



Pre-Season Fixtures...

July
 Tuesday 13th - Tamworth (Away)
 Saturday 17th - Tromso (Tour of Norway)
 Monday 19th - Bodo/Glimt
 (Tour of Norway)
 Wednesday 21st - Lynn (Tour of Norway)
 Thursday 22nd - Nuneaton Town (Away)
 Saturday 24th - Northampton Town
 (Away)
 Tuesday 27th - Mansfield Town (Away)
 Wednesday 28th - Kidderminster Harriers
 (Away)
 Friday 30th - Manchester City (Home)

August
 3rd - Worcester City (Away)

Happy Retirement Denis



Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club

notice

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10th July

3pm

at the:

PIED BULL public house
 498 Streatham High Road
 London SW16 3QB
 Tel: 020 8764 4003

Nearest trains: Streatham and Streatham Common

The Agenda will include:
 reports from officers of WWLSC and election of the committee.

special guest:
FRANK MUNRO (1968-1977)
 Your chance to meet and chat with
 one of Wolves all-time great players.

End of Season Party...



Following the defeat to Spurs on the last day of the season the Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club held a party in Wolverhampton. There were about 120 attendee's including several former players

and Alex Rae, who was there to collect our Player of the Year Award.

Alex Rae stayed for well over an hour discussing his imminent departure from the club and receiving warm plaudits for his exploits on the pitch over the season. After receiving the Player of the Year award from Chairman Stuart Earl he expressed the happiness his time at Wolves had brought him and how he was looking forward to the challenges ahead with Glasgow Rangers.

Stefan Leonard hosted an auction that included no less than three signed videos of the 1974 League Cup Final and the home kit of our sponsored player, Shaun Newton.

Other highlights of the evening were individual presentations of tankards to Dave Slape and Peter Woodfield for their work in



keeping the WWLSC running and getting members to matches this season has been far from easy especially with the West Coast mainline disruptions.

A fine spread of food was laid on by Tracy & Ryan Nelson and Lynne & Alan (Nobby) Blount special thanks to them for the spectacular choices and quantities.

Thanks to all the members who made the effort to attend an enjoyable and happy evening.

Phil O'Connor



From the chair



So our visit to the top flight was, as predicted by the "experts", short-lived but were Wolves as bad as everyone thought? Personally, I don't think they were a lot worse than ten of the teams that finished above them. Ok they made early mistakes but a few more decisions going their way would have helped and last minute goals given away when points were on the scoreboard could have been avoided.



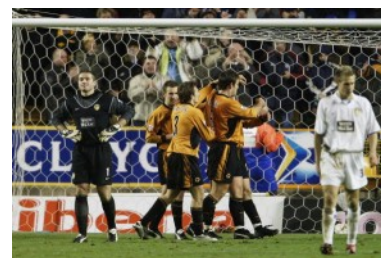
The general consensus of opinion is that if the majority of the side can be kept together it will be straight back up and Rick Hayward is promising cash for new faces so hopes are, quite rightly, high.



The annual "do" went off very well, despite a very poor response from our members, and we were forced to open the event to outsiders in order that the Club did not lose too much money. Guests who attended were Alex Rae, Terry Wharton, John McAlle, Phil Parkes and Gary Pierce. With Alex saying his farewell to Wolves, it was nice of him to give up his time to collect his "Player Of The Year" award.



Don't forget our AGM on July 10th. If this is as lively as last year's it could prove very interesting so come along and have your say on Club affairs. Don't forget to let me have any proposals in writing.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their efforts, particularly Dave as Secretary, Peter for arranging match tickets and coping with some very trying travel arrangements, and Stef and Phil for the newsletter.

Have a super summer and see you in the Coca Cola league.



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How much does a goal cost? When Carl Cort gave the ball away to Jermaine Defoe to score for Spurs in our last match of the season little did he know that his error would cost Wolves 19th spot in the league and with it approximately £600,000. That's the difference between coming 19th and 20th in the Premiership. If Wolves had come 18th the difference would have been just over £1m – according to the Premiership: “Finishing third from bottom brings with it £1.6m in prize money, as opposed to just over £500,000 for the team picking up the wooden spoon.”

There was a certain amount of angst listening to Rick Hayward, Wolves Chairman, addressing the fans after the match extolling us to keep funding the club through ticket sales and purchasing official merchandise when the players had just given away £600,000 (which equates to about 1,700 early-bird season ticket renewals in the Steve Bull stand). At £50 a shirt Wolves need to sell 12,000 just to recover this loss (at 100% profit). What point am I trying to make here? None – I just found it sad that the fans were being cajoled into parting with more cash when the players had just lost a small fortune through carelessness. I should point out that I am not singling Carl Cort out here for the blame – it could have been any one of the 77 goals we let in that cost the money, but it was ironic that the final goal scored against us was a gift to many teams (3 points for Spurs and £600,000 for Leeds going above us).

Wolves not only finished bottom of the Premiership table but also bottom of the Sky TV and Cup earnings table with a £16.6m payment. This is some £40m less than table-topping Arsenal received but still massively more than Wolves can expect to receive next year (approx. £1m depending on appearances).

There will be a 'parachute' payment of £6.9m to ease the pain of relegation which, according to the club, will probably be spent on new signings. If Wolves fail to get promoted next season then they will receive another payment of about the same amount.

Dave Jones has announced the players who will not be forming a part of his plans next season and so we have seen the last of Isaac Okoronkwo, Stefan Iverson, Nathan Blake and Oleg Luzhny in Wolves shirts. Add the retirement of Denis Irwin and the transfer to Rangers of Alex Rae to these and already next years squad is looking very different. Six players out and none in yet. Paul Ince is yet to announce his intentions, although he'll have a few extra weeks at the beginning of next

season to decide following his double-yellow carding against Spurs – my belief is that we will not see him in a Wolves shirt again.

It's difficult to reflect positively on the season having spent the vast majority of it in the bottom three. The statistics I have reproduced in this issue tell the story of the season far better than I can express in words.

One point I would like to make is that the “official” awarding of the “fans” Player of the Year trophy to Henri Camara after the Spurs game was (in my opinion) farcical. Camara, to be fair, had a great end of season but for his first 23 games he scored 1 goal as a striker. He missed a whole chunk of the season by playing for Senegal and the award was probably designed to try and keep him in the club next season. Within a week of the seasons end Camara handed in a transfer request. If he doesn't want to play for Wolves, which he clearly doesn't, then we should say “thanks and goodbye”. It's a pity but if that's the commitment players have to the club and the fans, then we are probably better off without them.

I've heard a few people saying “if only...” this season and I hope you will find the article on “If we only played for 85 minutes” of interest. It lays a few myths to bed.

For those members who attended the “meet the players” do prior to the Chelsea away match I hope you had an enjoyable evening. There is no write up inside the magazine out of respect for Dave Jones' wishes of “what is said in this room stays in this room”. I look forward to the next opportunity to hear Dave being frank and honest and I would strongly recommend the event to all members.

A positive note to end the season... at least we won't have to go to Grimsby on a wintry Wednesday evening next season.

In wrapping up this season I want to say a big thanks to Jane of Moonstone Design and Marketing for doing all the hard work on the magazine and managing to work to my ridiculous deadlines. Thanks also to everyone at Bromley CopyPrint, especially Lee, for getting the magazine printed. Thanks to Stefan Leonard and Dave Slape for getting the magazine delivered and finally thanks to the WWLSC committee for letting me produce this and to you, the members, for reading it. Hope you've enjoyed your newsletter.

Until next season...



Wolves Player Statistics Premiership Season 2003-2004

No	Player name	Signed from	Date of Birth	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	% Goals per Apps	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per Apps
1	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	30 Oct 1973	21 (0)	-	4 (1)	-	-	1	-	3.9
2	Denis Irwin	Man United	31 Oct 1965	30 (2)	-	1 (0)	-	-	5	-	15.2
3	Lee Naylor	Youth	19 Mar 1980	37 (1)	-	5 (0)	-	-	6	-	14.0
4	Alex Rae	Sunderland	30 Jun 1969	27 (6)	5	3 (1)	3	13.5	10	-	27.1
5	Joleon Lescott	Youth	16 Aug 1982	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paul Butler	Sunderland	2 Nov 1972	37 (0)	1	4 (0)	-	2.4	8	-	19.5
7	Shaun Newton	Charlton	20 Aug 1975	20 (8)	-	2 (2)	-	-	1	-	3.1
8	Paul Ince	Middlesboro	21 Oct 1967	32 (0)	2	3 (0)	-	5.7	15	1	48.6
9	Nathan Blake	Blackburn	27 Jan 1972	10 (3)	1	1 (0)	-	6.7	4	-	28.6
10	Colin Cameron	Hearts	23 Oct 1972	25 (5)	4	3 (0)	-	12.1	5	-	15.2
11	Mark Kennedy	Man City	15 May 1976	28 (3)	2	4 (1)	-	5.6	-	-	-
12	Jody Craddock	Sunderland	25 Jul 1975	31 (1)	1	5 (1)	1	5.3	3	-	7.9
13	Matthew Murray	Youth	2 May 1981	1 (0)	-	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
14	Jorge Silas	Uniao Leiria	1 Sep 1976	2 (7)	-	3 (2)	-	-	-	-	-
15	Kevin Cooper	Wimbledon	8 Feb 1975	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Kenny Miller	Rangers	23 Dec 1979	17 (8)	2	5 (0)	3	6.7	2	-	6.7
17	Henri Camara	Sedan	10 May 1977	29 (1)	7	2 (0)	-	21.9	3	-	9.4
18	George Ndah	Swindon	23 Dec 1974	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Steffen Iversen	Tottenham	10 Nov 1976	11 (4)	4	3 (1)	-	21.1	1	-	5.3
20	Ioan V Ganea	VfB Stuttgart	10 Aug 1973	6 (10)	3	2 (1)	1	21.1	4	-	21.1
21	Paul Jones	Southampton	18 April 1967	16 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Oleg Luzhny	Arsenal	5 Aug 1968	4 (2)	-	4 (0)	-	-	2	-	20.0
23	Mark Clyde	Youth	27 Dec 1982	6 (3)	-	3 (0)	-	-	1	-	8.3
24	Keith Andrews	Youth	13 Sept 1980	1 (0)	-	2 (0)	-	-	1	-	33.3
25	Isaac Okoronkwo	Shaktar	1 May 1978	7 (0)	-	1 (0)	-	-	1	-	12.5
26	Joey Gudjonsson	Real Betis (L)	20 May 1980	5 (6)	-	4 (1)	1	6.3	3	-	18.75
27	Carl Cort	Newcastle	1 Nov 1977	13 (3)	5	-	-	31.3	-	-	-
29	Dean Sturridge	Leicester	27 Jul 1973	2 (3)	-	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-
32	Sammy Clingan	Youth	13 Jan 1984	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Jimmi Lee Jones	Youth		0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Carl Ikeme	Youth	8 June 1986	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Leon Clarke	Youth	10 Feb 1985	0 (0)	-	0 (3)	-	-	-	-	-
38	Keith Lowe	Youth		0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	John Melligan	Youth	11 Feb 1982	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Players Loaned Out

15	Kevin Cooper	Sunderland	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Kevin Cooper	Norwich City	6 (4)	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
24	Keith Andrews	Stoke City	16 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	31.25
24	Keith Andrews	Walsall	10 (0)	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
29	Dean Sturridge	Sheffield Utd	2 (2)	-	1 (0)	-	-	-	1	-	20.0
31	John Melligan	Kidderminster	5 (0)	1	-	-	-	20.0	1	-	20.0
31	John Melligan	Doncaster	12 (0)	2	-	-	-	16.67	1	-	8.33
33	Jimmi Lee Jones	Forest Green	3 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Players loaned In

No	Player name	Loaned from:	Loan Completed	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	%Goals per App	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per Apps
24	Andy Marshall	Ipswich Town	Jan 2004	0 (0)	-	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
31	Hassan Kachloul	Aston Villa	Jan 2004	0 (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

sale, publications and Wolves down under!



London Wolves Sales

WWLSC enamelled badges £2.50 +sae

WWLSC car fobs £1.00 +sae
WWLSC large key rings £1.00 +sae

PROGRAMMES

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A Load of Bull (fanzine) £1.50 +34p p&p
A Load of Bull back issues no. 32, 34, 36, 75, 83, 85 & 101 10p + 34p postage each.
Wolves Official Magazine £2.99 available quarterly

OLD PROGRAMMES

A few 60's and 70's plus, more from the 80's and 90's are available. Prices from 10p.
1993-94 FA Cup Quarter Final Chelsea v Wolves - £1.

125 Years of Wolves - Commemorative badge set £35.00 + £1.00 p&p

11 badges commemorating: - 4 FA Cup wins; 3 Football League titles; 2 Football League Cup wins; 2 Second Division titles; 1 Third Division title; 1 Third Division North title; 1 Fourth Division title; Sherpa Van winners; Texaco Cup winners; FA Charity Shield and League Founder Members.

All the above are available from: Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD

New Publications:

"Took 14 years, it only took 14 years"

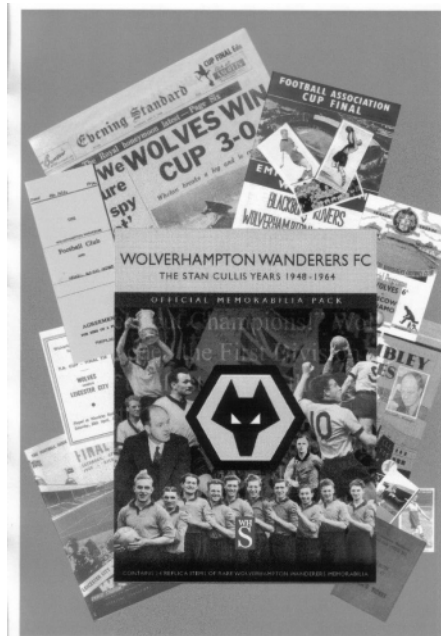
Mike Slater, author of "Molineux Memories", has a new booklet out called "Took 14 years, it only took 14 years". This documents Wolves 14 attempts to gain promotion from the 1st division and is a must for anyone into statistics.
Priced at £3 and available from: Mike Slater, 49 Enville Rd Wolverhampton WV4 4NP.

"Running With Wolves"

Headlined as "the most revealing book EVER written about the club" has been written by Peter Lansley of The Times and is a result of 12 months of in-depth interviews with players from the last 37 years.
Advanced orders (publication date is August 2nd) available from: Thomas Publications, PO Box 17, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7WT.
Priced at £16.99 plus £2 p&p cheques payable to 'Thomas Publications'.

"Wolves FC (Stan CullisYears) Memorabilia Pack"

Just out... the Wolves FC (Stan CullisYears) Memorabilia Pack published by WH Smiths. The pack is currently for sale in Smith's branches (in the Wolverhampton area) for £12.99 and is also available via the club shops. The pack contains high quality replicas of programmes, papers, brochures etc. from the Cullis era. It is not aimed at specialist collectors, but more towards a wider audience, and therefore includes items such as the '49 FA



cup final programme and player's itinerary, Evening Standard from the 1960 final victory, Player's rule book ('40's), selection of programmes inc. Stan's first game as Manager, Moscow Dynamo, Schalke etc, cigarette cards, Billy Wright's contract and so on.

If you would like a copy and are not going to be in Wolverhampton over the summer please contact: Stuart Earl at londonwolves.66@btinternet.com to order a copy or speak to him at the AGM.

Oz Wolves - Dave Hodges

On a recent trip to Australia I thought I'd make contact with NSW Wolves and, as it happens, my timing was just right.

It was the week of the Manchester United home game and on that Saturday the NSW Wolves had advertised their summer get together... lucky me I thought and duly turned up at the Glenmore Hotel located on the Rocks area just under Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The Glenmore has a spacious roof garden and coupled with the great view and glorious weather all the ingredients were there for a memorable day. It did not take long to locate the Wolves lads, I just headed toward the gold shirts and, if I say it myself, I did fit in quite nicely.

I'd mentioned to Dave Slape that I intended to force my company upon them and he gave me a few club badges and some car fobs to palm off on to them... I suppose he thought it might soften the blow of having me around how diplomatic of him!

I spoke with the leader of the gang, Rog Cooper, who originally came from Boreham Wood before emigrating, and I suppose he is a bit like Dave Slape in the sense that he probably is the energy behind keeping them the NSW Wolves together. Throughout the afternoon my boozing took me into lots of different company and as time rolled by it was clear our numbers were increasing and, along with the beautiful women that found their way to the roof garden, quite an atmosphere had developed.

The advert on the NSW Wolves website had attracted a number of fellow fans who were visiting Oz to the gathering and Rog said to me he thought it was a record turn-out. My recollection of who I'd met is somewhat vague but there was representation from all over the UK. I do remember Mark from Aberdeen, only because he looked like Rock Hudson. I don't think I would have wanted him around when I was throwing a party in my youth... still he's a Wolves fan and a nice bloke at that. The home team guys were very hospitable and the result the

Wolves got made it a day never to forget.

A lot of their members get over to the UK from time-to-time and I have stressed they should make contact and meet our Chairman... is that wise? No in all seriousness it would be great for the two clubs to stay in touch and I have already suggested to Dave Slape to make contact along these lines.

What has become clear is that their website is putting them on the map, and it's made me famous (see <http://nswwolves.com> for more info)

If any other member has had any experiences meeting other Wolves supporters clubs around the world and would like to: a) get themselves some publicity; b) get some publicity for the other supporters club; or c) mention a nice hotel in the vague hope that they'll give you a discount next time you visit then please forward it for the attention of the Editor via the usual channels Ed.



2003-2004 review part 1 best player stats

These analyses were made: firstly on the number of goals and assists individual players had in the league this season; and secondly on how well the team performed depending on who was in the starting line-up (league matches only).

Summary

Camara was top goalscorer with 7, and he was also directly involved in the most goals with 6 assists. **Kennedy** had the most assists with 8. The team performed best when **Okoronkwo** was in the starting line up, averaging 1.3 points per game, conceding an average of 1.5 goals and scoring an average of 1.8.

Goals and assists

Camara's brilliant goalscoring run towards the end of the season was in stark contrast to the first three quarters of the season. Camara also had 6 assists meaning that he was directly involved in 13 goals, more than any other Wolves' player. Kennedy had the most assists (8) and like Camara these were mostly towards the end of the season. The difference between the last 7 or 8 games of the season and the matches before this is something that is quite stark throughout this analysis. However, Wolves had similar runs to their end of season high on two earlier occasions.

Rae was directly involved in 8 goals (5 goals, 3 assists), Cort in 7 (5 goals, 2 assists), and Cameron 6 (4 goals, 2 assists). Iversen got 4 goals (making him joint 4th highest scorer), but was not credited with any assists.

Ganea (3 goals) and Miller (2 goals, 1 assist) were perhaps surprisingly only directly involved in 3 goals - which is the same as Irwin (3 assists), Ince (2 goals, 1 assist) and Blake (1 goal, 2 assists).

Most effective starting line up

This analysis looks at how well (or otherwise) Wolves have performed when each player was in the starting line up (league only). It looks at how many points were gained per game, the

average number of goals scored, and the average number conceded. Players who have started less than 5 matches are not included and substitutions are ignored. Only league matches were analysed

Perhaps surprisingly, Okoronkwo is our best player in terms of this analysis. This makes the decision to release him particularly strange. Since Okoronkwo's belated introduction into the team Wolves won 2, drew 3 and lost 2. This means that with Okoronkwo we earned an average of 1.3 points per game, without him we earned 0.8. Second best player, in terms of this analysis, was a tie between Miller and Clyde. While they were in the starting line up we gained an average of 1.2 points per game.

The relatively high rating for Okoronkwo may be related to other factors within the team at the time - such as Kennedy's return to form, Camara finally being played up front or Newton's return to the right wing.

Oddly, Wolves lost every league game that Ganea started (but only lost two of the 10 games where he came on as a sub). Maybe a case of lies, damn lies and statistics? Wolves conceded an average of 2.0 goals per league game during all matches. With our most effective defender, Okoronkwo, in the team we conceded an average of 1.5. Without Okoronkwo we conceded an average of 2.1 goals per game. With Okoronkwo in the team we scored on average 1.8 goals per league game, compared to 0.9 without him. Overall we scored 1.0 goals per game.

Our most effective striker in terms of how many goals the team scored was Cort - when he was in the team we scored 1.3 goals per game. This compares to an overall average of 0.8 goals when Blake was in the team. However both Cort and Okoronkwo were not involved in our bad start to the season, and this will undoubtedly have improved their rating. The questions, though, if they would have been in the team could they have improved the results?

LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY

PLAYER	INDIVIDUALLY		TEAM AVERAGES WHILE IN THE STARTING LINE UP		
	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS GAINED	GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED
Camara	7	6	0.9	1.1	2.0
Rae	5	3	0.8	0.9	1.9
Cort	5	2	1.1	1.3	1.8
Cameron	4	2	0.9	1.2	2.0
Iversen	4	0	0.9	0.9	2.2
Ganea	3	0	0.0	0.8	3.5
Kennedy	2	8	0.8	1.1	2.1
Miller	2	1	1.2	1.1	1.7
Ince	2	1	0.8	0.9	2.0
Blake	1	2	0.9	0.8	1.8
Craddock	1	1	0.8	0.9	2.1
Butler	1	0	0.9	1.1	2.0
Irwin	0	3	0.7	0.8	2.0
Newton	0	2	1.0	1.1	1.8
Clyde	0	1	1.2	1.5	2.0
Naylor	0	1	0.9	1.0	2.0
Sturridge	0	1	Started less than 5 games, so inelligible		
Okoronkwo	0	0	1.3	1.8	1.5
Gudjonsson	0	0	1.0	1.0	2.2
Oakes	0	0	0.9	0.9	1.9
Jones	0	0	0.9	1.2	2.1

(Many thanks to Wolves stats for compiling this review)

2003-2004 results



Match Results - English Premiership

No	Date	Ven	Opponent	Result	HT	Scorers	Attend
1	16 Aug 03	A	Blackburn Rovers	L 1-5	(0-2)	Iversen 71	26,270
2	23 Aug 03	H	Charlton Athletic	L 0-4	(0-4)		27,327
3	27 Aug 03	A	Manchester United	L 0-1	(0-1)		67,648
4	30 Aug 03	H	Portsmouth	D 0-0	(0-0)		28,860
5	13 Sep 03	A	Southampton	L 0-2	(0-1)		31,711
6	20 Sep 03	H	Chelsea	L 0-5	(0-2)		29,208
7	27 Sep 03	A	Bolton Wanderers	D 1-1	(1-0)	Rae 30	27,043
8	04 Oct 03	H	Manchester City	W 1-0	(0-0)	Cameron 75	29,386
9	18 Oct 03	A	Fulham	D 0-0	(0-0)		17,031
10	25 Oct 03	H	Leicester City	W 4-3	(0-3)	Cameron 52, 60p; Rae 68; Camara 86	28,578
11	01 Nov 03	A	Middlesbrough	L 0-2	(0-0)		30,305
12	08 Nov 03	H	Birmingham City	D 1-1	(0-0)	Iversen 66	28,831
13	22 Nov 03	A	Everton	L 0-2	(0-2)		40,190
14	29 Nov 03	H	Newcastle United	D 1-1	(1-1)	Blake 27	29,344
15	06 Dec 03	A	Tottenham Hotspur	L 2-5	(1-1)	Ince 30; Rae 84	34,825
16	14 Dec 03	A	Aston Villa	L 2-3	(1-2)	Rae 36; Kennedy 80	39,964
17	26 Dec 03	A	Arsenal	L 0-3	(0-2)		38,003
18	28 Dec 03	H	Leeds United	W 3-1	(1-1)	Smith (og) 18; Iversen 48, 90	29,139
19	07 Jan 04	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 2-2	(0-1)	Butler 63; Rae 72	27,393
20	10 Jan 04	A	Charlton Athletic	L 0-2	(0-1)		26,148
21	17 Jan 04	H	Manchester United	W 1-0	(0-0)	Miller 67	29,396
22	21 Jan 04	H	Liverpool	D 1-1	(0-1)	Miller 90	29,380
23	31 Jan 04	A	Portsmouth	D 0-0	(0-0)		20,112
24	07 Feb 04	H	Arsenal	L 1-3	(1-1)	Ganea 26	29,392
25	10 Feb 04	A	Leeds United	L 1-4	(1-2)	Ganea 21	36,867
26	21 Feb 04	H	Fulham	W 2-1	(1-0)	Ince 20; Cort 51	28,424
27	28 Feb 04	A	Leicester City	D 0-0	(0-0)		31,768
28	14 Mar 04	H	Aston Villa	L 0-4	(0-3)		29,386
29	20 Mar 04	A	Liverpool	L 0-1	(0-0)		43,795
30	27 Mar 04	A	Chelsea	L 2-5	(1-1)	Camara 23; Craddock 57	41,215
31	03 Apr 04	H	Southampton	L 1-4	(0-1)	Camara 72	29,106
32	10 Apr 04	A	Manchester City	D 3-3	(2-2)	Kennedy 13; Cort 23; Camara 78	47,248
33	12 Apr 04	H	Bolton Wanderers	L 1-2	(1-1)	Camara 44	28,695
34	17 Apr 04	H	Middlesbrough	W 2-0	(1-0)	Cort 28; Camara 62	27,975
35	25 Apr 04	A	Birmingham City	D 2-2	(1-2)	Cameron 6; Cort 74	29,494
36	01 May 04	H	Everton	W 2-1	(0-1)	Camara 55; Cort 84	29,395
37	09 May 04	A	Newcastle	D 1-1	(0-1)	Ganea 70	52,139
38	15 May 04	H	Tottenham Hotspur	D 0-2	(0-1)		29,389

FA CUP	Round	Date	Ven	Opponent	Result	HT	Scorers	Attend
	3	03 Jan 04	A	Kidderminster Harriers	D 1-1	(0-)	Rae 89	6,005
	3r	13 Jan 04	H	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	(1-0)	Miller 36, 65	25,808
	4	25 Jan 04	H	West Ham United	L 1-3	(1-3)	Ganea 23	24,413

League Cup	Round	Date	Ven	Opponent	Result	HT	Scorers	Attend
	2	23 Sep 03	H	Darlington	W 2-0	(1-0)	Rae 37; Gudjonsson 53	10,232
	3	28 Oct 03	H	Burnley	W 2-0	(0-0)	Miller 48, Craddock 81	18,548
	4	02 Dec 03	A	Arsenal	L 1-5	(0-1)	Rae 81	28,161



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IT'S NEVER OVER 'TIL THE FAT LADY SINGS

Liverpool 1-0 Wolves 20th March 2004

The second minute of time-added-on brought misery to a Wolves side that had defended gamely throughout and deserved a point in their fight against the drop.

With the seconds ticking away from a valiant effort at a draw, Liverpool forced a corner on the left and from Gerrard's kick Hyypia thundered a header past the Wolves defence for the late winner.



Wolves had on occasions tested the home defence and in fact had more shots on target than their hosts with Ganea twice and then Ince testing Dudek in the early stages whilst Miller shot inches wide.

The swirling wind was a hindrance to both sides making attractive soccer almost impossible. Both sides appeared to have valid penalty claims waved aside by the referee.

Camara almost took Dudek by surprise in the opening minutes of the second period when he hammered a shot from twenty yards through a melee of players and the keeper made the save of the match diving full length to his right to push the ball away.

Opinion: Hard fought game which deserved something better.
Man of the match: Ganea
Team rating: 7/10
Team: Jones, Clyde, Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Rae, Ganea (Newton 71), Miller, Camara, Kennedy (Cort 81).
Unused subs: Oakes, Cameron, Irwin.
Bookings: None.
Attendance: 43,795.

THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS

Chelsea 5-2 Wolves 27th March 2004

The Premiership survival campaign suffered another setback as a substitution late in the game proved too good for a spirited Wolves effort.

Deservedly leading 2-1, after being a goal behind, Wolves should have extended the lead, when Camara sent over the perfect centre. With the ball landing ideally in front of him (and the goal at his mercy)



Kennedy managed to miss the open target. Ince then had a fierce drive from the edge of the area well saved by keeper Ambrosio.

Earlier Chelsea had gone ahead after just three minutes but goals from Camara, pouncing on slow defensive work, and Craddock, with a towering header put Wolves in the unlikely position of looking at taking points home from Stamford Bridge.

Even at 2-2, with twenty minutes remaining, Jones in the Wolves goal had not really been troubled by the expensive Chelsea attack but then the introduction of Hasselbaink had the undesired effect from a Wolves point of view as the Dutchman proceeded to score a seventeen minute hat-trick, which made the result appear more one-sided than was fact.

Opinion: A match does not finish on seventy minutes. (Unfortunately).
Man of the match: Ince
Team rating: 6/10
Team: Jones, Clyde, Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Rae, Ganea (Cameron 83), Ganea, Miller (Cort 73), Camara, Kennedy (Newton 73).
Unused subs: Oakes, Irwin.
Bookings: Ganea (45 - dissent), Rae (45 - foul).
Attendance: 41,215.



IF YOU'VE NOT SCORED YET COME TO MOLINEUX

Wolves 1-4 Southampton 3rd April 2004

The Wolves defence was so abysmal in this match that even a defender who had not scored a Premiership goal before, Lundekvarn, (probably just

as well going by the spelling!), even got in on the act.

To say that Wolves were lethargic is an understatement and Jones came to the rescue twice in the opening minutes firstly from Beattie and then the ever lively Phillips.

The only effort worth a mention from the home side was a long range dipping shot from Camara, which Niemi dealt with at the second attempt. So Saints went in only a goal up, which was a bit fortunate for Wolves.

The second period looked a little brighter but... (don't you always see that "but" coming?), Lundekvarn halted the Wolves effort.

Things started to look as if a comeback could be achieved when Camara scored after catching on to a through ball from Kennedy and placing the ball past the keeper, Niemi, as he came out to shut him down.

Thoughts of the dream result were finally quashed by some inept defending in the last couple of minutes of the match, when the much booed Phillips scored twice. Firstly, as the Wolves defence looked to play him off-side, he picked up a through ball from Beattie to beat Jones low to his right. Then an almost identical goal from the same two players left Wolves in tatters.

Opinion: We've seen this before.
Man of the match: Camara. The only one who looked likely to do anything.
Team rating: 4/10
Team: Jones, Irwin (Cameron 83), Naylor, Ince, Craddock, Butler, Rae, Ganea (Cort 45), Miller (Newton 62), Camara, Kennedy.
Unused subs: Oakes, Luzhny.
Bookings: Butler (36 - obstruction), Camara (48 - foul).
Attendance: 29,106.



WOLVES PAY THE PENALTY

Manchester City 3-3 Wolves 10th April 2004

Relegation saving points were in the bag when a last-gasp equaliser from Wright-Phillips stunned Wolves who, until then, had put in the performance their manager had demanded.

Two goals to the good, from strikes by Kennedy and Cort, Wolves allowed City to draw level, as first Anelka and then Sibirski cancelled out their lead.

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It was, however, the second half that provided the most drama as Wolves were awarded a rare penalty. England keeper James saved well from Cameron's spot-kick, and the chance appeared to disappear. That is until, with twelve minutes remaining, Kennedy hit a fierce drive which James could not hold and Camara was on hand to tap the ball home. Game, set and match to Wolves? Not quite! With the final seconds ticking away Wolves managed to hack away a desperate City attack only as far as Wright-Phillips who, lingering on the edge of the area, fired in a shot, which evaded everyone in the packed Wolves area to deny three deserved points.

Opinion: Yet another last gasp goal conceded to ruin the day.
Man of the match: Camara.
Team rating: 7/10
Team: Jones, Clyde (Irwin 45), Naylor, Cameron, Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton (Gudjonsson 66), Ince, Cort, Camara (Miller 90), Kennedy, Oakes, Ganea.
Unused subs: Okoronkwo (61 – foul), Camara (78 – over-celebrating goal).
Bookings: Okoronkwo (61 – foul), Camara (78 – over-celebrating goal).
Attendance: 47,238.



RENNIE IS HARD TO DIGEST

Wolves 1-2 Bolton
12th April 2004

As if Wolves were not in enough trouble along came Bolton with a twelfth man in the form of the referee. Mr Rennie almost single-handedly handed the game to them on a plate.

The opening scenario was Kennedy being brought down, right under the official's nose, in the penalty area. Result... nothing. Scene two: After 85 minutes, Jaaskelainen pushes Butler out of the way for a blatant penalty. Result... nothing. Finale: Cort knocks the ball into the path of Miller who, in attempting to turn and shoot, is held then pulled back by Thome. Result... no more than Rennie had given previously and then, to make matters worse, Bolton had the audacity to break away and score a late winner. Earlier Wolves, through the ever dangerous Camara, had equalised seconds before the break as the in form hit-man had fired a glorious shot high into the roof of the net to cancel out a Pedersen strike a minute earlier.

Opinion: Reffin rough.
Team rating: 6/10
Man of the match: Camara
Team: Jones, Irwin (Miller 82), Naylor, Cameron, Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton, Ince, Cort, Camara, Kennedy.
Unused subs: Oakes, Craddock, Ganea, Gudjonsson.
Bookings: Irwin (70 – foul), Okoronkwo (81 – ungentlemanly conduct).
Attendance: 28,695.



CAMARA SETS UP A PHOTO FINISH

Wolves 2-0 Middlesbrough
17th April 2004

Henri Camara kept Wolves Premiership lifeline intact as he almost single-handedly tore at the Boro defence and added a spectacular second goal to seal a hard fought victory.

For just under half an hour both sides looked nervous as openings appeared at either end until a super cross from Clyde was met by Cort, who out-jumped Mills by a mile, to power a header beyond the reach of Schwarzer in the Boro's goal.

This was a lively encounter and the crowd were on the back of Mills every time he went near the ball.

The lead looked slender and Jones was in action several times, the most notable when he raced out to block a shot from Maccarone.

But man of the match Camara gave Wolves breathing space with half an hour remaining. Naylor lofted a huge throw-in from the left, which was flicked on by the head of Cort. Camara spun and met the ball on the volley to smash his shot home.

Camara still had time to miss a penalty in the final seconds as Boateng took down Rae in the area.

Man of the match: Camara
Team rating: 7/10
Team: Jones, Clyde (Irwin 62), Naylor, Cameron, Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton (Rae 86), Ince, Cort, Camara, Kennedy.

Unused subs: Oakes, Miller, Ganea.
Bookings: Ince (85 – foul).
Attendance: 27,975.



NOT QUITE SINGING THE BLUES

Wolves 2-2 Birmingham City
25th April 2004

With many Wolves fans boycotting this game at the ludicrous ticket prices being charged by Birmingham - £38 to stand in a dump – a less than full away end saw Wolves take a rare early lead through Colin Cameron after a fine 1-2 with Camara.

Wolves hopes of staving off certain relegation for at least another week seemed doomed when Birmingham drew level in the 33rd minute and then moved ahead after 41. Half-time couldn't come soon enough as the Blues turned up the heat.

A fairly even second-half came to life in the 75th minute when Carl Cort pounced on a spill by Taylor in the Blues goal from a Kennedy free-kick. This galvanised Wolves to pour forward looking for the winner but they failed to convert any chances. Fortunately, Birmingham missed some great opportunities to steal a victory for themselves in the last few minutes with Jones proving himself a world-class keeper.

Opinion: A lifeline!?
Man of the match: Cameron.
Team rating: 6/10
Team: Jones, Luzhny (Ganea 61), Naylor, Cameron (Miller 88), Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton, Ince, Cort, Camara, Kennedy (Rae 84).
Unused subs: Oakes, Craddock.
Bookings: None.
Attendance: 29,494.

MAY DAZE

Wolves 2-1 Everton
1st May 2004

As games go this was just incredible. 0-5 at half time would not have been an unjust scoreline as Everton ripped Wolves apart. Quite a lot was self inflicted as defenders sold Jones short on back-passes and the visiting forwards squandered chance after chance with Jones stopping many others.



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A goal down in less than two minutes and Wolves were looking at another heavy home defeat. You certainly would not be rushing to the bookies during the break with only Camara looking likely to have any effect.

Act 2. Scene 1 – A different side but wearing the same names and numbers as those in the first half appears for the second. The aforementioned Camara



equalises with a stunning shot from twenty-five yards after heavy Wolves' pressure.

Scene 2. Wolves hammer non-stop at the Everton defence and you wonder how long it can remain level with Martin throwing himself at everything Wolves can muster.

Scene 3. Manager makes substitution throwing all his cards on the table and even more all-out attack commences.

Finale. With ten minutes remaining Kennedy crosses from the left and as twenty-one players cram into Everton area Cort, rising above everyone, thumps a header home.

All sit and wait for Man City result.

Opinion: Rather like the Leicester match, a game of two halves, without the goals.
Man of the match: Camara. Just ahead of Jones.
Team rating: 1st half 3/10. 2nd half 9/10
Team: Jones, Irwin (Ganea 77), Naylor, Cameron (Rae 73), Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton, Ince, Cort, Camara, Kennedy.
Unused subs: Oakes, Iversen, Luzhny.
Bookings: None.
Attendance: 29,395.



ONE FOR SORROW. ONE-ALL FOR...

Newcastle United 1-1 Wolves
9th May 2004

A long trip up to Newcastle saw Wolves still not technically down but needing an away win which, was still something they had failed to achieve all season. The omens were not good but the recent form had been markedly improved. Newcastle were also desperate for points to propel them towards next years Champions League qualification so a tense match was on the cards.

Dave Jones gave 18 year-old Keith Lowe a place on the bench after Jody Craddock became unexpectedly unavailable.

Lee Bowyer put Newcastle ahead in the 38th minute arguably against the run of play and Wolves reached half-time only a goal down.



The second half brought it's now standard intensity of Wolves pressure and the reward was relatively quick when Ganea picked up a fumble by Given to slot the ball home following a Kennedy shot. The reaction of the home fans was to start openly booing and criticising various players, especially Robert who was eventually substituted. Wolves could, and probably should, have gone on to win the match but Speed managed to win a penalty against the run of play in the 82nd minute by tangling with Ince. Alan Shearer stepped up to take it but Paul Jones guessed correctly and pulled off a magnificent save which caused more fury amongst the Magpie fans.

A 1-1 draw was confirmed Wolves relegation and seriously damaged Newcastle's bid for Champions League glory next season (in the end they failed to qualify for Europe at all - Ed).

Opinion: Down but not disgraced.
Man of the match: Jones – it's nice to see we're not the only team that misses penalties.
Team rating: 7/10
Team: Jones, Irwin (Ganea 65),



Unused subs: Naylor (Rae 32), Cameron (Gudjonsson 90), Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton, Ince, Cort, Camara, Kennedy.
Bookings: Oakes, Lowe.
Attendance: None.
 52,139.



WOLVES CORT SHORT

Wolves 0-2 Tottenham Hotspur
15th May 2004

For the first thirty minutes a stranger to the world would have been forgiven for thinking that Spurs and not Wolves were the side struggling as wave after wave of attacks rained down on Keller. Less than a minute had passed when Ince tried brilliantly to chip over the keeper who flew backwards to tip over and a minute later saved well from Camara.

Cort saw a fine header fly back off of the bar and on fifteen minutes Irwin, in his final match, curled a trademark free-kick against a post.

Spurs barely crossed the halfway line as Wolves pressed for a farewell victory and yet with almost their first attack Keane was thwarted by Jones only for the ball to break for the former Wolves hero who fired in from an acute angle. Things only went downhill from that moment and immediately after the break Cort almost sealed the game with a dreadful back-pass to Jones who appeared to fell Keane but for once the referee gave Wolves the benefit of the doubt.

Cort, however, seemed intent on proving he could do the job as he curled another around the defence to Jones but was well short and this time Defoe nipped through to dribble past the Wolves keeper and calmly slot home.

Ince rounded the day up by letting Spurs skipper Redknapp wind him up to the point where he got sent off. Irwin received a standing ovation from the whole ground when he left the pitch just before the end of the match.

Opinion: Fine first third, then almost zilch.
Man of the match: Cameron. Worked tirelessly.
Team rating: 6/10
Team: Jones, Irwin (Craddock 89), Naylor (Rae 71), Cameron, Okoronkwo, Butler, Newton (Ganea 60), Ince, Cort, Camara, Kennedy.
Unused subs: Oakes, Iversen.
Bookings: Ince (28 – diving), Ince (67 – foul) = Ince sent off.
Attendance: 29,395.