

Heart and soul

Goeff Newbound

I don't really remember making a conscious effort to be a Wolves fan: do any of us? The effect was slow and gradual. I wasn't taken to a Wolves match until I was nearly ten and had already moved into London. However in those formative years the seeds of indoctrination had been planted by my parents with stories of great victories so recent, tales of a great side of which so many were chosen to play for England and one player in particular: A man who had made perhaps the most significant achievement in English football at that time and who had grown up in the same Shropshire town as my mother. When I was a small child, Billy Wright was still thought of as a great soccer hero and spoken of with love and affection. It was his Arsenal team that I was taken to see for my first ever trip to a game of football. I don't recall much about that game, if anything at all, but it was the only time I was ever to catch a glimpse of the great man in the flesh. My mother still has his autograph in the front of her Methodist hymn book, which he signed on a visit to the chapel youth club at Madeley Wood in Ironbridge, sometime when I was in nappies.

My first proper sight of an old gold shirt was at The Valley in 1967: Wolves won 3-1 I believe. It was our promotion year and from then on the die was cast. Whenever Wolves came to London I would beg my folks for us to go and whenever we visited relatives back in Shropshire, I hoped that the visit would coincide with a home game. My first game at Molineux was a mid week match and I remember being struck by the way that Wolves shirts seemed to glow in the flood lighting. I don't remember the score or the opposition but I do have a vague memory

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of the Wolves goalkeeper, perhaps Phil Parkes, being sent off for an offence against the referee. This is such a vague memory for me, that I have often thought that it would be nice to have the event confirmed or clarified by someone old enough to have a clear recollection, or was it all a dream?

By the time I went to secondary school in Stepney, East London, I was well known as an alien being, who deserved pummelling on a regular basis by all the West Ham, Chelsea, Tottenham and Arsenal fans who became "class-mates". The main difficulty most of them seemed to have was the idea of someone actually wanting to support an unfashionable club in another part of the country, when their clubs were packed with big name players. At that time West Ham still contained stars of England's World Cup winning side, Peters, Hurst and of course, Bobby Moore. Arsenal sported great names like Ure, Melintock, Graham, Charlie George etc.. Spurs had Jennings, Chivers, Knowles, and Gilzean, whilst Chelsea had Harris, Osgood, Cooke, and McRae. In the opinion of the other boys at Stepney Green Boys' School, I was obviously cracked and needed some sense knocking into me. Some how they never managed it.

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Return of the living dead

Portsmouth 3 Wolves 1
Monday 28th August 2000

Yes you've guessed it, "high rolling, fast cars, how's your wallet Claridge" returned to his deadly deeds to confirm his credentials as the most villified ex player of recent times. Again this was a poor Wolves performance with the defence largely culpable for allowing the "Nightmare" to put three goals away by half time. Ketsbaia clawed one back with a customary twenty yard drive and on forty four minutes both Ndah and Camara narrowly missed a Bazeley pull back. In the second half Wolves flattered to deceive and only Robertson caused their keeper any distress with a last minute bouncing header. How many times now have Wolves come unstuck through "rejects" having blinders: When will they learn to man mark them off the pitch!

Attendance: 14,124

No trip arranged.

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Emblem, Bazeley (Robinson), Ketsbaia, Ndah (S. Taylor), Sedgley (Osborn), Lescott, Camara, Thetis.

Subs not used: Tudor, Talia.



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Running on empty

Gillingham 1 Wolves 0
Saturday 2nd September 2000

A dire performance that suggests there's not much left in the tank for an immediate return to form. Wolves were one down by four minutes and were lucky not to be three down by the quarter hour. Gillingham were up for this game from the off and relished the chance of playing a "big name". In every department they out thought and out played the away side. On the hour Naylor replaced Camara and Wolves tempo improved slightly. Second half efforts by Scott Taylor and Ndah went close and their keeper was lucky to scramble clear Larkin's mis-cued shot.

Attendance: 10,017. **No trip arranged.**

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Emblem(Bazeley), Osborn, Ketsbaia, Ndah(Larkin), Sedgley, S.Taylor, Lescott, Camara(Naylor), Thetis.
Subs not used: Andrews, Talia.

The good old days

Oxford United 1 Wolves 3
Tuesday 5th September 2000
Worthington Cup 1st round 2nd leg

Trailing one nil from the first leg of this Worthington Cup match, the Wolves found themselves down after sixteen minutes when Oakes failed to clear an in swinging corner which allowed Shephard to head his first goal for Oxford. It was always going to be a tough match and so it proved, with four Wolves players being booked in the opening six minutes. Then, in the fifty first minute, Carl Robinson gave Wolves hope by heading firmly into the top corner of the net. However, nine minutes later, Joleon Lescott was sent off for a second bookable offence and it looked for all intents and purposes that there was no way back into the match. But four minutes on and Robert Taylor headed home a Darren Bazeley cross and then on the sixty eighth minute, Adam Proudlock chested down a long ball and calmly slotted home.

Attendance: 4,679 **No trip arranged.**

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson, Bazeley, Sedgley, S.Taylor, R.Taylor, Green, Lescott, Proudlock(Ketsbaia).
Subs not used: Camara, Larkin, Andrews, Talia

Luckless Taylor adds to woe

Wolves 1 Tranmere Rovers 2
Saturday 9th September 2000

Early skirmishes suggested that this would go Wolves way, when Robinson planted a well aimed header in the Tranmere net. However, Aldridge's men had other ideas and equalised just before half time with a set piece move.

In the second half, Wolves were unable to push home any advantage and became increasingly sluggish, although young Proudlock showed some grit with a powerful shot which was turned round a post. Things deteriorated when Scott Taylor was floored by two Tranmere tackles. The implications were serious and it was sometime before he was carried off after extensive first aid. On seventy nine minutes Wolves fell behind to a penalty, when the "ever popular" Flynn was brought down by Muscat, who was promptly dismissed for a second bookable offence.

Attendance: 17,252. **Members on trip:** 32

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson, Emblem, Bazeley, Sedgley, S.Taylor(Osborn), R.Taylor, Green(Branch), Proudlock(Lescott)
Subs not used: Camara, Stowell.



Warnock fills his tank

Wolves 0 Sheffield United 0
Tuesday 12th September 2000

The loss in form and the petrol crisis conspired to make this a chilly goalless draw, remembered most for Neil Warnock's dismissal from the dug-out. The first half was dull and was only eclipsed by an Emblen thirty five yard drive which clipped the bar, and a fine save from Oakes to deny Ford.

The second half started well when Lescott, Naylor and Sinton combined in a fine move to set up Robertson. Unfortunately he rushed his shot and the ball blazed over the bar. The remainder of the match was average, with the encouraging efforts of Lescott and Proudlock set against an under par Taylor.

Attendance: 14,853

Members on trip: 14

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson, Emblem, Bazeley, Osborn(Ketsbaia), Sedgley, R.Taylor(Sinton), Lescott, Proudlock.
Subs not used: Green, Camara, Stowell.

Lescott the "Womble" basher

Wimbledon 1 Wolves 1
Saturday 16th September 2000

Much had been made in the Press about the might of John Hartson: six million this and Glasgow Rangers that! But Wolves had their own giant in Joleon Lescott who splendidly shackled the Wombleman throughout the game. Not bad for a nineteen year old who only signed a four year deal to stay at Molineux, the night before.

Wimbledon generally had more of the possession, but kept being put back in their place by a solid looking defence. Although this was breached by Hartson, the Wolves looked comfortable and an equaliser justifiably came from the man of the match, when Lescott out jumped Hartson at a corner to head home into the top of the net. Let's hope there is more to come from this young player.

Attendance: 8,761. **No trip arranged**

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson, Bazeley, Emblem, Branch(Al-Jaber), Green, Lescott, Camara(Sinton), Proudlock
Subs not used: Andrews, Epesse-Titi, Stowell

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Colin Lee has been handed a nominal fine and an official warning after his sending-off at Bolton last season.

Forest manager David Platt has dismissed speculation linking his Canadian international Jim Brennan with a move to Wolves.

18th. Wolves are one of a number of clubs interested in signing Viking Stavanger defender Hannu Tihinen, who performed impressively during Finland's recent 0-0 draw v England in Helsinki.

Colin Lee is confident Wolves have the character to battle their way out of trouble.

19th. Steve Staunton is reportedly in talks at Molineux regarding a loan move to Wolves.

25th. Jez Moxey dismisses rumours that Brian Little would be considered to take over from Colin Lee as Wolves manager.

Wolves announce that they have withdrawn their threat of legal action against former chairman Jonathan Hayward. Wolves have issued a statement saying that a settlement has been reached with the defendants which is satisfactory to all. Perry Deakin appointed as Commercial Manager.

30th. Sir Jack Hayward has admitted that Wolves were wrong to dispense with Graham Taylor.

Matt Murray has suffered a cruciate ligament injury and will be out of action for at least six months.

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3rd. Wolves suffer a double injury blow as Darren Peacock and Sami Al-Jaber are each ruled out for at least two weeks. Peacock has a neck injury, sustained in the Fulham match, whilst Al-Jaber returned from the Asian Cup with a groin strain. Wolves have sent Peacock back to Blackburn, and will review the situation when he is fit again.

Wolves are reported to be interested in Viking Stavanger midfielder Gunnar Aase, with Bolton and Preston also said to be showing interest.

Sir Jack announces that he is to fund the building of a statue of Stan Cullis at Molineux.

7th. Temuri Ketsbaia is to be sent for scans on a knee injury.

Colin Lee has ruled out a pre-Christmas return for Haavard Flo.

Colin Lee has been given permission by Sir Jack Hayward to chase a loan signing in time for the weekend.

8th. Temuri Ketsbaia is ruled out of action for at least 3 weeks. He will have to undergo keyhole surgery to his knee after a scan revealed the extent of the damage was worse than originally thought.

Kevin Muscat has been named in the Australian squad to face Scotland in Glasgow on Nov 15th.

9th. Lee Naylor selected in England U21 squad to face Italy U21 in Monza on Nov 14th.

Keith Andrews joins Oxford on a month's loan.

Hung, drawn and quatered

Wolves 4-0 Norwich City
Sunday 24th September 2000

Wolves, fielding a depleted side, never looked in any danger of not taking all three points in this televised Sunday match. Indeed they proceeded to inflict the type of punishment once reserved for rebellious Scotsmen, and now applied to "feathered game". After twenty minutes it was Proudlock who turned veteran defender Walsh, to drive the ball past Marshall and score his first league goal. Six minutes later, and it was debutant Tony Dinning who got in on the act, forcing home a corner from Sinton. Robinson then gave Wolves a three goal cushion on the stroke of half-time, when he picked his spot to steer his header into the net.



Adam Proudlock scores his first league goal.

Nothing changed in the second period, as wave after wave of Wolves attacks bore down on the visitors goal. However, the best was to come when Michael Branch scored twenty minutes from the whistle. Collecting the ball after neat interplay, he unleashed a ferocious right footer from twenty five yards which dipped and swerved into the top of the net.

Attendance: 15,105. **Members on trip:** 25
Wolves: Oakes, Naylor, Robinson, Emblen, Bazeley, Ketsbaia, Branch, (Al Jaber) Sinton (Camara), Dinning, Proudlock (R. Taylor).
Subs not used: Stowell, Clyde.

Grim and bare it

Grimsby Town 3 Wolves 2
Football League Cup 2nd round 1st leg
Tuesday 26th September 2000

Wolves, despite taking the lead twice, came away from this re-arranged fixture a goal down, and with all the work to do in the return leg. Robert Taylor twice gave the visitors the advantage, but were left reeling by some poor defensive work which allowed the home side to go to Molineux with the advantage. The home side were unlucky not to take the lead, but it was Wolves who went into the break ahead, when Taylor headed home in stoppage time.

Wolves appeared to be coasting to victory, when with ten minutes remaining, Wolves conceded two soft goals, with one of the Allen clan, Bradley, collecting the deciding goal.

Attendance: 2,396. **No trip arranged**
Wolves: Stowell, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson, Emblen, Bazeley, Ketsbaia, R. Taylor (Proudlock), Lescott, Camara (Sinton), Al Jaber (Branch).
Subs not used: Green, Oakes.

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I recall some great games from those days against London clubs. A 3-3 draw at Upton Park when Bobby Moore headed the ball so hard out of defence, that it hit the ref on the back of the head and knocked him out cold. Moore stopped the game himself by blowing the referee's whistle. A couple of seasons later Wolves held the Hammers 2-2 again at the Bolyn with Steve Kindon scoring two great goals, the second of which saw him carve right through the home defence with a powerful solo run, actually taking the ball with him! The 3-1 win at White Hart Lane in 1974 gave rise to a similar glow. It was also very pleasing that many of these victories were shown on London television's "The Big Match" the following afternoon. Oh why didn't they invent the VCR earlier?

Besides these games, there is one which sticks firmly in my memory. It was a cold, wet Saturday in November in 1971. My father and I set off from home in Rotherhithe at around 7:30am to catch the 9:00am bus from Victoria coach station. After a slow journey we finally arrived in Wolverhampton at around 1.00pm. The town was already throbbing with expectation or was it just me. Wolves were playing the double Champions Arsenal. There was a steady stream of Gunners fans making their way from the station towards Molineux (one of whom running and shouting down the Waterloo Road, was the victim of a classic straight arm tackle under the chin from a police inspector). The weather was seasonal, cold and raining with an afternoon sky that was slate grey. By 2.30pm, when we found our seats on the front row of the old stand which preceded the John Ireland, the rain was turning to sleet and we were beginning to think that the game might not go ahead. Today I doubt if a match would be played in such appalling conditions. During the following 90 minutes it seemed that every variety of precipitation known to man fell from the skies above the Black Country.

The match was all cut and thrust, end to end, and the cameras were there to record it all for posterity. Arsenal took the lead after around half an hour having repulsed all that a determined Wolves side could throw at them. Ray Kennedy hit a high looping shot from just a few yards in front of where we were sitting. I still remember the gasps from around as the ball swirled viciously in the wind and flew beyond the flailing arm of Parkes who, for all his 6'3" had not a prayer. "Never mind" said my dad at half time, "they've always played better in the second half if they're a goal down". These were words I had heard my father say on several occasions before, but never before were they to prove so prophetic. On fifty minutes Wagstaffe collected a high looping cross-field ball right in front of us, took the ball on a few strides and then sweetly hit a copy of Kennedy's shot which in its turn flew past the out-stretched Wilson. The cold seemed to melt away, people threw sodden copies of the Express & Star that they had bought as makeshift umbrellas, into the air around us. Game on. I won't bore you with further narrative except, final score 5-1 to Wolves. We arrived back home just in time to watch it all again on "Match of the Day".

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Mighty Oakes stops Forest

Notts Forest 0 Wolves 0
Saturday 30th September 2000

Pre-match hype for this game largely centered on the Beasant/Branch confrontation at Molineux the previous season. It was widely reported that the ageing keeper intended to give Branch a piece of his mind as the squads assembled in the tunnel. Not the best of mates? Still reeling from injury problems, Wolves fielded possibly their youngest ever side, and still posed more problems than Forest. First half chances fell to Proudlock, Lescott and Robinson whilst Oakes was hardly troubled at the other end.

At the start of the second half, Dinning sent Bazeley clear, his shot beating Beasant but spinning agonisingly wide. Forest's only real threat came in the second half when Blake twice beat his marker only to see Oakes produce two fine saves.

Attendance: 19,110

Members on trip: 28

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Bazeley, Branch (Al Jaber), Sinton, Green, Lescott, Dinning, Proudlock.

Subs not used: Stowell, Andrews, Camara, Epesse.

Quota exceeded

Wolves 2 Grimsby Town 0
Football League Cup 2nd round 2nd leg
Tuesday 2nd October 2000

Wolves made a rare venture into the third round of this competition when they overturned a one goal deficit to put the Mariners out in the second of three meetings between the two sides in ten days. On thirty seven minutes Adam Proudlock scored his third goal in four starts, when he headed home from Michael Branch's centre. Then with just over fifteen minutes remaining, Lee Naylor was fouled in the area and up stepped Muscat to convert the penalty. Earlier keeper Coyne had denied Proudlock with a magnificent save from the youngster's rising shot.

Attendance: 8,058

Members on trip: 4

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson, Emblen, Bazeley, Branch, Sinton, Green, Lescott, Proudlock.

Subs not used: Stowell, Andrews, Larkin, Caara, Epesse.



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Iceberg too good

Bolton Wanderers 2 Wolves 1
Saturday 14th October 2000

Wolves looked to be in control from the start of this game, but after twenty minutes it was the home side who took the lead when Holdsworth curled a shot past Michael Oakes. Wolves continued to press but had to be content to go into the break a goal down.

The second half was much the same story, so it was no surprise when the equaliser came after eight minutes, when Michael Branch broke free in the penalty area, and was promptly upended. The resulting penalty, saw Tony Dinning calmly slot the ball home. However, this only served to inspire Bolton, and the winner with five minutes remaining was a stunner when Bergsson latched onto a through ball, advanced on goal and as Oakes came to block, chipped precisely into the net.

Attendance: 15,585

Members on trip: 17

Wolves: Oakes, Naylor, Robinson, Pollet(Lescott), Emblen(Peacock), Bazeley, Osborn, Branch, Sinton(Ketsbaia), Dinning, Proudlock.

Subs not used: Stowell, Camara.

Green, yellow and red

Albion 1 Wolves 0
Tuesday 17th October 2000

Wolves were reduced to ten men before half time, as Ryan Green was mugged twice inside five minutes by former Wolves player Jason Roberts. All this occurred after the home side had taken the lead from a well taken penalty by Hughes, the same player having come down with Peacock in a fifty fifty situation in the box. Albion dominated the midfield from the off, their weight and force unsettling the Wolves, who failed to take advantage of the flanks. In fact Wolves rarely troubled keeper Jensen in the first half, although they could have taken the lead when a Dinning chip from the halfway line, caught him off guard. After the break Wolves gave it more of a go, but even with the strong wind at their backs the ten men were never going to get back on terms. Taylor looked unfit and increasingly at odds with the Wolves' style of play.

Overall this was a disappointing performance for the large turnout of supporters, with the Albion deserving the points on the night. As regards the body language of the respective managers there were two extremes: The pensive understatement of Lee set against the manic gesticulating of Megson as he cajouled his players into action. One final thought, where was the inspirational Ketsbaia, who would have surely risen to this intense derby action?

Attendance: 21,492.

Members on trip: 6

Wolves: Oakes, Naylor, Pollet(Lescott), Emblen(Robinson), Bazeley, Osborn, Branch, Green, Dinning, Peacock, Proudlock(R.Taylor).

Subs not used: Stowell, Sinton.

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It was a deliciously happy day for me, one that will stay etched in my memory. The following Monday morning at school, a Turkish Arsenal fan in my class called Turkey, came up and put out his hand in a manly gesture of sportsmanship and congratulated me on the victory. He was even more impressed when I told him that I had actually been at the game. He clapped me roundly on the shoulder and said, "We thought you just said you supported Wolves to be different and get attention, but you must be a real fan. I'd never go to Highbury in that kind of weather." At last, acceptance. This was a rite of passage in my life if ever there was.

There have been so many games that I recall from that time. The League Cup Final in 1974, the semi at home to Norwich when we all climbed out of the North Bank and danced on the pitch, and I always associate the song "Guitar man" by Bread with a 2-0 defeat by Leeds at Molineux the same year. I heard it coming out of a radio through a shop doorway as I made my way back to the station, the mood of the song seemed to sum up just how I was feeling. However, that victory against Arsenal stands out as a turning point in my career as a soccer fan. I felt that I had finally gained access to a unique club, that Wolves had repaid my albeit fledgling faith, and given me something to hold on to and cherish forever. These memories are the reason why I still make the journey up the M1 and M6. Still believing that I will witness something astonishing and that the present team will repay that belief by playing out of their skins the way that their predecessors did all those years ago. These memories are also the reason why every time I approach Molineux before a game I look skywards and think of the rain, hail, sleet and snow of that afternoon twenty-eight years ago, remember the smile on my late father's face as we left the ground, and say, "go on lads, win it for the old man" ■

True grit stops the Grocer's boys

Wolves 0 Fulham 0
Saturday 21st October 2000



Wolves became the first side to deny Fulham maximum points this season. They harried and hustled their opponents and denied them space, and but for the lack of a recognised striker could easily have taken all the points for themselves. In the first half Muscat, Emblen and Ketsbaia all had chances to put Wolves ahead. In fact it was not until the final few minutes that the visitors looked dangerous, and could have pinched the points. On a separate issue the referee left a lot to be desired, losing control and booking anyone who dared to approach an opponent. Despite this, it was a fine spectacle by any standard, and bodes well for the future, providing the performance can be maintained.

Attendance: 21,080. **Members on trip:** 59

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Pollet, Emblen (Proudlock), Bazeley, Osborn, Ketsbaia, Sinton(Camara), Lescott, Dinning.

Subs not used: Stowell, Robinson, Peacock.



We constantly need articles, letters and feedback from all the membership to keep this magazine up to date and informative. Jokes, stories and football songs all welcome for inclusion.

Gets better

Barnsley 1 Wolves 2
Tuesday 24th October 2000

Wolves turned in another fine performance to take the points at Oakwell. Two one up at the break, they played well enough to have had a wider margin at the end. Michael Branch was denied several times by Miller, who had a fine match, as did his opposite number Oakes. All this after Wolves had fallen behind to a goal after eight minutes from McClare. Ten minutes later and they were back on terms, as Captain Muscat exchanged passes with Ketsbaia to slot the ball home. Then, with seconds to the break, the Georgian fired home one of his typical efforts after fine work by Lee Naylor and Andy Sinton.

Attendance: 13,393

No trip arranged.

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Pollet, Emblen (Proudlock), Bazeley, Osborn, Ketsbaia, Sinton (Camara), Lescott, Dinning.

Subs not used: Stowell, Robinson, Peacock.

Swat!

Wolves 2 Watford 2
Saturday 28th October 2000

Yet again Wolves turned in a first class performance against the top side in the division, and the leaders went home a mile fortunate to salvage a point after this savaging. Wolves pounded the visitors from the start, but still managed to go to the break two down. Having pinned the visitors in their own half for over thirty minutes, Wolves fell behind to a lobbed shot from Cox, and then six minutes later, a Mooney strike to make the game look fairly safe for The Hornets.

However Wolves did not concede and straight from the restart, Muscat pulled one back after Robinson had been held back after bursting into the area. That wasn't the end of the action, as Dinning drove the ball home through a crowded area with eleven minutes remaining, and then Branch went close on several occasions. Towards the close, further pressure saw Ketsbaia's two powerful drives diverted and blocked, as Wolves searched for a winner. The leaders certainly knew they'd been in a scrap.

Attendance: 20,296. **Members on trip:** 42

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Pollet (Peacock), Bazeley, Osborn, Ketsbaia, Branch, Sinton (Robinson), Lescott, Dinning.

Subs not used: Stowell, Camara, Proudlock.



Fare dues

Fulham 3 Wolves 2
Worthington Cup 3rd Round
Wednesday 1st November 2000

On a cold, wet night by the Thames, Wolves put in a fine performance for a team forced to make changes due to the injury list. Both sides had early chances, and the keepers made fine saves to keep the first half goalless. On the hour it was the visitors who took the lead when Ketsbaia drove in a twenty yard shot. However, Fulham showed what a class act they are, by firing two goals past Oakes to take charge: Boa Morte lost Lescott and fired a rising shot past Oakes, and then almost repeated the move by slotting a second with seven minutes left. A now tired Wolves conceded a third in the dying minutes, before Osborn fired a magnificent consolation on the stroke of full time.

Attendance: 6,763. **No trip arranged**

Wolves: Oakes, Naylor, Pollet (Peacock), Bazeley, Osborn, Ketsbaia, Branch, Sinton, (Robinson), Lescott, Dinning.

Subs not used: Stowell, Camara, Proudlock.

Screwed up!

Crewe Alexandra 2 Wolves 0
Saturday 4th November 2000

Without doubt the worst match seen this season. Rubbish! Nothing else to report.

Attendance: 7,147. **Members on trip:** 15

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Robinson (Ndah), Emblen, Bazeley (Proudlock), Osborn, Ketsbaia, Branch, Lescott, Dinning.

Subs not used: Stowell, Green, Camara, Proudlock.

A Palace of tears

Wolves 1 Crystal Palace 3
Saturday 11th November 2000

Wolves, with enough injuries to sway the American election, did manage to put up a show against Palace. However, Pollet was carried off with blood streaming from a head wound, after it appeared that Freedman stamped on his face. This left Wolves in disarray, and the "villain" then put Palace ahead, firing in from the left of the box. Morrison then headed a second just before the break.

In the second half a change in attitude contrived a fight back and Branch pulled one back after good work from Ndah, who was busy throughout stretching the Palace defence with his speedy runs. However, late on, Morrison added his second after a mistake by Muscat.

Attendance: 17,658. **Members on trip:** 37

Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Lescott, Pollet (Ndah), Osborn, Bazeley (Proudlock), Dinning, Emblen, Branch, Robinson (Green).

Subs not used: Stowell, Camara.



Dunn away with!

Blackburn Rovers 1 Wolves 0
Saturday 18th November 2000

Wolves yet again suffered at the hands of some harsh refereeing decisions. They certainly gave as good as they got at Ewood Park. Dinning, Butler, Ndah and Branch all went close, and with Emblen giving his usual one hundred percent, Wolves were unlucky not to go in front. Unfortunately, just after the hour things went horribly wrong when the referee adjudged Robinson to have handled, when he put his hands up to defend himself. Dunn made no mistake with the resultant penalty. At the other end, American international Friedel was in fine form, denying first Branch and then Embien, as Wolves pressed for the equaliser.

Attendance: 20,380. **Members on trip:** 15
Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Embien, Camara, Butler, Pollet, Bazeley, Dinning, Ndah, Branch (Proudlock), Robinson.
Subs not used: Stowell, Lescott, Green, Camara.

Dinn trims Grim

Wolves 2 Grimsby 0
Tuesday 21st November 2000

Wolves finally found out how to win, on this wet and windswept night in front of the lowest home league gate of the season to date. They attacked Grimsby from the off and were ahead after just six minutes, when Naylor pulled the ball back for Dinning to drive firmly home. It was then no surprise when after almost continuous pressure, they added a second on the stroke of half time, when Ndah scored from close range after an error by Murray. After the break, the pattern was repeated as Wolves pressed forward, although they were given a warning not to over relax, when a Livingstone header thumped against the bar. However in the end this was a dominating performance from the home side.

Attendance: 16,088. **Members on trip:** 12
Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Embien, Pollet, Butler, Bazeley, Dinning, Ndah (Branch), Osborn, Robinson (Proudlock).
Subs not used: Stowell, Camara, Sinton.

The best form of defence is attack!

QPR 2 Wolves 2
Saturday 25th November 2000

The first half performance by Wolves was possibly one of the best that will be seen this season, as they went for the jugular from the off. The tactics worked, as they sped into the lead thanks to Ndah, who latched onto a defensive error and sped goalwards steering the ball under Milosovic. The lead was however short lived when QPR were awarded what was judged a harsh penalty. Oakes made an fine save, but Peacock tucked his rebound home. However Wolves were back in front two minutes before the break, when Pollet rose above the home defence to firmly head home. In the second half Wolves made a tactical blunder, choosing not to capitalise on their superiority but to sit back on their lead. This was not taken very well by the travelling fans, and what had appeared obvious duly happened in the eighty sixth minute, when Peacock lashed home a shot from the edge of the area.

Attendance: 11,156. **No trip arranged.**
Wolves: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor, Embien, Butler, Pollet, Bazeley, Dinning, Ndah (Proudlock), Osborn, Robinson.
Subs not used: Stowell, Sinton, Lescott, Camara.

Committee News



The Club will be celebrating its **thirty fifth anniversary this year** and preliminary discussions are in hand as to how best to celebrate this occasion. If you have any suggestions/ideas for this event, then please contact Tim Richards or any of the committee members. One suggestion is to hold an event at the Museum of London which is currently showing 'Collections 2000', which features the Annual Player of the Year Trophy as an exhibit.

Members of the committee recently attended **The Former Players Association Annual Dinner** and came away with an autographed "Legends poster" as pictured on page seven. In the next edition the Chairman will have details on how to obtain this valuable item.

As already mentioned by the Chairman, the Committee has decided to **extend everybody's membership by six months**, in view of the non-appearance of the Magazine.

Travel details will be fully published in the next edition due February/March. In the meantime the web site has an updated listing.

Because of illness, **Stefan Leonard** will be temporarily handing over the editorship of the Magazine. One member has expressed an interest in taking over this responsibility.

Copies of **David Instone's book "Sir Jack"** are available at a special club discount rate arranged through the Express and Star. The book is an excellent read and highlights the generosity and patriotism of Sir Jack. Contact Dave Slape for more details. Also **Jim Holden's book "Stan Cullis, The Iron Manager"**, featured on page 5, is available from Breedon Books priced at £14.99. Copies are also available from the Molineux Shop.

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New Biography

"Sir Jack" written by David Instone of the Express and Star.

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

Members requiring match tickers please contact the Travel Secretary **at least 16 days** prior to a match. For all-ticket matches, particularly away matches, it is advisable to contact the Travel Secretary **at least 4 weeks** prior to a 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 ticket holders can be guaranteed a match ticket.** There are seven club season tickets available to members on a match to match basis. The 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 at 7.45 p.m., and Sunday matches kick-off at 1.00 p.m.



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