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News

Germany

Keith Curle made a flying visit to Germany this week to get expert advise and treatment on his on-going Achillies problem.

Keith arrived back yesterday in time to prepare for today's game.



Landmark

Yet another for Steve Bull. If the record-breaking striker scores today it will be his 300th senior goal for Wolves.

Wolves ClubCall Quote of the Week

"All credit to the boss who is working hard and has put his faith in the players. At Reading we just weren't good enough and now it's time to stand



time to stand up and be counted."

Mike Stowell speaking after the game at Elm Park

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Lee makes the grade

Lee Naylor has been enjoying watching West Midland derby games since he joined Wolves' School of Excellence six years ago. He didn't imagine that he would be catapulted into playing a leading role in one quite so young.

At just 17, and with a professional

contract his reward for impressive reserve team performances, the leftback made his first start for Wolves at St Andrew's.

"Although I'd been training with the first team, I didn't know I'd be playing until just a couple of hours before the game. But it was still

> plenty long enough to get nervous.

"For the first 20 minutes I felt my stomach rumbling, but then it wore off and I just got on with the game. By the end I felt OK.

"Keith Curle and Darren Ferguson kept talking to me which was a big help."

Wolves supporters were delighted with the start the young debutante made, but there was one member of the crowd who had an extra reason to feel proud - brother Martyn.

"Martyn plays for Shrewsbury but because the game was on Sunday he had planned to come and watch," explains Lee.

"I had phoned home and told my mum and dad that I had been selected, but Martyn wouldn't have known I was going to play. It was a surprise for him to see my name on the team sheet.

"I've always enjoyed watching Wolves in derby games, the atmosphere is so good. It was great to make my debut in such a big game, but I was disappointed the score didn't go our way.

"Hopefully I'll get the chance to play in front of the home crowd today. I've been with Wolves since I was 13 and all that time I've dreamed of playing at Molineux".



Simpson knows the score

If anyone can sympathise with Wolves' plight at the moment it's Paul Simpson.

The 31 year old midfielder, currently on-loan from Derby, knows all about the struggle for Premiership football.

After five years' service with the Rams, he has twice seen his club fail to win in the play-offs. However, unlike his new colleagues at Wolves, he has had the pleasure of finally helping his team through to the top flight.

"When I first went to Derby the club had spent £15 million on players in an effort to get the team promoted," he explains. "But we lost out to Blackburn in the semifinal of the play-offs in '92 and to Leicester in the final in '94. Finally in '96, ironically the season when we'd sold a lot of the players, we went up after finishing second."

Clearly Derby have seen that money doesn't automatically buy success, but what was the key for Derby in their triumphant season?

Paul says: "That year there was a really good team spirit at the club. It showed in our performances, especially when we went behind. On 11 occasions we went 1-0 down but came back to win the game.

"This is such a hard division to claw your way out of that it's not always about who's got the best players, but which team can work the hardest."

Paul has come to Wolves on loan with a view to a £75,000 permenant deal. Unavailable for the Coca-Cola Cup tie at Reading, the former Manchester City and Oxford United player is looking to the next few League games to make his mark.

Although delighted with the chance to come to Molineux, the move was unexpected.

"I was doing a bit of shopping around Derby when I got a call to say that Wolves were interested," he says.

"I went into the club to have a word with Jim Smith about my future.

"I'd been on the bench for all of Derby's games so far this season and my contract is up at the end of the term. Jim was very honest with me and said he thought this was a good opportunity.

"Although I'm stepping down a division, if



News

Return

Steve Corica has made a return to training. After suffering a torn cruciate ligament at Port Vale in April, Steve is next in line for a return to action.



Latest

Jamie Smith
looks set for the
Premiership.
Wolves has
negotiated a
'swop' deal for
the 22 year old
defender in
exchange for
Crysta! Palace's
striker Dougie
Freedman and
right-back Kevin Muscat.





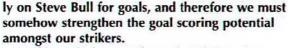
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Some of you may say 'I told you so', but it's only now after these three consecutive defeats that I have to concede that the players that we have available at the moment are not strong enough to keep us in contention until the rest of the squad are fit.

Although we are only a few weeks away from having most of them back, I recognise that if we don't achieve some results in the meantime, then we could slip further behind than we can afford to. However, the fact remains that no additional cash has been made available, and in order to make changes to the squad, certain sacrifices have to be made.

I appreciate that we can not continue relying sole-



To this end I hope to have signed Dougie Freedman by the time you read these notes.

I also have to concede that the balance in midfield is not right, and prior to the return of players like Simon Osborn and Steve Sedgley, we are going to have to find a player, or players, to bring a much more physical presence into this area of the park. We badly need people who can get close to the opposition and who can tackle.

All of this said, what has to be made absolutely clear is that there is a difference between being unable to do a certain job and being unwilling to try.

Players who have been on the field for us have, to the best of their ability, tried to do what I have asked of them. The mistake has been mine in asking certain individuals to do jobs that they are just not capable of.

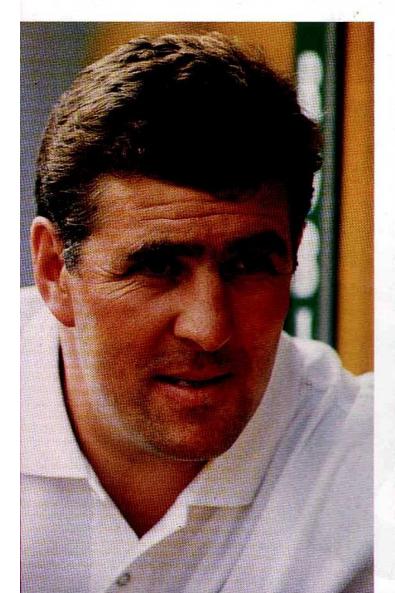
Any of you who heard or read my comments after the Birmingham City game should not be confused about what I was saying. I said that I was satisfied that the team that played that day did just about as well as they could do. I did not say that I was in any way satisfied with that situation, or that I was being in any way complacent about addressing this reality. Indeed, it was this reality that forced me to pursue the changes that I have been trying to make this week.

Clearly the mixture of Darren Ferguson, Jesus Sanjuan and Carl Robinson is not correct. However, I believe that each one of these players can be successful in the team when we achieve a better mixture.

We are now only a few weeks away from having Osborn, Sedgley, Steve Corica, Michael Gilkes and Steve Froggatt fit again, and it therefore remains imperative that in signing players that we don't simply duplicate what we already have, but instead fill positions where we don't have players.

In situations the likes of which we find ourselves in at the moment, I believe that what is required is solidarity. Of course fall-outs are inevitable, but they should be positive and constructive as we are after all wanting the same thing.

By all means fall out with me, but during the 90 minutes of play this afternoon, give the team your one hundred percent support.



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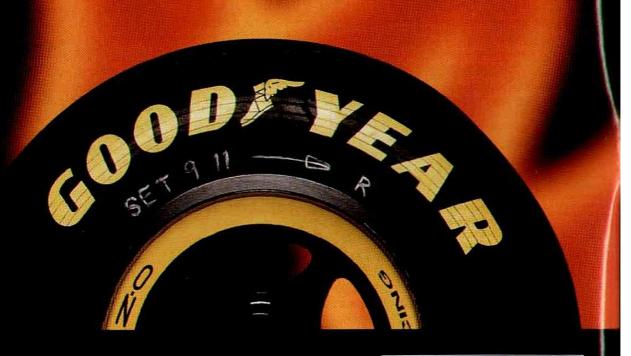
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Sir Jack Chairman

I find myself today in a difficult position: either I say nothing to show my support for our manager Mark McGhee and his team, or I do and it becomes the dreaded 'vote of confidence'. Either way I will be fuelling the sort of negative headlines that do not help our worrying situation.

Since my family took over the running of the club in 1990 we have changed managers twice, succeeded in reaching the Division One play-offs on two occasions, then failed to win the ultimate prize. These failures leave me almost overwhelmed in an effort to find a solution. In trying to do so I have looked long and hard at our current squad and asked 'why not'? Why, even accounting for our horrendous catalogue of injuries, can these players - many of whom have a history of success and talent to match - not make it happen for Wolves.

I have sought the opinions of a whole range of people, as well as the players themselves, and no one can give me a credible answer. However, I am sure that sacking Mark is not the solution.

I can understand the reasons for the negative reviews we are currently receiving: a run of poor results leading to a mid-table position will inevitably provoke a call for the manager's head from some quarters.

And I realise that for the sake of injecting some life into this unhappy situation, a campaign aimed at ousting the manager will have its appeal. It will gain momentum and give some people a reason to shout at a time when there is little to shout about on the pitch.

But does it bring about an improvement in fortunes for OUR club, Wolverhampton Wanderers?

Painfully, twice in the recent past we have changed managers, coaches, players and numerous other aspects of life at Molineux in order to try and bring about a reversal of the team's fortunes.

It hasn't worked in the past and I've no reason to believe it would now.

Dissenting voices
- yours or mine have been a symptom of underachievement and

not produced a cure.

Many people coming to Molineux this afternoon will also be asking themselves the question 'why have we failed'. And as the players run out onto the pitch, they too will probably have these sentiments ringing in their ears.

This is a picture that provokes another question for me: if I were a player how would I perform under such a cloud of dissatisfaction, and in an atmosphere of negativity? The answer to this is obvious - not as well as I might if the reception was one of whole-hearted support.

Therefore I want to state here, unequivocally, that the manager and players have no greater supporter of their cause than myself.

I have always looked upon my involvement with this club as a partnership with you, the supporters. Nothing that I have done in the past would have been worth a jot if I had not had the backing of Wolves' loyal fans. Today, more than ever, I implore you to play your part in this partnership.

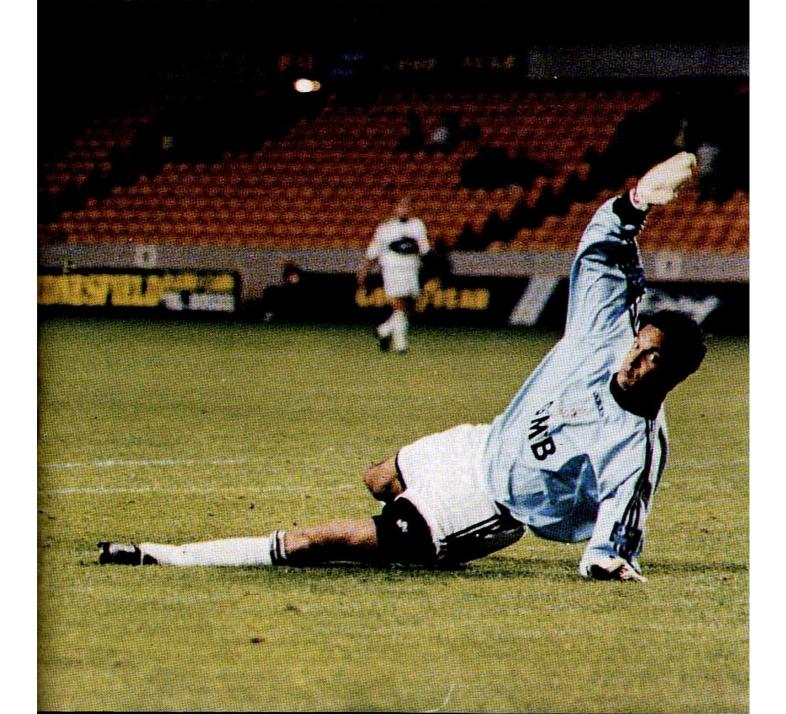
The entire staff at Wolves know they all have my support, please let them know they have yours. Maybe then, together, we will discover the elusive solution.

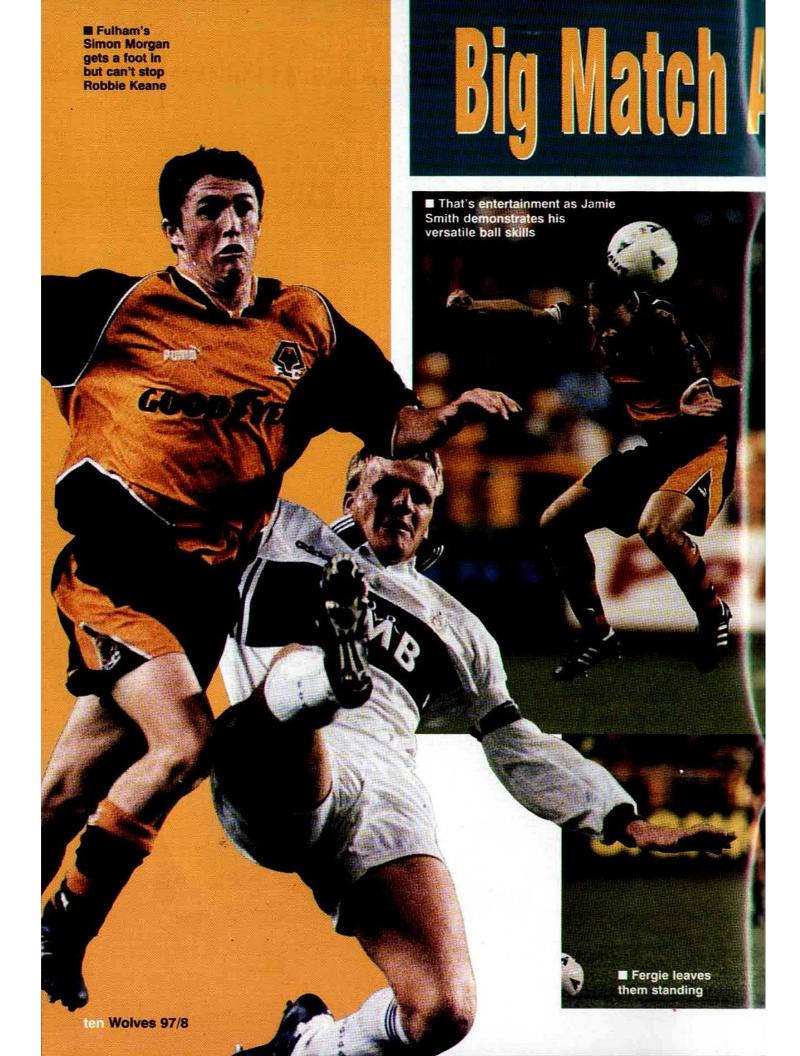
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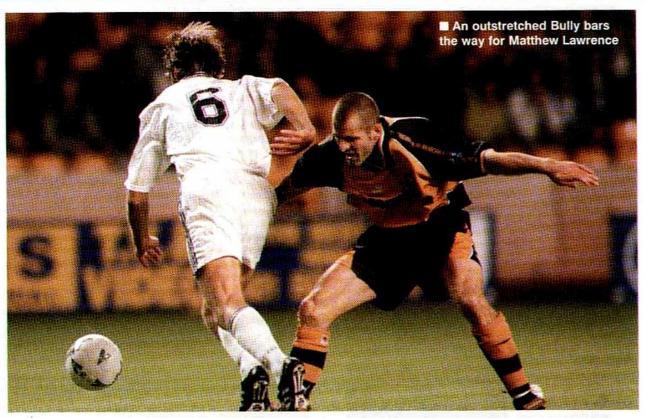
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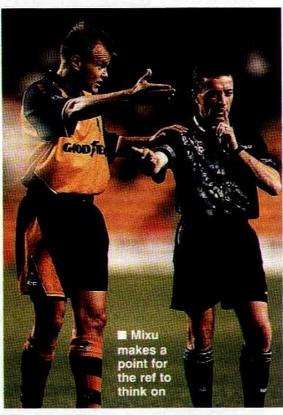




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On the Road

Alex White gives a fan's eye view of Valley Parade

The late morning mist was still evident as we left the M6 north to begin our ascent of the Pennies - known as the backbone of England. I thought that the lads were going to need plenty of this if they are to overturn this strong and disciplined Bradford side.

I caught a brief glimpse of a chimney top standing guard next to Arkwrights Mill - the neon lights on its roof heralding the fact that this once great producer of the nations 'cardies' has been converted into the regions latest 'hot spot', an all singing, dancing, floating, wobbling,

canal-side, multiscreened, indoor gokarting bloody wine bar !!!

The mist continued to thicken and I was worried that I'd miss the signposts to the ground. I was later to discover that my fears were entirely unfounded as in fact there was only one sign and this was fixed to the front of

Bradfords' main stand.

Visibility suddenly began to improve and in a short while we could see for miles. "I don't believe it," cried Lee who was driving. Looking out of the car I saw the slip road dropping away to the left still shrouded in mist and packed with slow moving vehicles. At the head of the line was a 1962 VW Dormobile belching out thick black smoke.... we had been stuck behind the damn thing for 17 miles.

One hour and several missed turnings later we parked up within 50 yards of the ground. A smart

personable steward greeted us at reception and checked our passes. As guests of Terry Lyndsay of Carrington Power Smith, we were ushered into the sponsors lounge for a champagne reception, after which we were welcomed by the hostess and taken on a tour of the ground. This included a visit to

the police control room and the players changing rooms, in which, we were introduced to the Bradford coach and shown some of their set plays for the match ahead.

The pre-match meal was excellent, the post meal match was a disappointment. Bradford beat us 2-0 and were deserved winners. The home supporters were very vocal and the club can be proud of them and the 18,000 capacity stadium which combine to produce an intimidating atmosphere which is in contrast to the very warm reception which we received from Bradford F C included both their playing staff and chairman.

Everyone was very friendly and but for the result it would have been a perfect day.

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Segers, Green, Winstone, Westwood (Hampton 52), Simms, Wright, Diaz, Seamus Crowe, Leadbeater (Roberts 69), Glen Crowe, Foley. Unused sub: Clarke.

This was a great performance which got just what it deserved - a win. Bolton came into the game sitting on top of the table with four wins and a draw from their first five games. But our youngsters simply overpowered them and, though it was never easy, the scoreline could have been much higher.

Those of you who regularly read my programme notes will know that I rarely like to single players out for praise. But Dominic Foley had, in my view, by far his best performance for the club. We played Dominic in a deeper role than usual, and he responded with an inspirational game which he capped with a great opening goal.

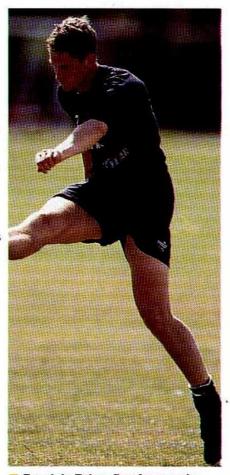
That came in the sixth minute when he hit a low shot that beat the Bolton keeper all the way. Dominic played just behind the front two and he was putting in some delightful passes that contributed to some fine moves.

Our flow was somewhat disrupted when we lost our

captain, Chris
Westwood
through injury
shortly after the
second half had
begun. But the
lads soon
regained the
initiative and
Jermaine Wright,
with a shot
similar to
Dominic's, made
it two in the
62nd minute.

Bolton came back strongly in the closing stages and they pulled a goal back through Lee Potter nine minutes from the end. But the defence withstood a late onslaught to protect the win that they thoroughly deserved.

Mike Hickman



Dominic Foley: fine form and a goal against Bolton

PONTIN'S RESERVES Fixtures & Results 1997/98

	Date	Opponent	H/A	F-A	Scorers
	Aug 13	Notts County	A	3-0	Leadbeater, G.Crowe, (OG)
	Aug 19	Port Vale	H	1-1	G.Crowe
他许	Sept 2	Coventry City	A	0-4	
	Sept 10	Middlesbrough	H	1-1	Green
	Sept 17	Manchester City	A	0-1	
H	Sept 29	Bolton Wanderers	H	2-1	Foley, Wright
	Oct 7	West Brom Albion	Н	11	Diaz
	Oct 27	Sunderland	A		
	Nov 10	Oldham Athletic	Н		
	Nov 19	Grimsby Town	A		
	Dec 10	Port Vale	A		
	Dec 15	Notts County	Н		
11	Jan 5	Coventry City	Н		
	Jan 14	Huddersfield Town	Α		
	Jan 21	Middlesbrough	Α		
	Feb 2	Leicester City	Α		
	Feb 9	Manchester City	H		
	Feb 23	Bolton Wanderers	A		
	Mar 2	Huddersfield Town	H		
	Mar 11	Oldham Athletic	A		
	Mar 24	Sunderland	Н		
	Mar 31	Grimsby Town	Н		
	Apr 22	West Brom Albion	Α		
	Apr 28	Leicester City	Н		
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Five home games, beginning with the match against Oldham Athletic on November 10, will be played at Buck's Head Stadium Telford.

Division One League Table 1997/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Grimsby Town	7	4	2	1	15	7	14	
Bolton Wanderers	7	4	1	2	15	8	13	
Sunderland	8	4	1	3	14	15	13	
Oldham Athletic	8	3	3	2	15	10	12	
Manchester City	7	3	2	2	13	11	11	
Coventry City	6	3	1	2	9	4	10	
Leicester City	6	3	1	2	12	8	10	
Wolverhampton Wanderers	7	2	3	2	8	9	9	
West Bromwich Albion	7	2	3	2	7	11	9	
Middlesbrough	6	2	2	2	14	10	8	
Port Vale	6	2	2	2	12	12	8	
Huddersfield Town	6	1	0	5	8	17	3	
Notts County	7	0	1	6	6	26	1	

Stats upto and including Wednesday October 8, 1997

When a young player starts out at a football club, he must dedicate himself to working hard at his game, take in the knowledge he is given, and learn from the experiences he gains. Lee Naylor is one young player that has taken everything on board that has been asked of him.



Chris Turner: Youth team coach

Last Sunday, he made a very encouraging debut at Birmingham

City where he kept a £1.5m player, John McCarthy, very quiet. This time last season, Lee was learning how to defend in back fours and back fives and since then he has gone on to be one of the best players in the club at going forward from a deep position. He has been playing consistently well at youth and reserve levels for quite some time now and he thoroughly deserves his chance at senior level. He should be a great example to all the other youth team players because he has got on, quietly learning his trade over a period of 12 months. He has improved on all aspects of his game and now he has to go that extra step forward and produce the quality at a level where it matters most - in the first team squad.

Whenever a boy moves up in the club, it creates an opening for someone else. I am now looking for a left back to replace Lee and there are several options open to me which I shall be looking at over the next few games.

Since my last notes we have played three games; Walsall (1-1) in the League Cup, Aston Villa (1-2) and Notts County (2-2) in the League. As you may know, the Villa result was our first defeat in the League which makes it twice that we have lost to them this season; the other being in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. Both games have been very tight as there is not a lot to choose between the two teams. We could have actually won the two games but we disappointingly had to settle for second best. That is something I do not want us to do too often.

In the Walsall game I made six changes to the side because of the involvement of six players in a reserve team fixture 48 hours later. This once again shows that the young players are making giant strides forward at the club. Those of you who attend the reserve team games will, I am sure, agree that these young players have performed well at this higher level and that in the not too distant future there will be other young players making their first team debuts. There will now be a replay against Walsall later this month to decide who goes into the next round of the League Cup.

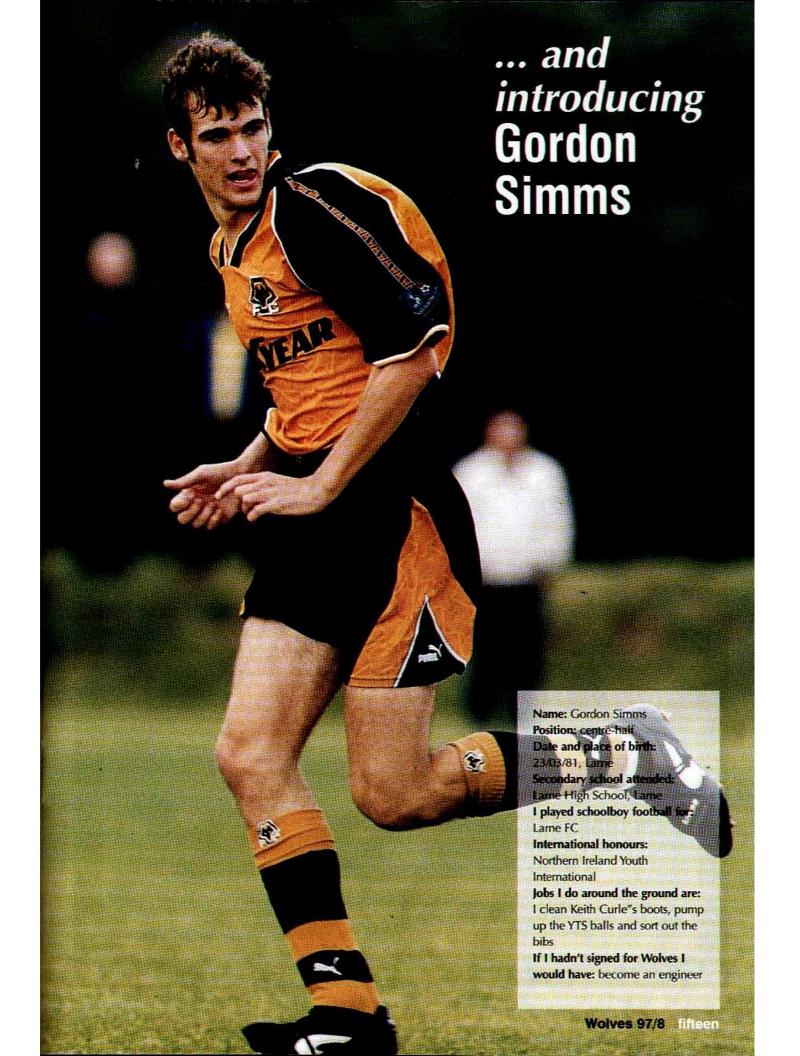
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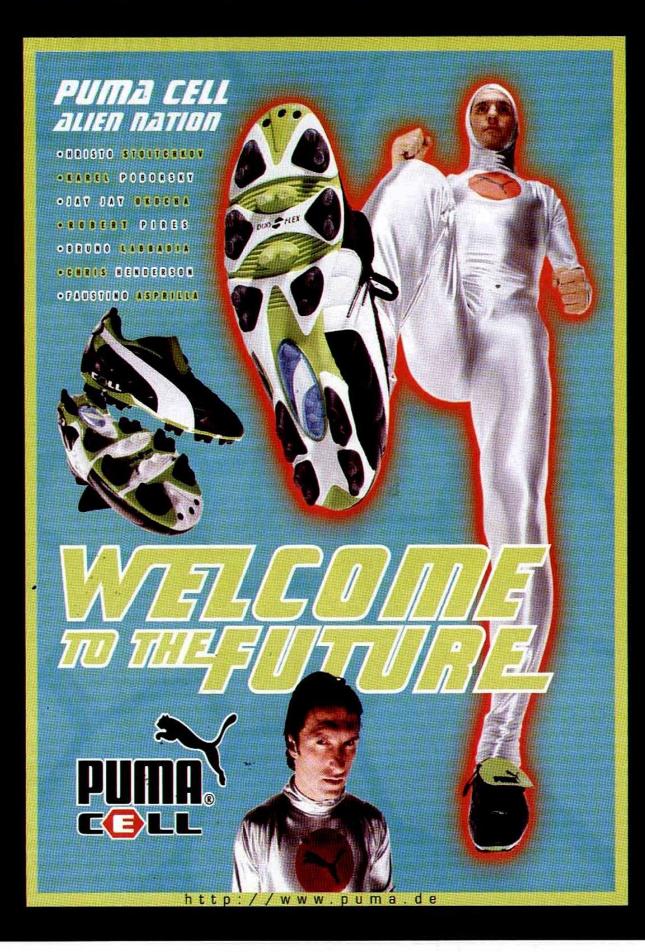
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Aug 16	West Brom Albion	A	5-1	Hughes, Jones,
				Winstone (2), Naylor
Aug 21	B'ham City SJFC	H	5-0	Lamey (2), Jones,
				S.Crow, Winstone
Aug 23	Leicester City	H	3-1	Andrews, Jones,
				Naylor
Aug 30	Grimsby Town	Н	6-0	Jones (3), Lamey (3)
Sept 6	Peterborough Utd	A	2-0	Jones, Clarke
Sept 13	Birmingham City	H	2-1	Simms, Jones
Sept 20	Notts Forest	H	3-1	Naylor, Winstone,
			MINE II	Larney
Sept 23	Aston Villa SJFC Rd1	A	2-4	Winstone, Hackett
Sept 27	Walsall Lge Cup Rd1	A	1-1	Jones
Oct 4	Aston Villa	Н	1-2	Hampton
Oct 11	Notts County	A	2-2	Jones(2)
Oct 16	Derby County MYC Rd2	H		
Oct 18	Coventry City	H		
Oct 21	Walsall Lge Cup Ad1r	TBC		
Oct 25	Shrewsbury Town	H		
Nov 1	Port Vale	A		
Nov 8	Lincoln City	A		
Nov 15	Northampton Town	H		
Nov 22	Lae Cup - Rd2			
Nov 29	Mansfield Town	A		
Dec 6	West Brom Albion	H		HE HOLDING HE
Dec 13	Leicester City	A		
Dec 20	Grimsby Town	Α		
Jan 3	Peterborough Utd	H		
Jan 10	Birmingham City	Α		
Jan 17	Lge Cup semi final			
Jan 24	Derby County	Α		
Jan 31	Walsall	H		
Feb 7	Aston Villa	A		
Feb 14	Notts County	H		
Feb 21	Coventry City	Α		
Feb 28	Shrewsbury Town	A		
Mar 7	Port Vale	H		
Mar 14	Lincoln City	Н		
Mar 21	Northampton Town	A		
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Wolves	8	7	0	1	24	7	21	
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Aston Villa	9	5	3	- 1	22	12	18	
Peterborough Utd	9	5	3 2	2	20	12	17	
West Bromwich Albion	7	5	0	2	25	13	15	
Walsall	7	4	1	2	15	8	13	
Leicester City	7	3	2	2	11	10	11	
Port Vale	8	2	4	2	14	13	10	
Mansfield Town	8	2 2	2	4	12	15	8	
Birmingham City	7	2	1	4	9	19		
Notts County	7	1	3	3	15	18	6	
Nottingham Forest	7	1	2	4	11	14	7 6 5 5 5	
Coventry City	7	1	2	4	5	15	5	
Northampton Town	7	0	5	2	14	17	5	
Lincoln City	7	1	1	5	13	28	4	
Shrewsbury Town	7	0	2	5	9	23	2	

Stats upto and including 4th October 1997





SPOTLIGHT on today's visitors

Top-flight ambition for Swindon

There is seldom a successful manager who does not have a sound right-hand man to turn to. Swindon manager Steve McMahon knows he can count on Mike Walsh, his former Everton team-mate, who this month celebrates his first anniversary at the County Ground.

The management duo have steered Swindon into a top-three position during the first two months of the season, with only two defeats from their opening 10 League games. Walsh, who took Bury to the play-offs three times in his five years in charge at Gigg Lane, acknowledges the team's form will have raised a few eyebrows.

Former Republic of Ireland defender Walsh, who also played for Bolton, Manchester City, Blackpool and Bury, said: "We thought teams would take points off each other and before the season, you'd have said there were about 12 clubs with the resources to get promoted. From outside this club, we wouldn't have been seen as one of them. But we felt there was no reason why we couldn't 'do a Barnsley' and come through the pack to challenge.

"Our long-term ambition is to get into the Premiership and maintain that status. Whether that happens this season, who can tell, but from that position we would take stock."

Indeed McMahon, whose successes as a Liverpool player in the late 1980's are the stuff of legends, directed Swindon to promotion in his first full season in management as they won the Second Division title in

1996. He may have won three League Championships at Anfield, as well as two FA Cups and 17 England caps, but at the time he regarded Swindon's title as the greatest achievement of his career.

Swindon finished 19th last term, eight points clear of the relegation zone, but McMahon, not known as a man to mince his words, is backing his side to finish in the top six this season. He said: "We have made a pledge to our supporters to get into the play-offs otherwise we'll refund the increase on their season-ticket prices."

If McMahon, now 36, was a tigerish midfielder in his day - starting at Everton in 1979, joining Aston Villa in 1983 before spending six years at Anfield, transferring to Manchester City in 1991 and becoming Swindon's player-manager in December 1994 - then Walsh, 41, was a hard man

of a centre-half in his own right.

After finishing his own playing days at Bury, he became assistant manager there before taking charge in December 1990. He has since managed Barrow, of the Unibond League, before joining McMahon at Swindon 12 months ago. "I've enjoyed my year but it's not for me to say whether I've had any influence," he said.

In the summer Swindon bought Chris Hay from Celtic for £330,000 and he hit a hat-trick in the recent 4-2 win over Port Vale. "That's six goals in nine games," commented Walsh. "Steve has likened him to Ian Rush with the way he places his goals rather than blasts them."

The other new goalscorer in that victory was Craig Taylor - brother of former Swindon skipper Shaun - who signed for £25,000 from Dorchester Town in the close season. Walsh reported: "That was his debut and he scored from 35 yards. He has impressed and but for a hernia operation he would have been playing before."

Swindon have an array of attacking talent playing off target man Wayne Allison - "every week, you know what you're going to get from him" - with a midfield including Ty Gooden, Mark Walters and, when fit, Phillipe Cuervo. "Phillipe has been missed, because of his thigh injury, in recent weeks," said Walsh. "Mark Walters has had a couple of injuries but he's a player always capable of changing a game. Some of the goals he scores are really special."

Swindon's progress has not been all sweetness and light

however and did include a 6-0 defeat at Manchester City. That was why McMahon was particularly pleased with his team bouncing back with the win over Port Vale. The manager said: "I was proud of the lads. It takes character to come back from the stick they received after the last game and hopefully that defeat is fish and chip paper now.

"There's been a lot of talk about our style of play but you only have to look at that second half. If the fans come enough times, they will see we like to play. The First Division is a tough league and teams aren't going to be naive enough to let you just play it about as you want. With Swindon, we're doing the best we can.

"Wolves have got a magnificent stadium and playing at grounds like that every other week is what we're trying to build towards."

Peter Lansley





SPOTLIGHT on today's visitors

Mark relishes his Molineux return

Molineux is a stadium that Swindon midfielder Mark Walters always relishes visiting. It may be rare for any player not to be jeered by home supporters when returning to a former club but the former Liverpool and England winger has some good memories of his brief spell at Wolves and might just escape the customary homecoming jibes.

The much-travelled one-time Aston Villa man scored three goals

in 11 League games during a loan spell from Liverpool from September 1994. He enjoyed a good rapport with the Wolves fans thanks to some good displays during Graham Taylor's reign.

He then moved onto Southampton briefly which was his last port of call before joining Swindon permanently at the beginning of last season. Walters, now 33, burst onto the soccer scene with Villa in the early 1980s, scoring 48 goals in 225 games for Wolves' West Midlands rivals, and picking up international honours at school, youth, under-21, B and full level, before making a £500,000 switch to Glasgow Rangers in 1987.

His stock was raised in four years at Ibrox and he cost Liverpool £1.25 though he seldom made his mark at Anfield, flitting in and out of the side, though he did help win the FA Cup in 1992. He was also loaned to Stoke during his five years on Merseyside.

Walters played in the first Coca-Cola Cup encounter with Wolves last year, which Swindon won 2-0, but was only a substitute on his way back from injury for the return which Wolves won 1-0. He was back for the League clashes - though only a substitute for the Molineux clash - as Wolves pulled off a double.

The mercurial midfielder said: "Most players expect a bit of stick when they go back to an old club and I get my fair share. But I played at Wolves last season, only as a sub, and I didn't get much of a reaction which is a bit of a compliment really. Mind you, we did lose the game...

"I've got some good memories

of my time at Wolves and it's a fantastic stadium, a great place to play. They are a big club and, like us, have got ambitions to get into the Premiership this season." Once again this season Walters has been hampered by injuries which have meant he has been unable to string too many games together. However he has shone whenever he has played and will be hoping to Swindon to a good result this afternoon. Walters said: "I've enjoyed my time at Swindon but I'm hoping to steer clear of injuries from now on. With a couple of exceptions, we've made a good start to the season. We're well-placed in the table and higher than some of the more fancied teams."



SPOTLIGHT on today's visitors



Fraser Digby

Fraser Digby

Position: goalkeeper Date of birth: 23 4 67

Previous clubs: Manchester United, Oldham Athletic (loan), Manchester

United (loan) Appearances: 11 Goals: 0

By far Swindon's longest-serving player after completing his tenth season last term, when he enjoyed a well-deserved testimonial. Originally joined for £32,000 in 1986 having done his apprenticeship at Old Trafford, Digby is rapidly approaching the 400-League game mark for the Robins having reestablished himself in the side last November, after Frank Talia had claimed the shirt in the early part of the season.

Jason Drysdale

Position: defender Date of birth: 17 11 70

Previous clubs: Watford, Newcastle Appearances: 7 (+2)

Goals: 0

Drysdale's progress was held up last season here at Molineux when the injury he sustained in a Coca-Cola Cup game in September more or less put paid to his season. Although he made two short-lived comeback attempts in January and March, the former England youth left-back was unable to maintain.

fitness

Gained a winner's medal in the FA Youth Cup with Watford back in 1989 as he broke through into the professional ranks at Vicarage Road and was always rated as one of the best attacking full-backs outside the Premiership. So it was no surprise when Kevin Keegan paid £425,000 to take him to Newcastle in 1994 the only surprise was Drysdale was never given a single game. A step down to Division Two, nearer to his west country roots, appeared the ideal move a year later and he helped Steve McMahon's side win the Division Two title.

Alan McDonald

Position: defender Date of birth: 12 10 63 Previous clubs: Queens Park Rangers, Charlton Athletic (loan)

Appearances: 11 Goals: 0

Vastly-experienced Northern Ireland international with more than half a century of caps to his name, McDonald was snapped up by Steve McMahon when made available on a free transfer by QPR in the summer after 17 seasons of loyal service.

Outstanding in the air yet fairly nimble on the ground, McDonald can read the game expertly well and with younger defenders such as Chris Casper, on loan from Manchester United, playing alongside him, Swindon should be hard to beat.

Ty Gooden

Goals: 1

Position: midfielder Date of birth: 23 10 72 Previous clubs: Arsenal, Wycombe Wanderers Appearances: 11

player has now established himself in Swindon's first team having competed with Kevin Horlock for the left-wing berth for much of last term. Was an apprentice at Highbury before signing on a free transfer for

This extremely-talented midfield

Wycombe Wanderers, then in the Vauxhall Conference. Struggled to hold down his place, in competition with Steve Guppy, and moved to Swindon on a free at the same time as Keith Scott.

Looks ideally suited to Swindon's passing game under McMahon, especially in tandem with French stylist Phillipe Cuervo and a ball winner such as Scott Leitch or Darren Bullock.

Wayne Allison

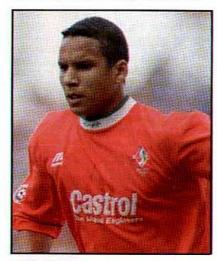
Position: striker Date of birth: 16 10 68 Previous clubs: Halifax Town, Watford, Bristol City Appearances: 11 Goals: 3

An outstanding target man who has pace, a fair eye for goal but is particularly good in holding the ball up.

His physical presence - he weighs in at 14 stone - make him one to watch from set pieces and he was again Swindon's leading marksman with 13 goals last season, following the 17 he scored during the Division Two championship campaign.

Before his £475,000 move to the County Ground, the Huddersfield-born forward spent five years with Bristol City, again averaging a goal every three League games, having started out at Halifax and spent a year with Watford.

Stats refer to all Division One games up to and including Saturday October 11



Ty Gooden

Wolves enjoyed the upper hand against their Wiltshire rivals last season as the two teams met four times - twice in the League, and twice in the League Cup. But although they lost in three of the encounters, Town at least had the satisfaction of making further progress in the Cup after a narrow aggregate victory.

Swindon achieved their eighth consecutive home win at our expense when they took a 2-0 first leg advantage in the League Cup on a miserable night for Molineux fans who sat in the open end of the ground as the rain poured unsympathetically on them.

Their misery was compounded when Wayne Allison put Town one up just before the break when he headed home Mark Walters' right wing cross. And it was Walters who set up the second for Scott Leitch to rap the ball in on 64 minutes.

Two weeks later, the return leg started brightly for Wanderers when Simon Osborn's shot took a deflection off Kevin Horlock on its way into the net. Iwan Roberts had a great chance of levelling things midway through the second half but he hit his effort over the bar as Wolves made an early exit from the competition.

But there was the chance for some quick revenge within a month with a return to the County Ground for a League game which was played on a Friday evening to accommodate television coverage. And the watching public saw Darren Ferguson put Wolves ahead in first half injury time when he took the ball round Frank Talia to net after being put through by Steve Froggatt.

Swindon hit back to equalise in the 66th minute when Horlock smashed in a tremendous drive. But Dominic Foley had the last word when he chested down a Darren Ferguson free kick to score his first senior goal for the

The smile says it all: Dominic Foley after hitting his late winner at the County Ground

Good Figure

club five minutes from time. He had only been on the pitch for eight minutes after coming on as a substitute for lamie Smith.

The fourth game, which like the other three was an evening fixture, was settled by a typical effort from Steve Bull who converted from near the penalty spot after Don Goodman had nodded Neil Emblen's through ball to his fellow striker's feet.

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Robins' biggest win: 2-0 vs Crewe 4-2 vs Port Vale 3-1 vs Bury heaviest defeat: 0-6 vs Man City Swindon

October

DID AOR KNOMS

Wolves first met Swindon back in February, 1908, in a third round FA Cup tie which Wolves won 2-0. Wolves progressed to the final where they beat Newcastle United. We then faced The Robins in two League Cup ties, in 1975, and in the 1980 semi-final which saw us go through to Wembley to face Nottingham Forest, again the silverware coming back to Wolverhampton. Our first League meeting with Town didn't occur until 1989.

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JR back in the Wolves team

Former Molineux hero John Richards can't wait to take up his new post as Wolves' managing director. The former Wolves striker and England international is hoping he will be able to settle permanently into his office at the club in late November/early December.

John, 46, has been a non-executive director of Wolves since December 1994. Currently he is head of leisure services for Cannock Chase District Council.

The news of his appointment, after months of searching for the right candidate, came as a surprise to everyone - and almost to John himself.

"I was actually on the interview panel for the post, and it wasn't until we had a short-list of just a couple of candidates that I really began to think that I had all the skills and experiences that we were looking for," he says. "Some of these qualities were missing in what were otherwise very strong contenders for the position.

"I am absolutely delighted to be given this opportunity and I've got a very exciting time ahead of me.

"I have been a board member for three years but now I can really get involved with the club on a day-to-day basis. I enjoy a very good relationship with all the senior managers at Molineux and I'm very much looking forward to working even closer with them."

Wolves' president and chairman,



Sir Jack Hayward, announced his intention to appoint an executive manager for the club at the end of last season. He says: "I am thrilled that John has accepted the job. His experiences both as a player and in working for local government will be highly beneficial to a club like Wolves.

"We need someone who has an understanding of the game as well as sound business skills. But we also want a person who understands the importance of the club to the local community. John is the perfect man for this job."

The man who became known as the King at Molineux began his footballing career with Wolves in July, 1969, and remained with the club for 14 years, scoring a total of 194 goals from 486 appearances. He won a full England cap in 1973.

After two years with Portuguese side Maritimo of Madeira, he returned to England to work for Wolverhampton Council before moving to Cannock Chase Council where he has managed the leisure services department for five years.

John is married to Pam and has two daughters, Kim (23) and Abbie (21).



John Richards fact file

Born: Warrington, 9 November 1950
Joined Wolves: July 1969 from school
Debut: v West Brom Albion, Feb 1970
Appearances: 365(20) League,
42(2) FA Cup, 32(1), League Cup,
22(2) others
Goals: 144 League, 24 FA Cup,
18 League Cup, 8 others
Honours: League Cup winners medals
1974, 1980. Second Division
Championship medal 1977. UEFA Cup
runners-up medal 1972. One full

England cap v N Ireland 1973.

Twenty questions for Jesus Sanjuan



from the youth teams all the way up to the first team so I made sure that I continued with my studies.

Even when I was playing professionally I went to university to study law. I have five more subjects that I have to study to get my degree which I hope will only take me another year.

How old were you when you made the first team?

I was 19 and there were just eight games left to the season. I wanted very much to play well because I knew that if I didn't I would start the next season back with the youth team (there aren't any reserve teams in Spain).

supporters for an ordinary game would not be many more than at Wolves. Only when we play Barcelona or Madrid would we see 35,000 people.

Football is very important to the people in Zaragoza, and just like the people of Wolverhampton they like their team to be successful. But the fans there are not so good. When the team plays badly there is a lot of booing and they do not try to get behind the team and help the team.

Life for the players is different. Training does not last as long and you are not allowed to do extra training on your own. I prefer to do more training like we do at Wolves.

What footballing prizes have you won?

I have won a Spanish Cup medal which is the same as the English FA Cup. Also I came on as a substitute to play a part in Zaragoza's win over Arsenal in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final in 1995

Where about in Spain do you live?

I was born and have always lived in Zaragoza. It's located halfway between Madrid and Barcelona, and it's a two hour drive from the mountains in one direction and two hours from the coast in the other. It is Spain's fifth largest city.

When did you start playing football?

I was eight when the football coach at school said maybe I should try the game and forget about basketball. I loved playing basketball but people could see I was never going to be tall enough.

Did you ever consider doing anything else other than football?

As soon as I signed up for Real Zaragoza, when I was 13, all I ever dreamed about was playing for the first team. But it is very rare that boys make it What is playing there like compared to Wolves?
The stadium is bigger than Molineux but the number of



JESUS SANJUAN



OSIGNED FROM: Real Zaragoza on a three month loan 16th Sept '97 TTAL APPS/GOALS FOR WOLVES: 6(1)

BIRTHPLACE: Zaragoza

BORN: 22/08/71

9 HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 179cm 74kg

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What did you think of Nayim's goal?

No one on the pitch could believe it went in. It had been such a hard game and we were all thinking that it was going to go down to penalties and then out of nowhere came this goal. It was the most unbelievable thing I have seen. That night was the best night of my career.

Why did you want to come to England?

I wanted to improve my football. Also I wanted to come to another country, live here and learn all about another way of life.

Away from football, what have you enjoyed most since being here?

I haven't had very much time with my training and travelling to play games, but I have enjoyed looking around the town and travelling to other towns in the area. I went recently to Bridgnorth which I liked.

What have you found difficult about moving to England?

The language. It is not hard on the training ground to understand what people mean, but in the dressing room I don't always understand the jokes. But I think I am learning quickly.

Who are you sharing a room with on away trips?
Hans Segers, and he makes

sure I understand his jokes! I understand Hans more easily than the others. He speaks slowly so that I know what he is saying.

What new words have you learnt this week?
Studs and shin pads. Tail (kit man) is very important in helping me. He teaches me a new word and then I have to make him a cup of tea.

Are you married?
Yes, for one year to Lucia.
We knew each other at school and she also studied law at university. She has been to England many times and speaks very good English. She has moved to Wolverhampton with me and is going to the university here.

What do your family in Spain do?
My father, Luis, works in a factory and my mother,
Asun, works for the council. I have an older brother, Jose, and he plays five-a-side football. It is quite a big game in Spain. It has its own league and is shown on television.

What would be your wish for Wolves?
When I came here I was told that Wolves wanted to be in the Premier League. We have not done well in the last few games, but I am sure we will soon do well and we can try to get to the top. This is what I want for the team and myself.



Ticket Update.... Ticket Update.... Ticket Update.... Ticket Update.... Home and Away Fixtures

HOME

Wednesday 22 October 1997 versus Tranmere Rovers

kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets now on sale to the General Public

Saturday 1 November 1997 versus Middlesbrough kick-off 3.00pm

Tickets now on sale to the General Public

AWAY

Saturday 25 October 1997 versus Stockport County kick-off 3.00pm

This game is all ticket for Wolves supporters and our allocation is 2050 terrace priced at £12 adults and £5 concessions (under 16's only), with approximately 400 seats priced at £12 adults and £5 concessions (under 16's only). Tickets now on sale to the General Public

Tuesday 4 November 1997 versus Crewe Alexandra kick-off 7.45pm

This game is all ticket for Wolves supporters, and our allocation is 900 seats priced at £13

adults, £10 senior citizens and £6 juniors.

Due to the low allocation, tickets will not be sold in the normal manner. Club associates only must apply by post, enclosing voucher 'J'. All applications must be submitted to the ticket office by no later than Thursday 23 October.

Applications will then be picked out at random and tickets posted out on Monday 27 October 1997.

Saturday 8 November 1997 versus Stoke City kick-off 3.00pm

This game is all ticket for Wolves supporters and our allocation is 5,000 seats priced at £14 adults and £8 concessions.

Tickets go on sale as follows:

Saturday 18 October 1997 - Friday 24 October inclusive - Club Associates only. One ticket per person on production of voucher 'I' from season ticket book. Maximum of two vouchers per person subject to availability.

Saturday 25 October 1997 - Friday 31 October inclusive - Members only. One ticket per person on production of current membership card, subject to availability.

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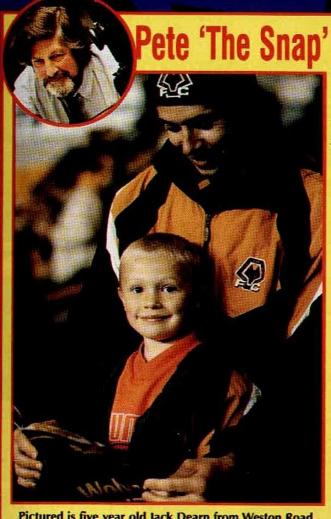
if you would like to join Young Wolves call Michelle on 01902 656100



Craig Love, age 10, from Rowley Regis, Craig has supported Wolves since he was born. His favourite player is Steve Bull because he is so skillful and scores so many goals and comes from his local area. He is looking forward to being mascot to get to see all the players, go on the Molineux turf, feel part of the Wolves set up and get to meet other children.

All mascots are picked exclusively from the Young Wolves club.

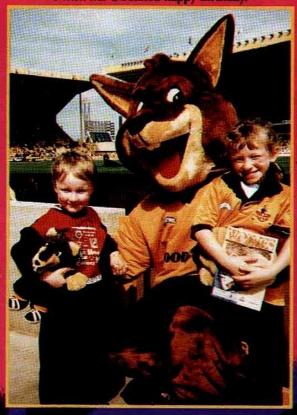




Pictured is five year old Jack Dearn from Weston Road, Lichfield. He has been a season ticket holder in the family stand since he was three.

Birthday

Pictured is my daughter Louise (right). The shot was taken on her first visit to Molineux. With her and Wolfie is her friend James. It was Louise's birthday on the 4th October, so could I wish her a belated happy birthday.



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"Although the game didn't go our way, we were able to bring a great programme to Wolves fans who couldn't get to the game, and I enjoyed hearing their comments afterwards," says Simon.

"It's important that we give our fans as much information as possible, and The Wolf and Radio Wolves is a great way for fans and the club to exchange views."

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Harvest Festival

Wolves' Elder Centre celebrated Harvest Festival by raising money for the Coronary Care Unit at New Cross Hospital.

Club chaplain, Reverend John Hall-Matthews, led the prayers before announcing the club had raised £110 for the hospital.

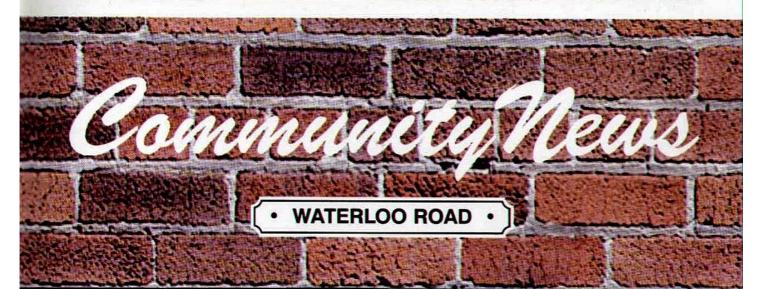
Pictured are (left to right) Reverend Hall-Matthews, Derek Hood, Jack Oakley, Tony Evans (community development officer) and Tim Wood.

Youthful reception

Rachel, George and Afexander Marshall had an unexpected treat when visiting Molineux. The three Wolves supporters who all live in High Wycombe were given a quick tour of the stadium and where they bumped into the youth squad.

The lads were taking a well earned break from their training schedule.







is for ... Europe

Wolves were one of the pioneers of European soccer following in the wake of the unforgettable floodlit friendlies of the fifties when some of the world's finest were beaten in the early days of artificial light at football in Wolverhampton.

It was from those games that the idea of European competition was spawned and EUFA decided on the introduction of the European Cup and the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, later to be renamed as the UEFA Cup, both coming into being in 1955. Britain's representatives in those inaugural competitions were Hibernian and London receptively.

After winning the Football League Championship in 1958, Wolves made their bow in the

European Cup though it was a short lived participation with German side, Shalke 04, inflicting a first round 4-3 aggregate defeat, Peter Broadbent getting two of the three goals.

Another Championship meant another crack 12 months later and this time Vorwaerts of Austria and top Yugoslav team, Red Star Belgrade were left by the wayside as Wanderers made their way to the quarter finals where Barcelona gave a soccer lesson with a 9-2 aggregate win.

In 1961 the Cup Winners Cup was introduced and Wolves made it through to the semi-final before Glasgow Rangers went through winning 3-1 over the two legs.

The nearest Wolves have ever come to European success came in the season of 1971/72. After beating some of Europe's best, including Juventus and Ferencyaros, Tottenham Hotspur edged the glory by the odd goal in five to win the first all English European final.

Since then Wolves have seen UEFA Cup action three times losing out twice by the odd goal on aggregate, and once on the away goal ruling.



Peter Broadbent heads home against Shalke 04

Extra Time

New laws to avoid fixture congestion have seen the introduction of penalty shoot outs, away goal rulings and even sudden death golden goals to settle domestic cup ties. Gone are the days of second replays which usually took place on neutral territory until it was decided to spin a coin to decide who got the benefit of a second home game.

The FA Cup penalty shoot out with Sheffield Wednesday in 1995

provided the most dramatic of finishes after extra time, while in 1973, a goal from Martin Chivers in the 120th minute robbed Wolves of a place in the League Cup Final to provide probably the most disappointing. Willie Carr's late penalty equaliser against Spurs at Hillsborough set up the chance of some extra time revenge with the Londoners clearly rattled. But the vital goal didn't come and Tottenham settled things in the replay at Highbury.

But the strangest, and longest game involving Wolves and extra time occurred in April, 1945, in a League Cup (north) game with Birmingham City at Molineux. The first leg at St Andrews had finished in a goalless draw and after 90 scoreless minutes of the second leg, extra time was played.

Still the deadlock couldn't be broken so it was decided to play on until the first goal was scored. And it took another 33 minutes before Bill Morris finally found the net to end the game after a total of 153 minutes - by far the longest game that Wolves have ever played in.

Elder Statesman

On the final day of the 1992/93 season, Lawrie Madden came on to the pitch at the Baseball Ground as a substitute for Mark Turner. It was Lawrie's final game for Wolves and he set up a record of being the oldest player to don the old gold and black at the top level.

Lawrie was aged 37 years and 192 days when he played in the game

which is a year and 137 days older than the man who previously held the 'old timers' record, the late, great, Jimmy Mullen.

London born, Lawrie Madden began his footballing days with Arsenal but. after failing to make the breakthrough at Highbury, he moved to the east Midlands to play for Mansfield Town, making his debut for The Stags in March, 1975.

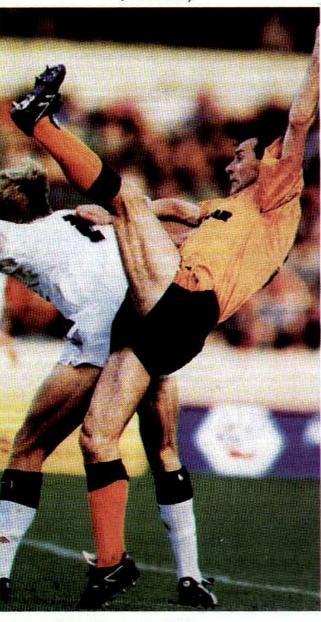
He then moved back to London linking up with Charlton Athletic for a four year stint before moving into non-League football with Boston United. In 1982, he returned to League action for 12 months with Millwall and then it was up to Yorkshire where he signed for Sheffield

Wednesday.

In eight years at Hillsborough, Lawrie made over 250 appearances and won a League Cup medal with The Owls against Manchester United in 1991, the year in which he joined Wolves.

After leaving Molineux on a free in the summer of 1993, he moved to Chesterfield. He wound up his playing days at Saltergate before moving into a highly successful career as a journalist - an occupation that has seen him visit Molineux on the odd occasion to report on the team he used to play for.

John Hendley



Lawrie Madden - Golden Oldie

resents

The opening seasons of League soccer, shortly before the turn of the century, saw far fewer games take place than nowadays. In 1893, when Wolves won the FA Cup, they only played 36 games. Compare this with last season when, despite making early exits from both Cup competitions, 51 games were played.

There is little doubt that the demands on the modern footballer are far greater than the early players. And for a man to make it through a season without incurring an injury or loss of form is indeed a rarity which means that an ever present is an exception to the rule.

The first to play out a campaign to completeness for Wolves were in the first season of League soccer when Harry Allen and Dicky Baugh Snr came through unscathed. Last season only Mick Stowell managed to get through though had it not been for that controversial sending off at Oldham, Steve Bull would have surely joined him.

Stowell was the last man before last year to be ever present, back in the 1993/4 League campaign. He also managed it two years before that and if he can achieve another complete season he will join two other men who sit at the top of the Wolves' ever present tree - Alf Bishop and Derek Parkin - who both made it through four times.

For Wolves, there have been three seasons of four ever presents - the highest total in a single campaign. The last one was in 1976/77, when they captured the Second Division Championship to return to the top flight after just twelve months absence. That season Parkin. Steve Daley, Geoff Palmer and Gary Pierce played in every League and Cup game.

Back in 1902/03, and 1903/04, Dick Betteley, Jackery Jones (twice), Jack Miller, Adam Haywood, Jack Whitehouse. Albert Baynham and Billy Woodridge were the men to avoid injuries or a spell in the reserves.

Wolves 97/8 thirty-three



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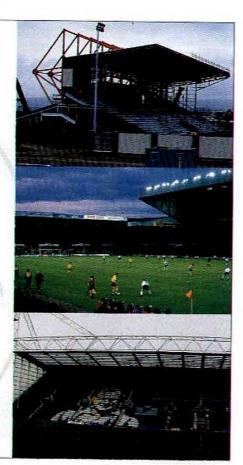
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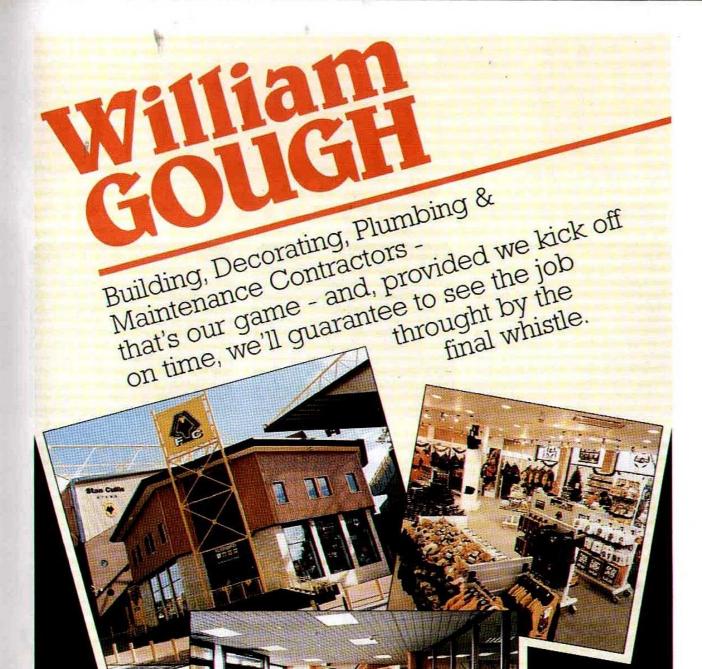
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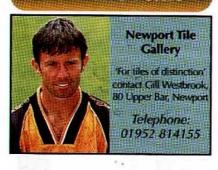
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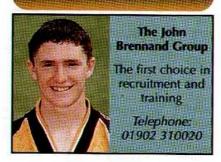
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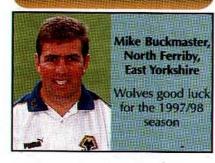
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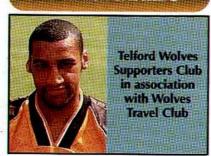
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Dear Editor

I recently visited my brother and his family in Columbia, South Carolina. I noticed that one of the main streets was called Bull Street and further investigation uncovered a memorial to one, 'Brigadier General Stephen Bull'.

I doubt that be could possibly be related to Tipton's most famous son but it goes without saying that, even all those years ago, the cries of 'Oooh Bully, Bully' on the battlefield must have caused mass panic amongst the ranks of the enemy!

Keith Taylor, Wombourne



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Dear Editor

I would like to wish my dad. Steve Dean, a belated bappy birthday for September 23rd. He was 35 and is a very special dad. He is Wolves mad and goes to every game. It was also my mom and dad's anniversary on September 22nd, so I'd like to

wish them a happy anniversary.

love Zoey (Wolves are the best)

My name is Veselin Sbisbkov and I am 15 years old. Wolverhampton Wanderers are my favourite team in England and I bave supported them for about two years. I would like a penfriend who supporters Wolves. Please write to me at:

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Dear Editor

This is our new daughter Lergha Jade Tedd with her cousins Shaun on the left and Christopher. My busband Andrew never forgets to bring a matchday magazine bome for Shaun and Christopher.

Sharon Tedd, Darlaston

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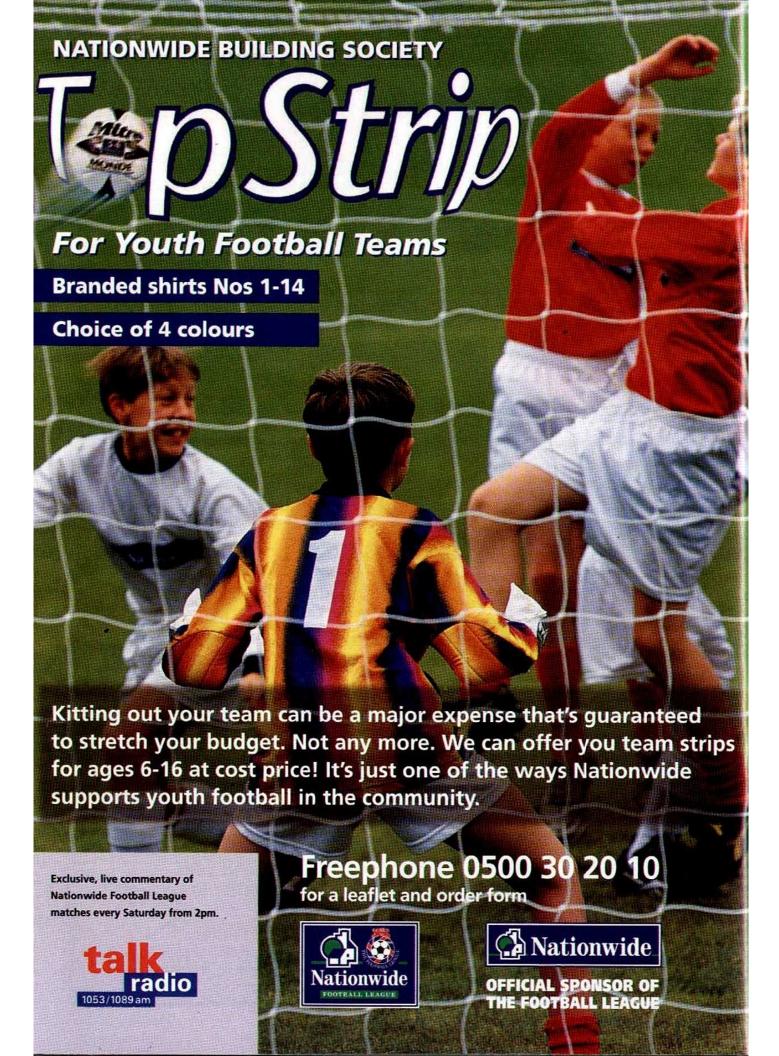
On a recent trip to Cyprus, I was able to meet up with my old friend and life-long Wolves fan, Graham Millard, a youth tutor working for the British Army at Dhekelia. No-one on the island can be left in any doubt as to which team he and his family support! In the photograph he is pictured near the beach at Protaras in typical attire with his sons, Stephen and Vincent, and my two children, Michael and Kate Evans.

Mike Evans, Wombourne



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Lest old acquaintance be forgot, Wolves face Tranmere Rovers and Stockport County over the next week providing the opportunity to meet up again with over half a team of former Molineux players.

John Aldridge's Tranmere are here on Wednesday night

and there should be a tremendous reception for four old faces, particularly Andy Thompson who has been an ever-present for his new club since ending his 11-year association with Wolves. The diminutive left-back was a tremendous servant for Wolves after signing on the same day as Steve Bull from West Bromwich Albion in November 1986.

David Kelly joined his Republic of Ireland mucker Aldridge in the summer for £350,000 from Sunderland and is their leading scorer with eight goals. Winger John Morrissey, even pre-dates Thompson as a Wolves player, having made 10 League appearances for the club in 1985 alongside Neil Edwards and Jon Purdie before moving to Tranmere. A fourth -

and very popular - ex-Wanderer with Tranmere over the past 18 months has been Paul Cook, recently out with a groin strain, and the subject of a £250,000 bid from Stockport County.

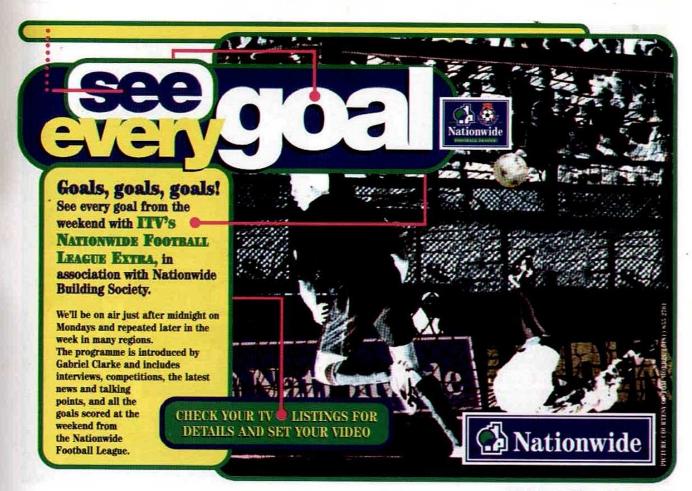
Kelly's goals have been crucial as Tranmere have been

inconsistent and, without an away win, in the bottom third of the First Division table so far this season. Stockport, where Wolves visit next Saturday, also started indifferently following their promotion from the Second Division until a recent burst of five successive wins bucked them up no end and led them to eighth place. Mainly a substitute these days, Andy Mutch will be assured of a rousing reception as he greets the Wolves fans, along with the ever-improving Tom Bennett, who, until recently, was bossing the midfield with Chris Marsden. Wolves fans do not need reminding that Marsden has moved, for £500,000, to Birmingham - hence Stockport's desire to sign Cook.

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■ Tranmere boss John Aldridge brings his team to Molineux on Wednesday



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a Sheffield b Manchester c Glasgow

Greg Rusedski beat Tim Henman to reach the final of the CA trophy in Vienna. Who went on to beat him in the final?

- a Goran Ivanisevic
- b Pete Sampras
- c Michael Chang

Vijay Singh beat Ernie Els to win the Toyota World Match Play Trophy at Wentworth

last weekend. What country does Singh come from

- a Fiji
- b India
- c USA

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in the Japanese
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did his rival for the
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Which England Rugby Union player is facing a long lay-off due to a back injury

- a Will Carling
- b Phil de Glanville
- c Jeremy Guscott

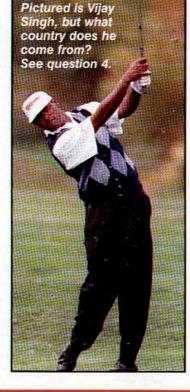
Who will the Republic of Ireland play in the playoffs for a place in next summer's World Cup?

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- a Italy
- b Belgium
- c Russia

Who scored Scotland's second goal in their 2-0 World Cup qualifying win over Latvia?

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- c Gordon Durie



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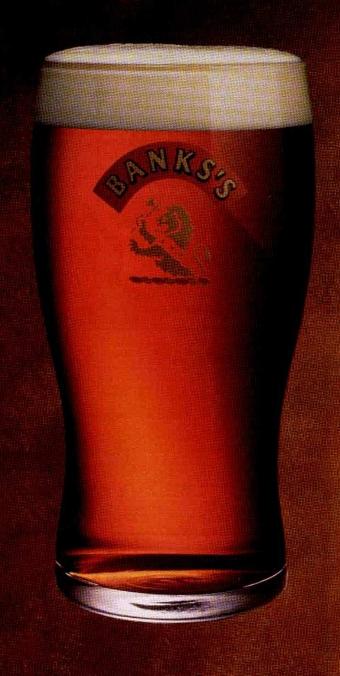
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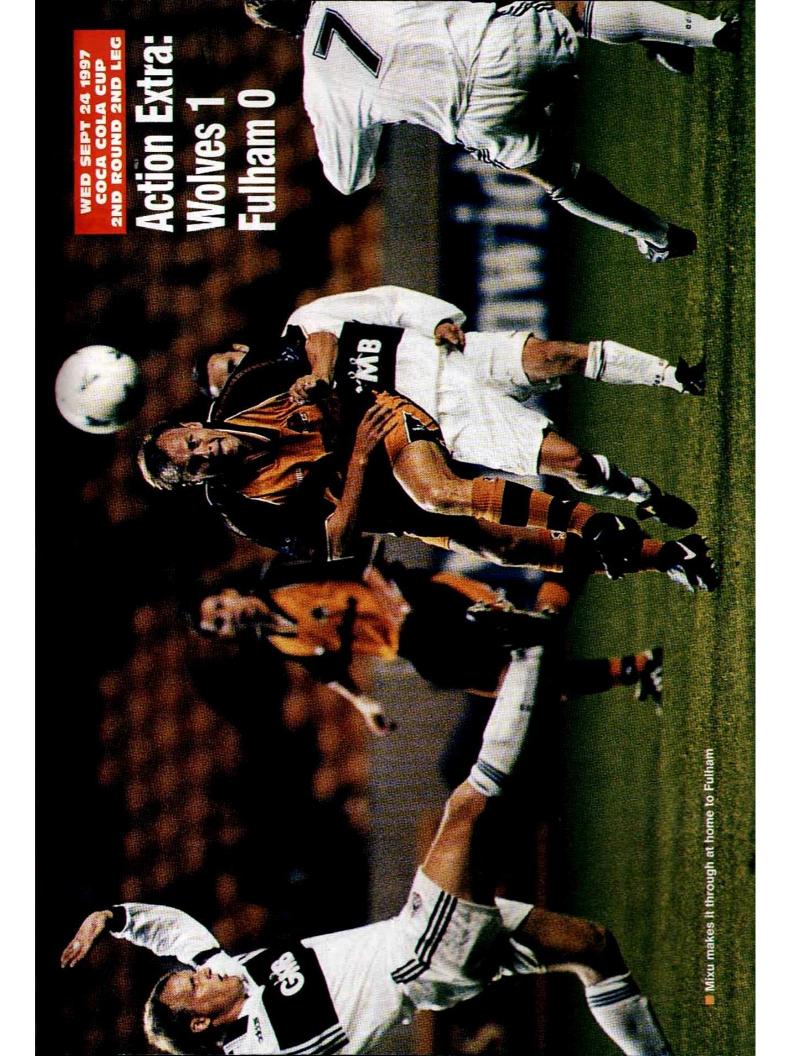




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Premier League interest wanes

There were distinctly mixed fortunes for Division One clubs up against pseudo-Premiership sides in this week's Coca Cola Cup third round. While Arsenal's second string rallied to overtake the lead Birmingham took at St Andrews, Manchester United's reserves were eased out of the competition for which they clearly have little liking at struggling Ipswich.

United's defeat at Portman Road came hours after Ipswich chairman David Sheepshanks, nominally wearing his other hat as the Football League's chairman, made it quite plain while speaking on Five Live that there would be no sanctions taken against any Premiership club fielding weakened sides. This perennially thorny issue was diplomatically smoothed over by Sheepshanks, ahead of Thursday's major pow-

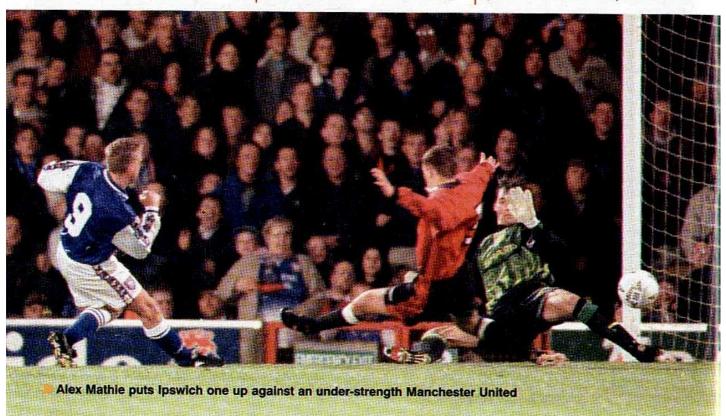
wow between the Football League and the Premier League to debate several matters, just in time for Alex Mathie and Mauricio Taricco to score the goals that earned Ipswich a fourth-round berth.

United's side included £15 million worth of talent - Cole, May, Johnsen, Poborsky etc - but was clearly a run-out for squad members. Arsenal, meanwhile, gave the armband to Lee Dixon, the only man in their side currently certain of a place in Arsene Wenger's Premiership line-up. David Platt was among the goalscorers as Birmingham went out only after extra-time.

Elsewhere on Tuesday night, Tranmere, for whom David Kelly scored his ninth goal of the season, went out on penalties at Oxford, Sheffield United were knocked out by Walsall and of course Reading progressed to the last 16 after matches now decided at the first time of asking.

Charlton, who tomorrow entertain Stoke, made the most of their earlier Coca-Cola Cup exit. Alan Curbishley's team won 3-0 at bottom-placed Huddersfield for whom former player Peter Jackson has taken over as manager since Brian Horton was sacked two defeats after drawing at Molineux. Jackson's assistant is former Wales manager Terry Yorath.

Charlton's surge into third place has seen them win four games out of five since losing at Wolves, scoring 16 goals in the process. Last weekend's First Division schedule was severely abbreviated by World Cup priorities though today's opponents Swindon took the opportunity to strengthen their place in the automatic promotion





frame with Chris Hay scoring another two goals in a 3-1 win over Bury.

Carl Asaba is another striker to have found the goal trail after his brace, taking his tally to seven since his £800,000 move from Brentwood, allowed Reading to climb back from 3-0 down at home to Crewe and gain a point. Stockport, Wolves' opponents next Saturday, are riding the sale of Chris Marsden to Birmingham and chalked up their fifth straight win by seeing off Oxford 3-2, Brett Angell going to the top of the scoring charts with his tenth goal of the season.

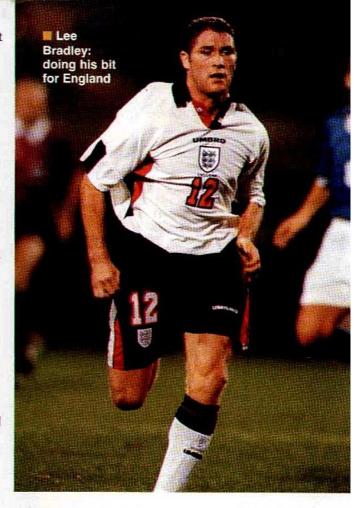
Stoke are also looking menacing after their 2-1 Potteries win over Port Vale on Sunday lifted them into the top eight, former Wolves midfielder Kevin Keen scoring one and making the other.

Nationwide League stars were also making their presence felt down in Southern Europe last weekend. Peter Taylor's unbeaten under-21 team pulled off a heroic 1-0 victory over Italy in Rieti, thanks to an East Anglian combo: Norwich's Darren Eadie set up Ipswich's Keiron Dyer to score the 88th-minute winner. "He showed a lovely bit of skill with his thigh", quipped Taylor, the former Southend manager, afterwards.

Young England also had Ipswich goalkeeper Richard Wright in outstanding form, while QPR's Paul Murray, Sheffield United wing-back Wayne Quinn and Manchester City striker Lee Bradbury all did their bit. England have won their qualifying group but now need France, in another group, to slip up in their final game against Norway as only the best seven group winners - out of nine - qualify for next May's finals.

There is a whole programme of Nationwide League games in the coming midweek, with England's remaining European competitors also in action. West Brom visit topplaced Nottingham Forest on Tuesday while Portsmouth manager Terry Fenwick will be desperate for a good result at home to Bradford after seeing his team slip to one off bottom. Fenwick's situation has barely been helped after hearing Portsmouth may go a month without a fixture because of international callups for Jamaica, Australia and the Republic of Ireland. Next weekend's live games on Sky are Reading versus Forest on Friday and QPR against Manchester City on Sunday.

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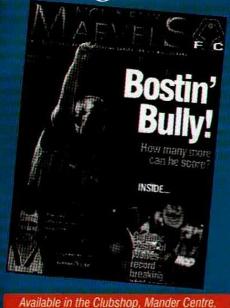
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This is a valuable way for the club to raise money and also gives fans the chance of winning great cash prizes.

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All tickets sold need to be returned to the Consumer Sales/Promotions Department by Tuesday December 23. The draw will take place at half-time at the Oxford United game on Friday December 26.

Prizes:

	Committee Commit
1st	£2000
2nd	£500
3rd	£250
4th	£100
5th	250

Sellers prizes:

For selling one full book (10 tickets) - entry into a sellers draw for £100. Ten books - a free autographed football. Fifteen books - a free replica shirt (home or away). Twenty books - a free replica kit.

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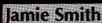


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