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From the chair

Well, it's that time of year again and I'm in Barbados getting some well needed sunshine on my ever creaking, ageing bones. I have to say that, boy, do they need it this year. As many of you will already know, on the Monday of Christmas week I fell down a mole run in the back garden and broke my leg (stop laughing Morris, I can hear you!).

The comments, as you can imagine, ranged from "were you coming out of the pub?" to "I didn't realise that the moles in Norfolk were so vicious!". It also led to one FORMER 'friend' to address me as "Oi stick" in one text message. Not nice!

A belated welcome from London Wolves is very overdue for Glenn Hoddle, who took over the managerial reigns just after our last edition was published. On behalf of the longest established Wolverhampton Wanderers supporters club, very warm greetings Glenn, from all at WWLSC.

The team are playing some quite attractive football and although they're not achieving all the longed-for victories they are remaining very difficult to beat. Nonetheless, the victories over West Ham and at The New Den were most welcome and I feel sure that we are still on the right track to make a big push up the table. Although the expected (by many) FA Cup exit at Highbury arrived there was no shame in the defeat after a gutsy performance and some dodgy refereeing.

We are making great progress on the entertainment front especially with our 40th Anniversary bash in mind. We are in the process of organising an end of season "Meet the Players" event to coincide with the away game at Reading and we are in the early stages of planning another party in the Summer. More information will be distributed when the arrangements for these events are finalised.

In the meantime, keep smiling and keep on winning.

Stuart

Ed's note: Stu took a very elaborate, oil-filled thermometer out to Barbados with him so he would be able to regale everybody with stories of exactly how hot it was in Barbados. Transporting the thermometer was a complicated as it's very fragile and the oil would have ruined everything it came in to contact with. What Stu didn't consider was that the temperature gauges only went up to 26 degrees Celcius. In the week I was out there the temperature never fell low enough to actually register anything on the thermometer - I've included a photo on page 2.

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Into the play-offs?

The next time I write one of these articles the season will be over and we'll know exactly how the final two months of the season have affected Wolves fortunes. Did we make the play-offs? Is Glenn Hoddle still the manager? Are Wolves a Premiership side again?

Obviously, I don't know the answers to any of these questions although most fans, even the most optimistic, would answer them with a hint of negativity. Is this fair? Well, since Glenn Hoddle's arrival as manager we've hardly been setting the Championship alight. Wolves have won only a handful of games although, to be fair, we've only lost 1 with Glenn in charge. Wolves have become the number 1 pick for pool's punters and gamblers throughout the country as the kings of the score-draw. So far, in the 14 league games he's been in charge of Wolves have won 3, drawn 10 and lost 1 which is by no means a terrible record but certainly a frustrating one.

When Hod took over the managerial reigns Wolves were in 17th place 8 points behind the 6th place side (Sheffield United) but only 8 points above the relegation zone too. Now, fourteen games later, following the win at Crewe Wolves are in 13th position in the table, are still 8 points behind the 6th place team (Reading) and are 9 points above the relegation zone. In my opinion relegation is now out of the question but is it possible to get that all important 6th spot in the league? The matches left this season are nearly all potential 6 pointers with home games against: Burnley, Stoke, Ipswich, Rotherham and Sheffield United and away matches at: Preston, Leeds, Leicester, Coventry and Reading. Stoke, Reading, Sheffield and Leeds currently fill positions between 6th spot and Wolves whilst Burnley are just 1 place below with 2 games in hand. The major problem, as I see it, is that Wolves can't afford to lose and neither can they afford to draw any games either. 73 points were sufficient to fill the 6th spot in this division last season and 74 points the season before. There is nothing to indicate that this season will require any fewer points so realistically Wolves need to attain the maximum 10 wins out of 10 to reach 76 points to claim a play-off place. Incidentally 76 points is the mark Wolves achieved in 2003 to claim 5th place which resulted in that tremendous victory at the Cardiff Millennium Stadium. Are the team capable of winning all 10 matches? Judging by recent results it is very hard to believe it is but, at this late stage of the season, a good run can build huge confidence and as other teams ambitions come to an end it can become easier to get results. I'm going to keep my fingers crossed that the next magazine is reporting on another trip to Cardiff and another go at the Premiership.

The Camara Saga

Henri Camara is no longer a Celtic player and has signed on loan for Southampton. I'm not entirely sure what the financial repercussions for Wolves are as there has been no indication, that I've seen, of whether Celtic paid the full £1.5 million loan amount agreed at the start of the season. I'm also unclear as to whether Southampton have taken Camara on for a fee or, as Jez Moxey put it, "To put Henri in the shop window". It appears that the loan was agreed directly between Celtic and Southampton with Wolves intervening as the fat lady was clearing her throat to try and get a sale. What is clear is that Celtic will not be purchasing Camara at the end of the season for the reported £4.5 million fee agreed at the time of the loan. What is also clear is that Southampton don't have that sort of money available. So what will happen to Henri? Having stated so often that he will "never play for Wolves again" he may well find himself back at the club that holds his registration. No doubt he will refuse to play for us again and his agent, Willie Mackay, will already be looking to broker deals with clubs for Henri to sign for. I hope that Wolves stick to their guns and only release him for a significant sum of money. Let's face it... the future wannabe "African Player of the Year" isn't going to win any awards by sitting at home watching football on the tv and Wolves can force him to do just that!



"The Chairman's Folly"

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We have been trying to improve the site over the past few months and hope you've noticed! This month we are enabling a members' only section. Here we'll show additional material, back copies of the newsletter and operate a member poll facility. One potential area for those of you trying to save trees is to make the newsletter available in softcopy instead of mailing paper to you. We'll ask you about this in the enrolment email.

If you've given Dave Slape your email address already you should have received an email in early February giving you a login id and a password. If we don't have an email for you and you'd like to access the site, click on the Members Only button (as in the picture) and follow the instructions to register. You will be asked to verify your name and membership number before giving access. If you are reading this and are not yet a WWLSC member but would like to join please click on "WWLSC", "membership" and then "membership form". Fill that in on-line, print it and send it to Dave Slape.

Here are some of the things already available.

Vote for London Wolves. There is a competition run by Shirts for the best fan website with some awards for the Club. If you'd like to vote for us follow the links on the website from the first page to:
<http://www.footballshirts.co.uk/wolvesfans.html>

If you've any questions, suggestions for improvement, contributions, old photos of London Wolves events, or of Wolves please let Peter know on londonwolves66@ntlworld.com

Glenn Hoddle



You can imagine the conversation in the Jones household. "Dave!" shrieks the former Southampton manager's wife, "That bloody Glenn Hoddle has got your old job again!" "Blimey, he'll be moving in here with you next, love!" "Well actually....."



For the second time in his career, Glenn Hoddle has been given the task of succeeding Dave Jones in club management. After replacing him at Southampton in 2000, Hoddle now takes charge of Wolverhampton Wanderers after Jones's Molineux sacking. The former England star will be joined at his new club by Stuart Gray, who has been in charge at Wolves on a caretaker basis, and who assisted Hoddle at Southampton also.



Hoddle's move to the midlands club is most notable for the fact that he has agreed only a six month contract. Knowing what they know about the former England coach's propensity to scream "I'm a celebrity, get me out of here!", Southampton fans may be allowing themselves a wry smile at this. After all, they need something to cheer them up at the moment.

Wolves, however, are having none of it. They claim that the length of Hoddle's new contract is simply there to avoid any expensive pay-offs should the appointment fail to work out for either party. This would seem like reasonably good business sense, but one cannot help but hang on to the nagging thought that the former Tottenham man is using the Championship club as a stepping stone to something a little bigger.

There may be bigger clubs in the English football ocean than Wolverhampton Wanderers, but there are fewer tasks as big as the one facing Hoddle in his new role. Wolves currently languish in 17th place in the Championship, fully 17 points off the pace set by the new rich boys on the block from Wigan. After relegation from the Premiership last season, the club has found it hard to re-adjust to life at a lower level, where every game is a hard fought scrap, and any team can seemingly beat any other on its day.

Hoddle's vast experience is sure to be an advantage. He has been involved in football management since 1991, when he took over as player manager of Swindon Town. His impressive stint there earned him an appointment at Chelsea two years later, before England came calling in 1996. Under Hoddle England looked progressive, although this may have had something to do with the rather fortunate emergence of the likes of Scholes, Beckham and Owen during his time with the FA.



Ever one to court controversy, Hoddle landed himself in the proverbial brown stuff when he made some less than educated comments about the disabled, leaving the FA with no choice but to finally sack their man in 1999. In 2000, Hoddle appeared at the unlikely destination of Southampton, where he once again showed his tactical and organisational prowess. He lifted the previously ailing club up the league ladder at great pace, but it was not to last. He left Saints fans steaming with rage when he left the south coast a year later as his beloved Tottenham Hotspur offered the irresistible carrot.

It is perhaps an understatement to suggest that things did not quite work out second time around for Hoddle at White Hart Lane, but it was still a surprise when he was sacked only six games in to the 2003/04 season. He had spent large amounts of money over that summer, but his new recruits were never given time to bed in before his enforced departure. Rumours of a return to Southampton refused to go away thereafter, especially in the wake of Gordon Strachan's decision to take time out from the game at the beginning of 2004. When Paul Sturrock was sacked by trigger happy Rupert Lowe some months later, Hoddle was again linked, and was even linked with a move to rivals Portsmouth after Harry Redknapp's resignation from Fratton Park recently.

In the event, he has not ended up quite so far south, and with all this experience, together with a name big enough to attract the right quality of player, Hoddle's latest adventure may yet be a successful one. The Championship season is a long one, and as Ian Dowie showed at Crystal Palace last season it is possible to arrive from nowhere into at least a play-off place and a crack at the top flight.

Rumours that Dave Jones is thinking of moving into disabled sport so that Hoddle will not follow him have so far proved unfounded.



match reports



MIDDAY BLUES

WOLVES 0-1 COVENTRY
20th November 2004

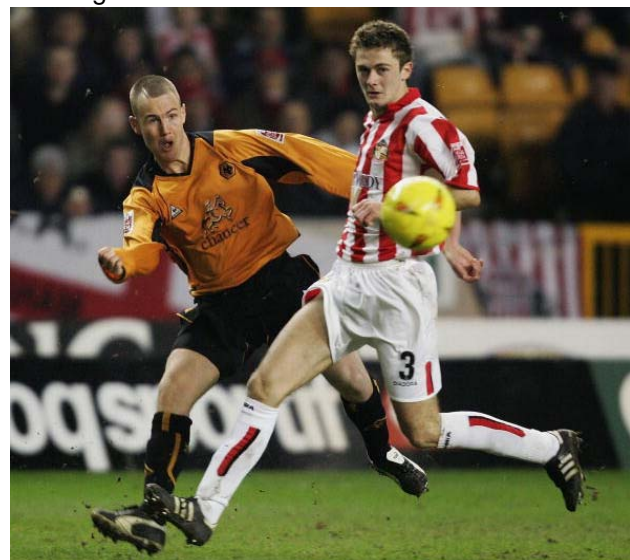
Coventry walked away from Molineux deserved winners against a very ordinary Wolves to keep us well and truly tucked in at the bottom.

Coventry produced a classic away performance as they soaked up considerable Wolves pressure before scoring a sucker-punch goal to secure a 1-0 victory at Molineux. Coventry keeper Luke Steele had seen plenty of action, particularly in the first half, when he produced a courageous early save to deny Carl Cort. But it was the Sky Blues who scored the only goal of the game as Gary McSheffrey netted from close range with 63 minutes gone.

Miller threaded a canny ball through to fellow Scot Colin Cameron who ran clear to find the back of the net only to have his celebrations cut short for offside. Another Wolves attack ended with Olofinjana sending a 20-yard drive wide from right to left across the Coventry goal. The first half ended with Wolves in charge, although Steele remained unflappable in the Coventry goal as he first parried and then collected a swerving Cort effort fired from Wolves' left.

Wolves resumed their dominance of possession after the interval before the Sky Blues took a shock 63rd-minute lead when McSheffrey stole into the penalty box unmarked and volleyed home to beat Oakes at the near post. For the next 30 minutes the Coventry defence stood firm.

Opinion: Points needed not performances!
Man of the match: Lescott - starting to look great.
Team rating: 3/10
Attendance: 26,291
Team: Oakes, Lowe (Seol 65), Naylor (Kennedy 45), Cameron, Lescott, Craddock, Cooper, Olofinjana (Andrews 69), Miller, Cort, Newton
Unused Subs: Murray, Clyde
Bookings: None



CUTTING IT FINE AT THE BLADES. **SHEFFIELD UNITED 3-3 WOLVES** 27th November 2004

Goals from Seyi George Olofinjana, Carl Cort and Joleon Lescott secured a valuable away point at Sheffield United. Wolves were ahead twice but United looked like winning the day before Lescott popped up in the 87th minute for the point

Joleon Lescott's late strike earned Wolves an important point. Shaw's incisive finish looked to have

won it for the Blades, who twice came back from a goal down before taking a 72nd-minute lead.

However, Wolves plugged away gamely all afternoon and Lescott ensured an enthralling game finished all-square with a crisp 87th-minute equaliser. Wolves were rewarded for an industrious start with the opening goal when Seyi George Olofinjana converted Mark Clyde's centre after just seven minutes. The Blades retaliated when Leigh Bromby made it 1-1 with a volley in the 28th minute. Wolves got their noses back in front shortly after the restart when Carl Cort scored his sixth goal of the season from close range. Thirlwell made it 2-2 before Shaw and Lescott traded blows in a dramatic finale at Bramall Lane.

Opinion: Must tightened up on the defence!
Man of the match: Olofinjana.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 18,946
Team: Oakes, Clyde, Kennedy, Lescott, Cameron (Seol 81), Craddock, Cooper, Olofinjana, Sturridge (Miler 75), Cort, Andrews
Unused Subs: Naylor, Newton, Murray
Bookings: None



READING, THE RIOT ACT **WOLVES 4-1 READING** 4th December 2004

Leon Clarke hit a late double to finally kill off plucky Reading at Molineux this afternoon, Colin Cameron and Seyi Olofinjana gave Wolves a comfortable cushion before half time the visitors only reply came from Dean Morgan.

Wolves were in cruise control at the break before Morgan threw the Royals a lifeline that was snatched away by Clarke's intervention.

Oakes was put under pressure in the early stages as Reading tried to take control of the game and he denied Reading with two impressive saves - tipping a shot from the right over the bar and blocking a header. Reading's cause was not helped when they lost skipper Graeme Murty to injury on 20 minutes. Wolves took the lead when Cameron collected a pass from Cort on the left and cut inside before calmly stroking the ball past Hahnemann in the Reading goal. Then Olofinjana collected Sturridge's flick, beat a defender and slotted home.

Reading halved the deficit a minute after the restart with Morgan slipping the ball under Oakes from close range. Clarke came on in the 60th minute and scored his first goal since August on 77 minutes when he nipped in and toe-poked the ball home before completing the rout with a cool finish in the last minute.

Opinion: This is more like it.
Man of the match: Clarke.
Team rating: 8/10
Attendance: 25,572
Team: Oakes, Lowe, Craddock, Lescott, Kennedy, Cameron, Olofinjana (Naylor 69), Andrews, Cooper, Cort, Sturridge (Clarke 60).
Unused Subs: Murray, Seol, Miller
Bookings: None



ARE YOU ALBION IN DISGUISE? **WOLVES 1-2 MILLWALL** 7th December 2004

Wolves in full view of new manager Glenn Hoddle went down 2-1 to playoff chasing Millwall, Ex Albion striker Scott Dobie silenced the home crowd early on, Kevin Cooper got Wolves back in it with a penalty but Danny Dichio another ex Albion scored the winner.

Wolves conceded early as Scott Dobie scored his first goal for the club in the 9th minute as he stabbed home from close range following a cross from Barry Hayles.

Wolves hit back in the 57th minute when Kevin Cooper slotted home from the penalty spot after Millwall skipper Darren Ward was adjudged to have handled in the box. But Danny Dichio, another Hawthorns old boy, secured all three points with a simple winner with a little less than 20 minutes remaining.

Opinion: We have to win these matches.
Man of the match: Cameron
Team rating: 8/10
Attendance: 24,748
Team: Oakes, Kennedy, Cameron, Clyde (Miller 90), Lescott, Craddock, Cooper, Olofinjana, Sturridge (Clarke 68), Cort, Andrews (Seol 75).
Unused Subs: Naylor, Murray
Bookings: Olofinjana (74 - foul)



match reports



WOLVES TAKE STING FROM HORNETS

WATFORD 1-1 WOLVES

11th December 2004

Glenn Hoddle's first game in charge at Wolves ended in a 1-1 draw away at Watford. Seyi George Olofinjana scored the Wolves equaliser in a game where Wolves had the majority of possession but very few chances

The former England coach will have been distinctly nonplussed by Wolves lacklustre opening after Heidar Helguson fired the Hornets into the lead after four minutes.

Wolves raised their game markedly after the early set-back and Olofinjana's fourth goal of the season was just reward for a sustained spell of direct pressure. However, the break failed to have a galvanising effect on the players, who were second best for long periods after the restart. Goalkeeper Michael Oakes made several important saves to keep the scoreline level.

Opinion: A lucky point?!
Man of the match: Oakes - saved the day.
Team rating: 5/10
Attendance: 14,605
Team: Oakes, Lowe, Lescott, Craddock, Naylor, Cooper (Seol 85), Olofinjana, Andrews, Kennedy, Sturridge (Miller 67), Cort.
Unused Subs: Newton, Murray, Bjorklund.
Bookings: Naylor (41 - foul)



CREWE CUT SHORT

WOLVES 1-1 CREWE ALEXANDRA

18th December 2004

Crewe left more than a little disappointed, as Cort rescued a late point for Wolves, after the visitors had threatened to repel everything they could throw at them,

Wolves had played some attractive football, with Naylor in particular looking very fresh, but had little to show for it except a shot against the woodwork, and paid the penalty, when a well worked free kick by the visitors evaded everyone, apart from Lescott, who could only guide the ball into the net, seven minutes before the break.

The second half was the same story, as Crewe threw ten men behind the ball, and only a wonder save from a Cort header, denied Wolves the equaliser. And it certainly looked as if the defensive plan had worked, until deep into time added on, when for some inexplicable reason, Cort was left completely alone at the far post, and his downward header from two yards was unstoppable.

Opinion: Attractive football, but not very potent attacking
Man of the match: Naylor.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 25,340
Team: Oakes, Newton, Lescott, Craddock, Naylor (Clarke 80), Cooper (Cameron 64), Andrews, Olofinjana (Seol 70), Kennedy, Cort, Miller.
Unused Subs: Murray, Bjorklund.
Bookings: None



WE'RE BEHIND YOU! OH NO WE'RE NOT!

CARDIFF CITY 1-1 WOLVES

26th December 2004

The festive season proved no different to the rest of the season as, after dominating the opening period, Wolves fell behind to City's first real attack, Oakes beating out a shot from a Collins free-kick, only for Jerome to tap home.

Earlier, Cooper had hit the woodwork with a cross-cum-shot and Miller had two chances to put Wolves ahead firstly taking too long on the ground and then heading over the bar with only the keeper to beat.

Wolves plugged away with Naylor once again looking good and Cooper and Andrews beavering away in mid-field and had more chances from Cort and Cameron. This hard work paid off after 75 minutes when Cort headed down for Miller to flick the ball past Warner.

However, they could have blown the point they had worked so hard for right at the death as Inamoto fired a shot straight at Oakes to the relief of the stranded defence.

Opinion: Still not winning the matches we should be.
Man of the match: Miller.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 16,699
Team: Oakes, Newton (Clyde 45), Lescott, Craddock, Naylor, Kennedy, Olofinjana (Seol 68), Andrews, Cooper (Cameron 45), Miller, Cort
Unused Subs: Murray, Ince.
Bookings: Clyde (70 - foul)



TENS MACHINE EASES THE PAIN

WOLVES 1-1 BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

28th December 2004

A 10th goal for the season by goal machine Miller, saved face against lowly Brighton at Molineux.

Trailing to a third minute goal, headed in by Hart, as the defence stood still Wolves dominated play without reaping the benefits and the usual flawless display by a visiting goal keeper meant yet another 1-1 draw for new manager Hoddle.

Kuipers, in the visitor's goal, made great saves from Newton and Cameron before amazingly stopping a Cort effort following good work by Miller.

Miller was always a danger and it was no real surprise when he pulled Wolves level after thirty-three minutes latching onto a pass from Andrews. Miller firing the goal from twelve yards after Andrews was sent away by a pinpoint pass from Seol.

Wolves continued to dominate the second half but always looked unlikely to break down a stubborn visitors defence, which had made it's intentions clear to defend for a point from the start.

Opinion: The bogey team strikes again.
Man of the match: Miller.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 28,516
Team: Oakes, Newton, Craddock, Lescott, Naylor (Cooper 45), Seol, Cameron (Clarke 89), Andrews, Kennedy, Miller, Cort.
Unused Subs: Murray, Clyde, Olofinjana.
Bookings: None

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE OLD

WOLVES 1-1 PLYMOUTH ARGYLLE

1st January 2005

So, the New Year starts exactly as the old left off, another 1-1 draw against totally outplayed opposition only this time Wolves actually took the lead instead of fighting back from a goal down.

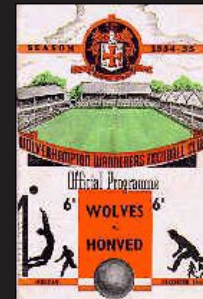
Following early pressure Seol cracked a magnificent drive into the top corner from fully thirty yards and this strike should have eased any nerves to secure a first victory for manager Hoddle.

But the usual collection of near misses and heroics from visiting keepers served to stop Wolves attack. Miller in particular was guilty of a blatant miss as Doumbe charged in to time his challenge to perfection, as the Plymouth keeper went awol, when he should have put Wolves two up.

Then, with Wolves pressing forward, Argyle counter-attacked and Oakes, making a rare mistake this season, fumbled at a cross from Wotton and the ball fell to Friio who stabbed it home for the equaliser.

Opinion: Six holiday points squandered against poor opponents.
Man of the match: Seol if only for his goal.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 27,564
Team: Oakes, Naylor, Lescott, Newton, Craddock, Cameron (Clarke 76), Seol, Andrews, Kennedy, Cort, Miller.
Unused Subs: Murray, Bjorklund, Cooper, Olofinjana.
Bookings: Craddock (65 - foul), Cort (75 - dissent)

50th Anniversary of Wolves v Honved...



Luminous Wolves Spark electric nights...

FOR HOUR AFTER WINDSWEPT HOUR, the rain slanted down from a battleship-grey sky, falling in torrents on the grimy industrial town as it hurried about its daily business. Chimneys belched smoke, thickening the denae curtain of cloud, and from soot-stained factories came the clank of heavy machinery as thousands of men toiled to manufacture the products that had made the area famous — bicycles, beer, tyres, paint, locks, nails and keys.

As darkness fell — not that it had ever been anything other than gloomy on this miserable December day — the skyline was pierced by four towering beacons of shimmering light. These were the floodlight pylons that stood like enormous iron sentries at the four corners of Molineux, home of Wolverhampton Wanderers — the champions of England and, on this night, bearers of the hopes and expectations of a bruised sporting nation.

The European Cup was not first conceptualised in some cool Madrid restaurant over a dressed lobster and a perfectly chilled El Coto Blanco, nor in a sunlit Milan piazza by expensively shod fashionistas wearing their sunglasses pushed back on their heads. It did not even have its genesis in London, a capital city that had shown its organisational flair by staging the grand spectacle of the Coronation a year earlier.

The glossiest, most glamorous tournament in club football was conceived on Monday, December 13, 1954 — a foul, wintry night in the Black Country when Wolves defeated Honved, the dazzling club side that included many of the greatest players of the Hungary team that had comprehensively thrashed England twice in the previous year.

Under the inspirational management of Stan Cullis — a visionary despite the way that history tends to portray him — Wolves staged a stirring fightback amid scenes bordering on the hysterical to win the match 3-2, a triumph that produced a blizzard of tub-thumping headlines from a British press desperate for some good news after the humblings at the hands of the Magyars. And it was in response to this post-match euphoria that Gabriel Hanot, editor of



the French sports paper *L'Equipe*, set about organising the first European Cup tournament.

These are the bald facts — but they do not begin to tell the story of that extraordinary night at Molineux or of the cast of characters whose heroic deeds made it possible.

It is hard to imagine now, but in 1954 the Black Country — an ill-defined, highly industrialised region to the west of Birmingham — was at the centre of English football. In the 1953-54 season, Wolves had won the championship while West Bromwich Albion, their neighbours, lifted the FA Cup. This was an entirely satisfactory state of affairs for the area, but Cullis's horizons were broader.

In September 1953 he supervised the installation of floodlights at Molineux and arranged a series of high-profile friendly matches against continental opponents, who brought with them extravagant ball skills and a whiff of the exotic. Fired with enthusiasm for these occasions, Cullis even ordered a set of Wolves' famous old-gold shirts to be worn for floodlit matches. Manufactured in a fluorescent material, they made the players glow in the dark. No wonder that he later said: “

Those lights were something special. It was as if an electric fuse reached all the way round the ground.”

Interest in the European game had reached new heights in England during the previous year even if it was chiefly a result of two humiliations suffered by the national team — 6-3 at Wembley in November 1953 and 7-1 in Budapest in the spring of 1954. Those results — and the manner in which they were achieved — had shattered once and for all the idea that the nation that gave the game to the world was still the dominant force. Nor did it help England's bruised pride that Hungary did not even win the 1954 World Cup, shockingly they were defeated by West Germany in the final in Berne.

Against this backdrop, the matches organised by Cullis provoked enormous interest, mostly centred on the games scheduled for the end of the year against Spartak Moscow and Honved. Spartak arrived in November and were level at 0-0 after 80 evenly matched minutes before being steamrollered by the supremely fit Wolves forwards, who scored four times in the final ten minutes. That was impressive, but everyone knew that Honved represented the ultimate test. Their team contained six of the players who had won at Wembley, including Ferenc Puskas, the fabulously talented little general.

But Cullis had several aces up his sleeve, not least the appalling winter weather that had left the Molineux pitch sodden. Nevertheless, one of his first actions on the day of the match was to summon three apprentices to his office and order them to water the pitch, then to use the groundsman's heaviest roller to press the moisture into the surface. One of the teenage hopefuls who carried out his instructions was Ron Atkinson, who then did not have the prefix “Big” automatically attached to his name. “We thought he was out of his mind,” Atkinson said. “It had been raining incessantly for four days.”

Cullis's plan was certainly not immediately obvious when the game began at a heaving, expectant Molineux. Passing the ball silkily over the glistening surface, the Hungarians left Wolves looking bewildered and it was little surprise when Puskas aimed a free kick towards the head of Sandor Kocsis and the man described by Geoffrey Green in *The Times* as “the greatest header in the world” converted the chance. It was 2-0 after 14 minutes

when Kocsis sent Mathos clear to beat Bert Williams.

Chances came at both ends, but Wolves still trailed at the break and Cullis was left to give one of the most important team talks he would ever deliver. Strangely for a man whose rages inspired genuine fear in many of his players, he was calmness personified. He urged them to believe that the game was salvageable and ordered a couple of key tactical changes. Bill Slater and Ron Flowers, the wing halves, were told to concentrate on cutting off the supply to Puskas and Kocsis, not wait until the twin orchestrators of the Honved raids were in possession, and the whole team were urged to strike longer passes down the flanks to exploit the pace and direct running of Johnny Hancocks and Les Smith, the wingers.

Wolves got the early goal that they needed four minutes into the second half when Reg Leafe, the referee, rather harshly punished Kovacs for a foul on Hancocks and the same player converted the penalty. Now the baying crowd — joined by thousands more watching the live television coverage — began to scent blood. As Wolves swept forward, Honved's passing game was rendered impotent by the churning morass under their feet. Cullis's early-morning briefing began to make sense to Atkinson. “Honved gradually got bogged down,” he said. “The mud just wore the Hungarians out.”

The equaliser that had begun to look inevitable



came in the 76th minute when Roy Swinbourne (pictured), the centre forward, headed home a cross from Dennis Wilshaw. Two minutes later the pair combined again and Swinbourne provoked scenes of near hysteria with a thumping shot that put Wolves ahead. Exhausted and chastened they may have been, but Honved

mounted one defiant late rally and Zoltan Czibor was denied by the plunging Williams as he threatened with a late equaliser.

Once Leafe's final whistle had confirmed an epic victory, newspapermen descended on the home dressing-room where they found an unusually emotional Cullis groping in search of the right words to convey his feelings. “There they are,” he said, gesturing at his mud-streaked, worn-out players, “the champions of the world.”

The majority of journalists were in no mood to disagree. In the *News Chronicle*, Charles Buchan wrote: “Wolves struck another decisive blow for English football with as wonderful a second-half rally as I have seen in 40 years.” The *Daily Mirror* had sent its star columnist, Peter Wilson — “the man they can't gag” — to the match and his account, which began on the front page, said: “I have never seen a greater thriller than this. And if I see many more as thrilling I may not live much longer anyway.”

Cullis's words and the reaction of the British press reverberated around Europe — with consequences that are still being felt today.

From: *The Times* - 13th December 2004

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ONE EL OF A DEFEAT

WIGAN ATHLETIC 2-0 WOLVES

5th January 2005

Wolves unbeaten run under new manager Hoddle came to a disappointing end when even the obligatory 1-1 draw would have sufficed.

The Wolves defence stood and watched as, after just seventeen minutes, Ellington headed home a corner from Bullard.

Then, although they had not been in the action that much, Wolves attacked for possibly the first time in the game. Miller should have scored the equaliser firing straight at Fillan who saved easily.

Then with only twenty-six minutes gone the match was as good as lost when Andrews pulled back McCulloch and Ellington duly obliged from the penalty spot for his seventeenth goal of the season.

Neither side did much after the break and on reflection this was a fair result as Wolves slipped closer to the relegation positions.

Opinion: Wolves were never really in it.
Man of the match: Seol
Team rating: 3/10
Attendance: 10,135
Team: Oakes, Clyde, Lescott, Craddock, Naylor, Olofinjana, Andrews (Ince 46), Kennedy (Cameron 62), Miller (Clarke 63), Seol, Cort.
Subs Not Used: Murray, Newton.
Booked: Andrews (26 - dissent), Clyde (64 - obstruction), Craddock (70 - foul).



WOLVES GO FOURTH

WOLVES 2-0 MILLWALL

FA Cup 3rd round

6th January 2005

Before a meagre crowd, well below fifty percent of the average, Wolves progressed into the fourth round draw with a competent performance against last season's finalists.

Two goals to the good after just twelve minutes, Wolves were denied further goals by the heroics of Stack who blocked Cort and Kennedy before producing a wonder save to thwart a rampant Miller.

Seol had started the mini goal glut after just eight minutes as he planted a great shot in the corner of the net from outside the area for his second long range strike in three matches.

Then, with the crowd hardly over that goal, Cort served up a second heading in from close range from a Kennedy centre.

With Ince driving them from mid-field, Wolves sent down wave after wave of attacks and kept Stack very occupied in the visitors goal.

Murray, back between the sticks for his first start in sixteen months, was called into action on several occasions but dealt with them in his old capable style, particularly when finger tipping a Sweeney drive around the post. Millwall mounted a series of second half attacks in an effort to secure a replay.

Opinion: The opposition were, for a change, efficiently dispatched.
Man of the match: Ince.
Team rating: 7/10
Attendance: 12,566
Team: Murray, Naylor, Lescott, Craddock, Clyde, Kennedy, Ince, Olofinjana (Cameron 78), Seol, Cort, Miller (Newton 88).
Subs Not Used: Oakes, Andrews, Clarke
Bookings: None



LIFE AND SEOL OF THE PARTY

WOLVES 4-2 WEST HAM UNITED

15th January 2005

Miller twice put Wolves ahead, only to see The Hammers restore the balance through the not very prolific Zamora.

Miller's first, just before the half hour, was courtesy of Cort who was struggling to get the ball under control and he nipped in to fire home. However, the generosity of the home defence was evident, as they allowed Zamora to equalise 7 minutes later.

Seol, who was terrifying the visitors with a sparkling performance, fired over a cross which Miller converted to restore the lead ten minutes after the restart. This was even more short lived than the first as the defence once again allowed Zamora to level.

It looked as if the visitors would overrun Wolves but Murray pulled off two great stops before Ince, the target of relentless abuse from his former fans, latched onto a half clearance to exact revenge.

This seemed to perk Wolves and shatter the visitors, and minutes later Cort, who had been having a nightmare up front, scored the fourth.

Opinion: A good win, but this defence could give you nightmares.
Man of the match: Seol. A great performance.
Team rating: 7/10
Attendance: 28,411
Team: Murray, Clyde, Naylor, Ince, Lescott, Craddock, Seol, Olofinjana (Cameron 68), Miller, Cort, Kennedy
Subs Not Used: Oakes, Newton, Cooper, Clarke
Bookings: Olofinjana (34 - foul), Ince (90 - foul)

HE'S A SEOL MAN

MILLWALL 1-2 WOLVES

21st January 2005

Wolves Korean winger Seol hit a 25 yard wonder goal to silence the baying Millwall crowd who had been abusing him all afternoon. Wolves won the game 2-1 with Olofinjana opening the scoring before a dodgy Millwall penalty brought the scores level before Seol's sweet strike gave Wolves the 3 points

Seol Ki-Hyeon scored a brilliant injury-time winner to earn Wolves a win they barely deserved at Millwall today. It had looked as though the game would end in a draw when Lions player-boss Dennis Wise - on as a substitute for Jody Morris - netted a penalty in the 77th minute. But Seol's winner - Wolves' only shot on target after the break - added to Seyi Olofinjana's first-half strike and left Millwall distraught. Dunne hit the bar for the home side, and visiting 'keeper Michael Oakes made fine saves - although he was lucky not to concede an embarrassing early goal. In the 18th minute, Millwall skipper (and former Wolf) Kevin Muscat saw Oakes off his line and sent the ball arcing towards the goal from 50 yards. Oakes was able to scramble back and touch the ball over the crossbar.

Wolves went in front when Ince and Miller combined to set up Olofinjana - whose run from midfield had gone un-noticed - and the Nigerian slotted the ball beyond Stack on 36 minutes.

Millwall got the equaliser with the help of a bizarre penalty decision from referee Probert who ruled that Lescott had fouled Hayles as he attempted to chase down a long ball from Wise. The Millwall player-manager drove the spot-kick into the roof of Oakes' net. Deep into injury-time, Seol was given space and time to crack a low shot from 25 yards into Stack's bottom-left corner for the winner.

Opinion: Millwall don't like us, we don't care.
Man of the match: Seol
Team rating: 7/10
Attendance: 13,145
Team: Oakes, Clyde, Lescott, Naylor, Craddock, Kennedy, Ince, Seol, Olofinjana (Andrews 81), Cort, Miller (Clarke 65).
Subs Not Used: Ikeme, Newton, Bjorklund
Bookings: Clyde (28 - foul), Olofinjana (47 - foul), Lescott (69 - dissent)



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OAKES GETS LJUNBERGED

ARSENAL 2-0 WOLVES
FA Cup 4th Round
29th January 2005

So, Wolves were pitched in against the big boys for the first time since their excursion into the Premiership and although they came away with nothing, they put in a performance to suggest that manager Glenn Hoddle, is having some effect on the team.

With Oakes giving an inspired performance between the sticks, Ince beavering away as usual and Olofinjana working well in midfield, Wolves went into the break on level terms despite the usual plentiful penalty appeals from the home crowd and a disallowed goal from the hosts.

It could have all been so different when the referee waved away penalty appeals from Wolves after Lescott was blatantly pulled back by Cygan. But as it was, a penalty the other way broke the deadlock, as Oakes lunged at a pass to Henry, got the ball away, but the Arsenal man went down to be awarded the spot kick which was duly converted by Viera.

Oakes made save after save to deny the home side as they looked to consolidate their lead and it looked for a while as if the disputed penalty would be all that separated the two sides, but Wolves' fighting spirit was finally broken when Henry sent a testing cross to the near post and Ljungberg beat the defence to score with 8 minutes remaining.

Opinion: We need a class striker
Man of the match: Oakes - Outstanding display.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 37,143
Team: Oakes, Lescott, Craddock, Bjorklund (Miller 61), Newton, Olofinjana (Clarke 76), Naylor, Ince (Cameron 86), Kennedy, Seol, Cort
Subs Not Used: Cooper, Andrews
Bookings: Ince (40 - foul), Seol (55 - dissent)



ANOTHER REFFING DRAW

Wolves 1-1 Sunderland
4th February 2005

It seems that every visiting team brings their own official and this evening game was no different. From the kick-off Sunderland man-handled Wolves starting with a "tackle" after two minutes which left Naylor sprawled by the half-way line and earned the culprit a mere talking to.

It was a wonder that the home players kept their cool as they were harried and hustled but still managed to play some attractive football.

But a super strike from Elliott left Wolves trailing after just 12 minutes when he collected the ball

outside the area and coolly curled it past a despairing Oakes.

Not to be outdone Wolves hit straight back with a break down the left. Naylor curled a tempting cross to the edge of the area which the keeper failed to punch away and Seol looped a header into the empty net.

Wolves threw everything at Sunderland after the break and were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty when Miller was pushed in the back, but again the referee gave the decision to the visitors.

Wolves piled on the pressure but Myhre in the Sunderland goal was equal to all they tried and the referee was in no mood to give Wolves anything.

Opinion: Wolves tried hard but the ref had this one down as a score draw.
Team rating: 6/10
Man of the Match: Naylor
Attendance: 26,968
Team: Oakes, Clyde, Naylor, Ince, Lescott, Craddock, Olofinjana (Cameron 45), Miller, Cort, Seol, Kennedy (Newton 70),
Subs Not Used: Ikeme, Andrews, Clarke
Bookings: Craddock (42 - foul), Lescott (85 - foul)



GILLS GET THE MEASURE OF WOLVES

Wolves 2-2 Gillingham
12th February 2005

All the optimism about reaching the play offs completely evaporated in one dire afternoon at Molineux against a Gillingham side who sit in the relegation places. Clarke spared Wolves' blushes with a last minute equaliser, a minute after Gillingham thought they had won the game

Gillingham took the lead for the second time in the 90th minute when Flynn broke clear ahead of Clarke bundling home a leveller inside stoppage time. Gillingham took a second-half lead when Henderson capitalised on an error from Craddock. Wolves restored parity five minutes later when Miller converted a cross from full-back Edwards. Banks, in the Gillingham goal, was inspired and Wolves spent much of the day struggling to beat him - typical.

Opinion: Dreadful
Man of the match: Edwards
Team rating: 4/10
Attendance: 24,949
Team: Oakes, Edwards, Naylor, Lescott, Cameron, Craddock, Andrews, Olofinjana (Cooper 68), Miller, Cort, Seol (Clarke 75),
Subs Not Used: Ikeme, Newton, Bjorklund
Bookings: Naylor (90 - foul)

CORT DRAMA

QPR 1-1 WOLVES
22nd February 2005

Carl Cort came off the bench to salvage a point for Wolves after Gallen's early strike had looked set to give QPR all three points.

After taking the lead in the 11th minute, QPR upset the rhythm of Hoddle's side and came close to getting maximum reward. Captain Ince returned and Clarke started up front alongside Kenny Miller.

Wolves goalkeeper Michael Oakes blocked Paul Furlong's close-range header before Gallen opened the scoring. The striker shot low from the left of the penalty area beating Oakes at his far post. Wolves were clearly rattled and Lescott quickly picked up a yellow card as the home side pressed forward.

The QPR offside trap dominated play after the break with Miller and Seol caught several times. Cort came on for the final 15 minutes and forced a fumble from Royce with a header in the 83rd minute before moments later making no mistake as he fired the ball in from the edge of the area. Olofinjana forced a save from Royce as Wolves went for a winner but in the end they had to settle for a point.

Opinion: 80 minutes of rubbish and 10 minutes of pure excitement.
Team rating: 5/10
Man of the Match: Lescott
Attendance: 15,029
Team: Oakes, Edwards, Naylor, Lescott, Craddock, Andrews (Cort 78), Cameron (Cooper 64), Ince, Seol (Olofinjana 64), Miller, Clarke
Subs Not Used: Ikeme, Bjorklund
Bookings: Lescott (19 - shirt pulling), Cameron (62 - dissent)



MOLI-SNOOZE

WOLVES 0-0 WATFORD
26th February 2005

Yet again Wolves drew to make it 9 draws in 15 games under Hoddle. Radio WM described the game as Dire and insipid, that was being kind...

A dire contest had 0-0 predicted from the first whistle as Wolves lacked the imagination and dynamism to break down a well-organised Watford side. Miller spurned Wolves' best chance when he failed to hit the target from close range in the 60th minute after Watford went closest on 28 mins.

Opinion: Yippee - another draw.
Man of the match: Naylor
Team rating: 4/10
Attendance: 25,060
Team: Oakes, Edwards, Naylor, Lescott, Craddock, Cooper (Cort 55), Ince, Andrews (Kennedy 77), Seol (Cameron 82), Miller, Clarke
Subs Not Used: Ikeme, Olofinjana
Bookings: Edwards (30 - foul)



Despite a last last minute goal from Carl Cort that seemed to seal all three points, Derby equalised two minutes into injury time to deny Wolves a valuable three points. For once Wolves deserved the win

A dramatic ending saw Derby clinch a point thanks to an injury-time goal from Reich. Wolves went away deflated at failing to win after Carl Cort appeared to have settled things in their favour with his 90th-minute strike. Earlier Idiabez had netted a brace, one a free-kick and the other a penalty he had to take three times. Miller and Lescott were on target for Wolves in an end to end match with both sides having a host of chances.

Derby opened the scoring in the 9th minute with a free-kick 25 yards out. Idiabez whipped a curling free-kick around the wall which Oakes could only watch fly past him. Moments later Derby almost doubled their lead when a header rebounded off the base of the right post with Oakes beaten.

Wolves were level in the 12th minute following a great run on the right by Rob Edwards. His cross hung over keeper Camp and was headed in at the far post by Miller.

Derby had a goal chalked off on the half hour when Smith's cross was headed back towards his own goal by Lescott and Junior poked the ball in from an offside position. Wolves surged forward and Miller slid in with a shot which Camp parried and Seol only had to tap the loose ball home but blasted way over the bar.

Lescott edged Wolves ahead in the 72nd minute with a powerful header from a cross from Ince. After Edwards brought down Peschisolido in the box the referee awarded Derby a penalty. Idiabez had to take the spot-kick three times because of encroachment and Oakes moving off his line but the third attempt was blasted into the net after he had converted the first effort but failed second time around.

Wolves took control in the dying seconds of normal time when Miller played Cort in on goal and he drilled home past Camp for the game's fifth goal. But in added time Idiabez's cross was met by Reich, who headed home from close range to clinch a dramatic point for the Rams.

Opinion: Great excitement but a draw.
 Man of the match: Miller
 Team rating: 6/10
 Attendance: 24,109
 Team: Oakes, Edwards, Naylor, Lescott, Craddock, Seol, Olofinjana, Ince, Kennedy, Miller, Cort
 Subs Not Used: Jones, Andrews, Cooper, Clarke, Bjorklund
 Bookings: Lescott (57 - foul), Lescott (77 - dissent)



Travel Details: March - May 2005

Provisional travel arrangements for matches during March, April and May are:-

Meeting place:

Euston Station concourse outside main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.

Fare : Members £16; Guests £19

HOME MATCHES

Tue 15/3/05 v Burnley Kick off 19:45

Outward - Depart Euston 14:40
 - Arrive Wolves 16:35
 Return - Depart Wolves 22:39
 - Arrive Euston 01:05

Sat 19/3/05 v Stoke City Kick off 15:00

Outward - Depart Euston 09:55
 - Arrive Wolves 12:07
 Return - Depart Wolves 17:36
 - Arrive Euston 19:48

Mon 11/4/05 v Ipswich Kick off 19:45 (Sky)

Outward - Depart Euston 14:40
 - Arrive Wolves 16:35
 Return - Depart Wolves 22:39
 - Arrive Euston 01:05

Sat 23/4/05 v Rotherham Kick off 15:00

Outward - Depart Euston 09:33
 - Arrive Wolves 12:06
 Return - Depart Wolves 18:18
 - Arrive Euston 20:54

Sun 8/5/05 v Sheffield Utd Kick off 15:00

Travel details not yet available. There is planned engineering work on this day, so it is possible a coach/minibus may be run to this match. A two-day train trip is also likely to be run to this match departing late Saturday morning.

Contact the Travel Secretary for more details.

AWAY MATCHES

The following times are provisional. Please contact the 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 12/3/05 v Preston Kick off 15:00

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH
 Outward - Depart Euston 08:00
 - Arrive Preston 12:53
 Return - Depart Preston 17:39
 - Arrive Euston 22:37

Sat 2/4/05 v Leeds Utd Kick off 15:00

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH
 Outward - Depart Kings Cross 10:10
 - Arrive Leeds 12:36
 Return - Depart Leeds 17:40
 - Arrive Kings Cross 20:23

Tue 5/4/05 v Leicester Kick off 19:45

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH
 Outward - Depart St Pancras 15:55
 - Arrive Leicester 17:12
 Return - Depart Leicester 22:15
 - Arrive St Pancras 23:54

Sat 16/4/05 v Coventry Kick off 15:00

Fare TBA ALL-TICKET MATCH
 Outward - Depart Euston 10:18
 - Arrive Coventry 12:29
 Return - Depart Coventry 17:55
 - Arrive Euston 19:41

Outward journey involves change of train at Nuneaton & return journey involves change of train at Rugby

Sat 30/4/05 v Reading Kick off 15:00

ALL-TICKET MATCH
 No official club trip arranged. There is a frequent train service from Paddington to/from Reading.
 Journey time approx 25 mins.

Any member wishing to book a train ticket for travel to home or away matches from Euston, must now contact the Travel Secretary AT LEAST 9 DAYS prior to the match. Bookings for travel with other train operators, must be made 3-4 weeks before the match. This is because early booking is essential in order to obtain the cheapest tickets. Fares will be collected on the outward journey. Payments in advance are accepted. Cheques/P.O's payable to WWLSC.

Any member booking a train ticket, who subsequently cannot travel, must contact the Travel Secretary at least 9 days before the match to cancel, or they will have to pay for the ticket. This also applies to members who book a ticket and fail to show up on the day, as the train companies will not offer any refunds on unsold tickets, except in exceptional circumstances.

Members requiring match tickets for HOME matches please contact Travel Secretary AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. Please enclose s.a.e. with postal applications.

Please note that for all-ticket away matches where Wolves allocation is limited, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET. Tickets for every away match go on sale 21 days before the match to away season ticket holders & also to home season ticket holders, unless Wolves have a limited allocation. Home season ticket holders can apply for away tickets, by ringing the ticket office on 0870 442 0123 between 9 am - 5 pm, and giving their Supporter Number.

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.

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Dave's diary

Continuing the 1966/67 season...



17/12/66: Birmingham City 3 (Bridges, Bullock, Vowden) v **Wolves 2** (Wagstaffe, Bailey)

Team:- Davies; Flowers; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Hawkins; Wharton; Hunt; Knowles; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 3rd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

21 7 2 2 26 12 4 2 4 19 15 26

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 11; Hunt 10; Wharton 7; Wagstaffe 5; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

24/12/66: Wolves 5 (Hatton 2, Wharton 2 (1 pen) McIlmoyle) v **Derby County 3** (Durban 2, Richardson pen)

Team:- Davies; Flowers; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Hawkins; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Hatton; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

22 8 2 2 31 15 4 2 4 19 15 28

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 12; Hunt 10; Wharton 9; Wagstaffe 5; Burnside 3; Hatton 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

26/12/66: Derby County 0 v **Wolves 3** (McIlmoyle, Hatton, Wharton)

Team:- Davies; Flowers; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Hawkins (Holsgrove); Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Hatton; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

23 8 2 2 31 15 5 2 4 22 15 30

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 13; Hunt 10; Wharton 10; Wagstaffe 5; Hatton 4; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

30/12/66 Ronnie Allen claims two Wolves players have been illegally approached by other clubs

31/12/66: Wolves 0 v **Ipswich 0**

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Hatton; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

24 8 3 2 31 15 5 2 4 22 15 31

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 13; Hunt 10; Wharton 10; Wagstaffe 5; Hatton 4; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

Gerry Taylor debut attended by 28,425 – Wolves biggest home gate of the season.

7/1/67: Bristol City 1 (Quigley) v **Wolves 0**

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Hatton; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

25 8 3 2 31 15 5 2 5 22 15 31

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 13; Hunt 10; Wharton 10; Wagstaffe 5; Hatton 4; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

9/1/67: FA Cup 3rd round draw – Oldham Athletic v Wolves

14/1/67: Wolves 1 (Hunt) v **Carlisle 1** (McVitie)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

26 8 4 2 32 16 5 2 5 22 15 32

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 13; Hunt 11; Wharton 10; Wagstaffe 5; Hatton 4; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

Central League: Blackburn Rovers reserves 1 v Wolves reserves 3 – Wolves top of the league.

21/1/67: Blackburn Rovers 0 v **Wolves 0**

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; Hatton; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

27 8 4 2 32 16 5 3 5 22 15 33

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 13; Hunt 11; Wharton 10; Wagstaffe 5; Hatton 4; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

Dave Wagstaffe sent off after 43 minutes

Central League: Wolves 2 v Bolton Wanderers 0, position top.

28/1/67: FA Cup 3rd Round: Oldham Athletic 2 (Bebington 2) v **Wolves 2** (Bailey, Thomson)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Cup goalscorers: Bailey 1; Thomson 1.

30/1/67: FA Cup draw – Wolves or Oldham v Burnley or Everton

1/2/67: FA Cup 3rd Round replay: Wolves 4 (Hunt, McIlmoyle, Wharton, Woodfield) v **Oldham Athletic 1** (Bebington)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Cup goalscorers: Bailey 1; Hunt 1; McIlmoyle 1; Thomson 1; Wharton 1; Woodfield 1.

4/2/67: Wolves 5 (Hunt 2, Hatton 2, Woodfield) v **Bolton Wanderers 2** (Bromley 2)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; Hatton; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

28 9 4 2 37 18 5 3 5 22 15 35

Goalscorers: Hunt 13; McIlmoyle 13; Wharton 10; Hatton 6; Wagstaffe 5; Burnside 3; Bailey 2; Knowles 2; Woodfield 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1.

11/2/67: Charlton Athletic 1 (Tees) v **Wolves 3** (Hatton, Knowles, Woodfield)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; Hatton; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

29 9 4 2 37 18 6 3 5 25 16 37

Goalscorers: Hunt 13; McIlmoyle 13; Wharton 10; Hatton 7; Wagstaffe 5; Burnside 3; Knowles 3; Woodfield 3; Bailey 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1.

18/2/67: FA Cup 4th Round: Wolves 1 (Wharton) v **Everton 1** (Ball pen)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; Hatton; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Cup goalscorers: Wharton 2; Bailey 1; Hunt 1; McIlmoyle 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

20/2/67: FA Cup draw – Wolves or Everton v Liverpool

21/2/67: FA Cup 4th round replay: Everton 3 (Husband 2, Temple) v **Wolves 1** (Wharton)

Team:- Davies; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; Hatton; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Cup goalscorers: Wharton 3; Bailey 1; Hunt 1; McIlmoyle 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

25/2/67: Portsmouth 2 (Portwood 2) v **Wolves 3** (Bailey, Knowles, Hunt)

Team:- Parkes; Taylor; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; Burnside; Knowles; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS

player statistics



Wolves Player Statistics – Championship Season – 2004-2005

Up to and including Crewe Alexandra (A)

No.	Player name	Signed From	Date of Birth	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	% Goals per App	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per App
1	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	30 Oct 1973	25 (0)	-	3 (0)	-	-	1	-	3.5
2	Mark Clyde	Youth	27 Dec 1982	17 (1)	-	3 (0)	-	-	5	-	23.8
3	Lee Naylor	Youth	19 Mar 1980	26 (2)	-	3 (0)	-	-	3	-	9.7
4	Seyi Olifinjana	Brann Bergen	30 Jun 1980	31 (1)	5	3 (1)	-	13.9	4	-	11.1
5	Joleon Lescott	Youth	16 Aug 1982	31 (0)	2	2 (0)	-	6.1	5	-	15.2
6	Jody Craddock	Sunderland	25 Jul 1975	30 (2)	-	4 (0)	-	-	4	-	11.1
7	Shaun Newton	Charlton	20 Aug 1975	21 (3)	1	3 (1)	-	3.6	1	-	3.6
8	Paul Ince	Middlesboro	21 Oct 1967	18 (3)	2	3 (0)	1	14.3	5	-	21.4
9	Vio Ganea	VfB Stuttgart	10 Aug 1973	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Colin Cameron	Hearts	23 Oct 1972	19 (11)	2	1 (2)	-	12.5	3	-	12.5
11	Mark Kennedy	Man City	15 May 1976	21 (2)	-	2 (0)	-	-	1	-	4.0
12	Rob Edwards	Villa	25 Dec 1982	7 (1)	-	1 (0)	-	-	1	-	11.1
13	Matthew Murray	Youth	2 May 1981	1 (0)	-	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
14	Jorge Silas	Uniao Leiria	1 Sep 1976	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Kevin Cooper	Wimbledon	8 Feb 1975	15 (11)	5	1 (0)	-	18.5	-	1	11.1
16	Kenny Miller	Rangers	23 Dec 1979	31 (3)	15	2 (1)	1	43.2	5	1	21.6
18	George Ndah	Swindon	23 Dec 1974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Ki-Hyeon Seol	Anderlecht	18 Jan 1979	19 (8)	3	3 (0)	2	16.7	1	-	3.3
20	Joachim Bjorklund	Sunderland	15 Mar 1971	2 (1)	-	2 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
21	Paul Jones	Southampton	18 April 1967	10 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Keith Andrews	Youth	13 Sept 1980	14 (5)	-	2 (0)	1	4.8	-	-	-
24	Henri Camara	Sedan	10 May 1977	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Mikkel Bischoff	Man City (L)	3 Feb 1982	7 (0)	1	-	-	14.2	-	-	-
27	Carl Cort	Newcastle	1 Nov 1977	28 (2)	12	3 (0)	1	39.4	1	-	3.0
29	Dean Sturridge	Leicester	27 Jul 1973	5 (6)	1	-	-	9.1	2	-	18.2
30	Carl Ikeme	Youth	8 June 1986	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Sammy Clingan	Youth	13 Jan 1984	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Leon Clarke	Youth	10 Feb 1985	7 (13)	4	1 (2)	1	21.7	3	-	13.0
34	Lewis Govern	Youth	28 Jan 1985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Gary Mulligan	Youth	23 Apr 1985	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Keith Lowe	Youth	13 Sept 1985	11 (0)	-	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	-

Players on Loan

No.	Player name	Loaned to:	Loan Completed	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	% Goals per App	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per App
14	Jorge Silas	Mauritimo	Season long	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
24	Henri Camara	Celtic	January 2005	12 (6)	8	4 (4)	-	30.8	3	1	23.1
24	Henri Camara	Southampton	Current	4 (1)	2	1 (1)	2	57.1	-	-	-
30	Carl Ikeme	Accrington Stanley	January 2005	3 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Sammy Clingan	Chesterfield	Current	15 (0)	2	-	-	13.3	2	-	13.3
34	Lewis Govern	Hartlepool	Current	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Gary Mulligan	Rushden	Current	12 (1)	3	-	-	23.1	1	-	7.7

Not much to comment on here. Henri Camara had a cracking start for Southampton - but can they afford to buy him at the end of the season?

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All the above are available from:

Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD

Dave's diary continued...

27/2/67: David Wagstaffe fined £25 for being sent off at Blackburn Rovers

The Birmingham game was the ultimate game of two halves, with Wolves well on top at 2-0 up at half-time, Blues took the game over with three second half goals.

The Boxing Day game at Derby was poignant for Graham Hawkins. His excellent form (and ultimately his Wolves playing career) was ended with a broken leg, courtesy of Kevin Hector. I also remember the London Wolves minibus taking a song to the match which was sung by the North Bank for many months: "Aye, Aye, Aye, Phil Parkes is better than Yashin, Ernie is better than Eusebio, and Derby are in for a thrashing"

After the Oldham Cup replay, I remember a few of us left Wolverhampton Bowling Alley with Peter Knowles and his girlfriend for some soup at her house. Our Chairman and 'knocker' occupied the front passenger seat of her Mini and the rest of us were squashed in the back.

The Portsmouth match saw Wolves 2-0 down at the break. During the second half comeback, Peter Knowles kicked the ball out of the ground and was subsequently sent a bill by Portsmouth for a replacement.

Marathon Superman

(or Wolves Official London Marathon Runner 2005)



Wolves have officially nominated **Phil Bant**, lifelong Wolves fan and season ticket holder as their runner in the London Marathon on April 17th. The picture shows Phil in the Superman costume he's going to run the Marathon in with Glenn and wife Sarah and three year old son Harry, who suffers from a mild form of Autism. Phil asked Stu to publicise his run and to give you links to his sponsorship site. He is running for the National Autistic Society and Autism-West Midlands.

Phil says:

"I've never done this kind of fund-raising before (nor run a marathon) and obviously want to raise as much sponsorship for the 2 charities I'm supporting as possible, especially as a lot of the money will be earmarked specifically for Wolverhampton. Can you help? I have my own charity page for on-line donations at: www.justgiving.co.uk/pbant

"Wolves have donated a signed shirt with Glenn Hoddle's, Rick Hayward's and 20 of the 1st team squad signatures for my raffle and also given me free hire of the Terrace Bar for a charity disco. Phil is hoping to be supported at the Charity Disco by ex-Wolves stars. In the Express & Star he also said "I'm not going to wear a watch on the day, I'm doing it for my son and to get round, but everyone is supporting me, Wolves have been fantastic and the sentiments of the fans will be with me on the day"



On February 6th, as a warm-up Phil completed 19 miles for the first time. We'll try to keep you up-to-date with his progress and the status of the fund-raising in the next issue of the Newsletter...

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for the Signed, framed Wolves shirt at £1 each email: shirt@philsmarathon.com

If you want to express an interest in the Charity Disco to be held at the Terrace Bar, Molineux Stadium on April 2nd 2005 (details to be finalised) please email: disco@philsmarathon.com

You can also email Phil at: wolves@philsmarathon.com or call him on 07976 351642.



A 19 year-old girl with a request for help...

Dear Friends

I'm a girl from Bulgaria. My name is Tzetzka Kaneva and I'm 19 years old. I love the football game and I found your e-mail address and I wrote this letter. With letter I want to express my senses towards your team. When I was a child I became your admirer girl. For 11 years I look every your match on a tv and I'm very very happy when your team become a victor.

I collect a materials for a team. I haven't very materials in my city there are about 10 your admirers and I also.

Some day I want to travel in England and there I shall go in the stadium of a club, in the museum of the team and I shall see the football legends.

This is my dream and I want to realize her. With this letter I want you please for help.

I want you to publish my address in your programme or club magazine and the admirers of the team from England can write me and from all over the world.

I have a favour to ask of you: You send me official programmes and photocards players and souvenir of team.

Thank you friends!!!

Yours sincerely

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