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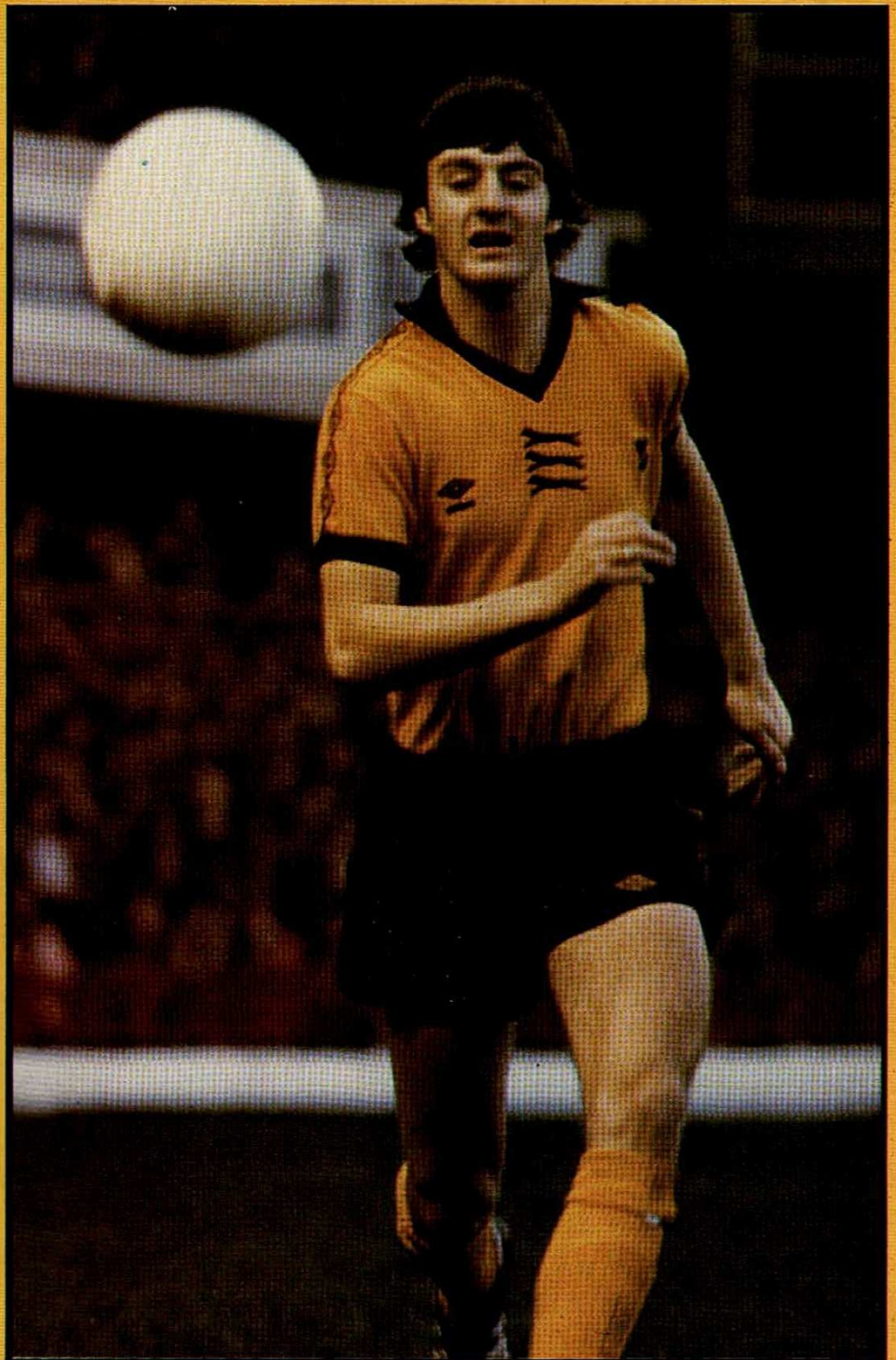
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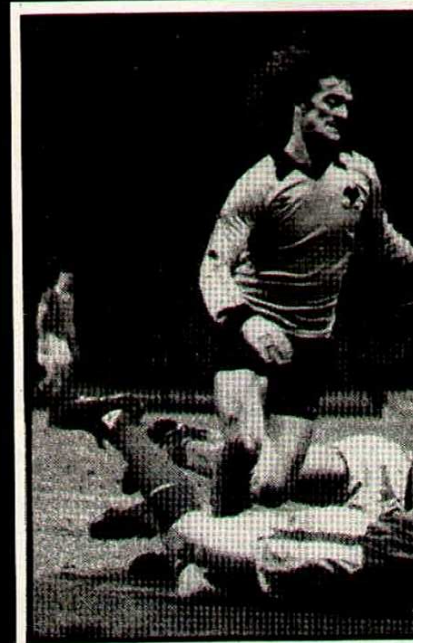
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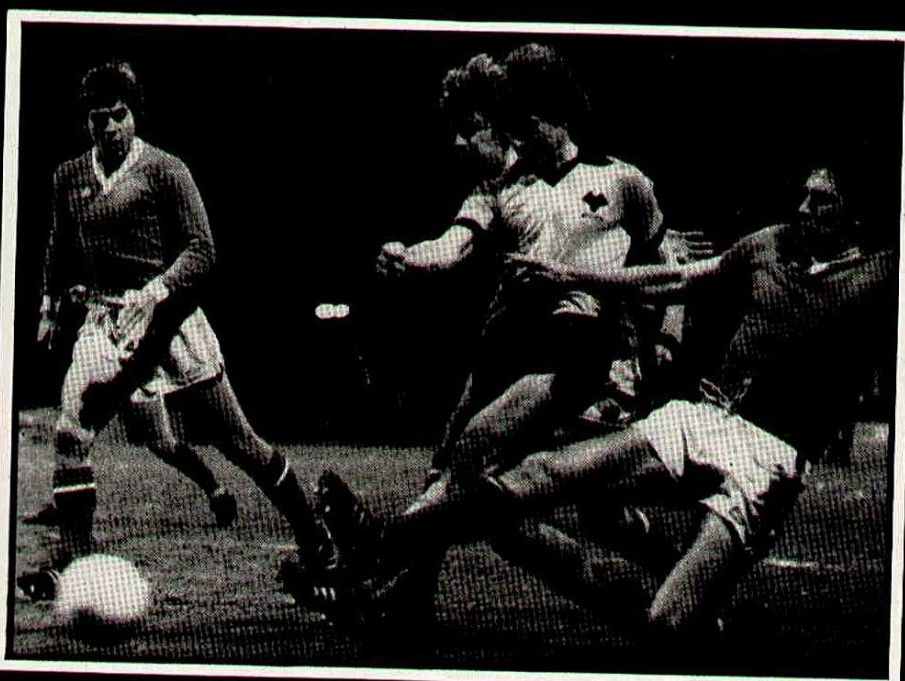


HIGHLIGHTS





TUESDAY, JANUARY 22: Swindon 2 Wolves 1 It was certainly a thrilling affair — our League Cup semi-final first leg clash with Third Division Swindon at the County Ground. After Andy Rowland had headed Swindon in front from Chris Kamara's right-wing cross, Peter Daniel put Wolves back in the frame with a spectacular header himself in the 27th minute. Daniel outjumped Brian Williams on the edge of the penalty box (top left) and the ball looped high over goalkeeper Jimmy Allan (bottom left) who was caught off his line. It became a real battling semi-final after this with both sides creating chances and squandering them. Our pictures show some of the fierce action with John Richards and Kenny Hibbitt in the thick of it as always. But two minutes from the end Alan Mayes scored Swindon's second goal. The battle recommences tonight



JOHN BARNWELL



"LEAGUE CUP? IT CANNOT BE SCOFFED AT AS A SECONDARY COMPETITION ANY LONGER..."

THERE has always been a special glamour and romance about Cup football. It sets the adrenalin going, the heart bounding just that little bit quicker and players have that extra bounce in their walk. You can always tell when it's Cup week because the ground always seems to come alive more than it would normally do for a League fixture.

My first memories of the FA Cup go back to the 1950's when my team, Newcastle United, seemed to make the trophy their own property. My father used to take me to see as many games as possible. I used to like to sit on the wall on the Gallogate side. It was completely open terraces on that side in those days and the ground had an atmosphere all of its own.

Just to see players like Jackie Milburn, Joe Harvey and the Robledo brothers, George and Joe, perform was sufficient in itself and the crowd were always behind the team whatever the score.

United won the Cup three times in five years from 1951 onwards. But there's one Cup-tie which sticks in my memory. I think it was against Aston Villa. We were losing 2-0. There used to be a flag-pole on the Gallogate corner and with ten minutes to go the flag was always lowered. This was the signal for the "Gallogate Roar" to be released.

It was just the motivation and encouragement that the lads needed. United

went on to win 3-2 and eventually to win the Cup. I look back on those times with tremendous nostalgia as I suppose most schoolboys must do.

But I have another special memory, which, I believe, is unique in itself. And that was when I played for Bishop Auckland in the third round of the FA Cup against Scunthorpe United when I was still a few days short of my 15th birthday. I believe it is a record for a youngster.

We drew the first game 0-0 and I remember I was allowed to take three days off from school to play in the replay. We lost 2-1, but it was quite an occasion for me, and, of course, Bishop Auckland. Amateur sides did not get to the third round of the FA Cup very often in those years.

There were good days with Nottingham Forest, too. I can remember one game against Tottenham when Ian Storey-Moore scored two great goals but we still lost 3-2. That was one of the best games we ever played for Forest, but we were desperately unlucky with Jimmy Greaves nicking a late goal.

In recent years the League Cup has begun to have the same appeal and charisma as the FA Cup. When it was first introduced most clubs considered it as an inconvenience of having to play an extra game a week. But, as the competition grew bigger in size, so its

importance has increased as well. It really took off when they started playing the finals at Wembley.

Talking of Wembley, I never went there as a player and that was one of the biggest disappointments of my playing career. . . . I always have an inner sigh to myself when players who have been there start reminiscing about their Cup final memories.

It is obviously the high spot of most player's careers and several of our current first team squad have already achieved that ambition. Emlyn Hughes has been there so often that he must now regard it as a home from home.

Our League Cup run this season has certainly not been without its own excitement, drama and atmosphere. I feel sure our supporters have enjoyed it and that in return we have generated interest in the League Cup as a competition almost to rival that other big Cup. It clearly cannot be scoffed at as a secondary competition any longer because it provides one ticket into Europe — and all the added prestige and finance that brings.

As we embark on our return semi-final against Swindon Town this evening, I will repeat a remark I have made several times over the last few months. It is simply that the team must earn the right to win its matches.



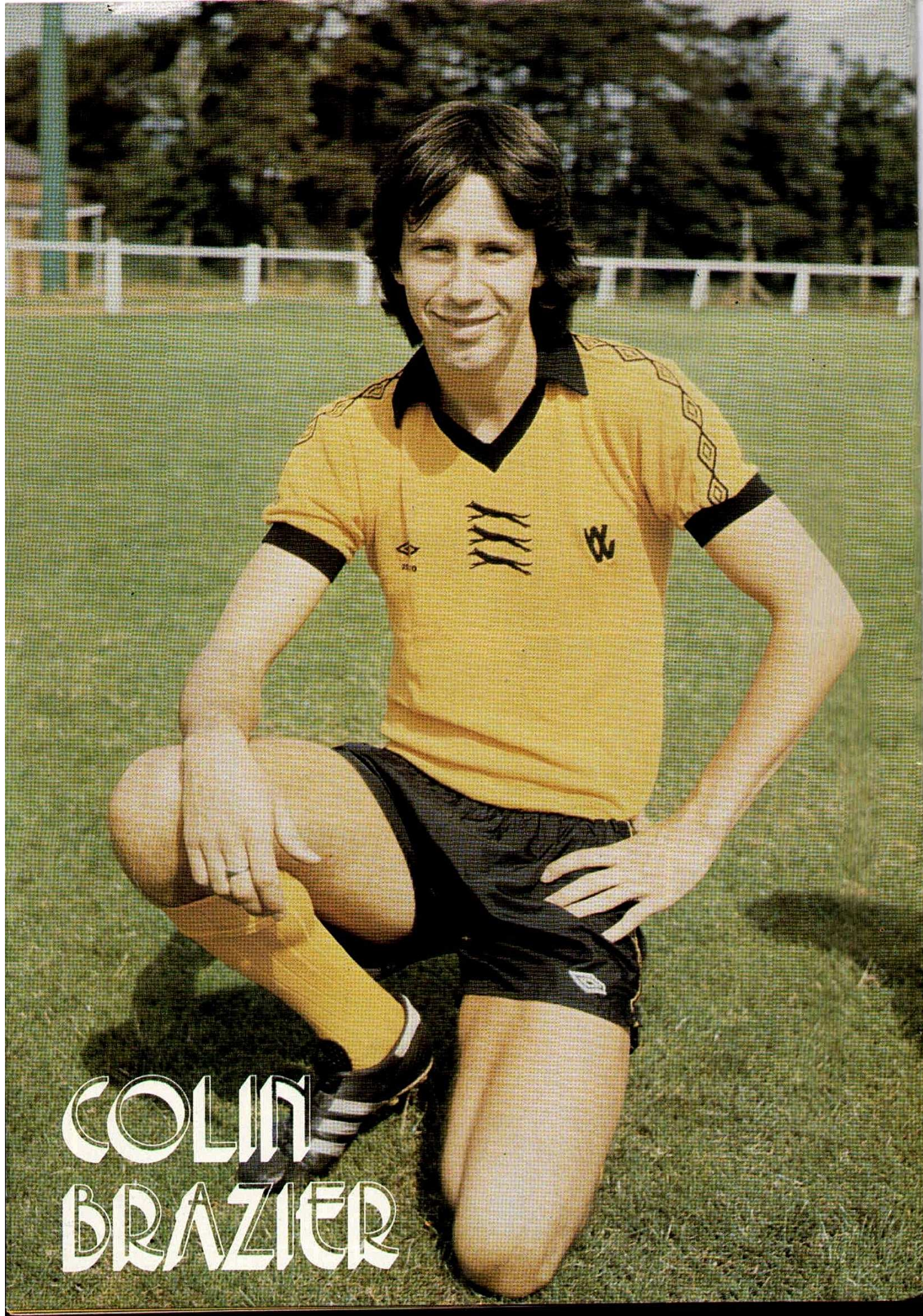
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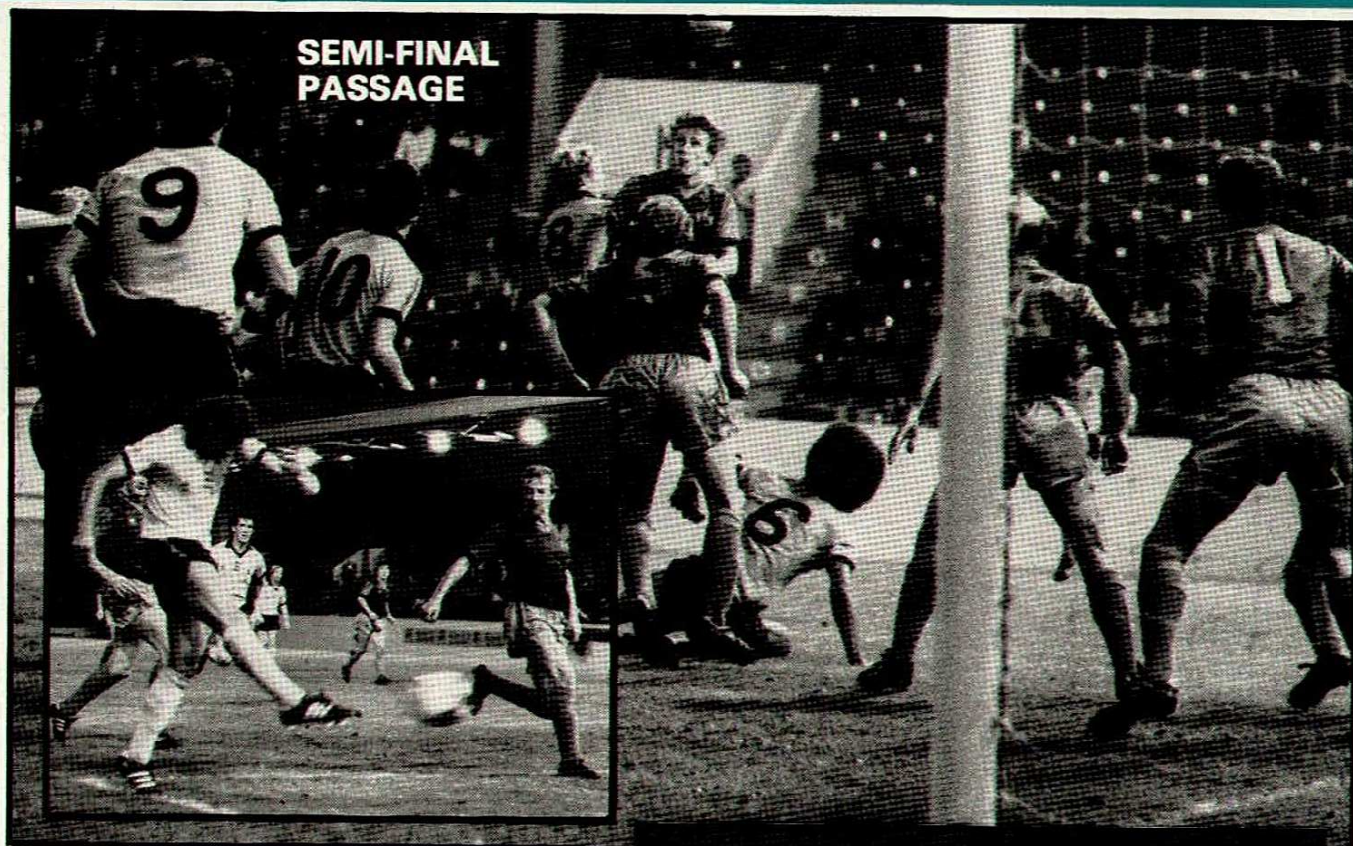
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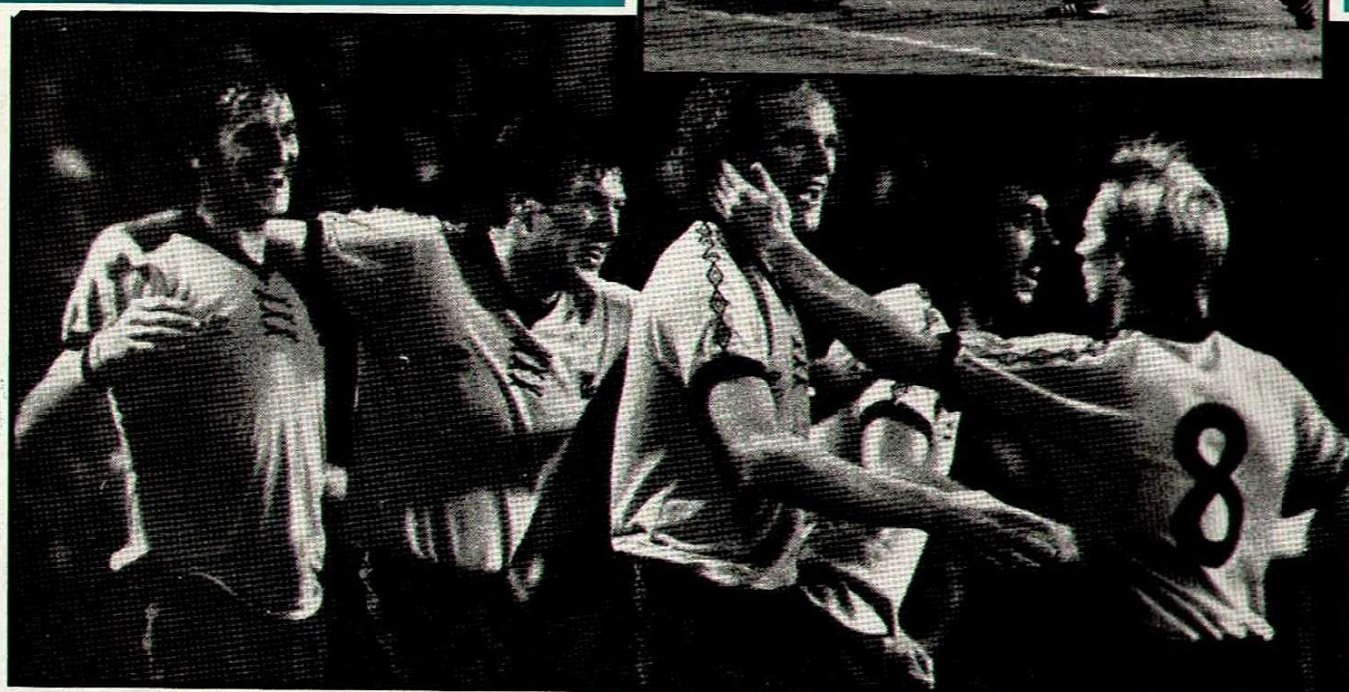
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Burnley
August 28
Second round, 1-1 (Palmer)
First-leg
September 4,
Second-leg 2-0 (Palmer, Hibbitt)
Geoff Palmer (inset) scoring

Crystal Palace
September 25
Third round 2-1 (Hibbitt, Eves)
Mel Eves and Kenny Hibbitt are seen
netting the vital goals



Queen's Park Rangers
 October 30
 Fourth round 1-1 (Hibbitt)
 Replay, November 6 1-0 (Carr)
 Willie Carr rises majestically
 to head the winner



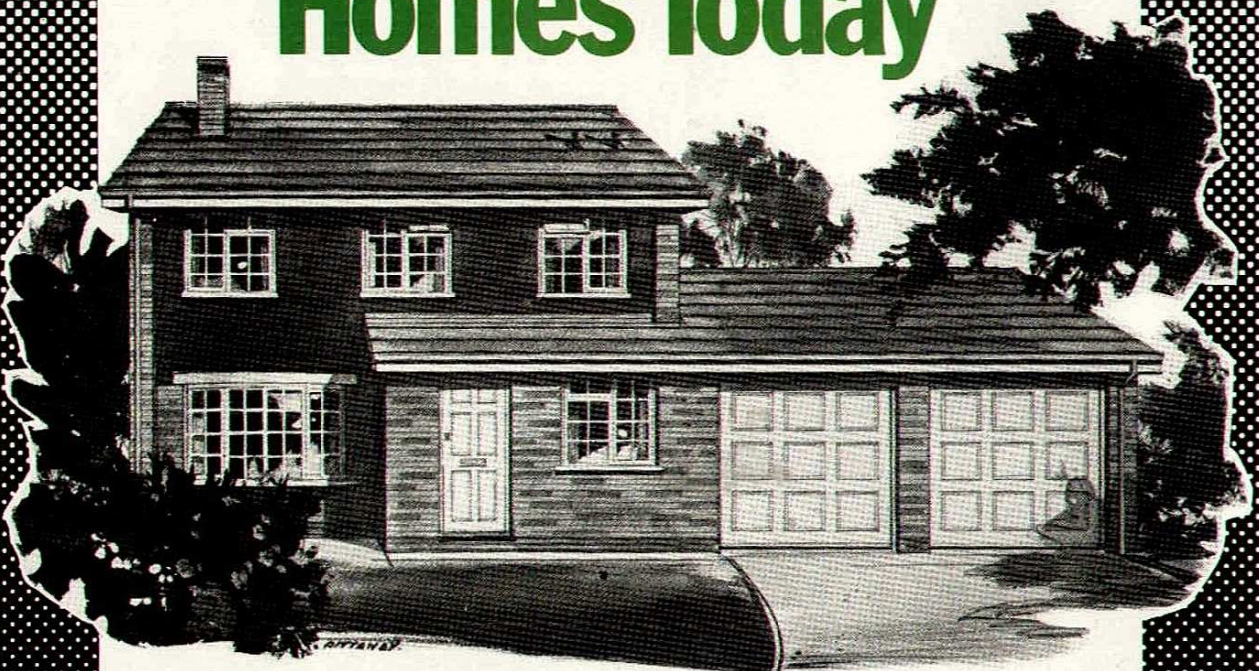
Grimsby Town
 Fifth round
 December 4 0-0
 First replay
 December 11 1-1 (Gray)
 Second replay
 December 18 (at Derby)
 2-0 (Hibbitt, own goal)
 John Richards' shot
 deflected by Clive Wigginton
 and Hibbitt mobbed at the
 final whistle.



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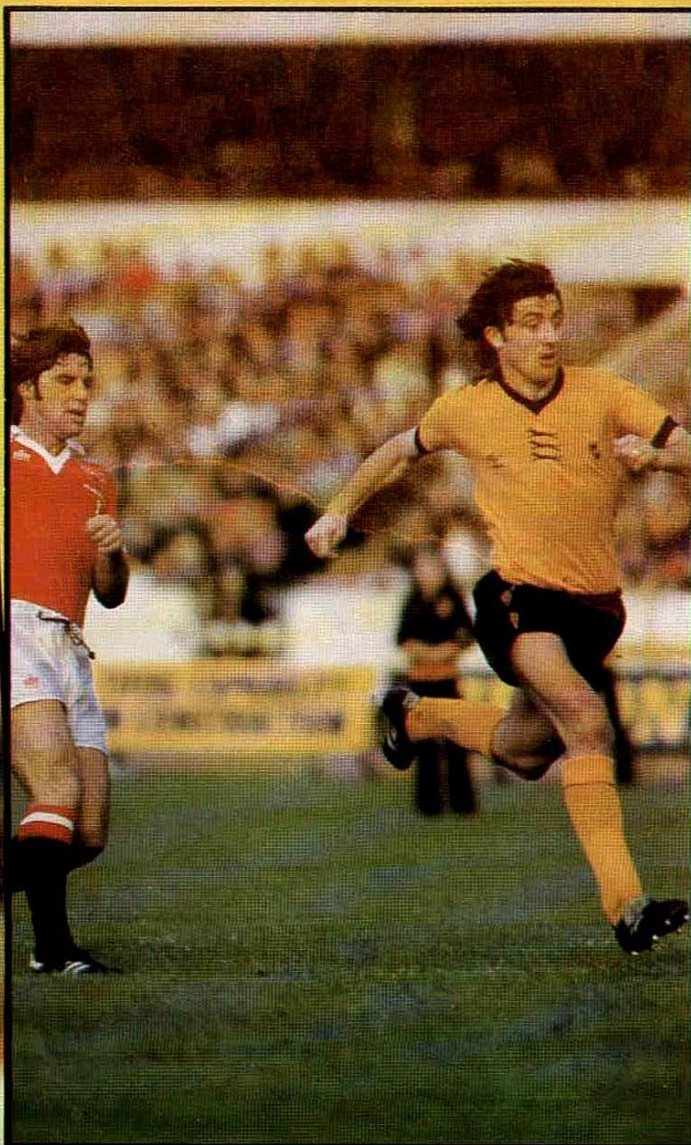
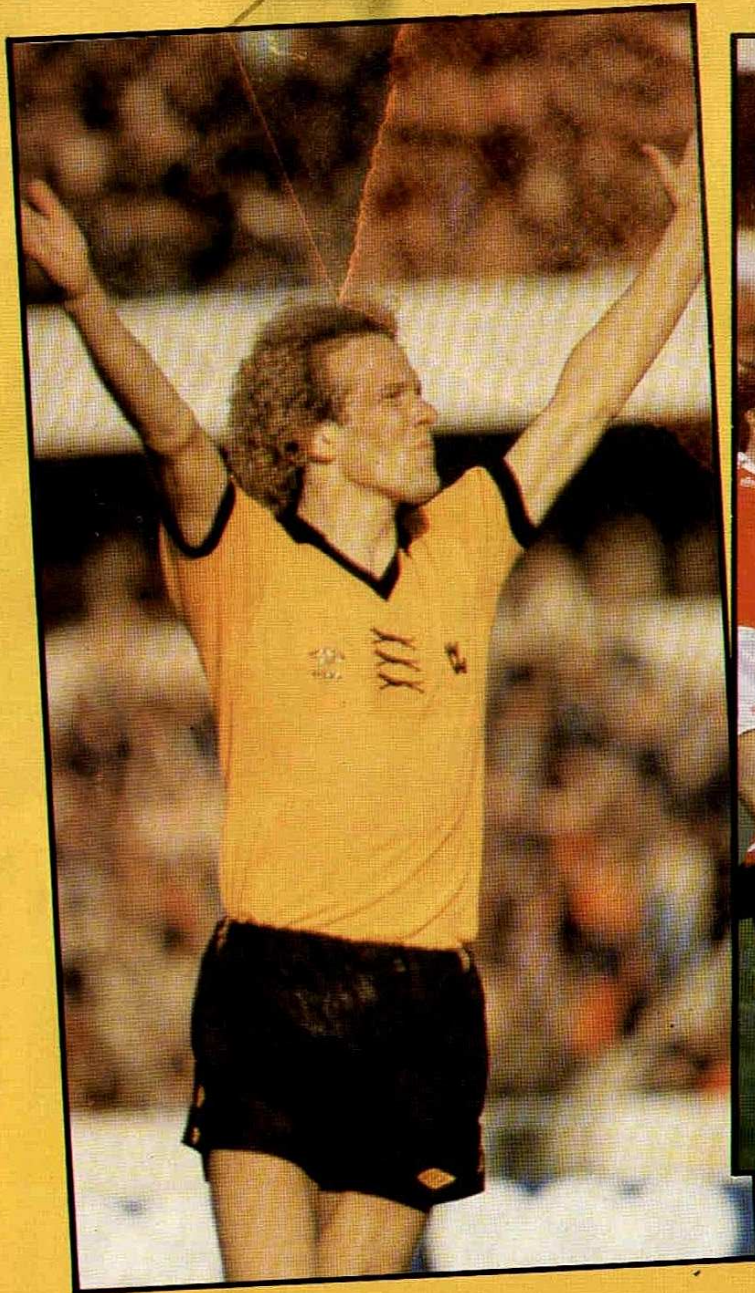
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MOLINEUX



BY HUGH JAMIESON OF THE SUN

MIKE BAILEY Wolves' former skipper and midfield driving force, always looks back on the 1974 League Cup triumph with justifiable pride — and a tinge of regret.

Wolves had finally smashed a 14-year hoodoo to clinch a 2-1 Wembley victory against Manchester City to put the first real trophy on the Molineux shelf since the days of Stan Cullis — and the FA Cup — in 1960.

Now Wolves, under the managerial partnership of John Barnwell and Richie Barker, reach for Wembley with tonight's League Cup semi-final return against Third Division giantkillers Swindon — the club that tasted sensational Wembley glory with a 1969 extra-time win over odds-on favourites Arsenal.

And as Wolves aim to start the 80's in style, Bailey, back at his old club Charlton as coach, is hoping to be at Molineux tonight to cheer the team in their efforts to recover from a 2-1 first leg defeat at Swindon.

And Bailey, one of the best skippers in the business, will also spare a special thought for five players in the present Wolves squad — full-backs Geoff Palmer and Derek Parkin, defender John McAlle, midfield man Kenny Hibbitt and striker John Richards.

They are the survivors from Bill McGarry's side that upset all the odds and predictions of the critics with a fabulous and well-deserved win against a Manchester City side that was expected to walk away with the trophy.

City had a talented side including top-class players, like Denis Law, Francis Lee, Mike Summerbee, Colin Bell and Rodney Marsh. The Wembley stage was reckoned to be tailor-made for their skills and recently-appointed manager Ron Saunders was

on the brink of success within just a few months of taking charge at Maine Road.

But they hadn't reckoned with a Wolves side that had always preferred action to words. Reputations meant nothing to McGarry — or his men — and they proved the point with a tremendous all-round performance.

There were times when it looked as though all that stood between City and the League Cup itself was the slender frame of Wolves goalkeeper Gary Pierce — the man who had not long taken over from Phil Parkes.

Kenny Hibbitt had given Wolves a first half lead but when Colin Bell equalised it looked as City were poised to move in for the kill until Pierce pulled off some astonishing saves that still left him looking dazed and bewildered by it all at the end.

For John Richards had fired the winner from Alan Sunderland's pass eight minutes from the final whistle and McGarry must have done record time for a manager with a sprint from the bench to congratulate Pierce.

The day belonged to Wolves. They had put some pride back into the famous black and gold and Bailey says: "Some players who have been to Wembley can hardly remember a thing. But I can remember everything from the moment I got up to the time we finished off celebrating at the after-match banquet.

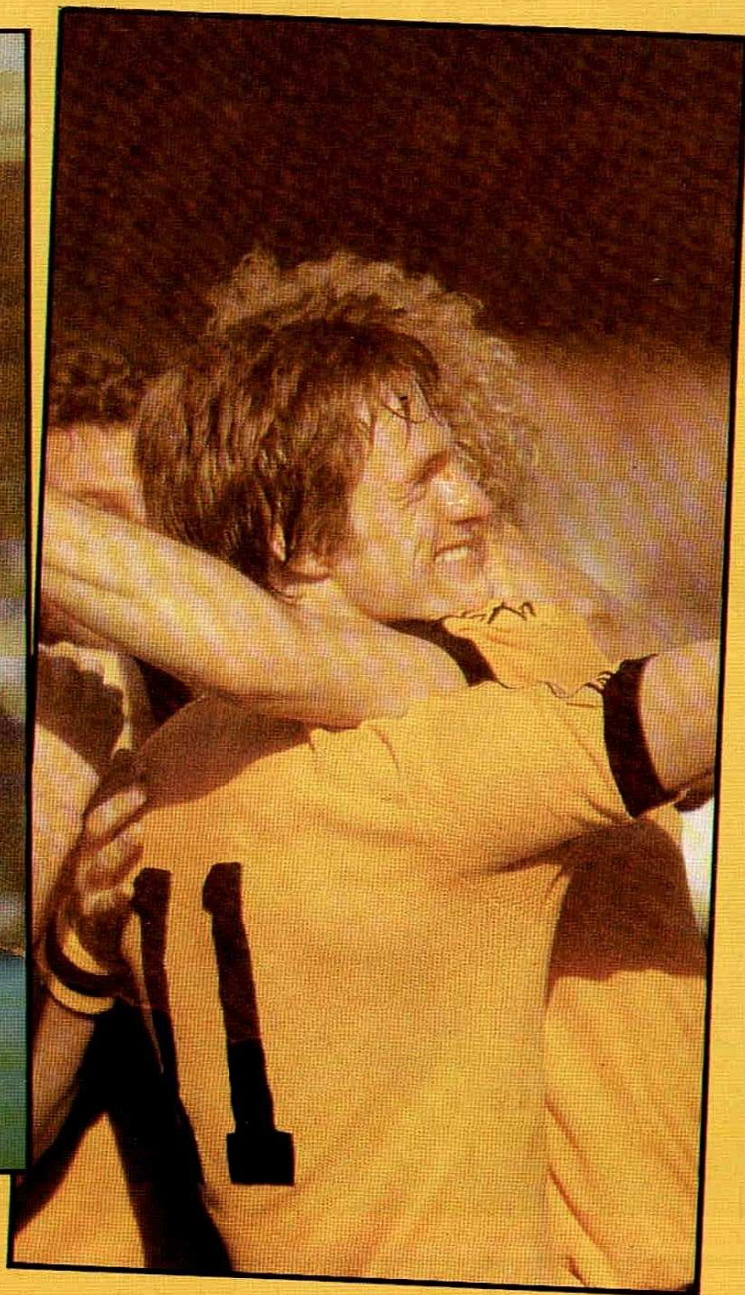
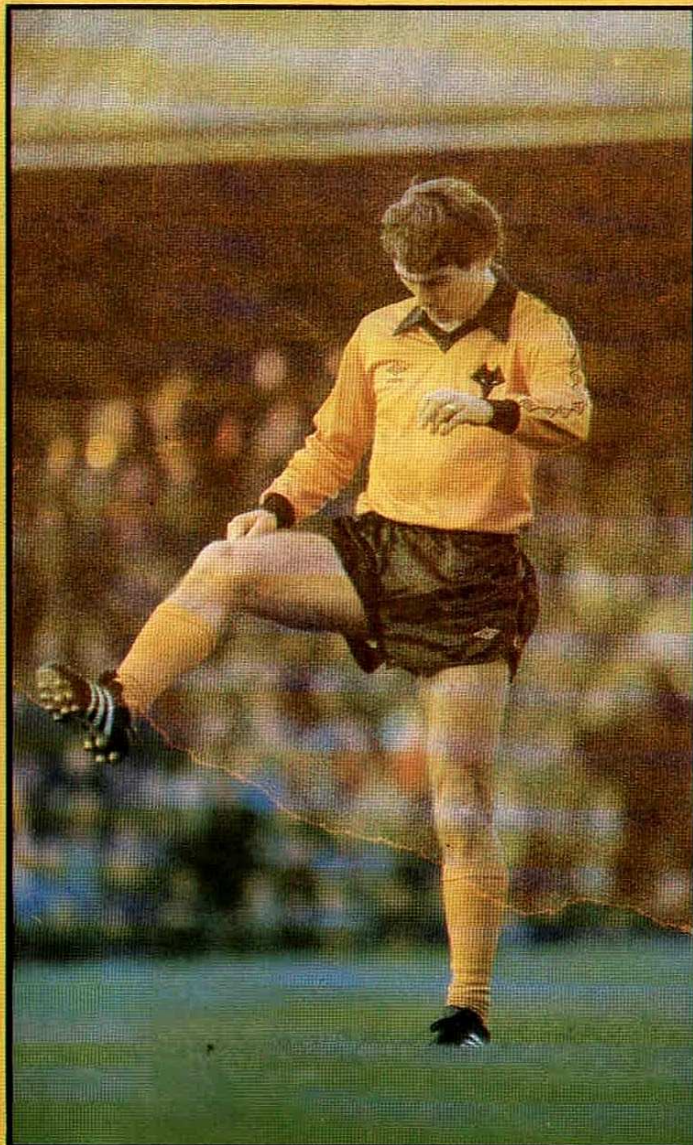
"City were the team with all the stars — or so a lot of people and pundits would have had us believe. But they overlooked the fact that Wolves had a lot of qualities and one of the best of all — desire.

"The club hadn't won anything since the FA Cup in 1960. Those were the days when Wolves couldn't do anything wrong. They had emerged from the mid-50's with a team that was the talk of football both at home and abroad.

"It was a fact that some people often reminded us about and all it did was to make us even more determined to finally achieve the breakthrough that everyone connected with this team deserved."

Bailey didn't need to be reminded of how much it meant. In the space of two years Wolves had fallen just short of the mark in three competitions — the FA Cup, UEFA Cup and the League Cup.

On their first return to the European battlefields since the great days of Cullis, Wolves had marched into a UEFA Cup competition and immediately produced an astonishing string of results that led all the way to the final.



MAESTROS

They were far too good for Academica Coimbra of Portugal and Holland's Den Haag in the early rounds but East German favourites Carl Zeiss Jena suddenly loomed up as the first big threat.

Wolves passed that test with flying colours warming the hearts of a small group of fans with a 1-0 win on a sub-zero snowy December day behind the Iron Curtain.

Then when Wolves shook everyone with superb victories over Hungarian hopes Ferencvaros and Italian stars Juventus they looked a good bet to land the club's first-ever European trophy.

Yet after battling their way through Europe, they fell at the final hurdle here in England when Tottenham, led by midfield man Alan Mullery, just inched home in a two-leg final that was almost always in the balance.

It was a bitter disappointment and of course so was reaching the semi-final of both the FA Cup and the League Cup as Wolves tried desperately to land a major honour.

So as Bailey added: "You can just imagine how we all felt beating Manchester City especially as they had been established as firm favourites by virtually everyone outside Wolverhampton.

"But we were also a force to be reckoned with. The balance was good from solid defence to bite and variety in midfield plus of course a spearhead involving Derek Dougan and John Richards that always spelled trouble for any defence.

"Add the twinkling talents of left-winger David Wagstaffe who could make a goal out of nothing and it was obvious that we had a lot to offer — especially with a manager like Bill McGarry driving us on.

"In fact, I've never known a team so hyped-up as we were on the day of such an important match. There wasn't a sign of nerves and that may surprise a lot of people when you look at a side that was obviously short on experience of the big-time.

"We were ready. All the talking had been done. I remember I was off like a shot at the kick-off and on that day we produced a great all-round performance even when it looked for a time that City would kill us off.

"It was a magical day. Now I'll be rooting for the lads again because I know just how much this match means to them — and the club. The League Cup used to be laughed at but not anymore. It's such an important trophy to land especially as it

guarantees European football.

"I haven't seen Wolves play this season but they are always one of the first results I look for. There have obviously been a lot of changes at the place but I'll be interested to see how the Andy Gray-John Richards strike force is working out."

Richards, of course, can echo Bailey's thoughts and sentiments as he sets his sights on a return trip to Wembley after making a brave recovery from a knee injury that at one time last season had threatened to end his career.

And it says much for the encouragement from manager John Barnwell that Richards is back in business as Wolves, having escaped relegation, are now firmly on the Wembley trail by two different routes — the League Cup and the FA Cup with a fifth round tie at home to Watford on Saturday.

Barnwell also knows a thing or two about courage. Having taken charge at Molineux 16 months ago he immediately teamed up with Barker to steer struggling Wolves away from relegation trouble as well as guiding them to an FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal — the eventual winners.

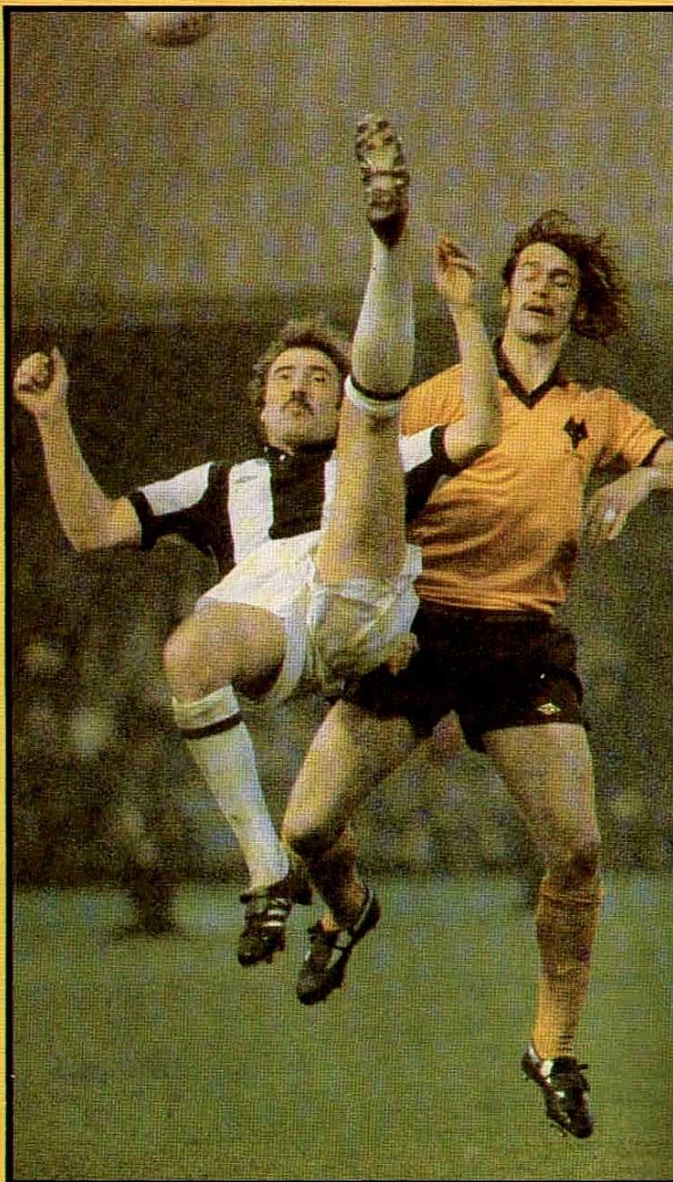
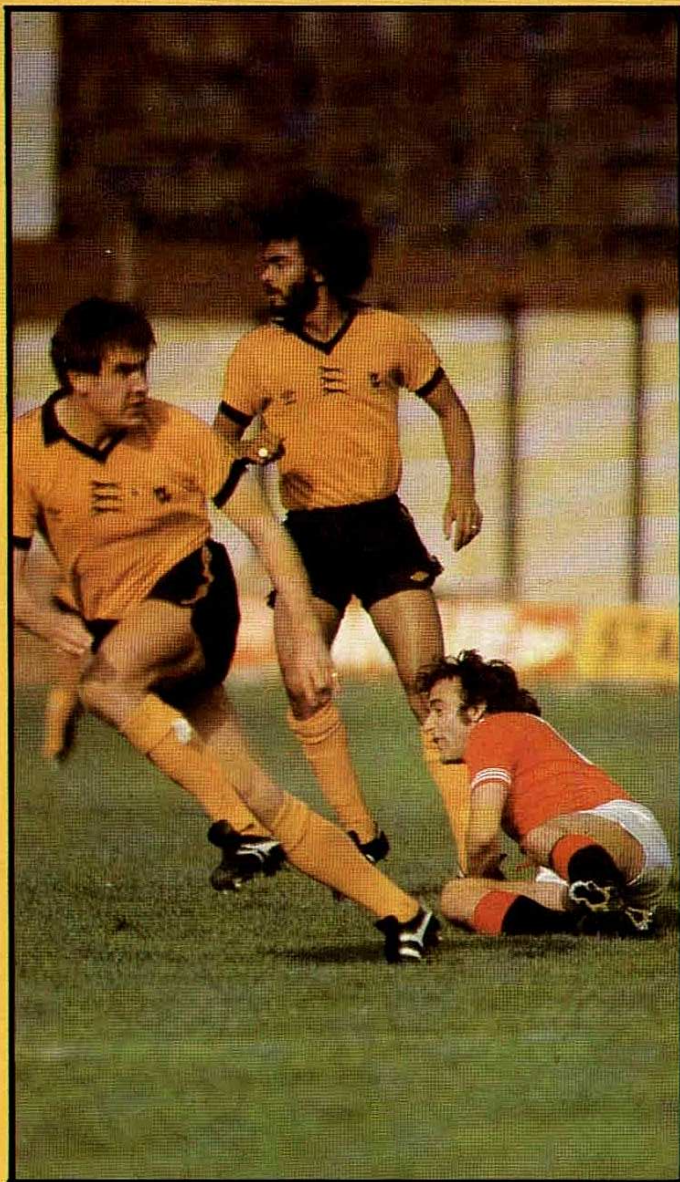
But a serious car crash in April, in which Barnwell almost died, put him out of action for three months. It put his pre-season planning into chaos but it didn't stop his determined efforts to return in time for his first full season at the club.

He had already set up an £85,000 deal for Emyln Hughes, Liverpool's England skipper and defender, and it was left to Richie Barker to complete the transfer with the boss still convalescing.

But when Barnwell finally returned, after previously having defied doctor's orders, things began to happen — on and off the field with Molineux's super £2.5 million stand already changing the shape of a famous ground.

Barnwell got Wolves off to a flying start and by September had already been involved in two record transfer deals. He calmly cracked the record established by the £1 million sale of Trevor Francis from Birmingham to Nottingham Forest last March as Steve Daley moved to Manchester City for a cool £1,150,000.

Then the Wolves boss added just £25,000 to Daley's fee to smash the record again by signing Andy Gray, Aston Villa's Scots striker. It was an audacious move by Barnwell but typical of a manager who knows what he wants and is bold enough to reach for the skies.



And it's a measure of both Barnwell and Barker's blueprint for Wolves that Gray, a man who wanted to leave Villa for a successful club, should move to Molineux at such a crucial time in the club's history.

Now with this League Cup-tie delicately poised, 24-year-old Gray, so unlucky with injuries that have left him with only a mere handful of full caps, is pointing his goal sights in the direction of his first major honour with Wolves.

Barnwell, who recouped around £500,000 from the sale of Bill Rafferty, Bob Hazell and Martin Patching, has also spent £325,000 on former England winger Dave Thomas from Everton.

Goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw, signed for £150,000 from Blackburn just over two years ago, hopes to set a fast pace for the top especially as he's in partnership with Emlyn Hughes of a greyhound that has already featured successfully on Midlands tracks this season.

And in a team that contains some characters, Braddy has recently earned the nickname "Eddie" because of his cartoon drawing in the manner of TV investigator Eddie Shoestring.

Left-back Derek Parkin is still called "Squeak" because of a high-pitched voice in his early Molineux days while Dave Thomas has the "Percy Thrower" touch with his tips on gardening and liking for the countryside.

Geoff Palmer and Kenny Hibbitt are keen golfers while Andy Gray fancies his chances at rally driving and John Richards is taking a course in recreational management.

No prizes for guessing why young Wayne Clarke is called "Sniffer" and Liverpool-born John McAlle, the longest-serving man on the club's books, is known as "Scouse".

And with television personality and Sun columnist Emlyn Hughes at the heart of things it's been one of the most encouraging aspects of Midlands soccer this season to see the way John Barnwell and Richie Barker have put Wolves back on the map.

There is still an awful long way to go but having been associated with Wolves during my ten years in the Midlands it would be tremendous to see them kick-off a new decade at Wembley.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	FL	Gls	FLC	Gls	FAC	GLS	Subs
Atkinson	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berry	25	—	9	—	3	2	—
Bradshaw	25	—	9	—	3	—	—
Brazier	3	—	—	—	1	—	21
Carr	25	2	9	1	3	1	—
Clarke	8	2	3	—	—	—	4
Daniel	23	5	8	1	3	—	—
Eves	11	2	3	1	2	—	6
Gray	20	9	7	1	3	1	—
Hibbitt	23	4	9	4	3	—	—
Hughes	19	—	8	—	2	—	1
McAlle	7	—	2	—	1	—	4
Palmer	25	—	9	2	3	—	—
Parkin	23	—	9	—	2	—	—
Richards	18	4	7	—	3	1	—
Thomas	10	—	4	—	1	—	—
Own Goals		1		1			

Also played: Rafferty (FL 4, FLC 2); Patching (FL 5, FLC 2).
Up to and including February 2

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GRAND LEAGUE CUP QUIZ



FOLLOWING the success of our Christmas Quiz in the match-day magazine it was decided to repeat the exercise for tonight's League Cup semi-final return against Swindon Town. The questions are set out below and the answers will be printed in the magazine for the Middlesbrough game on March 1. The first two correct letters opened will entitle the winner's to spend a day out in the club's Executive box as the guest of Commercial Manager, Jack Taylor, at a match later in the season. Entries please to the Editor, Wolves F.C., Molineux Grounds, Wolverhampton.

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- 1 What season was the League Cup introduced
- 2 Who were the very first winners
- 3 Name the runners-up
- 4 Who were the finalists in 1961-62
- 5 Name the scorers in the two-legged final
- 6 Which famous manager has taken clubs to the most finals
- 7 Two clubs who have each won the European Cup have never won the League Cup. Name them
- 8 When was the final first played at Wembley
- 9 Who was the first Third Division club to appear in a final
- 10 In what year did Swindon win the League Cup
- 11 Who scored their goals
- 12 When did the first 100,000 crowd watch the Wembley final
- 13 Wolves won the League Cup in what year
- 14 Who scored their goals
- 15 Name the losing finalist's of last season
- 16 Which club has won the Cup in two successive years
- 17 Name the semi-finalists of 1976-77
- 18 What colours did the referee wear in the final of 1970-71
- 19 What was significant about the 1976-77 final between Aston Villa and Everton
- 20 Who was the referee of last season's Wembley final

DOWN MEMORY LANE

IN RETROSPECT WOLVES v SWINDON TOWN

SWINDON TOWN are one of the relatively few teams that we have never met in a Football League game and this is, in fact, only the third time that we have been drawn against them in a Cup competition.

The first time was way back in February, 1908, when we beat them in a third round F.A. Cup tie here en route to winning the trophy for the first time after beating Newcastle 3-1 at Crystal Palace.

We met again over 67 years later when the League Cup brought us together in September, 1975. We had taken only three points from our first six First Division games when we travelled to the County Ground for a second-round tie and it seemed that we were in for further misery when the Third Division team (who were also without a League win up to that point) took a two-goal first-half lead with our former striker, PETER EASTOE, and veteran defender, JOHN TROLLOPE, on the mark. We hit back, however, and goals by ALAN SUNDERLAND and JOHN RICHARDS earned us a replay.

By the time the replay came round a week later we had cheered ourselves up a little by beating Birmingham 2-0 to lift us out of the bottom three, while Swindon also received a boost by beating Sheffield Wednesday 2-1. We were, however, without FRANK MUNRO for the replay. DEREK JEFFERSON deputised, while Swindon brought, JIMMY ALLEN, into goal in place of our former keeper, JIM BARRON, and also left out long-serving JOE BUTLER in favour of TERRY HUBBARD.

The first-half, took rather a similar course to the game at Swindon for after

only 18 minutes KEN STROUD touched a short free-kick to DAVID MOSS (now with Luton) for the visiting winger to crash home a fine shot which flew from GARY PIERCE's gloves into the roof of the net.

It seemed we could be on our way to another embarrassing defeat, like the one a year earlier, at the hands of Fulham, as the Third Division team gave as good as they got until half-time.

The game was turned within a few minutes. Our rally was started by DAVE WAGSTAFFE who was destined to play only another three games in our colours. He crossed the ball perfectly for JOHN RICHARDS to head it forward for ALAN SUNDERLAND, standing near the far post, to push it home.

Just a quarter of an hour later Sunderland seemed to have taken a leaf out of Waggy's book as he crossed perfectly for JOHN RICHARDS to head home and the game seemed to be over six minutes later as KEN HIBBITT crashed a great shot in off a post. Almost immediately, however, PETER EASTOE rose perfectly to head home TREVOR ANDERSON's cross and with the score 3-2 and over 10 minutes to go we had a few anxious moments before the final whistle. Just before this welcome sound, however, we seemed to have made the game doubly safe when Alan Sunderland netted again but he was ruled offside.

We went on to beat Birmingham in the third round, but then went out 1-0 at Mansfield in the fourth.

The teams for the game here on September 16, 1976 were:

WOLVES: Pierce; Parkin, McNab, Bailey, Jefferson, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Sunderland, Wagstaffe.

SWINDON: Allen; Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss (Jenkins) McLaughlin, Eastoe, Hubbard, Anderson.

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BOBBY SMITHS BRAVE BATTLERS



SWINDON

THERE is one club which is never far away from Swindon Town manager Bobby Smith's thoughts as he plans the future for his lively Third Division aristocrats. And that is Manchester United where he started his professional career as a young apprentice in 1959.

Smith spent five years at Old Trafford, was 12th man five times, but never managed a first team appearance. The memory of United still stays with him, however, and it is not surprising that he has built a set-up at Swindon which is modelled on the former European champions.

Visitors to the County Ground often remark on the family spirit which exists at their well-appointed headquarters and Smith is well pleased. He has worked extremely hard on creating the right atmosphere and the evidence of his efforts since he arrived from Bury are everywhere to be seen.

He believes that everything has to be right off the field as well as on it. Total involvement is what he demands because he contends that this makes everybody care about the club.

It explains why Smith and all his officials and playing staff are confident about the outcome of tonight's League Cup semi-final return. "We won't have any apprehensions about playing at Molineux," he says.

"We are good enough to win away from home against anybody and the confidence that runs through the team is staggering."

That confidence was clearly seen in their fourth round FA Cup battles against Tottenham Hotspur last month. After holding the Spurs to a goalless draw at the County ground they were desperately unlucky to lose the replay at White Hart Lane 2-1 on January 30.

Their efforts are now concentrated on the twin aims of reaching the League Cup final at Wembley on March 15 and winning promotion to the Second Division. Swindon are no strangers to Wembley nor the Second Division.

They were the last Third Division side to win the League Cup when they achieved a famous 3-1 victory over Arsenal in 1969 and they also won promotion to the Second Division the same year staying at the higher level for a further five years.

Apart from his start in the right atmosphere, Smith certainly served his apprenticeship in the game before



ANDY ROWLAND

starting his successful managerial career and from United he went to Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Brighton, Chester, Hartlepool and Bury to run up 320 League appearances.

It was at Bury as player coach that he started out on the other side of the fence and after five years working under manager Allan Brown he was stepped up to manager when Brown took over Nottingham Forest.

He immediately took Bury to promotion and had three good years in the Third Division and admits: "It was a tremendous background for me, and I learned a terrific amount about the game."

This was followed by five brief months at Port Vale before Swindon general manager Danny Williams recommended Smith to join the Wiltshire club. The present exploits of the Swindon team are splendid testimony to the hard work he has put into the club over the last two years.

As one of the brightest young managers in the game he has firmly based beliefs on honest, attacking football. And those beliefs on attacking football stem right back to his days at Old Trafford.

"Life with Manchester United was always about attacking football and trying to score goals," he recalls. "I can't remember ever thinking about defending when I was there. It was just the way the first team played, and in any case when you have players like Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best, you don't defend, do you?"

"In fact, tactics never played a big part in the scheme of things at Old Trafford, and I only started to grow up in football when I left for Scunthorpe."

Smith added: "But those early days at Old Trafford have always stayed with me, and my policy has always been to hit people with early pressure."

"We have done well here by allying ability with hard work and dedication and I am lucky to have a good board of directors behind me. I'm probably the only Third Division manager who would have been allowed to pay £100,000 for a player like Glen Cockerill from Lincoln City and then play him in the reserves."

Cockerill has been at Swindon for nearly two months now and has still not had a first team game. But that is hardly surprising considering the success the side has enjoyed and Cockerill's turn will undoubtedly come soon.



BRIAN WILLIAMS

Smith has brought well in his two years, taking Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes from Bury and Watford each for £80,000. This striking duo have between them now netted over 40 goals. And their goalscoring exploits have been one of the key reasons for their progress to the semi-finals.

Derby-born Rowland started his career under Brian Clough and Peter Taylor with Derby County, but failed to make even one first team performance. Ever since he has been dedicated to proving Clough and Taylor wrong.

He went to Bury where he linked up with Smith and he promptly began to score goals in plentiful fashion. In 169 games he scored 58 to help Bury win promotion to the Third Division and this high ratio has been further improved since arriving at the County Ground.

Mayes has been just as prolific as his partner and his former club Watford must regret their decision to sell him. In his first 21 games for Swindon he scored 11 times helping them to finish in the Third Division promotion race last year. And he has been an even more deadlier finisher during this campaign.

Rowland and Mayes are certainly both very



CHRIS KAMARA

accomplished performers, but a good many of their opportunities are opened up for them by winger Ian Miller. The flying Scot from Perth had a brief spell at Bury and Nottingham Forest before moving down a grade to Doncaster. His performances with the Yorkshire club alerted Swindon and he was one of Smith's first signings.

Every good team has to have an efficient and hard-working midfield and Swindon have an abundance of talent in this department. Middlesbrough-born Chris Kamara is perhaps the most creative player in the side, but Ray McHale and Brian Williams are very capable performers.

Kamara was snapped up from Portsmouth and has since been attracting the attention of several First Division clubs. Williams is another protege from Bury, who moved on to Queen's Park Rangers for a big fee two seasons ago. But Rangers were struggling to keep their place in the First Division and Williams was eventually allowed to leave for Swindon last season where he has never looked back.

Club captain McHale provides all the experience one would expect from a player who



ALAN MAYES

has done previous valiant service for Chesterfield and Halifax.

The defence is now in the capable hands of Billy Tucker who is no stranger to successful Cup runs. He was a member of Hereford United's side which dumped Newcastle out of the FA Cup a few seasons ago and gave West Ham United an almighty scare. Roy Carter, another former Hereford player, is his defensive partner and the full-back positions are filled by Russell Lewis and Kenneth Stroud.

Goalkeeper Jimmy Allan has now played more than 200 League games for Swindon and his agility has played a very important part in the club's successful run of results.

To ensure that his first teamers are always kept on their toes, manager Smith has a more than useful bunch of experienced and youthful players waiting in the wings. Former Southampton striker Paul Gilchrist and ex-Shrewsbury goal-getter Chic Bates are just two of them. Gilchrist has had an ankle injury which has halted his progress, but Bates is still pressing his claims for inclusion from the substitute's bench.



CLUB NEWS

ANDY FOILED YET AGAIN

CENTRE FORWARD Andy Gray could be forgiven for thinking that the fates are acting unkindly against him when it comes to playing for Scotland.

He was all set to leave for the Scottish headquarters on the Saturday night after the Everton Championship game against Portugal had been called off.

Once again the 24-year-old striker had to taste disappointment and it's amazing to think that he has still been capped only six times at full level.

Injuries have been his biggest bugbear and he has been pulled out of two internationals by Wolves manager John Barnwell already this season after agreeing that he was still not 100 per cent fit.

There was some consolation after the Scotland cancellation. He was able to take two days off last week which certainly helped him to settle into his new home.

"PATCH" RETURNS

OUR FA CUP fifth round clash with Watford this Saturday will see the welcome return of former midfield favourite, Martin Patching. The 21-year-old Yorkshire lad moved to the Second Division club just before Christmas.

He could scarcely have expected to come

face to face again so quickly with all his former colleagues at Molineux. Martin, who still lives in Wolverhampton, is clearly looking forward to the challenge.

Since his move to the North London club he has been a key player in their set-up and he has obviously helped them through this far with victories over Queen's Park Rangers (2-1) and Harlow Town (4-3). In that fourth round tie he scored two goals:

But Martin always did have an eye for goals scoring several spectacular ones during his Molineux days.

WILLENHALL WINNERS

AS Wolves continue their impressive strides into the Eighties the Wolves Lottery continues to keep progress with the times. Commercial manager Jack Taylor is determined to make the competitions one of the best of its kind in the country.

Agents are still required for all areas and full details of how to sign-up to help your club can be obtained by calling at the Pools office or telephoning Wolverhampton 27524.

Among our recent £1,000 winners were Mr. and Mrs A. J. Arnold of Willenhall who are pictured on this page receiving their cheque from the Commercial manager. The Arnolds were then entertained as guests of the club for the recent home game against Bristol City.



LOTTERY DRAW

OUR next Lottery draw will take place on the pitch at half-time of our fifth round FA Cup-tie against Watford this Saturday — and if the eventual winners are present they will be presented with their cheque after the final whistle.

The draw on Saturday, February 23, will take place at the Seven Stars public house, Brocton, near Stafford at 9.30 p.m.

NEW FIXTURE ARRANGEMENTS

OUR two postponed First Division fixtures against Arsenal and Tottenham have now been re-arranged.

The outstanding clash against Arsenal at Molineux will now take place on Tuesday, February 19 (kick-off 7.30 p.m.) — providing we are not involved in FA Cup fifth round replay at Watford.

The away fixture with Tottenham is now scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, again with a 7.30 p.m. start.

Our Reserves are going to be extremely busy until the end of the season as well. They have not played since December 29 and have matches to re-arrange. At home to Nottingham Forest, Blackburn Rovers and Everton and away to Stoke and Bury.

PROGRAMME CORNER

SCOTTISH fan Ian Munro is anxious to try and find a Wolves versus Glasgow Rangers programme from the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final, second-leg in 1960-61. Wolves drew the home leg 1-1 but lost to Rangers 3-1 on aggregate.

Mr. Munro has been searching for this programme to complete his collection and he is prepared to buy the missing item if a Wolves fan is willing to part. His address is 56 Nimmo Ave, Perth PN1 2PX.

CALLING ALL SCHOOL TEAMS

PACKMOOR First and Middle School from Stoke-on-Trent are looking for a friendly soccer fixture against a similar school from Wolverhampton on the morning of March 23. The boys, aged between 8 and 12, are coming to Wolverhampton that day and plan to watch the Staffordshire local derby between Wolves and Stoke City in the afternoon.

Their master Mr. G. Wilshaw says his school is approximately 200-strong. Their address is Packmoor, Stoke-on-Trent, and Mr. Wilshaw can be obtained by ringing Kidsgrove 2194.

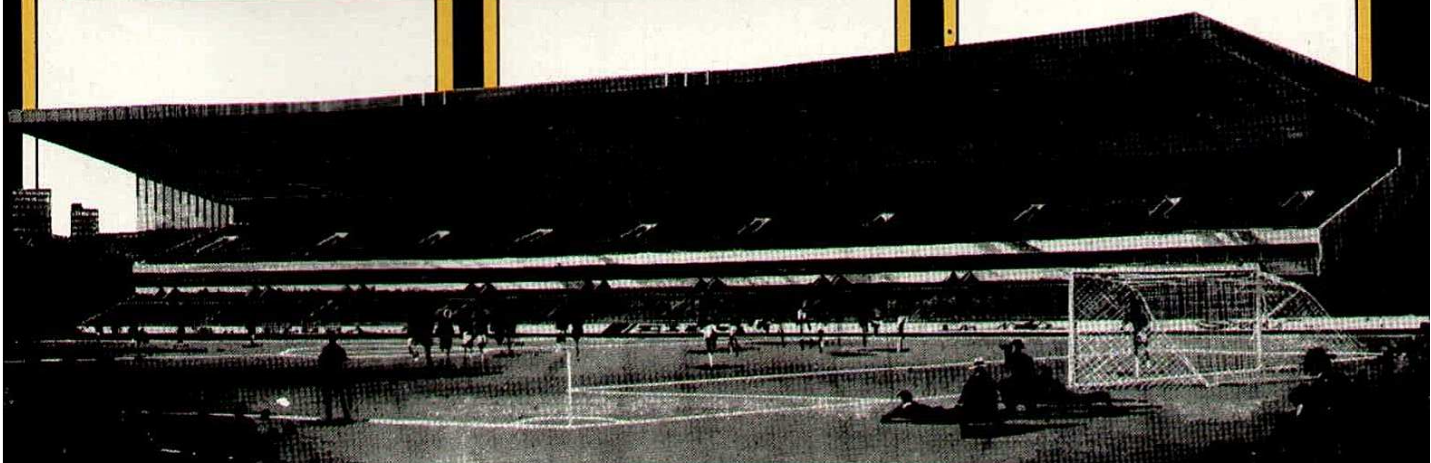
HEADING FOR THE TOP

WOLVES youngsters are nicely poised to win the Midland Youth League this season after a determined late run which has taken them into second place behind local rivals West Bromwich Albion.

They now have three matches left to play against Derby, Leicester and Swindon and it is well within their capabilities to clinch the title.

They have also had a fair season in the stronger Midland Intermediate League which includes the reserve squads of Walsall, Port Vale and Shrewsbury Town.

Local boy David Butler and Mick Matthews have been in devastating form upfront with Butler averaging two goals a game in recent outings.



PROGRESS IN THAT OTHER CUP



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26: Wolves 1 Norwich City 1 Andy Gray (top left) hit his first FA Cup goal for Wolves and had another "goal" disallowed which would have separated the two teams and helped us into the fifth round at the first attempt. As it was Andy's goal was still vital because it cancelled out Kevin Bond's early goal for Norwich which had given a tremendous boost. It was not until the second-half that Wolves really began to turn on the heat and Kenny Hibbitt (top right) looks on anxiously as his shot hits the upright and is cleared with goalkeeper Kevin Keeland beaten. In the action below John Richards, Andy Gray and Geoff Palmer are all seen making determined challenges. The game still ended as a draw . . . but four days later Wolves clinched their place in the next round with a thrilling 3-2 win at Carrow Road.





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TODAY'S TEAM

OFFICIALS

Referee:

Neil Midgley, Salford

An experienced referee who has taken charge of several important Cup clashes. He has also refereed a Schoolboy international and also run the line in a UEFA Cup game. He is a keen sportsman and once had trials with Preston North End.

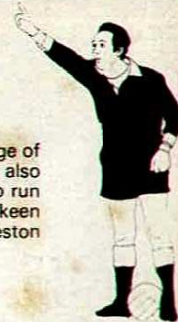
Linesmen:

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K. D. Breese, Rotherham

Red Flag —

B. Davies, Ruthen



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- 2 GEOFF PALMER
- 3 DEREK PARKIN
- 4 PETER DANIEL
- 5 EMLYN HUGHES
- 6 GEORGE BERRY
- 7 KENNY HIBBITT
- 8 WILLIE CARR
- 9 ANDY GRAY
- 10 JOHN RICHARDS
- 11 MEL EVES

Sub:

SWINDON

(Red shirts, white shorts)



- 1 JIMMY ALLAN
- 2 RUSSELL LEWIS
- 3 KENNY STROUD
- 4 RAY McHALE
- 5 BILLY TUCKER
- 6 ROY CARTER
- 7 IAN MILLER
- 8 CHRIS KAMARA
- 9 ANDY ROWLAND
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- 11 BRIAN WILLIAMS

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Saturday, February 16

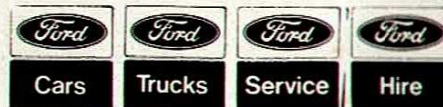
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