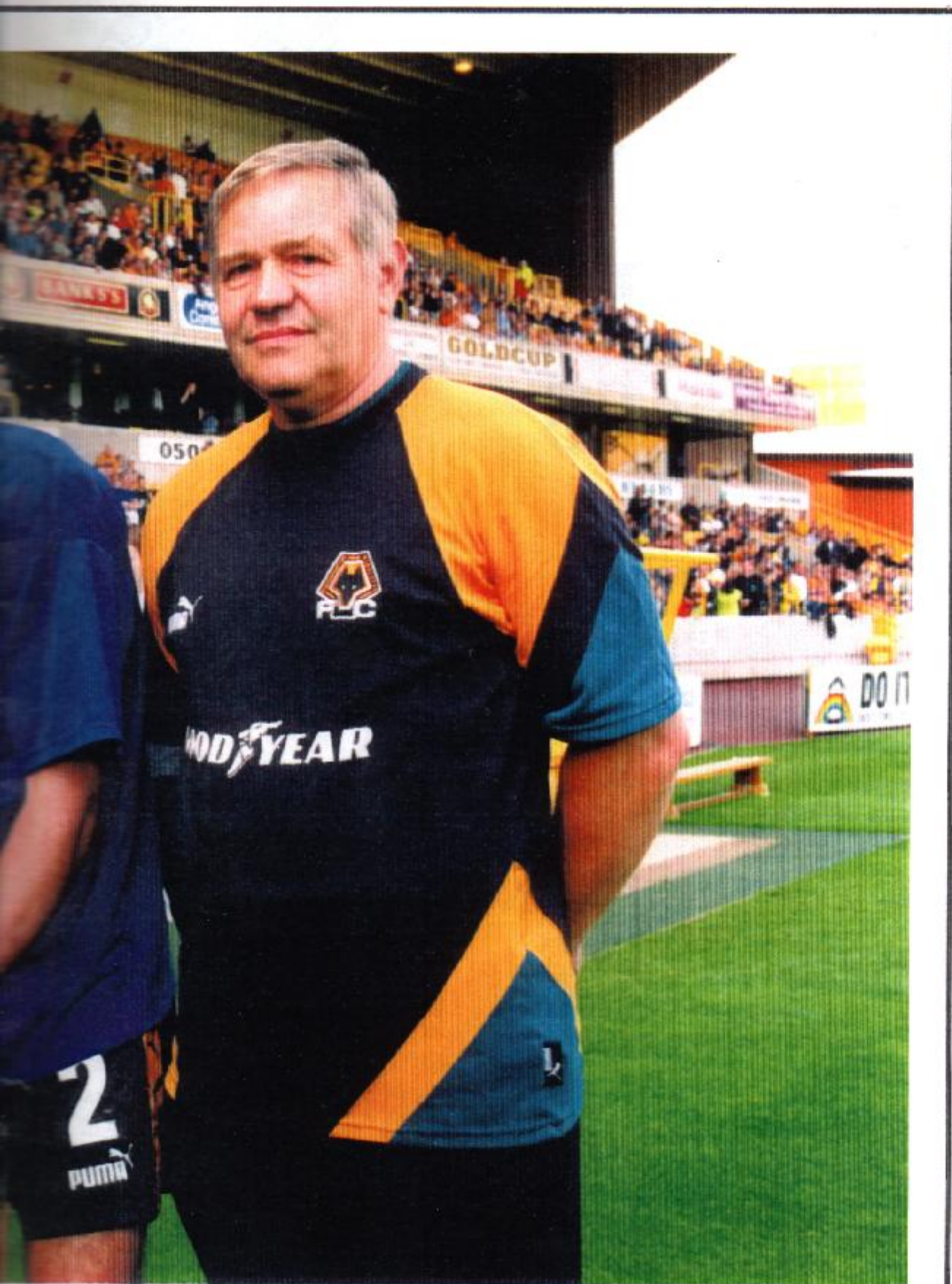
Final score: Nott'm For 1-1 Wolves

Attendance: 20,694
WWLSC members on this trip: 22

**WOLVES: STOWELL, MUSCAT, BAZELEY, ROBINSON, CURLE,
EMBLN, OSBORN AKINBIYI, SINTON (SIMPSON), NAYLOR,
CORICA, (FLO).
SUBS NOT USED: POLLET, NIEJSTOJ, MAUTONE**



Kevin Muscat receives our Player of the Year award
left to right: Jamie Eldridge



he Year Trophy from members.
Kim & Peter Delve



UNITED STEEL THE POINTS

Wolves ran this match for long periods, and indeed should have been well ahead by the break.

Corica placed an early header wide, and soon after, new boy Akinbiyi, was unlucky to have a fierce shot deflected straight at the keeper..

And it was Akinbiyi, who missed the sitter of the season, when the ever lively Sinton, pulled the ball bck from the left, to leave the big centre forward an open goal, which he missed from a yard out.

Half time: Sheff Utd 1-1 Wolves
The big striker was at fault again early in the second half, and United took advantage of this with two goals in twelve minutes, first Smith, and then Devlin, cashing in on defensive errors.

But Wolves were dead and buried, when on seventy minutes, Smith converted, after a fine run, and a great through ball, from Woodehouse.

Final score: Sheff Utd 3-0 Wolves
Attendance: 14, 163

WWLSC members on this trip: 21

**WOLVES: STOWELL, MUSCAT, (SIMPSON), CURLE, NAYLOR,
BAZELEY, OSBORN, ROBINSON, SINTON, AKINBIYI, (NIEJSTROJ),
CORICA, (JONES).
MAUTONESUBS NOT USED:**

CRYSTAL PALACE V WOLVES
28th SEPTEMBER 1999



AKIN GOOD BUY!

Ade Akinbiyi opened his Wolves account, in a display that terrorised the home defence every time he touched the ball.

Wolves, apart from a couple of minor hiccups, dominated this first half, and had hit the woodwork, before Akinbiyi gave them the lead in the 43rd minut. Picking up a great through ball from Emblen, who had quickly taken a free kick, to beat four players on the edge of the box, to fire the ball across the keeper and into the far corner.

Steve Corica, was also having a great game, and once again gave 100%, and he was the unlucky one, who, when cutting in from the left, fired a great coss shot against

Half time : Palace 0-1 Wolves
Just after the re-start, Corica again fired

against the post, and Palace, somewhat fortunately, gained the equaliser.

Akinbiyi failed to clear a long throw by Smith, the ball fell to Bradbury, who fired past Mike Stowell.

Scott Taylor made an impressive debut, and was in the thick of things again, supplying the pass from which Akinbiyi hit the woodwork yet again.

The game boiled over as both sides went for the winner, but the referee was the busiest man on the field booking almost everybody.

Full time: Palace 1-1 Wolves
Attendance: 12,723

WOLVES: STOWELL, BAZELY, MUSCAT, CURLE, TAYLOR, EMBLEN, CORICA, AKINBIYI.



ADE BAGS

A POINT

Wolves dominated the first half of this hard fought local "derby" with Neil Emblen playing a stormer as make shift centre forward.

Indeed, it was Emblen who engineered Akinbiyi's goal shortly before half time, after the big man had seconds earlier had one dis allowed for offside.

It looked as if the woodwork would deny Wolves yet again, after Emblen's scintillating run through the Albion defence. But Miller saved, and the ball ran along the line for Akinbiyi to have the simple chance of tapping in.

Emblen and Akinbiyi were troubling the visitors throughout, and Simon Osborn could have done better when he unleashed a forty yarder went wide of the mark.

Half time: Wolves 1-0 WBA

From the off, Wolves again attacked with some venom, but the visitors came back into it after an hour, and it looked more

and more likely that the equaliser would come, but it was not until fourteen minutes from the end that they broke through a stubborn Wolves defence.

Albion gained a corner, and when Kilbane's centre came over, Carbon was able to bundle the ball across the line.

The game might have been lost in the ensuing moments, and only the smart actions of Stowell, saving Quinn's downward header, meant a share of the points.

Full time: Wolves 1-1 WBA
Attendance: 25,000

WWLSC members on this trip: 40

WOLVES: STOWELL, POLLET, SEDGLEY, CURLE, MUSCAT, ROBINSON, OSBORN, TAYLOR, BAZELEY, AKINBIYI, EMBLEN,
SUBS NOT USED: SIMPSON, SINTON, NAYLOR, CORICA, MAUTONE.

THREES A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW



Three was the number as Wolves secured their first home victory of the season.

Ade Akinbiyi scored his third goal in three games, in the third minute, after good work from both Pollet and Taylor had left the visitors all over the place, and unmarked, Akinbiyi slammed in his shot.

Wolves dominated this opening half, and not one Bolton effort was recorded on target, as Emblen, Taylor and Corica tore gaping holes in their defence, only for glaring misses to mar an otherwise very workmanlike performance from the home side.

Half time: Wolves 1-0 Bolton

It certainly looked as if Wolves would extend their lead as they spent the opening fifteen minutes pounding the

visitors defence.

But, in the 62 nd minute, it took a marvellous save from Stowell to deny them an equalliser, before five minutes later, came the highlight of the match.

Emblen set off on a marvellous solo run, powering into the box to create a one on one situation with the 'keeper, only to see his fierce shot cannon back off the post to safety.

Akinbiyi could and should have put the game beyond the visitors, with three late chances, but he is looking a very useful aquisition.

**Full time: Wolves 1-0 Bolton
Attendance: 18,665**

WWLSC members on this trip: 41

WOLVES: STOWELL, BAZELEY, SEDGLEY, POLLET, CURLE, TAYLOR (NAYLOR), OSBORN, EMBLEN, MUSCAT, AKINBIYI, CORICA (SIMPSON).
SUBS NOT USED: MAUTONE, CORICA



LONDON WOLVES TRAVEL NEWS

Travel arrangements for matches during November and December are:-

Home Matches Fare £15 (Guests £18)

Sat 6/11/99 v Grimsby Town
Sat 20/11/99 v Swindon Town

- ◆ *Outward - Depart Euston 10.30 Arrive Wolves 12.44*
- ◆ *Return - Depart Wolves 17.19 Arrive Euston 19.36*

Tue 9/11/99 v Charlton
Fri 3/12/99 v Man City
Fri 17/12/99 v Birmingham City

- ◆ *Outward - Depart Euston 15.45 Arrive Wolves 17.49*
- ◆ *Return - Depart Wolves 22.49 Arrive Euston 01.09*

Tue 28/11/99 v Norwich City

- ◆ *Outward - Depart Euston 10.45 Arrive Wolves 12.45*
- ◆ *Return - Depart Wolves 17.19 Arrive Euston 19.22*

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 13/11/99 v Crewe Alexandra Fare £19

ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ◆ *Outward - Depart Euston 10.25 Arrive Crewe 12.43*
- ◆ *Return - Depart Crewe 17.24 Arrive Euston 19.50*

Wed 24/11/99 v Ipswich Town Fare to be advised

ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ◆ *Outward - Depart Liverpool St 16.15 Arrive Ipswich 17.28*
- ◆ *Return - Depart Ipswich 22.00 Arrive Liverpool St 23.35*

Sat 27/11/99 v Tranmere Rovers Fare £22

ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ◆ *Outward - Depart Euston 09.50 Arrive Liverpool 12.51*
- ◆ *Return - Depart Liverpool 17.45 Arrive Euston 20.45*
- ◆ *Merseyrail to/from Rock Ferry - journey time 14 mins.*



LONDON WOLVES TRAVEL NEWS

Sun 26/12/99 v Stockport County

ALL-TICKET MATCH

- ♦ *There are likely to be no trains running on Boxing Day. Any member wishing to travel to this match please contact Travel Secretary.*

F.A Cup 3rd round date 11/12/99

Any member wishing to travel to home or away matches should contact 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 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.

Please also note that some matches are likely to be switched to Friday/Sunday because of live TV coverage by Sky TV. Friday matches kick-off 7.45 p.m., Sunday matches kick-off 1.00 p.m.

TRAVEL SECRETARY - PETER WOODIFIELD

94 FARNHAM CLOSE

RAINHAM KENT

ME8 8NS

Telephone - 01634 363704

E-mail address - peteraw@globalnet.co.uk

SALES NEWS

BY DAVE SLAPE

LONDON WOLVES TEE SHIRTS

SMALL/MEDIUM: £9:00 +86p
EXTRA LARGE/XXL: £11:00 + 86p

WWLSC ENAMELLED BADGES: £2:50 + SAE

WWLSC CAR FOBS REDUCED TO: £3:50 + SAE

WWLSC KEY RINGS REDUCED TO: £3:50 + SAE

HOME PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

ALL HOME PROGRAMMES PLUS:

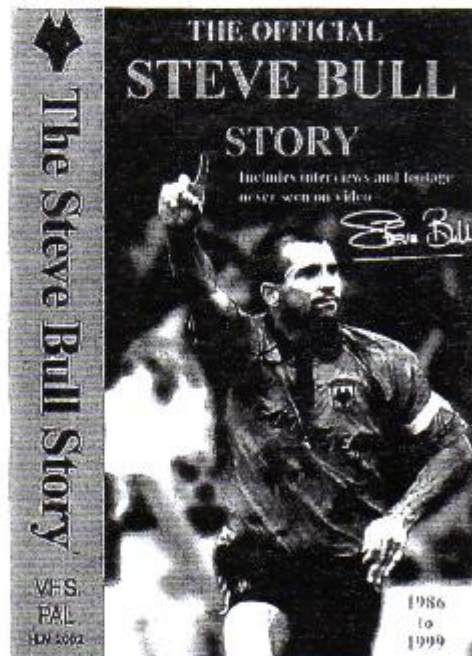
HEDNESFORD V WOLVES (Birmingham Senior Cup)

ALL 1999/2000 LEAGUE AND CUP

ALL OTHER PROGRAMMES
(including pre-season friendlies) available,
plus
"LOAD OF BULL"

POSTAGE : 26p one programme,
38p for two, 52p for more than two

VIDEOS: STEVE BULL £12:99
BILLY WRIGHT £14:99



ALL THESE PLUS MANY MORE OLD
PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE FROM:
DAVE SLAPE, 26, BROCKENHURST
WAY, LONDON, SW16 4UD

**Wolverhampton Wanderers London
Supporters Club**

Magazine

The magazine will be published on the 1st day of August, October,
December, February, April, June.

Articles can be sent to any of the following Committee members.

They should be received not less than 21 days prior to publication dates.

Stuart Earl:

21 Watton Road,
Gt. Cressingham,
Norfolk IP25 6NQ
Tel: 01760-756278

Dave Slape:

26 Brockenhurst Way,
London SW16 4UD
0181-764 8023

Geoff Newbound:

44 Pevensey Road,
Forest Gate,
London E7 0AP
Tel: 0181-519 2712

John Engleman:

54 Pinks Hill,
Swanley,
Kent BR8 8AQ
Tel: 01322-665270

Stefan Leonard:

22 Kinnaird Avenue,
Bromley,
Kent BR1 4HG
Tel: 0181-460 0309

Get Writing!

If anybody has an interesting article, or a point of view, on any aspect of Wolves or football in general, please write to any of the Committee members above. This is YOUR magazine, and it is only as good as the articles that go in it. Don't forget it takes Committee members many hours to put together the magazine - but it need only take you a few minutes to jot down your most interesting match, or who your favourite players are, etc.

We look forward to your articles!

