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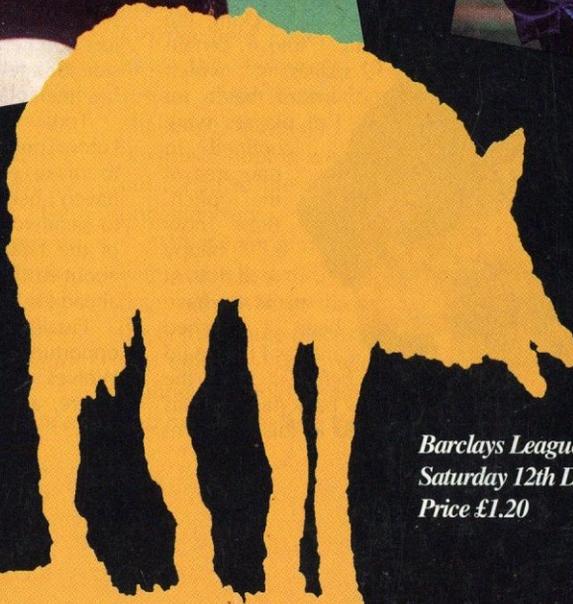


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**WOLVES v LUTON TOWN**



I was pleased with our performance against Grimsby Town a fortnight ago, and I felt that Grimsby certainly added to the game as they were intent on passing the ball and playing open soccer. That is something I have noticed this season; the number of sides that try to play the offside game by continually pushing forward, seem to be getting less, with a general intent now towards flowing, attractive football.

It's not just in our games that I've seen this, but also when I've been watching other teams, both live, and on TV. Take the Swindon V Derby game last Sunday. It was played in atrocious conditions yet the football was superb. Players don't seem so intent on keeping possession as they used to.

When I first came into management, on the FA courses that I attended, the theme was not to give the ball away and keep possession. In that period I feel that the game became very sterile.

Then it went through a period of knocking the ball into certain spaces, which meant that a lot of players were confined to one area of the pitch.

But now a happy medium seems to have been reached and, as I have said before, I think the new back pass law has helped in this by open-

ing up the game and creating more space for midfield players, rather than a 20 or 30 yard corridor.

It was a difficult game at Cambridge last week, when I felt we got bogged down in the first half. We would probably have come unstuck last season but as the game wore on we began to create more and more problems for the Cambridge defence and in the end, I thought we may have got another goal.

I wasn't very happy with a couple of the bookings given to our players. I know that kicking a ball away is classed as a bookable offence, but when a forward is in the full flow of a move and he takes a shot at goal, then I sometimes think that referees interpret the rule wrongly. It is obvious when a ball is kicked in dissent and I don't feel that was the case with Bully. What's more, Steve says that he didn't hear the whistle, and I certainly didn't, above the roar of the crowd which rose in a crescendo as Steve broke through. I also think that the booking of Keith Downing was a case of mistaken identity as he certainly wasn't involved in the action at the time of the booking, and wasn't close enough to have given dissent.

It was pleasing to see Tim Steele and Andy Mutch back in action this week. They are both well on the way to full recovery. But to temper this, after playing the same side in a five game unbeaten run, we have lost Robbie Dennison. He will be out of the side for a few weeks which is a shame as he has been playing well.

Today we welcome David Pleat and his Luton Town side. He has had to sell players to make ends meet and things certainly haven't been easy for him since he returned to Kenilworth Road, but he is an advocate of the type of open soccer I was talking about earlier, and I feel sure better times lie ahead for him and his team.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing Wolves supporters everywhere, a very Merry Christmas.



Luton Town manager David Pleat brings his side to Molineux this afternoon hoping to belatedly kick-start a

season which so far has been largely disappointing for the Hatters.

Forced to sell key men such as Mick Harford, Mark Pembridge and Chris Kamara following last season's relegation, the manager has had to rely on less experienced players in his team re-building programme.

He said: "It's interesting to compare the Wolves side at Cambridge last week to the sort of teams we've been putting out. Every one of the players in that Wolves line-up was bought, whereas our side normally contains six or seven players who we've brought through the ranks.

"As well as having to sell several players and losing another couple in the recent car crash that was so tragic, we've been quite unlucky with injuries this season.

"But it's not all been doom and gloom. We have produced some decent performances and after beating Watford a couple of weeks ago, we were rather unfortunate to lose at Bristol Rovers last week.

"Our away record isn't pathetic though, and I'm looking forward to a good game against Wolves. The excellent pitch is an encouragement to any team that wants to pass the ball around, and with Wolves playing in a more patient, creative style these days it should be an entertaining match."

The Luton boss was in attendance

at a reserve fixture here at Molineux earlier in the season and was impressed at the progress being made towards the completion of our new-look stadium.

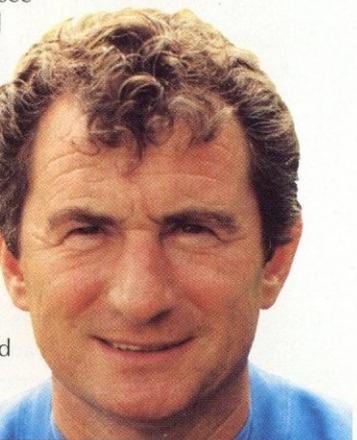
He said: "With the forward thinking people running the club now I can see a return to the great days Wolves enjoyed in the fifties.

"When I went up there to see the reserves against Sheffield United, I was delighted to talk with Billy Wright, who I admire greatly, and to see the new Molineux coming together with things like executive boxes, new office areas and excellent car parking facilities as well as the new stands and that great pitch.

"Things are looking so good that perhaps it makes all that aggravation the club had with the Bhatti brothers seem worthwhile.

"I certainly wish Wolves well under the present administration. On the field I feel they have the resources to sustain their promotion challenge, although I am obviously hoping we can put a halt to their recent unbeaten run.

"What I am aiming for with Luton is to consolidate somewhere above the bottom three places in the table — and winning at Molineux would certainly be a step in the right direction for us."



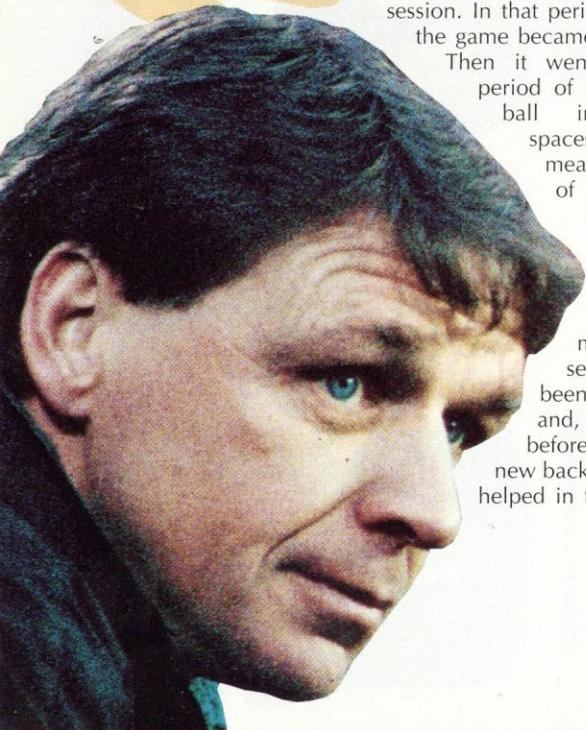
'...it's not all been doom and gloom...'

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'...a happy medium seems to have been reached...'

G R A H A M T U R N E R



## A ROOM WITH A VIEW

A report in the Sunday Express a few weeks ago described the Molineux pitch as the best in the Football League. Much of the credit for this goes to our groundsman Bill Pilbeam, and the tremendous work he has put into the new pitch during the summer and since that start of the season.

Working closely with the pitch consultants, Bill has produced a pitch that is a credit to him and the club. It gives the players every opportunity to play entertaining football and therefore increase the enjoyment of our supporters.

I sincerely wish at the end of a hopefully successful season, somebody remembers to raise a glass to Bill Pilbeam for all his hard work.

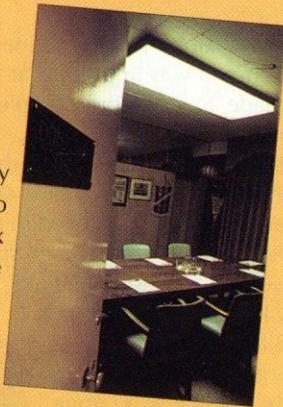
In recent weeks there has been much coverage in the media about the corporate entertainment that will be available for businesses at Molineux in the near future. I have heard whispers from fans wondering whether we were forgetting the importance of the supporters coming through the turnstiles. Whatever happens at Wolves in the future it will be based on the great number of paying fans coming through the turnstiles. They are the lifeblood of the club.

The fact there has been so little to interest businesses at Molineux in the past decade has resulted in the club attempting to encourage the whole of the Wolverhampton community to support us. But this will never be done to the exclusion of the most important people . . . you.

During the week I was able to learn that the referee at Cambridge, Mr R.S. Lewis, is hiring himself out for New Years Eve parties so that all concerned will know 'precisely', to the second, when the New Year begins!



**Jonathan Hayward**  
Chairman



## BURKE'S BEST

Mark Burke's eye-catching form has endeared him to Wolves fans in a big way, but Middlesbrough supporters will be well aware of just what he's capable of. They saw him produce some fine performances in Boro's previous spell in the top flight prior to his £15,000 move back to the West Midlands in the spring of last year. Mark visited many of the top grounds like Old Trafford, Highbury and Anfield, but rates as his best Ayresome Park display his contribution to a 4-1 victory over Millwall. "I scored one goal and had a hand in the other three," said Mark, who made a social visit back to the North East after our win over Grimsby here a fortnight ago. "It was one of those days when everything went right."

## LONG SERVING



Graham Turner has moved one place up the 'longest-serving managers' table. The gaffer is now the eighth in line nationwide in the Football League or Premier League, having stepped up a rung with Stan Flashman's controversial sacking of Barnet boss Barry Fry last week. Graham has, in fact, had the second longest spell in the hot seat of all the First Division managers, with only Derby's Arthur Cox, who took the reins at the Baseball Ground in May 1984, having given longer service. Wolves' last change of manager was in October 1986, before when Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough (January 1975), Oldham's Joe Royle (1982), Crewe's Dario Gradi (July 1983), Port Vale's John Rudge (December 1983), Crystal Palace's Steve Coppell (June 1984), Arsenal's George Graham (May 1986) were all installed in their respective jobs.

## SWITCH ROUND

The times are a-changing here at Molineux. In recent seasons, Wolves did all they could to ensure they attacked the South Bank in the second half of matches. It doesn't take a genius, though, to work out that Captain Bull opts to lead the advance towards the more heavily populated North Bank in the second half these days. On only one occasion so far (for the League match against West Ham in front of the live T.V. cameras on October 4th) have Wolves attacked the Stan Cullis stand in the first half-and that's out of 12 first-team games.

## DIFFICULT DRAW

Ugh! What do a football club pray for when they go into the hat for a cup draw? A home match? A crack at one of the country's top sides? A novelty pairing against one of the game's minnows? Anything, surely, apart from an awkward meeting with a team from the same division. But that is Wolves' fate once more, with last weekend's FA Cup draw sending us to First Division rivals Watford on January 2. We are also at Vicarage Road on January 9 for a League game, so it can hardly be described as the dream tie, coming, as it does, in the wake of cup clashes earlier this season against Tranmere, Peterborough and Notts County. But there are good omens. We met Watford in the FA Cup in both 1979-80 and 1980-81, losing the first time in our League Cup winning year, but then beating them in a Molineux replay en route for the semi-finals.

## LUTON DEBUT FOR BULLY

What do Grimsby, Sunderland and today's visitors Luton have in common? Answer: They are the only three First Division clubs Steve Bull hasn't scored against. But, while Bully has had several frustratingly unsuccessful outings against Grimsby and Sunderland, he has never faced Luton - either for Wolves or for Albion.

## VALLEY RETURN

Congratulations to Charlton on their recent return to their famous rightful home at The Valley. Having played the Londoners at Crystal Palace and West Ham in the last two seasons, it will be refreshing for us to go back to more traditional Charlton territory for our return against them on March 23. It could also be a lucky omen. Our last trip there in 1982-83 sealed promotion from the Second Division to the First Division for Graham Hawkins' side, thanks to a 3-3 draw.

## Birthday Boys

December is very much 'Happy Returns' month here at Molineux. For the festive season is going to mean a double celebration in many of the players' households. Paul Birch and Tim Steele have recently become a year wiser and, on this very day, Tom Bennett savours that birthday feeling. Then, in a remarkable spate of celebrations, Paul Edwards and Colin Taylor become 29 and 21 respectively on Christmas Day, Andy Mutch is 29 on the 28th, Kevin Ashley is 24 on New Year's Eve and Paul Blades is the toast on the fifth of next month. Christmas Day looks like being particularly hard for 'Eddie' Edwards, who, apart from being away from his family, has the additional disappointment of being on the road for his birthday, courtesy of the side's long haul to Newcastle for the eagerly-awaited Boxing Day fixture.



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## HONOURS

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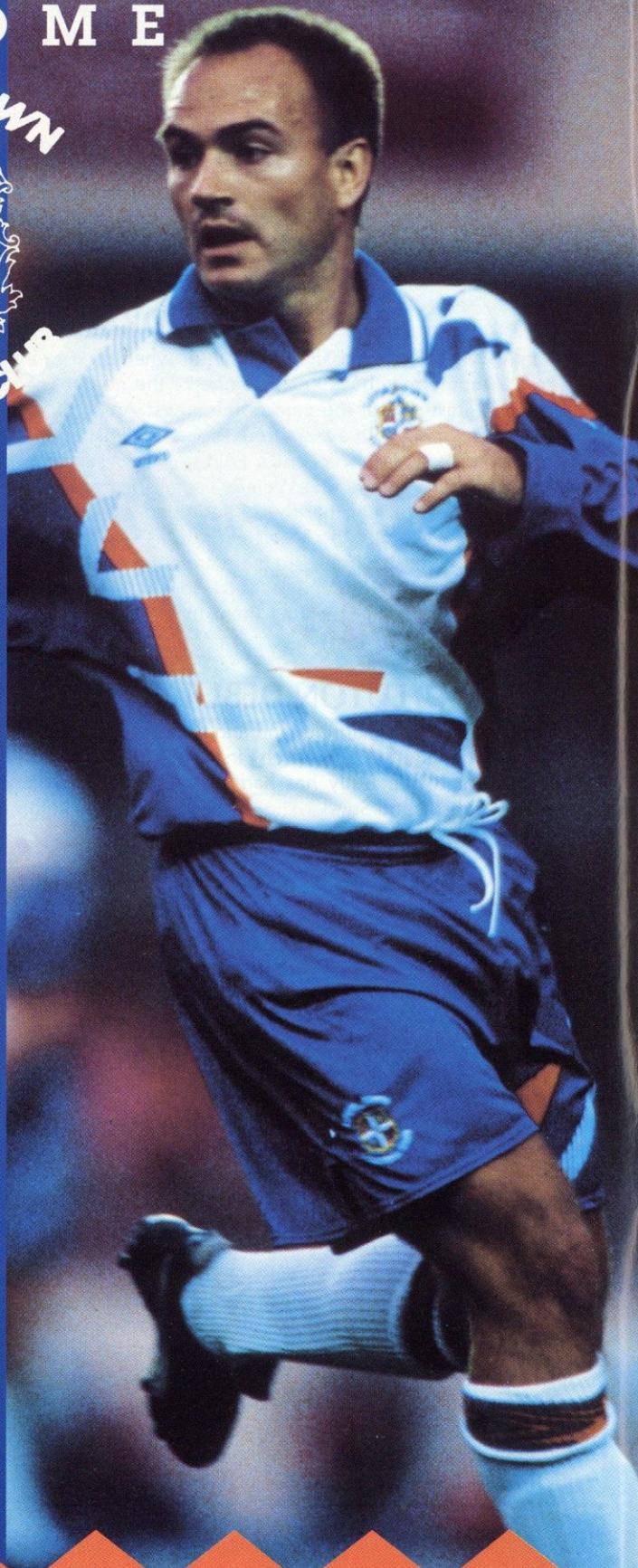
# WELCOME



**A**fter a series of narrow escapes Luton Town were finally relegated from top flight football at the end of last season after ten years mixing their brand of good football with the big guns. Even then the Hatters nearly saved themselves, and only defeat in their last game against Notts County, at Meadow Lane, saw them fail to avoid the drop.

It was a sad time for boss David Pleat who had returned to the club last season after spells in charge of Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City. Pleat had won the old Division Two Championship with Luton in 1982 and had been instrumental in forming the Hatters into an attractive, middle of the table, top flight side.

Currently, Luton are struggling at the bottom of the new Division One. Last season they were forced to sell key players Kingsley Black and Matthew Jackson to Nottingham Forest and Everton respectively. David Pleat had no choice but to blood several promising



youngsters as the club fought against relegation.

In the close season, last term's top scorer, Mick Harford, moved on to Chelsea and key Welsh International midfielder Mark Pembridge left in a big money move to Derby County. The experienced Chris Kamara has become unsettled and is currently out on loan to Sheffield United. Close season purchase, striker Steve Claridge, has already moved back to his old club Cambridge United.

So at present things are not looking too healthy at Kenilworth Road. As regards the current side, Alec Chamberlain has recently regained his spot as first choice keeper from Aussie Andrew Petterson. Chamberlain lost his place to loan signings Steve Sutton and Mervyn Day midway through last season.

The vastly experienced Trevor Peake, who was secured from Coventry City shortly after the start of last season, has been organising a mainly young and relatively inexperienced defence this season. The promising pair of Richard Harvey and Julian James have been operating in the back four of late, along with former Leicester man Des Linton. Marvin Johnson has also had a run in the side this season.

The departure of Chris Kamara has placed a greater emphasis on the skills of former Walsall man David Preece. In midfield Preece has made over 250 appearances for the Hatters since moving from the West Mid-



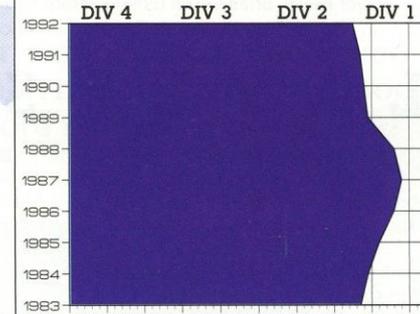
Left: David Preece  
Opposite page: Des Linton

lands. Welshman Jason Rees will also be looking for a place in the midfield this afternoon, along with Scott Oakes, who came to Kenilworth Road at the same time as Des Linton in a deal with Leicester City which took Steve Thompson in the opposite direction. Other youngsters who could come into contention for a place include Jamie Campbell and David Greene.

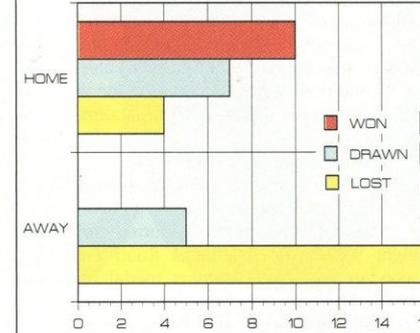
The departure of Steve Claridge will place a greater onus on Northern Ireland International Phil Gray to deliver the goods up front. David Pleat will be looking to find a regular attacking partner for Gray in the coming weeks.

The Hatters recent 2-0 victory over local rivals Watford has given David Pleat's men some hope, at least in the short term. Pleat will expect to achieve some sort of respectability by averting two successive relegations. Certainly one of the most popular and eloquent managers in the game deserves some success after a difficult time, both in his second spell at Kenilworth Road, and towards the end of his time in charge of Leicester City. Perhaps a last day escape from the drop could be on the cards again. At least that might give us another chance to see the famous Pleat jig of delight once more. However, the boss himself will be hoping that he will be able to make the Hatters' position safe well before then, and keep that jig for future successes.

## TEN YEAR RECORD



## 1991-92 RECORD



## THE LAST 10 GAMES

Barnsley	A	0-3
<b>Derby Co</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-3</b>
Peterborough U	A	3-2
<b>Southend U</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Cambridge U	A	3-3
<b>Grimsby T</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-4</b>
Oxford U	A	0-4
<b>Millwall</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Watford</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2-0</b>
Bristol R	A	0-2

Summary	W	D	L	F	A
	2	3	5	13	24



**Back row Left to Right:** Darren Salton, Jamie Campbell, Des Linton, Alec Chamberlain, Marvin Johnson, Juergen Sommer, David Greene, John Dreyer, Chris Kamara. **Middle row Left to Right:** John Moore (Coach), Julian James, Paul Telfer, Tim Allpress, Kurt Nogan (no longer with club), Richard Harvey, Trevor Peake, Brian Owen (Physio). **Front row Left to Right:** Steve Claridge (now Cambridge), David Preece, Phil Gray, David Pleat (Manager), Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, Scott Oakes.

## THE PLAYERS

### Alec Chamberlain (goalkeeper)

b. 20.6.64 became the first choice keeper shortly after being signed from Everton for £150,000 in July 1988. Made his league debut for Colchester in 1982 before moving onto Everton, from where he had a loan period with Tranmere Rovers.

### John Dreyer (defender)

b. 11.6.63 started his career with Oxford United joining as an apprentice. He experienced loan periods with Torquay and Fulham before breaking into the Oxford first team. The full-back joined the Hatters for £140,000 in 1988 and has been ever present for the past three seasons.

### Richard Harvey (defender)

b. 17.4.69 a former England Youth international who made his Luton debut at the age of 17 in 1986. Enjoyed a long run with the number three shirt last season. He has been a first team squad member for the past three seasons.

### Des Linton (defender)

b. 5.9.71 signed from Leicester City along with Scott Oakes in an exchange deal. Luck deserted him on his debut against Manchester City when he was injured and missed the remainder of the season.

### Marvin Johnson (defender)

b. 29.10.68 missed the whole of last season due to a ruptured achilles tendon. The versatile defender made his debut in 1988 and quickly established himself as a regular in the Luton defence.

### Julian James (defender)

b. 22.3.70 a former trainee who broke into the first team four seasons ago in the first division. An England U-21 international, he spent the early part of last season on loan with Preston North End.

### Ceri Hughes (defender)

b. 26.2.71 a series of lengthy injuries limited Ceri to 18 league appearances, many of them as substitute, last season. Looked on as a future star player, he has represented Wales at Schoolboy and U-21 international level. Made his debut in 1990 against Aston Villa.

### Trevor Peake (defender)

b. 6.7.57 an experienced player who joined Luton in August 1991 for £100,000 from Coventry. During his eight seasons at Highfield Road he won an F.A. Cup Winners medal in 1987. He was introduced to league football with Lincoln after being signed from non-league Nuneaton Borough.

### Chris Kamara (midfield)

b. 25.12.57 well travelled midfielder who joined from Leeds United in October 1991. Beginning his career with Portsmouth he went on to represent Swindon Town (twice), Portsmouth again, Brentford, Stoke City, Leeds and finally Luton.

### Paul Telfer (midfield)

b. 21.10.71 injury ruled him out of the last four months of last season. Made his debut in the 1990/91 season against Everton. Operates on the right side of the Hatters midfield.

### David Preece (midfield)

b. 28.5.63 signed from Walsall in 1984 for £150,000, whom he joined as a trainee after signing from non-league Bridgnorth. Made his league debut in 1981 and went on to make well over 100 appearances for the Saddlers before his move South. He was part of the team in Luton's two league cup final appearances.

### Jason Rees (midfield)

b. 22.12.69 an ex-trainee who made his first team debut as a substitute in 1990. He made his debut for the Wales U-21 side the same season against England. He has since been capped by Wales 'B' side.

### Ian Benjamin (forward)

b. 11.12.61 currently on loan from Southend United to help end Luton's goal drought. Scored the Southend goal in Wolves draw at Roots Hall earlier this season.

### Philip Gray (forward)

b. 2.10.68 started as an apprentice at Tottenham but failed to hold a first team place after a few appearances. He was loaned out to Barnsley and Fulham before signing for Luton for £275,000 in August 1991. Missed most of last season through injury.

### Scott Oakes (forward)

b. 5.8.72 joined his home town club Leicester City as an apprentice but only managed to make three appearances in the first team. He was transferred to Luton in a duel deal with Des Linton which involved Steve Thompson going to Filbert Street.

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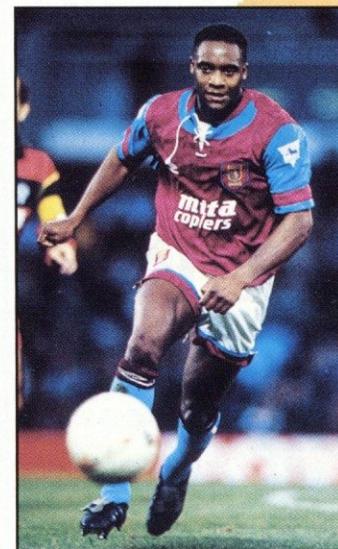
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## COUNTRYWIDE

There were some strange results in the FA Premier League last weekend. Non more so than Nottingham Forest's 4-1 win at Leeds. Forest, with only two league wins all season, faced a United side unbeaten at home. But the form book was turned upside down when, after Nigel Clough had given Forest a first half lead, Roy Keane (2) and Kingsley Black put the visitors well in command before Gary Speed got a consolation goal for Leeds shortly before the end.

Two ferocious shots from Dalian Atkinson helped Aston Villa to another victory, this time



Dalian Atkinson

at Sheffield Wednesday. Mark Bright was on target for the home team. The other Sheffield side, United, provided Crystal Palace with their first home league win of the season. Armstrong and Southgate were

the scorers for the Selhurst Park side.

The two north London teams didn't have a good day. Arsenal went down at Southampton for whom Maddison and Dowie were on target, and Spurs slipped up at White Hart Lane where Chelsea were the guests. Eddie Newton got two late goals for the Blues before substitute Sol Campbell got an even later consolation for Spurs on his league debut.

The two local derbies both ended in 2-1 home wins. On Sunday, Manchester United overcame City with goals from Ince and Hughes, Quinn replying for the Blues, then on Monday Peter Beardsley got a winner against his old club when Everton won the Merseyside derby. Mark Wright had given Liverpool the lead only for Mo Johnston to level things within 90 seconds.

Leaders Norwich stretched their lead at the top after a win over Wimbledon. But the Canaries had to come from behind and it needed a last minute effort from Dave Phillips to secure all three points. Blackburn went down by the odd goal in five at Middlesbrough, John Hendrie hitting a hat trick for the home team.

Coventry and Ipswich drew two all at Highfield Road, on loan Mick Quinn was on the mark again for the Sky Blues, and Queens Park Rangers beat Oldham at Loftus Road by 3-2, Les Ferdinand getting two of the home goals.

In Division One, Birmingham

City are just four points off the bottom of the table after another home defeat, this time at the hands of Brentford, who took a



John Frain

second minute lead through Gary Blissett. Although John Frain pulled the Blues level, goals from Ratcliffe and Manuel sent the Bees home happy.

It was a happy return to the Valley for Charlton Athletic. A 7th minute goal from Colin Walsh was enough to give them victory over Portsmouth. Grimsby, after their defeat here a fortnight ago, slipped up again, this time at home to Leicester City who were two up at the break, both goals coming from David Oldfield, and though Groves pulled one back for the Mariners, Ian Ormondroyd made it safe for City with his side's third.

Newcastle's march towards glory continues. Their latest victims were Notts County who now share bottom place with Southend. Sheedy and Peacock were second half scorers for United.

## VIDEO NEWS

Wolves compilation video for November is available today from the club shop priced at £14.99. It includes action from all of Wolves' games in November, both at home and away, as well as a quiz competition, an interview with Tom Bennett, the Supporters Club Player of the Year, Christmas messages from the players and manager, and **CHRISTMAS BOX**, every Wolves goal scored so far this season. An ideal Christmas present, don't miss this great video.



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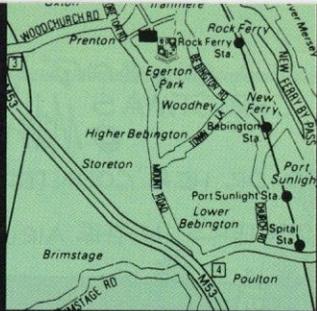


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... BULLY CHESTS BALL BEHIND HIMSELF <b>FORWARD 1</b>	... BUT STILL MANAGES TO SMASH BALL HOME <b>FORWARD 3</b>	<b>GOA!</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
<b>LOST BALL</b>	WHITE MIS-HEADS UMPTENTH CORNER <b>FORWARD 1</b>	... BUT IT FOOLS EVERY-ONE AND LOOPS INTO NET <b>FORWARD 3</b>	<b>GOAL!</b>
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... BULLY SKIES IT! <b>BACK 3</b>	BLADES HEADS OFF LINE <b>BACK 1</b>	WOLVES FANS JOIN YOU IN SINGING "SACK THE BOARD" <b>FORWARD 1</b>	BULLY IS CLEAR ON GOAL. BLOW FOR TIME. <b>FORWARD 1</b>
<b>LOST BALL</b>	... BALL REBOUNDS TO BULLY <b>FORWARD 2</b>	DARREN ROBERTS HITS A POST <b>FORWARD 2</b>	BOOK KIMBLE FOR TACKLE ON DOWNING <b>FORWARD 2</b>
<b>WOLVES</b> BLUE. 8 STEWARDS & 5 POLICE STARING AT YOU.	THEIR FANS CHANT "ENGLAND REJECT." TAKE YOUR CAPS <b>FORWARD 1.</b>	BIRCHIE PANICS WHEN BOSS STOPS SHOUTING <b>BACK 1</b>	BLOW YOUR NOSE ON A HANKIE <b>BACK 8</b>
<b>CAMBRIDGE</b> YELLOW. 2 STEWARDS, SEATED, WATCHING THE GAME	PUBLIC RELATIONS BLUNDER OVER MANAGER. START AGAIN <b>FORWARD 2</b>	DEVON WHITE CLEAR, WITH 'KEEPER STRANDED <b>FORWARD 2</b>	STEVE CLARIDGE'S SOCKS COME DOWN <b>FORWARD 1</b>
<b>REFEREE</b> BLACK HOT PANTS, PINK THIGHS, POLICE ESCORT HOME.	DEVON WHITE THROWS BALL OVER HIS HEAD. STAY CALM. <b>FORWARD 1</b>	CLAYTON CLATTERS COOK BOOK HIM FOR ALLITERATION <b>FORWARD 2</b>	MOUNTFIELD HANDLES. MIME TEN-PIN BOWLING WHILE MOVING <b>FORWARD 1</b>
		... BUT HITS DEREK MOUNTFIELD <b>BACK 1</b>	BLADES KICKS BALL AWAY. BOOK HIM, AND SPRINT <b>FORWARD 2, POINTING</b>
		<b>LOST BALL</b>	... BUT BOOK HIM ANYWAY <b>BACK 1</b>
		FAIL TO NOTICE CLARIDGE'S SOCKS <b>FORWARD 2</b>	

**RESULT:** UNITED 1 GOAL, WOLVES 1 GOAL, REFEREE 6 BOOKINGS



# NEXT AWAY

v **Tranmere Rovers**  
**19th December 1992**  
**Kick Off 3.00pm**

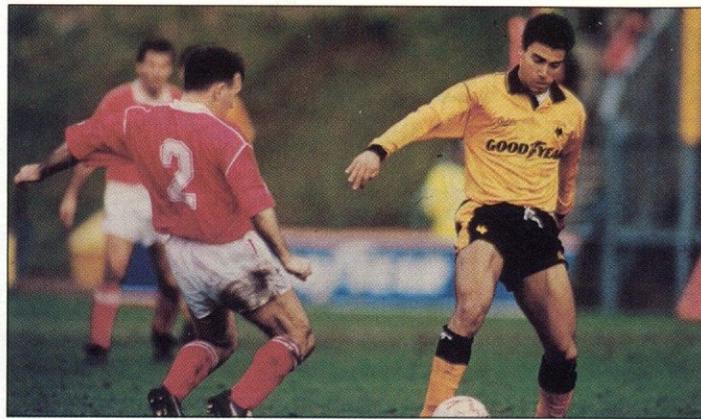
● **From all directions:** Leave M53 at junction 3 for the A552 Woodchurch Road. Turn right at junction for B5151 and turn left for Prenton Park.

● **Nearest Station:**  
 Rock Ferry

● **Parking:** Car park at ground. Street parking.

# NEXT HOME

v **Bristol City**  
**28th December 1992**  
**Kick Off 3.00pm**



**T**his afternoon we look forward to three potentially extremely important Barclays League Division One games. Christmas time is always a vital time of the year when a clutter of points won or lost can propel a side up (or down) the league table, but for Wolves the fixture list has given us games to really look forward to.

We shall start with next Saturday's visit to Tranmere. Not so long ago there was only ever one West Midlands side who had cause to visit Prenton Park in search of league points, but in a space of four years the Rovers have undergone a quite dramatic transformation. This has been the work of Manager John King (formerly in charge of the club when they were relegated to Division Four alongside Walsall in 1979), who returned to the Rovers in 1987 and led them to promotion to the Third Division in 1989.

The following year they twice appeared at Wembley, winning the Leyland Daf Cup but losing to Notts County in the play-off final. However the roles were reversed in 1991 when they lost to Birmingham in the cup competition at Wembley but defeated Bolton in the play-off final to reach the second Division for the first time since 1939.

Last season saw a continuation of their fairytale existence as they were on the fringe of the promotion race for most of the campaign and attracted many headlines with the signing of John Aldridge from Real Sociedad. The former Liverpool star scored prolifically for the Birkenhead outfit. Now they have added Pat Nevin to their squad and are again challenging for promotion to the top flight. Last season we lost 4-3 in a Prenton Park thriller (Cook, Bull and Burke scored our goals) and we're sure to be in for another tough afternoon on Merseyside.

There will be no respite from our labours as a week later we make the long journey up to Tyneside to face what most experts agree will be our sternest examination of the 1992-93 season. Newcastle United look destined for the Premier League even at this stage of the season and in front of a St. James' Park full house, the Wolves team will have to have nerves of steel. All so different from less than a year ago, when, under Ossie Ardiles the Magpies had a reputation as a team for the future who couldn't cope with the present. They seemed to be heading for the Third Division but a heavy defeat at fellow strugglers Oxford was too much for the Board of Directors and the little Argentinian was shown the door. (Incidentally, does anyone know if Mr Ardiles is still in football?) His replacement was to be Kevin Keegan, a hero on Tyneside after his two year sojourn there at the end of his playing career, but a man who had spent eight years outside the game. Of course, the history books show that he led the team to a great surge at the end of the season (their 6-2 defeat there was but a blip) and an incredible start to the current campaign. Ten straight wins came to an end at home to Grimsby and when defeats followed at Chelsea (in the Coca Cola Cup) and Leicester we wondered if the bubble of emotions had been burst by the pin of reality. Not so, for United still lead the way at the top of the table and pull in crowds that deserve to be watching Premier League action. There will be 30,000 people watching us in two weeks time — surely too good an occasion to miss?

A home game with Bristol City on December 28th may seem quite an anti-climax after the Geordie Cauldron, but it will be just as vital for our promotion ambitions. The Robins have had something of a yo-yo existence over the past 15 years, pioneering the little trick of going straight from the First to the Fourth Division in three years (that we successfully copied four years later) but they seem to have settled back in this division having been promoted in 1990. They currently lurk around mid-table but in Andy Cofe, a former Arsenal forward, they have a man who is always likely to find the net. The potential is surely there in Bristol for a Premier League side and City have the edge over their rivals Rovers in that they have vastly superior facilities plus, according to the league table at least, a better team. For City's loyal fans a trip up the M5 to Molineux is something akin to a local derby and they are sure to bring a large following with them, some of whom may have comprehensible accents. Last season we only managed one point out of six against City (a 1-1 draw here in March) so we will not find it easy to claim a victory on what is technically Boxing Day. What better way of rounding off the Christmas festivities than cheering the Wanderers on to another win on the promotions trail?

## WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

### Away Travel

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**Watford v Wolves Sat. Jan. 2nd.** Coaches leave North Bank Car Park 10.45am. Coaches leave Dudley (Stafford St Car Park) 10.15am

**W'ton Coaches**— Nigel Musgrove - W'ton 344621 — Tony Pugh - W'ton 458539.

**Dudley Coaches** — Ron Westwood - Sedgley 661039. **Dudley Pick Up Points** — Stafford Street Car Park, Green Dragon, Sedgley.

**Membership Cards must be carried as card checks are in operation.**

### Disabled Members & Supporters

If any disabled members or supporters would like to go to away matches on a special organised coach please give the Official Supporters Club a ring on W'ton (0902) 330322.

### Air Wolf 92 Boxing Day Flight to Newcastle

Any outstanding money for the flight must be in by this weekend. The total cost of the flight is £100, including coaches either end & insurance. The coaches leave Molineux for B'ham Airport at 10.45am. The plane takes off at 12.30pm & 12.35pm, arriving at Newcastle Airport at approx 1.15pm. Coaches will be waiting at Newcastle Airport to transfer you to St. James Park. The return flight will take off from Newcastle at 6.30pm, and 6.35pm arriving at B'ham Airport at approx 7.15pm. Coaches will be waiting at B'ham Airport to transfer you back to Molineux.

### Sponsor Youth Team to go Abroad

The Supporters Club are running a numbers club with a £1000 prize to enable the youngsters to go abroad for their annual tournament in April. The draw will take place on Monday 28th December in the Club Room by a Wolves player. The Numbers Club will start again at the end of January for another 12 weeks. For just £12 you could be the lucky winner, and have a super start to 1993. A Golf Day is also being arranged to raise funds, this will be sometime in April. Anyone interested please contact Nigel Musgrove (0902) 344621, Muriel Bates (0902) 330322 for details. Please do help us to send the youngsters abroad, they are the lifeblood of the club.

### Junior Five-A-Side (The Wolves Cup)

If any teams are interested in taking part in this tournament could they please contact Muriel on W'ton (0902) 330322 or Nigel Musgrove on (0902) 344621. The age groups:- 8-10 years, 10-12 years, 12-14 years & 14-16 years. The winners will represent Wolves in the area final, the first Sunday in April. Come on you youngsters, this is something for you. It could be on a Saturday, Sunday, or in midweek, it will be up to you, the teams to decide.

### Midland Area Meetings (Nat. Fed)

The Midland Area Meeting takes place at Kidderminster on Sunday Dec. 13th K.O. 2pm. Jim Chalmers the Football Licensing Authority will be there to give a talk and a question and answer spot for anyone who has any problems. If interested contact Muriel.

## TELFORD WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Coaches run to all away games. Next away games Tranmere Rovers v Wolves Sat. Dec. 19th K.O. 3pm. Newcastle Utd v Wolves Sat. Dec. 26th & Watford v Wolves Sat. Jan. 2nd. Picking up points, Newport, Donnington, Wellington, Madeley & Shifnal. Please ring Doreen Moscrop on Telford 604485 or Dave Smith on Telford 252761 to reserve your seat.

## WORCESTER WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Steve is organising trips to Wolves home and away games. Anyone in the Worcester area who would like to use this facility please give Steve a ring on Worcester 356784, daytime & Worcester 359940 nighttime for information.

## EVESHAM WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Evesham Wolves are organising coaches to all Wolves home and away games. Anyone living in the area who would wish to use this facility please ring Elaine on 0386 40722 for details. Picking up points at Redditch and Bromsgrove. Next away game Tranmere Rovers v Wolves Sat. Dec. 19th, Newcastle Utd v Wolves Sat Dec 26th & Watford v Wolves Sat. Jan. 2nd.

## MANCHESTER NORTH WEST

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Keith Christie would be pleased to hear from anyone in the north west area, with a view to travel to all Wolves home & away games. Give Keith a ring on 061-761 3439 for details.

## LONDON WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Membership Subscription for 1992-93 £8.50, overseas £9.50. Train information for home games: London Wolves leave Euston by train at 10.30am (Saturday) and 15.40 (midweek) arriving back in London by 2000 & 0013 respectively. The return fare is £13.50 for members. Away trips are also organised except in the South. Enquiries to Dave Slape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD.

## NORTHERN IRELAND WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Anyone in Northern Ireland who wishes to join this club please contact M. Davison, 7 Craigarusly Road, Killinchy, Co. Down, BT23 6QS. Tel: 0238-542303.

## PLYMOUTH WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 All Wolves fans in Devon and Cornwall areas who travel to Wolves home and away games ring Dave Benton (0752) 664026 or Sid Lawrence (0752) 766646 with a view to arranging travel. Has anyone seen our flag. The flag went missing at the Portsmouth game from the South Bank fence. It was black one side and old gold the other with Exeter running through it. A reward will be given for any information received. Please ring the above tel no or Muriel Bates on 0902 330322.

## DAVENTRY WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Chris Cox would like to hear from anyone in the Daventry area who would like to join this branch. Travel can be arranged to any home and away games. Interested give Chris a ring on Rugby 890166.

## WARWICK WOLVES

(AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)  
 Coaches will be running to all Wolves home and away games. Next meeting Tuesday 5th January

1993, 8.00pm, Images, Spinney Hill. We are sure there are more fans in the area who have not come forward, and their support is required. Ring M. Mander 0926-410874 or D. Hague 0203-551575 for information and details.

## LUDLOW WOLVES

### (AFFILIATED TO OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB)

Home travel - Coaches will be picking up at Ludlow 12pm (Railway Station & The Raven). Members £3.50, £2.50 juniors, non members £4 and £3 juniors), Bewdley 12.30pm (Police Station, Texaco Garage, members £2.50, £1.50 juniors, non members £3, £2 juniors), and Kidderminster 12.40pm (The Riverboat, Blackriars Street, prices as for Bewdley). This service will only continue for as long as it at least breaks even. Coaches will continue to be run to all away games. Next Away games - Tranmere Rovers v Wolves Sat. Dec. 19th, Newcastle Utd v Wolves Sat Dec 26th, & Watford v Wolves Sat Jan 2nd. Contact Dave Brown 0584 890403 or Stephen Pearson 0584 876795 for booking home and away coaches.

### CANNOCK WOLVES SUPPORTERS CLUB

Executive coaches to away games: Tranmere, depart Cannock bus station 12.00 noon, fare £5.50 (Juniors £3.00). Other pick ups at Rugeley, Hednesford, Chads Moor and Great Wyrley. Full details when you ring to book. Other pick ups can be arranged on request. New members are always welcome. For coach bookings ring Graham Heathcote on (0889) 579805 before 9.00pm.

### KINGSWINFORD WOLVES SUPPORTERS CLUB

We run executive coaches, fitted with toilet, video and drinks machine, drinks are free, to all Wolves away games - **Away Travel** — Sat 19th Dec. **Tranmere** £7.00. Depart 11.30am. **F.A. Cup Sat 2nd Jan. Watford** £7.00. Depart 11.30am. **Sat 9th Jan. Watford** £7.00. Depart 11.30am. Coaches depart from The Portway Public House, K'ford.

**Home Travel** — All weekend games coaches are run and depart from The Portway Pub at 1pm and from the High Oak Pub, Pensnett at 1.15pm and cost is just £2. **Note:** Juniors travel to all games at half price. Membership is £2.00 payable on day of travel. **Bookings:** Jane Craggs 0384 287805. Tomie Heath 0860 927636 **Stop press** - K'fords Christmas Do is at the British Oak, Stallings Lane, K'ford on Monday 21st December 7pm start. The cost is £5 which includes disco, buffet and a little (well maybe a big) surprise!! Limited amount of tickets available.

### PENN MITRE WOLVES

Away Travel to Tranmere Rovers on Sat Dec 19th. Coaches depart 11.30am £6 members, £7 non members.

### HATHERTON WOLVES SUPPORTERS CLUB

FA Cup fever is here again, and the draw created much tension and excitement for teams and supporters alike. Once more we have been given a plumb, prestigious third round opponent to start our cup run(!). Drawing Watford has given us the chance to visit Vicarage Road and walk round the allotments twice in seven days. Great news for supporters and gardeners alike.

**Christmas Party** — Last weekends Childrens Party for all Hatherton members' families to enjoy was a tremendous success. Charity officer Paddy Jennings took the role of Santa Claus, while the rest of the committee got in the spirit by playing accompanying dwarfs. Everyone had a great time and all the youngsters left clutching their early Christmas presents from the Hatherton Wolves. Thanks to all parents who helped.

**New arrival** — Vice Chairman Phil Murphy's wife Collette, recently gave birth to their first child, young Cian. Although a little early for the party, Cian is doing well and indeed displays his Hatherton Gold Card on the side of the incubator. Our very best wishes go to the new family.

**Hatherton Booking Line Prize Draw** — If you call our exclusive Hatherton booking line in our special 'Happy Hour' between 6-7pm on this Monday 14th December to book for the Tranmere game, then you will be immediately entered into our special competition prize draw. Your name will go into the draw and the lucky caller will win free travel for an away game of their choice. What a sensational way to start the festive season, offered exclusively by Wolverhamptons biggest club.

**Travel** — **Tranmere Rovers** (Away) Dec 19th. Coaches depart at 10.00am. Fare for this trip is £5.00. — **Newcastle Utd** (Away) Dec 26th. Coaches depart at 8.30am. Fare for this trip is £9.00. N.B. The above fixture travel is dependant on ticket availability.



TICKET LINE 0898 121823

# PACK FOLLOWERS

## SEASON TICKET & MATCHDAY PRICES 1992/93

(From 28th Dec 1992)

Buy the Wolves fan in your life a half season, season ticket for that special Christmas present.

GROUND AREA		Season Ticket	Matchday	12 Matches	Savings
John Ireland Stand	Adult	£76.00	£8.00	£96.00	£20.00
John Ireland Stand	Jun/OAP	£60.00	£8.00	£96.00	£36.00
Family Enclosure		£52.00	£5.00	£60.00	£8.00
Stan Cullis Stand	Adult	£56.00	£6.00	£72.00	£16.00
Stan Cullis Stand	Jun/OAP	£52.00	£5.00*	£60.00	£8.00
South Bank Terrace	Adult	£56.00	£6.00	£72.00	£16.00
South Bank Terrace	Jun/OAP	£40.00	£4.00	£48.00	£8.00

\* If bought before the day of the match.

**MANDERS FAMILY ENCLOSURE** – Manders Family Enclosure Season Tickets are only available to children aged 15 or under on 1st September 1992 accompanied by an adult.

For pay on the turnstile on the day of the match at £5.00 per person, adults must produce a Membership Card and be accompanied by a child of 15 years or under on the 1st September 1992. Children and adults on their own will not be admitted except in the case of senior citizens.

**SOUTH BANK TERRACE** – These two areas will be season ticket and ticket only areas. Tickets may be purchased from the John Ireland Stand ticket office ten (10) working days before each match. There will be no pay on the day in these two areas unless there are any tickets left.

**TICKET OFFICE HOURS** – Monday to Friday - 10.00am until 4.30pm

Matchdays - 10.00am until Kick Off

Saturdays - Closed when Wolves are playing away

**POSTAL APPLICATIONS** – Wolverhampton Wanderers Ticket Office, Molineux Stadium, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4QR.

With an s.a.e. and correct remittance. Cheques and Postal Orders payable to "Wolves F.C."

## TICKET INFORMATION

Barclays League Division One

Saturday 19th December 1992

Tranmere Rovers v Wolves  
Kick-off 3.00pm  
Seats – Sold out  
Terrace £6.00 — pay at door.

Barclays League Division One

Saturday 26th December 1992

Newcastle United v Wolves  
Kick-off 3.00pm  
Sold out

FA Cup Third Round

Saturday 2nd January 1993

Watford v Wolves  
Kick-off 3.00pm  
Seats £10.00 – date of sale to be arranged  
Terrace £7.00 — pay at door.

DO NOT TRAVEL TO ALL TICKET MATCHES UNLESS YOU HAVE A TICKET.

## NEWS EXTRA

### PERFECT PITCH

At the start of the season, anyone arriving at the Molineux couldn't fail to be impressed by the new Stan Cullis Stand. But equally impressive, especially for players of both sides, was the new playing surface.

One Derby County player was overheard to say, before their game here: "we'll have no excuse this afternoon, the pitch is perfect." And the whole of the Wolves squad has confirmed that it is a joy to play on. There can be no doubt also, that manager Graham Turner was correct when he predicted that the new pitch would make for better football, it's much easier to pass the ball when the pitch is consistent throughout.

Back in August, Wolves Groundsman, Bill Pilbeam, said of his new sward: "It looks good at the moment, but the real test will come when the bad weather starts" Well Bill, following the wettest November for 26 years, it's had a pretty severe examination, and it's still looking impressive and the new surface seems to be holding up much better than those that were installed at Villa and Albion in recent seasons.



Andy Mutch and Bill Pilbeam discuss the new playing surface

### ON THE WAY BACK

It can be very frustrating for professional footballers, having to make the long, slow, and often painful, journey back from injury. Many of them, because of their frustration, find it unbearable to watch games, whilst they are out of action.



But two Wolves injury victims who will always be found at Molineux when there's a match on, are Tim Steele and Mick Stowell.

Fortunately Tim is fully recovered and making his way back to full fitness. He played his first game for the reserves against Villa here on Monday night (unfortunately we lost 3-2) in the Birmingham Senior Cup. Ironically the opponents in the pre-season friendly in which he suffered the injury, were also Villa.

Meanwhile Mick is in the first stages of recovery from his knee operation, and will be visiting Lilleshall for rehabilitation.

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### OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mary Cooper who passed away on the 2nd December at the age of 63. Mary, who was related to Teddy Pearce, the Wolves and Wales goalkeeper of the thirties, was a lifelong fan of the team and was a North Bank regular until its closure. Up until last season, Mary worked in one of the tea bars on the South Bank where she was a popular figure with the fans.

The club sends its deepest sympathies to Mary's family and friends.

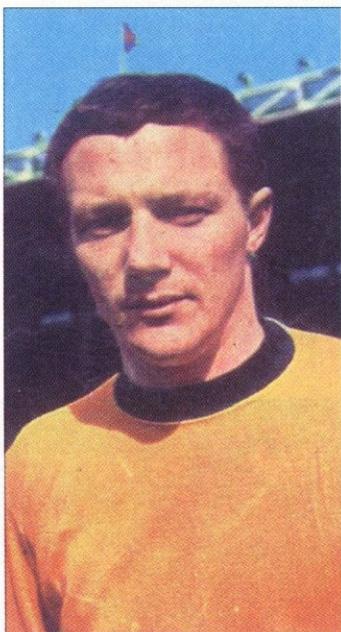
### Stan Cullis Stand

The first phase of the Molineux re-development is now complete and in use. The New Stan Cullis Stand is a most modern stand with all facilities and fittings to the highest standards. Everyone at the club asks all supporters using the stand to treat it with the greatest of respect and care. Every effort has been made to give you facilities to be proud of, do not damage the fittings, deface the walls, mirrors etc. Remember, this is your stand, look after it and treat it as if it was your own home.

The seats are there for sitting on not standing on or resting your feet on. Please do not jump up and down thus obstructing the views of each other.

If you see anyone causing damage to the stand please let us know and we will take the appropriate action. I can assure you anyone causing any damage to the stand will be banned from it. Remember we have all waited a long time for the redevelopment to take place. Now sit back and savour the atmosphere and imagine how things will be in two years time when we have completed the whole of Molineux Stadium.

## WHO'S • THIS?



Identify the player pictured above

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# ACTION

Main pic: Derek Mountfield gets his first of the season – though Rhys Wilmot was hoping the ball would go his way.

1. Eight Grimsby players can't stop Burky's shot.
2. Where's the ball? – Darren Roberts finishes in the back of the net.

Pictures David and Sam Bagnall & Action Images



# PACK

# M A T C H M E M O R I E S

olves first outing in European competition came in 1958 when, as Champions, they were England's entry in the European Cup. It was to prove a short stay as German club, Schalke 04, put the Molineux men out of the competition in the first round 4-3 on aggregate. But after the Championship had been retained, and Wolves once more joined the European fray, the second campaign was to prove a little more successful.

ROW **F** SEAT **42**

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS CUP  
EIGHTH FINALS - FLOODLIGHT

**WOLVERHAMPTON  
WANDERERS**  
v.  
**RED STAR (BELGRADE)**  
AT MOLINEUX GROUNDS  
WOLVERHAMPTON

TUESDAY NOVEMBER, 24th, 1959  
Kick-off 7-15 p.m.

Waterloo Road Stand  
(Bushbury Wing) **8/6**

In the preliminary round Wolves overcame a first leg deficit to beat another German side, Vorwaerts, 3-2 on aggregate. The first round saw us drawn against the crack Yugoslavian team, Red Star Belgrade. In the first leg in Belgrade, Wolves played well enough to earn a one all draw in which Norman Deeley got our goal in front of 62,000 fervent Slavs.



**Jimmy Murray — opened the scoring for Wolves**

Red Star had started that game in Belgrade looking likely to be easy victors as they tore into the Wolves rearguard. Back at Molineux Wolves were ready for a repeat of the onslaught and a combination of tigerish tackling, and denying the visitors any space to work, proved to be successful. Not only did our defenders fight for every ball, but our forwards did too, against opponents obviously used to having room to play.

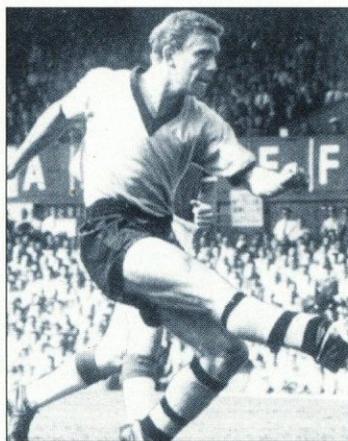
Wolves took the lead after just seven minutes. A youthful Des Horne tackled and won a throw in on Wolves left wing. He took the throw himself finding Jimmy Murray who turned and lofted a right foot centre into the heart of the North Bank penalty area. Red Star's keeper, Beara, much to the amazement and delight of the crowd, let the ball go over his

head and into the net off the far post.

Red Star's first real chance came in the 25th minute and they were only denied by the brilliance of Malcolm Finlayson in the home goal. Having been fouled five yards outside the area, Kostic took the free kick himself and curved the ball around the Wolves defensive wall. It looked a goal all the way but Finlayson, up until then a virtual spectator, launched himself to push the ball behind into a grateful South Bank crowd.

Horne and Norman Deeley continued to cause problems on the flanks for the Yugoslav's defence, and Bobby Mason and Murray were a constant thorn in the flesh of the visitors who had no answer to the brilliant ball play of Peter Broadbent. The only real surprise was that Wolves went in at half time only one goal to the good.

Although Red Star came into things a little more in the second period, Wolves still had the upper hand and the defence



**Bobby Mason — two late goals**

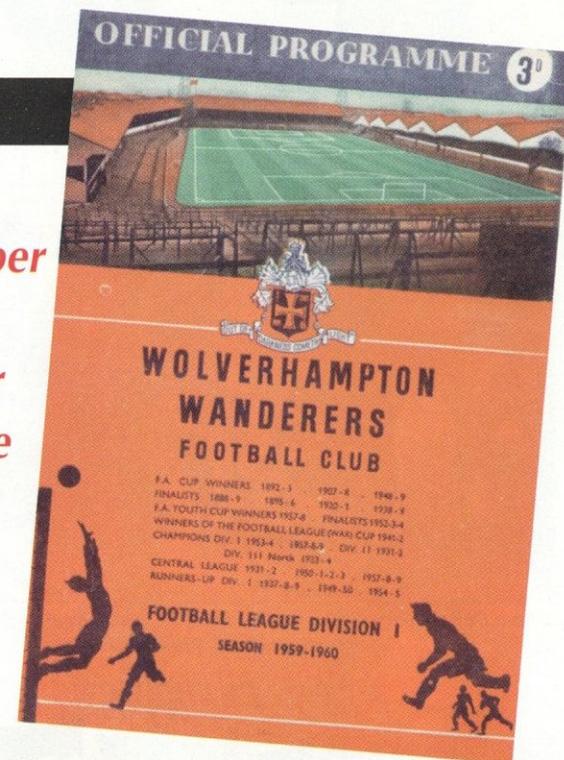
coped admirably with any threats that were forthcoming. Ron Flowers was superb in keeping out an attack which contained international team-mates. He was well backed up by Eddie Stuart, George Showell, Gerry Harris and the no nonsense Eddie Clamp in thwarting any threats from Red Star and, on the rare occasion that they did break through, the immaculate Finlayson was waiting to deny them.

With just four minutes to go Wolves made the tie safe. A clearance from defence found Murray who quickly passed the ball on to Horne who put over a low cross that was sidefooted over the line by the busy Bobby Mason.

Within a minute another Horne cross was dispatched into the Red Star net, this time by Murray, only for the goal to be cancelled out by a linesman flagging for offside. But the Yugoslavian defence, which was an all international one, only had temporary respite. In the last minute Broadbent floated over a cross from the left, and Mason scored with a copybook header to put a realistic look to the scoreline.

Red Star Belgrade were well beaten by a side that provided moments of incisive, accurate and pure football. Sadly, for Wolves and their supporters, the quarter final draw saw us paired with an uncompromising Barcelona team who were to give Wolves a good hiding in both legs. But even that couldn't erase the memory of the performance in the previous round.

**24th  
November  
1959 v  
Red Star  
Belgrade**



## IN THE NEWS

Police alerted local traders that a young man with a brand new cheque book, but no account, had been tricking shops by making substantial purchases. The man was estimated to be just 15 and when he tried to cash a cheque for £100, he panicked and ran whilst an assistant checked the cheques validity.

Paul Cezanne's Paysan en Blouse Bleue (peasant in a blue blouse), was sold for £145,000 at Sotheby's, London, during one of the biggest sales of impressionist paintings ever held. The buyers were from New York.

A Coven man who claimed to have lost his head through jealousy was found guilty, at Stafford Assizes, of grievous bodily harm on his girlfriend. He was sen-

tenced to three years imprisonment.

Meanwhile, at Dudley magistrates, a Fallings Park man was remanded in custody accused of murdering a moneylender.

The Labour party executive met in London to approve final arrangements for a special two day conference to be held in Blackpool that weekend and a powerful group of M.P.s challenged Labour leaders over collaboration with the Government's advisory commission on Central Africa.

Wolves: Finlayson, Stuart, Harris, Clamp, Showell, Flowers, Deeley, Mason, Murray, Broadbent, Horne.

Scorers: Murray, Mason (2).

Red Star Belgrade: Beara, Durkovic, Stojanovic, Tasic, Spajic, V. Popovic, Sekularac, Zebec, I. Popovic, Kostic, Rudinski.

Attendance: 55,519.

# THE WOLVES CLUB SHOP

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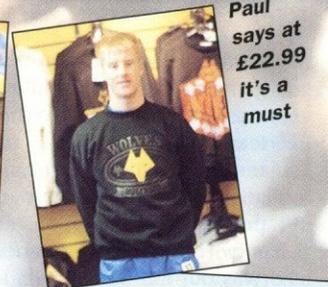
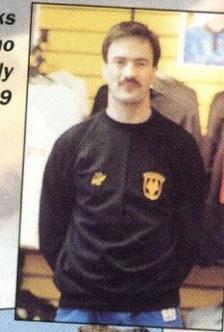


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Derek looks happy, no wonder at only £19.99



Paul says at £22.99 it's a must



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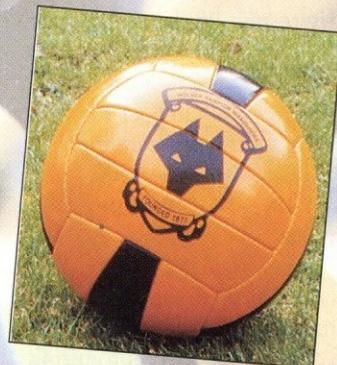


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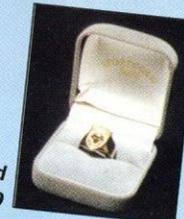
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## OPENING HOURS

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 Match Saturday

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 10am — 2pm  
 9am — 6pm

Five goals in the last five games have shot midfielder man Mark Burke into first team prominence and revived memories of goalscoring midfielders of the past.

Kenny Hibbitt, for instance, who was our top scorer with 18 goals during our second division promotion season of 1976-77.

In that same campaign Steve Daley had a purple patch similar to Mark's recent run – seven goals in nine games Steve bagged, the sort of scoring form that earned him England 'B' caps and a record £1,250,000 move to Manchester City.

Steve, now a sales executive with Ansell's and a regular visitor to Molineux, has been impressed with Mark's general play as well as his goalscoring exploits over the past couple of months.

Steve said: "Mark has come on a bundle. In the past he's been in and out of the team and in that situation a player doesn't get much chance to put a really good run of form together.

"But with the extended run of games he's been given this time Mark has shown his capabilities. I don't think his ball skills have ever been questioned, but he seems much stronger these days and he's also proved what a hard working player he is.

"His goals have obviously added to his confidence, but as well as that they've given the team a new dimension. Steve Bull's always going to get a lot of goals but it's wrong to put all the scoring responsibility on Steve's shoulders, so the more goals you can get from other areas of the team the better off you're going to be – in terms of points as well as goals.



"When we won the second division in 1976-77 Kenny Hibbitt, Willie Carr and me got 36 goals between us. If the midfielders could get somewhere near that this season Wolves would surely win promotion.

"It was certainly a phenomenal amount of goals to get from the middle of the park, although I have to say that was the best midfield I ever played in.

"They were great days at Molineux – the biggest mistake I ever made was leaving the club. I was on the verge of the full England team and when the chance of a move to a glamour club came up, I thought that would help my international chances.

"But it never worked out for me at Maine Road. We never

seemed to have a settled team and after Malcolm Allison, the manager who signed me, left the club I ended up going to America to play.

"If I had chosen to stay at Wolves maybe I would have finished my career with them. In hindsight that's what I would like to have happened, and certainly it's the biggest regret of my career that I left."

Steve's departure for Maine Road was the one point of his career remembered by Mark, who for his sins was an Aston Villa supporter at the time.

Mark recalls: "I didn't take much notice of Wolves in those days, but I remember Steve's move because it was such a big deal – and also because Wolves used most of the money to buy Andy Gray from Villa.

"But Steve's name cropped up once or twice in conversations I had with Malcolm Allison, who I got to know quite well when I was playing for Middlesborough because he lived quite close to me."

Mark joined us in a £15,000 transfer from Ayresome Park in March last year, but until recently he has never been able to hold down a regular first team place.

He reckons that his change of fortune is not just down to his own form, however, but also due to the change of emphasis manager Graham Turner has brought to the team's style of play.

Mark said: "I've been quite pleased with my form lately but a lot of it is down to the way the team are playing now. We are concentrating on passing the ball and creating chances from midfield rather than knocking early balls forward.

"It means the midfielders have got more time to

get into the penalty box and that's why I've been getting goals. Ideally I would like to play just behind the front two in an attacking role, but although I have defensive responsibilities playing wide on the right, I'm still encouraged to get forward as much as possible to create chances and also to look for goals myself.

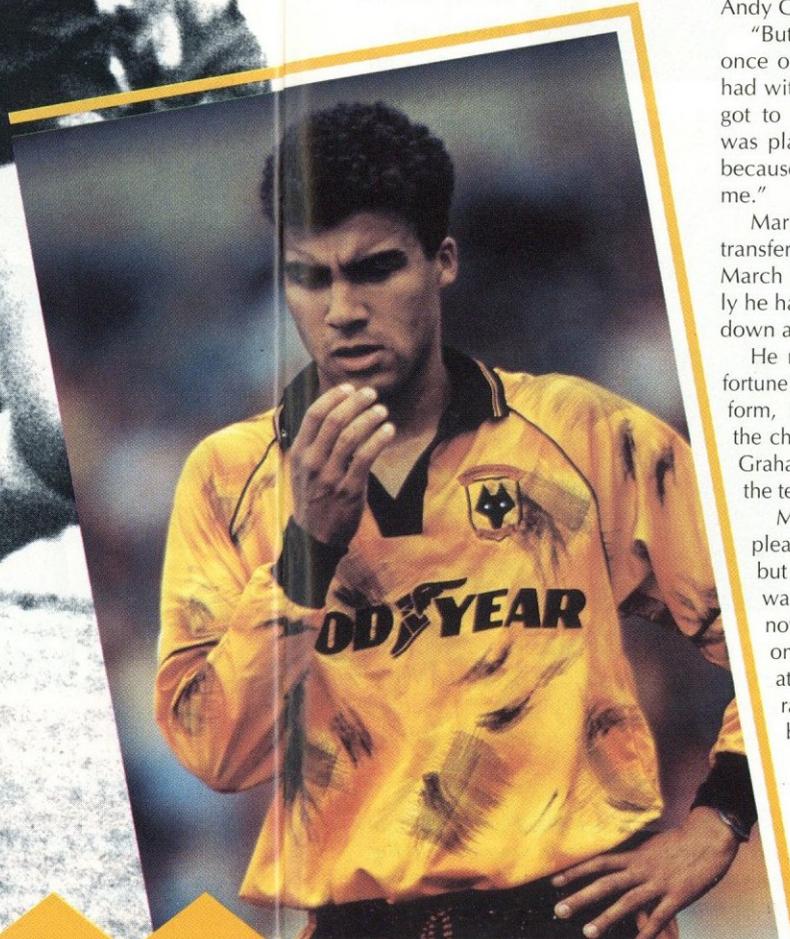
**HOW THEY COMPARE**

DALEY	BURKE
<b>Date of birth</b> 15-4-53	<b>Date of birth</b> 12-2-69
<b>Previous Clubs:</b> None	<b>Previous Clubs:</b> Aston Villa,
<b>Subsequent Clubs:</b> Manchester City, Seattle Sounders, Burnley, San Diego, Walsall	<b>Subsequent Clubs:</b> Middlesborough, Darlington (loan), Ipswich (loan)
<b>Wolves Debut:</b> Sub Home to Notts. Forest 25-9-71	<b>Wolves Debut:</b> Home to Oxford 16-3-91
<b>Appearances:</b> 218+26	<b>Appearances:</b> 25+10
<b>Goals:</b> 43	<b>Goals:</b> 8

"I'm probably playing as well as I've ever done but I still feel I can improve and I'm working on it all the time. I've built up my fitness and strength and I spend a lot of time working on individual skills after our normal training sessions.

"I often stay behind and put some work in with Robert Kelly, who works with the schoolboys and sometimes the reserves. Robert's been a big help.

"I feel that you can always improve – I'm told that Maradona has always put in extra time to improve his game, so if it's good enough for him it should be good enough for the rest of us."





# FAMILY PAGE

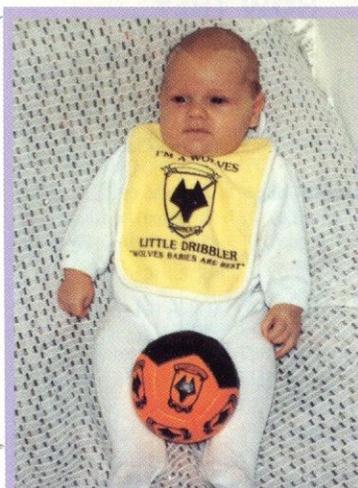
## BIKE RACE

During today's half time interval, there will be a Mountain Bike race in front of the John Ireland Stand, featuring the "Wolves Raging Bull" versus the "Aston Villa Villain" bike. So come on you Wolves fans, get behind the Wolves lad and cheer him home.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating his 21st birthday today is Paul Foster who is a regular follower of the team. Greetings go to him from his girlfriend, Claire Morgan, and from everyone here at Molineux.



## MASCOT



On mascot duty for our game with Grimsby Town was ten year old Ryan Davies from Stafford. He is seen here with the captains and officials just before kick off.

## TOY APPEAL SUCCESS



Many thanks to all the supporters who contributed to the Radio WM/Dairy Crest Toy Appeal at the game with Grimsby. Jenny Wilkes and Malcolm Boyden of Radio WM, seen here chatting with manager Graham Turner before the game, were well impressed with the response from Wolves fans.

*This is your page and what we need from you are photographs of family, friends or yourself in exotic locations or even in your own living room. Also, if on your travels you see something that has a passing connection with Wolves or Molineux, get a snap and send it in.*

## WHAT A DEBUT

This is Jack Finch who was born just two days before our 4-0 demolition of Birmingham City in September. His mom and dad, both season ticket holders in the John Ireland Stand, reckon that their offspring is a definite future midfield maestro with a tendency for a Bully haircut.

## CAMBRIDGE COLLECTION

During the game at Cambridge last week, a collection was held for Addenbrookes Paediatric Intensive Care Unit in memory of United fan Darren Johnson, who died of a brain haemorrhage in July. His parents, Rosalyn and Gareth, have written in to thank all Wolves fans for their tremendous generosity in the collection which raised £1407.



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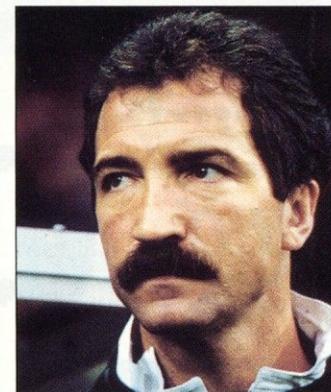
## WORLD OF SOCCER



I see that Graeme Souness had some strong words following Liverpool's somewhat physical encounter with Crystal Palace in the Coca-Cola Cup.

"If that is what football is all about, I'll have to look for another job".

Funny that Graeme, because when you were playing you always gave the

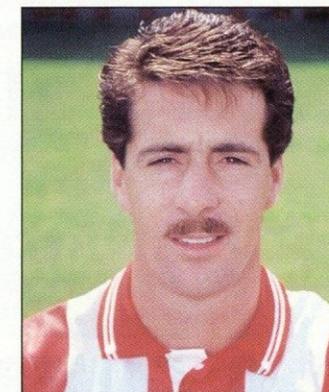


Souness - Looking for a another job?

impression that you believed that was exactly what football is all about!

The appearance of FA Chief Executive Graham Kelly as a defence witness in the Gary Blissett case posed one or two interesting questions. Was he being called as an 'expert' witness? And if so why!? But most of all, if Kelly believed that the challenge by Blissett that resulted in Torquay's John Uzzell receiving a smashed cheekbone was a normal aerial challenge, will he be charging the referee who dismissed Blissett with bringing the game into disrepute. Presumably, if there was

nothing untoward with the challenge, the referee must



Blissett - Early bath for a bad haircut

simply not have liked the colour of Blissett's eyes or his hairstyle or aftershave? Obviously the charge of violent conduct was simply an excuse.

As Albion and Sheffield Wednesday fans will testify, timing never was Ron Atkinson's strong point. The Villa manager recently chose to sing the praises of his young defender Ugo Ehiogu, comparing him to Paul McGrath. Atkinson said: "He's better



Paul McGrath - Improved with age

than McGrath was at his age". Following Ehiogu's sorry showing in the recent game against Norwich I should think McGrath was racked with doubt; he must have been asking himself the question, "was I really that bad at his age"?

Birmingham's John Frain has recently been dismissing speculation that the club might be heading for relegation back to Division Two. Speaking recently he said "We have proved people wrong before and we'll do it again". And he's right isn't he? The season isn't really the same is it without the Blues battling to avoid the drop. I always find it hard to believe the season is actually over unless I witness the last day 'lap of honour' at St. Andrews as the Blues miss relegation by the skin of their teeth. Roll on May eh?

The Barnet soap opera trundles on, with the on/off sacking of Barry Fry now permanently on.

The loyalties of the club supporters in the Fry versus Flashman conflict have been audibly made clear recently, by the chanting of the "referees a Flashman" when a decision goes against their team! Now I've been known to call the odd (and aren't they all?) referee names, but I've never stooped as low as to say anything that nasty about an official!

**FAROE ISLES 1, AUSTRIA 0.**

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

**USA 1, ENGLAND 0.**

WORLD CUP FINALS 1950

**WEST GERMANY 1 ALGERIA 2**

WORLD CUP FINALS 1982

**Arbroath 36, Bon Accord 0.**

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## Birmingham Senior Cup— Round 3, Monday 7th December 1992 V Aston Villa — Home — Lost 2-3

**Team:** de Bont, Simkin, Venus, Downing, Howard, Madden, Rankine, Kelly, Taylor, Pearce, Turner.  
**Subs:** Collier (not used), Steele (8).

Wolves bowed out of this year's Birmingham Senior Cup after having led in the early stages of the game. Colin Taylor ran onto a good through ball to slip the ball home and give us a fifth minute advantage. But Villa fought their way back into the game and they equalised on the half hour. Then two goals either side of half time put Villa very much in the ascendancy and although Steven Pearce did pull one back in the 76th minute, and despite a couple of near things in the closing stages, Villa held on for the win. Mark Venus played for the 90 minutes and it was good to see Tim Steele make a return after injury.

### Profile On Darren Simkin

It has been a case of so near yet so far for Darren Simkin with regard to first team opportunities. He has been substitute on a



handful of occasions without actually taking off his tracksuit in anger, though he is happy enough to await his chance in the reserves for whom he is an ever present this season.

Signed from non league Blakenhall, Darren found the main difference on the field was that the game was not as physical. He says, "There are no

where near the amount of crude tackles as you find in non league soccer, and the game is a lot faster. I'm still learning and playing with the likes of Lawrie Madden, Andy Thompson and the other first teamers that make the odd appearance in the reserves, has really helped my game. I hope some of the experience I've gained is rubbing off on some of the younger lads who are just breaking through into the Pontins side."

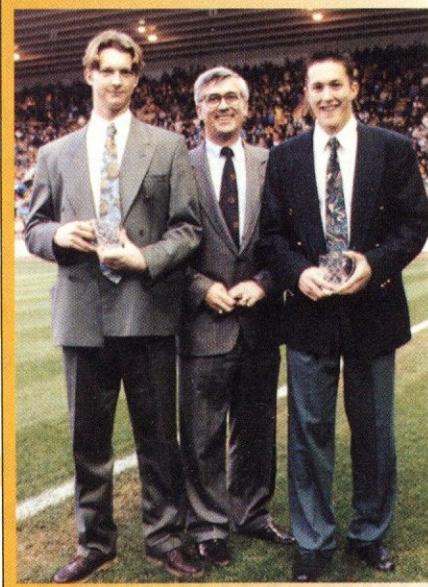
Darren, who rates Des Walker and Stuart Pearce as the defenders whose skill he most admires, says he gets tremendous enjoyment playing at some of the league's larger grounds. He says, "I know they are virtually empty for reserve games, but it is fabulous to run out at the likes of Anfield or Villa Park. Hopefully I may be running out when those grounds are packed in the future. But, in the meantime, I am happy to carry on learning and playing my role in the reserve team."

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

<b>Pontins League</b>		
16/12	Blackburn Rovers	Home
21/12	Barnsley	Home
<b>Purity League</b>		
19/12	Aston Villa	Away
<b>FA Youth Cup</b>		
14/12	Birmingham City	Away

### GOODYEAR YOUNG WOLVES OF THE MONTH.

The joint winners of the Goodyear Young Wolf of the Month award for November were Steven Pearce and Scott Voice who are seen here with John Richardson, Chairman and General Manager of Goodyear Great Britain Ltd, who made the presentations during the interval of the Grimsby game.



### Sponsors

1. Kathleen Blakemore of Blakemore Express, who were our Matchball Sponsors for the Grimsby game, accepts a Wolves football from midfield star, Keith Downing.
2. R.T.Bearings were Trainers Bench Sponsors for the same game. Their representative, Neil Thomas, is seen receiving a signed ball from Robbie Dennison.
3. Manor Developments were Ballboy Sponsors and Paul Cook hands over a football to Alex who was with the Manor party.

# Y R E T E R Y L O T T E R Y

## Wolves Christmas Draw 1992

Here our Lottery Sales Co-ordinator, Mike Wallace, is seen showing off the fabulous array of prizes on offer in this year's Christmas Draw (plants not included!).

As this is the last home game before Christmas, please don't forget to send in your counterfoils and remittance by Wednesday, 23rd December.

We would like to thank all supporters who have helped us in selling tickets for this year's draw.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the Commercial Department staff to all of our supporters.



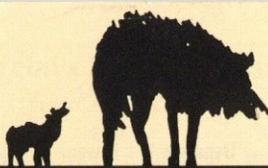
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4. Mark BURKE
5. Derek MOUNTFIELD
6. Paul BLADES
7. Paul BIRCH
8. Paul COOK
9. Steve BULL
10. Darren ROBERTS
11. Keith DOWNING
- 12.
- 14.

## LUTON TOWN

1. Alec CHAMBERLAIN
2. John DREYER
3. Julian JAMES
4. Marvin JOHNSON
5. Ceri HUGHES
6. Trevor PEAKE
7. Scott OAKES
8. Ian BENJAMIN
9. Jason REES
10. Phil GRAY
11. David PREECE
- 12.
- 14.

## THE OFFICIALS

**Referee:** S.J. Lodge

Stephen Lodge is a 39 year old Local Government Officer, married from Staincross, Barnsley. He began refereeing in 1970 in the Barnsley and District League and continued through to the Midland Leagues and finally the Vauxhall Conference before being appointed to the referees list in 1984. In his spare time he enjoys playing Squash and running to keep fit.

**Linesmen:** J.E. Biddle (Red trim flag) & E.B. Crompton (Yellow trim Flag)

## TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's mascot is eight year old Paul Mansell from Kingswinford. His favourite player is Tom Bennett.



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