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Opening SHOTS

THIS WEEK AT MOLINEUX

NEW START FOR MARLON

New signing Marlon Beresford is hoping the move to Wolves could provide him with new lease of life.

The former Burnley keeper, who is on loan at Molineux from Middlesbrough, thinks the surprise switch will give him a new challenge.

"It was all out of the blue," he said. "I got a call last Friday night to ask if I wanted to come to Wolves and I jumped at the chance.

"Things have been a bit difficult for me at Middlesbrough - some weeks I haven't even been getting a reserve game. I was third choice and really needed to get away from the place so this is a great opportunity for me.

"I know Wolves have been short of cover in the goalkeeping department and the Gaffer has told me that it's a chance for

me to prove myself and push for a place."

The only member of the squad that the keeper knows well is Sean Connelly who was also on the bench at Coventry.

"I know Sean but that's about it really - not that the lads haven't made me welcome," he added.

"I thought the performance at Coventry was magnificent - the

teamwork and the effort - it was a win thoroughly deserved."

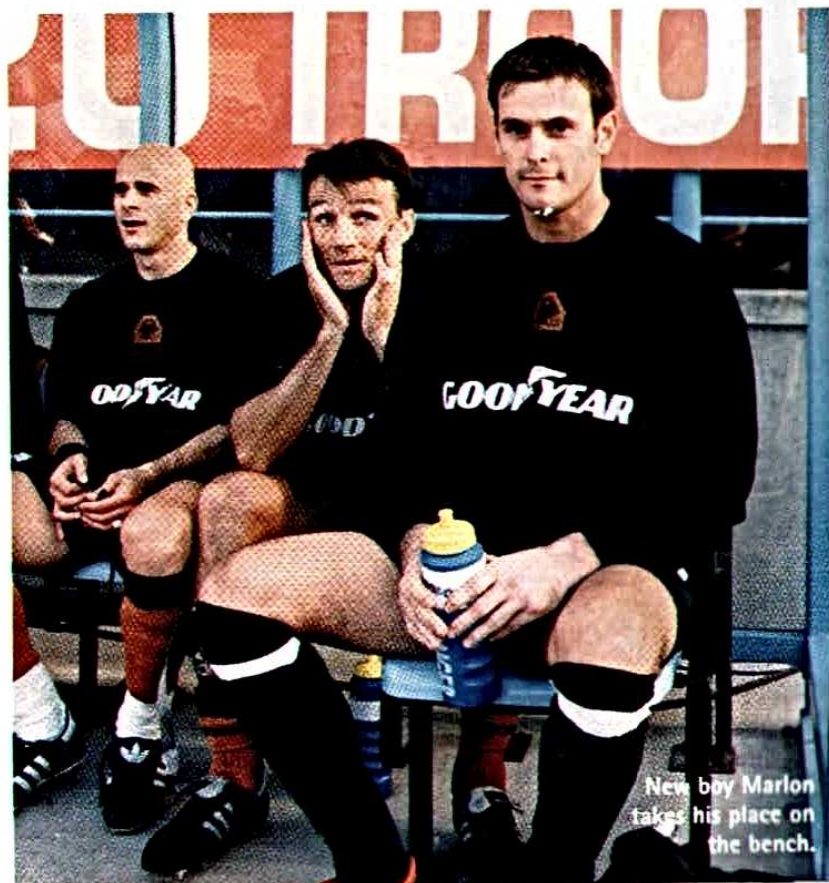
Marlon was drafted into the Molineux squad after Wolves were obliged to send Stephen Bywater back to West Ham. Stephen had been on a three-month loan but was recalled following an injury to David James in the England v Holland match.

CLUBCALL

Quote of the week

"We worked hard all week in training. It paid dividends tonight."

DAVE JONES
on the Coventry game



New boy Marlon takes his place on the bench.





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BUSY TIME FOR CARL

Carl Robinson has a busy period ahead of him. He will be off on international duty with Wales soon but, before that, has the business of keeping his place in the team to attend to.

Despite scoring the single goal that won three points for Wolves at Coventry, the midfielder knows that he will have to perform again tonight if he wants to keep his shirt.

He says: "The Gaffer is trying to get competition for places in every area of the team, so everyone knows that they've got to do well to keep their place.

"All the lads will go into the Swindon match fully committed because they will want to be picked next time.

"We'll be feeling confident this evening. The Coventry result was an important one for us.

"There aren't many teams who will go to Highfield Road and get

three points this season, so it just showed that to get three points was exceptional."

Carl was quick to share the limelight with the rest of his teammates - all of whom are determined to chip in with goals this season. He adds: "We discussed targets at the start of the season and talked about central defenders looking to get five goals and midfielders aiming for 10.

"I think having the two new wingers will help the midfielders get into double figures."

Carl has welcomed the new player bonus scheme introduced this season, believing it will further help the Wolves cause.

"It's a good idea," he says. "It's a good incentive to the lads to get into at least the top six and stay there.

"Hopefully we'll get another few wins and get ourselves on the way to the top."

ACADEMY NOTES

Three months ago the FA Premier League, Football League and Sport England approached the Wolves Academy with an invitation to take our Under 12 squad to a tournament in Japan.

The festival in the Shizuoka province of Japan is being held as a celebration of the forthcoming World Cup in their country.

A representative squad is also travelling from Brazil, Australia, the United States, China, Korea and Thailand.

The Shizuoka province has twinning links with the West Midlands, hence our selection.

The governing bodies, having vetted the festival beforehand, felt it was the opportunity of a lifetime for the players, and we accepted the invitation accordingly.

Not that is, before, consulting with the parents of the players, taking obvious note of their sons' young age. Every parent and player enthusiastically accepted the invitation feeling such an opportunity to make new friends, as part of their football education, justifies the long journey.

That the whole experience will be an all

expenses paid one, makes such an expensive exercise possible.

The squad will fly from Birmingham to Frankfurt and then on to Narita in Tokyo.

We will be accommodated in a golf and country club at the foot of Mount Fuji.

Two interpreters will accompany us 24 hours a day.

We are taking a total of six staff to accompany the 16 players, to ensure our player/staff ratios are in excess of what is regarded as good practice.

There is a chance that we might play in one of the World Cup stadiums and that would obviously be an added bonus.

I have been very impressed with the tournament's pre-organisation, and having viewed a videotape of last years' festival with all the parents, I know the players will have a great time.

Glyn Harding, our Education and Welfare Officer, has worked tirelessly in his quest to ensure the success of the trip, and I thank him for his efforts on behalf of everyone concerned.

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Dave JONES

TEAM MANAGER



"It's going to be a tough league to play in over the next nine months and I expect it to be very close."

A lot is made of the first few games of the season. Fans like to see their team at the top of the table and punters like to make their predictions for glory next May.

However, with just two games of the campaign gone, no one should be making long-term judgements. Most clubs will have seen some change in personnel over the summer and, as a consequence, all teams need a period to 'bed in'. Only after half a dozen or so games does any kind of pattern emerge. Until then, it's extremely premature to start making predictions as to who will

succeed or fail come next May.

Having said that, a good start is important as I believe that every last point will count this season. It's going to be a tough league to play in over the next nine months and I expect it to be very close.

I was pleased with the way we performed against Coventry. Having got the early goal, we knew we could make it difficult for them to break us down.

What we had to do was concentrate and defend well. It was a composed performance and one that required us to be totally focused on the job. The

fact that we didn't allow ourselves to slip up is very pleasing.

Overall I have been content with our start, but I still feel we need to strengthen. The building work began last season when we brought in Paul Butler, Cedric Roussel and Sean Connolly.

During the summer we made two excellent acquisitions in the form of Mark Kennedy and Shaun Newton. But we need to continue the work we have started.

It's not going to happen overnight, but gradually we will get there.

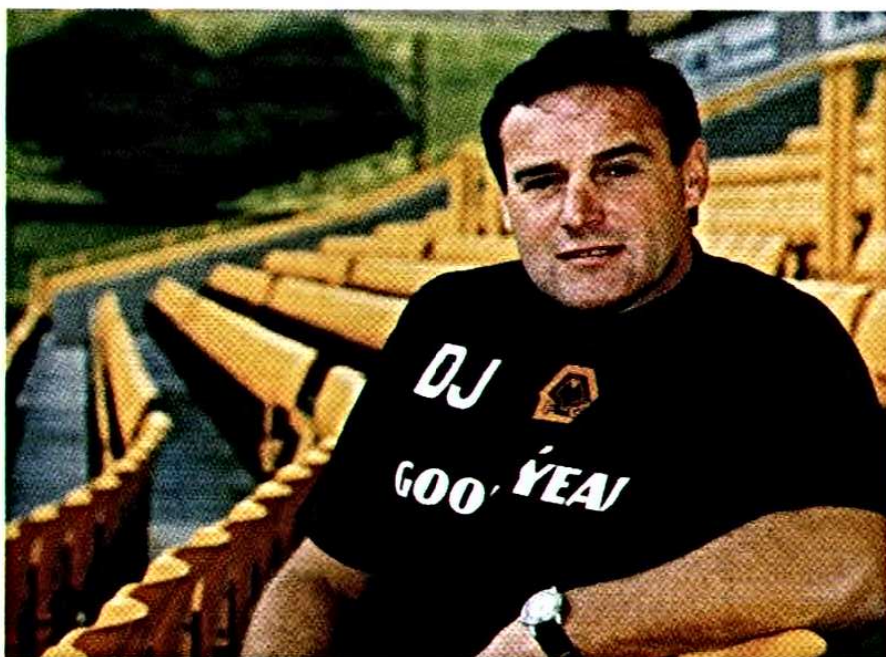
Tonight we turn our attention to the Worthington Cup. It's a competition I would like to see us do well in this season.

Swindon will, I'm sure, will be looking forward to their visit to Molineux this evening. But we will have the chance to build on Sunday's result and we will work at doing that.

Thank you for attending - and thanks to all those who travelled to Highfield Road.

Your support is much appreciated.

Enjoy the match.





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v Stockport County Kick-off 3pm

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Tuesday September 25th 2001
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AWAY fixtures

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JezMOXEY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Four points from two games is a good return as the new season gets underway.

From a personal point of view, I was very pleased with the second half against Portsmouth. No doubt about it, we got off to an unfortunate start by conceding two goals, but a team that has the ability to turn a game around like that has got character.

Similarly, I think those who travelled to Highfield Road will have admired the way the team went about their business on Sunday - taking the early chance and then holding on to the advantage in the way they did, I thought, showed more of the character a team needs to be successful.

However, it is, of course, very early days indeed, but there are some good signs to be seen.

I know that Dave has given a cautious appraisal of our first two matches and has been keen to point out that we still need to strengthen the team further. The Board are in total agreement and are backing Dave in our efforts to bring more quality players to Molineux.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, we must find the right players even if it takes longer than we would like.

Tonight's Worthington Cup game is important, as we all want to keep the momentum going. We would not want to slip up this evening and find ourselves being asked the time-honoured question about 'concentrating on the League'!

Swindon have an experienced management team in Roy Evans and Neil Ruddock and I am sure they will have prepared their squad well for

this evening's first round fixture. It won't be easy but hopefully we will have a good game and our name will be in the hat for the next round.

I would like to thank the fans for their support at the Portsmouth and Coventry games. We want you to create the best possible atmosphere inside Molineux, which in turn helps the team to win more games. Your role here is crucial - so keep up the fantastic support as usual!

Matchday atmosphere is a subject that regularly comes up in the mail we receive from supporters and something that we plan devote more attention to in the future. We want a pre-match build up that is entertaining and enjoyable, and I welcome any feedback you wish to give.

On the subject of communications with supporters, I shall shortly be taking part in a Q&A via our website at www.wolves.co.uk. I will let you know the date of the session, and how to put your questions to me shortly.

The website is becoming an increasingly important medium for us, and one which I am keen to utilise as a two-way method of communication between the club and our supporters. I hope you will take part.

Enjoy the game.



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SCORES AGAIN



2000/1 LAST YEAR'S WORTHINGTON CUP

Top Goalscorer

Robbie Fowler, 6 goals

Fastest Goal

John Hartson, 1 minute,
Wimbledon v Wigan Athletic

Most goals in a tie

11

Blackpool 3 Norwich City 8
(aggregate score)

As the Worthington Cup kicks off a new season everything is set for another competition to remember!

Last year, attendances were up by nearly 10%, 23 games in the tournament were watched by crowds of more than 20,000 and a record number of goals – 467 – were scored.

And who could forget the dramatic Worthington Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium, when Liverpool beat Birmingham City on penalties to lift the first trophy of their historic treble.

To celebrate the start of a new season and in anticipation of another barrel load of goals and cup action, Worthington are giving away a can for every goal scored in the 35 First Round ties to three lucky winners.



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- B. UEFA Cup**
- C. Inter Toto Cup**

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First Division FOCUS

by David Instone, Express & Star

DIVISIONAL NEWS ROUND-UP

Former Wolves man Paul Cook has been centre of attention in the new Nationwide League season – not once, but twice.

The popular midfielder, having been on the receiving end of the unsavoury pitch invasion by a Sheffield Wednesday fan after scoring in BURNLEY'S opening weekend victory at Hillsborough, found the target again when the Clarets made it six points out of six before

switching their minds to Worthington Cup action. The Liverpoolian converted a penalty in a 3-2 home win over WIMBLEDON in which the on-trial Alan Moore also netted to improve his chances of a permanent contract at Turf Moor.

Burnley, who also started last season brightly, are one of four First Division clubs boasting maximum points, the others including GRIMSBY 1-0 Hawthorns victors over an Albion side who go to Cambridge in the cup tonight.

Also up there are CRYSTAL PALACE, who are making encouraging early strides under the management of Steve Bruce.

With David Hopkin back at Selhurst Park and former Wolves trialist Tony Popovic recently going on board, the Eagles have followed up last season's nerve-racking escape from relegation in high-scoring style.

They won 3-2 at Rotherham on the first day and had Clinton Morrison (twice) and Dougie Freedman on target in their 4-1 victory over pointless Stockport, who had Aaron Wilbraham sent off.

ROTHERHAM have already been good entertainers, but are yet

to get off the mark after a follow-up 3-2 defeat at WATFORD.

Gianluca Vialli is happy enough with his attacking riches to have released striker Allan Smart to Hibernian on a three-month loan. The Yorkshiremen have the consolation, though, of seeing Mark Robins up there with the leading scorers on three – and it would have been four but for his missed penalty at Vicarage Road. BRADFORD made it two wins out of two since relegation as they went and conquered a Portsmouth side reinforced by the presence of Croatian star Robert Prosinecki – finally granted his work permit on appeal.

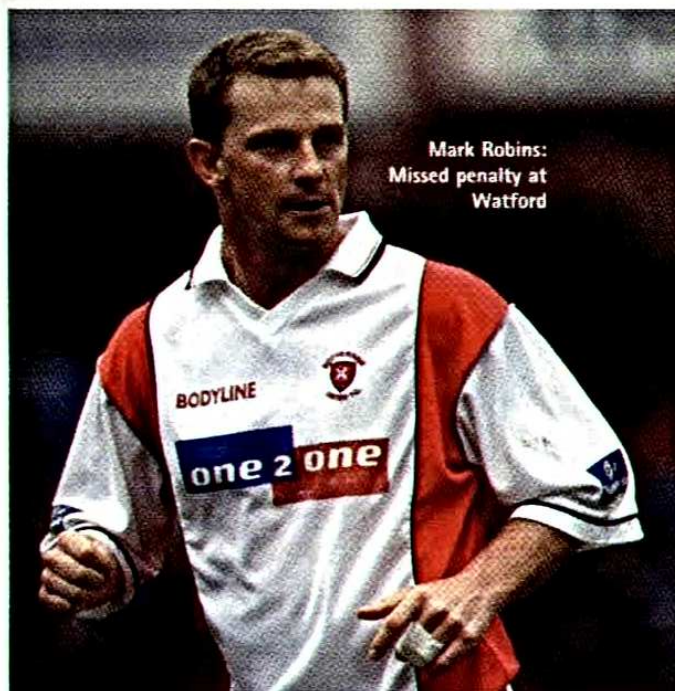
Two new men made a mark in WALSALL'S 1-1 draw at Preston. The Saddlers, having made another signing with the free-transfer acquisition of French-born left-back Frederic Biancalani, had a first goal in England by Brazilian winger Herivelto

while North End gave a debut as sub to Kevin Gallacher, the Scottish international striker who is on a month's contract at Deepdale.

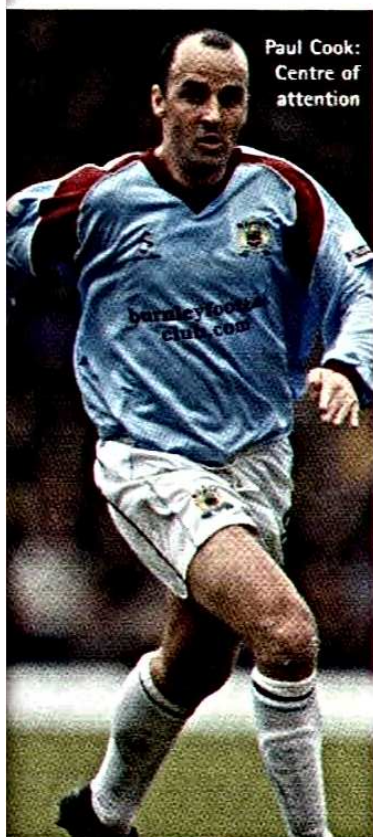
CREWE, one place off the foot of the table, had every reason to curse Paul McLaren in their home game against SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.

Midfielder McLaren, then a Luton player, was offered a contract at Gresty Road in the summer, but opted for Wednesday instead and scored their second goal away to the Cheshire club four days ago. Crewe had Dave Brammer making his full debut following his £500,000 move from neighbouring PORT VALE.

MANCHESTER CITY had Paulo Wanchope sent off in their 2-0 defeat at Norwich while, the following day, BIRMINGHAM, who are at home to Southend in the Worthington tonight, broke their duck by hammering Mark McGhee's Millwall 4-0.



Mark Robins:
Missed penalty at
Watford



Paul Cook:
Centre of
attention

BigMatchACTION

WOLVES 2 PORTSMOUTH 2

Saturday 11th August 2001

A two-goal fight back saw Wolves salvage a point after they looked certain to start the new campaign with a defeat after Portsmouth had netted twice inside the opening 20 minutes.

Joleon Lescott and Paul Butler formed the centre of the home defence with Ludovic Pollet named as substitute. Also on the bench were Michael Branch and Andy Sinton with new boys Shaun Newton and Mark Kennedy both making their full debuts for the club. Butler was named as captain.

There was an emotional beginning to the proceedings when an immaculately observed minute's silence was held in respect of Portsmouth goalkeeper Aaron Flahavan who had died so tragically the previous weekend.

The afternoon was grey and overcast as Wolves attacked the town end of the ground. And Carl Robinson almost provided the perfect start when he ran onto Adam Proudlock's square ball and fired over from 25 yards.

There was an amusing incident in the seventh minute when Robinson's attempted midfield tackle on Stefani Miglieranzi felled the referee who found himself in the way. But the smiles of the

home fans disappeared seconds later as Pompey moved ahead.

Nigel Quashie crossed from the right and Peter Crouch marked his first game for Portsmouth with a downward header at the far post that flew past Michael Oakes.

Wolves were rocked back and Quashie drew a diving save from Oakes. Then Robinson intercepted a low cross from Lee Bradbury. Oakes collected and, to the anger of the home support, the referee awarded an indirect free kick for a back pass though that didn't appear to be Robinson's intention.

The kick, from the corner of the six-yard box on the right, was taken by Gary O'Neil who tapped the ball to Quashie. His shot flew across the box and wide of the far post.

But the relief for Wolves was only temporary and in the 19th minute they went two down. Bradbury fed the ball to Jason Crowe who advanced into the box before clipping a shot past Oakes.

Shortly afterwards Alex Zamperini was yellow carded for a foul tackle on Lee Naylor.

Wolves were struggling to make an impression on the game but there was concern in the visitors defence on the half-hour mark.

Naylor ran onto a Kennedy backheel and crossed to Lescott whose head-on was cleared from a congested area by Jamie Vincent.

Darren Moore was booked for dissent and the free kick advanced



ten yards to just outside the Pompey area. But Tony Dinning's shot was comfortably dealt with by Dave Beasant.

Just three minutes later Moore found himself treading on thin ice when he was penalised for upending Proudlock from behind. Dinning was wide with the free kick.

But an incident

packed three minutes of stoppage time ended with Wolves pulling a goal back. Kennedy and Naylor combined again on the left and Proudlock flicked the defender's cross against the near post.

Then Bradbury was booked for kicking the ball away, the referee again advancing the free kick ten yards. Kennedy's shot took a deflection off





the midriff of Beasant.

With 13 minutes left Naylor became the first Wolves man in the book after he had hauled down

But, with Wolves still on the attack, the referee brought proceedings to a halt after almost five minutes of added time.



Proudlock's chest and this time the young striker hit the other post. But the ball bounced out to Newton who gleefully tucked it over the line.

Half Time: Wolves 1 Pompey 2

Five minutes into the second half Butler ventured upfield and tested Beasant with a full-blooded shot from 35 yards out. Then Dinning tried his luck with another long-range effort but again Beasant was equal to the task.

By now Wolves had clicked into gear and it came as no surprise when

they drew level in the 56th minute. The goal came about thanks to the persistence of Newton who shook off two challenges by the right hand corner flag before crossing to Cedric Roussel who powered a header beyond the dive of Beasant.

Though Wolves were now well on top, Bradbury almost restored Pompey's advantage with a diving header following a Vincent cross. Then Naylor's strongly hit first time cross had Beasant backpeddling as the ball just curled past the far post.

Midway through the half Roussel headed a Kennedy corner wide and then the Belgian laid the ball back to Dinning who fired a fierce shot into

Quashie on the edge of the home box. Vincent took the free kick and he held his head in anguish as the ball flew inches wide of the post.

There were loud appeals for a penalty when Proudlock appeared to be tripped by Scott Hiley as he ran down the left channel of the Portsmouth box, but the referee waved aside the appeals.

Butler rose to send a towering header marginally wide after another Kennedy corner and, after the limping Naylor was replaced by Sean Connelly, a low shot from Proudlock was smothered by at the second attempt by Beasant as Roussel came charging in on the loose ball.

WOLVES: Oakes, Muscat, Naylor (Connelly 85), Robinson, Lescott, Butler, Newton, Dinning, Proudlock, Roussel, Kennedy.

UNUSED SUBS: Branch, Bywater, Sinton, Pollett.
BOOKING: Naylor (77 - foul).

PORTSMOUTH: Beasant, Hiley, Vincent, Crowe (Harper 74), O'Neil, Quashie, Miglioranza (Panopoulos 70), Moore, Zamperini, Crouch, Bradbury (Pitt 90).

UNUSED SUBS: Tardif, Vine.
BOOKINGS: Crowe (21 - foul), Moore (38 - dissent), Bradbury (45 - kicking the ball away).

ATTENDANCE: 23,012.

LEFT

Shaun Newton marked his Wolves debut with a goal.

ABOVE

Celebration time for Cedric Roussel...

RIGHT

...who seems to be a little on the popular side with his team-mates.



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Leading Worthington Cup Scorers

1	2	3	4	5	6
Fowler	Liverpool	6	Allen	Grimsby	3
Adebola	Birmingham C	5	Aloisi	Coventry City	3
Payton	Burnley	5	Bent	Sheffield United	3
Saha	Fulham	5	Boa Morte	Fulham	3
Sheron	Barnsley	5	Cooke	Burnley	3
Barnard	Barnsley	4	Devlin	Sheffield United	3
Dunn	Blackburn	4	Elliott	Darlington	3
Horsfield	Birmingham	4	Gallianza	Norwich City	3
Morrison	C. Palace	4	Johnson	Ipswich Town	3
Murphy	Blackpool	4	Lua Lua	Colchester Utd	3
Murphy	Liverpool	4	Macken	Preston N.E.	3
Smicer	Liverpool	4	Ricard	Middlesbrough	3
Stallard	Notts County	4	Roberts	Norwich City	3
			Taylor R.	Wolves	3
			Thomson	Gillingham	3
			Weah	Manchester City	3

2000-2001 Worthington Cup Statistics

2000-2001 Total Results:		2000-2001 Competition Goals:	
Games	153	Total Goals	453
Home Wins (inc. extra time & penalties)	67	Total Penalties (Scored)	29
Away Wins (inc. extra time & penalties)	52	Total Own Goals	4
0-0 Draws (inc. Replays at 90 mins)	14	Total Hat-Tricks	7
Score Draws (inc. Replays at 90 mins)	27	Ave. Goals per game	2.96
Highest Attendance:	73,500 (Liverpool v Birmingham City, Final)		
Lowest Attendance:	612 (Halifax v Tranmere Rov, Rd.1(2))		
Highest Agg Att (2 Legs):	67,847 (Crystal Palace v Liverpool, Semi-Finals)		
Lowest Agg Att (2 Legs):	2,499 (Mansfield T. v Wrexham, Rd.1)		
Total / Ave. Attendance:	1,480,376 (divided by 153 games) Ave. 9,675.66		
Total Yellow Cards:	312 (153 games)		
Club with most Cautions:	Crystal Palace (12 Yellow, 1 Red)		
Average Yellow Cards:	2.039 per game		
Total Red Cards:	10 (Millwall 2, Manchester United 2)		
Biggest Winning Margin:	8 Goals (Stoke City 0 Liverpool 8 Rd.4)		
Biggest Home Win:	7-2 (Bradford 7 Darlington 2 Rd.2)		
Biggest Away Win:	8-0 (Stoke C. 0 Liverpool 8 Rd.4)		
Highest Scoring Match:	9 Goals (Bradford 7 Darlington 2 Rd.2)		
Highest Scoring Tie (2 Leg):	11 Goals (Norwich City v Blackpool, 3-3, 5-0)		
Lowest Scoring Tie (2 Leg):	1 Goal (Portsmouth v Cambridge United Rd.1)		
Closest Winning Margin:	Replay - Penalties, after extra time 2 ties: (Bristol Rovers 4 Everton 2, Rd.2; Crystal Palace 6 Tranmere Rovers 5, Rd.4)		

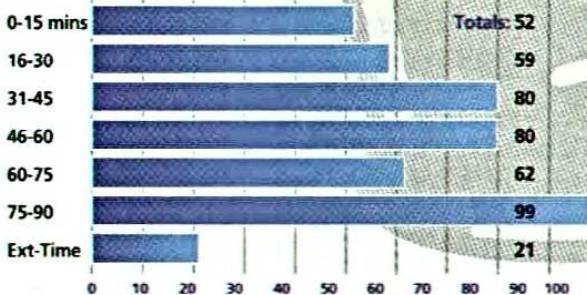
Hat-Tricks / Own Goals

Dunn	Blackburn	Rd.1
Lua-Lua	Colchester Utd	Rd.1
Macken	Preston NE	Rd.1
Payton	Burnley	Rd.1
Ricard	Middlesbrough	Rd.2
Aloisi	Coventry City	Rd.2
Fowler	Liverpool	Rd.4
Aggrey	Torquay United	Rd.1
Brown	Lincoln City	Rd.1
Clark	Colchester Utd	Rd.2
Hazell	Tranmere Rovers	Rd.2

Red Cards

Sullivan	Tottenham H.	Rd.2
Carbonari	Derby Co.	Rd.2
Williams	Coventry City	Rd.2
Dolan	Millwall	Rd.2
Reid	Millwall	Rd.2
Mohan	Stoke City	Rd.2
Van der Gouw	Man. Utd	Rd.3
Heskey	Liverpool	Rd.3
Yorke	Man. Utd	Rd.4
Kolinko	Crystal Palace	Rd.6

When the goals were scored



2000/01 Top Scoring Teams

2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
Birmingham City	22									
Liverpool	20									
Ipswich Town	15									
Fulham	14									
Barnsley	13									
Stoke City	13									
Blackburn Rovers	12									
Crystal Palace	12									
Sheffield Wednesday	12									
Sunderland	12									
Bradford City	11									
Sheffield United	11									
Coventry City	10									
Derby County	10									
Tranmere Rovers	10									



9 Goals:
Burnley
Manchester City
Wolverhampton Wanderers
8 Goals:
Newcastle United
Norwich City
7 Goals:
Wycombe Wanderers

Yellow and Red Card Collectors

Crystal Palace	12 : 1
Fulham	12 : 0
Sheffield Wednesday	12 : 0
Birmingham City	11 : 0
Millwall	9 : 2
Wolverhampton W.	9 : 0
Stoke City	8 : 1
Blackpool	8 : 0
Liverpool	7 : 1
Ipswich Town	6 : 0
Northampton Town	6 : 0
Wycombe Wanderers	6 : 0

Last Season's Top 15 Attendances

	8,000	16,000	24,000	32,000	40,000	48,000	56,000	64,000	72,000	80,000
Liverpool vs Birmingham City										73,500
Sunderland vs Manchester United										47,543
Liverpool vs Crystal Palace										41,854
Newcastle Utd vs Bradford City										41,847
Newcastle Utd vs Leyton Orient										37,284
Sheffield Weds vs Sheffield United										32,285
Manchester City vs Ipswich Town										31,252
Liverpool vs Chelsea										29,370
Birmingham City vs Ipswich Town										28,624
Stoke City vs Liverpool										27,109
Tottenham H. vs Birmingham City										27,096
Tottenham H. vs Brentford										26,909
Arsenal vs Ipswich Town										26,105
Crystal Palace vs Liverpool										25,993
Everton vs Bristol Rovers										25,564

Worthington Cup Referees Report

	G	YC	RC	Av.Y		G	YC	RC	Av.Y
M. Halsey	2	12	1	6.0	M. Fletcher	4	11	0	2.75
J. Winter	4	19	1	4.75	W. Jordan	3	8	0	2.66
R. Olivier	3	14	1	4.66	G. Cain	3	8	0	2.66
P. Richards	3	13	0	4.33	P. Danson	3	8	0	2.66
P. Alcock	3	12	1	4.0	C. Foy	2	5	0	2.5
A. Hall	2	7	2	3.5	P. Taylor	2	5	0	2.5
S. Tomlin	2	7	0	3.5	E. Wolstenholme	4	9	0	2.25
J.P. Robinson	2	7	0	3.5	W. Burns	3	6	0	2.0
A. Wiley	3	10	0	3.33	S. Lodge	3	6	0	2.0
K. Hill	2	6	0	3.0	D. Pugh	3	6	0	2.0
M. Warren	2	6	1	3.0	G. Barber	2	4	1	2.0
P. Dowd	2	6	0	3.0	R. Styles	2	4	0	2.0
R. Harris	2	6	1	3.0	M. Cowburn	2	0	0	0

Stats based on Referees taking charge of at least 2 games in last season's Worthington Cup Competition.

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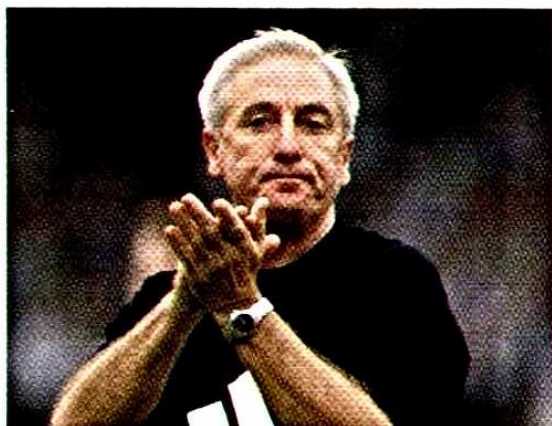
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ROY EVANS



After 35 years as a player, coach and eventually manager at Liverpool, finding a new direction was never going to be easy for Roy Evans when he left Anfield in November 1998.

Part of the famous 'boot room' dynasty established during the Shankly years and upheld with such massive success by Bob Paisley and Joe Fagan, Evans had the misfortune to be in charge at a time when Liverpool were going through a long period of transition. He ultimately paid the price when he was replaced by the Frenchman, Gerard Houllier, following a short-lived attempt at a partnership.

Although, from time to time after the split, there were offers of new work to consider, 52-year-old Evans believes the strength of his allegiance to Liverpool may have deterred some potential

employers from seeking his services. In any event, apart from helping out at Fulham for a short period in 2000, nothing particularly appealed.

After three years, however, much of it spent travelling and playing golf, it was inevitable that Evans's passion for football would get the better of him and when Swindon approached him during the summer, desperate to find the right man to turn them back on to an upwards course after slipping into Division Two, he felt the circumstances were right for a return to the hot seat.

"They have a new chairman in Donny Donegan and when I spoke to him I liked his ideas and his bouncy character," Evans said, shortly after taking the new role, where he is working closely with predecessor Andy King's assistant, Malcolm Crosby, and has brought in Liverpool

old boy Neil Ruddock in a coaching and playing role.

He is under no illusions about the task he faces after Swindon narrowly avoided relegation last season but insists that although he has no previous experience of working at Division Two level, it is not a totally alien environment.

"Swindon and Liverpool are on different planets in terms of finance but the lads here are still players who want to win, just like at Liverpool."

Given that it is only seven years since Glenn Hoddle gave them a taste of life in the Premiership - even though he did not stay to enjoy it himself - the arrival of Evans and Ruddock has rekindled expectations at the Wiltshire club, despite troubled times that have seen them endure a period of receivership as well as frequent changes of personnel both in the boardroom and the dugout. Evans is the sixth manager in eight years, the fourth in the last three.

"It would be nice to challenge for promotion but the most important thing is to get stability," he said.

He has been working closely with Malcolm Crosby, in particular, since his arrival at the County Ground, listening to the vastly experienced former Sunderland manager talk him through what hap-

pened last season, which ended with Swindon surviving by a one-point margin after spending much of the time in or just above the relegation places, actually dropping to bottom of the table in February.

"It has been difficult for him coming in as he did just a week before a new season," Crosby said.

"Obviously, the final decisions are down to him but he is very open-minded and listens to what people say to him. He has experience of coaching and managing at the highest level and that has to be to Swindon's advantage.

"We have not got lots of money to buy players and the kind of money that agents hope to negotiate in wages can make it difficult, but there have been a number of additions to the squad.

"I think the side is good enough to be looking at the top half of the table.

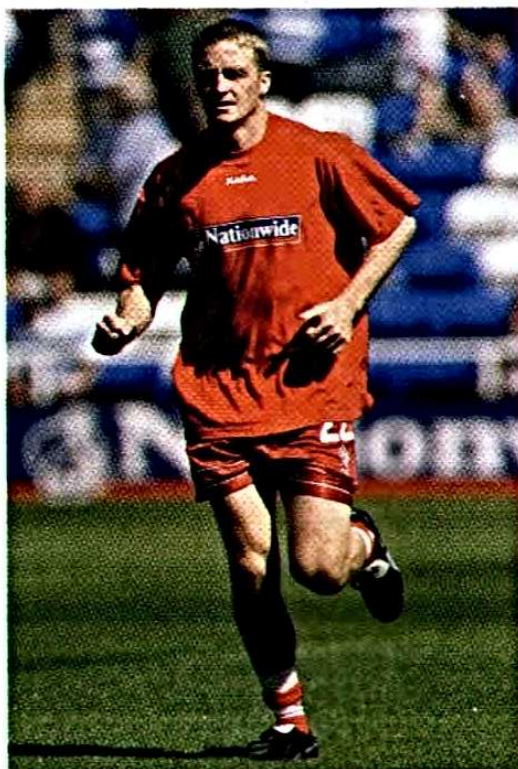
We got off to a bad start last season, which meant it was always difficult for us, but there is a good spirit in the team and the lads worked tremendously hard in the second half of the season.

"We will be looking to build on that and improve and if we can avoid a poor start this time, then have a bit of luck with injuries and suspensions, the players will gain confidence and hopefully have a better year."



StarPlayer

ALAN REEVES



Swindon skipper Alan Reeves renews acquaintance with former team mates today but it is an ex-Wolves player that clearly springs to mind when anyone mentions Molineux to the one-time Wimbledon stopper.

"I remember going to Molineux for one of my first away games for Swindon after I joined them in 1998," Reeves said. "We lost 1-0 to a penalty after Robbie Keane had taken a... well, let's say we felt he won it in dubious circumstances!"

"But I shall look forward to playing there again. It is an impressive stadium and it is good to go there. It makes a change from the Colchesters and the Carlises, with all respect to those clubs, and will be a great experience for our younger players."

It is the younger, less experienced players on whom Swindon must largely depend after a troubled period since they reached the dizzy heights of the Premiership in 1993-94. They lost their place in the elite after only one season and tumbled into Division Two two years ago, with financial problems seeing the club placed in receivership for a while.

Any player who could command a fee had to be sold during that difficult period, including striker George Ndah, who now finds himself here at Molineux. Swindon have since had to pick up such players as they could afford, usually on free transfers, many with limited experience.

"We've got some decent young players," Reeves said. "But it is a steep

learning curve for some of them. We have lads who were playing in reserve team football at Premiership clubs but they've come here and found that every game is a battle.

"It is a tough league and takes some getting used to. We did not make a good start last season and that didn't help the younger players. We struggled a lot at home in particular and the crowd made it known they were not happy.

"They are entitled to do so. They have seen Premier League football at Swindon in the recent past and you can't blame them. But I think some of the younger players froze a little.

"But the experience will have been good for them. We deserved to stay up for the effort that was put in to recover from the bad start and I fancy us to do a lot better this time, maybe even make the play-offs."

First, they will need to adjust to yet another change of manager with Roy Evans having replaced Andy King, who himself had been in charge only nine months following the departure of Colin Todd to become assistant manager at Derby County.

"In my three years at the club, we have had four chairmen and six managers," Reeves said. "As players, we just try to get

on with our job. When you cross the line you forget about what is going on off the field but you cannot avoid being distracted to a certain extent.

"Every new manager has his own ideas, which take time to gel, and we've found that as soon as we have got used to one manager he is out. We do need a bit of stability.

"Hopefully that will come with Roy Evans. He has only been here a short time but he seems to have some good ideas and every day in training has been different from the day before. You cannot spend 35 years at a club like Liverpool, working with all those good managers and players, without learning a few things."

The arrival of Neil Ruddock has heightened expectations, too, with the former Liverpool and England centre back likely to figure as a player as well as looking after the reserves for Evans. Ruddock is regarded as a veteran but, at 33, Reeves, an ex-colleague of Wolves defender Paul Butler at Rochdale before he joined Wimbledon, remains Swindon's senior player.

"There is only a six months or so between us but I am actually older than Razor," he said. "When he is fully match fit he will be good to have in the side, bringing some extra experience in the back line."



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WOLVES & SWINDON

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

Wolverhampton Wanderers striker George Ndah previously played for Swindon Town. Moving to the County Ground from Crystal Palace for £500,000 in November 1997, the England Youth international netted 14 goals in 67 First Division games for Swindon before being sold to Wolves for £1,000,000 in October 1999. Former England Youth striker Peter Eastoe also played for both clubs and was Swindon's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons.

WEMBLEY WINNER

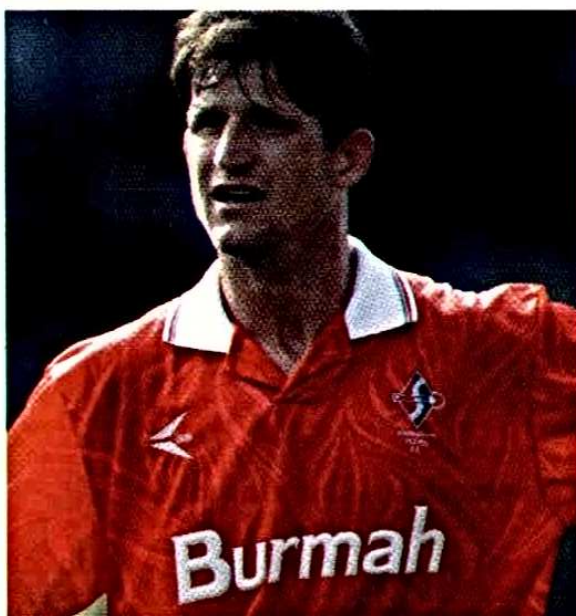
One-time Swindon Town striker Andy Mutch scored in Wolverhampton Wanderers' 1987-88 Sherpa Van Trophy final triumph at Wembley. Moving to Molineux from Southport in February 1986, the England U-21 international also starred alongside Steve Bull in Wolves' thrilling rise from the Fourth Division to Second in consecutive seasons and netted 97 goals in 289 League games before being sold to Swindon for £250,000 in August 1993. He scored six times in 50 League outings for this evening's visitors prior to joining Stockport County in March 1996.

LEADING MARKSMAN

Inside-forward Ernie Hunt was leading marksman at both Swindon Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1960, he was Swindon's top scorer in four consecutive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion success and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for his home-town club before being sold to Wolves for £40,000 in September 1965. He was leading marksman in the 1966-67 promotion campaign and scored 32 times in 74 League outings prior to joining Everton for £80,000 in September 1967.

IN SAFE KEEPING

Former Wolverhampton Wanderers goalkeeper Tim Flowers had two loan spells at Swindon Town. Signing professional at Molineux in August 1984, he made 63 League appearances for Wolves before being sold to Southampton for £100,000 in June 1986. The England U-21 international was loaned to Swindon in March 1987 and returned to the County Ground for a second loan spell eight months later, playing seven League games overall for today's opponents. Fellow



keepers Jim Barron and Frank Wildman also played for both clubs.

TITLE TRIUMPH

One-time Wolverhampton Wanderers striker Tony Evans featured in Swindon Town's 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. Moving to Molineux from Crystal Palace in June 1984, he was unable to prevent Wolves' relegation in 1984-85 and netted five goals in 23 Second Division games prior to joining Swindon in August 1985. He made ten Fourth Division appearances for today's visitors before moving to Walsall on a non-contract basis in September 1986. Ex-Swindon winger Mark Crook featured in Wolves' 1931-32 Second Division title success.

TOP SCORER

Former Swindon Town centre-forward Tom Phillipson was Wolverhampton Wanderers' top scorer in three consecutive seasons. Moving to the County Ground from Newcastle United in May 1921, he

was Swindon's leading marksman in 1921-22 and netted 26 goals in 87 Third Division (South) games prior to joining Wolves for £1,000 in December 1923. He helped to clinch the Third Division (North) title that season and scored 104 times in 144 League outings while at Molineux before moving to Sheffield United in February 1928.

PROMOTION WINNER

Ex-Wolverhampton Wanderers midfielder Bobby Woodruff starred in Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Signing professional at the County Ground in May 1958, he netted 20 goals in 180 League games for Swindon before being sold to Wolves for £40,000 in March 1964. He scored 18 times in 63 League outings while at Molineux prior to joining Crystal Palace for £35,000 in June 1966. The likes of Jack Hetherington, Terry Maguire, Jim Poppitt, John Preece, Gerry Taylor, Paul Walker and Mark Walters also played for both clubs, while former Wolves striker Andy King managed Swindon for ten months until August 2001.



Stats2001/02

FIXTURES & PLAYER STATS

Appearances & Goals 2001/2002



	SQUAD NO.	LEAGUE APPS.	FAC APPS.	WC APPS.	TOTAL APPS.	TOTAL GOALS
Oakes	1	2	-	-	2	-
Muscat	2	2	-	-	2	-
Naylor	3	2	-	-	2	-
Robinson	4	2	-	-	2	1
Lescott	5	2	-	-	2	-
Butler	6	2	-	-	2	-
Branch	7	-	-	-	-	-
Andrews	8	-	-	-	-	-
Proudlock	9	2	-	-	2	-
Ketsbaia	10	(1)	-	-	(1)	-
Kennedy	11	2	-	-	2	-
Beresford	12	-	-	-	-	-
Ndah	14	-	-	-	-	-
Roussel	15	2	-	-	2	1
Sinton	16	-	-	-	-	-
Taylor	17	-	-	-	-	-
Connelly	18	(1)	-	-	(1)	-
Bazeley	19	-	-	-	-	-
Newton	20	2	-	-	2	1
Larkin	22	-	-	-	-	-
Pollet	23	-	-	-	-	-
Dinning	24	2	-	-	2	-
Camara	25	-	-	-	-	-
Tudor	28	-	-	-	-	-
Green	29	-	-	-	-	-
Murray	30	-	-	-	-	-

Key

Player in **RED**.....Scored
 Number in brackets.....Substitute
 FAC.....F.A. Cup
 WC.....Worthington Cup

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WOLVES FIXTURES

date	opponents	att	f-a	pos		
SAT 11 AUG	PORTSMOUTH	H	23,012	2-2	10th	Oakes Muscat
SUN 19 AUG	COVENTRY CITY	A	22,902	1-0	7th	Oakes Muscat
WED 22 AUG	SWINDON TOWN WC1	H				
SAT 25 AUG	WATFORD	H				
MON 27 AUG	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A				
SAT 1 SEP	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H				
SAT 8 SEP	PRESTON NORTH END	A				
TUE 11 SEP	W CUP 2					
SAT 15 SEP	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H				
TUE 18 SEP	GILLINGHAM	A				
FRI 21 SEP	WALSALL	A				
TUE 25 SEP	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H				
SAT 29 SEP	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A				
SAT 6 OCT	BARNLEY	H				
TUE 9 OCT	W CUP 3					
SAT 13 OCT	BRADFORD CITY	A				
SAT 20 OCT	CRYSTAL PALACE	H				
THUR 25 OCT	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A				
SUN 28 OCT	BURNLEY	H				
WED 31 OCT	MILLWALL	H				
SAT 3 NOV	NORWICH CITY	A				
SAT 10 NOV	MANCHESTER CITY	A				
SUN 18 NOV	SHEFF WED	H				
SAT 24 NOV	WIMBLEDON	A				
TUE 27 NOV	W CUP 4					
SUN 2 DEC	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H				
SAT 8 DEC	GRIMSBY TOWN	A				
TUE 11 DEC	W CUP 5					
SUN 16 DEC	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H				
SAT 22 DEC	WATFORD	A				
WED 26 DEC	PRESTON NORTH END	H				
SAT 29 DEC	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H				
TUE 1 JAN	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A				
SAT 5 JAN	FAC 3					
TUE 8 JAN	W CUP SEMI-FINAL (1)					
SAT 12 JAN	COVENTRY CITY	H				
SAT 19 JAN	PORTSMOUTH	A				
TUE 22 JAN	W CUP SEMI-FINAL (2)					
SAT 26 JAN	FAC 4					
TUE 29 JAN	BARNLEY	A				
SAT 2 FEB	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H				
SAT 9 FEB	CRYSTAL PALACE	A				
SAT 16 FEB	BRADFORD CITY/FAC 5	H				
SAT 23 FEB	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A				
SUN 24 FEB	W CUP FINAL					
TUE 26 FEB	WALSALL	H				
SAT 2 MAR	GILLINGHAM	H				
WED 6 MAR	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A				
SAT 9 MAR	BIRMINGHAM CITY/FAC 6	A				
SAT 16 MAR	GRIMSBY TOWN	H				
SAT 23 MAR	NORWICH CITY	H				
SAT 30 MAR	BURNLEY	A				
MON 1 APR	MANCHESTER CITY	H				
SAT 6 APR	MILLWALL	A				
SAT 13 APR	WIMBLEDON	H				
SUN 14 APR	FAC SEMI-FINAL					
SUN 21 APR	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A				
SAT 4 MAY	FAC FINAL					



Tonight's mascot is Dominic Potter, aged six. He attends Gigmill Primary School and enjoys

swimming and football.

His favourite player is Steve Bull. Even though Steve has retired he watches the former Wolves star on video.

Dominic is looking forward to leading the team out tonight.

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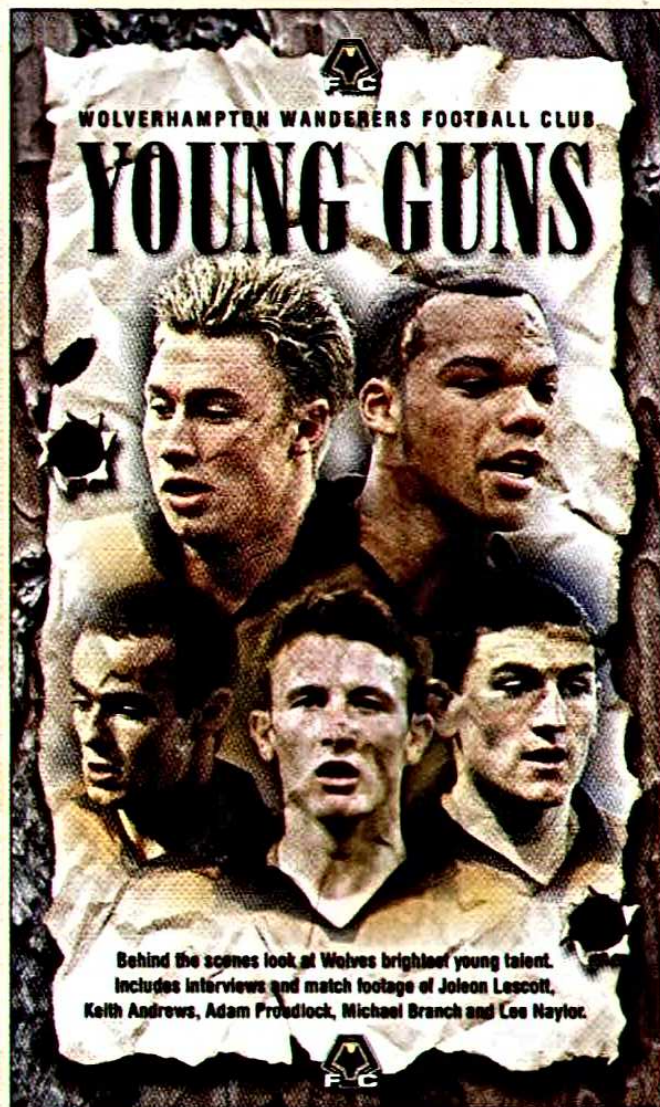
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WOLVES

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DAVE JONES

■	Michael Oakes	1
■	Kevin Muscat	2
■	Lee Naylor	3
■	Carl Robinson	4
■	Joleon Lescott	5
■	Paul Butler	6
■	Michael Branch	7
■	Keith Andrews	8
■	Adam Proudlock	9
■	Temuri Ketsbaia	10
■	Mark Kennedy	11
■	Marlon Beresford	12
■	George Ndah	14
■	Cedric Roussel	15
■	Andy Sinton	16
■	Robert Taylor	17
■	Sean Connelly	18
■	Darren Bazeley	19
■	Shaun Newton	20
■	Colin Larkin	22
■	Ludovic Pollet	23
■	Tony Dinning	24
■	Mohamed Camara	25
■	Shane Tudor	28
■	Ryan Green	29
■	Matt Murray	30
■	Lewis Solly	41

SWINDON

MANAGER
ROY EVANS

1	Bart Griemink	■
2	Mark Robinson	■
3	Sol Davis	■
4	Matthew Hewlett	■
5	Adam Willis	■
6	Andrew Gurney	■
7	Keith O'Halloran	■
8	Bobby Howe	■
10	Giuliano Grazioli	■
11	David Duke	■
12	Juan Cobian	■
14	Eric Sabin	■
15	Richard McKinney	■
16	Neil Ruddock	■
17	Daniel Invincibile	■
18	Bertie Brayley	■
19	Matthew Heywood	■
21	Gareth Davies	■
22	Alan Reeves	■
25	Steve Robinson	■
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